

CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...

Greetings from hot and humid Kentucky! It seems that the weather is giving most of the country lots of summer time this year!

Thanks to the Stone family – Tim, Kelly, Ben & Merle – for their work at the Grandfather Mountain Games in July. We had to cancel our plans to attend this year and we really hated to miss it. But, we knew everything would go on without a hitch – we look forward to next year. We also appreciate Ben representing Clan Pollock and attending the COSCA Annual Meeting which is held every year at these Games.

Our thanks to Beth and Mike Avery for the great job they do with our clan newsletter, the Pollags. They spend untold hours each issue putting the Pollag together and getting it to our members via either snail mail or email. But, they need your help. The Averys need your news items – pictures – anything that would be of interest to our members. Also if you have genealogy questions about your family, write up your inquiry and we will try to include it. Let's all do our part and send in our news items.

We need to be thinking about a Clan Pollock Annual General Meeting for 2011. We'll try to have more information in the November Pollag. We would appreciate suggestions for a site for the meeting.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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August 2010

"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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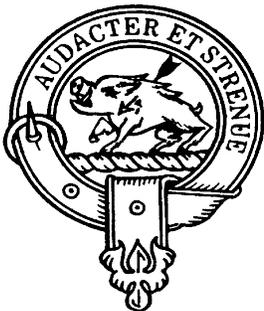
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Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25th of the month previous to the issue. The Pollag is issued in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

WELCOME

Robert W. Parrish's granddaughters Rachael Marie and Caitlyn Nicole, arrived May 11. Visit with them and his proud daughter, Natalie, and son-in-law Bob at the Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival this October 23-24



BOOK SIGNING FOR LISA PIPER'S BOOK



An open house and book-signing was held on Thursday, July 15th at the Duncan Center and Museum, Greenville, KY for Lisa Piper's novel, "A Mile Below Paradise: The Lost City of Airdrie". Pictured are, from left, Amy Hourigan, who took the front cover photograph; A.D. Pollock of Greenville, whose great-grandfather, Archie Pollock, went from Airdrie, Scotland, to Airdrie, Kentucky in the 1850's; and Lisa Piper. The remains of the Old Airdrie furnace still stand on the banks of the Green River near the TVA Paradise Fossil Plant in Drakesboro, KY.

The book is a historical novel based on the true story of Airdrie and the incredible people who left their homes in Scotland to come to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Among the names of these people are: Pollock, Duncan, Main, Campbell, Penman, Williamson, and Toll. Descendants of these families still live in Kentucky and Tennessee including several Clan Pollock members.

Lisa Piper is an author and inspirational speaker. This novel is the first book in the Kentucky Treasure Series. This series is a collection of books set in historic time periods in the Bluegrass state. Photographs of places that the author has traveled to during research for this series and some research notes about these novels can be found at www.LisaPiper.com. The book is \$15.00. LisaDPiper@hotmail.com P.O. Box 997, Nortonville, KY 42442.

There will be another book signing at Mrs. Janey's Tea Room, Sacramento, KY on Saturday, August 14th. Mrs. Janey is owned and managed by Clan Pollock members, Edna Bates, Patricia Hardison, and Martha Tucker. For more information, call (270) 736-2821.

Raising The Flag

Chrystin (Pollock) Pleasants, Lonnie Pleasants, and son Jordan (West Point Class of 2012) were at Fort McHenry for Memorial Day Services on May 31, 2010. Fort McHenry, Maryland, was where the Battle of Baltimore took place and Francis Scott Key watched the battle from



a British battleship. He wrote his famous poem, "Defence of Fort M'Henry," that later became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner." In the morning the United Park Service had raised a flag on the site that had flown on a WWII battleship. At noon there was a ceremony to exchange that flag and raise a replica of the flag that was flying during the battle in 1812. The replica flag was 42 by

30 feet just like the original, but due to the lightness of today's fabrics weighed 50 pounds rather than the 500 (Park Service ranger stated) of the original. Visitors were asked to help prepare the flag to be raised and when it was ready the Rangers

requested that active duty military personnel raise the flag. These photos are of Jordan helping raise the flag and then standing on the ramparts with the flag behind him.



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Our sympathy to the family of Marion Novotny, 92, Clan Pollock member from Boulder, Colorado. Her granddaughter, Anna, called

Historian's Corner

GEORGE BLACK'S HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF POLLOCK

Perhaps the best known work on Scottish genealogy and family histories is "The Surnames of Scotland - Their Origin, Meaning and History" by Dr. George Fraser Black, first published in 1946. This book is a serious work of scholarship, over 800 pages long, written over a period of forty years. It lists over 8000 names and is thoroughly documented and referenced. It should be the first stop on any enquiry into the history of a Scottish family.

