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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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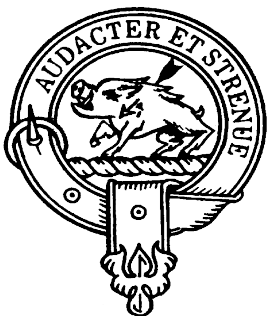
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Words from the President...

I would like to thank all of you who have sent in your 2008 dues. We have had a good response to the statements sent out in February. For those of you who have overlooked this, we would appreciate your sending in your dues soon.

As you probably know by now, postage is increasing by one cent again in May. We would like to ask all of you who have access to e-mail to consider getting your Pollag via e-mail. This will enable us to save on printing and postage costs. You need Adobe Reader (which you can download for free) and in this way you will get to see the pictures in color. Please let me (apollockis@comcast.net) or Mike & Beth Avery (averyb@otherwhen.com) know if you would be willing to change.

Thanks to Brett Johnson, son of Clan Pollock member, John E. Johnson, for volunteering to hand out Pollock information at the Maine Highland Games August 16 at Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick, ME. Look for Brett at the MacKenzie Clan in North America tent if you attend these Games.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games July 10 – 13 at MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC. We will have a Clan meeting on Saturday, July 12 at the Clan Pollock tent at approximately 11 am.

Clan Pollock is in need of volunteers to serve as Commissioners for Colorado and Kansas. We have lost a loyal member in Robert "Bob" Slemmons, who served as Kansas Commissioner. You can read more about this in Flowers of the Forest. William "Bill" Pollock has written that he needs to step down after the Estes Park, Colorado Games in September. Bill graciously took on this position 2 years ago. Bill is a long time Clan Pollock member who is also a past President and our current Membership Director.

We encourage our members to let us know of events in your lives – both happy and sad – so that we can keep the rest of our family informed of all the happenings.

We enjoyed attending the Long Beach Scottish Games on and around the Queen Mary in February. We hope to host a Clan Pollock space at these Games in 2009.

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is July 25th. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

We want to send out our best wishes to some of our members/spouses who have been having some health issues recently. We wish each of these a speedy and complete recovery very soon!

Jane P. Ohl, Denver, Co

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Merle Stone (Ben), New Bern, NC

Hallie Main (John), Paducah, KY

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

ROBERT SHELDON SLEMMONS

MARCH 12, 1922 – OCTOBER 22, 2007

Clan Pollock member and Kansas Commissioner, Robert S. Slemmons, passed away suddenly October 22, 2007. We received word recently from his widow, Dorothy. Bob was a longtime Clan Pollock member and he and Dorothy had hosted the Kansas games for many years for Clan Pollock. He and Dorothy had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 16, 2005. Bob is also survived by four children; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Bob was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Topeka where he and Dorothy sang in the Choir for over 50 years. Bob wrote volumes of memoirs, historical essays, children's stories, poetry and limericks. The full obituary from the *Topeka Capital Journal* can be found online at <http://tiny.cc/kORZK>

On his bathroom mirror were the words: "Life is short, and we have never too much time for making glad the hearts of others. Oh, be swift to love; make haste to be kind." We send our sincere sympathy to Dorothy and the rest of the family. Robert (Bob) S. Slemmons will be greatly missed.

INQUIRY ABOUT OLIVER POLLOCK

We received a letter from a C. Millie Mikkelsen in Tampa, Florida. She writes, "I recently joined the DAR in Tampa, Florida, but I feel I know very little about Oliver Pollock my ancestor. Can you help me with any information? I believe there is a connection with France. My full name is Carmen Milagros Silva Pollock Mikkelsen." If anyone can help her in her search, please contact her at 2701 Campus Hill Drive, Tampa, FL 33612.

INQUIRY ABOUT BENJAMIN POLLOCK

Clan Pollock member, Laverne Raisch, Holmes Beach, FL, writes the following about her family. My line is through Pollock and Earle. Some of this early info is from a DAR paper. Benjamin Pollock b c 1744 Duplin Co NC, md Mary Ward 1769 Dup Co, d 3 Mar 1779 at the Battle of Brier's Creek, north of Savannah. Ga. He was a member of the NC militia and his family received bounty land in TN. Mary was said to have died in 1789 so I never found the 'family' in a census. Their dau Hannah md 1789 NC David Clark; dau Polly md c 1812 KY Samuel H Earle; dau Lenora Earle md 1833 KY David Berry; dau Eliza Jane md 1857 KY Lewis Oates Dillingham; son Walter Berry D'ham md 1889, Scott Co MO Ida Belle Reeves; dau Eunice md Harrison E Daume; dau Laverne md Robert D Raisch. So you can see that all were female descendents except for my grandfather, Walter. If anyone has any information about Benjamin Pollock, please let Laverne know. Her e-mail is: boblarai2@yahoo.com

