



Klock Connections

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Timothy James Klock

I found some information on the Internet about a chain saw carver by the name of Tim Klock, who lives in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I decided to contact him for an article for this newsletter. While talking with Tim on the telephone we discovered that Tim and I are third cousins. His line goes back to my Grandfather, brother's family! Tim is the son of George August Klock (Ira August, Ira, Isaac, Christian I., John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Ruth Eger. Tim knew that his line went back to Fort Klock and the Mohawk Valley, by way of Michigan, but had never met any of his Michigan relatives. I had met some of Tim's family six or seven years ago. Sara Sally "Klock" Ohning was living in Florida and we exchanged genealogy information by e-mail. I also met Sally, her husband and brother, David at a Klock Reunion that was held at Fort Klock.

Tim was a contractor and roofer until about seven years ago when an accident put him on his back. He was working on a framing job when he was pushed off a beam by a 22 foot long pole. Tim fell 18 feet, broke his leg and nearly destroyed his ankle.

Tim has a friend who is a chain saw carver. To keep from going insane during his recovery Tim started carving using a chain saw. Unable to put weight on his foot; he had to carve from his knees and while lying on his back. He started with a few mushrooms and a large rough chess set. His friend showed him how to make a bear and an Indian face. It was not long before he was carving at festivals, alongside some of the best chain saw carvers in the United States. Just three years later he was standing on the podium with National Champion Carver, Denny Beach in first place, National Freestyle Champion, Michael Blaine in second place and Tim in third place, asking, Michael, "what the hell am I doing here?"

Today Tim makes his living with his chain saws. He carves in both wood and ice using nine Stihl and Echo Chain Saws. Tim also uses a variety of specialized carving tools and torches in his carvings. Concerned for the environment, Tim used Cornola oil as bar oil for his chain saws. "Cornola oil is biodegradable and will not harm the environment." Tim told me.

Tim Klock is ranked first place in the state of Maryland and 16th overall in the United States. Tim told me there are about 2500 -3000 carvers in the United States. "Carving just came natural to me, it's a gift," Tim told me. Tim uses chainsaws as if they were an extension of his arms. He has a studio in Altoona where he teaches others how to carve.

"I do a lot of benefit carves" Tim told me. "I give a lot of work away to organizations from Habitat for Humanity to the YMCA to Easter Seals.

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**National Road Chainsaw Carving Festival
June 2008**

Tim does a lot of work for churches because he believes in what they do. There is a life size sculpture of Michael the Archangel outside of St. Patrick's Church in Newry, Pa. that Tim carved.

Tim is a fixture at festivals in Central Pennsylvania and he makes trips all over the country, including one a year to Ridgway, that benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the national championship that is held yearly in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Many of the events where Tim carves are for charities.

"In competition there are three kinds of carving. There's quick carves, but it's not your best work. Then there's competition-style carving, which is a masterpiece-style carving, but it's time limited. You're forced to do the best you can in a limited amount of time. Then there's commission work. Commission is masterpiece work. You get to take your time and really create." Tim told us.

Tim comes from a large family! Tim is the youngest of ten children. His father, George August Klock went by the name, "Jack" and Jack was the youngest of eleven children born to Ira August Klock and Sarah Arkansas Woods. His father was born June 15, 1918 in Cambria Co., Pa. and was a veteran of World War II. He enlisted June 11, 1943. After the war Jack worked in the Coal Mines in Pennsylvania where he developed Black Lung Disease. He left the coal mines and became a cabinet maker. Jack died in May 1980 as a result of the Black Lung Disease.

I didn't know this was the same Tim Klock that I had on my family tree when I contacted him. After talking with Tim on the phone, Darla and I decided that on Monday June 22nd we were going to drive the six and hours it takes to get from St. Johnsville to Altoona, Pa. We were going to meet Tim and his family. We had a great visit with Tim, his mother, Ruth and Tim's brothers.



Tim carved us a bear. "Bears are the bread and butter for chain saw carvers. It seems like everyone wants a bear," Tim told us. It is what Tim called a quick carve, It took him less than an hour; from start to finish, including burning the color into the bear with his torches.

Darla recorded Tim carving our Klock Bear with our movie camera so we can show our family in Michigan.

Tim is going to do a benefit carve at Fort Klock this fall. He will be demonstrating his carving skills at the Fort Klock Craft Fair. He will make something we will be raffling off at the craft fair. The craft fair will be held at Fort Klock on September 12th.and 13th Tim has never been to Fort Klock and is looking forward to visiting the fort and the Mohawk Valley. Tim is divorced and has a twelve year old son. He is going to bring his son, Eli and camp out at the fort during the Craft Fair.

