

# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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May 2009

*"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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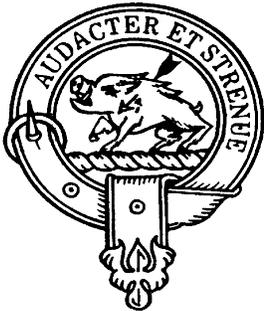
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*Audacter et Strenue*  
Boldly and Strongly

### Words from the President...

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring and we hope you have survived the weather extremes around the country. We are back in Kentucky for a few months and have been cleaning up after the ice storm which hit in late January.

We are looking forward to attending the Scottish Games in Glasgow, Kentucky May 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina July 9-12; Estes Park, Colorado, September 10 – 13 and the Seaside Games in Ventura, CA, October 9-11.

We send our prayers and best wishes to Rosemary Pollock, former Clan Pollock Secretary, after she had a pace maker put in. We also send our prayers and best wishes to Bryan and Susan Pollock, Washington Commissioners, during his fight with cancer. Bryan and Susan won't get to host any Games this summer in Washington and Oregon. If anyone would like to step forward and take on these duties, please contact us or Howard Pollock, Treasurer.

Thanks to all who have sent in their 2009 dues – your response has been very good. We still have a number of members who have not responded – we hope to hear from you very soon.

The Gathering in Scotland in July will have Clan Pollock representation. Ben & Merle Stone; Tim & Kelly Stone; Andy Pollock of Guelph, Ontario; and Robert Pollock and his wife of Stratford on Avon, England are all planning to be in Edinburgh for the big event. There will be a Clan Pollock tent. All the Stones will be at Grandfather Mountain also – they will have a big July!

Thanks to Howard Pollock for the 2008 financials and also the 2009 financials through April. We appreciate all of Howard's work.

We want to send our best wishes to all our members who have children/grandchildren/great-grandchildren graduating from high school and college. We have a grandson who is graduating from Kansas University and a granddaughter who is graduating from Eastlake High School in Chula Vista, CA. We know all of you are very proud of your family as we are of ours.

We hope to see many of you at Games over the next few months.

Best Wishes,

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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## **Editor's Notes**

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is July 24th. 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)

## **CLAN POLLOCK CAN BE AT A GAME OR FESTIVAL NEAR YOU!**

Ask anyone who has hosted a tent, it's fun and you meet lots of great folks. If you would like to host a tent at a local games or festival please contact our President, A.D. Pollock for information.

## **ABOUT OUR MEMBERS**

### **Your Kind Thoughts and Prayers are Requested**

Bryan Pollock and his family took over as Washington Commissioner a few years ago. They not only took upon the Pacific NW Games, but Portland and Tacoma Highland Games as well.

Bryan has been fighting cancer over the last several years and it has returned with more fury this time. He is currently undergoing intensive chemotherapy. Our prayers go out to Bryan and Susan and their nine children. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers for his healing and service to God and the Clan.



If you would like to follow his progress Bryan and Susan are blogging at Journey of Suffering, [www.bryanpollock.blogspot.com](http://www.bryanpollock.blogspot.com). You can send a card to Bryan and Susan Pollock, 833 East 46th Street, Tacoma, WA 98404.

### **Where are they Now?**

We hate to lose touch with any Clan Pollock Members, it's not like losing touch with one's family, it IS losing touch with one's family.

If you have the correct address for any of the following, please do. If the inevitable has happened, we would like to know that also so we can remember them in these pages. Here are the last addresses we have for these Clan members (and this request may be complicated by the recent mess up in our mailing list) -

Janet H. McLeod . Ozark, AL AA  
Amy E. Pollock-Morse . Manhasset, NY AA  
Amy E. Polk, Indianapolis, IN AA  
Thomas R Fleming La Jolla, CA AA  
Betty Pollock San Jose CA AA  
Debra C Sapp Santa Rosa CA AA

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Memberships received since our last Pollag

J. William Howard Espey, Oklahoma City, OK  
William John Espey, Oklahoma City, OK  
James C. Polk, Mount Airy, NC  
Justin Howard Polk, South Ogden, UT  
Ron Polk, Jr., South Ogden, UT  
Ron Polk, Sr., Arlington, TX  
William Christopher Polk, South Ogden, UT  
Denise Pollock, Bronx, NY  
Cheryle Ann Ward, Smyrna, GA

### **Go Green,**

If you aren't receiving this via e-mail and would like to help save a forest and our clan some money, please send your e-mail to [averyb@mail.otherwhen.com](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com).

