

**The Pollag**  
**August 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."*

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# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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## Words from the President...



We hope you are having a good summer where you are – whether it is hot, cool, rainy or dry – make the most of these months!

We had a good time at the Glasgow, KY Games despite the heat and humidity – typical for that time of year here in Kentucky! We had Clan Pollock members from California, Virginia and Kentucky. There were 14 at our tent on Saturday and 8 marched on Sunday in the Parade of Tartans. Thank you to everyone who came to help us have a good showing as the Honored Clan!

We are sorry we had to miss the Grandfather Mountain Games this year but we know things were in good hands with the Stone family running Clan Pollock's tent. Thank you, Stones!

Next up are the Longs Peak Games at Estes Park, Colorado September 5 – 7. We received our tickets and Clan tent assignments from Clan Pollock member, Kent Woodward, who does such an outstanding job managing the 75+ clans that attend these Games. We will be in the North Lower Tent at space 90 again this year sharing space 89 with Clan Maxwell for our visitors. We hope see many of you there!

We are going to try to attend the West Kentucky Highland Festival in Murray, KY on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a one day event. If you are in that area, come and join us October 25.

We want to hear your news – send in pictures and items of interest about your family. We will try to include as many as possible in the Pollag.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock  
Written July 25, 201

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

### **FLOWERS OF THE FORREST**

Ross Morrison, Jr. passed away October 5, 2013. Ross was a familiar sight at Scottish Games all over the United States serving as Athletic Coordinator for the Games. He served the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games for 53 years in various capacities and was President of the Games from 1998 until 2013.



### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Richard A. Pollock, St. Petersburg, FL  
Donna J.C. Rausch, Genevieve, MO

### **CLAN POLLOCK TARTAN**

We have the following Tartans available:

Pollock Ancient,  
Pollock Modern, and  
Pollock Black Dress

Tartan is shipped direct from Scotland by the weaver. Items can be made by the weaver and quotes can be given for any items you are wanting made in Scotland.

The Clan Pollock Tartan Cost is \$48 per yard (Double Width) and will have shipping fees depending on the amount and carrier used to ship. Small orders can be shipped Postal where larger orders must be shipped via UPS. Import fees can be around \$40 for 4 yards and will be due to the carrier. Usually any items Made to Measure (items made in Scotland from our Tartan like a kilt or other items) are not as likely to encounter import fees.

### **ANTHONY BELITZ'S DIVING RECORD**

Clan Pollock members, Barney and Arlene Polk, sent us news recently that their grandson, Anthony Belitz, placed third in the Colorado Diving Meet. Anthony just finished his Freshman year in high school. He also received All-American recognition for one meter diving. There were only three from Colorado mentioned. Anthony and his sister, Kirsten, carried the Clan Pollock banner for us in the Parade in Estes Park, Colorado for a couple of years. Our Congratulations to Anthony!

### **SCOTLAND TRIP**

As you can tell from the smiles, Hal and Shelly Hardin had a wonderful trip to Scotland.



*Hal and Shelly playing the part of the King and Queen at Stirling Castle this past May.*



*Hal and Shelly, enjoying some traditional Scottish music at Sandy Bells pub in Edinburgh.*

## **NEWS OF THE GAMES**

### **UPCOMING GAMES**



**If you would like to host a tent at any of the games where we don't already have one contact our President, A.D. Pollock. It is a great way to make new friends and enjoy the games in a whole different way! If you can't host a game, make sure to wear the Pollock tartan. See page 7 for a more complete list of upcoming games. There's sure to be one near you.**

### **Colorado Scottish Festival**

Highlands Ranch, CO

August 9-10, 2014

<http://www.scottishgames.org/>

### **38<sup>TH</sup> LONGS PEAK 2014 SCOTTISH-IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL**

**SEPTEMBER 5 – 7**

**STANLEY PARK FAIRGROUNDS ARENA, ESTES PARK, COLORADO**

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 6<sup>th</sup>. Parade begins at 9:30 am. Look for the Pollock banner/flag to line up with other members and our 4 legged friends – courtesy of Matt & Vicki Pollock -at the top of the hill. 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 streets. *Pollocks on parade 2013*



### **East Tennessee Celtic Festival (formerly Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival)**

Elizabethton, TN

September 5 – 7, 2014

The theme for this year's festival is Free Scotland given the Referendum for Scottish Independence being held in the United Kingdom less than two weeks after the festival. For more information visit the website:<http://uppereasttncelticsociety.org/>

**Halifax Celtic Fest**  
September 12-13, 2014  
<http://halifaxcelticfest.com/>



**Ligonier Highland Games**  
Idlewild Park in Ligonier, Pennsylvania  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
<http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/>

## **GAME REPORTS**



**Blairsville (GA) Scottish Festival**  
**June 14-15, 2013**

Hal Hardin, resplendent in his kilt, represented Clan Pollock at the Games.



