

CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...



Thanks to everyone who has renewed their Clan Pollock memberships for 2013. Several of you sent in a little extra as a donation for postage and one member sent a sheet of stamps to help us out with postage costs. If you have not sent in your 2013 dues yet, remember you can use Pay Pal or the return envelope sent with your dues notice.

We want to thank the Stone family for hosting the 20th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games the weekend of April 27 – 28 in Rural Hill, North Carolina. We attended this year and enjoyed all the activities. It is especially good to see the third generation of the Stone family – Caroline and Wilson – participate. That's what Clan Pollock needs to keep going! We look forward to being with the Stones again at Grandfather Mountain the weekend of July 11 – 14.

We will head to Mary ville, TN May 18 – 19 for Games and then to the Glasgow, KY games June 1 – 2. We hope to see some of you there.

Let us know about your graduates for 2013 – high school, college/university and advanced degrees. We send our congratulations and best wishes.

We are also making plans for the Games at Estes Park, Colorado the weekend of September 6 – 8.

We hope Spring has arrived where you are – the weather seems to be a challenge this year! Stay safe!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written April 27, 2013

**The Pollag
May 2013**

“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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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

FLOWER OF THE FOREST

We are sorry to learn of the passing of James Knox Polk, East Bend, NC last August. We received word from his son, James C. Polk.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Matthew DeShazo, Ft. Myers, FL
The Rev. Ronald D. Pogue, Bloomfield Hills, MI* rejoins
Larry F. Polk, Nobles ville, IN

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Clan Pollock Member, Robert (Paddy) Pollock shows off his Pollock heritage proudly in Egypt



Three generations of Pollocks. Gary, the old guy (that's me) son Andy and then his son Matt. I'm hunkered down for the winter with wife Vivian Dole (of the New England Doles) here in Ontario not too far from Maxville. The two young 'uns are thriving in Nova Scotia. My line goes back through Ulster to the Lowlands.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM "DOWN UNDER"

We recently received a letter from Lifetime member Robert H. (Bob) Pollock. Here are some of his remarks.

"There are many Pollocks in Australia and they seem well spread across all our states. My great grandfather came via a ship around the bottom of Africa and across the Indian then southern ocean and I'm led to believe they were shipwrecked on Kangaroo Island off the South Australian coast. I have yet to confirm the name of the ship, how they were rescued, where they eventually landed and how they came to settle in south east Queensland several 1000km away. The large capital cities seem to have many more Pollocks in the phone books than regional towns and communities. At this point in time I have no news reports from Far North Queensland that I can contribute to the *Pollag*. In finishing I enjoy the reading, the Genealogy corner, and seeing who the new members are and where from. The deaths too are another part of someone's history." ~ R.H. (Bob) Pollock

CLAN POLLOCK TARTAN

Over the last couple years many Tartan Mills have gone out-of-business or merged with other mills. D.C.Dalgliesh Ltd. has merged and no longer produces the Clan tartan at a reasonable price.

We looked at several Mills to find the best pricing and service. With this we have decided to go back to Lochcarron since they had the best pricing and would stock our Tartan for us. I sent samples of all our materials to them to ensure

color matching and pattern.



What we did run into is that the older looms are being phased out of production. So all original Tartans were woven on the older looms. We are making the switch to the New Looms to keep the cost down and to get ahead of the eventual move that would be required in the next few years. What this means is that the pattern does change a little bit to match the with the capability of the looms. Most people will not even notice the difference. Tartan will be \$48/yard double width. I am expecting Ancient and Black Dress to be ready by the first of July.