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Ralph W. Paulk, Hayward, California

Ruth E. Bell, Buena Park, Colorado

Irvin Richard Strauss, Los Alamos, New Mexico, husband of Mariel Strauss

Mr. Herbert William "Bill" Pollock, died Feb. 25, 2008. The U.S. government named a mountain in Antarctica in his honor, "Mt. Pollock." Many of us remember Bill's interesting talk about working in Antarctica at the 1996 AGM in Estes Park.

### New Pollock Black Modern Material -- Place Your Orders.

The New Pollock Black Modern will be available providing we get enough orders. This is an original design which we found while searching and researching for information on our Tartan. The Ancient Tartan was adopted by the Clan and made by Dalgliesh, D C in Scotland.

Dalgliesh also had the Pollock Black Modern, made as a sample and not being produced, it was never fully Registered. Based on the Maxwell sett (white line replaces green) which in turn comes from the Vestiarium Scoticum (1842). Details of the Clan Society's design came from Rhys A Pollock in America. J.C. Thomson of Arlington is thought to have had a large hand in the design.

Pollock's were feudal dependents of the Maxwell's who lived in the Scottish Lowlands. Based on Maxwell hunting with white line replacing green. See also: Maxton. Samples in Scottish Tartans Authority Dalgety Collection. Lochcarron swatch in archives. This count taken from Scottish Tartans Society documentation of 1982 but the proportions differ considerably from the woven samples.

If you are interested in purchasing some of this material, it will start by being available in 13oz weight for Kilts/Skirts. Cost will be \$30.00 per yard double width. This only requires 4 yards to make an 8yd Kilt.

Special thanks to LINDA S. NEAL at Loch, Stock and Barrel for her help in this matter. Seamstress that can help with any of your needs, Hats, Ties, Jackets, Dresses and more. <http://www.lochstockandbarrel.com/>

Please contact Howard Pollock at [clanpollock@msn.com](mailto:clanpollock@msn.com) for more information.

### New Membership benefit

Clan Pollock Membership to the Tartans Authority <http://www.tartansauthority.com/>

The Clan has become a full Association Member and receives the conventional membership pack and a single voting right for the Authority's AGMs and any special General meetings it may hold.

The innovative feature of this new membership class is that each member of the clan society becomes an Associate Member of the Scottish Tartans Authority and is given the code and password to gain access to areas of the Authority's acclaimed website that is normally reserved for members only.

Those areas include the brief historical details of all tartans in the online database, the monthly Tartan Herald and any other online member privileges. In addition, if Associate Members wish to become full members at any time, they will be entitled to a 25% discount on the normal subscription rates. Access to the protected areas will remain throughout the duration of the Clan Society's membership of the Authority and the password will be changed at each annual renewal of the Society's membership.

Please note that Associate Members do not receive Membership Packs or any membership rights other than the ones mentioned above.

Clan Member Login (Will update Annually) Code = 1827 Password = Pollock (Case sensitive)

~Howard Pollock, Clan Treasurer



## GAME REPORTS

### CLAN POLLOCK REPRESENTED AT LONG BEACH, CA GAMES

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock shown at the Long Beach, Ca Scottish Games held on board the Queen Mary February 14 and 15. This was the first time we have had a Clan Pollock table at these Games. We hope to make this a yearly event and invite other Clan Pollock members to join us in 2010! We met lots of nice people from other Clans. Ticket prices include the opportunity to tour the Queen Mary which was built in Scotland and launched in 1934. The liner, long the fastest on the Atlantic, is now a hotel and museum in Long Beach.



### Loch Norman Highland Games



The Loch Norman Highland Games began Friday night April 17 with a picnic, Patrons and Sponsors reception, and Calling of the Clans. Tim Stone, NC commissioner, did a good job of announcing the arrival of Clan Pollock International.

Saturday was sunny and cool. Tim was at the tent and it was set up when we arrived. The beautiful weather brought lots of visitors with many interested in President Polk and several interested in Clan Pollock. There was an opening ceremony, massed bands (about 20) and professional athletic competition. Saturday afternoon was spent with

Wilson Stone attempting to pull a loose tooth. He was finally successful



Sunday was cloudy with spitting rain. It kept the crowds down. The parade of Tartans was led by my Caroline Stone (2) and Wilson Stone (7). Grandpappy and Daddy staggered along too. Wilson and Caroline ran, but neither placed as Wilson running against 12 yr olds and Caroline against 6 year olds. We missed Rob and Rosemary Pollock this year as Rosemary had a cardiac pacemaker placed on April 13. They promised to be at Grandfather however. As it was raining pretty steadily after the races, Tim took down the tent and we left.

