

CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...



We wish all our members a healthy, Happy New Year! It seems like the weather all over the country is a little more unusual this year so far! We hope where you are that you are doing well.

We are trying to set our schedule for attendance at Games for 2013 – as always, “things happen” but we hope to attend the Loch Norman Games in Huntersville, NC in April. The Stones will be the hosts. We are also planning to host a Clan Pollock test at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Maryville, TN in May and also host a tent at the Glasgow, KY games in June. That’s enough for now! We hope to see you at one or more Games this year.

We have already received a few 2013 renewals and we want to thank you for sending your \$15.00 **US dollars**. You can send your check/money order in **US dollars** to our address shown on this page of The Pollag or you can pay via Pay Pal on the Clan Pollock website <http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member>.

We are pleased to have a new Florida Commissioner, Brent DeShazo. We would like to encourage others to make this commitment – we need new ideas and younger people to participate! Also we want to ask again for our members to send in your news and family happenings for The Pollag. Beth & Mike Avery do a great job editing and getting The Pollag out to our members but they can always use help.

We’ll have more about the Grandfather Mountain Games in NC in July and the Games at Estes Park, CO in September in later issues of The Pollag this year.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
February 1, 2013

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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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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

portrait of President Polk and his cabinet. Not only is this the earliest known photograph taken inside the White House, but it also marks the first time a U.S. President was photographed with his cabinet. Picture Courtesy, James K. Polk Ancestral Home, Columbia, TN. If you are near the Polk Home in Columbia make sure to see the new exhibition on the Polk family that will open this fall. The exhibition is based on the book "Polk's Folly" which traces the Polk family history from its beginnings in Ireland with

Welcome to Our New Members

Harold G. Hardin, Jr., Cumming, GA
Mary Margaret Pollock, Rochester, NY
Kerry E. Thunberg, Broadway, NC
Mariel Strauss, Los Alamos, NM

New Florida Commissioner

We are happy to announce our new Clan Pollock Florida Commissioner – Brent DeShazo. Brent just hosted the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, FL the weekend of January 19 – 20 and did a fantastic job. Brent had lots of help from members of his family. We look forward to a long association with him. If you would like to help Brent with future Florida Games you can contact him at brentdeshazo@yahoo.com Please read his report (with pictures) on the recent Games in this issue.



Three Generations of Pollocks and a Cousin



Waylon (3rd generation), Jim (2nd generation) and Jim (1st generation) Pollock with cousin A.D. Pollock at Thousand Oaks, CA, January 3, 2013. We look forward to having Waylon as a Clan Pollock member in the future!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, POLK!

Did you know President Polk is in the earliest known photograph taken inside the White House? In 1846, portrait photographer John Plumbe Jr. was credited with snapping a historic daguerreotype



Robert Pollok and his flight to the New World in 1680.

GAME REPORTS

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games.

What a weekend! Clan Pollock made its presence known at the 36th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs (15 minutes north of Orlando) January 19th and 20th. The weather was perfect and it made for a great turn out (est. 22-25,000 per organizers). Friends and family gathered at the Clan Pollock tent, giving great representation and visibility.

Throughout the weekend, we received a fair amount of enthused visitors to our tent. Some showed up with printed family trees, others with questions about distant relatives, some with stories of their family's migration - all with a positive level of enthusiasm. The highlight of the weekend was marching to the main field with all of the other clans, while holding our larger than life Clan Pollock banner and flag. While in line, we caught the eye of two separate parties in which the members were Pollocks, and both were from Scotland (Renfrewshire and Lanarkshire). We extended a friendly invite for them to join us as we took to the field and they took us up on the offer.

Shortly after marching with the clans, several more attendees visited our tent, explaining their amazement and excitement of seeing Clan Pollock with a tent at these games. As far as I can remember in attending the Central Florida Scottish Highland games (roughly 12-13 years), I had never seen a Pollock tent, kilt, etc. on the grounds. I was glad to see that the excitement of our presence resonated with so many attendees. We're already planning for Clan Pollock's return to these games in 2014. Hope to see you all there!

