



# Klock Connections

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## Update on Jean Klock Park

### *Jean Klock Park-A gift to the Community--1917 Dedication*



*At the dedication ceremony Mr. Klock stated:*

“In taking an inventory of life, we all take stock of the circumstances surrounding the happiest moments. The giving of this park to the city of Benton Harbor has been to Mrs. Klock and myself, the happiest moment of our lives. The deed of this park in the courthouse of St. Joseph will live forever. Perhaps some of you do not own a foot of ground, remember then, that this is your park, it belongs to you. Perhaps some of you have no piano or phonograph, the roll of the water murmuring in calm, roaring in storm, is your music, your piano and music box.”

In closing Mr. Klock stated, “The beach is yours, the drive is yours, the dunes are yours, all yours. It is not so much a gift from my wife and myself, it’s a gift from a little child. See to it, that the park is the children's.”

In 1917, John Nellis Klock (Nellis, Daniel J., John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and his wife Carrie purchased, then deeded, a 90

acre parcel (of which only 73 acres remain) of Lake Michigan frontage property, to the City of Benton Harbor Michigan and surrounding communities to be used explicitly and forever as a public park and bathing beach. The property was dedicated for the children and was named Jean Klock Park in memory of their daughter who died in infancy.

In 2003 the citizen group “Friends of Jean Klock Park was formed to prevent the sale of the park’s property for a housing development. Their efforts resulted in a lawsuit. The court order allowed a small portion of property to be developed in exchange for preserving the remaining park property forever. Even before the ink was dry on the settlement, plans were under way to turn the park into a Golf Course.

Since 1917, \$1.74 million in state and federal grants were awarded to the City of Benton Harbor for improvements to the park. These funds come from your federal tax dollars which makes this anything but a local issue. These grants, especially the federal Land Water and Conservation Act Fund, have restrictions that require the project area to remain public parkland in perpetuity.

The fight to save the park is not over. The city, has the backing of Whirlpool, Cornerstone Alliance and Harbor Shores and has the support of Michigan’s Governor Granholm.

The “Friends of Jean Klock Park” would like to thank all those who wrote letters and expressed anger over the plans of turning Jean Klock Park into a Golf Course for the wealthy. We know that over 100 letters were received from Klock families, yet the state of Michigan refuses to acknowledge to the Friends of Jean Klock Park, that they received any letters at all,

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## **Jean Klock Park Update Continued**

playing down the feeling of the Klock Family on this issue. The friends of Jean Klock Park could use our help again. They have asked that we write the Attorney General again and send a copy of that letter to them. They could use copies of these letters to prove that the Klock family is opposed to the park being turned into a Golf course for the rich.

Address your letters to:

Mike Cox, Attorney General of Michigan  
G. Mennen Williams Building, 7th Floor  
525 W. Ottawa St.  
P.O. Box 30212  
Lansing, MI 48909

With copies of your letter to:

Friends of Jean Klock Park  
P.O. Box 8988  
Benton Harbor, MI 49023

On the back of this page is a sample letter you can use. You can also talk directly with Carol Drake at: [cdrake@savejeanklockpark.org](mailto:cdrake@savejeanklockpark.org)

There is also a petition page on the Save Jean Klock Park web page. If you would sign this petition it would be greatly appreciated. There is a link on my web page [www.klockconnections.com](http://www.klockconnections.com) that will take you to the Save Jean Klock Park web page.

### **Memorial Record of the County of Cuyahoga and City of Cleveland, Ohio 1894 By Lewis Publishing Co.**

On March 17, 2008, I received an e-mail from Heather Reichert , "This past Saturday, I was at the library in Sandusky, OH., doing a bit of research on the Haycox's and came across a biography on one C.D. Klost. In reading the write up, I knew right away, even though the name wasn't right, that it most certainly was about Clinton D. Klock.

I have been in contact with Heather since mid February and we have been sharing information on the Klock/Haycox Connection. I had never seen this record before so I thought I would share it with you.

CD. Klost, superintendent of the parks of Cleveland, dates his service with Cleveland parks at 1883, when he was placed in charge of Wade Park. This beautiful spot is the result of ten and a half years of unremitting care and painstaking arrangement and landscape gardening of Mr. Klost, and his promotion to general superintendent is a merited recognition of his ability to fill a more responsible position.

