

The Pollag
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"A person who takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors cannot expect to be remembered for his noble deeds by remote descendants."

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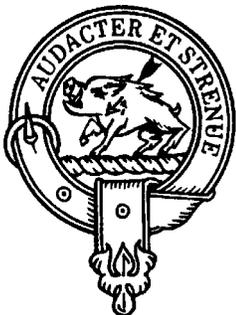
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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



When you receive this issue, 2003 will be drawing to a close. The holiday season is upon us and we will soon be looking forward to a new year!

I would like to thank each person who has been involved in hosting a Clan Pollock tent at Scottish events in 2003. I will try to list everyone, but if I leave your name out, please forgive me! Carol Black, Arizona; Hamish & Sandy Pollock, Florida; Paul Layman, Illinois; Dorothy & Robert Slemmons, Kansas; Pauline & Andy Easter, Maryland & Virginia; Howard Pollock, Idaho & Washington; Rob Pollock, Virginia & Ohio; Richard Bugg, California; Matt & Vicky Pollock, Wyoming & Colorado; Merle & Ben Stone, North Carolina; Ralph Pollock, Fergus, Canada; William Pollock, Saskatoon, Canada; and Clara Ann & myself, Kentucky & Tennessee.

Please read my "WANTED" article about our need for additional Conveners/Commissioners in this issue.

I would like to say a special thanks to Merle and Ben Stone for their hosting at the Grandfather Mountain Games. Grandfather Mountain has lengthened the games to a full 3 days on the field plus an opening ceremony on an additional evening. This makes for a long weekend! Merle & Ben did their usual great job spelled by Rob & Rosemary Pollock, former North Carolina Commissioner.

Our 2004 Clan Pollock Annual General Meeting will be held at Grandfather Mountain July 8 - 11, 2004. Please be thinking of attending this event in 2004! See the article in this issue for more information and make your reservations early.

Once again, if you have access to the internet, please check out our clanpollock.com website. Howard Pollock is updating and adding new features frequently.

Also, think about giving a membership to Clan Pollock to a relative as a gift. A \$15 membership given in the last quarter of 2003 will be good until January, 2005. What a good way to interest others, especially some of our younger people, in their Scottish heritage.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season and pray for a peaceful New Year.

Best Wishes,

A. D. Pollock, Jr.

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is December 15. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, especially about holiday events, to the editor.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMEBERS

Michael A. Sisinger, Columbus, OH. Mother Ruth Eleanor Pollock
Robert P. Sehan, Wichita, KS. Gt. gt. gt. Grandmother. Frances Matilda Polk
Robert John Pollock, Riverside, AL. Born in Ottawa, Ontario Canada
Leland Harper Pollock, Redlands, CA
Edith Pollock Petrella, St. George, Ontario, Canada

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Jerry (Gerald U.) Dinneen of Denver Colorado passed away on July 15, 2003. He survived by his beloved wife Kay by only thirteen months, and died peacefully, after a short illness. After a simple funeral mass and graveside service, attended only by family members, he was buried beside his wife of 64 years, and we pray that they are now together in Heaven. Jerry and his wife were long time members of Clan Pollock. They joined within the first three or four years of the clan's existence around 24 or 25 years ago. He was a brother-in-law of Robert Slemmons, our Kansas Commissioner. Though they lived in Colorado, they attended many of the annual meetings and clan gatherings in the East as well as in the West.

INTERESTED CONTRIBUTING TO A CLAN POLLOCK COOKBOOK???

Carol Black, our Arizona Commissioner, has suggested we see if there is enough interest in putting together a cookbook with recipes from Clan Pollock members.

We are hoping you have family recipes you would like to share along with a picture of a family member who may have introduced you to this recipe and a brief story about this person.

We will look into getting a cookbook put together to sell at Clan Pollock tents at the Games and also through our website.

I already have some recipes in mind from A.D.'s Grandmother Pollock and also his cousin, Deutz Pollock Shutt. I'll bet you have some favorite recipes you could contribute also.

We'd like to get feed back from our members and try to get this project ready early in 2004. Please contact Clara Pollock with your ideas!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004

The 2004 Annual General Meeting will be held in the Grandfather Room in the Holiday Inn, Banner Elk NC on July 10th 2004. Time to be determined later. The Holiday Inn in Banner El [Highway 184, PO Box 11478, Banner Elk NC 28604] has reserved 20 rooms for Clan Pollock members. They have a special rate for Clan members of \$129.00/ night -- the usual rate during the Grandfather Mountain Games is \$189/night. Check out the hotel at <http://www.holidayinnbannerelk.com/> Then make your reservations right away by calling 1-877-877-4553. When making reservations-mention Clan Pollock.

