

The Pollag
January 2005

"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."

Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue

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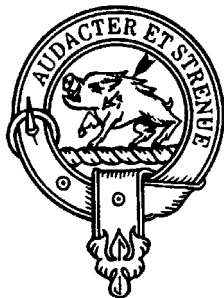
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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year in 2005. Clara Ann and I hope your holiday season just past was a good one.

2004 was a good year for Clan Pollock. We have had 31 new members as of December 15th. There was a good turnout at our AGM at Grandfather Mountain in July. We had a Clan Pollock tent for the first time at the New Hampshire Games hosted by Todd McGeehan and other members of his family. Todd is already making plans for a bigger and better tent at the 2005 games. We would like to encourage others to host a tent at a Game in your area. Help is especially needed in Texas and California. We will assist you with what you need for your display in a tent. Just let us know!

We are saddened at the loss in 2005 of some of our older members, our Flowers of the Forest. Some of these we never had the privilege of meeting, but Martha Pollock was a special lady and a special friend to us and our grandsons as we enjoyed camping for the Games with Martha and her daughter & son-in-law, Gail and Mike Carden. Clan Pollock has lost a true supporter.

Please look for the information in this issue on our 2005 AGM to be held at the Glasgow, KY Highland Games the first weekend in June, 2005. We had such a good turnout at our 2002 AGM held at these same games and we are hoping for an even better attendance in 2005.

2005 is an election year for Clan Pollock. According to the Clan Pollock Constitution and By-Laws, "Persons to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected by a majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting of the clan. Their term of office shall be for a period of two years. Elected Officers shall serve a maximum of four consecutive two year terms. This provision may be waived if a suitable candidate is not found for any of the elected positions."

It is time to send in your 2005 dues - \$15.00 U.S. dollars a year. There is a form on the inside back page that you can use to send in your dues or you can go on line at <http://www.clanpollock.com/> to use Pay Pal. It will save our clan treasury additional postage if you will send in your dues without an additional reminder. Thanks in advance!!!

Thank you to each and every Clan Pollock member for your support of our association. According to our Constitution, "The purpose of Clan Pollock is to record and preserve the history of Pollocks of Scottish descent throughout the world and to provide an organization whereby members can enjoy an association with others with ancestral ties to Scotland." Clara Ann and I have met so many great people and made so many friends in our years of involvement with Clan Pollock. Whether you spell it "Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, or Pogue" we're all connected by our ancestors from long ago.

Our very Best Wishes for 2005,
A. D. & Clara Ann Pollock

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is March 20. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, especially about holiday events, to the editor.

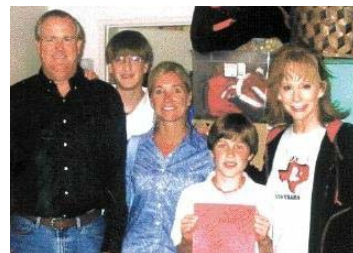
NEW MEMBERS

Marg Chauvin, Lantana, Florida
Georgeann Pollock Griffin, Royal Oak, Michigan
Jo Harris Hillyer, Clinton, Arkansas
Pamela Venable Hunnicutt, Bellingham, Washington
Stephanie Pollock Palm, Nashville, Tennessee *
Ronald C. Polk, Jr., South Ogden, Utah *
* - Former Members, Rejoining

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations to Clan Pollock Genealogist and former Clan Pollock President, Richard (Dick) H. Pollock. Dick was recently inducted into the Madisonville High School, Madisonville, Kentucky Hall of Fame. Dick and his wife, Sue, reside in Louisville, Kentucky.

Congratulations to Ryan Slough, Clan Pollock member from Nashville, Tennessee, for his role as the son of Reba McEntire in Reba's new music video, "He Gets That From Me". The video is climbing in the ratings on CMT and GAC. The Slough Family, Mark, Austin, Beth, and Ryan, with Reba McEntire at a taping of her show, Reba, are pictured at right.



Get Well Wishes to Clan Pollock Vice President and North Carolina Commissioner, Ben Stone. Ben recently underwent multiple by-pass surgery but he writes he is recovering well.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Martha Scott Pollock, Durham, North Carolina. Martha and her late husband, Hamish Pollock, Sr., were founding members of Clan Pollock. Martha passed away recently in Durham and her services were in Hampton, Virginia.