Mr. Klost was born in Chemung county, New York, October 17, 1854. His father, Sanford Klost, a native of Herkimer county, York State, was born near Little Falls in 1809. He became a civil engineer and spent his life in land surveying and construction work, on the Erie Railroad. He died in 1891. His antecedents are believed to have been from Holland. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Millie Petrie. Seven children resulted from this marriage: George, deceased; Monroe, deceased; Peter, at Elmira, New York; Jarvis, at Antigo, Wisconsin; Ester, the wife of William Decker; Fannie, who married Jacob Sheppie. And C.D. At Sixteen Mr. Klost left the common schools and took up the burdens of life independently. He came west and made Cuyahoga county his stopping place, working on the farm of L.R. Streeter. From this place he came to Cleveland, as superintendent of Wade Park, as before stated.

Mr. Klost was married September 16, 1876, to Aggie Haycox, whose father, John Haycox reared eight children. They came originally from Husk, England. Mr. Klost's children are: Ebba, sixteen years; Monroe, eleven; and Jarvis, seven.

Fraternally Mr. Klost is a member of Holy Rood Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar. He is also a Knight of Pythias.

The above narrative is indeed that of Clinton D. Klock, the son of Sanford (John H., Henrick Johannes, Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and

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## Memorial Record of the County of Cuyahoga Continued

Millie A. Petrie. There are several other errors in this article Heather told me about. She made the following corrections.

### Correction # 1

The article states that Clinton married Aggie Haycox on Sept. 16, 1876. -Per my data, Clinton married Agnes Haycox on May 6, 1880  
Sources: IGI, Cuyahoga Co., marriage index: Vol. 23, Pg. 114, Cuyahoga Co., marriage record date vs volume index states that Vol. 23 covers Jan 1880-Jan 1881

The article didn't mention Clinton's marriage to Mina Haycox, half sister to Agnes.-Per my data, Clinton married Mina Haycox on April 24, 1875.

Sources: IGI Cuyahoga Co., marriage index: Vol. 18, Pg. 316, Cuyahoga Co., marriage record date vs volume index states that Vol. 18 covers Feb 1874-Dec 1876. Another source for both marriages was the Biographical Sketch of Sanford Klock, though it didn't give dates (sent to me from Dave). Since the marriage date in the article is closer to the date that Clinton married Mina, I think it's safe to assume that the writer got his/her facts confused. In any case, we know Clinton was married to two Haycox girls.

### Correction # 2

The article states Aggie's father was John Haycox, which is correct. But it goes on to say that he reared 8 children. I have 14 children for him and his wife Margaret Phillips James plus his daughter, Mina (Jemina) whose mother is unknown. However, Mina probably can't be counted in the number of children John reared as she came to the states and lived with his parents.

The only thing I can think of as to how they came up with John having reared 8 kids is that I know of 4 kids that died young while the family was still in England. That brings us down to 10 children. There's 3 kids I haven't traced yet,

so that brings us down to 7. I can live with that.

Sources: Ships passenger list Census reports, IGI, Obits on some of the kids listing siblings, comparing notes with other people's research, ect.,

### Correction # 3

The article states that the Haycox family came from Husk, England. This is another thing I think the writer was confused with. John Haycox, the father of both of Clinton's wives, was born in Ludlow, Shropshire England. John's wife Margaret was born in Goytre, Monmouthshire, Wales. John and Margaret were married in Goytre.

All of John and Margaret's children were born in Langview, Monmouthshire, Wales. I do not know where Mina was born. Husk is the maiden name of my ggg-grandmother. Her name was Ann Husk (d/o John Husk and Sarah Wilcox), she married William Haycox, brother of John who was the father of both of Clinton's wives. Sources: about the same as listed in correction 2.

And lastly, I notice the article doesn't mention Clinton's son, W.C. Klock.

I have a death cert. for one W.C. Klock born Feb 2, 1882 OH, died Jan 8, 1913 Berea, OH. He was 31 yrs, 4 mo, 6 days old and married when he died. Wife unknown. Father: Clinton D. Klock b. NY, Mother: Agnes Haycox b. England. He was buried in Berea. On the death cert., there's an area for "special information" for hospitals, institutions, transients or recent residents. In this area it says "former or usual residence: Cleveland, O" and "how long at place of death: 4 yrs". Makes me wonder if W.C. was institutionalized and purposely not mentioned in the article? Or could it be that the parent info on the death cert. is incorrect? Heather, isn't Genealogy fun, its great when you find answers to questions, but most the time, it only leads to more questions! Thanks for sharing.

