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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."

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

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Audacter et Strenue
Boldly and Strongly

Words from the President...



We hope all of you are doing well as Spring begins this year. It is a time of change and renewal for the earth. It is certainly a time of change for Clara Ann and myself. After living in Nashville for 15 years we have sold our house and have to be "gone" by April 27th. We will be spending some time in Greenville, KY and also will be traveling some. We will have a new address after April 27th: P.O. Box 404, Greenville, KY 42345. You can always reach us on our cell phones: (615) 406-1182 or (615) 456-1699. We hope our e-mail address will remain the same: apollockis@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina in July. Ben Stone has information in this *Pollag* concerning the dinner for our Annual Meeting. We still need some people to step forward and volunteer for Clan Officers.

Thanks to Bill Pollock who has volunteered to become the new Commissioner for Colorado. Bill is a past Clan Pollock President and is currently serving as the Membership Director. We certainly appreciate his taking on this additional duty after Matt Pollock moved to Wyoming. This insures a continued Clan Pollock presence at the Estes Park Games in September.

Please read the article concerning "The Gathering" coming up in July of 2009 in Scotland. Thanks to Clark Scott for sending this in.

The 2007 Polk Family Reunion will be held in Columbia, Tennessee on May 25 -27. We will not be able to attend this year, but we have been in the past and it is a very enjoyable event. There are lots of activities planned including guided tours of Polk sites in Maury County and a reception at the James K. Polk Ancestral Home. For additional information you can call the Polk Home at (931) 388_2354 or visit the website www.jameskpolk.com

Best Wishes,

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is June 28th. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

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NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Marg Chauvin places first in the Scottish Harp Competition

On February 24, 2007 at the Northeast Florida Scottish Games, Marg Chauvin participated in the Scottish Harp Competition and finished first in the Master division. It was quite an honor to win the competition which requires playing an aire and a Scottish set of a march, strathspey, reel (MSR). The MSR does not lend itself to the harp

but some are more harp friendly than others; for the competition I chose Banks 'O Spey followed White Cockade, Highland Minstrel Boy, and Loch Fyne.

Additionally, I was awarded a beautiful Master Harper award for my knowledge, skills, involvement with the harp effort, and constant promotion of the harp. Being the recipient of such an award can be quite humbling and yet equally inspiring. It



is only through the efforts of many that one can achieve the goal of Master Harper.

While Marg was too modest to let it be known, your newsletter editor found out that you can find two of these CDs at www.hearstrings.harper.net (pay pal purchase). *Traditions* features Harp, Flute, Guitar. Irish, Old-Time, Scot, mix of material. *Over There* features Harp, Guitar. Scot & Irish. "Over There" is the name of a tune about the 'great potato famine' which brought so many Irish and Scot-Irish to the US in the mid-1800s. The is additional information at <http://www.hearstrings.harper.net/cd.htm>

Fit to be Tied?

Clan Tartan Ties will be available shortly. Mens Necktie \$20 Boys Necktie \$15. Check the Website www.clanpollock.com under Clan Merchandise.

~Howard Pollock

UPCOMING GAMES

Send local Clan Gatherings to Howard Pollock, <clan_pollock_treas@msn.com> so he can list them on our web page <http://www.Clanpollock.com>

For those that may be traveling through this season, that they may be able to go to our website to look up local games which our members are attending or holding a clan Booth.

News of the 2007 AGM, July 11-14

We will have the supper for the AGM at Woodlands Barbecue in Blowing Rock NC. Meals are \$7.00 each. It will be held Saturday night, July 14. We need 40 people to sign up. It certainly won't be as elegant as the Western Pollock's great spread last fall, but The Woodlands Restaurant is one of North Carolina's best Barbecue Restaurants. For more information see their website: <http://www.woodlandsbbq.com/> Please let know if you are coming and how many. We can bring our own booze, beer, etc or buy from the bar. Ben Stone, 110 Westerly Rd., New Bern, NC 28560: 252-638-8419; bstone3@ec.rr.com. I'll need to know before July 7.

It is an important meeting with new officers needing to be elected.

~ Ben Stone

Southern United States

The **Loch Norman games** are **April 20th through April 22nd**. Information can be obtained from Ben Stone or www.ruralhillfarm.org

Grandfather Mountain Games. July 11th -14th These games have the most Clan tents of any games held. <http://www.gmhg.org/> Remember this is also our AGM this year.

