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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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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



Thanks to all our members who participated in Clan Pollock events this year. We can't say enough about those of you who are willing to help out by hosting a tent at Games in your area.

Special thanks to Ben & Merle Stone for their hard work in hosting the AGM dinner and tent at the Grandfather Mountain Games. Both Ben & Merle were having some physical problems, but carried on in their usual great way. Also thanks to Rob & Rosemary Pollock for their help - they will never truly "retire" and Rosemary, we know you'll be back marching in the Parade of Tartans by next year! Mike & Gail Carden so helped in taking down items in the tent.

I have just returned from the Pensacola, Florida area. My brother and I made a trip to take generators and other supplies to my oldest son and his family and neighbors who live there. I cannot tell you how moved I was by the terrible destruction I saw while on this trip. I know we have members in other areas of Florida, Alabama, and possibly other states that have also been affected by the hurricanes, tornados, and floods over the past few weeks. I would like to urge all our members to try to help out in some way - make a donation to the Red Cross, Salvation Army or other charitable groups aiding in this effort; give blood - do something!

Finally I would also like to urge all our members who live in the United States to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election. We have Americans fighting so that others in the world can have the privileges that we sometimes take for granted.

Best Wishes for the remainder of 2004!
A. D. & Clara Ann Pollock

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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.

New Members

Matthew S. Carden, Atlanta, Georgia
Michael S. Carden, Durham, North Carolina
Johnny Fann, Jr., Charlotte, North Carolina.
Diana L. Pollock, Renton, Washington
Harold R. Pollock, Newport, North Carolina
Harold R. Pollock II, Newport, North Carolina
Palmer Pollock, Lake Forest Park, Washington
Stephen Pollock, Parker, Colorado
Wendell F. Pollock, Bellevue, Washington
William W. Pollock III, Newport, North Carolina
Marilyn P. Schoenheider, Western Springs, Illinois

We have 25 new members in 2004 as of September 20th. Here's the breakdown for the 25:

8 from North Carolina
4 from Washington
2 from Florida
2 from Pennsylvania
1 each from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Alaska, Georgia, Virginia, California, Connecticut and
1 from Ireland.

Order Great Christmas Gifts Now!

Clan Pollock items are available on the web page, www.clanpollock.com. In case you don't have access to the web, here are a few items that are available:

Worsted Wool Ancient Pollock Tartan \$60/yd.
Poly Acrylic Ancient Pollock Tartan \$17/yd.
Clan Cap Badge \$16
Clan Kilt Pin \$20
Clan Tartan Flashes \$15
Clan Tote Bag (Limited Qty) \$12
Clan Crest T-shirt (embroidered) \$15
Clan Crest T-shirt (Screen Print) \$10
Clan Crest Cotton Polo (embroidered) \$20
Ladies Tartan Sashes \$17

Please add \$5 for shipping. Allow up to 4 weeks delivery for Shirts & Hats. If you'd like to order online, but don't have your own computer, check out your local public library and see if they have computers for public use or send you order to Howard W. Pollock, Treasurer, 7676 Mistyglen Ave. Boise, ID 83709.

Where Have the Inquiries/Pedigree Charts Gone?

Richard H. Pollock, FSA Scot
Genealogist, Clan Pollock International

If you know your ancestral line back to Great Britain, that's great news! If you don't know your ancestral line, and are the least bit curious, the silence has been deafening.

The "report card"--in the past three years, two members have inquired about their lineage's. Three new members have submitted Pedigree Charts, as all were asked to do when the "Welcome Packet" was sent By President A. D. Pollock.

We now have 130,000+ names in the Clan Pollock Database. Please add your family to this list--you might even find a few new cousins in the process. Send your information, it can be on the Pedigree Chart or any form you have it in to Richard H. Pollock, 10639 Wemberley Hill Blvd. Louisville, KY 40241-3421, DICKPOLL@aol.com

HIGHLAND GAMES

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR COMMISSIONERS/CONVENERS

Hamish & Sandy Pollock
Ben & Merle Stone
Andy & Pauline Easter
Matt & Vicki Pollock
Howard Pollock
Paul & Helen Layman
Robert & Dorothy Slemmons
Todd McGeenan
Carol Black
A. D. & Clara Ann Pollock

If we have left anyone off, we sincerely apologize!!!!

REPORTS

AGM

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of Clan Pollock was held on Saturday night July 10 at the Holiday Inn Banner Elk NC. A hospitality room had been available all weekend and most of the folks gathered there for pre dinner lubrication. At the appropriate time all adjourned to the "Beech" room. They were welcomed by NC commissioner Ben Stone. Chaplain Phil Pogue (pictured below with his sister, Charlene Young) gave the grace. After the meal President A. D. Pollock presided over the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's report. The finances are in good shape. Discussion was carried out as where and when the next annual meeting will be held. The Tennessee games are in a new venue and President and Mrs. Pollock were to check it out. Also the possibility of the next games being held in Colorado so members from the western US could attend. A decision will be announced later in the Pollag. The meeting was adjourned after singing "Auld Lang Syne".

