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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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Words from the President...

We hope all of you are keeping warm wherever you are. We have been enjoying the sunny, warm weather in Chula Vista, California but we are thinking of everyone in the frozen north, mid-west, and even the south.

It is that time again – time for our 2010 dues of \$15.00 US dollars. You can send a check to us made out to Clan Pollock or you can pay via Pay Pal on line. Thank you for your continued support of and interest in Clan Pollock.

The cold weather will be over and with Spring and Summer come the Scottish Games. We hope to see many of you at the 25th anniversary of the Glasgow, KY Highland Games to be held at Barren River State Park, Kentucky June 3rd – June 6th. We encourage you to look for games in your area and support them.

Thanks to our Clan Pollock Historian, John Polk, who has taken on the responsibility of overseeing the Polk/Pollock DNA group. John writes, "I am really glad that we are doing DNA testing and that you got it started in Clan Pollock. The number of participants is growing steadily and we now have a sizeable database – currently at 44. I have found it quite useful in answering some long-standing questions and it also shows that Polks, Pollocks, and Pogues, etc. are all truly one family." I encourage your participation in this project. It can be a very valuable means of verifying your family tree.

We continue to have some problems with getting your new address or e-mail when you move or change addresses. Please remember to let us know so that we can be sure you receive The Pollag. Thanks!

Once again, I am making a plea for members to step forward and take a leadership role in Clan Pollock. Needed are officers and commissioners as well as members to host Clan Pollock tents at games. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please contact me.

Thanks again to all who work so hard and conscientiously to make Clan Pollock the organization that it is.

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is April 25th. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Jane Pollock Ohl, Denver, Colorado. Ruth Woodward writes that Jane joined Clan Pollock in 1995. Jane passed away August 18, 2009.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Paige Powell, Houston, Texas
Garrett Dirk Pogue, Highland Park, Illinois

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Pictured with his helicopter is Cory Hedges CWS2 USN, grandson of Bob and Veva Pollock of Fruita, Colorado. Cory is billeted to the USS Carl Vincent and is off the coast of Haiti. Cory and crew have been intensely involved in the rescue operations following the earthquake on Haiti.



2009 Recording of the Year

On The Day <<http://onthedaymovie.com>>, John McDonald – The DVD documentary by Hollywood producer and director, John McDonald, got the nod from our panel, the first non-CD to gain the award. The story of the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band's creation and run-up to the 2008 World Championships was a first of its kind for full-length piping-related videos, and the quality and professionalism of the final product were recognized worldwide.

Panelists' comments about On The Day: "All the way on the day!" "Very close call. All great candidates but the Spirit story went beyond piping and generally had a positive impact on our art." "A unique story and a unique level of professionalism."

Clan Pollock was one of the first clans to make a donation to John McDonald for his production John wrote to say, "Thanks for your support. We could not have done it without you."

Seeking a Pollock tie to Robert Burns

I was wondering if you might be able to help with a roadblock in our family history. I've been researching the family history for two years and am determined to figure it out! My 4th great-grandfather was Philetus Pollock b.1826 in CT, married Susan Harriet Brewster, fought in the Civil War. I haven't been able to figure out who his parents were – my 'educated' guess is that it was William Pollock, born around 1800, but I've never been able to prove it.

My grandmother always told us that we were related to Robert Burns through the Pollock family and to John Adams through her husband's family. I was able to trace the lineage to John Adams, so I don't think she was telling us stories. Here is my request of you: Can you point me in the direction of figuring out the Pollock family's connection to

Robert Burns? I did find an Agnes Pollock who married into his family. I would greatly appreciate any help you can give. I think if I can figure that out then I can trace her line over to America. Thank you!

Diane Bowen dianebowen01@aol.com

GAME REPORTS

Chicago Highland Games

The ISAS Chicago Highland Games were held Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th, 2009. Many of the clans that attend our games set up their tents on Friday in the morning. The gates are open at 3:00pm. We have a ceilidh in the evening about 6:00pm. Around 5:30pm the rain started to fall and then within a few minutes the wind started to blow - about 60mph. A mini micro burst began, scattering vendor tents and their



merchandise all over the field. Clan tents were also blown up in the air and being destroyed as they landed. At the time, there were still probably 1,000 patrons at the Entertainment Tent and on the field. Many attending the ceilidh were holding tent poles and trying to keep it from collapsing onto the people inside. When the winds stopped, we went to assess the damage. Our Clan Pollock tent sustained 2-foot rips at two corners, but considering how it looked like the Wizard of Oz - it could have been worse. We hope that the 2010 Games will have calmer weather.

