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Carol Calkins Learns About Her Family History and Visits Fort Klock

Carol Calkins e-mailed me in March of 2006 from Orlando, Florida. She was surfing the net and found the Klock Connections Web Page. She wanted to find out if her grandparents, Floyd and Myrtle Klock was related to the Mohawk Valley Klock Family. She told me that her grandfather may have run a general store in Franklinville, New York, however she did not know if it was true. "My mother was Wilma Klock Brewer. She died 1959, so I didn't get a lot of information on them, I remember a brother being mentioned as Perry Klock," she told me in her e-mail.

After some research on her grandfather Floyd Klock, I e-mailed her back. I did not have a lot of information on Floyd Klock, but this is what I did have. Floyd Klock was born in Franklinville, New York in 1878. He married Myrtle Reynolds about 1905. I had Floyd and Myrtle with two children, Wilma who was born in 1907, and Helen, who was born in 1909. I do not know if he ran a general store in

Franklinville or not.

From Census Records, I was able to tell her that in 1900, Floyd was living in Buffalo, New York. He was 22 years old, not married, working as a trainman and living at Harpers Rooming House. His parents were Perry A. and Laura Klock. I did not have Laura, maiden name, but I had them with two children, her grandfather, Floyd and Earl Davis Klock.

Earl Davis Klock was born November 30, 1880 and died February 27, 1918. The cause was given as a appendicitis and a weak heart which could not withstand an operation. I have the obituary of Earl Davis Klock and it states he was 27. This should be 37 as he was born November 30, 1880 and did Feb. 27, 1918.

He married Feb. 3, 1910, Augusta Hahn of Buffalo, New York. Aside from assisting his father more or less upon the farm, found his principle employment with the Franklinville Canning Corporation.

I told her that Perry A. Klock, father was Jacob Klock who married Abigail Ayers Woolever. I had them with six children. I gave Carol the rest of her line as Jacob Clock Margaret Elizabeth Christman, Jacob Conrad Clock, who married Anna Eva Staring, Conrad Clock, who married Anna Elizabeth Dygert and Hendrick Klock.

Carol was excited to receive the information that I did have on her family. I send her a disk with my family tree and I also told her about Fort Klock. She had never heard of Fort Klock and wanted to see it for herself.

On Monday, July 17, 2006, Carol, her daughter and two grandchildren visited Fort Klock for the first time. The Fort is closed on Mondays, but Darla and I opened the fort for her and gave them a private tour. We also visited the Klock

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Cemeteries and the Margaret Rainey Memorial Library. We went out for dinner and had an enjoyable day visiting. There are just too many

interesting places to visit in the Mohawk Valley in one day. Carol hopes to return someday and see more of the sites the Mohawk Valley has to offer.



The Tryon County Muzzle Loaders

ALEXANDER KLOCK DON, FORT KLOCK AND THE TRYON COUNTY MUZZLE LOADERS

Alexander Klock Don, the son of William Don and Catharine Klock (Amos, Adam I., John J., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) was born February 26, 1889 and died in 1957. In 1953 when the Tryon County Mussel Loaders were looking for a place to meet, Alexander and his wife Mabel Don were the owners of the Old Klock Family Farm known as Fort Klock.

On March 4, 1953, twelve men interested in collecting and the firing of antique guns met for the first time. They organized a group that became known as the "Tryon County Muzzle Loaders". Alex Klock Don, a WW-1 Veteran, was also interested in old firearms and soon joined the group. On September 20, 1954, after many discussions about Fort Klock, Alex granted a 20 year lease with option to renew for another 20 years to the Muzzle Loaders. In the early 1960's, discussion began regarding the creation a new group that could be chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. The Board of Regents would not grant a charter to an organization in the name of Tryon County Muzzle Loaders so Fort Klock Historic Restoration was born.

On September 13, 1965 after the death of her husband Mabel Don deeded the property to the Fort Klock Historic Restoration, but the deed contained a reversion clause. On May 26, 1993 Fort Klock Historic Restoration purchased the reversion clause for the family of Mabel Don.

