



# Klock Connections

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**Staff Sgt. Benton Klock**

In Issue 23 of Klock Connections (June of 2003) there was an article about Staff Sgt. Benton Klock. I tried but was unable to locate him. I had thought he was still in the service of our country. "You found me, actually I found you. I was on the internet recently and I googled myself and was directed to your website, where you have the picture of me and a sailor in Bosnia in 2000. I noted that you were trying to locate me for your website. Here I am," Benton told me in his e-mail. Benton is currently stationed in Ft. Huachuca, an Army Base in Sierra Vista, Arizona. I am re-printing the article for those who did not see or remember the article.

Staff Sgt. Benton Klock and a U.S. Marine PO2 Mike Bettilyon, of the US Navy were stationed in Sarajevo in November of 2000. They were on a mission to Tuzla from Sarajevo when they came

upon a bad accident, which was holding up traffic on the Python Road. "The accident was pretty fresh and I just wanted to pass by because I don't like getting stuck in traffic," Staff Sgt. Benton Klock said. They couldn't just drive by. A dump truck had crushed a VW van and a passenger was hanging out, he was dead, but there was someone inside alive and he had to be pulled out. Benton and Mike jump out of their Humvee, and they tried to pry open the door with a pickaxe. "The problem is that the frame of the van had been crushed over the door and there was no way of opening it," Staff Sgt. Benton Klock said. When he tried to open the door with the pickaxe, the handle broke off. They drove their Humvee next to the van and used a winch to rip the back seat out to free the driver who was still alive. After freeing the driver, they towed the van out from under the dump truck and pulled out the body of the dead passenger. "Your instincts take over and you do the job," Benton said. "But I know one thing, I don't want to be an ETM," After the incident their boss at the P3 Imagery Detachment in Sarajevo, Commander David Mitchell, said he was not surprised that his men acted the way they did. "These guys are outstanding and when I thought about the accident, it took a lot of courage and empathy to help these people," said Commander Mitchell. "They will be commended for it."

"You actually have my Grandfathers Obituary on your website. My grandfather is Russell M Klock, who died while I was on that deployment to Bosnia in 2000. I was born in Snyder county Pennsylvania, my Father is Terrence R. Klock and my mother is Irene Klock (Dressler) and I grew up in Bloomsburg, PA. I have two brothers Terrence R. Jr. (Rusty) and Christian M and a sister Lori Klock. Rusty and Lori both live in the Virginia Beach area, and Rusty spent

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## **Benton Klock Continued**

22 years in the Navy achieving the rank of Senior Chief. Chris still resides in PA in Orangeville (Bloomsburg area) with his family. Let me know if there is any more info I can provide for you. By the way I have also visited Ft Klock in NY." Benton told me in his e-mail. Benton also served it Kuwait.

From the information that Benton sent me on his family and from his Grandfather obituary his line goes back to Johan Peter Klock who was born January 1, 1743 in Württemberg, Germany. Johann Peter died December 9, 1818 in Eldred, Schuylkill, Pennsylvania. He married Margaretha Truckenmiller in 1766 she was born March 1, 1743 in Württemberg, Germany and died December 9, 1818 in Eldred, Schuylkill, Pennsylvania.

New York has the largest population of Klocks in the United States Pennsylvania has the second largest.

### **The Times Record Troy, New York Thursday, October 11, 1958**

Klock W. Ryder, Retired Actor Dies at Residence

Klock W. Ryder of 534 2nd Ave., a retired actor of radio and stage and a commercial photographer, died at his residence yesterday after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ryder was born in Coldwater, Mich., and spent many years in Detroit and Chicago acting on Stage, in radio plays and television. He also resided and acted in New York City and had a character part in "State of the Union." He was also interested in commercial photography in the midwest. He had resided in Troy for three years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marguerite Dow. The funeral will be Saturday at Wolcott and interment will be in Glenside Cemetery there.