This also means that Lochcarron will hold material in Scotland and be able to make items directly for us, Made-to-Measure. I am working on the list and should have it soon, what prices would be. Items included are: Kilts, Ties, Bow Ties, Scarves, Rosettes, Shawls, Cumberbunds, Vests, Various Skirts, tams, etc... Kilts would be woven – made-to-measure for \$200

plus material so about \$415 including shipping. Since items are made to order, payment required up front, we can bill via PayPal or take check, cash, money orders. I am hoping to take Credit Cards once again by the end of June. Price quotes for anything by email to Howard Pollock clanpollock@msn.com

Howard Pollock, Clan Treasurer



GAME REPORTS

Dunedin Florida

Clan Pollock congregated in Dunedin, Florida for its 47th Annual Highland Games. Dunedin was an interesting little city, full of rich Scottish heritage. The name of the city itself loosely translates to Edinburgh in Gaelic. The grounds were equally welcoming and laid out well. Clan Pollock was fortunate to have a prominent corner in the clan village, enabling us to greet residents on both sides of our tent. Many visitors were thrilled to see Clan Pollock's presence and new fans were made as some did not know they had a clan. Several distant Pollock relatives exchanged stories in front of the tent about their ancestors touching down in North America (Canada, Virginia, Maryland, etc.). The finale of the afternoon was with Clan Pollock being able to present a trophy to the best piper of the day. We're looking forward to more events in Florida as the momentum seems great!

Brent, Matt, Steve, and Nancy (Polk) DeShazo



Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games



A.D. Pollock, Clan Pollock President; Tim Stone, Clan Pollock North Carolina Commissioner; Caroline Stone; Ben Stone, Clan Pollock Vice President; and Wilson Stone. "Waiting for the beginning of The Parade of Tartans at the 20th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill, North Carolina, on Sunday, April 21st.

Caroline and Wilson Stone after running in the Children's Kilted Races. Caroline tied for 1st place in her age group. Caroline also carried the Clan Pollock banner in the Parade of Tartans and Wilson



carried the Clan Pollock flag. They both did a great job! Thanks, Caroline and Wilson for your participation!

Panama City Scottish Festival



A.D. Pollock is shown with friends, Terry & Dianne Olive, at the Panama City Scottish Festival on March 9, 2013. This Festival, though small by some standards, was very enjoyable. It was held on the grounds of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Panama City, Florida. There were games, dancing, British car show, children's events, and a Tartan Tearoom with delicious Scottish food prepared by the ladies of the church. We hope to have a Clan Pollock tent at next year's Games and also participate in the Sunday Kirkin o'the Tartan.

~ A.D. And Clara Ann Pollock

UPCOMING GAMES



28th GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES

**BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK, LUCAS, KENTUCKY
MAY 31 – JUNE 2**

We will have a Clan Pollock tent again this year at these Games. We'd like to see some of you who live in the area! The Games site is approximately 90 miles south of Louisville, KY and 90 miles north of Nashville, TN. There will be a Raising of the Clans on Friday evening, May 31st. Games will be held all day Saturday and Sunday, June 1 & 2. For more information, go to www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

~ A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



27th ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois

June 14-15, 2013

Experience the best of Scotland without leaving Chicago!

Helen Lehman, Paul's wife will be manning the Clan Pollock tent at the Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival. The CHICAGO SCOTS invite *everyone* to be Scottish for this weekend-long annual summer celebration. Offering an extensive array of unique Scottish *traditions, revelry, and culture* for the whole family!

The festival kicks off Friday, June 14 from 4:00pm - 10:00pm with exhibits and vendors open from 4:00pm - 10:00pm. Friday evening highlights include: Highland Dance competition, Heavy Athletics, Rugby Exhibition, Friday Night Fling, crowning of the Heather Queen and Court and a Ceilidh from 7:00-10:00pm on the Celtic rock stage.

The festival continues Saturday, June 15 from 8:00am - 9:00pm and features: Champion Supreme Piping and Drumming competition; Heavy Athletics U.S. Open Championship featuring traditional Scottish contests; Highland Dance competition; Rugby Sevens Highland Challenge; Coerver Cup 3v3 youth soccer tournament; Dogs of Scotland and other animal presentations; Genealogy & cultural exhibits; Parade of Clan Tartans; Children's activities; and attendee competitions including the Kilted Mile Fun Run/Walk, British Car Show, Haggis Hurling Contest for women, Knobbly Knees contest for men, Haggis Eating Contest and Shortbread Contest. Musical performances on the Celtic Rock Stage, Whisky tastings and seminars, traditional Scottish or American cuisine and shopping in the Celtic Marketplace. The festivities culminate with the Closing Ceremonies and Massed Bands Show, a breath-taking spectacle of 1,000 bagpipers and drummers, all joined in performing several traditional musical selections including *Amazing Grace*. There is a discount coupon for entry at www.chicagoscots.org. For more information contact Paul Layman, p.layman@sbcglobal.net

Looking for Clan Commissioners

If you are planning to go to Scottish Games this year, please consider manning a Clan Tent. The Clan pays for the registration, tables, chairs. We will get you some materials to share and you get to meet and gain new friends from other Clans. Meet other Clan Members and share your time with one another. Contact President A.D. If you are interested.