Dr. Black (1866-1948), was a noted bibliographer and historical scholar who had a 35 year career at the New York Public Library. To prepare this monumental work he combed through any ancient Scottish manuscripts and sources he could find to extract citations of families and historical figures, and compiled them all into this single reference. For those who have not seen it before, here is what he had to say about our family –

POLLOCK, POLLOK. Peter, son of Fulbert or Fulburt, had a grant of Upper Pollock in Renfrewshire from the High Steward, and took his surname from the lands. Between 1177-99 Peter gifted the church of Pulloc and its pertinents to the monastery of Paisley, a gift confirmed by Jocelyn, bishop of Glasgow (RMP., p.98, 99). Within the same dates he confirmed the charter of his brother Helias or Helyas of Perthic (now Partick) to the same house (ibid., p.98, 100). Peter de Pollok or Pulloc also possessed land in Moray, and c.1172-78 he witnessed the charter by William the Lion granting Burgin (now Burgie) to the Abbey of Kinlos (REM., p.454). He also appears among the witness to three other charters by King William in the same chartulary between 1187-99 (p.6, 9, 11). Robert, son of Fulbert, also appears as charter witness between 1165-99, but in no instance is he referred to as 'de Polloc' (RMP., p.6, 7, 12). In another charter of c. 1200 he appears simply as "Petrus fratre ejusdem." [Peter brother of the same.] A daughter of Peter de Polloc, Muriel, Lady of Rothies, married probably about 1220 Walter Morthach, and had by him a daughter Eva Morthach, Lady of Rothies. Between 1224-42 Muriel de Polloc gifted her land at Inuerorkel with all its just pertinents for the benefit of the house or hospital erected beside the bridge of Spe (Spey) for the reception of travelers (REM., p.20). About 1242 or earlier Eva Morthach, domina de Rothies, confirmed the gift of the church at Rothies which her mother Muriel de Rothies had made to the church at Moray, c.1235 (ibid., p.123-4). Among the witnesses appear Robert de Pollok and Adam his son. Thomas de Polloc was witness to a document concerning the land of Cnoc in Renfrewshire, 1234 (RMP., p.180), and to other charters in the same record between 1234 and 1272. In the reign of Alexander II, Robert de Pollok, son or Robert, son of Fulbert, granted in pure alms to the monastery at Paisley twelve pennies yearly for the rents of his land of Pollok, for which he expected in return that he and his heirs be admitted to participation in the spiritual benefit arising from all the pious exercises of the Cluniac order (ibid., p.378). Peres de Pollok of Lanarkshire and John Pollok of Forfarshire rendered homage [Ragman Rolls], 1296 (Bain II, p.211, 212). John Pollok who was steward of the Abbey of Arbroath, 1299 (RAA., II, p.164) is John de Pollok, Sheriff of Forfar, who was sent with others from Aberdeen to Montrose in 1304 to arrest a vessel of the bishop of Aberdeen reported to be laden with rebel merchants' goods and bring her to Aberdeen (Bain, II, p.439, 441). John Pullok, a Scottish merchant, had safe conduct into England, 1453 (Bain, IV, 1264). Peter de Pollok was one of the witnesses to sale of a tenement in Glasgow to Master Patrick Leiche, Canon of Glasgow, 1454 (REG., p.91). 'Schir' Thomas Pollok witnessed a sasine in 1478 (Home, 24), and John Pollike was a skinner in Edinburgh, 1678 (Edinb, Marr.).

The main line of the family of de Polloc disappeared in the War of Succession, "an era of remarkable changes of families and property." The name has become Polk in the United States, the eleventh president of which was James Knox Polk, a great-great-grandson of Robert Polk or Pollok who emigrated from Ayrshire to the American colonies. The place name on Pont's map of Renfrewshire is spelled Pook, and that is the pronunciation in common speech. Nile Pook was servitor to the Bishop of Aberdeen, 1549 (REA., I, p.435), Mariota Pook was wife of John Watsoun in Cannongait, Edinburgh, 1632 (Retours, Edinburgh, 694), and Isabella Pook was spouse of William Orrok in Edinburgh, 1648 (Inquis., 3455).

Clan Historian, Clan Pollock
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA POLLOCKS
Thomas Pollok, Proprietary Governor

The earliest known Pollock to come to North Carolina was Thomas Pollok who was born March 6, 1654 at Balgra, home of his father Thomas Pollok, near Glasgow, Scotland. His grandfather Thomas and his great-grandfather David Pollok had lived there before him. David was married to Margaret Boyd, daughter of an eminent Scots professor Rev. Zachary Boyd, author of religious works and donor to The University of Glasgow.