MEMOIRS OF JAMES RUSSELL POLLOCK

Clan Pollock member, Suzanne Pollock Hough, Tulsa, OK, writes that she has reprinted her father's memoirs. Suzanne donated copies to the State Library of Michigan, Kalamazoo Public Library, the University of Michigan Library, Garrett Theological Library on Northwestern's campus, Yale University, Grand Ledge (MI) Methodist Church, and Ingham County (MI) Genealogical Library. Suzanne has begun a book about James Russell Pollock's parents and their ancestors. We wish her the best in her endeavors.



CONGRATULATIONS

Sheila & Jack Pollock celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last year

CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN PLEASANTS!

Jordan Pleasants (son of Chrystin Pollock Pleasants and Lonnie Pleasants) has just received his appointment to West Point. Needless to say, his family is thrilled for him as this is a goal he has worked hard to accomplish. Jordan was recruited to play football for the Black Knights and is currently training to play on the offensive line (most likely will be playing center).

Jordan attended Woodrow Wilson HS in Dallas where he played on the offensive line and was named to several all-district teams during his career. He lettered in baseball for four years and in football for three years. He also was in the National Honor Society, was active in the Eastern Orthodox Youth Organization, and was an altar server from the age of five until he left the Dallas area this year.



Going through the paces at Cadet Boot Camp

For the 2007-2008 school year Jordan has attended the US Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, NJ. He loved boot camp! The Prep School is the equivalent of a non-military school's "red-shirt" year for athletes. It was originally planned primarily as a transition for service men who wanted to attend West Point to have an intensive year of study in preparation for the rigors of attending West Point. While it still serves that function, it also serves to help prepare incoming athletes to master the demands of military life, academic life, and athletics. Jordan is looking forward to helping Army beat Navy!

NOTICE: WANTED: NEW COLORADO COMMISSIONER

Bill Pollock has notified us that he will have to step down as Colorado Commissioner after the 2008 Games at Estes Park in September. Bill writes, "It is with considerable regret I must tender my resignation as the clan commissioner for Colorado. I will provide all the help I can to assist a new commissioner get on board. That assistance will include helping him or her setup and represent the clan at the game at Estes Park this year. There will need to be a transfer of the property belonging to the clan which I received from Matt Pollock when he left for his new job in Wyoming." We are hoping someone will step up and volunteer for this most important position. Please contact A.D. Pollock, Jr. at apollockis@comcast.net or Bill Pollock at BillP99282@aol.com

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth I. Golden, Arlington Heights, IL
William Whalen Pollock, Johnson City, TX



A Day with Friends and Family...

Clan Pollock members, sisters, and proprietors of Mrs. Janey's Tea Room in Sacramento, KY, Martha Tucker, Edna Bates, and Patricia Hardison, are shown with A.D. Pollock, Jr. April 4th in the dining room at Mrs. Janey's. Also present for the great luncheon but not shown in the picture were Clara Ann Pollock and Charlene Pogue Young.

GAME REPORTS

Long Beach Scottish Festival



Clara Ann Pollock with grandsons, Austin and Ryan Slough, at the Long Beach Scottish Festival, February 17th, on board the Queen Mary. We hope to have a Clan Pollock space at these games in Feb, 2009. The Clans have their spaces on board the Queen Mary at Long Beach, CA. The Festival and Games take place on and around the Queen Mary.

Loch Norman Highland Games

The Loch Norman Highland Games began with a Sponsor's reception with dedication of the Haggis followed by a Calling of the Clans.

Saturday began bright and sunny. The Pollock tent was busy. Folks from Florida and Wisconsin who were Pollocks on their Mother's side visited as well as some folks who were Pollocks from Richmond VA. I gave both families fact sheets with applications enclosed and hope that they will join. Jim Reese (a Polk) who joined last year came by and we had a nice chat. Then it began to rain. When all the visitors left, I closed the tent about 3 pm.