**57th GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
LINVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 11 – 14, 2013**



The Stones will host Clan Pollock's tent at these Games in July. We invite everyone who can to attend – it's always a great time visiting with old friends and making new ones. This year if you purchase a 4 day advance ticket, there will be free round-trip shuttle bus rides from all shuttle bus locations. For more information, go to the website:
<http://www.gmhg.org>

**Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus
Banner Elk, NC
July 11, 2013**

The **Council of Scottish Clans & Associations** is delighted to announce the return of an old tradition - Clan and Scottish Organization Workshops and Conferences at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year, to kick it all off, we are hosting a very special day long conference on Thursday prior to the opening of the games at Grandfather Mountain.

The **2013 Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus** is designed to bring Scottish American clan, family and organization leaders and active members together to explore and debate how we can bring Scotland and America and the global Scottish diaspora much closer together as we continue to move into the 21st century.

What is our role? The discussion about what's happening in Scotland in 2014 has highlighted the critical need for the Scottish American community to continue our dialogue about *what we need, what we want and how we can best help the global Scottish diaspora community to grow and thrive in the 21st century.*

How can we grow closer to Scotland? We can never take for granted that Scotland will remain as supportive and protective of its ancestral traditions, sites, culture and language as it is today. We need to understand *what Scotland needs from us and how we can best meet those needs* - and how we can best communicate *what we need from Scotland* to do our job.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that **Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs** will co-chair Thursday's **Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus** on behalf of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Sir Malcolm MacGregor will be joining the official 2013 Chief of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games **Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss** in making the trip across the pond to be at Grandfather Mountain this year and we hope that other Scottish Chiefs can come as well. To register go to <http://www.coscaevents.eventbrite.com/>

*Yours aye,
The COSCA Board of Trustees*

KOOTENAI HIGHLANDERS FIRST ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING

**RIVER BEND – OUTSIDE OF LIBBY, MONTANA
JULY 19 – 20, 2013**

Our hope is to provide the people of Libby and our visitors an enriching cultural insight of their Scottish and Irish heritage. For more information on these Games, contact the Kootenai Highlanders at kootenaihighlanders@gmail.com or call 406-293-3022, Angela McLaury, President. Or check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kootenai.highlanders>



GENEALOGIST'S CORNER

Looking for Ancestors

My fathers name was **Thomas G. Pollock** Jr.; and his father's name was Thomas G.(Gernard) Pollock (aka Dell Pollock) Southern California 1920's-1960's. My father's great aunt sent me a family tree in the early 70's, that showed Fulbert the Saxon as the 1st progenitor of my family from Scotland. (I lost it in a fire that same decade, and am just wondering if you can tell me if this is correct). Can you tell me where I stand in this family? My mother was Victoria Ethel Collins, born in Salinas California in 1918. PS: My farther was born in Ohio in 1919 (Columbus or Cleveland, I forget which...), but moved to Southern Calif. in the early 20's...

I remember that the book Pollocks Of Pennsylvania was mentioned in the family tree. Also, I heard a rumor that there might be Indian blood mixed in somewhere along the line, as my father's family (Pollock) supposedly arrived in America before the Mayflower. If it's not too much of a headache, can you help me clear this up? Thanks and please let me know what you think

Thomas G.Pollock "Toby" imuenterpises@yahoo.com

I am descended from **Robert and Magdalen** through their son Joseph, and his daughter Ann. Has anyone ever found a marriage date for Magdalen to John Porter? All accounts say she was married to him for a short time, so, was a short time a few months or a few years? Thank you.

