

The Pollag
July 1, 2003

"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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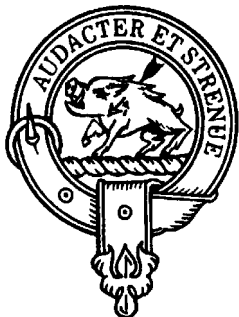
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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



I hope this find each of you enjoying the summer and making plans to attend at least one Scottish Game in your area.

Thanks to all our members who continue to host events and represent Clan Pollock so well. We appreciate very much what you do in this regard. One of our "Bill Pollocks" (we have 9 members by the name of William Pollock) from Saskatoon, Sask. Canada is representing Clan Pollock at some Games in Canada this summer. Some of our states like California and Texas are quite large and we need people who would be willing to host a Clan Pollock tent in those states, even for a single event.

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Robert Pollock, our Virginia Commissioner, promotion to Colonel in the Air Force. Rob will be moving to Dayton, Ohio in July. Any volunteers to help out with Virginia Scottish events?

Clara Ann and I were honored to be asked to attend the recent Polk Family Reunion the first weekend in June at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. We were glad to see other Clan Pollock members there - Bob & Dorothy Slemmons from Kansas and John Polk, Clan Pollock Historian, from Maryland. We had a lot of people stop by our table and express interest in finding out more about the connection between the Pollocks and the Polks.

We are looking forward to attending the Grandfather Mountain Games in July. Ben & Merle Stone always do a great job of hosting the tent at the Games. We hope to see many of you there.

We are happy to report that our son, LTC Archie Pollock III, is to come home from Iraq July 2nd. He & his family will be moving to Pensacola, FL where Archie will be head of the ROTC Department at the University of West Florida.

If you haven't checked the Clan Pollock website recently - www.clanpollock.com please take a look. Howard Pollock, also our Treasurer, has done a lot of work on the site updating it and providing links to other sites of interest and it looks really good. Howard, thanks for all your hard work!

Best wishes,

A. D. Pollock, Jr.

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Editor's Notes

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

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Elizabeth (Deutz) Pollock Shutt, Island, KY passed away April 26, 2003, a few weeks short of her 99th birthday.

Burney Parker, Brenham, TX passed away April 17, 2003.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Grace Baggaley, Odenton, Maryland
Donald Howard Polk, M.D., Waynesboro, Tennessee

A big thanks for all who have renewed their membership in the past few months.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Archie Pollock, III, (A.D. and Clara Ann's son) shown in Ur, Iraq, at what is thought to be the site of the home of Abraham and at the Temple Staris. Archie is now back in the United States.



Paul Layman, the Illinois Commissioner for Clan Pollock, was appointed clan chairman for the Illinois St. Andrew Society Highland Games in Oak Brook, IL. They were held June 21, so he's been very busy.

Howard Pollock is the proud grandpa of Carter Pollock Hartman Grandson born Oct 9, 2002.



Ready to go to the games!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GAMES AND EVENTS

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

Clan Pollock teamed up with Clan Maxwell convening at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival held at Jefferson Patterson Park in St. Leonard, Maryland on April 26th. The park is a restored historic farm and has acres of beautiful rolling hills right on the banks of the Patuxent River.

It's no surprise that much of the East Coast has been getting a fair amount of wet weather and the day of the festival began in its usual gray, overcast mood with a bit of drizzle thrown in for good measure. The weather did, however, cooperate finally by clearing up about noon.



Aside for Highland Dancing competitions, there were the usual games of Hammer Toss, Caber Toss, and the tossing of other heavy things. Balancing all the sports were excellent performers from story tellers for children of all ages, to harpists and fiddle experts. Bonnie Rideout graced the day with her lovely music in the afternoon.

As for the Clans Pollock and Maxwell, our tent was situated fairly much in the middle of everything with the dance competition stage in front of us, one of the entertainment tents down the row from us to the right, and the vendor's row and a brass band to our left. All we had to do to enjoy the entertainment was turn to various positions in our chairs.



