

**The Pollag**  
**October 1, 2002**

*"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."*

**Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue**

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### *Words from the President...*

As I write these words for the October *Pollag*, it will soon be the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. I hope all of you will continue to pray for our country and our leaders that we may live in peace.

I want to commend our Clan Pollock members who have once again volunteered to fill the positions necessary for the smooth operation of our organization. Thanks to Beth Avery for volunteering to take on the big job of being the editor of *The Pollag*. Also thanks to Bill Pollock for volunteering to be the Membership Secretary.

I would like to thank everyone who has had a part in hosting a Clan Pollock tent at a Game during 2002. I hesitate to even begin to name names for fear that I will leave someone out, but all of our Commissioners and Conveners deserve a big "THANKS" plus their spouses and others who are always willing to help out. I would urge all our members to visit a Scottish Game in your area. If anyone would be interested in hosting a Clan Pollock tent, please let me know. We will help you out in every way possible.

Some of our members have expressed interest in a Clan Pollock trip to Scotland sometime in the summer of 2003. I would like to ask anyone who has such an interest to contact me in the next month with your choice of: what month (June, July or August); how long (1 week, 10 days, 2 weeks); and the approximate cost you feel you could afford to spend. We will take a look at your replies and try to come up with a package.

Please think about attending our 2003 AGM in Moultrie, GA! More information is found in this edition of *The Pollag*. We hope this will be a fun weekend.

Best wishes to you and your family for the upcoming Holiday Season. May 2003 be a bigger and better year for Clan Pollock!



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Boldly and Strongly

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#### ***Editor's Notes***

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is December 15. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, especially about holiday events, to the editor.

## ***Welcome to our New Members***

James Allen Pollock, Coquitlan, British Columbia, Canada  
Carol W. Presley, Pensacola, Florida  
Karen Elizabeth Craddock Waddell, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Edna Nall Bates, Sacramento, Kentucky  
Martha Nall, Tucker, Island, Kentucky  
Patricia Ann Nall Hardison, Livermore, Kentucky

### **Get Well Soon!**

Martha Pollock, mother of Hamish, Jr and Gail Carden, suffered a stroke in August. She is currently recovering and doing physical therapy. If you'd like to send Martha a card, send on in care of Gail Carden, 6005 Dickson Mill Road, Durham, NC 27705. Martha is always smiling at the Games she attends and we all wish her a speedy recovery so she'll be back at a Clan Pollock tent soon!

### **Look for Clan Pollock Tents at the following Highland Games:**

Oct. 4-5 Tennessee Highland Games, MTSU Campus, Murfreesboro, TN  
Oct. 26-27 Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Richmond, VA  
Nov. 2-3 Foothills Highland Games, Hendersonville, NC.

Remember you too can host a Clan Pollock tent! Just contact the President for information on how to do it. For a list of Highland games in your area check <http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>

### **Time to Renew Your Dues**

Clan Pollock's 2003 dues of \$15.00 U.S. Are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not a Lifetime Member, please send your 2003 dues to:

Treasurer Howard Pollock  
7676 Misty Glen Ave.  
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If our Canadian members can send their payment with a U.S. Dollar World Money Order it helps the Clan save on expenses.

Sending your dues by January 1<sup>st</sup> will save the Clan the cost of mailing you a reminder. Thanks!

### **Remember the Holiday Are Coming -- Clan Pollock Items for Sale**

The following items are available from our Clan Secretary, Clara Ann Pollock (her address is on the front page.) 1) Washable Clan Pollock tartan material, 59" wide, \$17.00 per yard. 2) 100% wool Clan Pollock tartan material, 59" wide, \$55.00 per yard. 3) Sashes/scarves (washable tartan material) \$25.00. 4) Kilt pin, \$20.00. 5) Clan crest badge, \$16.00. 6) Clan crest tote bags, 17"x14", \$10.00

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIGHLAND GAMES 2002



Clan Pollock members at the Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games, AGM, June 1, 2002.



Pollock Tent at Hanover, VA Festival, May 2002. Robert Pollock is manning the tent, while Andy Easter and Tom Pollock talk to a visitor.



Bob and Dorothy Selmons with son, Rob, at the Kansas City Games, June 8, 2002.



Pollock Tent at the Potomac Celtic Festival near Leesburg, VA, June 2002. Andy Easter, Chesapeake Area Commissioner and Robert Pollock.



Bill Harman at Clan Pollock Tent, Springfield, IL Games May 18, 2002

## GLASGOW, KENTUCKY GAMES



A.D. Pollock and two of his grandsons at the Glasgow, KY games. You can see that these boys are following in their grandfather's footsteps. One is already with a sword!

### The Pollock Tent Overfloweth

Here Clara Ann Pollock, (with the straw hat on), is busy chatting with Mark Pollock of Ohio, (far left), and his parents, Norman and Dorothy Pollock from Iowa, at the Pollock tent during the Glasgow games. Ryan, A.D. and Clara's grandson, is cooling off with an ice drink in the foreground. The Glasgow games are held in early June, so it was pretty toasty!



