

THE KISS FAMILY TREE: GENE SIMMONS

LYNX/THE MISSING LINKS (c. 1964)

Gene Klein
Vocals

Seth Dogramajian
Guitar

Danny Haber
Guitar

Gene had yet to pick up a guitar with this first school band. The band's name would transition from the intended "Lynx" to "The Missing Links" during an introduction at a school talent show. The group was harmony based.



THE LONG ISLAND SOUNDS (c. 1964 – 1967)

Gene Klein
Vocals/Bass

Stephen Coronel
Guitar

Stan Singer
Drums

Seth Dogramajian
Vocals

Allen Graff
Guitar

The Long Island Sounds seems to have been one of Gene's earliest bands with school friends. Seth was also involved in Gene's science-fiction fanzine, but it appears that only Stephen shared Gene's interest in music. Gene wouldn't initially play bass, just sing...



THE LOVE BAG (c. 1967)

Gene Klein
Bass/Vocals

Stephen Coronel
Guitar

Unknown
Drums

Nothing is really known about this band or its placement in Gene's timeline, may have been a trio...



Steven would for a while leave Gene and work with one Stanley Eisen in the band Tree in 1968...

BULLFROG BHEER #1 (1968)

Gene Klein
Bass/Vocals

Unknown
Guitar

Unknown
Drums

During the summer of playing shows in the Catskills while Gene is at college in Sullivan County, Gene's guitarist quits and he asks old friend Stephen to help out for the remainder. This band plays shows, notably at Rockland House, and a female vocalist.



BULLFROG BHEER #2 (1968 – 1969)

Gene Klein
Bass/Vocals

Stephen Coronel
Guitar

Anna Dalva
Guitar/Vocals

Unknown
Drums

Still a college beer bash band, Gene would drag is band down to New York on weekends to record demos. Anna and Gene wrote a song together, "Movin' On."



CATHEDRAL (1969)

Gene Klein
Guitar/Vocals

Stephen Coronel
Guitar

Stan Singer
Drums

Marty Cohen
Bass

This band evolved while Gene was still in Sullivan County. Stephen, Stan, and Marty would play with Paul Stanley as a band too, though not at the same time as this...



Steven joins Paul Stanley's "Tree" when Cathedral breaks up at the end of the school year.

COFFEE (1969-70)

Gene Klein
Guitar/Vocals

Stephen Coronel
Guitar

Brooke Ostrander
Piano

Unknown
Drums

Coffee would record one demo, "Leeta" at Saunder's Recording. Brooke's involvement came from Gene regularly using his 4-track to demo his song ideas. This band/lineup may be completely "off"...



RAINBOW