Little is known of the early life of Thomas Pollok. He had an elder brother James. He landed in North Carolina June 27, 1683 as Deputy to Lord Carteret, one of the 8 Lords Proprietors to whom was granted the territory from Virginia to Florida. He practiced law and he served twice as governor under the Lords Proprietors. He was engaged in controversy during the Cary Rebellion. He was often concerned with problems with the Indians and with the help of South Carolina forces succeeded in ending the Indian Wars in the area at the time. He spent 30 plus years in government of North Carolina before his death August 30, 1722.

Pollock Street, the location of Tryon Palace in New Bern was named for him. He was involved in the land and financial backing of the Palatines and Swiss immigrants who settled New Bern under Baron de Graffenreid.

Gov. Thomas Pollok was married twice; first in 1690 to Martha Cullen West of Dover, England, mother of his children, and second in 1701 to Esther Wilkinson no issue. He gave the name Balgra to his plantation home on Queen Anne's Creek. He had another plantation home on Salmon Creek and great bodies of land along the Roanoke, Chowan and Trent Rivers.

Gov. Pollok was one of the organizers of St. Paul's Parish, Edenton (then called Queen Anne's Creek). This became the first church erected in North Carolina. The first service was held in 1703. Thomas and Martha Pollock are buried on these church grounds, their remains being moved from the plantation to the church.

Gov. Thomas Pollok's will shows that he bequeathed to his three sons, Thomas, Cullen, and George, 55,000 acres of land. He had made much of his income from hogs. Gov. Thomas and Martha Pollok also had a daughter Martha to reach maturity, but she had predeceased him. Martha was married to Rev. Dr. Thomas Bray who was the first to found a library in North Carolina.

Of the three sons Cullen and George left no children, but Thomas (son of Gov. Thomas) and Elizabeth Sanderson had three sons, Thomas, Cullen and George. George died in infancy, Cullen had children who died in infancy but Thomas, grandson of Gov. Thomas Pollok, and his wife Eunice Edwards had four children, Elizabeth, Thomas, Frances, and George. Elizabeth married but no children; Thomas died unmarried, Frances married John Devereus. George Pollok was killed by a fall from his horse in 1836. He was the last descendant of Gov. Thomas Pollok to bear the name Pollok.

The above article was handed out by Rob Pollock at the 2007 Grandfather Mountain Games.

POLLOCK DNA PROJECT - WE NEED YOU

There have been previous announcements about DNA testing for Polks, Pollocks and related families. This is gathering momentum and more than 50 donors have submitted samples so far. We still need more people to join the project as there are many lines in the family and still many unanswered questions.

We are looking for contributors from all forms of the name, be it Pollock, Polk, Pogue, or whatever. As the results come in it is ever more apparent that we are all one and the same family, regardless of spelling. Test results are shown at the WorldFamilies Polk/Pollock Project website <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/polk>

DNA samples are very easy to take - it is done by swabbing the inside of the cheek for a saliva sample. You just need to order a kit, take the sample and mail it back to the lab for testing. It usually takes 3-4 weeks to get the results back and put into the database for comparison with other donors. Since we are testing for male line (Y-chromosome) DNA the sample has to come from a male with surname Pollock or associated name.

There are two testing services that we have been using: - FTDNA offers 12, 25, 37 and 67 marker tests which usually cost \$109, \$129, \$169 and \$268 respectively but if you join through the Polk/Pollock Project the cost is \$99, \$124, \$149 and \$239. No charge to join. Just go to <http://www.familytreedna.com/DNAList.asp?Group=polk> and register.

- Ancestry.com does 33 and 46 marker tests at a cost of \$99 or \$149. Go to <http://dna.ancestry.com/viewConsole.aspx>

From experience we know it is much better to do one of the higher marker number tests. I recommend 33 or 37 as a start.

Depending on the results (i.e. if there are some closes matches) an upgrade to 67 might be warranted. Please consider joining the project and contributing a sample, and don't hesitate to contact me at jfpolk@comcast.net for additional information.

More History and Genealogy

To get more information on the History and Genealogy of Clan Pollock, check out our website: <http://www.clanpollock.com/History/History.asp>

GENEALOGY CORNER

Eleanor Pollock

On 8 May 1788 in Warrior Run Church, Carlisle, PA, Eleanor Pollock married James Armstrong. I do not have much information on her parents-- but the names and places fit into your mention (quoted below) of Thomas Pollock and Oliver Pollock: especially Oliver, since he traveled from Colrairie, Ireland, and settled in Carlisle, PA.

