

# CLAN POLLOCK



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**POLLOCK, POLLOK, POOK, POLK, POLKE, PAULK, POALK, POALKE, POULK,  
POOLKE, POGUE**

" 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.

## Editor's Corner

Greetings to all! Welcome to a new edition of *The Pollag*.

Due to bad weather, the games at Grandfather Mountain this year did not fair well. Nearly continuous rain for several days prior to the games, left the ground soggy and the waterways full. The rains let up sufficiently Thursday evening to allow the performance of the opening ceremony under the direction of Larry Long, president of the Clan

Maxwell Society. The games on Saturday, however, were canceled because of more rain and cold weather. The threat of flash floods and several cases of hypothermia among campers, precipitated the directors wisely to decide that conditions were not sufficiently safe.

Sunday turned out to be virtually without rain, so the games were held. Soon after the games opened the clan tent was in full operation. We had

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an excellent turn-out of members and visitors this year, particularly in view of Saturday's cancellation. Several new members were added to the rolls.

The opening torchlight ceremony this year was, in my opinion, a distinct improvement over previous years, thanks to Larry Long. A large stand for individual torches was placed in the center of the field. A torch-carrying representative from each clan took a position in one of the four corners of the darkened meadow. Each representative, in turn, advanced to the center of the field, and as his torch was placed in the stand, announced his clan's presence and its place of origin in Scotland. The ceremony symbolically represents the gathering of the clans of old when danger threatened. It's an enjoyable ceremony well worth seeing.

Our annual meeting of Clan Pollock went well. I personally had the best time I have ever had visiting with clan members, new and old. After enjoying a delicious meal, we adopted our first clan constitution. A copy of the minutes of the meeting will be found later on in the newsletter. I will soon mail a copy of our new constitution to each of the clan officers and commissioners. If anyone else would like a copy, let me know and I will mail you one.

Please note we have a number of new members who have joined the clan since the last edition of *The Pollag*. It's wonderful to see our clan continue to grow. I believe that 1990 has been our best year so far for adding new members.

I have the pleasure of announcing that I have appointed John D. (Bud) Pollock as Clan Commissioner for Canada. Bud and his wife Elsie have demonstrated such interest and enthusiasm in our clan, that I offered him the opportunity to establish an organization of clan commissioners in Canada. If any member of the clan in Canada is interested in supporting Bud's efforts as a commissioner, or perhaps in some other capacity, please contact Bud. His address is 621 River Road South, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K9J 1E6.

Largely through Bud's efforts, I believe we may have located a much needed new source for

clan badges. According to the manufacturer, the badges will be of high quality, in sharp detail, and have a hard silvery finish. At this time we anticipate the price will be between 15 and 20 dollars. I will let everyone know what progress has been made in the next newsletter.

Our hardworking treasurer, Rosemary Pollock, reports that she has received a shipment of Clan Pollock tartan material from our new source in Nova Scotia. It will sell for \$22.00 per yard. For further details and to place an order, write to Rosemary at 8228 Bald Eagle Ln., Wilmington, NC 28405.

Colorado commissioner Doug Woodward and California commissioner Barbara Deatherage have been hard at work at the Scottish games and festivals this summer and fall.

Doug and his wife, Ruth, represented the clan at many of the games and Scottish events in Colorado. At the Pikes Peak games, Clan Pollock made a donation for medals for two drumming competitions. Doug reported the first annual Clan Pollock of Colorado gathering was held in conjunction with the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival in Estes Park in November. Thirteen members attended the gathering. Ruth made sashes of Pollock tartan material for all the lady members. My thanks to the Colorado clan members and to Ruth and Doug for their successful efforts this year.

Barbara Deatherage sponsored her first clan tent and she and her husband, Vern, had a great time at the Santa Rosa Games. She reported a number of clan members enthusiastically pitched in to help inaugurate this event, the first time Clan Pollock has been represented at the Santa Rosa games. I have received eye witness reports that Barbara did a first class job. Congratulations to Barbara, and all the members of the clan who supported her, on the success you achieved.

Clan representation at Scottish events across the country is important. It is fun for the participants, presents opportunities for the growth of warm friendships with people of a common ancestry, and provides a way to demonstrate pride in your Scot-

tish heritage. More importantly, our presence provides a source for information about the clan and an opportunity to become a member. Many of our members never knew the clan existed until they visited a Scottish event and suddenly found themselves in front of a Clan Pollock tent. If you haven't

visited the games in your area, your missing a lot of fun.

A reminder -- annual dues for 1991 are due in January. Please remit them to Rosemary. Checks should be made payable to Clan Pollock.



