



# Klock Connections

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Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Cmdr. Brian Klock

I am sure you recognize the former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, but who is the man following just behind him? His name is Robert Brian Klock.

I received an e-mail from Brian on December 10, 2008; "I thought I'd touch base. I am Robert Brian Klock, I grew up in New Orleans where my family has lived since the 1870's," Robert who goes by his middle name, Brian told me in his e-mail. "Most of my family still lives in New Orleans. I live in Houston with my family."

I don't know yet, if Brian is connected to our Klock Family. Brian is going to send me some information and I will do some research and let you know. "I have dates in an old bible someplace. Hurricane Ike took out my house so I have stuff everywhere." Brian told me in his e-mail.

When I first received his e-mail, I was not sure if I had talked with this Brian Klock before; I told him that I have met several Klocks, in person or by e-mail. "I have met Klock's as well.

Most unusual was a young Marine I ran into while in Sarajevo a few years ago. He was from PA like a lot of the Klock's." Brian was talking about Marine Staff Sgt. Benton Klock that I wrote about in Issues 23 and 88. "When I met Benton I was working for the Defense Intelligence Agency though. I have served in a lot of different roles."

Brian has 27 years of Military service, many in top-level counter-terrorism, "I am a Navy Commander in the reserves. I am an intelligence officer. I have spent a great deal of my career working for NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service) as a credentialed agent in counterintelligence/ counterterrorism. I have been the intelligence officer for a P3 squadron chasing Soviet submarines around the Atlantic and Med. I have done several overseas trips for NCIS and DIA in the counter intel mission. The most interesting job I've had was after 9/11 I was recalled to active duty by NCIS. After a stint in Greece in support of Enduring Freedom missions I was asked to be a part of NCIS Protective Operations Division." Brian told me in his e-mails. NCIS Protective Operations Division protected the leadership of American and foreign dignitaries. "I did that for nearly two years and had a blast. I got to meet a lot of the leadership of our country as well as those of other countries." Brian told me. "It was an exciting time."

"I am currently Planning and Training officer for a CENTCOM Intelligence unit in San Antonio." Brian told me he submitted his retirement papers just a few weeks ago.

Brian was born October 29, 1956 and holds Undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University. **Continued Next Page**

## **Robert Brian Klock Continued**

Brian married Susan Wilson April 22, 1995 and they have a daughter, Taylor Nicole Klock who was born Jan. 19, 1996. "The toughest part of being gone is not getting to spend time with her," Brian told me in his e-mails.

"As a civilian I work for an oil services company in corporate security. We have projects around the world and I get to help protect the folks working on those projects." Brian told me.

In researching for this article, I found that Brian was President of the Greater Houston Council of the Navy League and former president of the Military Officers Association of America, Houston Chapter. (The Military Officers Association of America, or MOAA, is an association of 370,000 military officers, including active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, and former officers and their families. It is an independent, nonprofit, and politically nonpartisan organization. MOAA's focus includes military personnel matters, especially in regards to legislation affecting the MOAA community.) Brian was a former financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, Twice deployed to the Balkans in support of Naval and Marine forces, and recalled to duty after the September 11, 2001 attacks to support U.S. forces in Operation Enduring Freedom. Brian was also one of several candidates that ran in the Republican primary for Congress in Texas's 22nd congressional district in 2008.

Brian, thanks for the picture and information. I look forward to receiving the information on your family so I can see if we are connected.



**Vernon I. Klock**  
**1937-1958**

Vernon I. Klock was born in 1937, the son of Vernon G. Klock (Newton W., William Jr., William Klock, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) and Alice Louise

Klock (Hiram H. Klock, William Jr. Klock, William Klock, Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock). He was native in Kirkville, New York, which is situated east of Minoa on the eastern border (near Syracuse) in Onondaga County, New York. Vernon graduated Minoa High School, where he was a member of the high school football team and band.