. In the early years of the Tryon County Muzzle Loaders, the group became well known for what was called the "Fort Klock Pageant". Shortly after the work began in 1954, a flagpole was raised. The 204th anniversary of the "Battle of Klock's Field" would be held on October 19, 1954. October 17th was chosen as the first flag raising, and thus became known as the Fort Klock Pageant. Each year for the next nine years, a pageant was written by secretary Douglas Ayres Jr. and was presented on the Fort grounds.

During the summer and early fall of 1958, preparations were being made for the fifth pageant. Our buckskin-clad firing squad was practicing their part in the program and family members were rehearsing their parts as well. Thoughts were turning to proposals about the pageant dedication. Our benefactor, who had made the Fort restoration project possible, had passed away. There was no one who deserved the honor more than Alexander Klock Don.

DEDICATION TO ALEXANDER KLOCK DON

Tyron County Muzzle Loaders, Inc. dedicate this fifth annual historical pageant to the revered memory of a fellow citizen and true American, a veteran of World War I and a member and outstanding friend of this organization, Alexander Klock Don, St. Johnsville.

Through the generosity, kindness and far sightedness of Alex Don the Tryon County Muzzle Loaders acquired Fort Klock and its beautiful grounds.

Convinced that the Muzzle Loaders were sincere in their avowed purpose of an historical restoration of this Fort, built in 1750, Alex Don, a direct Klock descendent and owner of this Fort and property, made it possible for us to proceed under the provisions of a long term lease, renewable at its expiration.

The advice, interest, wise counsel, and whole hearted cooperation bestowed by Alex Don will forever remain a cherished memory.

We know that Fort Klock as an historical monument to be preserved for prosperity was long a dream of Alex Don. Happily, the dream came true in Alex Don's lifetime.

And so, through our years of mutual interest and cooperation, we launched together this project which has grown far beyond the dimensions as originally planned.

In a true sense every activity which has its focus about Fort Klock is a memorial to Alex Don.

As you see the history of our country reenacted today in colorful pageantry, we ask you to pause a moment in silent tribute to this man, Alex Don, who could have erected no more enduring, than to make possible the preservation and public enjoyment of this ancestral homestead, trading post and farm.

Actually, his generosity has far wider influence than represented on these historic grounds, for having provided the Muzzle Loaders with a home. Alex Don has been the guiding hand in the far flung efforts of the Muzzle Loaders to inspire a greater love of country and a deeper reverence for the history of our own

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John I. Klock

The foreman of the car-repairing shops of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, in Denver, is John I. Klock, who holds an enviable position in the community, both as a mechanic and an ex-soldier of the Union army.

He was born in Montgomery County, N.Y. in 1836, and passed his early life on his father's farm, working when he was old enough to assist his father during the summer months, and attending public school in the winter. He served an apprenticeship of three years in St. Lawrence County, learning the carpenter's trade, and afterwards moved to Wisconsin, where he worked on a farm two

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years, and then procured employment from the Chicago & North-Western Railways, as bridge-builder, and subsequently, as mechanic in the car-shops of the same Company. When the country called for volunteers to protect the Union and suppress the rebellion, John Klock abandoned the workshop and enlisted as a private in Company A. Thirty-second Wisconsin Volunteers. Until the close of the war, when peace was declared and the cause of the Union had triumphed, he remained in the field, participating in the campaigns of Sherman's army receiving promotion as First Sergeant of Company A., Thirty-second Wisconsin, and in April 1865, advanced to the post of Captain of Company D., One Hundred and Thirty-fifth United States Colored Infantry. Mr. Klock came to Colorado in 1870, and has resided with his family in Denver since that time. He is at present foreman in charge of car-repairing in the shops of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his superiors and fellow workmen. He was married in Wisconsin in the year 1860. By hard work and prudent management, he has earned for himself and family a good home in the city of Denver. He belongs to the Masonic and Good Templars organizations, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Additional Information:

I believe this John I. Klock was the son of Isaac Putnam Klock (John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) The Sherman O. Klock Genealogy says that John served as a Captain in the Civil War. If it is the same John Klock and I believe it is, he married Francis Krake. I have no record of any children.

