

# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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August 2008**

*"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 everyone is having a good summer. We attended the Grandfather Mountain Games July 10 – 13. We want to thank Ben & Merle Stone for their continued fine job of hosting the Clan Pollock tent at these Games. Merle may have been in her electric wheelchair, but she attended every day and looks great. We are so thankful for her improvement. Also a big thanks to Tim and Kelly Stone, Wilson & Caroline for all their help to Ben & Merle. Tim has accepted the job of North Carolina Commissioner and we know he and Kelly will do a good job with lots of help from Ben & Merle. This is such an important position as the Grandfather Mountain Games are among our best attended. It was good to see lots of other Clan Pollock members there also – Rob and Rosemary Pollock; Henry & Jean Pollock; Phillip Pogue and Charlene Young; Tom and Harriett Marshburn; Jack and Sheila Pollock; Tom and Carol Pollock; Marg Chauvin; and several guests, friends of Ben & Merle & others. I hope I'm not leaving anyone out – if so, please excuse me!

At our meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Games, we discussed The Gathering 2009 events to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland July 25 – 26 next year. This is in conjunction with Homecoming events in Scotland which is a year long celebration. Some of our members are making plans to attend so we hope to have Clan Pollock representation at The Gathering. We will have more information as the time approaches. We have been in discussion with Clan Maxwell about a possible joint space. The economy (exchange rate of dollar to pound) and other factors (air fare, etc.) are having an effect on people's plans. Clan Pollock did vote to spend up to \$700.00 US for space at The Gathering. [www.thegathering2009.com](http://www.thegathering2009.com) and [info@thegathering2009.com](mailto:info@thegathering2009.com) are two websites for more information.

We are looking forward to attending the Games at Estes Park, Colorado September 5 – 8. Bill Pollock will host these Games. We will be sharing tent space with Clan Maxwell this year. We will try to have a meeting at the tent Saturday, September 6, after the Parade is over and folks have time to get to the Games. We hope to see lots of our Colorado members as well as others who will be in attendance. We still need someone to volunteer to take over the Colorado Commissioner position as Bill Pollock has indicated he needs to step down. These Games are important ones, also, for Clan Pollock representation.

*A.D. Pollock, Jr.*

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**Editor's Notes**

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

**Clan Pollock International**  
**Balance Sheet**

Prepared by Howard W. Pollock

May-08

**Assets**

Current assets:

**Checking/Savings**

Home Federal Checking	5,409.35
Home Federal Savings	4,922.36
Certificate Of Deposit	18,178.48
PayPal MM	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$28,510.19</b>

Other assets

Prepaid Dues	0.00
Prepaid Dues 2003	0.00
Prepaid Dues 2004	0.00
Other	-
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Total assets** **\$28,510.19**

**Liabilities and Equity**

Current liabilities:

Long Term Liabiliteis	
Prepaid Lifetime Mbr (\$100)	11,100.00
Accrued compensation	-
Income taxes payable	-
Unearned revenue	-
Other	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$11,100.00</b>

Equity

Retained Earnings	18,750.41
Net Income	(1,340.22)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$17,410.19</b>

**Total Liabilities Equity** **\$28,510.19**

**CLAN POLLOCK MEMBER NEWS**

**MG GAIL POLLOCK RETIRES**

Congratulations to MG Gale Pollock upon her retirement from the US Army at the end of June. Gale served as the acting Surgeon General of the Army most of last year and did a fantastic job during a very difficult period for the Army Medical Department. Following are a few comments from her on her retirement.

"Life is grand and I am so excited and upbeat about my next chapter. I am going to be the Exec Director of the Center for Ocular Regeneration and Vision Restoration in Pittsburg. New organization, so I get to stand it up and make it into what I want! A patient centered organization where every day the team asks, what did I do today to make the lives of patients with vision impairment better?"

Gale also was honored at her retirement dinner by having two stars named for her: "Pollock" and "Gail".

**A NEW POLLOCK**

Clan Pollock members Tom and Carol Pollock of Clemson, South Carolina announce that their daughter, Dr. Ashley Brooke Pollock completed her residency in internal medicine at Johnson City Tennessee and has accepted a position as hospitalist at St. Frances Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Geoffrey Alan Russell Pollock, Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada

## GAME REPORTS

### GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

#### Report

The 53rd version of the Grandfather Mountain Highland began Thursday July 10th with "The Bear"--a race to the top of Grandfather mountain. After music and a sheep dog demonstration, the rains began. The calling of the Clans was in a steady pouring rain. About 50 clans joined the call (out of 160 present). My kilt was totally soaked and I didn't wear it on Friday.



