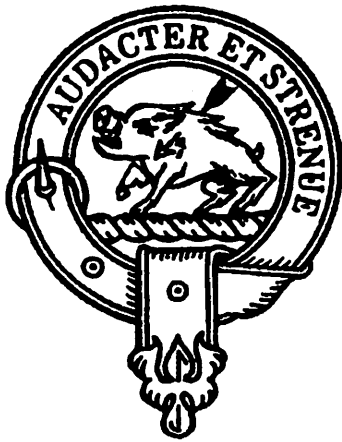


CLAN POLLOCK

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A POOL OF INFORMATION

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MOTTO: *Boldly and Strongly*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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POLK, POLKE, PAULK,
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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."

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1998 was another excellent growth year for Clan Pollock. We added 99 new members, raising our total membership to 550. When you add spouses and children under 18, we likely have 1,600 participating individuals, a force even in the Lowlands of Scotland.

A special "greeting" to our newest member, Esther Frances Layman, mother of IL Commissioner Paul Layman. Esther will be 100 years young on 22 Jan 1999! While we don't normally publish addresses, it would be great if you sent her a birthday card: 529 E. Park Blvd, Villa Park, IL 60181.

Amendment III-Reorganization passed with an overwhelming 97.1% approval rate. Some of the changes are already in effect; some will be phased in over time. Many of the changes will give the membership an opportunity to take a more active role in the Clan.

As you know from reading the past two issues of *The Pollag*, Bill Pollock decided not to continue as editor and publisher of the newsletter. His request also included relief from being Historian. Bill and his wife, Ann, both served Clan Pollock with distinction over the past two decades. Their work and leadership is appreciated. Bill's experience will now be put to use as a member of the Past President's Council. Thank you Ann and Bill.

I am pleased to announce three appointments:

Our new **Historian** is:

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Thank you to these leaders for accepting appointment to these key positions.

Congratulations to Clan Pollock member, Dr. Horace Loftin of Panama City, FL upon his election as President of the Clan Henderson Society in the United States and Canada

1999 Annual Dues Statements were mailed to you 1 December, along with the announcement that a Life Membership is now available for \$100. Many of you have already selected this membership category. If you did not get an invoice, it means that your 1999 dues were already paid.

If you have mailed your dues check: Thank You! If you have not mailed your payment, however, please do so today. Follow-ups are costly (extra postage rankles our Scottish blood), but if we have not heard from you by 31 January 1999, you will receive a reminder.

Speaking of extra postage costs to Clan Pollock, when you move please give your new address to Membership Director Sue Pollock: 12712 St. Clair Drive, Middletown, KY 40243-1037. E-mail: DICKPOLL@aol.com. Double mailings will not be necessary if you keep us informed.

The officers and commissioners wish you a great and prosperous New Year!

I Bide Ye Fair,

Dick



SIR ROBERT POLLOK, Bart.

Richard H. Pollock

You have read about Sir Robert Pollok in various articles about the Pollok Castle, but what do you know about him as a person?

He was born in 1661, the son of Robert Pollok and Jean Crawford, daughter of Cornelius Crawford of Jordanhill.

Sir Robert married 1st, Annabella Maxwell, daughter of Sir George Maxwell of Nether Pollok, no issue. He married 2nd Annabella Stewart, daughter of Walter Stewart of Pardovan. They had the following children: Robert, Walter, Elizabeth (Elizabeth married Alexander Hamilton of Grange, Scotland on 15 Jun 1711 in the Parish of Mearns, Renfrewshire, Scotland. They were the grandparents of Brig. Gen. Alexander Hamilton, noted US Federalist politician and Treasury Secretary for President George Washington), Jean, Annabella and John.

Sir Robert died 22 Aug 1735.

His importance as a person was detailed as follows:

“ He was, by Her Majesty Queen Anne, created a Baronet of Nova Scotia, 30th November 1703, to him and to the heirs males of his body; it proceeds upon a recital of the antiquity and flourishing condition of the ancient family of Pollok of-that-ilk, for 600 years then by-past, since the reigns of David and William, Kings of Scotland; also, upon a recital of the many illustrious and faithful services of the said Robert, in defending the reformed religion at the time of the Revolution, and that, when bearing the king’s commission, he had been taken, and confined in the most barbarous and uncivilized places of the Highlands, during the space of nine months, because he would not renounce his allegiance to King William. “¹ Robert and the Covenanters won the Battle of Drumclog, but lost the Battle of Bothwell Brig. After the Battle of Bothwell Brig, fugitives were listed, including Robert Pollok.² “ Following the Revolution, the Covenanters looked forward to religious freedom. In a symbolic recognition of and in restitution for the sufferings of the many people, the Laird of Upper Pollok was Knighted, and in 1703, created a Baronet-Sir Robert Pollok of Pollok. “³

The full description of Sir Robert’s honor is:

“ POLLOK or POLLOCK, cr. 30 Nov. 1703 (the date of the diploma, at St. James’ Palace, recorded in Edinburgh).