We will also have a hospitality room in the hotel. Rooms must reserved by June 8 2004. We plan to have banquet with a cash bar at the AGM. Tentatively meals will be \$12.95 per person including salad, beverage, and dessert. Information about the games can be obtained by going to the web site-- <http://www.gmhg.org> or contacting me.

Thank you,
Ben Stone

"WANTED" Clan Pollock Members to serve as Commissioners/Conveners

Clan Pollock is putting out a call for help! We need people who will step up and volunteer to be a convener and host a Clan Pollock tent for a single Scottish Game in your area or to become a Commissioner for an entire state or region.

Areas we need help in:

1. Illinois

Paul Layman, our current Illinois Commissioner, has asked to step down, so we need a replacement for him. Paul will work with the new person in helping insure a smooth transition.

2. Virginia

Rob Pollock has been transferred to Ohio so we need someone to handle one or more Virginia events. Pauline & Andy Easter are so great to offer assistance in this area, but they are also handling the Maryland area.

3. California

Richard Bugg has hosted the Games in Fresno for several years and has gone two years beyond what he intended. Due to failing health, Richard cannot handle these Games another year. California is a big state with several Games. We could use several people in California in different areas of the state.

4. Texas

Again, this is a large state geographically. We need help!

5. Georgia

We have not had a Georgia Convener/Commissioner in a long time, if ever. We have several members in Georgia and one large event - the Stone Mountain Games. We need to have a Clan Pollock representation at these Games.

Clan Pollock will pay for the expenses incurred in renting a space for a Game. We will also provide you with literature to hand out; a table covering, a tartan banner and other items to use. We will also send you a list of Clan Pollock members in your area.

If anyone is willing to accept this challenge, please contact President A. D. Pollock at 300 Hillwood Blvd., Nashville, Tn 37205 (615) 356-2016 apollockis@comcast.net

Let's try to have a Clan Pollock presence at more Games in 2004 than ever before!

TWO POLKS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Leonidas Polk was born on April 10 1806, in Raleigh NC. Before the war he was a minister and bishop. In June 1861 Maj. Gen. Polk commanded Dept No. 2 (Red River to Kentucky). He commanded troops at Shiloh and Polk's Corps in Atlanta campaign. On June 14, 1864 he killed by artillery fire while observing Union positions at Pine Mountain. For further reading check out *General Leonidas Polk C.S.A. : the Fighting Bishop Baton Rouge* by Joseph H Parks. Published by Louisiana State University Press, 1992

His nephew Lucius Eugene Polk was born July 10 1833, in Salisbury NC. Before the war he was a planter. In 1861 he was a private in Yell Rifle. He became a 2nd lieutenant and saw service Shiloh. By the April 1862 battle at Richmond, KY. he was a Colonel. He was wounded in both battles. In December 1862 he became a Brigadier General and commanded troops at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and the Atlanta campaign. After being wounded at Kennesaw Mountain he resigned as unfit for duty. After the war he was a politician. Lucius Polk died December 1, 1892, in Columbia TN.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GAMES AND EVENTS

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

The games began Thursday night in the rain with the calling of the Clans. The rain zapped the public address system so the folks in the Pollock tent couldn't hear the program.

The two Pollock tents were open Friday, but it was cold, rainy, and windy. We closed up at 12:30 pm. Friday was the reception in the Broyhill Inn in Boone. The company, refreshments, and entertainment was excellent. The usual Lords, Earls, and Dukes from Scotland were introduced.

Saturday was sunny and cool. Both tents were full. We filled up two and a half pages of the guest book. Folks from VA, NY, SC, GA, CA, FL, OH, KY, and of course NC came by the tent.

On Sunday the clan participated in the Kirkin' of the Tartans and the parade of tartans with a large contingent of young and mature Pollocks. A.D. participated in the Parade of Chiefs. Ryan Slough (A.D. and Clara's grandson) took the silver medal in the 10-yr-old kilted quarter mile race. All in all it was very successful Highland Games. The President's suggestion to get two tents was very wise. Both were fully used.

Ben Stone MD NC commissioner



Silver medal winner of the kilted 400 yard race for 10 year olds, Ryan Slough, grandson of President and Mrs. A.D. Pollock). Clara Pollock his proud grandmother is behind Ryan. Others in the picture from l to r: VP Ben Stone, Merle Stone, Rosemary Pollock, and Rob Pollock.)

WEST KENTUCKY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Clara Ann and I hosted a Clan Pollock tent at this Festival September 13th in Paducah, Kentucky. We had a good day weather wise - the rain held off until we were all packed up & leaving the park!