**Grandfather Mountain Games**  
**July 10-13, 2014**

The games began Thursday night with the "Bear Race" straight up up Grandfather Mountain. This was followed by the "Calling of the Clans". Tim Stone gave spirited call for the Pollocks. He mentioned artists Sam Stone and Jackson Pollock Friday was nice day several Pollocks came by the tent. On Saturday Steve and Kim Pollock, and Henry Pollock's son came. On Sunday Sam Stone, who has a brand new kilt and accessories, represented the Clan at the Church service and the parade of Chiefs after the parade of Tartans. The weather was better than last year just one squall hit on Saturday. Mike Stone and his wife Jamelyn Trucks came from Dubai.



*Ben, Meryl, & Mike Stone*



## THE GENEALOGIST CORNER

### Seal of Robert de Polloc

The Seal is located in the British Library, Department of Manuscripts, London, England. The Seal is identified as Seal XLVII. 998, and it is part of a collection of casts of seals donated in 1875 by David Laing (1793-1878)<sup>1</sup> a noted Scottish antiquary.<sup>2</sup> No record is known as to how and from whom David Laing acquired the Seal. Robert de Polloc was the Grandson of Fulbert, our progenitor. The Seal was used by Robert de Polloc in ca. 1208 A.D.<sup>3</sup> It reads "Sigillum Roberti de Polloc". The central figure is that of a boar, pierced in its upper quarter with a dart. This seal was one of the earliest private seals used in Britain.<sup>4</sup> In shape, the seal is a slightly irregular circle, 1½ " in diameter. The outer part has a ¼" circular section completely around the circumference, including the words "Sigillum Roberti de Polloc". The central figure is that of a boar, pierced in its upper quarter with a dart, according to the written descriptions. The dart was not visible, however, on the seal when I inspected it during a visit to the museum on 10 June 1997, and the British Museum Staff confirmed my observation. They believed the dart may have disappeared through early usage or erosion over time. The original seal was probably made of beeswax, according to the Museum authorities.



<sup>1</sup> 4 July 1995 letter to Richard H. Pollock from Joanne Lomax, The British Library

<sup>2</sup> Entry for David Laing, Dictionary of National Biography XXXI:401-402. London: Smith, Elder & Co., 1982.

<sup>3</sup> E. A. Langslow Cock. Pollock-Pedigree, 1989-1950. Compiled from The Ancient Authorities, and The Work of Alex Pollock of 1939.. London: E.A. Langslow Cock, Esq., 1939

<sup>4</sup> Lloyd Welch Pogue. Pogue/Pollock/Polk Genealogy As Measured In History From Scotland To Northern Ireland/Ulster, Ohio, and Westward, Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1990. Opposite Title Page.

~ Richard H. Pollock  
Genealogist, Clan Pollock

### Pollocks in South Africa

John Pollock sent us this research on the Pollocks in South Africa done by his niece:

The early members of the Pollock family came to South Africa from Scotland. The earliest member of the family of my material grandfather's side that we have on record is John Campbell Pollock, who married the daughter of the Duke of Buccleugh (England). This man had been sent to South Africa as a Remittance Man as he had misbehaved socially and disgraced his family.

He married a South African who his father could not accept as she was a commoner and he refused to give her up, so his father tried to persuade him by offering him a seat on the House of Lords if he returned to England and left his wife and children behind. He refused this offer and changed his name to Hill from Darehill and remained in South Africa until his death. He never saw his father again.

His daughter married my great, great grandfather, John Campbell Pollock. Jan and his wife had their twelve children, one of whom was my great grandfather Roland. He was a gold prospector and married my great grandmother and they lived on her family farm in Vryfield. The original farm was 10,000 acres. They had two sons, the eldest being John Nicolas Pollock, who was my grandfather. My grandfather, John Pollock, went to school in Vryfield and the family was not wealthy. They struggled to cope with my great grandmother – doing everything while her husband was gold prospecting. They divorced when my grandfather was in grade 11. When my grandfather was in grade 10 he wrote the National School exam and came in second in South Africa. He went to university to do a science degree and first taught

mathematics and science and then went on to lecture physics and chemistry at the National Technikon.

He met my grandmother – Joan Lees – when we was a teach at Port Shepstone High School and she was a pupil. She was the head girl and dux of the school and he gave here extra science lessons in matric. She went on to nurse at Greys Hospital in Pietermaritzburg. They for married and had five children, four sons and a daughter – who is my mother.

Catherina Frickel

## SEEKING INFORMATION

My father was George William Pollock, 1 of 10 children, He was the 9th child. The info I have on my grandfather, **James S. Pollock, Sr**, born 1871 (I believe) is: that he was born in Coleraine, Londonderry Cty, Ireland. He came to the USA in 1888 .He married Harriet McCauley (dob: 1876) in 1892, born in Germantown, Pa. My brother, James C. Pollock, passed away 4 years ago.

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I'm working on a screenplay about Bernardo de Galvez and **Oliver Pollock** and Washington. I am trying to find a connection between Valley Forge and Galvez. I know Pollock got the supplies to Washington but I wondered the connecting person and after reading through my Hamilton book by Chernow I saw the possible family connection. It would make sense and be natural that Oliver and Alexander being family would work together. Do you have any info or comments on this topic?? I think they must have known each other and knew their family relationship. What think ye?