Wilson shows off his blue ribbon



Fashion model Caroline

Sunday was bright, windy and cool. Rain threatened but never happened. Rob and Rosemary Pollock showed up to help with the tent. Unfortunately, I missed the church service. At the parade of tartans, we had 3 people: Wilson Stone (age 6) who carried the Clan crest and led, Rob Pollock, and me. Wilson did a fine job although the crest came apart a few times and was repaired to the cheers of the spectators. Later Wilson ran bare footed in the 80 yard 6 and under foot race. He won! He is shown displaying his blue ribbon. It turned cooler and I ended buying a sweat shirt that helped a lot. Our granddaughter, Caroline (19) months got cold also so her Mom bought her lassies out fit. Caroline and her Mom, Kelly, are show in the other picture. The games ended quietly. Tim Stone helped tremendously with the set up and take down. I am nominating him for the new NC convener. Thank you.

~Ben Stone

SHOW YOUR TARTAN

Sashes are \$25...

Tartan is \$17 per yard...

Men's Woolen Tartan Ties 59" long made by Ingles Buchan are \$20.00

Boy's Woolen Tartan Ties 19" long made by Ingles Buchan are \$14.00

Clan Cap Badge \$16.00

Clan Crest T-shirts \$15.00

Just add about \$8 for postage for all items total.

Other items listed at: <http://www.clanpollock.com/Items/Merchandise.html>

Sarasota Highland Games

Once again, beautiful weather and a grand turnout greeted the 2008 Sarasota Highland Games last March. The games were held at the Venice (FL) Airport with the usual array of competitions, clans, vendors, demonstrations, pipe band, and Highland and Irish Dancing. The Pollock Clan, lead by Florida Commissioner Hammish Pollock, held high the Pollock banner in the Parade of Tartans. The marchers included wife Sandra, son-in-law Bobby Gratzner, and even two-year old grandson Bobby III, who held his own special clan sign.



Bobby III

The many guest who stopped to visit the tent included Pollocks for the north , or "snowbirds, as they are known as in Florida, and even a couple from Pollock Scotland! The Scottish residents were astounded at finding an actual Clan Pollock in Florida. Throughout the day, old friends were greeted and new acquaintances made. Scottish relics were admired and discussed and everyone came away feeling a little more knowledgeable about their Scottish heritage. The afternoon closed with another successful gathering of the clans, and this Pollock family eagerly awaits the next scheduled event. Aye! ~Hammish Pollock



UPCOMING GAMES

May

May 29 – June 1. **Glasgow (Ky)** Highland Games, held at Barren River Lake State Resort Park. Visit the website www.glasgowhighlandgames.com or e-mail: ghg@glasgow-ky.com or phone 270-651-3141.

June

June 6 – 7, **Greenville (S.C.)** Scottish Games, held at Furman University. Visit the website www.greenvillegames.org to find out more about the games, places to stay while you are there and things to do around the Greenville area.

June 12-13, Utah Scottish Association Highland Games. Thanksgiving Point, **Lehi UT**. Justin Denslow, justindenslow@yahoo.com, will host the tent For more information about the games: <http://utgames.sitebones.com/>

June 6-7, Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games. **Arlington, TX**. Your opportunity to host a tent. Contact Clan Chief A.D. Pollock for assistance. For information about the games: <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/schedule.htm>

June 7, **Potomac Celtic Festival**, Leesburg, VA. Your opportunity to host a tent. Contact Clan Chief A.D. Pollock for assistance. For information about the games: www.pcfest.org

June 7, **Caldwell Idaho** Scottish Games. Symms Athletic Field, The College of Idaho, Howard Pollock will be hosting the tent.

June 20-21, **22nd** Illinois St. Andrew Society Scottish Festival, **Chicago**. Paul Layman will host the tent, P.layman@sbcglobal.net. For more information: <http://www.chicago-scots.org/highland-games-3.html>

July & August

July 10-12, **Payson, Utah** Scottish Festival and Highland Games. To march with the Clan in the Parade on Saturday meet in the parking lot on the West side of Main Street behind the Wells Fargo Bank by 8:30 AM. Or meet at the tent at 4:30 p.m. to march in the closing ceremonies. Justin Denslow, justindenslow@yahoo.com, will host the tent For more information: <http://www.paysonscottishfestival.org/events/schedule.html>

July 10-13, 53rd **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, NC**. **Clan Meeting** will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday in the Clan Tent. For more information about the games: <http://www.gmhg.org/>

July 25-27, 62nd Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw Expo Center, **Enumclaw, Washington**. Brian Pollock will be hosting the tent. The parade of the clans will be at 12:20 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information: <http://www.sshga.org>

August 16, 2008. 30th Maine Highland Games, **Brunswick, Maine**. Brett at the MacKenzie Clan tent will be giving out information on Clan Pollock.