The second annual meeting and gathering of Clan Pollock was held on Saturday evening, July 14, 1990 at Shadrack's Bar-B-Q and Seafood Barn in Boone, North Carolina. Bob Pollock of Hickory, NC, again made the arrangements for the excellent meeting room and the fine meal served. Appreciation was expressed to Bob for his efforts.

The following attended the dinner and meeting: William C. (Bill), Ann, and Kitty Pollock - Graham, NC; Robert (Rob) and Rosemary Pollock - Wilmington, NC; Henry C. Pollock - Sarasota, FL; James (Don) and Linda Pollock - Lexington, KY; Robert (Bob), Barbara, and Kaitlin Pollock - Hickory, NC; Robert (Bob) and Marion Pollock Dunbar - Eustis, FL; Martha Pollock - Hampton, VA; Nancy Nash - Tazewell, VA; John (Bud) and Elsie Pollock - Peterborough, Ontario, Canada; James (Jim) and Goldie O'Neal - Mt. Pleasant, SC; Phillip (Phil) Pogue - Glendale Springs, NC; and Charlene Young and her daughter Abby - Fordsville, KY.

After everyone was seated, President Bill Pollock called the meeting to order. He stated that on February 18, 1990 the clan lost a loyal member, Hamish Pollock from Hampton, VA, and as a tribute to him he asked Rob Pollock, Hamish's brother, to say a few words to acquaint the membership with Hamish's strong feelings and ties to Scotland.

Hamish was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1917 to an English mother and a Scottish shipbuilder father. Following World War I, the family moved to Newport News, VA where Hamish spent the rest

of his life as a shipbuilder too, accumulating 42 years experience as an electrical engineer.

He had the opportunity to return to Scotland twice to visit relatives, once in 1934 and again in 1970. Hamish was a true Scotsman, belonging to three clans (Pollock, Scott, and Dunbar) and serving as a state commissioner in each. In addition to his wife, Martha, he is survived by a son Hamish Jr. of Florida, a daughter, Gail Carden, of North Carolina, four grandchildren, a sister, Marion Pollock Dunbar of Florida, and a brother, Robert S. Pollock of North Carolina.

Henry Pollock offered the invocation, then everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet meal.

Following the dinner, President Bill Pollock proceeded with the clan business meeting. A draft copy of the proposed clan constitution and by-laws was distributed to all the attending members for review and discussion. The question was raised about changing the annual dues if it becomes necessary. It was agreed that the Clan Council which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, will review the need for a dues change and recommend to the total membership their findings. The majority of votes cast will determine the outcome. The draft constitution was amended to this effect. After everyone had an opportunity to review and discuss the draft document, the constitution and by-laws, amended as stated above, was officially adopted. A final copy will be written and presented for signature by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Our clan genealogist, Nancy Nash, requested family data sheets be developed to help her to link as many clan families together as possible. She was asked to originate a draft data sheet and submit it to Bill Pollock.

Rosemary Pollock, our clan treasurer, submitted an annual clan treasurer's report as follows:

As of June 29, 1990 the bank balance was \$3235.49. From this amount there will be over \$1,000 in bills to cover the following: The last Pollag; some expenses for games in North Carolina, Colorado, Kentucky, and California. Additionally, Pollock tartan material has been ordered from Pecora Wools Ltd. in Nova Scotia, some of which has already been paid, but there will be additional costs to pay as well as customs duty. This is the first order for tartan material we have placed on this side of the Atlantic. We like to maintain a savings balance of around \$2000 to cover purchase of items such as tartan material and clan badges.

We are especially pleased that game tents are to be manned by Ruth and Doug Woodward in Colorado, Don and Linda Pollock in Kentucky, and by Barbara and Vern Deatherage in California. Henry Pollock is working to ensure our clan is represented in Florida next year, as is Russell Pollock in New Hampshire. These people donate not only their time, traveling, and motel expenses, but pay some of the official expenses of the games as well. The games at Grandfather Mountain are by far the most expensive as a clan sponsorship is required. Bill Pollock paid part of that for this year. It is due to these personal donations that our clan treasury is in such good shape, -- that plus the large number of new members who have joined over the past twelve

months.

Don and Linda Pollock proposed that the 1992 annual meeting of Clan Pollock be held at the Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, Kentucky, the first weekend in June. The invitation was voted on and accepted.