~ Ben Stone



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games got off to a bad start for Clan Pollock. Commissioner Ben Stone had a heavy suitcase fall on his leg and foot as he opened to gate of his Ford Expedition. This made him mostly immobile for the rest of the weekend.

The games began Thursday night, July 8. There was a picnic and then a torchlight ceremony with a "Calling of the Clans". Rob Pollock gave rousing call for Clan Pollock. I learned things that I hadn't previously known about the Clan. There was a race called "The Bear" that passed through the meadow where the games were held. It proceeded to the top of the mountain.



The Games ran Friday July 9-Sunday July 11. Highlights were the church service on Sunday where Chaplain Phil Pogue represented the Clan in spite of being under the weather. A large contingent marched in the Parade of Tartans because a large number of Eastern North Carolina Pollocks suddenly appeared and marched with President A.D. Pollock, Clara Pollock, Phil Pogue, Charlene Young, Rob Pollock, A.D.'s grandsons--Austin and Ryan Slough, and Anne Findlay. A.D. represented the Clan in the Parade of Chiefs. Ryan Slough won the Gold Medal in 9-10 year old quarter mile race.

This guarantees that he will get his name in the Program next year. (the 50th anniversary of the Grandfather games) Saints Rob and Rosemary Pollock (picture above) helped gimpy Ben and Merle Stone load up on Sunday afternoon and the games ended happily.

Ben Ston



Phillip Pogue, Austin Slough, Charlene Young & A.D. Pollock with Ryan Slough.

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival

This years weather helped the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival set new records for attendance and clan participation. Early reports are showing approximately 75,000 attendance and we also filled all of our available clan spaces with 67 clans and societies attending. We had three AGM's this year and already have two scheduled for next years festival plus one scheduled for 2006!

This years festival had two special visiting dignitaries joining us. The first being Robin Blair, Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Clan Committee held a Meet and Greet on Saturday afternoon from 2pm - 4 pm for all of the participating clans. We had approximately 750 people attend. The second visiting dignitary was the first ever Irish Chief from Clan Cian (Kean).

We picked up a new clan committee volunteer this year, Ruth Woodward, a lifetime member of Clan Pollock and sponsor of the Douglas Pollock Woodward Memorial Sword, which is presented to the Premier Highland Dancer each year at the festival. She has also been asked by the Tartan Society to help with genealogy at next year's festival in addition to helping us."

We have been invited and will be attending the attend the Tucson Celtic Festival this November 5th and 6th as guests of the festivals president.

Kent and Peggy Woodward
Clan Committee Chairmen, Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival

William Washington Pollock Family Reunion

The William Washington Pollock Heirs held their 56th Family Reunion in June, 2004 at the Jones County Civic Center, Trenton, North Carolina. There were close to 200 in attendance this year. (74 from the Mann A. Pollock Family.) The reunion is held each year the first Sunday in June.



Many are interested in Clan Pollock and we have given them names and addresses and hope they have been in contact with you.

Linda D. Pollock (Mrs. Harold)
Chair, 2005 WWP Reunion

UPCOMING GAMES

Richmond Scottish Festival and Games

We are scheduled to convene at the Richmond Scottish Festival and Games October 23-24. We'll likely be set up next to Clan Maxwell again this year, as we usually do. So if you're in the area stop by and see us.

Pauline and Andy Easter

THE DECLARATION OF ARBROATH

By him, come what may, we mean to stand

The Declaration of Arbroath is the most celebrated document in Scottish history, with the possible exception of the National Covenant of 1638. It is dated 6 April 1320, six years after the Battle of Bannockburn in which the united forces of Scotland led by Robert the Bruce utterly defeated the English army of Edward II. The declaration is actually a letter to Pope John XXII, written and signed by the Earls and Barons of Scotland, asking the Pope to recognize Scotland as a Christian kingdom in its own right, with Robert as its King, and to instruct the English to do the same. It is a brilliant literary document which recounts ancient Scottish history and ends with a stirring oath to stand by Robert and Scotland to the end. The original document was written in beautifully crafted Latin, and is attributed to Bernard de Linton, Abbot of Arbroath and Chancellor of Scotland.

There are no Pollock signers to this document, but the family was represented by the Eustace Maxwell of Clan Maxwell. The Pollock lands were escheated to the Maxwells at this time since the family had sided with Balliol and against Robert during the struggle for succession following the death of Alexander III.

