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Long Time Member and Trustee of Fort Klock Passed Away in Schenectady.



Miss Gene Elizabeth Valk

Gene devoted a great portion of her life to the craft of handweaving, becoming a master weaver. She was a passionate and inspirational teacher of the craft. Her vast knowledge and experience has been passed on to her many students including my granddaughter, Ashley Klock. Ashley spent two weeks last summer at Gene's home in Gloversville learning the craft of hand weaving on looms.



Gene Valk, July 4, 2007

Fort Klock's Trustee and Master Weaver, Gene Valk passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady.

She was born on August 19, 1924, the daughter of Edgar A. and Leona L. Albro Valk. Gene graduated from Gloversville High School and Oneonta State Teachers College with a Library Science Degree. She worked in the libraries of Triple Cities College of Syracuse University from 1948 to 1950 and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1950 to 1962. In 1962, she began a 19-year career as head librarian at Gloversville High School, retiring in 1981.

In pursuit of her love of local history and textiles, Gene has been actively involved in a number of organizations including Fort Klock Historic Restoration. Gene was a Trustee for Fort Klock for several years. Gene purchased and later gifted the 20 acre parcel of land across from Fort Klock making Fort Klock a 30 acre complex. This land was a wonderful gift, but the greatest gift she gave to Fort Klock was her friendship, love, devotion and knowledge. She will be missed. She was also involved in the Spinner's Guild, Rock Day Spinners, Adirondack Handweavers, Circuit Spinsters, Museum of American Textile History, **Continued Next Page**

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Thousand Island Craft School and Textile Museum, Fulton County Historical Society (former Trustee), Montgomery County Historical Society and the Dutch Barn Preservation Society.

She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Gloversville. Private burial took place at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville, New York.

LEFTOVERS

**By
Skip Barshied
April 2008**

The word “leftovers” brings to mind different meanings to different people. In the culinary field, its meaning might be potatoes from dinner creamed for supper, or hash made by a thrifty cook so that good food is not wasted.

However, if we search for another meaning, all sorts of visions come to mind. The modern trend to many Americans today is to move from place to place rather frequently. In times gone by, people were more apt to remain in one community or house for many years.

If we explore one of those long time homes, we may find leftovers of a different nature. For example, far back on a seldom seen shelf, we might yet find the pancake griddle and batter pitcher put there just in case they might someday be needed. Beside them is the coffee or spice grinder whose job is long replaced by the product of the supermarket. Some of Grandmas favorite dishes are there also.

A further search of the old house brings us to the attic filled with all kinds of things carried there through the years because they were just too good to throw out, or because of an attack of nostalgia. There is an old chest there under the eaves where we can't stand up. Upon dragging it out, the cover is lifted and carefully packed within are quilts made by loving hands years ago. They were just too nice to use unless, of course, hard times had befallen the family and their use was necessary. Even then, after being

faded and tattered, we might find them neatly folded and stored away.

The cellar yet held crocks, jugs, and canning jars of styles no longer used. The cider barrels and vinegar barrels still remain, unless the hoops rusted away or they were so dried that they had fallen apart. The stoneware churn, butter jars and butter bowls and paddle sit on a shelf waiting for a time that they will again serve the community. A time that will never come.

An inventory of the barn and outbuildings, make the same revelations as the house. Grandpa's work bench is covered with dust and an accumulation of his tools, made by hand, to be used by hand before these tasks were taken over by power tools.

Bits of harness used on old Bess or Nell are dried and stiff hanging on a wooden peg on the back wall. Parts of a wagon wheel, laid away long ago, just in case they came in handy, survived mostly because the stove pipe on the old box stove had dropped to the floor long ago making the stove useless. Otherwise, these old wood parts would have been burned to keep Grandpa's shop warm. The grass scythe hangs there on the backside of a ceiling beam where it was retired when a later generation got the string trimmer.

Well out of sight hangs an old muzzle loading shotgun along with its power horn and shot pouch. It was put there long ago, the same as with almost all farms. It has been silent, but once helped to keep the chickens and other farm animals safe from predators. Long ago the old shotgun could have been taken down by one of the boys of the family and proudly carried to the back woodlot in search of a squirrel or rabbit that Grandma would cook for supper.

We have taken only a very quick tour of the old farm building. What have we found? We have found leftovers now called antiques.

Solomon Klock

Solomon Klock, of whom this interesting sketch is written, was born in 1803, in St.