Robert Pollock [or Pollok] of that ilk, s. and h. of Robert Pollok, of the same, by

¹ George Crawford and George Robertson, A General Description of the Shire of Renfrew, (J. Neilson, Paisley:1818), p. 292.

² Twelve Centuries of Christian Witness at Mearns Parish Church, p. 9.

³ Twelve Centuries.....p. 10.

his 2nd wife, Jean (m. 1660), da. of Cornelius Crawford, of Jordanhill, suc. His father in 1673; was M.P. (Member of Parliament--my note) for Renfrewshire (Two Parls. 1700-07, being M.P. [G.B.] thereof, 1707-08, and (three Parls.) 1710-22; was for his services to the late King William while bearing that King's Commission in the Army against " Papal superstition and Despotism power, " cr. a Baronet [S.], as above, 30 Nov. 1703 with rem. to heirs male of his body; was Gov. of Fort William. He m. first, as her 2nd husband (contract 25 and 30 Jan. 1686) Annabella, da. of Sir George Maxwell, of Nether Pollock, by Annabella, da. of Sir Archibald Stewart, of Blackhall. She d. s.p. before 15 May 1691. He m. secondly, Annabella, da. of Walter Stewart, of Pardovan. He d. 22 Aug. 1735.

Another description was given about Sir Robert:

The Laird of Over Pollok, Sir Robert, first Baronet, was one of the most remarkable figures of his time. He inherited the estate as a minor in 1676, and under the protection of Lord Ross was kept from harm during the Covenanted years. His first marriage to a daughter of the Laird of Nether Pollok was brief, and he remarried in 1686, Annabel Stewart, daughter of the Laird of Pardovan. Pardovan was a younger son of Blackhall, and his son Walter, Annabel's brother, was a renowned supporter of William of Orange. Thus, although his sympathies were concealed in the critical times, it was obvious he should be on the Orange side at the Revolution. During the ensuing conflict with the Jacobites, Robert was a lieutenant in the government forces. Along with a senior officer Captain Blair (of the Perthshire family) and some soldiers, he was captured by troops of Lt. General John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee, during a skirmish at St. Johnstone, near Perth, on 14th May 1689. " Dundee by a rapid movement surprised the town of Perth he dispersed two troops of horse, newly raised by Government, seized their horses and accoutrements, and made prisoners their commanding Officers, the Lairds of Pollock and of Blair. After this exploit, Dundee retreated into the Highlands...and later, Dundee...sent a message to the Lords of the Privy Council that if they hurt a hair of Creighton's head, he would in the way of reprisals cut his prisoners, the Lairds of Pollock and Blair, joint from joint, and send them to Edinburgh, packed up in hampers. " ⁴ They were placed in the custody of Sir John MacLean of that Ilk, probably at his castle of Duart, on the eastern tip of Mull. They were to remain prisoners on Mull for over eight months, during which time their captor was himself a fugitive in hiding. There were lengthy negotiations using Jacobite captives as envoys under bond, and eventually an exchange was made in the person of Struan Robertson of Dunalastair, Kinlochranoch. Blair died of wounds in captivity, but by the end of January 1690, Robert Pollok was free.

He resumed his army career immediately, becoming a captain of dragoons at the beginning of 1691, during campaigns in Aberdeenshire. By 1694 he was a major, rising to Lt. Colonel in 1706 and Colonel in 1712. During the Jacobite uprising in 1715 he was appointed Governor of Fort William and commander of the garrison there. He is said to have regretted so many " ungrate and unnatural " rebels " passing under his nose " which his orders prevented him from apprehending. However, Robert Pollok is most

⁴ Sir Walter Scott, Tales of a Grandfather, Vol. II, (Burgess, New York, 1829), pp. 193-194.

renowned for his political career as a member of Parliament for Renfrewshire after the Act of Union, though he tended to support the English Whigs rather than the dissenting Scots, and the latter sympathies amongst the west Renfrewshire lairds ousted him in 1722. Created a Baronet in 1703, for his services at the Revolution, Sir Robert died on 22 August 1735, at the age of 70. He was succeeded by his grandson, Sir Robert Pollok, second Baronet, who managed Over Pollok for almost fifty years.⁵

At least one of Sir Robert's descendants is presently a Clan Pollock member: Christine B. Halliwell of Victoria, Australia.

⁵ Thomas C. Welch, Eastwood District History and Heritage, (Eastwood District Libraries: 1989), pp. 107-108.

MEET JOHN POLK, CLAN POLLOCK HISTORIAN

Our Clan President Dick Pollock recently asked me to assume the responsibilities of Clan Historian and, with some temerity, I have accepted this honor. Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself and pass on some thoughts.