The weather Friday and Saturday was ideal, clear and warm. Huge crowds came. Rob and Rosemary Pollock represented the Clan at the Friday night reception. The younger members went to the "Celtic Jam"--a rock concert at the venue. Lots of folks visited the tent both days. Jack and Sheila Pollock attended the whole time with AD and Clara. Tom and Harriet Marshburn came through the meeting on Saturday. Henry and Jean Pollock and their daughter Becky attended Saturday. The Pollocks of Clemson SC attended the games and the meeting. Several Polks visited the tent and some new members may come of it.

The first of two Annual General Meeting was held in the tent at 11:00 am

Saturday. The best thing that happened to me was that Tim Stone agreed to be the North Carolina commissioner. Rob Pollock and I are now both emeritus.



*Tim with hair*

Sunday we were represented well at the church service and the parade of tartans. AD represented us well in the Parade of Chiefs. He also attended the meeting of the council of Scottish Clans on Saturday. Due to the miracle of modern electronics we learned of a lightening storm that was supposed to arrive at 2:30 pm Sunday. We had lots of help in getting all the Scottish stuff put away. My wife, Merle, is confined to a wheelchair now. We were able to talk " the powers that be" into allowing me to drive up and pick her up and we were able to load up quickly and escape. I don't know if the storm arrived or not. It did rain at our rental house, but no lighting.



*Tim today with Caroline*

~ Ben Stone



*Visiting Polks*



## Reflections

This was the year to attend the Grandfather Mountain games and visit a few clan tents. We arrived too late for the harp competition so Bill and I proceeded to the clan tents with harp and guitar. At the Pollock tent we were greeted with smiles and hugs. Finally I met Clara Ann and AD and put context to the emails and letters. It was a pleasure to meet the many 'cousins' and learn more about the 'family'. When we asked to play a tune, space was cleared and seats were offered. It was an honor to share a few Scot tunes in the tent and if you listened closely the harp could be heard under the pipe music.

Next we headed to the Douglas tent, Bill's clan affiliation. After a warm welcome Bill said, "Can we play you a tune?" The response came, "Yes and here is a harp." A glance in the indicated direction revealed a familiar looking harp, one I'd sold 14 years ago in Florida. We played a few tunes and then the harp owner, Jeff Dickey, returned for a wonderful reunion. We last met at the 1999 Jacksonville Games so the next hour was filled with tunes and stories. I'd say this proves that games are truly about reunions and more than competitions.

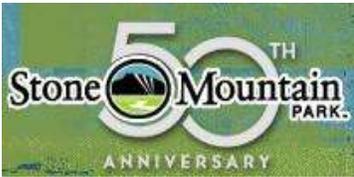
~Marg Chauvin (Pollock) & Bill Messer (Douglas)



## MADISON MATHEW POLLOCK FAMILY REUNION

The descendants Madison Matthew Pollock and Viola Keaton met for their annual family reunion the first Saturday in May of 2008 at Delwood Baptist Church in Mitchell County Georgia. Approximately 75 people attended. Information of the Clan Pollock was available to all interested.

## UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS



### STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

Thanks to Sheila and Jack Pollock for volunteering to host a Clan Pollock tent at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Stone Mountain Scottish Festival & Highland Games to be held October 18 and 19 at Stone Mountain Park, Atlanta, GA. For more information on the Games, visit their website, [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org). We would like to invite all our Clan Pollock members in this area to try and attend these Games.

### LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL, ESTES PARK, COLORADO

The festival starts with the 7:30 p.m. Thursday Tattoo. The Tattoo is repeated on Friday and Saturday nights. This year's tattoo features The Royal Canadian Legion Highland Mist Pipe Band, The Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band, United States Military Academy Field Music Group-"THE HELLCATS", U. S. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Band, U.S. Army The Ft. Carson Mounted Color Guard, and Isla St. Clair. The parade is Saturday morning at 9:30 on Elkhorn Avenue. Clan Pollock has always had a good showing in the parade. Please meet up at the Clan Maxwell/Clan Pollock tent to go to the shuttle buses for the parade, starting at 8 am on Saturday. There's also the Colorado Celtic Rock Concert, the Folk Concert, and new this year, the Longs Peak Concert, Estes Tattoo, and starting at 10:00 p.m, the Ceilidh to pick up after the other events end and the celebrating continues into the wee hours of the next morning. Sunday morning, the Pancake Breakfast, where you can dine with the Jousts and Athletes, will begin at 7 a.m until 9:30 a.m. and end the day in full Scottish attire at the Honored Guest Banquet.

Our second AGM for 2008 is going to be in Estes Park in September at the Clan Maxwell/Clan Pollock tent. For more information: <http://scotfest.com/>

## **CLAN GATHERING Edinburgh, Summer 2009.**

On the 25th and 26th July 2009 Holyrood Park in Edinburgh will host a Highland Games. On the Saturday evening Clan members will parade up the historic Royal Mile will be divided into sections with each section being led by a pipe band. Clans people will parade in alphabetical order and will be preceded by their chiefs and commanders with the clan banners. At the end of the parade they will take their seats on the castle esplanade for a spectacular Clan Pageant of pipers, massed bands, and highland dancers tracing the history of the development of the clans through the ages. For more information: <http://www.clangathering.org/>

## **OTHER GAMES THIS SEASON**

If you would like a list of games being held during the next three months contact Beth Avery, [averyb@mail.otherwhen.com](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

## **GENEALOGY CORNER**

### **Looking for information about Pollock Ancestors**

Marjorie Tinkham Scooros granddaughter of **James Barkley Pollock** born 1876 in Orangeville, IL; died 1935 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He died before I was born and my understanding was that he was somewhat estranged from his family and there was no contact later. I'd love to find some relatives. Contact Marjorie at [mscooros@earthlink.net](mailto:mscooros@earthlink.net)

I am Carol Pollock, wife of Thomas (Tommy) Pollock who comes from a long line of Pollocks who settled in Georgia after migrating from North Carolina from Scotland. In researching his genealogy, I submitted an application to DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) on **Jessee Pollock Sr.** Sadly, it was not verified as they think that I am missing a generation between Jessee Sr. the patriot and Jessee Jr. because Sr. was 54 years old when Jr. was born. They think maybe Jr. was a son's son. If anyone has been researching this line and has ANY info that can help me connect this link, I will forever be grateful. Contact Carol at [crpollock@bellsouth.net](mailto:crpollock@bellsouth.net)

I am researching my grandfather, **George Pollock**. He was born on 13 Nov. 1884 in Carluke, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and died on 12 Dec. 1963 in Dublin, Ireland. His parents were James Pollock and Sarah Tole. James was born on 3 Feb. 1860 in Scotland, and died 7 Feb. 1937 (I think) in Carluke. James' parents were George Pollock, b. 9 May 1838 and d. 30 Nov. 1908 in Carluke, and Elizabeth Cain. George's parents were James Pollock, b. 14 Aug. 1810 West Lothian, d. 13 Feb. 1884, Carluke, and Margaret Wilson. I have James' parents as James Pollock and Margaret Orr, possible birth year for both 1777. That's as far back as I am able to go, and I wondered whether you have or can direct me to any additional information that would help me trace the family further back. Tara L. Flynn, Esq. 147 Godshall Road, Collegeville, PA 19426.

### **Need Help with old Scottish Handwriting.**

This website offers online tuition in palaeography for historians, genealogists and other researchers who have problems reading manuscript historical records written in Scotland in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. The emphasis of the website is on practical help to improve the palaeographical skills, rather than on the academic study of Scottish handwriting. <http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/> ~ Thanks to Ben Stone.

### **Message Boards for Genealogy Information**

Many genealogy groups have message boards where you can post questions So in addition to posting requests for information in the *Pollag* you can try these sources.