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Johnsville, N.Y. This town was also the birthplace of his father, John Klock whose date was August 17, 1776, and of his grandfather, George, who was born in 1742. Henry Klock, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in Prussia, came over to America, and settled in St. Johnsville in 1704, when a very young man. This ancestor of the family was four times married, and had children by three wives, nine of them being sons. He was a farmer, and, being a very large land-owner, often remarked that he was "land poor." A firm Presbyterian, deeply religious, bringing up his children in that faith, he died in 1760, when quite an old man, in the confident hope a glorious resurrection. George Klock married Catherine Bellenger, by whom he had twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, who all reached maturity and had large families.

John Klock, the father of Solomon, married Eve Timmerman. Sixteen children was born of this marriage, twelve of them reaching adult age. Only four sons and four daughters are now living: Solomon was the first born; Simeon, just eighty-five, August 10, 1893, a wealthy farmer of Minden, Montgomery County, N.Y.; Margaret, born August 10, 1812, unmarried; Nancy (Mrs. Charles Walrath), of Oneida, born 1814,; Reuben, born August 10, 1818, a very wealthy farmer, living in Danube, Herkimer County; Hiram, born in St. Johnsville, 1820, a farmer, and has two sons; Eva Ann, born 1821, wife of Henry Elwood, a farmer of Florentine, Montgomery County, has one son; Lucy, Mrs. Henry Bellinger, aged sixty-five years, whose family consists of three children. The mother died in 1852, aged sixty-eight, and the father ten years later, in 1862, when eighty-five years old. They are buried in their family graveyard with their ancestors.

Our subject was reared to habits of industry and thrift, and, like many of the finest minds of our country, received his early education in the primitive, unpainted log cabin, with the

regulation slab seats, and the writing-desk a plank attached to the wall, resting on pegs. But, while the comforts and conveniences so familiar to the modern student were not theirs, the elementary education was thorough; and it is a matter of common remark that the "old field" schools have turned out some the greatest statesmen of the land. When the lad was old enough to work, he had only the opportunity which the winters afforded of attending school; but his natural abilities aided him, and, being observant, Mr. Klock has stored his mind with a fund of information, and even in his advanced age can hold his own with our most skilful mathematicians. He has always been a great reader, keeping himself thoroughly posted in the currents events of the day, and is especially fond of newspapers, having been a subscriber for the Albany Argus for over twenty years. His memory for incidents and occurrences is something truly wonderful, recalling readily at a moment's thought the dates of births, deaths, and marriages in his large family connections, and also in those of his neighbors and friends over a generation.

Solomon Klock married Elizabeth Bellenger, June 16, 1831. Their only child, Irvin, died at the age of fifty-four, having married, and leaving two daughters and one son. Mrs. Elizabeth Klock died in 1833; and Mr. Klock married second Miss Larry Ann Flanders, daughter of Peter Flanders. Four children were the fruit of this marriage, namely; Myron, of Canastota, married, and has one daughter; Nancy, widow of James Weaver, mother of two daughters, at present traveling in Germany, but has her home at East Saginaw, Mich., Theron, living at home; and Iantha, wife of Gideon Stephens, a contractor and farmer, of South Bay, Oneida Lake, who has two children, one son and one daughter. Mrs. Larry A. Klock died in 1875, at the age of sixty-two, and is buried in that beautiful place of the dead, Mount Hope Cemetery, at Canastota, N.Y. Mr. Klock has lived for some years with his son Theron on the farm,

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and for the last five years has enjoyed with him his present beautiful home.

Theron Klock, son of Solomon, was born in the town of Stockbridge in 1837, and, when he was eleven years of age, removed with his father to the excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres near Wampsville, now his home. He was married December 3, 1862, to Mary E. Stebbins, daughter of John and Fanny (Leach) Stebbins, both of Augusta, Oneida County. Mr. and Mrs. Klock have one daughter, Laura, wife of James A Gregg, of Oneida. One daughter, Mabel, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregg. Mrs. Klock's aged mother of seventy-seven years is a widow in Oneida, having buried her husband in October, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years. Democratic in politics, and Presbyterian in religion, Mr. Solomon Klock and his son preserve the traditions and faith of their ancestors in party and church.

