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Cathy Ossenfort and Willis "Skip" Barshied

Willis Barshied Jr. Receives The National Historic Preservation Medal

On Wednesday night, June 4, 2008 a Dinner and Award Ceremony was held in honor of Willis "Skip" Barshied Jr. at the home of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Fort Plain, New York. "A fitting place to hold such an event," according to Skip. The NSDAR home was built in 1786, by Isaac Paris, Jr. and was a Mercantile and Trading Post. Isaac Paris Sr. was killed at the Battle of Oriskany.

The National Historic Preservation Medal was established by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2002 to honor outstanding efforts in establishing a historic district or preserving a local landmark, restoration or preservation of objects of historical or cultural significance, establishing or long term participation in oral history projects, youth leadership or education. Skip fits into more than one of the above criteria for the award.

Skip started collecting artifacts and tools at an early age. First as much as he could carry, then as much as he could push, pull, roll or haul. Then he starting collecting old buildings; he had to have a place to put all that old stuff he had collected.

When Skip was about 21 he organized a gun club. This club became the Tryon County Muzzle Loaders and Skip served as their President. The group wanted a meeting place, with Skip insistence and persistence they acquired an abandoned 18th century fortified homestead known as Fort Klock. The fort was in bad condition and in desperate need of repair. They started restoration, fixing the exterior and interior walls, replacing wooden floor beams and floor boards and restoring the fire places. With a lot of hard work and TLC the club brought Fort Klock back to life. In 1973 Fort Klock was designated a National Historic Landmark and the rest is History. History that Skip and the rest of the Tryon County Muzzle group made possible.

Cathy Ossenfort, Registrar of the Ft. Plain Chapter of the NSDAR, presented Skip with the award.

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“It took a year and a half to gather the needed information,” Cathy told the 50 or so guests gathered to honor Skip. Besides letters of recommendation from several people; some of the information needed came from old newspaper clipping that Darla and I were able to provide. Clipping located at the fort in old scrap books. Cathy also used articles that I had written for Klock Connections. It was hard to keep what we were doing a secret from Skip.

Darla, Ashley and I attended the dinner to honor the man who has done so much in the preservation of our Klock Family Homestead, known as Fort Klock. Skip was speechless when he was presented with the award and we gave him a standing ovation. That is something you don't see everyday... He was able to overcome the emotional moment. Skip told us he did not believe in ghosts but, he felt a kinship with the items he has collected and the building he has restored.

The Seven Children of William Klock

William was born July 03, 1861 in Jefferson County, New York, the son of Arthur and Charity Klock. Arthur was a farmer. William Klock is listed on the 1880 Census for Orleans, Jefferson County, New York as living with his brother, Victor and his wife Carrie “Glazer” Klock. He is also listed on the 1880 Census for Watertown, Jefferson, New York as living at home with his parents. Victor and his wife are also listed as living in both places. Maybe they was in the process of moving when the census was taken.

William Klock was married twice, his first wife, Mary Marie Sheperd, also known as Mattie, was born in 1865 and died in 1889. She bore him one son, George.

George was born July 25, 1883 and died March 14, 1954 at the age of 71. George never married.

After the death of his first wife, William married Lilian M. VanAllen, the daughter of Myron and Mary DeEtta VanAllen. They were married in Stone Mills, New York in February of 1899. William and Lilian had six children; Fred, Ernest, DeEtta, Gordon, Adelbert, also known as Delbert, and Jessie.

Fred D. Klock was born January 19, 1890 in the town of Orleans, near Stone Mills, New York. Fred was s World War I veteran, serving in Battery B, 26th Field Artillery, at Camp McClelland Alabama. He married Maude Zeller Severance on August 22, 1919 in Pennsylvania. Maude was born September 8, 1893. This was a second marriage for Maude. Her first husband was William Severance who was several years older and died when he was about 50 years old. Maude was an adopted child of Indian descent. Maude had four children with William; Lula, Lawrence, Lewis and Leona. After the death of her husband, William Severance she married Fred D. Klock. Fred was working in Pennsylvania in a ammunicions factory when they met. They married in Pennsylvania. They moved to the town of Harrisburg, New York where he was a farmer. Fred and Maude had three children; DeEtta who was stillborn; Dorothy and Geraldine. Fred died January 12, 1936 at the age of 45 from heart disease. He wife, Maude died August 8, 1935.

Ernest A. Klock was born September 23, 1892. He was also a farmer and lived near Copenhagen, New York. He married Florence Wadsworth on September 8, 1915. Ernest and Florence had two daughters; Dorothy Lillian, who married John Foley and Geraldine Ruth who married David Russell. Ernest died October 17, 1980 and Florence died March 15, 1977.

DeEtta Klock was born September 13, 1899 near Stone Mills in the town of Orleans. She married Bryon Rosen on January 21, 1928. They had a daughter, Flora. They resided in Ilion, Herkimer County, New York. DeEtta was employed at Remington Arms in the cafeteria until her retirement in 1962. She died September 18, 1967. Her husband, Bryon passed away in 1964.

