

# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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**The Pollag**  
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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...

Happy 2008 - this is the first issue of The Pollag for this year. Our loyal Pollag editors, Beth & Mike Avery, have just completed their move from Colorado to Texas. Beth asked if we would change our Pollag mailings to February, May, August, and November. She feels this schedule will help us get out information to our members concerning games and other activities in a more efficient manner. If you do not receive your Pollag, please let us know. Also, if you change your address - either e-mail or regular mail, please let us know. We want to make sure all our members receive their four issues of The Pollag every year.

As I have mentioned before in this column and also at the 2007 Annual meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Games, it is time for a new slate of officers. Both Ben Stone as Vice President, and I as President have served our eight years as specified in our by-laws. So far, no one has contacted us with the desire to serve.

Clara Ann and I are spending more time now traveling and also living in California for part of the year. We plan to attend the Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina Scottish Games July 10 - 13 this year. We also plan to attend the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival at Estes Park, Colorado September 4 - 7, 2008. We would like to suggest two meetings for 2008 - one held at the Grandfather Mountain Games and one held at the Longs Peak Games. Both would be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Clan Pollock tent - no dinner - just a meeting when hopefully the most members could be in attendance. We would like to get your feedback on this suggestion.

Since there was no objection, I have instructed our Treasurer, Howard Pollock, to send a check to the Culloden Battlefield project for the Clan Pollock plaque to be placed at the Culloden Battlefield. Thanks to those of you who have donated to this special project. We will be glad to accept donations to help with the cost of the plaque. Send your checks marked "Culloden Battlefield Project" to Howard.

Thanks to everyone who hosted Clan Pollock tents at Games in 2007. We would like to hear from you about upcoming Games in 2008.

We can be reached via e-mail - [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net) or by cell phone (615) 456-1699. Our mailing address is: P. O. Box 404, Greenville, KY 42345 - our mail is forwarded to us when we're on the road.

It's that time of year again - time for your 2008 dues. Please send your \$15.00 for 2008. We appreciate your continued participation in Clan Pollock and look forward to seeing many of you this year.

*A. D. Pollock, Jr.*  
Clan Pollock President

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## Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is April 27th. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at [averyb@mail.otherwhen.com](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

## NEWS OF OUR MEMEBERS

### OUR GET WELL WISHES TO MERLE STONE AND HAMMISH POLLOCK

Merle Stone, wife of North Carolina Commissioner and Clan Pollock Vice President, Ben Stone, became very ill just before Christmas. In an update from Ben, on Feb. 3rd, he writes that Merle hopes to be well enough to begin rehab soon and be home again in a week to 10 days. We want to send our love and best wishes to Merle and Ben and our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Hamish Pollock, Clan Commissioner for Floriday, has fallen & had a severe bone break and will be confined to bed and then a wheelchair for an extended period of time.

### WELCOME ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Clan Pollock members, Gail and Mike Carden, hold their new granddaughter, Avery Elizabeth Carden. Avery's parents are Clan Pollock members, Matthew Carden and Soyoung Kwon.

### POLLOCK NUNAVUT LINE

My early family came to Canada in 1840 settling in the Sussex area of New Brunswick. From a family of 8, our line eventually grew and folks migrated to Alberta, Ontario and all parts in between, but mainly around the Moncton area of New Brunswick.

Regarding my own story, I left the Moncton area in 1976 settling in Saint John NB, but later with my wife and family we took on a challenge and resettled in Canada's Northwest Territories (NWT) in Iqaluit on Baffin Island. Iqaluit (Frobisher Bay) was a former US air force base in the 1940's and 1950's during the height of the cold war. As the town developed, it eventually turned into the eastern administrative center for the government of the Northwest Territories.

In 1999, the NWT divided, with the Eastern Arctic forming its own political entity called the Territory of Nunavut, or simply Nunavut. Similar to a state or provincial capital, Iqaluit became Nunavut's capital city, and houses the territory's legislature and central government.



*Steve, Linda & son Matt in Edinburgh*

My family and I arrived in Iqaluit for a 1 year adventure in 1995. (ha ha) Twelve years later, we are still here with family and grandchildren. Retirement is in sight though..and moving to the Ottawa area is in the plan.

~ Steve Pollock

## CANADIAN MEMBERS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER, HOWARD POLLOCK: Howard has asked that our Canadian members please pay their \$15.00 annual dues either by PayPal or if by check, it must be on a U. S. bank. Bank fees for checks drawn on a Canadian bank are \$15.00 - \$25.00 per check. Thank you for your consideration.

