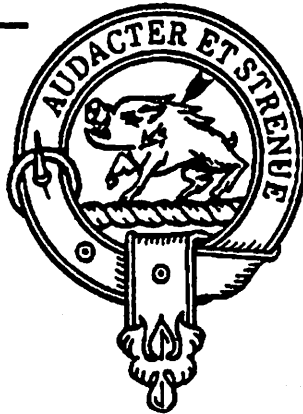


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"A person who takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors cannot expect to be remembered for his noble deeds by remote descendants."



The Editor's Corner

Welcome to the Spring 1994 edition of our clan newsletter, *The Pollag*. I was hoping to publish this edition earlier this month, but the ever present Murphy's Law once again reared its ugly head and tore my plans asunder. I am happy to inform you that as of the first day of August, however, I will become a retired person, with, as I understand it, the full rights

and privileges that go with that status. So maybe, just maybe, more newsletters will be mailed on time. With retirement, I plan to devote time to researching the history of the Pollocks of Scotland, as well as other historical subjects related to the clan. I hope, as a result, to add greater depth and interest to the clan newsletters of the future.



As of this writing, our clan gathering for next year will be held in Florida. Plans are being worked on at the present time and as soon as they are firm, the date and place will be announced.

We have received some new clan badges which we have been able to purchase at less cost than previous ones. Also, Bud Pollock, Clan Vice President and commissioner for Canada, has developed a source for kilt pins bearing the clan crest. He has placed an order and they are expected to be ready for sale shortly. As soon as the price for each of these items has been determined, I will announce them in The Pollag. Bud will handle sales of both items.

The illustration on this page is one of three sent to me by one of our clan members, Bob Polk of Concord, New Hampshire. Bob identified this piper illustration as an old electro type. My thanks to Bob for his thoughtfulness. I'm saving the other two for future editions of The Pollag.

As Dick Pollock indicates in his President's Column, take the opportunity to enjoy your Scottish heritage by attending the Scottish games and festivals in your area. Especially at the games where there is a Clan Pollock booth, you will find opportunities for learning and making lasting friendships, and you may find enjoyment and pleasure in participating in the clan activities. Although billed as Scottish

games, by no means are these events limited to athletic competitions. Other activities include tartan parades, pipe and drum bands, vendors of Scottish wares, individual performances by Scottish entertainers, and highland dancing competitions. There is fun and opportunity for all of any age, so if you haven't gone to a Highland game, give it a try. Here are some of the upcoming games at which the clan will be represented.

The games at Grandfather Mountain this year will open on 7 July and end on 10 July 1994. The traditional opening ceremonies will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 7 July at MacRae Meadows. On Friday evening, a piping concert is scheduled for 7:00 PM at the Williams Gymnasium, Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. The concert will be followed by a Scottish Country Dance Gala beginning at 9:00 PM at the same location. A Ceilidh is scheduled for Hayes Auditorium at Lees-McRae College Friday evening starting at 8:00 PM. Also, on Friday evening a Celtic music jam will begin at 8:00 PM at MacRae Meadow. The Highland Games competition at MacRae Meadow will get underway Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. A second Ceilidh is scheduled for 7:30 PM Saturday evening, again at Hayes Auditorium, Lees-McRae College. A Scottish Gala and Hogmanay, hosted by the well-known Scottish entertainer Alex Beaton, will begin at 8:00 PM Saturday evening at the Broyhill Conference Center, Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. A Kirking of the Tartans will be held on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 AM at MacRae Meadow, followed by the Parade of Tartans. Scottish athletic, piping, and dancing competitions will continue through the afternoon. These are considered by many to be the premier Scottish games on the eastern seaboard.

As usual, the clan will be well represented at various games in Colorado this year. The 9th Annual Pikes Peak Games are scheduled for July 16th at the White House Historic Ranch Site, Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO, beginning at 9:00 AM. On 6 August the Elbert County Fair and Scottish/Irish American Festival will open at 9:00 AM at the Elbert County Fair Grounds, Kiowa, CO. Highlands

Ranch, CO, will host the Rocky Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games on 13 and 14 August. The summer festivities will culminate with the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival at Estes Park, CO. The four day festival begins on 8 September 9:00 AM. If you plan to attend, make lodging reservations right away. The annual Clan Pollock dinner for the Colorado area will be held in conjunction with the Longs Peak games. For additional information on any of these events and games and for dinner reservations, contact our clan commissioner for Colorado, Doug Woodward. Doug's address is 1539 West Shore Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

A Polk Family Reunion will be held at Fort Mason Park in Mason, TX on 31 July 1994. For information on this event, contact Mrs. Pauline Polk Gilbreath, P.O. Box 218, Mason, TX 76856.

