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Kara Ann Albrecht

Kara Ann Albrecht, daughter of Lorri Ann Klock Albrecht Duprey and Keith Albrecht, graduated with honors from Dunbar High School in Lexington, KY on May 23rd, 2006. Kara was born July 29th, 1988 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Kara's mother is the daughter of Benny Klock who was featured in the Klock Family Newsletter in June, 2002. Kara's two uncles: Mark Klock and Brian Klock also were in earlier issues of the Klock Family Newsletter.

Kara's line is Lorri Ann Klock Duprey; Benny Klock; Leroy Klock; William T. Klock; Ezekiah Klock; Henry G. Klock; George I. Klock; Johannes Klock; Hans Hendrick Klock, Jr.; Hendrick Klock.

Kara was a National Merit Finalist and a Presidential Scholar Candidate, which placed her in a very prestigious group of high school students vying for college scholarships. She was accepted to Georgia Tech, Purdue University, Virginia Tech, and the University of Kentucky (UK). She choose to accept a full scholarship at the University of Kentucky to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Her goal is to become an Aerospace Engineer after completing her studies at UK.. She spent several summers volunteering at Saint Joseph's hospital in Lexington.

Last summer she did volunteer work with the University of Kentucky Engineering Department. This summer she is working in the restaurant industry before beginning the pursuit of her engineering degree at the University of Kentucky this fall.

We Invite You To Visit

Darla, Ashley and I left Michigan on Friday, June 3, after Ashley got out of school. We stopped in Pennsylvania and stayed the night in a Motel. We got up the next morning, had breakfast, and starting driving. We had a nice, uneventful, trip (which is the best kind to have) arriving in St. Johnsville about 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The camper was in good shape this year when we arrived. Needed airing out, because of the musty order from being closed up all winter. Some mice had made our camper their home over the winter and had left a few signs of their present. We had

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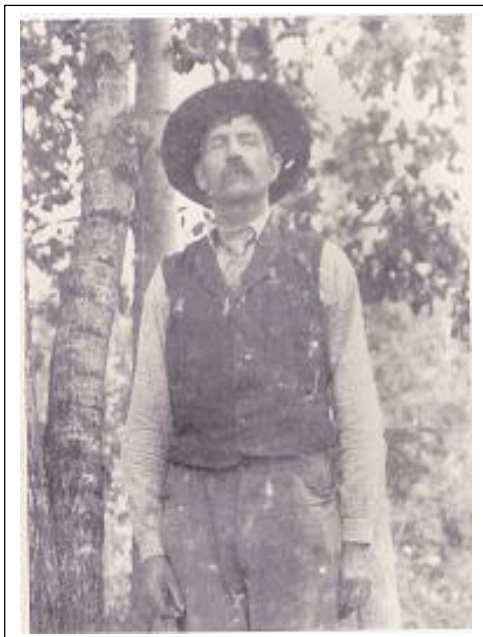
put out decon and mouth balls before we left last fall to try and discourage them from taking up residence in our camper. All in all, the camper was in good shape when we arrived.

We started working at the fort on Saturday, June 10th. We will be working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday's and we invite you to visit.

Fort Klock Historic Restoration is a not for profit organization. It's survival depends upon grants, donations, monies earned during special events, membership dues, sale of items from the gift shop and visitors like you. There are too many days when expenses far surpass income. So I encourage you to become a supporting member of Fort Klock Historic Restoration and help keep this part of history alive in the Mohawk Valley.

To become a supporting member send \$15.00 to:

Fort Klock Historic Restoration
P.O. Box 42
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George Grantison Klock

The above of George Grantison Klock was taken between 1910 and 1917 and was left for me at Fort Klock by Kathryn Lanford Anderson, of Wisconsin. She left the picture when she visited Fort Klock last fall. Kathryn is the Great Granddaughter of George Klock. I have never seen a picture of George Grantison Klock but have heard lots of stories.

George was my grandfather's uncle. He and my grandfather used to run around together and "raise cane", when my grandfather was younger, according to June DeBoise of Cadillac, Michigan. A Granddaughter of George Klock. June remembers her grandmother yelling at both George and my Grandfather for coming home after a night out drinking and playing cards with their friends.

