



# Klock Connections

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Klock Family of Marcellus, Michigan



**Frank J. Corr, Jr. and his wife, Alice Van Evera Corr  
The VanEvera Connection**

Alice “Corr” McLoughlin recently sent me an eight page family sketch that her mother (Alice C. “VanEvera” Corr) had written several years ago on the history/genealogy of the VanEvera family.

“Two brothers, Myrdert and Carsten Frederickse VanEveren were among the first settlers of Beverwjk, (now Albany) N.Y. as early as 1659. They came from Ivern, on the Rhine, in Holland,” according to the information Alice sent me. I can’t put the entire eight pages in the newsletter, but I would like to share parts of the family sketch with you.

First let me tell you how the VanEvera family connects to the Klock family. Frank Corr Jr. married Alice C. VanEvera, who was the daughter of Howard R. VanEvera and Julia S. Allen. Julia

Allen was the daughter of Alfred Allen and Alice Saltsman. Alice Saltsman was the daughter of Nathan Saltsman and Elizabeth Klock. Elizabeth Klock was the daughter of Jonas Klock (Jacob J., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Mary Klock. Mary was the daughter of Jacob J., Jacob I. (who married Anna G. Klock), Johannes and Hendrick Klock). Anna G. Klock was the daughter of Johanguergh or Old George Klock.

“These early Dutch settlers intermarried (not closely!) for several generations, so that at the present time their descendants are more or less connected by blood relationships,” according to the sketch. I guess it’s how you look at it. Are cousins closely related, several people married their first cousins back then. See the following article sent to me by Anita Smith.

“The VanEvera were hard-working, honest and diligent farmers. They knew lean years and good years depending on the success of their crops. They never became wealthy farmers—just comfortable well-off financially.” According to the sketch.

“My father, Howard was born on the farm and grew up there. He attended school at Sprakers—only a mile away, and then went to Canajoharie High School. I can remember hearing him tell about walking to Sprakers to go to Church and school. After he left school, the family moved to Canajoharie and lived first on Maple Avenue and then bought the present Van Evera home on Montgomery Street. My father and grandfather went into business together and opened their store, O.C. Vanvera and Sons, located on what was known as the Bowery. The rear of the store faced the Erie Canal and the canal boats tied up there to buy supplies, including hay and feed for the donkeys that pulled the boats thru the canal. There was a very narrow roadway between the canal and the rear door of the store. There was just room

## The VanEvera Connection Continued

enough for our delivery wagon to bring in merchandise for the store and to load up to make deliveries in the village. When the canal boat tied up for supplies, a ramp was placed from the doorway directly to the boat and then supplies were loaded right into the boat.

The store carried groceries, kerosene, flour, feed for chickens, horses and farm animals and bales of hay and straw. They also bought and sold fur pelts which were kept up over the store in the attic. I can barely remember the furs for they were soon discontinued—about the time World War I, started.”

“I worked after school making out bills and answering the phone as soon as I was able to help out—probably when I entered High School or about that time, we put our old delivery horse “out to pasture”, or well-earned retirement, and my father bought a Model T Delivery Truck. The man who had made deliveries previously was let go and my father used the truck to make deliveries himself. If either grandpa or my father happened to be ill or had to be away from the store, the other had to make the deliveries, and I was “in charge” of the store. I didn’t mind working on the books, or answering the phone to take orders, but I hated weighing out chicken feed and oyster shells and most of all, I hated pumping out kerosene, a gallon at a time.”

“Gradually groceries were dropped when the chain-groceries came to town. The A and P Store was the first—I remember that during World War when sugar became scarce during the war, the last bag was brought up to our house for the family use and the rest of the groceries were quickly phased out. They continued to sell flour, feed, hay and straw. People stopped keeping horses and chickens in the village and we soon acquired a Bakery in town so women no longer baked bread. Consequently business dwindled until we sold only to the farmers and eventually the business was sold out. I have no exact date, but it must have been about 1926. The store was a thing of the past when I left for college in September of 1927.”