## DNA PROJECT

Family Tree DNA is the world's first and largest Genetic Genealogy organization. Several of our Clan Pollock members have already submitted their tests for the DNA project. It is a very simple procedure and only costs \$101.00 including tax. For more information go to: <http://www.familytreedna.com> or e-mail [info@familytreedna.com](mailto:info@familytreedna.com)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Memberships received since our last Pollag are:

Milton G. Jernigan, Birmingham, AL  
Sarah Anne Miken, Wooster, OH  
John P. Pate, Boyce, LA  
Thomas W. Poage, Spokane, WA \*Re-Join  
Nancy C. Polk, La Marque, TX  
James (Jim) R. Pollock, Hudson, FL  
Stephen (Steve) Pollock, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada  
Stephanie Rae S.Taylor, Jacksonville, FL



## CLAN POLLOCK MERCHANDISE

### Buttons

Clan Pollock buttons for the waistcoats and kilt jackets could be ordered if there is enough interest. However, since they are not cheap Howard would like to know how much interest there is in having them available. Standard buttons require 1000's be ordered from the manufacturer at a time. Even special orders for smaller amounts are quite costly. If you are interested in ordering buttons, please contact: Howard Pollock  
[Clan\\_Pollock\\_Treas@msn.com](mailto:Clan_Pollock_Treas@msn.com)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### POLLOCK DISPLAY

Don Pollock, Clan Member from Bowie, Maryland, sent this picture showing the display his wife and daughter arranged as a Christmas gift for him. Thanks, Don, for the picture.



# GAME REPORTS

## RICHMOND HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL



*Natalie Harding, Bruce Harding and Beth Parrish.*

The Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival started much like last year's, a moderately heavy rain Friday night but the sun appeared midday Saturday and stayed for the weekend.

Clan Keith was this year's Honored Clan and the Best Tent Award was taken by Clan Moffat. Clan Pollock and Clan Maxwell were provided adjacent tent sites with a great view of the parade field and athletic events. Most everyone enjoyed the Pumpkin-Chunkin contest which was won by Clan MacTavish with an 80' 3" toss.

The Richmond Scottish Society occupied the tent on our other side, where members of the Greater Richmond Pipes and Drums visited frequently and

entertained festival-goers with impromptu performances. his group took 1st Place in the Grade 4 Pipes and Drums competition; they even have a short video on YouTube!

[<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALIGnH-zH9g>]



*John Maxwell, Bruce Harding, Bob Parrish*

I am grateful for the good turnout at the tent: Tom Pollok helping folks with Scottish History and family name searches, my wife Elizabeth for making the Clan Pollock tent appear more organized and for Natalie and Bruce Harding (Clan Macintosh) for driving up from Tidewater to lend a hand both days.

Next year we'd like to be able to report more participation from Clan Pollock members, especially those in northern and central Virginia. 2008 might be the last year that the RHG&CF will be held at the current State Fairgrounds. Preparations for a new location in Caroline County, about 20 miles farther north, are already under way.

~Bob Parrish



*Tom Pollok*

## UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS

**March 7-8 Midland, TX. Scottish-Irish Faire.** For more information:  
<http://www.chspb.org/festivals/2008/default.asp>

### **SARASOTA/VENICE (FL) GAMES** **Saturday, March 29th.**

Hamish Pollock, Florida Commissioner, will host the Clan Pollock tent at the Sarasota/Venice Games to be held Saturday, March 29th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hamish writes that the Games will be held at the Venice Airport on Venice Island. If you would like to help Hamish contact him at [Hamishpoll@aol.com](mailto:Hamishpoll@aol.com), NOTE: We have

received word that Hamish has fallen & had a severe bone break and will be confined to bed and then a wheelchair for an extended period of time. So this year he really will need your help! For more information about the games:

[www.sarasotagames.org](http://www.sarasotagames.org)

### ***New York City Tartan Day Parade***

On Saturday, April 5, 2008, New York City will celebrate the Tenth Annual New York City Tartan Day Parade. Thousands of pipers, drummers, clans and Scottish organizations will march up Sixth Avenue in recognition of the Declaration of Arbroath and National Tartan Day. The parade will feature 2008 Grand Marshal - Lawrence Tynes, NY Giants Kicker

In keeping with tradition, we have been busy planning a full week of Tartan Week activities, including the famous pre-parade Ceilidh on Friday evening, a Tartan Week Cocktail Party, the Parade morning Kirkin' of the Tartan, and of course the Post Parade Party that will again be held at Stout NYC. We encourage you to visit [www.tartanweek.com](http://www.tartanweek.com) for more information on Tartan Week activities, as we frequently update the site.