Bill Pollock, our clan commissioner for New York, will host a clan tent at the Capital District's Scottish Games at the Altamont Fair Grounds, Altamont, NY, 3-4 September. This gala event includes the 14th Annual United States Highland Dance Competition, a significant event to say the least. Altamont is just a short distance from Albany. For additional information on the games and Scottish festival at Altamont write Bill (William H. Pollock) at 250 Lake St., Rouses Point, NY 12979-1531.

The
President's Corner



We had a great annual meeting at the Loch Norman Games, 15-17 April, thanks primarily to the efforts and hard work of Rosemary and Rob Pollock, our North Carolina Commissioner. Reports of historical significance were presented to the thirty three attendees by Nancy Nash, Clan Genealogist, Bill Pollock, editor of *The Pollag*, and our hosts, Rob and Rosemary Pollock.

I am pleased to announce that Hamish Pollock, Jr. has been appointed Florida Clan Commissioner, succeeding Henry Pollock, who resigned his position for health reasons. Hamish is a second generation of a family that has contributed outstanding leadership to Clan Pollock from the beginning. He is the son of Martha and Hamish Pollock, Sr., and the nephew of Rosemary and Rob Pollock and Marion and Bob Dunbar. We look forward to working with Hamish, and at the same time thank Henry Pollock for his many years of service to Clan Pollock and wish him well in the years ahead.

The software and hardware have been ordered to automate the "Pollock Pedigree Charts" you have been mailing to me. If you have not sent your chart, please do so today. We are not only setting up a database for use by current members, but a database that will be invaluable for future generations to use to help establish their roots.

1994 dues payment reminders have been sent to those of you who have not paid as yet. Current members are the financial foundation of our efforts to learn more about our heritage and to expand our state commissioner roster and participation in local games. Please send your dues today and save us the expense of another costly follow-up.

I encourage you to attend Scottish Games in your area. You will mix with other Scots, have fun, learn more about your heritage, and enjoy Scottish entertainment. The recent Kentucky Scottish Weekend at Carrolton, KY., hosted by Linda and Don Pollock, our Kentucky Commissioner, was most enjoyable. Attending Scottish games is great family entertainment and an opportunity to develop pride in our heritage.

I Bid You Fair,

Dick Pollock

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Ceud Mile Failte - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes - to the following new members who have joined Clan Pollock since the last publication of the newsletter. We sincerely hope you will enjoy your association with us and that you will find it a rewarding one. In my haste to get the last edition of *The Pollag* in the mail in time to for the Loch Norman games and our annual clan gathering in April, I neglected to extend a personal welcome to my cousin, Bob Pollock, of Fountain Hills, Arizona. Please accept my apology Bob. I am very pleased that many of my Pollock cousins and their families have become members of the clan. Together we are working on plans to have a "Cousin's Reunion" in 1996, an event I am looking forward to with a great deal of pleasure. Our new members are:

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Flowers o' the Forest



It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of a member of the clan. Colonel Gordon R. Pollock, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away on March 29, 1994. He was 79 years old and a veteran of 25 years of service in the United States Army. He was an active member of Clan Pollock in Colorado and I know he will be greatly missed at our Colorado clan events. His funeral in Colorado Springs was attended by five Colorado members of Clan Pollock and by members of the Pike's Peak Scottish Society. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow Dorothy and members of his family.

1994 Clan Gathering **A** Report

Under almost perfect April weather conditions, we successfully concluded another gathering of Clan Pollock. One could not have asked for more. The games at Loch Norman, the first for the sponsors and promoters, went off without a hitch. Our clan meeting and dinner was well attended, interesting, informative, and very enjoyable. A sincere thanks must go to Rob and Rosemary Pollock for their fine efforts in hosting this year's gathering. Their hard work contributed much to its success. All of us had a great time. Our president, Dick Pollock, has some additional comments on the gathering in his column, The President's Corner. Those attending our 1994 Clan Gathering were:

Bob and Dorothy Slemmons, Topeka, KS
Martha Pollock, Hampton, VA
Charles and Carolyn Woodward, Charlotte, NC
Bryan and Sara Marshburn, Greensboro, NC
Nancy Nash, North Tazewell, VA
Bob and Marion Dunbar, Crawfordville, FL
Phil Pogue, Glendale Springs, NC
Kay and Jerry Dinneen, Denver, CO
Jim and Mary O'Neal, Sanford, NC
Doug and Ruth Woodward, Loveland, CO
Bill and Ann Pollock, Graham, NC
Kitty Pollock, Greensboro, NC
Jerry and Shirley Pollock, Findlay, OH
Don Pollock, Lawrenceburg, KY
Rob and Rosemary Pollock, Wilmington, NC
Dick and Sue Pollock, Middleton, KY
Bud and Elsie Pollock, Peterborough, Ontario,
Canada

Guests for the evening were R. Howard and Anne Bryan of Kings Mountain, NC, and Thomas and Pat Marshburn of Wilmington, NC. Tom is the brother of our illustrious clan member from Greensboro, NC, Bryan Marshburn. Tom and Bryan have traced their

ancestry back to the colonial period in North Carolina.