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Gordon C. Klock was born November 05, 1902. He married Olymeta Brennon. Gordon died in Lewis County General Hospital on August 30, 1934 at the age of 31 after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. He was employed at the New York Air Brake Company in Watertown, New York. His wife, Olymeta was born in Highmarket, Lewis County, New York on June 4, 1903. She was the daughter of William and Florence Tabolt Brennon. On June 26, 1926 she married Gordon C. Klock and they made their home in Lowville, New York. Olymeta was a school teacher. She graduated from Lowville Academy and the Teachers Training class and received a bachelors degree at Potsdam State College. She taught for 23 years and retired in 1965. Gordon and Olymeta had four children; Helen Louise, who married David E. Hanno; Gary; Anne and Gordon R. Klock.

Adelbert Klock was born about Abt. 1906. He married Margaret Burns Forbes. Adelbert and Margaret had eight children.

Jessie Klock was born November 05, 1908. She married Francis Gaudin and they had nine children. She died November 03, 1971.

Information for this article came from Betty Klock who lives in Rochester, New York. She is the widow of Gordon R. Klock, son of Gordon C. Klock and Olymeta Brennon. Gordon R. Klock died December 13, 2004. Betty sent me information on her family including 16 obituaries. I am getting quite a collection of obituaries. I now have over 300 pages. I don't know the exact count but I would guess I have over 500. Many are on line on my web page. www.KlockConnections.com

James Raymond Brown

James Raymond Brown was the son of George W. Brown and Martha "Klock" Brown (Jonas, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Colonel Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). James received his early education in the public school of Dolgeville, New York, but left school at the age of sixteen and went to work with his

father on the farm.

George W. Brown was born in Brocketts Bridge, now Dolgeville, on February 28, 1835 and died in that village on May 16, 1900.

George Brown was the son of James Brown and Sophia (Brockett) Brown. James was named after his Grandfather. His mother, Martha was born in Salisbury, New York on March 22, 1837 and died in Dolgeville in 1906. She was the daughter of Jonas and Sarepta (Carlisle) Klock.

James remained on the family farm working with his father for twelve years. He then went into the grocery business in Dolgeville with John J. Donovan. The firm was named Brown & Donovan and they conducted the business for three years. In 1905, James then took a course in the business college at Syracuse, New York and afterward worked as assistant postmaster and clerk in the post office in Dolgeville. Then on January 1, 1909 he began working for the Dolgeville Felt Shoe Company as a clerk and was in charge of the ticket and order office of the company. James was also village clerk in Dolgeville for two years.

James Brown married Miss Ella E. Reilly on July 2, 1912 in Dolgeville. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Bergan) Reilly. She was educated in the public schools in Stratford. James was among the influential and public-spirited of Dolgeville. He was a member Dolgeville Lodge No. 796, F. & A.M.; Oriental Chapter No. 305, R.A.M.; and of Little Falls Commandery No 26, Knights Templar. He attended the Universalist church and in politics was a staunch republican. He also liked reading and automobiling. He took great pleasure in the society of his friends.

Information: History of the Mohawk Valley—Gateway to the West—1614-1925 Volume III Page 382.

Found on line on Darci's Place of Origins. <http://darcisplace.com>

Klock Reunion

It's not too late to sign up for the Klock Reunion. Just send an e-mail and let me know you plan on attending. My e-mail address is on the front page.

The Family of Karl Theodore Klock

Karl Theodore Klock (Theodore, George, Abraham, Joseph Clock, Jr., Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) was born in Syracuse, New York on November 21, 1888. His father Theodore Clock/Klock was killed in a railroad accident in Fulton, New York, April 18, 1889 and his Grandfather, George Klock was also killed in a railroad accident near Clay, New York on September 23, 1884. Karl married Gussie Crownhart who was born on October 23, 1887, the daughter of George and Theresa (Osborn) Crownhart. Karl and Gussie were married about 1912. Gussie was a native of Canastota, New York and went by the name of Phyllis. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Mothers Club at Syracuse University. Karl and Gussie who had four children; Karl Theodore Jr., Richard George, Barbara and Patricia May Klock. About 1958 Karl and Gussie moved from Syracuse to Florida where Gussie was a member of several rose and orchid societies in Florida. Karl T. Klock died in April of 1969 and Gussie died August 19, 1974. Both are buried in Serenity Gardens Memorial Park, Largo, Pinellas County, Florida.

Karl Theodore Klock Jr. was born April 10, 1913. He graduated West Point Military Academy in 1936. He was a Lt. Col. in WW-II on staff at Headquarters of the U.S. Army, Heidelberg Germany, in 1953. He served with engineers in Alaska, the South Seas, Germany and Japan. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1955 according to an article that was in the Syracuse Post-Standard February 1955. From the same newspaper, July 30, 1956.