Best wishes until Grandfather Mountain and "The Gathering"

~ Ben Stone ex NC Commissioner

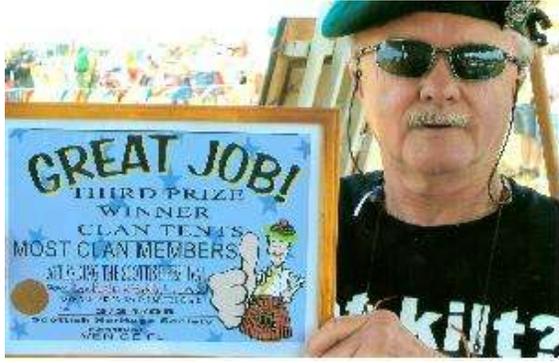
### 2008 Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Highland Games and Scottish Festival.

Last year's Games were very busy and unfortunately we were not able to take pictures at the Parade of Tartans. We did, however, have a large group marching including Elizabeth Golden (a Poage) and Steve & Diana Pollock Guinta and son. All are members of Clan Pollock and stopped at our tent prior to the parade. Also marching were Shaun Layman (and friends), Paul Layman Jr., Dina Murphy, Shannon Plate, and Brenda Ferguson.

~Paul Layman



## Florida Events



Hamish Pollock represented Clan Pollock at the Sarasota Games and at the Tartan Day celebration where the Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing the contributions of the Scots in Florida and worldwide. Standing next to Hamish is Marlene



Maxwell, the organizer of Tartan Day. Clan Pollock won third prize for the Clan Tents at the Sarasota Games. We were represented in the Parade of tartans by Sandra and Hamish Pollock, Bobby Gratzter III, and Bobby Gratzter Jr.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### **GLASGOW (KY) HIGHLAND GAMES BARREN RIVER STATE PARK, GLASGOW, KY MAY 29-31, 2009**

We will be hosting a Clan Pollock tent at these Games this year for the first time in a few years. We hope our KY and TN members can join us. There will be a Torchlight ceremony calling the Clans on Friday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup> and then the Games take place on Saturday and Sunday at the Barren River State Park. Please look for the Clan Pollock banner and stop by and visit with us.

~ A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

### **Caldwell (ID) Highland Games**

June 13th

College of Idaho, Symms Athletic Field

<http://westvalleyheavevents.org/> Howard Pollock will be hosting a tent.

### **2008 Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Highland Games and Scottish Festival.**

Oak Brook Polo Grounds in Oak Brook, Illinois

June 19-20, 2009

<http://www.chicago-scots.org/22nd-annual-scottish-festival-and-highland-games.html>

Highlights of the Festival include Pipe Band, Highland Dance, Heavy Athletic and Rugby competitions. There will be a dedicated children's area and a youth soccer tournament. Other competitions include British Car Show, Shortbread, Haggis Hurling, Haggis Eating and Knobbly Knees. Visitors are also treated to Scottish cuisine and great Celtic merchandise in our marketplace...and more! Paul Layman will be hosting the Clan Pollock tent.

### **63rd Pacific NW Highland Games**

July 27, 28 & 29, 2007

Enumclaw Expo Center

45224 - 284th Avenue SE

Enumclaw, Washington

<http://www.sshga.org/home.htm>

Howard Pollock will be hosting a tent.

### **The Gathering 2009**

Edinburgh, Scotland

<http://www.clangathering.org/>

On the 25th and 26th July 2009 Edinburgh will witness one of the largest clan gatherings in history.

Ben and Merle Stone will be hosting the tent.



## Historian's Corner

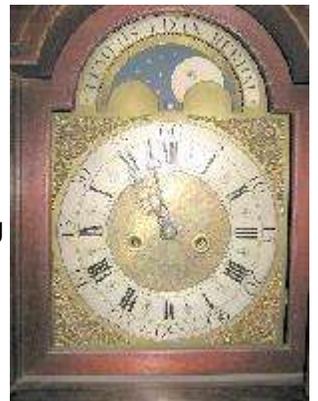
### TEMPUS EDAX RERUM – THE POLK FAMILY CLOCK



In "Polk Family and Kinsmen" W. H. Polk quotes a letter he had received in 1874 from Colonel William T. G. Polk of Princess Anne, Maryland, describing certain items that he claimed had come to America with Robert and Magdalen Polk when they arrived at Dames Quarter about 1687.