If there isn't a Clan Pollock Tent at a game you are attending remember to look for a Clan Maxwell tent. We are a sept of Clan Maxwell.



Pollocks on Parade

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

From Lifford to America

Scotch-Irish and Pollock Beginnings in America – Part 2

In previous article we described the situation in Ulster which led to the initial exodus of some of our Scotch-Irish ancestors and their arrival in Somerset County, Maryland, in the period 1683-1690. It would really be nice to have a full list of the families who made this momentous voyage. Unfortunately Lord Baltimore had just discontinued the use of the head rights system for allocating land warrants in Maryland in 1680, so the names of Ulster Scots arriving in Maryland with or after Makemie and Trail cannot be obtained directly from headrights cited in warrants and surveys, as they could for arrivals prior to that time. This is a great pity since it would provide a complete record. Instead we have to find these people one by one from citations in the other surviving Somerset records – court, land, and probate – which fortunately are well preserved and readily available at the Maryland State Archives. The author is currently engaged in a project to try to develop a comprehensive list from those records.

As already noted from a contemporary record, several hundred individuals or families probably arrived during this period. And just as in today's world not all of the prior residents of Somerset were happy with this rather precipitous advent of newcomers. The court records contain one case where such resentment became very overt, and which provides us with the first known use of the term "Scotch-Irish" in the new world. The following testimony was recorded on 15 March 1689/90:

I William Patten (Patton) was at worke at James Minders and one night as I was at worke Mr Matt: Scarbrough came into the house of sd Minders and sett down by me as I was at work, the sd Minder askt him if he came afoot, he made answer again and sd he did, saying that man meaning me calling me Rogue makes me goe afoot also makes it his business to goe from house to house to ruinate me, my Wife and Children for ever. I made answer is it I Mr. Scarbrough? And he replyed and said ay you, you Rogue, for which doing ile whip you and make my Wife whipp to whipp you, and I answered if ever I have abused (you) at any time, or to any bodies hearing, I will give you full satisfaction to your own Content. You Scotch Irish dogg it was you, with that he gave me a blow on the face saying it was no more sin to kill me then to kill a dogg, or any Scotch Irish dogg, giving me another blow in the face, now saying goe to yr god that Rogue (David Brown) and have a warrant for me and I will answer it. Wm.Patent

The motivation to emigrate from Ireland greatly abated after the successful defense of Derry in 1689 and the victory of William of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. The final removal of the Catholic Stewarts and the ascension of a confirmed Calvinist to the English throne dramatically altered the prospects of the Presbyterians in Ireland. This was a watershed moment in their history and the emigrations to Maryland probably slowed to a trickle at about this time. Nonetheless, the Scotch-Irish community that had established itself by this time had a growing impact on the Chesapeake region. Some of the Ulster-Scot families of Somerset moved northward to the area of Newcastle, Delaware, and adjacent Cecil County, Maryland, where Makemie was establishing additional Churches. It is difficult to say whether their relocation was mainly for economic considerations, or was partly done in consort with Makemie's missionary efforts. A petition from some Presbyterians in Newcastle to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in February 1705/6 provides some insight. It begins

We undersubscribers and the greatest number of us born and educated in Ireland under the ministry of Mr. William Traill presbyterian minister formerly at liford are by a Divine providence settled with our families at Newcastle and about it in the province of pensilvania."

The petition goes on to ask if they might be supplied with a minister lest they "be cast desolate and to our great griefe we and our posterity left as a prey to superstition and heresies." Almost all of the 20 signers of the petition (e.g. Ninian Dunlop, John Stahl (Steele), various Wallaces, David and Andrew Miller, John Garner, Morgan Patton, John and Abraham Emmett) will be found in earlier records in Somerset. The mention of William Trail, who left Somerset and returned to Scotland in 1690, is strong testimony to the lasting impact he had on his flock and how his example had led many of them to follow him from Lifford to Maryland two decades earlier.