Mid-United States

The **Scottish Highland games in Kansas City** are scheduled for **June 8-9, 2007**, again in the E.H.Young Riverfront Park and you can learn all about the plans at [HTTP://kcscottishgames.org](http://kcscottishgames.org). There were 33 clans on clan row in 2006, and most, I will guess, will be back this year. This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the Kansas City Games. ~ Aye, Bob Slemmons.

A **Polk Family reunion** will be held in Columbia, Tennessee on **May 25-27** this year. There will be a reception at the James K. Polk Ancestral home, and information about the conversion of an adjacent church building for a new Polk Presidential Hall. More information is available at the Polk Home at (931) 388-2354, or at the Home's website, www.jameskpolk.com. ~ Aye, Bob Slemmons.



The Pacific Northwest:

June 23rd. Tacoma Highland Games. Frontier Park, Graham, WA. <http://www.tacomagames.org/>

July 28th – 29th. 61st Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering. Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA, <http://www.sshga.org/>

June 9th 1st Annual Scottish Athletics and Clan Gathering. Albertson College of Idaho Athletic Field, **Caldwell, Idaho** <http://www.gr8scots.org/index.htm>

September 22nd Treasure Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games. Western Idaho Fair Grounds, **Boise, Idaho** <http://www.idahoscots.org/festival.htm>

If you're interested in any of these games, contact Howard Pollock, Clan Treasurer, clan_pollock_treas@msn.com .

Other Games

Games where Clan Pollock may or may not be represented. Contact our President, A.D. Pollock if you are interested in hosting a tent at any of these events, or at other events in your area.

May 4-5. Greensboro, NC. Triad Highland Games. <http://www.triadhIGHLANDGAMES.org/>
Bridgeport, WV Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering.
http://www.scots_westvirginia.org/scottish_heritage_society_ScottishCelticFestival.htm

May 5. Savannah (GA) Scottish Games. <http://www.savannahscottishgames.com/>

May 11-13 KY Kentucky Scottish Weekend Carrollton (Cincinnati & Louisville) <http://www.kyscottishweekend.org>

May 11-12. Winston Salem (NC) Celtic Festival & Highland Games at Bethabara Park.
<http://www.bethabarapark.org/calendar05/calendar05.htm>

May 12_14 TX Houston Highland Games & Celtic Festival. <http://www.HoustonHighlandGames.com>

May 18-20. Knoxville, TN. Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games http://www.gsfg.org/newdo_001.htm

May 19.
Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival Washington County Fair Grounds, Richmond, RI. <http://www.riscot.org>
Springfield IL Highland Games. http://www.central_illinois_celts.org/Highland%20Games.htm
Aiken (SC) Highland Games and Celtic Festival. <http://standrewssocietyofaiken.org/aikenhighlandgames.htm>
Colonial Highland Gathering. Fairhill, MD. <http://www.fairhillscottishgames.org/>
Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival. Richmond, RI. <http://www.riscot.org/>

May 25-27 Perth_Andover, New Brunswick, Canada. Gathering of the Scots Festival
<http://www.gatheringofthes Scots.com/index.htm>

May 26-27 CA United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA) <http://www.unitedscottishsociety.com>

June 1-3 TX Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games _ Arlington TX, Maverick Stadium.
<http://www.TexasScottishFestival.com>

June 2 NH Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Oak Park Greenfield NH. :
<http://www.snhscotcelt.org/>

June 9 Georgetown Ontario, Canada Georgetown Highland Games. <http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com>

June 16 OH Tri_Valley Celtic Festival Rio Grande OH. <http://madog.rio.edu/English/CelticFestival.htm>

June 15 Fort Erie Ontario, Canada Celtic Festival (formerly Loch Sloy Highland Games) 905_894_8905

June 23 MA Western Massachusettes Highland Games and Celtic Festival.<http://www.wmhg.org/>

June 23-24 CA San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering of the Clan. <http://sdhighlandgames.org>

July 6-8 Kincardine Ontario, Canada Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games. <http://kincardinescottishfestival.ca>

"THE GATHERING 2009"
2 Day International Clan Gathering
July 2009
Holyrood Park, Edinburgh

The Gathering would take the form of a traditional Highland Games. The Gathering would be hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Chief of the Games would be a member of the Royal family. It is estimated that there would be over 100 Clan tents, with around 7500 clan members. The gathering should attract a further 25,000 people over the 2 days. Depending on the weather this figure could easily double.