I found the above obituary of Klock W. Ryder in the Times Record, of Troy, New York. I did not have a Klock Ryder on my family tree. Was this his stage name? Not a lot of information from the obituary to go on. No birth date, names of parents just a name and death date. The Sherman O. Klock Genealogy had a Gardner Ryder who married Nancy A. Klock and they lived in Coldwater, Michigan, could this be the parents of Klock Ryder?

Census records were not much help. There was several Riders' living in Coldwater at that time. I could not find a Klock Ryder in any census and the census records for Gardner and Nancy Klock, did not list a Klock Ryder. A trip to Coldwater Library would be the only way to solve this mystery. David Renshaw in the Holbrook Heritage Room at the Branch District Library in Coldwater was a great help; we found a lot of information including the obituaries of Gardner and Nancy Ryder. GW Gardner was born Oct. 18, 1840 in New York and died July 22, 1912 in Coldwater, Michigan. He was loading furniture into a freight car and fell dead from a heart attack. He was 73 years of age. He had been a resident of Coldwater for several years and ran a book, stationary, and picture store. Later he engaged in upholstering furniture repair business. He married Nancy A. Klock, the daughter of Jeremiah Klock (Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Jane A. Dayan. Nancy was born January 01, 1846 and died October 04, 1940 at the age of 94. Gardner went by the name of George, Gardner, Walter and G.W. Ryder. G.W. and Nancy had three children; Nina Lulu Ryder, Joseph E. Ryder and Gardner Walter Ryder. Nina was born April 18, 1873 and died at the age of 15. G.W., Nancy and Nina are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater.

Joseph married Celestia Anderson and Gardner married Estella Anderson. A small announcement in the Coldwater Courier on Sept. 2, 1904, page 3, "Walter Ryder and Estella Anderson went to Chicago Wednesday to join the Flora DeVoss Theatrical Co. #2. Mr. Ryder will act in the same role as last season, while Miss Anderson goes as a "character lady". Several members of the Ryder family were in the Entertainment Business. From an article that was in the Coldwater Daily Reporter on Sept 23, 1908. "Ryders Busted" This article tells of how the Walter and Edward Ryder Stock Company started out from Coldwater with \$10.00, went broke. There were 14 members of this stock company. "The final blow came Saturday night when Walter Ryder lost a \$50.00 Bill, almost the entire receipts for a night's engagements at Montague, Mich. The company was driving to Muskegon and he was fondly looking at the money when it flitted away in the breeze and could not be found, although the company searched three hours for it." **Continued Next Page**

## Klock W. Ryder Continued

The company disbanded after the lost but Walter claimed it was not the lost of the money that caused the company to break up, that they had decided to disband earlier because they had failed to draw many crowded houses. Walter then went to Chicago where he already had a good position. He would state another venture when the fall campaign was over.

From the articles in the Coldwater newspaper we can conclude that Klock Ryder was a stage name for Gardner Walter Ryder. His marriage to Estella Anderson ended in divorce and he later married Marguerite Dow. Joseph Ryder was born May 05, 1880 and died January 23, 1956 in Chicago, Ill.

Celestia died in Troy, New York on November 28, 1971 at the age of 88. Both are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater. I still have a few more questions. Was Estella and Celestia sisters? To get answer to that questions will require another trip to Coldwater. While there I will see what I can find on Jacob G. Klock who was born in New York in 1821. He married Lucretia Klock born in 1823. They are also buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. I will be putting the obituaries on line.

### Are you smarter than an 8<sup>th</sup>. Grader?

I received an e-mail from Mary Jane and Carlyle Smith that I thought I would share with you.

"We enjoyed the Klock Reunion this summer! We thought you might find this exam interesting as it relates to the presentation you gave in the school house. Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out! Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?"

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam:  
Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.

2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of 'lie', 'play', and 'run.'
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

### Arithmetic (Time, 65 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

### U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus .
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas .
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?

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## Are you smarter than an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Continued

8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

(Do we even know what this is???)