Thanks Alice for sending me this interesting family sketch and for the picture of your parents for this article.

Alice C. VanEvera was born February 12, 1910 and died March 08, 2001. She married Frank Corr Jr. who was born December 31, 1901 and died in 1980. Frank and Alice had two children; Alice, who sent me the family sketch and Margaret.

Margaret married Anthony Costantino. Margaret and Anthony have a son, Michael Joseph.

Alice was born February 23, 1941 the daughter of Frank Corr Jr. and Alice C. VanEvera. She married William McLoughlin on October 09, 1965 and they have two children; Mary Caroline and William John McLoughlin Jr.

## All In The Family

Anita Smith sent me this little tidbit. Interesting! I guess we are all cousins---Thanks Anita.

### All In The Family

**Everybody comes from 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, etc. Every generation back we go, we have twice as many lineal ancestors.**

**This is very much like the Persian Chessboard problem. If there are, say, 25 years to a generation, then 64 generations is  $64 \times 25 = 1600$  years ago, or just before the fall of the Roman Empire. So, every one of us alive today had in the year 400 some 18.5 quintillion ancestors—or so it seems—to say nothing about collateral relatives.**

**But this is far more than the population of the Earth, then or now. It is far more than the number of human beings who ever lived. Something is wrong with our calculation. What? We have assumed all those lineal ancestors to be different people. But this is not the case. The same distant ancestor is related to us by many different routes. We are repeatedly connected with our relatives. Every marriage brings cousins together.**

**If we go back far enough, any two people anywhere on Earth have a common ancestor. Whenever a new American President is elected, someone—generally in England—discovers that the new President is a distant relative of the Queen of England. This announcement is intended, perhaps, to soothe any residual American longing for a king of our own. Of course, when two people derive from the same small corner of the world, and their genealogies are well-recorded, the last common ancestor can be discovered. But whether it can be discovered or not, a relationship is clear: We are all cousins—all members of a vast world-girdling family. It's time, I think, for a reunion.**

*Anita Smith*

**The Syracuse Herald  
Syracuse, New York  
9 Oct 1933**

**Railroad Man Fatally Hurt In Yard Here  
Bert Klock, Conductor for D., L. & W., Slips From  
Car  
Train Halts Too Late  
Arm Cut Off, Skull Fractured, Dies Before  
Ambulance Comes**

Slipping off the ladder of a Freight care while supervising switching operations near West Fayette and Wyoming Streets early this morning, Bert Klock, 66, employee of the D.,L., & W. Railroad for a quarter of a century, was injured fatally when he fell between two of the cars. One of his arms was amputated by the wheels of the freight car, and although police and an ambulance from St. Joseph Hospital were summoned immediately, Klock died from loss of blood and a fractured skull before he could be taken to the hospital.

Klock, a freight conductor, who lived at 509 Seymour Street, was on his way to the Great Northern warehouse, 348 West Fayette Street, with Amos Wade, engineer, to switch three cars.

The conductor had climbed a ladder on the side of one of the cars, according to police, as the train got in motion. Suddenly the conductor disappeared from sight and Wade not seeing his lantern, brought the locomotive to a halt, but not before the wheels of the train had run over Klock. The engineer summoned aid, but Klock was dead when the ambulance arrived and he was taken to the county morgue. The conductor was a native of Brewerton. He is survived by his wife, and a brother, Schiller Klock. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

**Additional Information:**

The Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western Railroad (D.,L., & W. Railroad) incorporated in the 1830's. Working on the railroad was a very dangerous occupation; men had to go in between moving cars for coupling and uncoupling and ride the cars to work the brakes; hundreds of railroad workers were injured or killed every year in railroad accidents. There were two employees of this railroad killed on October 9, 1933 in separate incidents. Bert Klock and a Fredrick Strotman.

