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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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Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke,
Poulk, Poole, Pogue**

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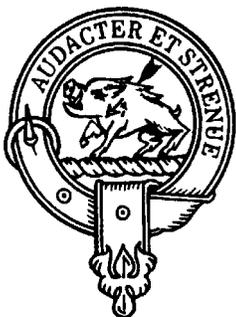
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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



Greetings from sunny, summery Tennessee (this means high heat and humidity for those of you who have never visited or lived here in the summer time!).

Thank you to all who have sent in their 2004 dues. We still have several members who have not paid their \$15.00 2004 dues. We value each and every member and don't want to lose anyone, so we make this final appeal for 2004!

We are looking forward to attending Clan Pollock's AGM at Grandfather Mountain July 10th. We hope to see many old friends again and meet new ones for the first time. Be sure to stop by the tent at the Games. Our dinner will be Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, Banner Elk, North Carolina. Ben Stone tells me he has 30 reservations for Saturday evening.

We were at the Glasgow, KY Highland Games on June 5th when the word came of the passing of former President Ronald W. Reagan. It was very moving to hear the Flowers of the Forest played on the bagpipes and to see the respect the crowd showed. On Sunday during the Kirkin' service, his name was again called.

Congratulations to Colonel Gail Pollock, US Army Nurse Corps. Gail was a student of mine at Ft. Sam Houston many years ago as a Captain. Gail has been nominated by President Bush for promotion to General officer rank and as Chief of the Army Nurse Corps pending Senate confirmation. Gail also served as the first female commander of Martin Army Hospital, at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Best Wishes,
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Editor's Notes

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

Flowers of the Forest

Vernon L. Brown, Jr., Ridgewood, New Jersey, member of Clan Pollock since 1990. Mr. Brown was a consultant. Our sympathy to his wife, Violette Brown.

William P. Polk, Lexington, Oklahoma, member of Clan Pollock since 2000. Born in 1939, he was a deputy sheriff. Our sympathy to his wife, Margaret Polk.

Thomas F. Pollock, Monrovia, CA, member of Clan Pollock since 1992. Born in 1911, he was a retired Navy Captain. Our sympathy to his wife, Olive Pollock.

Mrs. Margaret Pollock, Belvidere, Illinois, wife of Clan Pollock member, Nevin C. Pollock. Our sympathy to Mr. Pollock.

New Members

Jacqueline F. Colson, Soldotna, Alaska
Sandra Pogue, Glastonburg, Connecticut

Pollock Genealogy Inquiry

Robert Harper, 1941 Georgia Avenue, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27104 (336) 761-1941 writes the following: "In the Mitchell library in Glasgow, there is a history of the Pollok family going back to the 11th Century on tape #6. Do we as a clan have a copy of that information? I started my trace with Morris Pollock, my great grandfather, born 1823 in Glasgow but the printer on their computer was broken that day. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you." If anyone can help in this, please contact Robert at the above address or telephone number.

Video - Tartan Day Parade New York City, New York April 2004

The 2004 Tartan Day Parade New York City film is available on VHS, or DVD the price is \$ 15 for each. It is a wonderful program with interviews with Earl of Caithness Malcolm Caithness, Chief of the Clan Sinclair, Members of the Scottish Parliament marching in the parade, wonderful footage of Bagpipers, and Drummers, lots of interviews with Scottish people that marched, and lots and lots of bagpipe music. The interview with Malcolm is very informative with lots of interesting discussion about Prince Henry St. Clair, and his sea voyage to America in 1398. Information is also available on the company web-site <http://www.augustsunproductions.com/> Make checks payable to: Manhattan Picture Company Inc. Mail to: August Sun Productions, 11271 Ventura Blvd. #340, Studio City, CA 91604

HIGHLAND GAMES AND EVENTS

UPCOMING GAMES

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES AND CLAN POLLOCK AGM

The AGM will be at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 10, 2004. The AGM will be in the Holiday Inn Banner Elk on Saturday night July 10th. There will a dinner at the AGM with meals at \$12.95/per person. There will be a hospitality room in the Holiday. The Holiday Inn has a special room rate for Clan Pollock members. The Holiday Inn can be called at 877-877-4553. Rooms need to be reserved by June 8, 2004. If there are no rooms available there, you might try the GMHG lodging page <http://www.gmhg.org/lodging.htm> or the Boone Vistor's Center lodging page <http://www.visitboonenc.com/lodging.htm> to check on availability of lodging in the area.

