

# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

**Cinnedah Pollag -- A Pool of Information**



### Words from the President...

This will be the final Pollag for 2010. We hope you are all having a good Fall and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season – Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.

We want to thank everyone who helped with Clan Pollock tents at Scottish Games in 2010. We appreciate your efforts to have our group represented all over the United States and Canada. Games were held in North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, West Virginia, California, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Virginia and Washington. Many of you stepped up – thanks to each of you. The following are some of our “Game warriors”: Tim, Kelly, Ben & Merle Stone; Paul and Helen Layman; Howard Pollock and his daughter, Crystal and others at the Pacific Northwest Games; Richard Bugg and his grandsons; Kitty Pollock; Norm, Vivian, Mark, Christopher Pollock and Julie Baker, Jerry & Shirley Pollock at Estes Park; Tom Pollok & those who helped him at the Meadow Highland Games just held last weekend. If we have left anyone out, please accept our apologies – just let us know and we’ll mention your name next time.

Now is the time to be thinking about 2011 Games. All the people mentioned above can always use additional help! If you’ve never attended a game in your area, please think about stepping up and offering to man the tent even if just for a couple of hours. You will be very welcome and it’s a great way to meet new people.

Please remember to let us know if you change your mailing address or your e-mail address if you receive your Pollag via e-mail. We “lose” members every year because we do not have current information.

Thanks again to every one of our members. We need your support for Clan Pollock to continue and to grow!

**The Pollag**  
**November 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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*Audacter et Strenue*  
**Boldly and Strongly**

~A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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**Clan Pollock Web Site**<http://www.clanpollock.com/>**Pollag Deadline.**

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

New members since our last Pollag:

Noah B. Pollock, Fort Myers, FL

Denise R. Turner Thomas, Santa Rosa, CA

**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

Dr. Houston Lowry passed away August 12, 2010. He lived in Madisonville, TN and was a family practice physician for 43 years. Despite being confined to a wheelchair for many years, Dr. Lowry was a regular attendee at Scottish Games at Gatlinburg, TN; Glasgow, KY; Grandfather Mountain, N.C.; Murfreesboro, TN and Stone Mountain, GA. Dr. Lowry attended the July Grandfather Mountain Games this year. He was a member of Clan Donald USA and Clan MacLaren Society of N.A. and held positions in these clans as well as other Scottish organizations. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Marine Corps. We extend our sympathy to his wife of 62 years, Freda Lowry and family.

**New Clan Benefits:****HIGHLAND SOURCE**

You may now purchase Kilts, Skirts, Sashes, Dresses, Headwear, Footwear, Sporrans, bagpipes, etc., at cost. To say I do not deal in items from Pakistan, so some items may be cheaper buying non-Scottish or American made products. Website is under construction and may take time, but if you have a need, please contact me for pricing information.

<http://www.clanpollock.com/Items/merchandise.html>**Clan Pollock Tartan**

Over the years we have had different Mills which have made our Tartan. Beginning with Rhys Pollock creation of the original Tartan, the Pollock Ancient Tartan was born. The hidden story is that apparently there were two designs that were made and the Clan decided on a single Tartan, derived from the Maxwell Hunting Tartan

It was first produced and registered by D.C. Dalgliesh. Back in the mid-1990's, when I became a member, LochCarron was then producing our Tartan. Then due to pricing by LochCarron, I moved us to N. Batley Mills, which produced this for us for the last six years.

Earlier this year during my search and work, we became members of the Tartan Authority. I looked up the originating Mill, D.C. Dalgliesh. I was not aware of them and had no idea this was the originating mill. Now the full circle - N. Batley has lost much of their tools and can no longer support Clan Pollock. So now we are going back to the originating Mill to produce our Tartan.

Over the years, many have asked about an alternate Tartan. So over the last couple years, I started to design an additional Modern Clan Tartan, looking for

an alternates that the Clan would adopt as another option. Until recently, it was unknown that the same time the Ancient Tartan was developed, there was another Pollock tartan designed, same thread count as the Ancient, just exchanging more modern colors. The image we first saw it appeared to be black instead of green, but upon further investigation, we found that it was a dark green. So now the Pollock Modern is born.

So not only has the Pollock Modern Tartan been acquired, but also the Pollock Black Dress Tartan. Both are in limited

quantities and only available in 15oz material. As we get interest in these, purchases of more material will be acquired.

