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Armour Meat Packing Company and the Klock Connection



I am sure you have heard of the Armour Meat Packing Company. One of the largest meatpacking company in the world, but did you know the Klock Connection to the Armour Family?

The Armour Company had plants in all over the country. Volumes have been written on the history of the Armour Packing Company. Information can be found on the Internet and in many local libraries, but we will focus on Margaret Klock, and the Klock connection. Margaret Klock (Simon, Henry J., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) was born February 09, 1835 in Montgomery County, New York. She married Simeon Brooks Armour on June 19, 1856. Simeon and his brothers founded the Armour Meat Packing Company about 1871. Simeon Brooks Armour was born February 01, 1828 in Madison Co, New York, the son of Danforth Armour and Juliana Ann Brooks. His parents were both schoolteachers.

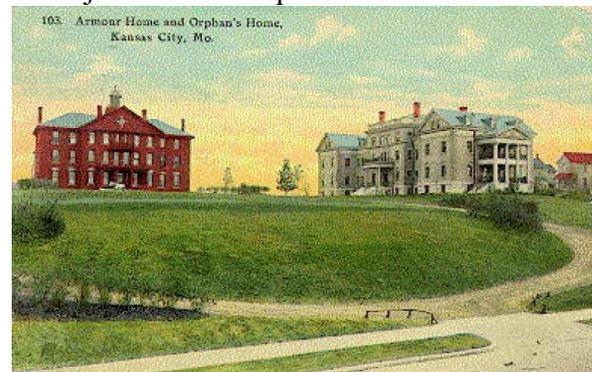
In 1870 Simeon Brooks Armour and his wife Margaret located in Kansas City and founded the Midwest Division of the Armour Packing Company. A company based in Chicago. James C. Klock, Margaret's brother also moved to Kansas City.

In January of 1870, a group of some twenty ladies met at a Christian Church at 12th and Main in Kansas City to formulate plans for assisting Kansas City's Civil War orphans and Widows. In 1877, the women incorporated

their organization naming it the Women's Christian Association (WCA). Mrs. Margaret Armour soon became actively involved with WCA. In 1895, in honor of WCA's 25th Anniversary, Mrs. Armour donated \$25,000 to the organization designated toward building a "home for the elderly." In 1905 and with a land donation from Thomas W. Swope, the first Armour, named the Margaret Klock Armour Memorial Home For Aged Couples.



Four years later the Margaret Klock Armour Memorial Home for aged men and women was built adjacent to the orphan's home.



The Gillis Orphans' Home and the Margaret Klock Armour Memorial Home for aged men and women. Kansas City, Mo.

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Klock Connection to the Armour Family Continued

A bronze tablet given by Mrs. Armour at the Home's dedication bears the inscription, "At evening time, it shall be light", hangs in the entry to the current Armour Homes welcoming residents and visitors.

In 1926 the WCA purchased 26 acres of land at 81st. the Wornall Road, which is the site of Armour Villa today. The Armour Villa has an Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Center and in 1976 and 1978 the Villas, adult town home living units were added.

As the Armour Company grew, Simeon extended his efforts into other fields, and was Kansas City's largest beneficiary. The Armour Brothers Banking Company, where he served as vice president. This institution was succeeded in 1888 by the Midland National Bank, of which he was elected president. He was also one of the organizers and the vice president of Interstate National Bank and was a director in the New England Save Deposit & Trust Company. His name was on the directorate of various other important enterprises, including the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Denver, Colorado. In Kansas City, Simeon Armour was one of the first Park Board members. Armour Boulevard in Kansas City was named after him.

Simeon Armour died March 29, 1899. After her husband's death, Margaret remained at her residence in Kansas City and was well known for her labors in charitable and benevolent institutions and charities. She was president of the WCA. And was in charge of the management of the Children's Home where she donated her time and fifty thousand dollars.

Margaret died November 11, 1915. She is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Missouri with her husband at her side.

Margaret and Simeon did not have any children.

Thank You, Pvt. James R. Jackson

James R. Jackson, the son of Andrew S. Jackson and Hannah E. Klock Jackson, (Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock), was born September 17, 1921 in Lisbon, New York. His mother, Hannah died when James was just two years old. Hannah Klock was born March 29, 1894 and died October 27, 1923 probably from complications of childbirth. Andrew was busy raising three other children when Carlton was born. He could not take care of a new infant without his wife, so Carlton, who was born Oct. 20, was adopted by Hannah's sister and brother-in-law, Frank and Zelpha Ann (Klock) Bresett. His father, Andrew Jackson married Iva Speers sometime after the death of his first wife.

James Jackson enlisted in the Army two months prior to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941. He enlisted October 20, 1941 and on April 1942, was transferred to the Hawaiian Islands where he was stationed until some time in May.