~ Brent DeShazo



Lin DeShazo and Brent DeShazo at the tent



Back Row: Mike Pollock, Matt DeShazo, Brent DeShazo, Nancy (Polk) DeShazo, Evan Simmons, Hayden Simmons
Front Row: Steve DeShazo



Evan Simmons, Andrea DeShazo, Hayden Simmons



Hayden Simmons (in Maxwell modern) Michelle Kennedy (mother in law is Maggie Pollock); Nancy (Polk) DeShazo; Steve DeShazo and Brent DeShazo (Pollock modern red/black) carrying the banner.

UPCOMING GAMES

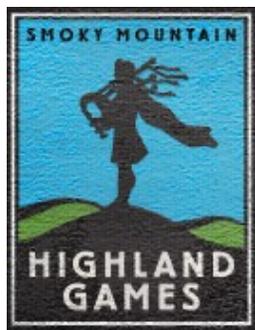
20th Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games
Huntersville, North Carolina
April 19 – 21, 2013



These Games will be held at 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, North Carolina. Huntersville is less than a half-hour north of Charlotte, NC. Tim & Kelly Stone along with Winston & Caroline will host the Clan Pollock tent at these Games in April. Ben & Merle Stone also plan to be there. We hope other Clan Pollock members in this area can come out and enjoy the many activities at the Games. For more information check out Rural Hill on Facebook or go to: <http://www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net>

Dunedin (FL) Highland Games
Highlander Park, Dunedin, FL
April 13, 2013

Florida Commissioner, Brent DeShazo, plans to set up a Clan Pollock tent at the Dunedin, FL Highland games - Saturday April 13, 2013 in Highlander Park. Scottish families originally settled the City of Dunedin in 1899. Two Scotsmen, J.O. Douglas and James Sumerville named the settlement Dunedin, the original name of Edinburgh, their hometown in Scotland. The Dunedin Highland Games started in 1965 to raise funds to support the three Scottish bands of Dunedin. For more information about the games see <http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/games.html> If you would like to help Brent contact him at brentdeshazo@yahoo.com Or to march in the clan parade assemble at the Clan Pollock tent at 11:00 a.m.



32nd Annual Smoky Mountain Highland Games
Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee

We plan to host a Clan Pollock tent at the 32nd Annual Smoky Mountain Highland Games to be held May 18 – 19, 2013 at Maryville College, 502 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN. We hope to see some of you at these Games For more information, go to the website <http://smokymountaingames.org>

~ A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

GENEALOGIST'S CORNER

The Genealogy Tree

Have you ever thought about writing a family history book?

I'm talking about YOUR family, regardless of which family member you use as a starting point. Logic would dictate that you begin with the oldest person in your family that you can identify and get reliable information about. Start with what you know and work backwards, hopefully to the very beginning of your surname.

A useful guide was included in a January 2013 issue of Kentucky Living: "Start by talking with relatives who can tell you stories about your family--people, places, events, dates. Take notes. Also, if you have the chance to go through family papers, read them carefully. You never know what you may find."

The writing is really not that hard to do. I have privately published five family history books for our children and grandchildren. They may not show an overwhelming curiosity now about their ancestors, but they will someday when their children pepper them with questions about their heritage.

While you are at it, it would be a good idea for you to take that box of old photographs you have stored in you closet and try to identify each person and the approximate date of the photographs while you have older relatives around who can help you. Be sure to use a special marking pen on the backs of the photos so your penmanship does not bleed through to the "good" side.

Two good tasks to make it through the cold time of the year!

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

Looking for Ancestors

Genealogy seeker from New Zealand

kia Ora (hello),

My name is Kierron Freeman. I live in Dunedin, New Zealand. This year I have been tracing my family history and I have found 'Pollock' members in my tree.

