

CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...

We hope Spring has come to your part of the country by now BUT not the bad storms many areas have been having.

We plan to host Clan Pollock tents at the Smokey Mountain Games in Maryville, TN at Maryville College May 20 – 21. We will also be at Glasgow, KY for the June 4 -5 Games at Barren River State Park.

We will be at Grandfather Mountain at the Games July 7 – 10. All the Stones do a great job as Clan Pollock hosts here. We send our best wishes to Merle Stone who had hip replacement surgery April 14th. We will hold a Clan Pollock meeting at the Games on the field on Saturday, the 9th. The Stones have a location for us there for the meetings. We will have a time for the meeting on Saturday – please check with the Stones or us when you get to the Games that Saturday.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2011 dues. I think we have had the best response ever so far. We still need a few more payments for 100% renewals this year!

Remember the Averys need your news and pictures for future Pollags. They do a great job of putting out our newsletters but they need input from you, our members.

It's not too early to think about the Games at Estes Park, Colorado September 8 – 11. We are planning on attending this year and look forward to seeing many of our members there.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

**The Pollag
May 2011**

“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,
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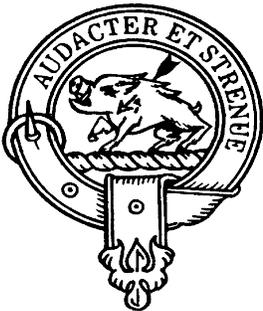
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Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25th of the month previous to the issue. The Pollag is issues 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

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You can read more about the founding of Charlotte and it's revolutionary war history in my op-ed here:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Tasha Polk-Herbert, Xenia, Ohio
Kevin Patrick Polk, Colorado Springs, CO
Virginia Pogue Stoops, Pipe Creek, TX

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

We are sad to report the passing of V. David J. Pollock, Jr. on June 10, 2010. His father, V. David J. Pollock, Sr. sent us this news.

Cemetery care available in Scotland

My name is Scott Williamson and I reside in Stirling, Scotland. I have recently started my own company tending graves for people who are unable due to various reasons including those who have emigrated or moved some distance from the grave of their loved ones.

I am seeking help from Scottish Societys [sic] in an effort to raise my profile and was hoping that you could perhaps mention what I do in one of your newsletters or perhaps even a mention on your website so that I can offer my service to the many Scots living down south or overseas. Another service I offer is taking photographs of the resting places of ancestors.

If you are able to assist please get in touch and let me know and I shall prepare you a synopsis of my work or alternatively have a look at my website.

Yours aye

Scott

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Help Honor Thomas Polk, Founder of Charlotte, NC

The "Trail of History" is currently raising money for a statue of Thomas Polk along the Little Sugar Creek Greenway in downtown Charlotte. The Polk statue will be one in a series of bronze sculptures memorializing the men and women who shaped and defined the rich history of Charlotte-Mecklenburg NC.

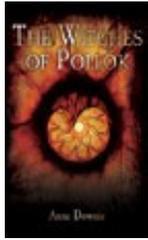
Colonel Thomas Polk is a descendent of Robert Pollock and is widely considered the founder and first civic leader of Charlotte, NC. He was an important and well respected militia officer during the Revolutionary War. He was the commander in charge of the evacuation of Philadelphia in 1777 where he distinguished himself by preventing the British from capturing and melting the Liberty Bell. Polk secured the Bell and evacuated it 60 miles north, to Allentown, PA, where it was hid until it could be safely returned.

Please help us recognize a distinguished member of our clan. Large donations help a great deal, but every little bit helps to make this a reality. Please donate what you are able, but please do donate. We thank you for your consideration. Please make out your check to "The Trail of History, Inc." It is a §501(c)(3) organization so your contributions may be tax deductible. Please

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/05/20/1445957/the-spirit-of-meck-dec-still-lives.html>

Andy Polk
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The Witches of Pollock



Heard on the English radio - which I am sure you can do a listen again to on the internet - about the author Anne Downie who has written a book called The Witches of Pollock. Based on a true story in Scotland of the Pollok estate. Hope it proves interesting. Web site is www.capercailliebooks.co.uk/books/anne_downie.html.