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, and syllabication.
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, sub vocal, diphthong, cognate letters, and lingual.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.'
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi-, dis-, mis-, pre-, semi-, post-, non-, inter-, mono-, and sup-.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas ?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia , Odessa , Denver , Manitoba ,Hecla , Yukon , St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of: Europe and give the capital of each.

8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?

9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.

10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

“Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying 'he only had an 8th grade education' a whole new meaning, doesn't it? This also shows you how poor our education system has become... and, NO! I don't have the answers.”

Mary Jane and Carlyle Smith

Thanks for sharing this Exam with us. I don't have the answers either.

## 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.

### Hillside Cemetery Village of Antwerp Jefferson County, New York

**Klock, Frankline** b. Feb. 8, 1932, d. July 18, 2000, married Sept. 29, 1956, Korea Army Vet. (No additional Information)

**Klock, Helen L.** 1923-1929, daughter of George & Lean. Additional Information: Helen was the infant daughter of George Erwin Klock (James, George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock).

**Klock, James** 1859-1912. Additional Information: James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) was born June 14, 1859. Married Cora M. Crook, November 11, 1885 and died March 05, 1912.

**Klock, Lena E.** 1901-1960, wife of George E. Additional Information: I do not have the maiden name of Lena, but she married George E. Klock. The son of James and Cora Crook.

**Klock, Webster J.** 1855- 1900. Additional Information: Webster married Fannie E. Crook.

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Note: Cora and Fannie Crook were sisters and James and Webster Klock were brothers. Sons of George Klock and Mary Walrath.

**Backus, Viola (Klock)** 1855-1943, wife of Frank J. Additional Information: Viola Klock was the daughter of Harvey Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Marilla Casler. Viola married Frank J. Backus (below) and they had five children.

**Backus, Frank J.** 1851-1913. Additional Information: Frank Backus married Viola Klock above.

**Klock, Addie C.** 1888-1969, daughter of James and Cora. Additional Information: Addie was the daughter of James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Cora Crook Klock. Addie never married.

**Klock, Cora M.** (Crook) 1865-1945, wife of James. Additional Information: Cora M. Crook married James Klock (see line above) on November 11, 1885 in Antwerp, Jefferson Co., N.Y. She was born February 06, 1865. Cora and James had four children; Edith, Addie (above), George and Glen.

**Klock, Cynthia F.** 1893-1940, wife of Erastus C. Klock. Additional Information: I do not have Cynthia's maiden name but she married Erastus Crook Klock. I have them with one daughter Virginia who was born about 1919.

**Klock, James** 1859-1912. Additional Information: James was the son of George Klock and Mary Walrath. See line above.

**Klock, Lena E.** 1901-1960, wife of George E. Additional Information. Lena married George Erwin Klock. I do not have the maiden name. They had one child, Helen (above) who died young.

**Klock, Webster J.** 1855- 1900. Additional Information: Webster was the son of George

Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock).and Mary Walrath. He married Fannie E. Crook. They had four children.

**Seely, Cassius B.** 1877-1934. Cassius Seely married Edith Klock below.

**Seely, Edith (Klock)** 1886-1983, wife of Cassius. Additional Information: Edith was the daughter of James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock)and Cora M. Crook.

**Seely, James** 1926-1964, son of Cassius & Edith Klock Seely. Additional Information: See line above.

### Clayton Cemetery Town of Clayton Jefferson County, New York

**Klock, George N.** 1862 - 1901. Additional Information: George N. Klock was born March 01, 1862 and died June 27, 1901. I have him as the son of Nathaniel Klock (Harvey, George G.I., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich, and Hendrick Klock) and Mary J. Parker. He married Lucy Johnson on July 4, 1885. George and Lucy had three children; Lottie "Cattie", Hattie and Nathan George Klock.

### Town of Alexandria Brookside Cemetery Jefferson County, New York AKA: Plessis Brookside and Plessis

**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.)

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