My 4x Great-Grandfather, James Pollock was 14 years old with the occupation of baker, when he embarked alone from Greenock, Scotland, on the 2nd settler vessel to Dunedin, New Zealand. The name of the vessel is 'Phillip Laing.' It departed Greenock on 23/11/1847 and arrived in Dunedin 15/4/1848.

I believe James was born on the 1/7/1833 and his parents were Thomas Pollock (b 1805, Renfrew, Scotland) and Mary Stevenson (b 1809) , however I'm trying to confirm if this is correct.

I would like to find out any information regarding 'Pollock' family history. I was most intrigued to read your advertisement in 'The Scottish Banner,' 'Calling the Clans,' when it stated that Pollocks are among the most ancient families of Scotland.

I look forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,
Kierron Freeman

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Genealogy seeker from Georgia and North Carolina

My name is Hal Hardin and I live in Cumming, Georgia. While my last name may be Hardin it turns out that I have recently discovered that I am genetically a Pollock. My grandfather's parents were never married and when he was born in 1892 he was given his mother's surname of Hardin. I have made a few discoveries and think I have found my Pollock ancestors, however not knowing my great grandfather's actual first name, this is just my best guess based on DNA testing matches. Based on the time and location of my grandfather's birth, I believe I am descended from John Pollock, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 11 October 11, 1725 and later immigrated to North Carolina. John was apparently related to Thomas Pollock, the colonial governor of North Carolina in the early 1700's. John's descendents eventually ended up in Rome, GA where my grandfather was born in October, 1892.



Hal at Isle of Skye in 2009

If anyone has any information that can help out our newest Clan Pollock member, please contact Hal at halhardin@hotmail.com

Genealogy seeker from Ireland

I am researching my grandmother family history which she is from Coleraine, Northern Ireland. My grandmother

surename is Pollock. What my grandmother was telling me that Robert Bruce Pollock who left Ireland In 1680 and Oliver Pollock who left Ireland In 1760 for the USA are my grandmother ancestor. My question is I have read information on Robert Bruce Pollock and Oliver Pollock but I cant find information relating these two Pollock families as ancestors. I would like to know if you can tell me if these are related families.

With Regards
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William T. Poague, Lt. Col., CSA and the Rockbridge Artillery

Part V

This is the final part of Nancy Nash's article on LTC William T. Poague of the Confederate artillery. It chronicles Poague's service in the Confederate States Army from the beginning of 1865 until Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Almost one hundred and thirty years have passed since the end of the American Civil War. (This was written by then Pollag editor, Bill Pollock in 1994) That extraordinary conflict, with all its many facets, continues to be a matter of great interest to historians and scholars, and of late to many ordinary people as well. Military, social, economic, and geographic factors influenced the outcome of the conflict's many battles, but brave leadership amidst the terrifying confusion of battle, often proved to be the decisive factor. The tactics and strategy used by both sides remain subjects of study at military schools and service colleges. The conclusions reached have influenced the development of U.S. military doctrine ever since the war's final conclusion at Appomattox.

1865

April 2 – Poague was ordered to report to General Pendleton at Petersburg. There he went with Pendleton to Lee's headquarters and took command of all artillery. Petersburg was ordered abandoned and Poague crossed a pontoon bridge to join with General Wilcox with no hint of their destination. General A.P. Hill was killed that night.

April 3 – Marched toward Goode's Bridge.

April 4 - Amelia Court House. Here Poague had his first chance to sleep since March 31.

April 5 – Resumed westward march late that evening, following Longstreet's Corps.

April 6 – Before daylight, the artillery forces marched to Rice's Station under fire from Union snipers. They continue to march all night.