George Grantison Klock (Grant) was born in New York February 14, 1862. He was married at least four times. I do not know much about his first marriages. Michigan Death Index lists a stillborn child, born to George Klock and Sarah E. Klock who was born on Nov. 18, 1879 in Millington, Michigan. His second marriage was to Myrtle A. Onderkirk in 1888. This was Myrtle's second marriage as well. Her father was FP Nichols and her mother was Lydia Hegger. It is unknown if they had any children. Grant's third marriage was to Mary Dupries. Grant was 32 and Mary was 30. Mary was from Canada. They lived in Watertown, Michigan. Mary's father was John Dupries and her mother was Mary Winters. They were married on Jan 25, 1895 in Tuscola County. I do not know if there were any children from this marriage. Grant's fourth marriage was to Rowena Salisbury. Rowena's father was Henry Salisbury and her mother was Susan Graves. Grant and Rowena had five children; Inza Mae, Agnes Bell, Lorena, (who died in infancy), Carl Grant and Ena Klock.

Millington Cemetery gives date of birth of Grant as 02/14/1852 and date of death as 04/11/1917. Grant also had a glass eye. He lost his right eye while burning brush on his father's farm, a branch snapped and hit him in the eye. When he pulled it out part of his eye came out with it.

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Grant Klock Continued

I have met several members of this family and try and keep in contact. Grant Klock only had the one son (that we know about), Carl Klock who married Lucille Hulverson. Carl and Lucille had three daughters so there is no one left in this family to carry on the Klock name in this family.

Obituary of Gertrude K. Benjamin

Gertrude K. Benjamin, 85, of Green Meadow in Brattleboro, Vt., died early Tuesday morning, August 13, 2002, at Thompson House Nursing Home following a period of declining health.

Mrs. Benjamin was born at the Klock family homestead near Fort Plain, New York, on February 20, 1917, the daughter of Marcy R. and Alice (Hopkinson) Klock.

She was raised and educated in Ft. Plain, and was a graduate of Ft. Plain High School, class of 1935. She went on to attend the State University of New York at Oneonta, where she majored in education, graduating in 1940.

Mrs. Benjamin was employed at the Holstein-Friesian Association of America in Brattleboro for 42 years where she served as supervisor of the herd classification department, retiring in February of 1982.

Of her hobbies and interests, she especially enjoyed knitting, gardening and time shared with her family.

She was active in the Grange for many years and was a member of the former Dennis Robekah Lodge No. 1 in Brattleboro.

On July 9, 1960, in Keene, N.H. she was married to John P. (Jack) Benjamin. Her husband predeceased her in May of 1971.

She is survived by one brother, Donald H. Klock of Fort Plain; two nephews, William M. Klock of Fort Plain and John D. Klock of Ames, N.Y.; a niece, Marie C. Horning of Gloversville, N.Y. a close friend, Mrs. Cecile R. Howard of Guilford, Vt.; and several grandnieces.

Graveside committal services in the family lot in Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery will be conducted Friday at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Brattleboro Baha'I Community will conduct the service. There are no calling hours at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mrs. Benjamin's name may be made to: Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 593, Brattleboro, Vt. 05302.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Atamaniuk Funeral Home.

Note: I have the line of Gertrude K. Benjamin as; Marcy R., Elmer, Reuben, John Bellinger, George G., Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock.

Klock Reunion

The Klock Reunion is coming up fast. It will be held August 5, 2006 at Fort Klock, starting at 9:00 am. We will have games for Adults and children. Lunch will be at 12:00. Please bring a dish to pass. The Stone Soup band will be here. They will be playing from 2:00 to 4:00.

If you have not got your advance reservations in yet, please get them sent in as soon as possible. If you are one of those last minute people, that's ok. I'm one too. If you are a member of the last minute club, don't let it stop you from attending this reunion. I always plan on people showing up without reservations.

I will attach a form to this Newsletter you can use to let me know if plan on attending.

I will be camping in a tent at the fort Friday night before the Reunion. If you would like to bring a tent and camp out with us, you would be welcome. We'll leave a light on for you... (we will have a small fire burning down by the fort), if it's not raining. If it's raining you will find me sleeping in the barn!