If you are in the area on September 12th and 13th you will not want to miss Tim work his magic turning a block of wood into a masterpiece.

Connecting People

This little newsletter has connected people in ways I never dreamed possible when I first started it eight years ago. The following article is an example of another connection made possible by the Internet and Klock Connections.

Dedicated to Wells Norris

In Issues 77 and 78 of Klock Connections I wrote a story about my search for Lois Joy Klock. I told you about an engagement announcement that was in the Chicago Tribune on January 9, 1949. Lois Joy Klock, daughter of Clarence Klock, was going to marry Wells Norris, son of Frank Norris of Dillon, South Carolina. Lois Joy Klock (Clarence, Edgar, Joseph Henry, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) was born in 1927. Wells Norris was born December 29, 1919 and died September 23, 2004. They were married June 25, 1949. I found a phone number for Lois and gave her a call. No one was home so I left a message. Wells and Lois had two daughters, Wendy and Janet. They had been over to their mother's home and heard the message I had left on the answering machine and returned my call. They told me that their mother had died the day before. Wendy and Janet sent me pictures and information about her family which I have added to my family tree.

On June 14, I received an e-mail from Heikki Hietala who lives in Klaukkala, Finland.

"I am a Finnish author of a book which involves the Pacific War. In its writing, I was much assisted by a WW2 pilot called Wells Norris," Heikki told me. "I found his name on your Klock family newsletter, and I was wondering if you would be so kind as to bring me into contact with his surviving family members?" An email address would be fine for initiating contact."

Heikki wanted to send a hardcopy of his book to the family. I have a policy not to give out e-mail address of people I have contacted so I forwarded the e-mail to Wendy. She could decide if she wanted to respond. Wendy did respond to Heikki e-mail. and Heikki e-mailed Wendy and cc's me a copy of that e-mail. I wanted to share some of that correspondence with you.

"This book project of mine began in 1996, when I started to write on a whim, really. I had it on the back burner, writing bits and pieces now and then, but in 1998 I decided to see if I can really make a book out of the

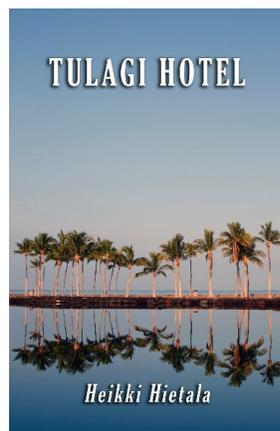
scribbles. Once I needed to know, what was the size of staterooms on Enterprise-class carriers, and quite a big bunch of other questions. So, on March 31, 1998, I went on Usenet News, into the soc.history.world-war-ii group, and posed some of the questions there. When I got back to my email the next morning, I had an answer from your father. It said, "I'll be glad to answer the questions. Wells Norris."

Thus began a correspondence which has helped me enormously. I believe we exchanged about a hundred emails on the subject of carrier warfare, life on Pacific bases, flying, planes etc. I was always amazed at his ability to use the Internet the way he did, hanging out at Usenet, emailing me, putting me in touch with his friends from Pratt & Whitney and so on. At some point this project went dormant due to work related pressures. I didn't consult Wells for a while, and then a mail I sent to him bounced. I guessed at that point he had passed away, but I was still sad to see from Dave Klock's excellent PDFs that he had passed away in 2004. But now that I have your address, I will send you your copy, which I promised Wells on April 15, 1998. Eleven years... it gives me great satisfaction to be able fulfill my promise. I will send it as soon as possible.

My very best regards to you, Wendy, and your family – you are the daughter of an exceptional man.

And Dave – thank you so much for helping me make contact with Wendy!

Wendy and Heikki, Your welcome and I'm glad I could help.... Dave



The following are links for Heikki book titled Tulagi Hotel

<http://www.blurb.com/my/book/detail/697759> or

<http://www.athonomy.com/ViewBook.aspx?bookid=1726>.

Anna (Nancy) Klock Zimmerman

Nancy Klock was born near St. Johnsville, New York on March 14, 1804, the daughter of Christian Klock and Eva Klock. Christian was the son of Jacob George, Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock, while Eva was the daughter of Jacob Klock, Jr., Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock. On December 04, 1825, Nancy married John H. Zimmerman. John was born November 03, 1799. Nancy and John had eight children; James, Eli, John J., Permela, Christian Klock Zimmerman, Elizabeth, Henry, and Eva Ann Zimmerman.