Martha Pollock

Sadly, I report that Martha Pollock, a charter member of Clan Pollock, passed away on 11 November of this year at the age of eighty three. She now rests beside her beloved husband, Hamish Pollock, in Hampton, Virginia. Many among her many friends attending the burial ceremony wore the kilt, and her coffin was most appropriately draped with the Pollock tartan. Martha was a strong supporter of our clan and a truly delightful lady who was admired by many.

Martha is survived by her son Hamish Jr. of Florida, and her daughter Gail Pollock Carden of North Carolina, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was the sister-in-law of Rob and Rosemary Pollock of North Carolina, and Bob and Marion Dunbar of Florida.

I first met Martha and Hamish at the Grandfather Mountain games in 1980. At that time the clan roster was only about three quarters of a page long. Among those dedicated to ensuring our new clan survived, Martha was always ready to do her part. For many years she helped man the clan tent, answered questions, and proudly marched in the parades. If you needed something done, Martha was always ready to help. I can still picture her sitting in the clan tent in her white blouse and kilt skirt in the Pollock tartan. Ann and I always looked forward with delight to a visit with Martha, and the fond memories of those visits have not been forgotten. Well done, Martha. Be thou at peace.

~William C. Pollock Jr.

RATTLE & SNAP HOME ON 'THIS OLD HOUSE'

The popular public television show *This Old House* traveled to Maury County, Tennessee recently to film a segment on Greek Revival architecture at the crown jewel of Tennessee plantations - Rattle & Snap, according to the Nashville newspaper, *The Tennessean*.

George Washington Polk, a distant cousin of President James K. Polk, built Rattle & Snap in 1845. The 12,400 square-foot mansion is a National Historic Landmark. The plantation's original 5,648 acres were won in a game of chance between Col. William Polk, a hero of the Revolutionary War, and the governor of North Carolina, in 1792. The game was called "Rattle & Snap", hence the property's name.

Rattle & Snap was restored a few years ago by Amon Carter Evans, former owner of *The Tennessean*. Mr. Evans invited Clara Ann & me to visit Rattle & Snap. He gave us a wonderful lunch and tour of the home and grounds. The home is not open to the public at the present time.

Rattle & Snap will be featured on the Boston-based public television show to air either in late January or early February. Our own Clan Pollock Historian, John F. Polk, Jr., is a great-great grandson of George Washington Polk.

~ A. D. Pollock, Jr.

Get to know.....

Marg Chauvin, member from Lantana, Florida

Life is full of opportunities and my goal is to expand my horizons. Being born and raised in St. Augustine Florida I was well aware of my Florida ancestry but had only a glimpse of the 'other side'. In my late 30's I decided to prove I could play an instrument and chose the lever (Celtic) harp. Little did I realize the harp would become a door to an entirely new world. The music that captured my heart was Scot and summer became the time for workshops in North Carolina. Friends introduced me to historical reenactments that resulted in joining the 42nd Highland Rangers. The summer workshops led to participating in Scottish Harp Competitions and eventually (with assistance) adding a harp competition to the North East Florida Games. And, all of this led me to inquire about my maternal ancestry which is Ohio River Valley, Scot-Irish, Polk and McFall. Opportunity has led me to sharing life with Bill Messer in South Florida, releasing two CDs with Bill, performing at a variety of venues school including folk and Celtic festivals, presenting harp workshops, teaching at Palm Beach Community College, and a long list of wonderful events. To see photos check... www.heartstrings.harper.net. Now opportunity continues to knock so you never know where Bill and I will be tomorrow.

Blessings,
Marg

Note from the editor: you can see Marg and Bill perform at several Florida events this Spring. Check their website.



KILTS IN THE WINDS



We were recently on the Family Tree Magazine sponsored "kilts in the winds" cruise. It was a great way to enjoy meeting other Scots and having good entertainment. Shown in the picture are: L Dr. & Mrs. Ben Stone, New Bern, NC; R Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pollock, Calgary, Alberta Canada. Beth Gay and Judy Davis were in charge of our group. Balladeer Colin Grant-Adams was our main entertainment. Ludlow Porch, comedian, left us weak from laughing. Frank Shaw reviewed the book "The DeVinci Code". Beth humorously reviewed our genealogy. Jim Pennington was the main piper. All were delightful. If this is ever repeated I would urge more Pollocks to attend!

