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Happy New Year!



Charles Klock

Charles was born August 21, 1955 in Beaumont, Texas. Charles has resided in the southeast Texas most of his life. His family lived for three years in Washington, Louisiana when he was young, 1957-1960 where his father, Charles Lionel Sr., (Charles Ishmael, William, Ira, **Robert or Peter**, Henrick Johannes, Johannes and Hendrick Klock) was a minister in a small non-denominational church.

"My close friends call me Tick," Charles told me in his e-mails. I wonder how he got that nickname? I told Charles I should write an article for the newsletter on what not to name your children if you have the last name of Klock, Nina and Ada, come to mind. "We considered naming our children, Digital, Alarm, and Coo Coo", Charles told me, jokingly.

Charles works for the U.S. Postal Service and is also a minister. "I have been a retail worker, construction, forklift operator, apprentice pipe fitter, school bus driver and have co-owned a lawn maintenance service," Charles told me in his e-mails. He has worked for the Postal Service most of his adult life. He worked as a Mail Handler, Distribution Clerk.

1972-1978 and 1984 to present as a Mail Handler, Automation Clerk, Supervisor, and Training Technician. He is eligible to retire in 2011.

Charles has been a minister since 1976. Charles attended Lamar University, 1973-1974, and in 1994-1995 in Beaumont Texas. "I have studied Diesel Mechanics, and Computer programming at Lamar University," Charles told me. He has also attended classes at Baptist Bible Translator's Institute 1978-1984 which is located in Bowie, Texas. His major at BBTI was missions and cross culture communications. "I see ministry as an opportunity to serve believers more than a vocation. I do not ask for or receive a salary for my service." Charles is a Pastor at Grace Bible Fellowship www.gracebiblefellowship-tx.org since 2000 and a member since his conversion in 1976. The church has about 75 members and is growing. "I am no theologian, but I do have a passion for understanding the literal, historical, grammatical, interpretation of scripture. I seek to understand why the book of the Bible was written to its original audience and then look for its relevance to our lives today," Charles told me.

Charles Klock married his high school sweetheart, Sheila Louise Havens October 26, 1974. They were married at the home of her parents in a small ceremony performed by his father in Beaumont, Texas. Charles and Sheila have two children. Jennifer Amy who was born March 24, 1978 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont and Joni Ann who was born July 13, 1981 in Duncan Regional Hospital, Duncan, Ok. Jennifer attended Baptist Hospital Radiological

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Studies Program and is a licensed Radio-rapher. Joni graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont and is working on her PhD in Audiology. Both his children are married and Charles and Shelia have two grandchildren.

I asked Charles if he had any interesting stories about growing up he would like to share.

“As a teenager my greatest joy was the Boy Scouts. On one summer expedition to El Rancho Cima (located 25 miles west of San Marcos, TX) I was saved from drowning. A good friend of mine and I were swimming across a large cattle pond. We were following a younger boy who was not a proven swimmer. About halfway across the pond the younger boy began to struggle and panic. When my friend and I moved in to assist he grabbed my neck and began to push himself up. Unfortunately he pushed me under. In the nick of time a older scout swam to our location with an inner tube and saved three of us from very real danger.”

Charles and Sheila love to travel. They have visited twenty five states. Charles loves the mountains while Sheila loves the beaches. Charles hobbies include; computers, gardening, photography, salt water fishing, landscaping, home improvements and storytelling.

The Lonyo Connection



The Lonyo family traces its roots back to Pierre Denis Alognon, who immigrated in 1647 to Quebec from the province of Perche in France. Three generations later, sometime in the 1700s, Louis

Loignon emigrated from Quebec to Detroit, which was then a small settlement on the Detroit River. Here, Louis Lognon (as the name came to be spelled) established the first bakery in the settlement at the present site of the First National Bank building. Bakers were key people in the community at that time. Most homes featured large central fireplaces, used for both heating and cooking; baking in them was difficult.

Sometime before the turn of the century, the minutes of the Corporation of the Town of Detroit recorded that the board of trustees appointed Mr. Lognon to the position of fire inspector.

At that time, fire was an ever-present threat. Besides the danger posed by fireplaces, all homes were made of wood, crowded together inside Detroit's wooden stockade fence. Each home and business was required to have on hand, at all times, a barrel filled with water, two three-gallon buckets and a ladder able to reach the roof. The fire inspector regularly made his rounds and reported any deficiencies to the board. Fines were levied on those homeowners not in compliance.