### **Tartan Authority Membership for Clan Pollock**

<http://www.tartansauthority.com/>

Latest copy of Tartan Herald:

<http://www.tartansauthority.com/membership/herald>

If you are interested in obtaining access to the members only section of the Tartan Authority website contact Howard Pollock

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~Howard Pollock



*Clan Tent with Laurie Pollock in her Pollock Black Kilted Skirt*

### **Who is D.C.Dalgliesh?**

D.C.Dalgliesh was originally set up in Selkirk Scotland in 1947 in a small mill by Dick Coultard Dalgliesh (a leading expert on tartans) in 1947, with his wife Anne. With my father running the business back in Selkirk my mother was off looking for new customers for the newly formed company . Through time we out grew our original premises and so built a new factory in Selkirk that we still occupy today. I joined the company in 1958 after training to be a designer in another local weaving firm to help with the day to day running and then took over when my father stepped aside due to retirement and now my son has joined us and will eventually take over from me.

In these premises we have always used traditional methods of producing the tartan , starting with small pattern looms that produce cloth 29 inches wide and then eventually with larger looms producing cloth 56 inches wide. This gives us the advantage of producing one of specials for individual customers and also producing larger amounts for people requiring a larger run of tartan for bands and such like. As we use these shuttle looms all the cloth we produce has what is called a natural edge ideal for kilts as the cloth does not need hemmed so when finished the bottom of the kilt lies correctly plus this is the way they have been produced since way back.

Through time and with the help of tartan books we have in our collection (Vestiarium Scoticum , Old And Rare Scottish Tartans by D.W.Stewart to name a few) we have built up one of the largest collections of tartan samples that have been used by various authorities including Dr. Philip Smith from America in his leading set of books.

Today we are still a small family run business and now have a third generation in the company as my son Euan has now joined the company , so with the help of our skilled and trusted workforce (that we owe a lot to) we try to keep quality and customer care as our main aim.

~ K.R.Dalgliesh

<http://www.dcdalgliesh.co.uk/history.html>

## ***GAMES REPORTS***

### **Treasure Valley Highland Games and Celtic Festival**

Wow, what a beautiful day it was. Sunny and warm, but not too warm... Only in the low 70's for the day. New bands, record attendance, More Clans than ever, including some from North Carolina, and Tennessee. It was good to see all that were there.

Never seems we get a lot of people that have the family name, but it was nice this year that many first timers found that they were of Scottish heritage and those of Pollock Heritage. Also the skies were clear and we got the St. Andrews presented a few times through the day - in the sky.



~Howard Pollock

### **Fresno Games**



*C. Richard Bugg*

The Fresno Games were held in Selma, California this year on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Selma was a new location for us, but it seemed to go over fairly well. Must have been pretty good. Two of my grandsons helped with the tent and I made two new contacts.

~C. Richard Bugg



*Jacob Owens, C. Richard Bugg, Justin Owens*

**34th Annual Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival.  
September 10, 11, 12, 2010 at Estes Park, Colorado.**

Kitty Pollock and her parents Bill and Ann were not able to attend this years Festival. Vivian and I agreed to oversee the Clan booth for this year. We enlisted the help of our son, Mark and grandson, Christopher from Ohio. Also our granddaughter, Julie Baker from Illinois. As well as Jerry and Shirley also from Ohio. We all had a turn at the Clan booth.

Six of us marched in the parade on Saturday down Estes Park main street. Although we didn't get a prize, we received several compliments on our appearance.

A number of people stopped by the booth including Barney and Arlene Polk, their daughter and two grandchildren. The grandchildren carried the Pollock banner in the parade of Clans on the Festival Field. AD's cousin, Bill and his wife and son signed in, they recently relocated from California to Colorado. Laura Pollock, Kent and Peggy Woodward as well as Ruth Woodward, all from Colorado also were there.

Kent and Peggy are very busy during the Festival as they are Clan Coordinators. They were honored for their work with the Festival Committee by receiving an Award. Ruth Woodward presented the Douglas Woodward Trophy for the best Irish Dancer.

We had excellent weather for the Festival and there were large crowds at the parade on Saturday morning as well as at the Festival grounds. Sunday the crowd was not quite as large but was still well attended. We look forward to seeing everyone at Estes Park in 2011.