At nearly the same time, another group from Somerset, the Alexanders, McKnits and Wallaces, moved to nearby Cecil County, Maryland, on the manor tract known as New Munster between the Big Elk and Christiana Creeks. This was located only about two miles from Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church which traces its foundation back to 1706 when it split off from the Newcastle church. Reverend John Wilson ministered both churches for a time, but the Newcastle petition was eventually answered in the person of Reverend George Gillespie. Gillespie came from Glasgow to serve as minister at Christiana from his ordination in 1713 until his death in 1760. John

Steele and John Gardner/Garner, signers of the petition, were among the first elders of this church and closely associated with the Alexanders. In subsequent years the following generations of these same families moved with the frontier, in the classic Scotch-Irish pattern, first to the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, then eventually on to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, where they were the framers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and became the "Hornets Nest" encountered by Cornwallis years later.

By 1706 sufficiently many churches were established in the Chesapeake region that Makemie was able to establish the first Presbytery in America at a meeting held that year in Philadelphia. This is sometimes called the Presbytery of Newcastle, but at the time it was just known as The Presbytery. It was comprised of the churches of Philadelphia, New Castle, Rehobeth, Snow Hill, Manokin and Lewes (Delaware). This event can be regarded as the culmination of Makemie's mission in America, for he died only two years later and is buried in Accomac County, Virginia, where he had married and taken up residence.

Newcastle and Philadelphia became the major ports of entry when the great wave of Scotch-Irish migration from Ulster commenced about a decade later. This was not a matter of chance. The Scotch-Irish already in the area and the Presbyterian network created by Makemie were in place to welcome, lead, and enliven these new immigrants. In this way, the subsequent Scotch-Irish impact on the American frontier as it pushed through Pennsylvania, down the great wagon road into the valley of Virginia and the Carolinas, and afterwards west beyond the Appalachians, can truly be said to have its roots in the precursor arrival of the Laggan Presbyterians some thirty years earlier in Somerset.

Next time we will look into the family of the first of our Clan in the new world, Robert and Magdalen Polke/Pollock.

John F. Polk, Ph.D.
Historian
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MORE EXCERPTS FROM THE SECOND POLLAG, APRIL, 1980

Written and edited by Rhys A. Pollock, Clan Pollock President and founder of Clan Pollock

"POLLOCK CASTLE – the Seat of the – POLLOCKS OF THAT ILK.

There seems to be some confusion between POLLOCK HOUSE and POLLOCK CASTLE. The former was a Maxwell-Stirling residence and had nothing to do with our Clan. The house is now owned by the city of Glasgow, but is looked after by the National Trust of Scotland and is open to the general public.

The last of the main line of the Pollocks was Robina, who married Sir Hew Crawford of Kilburnie. They had one son and when his mother died, he had to take the name Pollock in order to inherit the estate. Thus he became Sir Hew Crawford-Pollock and represented both lines, and when he died without an heir, the estate was inherited by his sister, Jane, a Mrs. Ferguson, who with her husband took the name Ferguson Pollock. The estate was left to a nephew, living in Canada, who sold it to a developer in the spring of 1947. The property was sold by the acre and by the fall of 1953 the Castle and some thirty acres of land was all that was left. It is heavily wooded and is under the Green Thumb Conservation law of Scotland.

The Castle, which contained 88 Bedrooms, 365 windows was torn down and the present owner Dr. Greer had to agree to build his house on the Castle site. Since dynamite was used in tearing down the Castle walls, stones were scattered among the trees, I had no difficulty in finding a stone to bring back for the Cairn at Grandfather Mountain.

The sale of such an historic site and the removal of a Castle, even a ruin, could not happen today, because of government regulations to preserve and protect these historic sites."



Tartan Day is Official

President George Bush today (April 4, 2008) signed a document proclaiming April 6, 2008, as National Tartan Day!* This is a huge victory for us Scottish Americans. We give humble thanks to the members and associates of The Scottish Coalition USA, and many of you , for your ten years of hard work to make this possible.

Since the passing of Senate Resolution 155 in 1998 and House Resolution 41 in 2005, The Scottish Coalition and others have been actively asking the American-Scottish community to request the President of the United States to sign a Proclamation proclaiming April 6, in perpetuity, as National Tartan Day. "Today's Presidential Proclamation makes National Tartan a National Holiday Observance on every April 6th, similar to Flag Day, thus placing National Tartan Day on the official United States of America calendar."

You may view the Presidential Proclamation on the following link:

<http://www.pr-inside.com/proclamation-by-the-president-national-tartan-day-r520985.htm>

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