

The Pollag
May 2014

"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...



Greetings to all our Clan Pollock members – we hope you are experiencing the Spring renewal of our earth! We know many of you have had a terrific winter – lots of snow, ice and very cold temperatures – and even now, there are floods, tornadoes, and other violent weather events happening on an almost daily basis. Stay safe, friends!

We want to send our best wishes to Pollag editor, Beth Avery, upon her retirement from North Texas University. We have ask Beth to please write up something about her career and her retirement plans.

We are looking forward to the Glasgow KY Games May31 – June 1 where we are the Honored Clan this year. Come join us at the Games. We will have dinner on Saturday evening, May 31, at the Barren River State Park Lodge – buffet style – at 5 pm and we will have our own private space to share the meal together. There will also be a brief Annual Meeting at this time.

We continue to ask for your news to include in The Pollag and also pictures of your Scottish ancestors if you have them.

We hope those of you who can will attend a Scottish event this year. Even if Clan Pollock does not have a tent you will have a good time and meet some nice folks! Who knows, maybe you will be inspired to host a tent yourself in the future. We will be glad to help you get started!

We hope to see you at Glasgow, on Grandfather Mountain, and at Estes Park.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written May 2, 2014

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James D. Pollock, Thousand Oaks, CA
Ernest B. Thompson, Moss Beach, CA
Sandra N. Harriman, Ellicott City, Maryland

35th ANNIVERSARY OF CLAN POLLOCK

In 2014 we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the founding of Clan Pollock as a separate entity. Before 1979, Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole and Pogue were members of Clan Maxwell. Rhys A. Pollock (1911 - 1981) wrote in 1980 the following, "After being in charge of a Clan Tent at some twenty (20) Scottish Highland Games and seeing only three or four Pollocks, Polks, I decided I could do more to preserve our heritage with our own organization. So, let us take pride in our Clan and do everything we can to promote it."



Rhys was the first President of Clan Pollock. Other Presidents have been: Dr. Richard A. Pollock; William C. Pollock, Jr. and Richard H. Pollock. Thanks to Rhys and other early members of Clan Pollock - many who have passed on - for their hard work and dedication. Let's remember his words and continue to "take pride in our Clan and do everything we can to promote it."

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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



DICK AND SUE POLLOCK in their finest Pollock tartan.

RETIREMENTS

Your intrepid editor will be retiring from the University of North Texas Libraries June 30th. She is looking forward to a summer of relaxation and reading (see below) before she decides what to do in her retirement. Pictures of the party may be in the next issue (if she likes them).

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

The Reverend John Pahls passed away January 26, 2014. He designed and wove both the Colorado State Tartan and the Clergy Tartan and the Makay family tartan. The Colorado Tartan was recognized by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Colorado in 1997.

JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER READING

The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations online book club is exploring the history of Scots in America. Book Club members and special guests have online video group discussions including the authors of the books, historians and others specializing in the period or events involved.

Lugless Will's Wandering Scots Book Club will stimulate discussion and even some debate but it is all intended to help draw a clear and unbroken line between Scots in America and our heritage and ancestry back in Scotland. Each book will be an outstanding work of historical fiction that opens windows for further exploration of important aspects of the history of Scots in America.

With the second book the club members will read an appropriately paired work of scholarly history that explores the same issues raised by our fictional authors will be named. Check it out at <http://www.cosca.net/scottish-clan-family-caucus/luglesswillswanderingbookclub/>

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GAME REPORTS

UPCOMING GAMES



CHICAGO SCOTS 28TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

June 20-21, 2014

Experience the best of Scotland without leaving Chicago at the 28th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games June 20-21, 2014 at Hamilton Lakes, 1 Pierce Place, Itasca, IL. The festival is open to the public on Friday, June 20 from 4 – 10 pm and Saturday, June 21 from 8 am – 9 pm. The CHICAGO SCOTS invite *everyone* to be Scottish this weekend-long annual summer celebration – offering an extensive array of unique Scottish *traditions, revelry, and culture* for the whole family!

Paul Layman will host the Clan Pollock tent along with the able assistance of his wife, Helen, and other Illinois Clan Pollock members. If you are in the area, we hope you will visit these Games. For more information

<http://www.chicagoscots.org/highland-games-folder/>



2nd Annual Scottish Clan & Family Caucus at Grandfather Mountain Lees-McRae College July 9-10, 2014

Workshops on July 9th feature start with Genealogy Master Class, 9:00am – 12:00pm \$25.00 register at [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cosca-caucus-genealogical-master-class-tickets-](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cosca-caucus-genealogical-master-class-tickets-11800729299)

[11800729299](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cosca-caucus-genealogical-master-class-tickets-11800729299) and end with An Afternoon Lesson On How To Cuss In Gaelic free event register at www.eventbrite.com/e/cosca-caucus-book-signing-tickets-11800687173

The Scottish Clan & Family Caucus Meeting on July 10th is an opportunity to hear reports of the Caucus Working Groups, listen to great speakers discuss current issues and matters of interest to the Scottish Clan & Family community in America, Scotland and the world. Take a look at the Caucus Program and learn a bit about this year's speakers at www.COSCA.net.



FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES August 8-10, 2014 Fergus, Ontario

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, one of North America's largest and longest, continually running Highland showcases, is celebrating its 69th year this year. The event runs from the afternoon of Friday 8th August, 2014 to the evening of Sunday 10th August, 2014 and includes a Tattoo on Friday evening with massed pipe bands, a tribute to the Scottish homeland with a ceremonial hearth lighting by all the represented clans, a world attempt at the most cabers tossed simultaneously and a massive firework display. Saturday includes pipes and drums competition, highland dancing competition, avenue of the clans, with traditionally over 60 clans represented, sheep shearing, McKiddie's corner, tug of war competition, Gaelic music and of course the heavies competition with some of North America's top male and female, heavies athletes competing with the hammer, stone, sheaf-toss and caber Sunday continues the heritage presentations, music, pipes and drums completion, heavies dancing and includes a kirkin' of the tartan.

There are many opportunities for members of the clans to "show the tartan" and represent their clans. The lighting of the hearth, a tribute to the homeland, on Friday evening, the massed clans during the official opening on Saturday, the kirkin' of the tartan on Sunday and of course the opportunity to host a clan tent on our "Avenue of the Clans".

Many clans from around the continent are expected to gather and join us for a most memorable weekend.

Please check out our website at www.fergusscottishfestival.com

59TH ANNUAL GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

JULY 10 – 13, 2014

MacRae Meadows – Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts – Tom & Kelly Stone; Ben & Merle Stone

These Games begin with a picnic at 4:30 pm on Thursday with Scottish Entertainment – Sheep Herding demonstration – and conclude with a torchlight ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are full days with athletic competition – entertainment – parades – lots to do! For more information <http://www.gmhg.org/>

Come join us on the Mountain!

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH-IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

September 4 – 7, 2014

Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts – A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Clan Pollock will once again be located next to Clan Maxwell with a shared space for our visitors. March with Clan Pollock in the parade on Saturday morning. These Games have a Tattoo on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights – one of the few Games in the U.S. that still have a Tattoo. Three days of activities in a beautiful setting with the Rockies in the background. Come join us this year – we want to help the community of Estes Park celebrate its recovery from the devastating floods that occurred after the 2013 Games ended! For more information:

http://scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html .

The parade is the largest Celtic parade in North America. Please be at the Clan Pollock tent by 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning if you want to walk with us in the parade. Picture shows Clan Pollock lining up at the games in 2013.



GAME REPORTS

29TH GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES

May 30 – June 1, 2014

Barren River State Park, Lucas, KY

Clan Pollock was the Honored Clan at the Games on May 30-June 1! A.D. And Clara Ann hosted the tent at the games.



Marching on the field at the Glasgow Games



THE GENEALOGIST CORNER

Rebuilding of Pollok Castle

1888 Newspaper article

(newspaper name and specific date unknown)

Pollock Castle, the old historic residence of the Pollocks of Mearns, and which suffered severely by the disastrous fire which visited it years ago, has now be re-erected on the old site. At an early date after the estate had been taken over by the much esteemed present proprietor, the Hon. Mr. Ferguson-Pollok, Bart., building operations were commenced with a view to restoring the residential seat of the family. For four years subsequent to the fire the Castle was permitted to remain undisturbed in the almost comparative debris in which the conflagration had left it. The only portions of the main building which had been left intact were the tower walls, back wall, and th old kitchen gable. These, along with some other remaining portions, have been utilised in the present building, but throughout the whole structure the interior is new.

During the period of two years which has been taken to put the Castle into its present condition a handsome and not commodious mansion has been erected, affording accommodation three times in extent to that formerly had. The intentions of the architect were as far as possible to restore most of the outstanding features of the two former castles. The greatest difficulty experienced in the former mansion of a dampness rising has in the present case, at considerable expenditure of labour and money be surmounted. In style it is Scotch baronial, with a general castellated appearance. What constituted the old gateway, with its chaste and exquisite French classic ornamentation overhead, has now been formed in the chief entrance door and the intermediary space know as the old courtyard has been made into a magnificent entrance hall, whose interior is of black oak. Branching off from the hall are the funs, butler's and principal dining room. All the chief rooms which are both exquisitely and elegantly decorates.

