

CLAN POLLOCK



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# The Pollag

A POOL OF INFORMATION

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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."



## The Editor's Corner

This will be a short edition of *The Pollag*. I recently had to undergo surgery, this time on my left shoulder. Due to an unexpected slow recovery, I have been unable to ferret out any new and worthwhile historical material for an article in this newsletter. I also was not able to get this newsletter in the mail by the middle of June, and I am way behind in my correspondence. For those of you who have written but have not received a

reply, please accept my apology. I will reply as soon as I am able and time permits.

As of this writing our annual clan meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is but a few days away. The dinner and clan meeting will be held at Shaddrack's BBQ in Boone, beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, 13 July 1991. The election of new clan officers will be the major business item on the agenda. I will publish the minutes of

our meeting in the next edition of *The Pollag*. I am looking forward to the games this year, especially after the disappointment of last year when the almost constant downpour forced cancellation of the games on Saturday. Ann and I, along with several other members of the clan, will be staying at the EconoLodge in Boone.

We have received two shipments of the new Clan Pollock badges from Scotland. In order to avoid the need for some clan members to pay duty twice, we requested separate shipments, one to the U.S. and one to Canada. The badges are of excellent quality, as good as or better than any I have ever seen. For clan members in the U.S., the price, including shipping and handling, is \$19.50 per badge. To order send me a check made out to Clan Pollock for the amount of your order. I have set aside badges for those who sent me a request to reserve one or more for them. They will be mailed to you as soon as I receive your check. Clan members in Canada may order from Bud Pollock at a cost of \$14.00 per badge. Bud's address is 621 River Road South, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 1E6. Please make arrangements for payment with Bud. If you live in the U.S., please do not order a clan badge from Bud. They are reserved for Canadian members only. At the U.S. price the badges are still a bargain. I have seen badges of identical size and quality advertised at twice the price.

Rosemary has received the tartan material ordered from Scotland. This is the best material available for making a kilt. The price is \$49.00 per yard. To order, please contact Rosemary.

In Canada, Bud and Elsie Pollock have been busy this past June preparing for the Scottish Festival held in Peterborough, Ontario, on 29 June. Bud reported the festival would include drummers and pipers from eight or more pipe bands. I apologize to Bud for the lateness of *The Pollag*. He was hoping

a few words in the Editor's Corner before the festival would result in a few clan members joining them in the festivities from south of the border. I hope the festival was a great success. Bud and Elsie will be attending the games at Grandfather Mountain again this year.

Doug and Ruth Woodward also have been busy this Spring. They have been on a trip to various parts of the country, including a visit to Pollock, South Dakota. Doug, Clan Commissioner for Colorado, reported that twelve members of the clan attended the Aurora Scottish Games in May, an excellent showing. The second annual Clan Pollock Colorado Connection dinner will be held on Saturday, 7 September 1991 in conjunction with the Longs

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Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival. The dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn at Estes Park, Colorado, beginning at 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$12.75 per person and reservations are required. Doug has extended an invitation to all members of the clan to join them at the clan gathering. Fifteen Colorado members have already made their reservations. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in a clan activity amidst some beautiful Colorado mountains. To make reservations or to obtain additional information, call Doug at (303)667-8895 or write to him at 1539 West Shore Drive, Loveland, Colorado 80538.

As clan president, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to L. Welch Pogue for his donation of \$100 to the clan. Welch donated the money with no strings attached. The clan officers, however, have decided to reserve the money for a special purpose, so it will be set aside until the Clan Council decides upon a fitting and worthwhile use for it. Please write if you know of an appropriate and worthy project for consideration. The last donation to the clan was made by Edith Pollock. It was used to help purchase the Clan Pollock trophy presented

each year at the Atlantic Highland Dancing Championships. This event, one of only five championships held in the United States each year, is an important part of the Grandfather Mountain games each year. As well as my thanks, I also offer Welch my congratulations. He was asked to present the Charles A. Lindbergh Memorial Lecture, an event sponsored by the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. This is an honor I'm sure is well deserved. His topic this past May was *Airline Deregulation, Before and After: What Next?* Welch has had a long and distinguished association with the air transport industry. He was appointed Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board by President Roosevelt in 1942.