Andy and Pauline Easter convened on behalf of Clan Pollock and Cousin Dick Maxwell and his lovely wife Barbara convened for the Maxwells. Visits to the tent were brisk with the balance somewhat on the Maxwell side as often happens in Maryland, with the balance shifting toward the Pollock family in the Northern Virginia festivals. Still, it was a happy and informative day for all with great conversation and the making of new acquaintances.

Andy and Pauline

Easter

Kiowa Celtic Festival

Vicki and I attended the Kiowa Celtic Festival and Games over Mother's Day weekend. Cold weather and snow negatively affected attendance. However, we did enjoy visiting with Bill Pollock on Saturday. We enjoy the Kiowa games because of their smaller size, generally cool, but acceptable weather, and the personal touch helps one enjoy the day at Kiowa.

Matt Pollock



Potomac Celtic Festival

We attended the Potomac Celtic Festival at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia during the weekend of June 14th-15th to assist Robert Pollock in his convening duties there. After a full week of steady rain, the field had been mowed, but was a bog of mud and water, making set-up and ambulating equally difficult. Cars were not allowed on the field for fear of having to have them towed out.

Still, it was very warm and sunny for most of the day, or at least it FELT warm with all of that water in the ground evaporating around the attendees. Wearing a few pounds of wool around our hips seemed to accentuate the humidity.



activity in the Ohio territory!

Andy Easter, Steven Maxwell, Robert Pollock, chatting as they hold down the tent during a raging thunderstorm.

You can check out our other activities and photos at a small free site we've set up at <http://pollockofchesapeake.20megsfree.com>.

Andy Easter



Andy Easter at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

As we often do, Clan Pollock set up tent in conjunction with Clan Maxwell making for a merry tent full of visitors from both families and conveners. Virginia Commissioner, Col. Robert Pollock set up an exceptional display with family history and representative helmets for visitors to look at and ask about. Sadly for us, Robert has been transferred from Virginia to Ohio by the Air Force, so we will miss his historical expertise and happy disposition even in the worst of weather. We do, however give him our best wishes in his exploration of Scottish



James Polk Farmer, freshly arrived from the Polk family reunion in TN stopped by for a visit and a chat. Steven Maxwell answers questions while a member of Clan Maxwell listens behind Steven. Robert Pollock is seen reaching across the display as Andy Easter looks at the view in the next tent. Mike Lawler from Clans of the Tidewater is speaking at the far right.

Loch Norman Highland Games April 10-13, 2003

Clan Pollock was present at all events. The attendance was excellent in spite of very little publicity in the Charlotte media. Friday night, our banner was on display at the reception and Haggis ceremony. We answered the calling of the Clans.

The weather had been raining all week until Friday noon. The sun shone the rest of the time. The red mud was thick and treacherous Friday night and Saturday, but dried well by Sunday.

The games Saturday and Sunday were very successful. We filled up one page of the registration book and had to start on a second page. I gave away all of my "Welcome to the Pollock Tent" packets. Jack Pollock from Waynesville, NC dropped by. He is heavily involved in Highland Dancing. The South Carolina commissioner, Chris Pollock and his wife Allison used the tent for headquarters on Saturday. Bob Pollock of New Jersey, a life member, visited on Sunday. I also carried the Pollock banner at the Kirkin' held at the Davidson family burying ground adjacent to field at Rural Hill.



Ben Stone MD (ret) VP and NC commissioner

UPCOMING GAMES INFORMATION

(Also see the back cover)

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Games where the Clan Pollock booth will be set up include the Colorado Scottish Festival in Highlands Ranch, CO, August 8-10, and the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, in Estes Park, CO, September 4-7. That's the weekend after Labor Day. The games at Highlands Ranch are well attended, and can be pretty hot. We'll have plenty of cold drinks in the cooler though! The festival at Estes Park is the "Granddaddy of 'em all" in the Rocky Mountain region. It is quite a spectacle. The weather at Estes Park can be highly variable anywhere from the 20's to the 80's and probably all points in between in a single day. I suggest dressing in layers to accommodate the rapidly changing weather conditions. Both hot and cold drinks will be available at the booth.

