

**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."*

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# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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## Words from the President...



### CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

Pollock(Pollok), adopted from the ancient lands of Pollock in Renfrewshire, is among the oldest family names in Scotland. 12<sup>th</sup> century records reveal these lands were held by the sons of Fulbert, progenitor of the Pollocks of Scotland. Fulbert's son, Petrus, was the first person to use Pollock as a surname. The lands of Pollock were charted to Petrus through Walter Fitz-Alan, High Steward of Scotland and the progenitor of the Royal Stewart line.

The lands were divided into Upper and Lower Pollock. The Pollocks retained upper Pollock while Lower Pollock was chartered to the Maxwells. John Pollock, as town Ballie, signed the Charter of St. Andrews University in 1453. Fourteenth in descent from Fulbert was John Pollock of Pollock who fought on the side of Mary's forces at Langside. For his role in her losing cause, John Pollock forfeited some of his lands.

In 1703, Sir Robert Pollock was knighted and made Baronet of Nova Scotia by Queen Anne. Notable Pollocks in Great Britain were The Rt. Hon. Sir Jonathan Frederick Pollock, Bart., Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer; Field Marshall Sir David Pollock, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Bombay; Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart., famous barrister and codifier of English Law; and The Rev. Dr. John C. Pollock, official biographer of The Rev. Billy Graham and author of many other books, and a Clan Pollock member.

Some descendants of Pollock became Polk and Pogue, spelled in various ways. Prominent American descendants of the original Pollock were James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, General Leonidas Polk of Civil War fame, Governor Charles Polk of Delaware, Governor and Senator Thrusten Polk of Missouri, James Pollock, an early Governor of Pennsylvania and director of the U.S. Mint who was responsible for "In God We Trust" on our currency; Thomas Pollock who died in 1722 while serving as acting governor of the Colony of North Carolina; and Oliver Pollock, from Ireland, who settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and is credited as the "financier of the American Revolution in the West" during the Revolutionary War.

Noteworthy Pollocks of recent times are General Edwin A. Pollock, USMC, who

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**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 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](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

was awarded the Navy Cross for his bravery in combat on Guadalcanal in WW II, Major General Gale Pollock, the first nurse to serve as the US Army Surgeon General and Dr. Forest Pogue, WW II historian and biographer of George C. Marshall.

The last Pollock recognized as the hereditary chief of the clan by the Crown was in 1845.

In 1979 the late Rhys Pollock organized Clan Pollock and in 1980 Clan Pollock adopted its own tartan and registered it with the Scottish Tartan Society in Scotland. Clan Pollock is both pleased and humbled to be recognized as the honored clan for the 2014 Glasgow Highland Games.

~A.D. And Clara Ann Pollocks Written for the Glasgow Games Program

**DUES REMINDER – for 2014**

Dues may be paid online at <http://www.clanpollock.com/indes.php?content=member>. Or you can pay via Pay Pal. Dues are \$16.00 US dollars if paid on-line. You can set up an automatic renewal for January 1 so you don't forget. Or you may send a check for \$15.00 US dollars made out to Clan Pollock to Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, P.O. Box 404, Greenville, KY 42345.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

Dorothy G. Lydecker, San Marcos, California

**NEWS OF MEMBERS**

*Clan Pollock member, Kevin Polk, Colorado Spring, CO, shown on a recent trip to Scotland at the Urquhart Castle.*



*The granddaughters of Clan Pollock member, Robert W. Parrish. Enjoying at day at the beach.*

## GAME REPORTS

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sarasota Scottish Games

The morning began as a very overcast and foggy one in the wee hours, dampening our hopes for a sunny day at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sarasota Scottish Games. Luck was with us and the sun emerged after a few hours and all was well. We were fortunate to have Clan Pollock members (Steve /Elizabeth Downing, Steve / Nancy DeShazo) help us with staffing the tent and greeting our visitors throughout the day. It was very special for time for me since I was able to meet both the wife and family of the late Hamish Pollock (previous Florida Commissioner). Seeing the excitement from this family really hit home for me. Knowing that family had done so much for Clan Pollock in Florida and its history is so meaningful.

Throughout the afternoon, we had a steady flow of visitors curious to know more about Clan Pollock and several locals letting us know that they were happy to see Clan Pollock in the area once again.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help at games with Clan Pollock and also take the obligatory march to field when the clans are introduced (opening ceremonies), please let us know. Please contact Brent (FL Commissioner) at [brentdeshazo@yahoo.com](mailto:brentdeshazo@yahoo.com) or visit the Clan Pollock Facebook group (another great place for photos and commentary).