The following description of our Clan Gathering was written by our Clan Commissioner for Colorado, Doug Woodward, for his excellent newsletter, The Colorado Connection. It was such a good article that I elected to include it in this report. I have never discerned any wisdom in re-inventing the wheel.

North Carolina was ablaze with spring flowering shrubs and trees when the highly successful first Annual Loch Norman Highland Games began at the Rural Hill Plantation Historic Site just north of Charlotte. Pink and white dogwood trees bloomed throughout the pine and deciduous woods that surrounded the festival field. Fifty seven clan tents, with names from Anderson to Turnbull, were evenly spaced around a pathway which spanned the athletic field. There were competitions for fiddlers, harpists, pipers and drummers, dancers, and battle axe enthusiasts. Social activities included a Tartan Ball, Scottish Country Dancer's Gala, a Ceilidh, and an opening night reception for Founding Members, Patrons, and Sponsors.

The Senior Tug-o-War contest will be forever etched in our memory. Among the competitors on the winning team was kilted grandson, Nathan Woodward. The reward for planted feet and straining muscles was a blue ribbon and a Loch Norman Highland Games T-shirt. Scrapbook photos record that the best team won.

Thirty-three members of Clan Pollock met at the Holbrook House in Huntersville for our annual Clan Pollock Dinner/Meeting. Attractively set tables were decorated with lavender heather plants. Beige place mats at each setting were printed with the detailed 1770 Collet map of North Carolina and historical facts as they pertain to the Pollock, Polk, and Pogue

history of the state.

The clan officers were piped to their table by Clan Piper, Bud Pollock. Prior to dinner, North Carolina commissioner Rob Pollock welcomed members and guests. Clan Chaplain Phil Pogue gave the invocation.

The evening program began with toasts from the four compass points of east, by Bill Pollock, south, by Bob Dunbar, west, by Doug Woodward, and north, by Canadian commissioner and Clan Vice President, Bud Pollock. A short business meeting was presided over by Clan President, Dick Pollock.

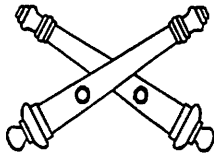
The influence of Pollock, Polk, and Pogue pioneer settlers in North Carolina was reviewed in a program of historical background

information presented by Rob and Rosemary Pollock and Clan Genealogist, Nancy Nash. Bill Pollock spoke on the historical conflicts of the Johnstones, Maxwells, and Pollocks.

In appreciation of his many years as Clan President, Bill and Ann Pollock were presented a crystal pitcher etched with the Clan Pollock Badge.

A drawing at the close of the program rewarded the lucky ticket holders with a lavender heather plant or a colorful 1994 art work calendar produced by Alaskan Carolee Pollock.

Clan members from eight states and Canada were present for an evening of fine dining, a relevant program, and kindred fellowship.



William T. Poague, Lt. Col., CSA
and the Rockbridge Artillery

by Nancy Nash

Editor's Comment – This is Part IV of the article written by Nancy Nash, our Clan Genealogist. It encompasses the years of 1863 and 1864 in the life of William T. Poague, Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, Confederate States Army.

- 1863 -

February -- Recommended to major to Lee by General Pendleton.

March -- Ordered to Hamilton's Crossing.

April -- Promoted to Major. Left the Rockbridge Artillery to be second in command to David McIntosh, who headed a battery bearing his name.

May 1-6 -- Chancellorsville. In firing at the Chancellor house, headquarters of Union General Joseph Hooker (Fighting Joe, a certifiable misnomer), the general was stunned by one of Poague's shells. This action occurred during the famous Stonewall Jackson flanking strategy. Douglas S. Freeman, biographer of Lee and a Civil War historian, in recounting the events of that day stated that at Hazel Grove (on the route to the unprotected Union Flank), the artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia had its finest hour. (p. 542, Vol. II, Lee's Lieutenants). Although the South celebrated its greatest victory here, it never recovered from

the death of Jackson. Not only that, attrition was making itself inexorably felt and there were fewer and fewer reserves to call on.

June 2 -- Lee regrouped his army into three corps after the death of Jackson. He assigned five battalions of artillery to each corps. At the same time there existed only four, so a new one had to be created. He named Poague as its commander and assigned the battalion to the Third Corps under General A. P. Hill. The Stonewall Brigade, or more accurately, its remnant, stayed with the Second Corps, which consisted chiefly of Jackson's former troops under General Richmond Ewell (Old Bald Head). Poague remained with the Third Corps until the end of the war. Longstreet had the First Corps.

