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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."

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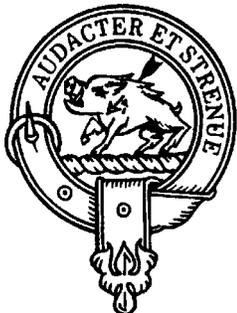
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Words from the President...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



Spring is here (on the calendar, at least) and I hope that each of you are looking forward to the warmer weather. With the coming of Spring, the calendar for Scottish Games begins to fill up. I hope you will be able to attend a Game or more this year. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 2004 dues. We also have had several gift memberships for family members and thank you for those. If you have not paid your \$15.00 2004 dues yet, please send the money to our Treasurer, Howard Pollock or to me and I will forward it on to Howard.

We still need Commissioners/Convenors for a Clan Pollock tent in several areas. Please let us know if you could help out in this area. Thanks to all of you who are already planning to host tents. We appreciate your willingness to step up!

Don't forget - our Clan Pollock AGM meeting will be at the Grandfather Mountain Games July 10th. Please look for more information in the Pollag for room reservations at the Banner Elk, N.C. Holiday Inn and dinner reservations for the meeting. We hope to have a large number of members to attend this event. Ben & Merle Stone, our North Carolina Commissioner, do a wonderful job of hosting these Games.

Also thanks to Larry Pollock, a member from Apollo, PA who sent more information on James Pollock, a former Governor of Pennsylvania. This same James Pollock suggested the motto "In God We Trust" be stamped on coins of the United States. Larry writes, "I have been with Penn State for 31 years...James Pollock played an important role in establishing the University signing the charter that established the College of Scientific Agriculture, later becoming Penn State." Penn State will be 150 years old on February 22, 2005.

Best Wishes,

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Editor's Notes

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

Another reminder for Dues...

Thank you to all who have submitted your dues for 2004. For those who haven't paid their dues yet, send your dues to Howard Pollock at his address on the front page or check out the online renewal at:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Richard Anderson, Deep Gap, North Carolina
Anne Findlay, Brevard, North Carolina
William H. Hazelett, Auburndale, Florida
Robert W. Parrish, Midlothian, Virginia
Perry Polk, Fairfield, California
Robert Pollock, Ballymoney, North Ireland
William L. and Donna J. Pollock, Knox, Pennsylvania
William W. Pollock, III, Newport, North Carolina
Sally E. Richmond, Davidson, North Carolina
Teresa Faye Mitchell Williams, Evansville, Indiana
Charlie Thomas Paulk, Hudson, Florida
Harry Cox Pollock, Greenville, Kentucky

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Clan Pollock members are spread out all over the globe and many will never get to meet one another, though we all are part of the same clan. In discussing what to include in the Pollag we thought it would be fun (and informative) if members contributed something about themselves or a family member such as getting a special recognition, being elected to an office, having a 100th birthday or a 50th anniversary, returning safely from the war, taken a trip to Scotland. Send information to your editor, Beth Avery at the address on the left.

SEND YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPE

There is interest in putting together a Clan Pollock cookbook. Think of how special it would be to give a Clan Pollock Cookbook to a friend or relative. If we all contribute, perhaps we can have a cookbook for sale by the summer, or at least in time for Christmas gift giving. If you have a favorite family recipe that you would like to contribute, please send it to Beth Avery at the address on the left.

CRUISE TO NOVA SCOTIA WITH THE SCOTS

Check out the cruise benefitting Beth Gay and "The Family Tree" newspaper. It runs one week from Sept. 18-25 to Nova Scotia at very good rates. Prices range from \$738.37 to \$1,138.37 per person based on double occupancy. Rates include 7 Nights accommodations, port fees and taxes, all shipboard meals, activities, entertainment, and Special Family Tree Seminars and ElectricScotland will be presented by Alastair McIntyre And Fran R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Columnist for the Family Tree. Colin Grant-Adams, Famed Scottish Entertainer, will provide entertainment during the Cruise. Beth Gay will speak on Scottish research & heritage & genealogy. You can find information in the Family Tree and on the website, <http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/canada.htm>. Or leave a message for Judy Thompson 1-800-486-5257. We need a bunch of Pollocks along. The wife and I have already signed up