If you would like to sponsor a Clan Pollock contingent in the parade, please contact our President, A.D., [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net).

### ***TARTAN DAY IN JONESBOROUGH, TN SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008***

We invite you to come to our 3rd Annual National Tartan Day celebration in downtown historic Jonesborough Tennessee to be held 10am – 6pm with a Ceilidh in the evening on Saturday, April 5th, 2008. The event is open to the public and admission is free. Events include Celtic music, bagpipers, Scottish Highland Dancers, a best legs in a kilt contest, Kirkin' of the Tartans, a Highland coo display and more. National Tartan Day is an official calendar holiday in the USA (April 6th of each year). Expected attendance is approximately 5,000. If you would like to set up a tent for our event, please fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it back as soon as you can. We will have a website up soon for more information. Until then, please contact Angela Adams at 423.913.2889 (work), 423.926.8094 (home), 423.948.9076 (mobile) or email at [angela1207@usa.com](mailto:angela1207@usa.com) if you have any questions.

***April 5-6. The San Antonio (TX) Highland Games. For more information: <http://www.sahga.org>***

### ***SECOND ANNUAL LEXINGTON, VA. SCOTS/IRISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL APRIL 12, 2008 WASHINGTON & LEE CAMPUS***

All proceeds from this Festival will go towards Lexington Lions Club Community Projects. Entertainers will include Carl Peterson, Mary Smith, Poisoned Dwarf, The Virginia Military Institute Pipes and Drums, The Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums and Warpipe. Some of the events include a Mead tasting, a whiskey tasting and a fiddle workshop. If you would like to sponsor a Clan Pollock tent, please contact our President, A.D., [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net). For more information about the festival, go to the website: [www.lexcelts.com](http://www.lexcelts.com)

***April 12 Dunedin (FL) Highland Games (Tampa/St. Pete). Highlander Park & Dunedin Community Center 1920 Pinehurst Dunedin FL 34698. For more information: <http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>***

***April 19-20 Las Vegas (NV) Highland Games. Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs. For more information: <http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org>***

***May 9-11 Kentucky Scottish Weekend, General Bulter State Resort Park, Carrollton. For more information: <http://www.ky-scottishweekend.org>***

***May 12-13 Houston (TX) Highland Games & Celtic Festival. Houston Farm and Ranch Club. Bear Creek Park, along Highway 6. For more information: <http://www.HoustonHighlandGames.com>***

***May 17 RI. Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival, Washington County Fair Grounds, Richmond, RI.***

For more information: <http://www.riscot.org>

**May 17-18 Livermore (CA) Games and Celtic Celebration.** For more information:  
<http://www.livermoregames.com>

**May 24-25 United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA).** For more information: <http://www.unitedscottishsociety.com>

**May 31 Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Oak Park Greenfield NH.** For more information: <http://www.snhscotcelt.org/>

**June 6-8 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington TX, Maverick Stadium.** For more information: <http://www.snhscotcelt.org/>

**June 7 Georgetown Highland Games (Ontario, Canada ).** For more information:  
<http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com>

**June 13-15 Kansas City (KS) Scottish Highland Games.** Web: <http://www.kcscottishgames.org>

### **2008 BLAIRSVILLE, GA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL JUNE 13, - 15, 2008**

The games will be held at Meeks Park. Entertainers already lined up include Colin Grant-Adams, Kelley Stewart, The Alhambra Highlander Pipes and Drums (the oldest Shrine Pipe Band in North America), Heart of Georgia Pipes & Drums, Olta, and Appalachian St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums Corps . If you would like to sponsor a Clan Pollock tent, please contact our President, A.D., [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net). It's a great way to meet other Pollock and it's always lots of fun. For more information, check out the web-site, [www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org](http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org) or e-mail: [negamtms@windstream.net](mailto:negamtms@windstream.net).

### **Mark your calendars for the a New Scottish Festival**

**Colonial Highland Games**, April 25-26, 2009 in New Bern, North Carolina at Lawson Creek Park. In 2010 this games will commemorate the 300th year of the founding of New Bern. More information can be seen at: [www.colonialcapitalscottishfestival.org](http://www.colonialcapitalscottishfestival.org)

## **EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST POLLAG, JANUARY, 1980**

Thanks to Rob & Rosemary Pollock for bringing copies of some early Pollags to the Annual Meeting at Grandfather Mountain last July. We thought some of our "newer" members as well as some "older" members might like to read these quotes.