The Grandfather Mountain Games begin with a picnic and calling of the Clans Thursday Night and continue with the games Friday through Sunday. The address of the games is: GMHG , PO Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646. <http://www.gmhg.org/>

******* Please let Ben Stone know if you will be attending the AGM and if you are staying for the dinner. Send him the \$12.95 per person meal cost. He needs to let the Holiday Inn know how many are coming by July 5th. Ben Stone, 1516 Green Springs Road, New Bern, NC 29560, 252-638-8418, KEARFOOT@aol.com *******

Arizona

The Celtic Festival will be held at Foxglenn Park, 4200 East Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ. July 17, 2004. For information: <http://www.nachs.info/flagstafffestival.asp> or contact Carol Black, drblack@highstream.net

Colorado And Wyoming

Here are the dates for all the Scottish festivals and games occurring in the Colorado/Wyoming area.

Highlands Ranch, CO	August 14-15*, http://www.scottishgames.org/
Jackson, WY	August 21-22, http://www.wyomingcelticfestival.com/
Estes Park, CO	September 10-12*, http://www.scotfest.com/

The festivals with an asterisk by the date are the ones in which Vicki and Matt Pollock will have a Clan Pollock booth. If anyone is interested in hosting a Clan Pollock booth/tent at one of the other festivals or helping at one of the games where Vicki and Matt will be, please contact Matt Pollock 307-745-9208 or sidemeat_2000@yahoo.com

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park

Robin Blair, the 34th Lord Lyon, will be an honored guest at the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival 2004. The history of the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, dates back several centuries. It is known that a Lord Lyon was appointed by King Robert the Bruce about 1318. In the earliest times, the primary function of the Lord Lyon of Scotland was to confirm the correct heir to the Scottish throne, satisfying himself that the genealogy of the claimant was honorable and accurate. Today, the responsibilities of the Lord Lyon are threefold: to exercise the "royal prerogative" in granting coats of arms in Scotland; to operate a judicial function as a court to ensure

that arms are used lawfully and to make judicial decisions in relation to the right to arms, titles and dignities; and to be responsible for state ceremonials such as the opening of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and related service in St. Giles' Cathedral.

The "King of Arms" in the Lord Lyon's title refers to the custom of mounted knights wearing a coat with their distinctive heraldry over their armor to enable their followers to identify them on the field of battle. The Lord Lyon is responsible for the keeping of the heraldic records and the issuing of new arms to qualified Scotsmen. The "Lyon" name was adopted because the royal coat of arms for Scotland principally depicts a lion rampant.

The Lord Lyon will be present on the Festival field in his intricately embroidered tabard and state jewelry. There will be an invitational meet and greet for the clans on Saturday afternoon, with about 75 clans to participate this year.

McPherson Kansas Scottish Games

The McPherson Kansas Scottish Games will be held the last weekend of September (25-26th) and Clan Pollock International will be represented there. This is an important event for the Convention and Visitors Bureau of this small community, and it is probable we'll discover more interest in our clan there than in Kansas City' but whether of no, we'll be there, proudly wearing and displaying the Pollock tartan. For information about the games call 800-324-8022

Bob Slemmons.

Western Kentucky Highland Festival

Saturday, September 11, 2004 9:30 am - 4:30 pm in Carson Park, Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, KY
A.D. & Clara Ann Pollock will be hosting a Clan Pollock tent.