Left to right, back row sitting: Rosemary Pollock, N.C.; Merle Stone, N.C.; Martha Pollock, N.C.; and Charlene Pogue Young, K.Y.  
Standing behind them: Gayle Pollock Carden, N.C. (Martha's daughter).  
Front row sitting: Rob Pollock, N.C. (Rosemary's husband and Gayle's uncle); Mike Carden (Gayle's husband).

Pauline Easter, wife of Andy Easter  
Chesapeake Commissioner.

## THE FRESNO SCOTTISH GAMES

The Fresno Scottish Games had a beautiful day for the event. Jewell Pieper, Katherine Bugg-Moreno, Dolores and Richard Bugg opened our hospitality tent promptly at 0800 among 50 other Clans on Clan Row. We had a lot of visits from friends in the area but sadly not a single sole interested in the Pollock Clan. All in all, it was a very disappointing day as far as growth of the Clan. However, on the positive side, we talked, drank a few brews, ate a lot of good Scottish food and renewed some old friendships. Then at the end of a long day we folded our tent and went home.

C. Richard Bugg,  
Fresno, California

## Polk Family Reunion 2003

A major Polk family reunion, "Polk 2003", will be held at the University of the South, Sewanee TN, on 30 May -1 June, 2003.

Join the descendants for the Polk Family on May 30 - June 1, 2003, for a weekend of education, recreation, fellowship and fun in Sewanee, Tennessee on the domain of the University of the South. Accommodations will be provided in Quintard Dormitory on the Sewanee Campus. A highlight of the weekend will be the dedication of the Polk family archives at the Jesse Ball Dupont Library at the University of the South. A Polk ancestor, Leonidas Polk, civil war general and Bishop of Louisiana, was one of the founders of the University. Sewanee is one of the top liberal arts colleges and schools of theology in the country, and its 10,000-acre mountain setting is an ideal location for a Polk family summer reunion.

The following special website has been set up to provide coverage and up-to-date information about this event as it comes together -  
<http://www.polkfamilyreunion.com./news.html>

# FULBERT OUR PROGENITOR

## Part 1 - 12<sup>th</sup> Century Scotland

**Fulbert**, the progenitor of our Pollock family, is a rather shadowy figure about whom little is known, but who was real enough and mentioned with some frequency in the early charters of feudal Scotland. In this and subsequent notes we will summarize what is known of Fulbert. To put things into the proper context we begin with a short recapitulation of events in 12<sup>th</sup> century Scotland.

The history of the Pollock Family begins with the institution of the Norman feudal system in Scotland in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by King David I (reigned 1124-1153). In his youth David, who was the third of Malcolm Canmore's sons, was brought up in the Norman Court of England; his mother Margaret was the niece of Edward the Confessor, the last Saxon King of England. In England David learned at first hand of the efficiency of the Norman feudal system, and the institution of a similar system in Scotland became the primary focus and accomplishment of his reign. He did this by inviting Norman and Breton families into Scotland as his vassals, and investing them with hereditary lands and titles, which they held in fealty to him as king. This forever altered the course of Scottish history, and the period became known as the Feudal Settlement of Scotland.

When David returned to Scotland as a young adult he had little expectation of becoming King, since he was preceded by his two elder brothers, but he was installed as the Earl of both Cumbria and Northumberland, which made him a very important figure not just in Scotland but in all of Britain. In this role David held sway over the principal lands of southern Scotland along the uncertain border with England. Upon the death of King Henry I in England a struggle for the succession to the throne took place and David entered into an unsuccessful campaign in support of his niece Matilda (Henry's wife was David's sister Matilda) against Steven of Blois. Although this campaign failed, it did cause an important group of Norman and Breton families to coalesce around David's as his military allies. When he returned to Scotland in 1141 his retinue included a number of these followers, and they became the nucleus and first wave of his feudal court in Scotland. Among the well know families that rose to the first level of prominence in Scotland at this time were Bruce and Stewart who, in due course, rose to royal status themselves. At the next level were the families who were vassals to the circle of first families, and among these was our own, the family which took the name Pollock from the lands they were given in fealty.

The first Stewart or *dapifer* of Scotland, the highest position in David's Court, was Walter fitzAlan (son of Alan), who came from Shropshire, but whose family traced back to Dol in Brittany. Walter had accompanied David in England, and such was David's trust and confidence in this man that he not only appointed him Stewart for life but made the position an hereditary one that would pass on to Walter's descendants forever. Thus began the family of Stewart which later married into the royal family and became the royal Stewart family of Scotland and England.

Walter fitzAlan was given extensive lands in Scotland by David from the ancient realm of Strathclyde, among these were most of Kyle, Lothian, and Renfrewshire, including Pollock,. These lands were in turn parceled out by Walter to his followers, among whom were five knights of particular eminence. Unfortunately the written records or charters for these earliest actions by Walter have been lost, but many of the records from the next round of investitures survive, particularly those from the chartulary of the Abbeys of Paisley, Melrose, and Kelso. It is from these that documentary confirmation of our ancestor Fulbert and of his sons Robert, Peter and Helias may be found. These will be covered in the next installment.