I'm not sure if I'll be able to attend or not, but for those of you in the northern Rockies, September 19-20 are the dates of the Black Hills Highland Festival and Games in Sturgis, SD. Websites for the above games are: www.scotfest.com and www.blackhillshighlandfestival.com

All should seriously consider attending a Scottish/Celtic festival. They are a great opportunity to learn about and celebrate your heritage. It allows you the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Thrill to the skirl of bagpipes and watch in amazement as the athletes toss the caber. Ladies, where else are you likely to see so many men showing off their knees in a kilt? I hope to see you at a festival in the near future.

Matt Pollock

East Coast

Look for the Pollocks to be represented at the Ann Arundle Scottish Festival in Crownsville, MD in early October, and at the Strawberry Hill games in Richmond, Virginia the third weekend of October. Join us if you can, in a Christmas Scottish Walk in old Alexandria, Virginia the first Saturday in December. After the parade we gather as a group to have luncheon together at one of the historic restaurants in town.

Andy Easter

INFORMATION FOR GENEALOGISTS

by Beth Avery

Census Finder

<http://www.censusfinder.com/>

Census Finder is a "Directory of Free Census Records" containing links to 16,738 free online census. The amount of information there is incredible. I checked North Carolina and found not only census for the state but also by county.

There are drop-down menus that allow you to choose by state in the US, location in the UK, Canada, Sweden and Norway, as well as a list of new sites. Even further down you'll find a pull-down menu to get county maps for each state, a historical museum guide. There are also links to tools, such as GenForum Surname Boards, Family History Message Boards, and the USGenWeb Project State Selector.

Obituary Daily Times

The Obituary Daily Times is a daily index of published obituaries. It is distributed freely, often twice a day by email, and usually has over 2500 entries a day. You can subscribe to the daily e-mail service or search the database anytime with the search engine at

It is also an index of published obituaries across the world, but does not contain the actual obituaries. Once

you have the paper name and date of the obituary from the index you can go to your library or contact to the newspaper itself to get a copy of it. A search of "Pollock" yielded 1,669 hits between the mid 1990s and June 2003. It included Pollocks, women whose maiden name was Pollock, and people who lived in the towns of Pollock, LA and SD and Pollock Pines CA.

Family History

<http://www.familyhistoryradio.com>

One of the interesting parts of this site is the Genealogy School, which has multimedia courses prepared by professional genealogists that use audio, slides, printed handouts and worksheets to teach research skills. It appears the courses and course list are continuing to be expanded. Two of the courses are: Immigrant Origins -- 4 lessons, \$12.95 each; Foundation Principles, Places and Records -- 11 lessons, \$12.95 each

To take the courses you need an Internet connection, speakers, Windows 98 or higher, Internet Explorer, Windows media player, Explorer browser and a printer.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

Howard has added a past Games page which links to pictures from past games with captions provided by the people that sent him. All our members are encouraged send pictures from past or present games with explanations. We then can use some of this for future issues if the Pollag as well as on the Web. Any updates or additions, please send to Howard Pollock at Clan_Pollock_Treas@msn.com

Clan Merchandise

You can order Clan Merchandise for games or special occasions on the web site. Remember Christmas isn't that far away.

MEET YOUR OFFICERS **Howard Pollock, Clan Treasurer**

Scottish Country Dance & return to Scottish heritage

Since my heart began longing for my Scottish heritage, I have begun many adventures. For many years my sister and I have been working on the Genealogy of our family. She even took the trip to Nova Scotia in 2000 to locate some needed information.

I became involved with Clan Pollock in December of 2000, now the Clan Treasurer for the last two years. We attended our first Burns Supper in 2001; I began learning to play the bagpipes in December of 2001; I manned my first Clan Tent at my second ever attending of Scottish Highland Games the summer of 2002, we attended our first St. Andrews Night Ball in 2002 and our first Ceilidh in May 2003.

This year, my wife and I began taking Scottish Country Dance lessons. After a couple weeks, we joined the Thistle & Ghillies Country Dancers here in Boise, Idaho. We have greatly enjoyed our time learning and dancing all kinds of Scottish dances. In the group we have dancers ranging in age from 16 to over 60. Music ranging from Celtic tunes to traditional Bagpipe tunes – we dance to it all. What an experience - a great way to get your wife, husband, or friends out of the house getting great exercise while having fun and learning the history and traditional dance of our heritage.