I look forward to seeing you at Fort Klock on Saturday, August 5, 2006 for the Klock Family Reunion.
Dave and Darla

Klock House Haven for Settlers

I though you might enjoy this article found in the Amsterdam Evening Recorder, Bicentennial Edition published in 1976. There are some errors in this story I would like to correct.

There is no evidence that the Fort Klock we know was ever palisaded. The creek and the rock walls would have make excellent cover. The two-foot thick stone walls would have provided protection and safety and the loopholes a means of defense for the inhabitants. The home of Col. Jacob Klock was located west of Fort Klock and may have been palisaded. His home was also known as Fort Klock during the Revolution. The home of Christian Klock was known as Fort House, named after the builder, to distinguish it from the other Fort Klocks. Another mistake in this article, (I have seen this same mistake many times) Col. Jacob Klock was the brother of Johannes Klock, not his son. Although Johannes Klock did have a son named Jacob, he was not Col. Jacob Klock. I am sure that Col. Jacob Klock would have visited the home of his brother and probably spend many a night, but Fort Klock, the fortified homestead, that we know and love was the home of Johannes Klock and not his brother, Col. Jacob.

Enjoy the article but take note of the mistakes, so they do not perpetuate. Mistakes have a way of becoming fact it they are not corrected.

Klock House Haven for Settlers

ST. JOHNSVILLE — Mohawk River.

Situated one mile east of this village, approximately 500 feet south of New York Route 5, is the restored version of the fortified homestead of the fur-trader and pioneer Johannes Klock, a Palatine German pioneer who built his home in 1750.

More than two-hundred years ago, when the American Colonies were furnishing England with plenty of raw materials and supplies, Fort Klock was ideally situated in the still vastly unexplored Mohawk Valley. The King's Highway ran just under the hill below the fort, providing easy access and departure routes for fello traders and merchants.

Hidden Cove

Defense against raiding Tories and Indians was also a chief concern in the construction of Fort Klock. A small cove along the river-bank directly below the fort was useful in Johannes Klock's trading business, as it could be used as a sheltered harbor to anchor the "bateaux" which were used to haul supplies on the winding

The fort's massive stone walls, nearly two feet thick, rest upon a solid rock foundation. The walls are constructed in two layers with small pieces of stone, sand and dirt rubble in between the layers. The rubble was placed between the walls to insure that frost and cold air did not penetrate during the frigid winters.

On every side, the walls are broken with systematic array of "loopholes," designed to provide the fort's occupants with a means to protect themselves. The loopholes were used to fire musket rounds through at any potential enemy, man or beast.

Palisade Too

A palisade was built around the homestead during the American Revolution to give it extra protection against a surprise attack. The homestead was also the home of Klock's son, Jacob, who was commander of the Palatine Regiment of the Tryon County Militia, one of the local Patriot lines of defense.

The homestead, which provides us with an authentic version of the way in which the early settlers of the Mohawk Valley, is probably most important as an historical landmark for the Revolutionary battle which was fought near its grounds in the autumn of 1780.

On Oct. 19, 1780, the American General Van Rensselaer's 1,500 militiamen finally caught up with the British Tories led by Sir John Johnson whom they had been pursuing for 25 miles up the south shore of the Mohawk.

Van Rensselaer's men went on the offensive at Klock's field, attacking the enemy forces — approximately 2,500 Tories and Indians. The center of the battle seems to have been about a mile west of Fort Klock and undoubtedly spread over a wide territory.

Brant Wounded

The American Patriots' attack surprised the enemy, caused them to drop back, and then to retreat in an utter rout. Joseph Brant, the Mohawk chief who patronized the British cause, was wounded at

the skirmish, but managed to escape.

According to records, Johnson's raiding party, disorganized and in chaotic retreat, could have been captured at this point, but Gen. Van Rensselaer ordered his men to fall back from pursuit. He also ordered the main body of the men to form an encampment for the night at the site of the Palatine Church, two miles east of the battle site. While the Americans camped, the British enemy easily escaped.

This battle could have been one of the most successful victories for the Patriots in the Revolutionary War, had Van Rensselaer followed up his advantage. Instead, as a result of his actions, Gen Van Rensselaer was spoken of with hatred and scorn by the Patriots.

Fort Klock has sheltered such well known men as Generals Clinton and Schuyler, Alexander Hamilton, Colonel Jacob Klock, John Jacob Astor, the fur buyer, and the Indian Chiefs Brant and King Hendrick.