Fulbert is only mentioned in the ancient charters as the father of Robert, Peter and Helias who were given lands by Walter fitzAlan, and who made donations of land. There is no charter in which Fulbert himself is invested with, or donates, land. This is the same as with Alan, the father of Walter the Stewart, and Undwain the father of Maccus, progenitor of the Maxwells,; these individuals are mentioned as their sons' fathers in various charters but do not appear for their own actions. This leaves us with the question of where Fulbert came from, and whether he actually lived in Scotland, like Undwain, or was a person that remained in England, like Alan.

To be continued...

John F. Polk, Ph.D.  
Historian, Clan Pollock International

**Myron James Polk**  
**1894-1953**  
**Obituary**

Rev. Myron J. Pollok died at his home in Wheatfield Township, September 20, 1894, of neuralgia of the heart age 59 years. His death came so suddenly that it was as startling as it was sad, and a large community of friends are called to regret the departure of a well-known and highly honored citizen.

Mr. Pollok was born in Sodus, Wayne County, N.Y., May 22, 1835. At the age of 17 years he came to Michigan with his parents and began teaching school winters, attending Lansing Schools during the fall. December 25, 1856, he was married to Nancy A. Decker and they settled on the farm where he died. In 1861 he united with the Methodist Protestant church and in 1862 was ordained an elder. His wife died in 1883, and on Nov. 5, 1885, he was united in marriage with Miss Isadora A. Phelps who survives him.

A man of excellent judgement and upright character, he was in the spring of 1884 appointed Supervisor of his township, and for nine succeeding terms he was elected to the same position. On the Board he was always able and prudent and in October 1889, was elected Chairman of that body, which position he held with honor and Credit until the Spring of 1893. All who served under him acknowledged his efficiency and fairness.

Mr. Pollok was a man of deep religious convictions, and as he grew older the desire to more earnestly serve his Master grew upon him. He was recognized as a faithful minister of the gospel and an energetic Sunday School Worker. He Preached at the DuBois and Pollok school houses... For the last seven months he had also been earnestly engaged in superintending the Sunday School at the Pollok school house. Though his diligent and indefatigable efforts much good was accomplished. His rugged integrity was such as the world needs and such as will be sorely missed. Work became more earnest as the end drew near and he was often reminded that he could not endure it long; but he wanted to do more.

Besides his widow, five sons and three daughters survive him -- Benjamin, Luther, John Jason, Cecil, Mrs. Ada Squires, and little Millie are here while.. Mrs. Kate Putman, is a resident of Iowa... ...Two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Brown of Chicago and Mrs. Ann Rosseter of Homer, and two brothers, Albert D. Of Ingham and John T. Homer were also present. The funeral was a very large one, 100 teams being in the procession, and the concourse of people attested the esteem in which the departed was held. Burial took place at Spaulding cemetery, Wheatfield Township.

Note: This wonderful old obituary was sent to us by his great-granddaughter Suzanne Pollock Hough.

Pollock, Ingham County was named for pioneer settlers, the Pollock family; M.J. Pollock came to Michigan from Sodus Point, N.Y. And was the first justice of the Peace in 1852. --

from *Michigan Place Names*  
Walter Romig, L.H.D.

### News From our Members...

Clan Pollock Treasurer, Howard Pollock, escorts his daughter, Crystal Ann Pollock Hartman, at her wedding in Tacoma, WA in August 2002.



### **CLAN POLLOCK AGM MOULTRIE, GEORGIA. FEBRUARY 14, 15, & 16, 2003**

The decision was made at our Glasgow, K, AGM in June to hold Clan Pollock's 2003 AGM at the Braveheart Scottish Weekend in Moultrie, Georgia at the Odom Library on February 14, 15, and 16, 2003.

The Hampton Inn, 441 East Bypass NE, 229-616-7777 has been reserved for the weekend. Please call the Inn directly to make your reservations and mention that you are with Clan Pollock.

This annual Scottish weekend is an invitation for Scots enthusiasts to come together for an education and sociable program of events. The whole weekend is designed to be inspiring, surprising and fun, with a warm welcome guaranteed. In 2002 there were more than 300 visitors with 75 clans present.

Registration for Saturday and Sunday events is \$70.00 per person. This includes all talks on Saturday, Saturday evening's Gala Ceilidh and Banquet (all you can eat Seafood Buffet), and a luncheon after the Kirkin' of the Tartan on Sunday. There will be an old fashioned Ceilidh on Friday night at 6:30 p.m., the cost for this is \$25.00 per person. To register send checks made out to "Odom Library Scottish Weekend" to Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003, The Odom Library/The Family Tree, P.O. Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. Telephone: 229-985-6540 and ask for Beth Gray. Or go online at [http://electricScotland.com/familytree/scottish\\_weekened\\_2003reg.htm](http://electricScotland.com/familytree/scottish_weekened_2003reg.htm)

Although this is a departure from our usual Annual Gathering Meeting, it is an opportunity to try something new and see this wonderful library! Since 2003 is an election year for Clan Pollock, we will hold our meeting during the day on Saturday in an Odom Library meeting room. The exact time will be announced later.

We hope you will begin making your plans to attend now! Hope to see you there.

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