See also <http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Interview-Anne-Downie-author-of.6536248.jp> picture of Pollok House and other interesting bits.

~Linda Pollock
www.MagiKtricks.com

'Two typescripts that landed on my desk and had me glued to my chair this year are Paul Cuddihy's Saints and Sinners and Anne Downie's The Witches of Pollok . . . Cuddihy's haunting tale of Irish immigrants . . . deals with prejudice, as does Downie's harrowing account of five people in Paisley accused of witchcraft in 1677, based on a true story. Both books are historical novels, a genre in which Scottish writers excel, and not just because we invented it . . .' Willy Maley, *The Glasgow Herald* November 2010

UPCOMING GAMES

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
MARYVILLE COLLEGE, MARYVILLE, TN
MAY 20-22, 2011**

The First Smoky Mountain Highland Games, will be held at Maryville College, 502 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37084, May 20 – 22.

We are planning to host a Clan Pollock tent at these Games in May. Jack and Sheila Pollock have offered to assist us. We hope to see you there!

~ A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



**Glasgow Highland Games 26TH ANNUAL 2011 GLASGOW (KY) HIGHLAND GAMES
June 4-5, 2011**

Please join us for the 26th Annual Glasgow Highland Games to be held Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th. The Games will take place at the Barren River State Park, located 12 miles south of Glasgow, KY.

We hope to see some of our Kentucky and Tennessee Clan Pollock members on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on these Games, go to their website: www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

~A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Newport (OR) Celtic Festival & Highland Games

June 10-12, 2011



Just a reminder about these new games. They are still seeking Celtic Dancers, Clans, Historians, Genealogists, Reenactors, Dog Breeds, Parade Participants, Pipers & Drummers and any other performers who strive to demonstrate and convey an authentic Celtic cultural experience to festival attendees and athletes. Also needed are volunteers who can help transform our venue and others who will work during the event as a part of our enthusiastic team. In a time when many Games are no longer being held, we should support this effort. So if you can help with the games please contact Belinda Goody (contact information below) or if you would like to host a Clan Pollock tent, contact our President (contact info. on pg. 1)

Beth Avery

Support for the festival is gaining momentum as we move into the spring months and we are once again promoting this event to make sure our Celtic community at large doesn't miss out on their opportunity to join us in celebrating the wonderfully diverse cultures of the seven Celtic Nations: Brittany, Cornwall, Galicia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales.

Our kick-off events include:

A golf tournament hosted by [Crestview Golf](#) in Waldport, Oregon scheduled for the first weekend in June. Contact Crestview Golf at 541-563-3020 to sign up or sponsor this event.

On **Friday, June 10th** join us for a Kilted Kilometer Run, a Ceili dance called by Irish Sean-Nós Dance instructor Maldon Meehan & Friends from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Newport Recreation Center and close with a sunset bonfire at Nye Beach. **Athletes** can sign up for entry in the Kilted Kilometer or the Highland Games by visiting our web page and we have a special challenge waiting for you there! (See: http://www.ncfhg.com/Newport_Challenges.html)

Saturday, June 11th begins with the Piper's Call under the Conde B. McCullough Bridge at Yaquina Bay. The Piper will lead our festival parade down Newport's Historic Bayfront before the fairgrounds opens for the day.

Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th will see the first Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games in full swing at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

If you would like to support, perform or participate in this event, please contact us or visit our web site at www.newportcelticfestival.com for additional details about all the events we have in store. We also encourage you to pass along this exciting news to others who might be interested.

In the meantime, you can track our progress or just be our friends on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

We hope to see you there!

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25th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois,

June 17-18, 2011



Commemorating its' 25th Anniversary, the Illinois Saint Andrew Society is proud to present one of the most unique and well-known festivals in the Midwest, the 25th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games! In 2011, the Scottish Festival and Highland Games will leave its longtime home at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds and move to Hamilton Lakes in Itasca. The site hosts many special events in the village, including Itasca's annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration that attracted over 30,000 visitors this year.