We enjoyed having loyal member, Charlene Young, spend the day with us. Charlene also was one of the judges in the Bonniest Knee Contest. After they ran in a "ringer", a Highland cow, the contest got down to the serious business and Charlene looked to be enjoying herself!

We also enjoyed meeting another Lifetime member for the first time, Gene Kehder from West Frankfort, Illinois, who stopped by to visit. We had several people stop by & sign our guest book with Pogue connections.

A. D. Pollock, Jr.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND CELTIC FESTIVAL



Andy Easter visiting with members of Clan Cameron during the festival. Many long-term friends and acquaintances are made and kept during the games "circuit".

FESNO GAMES

The Fresno Games were held the weekend of Sept 13th. It was a very nice day and we had more people stop by the Tent than ever before. No one signed up for the Clan but we did give them a lot of information about the Pollock Clan that they were not aware of. There were over 50 Clan tents on Clan Row. We all had a good visit and lots of Scottish food, Ale and Hospitality. Too bad that we on the western side of the Rocky Mountains rarely seem to get many visits from the Eastern side of the States. I guess that's because the Clans are more active in the East. To paraphrase a great man, come West, ye Scots!

C. Richard Bugg

CHICAGO HIGHLAND GAMES

The Chicago Highland Games on June 21, 2003 were a success and you should have been there, the weather was perfect! More people made their way to the clan tents than last year. We had people stop by who had friends that were Pollocks and they were given applications and information to pass along to their friends. We had one lady related to Pollocks that stopped, we talked for a while, and I asked her about joining. She said she would and would be sending her application to Archie.

The Clan Parade took place at 12:30 p.m. I was able to recruit four people to carry our large tent sign in the parade. As they passed the reviewing stand, the announcer introduced our clan: "Clan Pollock, from Renfrew shire Scotland near Glasgow Scotland Their motto, audacter et strenue means Boldly and Strongly. Other surnames included in Clan Pollock are Poage and Polk and variations of these names." The members of our Clan carrying the banner made the front page of the Saint Andrew Society *Tartan Times* right behind another clan (see pictures). There were 29 Pipe and Drum Bands competing this year. Their appearance in the closing ceremonies was a very impressive sight.



Stephen L. Pollock Guinta and Paul D. Layman in 2002



Deanna Ferguson, David Gresens, Dina Murphy, Helen Layman parade the banner.

Clan Pollock of Illinois is still holding at 15 member. We would like to increase our number, so if you have relatives in Illinois consider giving them a Clan Pollock membership for a present or have them contact me for more information.

Paul D. Layman

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL, ESTES PARK

We survived our first year as the clan committee chairmen for the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival.

The Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival keeps getting bigger and better every year. The attendance for this years festival is estimated at 75,000 people over the 3 days. The weather this year was perfect all three days with Sunday being good Scottish weather with a light drizzle, a slight nip in the air and fog hanging over the mountains.

We had three AGM's this year with three confirmed for 2004 and even have one confirmed for 2005. We hope to have Clan Pollock join us with their AGM in the near future.

We had 66 clans for this years festival with a total of approximately 1000 clan members. We had five new clans this year and received interest from five more new clans that would like to join us next year. One of this year's new clans was Clan

Maxwell, who passed on to us that they were very happy with the interest in their clan and were especially please with the help they received from Bill Pollock, our clan membership director.

While we had numerous small "fires" as we call problems, they were easy to take care of as we have known most of the clans for many years. One of the "fires" was not enough coffee on Sunday with the cool weather and the clans had drained our 5 gallon jug by 10 AM!

We have had a lot of positive feedback from the clans. The clans have also given us a few suggestions on changes they would like to see and with a few ideas of our own we hope to make the festival better next year.

Kent and Peggy Woodward

Great Pollocks!

Paul Layman is clan chairman for all the clans for the Chicago Games and Kent and Peggy Woodward are clan chairmen at the Longs Peak Games. Congratulations to Paul and Kent for successful games this year. Perhaps the word is out the Clan Pollock is a great group of people to work with.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Many folks seem to confuse Highland and Scottish Country dancing, and use the terms interchangeably. Those of us interested in things Scottish ought to know the difference. Sally and I are a bit old for Highland dancing, but we're very heavily involved in Country dancing, and I teach the class in Asheville, NC.

Highland is the individual competitive dancing that's going on at all games, and the participants are mostly girls. Any time you see someone in a kilt, dancing with great precision to a solo piper, with one or both arms in the air, it's Highland.



There is also Scottish Ladies Step dancing, as well as an energetic and very entertaining Cape Breton variety. Natalie MacMaster usually combines Cape Breton stepping with her fiddling at Ceilidh performances and concerts.