".... I will also state in this connection that there are three articles of personal property, two of them, at least, in our current possession, which were brought from Europe by our family. (Mention is made of a family bible and of a large case with 15 square glass bottles.) .....

"The third article is a large brass clock, which in the case stands eight or nine feet high, with great leaden weights of ten or twelve pounds each. In addition to keeping the hours of the day, it keeps the day of the month and the phases of the moon, and is a repeater. A string may be attached to a lever inside the clock and carried to the foot of your bed. At any hour of the night, if the string is pulled, she will repeat the last stroke, unless it is within a half hour of the next strike. So you can know within a half hour the time, without rising from your bed. Seventy years ago it was given by my grandfather [William Polk] to my father [Samuel Polk], with the old homestead. When he took possession of them he found the old clock in a lumber room covered with dust. Supposing it to have finished its work, he proposed to a clockmaker to trade it in part payment for a new clock, if there was any value in it. It was sent, and when my father saw the clock-man, the latter told him that no man need want a better clock. He cleaned it up for a few dollars. I left it thirty years ago on a farm which has been in my immediate family one hundred and nine years, with some servants, and although it has not been cleaned in that time, when I have occasion to spend some days on the farm, or when I send mechanics to repair or build houses, if she is wound up, she will run eight or nine days and keep excellent time. My father laid aside the old case and had a new one of mahogany made. This clock was made, I suppose by "W. Nicholson, White Haven," which is inscribed on a plate screwed to the face and there is an inscription, also on the face – "Tempus Edax Rerum," and I find it true in reference to our family, for Time has consumed almost everything relating to its early history."



I had long wondered about this clock – whether it still existed and if it might be seen. Answering this question has taken a long time and the clock itself has lived through something of an Odyssey before settling in its present home. By good luck about 10 years ago I came across a typewritten account of the later history of the clock in the local history files of the Princess Anne public library. As it turned out, the clock had passed by a rather circuitous path to W.T.G. Polk's grandson, Brigadier General James Brittingham, about 1966. BG Brittingham was an artillery officer who had a distinguished career in the U. S. Army, serving in World Wars I and II and the Korean War, and retired near Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He took his stewardship of the clock very seriously, had it appraised and carefully restored by a clockmaker in Wilmington, Delaware, and transported out to Oklahoma. He also wrote the history and must have sent a copy to Princess Anne where I eventually found it.

BG Brittingham passed away in 1983 and left the clock to his daughter, Mary Polk (Polly) Brittingham who was married to Colonel Jack Lee, also an artillery officer, as I found out when I obtained a copy of BG Brittingham's obituary. When I tried to contact Polly Lee I found out that she had died in 1992 but I was able to speak with Colonel Lee and ask about the clock. He told me that they had decided to donate the clock to Colorado College in Colorado Springs because both of their daughters had attended college there. Colonel Lee died several years ago and the clock was bequeathed to the college as planned and given a nice home there in Alumni Hall. Last year I had an opportunity to visit the campus and see the clock for myself, bringing my long quest to an end. It was quite a special experience to touch something that goes so far back in the history of our family. The clock itself is a truly beautiful piece of furniture that would grace any home. I am personally very gratified to know that it will be well cared for and is available to be seen by all.

Colonel Lee's widow by a second marriage was kind enough to meet me at Alumni Hall to see the clock and gave me some additional materials of BG Brittingham's relating to the clock's history and restoration. I have skipped some of the details in this shortened account. There are considerably more contained in the correspondence between BG Brittingham and Marshall Dull, the Wilmington DE clockmaker who did the work. Nonetheless, the clock has left us with a bit of an enigma as to its true origin. Colonel W. T. G. Polk relates that it was brought from Ireland by Robert and Magdalen, but none of the original parts have survived. His account mentions how the original case was replaced, and the later appraisal by Mr.

Dull makes clear that the original clockworks had also been replaced with another set dating from around 1810, so the provenance of the clock is older than any of its parts. Truly Tempus Edax Rerum (time consumes all things).

John F. Polk, Ph.D.