The most active one I've found is the Pollock Family History and Genealogy Message Board on Rootsweb, which is hosted by Ancestry.com. <http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.pollock/mb.ashx>

I found two others, which didn't have any messages for Pollock currently, but might be a place to post. The Genealogy Register is at <http://genealogyregister.com/P/Pollock/> and MyHeritage at [http://www.myheritage.com/genealogy-forum-12288\\_12649/pollock](http://www.myheritage.com/genealogy-forum-12288_12649/pollock)

~Beth Avery

## Final Resting Places

In the midst of doing some research on my own, I discovered there are several Pollock Cemeteries. Remember just because it's Pollock Cemetery doesn't mean there's a Pollock buried there, though many times there is or sometimes a Maxwell. A short list includes one in

Indiana. Pollock Cemetery. <http://www.topozone.com/map.asp?lon=-86.1894&lat=38.765>

Louisiana. Pollock Cemetery in Pollock, Louisiana.

<http://www.lcb.state.la.us/parish.php3?par=Grant&offset=10>

Maryland. Pollock Family Cemetery, where Confederate soldier James Pollock is buried.

<http://www.chco-online.org/>

Pennsylvania. Pollock Cemetery in Greene County. <http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/genInfo.php?locIndex=152860>

These and seven other cemeteries are listed at Find A Grave. <http://www.findagrave.com/index.html>. where you can search by cemetery or grave record. Since all interments are listed by volunteers, you may not find a complete listing for a particular cemetery. Some volunteers have also added pictures of cemeteries.

~Beth Avery

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Note: In this issue we have a guest author, James Polk Farber, describing his family around the time of the U.S. Civil War.

### A TALE OF TWO POLKS – CIVIL WAR AND AFTERMATH

This monograph details the background and very differing histories, during and after the Civil War, of two of my kinsmen from the line of Maryland Polks: David R. and Ralph Lane Polk.

Both were sons of the Rev. David Polk, born 1809 in Baltimore. (Rev.) David was in turn the youngest son of yet another David (a much-used Polk name everywhere). David Polk Sr. "of Baltimore" is believed to have been born in 1773 in Somerset Co., a son of Benjamin Polk, and emigrated as a young man to Baltimore where he married Margaret Cooper in 1796.

The Rev. David had a notable career as a Presbyterian minister. After receiving a "literary and scientific" education at Jefferson College (now Washington and Jefferson, PA) he attended Princeton Theological Seminary graduating in 1836. There he met and afterwards married Mary Charlotte Warner of Trenton, N.J. Following his ordination they spent their lives in Ohio and northwestern Pennsylvania where the Rev. was instrumental in opening several new churches in the Clarion / Brookville area. They had in all seven children, of which David R. (b. Ohio 1844) was the eldest son and Ralph L. (b. Ohio 1849) the second eldest son. A youngest son, Charles Cooper Polk, was born (1856) in Pa.

Rev. David Polk died in Brookville, PA in 1857. (The writer attended a commemorative ceremony honoring his life and clerical contributions in Brookville in 1999.) The Rev. David was reputed to have been a cousin of President James K. Polk, but neither Dr. John Polk (our Clan Historian) nor I have been able to arrive at a firm construct of how that relationship might have been possible.

Following the Rev.'s death the family removed to Trenton, NJ where the onset of the Civil War found them. David, then 17, enlisted in the first brigade of Jerseymen raised, specifically in Company B of the 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He re-enlisted in the same unit in 1863 and stayed for the course of the war, rising to the rank of Sergeant.

The war started badly for the 4<sup>th</sup> NJ, as the regiment was captured en masse at Gaines Mill in 1862 and spent 3 months in captivity at Richmond. After their release (without parole it appears), the unit's next action was at Crampton's Gap, South Mountain, MD – a prelude to Antietam. There the 4<sup>th</sup> NJ made up for their Gaines Mill disgrace by charging over the Gap and overwhelming elements of Cobb's Georgia Legion. During this encounter then-Private David Polk was confirmed to have captured a stand of Confederate colours. These according to a current account were taken from him by an officer and presented to the regimental commander.

David's National Archive records plus other 4<sup>th</sup> NJ service documents show that he took part at Antietam,

Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Williamsport, MD (following Gettysburg), and the Wilderness. He was wounded in May 1864 – possibly during the unit's attack on the "Bloody Angle" salient at Spotsylvania – and was placed on medical leave until August 1864. After returning to action at 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester, David and the 4<sup>th</sup> NJ participated in the siege of Petersburg and were present at the Appomattox surrender.

Ralph Lane Polk was a youngster during most of the war and could only follow his brother's experiences from afar. However on attaining age 16 in 1865, he enlisted as a drummer boy with the 40<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, the last NJ unit created, which was just then just forming up. Ralph then served in the campaigns of the last six months of the war.

