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**The Pollag
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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.”

**Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke,
Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole,
Pogue**

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Words from the President...

What a summer this has been! We have members experiencing severe drought – severe heat and wild fires! We hope everyone is safe – Colorado seems to be having more than its share of misfortunes this year!

We are sorry we could not be at the Grandfather Mountain Games this year. We know the Stones did their usual excellent job in hosting the Clan Pollock tent. Many thanks to them!

We send our thoughts and prayers out to Mike Carden, husband of Gail Pollock Carden, Durham, N.C. Mike is a fighter and is battling lung cancer.

We are looking forward to the Games in September in Estes Park. Clan Pollock's tent will be next to Clan Maxwell again this year with an extra, shared space for visiting

Again in this issue we have members who have gone on. We send our sincere sympathy to all the families who have lost loved ones.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



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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 TO NEW MEMBERS

Spencer Chapman Carl Pollok, Charlottesville, VA

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Charles (Chuck) B. Pollock, Littleton, Colorado, passed away recently. Chuck was a Clan Pollock lifetime member. We send our sympathy to his wife, Kaye, and their family. Chuck and Kaye were loyal members and attendees at the Estes Park Games. We enjoyed seeing them last Fall.

Anne Barrett-Lennard Pollock, Devonshire, England, passed away March 5, 2012. Anne was the widow of the Rev. Dr. John C. Pollock, who passed away in January of this year.

James W. (Jim) Reece, Charlotte, NC, passed away April 7, 2012. Jim was a descendant of President Polk through the Reverend Charles Polk. He was Secretary of the Polk Memorial Support Fund Inc. Jim was a Navy veteran who went on to earn his law degree from Indiana University. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Janet, and the rest of his family.



*In 2008, Scott Warren, right, presents Jim Reece with a plaque honoring his years of service to the Polk Support Group.
Photograph: Courtney Ronalds*

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Jessica Pollock graduated from Simmons College in Boston, Mass on May 18th 2012 with a Masters Degree in Biology and Education. She is the granddaughter of Sheila Pollock and the late Dr. John Pollock of Madisonville, Tennessee. Their son James and his wife, Nancy, of Maine are Jessica's parents. They have two other children, Katie and Christopher Pollock. Sheila was able to attend the graduation ceremony on the Boston waterfront on what proved to be a perfect day in May.



Richard A. Pollock, M.D. (son of Rhys Allison Pollock) has joined the faculty (Department Otolaryngology and Facial Plastic Surgery) @ Emory University. 404-303-0101



Tartan Bill Passes in Illinois

I am delighted to announce that the bill to make the Illinois St Andrew Society tartan the official tartan of the State of Illinois (HB 4492) passed the Illinois Senate today. The bill passed the House 99 votes to 5 and today, by a unanimous Senate vote of 44 to 0. The final step will be Governor Quinn signing the bill which should happen this summer. I would like to thank everyone involved with making the passage of the Bill happen - especially Society Governor Bill G MacLeod, Bill's wife Pat MacLeod, Maureen Mulhall and all the members and friends of our Scottish Society who supported the bill.

~ Gus Nobl

**Clan Pollock International
Balance Sheet 2011
Prepared by
Howard W. Pollock**

	Dec-11
Assets	
Current assets:	
Checking/Savings	-
Home Federal Checking	\$9,915.70
Home Federal Savings	\$1,039.63
Certificate Of Deposit	\$17,288.05
PayPal MM	\$229.75
Total current assets	\$28,473.13
Other	
Total other assets	\$0.00
Total assets	 \$28,473.13
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	\$17,225.07
Net Income	\$148.06
Total Equity	\$17,373.13
Total Liabilities Equity	 \$28,473.13

UPCOMING GAMES



**LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH AND IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 6 – 9, 2012**

We will host the Clan Pollock tent at these Games again this year. We look forward to seeing friends from past years and also making new friends. We will be next to the Clan Maxwell tent again this year and we will have an extra tent, shared with Clan Maxwell, for our visitors to use. Don't forget the Parade of Clans on Saturday, September 8th. The

parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Look for the Pollock banner/flag to line up with other members. It is a lot of fun to walk **down** the main street in Estes Park to cheers and applause from the crowds who line the street.