-- Ben Stone

INFORMATION FOR GENEALOGISTS

Valley Forge Muster Roll

<http://valleyforagemusterroll.org/>

If had family in the American Revolution, you'll enjoy looking at The Valley Forge Muster Roll It gives information about soldiers who served at the Valley Forge Encampment under General George Washington between December 1777 and June 1778.

You can search by regiment, state, or last name. I found three Pollocks, three Polks, a Pook, two Pooles, and two Pogues. The records give ID number, last name, first name, state, rank, regiment, brigade, company, division, and muster roll status for each month of the Valley Forge encampment. Some of the listings contain only partial information.

-- Beth Avery

Census Available from the State of Maryland

<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/refserv/html/censussearch.html>

There are four different searchable census from the state archives Web site:

1776 (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Prince George's, Queen Anne, and Talbot Counties),

1778 (Caroline, Charles, and Queen Anne's Counties),

1870 (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties and Baltimore City)

1880 (Anne Arundel County).

You may search by date, first name, last name, and county. I found eight records for Pollock, 86 for Polk, 104 for Poole, and two for Pogue. Records include name, date, age, gender, race, birth date, county, and locality. The location of the original census (microfilm number and page) is included, if you want to write for a copy.

-- Beth Avery

CIVIL WAR GENEALOGICAL SITE

Have you ever wondered if your ancestor Joe (fill in the surname) was really in a unit in the Civil War? Was he a Union or a Confederate soldier or sailor?

A great web site is now available: <http://www.civil-war.net>

In addition to numerous special features, if you scroll down the right hand side of the page you will see a section headed by "Civil War Soldiers & Sailors."

To do the broadest research, just enter the surname you are curious about. You will see all of those with the surname you typed, plus first names and whether your person was in the Union or Confederate service. A further clicking will show you the specific unit in which your ancestor served. Good luck with your research!

-- Richard H. Pollock, FSA Scot

HIGHLAND GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

ARIZONA

The Celtic Festival will be held at Foxglenn Park, 4200 East Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ. July 17, 2004. Contact Carol Black, drblack@highstream.net

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Here are the dates for all the Scottish festivals and games occurring in the Colorado/Wyoming area.

Sterling, CO	June 5, Sterling Fairgrounds,
Kiowa, CO	June 12-13*, http://www.cypb.org/kiowa2002/main.html
Evergreen, CO	June 23-25, Colorado Celtic Arts Festival
Keystone, CO	June 26-27, http://keystone.snow.com/events.month.asp
Gillette, WY	June 26-27, http://www.wyomingcelticfestival.com/
Evans, CO	June 26, http://www.highplainsscottishirishfestival.com/
Colorado Springs, CO	June 26, http://www.ssppr.org/
Highlands Ranch, CO	August 14-15*, http://www.scottishgames.org/
Jackson, WY	August 21-22, http://www.wyomingcelticfestival.com/
Estes Park, CO	September 10-12*, http://www.scotfest.com/

The festivals with an asterisk by the date are the ones in which Vicki and I will have a Clan Pollock booth. If anyone is interested in hosting a Clan Pollock booth/tent at one of the other festivals or helping at one of the games where Vicki and Matt will be, please contact Matt Pollock 307-745-9208 or sidemeat_2000@yahoo.com

KANSAS

We hope to host a Pollock tent for the Kansas City Games, at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12, 2004, and at the McPherson Scottish Festival September 24-26, 2004. We had a tent at each of these events last year, and anticipate we'll hear from each of them soon. For more information about these games contact Bob Slemmons

KENTUCKY

A. D. & Clara Ann Pollock will host a Clan Pollock tent at the Glasgow, KY Scottish Games June 3 - 6th. We hope to see some of our Kentucky & Tennessee members there!

MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

We will be going to, the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival in St. Leonard, Maryland, Jefferson Patterson Park, Saturday the 24th of April. Members and visitors can check it out on the web at: www.potomaccelticfest.org and the Potomac Celtic Festival at Morven Park by Leesburg, VA which will be held June 12th and 13th. We will be trying to get our tent set up next to the Maxwell tent in the Rievers section again this year. Members and interested parties can check out the site for this game at: <http://www.potomaccelticfest.org>

Pauline and Andy Easter

NORTH CAROLINA

Ben Stone will host a Pollock tent at the Loch Norman Highland Games April 16th-18th. <http://www.ruralhillfarm.org>

OHIO

The Ohio Scottish Games, 26 Jun 2004 at the Loraine Co. Fairgrounds, Wellington OH. Contact Rob Pollock
r.d.pollock@att.net

WANT TO HOST OR HELP AT A CLAN TENT?

There are lots of Scottish games and events coming up this spring. We need your help in hosting tents at these games or helping our hosts. If you've never hosted a clan tent it's a great way to meet new friends. Our President, A.D. Pollock and your local commissioner will give you lots of help and ideas. Think about it and then contact A.D. or your commissioner at the address listed on page 1 and 2 of this Newsletter. Even if you don't want to host a tent this year, check out one of these games and see how much fun it is! Just a sampling of games that you could host a Clan Pollock tent:

Hays, KS. Th' Gatherin & Ancient Festival of Beltane, May 1-2, 2004
Arroyo Grande, CA. Original Whiskey Highland Games, May 1, 2004
Carrollton, KY. Kentucky Scottish Weekend, May 7-9, 2004
Savannah, SC. Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, May 7-9, 2004
Frederick, MD. Frederick Celtic Festival, May 8, 2004.
Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Festival in the Rockies, May 8, 2004
Gatlinburg TN. Scottish Festival & Games, May 14-16, 2004
Edinboro, PA. Edinboro Highland Games, May 14-16, 2004
Springfield, IL. Highland Games and Celtic Festival, May 15, 2004
Fort Smith, AR. Scottish Border Games and Gathering, May 15, 2004
Eugene, OR. Scottish Festival, May 15-16, 2004
Atlanta, GA. Celtic Festival, May 15-16, 2004
Livermore (CA) Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Celebration, May 15-16
Victoria, British Columbia. Highland Games, May 16, 2004
Albuquerque, NM. Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games, May 21-23, 2004
Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival. May 22, 2004.
Prince George, British Columbia. The Gathering Of The Clans, May 22, 2004
Fort Walton Beach, FL. Emerald Coast Scottish Festival and Highland Games, May 22, 2004
Perth-Andover, New Brunswick. Gathering of the Scots Festival, May 22, 2004
Ocean City, NJ. Ocean City Highland Games. May 29, 2004
Pocano Mountains, PA. Jack Frost Celtic and Irish Festival, May 29-30, 2004
Alma, MI. Highland Festival & Gathering of the Clans, May 29-30, 2004
Costa Mesa, CA. United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival, May 29-30, 2004
Modesto (CA) Highland Games, June 5

GAME REPORTS

ARIZONA

Scottish Highland Games were held in Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 28 & 29, 2004. Among the many clans represented, Clan Pollock was in attendance for the second year with their tent set up to greet people, answer questions and hand out information packets.

AZ. Commissioner, Carol Pollock Black, DTJ and Marsha Brown wore their tartan sashes and carried the Pollock banner in the Opening Ceremonies, MC'd by entertainer Alex Beaton.

Thankfully, the rain held off, making it a beautiful weekend; although the wind did cause some trouble for a couple of tents as they were picked up and tossed away by the frequent bullying gusts of wind that challenged us all weekend.

Where our tent was situated on the field, we had "seats" front and center to view the Drum Major and Solo Piper competitions...much better seats than last year. This year's Clans' Chair reorganized the placement of tents and competitions, thereby making clan tents more visible to the public.