James was a member of the 27 Infantry Regiment, which took part in the bloody invasion, and conquest of the Japanese held island of Saipan. In July of 1944, Pvt. James R. Jackson was reported missing in action in Saipan.

James Jackson never had a furlough or saw any of his family since he joined the Army in 1941. On January 15, 1944, his father Andrew Jackson received a telegram from the adjutant general advising him that his son, Pvt. James R. Jackson who had been reported missing since July in Siapan, was killed.

James served proudly in the Army during WW-II and gave his life in the service of his country.

His obituary appeared on January 15, 1945 in the Watertown Daily Times of Watertown, New York.

Several Klock and Klock Connected men and women served our country during World War II.

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Pvt. James R. Jackson Continued

Most survived and returned home to their families. My father was one of the lucky ones who returned home. He never talked to me about his war experiences. I knew he served in France and Germany during the war and that was all he ever told me. Until one day, a couple years before he died, we were alone and I was telling him about the year I spent in Viet Nam, when his eyes filled with tears. Then he told me that he was the only survivor of his amphibious landing craft, a boat that landed on the shores of Normandy on June 6, 1944. This date known ever since as D-Day, when a mighty armada crossed a narrow strip of sea from England to Normandy, France, and cracked the Nazi grip on Western Europe. He asked me, "Why did I survive when so many died"? That question must have bothered him for years. He told me that over 2000 Americans lost their lives that day on those bloody beaches. He told me about the sound of the bombs and machine gun fire, the screams of the wounded and dying, and how the water turned red with blood. The horrors of war that he kept bottled up inside him for over 40 years came pouring out that day. I guess it was time for him to get it off chest. He talked and I listened. Looking back, I am glad I was there for him that day and that he could finally share a part of his life that he had kept in guarded secrecy for so many years. I couldn't answer his question, why he survived when so many died. I think all veterans who served in combat and put their life on the line for our freedom have asked themselves that same question. I just told him that I was glad that he did survive, for I wouldn't be here if he hadn't.

Freedom is not free. It is our most valuable and the most costly possession we have. Our Cousin, Pvt. James R. Jackson and thousands of other young men and yes, women too, died fighting for that freedom we enjoy today.

So I say, "Thank You", Pvt. James R. Jackson, I will not forget your sacrifice and

that of the tens of thousands who died protecting that freedom and Dad, thank you too!

To learn more about the invasion of Saipan check out the following Internet Site. http://members.tripod.com/Brian_Blodgett/Saipan.html

Klock Reunion Update:

Fort Klock has given us permission to pitch tents on the grounds at Fort Klock Friday August 4, 2006. This is the night before the Klock Reunion, which will be held August 5. I will be camping at the fort and will show you where you can pitch your tent. A \$5.00 fee will be charged per tent, which I will collect when you arrive. The bathrooms will be open! If you would like to camp out at Fort Klock the night before the reunion, please e-mail me or send me a note so I know how many tent sites to set up.

I am really looking forward to the reunion this summer. It is the forth Klock Family Reunion that I have had the pleasure to help with organizing, planning and set up.

A great local band called "Stone Soup" will be there Saturday to play for us and there will be games for adults and children. Please bring a dish to pass.

If at all possible, please try and attend... I will put an updated form in next month's newsletter you can use to let me know if you can attend and if you will be pitching a tent.

Note: Last month by request of Fort Klock I sent you the Fort Klock Newsletter. As an active member of Fort Klock Historic Restoration, I edit, print and mail the newsletter. Our hope by sending the Fort Klock Newsletter to everyone on the Klock Connections mailing list, is that you will become a supporting member. We need more supporting members! The \$15.00 you send will help finance the events held at Fort Klock, including the Klock Family Reunion. If you are not a member, please join today.

Dave Klock

Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

In my file of Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings I found this story I would like to share. Transcribed from an unknown newspaper clipping about 1937. I have several miscellaneous newspaper clipping on line on the Klock Connections Web Site.

Charles E Klock, 52, Theresa
Condition At Hospital Declared Critical

Grocery and Meat Merchant Falls Nearly 30 Feet, Striking on His Head- Suffers Fractured Skull.

Charles E Klock, 52, Theresa grocery and meat merchant, is in a critical condition in the House of the Good Samaritan with a severe fracture of the skull and other injuries sustained Friday night when he fell from 25 to 30 feet from a tree, striking his head on some rocks when he landed. X-ray pictures were to be taken today to determine to full extent of his injuries. Besides the skull fracture, he suffered a scalp wound, possible fractures of both arms at the wrist, an injury to the left leg, lacerations about the head, face and shoulders and bruises. He was cut above and below the right eye.

With three other men, Mr. Klock, a butcher, was slaughtering a cow for his general store and meat market in Theresa. The accident happened on the Chester Bauter farm in the town of Theresa, located on a country road off the LaFargeville road about eight miles from Theresa.