On March 16, 1958 four new deputy sheriffs were appointed by Sheriff Albert Stone, Fred Rogers, Raymond Ellis, Joseph DeMore and Vernon I. Klock. Vernon was 21 years old and a sergeant in the 249 Armored Medical Detachment of the National Guard based at the E. Genesee Street Armory in Syracuse. He was Deputy Sheriff for 6 months when a terrible car accident took his life. Vernon was a musician and played in a band. He was on his way home when the accident occurred. Troopers investigating the accident believe Vernon fell asleep at the wheel.

Sheriff Albert Stone and 58 Deputies attended the funeral services; six fellow deputy sheriffs acted as pall bearers. Officiating at the funeral was Rev. David Bunville, assisted by the Rev. Herbert D. Lommis of James Street Methodish Church. Members of the 249 Armored Medical Detachment officiated at the burial at White Chapel Memorial Garden Cemetery in Syracuse, New York.

Vernon was survived by his parents and two younger brothers, David and Paul. David married Charlotte Amy Matteson in July of 1958. They have three children. Paul, who was 17 when his brother died, married Tamara Townsend. Paul and Tamara have two children.

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful Christmas Cards and e-mails. And for all the great comments about Klock Connections. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute an article or information to the newsletter, please send them to me. My address is on the front page.

Dave

**A Klock Family Sketch**  
**Adam A. Klock**

Adam A. Klock was born January 28, 1800 in Herkimer, New York; a descendant of Col. Jacob Klock and his wife, Elizabeth Bellinger. He was reared of the farm and educated in the Herkimer County Public Schools. He was well educated both in writing and spoke German or Dutch as it was then called. He lived with his family in Herkimer county until the fall of 1837 when he moved to Troga County, Pennsylvania. When he was about 20 he married his sweetheart, Nancy Hart. She was born in Herkimer December 10, 1802. Adam and Nancy had a rather large family, 10 children. He was a farmer and a Republican in politics having also been a Whig. Adam died December 13, 1875, his wife Nancy died March 17, 1884. Both are buried in Wellsboro where they resided at the time.

Of their children, Jessie Klock was born December 20, 1821. He married Mary A. Marvin and they had six children. Jessie was born in New York, and moved with his parents to Pennsylvania, later he moved to Illinois in 1852. Jessie's brother, Henry, than 18, when with him. Jessie later lived in Kansas and in Oregon where he died February 15, 1896. His wife, Mary died July 15, 1901.

Jeremiah Klock was born in Herkimer, May 05, 1824. He was twelve years old when he moved with his parents to Pennsylvania. "He could not speak a word of English", according to his Obituary that was published in the Wellsboro Agitator on Wednesday, November 9, 1915. On October 30, 1845, he married Maria Abrams. Jeremiah and Maria had five children. They resided on a farm in Charleston, about four miles from Wellsboro until October 1877 when they moved into the town of Wellsboro.

Irene Klock was born August 07, 1826. She married Waldo May and they had four children. Waldo was born April 28, 1820 and died September 17, 1887. Irene died June 03, 1869.

Margaret Klock was born October 23, 1828 in Herkimer, New York. She married

Charles Brown. Charles was born August 03, 1814 and died February 11, 1890. Charles and Margaret had eight children. Margaret died September 22, 1906. Charles and Margaret are buried in Cherryflats Cemetery, Tioga, Pennsylvania.

John Adam Klock was born March 11, 1831 in Herkimer, New York. He married Lydia Ann Dartt. Lydia was born August 16, 1829 and died August 28, 1864. John and Lydia had a son, Arthur L. Klock who was born January 29, 1859 and died August 20, 1862 in Peoria, Ill. John married again Marian Caroline Tucker and they had a daughter, Nellie, who was born November 20, 1876.

Edwin Klock was born May 07, 1833 in Herkimer, New York. He married Mary Petrie. Edwin and Mary had four children.