These precautions did not stop gale-force winds from spreading a small stable fire throughout the town on June 11, 1805. The entire settlement of Detroit was destroyed. This unfortunate event was so important in the history of the area that, to this day, the Latin phrase "Speramus Meliora: Resurget Cineribus" appears on the official seal of the city of Detroit ("We hope for better days: it shall arise from its ashes.") Mr. Lognon owned a "strip" farm adjacent to land owned by Gov. Lewis Casso Lognon's oldest son, Louis II, often told family and friends that his birth had been at the family farm near what is now the northwest corner of Jefferson and Woodward avenues. Because roads were few and generally in poor condition at the time, farms typically were on long, narrow

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parcels of land running inland from the Detroit River because travel by water was easier. The Lognon farm ran from the river back to where Tiger Stadium is located.

When Mr. Lognon died, the farm was divided among his heirs. His son, Louis, exchanged his share of the property for a farm in what was then Springwells Township, near Dearborn. That farm became well known in the area and the road along its west side was named Lonyo Road.

As more and more people with English backgrounds moved into southeast Michigan, difficulties arose with the pronunciation of the family name. To overcome this problem, the spelling was changed from Lognon to the phonetic spelling, Lonyo.

In the mid-1800s, Louis Lonyo II's farm was found to contain what the family called "blue clay," earth suitable for making red bricks strong enough to use in commercial construction. Gradually the focus of activities on the farm changed from farming to brick making.

In 1876, Louis Lonyo II and his oldest son, Andrew, formed a partnership that, in time, became the Lonyo Brick Company. The business flourished, at its peak including three brickyards. Andrew was in the brick business for 38 years, retiring in 1912. Andrew's two younger brothers, Albert and Louis Lonyo III, also moved from farming into brick making, forming the Lonyo Brothers Brick Company. Together the two companies represented an important segment of the brick industry, making the family very prosperous.

After Andrew Lonyo's retirement, his sons Orville, Andrew W. and Arnold Lonyo joined with their brother-in-law, John W. Harsha, to form the LonyoHarsha Brick Company. This firm operated for years, closing when the supply of "blue clay" ran out.

Today, Lonyo bricks are being reclaimed from buildings being demolished in Detroit and reused in new homes and commercial buildings being constructed throughout the area. Builders and architects prize the weathered look of these historic bricks.

Andrew Lonyo III, who created the Lonyo Family Endowment Fund in 1998, was for many years a professor in the business division at Macomb Community College and an amateur genealogist.

Affection for the family members he knew in his youth, and pride in his family's long history in metro Detroit, motivated Andrew Lonyo III to establish the Lonyo Family Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan so that residents of southeast Michigan would benefit from his family's heritage for generations to come.

Source: A pamphlet "Community Foundation for Southwestern Michigan" sent to me by Mr. Andrew Lonyo the III.



Andrew Lonyo III

Andrew Lonyo the III was the son of Andrew Warren Lonyo II and Helen Dykhouse. Andrew Lonyo the II was the son of Andrew Lonyo and Hanna Lapham. His Great Grandfather was Louis Lonyo married Angeline Read (Warren Read, Israel William Read who married Margaretha Timmerman, the daughter of George Zimmerman and Anna Elizabeth Klock, she

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was the daughter of Johannes J. Klock, who constructed Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York, the son of Hendrick Klock).

In honor of his family, Mr. Lonyo established the Lonyo Family Endowment Fund. The purpose of the fund is to help improve the quality of life for all the people of southwest Michigan, to support the work of Macomb County Community College and to support the work of the Detroit Historical Museum.

Obituary of Emmet Klock

Unknown Newspaper Clipping
Feb. 28, 1907

Writes a correspondent at St. Johnsville: Emmet Klock died at his residence, about one mile and a half east of this village, on the south side, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday of pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Klock, who was 40 years old, was the son of Reuben Klock and Barbara Bellinger, his wife who removed from the vicinity of St. Johnsville to the eastern part of Danube, near the Minden line. Both were members of old Palatine families. Mr. Klock was a very hard working man and an excellent citizen, and was highly regarded by all who knew him. He had partly recovered from the first attack of the disease, but in his debilitated condition a relapse proved fatal. He is survived by his widow (born Mary Tinkler), and three small children. One born the day prior to his decease. Four brothers, Byron of Fall Hill, Danube; Irving of Little Falls; Elmer of southeastern Danube, and Walter of Binghamton, survive, as do three sisters, Iantha, widow of Chares M. Zoller of Minden; May G., wife of George Spoor of Newville, and Allie, wife of Frazier Showerman of Fort Willett, neighborhood Minden.