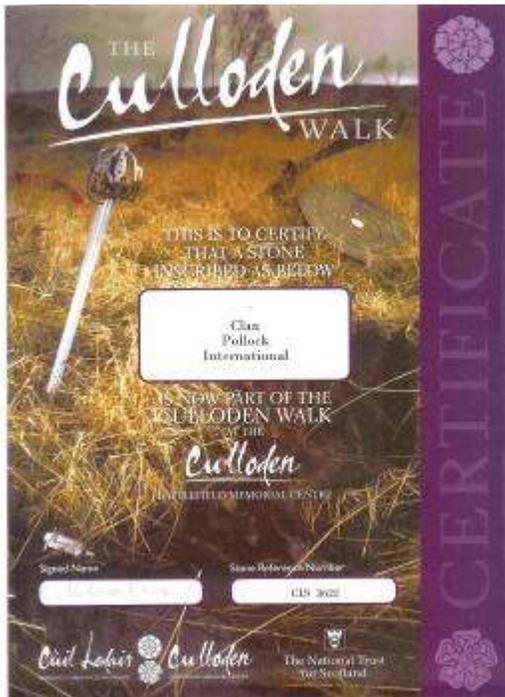
Following the War the brothers' paths dramatically diverged. David returned to the Clarion River area of PA where he worked as a boat builder, married and had one child. In May 1871 he died tragically in a drowning incident on the river.

Ralph Lane Polk returned to Trenton, attended the Pennington Seminary 1868-69, then decided to "go west" to seek his fortune. Arriving in Detroit he realized the possibilities in city directory publishing and founded (1870) the R. L. Polk Company which still today stands as the oldest consumer marketing information company in America.

(Afterword:) Sergeant David Polk's only child, Mabel Charlotte Polk, was my grandmother. The Crampton's Gap battlefield near Burkittsville is a scant 1-1/2 miles from our own family farm.

The R. L. Polk Co. of Detroit not only still exists but its present CEO, Stephen R. Polk, is a great great grandson of the founder.

James Polk Farber (Sr.)  
Middletown, Maryland  
July 2008

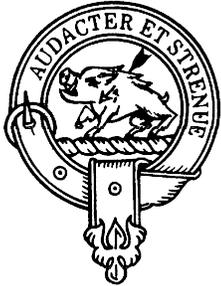


#### **THANKS TO HOWARD POLLOCK**

Clan Pollock International has a stone in the Culloden Walk at the approach to the Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre. The stone will be a reminder to us of our strong tie to the fallen Highlanders who bravely fought there.

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### REASONS TO CELEBRATE

**August 15 1771** -- Novelist and poet [Sir Walter Scott](#) born.

**August 17 1947** --First [Edinburgh International Festival](#) opened.

**August 20 1897** --Ronald Ross, the first Scot to win a Nobel prize (in 1902) dissected a mosquito and established the link with malaria.

**August 27 1784** --First balloon ascent in Britain by [James Tytler](#), Edinburgh.

**August 30 1870** --Birth of golf course designer Dr Alister Mackenzie; he was responsible for Augusta National and Cypress Point, among others.

**September 16 1859**-- [David Livingstone](#) discovered Lake Nyasa.

**September 20 1842** -- Sir James Dewar, inventor of the vacuum flask, born.

**September 25 1956** --The first telephone cable connecting the UK & North America "went live". 2,240 miles long, the cable ran from Gallanach Bay in Argyll and Bute, to Clarenville, Canada.

**September 27 1831** -- Scotland's first passenger railway opened (between Glasgow & Garnkirk).

**October 1/5 1263** -- Battle of Largs - Scots defeated the Vikings who were attempting to invade.

**October 2 1852** -- Birth of [Sir William Ramsay](#), Scottish chemist who discovered helium, xenon, neon, argon, radon and krypton.

**October 11 1297** --Letter from Wallace and Moray to the mayors of Lubeck and Hamburg saying that "The Kingdom of Scotland has, by God's Grace, recovered by battle from the power of the English".

**October 21 1983** --The Queen officially opened the Burrell Collection in Glasgow's Pollok Country Park. The museum's collection had been donated to the city nearly 40 years earlier by the shipping magnate Sir William Burrell.