George and Arlene Pogue stopped by on Sunday to chat; it was good to see them. Geraldine Pollock visited us all the way from Saskatoon, SK, Canada.

We found the other clans to be very supportive and friendly and understand because of this, why so many look forward to future gatherings.

Carol Black

FLORIDA

The Sarasota Games in January were very successful in spite of the Scottish-type weather! We had many attendees and distributed several applications. Well over a dozen people signed our roster, including Fr. Bill Hazelett who spent time visiting with us. He was with us last year at The Sarasota Games. Bill Had previously attended The 2003 Grandfather Mountain Games as part of Clan Pollock. Fr. Bill Wears The Clergy Tartan. In addition, Jacqueline Maxwell Rowan, Founder Of Clan Maxwell Society of Canada, dropped by our tent to meet us and chat. With her was Mera Rowan, Editor of The Clan Maxwell Newsletter.

Hamish Pollock

CLAN POLLOCK AGM 2004

The AGM will be at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 10, 2004. The AGM will be in the Holiday Inn Banner Elk on Saturday night July 10th. . There will a dinner at the AGM with meals at \$12.95/per person. There will be a hospitality room in the Holiday. The Holiday Inn has a special room rate for Clan Pollock members. The Holiday Inn can be called at 877-877-4553. **Rooms need to be reserved by June 8, 2004.**

The Grandfather Mountain Games begin with a picnic and calling of the Clans Thursday Night and continue with the games Friday through Sunday. The address of the games is: GMHG , PO Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646.

******* Please let Ben Stone know if you will be attending the AGM and if you are staying for the dinner. Send him the \$12.95 per person meal cost. He needs to let the Holiday Inn know how many are coming by July 5th. Ben Stone, 1516 Green Springs Road, New Bern, NC 29560, 252-638-8418, *******

FULBERT OUR PROGENITOR - Ancient Scottish Manuscripts

Fulbert, the first recorded progenitor of our Pollock family, is only known to us indirectly as the father of three sons, Peter, Robert and Elias, who are mentioned in some of the ancient cartulary (charter manuscripts) of Scotland. Peter (Petrus) and Robert were land owners and vassals to Walter fitzAlan, the first Stewart of Scotland, and Elias (Helias) was a priest and Canon of Glasgow.

As noted in an earlier article, King David I introduced the Norman feudal system into mid-12th century Scotland, principally in the southern areas now known as the Lowlands. The feudal system was essentially a pyramidal scheme to ensure loyalty and military support from the lowest levels society to the top, through the practice of enfeoffment whereby followers, or vassals, were invested with lands, or fiefs, in return for their fealty. When lands were granted, it was done in a formal ceremony witnessed by the principal allies, and ecclesiastical and temporal powers most directly concerned with the land, and a charter was written as a permanent record of the investiture. In a similar manner, lands were from time to time donated by feudal lords to the Church for support of the abbeys and bishoprics in return for perpetual remembrance and prayers for the souls of the donators, or their departed ancestors. These donations were also recorded in charters, and it is only through such documents that we have any actual record of our first Pollock ancestors.

A very obscure but excellent reference for the earliest history of our family is an unpublished thesis by J. A. Strang, entitled "A History of Mearns Parish, in Three Parts", dated 1939. This work was brought to the author's attention by our former Clan Pollock President, Dick Pollock. A copy is available in the Mitchell Library in Glasgow and we have been fortunate to get copies of the parts of this work relevant to Fulbert and his sons. Chapter 8 of Part 2 is "The Anglo-Norman Family of Pollock", and contains details of several charters in which the sons of Fulbert are mentioned. Perhaps the most significant of these is not the earliest, but one from Melrose Abbey (L.S.M. de Melrose No.64), written sometime after 1204, that identifies Fulbert, then deceased, as being from Steinton, a location known today as Stenton, in East Lothian. To quote Strang: "In a charter William le Walleis (Wallace) and Isobel his wife and heiress granted certain land marked by standing stones in the east part of Steinton in Lothian on the boundaries of Standcheless. He (makes donation) for the souls of Walter fitzAlan, and Alan his son, and the souls of his father and mother, and for the health of Walter, Junior, son of Alan, and in this charter the granters are designated as William le Walleis and Isobel is wife daughter and heiress of Robert son of Fulbert of Steinton."