The festival will be held at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois on Friday, June 17 from 4:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday, June 18 from 8:00am-9:00pm. If you are interested in representing Clan Pollock at the games, contact Paul Layman, (630) 941-1154 p.layman@sbcglobal.net

THE GATHERING, 2014

Dear COSCA members and friends,

The Scottish government last week released a summary of their inquiry into the evolution of The Gathering 2009. As some of you know, it was not ultimately a financial success. On the other hand, how many of the Highland Games that we put on in the U.S. actually make money? The press release can be seen at the following link: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-comm-11/cpac11-s3-004.htm>. If you want the full detail, there is a link in the press release to the entire 32-page summary report. It's fascinating reading, actually

For those of us who were lucky enough to attend The Gathering 2009, and for those who missed it and are planning to attend the next Gathering, I suggest you watch the following video to reminisce about just how incredibly special the whole event was: <http://video.stv.tv/bc/scotland-gathering-20090725-gathering-colour>. Let's not forget the wonderful -in some cases, life-changing -experiences we had.

The Scottish Government has announced that another Homecoming year will be held over the course of 2014, in honor of the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn. I've been told that this has created a flurry of internet activity amongst the international clan network, with the majority of us wondering if and where and when the next Clan Gathering will take place. To get a feel of what is being said, go to www.panalba.com, and look at the Forums.

And, I just heard that there is a possibility that the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs might host another Clan Convention, similar to the inaugural convention that was held in 2009 at the Scottish Parliament, just prior to The Gathering. At that time the chiefs of the Standing Council - and those of us in attendance - made a commitment to become more proactive to strengthen the relationships between the Standing Council and the worldwide clan community.

We at COSCA would like to hear from you. If you want these events to happen again, let's start talking now. I would like your permission to assure the Standing Council and the Scottish Government that if they host these events, the American Scottish community will be there to support them, with thousands more people than attended in 2009. I look forward to your responses. Thanks!

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GAME REPORTS

Sarasota Highland Games

Another beautiful January day for the Sarasota Games. Hamish Pollock sponsored the tent. As you can see from the picture of Hamish and Sandra with their daughter April and granddaughter Olivia, many family members and friends turned out to represent Clan Pollock.



FROM OUR MEMBERS

This Land I Love

by

Gerald S. Polk

In my mind's eye I can see this place I have never seen.
In my heart there is a longing for this place I've never seen.
From where so long ago my kin did come far across the sea.
From dear old Donegal they come,
to this place their home to be.
I see their smiling eyes, I hear their laughter,
I hear the Jigs & Reels
I see the hills and valleys
and the mountains o' so high.
I hear the ringing of the battle axe,
the clanging of the sword
I pray their hearts were pure,
their cause was just in battles that they fought.
Their flesh was torn, their blood was spilled,
I pray t'was not for naught.
This Land I love if I can see before my days are o'er,
and when I stand at Heavens gate
I can smile and say, I have been here once before.

Pollock Post Office

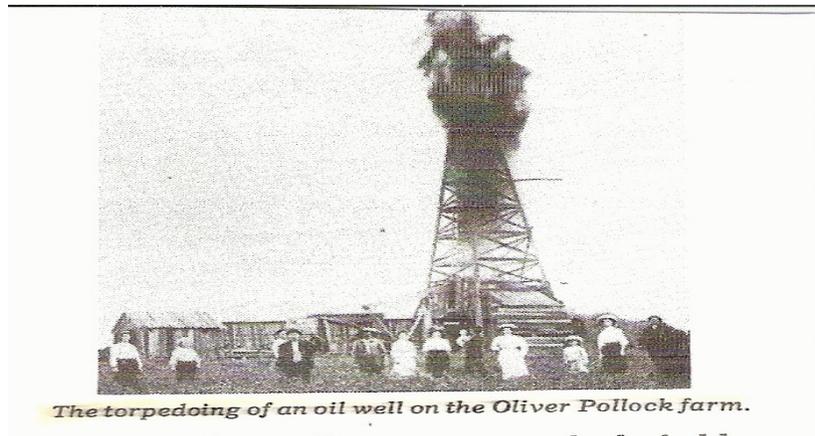
sent to us by Larry King

The Pollock Post Office serving Perryville, Clarion County, Pennsylvania was established on February 28, 1869 and discontinued on July 31, 1920. James Pollock served as postmaster from the opening until January 17, 1870.