The following items are taken from the very first edition, Vol. 1, No. 1 edited & written at that time by the first Clan Pollock President and founder of Clan Pollock, Rhys A. Pollock.

"I have no doubt that many of you have been wondering and perhaps saying 'Hey, who is this guy.....Pollock in Jacksonville, Florida???' I was born in Goderich, Ontario, Canada, but have lived in Jacksonville for twenty-five years. ....After being in charge of a Clan Tent (Maxwell) at some twenty Scottish Highland Games and seeing only three or four Pollocks, Polks, I decided I could do more to preseve our heritage with our own organization. So, let us take pride in our Clan and do everything we can to promote it."

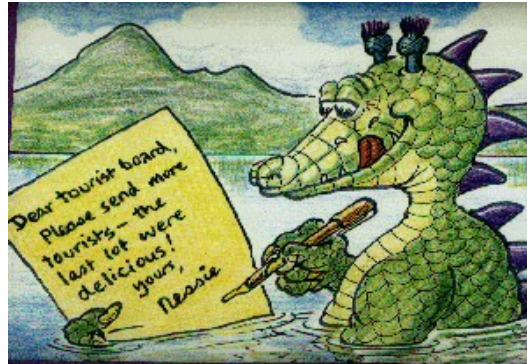
"The POLLOCK TARTAN is very beautiful and quite colourful. The design is the Maxwell Tartan with the Green and Red colours reversed and a white stripe added."

Under the title, "POLLOCK of that ILK", Rhys wrote,

"The distinguished family of Pollock is one of the oldest Scottish Clans and its history is closely interwoven into the rich and beautiful tapestry of the Chronicles of Scotland. ....

Peter (son of Fulbert) who succeeded his father, assumed as a surname, (which at that time came to be used) the

name of his hereditary lands of Pollock. The name Pollock came from the gaelic word "pollag", meaning a small pool. The Lord Baron Pollock of this feudal kingdom, was a man of eminence, a law unto himself, and almost equalling the King in wealth. He was ancestor of Crusade Knights, and supporter of the struggle to free the Holy Sepulchre from the Moslems. Peter of Pollock was widely known for "valor on the field of battle and prowess in the chase", and his exploits in them were the subject of many minstrel lays. He gave the Church of Pulloc (Pollock) to the Monastery of Paisley in 1164."



<http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/youghal/7/scottishclipart.htm>

### **2008 CLAN POLLOCK DUES NOTICE**

Dues are \$15.00 U.S. dollars. The date after your name on the label indicated the end of the period for which you have paid. "L" indicates that you are a lifetime member.

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You may also pay through the website, <http://www.clanpollock.com/> using PayPal.  
Thank you for your continued support and participation in Clan Pollock!

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### WEARING OF SASHES BY LADIES IN EVENING DRESS

The manner of wearing tartan sashes or light scarves had customary significance even two centuries ago, and whilst the wearing of sashes in any particular manner has so far no legal significance, a due respect for tradition suggests that uniform practice, and implication consistent with custom, is desirable. The difference methods undermentioned to wearing such are appropriate for ladies in different circumstances. All these suggestions are based on a careful study of old portraits, prints and traditional practice, and bear the authoritative approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

**No. 1** Style worn by clanswomen. The sash is worn over the right shoulder across the breast and is secured by a pin or small brooch on the right shoulder.

**No. 2** Style worn by Chieftainesses, wives of clan chiefs and wives of the Colonels of Scottish Regiments. The sash which may be rather fuller in size is worn over the left shoulder and secured with a brooch on the left shoulder.

**No. 3** Style worn by ladies who have married out of their clan, but who still wish to use their original clan tartan. The sash usually longer than No 1 style, is worn over the right shoulder secured there with a pin and fastened in a large bow on the left hip.

**No. 4** Style worn by country dancers or where any lady desires to keep the front of the dress clear of the sash (as, for example, when wearing the ribbon of a chivalric order, or any orders and decorations). This style is similar to the belted plaid, and is really a small arisaid. It is buttoned on at the back of the waist, or is held by a small belt, and is secured at the right shoulder by a pin or small brooch, so that the ends fall backwards from the right shoulder and swing at the back of the right arm.

*From the Court of the Lord Lyon. Wearing of Sashes by Ladies in Evening Dress. Lyon Court Leaflet 4*