One day, I may even make it to Scotland and be able to put these skills to use for my pleasure and the pleasure of our friends, family and countrymen.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT ESTES PARK **by Kent Woodward**

While our busiest time is from June to the festival in September, there are some things are worked on throughout the year. The most notable is working with clans that wish to hold their AGM during the festival, we already have one clan planning their AGM for 2004. When we took over as chairmen last year we had one possible AGM for 2003, we now are having 3 AGM's.

With deadlines to meet for the festival program, the festival website at www.scotfest.com, and the tent supplier, it can get hectic and stressful at times and you really have to push some of the clans to get the required information to you so you can meet the deadlines. Along with the AGMs, the duties include updating the clan mailing list and getting that to the printers, updating the registration form with new information, receiving the money for the tent spaces and admission tickets, mailing the receipts and tickets and assigning the tent spaces. We also work with clans that have never been to the festival before and would like to join the fun times we always have.

One of the most rewarding parts of the job is helping people who want to know which clan they can belong to. While we don't go into depth with them on their personal genealogy we use *Tartan for Me*, *Black's Surnames of Scotland*, and the *Highlander* magazine to get them in contact with their national clan society. During the festival we refer them to the appropriate clan if they are represented on the field. To see their eyes light up makes all the work worth it. We also find that you have made a friend who is willing to help you when you need it.

Our busiest week is the week of the festival. We will spend all day Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday on the festival grounds making sure our tents are set up where we need them and then marking out the clan spaces. For those of you that were here for the 1996 Pollock AGM we have changed from the long row of tents to large circus styled tents of 150' x 60' that are enclosed on 3 sides.

The festival is open Friday from noon to 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Friday evening is the clan Tattoo. We have to be there to place signs for special reserved seating for the clans holding their AGM's, escort the visiting clan dignitaries to the horse drawn carriage that takes them onto the arena where they are introduced to the audience. We also attend the concert and the Ceilidh Friday and Saturday evening visiting with clan members. Sunday evening is the honored guest banquet. This is one of the best times of the weekend as we can all just relax and enjoy since another years festival is done. BUT come Monday morning.....

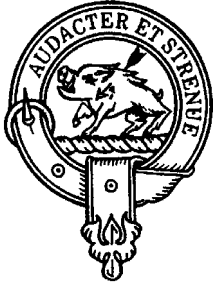
One thing that we do want to mention is our volunteers. They are there pitching in all week whether it's setting up tables and chairs, staffing the committee tent space, or cleaning up Elk droppings. Without them our job wouldn't be as easy. So the next time your at a festival, thank the people who help bring you a weekend of fun.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

If you're moving please drop us a note at: Beth Avery, 913 N. 14th St., Gunnison, CO 81230 or averyb@mail.otherwhen.com. Please include your new address and old address. Remember, as A.D. pointed out, many of us in Clan Pollock have the same name. Thanks.

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UPCOMING 2003 GAMES WHERE YOU WILL FIND POLLOCK TENTS

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| June 14 | Kansas City Scottish Highland Games. Sharing a tent with Clan MacNab. Contact Bob and Dorothy Slemmons -- Look for the new Clan Pollock banner. |
| July 10-13 | Grandfather Mountain Highland Game, Linville NC. Clan Pollock will have 2 tents. For information about the games www.gmhg.org . For information about Clan Pollock tent contact Ben Stone |
| July 26 | Pacific N.W. Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington. Sharing a tent with Clan Maxwell. Contact Howard Pollock |
| August 9-10 | Colorado Scottish Festival in Highlands Ranch, CO. Contact Matt Pollock |
| September 4-7 | Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, in Estes Park, CO. Contact Matt Pollock |
| September 13 | Fresno (CA) contact C. Richard Bugg
Paducah, KY - W. KY Highland Festival, Carson Park. Contact A.D. Pollock |
| September 20 | Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Boise, Idaho. Contact Howard Pollock |
| Sept. 27-28 | McPherson (KS) Highland Festival (with Clan MacNab). Contact Bob and Dorothy Slemmons |
| October 4 | Murfreesboro, TN - TN Highland Games, Middle TN State University. Contact A.D. Pollock |