## **2008 Special Events at Fort Klock Historic Restoration:**

**Opening Day, Memorial Day** May 26-9:00 A.M. –5:00 P.M. Featured will be an encampment of the Tryon County Militia and colonial crafts demonstrations. The Tryon County Militia realistically portrays colonial camp life through historical re-enactment of marching drills and musketry. Artisans will demonstrate crafts from the Mohawk Valley customary over 200 years ago. The Barn Frame Loom will be dressed for the season by members and weaver friends. This is a hands on demonstration and visitors are invited to participate.

**Independence Day, July 4** Strawberry Festival & Art Show, 12:00 noon – 5:00 P.M. With the Tryon County Militia on hand you will have an Independence Day celebration of local colonial history. Add to this the enjoyment of homemade cakes, ice cream, strawberries, and shortcake for a small fee.

**“Stone Soup” Musical Concert, July 25, 7:00 P.M.** These popular, local musicians play a variety of traditional blues, jazz, folk songs, gospel, Irish tunes, and original pieces. Featured will be Suzanne Bladek on guitar, Joseph Sinchek on Mandolin, Nick Fries on guitar, Peter Liljeberg on bass and David Bladek. This musical concert will be held in the Fort Klock Dutch barn.

**Klock Family Reunion, August 2, 9:00 A.M.** At noon, a historic roadside marker for the Klock’s Church and Graveyard, donated by the Heritage and Genealogical Society of Montgomery County, will be unveiled. All members of the Klock-Clock families in the Mohawk Valley and New York State are invited to attend. There will be a catered BBQ Pork dinner. For reservations please call Fort Klock or e-mail Dave Klock at: [Daveanddarla2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Daveanddarla2000@yahoo.com)

**Young Pioneer Program, August 5,6,7.** Children between the ages of 9-13 attend this

educational program for three days from 9:00--3:30 P.M. They will experience frontier life and colonial lifestyles. There are hand on activities for better learning while having a fun time. Please phone Fort Klock (518) 568-7779 to enroll. A small fee is charged.

**Two Day Craft Fair, September 13 & 14,** Saturday 10:00 A.M. –5:00 P.M. , Sunday 10:00 –4:00 P.M. Over 100 talented crafters and artisans will offer their creations. This is one of the best craft fairs in the East,, featuring crafters from several states. Homemade food served on Saturday. Phone (518) 993-2352 or (518) 658-7779. There is free admission to the craft fair and free parking.

**Fort Klock closes for the regular season in mid-October.**

**Saint Nicholas Day Celebration, December 7, Sunday 12:00—4:00 P.M.** This is a traditional holiday custom for children brought to America by the early Dutch and German pioneers and dates back to the fourth century. This is a prelude to the holiday season and is a special day for children. Presents were received on St. Nicholas Day, because December 25 was reserved for the religious observance of Jesus’ birth. The celebration is from a rich heritage that is preserved at Fort Klock through colonial music, homemade cookies and gingerbread, hot chocolate and spiced cider, treats for all. Saint Nicholas will give all children a homemade wooden ornament. Added to this, will be militia drills, a storyteller, roaring fires and traditional decorations of pine boughs and a tree.

### **Cemetery List Continued**

Information for this cemetery list comes from several different sources and may not be completely reliable. If you have additions or corrections please let me know.

**Brookside Cemetery  
Jefferson County, New York**

**Klock, Jay C.** 1866-1952 Additional Information: Jay C. Klock, son of Theron H. Klock and Sarah E. Shuler married Julia Alma Watkins. Theron was the son of Henry G. Klock (George I. Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) who and Elizabeth "Betsy" Klock (John J. Jr. John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock). Jay C. and Julia Watkins had four children; Harriet A. David S., Helen E., Marion E. Klock.

**Klock, John** 1887-1919

**Klock, John S.** 1914-1980. Additional Information: This is (**probable**) the son of David S. Klock and Carrie. They did have a son that was born in 1914.

**Klock, Julia A.** 1849-1939

**Klock, Julia A.** 1865- 1949. Additional Information: Julia Alma Watkins was born December 24, 1865. She married Jay C. Klock, December 24, 1894 and they had four children.

**Klock, Lloyd L.** 1928- 1997, (wife name was Ok Nan So) Additional Information: Lloyd was the son of William James Klock (Bates Aaron, Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Minnie Mae Peck. He married Ok Nan So who was born in Korea.