At the Grandfather Mountain games in 1990, there were 46 people who registered at the Clan Pollock tent. Of these, 15 members helped man and operate the tent. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pollock of Forest, Virginia, joined the clan at the games, as did Phil Pogue and Charlene Young. President Bill recognized the couple who had traveled the greatest distance to attend the games. They were Bud and Elsie Pollock who made the long trip all the way from Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Other newcomers to the games this year were Jim and Goldie O'Neal of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. The closing prayer was given by new member Phil Pogue. Phil is a Presbyterian Minister from Glendale Springs, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Pollock  
Secretary

*Did Anyone try  
the Haggis  
Recipe?*



### New Members

We have added a number of new members to our clan roll since the last publication of *The Pollag*. To all our new members we extend a warm welcome and sincerely hope that you find your association with the clan

enjoyable and rewarding.

Our new members are:

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## *The History Book*

In my experience, it's a rare event when one picks up a book on the history of Scotland and finds reference to Fulbert, two of his three sons, and his grand daughter Muriel. The following are excerpts from an excellent history of Scotland from the earliest times to the 13th century. It is the first volume of a set of four by Archibald A.M. Duncan and is entitled Scotland, the Making of the Kingdom.

*The first quote discusses the arrival of a few Norman nobles who became favorites of David I.*

"In the first place it is doubtful whether Normans were infert in any significant number before 1124. Two substantial lists of witnesses to the inquest into the possessions of the see of Glasgow and to a confirmation of the possessions of Selkirk Abbey give the names of David's 'barons and knights' along with native landowners. Many of these did not obtain lands in Scotland at any period, while others had insignificant holdings; they were present simply in the court of a powerful earl, and it is possible that their friends, also present, whom later we find as landholders, were not as yet endowed in Scotland. Robert de Brus was one of those in Scotland with Earl David; he was a Norman, from the Cotentin peninsula, who had thrown in his lot with Henry, brother of William II, and been rewarded with very extensive Yorkshire lands when Henry became Henry I. Soon after David became king, perhaps indeed at his inauguration, in 1124, Robert received from him the broad vale of Annan. That King David waited so long to grant land to his powerful older friend might suggest that during the

reign of Alexander I he had hesitated to infert his barons and knights in Scotland. Hugh de Moreville (a Norman family), with lands in the honour of Huntingdon, is a more consistent companion of David as earl and king; of lesser wealth in England, he was extensively endowed with an honour whose *caput* or chief place was, or was soon to be, at Lauder, an honour including Lauderdale and lands in the Tweed valley below Melrose at St Boswell's, Mertoun and Dryburgh. In the west he was given the lordship of Cunningham and he even held outlying lands in Galloway at Borgue. With Hugh we may mention the third of David's most favoured barons, Walter fitz Alan, a younger son of a Shropshire lord who had been born in Brittany. Walter seems to have entered the service of David I and visited Scotland in 1136, and later received another great western honour, Renfrew, Paisley, Pollock and other lands in Renfrewshire, with Innerwick in East Lothian. To these gifts by David I, Malcolm IV added in both west and east, and at the end of his reign may have granted Bute if it was indeed recovered from the kingdom of Man at this time. For his lands Walter owed to Malcolm IV the service of five knights. David I gave him the honorific office of royal Steward which was confirmed heritably by Malcolm IV; to this office the family's later surname, Stewart, was owed. Perhaps a fourth man should be added to this especially favoured group, Robert Avenel (a Norman family), a young man from Northamptonshire, who came to Scotland c 1141 and was granted Eskdale (beside the Bruce honour) by David I - perhaps because, like the king, he had lost his Northampton lands. He did not die till 1185 and by then was also in

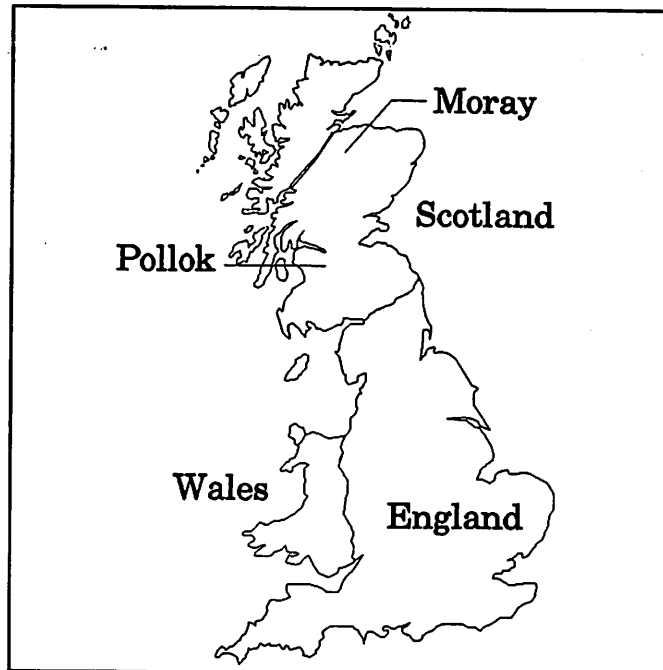
possession of lands at Innerwick."