The second and third flats are reserved mainly for family rooms. The former outer buildings, which comprised the old stable, etc.. are contiguously located situated to the old courtyard and have now been utilised with great alterations, on the ground floor, for kitchen offices, and above for bedrooms. The old kitchen which is of great interest by reason of its antiquity, retains all of its glory in the way of its massive wall at the fireplace, measuring in widths 11 ft. and in heights 8 ft. and whose chimney is of dimensions something similar in extent measuring 11 feet by 5 feet. A fine castellated tower reaching to the altitude of 55 ½ feet composed entirely of stone, and whose design harmonizes with its surroundings has been erected. This has been restored as one of the Castle which stood previously to the more recent burned many years ago. A portion of this tower in made to serve as a smoking room.

From it's height and eminence on which the Castle is erected, is brought into greater effect, with the result that the view had from its is most varied and comprehensive. Argyllshire and Perthshire hills – amongst the latter Ben Ledi being the most prominent – can be without an difficulty seen, whilst Mount Tinto in Lanarkshire, comes also into early scope. The approached leading up to the Castle have been on one side extended and vastly improved. New out-houses, a handsome gate lodge, and new stables, with all modern improvements – Nie latter affording stabling for 2 horses, have also been erected. The stone used throughout is from the neighboring quarries of Patterton.

The estimated cost was 10,000 Pounds, but consequent to its additions on and departures from the original designs the ultimate cost cannot, so far, yet be fixed. Other improvements throughout the estate have also been effected, and others are in contemplation. The architect, Mr. C. F. Johnston of Edinburgh, Master of the works, Mr. Finlaynon of Leith, the masonry and foenery work were entrusted to Messrs R. Lamb and Sons, Edinburgh. The Castle is presently occupied by Mr. And Mrs. Hon. Fergusson-Pollok and peculiarly coincidental to their occupancy of it dates form the 31st ultimo, one of the anniversaries of the late fire.

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

A Wee Bit of History

Battle of Bannockburn



The English army led by Edward II met Robert Bruce, King of Scots, and his army of Scots met at The Battle of Bannockburn (*Blàr Allt a' Bhonnaich*) on June 23-24, 1314. During the First War for Scottish Independence England tried to establish its authority over Scotland. The unprecedented rout of King Edward's army was a landmark in Scots history. The Robert Burns poem *Scots Wha Hae* ["Scots Wha Hae"](#) is the title of a patriotic poem by [Robert Burns](#).^[27] The chorus of Scotland's unofficial national anthem ["Flower of Scotland"](#) refers to Scotland's victory over Edward and the English at Bannockburn.

Today you can visit the battleground and relive history at the Visitor Centre. Even if you can't visit in person there's lots to be learned at the Visitor Centre website, <http://www.battleofbannockburn.com/>

The depiction at the left is from the *Scotichronicon* (c.1440). It is the earliest known image of the battle. King Robert wielding an axe and Edward II fleeing toward Stirling feature prominently, conflating incidents from the two days of battle. The *Scotichronicon* is a 15th-century legendary account, by the Scottish historian Walter Bower. .

~Beth Avery

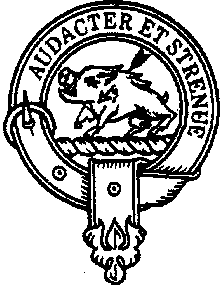
PICTURES OF OUR ANCESTORS

Lina Steele Pollock, c. 1900, with her grandchildren: Archie Duncan Pollock Sr., Anna Belle Pollock Peveler, and Harry Pollock. Lina was married to Archibald Pollock who came to Kentucky in 1858 from Glasgow, Scotland. Lina was the great-grandmother of Clan Pollock members: A.D. Pollock, Jr; Harry Pollock; Charles Pollock; Tom Pollock; Bill Dunc Pollock; and Jim Pollock; and great-great grandmother of Clan Pollock members: Archie D. Pollock, III; Andy Pollock; Elizabeth Pollock Slough and Jimmy Pollock.



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Scots Wha Hae by Robert Burns

'Scots, who have with Wallace bled,
Scots, whom Bruce has often led,
Welcome to your gory bed
Or to victory.

'Now is the day, and now is the hour:
See the front of battle lower (threaten),
See approach proud Edward's power -
Chains and slavery.

'Who will be a traitor knave?
Who will fill a coward's grave?
Who's so base as be a slave? -
Let him turn, and flee.

'Who for Scotland's King and Law
Freedom's sword will strongly draw,
Freeman stand or freeman fall,
Let him follow me.

'By oppression's woes and pains,
By your sons in servile chains,
We will drain our dearest veins
But they shall be free.

'Lay the proud usurpers low,
Tyrants fall in every foe,
Liberty is in every blow,
Let us do or die!'