Saturday, just prior to the Parade of Tartans it was a beautiful sunny day. Featured in the photos are: Diana Guinta, Cindy Bomba, Paul Layman, Steve Guinta's son, Steve Guinta, Helen Layman and Elizabeth Golden. Holding the banner are Cindy Bomba, Paul Layman and Elizabeth Golden.
~ Paul Layman

New location and name for Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival



Meadow Event Park, a newly constructed year-round facility, was complete in time to host the Virginia State Fair followed by the former Richmond, now Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Located 20 miles north of Richmond in beautiful Caroline County, the site is easily accessible from I-95.

These well-planned facilities (the layout at <http://www.meadoweventpark.com/> shows the Festival Loop) provided room for the Clan tents, vendors of Scottish goods and foods, plus an enclosed field large enough to hold the North

American Championship athletic events. Of course, the field also accommodated the massed pipe and drum bands present. The results of all events may be found at <http://www.richmondceltic.com/competitions> .

Separate parking for Clan tent workers, competitors and vendors was within a short walking distance.



Watering holes for canine attendees and *indoor* restrooms were conveniently located. The weather was no concern for the harp and fiddle competitions held inside the large Farm Bureau Building.

The Clan Pollock tent had an excellent view of athletic events, massed bands and the daily Parade of Clans. Many Festival-goers joined us to watch these events. Being next to the Clan Maxwell tent provided opportunities to renew our friendship and to assist each other when the prevailing winds peaked.

Beth and I manned the tent both days, but still found time to shop, take pictures and to enjoy some of the foods found there. Our area included a good number of picnic tables where everyone could have their Scotch eggs, fish'n'chips or other fare while comfortably seated. A display of British cars and motorcycles was also nearby.

Our daughter Jennifer, her husband Norman Shumake and their sons Nicholas and Zachary joined us. Nicholas was there to defend his "Bonny Knees" title in the Junior Division for which he won a trophy last year.

Also helping out were Tom and Susan Pollok and their son Max, which is short for Maxwell, of course I don't remember their dog's name, but he seemed to enjoy himself as much as anyone.

Our youngest daughter Natalie and her husband Bruce Harding (the Clan tent was free because he won last year's pumpkin-chunkin' event) were unable to attend. Considering the weather and the distance from their NC home, their absence from the Games was perhaps for the best. It seems the "bug" Natalie experienced that weekend is still with her: twin girls are due in early June!



Overall, the weekend was very enjoyable. We met many interesting people, some of whom were attending the Games for the first time. All appeared to be having a good time and looking forward to next year's Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival scheduled for October 23- 24.

~Robert W. Parrish



UPCOMING GAMES

North Texas Irish Festival



The North Texas Irish Festival <<http://www.ntif.org/>>, all things Celtic, will be held March 5-7, 2010 in Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. Beth Avery (averyb@mail.otherwhen.com, 940-312-2776) and Chrystin Pleasants (chrystinp@yahoo.com) would like to have a tent in the Clan Village at this year's festival. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of them.

San Antonio (TX) Highland Games

The games will be held March 27-28 <http://www.sahga.org/> We may have a tent. Contact A.D. And Clara Pollock if you are interested in helping apollockis@comcast.net

Tartan Day

In 1998 the US Senate designated 6 April each year as Tartan Day "in recognition of the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans." To find events in your area check at <<http://www.rampantscotland.com/features/tartanday.htm>>

Chicago Highland Games

ISAS-Chicago Highland Games will take place at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds in Oak Brook, Illinois- Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th, 2010. The ceilidh will be held Friday night from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. Gates open for full Games 3:00pm til 7:00pm Friday, and reopen Saturday at 8:00am until 10:00pm. A second ceilidh starts around 6:00pm Saturday following the closing ceremonies which features 20-25 Pipe & Drum Bands joining together as one mass band. For further details, please visit www.chicago-scots.org.