For years I have been searching for information on Oliver Pollock and his role in U.S. history. Oliver Pollock has been referred to as the unknown hero of America's Revolutionary War, and to me he has largely remained that way, unknown. Fortunately, I have at last acquired some material on Oliver, thanks to Dr. Light T. Cummins, Bryan Professor of History at Austin College in Texas. Dr. Cummins is writing a biography of Oliver Pollock and has another book, scheduled for publication this next December, which includes some information on Oliver and his times. Dr. Cummins has kindly sent me several articles on Oliver, and I thank him for my, at long last, introduction to Oliver Pollock. Scheduled to be completed by July 1992, Dr. Cummins is still working on the manuscript of his biography of Oliver. To support his research, Dr. Cummins would like to locate Oliver's descendants to obtain

access to any family papers, documents, and memorabilia related to Oliver. If you are a descendent of Oliver Pollock, or know someone who is, please contact Dr. Cummins. His address is Austin College, Sherman, Texas 75091. His telephone number is (214)813-2000. My thanks also to Scotty Maxwell, Convener of The Clan Maxwell Society, for sending me the information I needed to contact Dr. Cummins. Scotty, whenever he discovers some information related to Clan Pollock, has always taken the time and made the effort to send it to me. His efforts, also, are very much appreciated.

I have received information on Halbert's, a firm that in the past has advertised authentic coats-of-arms. According to the information, Halbert's has switched and now provides questionable family histories for a price. The new sales pitch implies that each family history will be published under the direction of a person who bears the same family name. According to my source, the U.S. Post Office has cited Halbert's for this and other practices after receiving numerous complaints from buyers that the merchandise they received was far from what they expected. Let the buyer beware.

Finally, please be sure and mail your check for your 1991 dues if you have not already done so. Payments for the purchase of tartan material and clan badges have drained the clan coffers, and as you know, mailing costs have gone up. Please use the form at the end of this edition of *The Pollag*, and mail your check to Rosemary right away. Her address is listed on the form.



## New Members

We have added the names of seven new members to the clan rolls since the last edition of the Pollag. The clan extends a hearty welcome to all. We hope that you will find your association with us both enjoyable and rewarding.

I am proud to include in this list of new members the names William D. Pollock, my son, and Katherine L. Pollock, my daughter. Although officially they are new members, Bill and

Kitty have helped me with my clan duties many times in the past, and for that I sincerely thank them.

Another new member, Jessye P. MacKay, you will note, lives in Pollock, South Dakota, her birthplace. The town is named for her grandfather, Robert Young Pollock.

Jack E. Pollock is the brother of Charles B. Pollock, a clan member who lives in Littleton, Colorado. Both Jack and Charles were born in Fruita, Colorado, a small town on the western slope of the Rockies a few miles northwest of Grand Junction.

Jonathon Pollock, as of this writing, has a distinction all his own. He is the youngest person to have applied for membership in Clan Pollock. Jonathon's application is dated 9 April 1991. He was born at Langley, British Columbia, on the 17th day of October, 1990. Jonathon listed his occupation as "just being a baby for now." Somehow, I can't believe Jonathon filled out his own application. I think his mom helped him. Great idea mom!

Most welcome to our clan as a new member is Robert D. Pollock of Toronto. Robert, who is retired, is the brother of our clan commissioner for Canada, Bud Pollock.

Finally, we extend a hearty welcome to Nancy Woolford. Nancy, a social worker for the State of Florida, is a Polk in that her paternal grandmother was Anna Crawford Polk of Somerset County, Maryland. Somerset County is the first ancestral home in America for many of the Pollock, Polk, and Pogue members of our clan.

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Until next time,

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*Bill*

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