Bert was the son of George Klock (Abraham Klock, Joseph Jr. Clock, Joseph Clock Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) Bert's father, George Klock and his brother, Theodore Klock was also killed in railroad accidents. Bert's father, George was born in 1848 and was killed in a railroad accident on September 23, 1884. He married Phoebe Slater and they had three children; Schiller, Theodore and Bert Klock.

Theodore was born in 1861. He married Bertha May Wood. Theodore and Bertha had two children; Leon Cornell and Karl Theodore Klock. Theodore Klock was killed in a railroad accident in Fulton, New York. April 18, 1889.

Alexander Schiller Klock never married and is listed on the 1930 Census for Onondaga, Onondaga, New York as Inmate in the Onodaga County Home and Hospital.

**Death Notice of John H. Klock  
Dunkirk Evening Observer  
May 27, 1890  
Dunkirk, New York**

**A Druggist's Death**

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 27--John H. Klock, the oldest druggist in this city died Sunday evening of a complication of diseases. He was born in Herkimer county, N.Y. in 1822, and came to this city in 1849. His wife and four children survive him.

**Additional Information:**

John H. Klock was a leading druggist in New Haven, Conn., where he removed from Fort Plain, N.Y. in 1849; he resided in New Haven; burial of both in New Haven.—Sherman O. Klock Genealogy.

John Henry Klock was born October 17, 1822 in St. Johnsville, New York. He was the son of Christopher Klock (George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Elizabeth Dysslin. He married Sophronia Harter. John and Sophronia had five children; Emma who was born October 13, 1852 and died at the age of 25. She never married; Elizabeth, Sopronia, Caroline, and John H. Klock Jr. I do not have any information on the children, except there dates of birth. I believe John Henry Klock Jr. married Alice Hendryx. If you have any information on the children of John Henry Klock, please let me know.



Above is a picture of the Tenth Annual Klock Family Reunion was held at the home of Lipe Klock (Fort Klock) in St. Johnsville, New York on August 29, 1912. The family of Lipe Klock held reunions at Fort Klock beginning in 1902. The largest reunion was held in 1902. People signed their name in a book when they attended the Klock Family Reunions. (1902-1932 ) This book is in the possession of the Alex Klock Don Family. I was able to obtain a copy of this book. You can find a list of names of the people who attended these reunions, on my web page, [www.klockconnection.com](http://www.klockconnection.com).

Lipe Klock was born in St. Johnsville at the Klock Family homestead, (Fort Klock) July 30, 1864. He was the son of Amos Klock (Adam I., John J., Johannes Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Nancy V. Lipe. Lipe Klock was married twice; his first wife was Alma N. Nellis. Alma Nellis was also a Klock descendant. She was the daughter of Peter Ira Nellis and Mary Catherine Saltsman. Peter Ira Nellis was the son of Ira Nellis and Dorothy Klock(John J. Jr., John J. Klock Johannes J. Klock and Hendrick Klock). Lipe and Alma had 10 children. His second wife was Clara Rexford Fox. Clara was married before to a Fox and she had two children; Leslie and Laura. Laura married a Sutton. Lipe and Clara had two more children, Lipe Klock, Jr. and Adam Amos Klock. Unless you are part of this family it becomes very confusing with all of children, step children, half brothers and sisters, etc.

#### Children of Lipe and Alma Nellis

1. Ada Nancy Klock. She was born April 09, 1886 and married Clinton Rudd Shaut.
2. Amos Peter Klock was born January 25, 1888. He married Grace Getman.
3. Willard Carlton Klock was born June 20, 1890 and died April 06, 1929.

4. Katharine Alma Klock was born September 21, 1892 and she married William H. Shaffer.
5. Marguerite Elisabetha Klock was born February 23, 1895 and she married Benjamin Fusmer.
6. Fred Danial Klock was born July 31, 1897. He died October 10, 1914 from drowning in the Mohawk River at Fort Plain while working day force of the Barge canal.
7. John Lipe Klock was born August 05, 1899. He married Marguerite Mary Wardell.
8. Walter Everett Klock was born April 18, 1903. He married Louise Keller.
9. David Klock, born about 1910 no additional information.
10. Ida May Klock born March 30, 1922, no additional information.