J. F. Polk
Historian, Clan Pollock International

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*To the most Holy Father and Lord in Christ, the Lord John, by divine providence Supreme Pontiff of the Holy Roman and Universal Church, his humble and devout sons Duncan, Earl of Fife, Thomas Randolph, Earl of Moray, Lord of Man and of Annandale, Patrick Dunbar, Earl of March, Malise, Earl of Strathearn, Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, William, Earl of Ross, Magnus, Earl of Caithness and Orkney, and William, Earl of Sutherland; Walter, Steward of Scotland, William Soules, Butler of Scotland, James, Lord of Douglas, Roger Mowbray, David, Lord of Brechin, David Graham, Ingram Umfraville, John Menteith, guardian of the earldom of Menteith, Alexander Fraser, Gilbert Hay, Constable of Scotland, Robert Keith,*

*Marischal of Scotland, Henry St Clair, John Graham, David Lindsay, William Oliphant, Patrick Graham, John Fenton, William Abernethy, David Wemyss, William Mushet, Fergus of Ardrossan, Eustace Maxwell, William Ramsay, William Mowat, Alan Murray, Donald Campbell, John Cameron, Reginald Cheyne, Alexander Seton, Andrew Leslie, and Alexander Straiton, and the other barons and freeholders and the whole community of the realm of Scotland send all manner of filial reverence, with devout kisses of his blessed feet.*

*Most Holy Father and Lord, we know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find that among other famous nations our own, the Scots, has been graced with widespread renown. They journeyed from Greater Scythia by way of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain among the most savage tribes, but nowhere could they be subdued by any race, however barbarous. Thence they came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to their home in the west where they still live today. The Britons they first drove out, the Picts they utterly destroyed, and, even though very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, they took possession of that home with many victories and untold efforts; and, as the historians of old time bear witness, they have held it free of all bondage ever since. In their kingdom there have reigned one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, the line unbroken a single foreigner.*

*The high qualities and deserts of these people, were they not otherwise manifest, gain glory enough from this: that the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Lord Jesus Christ, after His Passion and Resurrection, called them, even though settled in the uttermost parts of the earth, almost the first to His most holy faith. Nor would He have them confirmed in that faith by merely anyone but by the first of His Apostles -- by calling, though second or third in rank -- the most gentle Saint Andrew, the Blessed Peter's brother, and desired him to keep them under his protection as their patron forever.*

*The Most Holy Fathers your predecessors gave careful heed to these things and bestowed many favours and numerous privileges on this same kingdom and people, as being the special charge of the Blessed Peter's brother. Thus our nation under their protection did indeed live in freedom and peace up to the time when that mighty prince the King of the English, Edward, the father of the one who reigns today, when our kingdom had no head and our people harboured no malice or treachery and were then unused to wars or invasions, came in the guise of a friend and ally to harass them as an enemy. The deeds of cruelty, massacre, violence, pillage, arson, imprisoning prelates, burning down monasteries, robbing and killing monks and nuns, and yet other outrages without number which he committed against our people, sparing neither age nor sex, religion nor rank, no one could describe nor fully imagine unless he had seen them with his own eyes.*

***But from these countless evils we have been set free, by the help of Him Who though He afflicts yet heals and restores, by our most tireless Prince, King and Lord, the Lord Robert. He, that his people and his heritage might be delivered out of the hands of our enemies, met toil and fatigue, hunger and peril, like another Macabaeus or Joshua and bore them cheerfully. Him, too, divine providence, his right of succession according to or laws and customs which we shall maintain to the death, and the due consent and assent of us all have made our Prince and King. To him, as to the man by whom salvation has been wrought unto our people, we are bound both by law and by his merits that our freedom may be still maintained, and by him, come what may, we mean to stand.***

***Yet if he should give up what he has begun, and agree to make us or our kingdom subject to the King of England or the English, we should exert ourselves at once to drive him out as our enemy and a subverter of his own rights and ours, and make some other man who was well able to defend us our King; for, as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom -- for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.***

*Therefore it is, Reverend Father and Lord, that we beseech your Holiness with our most earnest prayers and suppliant hearts, inasmuch as you will in your sincerity and goodness consider all this, that, since with Him Whose Vice-Regent on earth you are there is neither weighing nor distinction of Jew and Greek, Scotsman or Englishman, you will look with the eyes of a father on the troubles and privation brought by the English upon us and upon the Church of God. May it please you to admonish and exhort the King of the English, who ought to be satisfied with what belongs to him since England used once to be enough for seven kings or more, to leave us Scots in peace, who live in this poor little Scotland, beyond which there is no dwelling-place at all, and covet nothing but our own. We are sincerely willing to do anything for him, having regard to our condition, that we can, to win peace for ourselves.*