In my line: parents of Eleanor Armstrong (above) were John Pollock (1724 – 1794) and Catherine Campbell (n. d.). John Pollock's father was Thomas Pollock, MD, " from Renfrewshire, Scotland, living at Coraine Ireland." Guessing an age of 25 for the birth of a child, Thomas the doctor should have been born ca 1700. This might make Thomas the doctor a candidate for nephew or even son of the Thomas Pollock, the Governor; I'd guess a nephew, since Thomas did not come to the US.

I'd be very interested to know more about Oliver Pollock, who came from Colrairie, Ireland to Carlisle, just as did John Pollock, my ancestor.

The Pollocks, Armstrongs, and Guffeys all intermarried. Eleanor Pollock married James Armstrong. Their son Capt. Anthony Armstrong married Elizabeth Guffy, and their daughter Eleanor married Andrew Guffy. The son of James and Eleanor Armstrong, Andrew Jackson Guffy, was the subject of the obit below. It was he who studied law with Governor James Pollock of Pennsylvania (before he was Governor), as per the obit:

"ANDREW J. GUFFEY (date added in pencil: Jan. 31, 1909)
Oldest Member of County Bar Died at Watsontown Saturday

Andrew Jackson Guffey, one of the oldest and best known resident of the Upper End, and the oldest member of the bar of Northumberland county, died at his home at Watsontown, on Saturday afternoon, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. Mr. Guffey was born in Turbut township May 31, 1823. Mr. Guffey studied law with the late Governor Polack in this place and was admitted to the bar in 1840. He was a classmate of Justice Henry Green of the Supreme bench, at the law school of Washington McCortney at Easton, Pa. He was a surveyor, and as such was more generally known than as a lawyer. In his younger years he was actively engaged in many of the business enterprises of the Upper End. He was for years a director in the Milton National Bank of this place. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Weliver. His funeral will take place at Watsontown tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at two o'clock. Interment will be made in the Watsontown cemetery."

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GAME REPORTS

2010 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The 2010 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games began Thursday night with a picnic followed by a "Calling of the Clans". NC commissioner, Tim Stone, did a great job bellowing out the Pollock message.

On Friday it was a slow day, one lady Pollock from Weaverville NC came by the tent. Saturday was by far the busiest day with huge crowds and clear hot weather. A family of Polks from Raleigh used the fun tent to view the field activities. We missed Rob and Rosemary Pollock who missed their first Grandfather Mountain Games in over 20 years and President and Secretary AD and Clara Pollock and their families. Ben Stone attended the COSUA meeting for president AD and heard a lot of bragging and propaganda



Wilson Stone



Caroline Stone

On Sunday, I (Ben) represented the Clan at the church service and kirkin' of tartans, Phil Pogue I carried the Clan Banner in the parade of Tartans. Tim Stone carried the flag in the parade of Chiefs. Both my grandchildren made it all around the field. In the children's athletics, Caroline Stone (age 3) did well in the under 4 60 yard dash. Her brother Wilson ran into some big strong 8 yr olds in the quarter mile race and finished 5th.

The weather was better this year than I ever remember. After the races we closed down the tent because we had no business for a couple of hours before. Too bad so many could not make it. Hope to see everyone there next year.

~ Ben Stone

25th ANNUAL GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES, BARREN RIVER STATE PARK, KY

The Games at Barren River were well attended this year. The Pollock tent received a lot of interest. Clan Chaplain, Phillip Pogue and Dee Robbins from Stanton, KY spent time with us on Saturday. It is always great to see Phillip and Dee. We had several first time visitors also on Saturday and Sunday. Clan Pollock member, Beverly Pollock Oleson, Laurens, IA, at her first visit to these Games. Beverly had four generations of her family present on Saturday and Sunday at the Games. Beverly's son, Kevin and wife, Jean Dudley from Tennessee were with Beverly as well as 2 of Beverly's grandsons and several great-grandchildren. It was really a pleasure to watch the four generations of this family participate in the events at the Games. We were also camping in the same campground with this family and enjoyed a visit with them on Saturday evening. We also had a good visit with Shzlina and Chris Pook, who recently moved to Glasgow.



Beverly Pollock Oleson

The weather was typical Kentucky June weather – namely, hot and humid – but the weather didn't put a damper on the events of the weekend. We hope more of you who live in the area can visit us next year – first weekend in June!