### 37th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

The weather could not dwindle our numbers. Temperatures dipped into the 30's in the morning hours, but we had an even larger turn out this year, including over 20 Pollock family members taking to the field during the marching of the clans. Here are a few photos from the weekend. Note, that the one with myself, my father (Steve) and my brother (Matthew), we have the three Pollock tartan colors. The lighting isn't great, but you should be able to distinguish the green from black.

~Brent DeShazo  
Florida Commissioner





## UPCOMING GAMES

# Glasgow Highland Games

**\*\*\*\*CLAN POLLOCK TO BE HONORED CLAN AT THESE GAMES!!!!\*\*\*\*\***

**29<sup>TH</sup> GLASGOW, KY HIGHLAND GAMES  
BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK, LUCAS, KENTUCKY  
MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2014**

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We are again reminding everyone of these Games and we hope there will be a good turnout. We know already that we are having members from California and Virginia coming in! We're excited to be the honored clan – that means we get to go first in the parade on Sunday afternoon along with some other honors. There will be a Raising of the Clans and the City of Glasgow Ceilidh at the Plaza Theatre in downtown Glasgow on Friday evening, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Games will be held at the State Park on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a buffet dinner Saturday evening at the Lodge at the State Park starting at 5 pm. For more information, please contact us. Check out the Games website at [www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

~A.D. And Clara Ann Pollock

**21<sup>st</sup> Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games  
Huntersville, North Carolina  
April 12 & 13, 2013**



These Games will be held at 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, N.C. Huntersville is less than a half-hour north of

Charlotte, N.C. Tim & Kelly Stone along with Winston & Caroline will host the Clan Pollock tent at these Games in April. Ben & Merle Stone will also be ably assisting! 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.ruralhillsscottishfestivals.net>

## GENEALOGY CORNER

### Robert de Pollock

Follow up to the article published in the August 2013 *Pollag*

The last *Pollag* published some findings on our founder's family tree, but the several things I wrote to the *Pollag* editor got pushed together in a way that they do not give a clear picture of our very probable descent from the marriage of Robert Pollock and Isabel Croc. I am referring to the founding Pollock, Robert, who first built a castle on Pollock lands in the 12th century. This Robert Pollock (there were many Robert Pollocks to come) lived within view of the wooden castle built at "Croc's Town", now called Crookston, by Sir Robert Croc (he is sometimes called "Sir" because he was a knight in service to Walter Fitzallen, who led a band of followers out of the Shropshire area of England to settle Renfrewshire, at the calling of King David I of Scotland, son of St. Margaret of Scotland). Robert Croc married Eschyna de Molle, an heiress who had lands in Roxburgshire, in the Borders of Scotland, and they had several children, at least two boys and at least one girl, Isabel. Isabel married her next door neighbor, Robert Pollock.

When Robert Croc died (cause not given) at a young age, his widow Eschyna married the aforementioned Walter Fitzallen, who became the first High Steward of Scotland, and their male descendants eventually became the Stuart Kings of Scotland. Thus, our ancestor Isabel became a half-sister to Walter Fitzallen's children.

In the last *Pollag* one of my findings at the time queried if THIS Robert and THIS Isabel fit into the timeline of the founding of the Croc and Pollock lines. Were they, instead, descendants with the same names of the founders? Some dates found on the Internet would seem to indicate this, showing dates for the founders in the 13th rather than the 12th centuries.

But one of the references I used made it clear that the Croc founders and the Pollock Founders lived in the early 12th century, thus giving time for Eschyna de Molle to have gone on to marry, as her second husband, Walter Fitzallen, the first High Steward. This reference is to "person 129 on Rootsweb", whom I found when I doggedly went down page after page of googled references to Eschyna de Molle and Robert Croc. "Person 129" has a detailed and professionally done genealogy, and had a strong motivation to "get it right". His motivation? I believe that Person 129 was none other than Prince Michael of Albany, the discredited Pretender to the Stuart throne of Scotland.

Prince Michael was later shown to be NOT the direct heir to the Stuart throne, but during his heyday of "pretending" he must have had researchers draw up this genealogy, which mentions our forefather/mother. He had their dates in the early 12th century, for indeed he understood that his ancestor Eschyna had to have room in the 12th century for two marriages. I can tell that this genealogy of Person 129 is Prince Michael of Albany because of the prevalence of footnotes referring to him, even though he is not otherwise identified. In the past I've read a lot about this man, Prince Michael of Albany, so he was familiar to me. He had a lot of people completely fooled for years in his claim to the throne of Scotland.

So the genealogy goes like this: The knight Robert Croc married the heiress Eschyna de Molle. Croc and Eschyna had several children, including Isabel Croc. Isabel Croc married our known ancestor Robert Pollock, the first of that ilk, and had children. Isabel's mother Eschyna, a widow when Croc passed on, married Walter Fitzallen, the first High Steward of Scotland.