The Clans are the primary focus of the gathering, and the key activities will be designed for their benefit. These will include a clan parade, and a special commemorative event. All those participating in the Clan activities will have a Special Pass, which will give them access to the Gathering and the Castle Esplanade, where the commemorative event will be staged.

It is intended to pre sell special clan membership packages. These packages would include the special pass, a commemorative article of merchandise, and access to preferred travel and accommodation deals, discount vouchers to leading Highland Wear retailers, Edinburgh bars and restaurants, and National Trust properties etc.

It is anticipated that this package will sell for around BP50. The key benefit will be that it guarantees the holder access to the "commemorative" event, which has to be seen as a unique, once in a lifetime occasion. In order to add value to the occasion, it is envisaged that a memorial will be unveiled to commemorate the importance of the Clans to the culture and fabric of the Scottish identity.

Packages will go on sale from early 2008. There will have to be a finite number to ensure that we do not exceed the capacity of the Esplanade seating, currently 8500.

The Gathering will be a strong motive for visiting Scotland, and will provide an ideal opportunity for Clan associations to hold their own gatherings, and thereby, reinforce the overall 'ancestral' experience.

The International Gathering of the Clans is clearly the big bang event of the Ancestral component of the project. Holding this event in Edinburgh will allow visitors to enjoy one of Europe's most beautiful cities, and allow it's citizens to enjoy one of the most enduring aspects of Scotland ...the Clan Gathering!

GENEALOGY CORNER

POLLOCK PLAZA

In 1843 a branch of the Pollock family left Ballymena, N. Ireland and sailed as a group from Belfast to Canada. One brother settled in Hastings County, Ontario while the rest went further west to Huron Twp., Bruce County near Kincardine On. Can. John was a cobbler and traded shoes for lots 41 and 42 Concession 8 on the Lake Range. He married Jane Thompson of Pine River. They had 14 children but one girl died in infancy.

After WWII, Mr. Tom Clark of Detroit, Michigan was instrumental in having a covered pavilion, which later came to be known as the 'Pollock Plaza', constructed on a piece of the original farm near Lake Huron. The pavilion was intended as a memorial to the three Pollock boys who died in the recent war.

Arthur, son of C. Wesley and Mamie
Lorne, son of Ernie and Sophia
Norval, son of Charlie and Annie



Their names are on a bronze plaque which was affixed to the pavilion at a later date.

The family often gathers at this quiet place, to remember the sacrifices made by the pioneers and their families over the years.



If you are passing, please pause and enjoy this peaceful place.

Submitted by Andrew Pollock,
5th generation Canadian,
Guelph On., Canada.

Front: 6th generation, Gordon Pollock (Kingston, Ont.) Behind him 5th generation..Steven Pollock (Kingston, Ont. Gordon's father)
5th generation..Andrew Pollock (Guelph, Ont. Steven's brother) 4th generation..Wayne Pollock (Mississauga, Ont. father of Steven & Andrew. Bev Pollock (wife of Wayne)

AncestorsOnBoard

This " new database featuring BT27 Outward Passenger Lists for long-distance voyages leaving the British Isles from 1960 right back to 1890."

It contains passenger lists with over 30 million records from ships sailing to destinations worldwide. You can search by name, port of departure, destination, and more. A quick search for just Pollock had over 900 entries.

At a cost passenger list images can be downloaded too. <http://www.ancestorsonboard.com/>

This is part of the FindMyPast site, where you can also find United Kingdom births, marriages and deaths from 1837 – 2004, and an excellent article "Nick Barratt's Top Ten Tips for Getting Started in Family History."

~Beth Avery

A FAMOUS POLLOCK

Many members of Clan Pollock are descended, I'm sure, from Robert Bruce Pollock and his spouse, Magdalen Porter Tasker. Some may not know that Robert Bruce's sister, Elizabeth, married a man named Alexander Hamilton. Alexander's grandson, born in 1757, was named for his grandfather and he is quite widely known as an American Statesman, and as the first Secretary of the Treasury after this nation was formed. ~ Bob Slemmons

Otherwhen

I love the address "otherwhen." [the e-mail address of the newsletter editor] I think of the Pollocks as indeed "otherwhen," since we have such interesting medieval history, and then (at least in my case) long silence as to what each of our ancestors might have been like.