Scottish Country is a form of Contra dancing. It's social rather than competitive, and is sort of a high-octane version of the English Country dancing you may have seen in Jane Austin movies. Typically, a "set" consists of four couples lined up with the men facing the women, dancing to the driving strains of reels, jigs and strathspeys played on the fiddle, accordion, flute, piano, drums, etc., but rarely bagpipes. It first became popular in Scotland in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Most dances have there own unique, and wonderful music (*I have almost 900 tracks on CDs*), and many dances still popular today were devised to be danced to old pipe and fiddle tunes. The dance usually took the name of the tune, for example - "*The Flowers of Edinburgh*" or "*Mairi's Wedding*". The dance most popular today worldwide is a reel called "*The Montgomerie's Rant*" published in 1749. There are literally thousands of dances, many written recently, but only several hundred have lasting and general popularity.

There is more emphasis on footwork than in, say, Ceilidh, Square, or Contra dancing, but the basic technique can be learned at a week-end workshop or through a couple of months' worth of practice evenings once a week. Even though there are so many dances, you don't have to learn them by heart. The programs for balls are usually published well before the event, so everybody has time for review. Then at the event itself, the MC normally gives a brief verbal recap of the dance before the music starts.

SCD is very social, not only because you get to dance with seven or so people at once instead of just with one partner (*smiles and eye contact are almost mandatory*) but also because there are workshops, balls and social dances being held in places literally all over the world. It is nice to be able to travel and join a SCD group for a night nearly everywhere you go. There are groups in Nigeria, Thailand, Bolivia, Qatar, Japan, Italy, and Russia, just to name a few. A young lady from

our Asheville group just visited Paris where she attended and enjoyed a dance, and in Asheville, we've enjoyed visiting dancers from England, Australia, Scotland, Japan and Canada.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) in Edinburgh was founded in 1923 to preserve traditional Scottish Country dancing. You might enjoy a look at their web site at <http://www.rscds.org>. They reconstructed and published dances from observation as well as old manuscripts, and standardized technical points like steps and footwork. The RSCDS today numbers about 25,000 members and has 'branches' all over the world. They continue to publish directions for new dances and music, and to examine and certificate teachers.

SCD isn't "easy". It can be frustrating for the first few weeks, and it's physically demanding. The rewards, however, are considerable. The body of music is truly wonderful, the people you meet are diverse, energetic and invariably friendly, physical fitness is enhanced, as is short term memory (*there's no caller, so you have to remember where you're going*), and it's just plain fun!

If you have a free Saturday evening at most any Highland games, there is probably a Country dance nearby. Spectators are always welcome for a nominal fee. There's also usually a tented SCD platform during the day at the games.

If you don't see Sally and me at Clan dinners, Ceilidhs, and other evening functions, you'll know where we are.

Jack Pollock

INFORMATION FOR GENEALOGISTS by Beth Avery

Alabama

The state of Alabama has added four new databases in addition to the Civil War service database <http://www.archives.state.al.us/dataindex.html>. Currently only those records for individuals whose last names begin with "A-Z" are available in the Civil War database. The new databases include a Map Database -- Only browsable by topic ; Photo Database -- "This photo database contains images which have been requested by patrons since 2001. The photographs have been scanned and added to the database with thumbnail images; and the Hardbound Newspapers Database & Newspapers on Microfilm Database which -- searchable by county, title, and newspaper type (African-American, Populist, or Religious.)

There is also an excellent page for genealogists and historians that includes links to common family history search tools.

Canadian Genealogy Centre

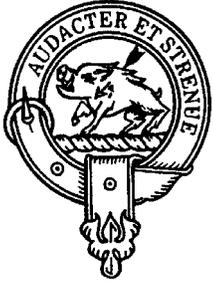
This new Canadian Genealogy Centre database has the 1915-1932 Canadian Naturalization Lists which includes those who received Canadian naturalization certificates, which were published in the *Canada Gazette* between 1915 and 1932. It's available at http://www.genealogy.gc.ca/01/010203_e.html. You can search by given name, surname, and country.

Florida

Florida Memory, the site of the Florida State Archives, has added a database of those from Florida or those who entered the service in Florida who served in World War I at <http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/WWI/>. You can search by name, branch served, serial number, rank, race, city, and state/country of birth. A search of Pollock yielded 8 people. 1 in the Navy and 7 Army privates. A search for Polk yielded 10 -- 1 in the Navy and 9 in the Army. The results show full name, rank, service number, race, name, birth city and state/country, and city/state of residence. When you click on the name you see a digitized version of the service card, which may include age at entrance or date of birth, place of birth, and date of discharge. The information is not complete on all the cards.

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