July 1-4 -- Gettysburg. Assigned to General Pettigrew at the front on the first day, but later ordered to remain at Cashtown. The next day Poague returned to the front where Lee asked

him if he had seen Longstreet. He replied that he had not. Poague always held the view that Longstreet lost the battle for the South at Gettysburg. This issue is not yet put to rest, even though Lee held himself accountable. Until the second day, Poague's battalion had not fired a shot. On the third day, situated on General Hill's right, in front of where Pickett was to attack, he had ten rifled Napoleons and six howitzers to cover the charge. Even today, events leading up to Pickett's charge are mired in controversy because the artillery preparation appeared to be abdicated by Longstreet to Colonel E. P. Alexander, who was told to decide when to begin firing and how. Longstreet withdrew from any part of what then took place, having stated his objections to Lee about the proposed attack at Gettysburg in general, not just to Pickett's part in it. Alexander conducted the artillery barrage without any direction from his commanding general. Poague covered Pickett's advance, which exhibited signs of trouble immediately. Poague was to go forward behind Pickett's men and had so

ordered his line. When he saw Pickett and told him he thought it was not going well, Pickett, watching the action, did not reply at once. Shortly afterwards he advised Poague to save his guns and rode off. Lee then appeared to ask Poague about his position. On the retreat from Gettysburg, Poague's battery was the last artillery unit to cross the Potomac. After that, Poague was in the Shenandoah Valley, then in Culpeper, and finally at Orange, VA. October -- Bristoe Station. This was the scene of General Hill's attack, which foundered disastrously, resulting in the loss of many men. Hill was a sick man during some of the crucial battles and failed notably here. After reviewing the field, Lee advised Hill to bury his dead and say no more about it. Poague and McIntosh were involved in the action here and later at Mine Run. Winter 1863 to early 1864 -- Poague's battalion camped southwest of Gordonsville at Lindsay's Turnout on the Central Railroad. They never fired a shot all winter.

- 1864 -

Early 1864 -- Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
April 29 -- Poague's unit broke camp at their winter quarters and moved to the Rapidan River near Liberty Mills.
May 4-8 -- Wilderness. Poague moved along the turnpike to Chancellorsville with Wilcox's Division. On May 5 he was ordered to the front and engaged Federal cavalry at 10 A.M. May 7-8 no action. The description of the Wilderness battle is so appalling that it seems incredible that Poague had so little to say about it. It was either here or soon after in the Fredericksburg action that Lee became quite ill. Looking at the record in retrospect, medical experts conclude the Lee probably suffered a heart attack which was unrecognized as well as untreated. He continued to direct his army from his camp cot.
May 9-21 -- Fredericksburg. Moved to Fredericksburg Road and held position in trenches.
May 21 -- Moved to Hanover Junction.

May 25 -- Positioned on west bank of Little River with five guns in place.
May 27 -- To Ashland.
May 28 -- To Mechanicsville outside of Richmond by Atlee's Station.
May 29-31 -- To Hanover Court House.
June 1 -- Moved with General Heth's Division to Hundley's Corners, skirmishing all the way.
June 2 -- Moved with General Heth to extreme right of Union battle line.
June 3 -- Cold Harbor. Forced into an unfavorable position, Poague's battalion sustained heavy casualties. They held off Union forces with two guns. The firing on both sides lasted all day with no effect. This was one of Grant's worst days. Poague was wounded twice in the battle. A missile struck his left shoulder failed to penetrate his body, but caused his arm to turn black to the wrist. A shell struck him on the chest, resulting in hemorrhage and later pneumonia. He was sent to a hospital in

Richmond, but when he saw how heavily it was occupied with wounded soldiers, he checked into a hotel and sent for a doctor. After several days he left for home on a 30-day leave.

June later -- He was in Lexington only one day when news of approaching Federal cavalry ran rampant. The Union troops had heard that Poague was on leave and boasted that they would capture him. With some of their slaves and neighbors, Poague evacuated to Franklin County.

July 6 -- Returned to command at Petersburg on

battle line, firing nearly all the time.

July 28 -- Moved to the north side of the James River. At the time of the Crater incident they were holding off the Federal calvary.

July 31 -- Ordered to return to Petersburg, they stopped at a "Halfway House" because of reports the Federals were digging a canal at Dutch Gap.

August 24- April 2, 1865 -- Stationed at Dutch Gap where the firing was constant. Poague had only one killed and one wounded during these months.

Until next time,

Aye,

Bill

Dues Slip

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