Additional Information:

Solomon Klock (John Bellinger, George G., Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) Solomon Klock was a farmer, age 27, of Oppenheim, N.Y. when he married Elizabeth Bellinger on June 16, 1931. Elizabeth was 22. They were married at the home of John F. Bellinger in the town of Oppenheim by Rev. A.H. Myers. Stephen Klock and Simon Klock, both of Oppenheim were the witnesses at the marriage.--St. John's Church Record.

Historical Gazetteer and Biographical Memorial of Cattaraugus Co. NY, ed by William Adams, pub 1893 History of the Town of Franklinville - Chapter XXVIII (28) Pages 652 & 653

Thomas Davis, son of John and a native of Wales, England, came to America with his father when ten years old and settled in

Litchfield, Herkimer county. In 1857 Mr. Davis married Sarah M., daughter of Jacob KLOCK, and in 1865 located in Lyndon, of which town he was supervisor in 1873 and 1874. In 1882 he came to this town and settled as a farmer at Cadiz, being elected supervisor of Franklinville in 1891 and 1892. Mr. Davis in public and private is an exemplary citizen, serving his constituents with honor and credit, and in all matters of importance to the town and county he takes a deep interest.

Additional Information: Sarah was the daughter of Jacob Klock (Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) and Abigail Ayers Woolever. No record of any children.

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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.

Thurso, Grindston Island Clayton Cemetery Access only by boat Jefferson County, New York

George N. Klock, b. Jan 3, 1862 - d. June 27, 1901 married July 4, 1885. **Additional Information:** George N. Klock was the son of Nathaniel Klock (Harvey, George G.I., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Mary J. Parker.

Watertown Cemetery Watertown, 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.

Klock, Arthur C. born Nov.1, 1905, died Oct. 14, 1962, married May 20, 1925
Additional Information: Arthur C. Klock was the son of Cady H. Klock (Theron H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Blanch L. Knight. Arthur married Evelyn D. Lucas.

Klock, Barbara J., maiden name Fulton, 1942-Nov. 21, 1989 daughter of G.P. & Ruth.
No Additional Information

Klock, Cady H., 1877-May 21,1930.
Additional Information: Cady H. Klock was the son of Theron H. Klock and Sarah E. Shuler. Theron was the son of Henry G. Klock who married Elizabeth "Betsy" Klock. Henry G. was the son of George I. Klock (Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) Elizabeth was the daughter of John J. Klock John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock.) Cady Henry Klock married Blanche L. Knight.

Klock, Charity, 1834-d.21 Jan 1909, wife of Arthur Klock. **Additional Information:** Charity Van DeWalker married Arthur Klock (Daniel, Joseph G., George G., Johanguergh Klock and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, Estella M., 1877- 1975 **No Additional Information**

Klock, Grace D. (Payne) b. Aug. 16, 1916, d. Aug. 30, 1996, wife of Wesley H.
Additional Information: Grace D. Payne married Wesley H. Klock, the son of Earl E. Klock (Thomas Cade, George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Olga Hollenbeck. Wesley and Grace had five children.

Klock, Leonard R., 1886- 1920. **No Additional Information**

Klock, Nathan G. ` , 1893- Sept. 12, 1976.
Additional Information: Nathan George Klock was the son of George N. Klock (Nathaniel, Harvey, George G.I., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Lucy Johnson. He married Lottie M. Ackerman. Nathan was married twice, his first wife was Irene Rosanmont Burnett. Nathan and Irene had three children. His second wife was Lottie Ackerman. No children with Lottie.

Klock, Victor F., 1859- Jan. 19, 1929
Additional Information: Victor F. Klock was the son of Arthur Klock (Daniel, Joseph G., George G., Johanguergh Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Charity Van DeWalker.

Klock, Betty "Betsey" Rose, 1918- 27 Jun 1940. **Additional Information:** Betty Rose Klock was the daughter of Nathan G. Klock and Irene Rosanmont Burnett. See line under Nathan G. Klock below.

Klock, Blanche L., d.1955. **Additional Information:** Blanche L. Knight was born August 24, 1880. She married Cady H. Klock and they had two children; Marion E. and Arthur.

Klock, Carrie M., 1876-July 19, 1947. (b. 1834, d. Aug 19, 1947) **Additional Information:** Carrie Glazer married Victor Klock March 10, 1880 in Watertown, Jefferson Co., New York.

Klock, Evelyn D. (Lucas) 1906-1965, wife of Arthur C. **Additional Information:** Evelyn D. Lucas married Arthur C. Klock, the son of Cady H. Klock (Theron H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Blanch L. Knight.

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