This Robert can be identified with Robert of Pollok, who had brothers Peter and Helias, through other charter documents. In one, written after 1177, Robert de Stenton made a grant of 5 acres with pasture to the Church of St. Marie de Melrose (L.S.M de Melrose, No. 63). The seal of this charter is marked "Sigil. Roberti filii Fuberti" (seal of Robert son of Fulbert), and one of the witnesses to the document is "Helia de Perthic, fratre meo et Canon de Glasgow" i.e. Elias of Partick, my brother and Canon of Glasgow. Strang further points out that Helia de Perthic is also designated as brother of Robert de Pollok in several charters.

A number of other charters of interest are

- 1) The charter by which the Walter fitzAlan endowed the Monastery of Paisley (Registers of Paisley 5, 1165-1173). This was witnessed by Elia clerico and Roberto filio Fulberti
- 2) A second charter confirming the previous one, again witnessed by Roberto filio Fulberti
- 3) A grant by Walter fitzAlan, the high Steward, to the Abbey of Melrose witnessed by Roberto Filio Fulberti (L.S.M de Melrose No.66).
- 4) A document regarding boundaries of land belonging to Robert de Steinton, witnessed by Helia, brother of the said Robert and Canon of Glasgow, and Robert. Son of the said Robert. (L.S.M de Melrose No. 54).
- 5) A charter of Alan, son of Walter fitzAlan, sometime during the period 1179-1199, confirming earlier donations, witnessed by Helia de Perthec and by Roberto filio Fulbert (Reg. de Pais. 11).
- 6) Charters of Alan, son of Walter fitzAlan, about 1204, witnessed by Robert son of Fulbert, and Peter his brother (Reg. de Pais. 15).
- 7) Grant of the Church of Mearns to the Monastery of Paisley by Helia de Perthic confirmed by Peter de Polloc, in the text of which he describes Helia as "my brother". (Reg. Pais. 98).
- 8) A later confirmation by King William the Lion of the same grant by Helia de Perthec in which statement is made that it was done with the consent Peter de Polloc, his brother.
- 9) Confirmation of the grant of Church of Pollok to the Monastery of Paisley by Peter son of Fulbert, witnessed by Robin, son of Robert de Pulloc (Reg. de Pais. 98 and 99)

There are many more charters cited by Strang in which Robert, Peter and Elias are mentioned in various ways. These charters confirm that these brothers were all sons of our elusive Fulbert, said to be of Steinton, and were highly placed in the Scottish Court as vassals to Walter fitzAlan. There has been much speculation about the origins of Fulbert and his sons, so the connection to Stenton is an important piece of new information. It is not a complete answer since it begs the question of whether Fulbert was originally from Stenton, or came there as a Norman or Saxon émigré, as did many others, at the invitation or permission of King David I. A close parallel contemporary, for example, was Undwain, the Saxon progenitor of the Maxwell family who came to Scotland from England and was initially given lands on the River Tweed, to the south of Lothian. His descendants were afterwards granted lands in Caerlaverock in Nithsdale and Nether Pollock in Renfrewshire by Walter fitzAlan, and became closely allied with the Pollok family. Another family which followed the identical path from Stenton to Renfrewshire was that of Mearns which gave its name to the parish and church still active in the upper Pollock to this day. Strang was of the strong opinion that the families of Pollok and Mearns and others who followed this route had Norman roots, like many of the other families that David I and Walter fitzAlan brought to Scotland - a very reasonable conclusion considering that the very name Fulbert itself is quintessentially Norman.

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