First, I am not a real historian and can claim no particular qualifications of that sort. What I bring to the position is mainly interest and persistence, and in this I am probably no different from any of you who have chosen to join and support Clan Pollock. Beyond that I will only mention that my professional training is as a mathematician so I have respect for rigor in research and try to be careful in distinguishing between the facts and fiction in our family history. Certainly the facts give us much to take pride in and the fiction can be enjoyed for what it is. I hope we can increase our store of knowledge in both regards, but keep a line between them.

We are indeed fortunate in knowing so much about our family - a history that goes back nine centuries. But there is also much that we don't know or only know as oral tradition, without solid documentary evidence. As we dig into it the questions multiply and then it becomes hard to know where to focus the effort. My own interests are now concentrated in three areas 1) The Pollocks/Polks of the Chesapeake Bay area in the American colonial period 2) The Ulster-to-Scotland Pollock connections in the 17th century and 3) Fulbert. The first is the most serious since I am located in Maryland, close to many historical resources where real progress can be made.

I plan to contribute some pieces on my own findings, such as they are, and other items of interest to *THE POLLAG* for at least a few issues to see how they fly. Please provide me or Dick Pollock with any comments or suggestions you have for your Clan Historian.

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THE HISTORIANS CORNER

What's in a Name - Variations in Spelling

As we all know, the name Pollock has evolved into many different spellings, as evidenced by the cover page of THE POLLAG. Some of this may have been by choice, but much is explained simply by random choices of the clerks who made the entries in the official records before things became standardized. An illustrative example of spelling variations for the name of a single individual came to light recently while searching colonial records of Somerset County Maryland.

An early settler of the Dames Quarter (Dam Quarter) area of Somerset, thought to be the first son of the immigrant Capt. Robert Bruce Pollock, was John P---, who patented the tracts of land known as Locust Humocke (1685) and Front of Locust Humock (1697). Since his name was spelled in so many ways I use "P---" as its generic form. In "Polk Family and Kinsmen" by W. H. Polk he is referred to as John Polk. As it turns out, John Polk, the oldest son of Captain Robert, was a different person. This other John P--- was undoubtedly a close relative but not a son.

As we follow the land records of Locust Humock (also spelled in a variety of ways) over a 35 year period we see a host of spelling variations. This 50 acre tract was first warranted to Colonel William Stevens in 1682 and shortly afterwards assigned to "John Pelkee", to whom the patent was issued on 5 June 1685. Twelve years later on 11 October 1697, the adjacent 75 acre tract "Front of Locust Humock" was certified and patented to "John Pelikey". On 20 December 1702 "John Poalkey" made a will in which he devised Locust Humock to William Kent (Cent) of Delaware, sealing it with the mark of "John Poalky". He died sometime between then and 24 July 1703 when the belongings of "John Polkey" were inventoried at a value of L38/01/06. On the Calvert family rent rolls for Somerset County Locust Humock was possessed during the subsequent period by Francis Creeden in right of the "relict and orphans of John Polkley".

Locust Humock and Front of Locust Humock were sold by William Kent to Ephraim Polke, son of Robert Bruce Pollock, for six thousand pounds of tobacco in 1716. The deed mentions the 1685 patent by "John Poalk" and the grant to Kent in the last will and testament of "John Polke". For this transaction Kent gave Ephraim's brother, "my good friend William Polke", power of attorney - evidence of a close connection between John P---, William Kent and the family of Robert Bruce Pollock. Ephraim died intestate in 1719 and the tract were inherited by his son Charles who sold it in 1764. It never passed to the children of either John Polk or John P---, as was supposed in "Polk Family and Kinsmen".

This one individual, John P---, is thus identified as Pelkee, Pelikee, Poalky, Poalkey, Polkley, Poalk and Polke in the legal records. Most likely he is also the "John Polke" who registered a cattle earmark in 1680 and, I expect, the precursor and close kinsman to Robert Bruce Pollock who arrived slightly later, settling at Polkes Folly, about two miles from Locust Humock.

The point of this is that attaching significance to the spelling of the name is treading on very thin ice. The spelling of Captain Robert's name was consistently "Polke" in the few official document where it appears, but his children and grandchildren used both Polk and Pollock in various forms, sometimes interchangeably in a single document - as occurs in the will of his wife Magdalen.

John Polk
Clan Pollock Historian

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ceud Mile Falte—A Hundred Thousand Welcomes-- and Thank You to the new members who have joined since the last printing of *The Pollag* (please note the international distribution of the new members):

Doris Lorraine Fleming Allen
Itasca, IL

Harvey Ellis Polk
Calvert City, KY

Thelma Gertrude Pogue Anderson
Lindsay, Ontario, Canada

Robert Myles Nith Pollock
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There are two grades of tartan available to members of Clan Pollock:

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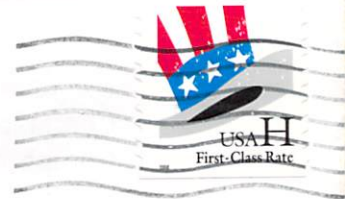
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