Henry H. Klock was born in Herkimer, N.Y. on November 27, 1835. Henry moved to Illinois with Brother Jessie, He married Emma Butler and had seven children. Henry Klock was a Rev. of the Advent Christian Church, a school teacher and merchant. The following Obituary in The Wellsboro Agitator, on April 5, 1905.

The sad intelligence has been received here of the death by drowning of Dr. Ross Klock at Ottumwa, Kan, son of Mr. Henry H. Klock, formerly of Charleston, Dr. Klock was graduated about a year ago from medical college and he returned to his home at Ottumwa and opened an office and had already secured a large practice.

On the night of March 18th. he was returning from a professional visit and was drowned while attempting to ford a river which was in flood. His body was recovered the next day. Mr. Henry Klock, the young doctor's son, left Tioga county for the West soon after he came home from the war. His life has been full of sad experiences. Of his seven children only two daughters are now left. Old and feeble, he is now deprived of the only son, in whom he took so much pride and on whom he depended. He is a brother of Messra Jermiah Klock of this borough and Hiram and Andrew Klock, of Charleston. Dr. Ross Klock was a cousin of Mr. Milton Klock.

Andrew J. Klock was born in Pennsylvania.

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## **A Klock Family Sketch Continued**

He married Ester Matilda Avery who was born October 08, 1841. They had three children. Catherine Klock was the ninth child born to Adam and Nancy Hart Klock. She died in infancy. She was a twin with Hiram Klock. They were born April 16, 1842. Catherine only lived about 10 days. Hiram Klock married Mary E. Davis and they had two children. He also married Eliza Parke. He died at the age of 77 in Charleston Twp. Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. His obituary was in The Wellsboro Agitator, September 24, 1919.

### **Death of Hiram Klock**

Hiram Klock, aged 77 years, of Charleston township, died Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock. He was born in Charleston April 16, 1842.

Mr. Klock is survived by two children-- Frank Klock of Wellsboro, R.D. 5 and Mrs. Howard Nash, of Clay N.Y., also by one brother, Andrew Klock of Wellsboro and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Brooks of Roundtop. He served during the civil war in Co. K, 207th Regt, and was a member of the Methodist church of Roundtop.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. M.S. Blair officiating; burial in Wellsboro cemetery.

The last child born to Adam and Nancy "Hart" Klock was Mary E. Klock. She married George D. Brooks who also served in the Civil War. George and Mary had four children.

In case you weren't countin', that's a total of 41 grandchildren.

### **Obituary of George E. Klock Bennington Evening Banner Bennington, Vermont Jan 29, 1959**

George E. Klock

George E. Klock of 117 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Oswego, N.Y., who died suddenly Jan. 14, at Oswego Hospital after a short illness, was the son of Mrs. Martha C. Klock, who at one time operated a ladies' furnishings store on Main street. He was born in Little Falls, N.Y.

March 14, 1888, and therefore would have been 71 his next birthday. He had spent his younger years in Bennington and was a direct descendant of the Klocks, who were among the early settlers of central New York state. Fort Klock still bears the name.

In 1907 he married Laua Greenslet, sister of Mrs. Arthur Rickert of Gage street. Mr. and Mrs. Klock celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary two years ago.

Mr. Klock owned and operated a farm for many years on Route 5 between Little Falls and Herkimer. For the past 23 years he has been employed by Niagara Mohawk Power Co. of Oswego, where he was sales manager. He retired in 1953. Surviving is his wife Lara, and a daughter, Mrs. Francis (Marion) Jones of Syracuse, N.Y.; one grandson, Gary.

Funeral services were held from Mayer Funeral Home in Oswego. Burial will be in Little Falls.