From the Sherman O. Klock Genealogy: Christian Klock, after the death of Col. Jacob Klock in 1798, lived on the homestead farm of the Colonel who had willed it to Christian's wife Eva, and who came into possession of it upon her grandfather death. The old dwelling place of the Colonel, which had witnessed many stirring scenes during the Revolution, and which had escaped the torch of the incendiaries who ran mad thought out the valley, was torn down about the year 1830, and a new house erected in its place; this building is still standing (1932) and is owned by the widow of the late Sheldon Klock, who bought the house and lot from the Snell estate. I might add that Sheldon Klock, was not closely related to Christian Klock, or his wife Eve, and did not inherit this property as has been said. Sheldon Klock married a Powell for his first wife, and the widow of John F. Klock for this second. The maiden name of his second wife was Lillian Richards, the daughter of Warren Richards. Near this home, and perhaps on the very spot, Hendrick Klock the pioneer settler built his dwelling of logs not later than 1723, and near there he spent his remaining days. Near it once stood the old Klock Church, and close by it the old Klock burial ground, where now lie many of name with unmarked graves. This Klock Church probably was built about 1750, and by Colonel Jacob Klock. Christian Klock served in the war of 1812 as Lieut. of the 1st. Regt. N.Y.S. militia.

Nancy Klock Zimmerman was proficient with the spindle and knitting needle and had a German Sheppard by the name of Rover. Nancy would wash and comb Rover and keep his fur. She would then card the fur, provided

by Rover, and using a drop spindle, spin it into yarn. She would use this yarn to knit into mittens called "dry fur mittens. She would give these mittens to her friends and relatives.

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.

Brookside Cemetery Town of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York

Mathers, Brayton buried bet 1869-1883
Additional Information: I have Brayton Mathers as born July 23, 1839. He married Lavina Klock, daughter of Stephen Klock and Anna Bellinger listed next. Brayton and Lavina had one son, Winfield Mather who married Nettie A Yoran.

Klock, Anna (Bellinger), 1812-1889.
Additional Information: Anna Bellinger, daughter of John F. Bellinger and Elizabeth Flanders married Stephen Klock (George G.I., George I, Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock). Elizabeth Flanders was the daughter of Henry Flanders who married Magdalena Klock (Jacob I., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock). Anna and Stephen Klock had six children.

Klock, Caroline M. 1889-1965 No additional information.

Klock, Catherine F. 1897-1974 No additional information.

Klock, Catherine J. 1838-1902. Additional Information: Catharine Jane Baird was born December 14, 1838 and died July 20, 1902. She married Morgan Klock.

Klock, Charles C. 1909-1984. Additional Information: Charles was the son of Lester J.
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Klock (Harvey, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Eunice May Woolever. Charles married Hilda Comins and they had a daughter, Barbara who married Frederick Thompson

Klock, Clara Georgina (Crouse) 1901-1998
Additional Information: Clara Georgina Crouse married Franklin I. Klock. See line below.

Klock, David S. 1889-1953. Additional Information: David S. Klock was the son of Jay C. Klock (Theron H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Julia Alma Watkins. David married a Carrie.

Klock, Florence E. died 1890, Infant. No Additional Information

Klock, Franklin L. 1907-1992. Additional Information: Franklin was the son of Lester J. Klock (Harvey, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam Klock Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Eunice May Woolever. He married Clara Georgia Crouse above.

Klock, Frederick G. 1866-1897. Additional Information: I have Fred G. Klock (Morgan, Stephen, George G.I., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich, and Hendrick Klock) born November 13, 1863 and died September 10, 1897. Fred G. Klock died at the age of 34 years of a burst appendix. He married Grace Becker of Pulasi, New York. Frederick and Grace Becker had four children, Catharine, was born on the day of his funeral. While she was being born upstairs, her father funeral was being held down stairs in the house where they lived. He had been liberally educated, and was general manager of the firm of Farwell & Rhines.

Klock, George G.I. 1792-1875. Additional Information: George G.I. Klock was the son

of George I. Klock (Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Barbara Bauder. George G.I. Klock married Harriet Goodale.

Klock, Grace (Becker) 1864-1925. Grace Becker married Frederick G. Klock.

Klock, Harriet (Goodale) 1793-1878.
Additional Information: Harriet Goodale married George G.I. Klock.

Klock, Hilda E. 1912-1980. Additional Information: Hilda Comins married Charles C. Klock.

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.

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