Ashland Poage Landing Days: The Great Homecoming Ashland, Kentucky

The Poage/Pogue Reunion will take place in Ashland, Kentucky September 18, 2004 at the two story Poage Log Cabin now in Central Park near the town library. Events will start at 11:00 a.m. As part of the annual event the city is catering a casual reception. Ashland was initially called Poage's Landing.

Descendants of Robert and Elizabeth Poage that settled in Stanton Virginia, Fort Defiance Virginia settled in Ashland. Please R.S.V.P. To Paul D. Layman (Telephone: 630-941-1154) Or the Weatherholt Family, 4198 Skyline Drive, Ashland, KY 41102 (Telephone: 606-325-4252 or 859-620-3294). Hope to see you there.

Paul D. Layman

Tennessee Highland Games

On Saturday, October 2, 2004 8:30 am - 4:00 pm the 9th annual TN Highland Games will be held in a new location at the Renaissance Festival site in Triune, TN, 12 miles west of Murfreesboro, TN on Highway 96 toward Franklin. A.D. & Clara Ann Pollock invite our Clan Pollock members in the area to join them and check out the new location for these Games. Website: www.HOTSC.com

Richmond, Virginia

The next games we will be convened at will be the Richmond Highland Games in Virginia, which are held usually the third weekend in October. If you plan to attend those games, please stop by the tent and visit for a while during your exploration of the festival.

REPORTS OF GAMES

Colorado

Clan Pollock was represented at the games in Kiowa. Chuck and Kaye Pollock visited with us on Saturday, and we met a woman who lived in "Pollock Estates," south of Glasgow, during the war. Other than that, the games were poorly attended. The Kiowa games used to be held on Mother's Day weekend. However, several years of foul weather prompted them to change the date of the games. We had great weather, but I don't think they did a very good job of advertising. The organizing committee seems to be losing several members (reason unknown) and they were also competing with several other local area events (Parker Days, Renaissance Faire, etc). I'm not sure how many more years of poor attendance they can survive. It would be a shame if the games end up failing, as it is one of our favorites to attend. Many of the vendors I spoke to expressed a similar sentiment, that they enjoy coming, but were not sure if they could afford to keep coming and losing money.

Matt Pollock

Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games

Clara Ann and I hosted the Clan Pollock tent on June 5 and 6. We were happy to have several Pollock members stop by. Charlene Young, Patricia Hardison, Edna Bates and daughter, Mary, and Nancy McCaughrean all came by on Saturday. Charlene and our grandson, Austin Slough, enjoyed hearing Clann An Drumma again. On Sunday Ryan Slough ran in the kilted mile race. There was only one race for all ages. Ryan was the youngest runner in the race so he won his age division, but he also came in 11th out of some 25 runners who participated.

A. D. Pollock



Clara Ann & A.D. Pollock, grandsons, Austin & Ryan Slough at the Parade of Tartans.

Kansas City Scottish Highland Games

The Kansas City Scottish Highland games, June 12, had fewer attendees than in past years. Perhaps the weather played a role in this, being steamy hot, with threats from the weatherman that storms might be blowing in. The predictions didn't come true, and those who came were able to enjoy the athletic events, dog demonstrations, dancing competitions, and pipes and drums. Clans hosting tents numbered about the same as in past years, and children collecting clan stamps in their books added some excitement to the day. It appeared the vendors, as many as usually attend, had a busy day.

The Kansas City telephone directory lists a sizable number of Pollocks (Polks, Poagues, and Pogues) but they didn't show much enthusiasm for their Scottish history, for only two (one with Pollock ancestry, and one with Pogue in the family name) stopped by to register.

Bob Slemmons.