Poage-Pogue Reunion



Poage-Pogue Landing in Ashland, Kentucky - September 17, 18, & 19, 2010 as part of the Pogue Landing Days <<http://poagelandingdays.com>>. The Reunion will take place at the Poage Cabin now placed in Central Park (east end of park) on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Entertainment Friday evening and Saturday all day and into the evening on the big stage. For information contact Paul D. Layman (630) 941-1154, or p.layman@sbcglobal.net. (Paul is seated in the center)

NEED VOLUNTEERS – It could be you. If you would like to host a tent at any of these games or others you know of in your area, please contact A.D. And Clara Pollock apollockis@comcast.net If you can't host a tent, then show up displaying your tartan and brag about Clan Pollock.



February 12-14. Greater Philadelphia Mid-Winter Scottish & Irish Music Festival and Fair. <http://www.eohebrides.com/events/index.cfm?EventID=383>

February 13-14. A Scottish Ramble. Saint Paul, MN. <http://www.scottishramble.org/>

February 13-14. Queen Mary Scottish Festival. Long Beach, CA.
<http://www.queenmary.com/index.php?page=scottishfestival>

February 20. 17th Annual Winnipeg Scottish Festival. <http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.org/>

February 27. 15th Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival. Jacksonville. <http://www.neflgames.com/>

February 27 & 28. 46th Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Gathering, Phoenix.
<http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>



March 6-7. 10th Annual Zephyrhills (FL) Celtic Festival and Highland Games
<http://www.zephyrhillscelticfestival.com/>

March 12-14. Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. Midland, Texas. <http://www.chspb.org/>

March 13. Panama City (FL) Highland Games and Scottish Festival. <http://www.panamacityhighlandgames.com/>

March 14. 12th Annual Peace River (FL) Celtic Festival. http://www.celticheritageproductions.com/peace_river.htm

March 19-20. Iron Thistle Games. Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games. Yukon OK.
http://www.uscscots.org/Festival_News.htm

March 27. 44th Annual Dunedin (FL) Highland Games and Spring Clan Gathering.
<http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>

March 27. 10th Annual Scottish-American Festival. Puyallap, WA. <http://www.tartanday-wa.org/Festival-2010.html>



April 9-11. Missouri Tartan Day. St. Charles. <http://www.motartanday.com/>

April 10. Colorado Tartan Day, Arvada. <http://www.coloradotartanday.com/events.html>

April 10. Kern County (CA) Scottish Society's 14th Annual Gathering and Games. Bakersfield.
<http://www.kernscot.com/games/games.htm>

April 10-11. Hawaiian Scottish Festival. Honolulu. <http://www.scotshawaii.org/>

April 16-18. 17th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC.
<http://www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/>

April 17-18. Las Vegas Celtic Gathering. <http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org/games.html>

April 23-25. Arkansas Scottish Festival. Batesvilles.
<http://oldweb.lyon.edu/webdata/groups/shp/asf/festival10/index.htm>

April 24. 32nd Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland. Prince Frederick, MD
<http://cssm.org/festival>

April 24-25. Pensacola (FL) Highland Games. <http://www.pensacolahighlandgames.com/>

April 30- May 2. 9th Annual Scottish Festival & Celtic Gathering. Bridgeport/Clarksburg, WV



THOMAS POLK HONORED

President Polk's great uncle, Brigadier General Thomas Polk (1732-1794), was recently honored by the Mecklenburg Chamber of Sons of the American Revolution (DAR). A ceremony commemorating his life and grace was held in Old Settlers' Cemetery in Charlotte on May 17, 2009. Several patriotic organizations participated in the event, which included speeches, wreath presentations, and the dedications and unveiling of an SAR grave marker. Member of the Polk family were present in the audience.

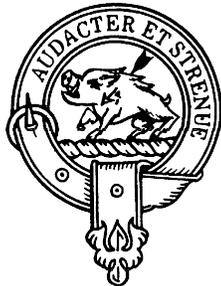
A leader in the Scots-Irish community that settled in Mecklenburg County, Thomas Polk led a distinguished life of service and is generally credited with founding the City of Charlotte. He also procured passage of an act to establish Queens College (now Queens University) in 1769.

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was drafted under his supervision, and he read it from the steps of the courthouse to the crowd assembled on May 20, 1775. Polk participated in the Revolutionary War, initially in the NC militia and later with the 4th Regiment of the Continental Line, which escorted the Liberty Bell to safety after the American defeat at Brandywine in 1777. After the war, Polk hosted President George Washington for dinner at his home on the "Square" in 1791.

~ Jim Reece [member of Clan Pollock]
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