We probably have other Stuart relationships, since the landowners of the middle ages intermarried each other. But the direct line, of course, becomes defuse after the first couple of generations.

Among my references: "Normans in Scotland" by Graeme Ritchie; "Crookston" webpage drawn up by a present denizen of the Glasgow suburb of Crookston; and links to "Crookston Castle," which still stands in its 15th century stone reincarnation from Robert Croc's wooden castle.

Mariel Murton Strauss,  
granddaughter of Margaret Jane Pollock of Dundee, Scotland, and Portland,  
OR.

## LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

### Bartholomew Pollock

My ancestors came from Armagh County in Northern Ireland to Ontario (Hay County) about 1850. It appears Bartholomew Pollock came with several of his sons, including William, who is my great great grandfather. I believe his son Sam Pollock moved to Enderlin, North Dakota, where my grandfather, William Wilson Pollock was born. In 1903, both of them with their brothers moved to the Smithville (Cory) and Gideon districts west of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where my father Robert Murray Pollock was born. I would be interested if anyone can fill in some of the gaps, particularly if there is a connection between the ancestors of Barholomew and the Pollok Castle.

My older brother, Alan Murray Pollock just passed away in Nelson, B.C. at the age of 66, so I am the "head" of our family.

**Bill Pollock**

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### Zolan Pollock or Ester Mae Pollock

My grandfather is Thomas Pollock, son of Alpha Pollock, son of William Washington Pollock. My grandfather sadly passed away last night. We believe he still has at least one living brother, Zolan, and perhaps a living sister Ester Mae, but sadly we have no contact information for them. I honestly don't know if there is anything that you can do, but I'm just trying to reach out to see if there is perhaps someone that might have their contact information.

Note: Your *Pollag* editor was able to locate a Zolan living in Virginia, but no sister, Ester Mae. So if you have any infromation please contact: Bryan Densley <[bdensley@gmail.com](mailto:bdensley@gmail.com)>

### Fannie May (or Mae) Pollock

Interestingly, I discovered that my maternal great grandmother's ancestry may have ties to Clan Pollock. I am hoping that I may request from you confirmation of this. My great grandmother's name was Fannie May (or Mae) Pollock, born June 18, 1886 in Mitchell County, Georgia, USA. She died there November 15, 1970 when I was five years old. Her father was Beauregard G. Pollock, son of William Leon Pollock both of Georgia, USA. I can provide other information regarding my great grandmother's ancestry through a few generations, if necessary. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

~Ralph Bianco

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### Colonel William R. (Bill) Pogue USAF, Retired

Bill's 25-year military career included a combat tour in Korea, two years as aerobatic pilot with the Thunderbirds, a tour as an assistant professor of mathematics at the Air Force Academy, and an exchange assignment as test pilot with the Royal Air Force. He was selected in the 5th group of astronauts in 1966 and was on the support crews for Apollos 7, 11 and 14. Bill's 84-day space flight aboard the Skylab space station ('73-'74), with astronauts Jerry Carr and Ed Gibson) set eight endurance and distance records. He made two space walks (one for a new record-of over seven hours) and conducted numerous experiments related to studies of the Earth, the sun and the long-term effects of zero gravity on crewmembers.

Bill left NASA in 1977 and worked as an independent technical contractor for several aerospace and energy firms. From 1984 to 1998 he provided contract technical support to the Boeing Company for the Space Station Freedom

program which later (1992) evolved into the International Space Station project.

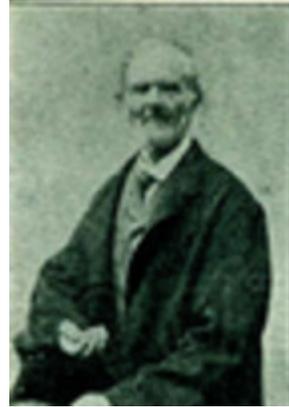
Bill died at his Cocoa Beach, Florida home during the night of March 3, 2014 from natural causes at the age of 84

## PICTURES OF OUR ANCESTORS

**NOTE:** This is a new feature. If you have any pictures of your Pollock ancestors you would like to share send them to the editor, [averyb@mail.otherwhen.com](mailto:averyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

### Ancestors of Susanna Pollock Hough

These three distinguished gentlemen emigrated from Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland to pioneer Michigan in the mid-1800s.

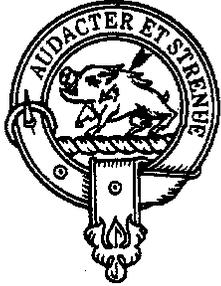


### Ancestors of Gail Carden



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