Genealogy: (New Information) Klock Family Cemetery, Seward, New York

Yesterday, July 25, 2006, Darla, Ashley and I went looking for the Klock Family Cemetery in Seward, New York. I had found the cemetery listed on the Internet. Listed as buried in this a

cemetery were Martin Letts Jr., his wife Jane and David Austin Eckerson. No Klocks were listed as being buried in this cemetery. With the name "Klock Family Cemetery", stands to reason that there would be some Klocks buried there. The cemetery was hard to find. It is located on a hill by the corner of 10 and 165 across from the entrance to a Mobile Home Park.



The cemetery is not well maintained and was overgrown with weeds and brush. These pictures found on the Internet must have been taken after the cemetery was cleaned.

Besides the people mentioned above we found the following headstones of the people buried in this cemetery.

Klock, Sylvester b. Dec. 22, 1829, d. Jan 2, 1907. Additional Information: Sylvester Klock (Daniel, John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) married Mary France December 30, 1855. Mary was a descendant of Sebastian and Anna Fritz, Frantz or France. Sylvester and Mary had 10 children.

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Klock, Mary "France" b. Jan 19, 1836 d. April 1, 1903. Additional Information: Mary was the wife of Sylvester Klock above.

Klock, Marion B. b. Dec. 18, 1876 d. Jan. 20, 1891. Additional Information: Marion was the daughter of Sylvester and Mary (France) Klock above.

Klock, Susan E. "Rogers" wife of Gardner Klock 1867-1896. Additional Information: Susan E. Rogers was the first wife of Gardner Sylvester Klock (Sylvester, Daniel, John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) Gardner and Susan did not have any children. Gardner remarried after the death of his first wife, Susan. He married Jennie Robles and they had six children.

Klock, William G., son of John H. and Rachel, d. Jan. 30, 1854, aged 4 yrs. 28 days. Additional Information: William was the son of John Henry Klock and Rachel Horn. John H. Klock (Daniel, John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) and Rachel had five children, including William.

Klock, Matilda, daughter of Daniel and Catherine, d. Dec. 2, 1854. Additional Information: Matilda was the daughter of Daniel (John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) and Catherine Fraats. Daniel and Catherine had a total of 11 children.

Klock, Wellington, son of Sylvester & Mary Klock, died Sept. 22, 1862, 3 yrs. 13 days.

Klock, Gardner, d. Feb. 16, 1850. Additional Information: Gardner Klock (Daniel, John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., Hendrick Klock) married Mary Race. Gardner and Mary had two children, Christina and Mary. Christina died young. Mary married James E. Gillipie.

Klock, Christina, daughter of Gardner, d. June 21, 1834. see Gardner Klock above.

Klock, John J., d. Dec. 14, 1867 age 84. Additional Information: John J. Klock (Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) was born May 03, 1774. He married Hannah Wiles. I have them with one son, Daniel, who was born December 08, 1796.

Klock, Hannah, wife of John J. Klock d. Nov. 5, 1857, age 82. Additional Information: Hannah Klock (Wiles) was born February 19, 1776. She married John J. Klock (see above).

Weaver, Hannah "Klock" wife of Dr. Thom. V. Weaver. Died, April 26, 1882 aged 64, yrs. 4 mo. 5 days. Additional Information: Hannah Klock was the daughter of Daniel (John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock). She was born December 21, 1817. She married Dr. Thomas Weaver. No record of any children.

Note: I was told John J. Klock (Jacob I., Johannes J., Hendrick Klock) was buried across the road from this cemetery, but we were not able to find the grave.—Dave Klock.

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Rural Park Cemetery Old Section Ingham Mills Town of Manheim

Klock, William E., d. 2/14/1853, aged 11 mo. 20 days, son of Daniel & Mary. No Additional Information.

Wiley, Mary Ann (Klock) b. 8/26/1817 d. 10/5/1907. Additional Information: Mary Ann Klock (Johann George, George I., Johannes, Henrich Jr., and Hendrick Klock) married Henry H. Wiley. Henry and Mary Ann had three children; George B. Wiley, Mary E. Wiley who married William Pettit, and Charles M. Wiley. Mary Ann Klock was also married to Edward Hoffman and John D. Wood. I have no record of any children born in the other two marriages.

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