~A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Pacific Northwest Games, Enumclaw Washington

We had beautiful weather this year... Low clouds and cool, high in the 70's. The sun broke through mid-afternoon and the air was clear... We were fortunate to have some of the Bryan Pollock family join us this year on Saturday. Bryan was our commissioner the last several years, until he passed last year. Thank you for joining us again this year, we hope to see you in years to come.

We did miss Clan Maxwell this year. For the first time in many years they were not in attendance. But we were able to reconnect with many Clans that we had met over the years and make friends with many others.

~Howard Pollock, Treasurer, commissioner



Howard Pollock, and my Daughter Crystal, grandchildren Carter and Abigail.



Clan Tent



Parade of the Clans. Bryan Pollock Family and my grandkids

UPCOMING GAMES TO VISIT WITH CLAN POLLOCK

Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival - Estes Park, Colorado. September 9 -12

A long time favorite of Clan Pollock. Don't miss marching in the downtown parade, "the largest Celtic parade in North America", Saturday at 9:30 a.m. For more information see <http://www.scotfest.com>.



Poage-Pogue Reunion September 17-19



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

Seaside Highland Games Ventura, CA October 8-10

Join us at the Clan Pollock tent. Entertainers at the festival include Alex Beaton and The Wicked Tinkers. For more information <http://seaside-games.com/>



Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival Doswell, Virginia October 23-24



Robert W. Parish will be representing Clan Pollock at the Meadow Highland Games and Celtic Festival October 23-24. It will be only the second time for the Festival at the new Caroline County location. Please see the link <http://www.meadowceltic.com/> for more information about this upcoming event and the improved facilities.

Homecoming Scotland 2014

Following the success of Homecoming Scotland 2009, the next homecoming year has been announced! Spread the word to your family and friends and start planning your trip to come home in 2014. The event will coincide with the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup, as well as the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. Come back in 2014 and be part of this historic year of celebrations. More details on the year of celebration are to follow. <http://www.visitscotland.com>

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP DUES

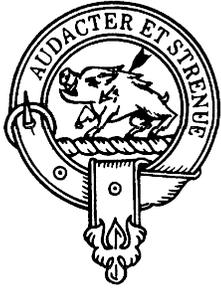
As we approach the next year, I just wanted to remind our non-US members that you may pay two ways: Cash, PayPal or Checks drawn on US banks. Checks drawn on Canadian or overseas Banks costs us \$15-\$25 to collect. We can take money orders and cashiers checks, but they too must be from a US Bank.

Clan Pollock Website

Any ideas or items you would like to see added to the website? Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas as I begin a clean start on the website. Howard Pollock, Webmaster, clanpollock@msn.com

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Games Near You or In Places You Might Want to Visit!

Below is a list of games that you might enjoy attending. You might have even more fun if you hosted a Clan Pollock tent at one of these. Contact our President, A.D. or Treasurer, Howard for information on how to host. Find a listing of games at: <http://www.ccsna.org/games/>

- Aug 13-15 Fergus Scottish Scottish Festival. Fergus, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>
- August 14 Widby Island (WA) Highland Games. <http://www.wihg.org/>
- Aug. 20-22 Douglas County (Winston, OR) <http://www.dcscots.org/>
- August 21 27th annual North Lanark Highland Games. Almonte, Ottawa, Canada.
<http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/>
- August 28 59th Long Island Scottish Festival. Westbury, NY. <http://www.liscots.org/>
- August 28 Quechee (VT) Scottish Festival and Celtic Fair. <http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com>
- Sept 4 McLain Celtic Festival Carlisle PA. <http://www.historicalsociety.com/tmhfestival.html>
- Sept 4-5 Scottish Highland Gathering & Games. Pleasanton, CA. <http://www.caledonian.org/>
- Sept 18 Treasure Valley Scottish Games, Boise, ID <http://www.idahoscots.org/festival.htm>
- Sept 18 Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Quad Cities. Davenport, IA.
<http://www.celtichighlandgames.org/>
- Sept 18-19 Kentucky Celtic Fest. Eminence. <http://kycelticfest.com/>
- Sept 17-19 The Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering in Tulsa Oklahoma. <http://www.tulsascottishgames.org>
- Sept 24-26 23rd Bethlehem (PA) Celtic Classic <http://www.celticfest.org/info/>
- Sept 25 McPherson Scottish Festival, KS <http://www.macfestival.org/>
- October 2-3 Cowtown Celtic Festival Fort Worth, TX. <http://www.cowtownceltic.org/> 1st time for this festival.
- Oct. 15-17 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia <http://www.smhg.org/>
- Oct. 21-22 Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC. <http://schgnc.org/index.html>
- Nov. 5-7 24th Annual Tuscon Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games. <http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/>