Best, Ben Stone

HIGHLAND GAMES

REPORTS

Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival

Clan Pollock convened at the Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival on October 23rd and 24th. As is usual for the Chesapeake Region Pollocks, the tent was set up next to the Maxwell tent and the spaces were shared in terms of display and socializing areas.



It was a brisk Saturday with bone-chilling breezes but some sunshine that seemed to keep the visitors active and cheery. Mr. Robert Parrish of Midlothian, Virginia stopped by for a nice long chat with Clan Pollock Commissioner, Andy Easter, as did Michael Pogue of Powhatan, Virginia. Many other Pollocks stopped by to sign the visitors list and we were glad to see them all. Again, we invite all our cousins to stop by and say hello, even if it's just a quick pause on the way to other entertainment, we're happy to see you visit. The Maxwells also had a busy day with Dick and Barbara Maxwell making their cousins feel welcome as well.



Sunday, the weather turned a bit ugly, in that it was in the low 50s and began to rain, which would have been a damper in itself, but a cold breeze also accompanied the rain. Still, the Pollocks toughed it out despite cold, rain and mud so deep it would steal a shoe off your foot if you weren't careful!

Yours aye,
Andy and Pauline Easter

Tallahassee Celtic Festival

Once again, the weather was in perfect tune with Florida and Tallahassee's reputation for gracious hospitality, as Sandra and I attended the 2004 Tallahassee Celtic Festival and Highland Games on October 30th. We entertained old friends and made new ones, including several new Pollocks.

~Hamish Pollock

TENNESSEE HIGHLAND GAMES

Clara Ann and I hosted the Clan Pollock tent at the 9th Annual Games on Saturday, October 2. The Games were held in a new location this year on the grounds of the Tennessee Renaissance Festival in Triune, Tennessee. Despite concern about moving the location of the Games, the attendance was good. Clan Pollock's tent space was located just across from the entertainment area where Clann An Drumma and The Ricblair band performed so we had a lot of traffic going by. We had several Clan Pollock members visit with us. Charlene Young and her daughter, Abby Johnson, spent the day with us. Charlene is becoming well known as a "Bonniest Knee Judge" and was once again asked to serve. Other members who stopped by were: Richard Pollock & his daughter, Sasha; Richard (Steve) Pollock & his daughter, Stephanie Pollock Palm; and Douglas and Glenda Polk.

The Tennessee Highland Games committee hopes to expand the 2005 Games to a 2 day event. These Games continue to be the most Clan friendly!

~A.D. Pollock

Alexandria Virginia Christmas Walk



On December 4th, Clan Pollock walked in the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The clans Pollock and Maxwell marched together with about a dozen of us representing both families. The weather favored us this year with the mild temperatures, which brought large crowds to attend the parade.



After the parade of course was lunch (at Portners) and holiday shopping and sampling the holiday specialties of various pubs in the historic town.



~ Pauline and Andy Easter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clan Pollock to be honored Clan at the Sarasota Highland Games!

While at the Saturday festivities, at the Tallahassee Celtic Festival Jenette Black approached me and asked if the Pollocks would like to be honored clan at the 2005 Sarasota Highland Games. Jenette is the clan chairperson for the Scottish Heritage Society of Sarasota. I have agreed to represent the Clan Pollock and have sent Jenette some of the Clan Pollock's background and history for the games program.

The highland games will be held Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Sarasota County Fairground on Fruitville Road, between I75 exit #210 and the Tamiami trail (US 41).

Knowing that the weather will cooperate, I am requesting that every Pollock officer or commissioner who can possibly attend, please contact me so that I might provide them with information on motel accommodations, rv parks, golf courses, etc. (We now have only a month and a half before the Games.)

I need all the support that we can muster. As far as I know, we are the only clan that has been asked to be the honored clan twice at the Sarasota Games.

~Hamish Pollock

Huntersville NC

Clan Pollock will have tents at the Loch Norman Highland Games April 15-17, in Huntersville NC (near Charlotte). Information can be obtained by calling or e mailing Ben Stone or at www.ruralhillfarm.org.



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Clan Pollock will be present at the 50th anniversary of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 7-10, at Linville NC. It's not too early to start planning for your trip there. Information can be obtained at <http://www.gmhg.org> or contact Ben Stone.