Anne Watt, anne_watt@msn.com

I have recently retired and I have begun researching our history as well as developing our family tree. Assuming all the information I have gathered is correct the furthest back I have been able to go is with **John Pollock** born 1745 and died in 1810. He married Mary Thompson. I believe the line runs from his son James Pollock born 1777. I am hoping you may be able to point me in the right direction so that I may go further with my research. Regards

Michael Pollock, m.w.pollock@optusnet.com.au

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

William Polk

Patriarch of North Carolina Polks

The progenitor of the principal line of the Polk family of North Carolina and Tennessee was William Polk, whose wife was named Margaret Taylor. They are both of unknown origin. They are first found in Maryland in 1727 but moved to Pennsylvania around 1736, and afterwards to North Carolina about 1753. William died there sometime after 1759 but we don't know exactly when, or where he lived and died. William and Margaret Polk were elusive figures who left very few traces behind in the official records of the day. They did however leave a special legacy to this country in the number and accomplishments of their descendants. Detailed accounts of their descendants are compiled in "The Polks of North Carolina and Tennessee" by Mrs. Frank Angellotti and in "Ezekiel Polk and his Descendants" by Wilmot Polk Rogers.

The first known record of William is found in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1727 when he bought an 80 acre tract of land called Moyn in the New Munster manor. His name is recorded as William "Pollock" in this deed. This was an interesting location because it was also the home of the Alexander, McKnitt and Wallace families who followed the same path as William through Pennsylvania to North Carolina, Mecklenburg County in particular.

In 1736 William and Margaret sold their land in Cecil and headed west into the Cumberland Valley, newly opened for settlement by the Pennsylvania proprietors, like many other Scotch-Irish arriving from Ulster. Their family was growing quickly at this time. Family genealogies list 5 sons and 3 daughters - William, Deborah, Thomas, Charles, Susan, Margaret, John, Ezekiel, some born in Maryland and some in Pennsylvania. The exact years of their births are not known except for Ezekiel, the youngest, who was born in 1747.

William Polk is supposed to have settled in the "Carlisle area" of Pennsylvania but Carlisle did not exist at this time, and we don't really know where they lived so it would seem more appropriate to just think of him as William Polk of the Cumberland Valley. There are no colonial records of Pennsylvania to prove his presence there but the family tradition regarding a stay of some years in the area is very strong and consistent. His son Ezekiel, grandfather of

James K. Polk, included the phrase “Pennsylvania born” in his self-composed epitaph and his grandson William, son of Colonel Thomas Polk of Mecklenburg, mentions his father’s Pennsylvania origins near Carlisle in his autobiographical sketch. Their Pennsylvania roots are also mentioned in several family letters in the early 1800’s.

So where exactly did William and his family live during their years in Pennsylvania? My best estimate is that they settled in an area known as Little Cove, at the lower end of the Cumberland Valley in the southwest corner of present-day Franklin County, just beyond the area opened for settlement by Pennsylvania’s treaty with the Indians. There are a number of factors to support this. We know the family lived somewhere in the Cumberland region but William Polk cannot be found in any Pennsylvania land, tax, or probate records, which means that he probably settled illegally in an area not under regular administrative authority, such as Little Cove.

The petition of the Little Cove squatters to the Pennsylvania government in 1750 acknowledging their illegal status was signed by a John Polk (Poolk) who may have been William’s son. Whether he was or not, it is at least clear that a Polk resided there. We should also note that William Polk’s son, John, married Eleanor, daughter of Evan Shelby of Wales who resided just east of Little Cove on the valley side of the mountain ridge, in what was then considered Maryland. The union between these families makes it plausible that they lived not far from each other. Many Maryland surveys were recorded by Shelby in the area between and Little Cove towards the Potomac.

The only contemporary record of a William Polk from the Cumberland area is the mention of William Polk as “nearest akin” in the inventory of Charles Polke, the “Indian Trader,” filed in Frederick County Maryland, 5 October, 1753. This may have been William himself, or his eldest son William, Junior. Charles Polk lived at the North Bend of the Potomac River, just south of the lower end of Little Cove.