Emmet Klock (Reuben, John Bellinger, George G., Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) is buried in Fort Plain Cemetery. I have some old letters written by and to Iantha Klock before and after she married Charles Zoller on the Klock Connections Web Page.

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Most of the information for this list comes from different Internet sites and may not be completely reliable. If you have additions or corrections, please let me know.

Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur N.Y.

Jackson, Andrew 1888-1958 (Section A)
Additional Information: Andrew Jackson married Hannah Klock, see below. After the death of Hannah, Andrew married Iva Speers. Andrew was the son of James Richard and Diane Lennox Jackson. He was born 2/24/1888 in Milford Station, Ontario. He came to the United States at the age of 17 and settled in the Gouverneur area. He died on 10/16/1958 in the Potsdam Hospital.

Jackson, Hannah (Klock) his wife, 1894-1923 (Section A). Additional Information: Hannah Emogene Klock (Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock) married Andrew Jackson (above). She was born March 29, 1894 and died October 24, 1923 due to complications resulting from child birth of their fifth child, Carlton Everett Jackson. Carlton was adopted Zelpha Ann Klock and Frank David Bresett the sister and brother-in-law of Hannah.---Information from the David Bresett.

Jackson, Iva (Speers) his wife, 1886-1959 (Section A) Additional Information: Iva Speers was the second wife of Andrew Jackson, see above.

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Klock, Adam, died Mar 14, 1862 in his 81 yr (Section D). Additional Information: Adam Klock (Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) was born November 22, 1781. He married Catherine Snyder, who born February 27, 1780 and died June 19, 1855. She is buried in Ingham's Mills, New York. Adam and Catherine had nine children. After the death of his first wife, Catherine, he married Lydia Hoover below.

Klock Lydia, wife of Adam Klock, d. June 24, 1875; Aged 83 yrs, ---Also wife of David Hoover (Section D) Additional Information: Lydia was born May 31, 1787 and died June 24, 1875. I have no additional information on Lydia or if she had any children with her first husband David. Lydia and Adam Klock did not have any children.

Klock, William J, Father, 1880-1963 (Section L). Additional Information: William James Klock (Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock) was born in June 1880 and died in 1963. He married Minnie Mae Peck on November 04, 1916 in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York. William and Minnie had eight children.

Klock, Minnie M., Mother, 1897-1986 (Section L) Additional Information: Minnie May Peck married William James Klock above.

Klock, Charles A., Son, 1924-1941 (Section L) Additional Information: Charles A. Klock was the son of William James Klock and Minnie May Peck above.

Klock, Earl F., Son, 1922- (Section L). Additional Information: Earl F. Klock was or is the son of William J. Klock and Minnie May Peck above. I do not have a death date. He may be among the living.

Klock, Audrey I., his wife, 1928- (Section L)

Additional Information: Audrey is or was the wife of Earl F. Klock above. Again I have no death date.

Klock, George 1891-1956. Additional Information: George Klock (Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock) was born January 23, 1891 and died June 18, 1956. He married Edna May Simmons on May 30, 1917 in Gouverneur, New York. George and Edna May had 15 children.

Klock, Edna, 1901-1976 (Section G). Additional Information: Edna May Simmons was the wife of George Klock above.

Klock, Basil O, "Dear Dad", Oct 23, 1917- Sept 24-5, 1973 (Section G). Additional Information: Basil Orson Klock was the son of George Klock and Edna May Simmons above. I have Basil Orson Klock married twice, Bernice Forbes and Emily Kellogg and with five children.

Klock, Norma A., daughter of GH & EM Klock, -1926- (Section G). Additional Information: Norma Alberta Klock was the daughter of George Klock and Edna May Simmons above. She died in infancy.

Klock, Vonnie, daughter of GH & EM Klock, 1929-1949 (Section G) Additional Information: Yvonnebell Venita Klock was the daughter of George Klock and Edna May Simmons above. She was born July 14, 1929 and died July 04, 1949. She was killed in Hailesboro, New York in car accident.

Larock, Richard S. (Sr.) 1937- , (Section K) Additional Information: Richard Larock is among the living... He married Linda L. Klock, below.

Larock, Linda L. (Klock) wife of Richard, 1943-1987 (Section K) Additional Information: Linda L. "Klock" Larack (Morris Alvin, George Henry, Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock) was born in 1934 and died in 1897. Linda and Richard have two children; Richard and Brenda.

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