For more information about all the activities for these Games go to http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html

Poage Reunion September 17, 2012 Ashland, KY

Poage Landing Days Festival will be held this year from September 16th through 18th in the heart of downtown Ashland. There will be a picture taking for the Poague family at the Log Cabin in the park at 10:15 am on Saturday, followed Poague Reunion at 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Convention Center at 1709 Winchester. For current information see <http://www.poagelandingdays.com/>

GAME REPORTS

50th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock attended the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh on March 31st. Here is a picture of Major General Leonidas Polk's flag. MG Polk was a second cousin of President James K. Polk. MG Polk was a West Point graduate and an Episcopal Bishop before entering the Confederate Army. Polk was the leading founder of the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. MG Polk was killed on June 14, 1864 at Kennesaw Mountain, GA.



Southeast Florida Games

It was a beautiful day but too warm and sunny for real Scot weather. The new location was spacious and the clan tents were situated as the last displays which could be good or bad. ur friend's tent was before the clan tent row and the information was displayed next to his tent. am not certain this was successful as the focus was the Parish and not the Pollock clan. n the future it would be best to start early enough to host a clan tent. Now I have a goal for 2013.

Slainte,
Marg Chauvin

As you can see, Marg is hoping for bigger & better things in 2013. If we have any Clan Pollock members who would like to help Marg with this project, please contact A.D. And Clara Ann.

GENEALOGIST'S CORNER

John Pollock, of That Ilk, who died ca. 1486, was born in Renfrewshire and died in St. Andrews, Scotland. The name of John's wife is unknown. He was the first to drop the "de" from his name. ¹¹⁴

John was designated in a charter by Scotland's King James II, dated 12 December 1439, as "Nobilis vir Johannes de Pollok." ¹¹⁵

As the "Baillie" of St Andrews, or town legal office, his personal seal was attached to the Charter of St. Andrews in 1453. He also witnessed a document transferring land to the university. ¹¹⁶ St. Andrews is the oldest university in Scotland.

This is the full description of the seal he used: "Pollock, John. A Shield of arms : a saltire between a (lion dormant?) in chief and three hunting horns stringed in flanks and base. Legend (1.c): SIGILLUM JOHANNIS POLLOK. Inner border cabled, outer border raised. Diam 15/16 in." ¹¹⁷



This is the first known example of the Pollok Arms. ¹¹⁸

“In the Charter Chest of Lord Dundonald, there is an instrument of resignation, dated 30th March 1551, by which John Pollok and Walter Spruel of Cowden, assign to Thomas Spruel, the Lands of Cowden and Uply.” ¹¹⁹

They had at least one child: Charles Pollock.

¹¹⁴ Alex Pollock, p 13. ¹¹⁵ Pogue, p. xxiii. ¹¹⁶ 12 April 1996 letter from Dr. Norman H. Reid, Keeper of Manuscripts and Muniments, St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland, to Richard H. Pollock. ¹¹⁷ 26

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Looking for Pollocks in Britian

My Grandfather's name was Bertie Louis Congaltoun Pollock, his Father's name was William C. Pollock, and his Father's name was Ebenezer Pollock.

I don't know whether I can tie together this branch of the family to all of the other Pollock members of this enormous, it seems, Clan. I have not been able to get back very far along this line. My Grandmother said that once long ago the Pollocks owned, or resided in a castle, which she said was named 'Congaltoun Castle'.

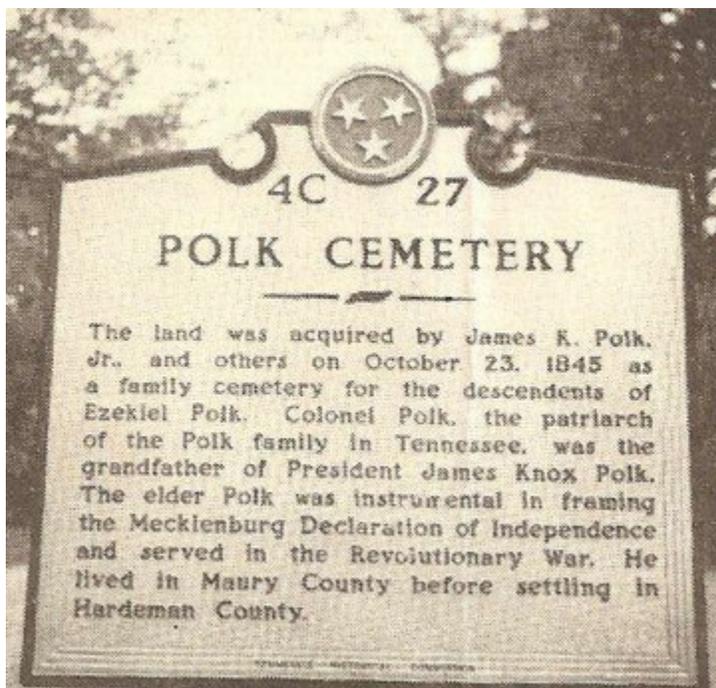
I have been unable to find any reference to this, other than a castle called Pollok Castle, which is readily available on the internet.