Family tradition holds that William left for North Carolina about this time and settled in then Anson County, at an unknown location. There are two records of his presence in North Carolina – the inventory of Thomas Spratt (d.1757), and the 1759 Rowan County Petition to the King. The former is signed by both William Polk, Senior and William Polk, Junior. The latter is signed by “William Pollock,” and may have been either the father or son.

The origin and parentage of William Polk has long been incorrectly reported in Polk family histories. The truth is that we really don’t know anything about his life and origins before 1727. The standard genealogies show William as a grandson of Robert and Magdalen Polk, the immigrants who settled in Somerset County, Maryland, about 1687. The early histories claimed that he was the son of their first son, John, but Maryland probate records proved to be wrong, and later histories claimed that he was the son of their second son, William. In either case it was just a matter of speculation because there was really no hard evidence for either claim. What we now know for sure, based on Y-chromosome DNA evidence, is that William Polk was not genetically linked to the Polks of the Maryland Eastern Shore. Their present day descendants belong to two different haplogroups, so they could not have come from the same male Polk/ Pollock line of descent. The DNA test results are posted on the Polk/Pollock WorldFamilies website at <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/polk> The William Polk descendants are shown in the R1b1a2 haplogroup and the Maryland eastern shore descendants are in haplogroup I2b1.

One possibility of William’s origin is suggested in two interesting letters written to President Polk in 1848 by brothers John and Robert Pollock of Templemoyle, a townland near Limavady in County Londonderry, Ireland. They claimed that Polk’s grandfather Ezekiel had come from there. This is clearly incorrect but there could be a kernel of truth in claim, somewhat scrambled in the intervening period of more than a century. President Polk had Robert Pollock’s letter transcribed and sent to his cousin Bishop Leonidas Polk for his opinion. Bishop Polk’s reply was “I have not a doubt that the writer is of the same family, as well from the name of the locality, for that was the precise region from which I have always heard our ancestors came. He is however deceived in the degree of his relationship to us.”

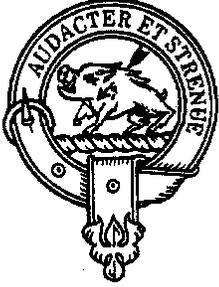
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Share your pictures with the Clan!

We would like to get Pictures of our Families in Pollock Attire to add to the website and for the Pollag newsletter. We would especially to see pictures of those in their Kilts made in Pollock Black and Pollock Modern as well. As the summer goes on, please share with us your Scottish Pride!

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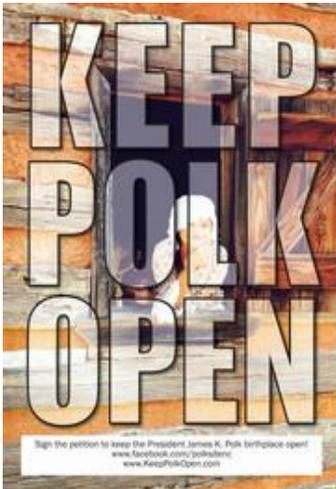
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KEEP POLK OPEN! WE NEED YOUR VOICES



The James K Polk State Historic Site in Pineville NC may shut down. The NC legislature is considering a budget that will cut off its funding.

The Historic Site has an excellent webpage at <http://www.keeppolkopen.com/> Please go there to read about it and most importantly, SIGN the KEEPPOLKOPEN petition. If you are from North Carolina you can also contact your legislative representatives – their contact information is provided. Please do so. Just a few words can make a big difference in these situations.

The Historic Site is a very well-run center with a lot of community outreach activities and a lively staff. It is very efficient and gets by on a minuscule budget. If you are in the area it is a nice historic stop - Pineville is just a little south of Charlotte. People like to talk about how Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin – well James K's isn't much different, maybe a little bigger. You can see pictures of it on the website. There was a Polk family reunion in Charlotte a few years back which I attended and the Historic Site and JKP birthplace was a big part of it. They even had some volunteer Polk family impersonators if you can imagine anyone doing such a thing.

PLEASE take a moment, visit the website and sign the petition – you can make a difference.