"Col. Karl T. Klock, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl T. Klock of 236 Lockwood Road, Syracuse, New York. has been awarded the New York Military District Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance of duty as assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics at the City College of New York." "Col. Klock", according to the certificate, "performed all normal and extra duties in an outstanding manner.

His service has been exemplary in knowledge, dependability, initiative, tact and justice." Col. Klock's latest assignment is in Omaha, Nebr., where he is Executive Officer of the Division Engineer of the Missouri River Division of the Corps of Engineers. The Division has charge of civil and military construction."

Karl Jr. married Margaret Hummer and they had two children; Elaine Phyllis who was born in Columbia Hospital, Washington D.C. on March 22, 1947 and Frederick George who was born September 30, 1949. Karl Jr. and Margaret moved to Florida. He died in 1989 and Margaret died in 1999. They are buried in the same cemetery in Largo, Florida.

Richard George Klock married Harriet Shaffer Bronner. Richard who was born July 02, 1919 and died in 1971. He is also buried in Serenity Gardens Memorial Park. Richard G. Klock and Harriet had two children; Richard George Jr. and Lynda May Klock.

Barbara married William R. Skvarch and they had six children; William R. Jr., James Anthony,

Peter Karl, Katharine Marie, Michael John and Theresa Marie Skvarch. Patricia May Klock married Arthur John Ziegler and she had three children; Barbara Louise, Karen Phyllis and William John Ziegler.

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.

Oakwood Cemetery Town of Theresa Jefferson County, New York

Klock, Lutie b. Nov. 29, 1889 d. Jan. 2, 1891, daughter of Jorden C. Additional Information: Lutie was the daughter of Jorden C. Klock and Cora Bergen.

Klock, Martin 1852-1926. Additional Information: Martin was the son of Levi Klock and Peggy Ann Zeller. He married Sally House. **Continued Next Page**

Klock, Mellisa A (Bartlett) b. Sept. 30, 1885 d. July 26, 1977 wife of Charles E. Additional Information: Melissa Bartlett married Charles E. Klock, the son of Martin Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Sally House.

Klock, Minnie W. b. 1893, d. July 29, 1925, wife of Jason E. Additional Information: Minnie Parker married Jason E. Klock.

Klock, Peggy Ann (Zeller) no dates, wife of Levi. Additional Information: Peggy Ann Zeller was born August 11, 1823. I do not have a death date. She married Levi Klock.

Klock, Sally M. (House) 1856-1920, wife of Martin. Additional Information: Sally M. House was born June 02, 1866 and married Martin Klock.

Priest, George M. b. Nov. 16, 1876 d. Nov. 9, 1957 married July 10, 1901. Additional Information: George M. Priest married Gladys Klock below.

Priest, Gladys E. (Klock) b. Dec. 21, 1883, d. May 23, 1985, wife of George M. Additional Information: Gladys E. Klock was the daughter of Jordan C. Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Cora Bergen

Priest, Harold W. d. Nov. 5, 1912, son of G.M. & Gladys E.. Additional Information: Harold Priest was born Nov. 5, 1912. He married Marion Allen and had a son Allen Harold Priest. He may be buried in this cemetery but he did not die Nov. 5, 1912. He was born Nov. 5, 1912. I don't have a date of death.

Priest, LeLand E., d. July 11, 1902, son of G.M. & Gladys E. Additional Information: LeLand was born July 11, 1902. He married Hazel Irene Wohlgemuth and they had a daughter, Margaret. He may be buried here, but he did not die July 11, 1902.

Klock, Henry died in 1861, aged 82. Additional Information: Henry Klock was born

Abt. 1779. He was the son of Adam Johannes Klock (Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Catharine Stauring. He married Nancy Snyder (Next) Henry and Nancy had nine children.

Klock, Nancy died in 1865 at the age of 82, wife of Henry Klock. Additional Information: Nancy Snyder married Henry Klock above.

**Town of Cape Vincent
St. Lawrence Cemetery
Jefferson County, New York**

Rickett, Blanche, (Klock) b. June 9, 1909, d. April 12, 1998, wife of Claude B. Additional Information: Blanche Klock married Claude B. Rickett. Blanche was the daughter of Thomas Cade Klock (George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Edith Fredenburg.

Rickett, Claude B. b. Aug. 18, 1906, d. Jan. 28, 1981 married Aug. 18, 1927. Additional Information: Claude married Blanche Klock.

**Riverside Cemetery
Town of Cape Vincent
Jefferson County, New York**

Sheley, Emma (Klock) 1864-1948, wife of William. Additional Information: Emma Klock was the daughter of Theron H. Klock and Sarah E. Shuler. Theron was the son of Henry G. Klock and Elizabeth "Betsy" Klock. Henry G. was the son of George I. (Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Barbara Bauder. Elizabeth was the daughter of John J. Jr. (John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Elizabeth Lampman.

Sheley, W. Rollins, d. March 22, 1890, son of William and Emma. Additional Information: See Line above.

Sheley, William R. 1863-1899, spouse of Emma, son of William W. Additional Information: William R. Sheley married Emma Klock above.

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