Loch Norman Highland Games

The games began Friday night, April 16, with a picnic, patrons reception with Haggis, and calling of the Clans. At the Saturday opening ceremonies, the honored clan was Clan Montgomery. After the formalities, the Duke visited all the clan tents. We told him we were sorry that Americans were so ugly to golfer Colin Mongomerie. He pleasantly commented on what a great Master's tournament had



occurred. Several folks that were Pollocks or kin to Pollocks visited the tent and took information brochures and applications. Henry and Becky Pollock from Greensboro NC attended as did Harriet and Tom Marshburn from Wilmington NC. Patriarchs Rob and Rosemary Pollock couldn't attend because of Rosemary's sudden illness. Sunday was more of the same, with the Pollock flag represented at

the kirkin' of the tartans. The parade of tartans was held at 11:30 am. By that time the Pollocks except Ben Stone and family had left. Ben and Tim Stone proudly marched in the parade. The weather was beautiful the whole time and actually a little hot on Sunday. The games were well attended and as usual the folks in charge went out of their way to be nice and helpful. We made a lot of friends and lots of people asked about Rob and Rosemary.

Sincerely, Ben Stone NC commissioner



Wilson Stone enjoying the day

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

The Southern Maryland Celtic Festival was held on April 24th at the historic Jefferson-Patterson Park in St. Leonard, Maryland.



Andy Easter presiding over the Clan Tent

Between the great weather and the nice flow of visitor traffic, the day was well spent.

Pauline and Andy Easter

It was a one-day event and the weather for it was perfect, despite a deluge of rain the entire week previous to it. The ground was a bit soggy for stabilizing tents but otherwise, everything was lovely. The event planners had tried something different with the Clan Society tents, sprinkling them around two areas with various entertainment and competition areas interspersed. The Clan Pollock tent was at a high traffic intersection by a kilt vendor and the Highland dance competition pavilion so there were lots of people stopping by to see our display and ask questions and take away information/application packages.



Andy Easter and a friend from Clan Wallace relaxing

POLK FAMILY REUNION - 2005

The James K. Polk Memorial State Historical Site in Pineville, North Carolina, has just announced plans for a Polk Family Reunion to be held 11-13 June 2005. Contact polk@ncmail.net if you wish to get on the mailing list for this event.

The Polk Memorial website is found at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/polk/polk.htm>

CALLING ALL COOKS! CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLAN POLLOCK COOKBOOK

We need your recipes to make the Clan Pollock Cookbook a success. We like to have it published in time for Christmas gift giving. If you have a favorite family recipe that you would like to contribute, please send it to Beth Avery at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com or 913 N. 14th St. Gunnison, CO 81230.

DID YOU KNOW?

How Tall?

The Guinness Book of Records shows that the tallest Scotsman and the tallest "true" giant was Angus Macaskill. Born on the island of Berneray in 1825, Macaskill was 7ft 9in (2.36m) tall. He died on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia in 1863.

The tallest person in the United States was Robert Pershing Wadlow, born in Alton, IL in 1918. He was 8 feet & 11 inches tall. He died in 1940

There are 284 mountain peaks over 3000 feet in Scotland.

There are 15 mountain peaks in Alaska over 15,000 feet.

How Long?

The longest river in Scotland is the Tay (120 miles long) followed by the Spey (110 miles long), the River Clyde (106 miles), the Tweed (97 miles), Dee (85 miles), Don (82 miles) and the Forth (65 miles).

There are 76 rivers in the United States that are more than 350 miles long, from the Mississippi (2,348 miles long) to the San Joaquin, the Noatak and the Licking (all 350 miles long).

How Many?

There are now about 5,000,000 people living in Scotland itself and over 25,000,000 people of Scottish lineage living abroad.

In September 2003 the total resident population of the United States was estimated at 291,950,153

There are 787 islands in Scotland, most in the Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland but only 62 are over 3 square miles

There are about 132 named islands in Hawaii alone.

The longest single word place name in Scotland is the 18 letters long Coignafeainternich in Invernesshire.

The longest single word place names in the United States are Mooselockmeguntic in Maine, Kleinfeltersville in Pennsylvania and Waugullewutlekauh in California. All 17 letters long.

The official flower of Scotland is the bluebell. Not one of the 50 states has the bluebell as its official flower

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