Pollock Post Office. 1916: (left to right) Mae Elder. Edit

James Pollock also served as postmaster from April 21, 1870 until December 21, 1870.



The torpedoing of an oil well on the Oliver Pollock farm.

Note from the editor: Four men of the name of Pollock were among the early settlers of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

1. James Pollock, of East Pennsboro.
2. Oliver Pollock, of Carlisle, brother of James (1.)
3. James Pollock, of Hopewell township, whose will, dated May 25, 1773, mentions six children, viz : John; Jean, m. Mr. Hinchman; Hi. Martha, m. Mr. Dobson; James; William; Bobert.
4. John Pollock, of Carlisle, of whom hereafter.

James and Oliver Pollock, brothers, emigrated from Ireland to America, and located at or near Carlisle, Pa., before 17?0

http://www.archive.org/stream/pollockgenealogy00hayd/pollockgenealogy00hayd_djvu.txt

THE GENEALOGY CORNER

Another success story to report this issue.

A member sent her pedigree chart (using a format from the Morman Church). Her reported Pollock Line ended with James Edward Pollock, Sr., born in March 1949 in Wisconsin. Not only were we able to tell her the name of his wife, her line was extended three generations back into Scotland, to James Pollock, born ca 1754 and his wife Sarah Herron.

In addition, her Kittel Line ended with Frederich August Hermann Kittel, born 23 July 1881 in Texas, Wisconsin. This line was also extended three generations to Johann Frederich Erdmann Kittel, who was born in 1768 in Germany.

In both cases various proven, reliable sources were used.

I'm asking you again:

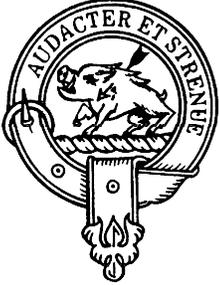
1. If you have not sent your Pedigree Chart, showing as much detail as you can about your ancestors, please do so--my address is shown on Page 2 of this issue of the Pollag. If you don't have a blank Pedigree Chart (they are available free on Google) an outline on plain paper will be fine.

2. If you have previously sent your chart, send me the data on the oldest person in your line: name, birth date and place, marriage date and place, death date and place,. and I'll attempt to extend your history into earlier generations.

~Richard H. Pollock, FSA Scot
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The Bluebell of Scotland

The rose, summer's emblem,

'tis England's chosen tree
And France decks her shield
with the stately Fluer-de-lis
But brighter, fairer far than these
There blooms a flower for me,
Tis the Bluebell, the Bluebell
On Scotland's grassy lea

Where from the dark, up springs the lark
The rising sun to see!
Where from the dark, up springs the lark
The rising sun to see!

My land! native land!
Where afar my steps have been,
Blue skies charm the eyes,
And the earth is ever green.
Yet dwelt my heart 'mid Scotland's glens,
Where aye in thought was seen,

The Bluebell, the Bluebell,
Amid the bracken green,
And brighter far than sun or star,
The eyes of bonnie Jean!
And brighter far than sun or star,
The eyes of bonnie Jean!

The Thistle, Scotland's badge

Up from Freedom's soil it grew,
Her foes aye found it hedg'd round
With rosemarie and rue.
And, emblem that her daughters were modest,
leal, and true,
From off the rocks, to deck their locks,
They pluck'd the Bell of Blue!
The Heathbell, the Harehell,
Old Scotland's Bell of Blue!
The Heathbell, the Harebell,
Old Scotland's Bell of Blue!