2005 POLK FAMILY REUNION

JUNE 10 - 12, 2005
PINEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



The 2005 Polk Family Reunion will be held the weekend of June 10-12 at the James K. Polk Memorial State Historic Site in Pineville, North Carolina, just south of Charlotte. The Memorial marks the birthplace of President James K. Polk. The reunion website is <http://www.polkfamilyreunion.com/> We will have more information in the April Pollag. Clan Pollock has been invited to the past two Polk reunions (held every other year) and we hope to have good representation at the 2005 event. See Polk Memorial website at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/polk/polk.htm>

~ A. D. Pollock, Jr.

Florida Games

Northeast Florida Scottish Games. February 25-27th, Green Cove Springs, FL. Clay County Fairgrounds. <http://www.neflgames.com/>
Southeast Florida Scottish Games. March 5th, Sportsplex of Coral Springs, FL. <http://www.sassf.org/games.html>

CLAN POLLOCK 2005 AGM

**GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES
JUNE 2 - JUNE 5, 2005**



We hope you will begin making your plans now to attend Clan Pollock's AGM in 2005 to be held at the Glasgow Highland Games at Barren River Lake State Resort Park, 12 miles from Glasgow, Kentucky. We had our 2002 AGM at these Games and had a great turnout.

Our host hotel will be the Quality Inn, 102 Gardner Lane, Cave City, Kentucky, just off of Interstate 65 at exit 53. We have 15 rooms reserved at a rate of \$42.00 plus tax. Please call (270) 773-3101 to make your reservation. Please mention that you are with Clan Pollock to receive the special rate. Quality Inn will hold these rooms for us until May 15, 2005. You can view this Inn at <http://www.musselmanhotels.com/> and then click on Quality Inn, Cave City, Kentucky.

We will hold our annual meeting at the Clan Pollock tent on Saturday, June 4, at 2:00 p.m. We are planning a picnic dinner at the Barren River State Park campground on Saturday evening. A.D. & Clara Ann Pollock and Gail and Mike Carden plan to camp again and host this picnic. Everyone seemed to have a great time in 2002 and we are hoping for a good turnout again in 2005!

For more information on the Games, contact the Glasgow Highland Games office at (270) 651-3141. Their fax number is (270) 651-9090. E-mail: ghg@glasgow-ky.com

41st Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering

The Caledonia Society of Arizona will host the 41st Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering, February 26 & 27, 2005. It will be held on the Campus of Mesa Community College located on the Northeast corner of Dobson & US60, 1833 West Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ. 85202. Please check the Caledonia website <http://www.arizonascots.com> for further info and hotels in the area.

Any Clan member who is attending the Games, please join us in the parade of Clans, Saturday, Feb.26/05. We assemble about 11:30 and the procession is to start at Noon. Please come to the Pollock tent about 11:15AM. Hope to see you there.

Carol Black
Arizona Commissioner

2005 CLAN POLLOCK DUES

\$15.00 U.S. dollars – Please mail to:

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You may also pay through the website, <http://www.clanpollock.com/>
Thank you for your continued support and participation in Clan Pollock!

NEW YORK TARTAN DAY PARADE **SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2005**

Clan Pollock has received an invitation from the National Tartan Day New York Committee to participate in the 2005 National Tartan Day Parade which will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2005 in New York City. Step-off is 2:00 p.m.

The mission of the National Tartan Day New York Committee, Inc. is to celebrate the historic and current contributions of Scots, and those of Scottish descent, to America's development. Addition details about Tartan Week and the parade are posted at <http://www.tartanweek.com>, E-mail – info@tartanweek.com, Telephone – 212-980-0844. There is no cost to register and march. All clans and their kinfolk are most welcome to bring their clan banners and pipe bands.

If there are any Clan Pollock members in the New York City area who would like to participate, please let us know. We would like to have our clan represented in this event!

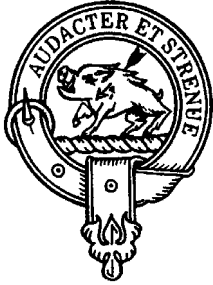
A.D. Pollock

Be on the look out for events in your area. Check the Tartan Day website, <http://www.tartanday.com/>

On March 20th 1998, Senate Resolution 155 (S.Res. 155), was proposed by US Senate Republican majority leader Trent Lott, was passed unanimously. The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

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Motto: Boldly and Strongly

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modelled on that inspirational document;

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guide this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success;

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day."