~Norm and Vivian Pollock  
Ankeny, Iowa



**Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games  
August, 2010.**



*Andy Pollock with the Maxwells*



*Penny Pollock; her father, Martin Pollock; and Andy Pollock*

***UPCOMING GAMES***

**2011 Polk Family Reunion Survey**

Scott Warren, Historic Site Manager for the President James K. Polk State Historic Site, writes:

"We have begun the process of planning for the 2011 Polk Family Reunion to be held here in Pineville, N.C. We want to make sure we bring you an event that is relaxing, fun, and gives you plenty of opportunities to get to know each other and catch up. So we have created an online survey to solicit your thoughts and ideas on what will make this important family gathering a success. The survey will only take about five minutes to complete. You can take the survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8T5N5FV>. The more feedback we receive, the better.

**Interested in attending an event or hosting a Clan Tent?**

Clan Pollock would like to have attendance at as many Scottish festivals as we can. We provide materials to get you started and can help you with ideas and suggestions. It always helps to have a few people to take turns, but can certainly be covered by an individual. The clan covers the expense for the registration, tables, chairs as needed, so you only have a nice day visiting and fellowshiping with other clans and enjoying the Scottish activities and food. If this sounds anyway interesting, please contact A.D. or Howard for more details. A.D. [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net) or Howard [clanpollock@msn.com](mailto:clanpollock@msn.com)



**A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind.**

**Robert Pollok**

*Course of Time (bk. VIII, l. 616)*

## ***THE GENEALOGY CORNER***

It has been some time since we have asked the membership to submit their genealogical data. So..... we are asking now!

If you have a computer and printer, it is relatively easy to go to your favorite search engine, type "Pedigree Chart" and print a free chart for you to fill out. You can find links to several at <http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/forms.html> You can make as many copies of pages as you need.

If you prefer to use a blank sheet of paper to document your information, this is what we need, as appropriate:

Birth Date and Place  
Marriage Date and Place  
Death Date and Place

For: You  
Your Spouse  
    Then  
Your Parents  
    Then  
Your Grandparents  
    Etc.

Who knows, we might even find a cousin or two you didn't know about.

Send to me at the street or e-mail address on page 2. If you have previously sent your data --- thank you--- you need not send it again.

Richard H. Pollock, FSA Scot  
Genealogist, Clan Pollock International

### **Pollocks in Ireland**

In going through my family archives, I came across a Branch of the Irish Pollocks, from which I am descended, and their family tree who lived at Mountainstown House , Navan, Co Meath, near Slaine Castle in Ireland, about 1 hour from Dublin. Not only did I find that Pollocks still live there, but that rooms may be rented by visitors, <http://www.tourismresources.ie/cht/mountain.html>

~Stephen Pollock-Hill

### **Pollock Castle**

Here's a link to information about Pollock Castle near Glasgow I found while surfing the net:

<http://www.damstodarnley.org/index.php?id=27>.

~Andy Pollock

The castle seems to appear on Pont's map (1583-96), as a castle named 'Pook'. It was originally a simple tower house, thought to date back to medieval times. Pollock Castle was rebuilt between 1686 and 1694 by Sir Robert Pollock. Roy's map (1747-55) shows the castle in detail. It was set a designed and landscaped garden, with formal pathways and avenues and structured planting. The house was destroyed by fire in 1880 and rebuilt in 1886 in the Scottish Baronial style, incorporating some of the surviving elements of the earlier structure. There are some wonderful photos of the Castle before and after the fire at <http://www.damstodarnley.org/index.php?id=112>

The house continued to be inhabited until 1944, when Miss Ferguson Pollock moved out. It was abandoned and demolished in 1952. Today there is no visible trace of Pollock Castle, and the grounds contain private residences.

More information about the site can be found at the West of Scotland Archeology Service site [http://www.wosas.net/wosas\\_site.php?id=8386](http://www.wosas.net/wosas_site.php?id=8386)

~Beth Pollock Avery

## SCOTTISH HOLIDAY LORE

**Martinmas, November 11<sup>th</sup>.** The last Scottish legal "Quarter Day" when rents and contracts fell due. This is also the traditional time to kill off cattle for the winter and use them to make haggis and black pudding.

**St. Andrew's Day, November 30<sup>th</sup>** Believe it or not, while Scots around the world celebrate this day with banquets and balls, this is not an official holiday in Scotland.

**Sowans Nicht, Christmas Eve.** In parts of Scotland branches of a rowan tree were burnt on Christmas Eve to signify that any bad feeling between friends or relatives had been put aside for Yuletide.

**Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>.** When the Christian Church took over the pagan Celtic winter solstice festival a few of the traditions remained – the Yule log was burned in the fireplace, there was kissing under the mistletoe and the house was decorated with holly and evergreens. But during the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century these traditions were seen as a Catholic festival and banned. Amazingly, this anti-celebration attitude lasted for 400 years. Until the 1960s, Christmas Day was a normal working day for most people in Scotland. While Christmas cards are thought to have been invented in Edinburgh in the mid-nineteenth century, most of the current traditions originated in 19<sup>th</sup> century England.

**Boxing Day, 26th December.** A day on which gifts (in boxes) were exchanged.

**Hogmanay (New Year's Eve), December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Many people think of Scotland on New Year's Eve as they sing the traditional *Auld Lang Syne*. Scots celebrate the eve with parties and all the bells across the country ringing at midnight. Other traditions include cleaning the house (known as "redding"). While the origins of the word "Hogmanay" are lost my favorite is that it is from "Huh-me-naay" or kiss me now when even strangers embraced.

**First footing, January 1<sup>st</sup>.** It's a good omen for the year if the first foot in the house after the ringing of the New Year's bells is a dark, handsome male carrying the symbolic coal, shortbread, salt, black bun and whiskey.

**Handsel Monday, first Monday of the New Year.** Traditionally this was the day on which employers gave their staff presents. In some areas, this was done on January 12th.

**Candlemas Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The first Scottish legal "Quarter Day" when rents and contracts fell due. A traditional poem predicts:

"If Candlemas Day be bright and fair  
Half the winter is to come and mair (more)  
If Candlemas Day be dark and foul  
Half the winter was over at Yowl (Christmas)

~ Beth Pollock Avery

**Texas Haggis** by Helen Widener

2 cups "pin head" oats toast in shallow pan at 350 degree oven until light brown.

2 large onions chopped and cooked with: 1 lb. Ground round or hamburger meat - cooked until well done and in crumbles. While the original in Mistress Dods Cookbook in 1822 called for lamb or pork, beef is more available in Texas.

½ lb. Cooked Beef liver, ground  
½ lb. Cooked Tongue, ground

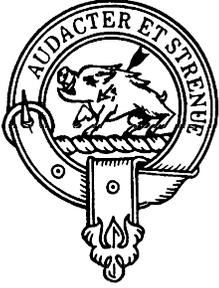
Mix all meat together in a bowl. Add toasted oatmeal. Stir all together, should have a bowl of crumbles. Add: 1 teaspoon salt 1 Tablespoon Black Pepper ½ teaspoon cayenne

Mix all ingredients together and pour into two loaf pans. Over each loaf pan pour 1 cup beef broth. Wrap each loaf with Foil, leaving a tented top, and place in 350 degree preheated oven for 2 hours.

[http://www.electricscotland.com/food/recipes/texas\\_haggis.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/food/recipes/texas_haggis.htm)

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## Christmas Carol

By Alexander Gray

'Twas a cauld, cauld nicht i' the back o' the year;  
The snaw lay deep, and the starns shone clear;  
And Mary kent that her time was near,  
As she cam to Bethlehem.  
When Joseph saw the toon sae thrang,  
Quo' he: 'I houp I be na wrang,  
But I'm thinkin' we'll find a place ere lang';  
But there wasna nae room for them.

She quo', quo' she: 'O Joseph loon,  
Rale tired am I, and wad fain lie doon.  
Is there no a bed in the hail o' the toon?  
For farrer I canna gae.'  
At the ale-hoose door she keekit ben,  
But there was sic a steer o' fremmyt men,  
She thocht till hirsel': 'I dinna ken  
What me and my man can dae.'

And syne she spak: 'We'll hae to lie  
I' the byre this nicht among the kye  
And the cattle beas', for a body maun try  
To thole what needs maun be,'  
And there among the strae and the corn,  
While the owsen mooded, her bairnie was born.  
O, wasna that a maist joyous morn  
For sinners like you and me?

For the bairn that was born that nicht i' the sta'  
Cam doon frae Heaven to tak awa'  
Oor fecklessness, and bring us a'  
Safe hame in the hender-en'.  
Lord, at this Yule-tide send us licht,  
Hae mercy on us and herd us richt.  
For the sake o' the bairnie born that nicht,  
O, mak us better men!