*This truly concerns you, Holy Father, since you see the savagery of the heathen raging against the Christians, as the sins of Christians have indeed deserved, and the frontiers of Christendom being pressed inward every day; and how much it*

*will tarnish your Holiness's memory if (which God forbid) the Church suffers eclipse or scandal in any branch of it during your time, you must perceive. Then rouse the Christian princes who for false reasons pretend that they cannot go to help of the Holy Land because of wars they have on hand with their neighbours. The real reason that prevents them is that in making war on their smaller neighbours they find quicker profit and weaker resistance. But how cheerfully our Lord the King and we too would go there if the King of the English would leave us in peace, He from Whom nothing is hidden well knows; and we profess and declare it to you as the Vicar of Christ and to all Christendom.*

*But if your Holiness puts too much faith in the tales the English tell and will not give sincere belief to all this, nor refrain from favouring them to our prejudice, then the slaughter of bodies, the perdition of souls, and all the other misfortunes that will follow, inflicted by them on us and by us on them, will, we believe, be surely laid by the Most High to your charge.*

*To conclude, we are and shall ever be, as far as duty calls us, ready to do your will in all things, as obedient sons to you as His Vicar; and to Him as the Supreme King and Judge we commit the maintenance of our cause, casting our cares upon Him and firmly trusting that He will inspire us with courage and bring our enemies to nought.*

*May the Most High preserve you to his Holy Church in holiness and health and grant you length of days.*

*Given at the monastery of Arbroath in Scotland on the sixth day of the month of April in the year of grace thirteen hundred and twenty and the fifteenth year of the reign of our King aforesaid.*

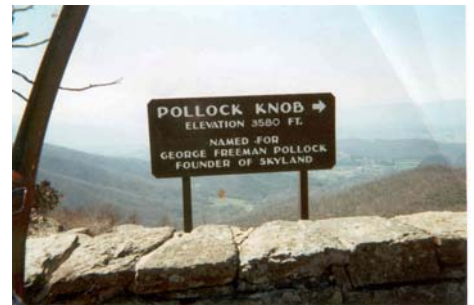
## **Pollock Knob**

Elevation 3580 Ft.

Named for

George Freeman Pollock

Founder of Skyland



We became interested in this subject after a cousin, Betty Pollock Springer, sent this picture to us. A friend of hers had taken the picture on Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. Below is some information taken from two different web sites. For more information, check out [www.patc.net/history/archive/whyskyld.html](http://www.patc.net/history/archive/whyskyld.html)

The establishment of Shenandoah National Park in 1935 was the culmination of an effort that took almost four decades. It was the result of the efforts of many people with many different motivations.

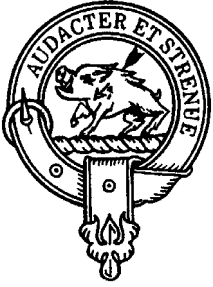
One of these individuals was George Freeman Pollock. Mr. Pollock and two associates were primarily responsible for having the region of the Shenandoah selected as a National Park. Mr. Pollock developed an area known as "Skyland", some 10,000 acres of land, or one-sixteenth of the entire area of the Shenandoah National Park. He felt that "the greatest single feature of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, however, is a possible skyline drive along the mountain top, following a continuous ridge and looking down westerly on the Shenandoah Valley..Few scenic drives in the world could surpass it."

Shenandoah National Park today approaches 200,000 acres. Forty percent of the area is Congressionally designated wilderness.

Clara Ann Pollock

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**Motto: Boldly and Strongly**

Alexander Forsyth Pollock  
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### **WHO ARE THE POLLOCKS?**

Pollock is among the oldest family names recorded in Scotland, wrote George Crawford in his "General Description of the Shire of Renfrew, Including an Account of the Noble and Ancient Families", first published in 1710.

The surname Pollock was adopted from the ancient lands of Pollock, located in the Renfrewshire area of Scotland in and around Glasgow. Records of the 12th century reveal the sons of Fulbert, progenitor of the Pollock Family, held these lands. Fulbert's son, Petrus, inherited the land from his father in 1163 and was the first person to use Pollock as a surname at a time when surnames were first being used in Scotland. One surviving document charters the lands to Petrus through Walter Fitz-Alan, High Steward of Scotland and the progenitor of the Royal Stewart line. The lands then passed to Robertus, brother of Petrus, as Petrus had no male heir. The main line of Pollock descent is from Robertus, who had earlier witnessed the founding of Paisley Abbey in 1160 and was described as "Roberto filio Fulberti."

From the Clan Pollock Web site,