**Additional Information:** George was the son of Frank Elias Klock (Elias, Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Martha Carr. Frank Elias Klock was born September 11, 1857 and died December 10, 1911. Frank died in Little Falls, New York from a heart attack he suffered while in the local police station. He was found on Sough Ann Street, badly intoxicated and taken to the police station where he died. His obituary was in the St. Johnsville Enterprise and News in Dec. 1911. Frank married Martha Carr. She was born November 20, 1853 and died March 10, 1940. Frank and Martha had one child, George. George was born March 14, 1888. He married Lura A. Greenslet. George and Laura had two children, Marian who married Francis Jones and George N. Klock who was born about 1909 and drowned in 1925.

### **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.

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

**Timmerman, Mary (Klock)** b. June 1, 1784 d. 4 Feb. 1872, wife of Fred. Additional Information: Mary Klock (George G., Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) married Frederick Timmerman. Frederick and Mary had 11 children.

**Timmerman, Frederick** b. April 19, 1786, d. Feb 28, 1860. Additional Information: Frederick Timmerman married Mary Klock above.

**Town of Orleans.  
Grove Cemetery  
Jefferson County, New York**

**Klock, Adele (Constock)** b. April 18, 1922, d. Dec. 6, 1993, wife of Ivan. Additional Information: Adele married Ivan Lewis Klock in the Lutheran Church in Whitesboro on May 05, 1950. Ivan and Adele had five children.

**Klock, Adele (Myers)** b. Apr. 25, 1866, d. May 26, 1935, wife of Willard. Additional Information: Adele Myers married Willard Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, , Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). I have them with one child; Fern who married Charles Richardson.

**Klock, Ivan L.** b. Nov. 6, 1910, d. Jan. 15, 2002 married May 15, 1950, WW2 Army Vet. Additional Information: Ivan Lewis Klock was the son of Jacob Merton Klock (Adam, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock.) and Lucy Ortleib Klock. He married Adele Bernice Comstock, above. He was a WW- II, Army Vet. He served in the Army from March 24, 1941 to April 1945 and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, Caledonia and Australia. He was a member of the Klock-Smith American Legion Post # 1788, which was named in part for his brother, Clair, who was killed in Germany during WW-11. He was an avid

hunter and fisherman. He owned a Moble Station which he purchased in 1949 and drove truck for the town of Orleans. He worked at the Foote gas station before entering the Army. He was a member of the LaFargeville Fire Department.

**Klock, Joseph W.** b. Feb 23, 1914, d. July 1, 1950. Additional Information: Joseph Klock was the son of Lionel Klock and Lottie Helen Babcock. (See line of Joseph Klock under Lionel on next page) Joseph never married and did not have any children.

**Klock , Lionel R.** b. Oct. 25, 1894 d. 1932, son of Jordon & Cora (Bergen). Additional Information: Lionel Klock (Jordan C., Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). I have Lionel born Oct. 25, 1894 and died in 1978. Lionel married Lottie Helen Babcock (below) and they did have a son Linnell R., who was born August 06, 1932. He may have died young and this is really the son, Linnell or Lionel. Lionel's wife, Lottie (see below) also died in 1932 which would make me think that she died in child birth with the birth of their son, Lionel or Linnell. Social Security Death Index has Lionel Klock, Last Residence: 13605 Adams, Jefferson, New York. Born: 25 Oct 1893 Last Benefit: 13605 Adams, Jefferson, New York. Died: Dec 1978

**Klock, Lottie H. (Babcock)** b. Jan 31, 1894, d. 1932, wife of Lionel R. Additional Information: Lottie Babcock married Lionel (above). They had six children; Joseph W., Marie Lottie who married Dennis I. Gibbs; Melvin; Francis Ross; Robert C., and Linnell R. Klock.

**Klock, Lulu** 1887-1907. No Additional Information.

**Klock, Robert C.** b. May 3, 1929 d. 1958. Additional Information: Robert was the son of Lionel Klock (see line above) and Lottie Helen Babcock. Robert married Gertrude Recor. Robert and Gertrude had five children; Joyce Florence, Robert Howard, Ann Marie, Mary Patrica, and Trudy Beth Klock.

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