Could you direct me to a possible link? There seems to be such a lot of information about the Pollocks, a lot of which is pertaining to the American sites, and not too much(that I have found) pertaining to British sites. Perhaps I am not too good a detective, anyway maybe you can suggest a link?

Janet Harvey.

Polk Cemetery, Bolivar, TN

Thanks to Clan Pollock member, John Espey, for sending this to us!



My Pollock Pilgrimage

After years of living vicariously through the stories of the experiences that my wife and friends presented to me, I had enough.. I had to go to Scotland. I found some reasonably priced plane tickets and packed the wife and parents into a jumbo jet and headed across the pond. Landed in Gatwick, spending several days in London, taking in the obligatory tourist spots, showing my parents some locations that I had visited roughly 20 years ago on a previous trip to the UK. All the while in London, my mind was racing. My wife had visited Scotland years before we met, and it left a lasting impression on her. She was enamored with everything about the country and told me that this was one place that I had to make the "Pollock Pilgrimage" to. I was getting edgy, waiting to hop onto the fastest train to Scotland. I wanted to see castles, rolling hills, Loch Ness, and cap the day by absorbing some haggis and maybe even a wee dram. After the longest days in the history of mankind, we were off to Scotland.

We arrived late in the day in Dumfries, but fortunately were within walking distance to our bed and breakfast. Shortly after, we ventured into town and lucked into finding a few areas that Robert Burns used to frequent. The walk through town was very low key and not many people were out. The sun set, and we called it a night, planning for our first full day in Scotland.



: *Threave Castle*

The next day was a harrowing, educational and unforgettable experience packed into one. We were able to rent a car and drive to Caerlaverock Castle (Clan Maxwell's castle) and Threave Castle, which was very interesting, as you had to take a short boat ride to get to it. The drive through Dumfries and Galloway to Ayr was one of the most beautiful trips. Might I mention that you should prepare a will if you opt to drive a manual transmission turbo diesel on the left side of narrow country roads? I both feared and enjoyed this experience, but let's get back to the meat and tatties of the trip!



Caerlaverock Castle

We arrived to one of the most welcoming and stunning sunsets in Ayr. We quickly ran to the shore and marveled at the distant views of Isle of Arran with a glowing orange back drop. Regrettably we were strapped for time and were unable to take a ferry to Arran.

The next day we sought out Pollock stomping grounds throughout the Glasgow metro area. We saw several areas which were named Pollock (streets / buildings). We also strolled through Pollok Country Park, which was a scenic walk. The beginning of the walk was a heavily wooded area with a quietly moving stream along side it. Magpies were casually walking about the paths we crossed. As the path opened to open pasture land, we marveled at the Highland cows on the property, the horse stables, the elaborate gardens and some locals fly fishing from the banks of the river.

A short cab ride later, we visited the storefront of Houston Kiltmakers, where I had the pleasure of speaking with Ken MacDonald (owner) in detail. Aside from helping me find the perfect Pollock tartan (chose the modern), he also gave us great recommendations for travel. We were advised that the Isle of Bute would be an ideal day trip. The next morning, we took an early ferry and visited Mount Stuart on Bute. The weather could not have been more perfect. It was on this day that we recognized that the whole time in Scotland, we had not seen a day which was completely overcast or under 50 degrees yet. Instead, we had pleasant spring time weather. The grounds of Mount Stewart were well kept, and the inside of the estate was amazing. Finely carved stone and wood decor were at every turn. Lavish bedrooms and historic artifacts lined each wall. It is easy to say that this family had it all. Behind the estate were acres of several gardens. I was particularly fond of the garden dubbed "the Wee Garden", which had an eclectic array of shrubs, plants, even a few palm trees, which were surrounded by dense vegetation - none of which seemed native to Scotland; due to the warmer Gulf Stream winds, there were many sorts of tropical plants, which made the garden even more exotic.