The men with him were his son, Clarence L. Klock; his brother-in-law, Varney Bartlett, employed on C. E. Klock's farm near Theresa, and John Dickhaut, tenant on the Bauter farm.

Mr. Klock had climbed up the tall tree to fasten some chain tackles by which the cow's carcass is held up while it is being dressed. The tree is located near a fence. Whether he lost his footing or the limb onto which he had climbed snapped is not definitely known. In the plunge to the ground, his head struck some rocks and cobblestones scattered about the ground near the tree and he was knocked unconscious.

The injured man was placed in his own truck at the scene of the accident and hurried to the office of Dr. Peter F. Birkel in Theresa. Upon the physician's advice, he was brought to the hospital.

Mr. Klock began to regain consciousness before he left Theresa. At the hospital, where he was received at 10:25 pm, he was attended by Dr HN Cooper.

I have the line of Charles E. Klock, (Martin Klock, Levi Klock, Jacob Adam Klock, Adam Klock, Adam Johannes Klock, Adam Klock, Jacob Klock, Hendrick Klock) The Social Security Death Index gives the date of birth of "Charlie" Klock as April 9, 1885 and date of death as April 1973. The last residence is given as Theresa, Jefferson County, New York. He married Melissa Bartlett, the daughter of John & Louisa (Parkhurst) Bartlett and I have them with two children, Clarence L. and Florence E. Klock. He was 52 when he fell from the tree and he died at the age of 88, so he recovered from his fall without permanent serious injury.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa, New York according to cemetery records.

Ooops,

Last months Issue of Klock Connections I put January 2005 on the year instead of 2006. I had them all printed, stapled and was folding them to get them ready for mailing before I noticed the mistake. I did not feel like re-doing the front page again so I crossed out 2005 and put 2006 on about 60 % of the newsletters. The rest went out with 2005. Sorry about that...

Genealogy, Cemetery List Continued Oak Hill Cemetery Herkimer, Herkimer Co., New York

Klock, Ann Eva, d. 11/17/1889, aged 80 yrs. 10 mo. 16 days. Additional Information; Anna Eva Getman was born Abt. January 04, 1809. She married William Klock. Line of William Klock under his name on the next page.

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Klock, Bertha, 1885-1886, daughter of Newton and Mary Klock. Additional Information; Bertha was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Christman and Newton Klock (William Jr., William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock)

Celia (Bliss), 1832-1918, spouse of William Klock. Additional Information; Celia Bliss married William Klock Jr., (William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, Claude, 1881-1912. Additional Information; Claude was the son of Mary Elizabeth Christman and Newton W. Klock (William Jr., William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, Cornelia (Abbott), 1816-1893, spouse of Silas Klock. Additional Information. Cornelia Abbott was born April 15, 1816 and died April 23, 1893. She married Silas Klock (Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes and Hendrick Klock) on September 28, 1837 in Little Falls, New York. They had five children.

Klock, David, 1829-1899, spouse of Nancy Bliss (Crypt) Additional Information; David Klock (William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) was born December 25, 1829 and died August 02, 1899.

Klock, Delia, d. 1856 infant. No Information. May have been the child of David and Nancy Bliss?

Klock, Elizabeth (Harter) 1847-1926, spouse of Austin B. Klock (Crypt) Additional Information: Elizabeth (Libbie) Harter married Austin B. Klock (David, William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) on April 02, 1876.

Klock, Henry 1840-1910 aged 61 years. No Information

Klock, Henrick Johannes, born August 07, 1749, d. June 21, 1810 spouse of Maria (Anna) Margaretha Waggoner. Additional Information; Hendrick Johannes was the son of Johannes Klock and the grandson of Hendrick Klock.

Klock, Jacob 1842-1911, spouse Susan A. Additional Information; I have the date of birth of Jacob Klock (Luther, John J. Jr., John J. Klock and Hendrick Klock) as January 25, 1841 and his date of death as October 21, 1911. He married Susannah H. Backus on September 29, 1864. She was born July 08, 1841 and died June 28, 1926. I have her buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Klock, Mary E. 1858-1939, spouse of Newton Klock. Additional Information; Mary Elizabeth Christman was the daughter of Lewis and Delia Christman. She was born September 13, 1858. She married Newton Klock (William Jr., William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) I have them with three children.

Klock, Mary (Helmer) 1861-1926, spouse of John Klock. Additional Information: Mary Helmer married John L. Klock (William Jr. William, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, Margaretha (Waggoner) born January 26, 1755, d. September 18, 1836, spouse of Henrick Klock. See Hendrick Johannes above.

Klock, Nancy (Bliss) 1828-1900, spouse of David Klock (Crypt) Additional Information; I have Nancy Bliss as born August 01, 1828 and died June 19, 1900. See line of David Klock.

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