#### Children of Lipe and Clara Rexford Fox

1. Lipe Klock, Jr. was born December 15, 1924. He married Lousie Snell. They have a son David.
2. Adam Amos Klock was born August 12, 1926. He married Lois Snell, the twin sister of Louise. They have a son James Adam. I have never checked the line of Lois and Snell to find out if they somehow connect back to the Klock Family.

On October 30, 1936, Lipe Klock died. His wife, Clara could not make a living on the farm. It was during the Great Depression, the Barn had burned, her husband was gone, two small boys to raise. She moves from the drafty, old, cold, stone building in order to secure employment in town. She rented it out for a while but the building that had been the home of the Klock Family for so many generations soon fell into disrepair. But this was not the end of this old Klock family homestead. It was an end of an era, but it was also the beginning of a new one. The Tryon County Muzzle Loaders took this old building and brought new life back into it and turned Fort Klock into a National Historic Landmark.

We are grateful to Skip Barshied and all the Tryon County Muzzle Loaders for saving Fort Klock and preserving it for everyone to enjoy and at the same time, saving our family history.

## Cemetery List Continued From Last Month

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.

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

**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.

**Town of Orleans  
Four Corners Cemetery  
Jefferson County, New York**  
AKA: Orleans Four Corners Cemetery

**Hax, Barnet** 1842-1926 CO.G 10TH NY H.ART. C.W. Additional Information: See Below.

**Hax, Francina (Klock)** 1848-1925, wife of Barnet. Additional Information: Francina Klock Hax was born in the town of Orleans in 1849, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Klock. She was twice married, her first husband being Lorenzo Snell. He met death during the Civil war and Mrs. Snell later married Mr. Hax. One child was born of her first marriage, a son, Lorenzo. She may have been the daughter of Jacob Adam Klock. (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) or she may have been the daughter of Adam (son of Jacob Adam) and Martha Clock. She is listed on the 1860 census for Orleans, Jefferson, New York living with Elijah Klock who was 25. Francina was 12. She was too old to be his daughter, she was either his sister or niece.

**Hax, Mable M.** d, Feb. 15, 1876 (1 yrs. 1mo. 1day) Dau. of Barnet & Francina. Additional Information: See Above.

**Klock Adam** b. Nov. 17, 1825, d. Sept. 29, 1901, married Martha Clock. Additional Information: Adam was the son of Jacob

Adam (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) Martha Clock was the daughter of Jacob Klock (Henry, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) I have them with two children; Henry D., and Jacob Merton. They also could be the parents of Francina above who was born in 1848.

**Klock, Burton** died Jan 12, 1872, 11 months and 10days old, son of Eliger & Emily. Additional Information: Burton was the son of Elijah Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) and Emily Cartwright.

**Klock, Catherine** died 1863, aged 39 yrs. 6 months and 21 days. No Additional Information.

**Klock, Catherine (Gray)** died 1873, aged 73 yrs. 6 months 4 days, wife of Jacob A. Klock Additional Information: Catherine Gray married Jacob Adam Klock (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock)

**Klock, Jacob A.** died April 6, 1879, aged 78 years. Additional Information: Jacob Adam Klock was the son of Adam, (Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock). He married Catherine Gray above.

**Klock, Lulu** 1887- 1907. No additional information.

**Klock, Samuel** d. Feb. 23, 1863, aged 39 yrs. 6 mo.21 days, son of Jacob and Catherine. Additional Information: Samuel was the son of (Jacob Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob, and Hendrick Klock). Note: the date and age of the Catherine Klock above. "aged 39 yrs. 6 months and 21 days." Most of the information for the list comes from cemetery information I found on line. Volunteers go out to these cemeteries and check cemetery records and take information from the head stones. Sometimes the stones are hard to read. I wonder if Catherine and Samuel information came from a large family type stone and the above Catherine is Catherine Gray Klock and the other Catherine is really Samuel.

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