Genealogy— Cemetery List Continued

Note: Information for the Cemetery List that I have been compiling and putting together come from many different sources and may not be 100% reliable or complete.

Rural Park Cemetery Old Section Ingham Mills Town of Manheim

Klock, Gertrude, d. 7/14/1869 aged 79 yrs. 3 mo. 29 days, spouse of John G. Klock, Jessie L. 1875-1920. Additional Information: Gertrude Zimmerman was born March 15, 1790 and died July 14, 1869. I have her married to John George Klock, (George I., Johannes, Henrich Jr., and Hendrick Klock) on September 21, 1817. I have John Klock and Gertrude Zimmerman with nine children.

Note: I have no information that Gertrude Zimmerman was also married to Jessie L. Klock. I have Jessie L. Klock (1875-1920) married to Mabel Veeder, with one son, Bert. If you have any information on Gertrude Zimmerman being married to Jessie L. Klock, please let me know. Genealogy is a never-ending task. The more information you collect, the more you realize you have just scratched the surface.

Klock, John, d. 1/15/1845, aged 84 yrs. 4 mo. 14 days, spouse of Margaret. Additional Information: I have no information on a John Klock that was born in 1761 and died 1/15/1845 that married a Margaret. Please let me know if you have any information.

Klock, John G., d. 8/27/1876, aged 88 yrs. 12 days, spouse of Gertrude. Additional Information: This is the John George Klock that married Gertrude Zimmerman, see above.

Klock, Margaret, d. 9/3/1818, aged 89 yrs. 4 mo. 6 days, spouse John Klock. Additional Information: I have no information on Margaret who married John Klock. See, John Klock above.

Klock, Margaret, d. 2/6/1850, aged 50 yrs. Dau. of George I. & Barbary. Additional Information: Margaret (George I., Johannes, Henrich Jr., and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, J. Martin, 1852-1892, spouse Ettie Heller, buried next to Mae Klock-Wilkinson. Additional Information: I have Joseph Martin Klock (Amos, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick) born July 09, 1851 and died January 15, 1892. He married Lunetta (Ettie) Heller. Joseph Martin and Ettie I have them with three daughters; Maude, Morela, and Flora Mae.

I have no information on the children of Joseph Martin and Ettie Klock except that Flora married Harry Wallace Wilkinson.

Klock, Mary Ann, d. 6/7/1856, aged 37 yrs. 11 mo., spouse of Daniel Klock. Additional Information: Mary Ann Claus was born July 06, 1818 and died June 07, 1856. She married Daniel Klock (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick) born January 22, 1818 and died January 25, 1880. Daniel and Mary Ann had six children. After the death of his first wife, Daniel married Permela Newman and had two more children.

Klock, Mary R., d. 2/26/1853, aged 3 yrs. 4 mo. 8 days, daughter of Daniel & Mary. Additional Information: Mary was the daughter of Daniel Klock and Mary Ann Claus. See above.

Klock, Polly, 1830-1913. No information

Klock, Rita C. (Duesler) 1868-1951, spouse Fayette Klock. Additional Information: Rita Duesler was born October 28, 1868 and died in 1951. She married Fayette John Klock (Arel, Johann George, George I., Johannes, Henrich Jr., and Hendrick Klock) Rita and Fayette had one daughter, Mildred Eloise who married Gilbert Sart.

Klock, Roy E., 1892-1966. Additional Information: I have Roy E. Klock (Albert G., Daniel, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick) born September 09, 1891 and died February 1966. Roy married Olive Van Burgen. I have them with one daughter, Elizabeth Norma, who married Frank Schall.

Klock, Sylvester, 1854-1883, spouse of Emogene L. Yale. Additional Information: I have Sylvester Klock (Daniel, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick) born October 18, 1842 and died October 11, 1883. He married Emogene L. Yale. Sylvester and Emogene had two sons; Bert and Jessie.

Klock, William D., 1854-1928. Additional Information: I have William D. Klock (Daniel, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick) as born April 28, 1854 and died May 08, 1928. He married Addie Emma Voorhees on October 06, 1889. I have them with one son, Claude W. who was born October 02, 1890.

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