Clan Historian, Clan Pollock International

## GENEOLOGY CORNER

### Elizabeth Maxwell Hamilton

I am seeking information about my grandmother. Her name was Elizabeth Maxwell Hamilton - she was born in 1889 Her fathers name was Robert Hamilton and her Mother was Elizabeth Pollock. My grandmothers birth was registered in the district of Barrhead & Leven in the county of Renfrewshire. Her parents were married on the 14th June 1878 in Barrhead. I believe the surname Maxwell which was my grandmothers middle name was the surname of one of her grandparents. Any information would be greatly appreciated. ~Val Martin [val.martin1@btinternet.com](mailto:val.martin1@btinternet.com)

### Margaret Ellen Pollock

I am hoping someone may be able to help me find relatives, of my Great Greatgrandparents. Margaret Ellen Pollock, married Joseph Gourley. She and a sister came out to the goldfields of Australia. Her sister married and stayed ther. Margaret came to N.Z. in 1874, and they married at Invercargill, and lived at Waikawa, near Fortrose, where he mined on the sands, and later farmed.

Margaret's parents were Mary and James Pollock- he was an artist, carpenter, and cabinet maker, Belfast. An elderly cousin said that Pollocks lived at Magheera, Londonderry, Belfast and that they were of European origin, inheriting lovely golden hair, which several of our family have. So far I have not found anyone who is of our family. We know nothing , only details on their Marriage Certificate.

Any information would be appreciated. My Ph. No is -N.Z.Code, 032927550, and my address is Mrs Joy Johnston, 12 Hereford St., Riversdale .Southland. joyzj@xtra.co.nz

### James Pollock

My name is Roy Pollux. our family lives in Venlo, in the Netherlands. This is saying you probably nothing. But if i say you that my forfather has landed in Rotterdam with the name James Pollock were his daughter and son has born on 27-5-1747 and 8-8-1748, it will say you something. Our interest is going on to the period before the year 1747. James Pollock was coming from Scotland. Through the years our name has changed in Pollux. The birth and dead of James Pollock we don't know, we know he died during a seatravel.

With kind regards, Roy Pollux, Stalbergweg 72, 5913 BS Venlo, the Netherlands, 0031-6-29511905 [roypollux@home.nl](mailto:roypollux@home.nl)

## Clan Pollock International Balance Sheet Prepared by Howard W. Pollock Dec-08

### Assets

Current assets:	
Checking/Savings	-
Home Federal Checking	\$ 5,706.44
Home Federal Savings	\$ 1,526.71
Certificate Of Deposit	\$18,178.48
PayPal MM	\$87.99
Total current assets	\$25,499.62
Other assets	
Prepaid Dues	\$0.00
Prepaid Dues 2003	\$0.00
Prepaid Dues 2004	\$0.00
Other	-
Total other assets	\$0.00
Total assets	\$25,499.62

### Liabilities and Equity

Current liabilities:	
Long Term Liabiliteis	
Prepaid Lifetime Mbr (\$100)	11,100.00
Accrued compensation	-
Income taxes payable	-
Unearned revenue	-
Other	-
Total current liabilities	\$11,100.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$14,699.46
Net Income	-\$299.84
Total Equity	\$14,399.62
Total Liabilities Equity	\$25,499.62

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## **ON THE DAY** The Story of the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band

A Documentary in the Works by John McDonald

Filmmaker-piper and Clan Donald USA member John McDonald of South Pasadena, CA, is still searching for enough funding for his documentary, ON THE DAY, on the Spirit of

Scotland Pipe Band for a premier and ongoing screening of the movie in Scotland in the summer of 2009. The documentary follows the band during its one and only week together in August 2008, as the group of more than 40 pipers and drummers assembled and practiced for the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championship at Glasgow Green. Preview the film <http://www.onthedaymovie.com/trailer.html>.

Initial funding from a private party enabled McDonald and a cameraman to travel to Scotland. Since then he obtained relatively small contributions from the piping and Scottish-American community which hasn't come close to the total budget for the film of more than \$200,000. The project has non-profit status through a fiscal sponsorship with the International Documentary Association (IDA), making contributions tax-deductible for US residents. Donations can be made via the a website for the project at [www.OnTheDayMovie.com](http://www.OnTheDayMovie.com). A \$100 donation gets you a credit in the film's titles and a DVD, and for \$200 or more you will additionally receive a collectible Spirit of Scotland cap badge.

One of McDonald's aims is to complete the documentary for a premier and ongoing screenings at either or both the Edinburgh Film Festival in June and/or Glasgow's Piping Live! in August. "The Edinburgh Film Festival is very prestigious and would be the perfect place to launch the film and get some buzz," McDonald continued. "They have expressed an interest in showing the film if I can get it completed in time. It would be great to then premier it at Piping Live! in Glasgow in August."