The following day was one of the more anticipated days of our trip. The stop to the sea side town of Oban was a no holds barred match consisting of my family in one corner and anything from a body of water in the other. Shrimp, langoustines, clams, crab, fish, oysters and any other aquatic critter that could be consumed was presented to us. We lost, but fought nobly like any Scot would have. In defeat, we hopped a ferry to Mull, explored Castle Duart (home of

Clan Maclean), then returned for another sea side gastro-battle at Oban, but sadly we lost again. The next day was spent recovering in a bed and breakfast in Fort William. After our spirits recovered, we trekked to Inverness, enjoying the winding roads around Loch Ness, taking in sights of Nessie water skiing before the beautiful back drop of Urquhart Castle. At that point, we realized that we might be still recovering from our overeating escapades and we were merely seeing things - everyone knows that Nessie does not water ski.



Ferry from Oban



Piper at Eilean Donan Castle

We stayed in Inverness, which was ideal for day trips both east and west. Regrettably we had little time left to venture north to the Orkney Islands or Shetland Islands. Nonetheless, we made the best of our remaining time, by visiting Kyle of Lochalsh and Culloden. The train ride to Lochalsh was one of the most picturesque rides I have taken anywhere. The hills, the lochs, the fauna, sheep, deer, birds exemplified the beauty of the Highlands. There were several dreams I had as a child which were of small winding country streams in fields near mountains. I am convinced that if there were such place, the Highland countryside has to be it. We arrived into Kyle of Lochalsh for a boat tour and then a visit to Eilean Donan Castle, which was equally impressive and picturesque. Should you ever purchase a calendar of Scottish castles, Eilean Donan will likely appear on it.

With days left in Scotland, we had to begin prioritizing places to go, as we had already missed a few significant areas (Bannockburn, Stirling, etc.).

We chose unanimously to visit Culloden as a quick trip from Inverness. We arrived to a building which was very modern and well kept. As we began our walk to the front, most of the visitors briskly walked in, but none took note of what lay beneath our feet, leading up to the entrance. Dozens of bricks with family names and tributes to clans were below us. Several paces more and I came across the Clan Pollock Culloden Stone. It was the moment I had been waiting for. Although strangers saw these stones as something insignificant, I felt a great sense in pride in the family and its history. I crouched down and wiped the dirt and dust off of the stone in honor of family. Moments later, we had our first experience with the weather that Scotland can be known for. The clouds darkened and rain softly fell on our backs through a quiet and somber walk. Soon, the rain became flakes of snow. The scenery was beautiful and yet moving. The mountains in the distance were still covered in snow. Gorse bushes (yellow thorn bushes) dotted the dead field grass, which swayed with each chilly wind. We strolled by various stones which commemorated the sacrifice many clans gave during this battle, leaving a lasting impression on us during our trip. Many souls were lost on these emotional stirring grounds. Culloden was truly a humbling experience that words don't justify.



Culloden Battlefield

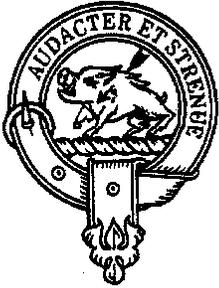
After Inverness, we traveled to Perth, which we used as a home base for our final day trips, commuting to both St. Andrews and Edinburgh. We stayed in a quiet part of Perth which overlooked a very nice local park, dubbed "South Inch". We saw the birth place of golf (disputed by some locals) and hiked Edinburgh's "Royal Mile". We were just a few hours late and narrowly missed a visit by Prince Charles at the palace of Holyroodhouse.

With such a quick paced trip and a great deal of ground covered, I would need to write far more than this long winded attempt. To keep the remainder short - it was sometimes the little things, the little places, the conversations, the sights and sounds which made the trip. From the quiet countrysides to the halls of old castles, the experience was larger than life, yet in a small place. The locals were as genuine and very friendly, many times helping point us into the right direction, giving us tips on local establishments, places to visit in other areas, etc. We stayed in bed and breakfasts throughout the trip, and enjoyed the mornings full of great conversation with the owners, as well as hearty breakfasts. The cabbies were honest (one ran to our train to return a lost wallet), were well versed and engaged with their local and family history. And lastly, I am especially fond of one experience I had, which I spoke to an older gentleman while on the ferry to Mull. He mentioned the pride he had of his country and heritage, yet in the same breath he stated his concern that the younger generations were slowly forgetting their roots. This cemented the entire purpose of why I joined Clan Pollock, and why I had to see, touch and feel where my forefathers came from. We discussed Scottish history and how he was proud of what Scotland had become and how much his country influenced the creation of ours. He said the countryside and cities will always be beautiful without effort, but its people are what make Scotland a wonderful place, and I cannot agree more.

~Brent DeShazo

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