April 7 – Reached Farmville at 9 A.M. where rations of bacon and cornmeal were issued, but before eating they continued to Cumberland Church, where they paused to cook. While cooking was in progress, orders came to move rapidly to Cumberland church where Federals were attacking. Poague experienced great difficulty in moving forward due to widespread confusion among the troops, already disorganized from the massive force of the attack. Many were captured at High Bridge and Saylor's Creek. Wagons blocked the road. Poague cleared his way at gunpoint. Somewhere along this route he took up a position and fired at the enemy without any infantry support until General Billy Mahone (who weighed perhaps slightly over 100 pounds) arrived to drive off the Union force. That night he followed again at the rear of Longstreet's Corps. At this point Lee had only 7,000 – 9,000 men left and many of those dropped on the road in exhaustion or simply deserted.

April 8 – Somewhere between Lynchburg and Appomattox. At daylight Poague paused to rest and eat whatever was a hand, and then resumed the march. No action was seen on this peaceful day. They made camp that night but received orders at 1 A.M. to follow Longstreet. They set out but failed to find Longstreet on the Appomattox road. At Appomattox Court House he found General Rooney Lee, son of Robert E. Lee, who suggested he stop and wait until daylight for further developments.

April 9 – Appomattox Court House. At dawn Poague supported General John Gordon in a final unsuccessful attack. Some ensuing action took place until it became clear that a surrender was in progress. Poague collected all his batteries

into a single unit and relocated to a position on the north side of a nearby stream. He and his immediate subordinate, Captain Brander, slept for the rest of that day, Palm Sunday, the last day of the way, and on into the night. Following Lee's surrender, Colonel Poague returned to Lexington to resume life among family and friends, those who still lived. He wrote many of the details of this narrative for the benefit of his children, without any thought of good or bad reflections on other participants. These reminiscences have been published recently under the title of *Gunner with Stonewall*. General Lee came to Lexington to assume the presidency of Washington College, and General Pendleton once again filled the pulpit at Grace Episcopal Church. General Lee's eldest son, General G.W. Custis Lee, accepted a professorship at Virginia Military Institute. No doubt those old warriors had a lot to remember and talk about, but whether they did is not for us to know.

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DUES REMINDER – JANUARY 1 is the date.

Dues may be paid online at <http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member>. You can even set up an automatic renewal so you don't forget. Or you may send your dues to Clara Ann Pollock, Secretary, P. O. Box 404, Greenville, Kentucky 42345



Becoming a Clan Leader

COSCA's first Clan Leader Bootcamp was held online June 9, 2012. This exciting and innovative webinar session ran 1 hour and 35 minutes and is [available for download](#), which includes both the audio and the accompanying video presentation. The online seminar featured the following topics: "Using the Internet To Hold Your AGM and Other Important Meetings"

"Corporate and Tax Exempt Status: How To Easily Get And Keep Both" "Myths of Tartan" Special Greetings from Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor and Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Listen at <http://www.cosca.net/#bootcamp>

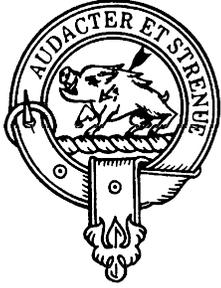
There are slides for the presentation "Introduction to Scottish Heraldry" by Viscount Dunrossil, Chairman of the Society of Scottish Armigers at <http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1106025977727-83/Introduction+to+Scottish+Heraldry.pdf>

Things Scottish

Ceud Mìle Fàilte is a traditional Scottish Gaelic (Gaidhlig) greeting. It means "100,000 Welcomes!".

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The SnowDrop Festival in Scotland runs from February 2 to March 15. Around 50 venues take part across Scotland's mainland, from the grand gardens of Blair Castle to the historic grounds of Dryburgh Abbey.

http://surprise.visitscotland.com/things_to_see_and_do/green_scotland/snowdrop_festival.aspx

SnowDrops in full bloom in the woods near Duff House. © Copyright [Anne Burgess](#) and licensed for reuse under this [Creative Commons Licence](#)