*In the second quote, Fulbert's son Robert is referred to as Robert fitz Fulbert. This is the first time I have seen him referred to in this manner. The word fitz means "son of." I have never seen it used in any manner other than in reference to a Norman, such as Walter fitz Alan. It seems to indicate the author thinks Fulbert was probably a Norman. Also interesting is the discussion on tenancy.*

"Perhaps we should distinguish baron from knight, putting among the former Bruce, de Moreville, Stewart and perhaps one or two others. These richer men were lords of fairly compact honours and in order to fulfil their obligations they in turn had to grant fiefs on condition of military service. This is a process better attested for the later twelfth century than for the period before 1165, but without doubt it had already proceeded far by that date. So much we may conclude from the study of the early tenants of the Stewart honour of Renfrew: Ralph of Kent, Robert Croc (lord of Crookston), Henry of Nes, Peter and Robert fitz Fulbert, Robert of Montgomery, Ralph de L'isle, Henry of St. Martin, Gilbert fitz Richer, Richard the Welshman (le Walleis), Nicholas of the Cotentin, all can with certainty or probability be assigned fiefs held of Walter fitz Alan, who died in 1177. All these names indicate French influence though not necessarily French descent; Kent, Nes, L'isle, are places in the Shropshire honour of fitz Alans, while the honour of Montgomery in Shropshire and Wales gave their names to two more, and several of the 'surnames'

(including 'of the Cotentin') can be found among tenants of the fitz Alan Shropshire honour. Unfortunately, the obligations of these men are not known and we must conjecture on other scanty, but nonetheless significant, evidence that sub-infeudation in return for military service was granted or imposed by the Stewart on at least some of his tenants. A similar account might be given for other honours of the early twelfth century. We must allow that in many cases the baron had limited resources of alien-

able demesne and that he may have had difficulty in infesting as many knights as he would wish. Nor was there a simple tenurial pyramid, with the king at its summit. Baldwin of Biggar, a royal tenant, was also tenant of fitz Alan but had granted his fief in turn to Hugh of Pettinain, who also was a royal tenant elsewhere and who granted part of this Stewart fief to his brother. Complex relationships were characteristic of Scottish feudalism even by the mid-twelfth century."



*The third quote verifies that Fulbert's son, Peter, held land in Moray in the Scottish Highlands. Muriel married Sir Norman Leslie and became the ancestress of the Earls of Rothes (Clan Leslie)*

"There are other traces of the settlement of Moray in the tofts in Elgin, Forres and Inverness held by the Steward, and in the lordship of Rothes held by Muriel of Pollock and, doubtless, also by her father Peter of Pollok, who was a prominent Moray baron under King William but who had surely come north in the Stewards train. Unfortunately, we have no other evidence so informative as

Berowald's charter and for the area to the east, lying outside the diocese of Moray, we do not even have hints to verify a guess that some similar 'grieveship' and castle-province existed at Invercullen and Banff."

*The fourth and final quote indicates there is evidence that an ancient fortress once existed at Pollok.*

"The primitive kirks which served early monastic settlements have without exception disappeared; this is, fortunately, not true of the early strongholds which preceded later medieval stone castles, and in consequence it is possible to form some impression of the growing wealth of secular landowners over two centuries. Early ringworks in which a ditch is dug, and a palisade erected on the upcast dike, are now being recognized in increasing numbers. In the great Stewart fief of Renfrew there are now four known examples; that at Castlehead, a suburb of Paisley, may be the predecessor of the Blackhall (another suburb) which was a Stewart residence in

the thirteenth century. In the Queen's Park at Camphill there is a second, which might be the work of Renaud of Cathcart. Of a remarkable size, an irregular circle with maximum diameter of 397 feet (119 m) it includes the summit of the drumlin on which it was constructed but is not centered on it, lying mainly on one slope. So large a fortification may have included a whole village as well as a manor. We are on surer ground with Pollock, the fief of Peter, son of Fulbert, and with Crookston, which took its name from the wealthy knight Robert Croc. Referred to as his 'close' and his *curia* within which he had an oratory, this earthwork is sited on a low hill with fine outlook over most approaches. It was perhaps occupied until the stone castle on the site was begun in the late fourteenth century. Finally, to this list we might add Tarbolton in Kyle, the fief of Gilbert fitz Richer, where there are possible traces of another ringwork. This small group of sites in a now heavily urbanized environment may suggest that others have been lost and that the fashion for this particular form of manor was rather localized."

Ann and I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Aye,

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