**Klock, Marion E.** 1902-1927 Additional Information: This is (**probably**) the daughter of Jay C. Klock and Julia Alma Watkins. They did have a daughter Marion that was born in 1902.

**Klock, Milton R.** 1847-1914. Additional Information: Milton was the son of Stephen Klock (George G.I., George I, Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Anna Bellinger. He married Julia Alexander and they had five children.

**Klock, Morgan** 1834-1910 Additional Information: Morgan was the son of Stephen Klock (George G.I., George I, Johannes, Han

Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Anna Bellinger. He married Catharine Jane Baird, 3 children.

**Klock, Mrs. S.** died in 1889 Additional Information: I think this is Anna Bellinger who married Stephen Klock below.

**Klock, Stephen** 1813-1878 Additional Information: Stephen was the son of George G.I. Klock (George I, Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock).and Harriet Goodale. I have him as born March 09, 1815 and died May 30, 1878. Stephen married Anna Bellinger.

**Hutton, (Harten), Leona (Klock)** b. Feb. 7, 1893, d. Sept. 16, 1992, wife of Henry. Additional Information: Leona was married twice, first to Henry Harden, second to Harry Hutton on . Nov. 8, 1941. She was the daughter of Jordan C. Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Cora Bergen Klock. No Children.

**Harten, Henry** 1884-1938 Additional Information: (Spouse of Leona Klock above.)

**Hutton, Harry L.** b. Sept. 10, 1898, d. March 29, 1988, married Nov. 8, 1941. Additional Information: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spouse of Leona Klock.

**North Watertown Cemetery  
Jefferson County, New York**

**Cagwin, Margaret E. (Klock)** b. Oct 20, 1914,,d. April 25, 1997 wife of Eldon. Additional Information: Margaret Klock was the daughter of Elmer Edison Klock (Henry D., Adam, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Fanny Sanford. She married Eldon Cagwin and had four children.

**Klock Arthur**, 1836-1899, Additional Information: Arthur was the son of Daniel Klock (Joseph G., George G., Johanguergh Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Anna ( Nancy ) Devendorf. Arthur married Charity Van DeWalker. Arthur and Charity had three children. **Continued Next Month**

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Lansing, MI 48909

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Mike Cox, Attorney General

I read with dismay about the terrible injustice of the city of Benton Harbor against the property left by John Klock as a memorial to his young daughter. This property was donated to the city of Benton Harbor to be used as a public park, not for the city to sell the land to developers to build condos or to turn in a Golf course for the rich. There are 27 golf courses within a 30 mile radius of Benton Harbor, some are exclusive, some are not. Some have closed to become residential properties and some are struggling to keep the courses open. This proposed Jack Nicklaus Signature golf courses could also fail. There is no guarantee that this course will succeed and it's the opinion of many that it will fail. To use Jean Klock Park on speculation that the course will survive is not only risky but highly irresponsible. Jean Klock Park should not be sacrificed for other's lack of vision. I am asking that your office do all that is possible to insure that this property remain a public park as John Nellis Klock intended.

If the city of Benton Harbor can sell off or lease their public parks to the highest bidder what is to stop other cities from doing the same thing? Why would anyone want to donate anything to his or her city if it can be sold to the highest bidder? Hundreds of city parks all over this county were donated by someone, they could also be in danger.

I am asking that your office enforce the deed in which John Nellis Klock so generously donated the land to the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan to be used as a city park. Please let me know what you are going to do about this. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Friends of Jean Klock Park  
P.O. Box 8988  
Benton Harbor, MI 49023

**The Klock Family Reunion  
Fort Klock Historic Restoration  
St. Johnsville, New York  
August 2, 2008.**

**You can use this form to let me know if you and your family can attend.**

Dinner will be catered by Eugene Culver of St. Johnsville. Pork, Salt Potatoes, Beans, Salad, Rolls.  
Drinks, plates and plastic silverware will all be provided.

**Cost: \$12.00 for Adults--                      \$6.00 advance deposit (Non-Refundable)**  
**\$9.00 for Children 3-12--            \$4.00 advance deposit (Non-Refundable)**

**Children under 3 years of age will be free**

We plan on attending the Klock Family Reunion.

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ adults and \_\_\_\_\_ children.

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ adults

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ children

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

**Note: Balance to be paid at reunion, meal tickets will be distributed at that time.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: David Klock  
          P.O. Box 402  
          Marcellus, Michigan 49067

Please Respond No Later Than June 1, 2008