I have read so much various material about the early Pollocks (circa 11th through 13th centuries) that I feel like I have an "otherwhen" connection to them. Do you realize that these people spoke Middle English, as in Beowulf? That's what I have figured out, although I might be inaccurate. Can you imagine how different their lives were from ours, just in the way they spoke alone? I wonder if the Scottish Pollocks spoke Middle English primarily, or French, or the local Scots dialect, and what was the local dialect, anyone know?

I have never bestirred myself to go find those books listed as Histories of Renfrewshire, so some of that may be described in there, or not. I find it difficult to go to the public library, and am too busy to get to the bookstore. If anyone knows the precise name of a book, or an online description of the language of the Pollocks, I'd like that.

I hope we are all aware that Pollocks had a history in Moray as well as in Renfrewshire, where the daughter, granddaughter, and great granddaughter of Peter Pollock were the Ladies of Rothes. The last one of these married a Leslie and, as happened to most ladies who married Leslies, her identity and her holdings were absorbed, so that we do not even know her name. The daughter of Peter was Mauricle de Pollok de Murthac, and her daughter was Eva de Murthac Watson. But what the daughter of Eva was called, other than Lady Leslie, I do not know.

The Leslies claim that they founded Rothes. Does anyone know if there was a founder of Rothes prior to Peter Pollock? I have not found anything so far. But it is a fact well accepted, I find, that Peter built the castle at the

request of William the Lion, to be northern post through which travelers would pass and be observed and entertained, such as crusaders coming from the Orkneys, St. Clair lands.

So did Peter in the north speak a different dialect than Robert in Renfrewshire?

We all should know more about these interesting people.

~ Mariel Strauss

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NAMING YOUR CHILD

The following information comes from a book entitled, "Scots in Michigan" by Alan T. Forrester. He writes about the traditions of naming and says the following was traditional. Does this sound familiar for any names in your family?

The first son was named after the father's father.

The second son was named after the mother's father.

The third son was named after the father.

The fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother.

The first daughter was named after the mother's mother.

The second daughter was named after the father's mother.

The third daughter was named after the mother.

The fourth daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister.

Official middle names were not always given, but when they were, they were typically the mother's maiden name or another surname honoring grandparents, other relatives, or close friends.

~ Clara Ann Pollock

CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Highlands of Scotland experienced a sea-change on 16 April 1746 when the ancient, clan way of life was dealt a mortal blow at the Battle of Culloden. This year celebrates Highland 2007 -- a testimony that this culture not only survived but is now, once again, truly flourishing. The National Trust for Scotland's new Culloden Battlefield Memorial Project is to be one of the most significant and enduring outcomes of this very special year.

The new centre will accommodate our ever-increasing numbers and will be sited off the battlefield. It is low-lying so it will blend with landscape rather than dominate it. It will house a fascinating exhibition, which will include Jacobite items and archaeological finds from the battlefield and will explain the history and events surrounding the battle.

We need the involvement and support of all clan members around the world if our plans are to be successful. Any contribution you make will be gratefully acknowledged with a lasting inscription that will be seen by the 300,000 visitors the centre receives each year from all over the world.

For more information, contact Buz Whibley, the Clans and Scottish Societies Officer for the National Trust for Scotland at bwhibley@nts.org.uk

INTERESTING READING

David Goodhart in his *Washington Post* article "The End of the United Kingdom" speculates:

"One of the world's most successful multinational states, and a key ally of the United States, could in a few months time start to unravel: I mean, of course, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The process will be set in motion if the pro_independence Scottish National Party (SNP) ends up the largest party in the Scottish parliament after elections next May. This is a distinct possibility."

http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/postglobal/david_goodhart/2006/11/the_end_of_the_united_kingdom.html

Thanks to Harry Stone for pointing this out.

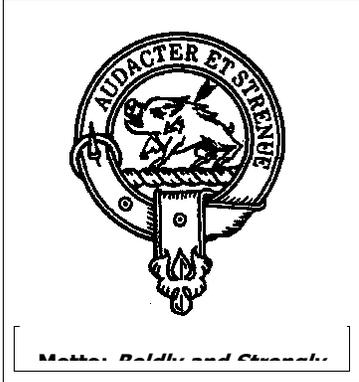
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