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## UPCOMING GAMES August – December 2014

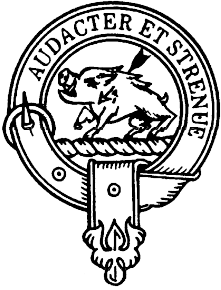
August	2	3	2014	Monterey Scottish Festival	Monterey, California
August	2	2	2014	Spokane Scottish Games	Spokane, Washington
August	1	3	2014	St Andrew's Society H Games	Livonia, Mich
August	9	9	2014	Whidbey Island Games	Whidbey Island WA
August	8	10	2004	Fergus Scottish Festival	Fergus Ontario, Canada
August				Cape Cod Scottish Festival – Postponed until 2015	Cape Cod, MA
August	16	16	2014	Maine Highland Games	Brunswick, Maine
August	16	16	2014	Buffalo NHV Scottish Festival	Buffalo, New York
August	23	24	2014	Bitterroot Scottish & Irish Festival	Hamilton, Montana
August	23	23	2014	Long Island Scottish Festival	Long Island, New York
August	23	23	2014	Foothills Highland Games	Olotoks, Alberta, Canada
August	30	31	2014	Hood Canal Games,	Belfair WA
August	29	31	2014	Wisconsin Scottish Games	Waukesha, Wisconsin
August	30	30	2014	McLain Celtic Festival	Carlisle, PA
August	30	30	2014	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, Alberta, Canada

August	30	1	2014	Caledonian Scottish Games	Alameda Cty FG, CA
August	30	31	2014	Scottish Highland Games	San Francisco, CA
August	30	31	2014	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, Alberta, Canada
August	30	31	2014	Virginia Scottish Games	The Plains, Virginia
August	31	31	2014	<a href="#">Scottish Family Picnic</a>	Goshen, Connecticut
September	4	7	2014	Longs Peak Scots&Irish Fest	Estes Park, CO
September	5	7	2014	Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival	Elizabethtown, TN
September	5	6	2014	Celtic Heritage Festival	Buffalo, MO
September	6	6	2014	Edinboro HG & Scottish Festival	Edinboro, PA
September	13	13	2014	<a href="#">Innisfil Celtic Festival</a>	Innisfil, Ontario, Canad
September	13	14	2014	Highlander Festival	Kelso, Washington
September	13	14	2014	Columbus Scottish Festival	Columbus, Indiana
September	13	14	2014	Niagra Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games	Olcott Beach, NY
September	19	21	2014	New Hampshire H Games	Lincoln, NH
September	19	21	2014	Oklahoma Scottish Festival	Tulsa, Oklahoma
September	20	20	2014	Appalachtion Celtic Connection	Ringold, Georgia
September	20	20	2014	Celtic Harvest Festival	Se dona, Arizona
September	18	21	2014	Charleston Highland Games	Mt Pleasant, SC
September	20	20	2014	Highland Gathering & Games	Fresno, CA
September	26	28	2014	KVMR 89.5 Celtic Festival	Grass Valley, Nevada
September	26	27	2014	St Louis Scottish & Cultural Festival	St Louis, Missouri
September	27	27	2014	Dandridge Scots_Irish Festival	Dandridge, TN
September	26	28	2014	Celtic Classic Festival	Bethlehem, PA
September	27	28	2014	McPherson Scottish Festival	McPherson, Kansas
September	27	27	2014	Pipes in the Valley	Hartford, Connecticut
October	4	5	2014	Chesapeake Celtic Festival	Snowhill, MD
October	4	4	2014	McCullough Highland Games	Hartford, Connecticut
October	4	5	2014	Reno Celtic Fest	Reno, Nevada
October	4	4	2014	N Alabama Scottish Festival	New Market, AL
October	4	5	2014	Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival	Aztec, NM
October	4	4	2014	Scotland County H Games	Laurinburg, NC
October	7	7	2014	Scotland Connecticut Highland Games	Scotland, Connecticut
October	10	12	2014	Seaside Highland Games	Ventura, CA
October	11	11	2014	Indianapolis Scottish Games	Indianapolis, IN
October	11	11	2014	Radford Highlanders Festival	Radford, VA
October	11	12	2014	Tennessee Scottish Festival	Jackson, TN
October	17	19	2014	Stone Mountain Highland Games	Atlanta, Georgia
October	18	19	2014	Austin Celtic Festival	Austin, Texas
October	25	26	2014	Central Virginia Celtic Festival	Richmond, VA
November	7	9	2014	Salado Scottish Gathering & Highland Games	Salado, TX
November	8	9	2014	Mount Dora Highland Festival	Mt. Dora, Fl.
November	tbd	tbd		Tuscon Celtic Festival	Tuscon, Arizona
November	22	22	2014	Dunedin Celtic Festival	Dunedin, FL
December	5	6	2014	Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend	Alexandria, VA

If you know of any games that aren't listed please let your editor know, [aveyb@mail.otherwhen.com](mailto:aveyb@mail.otherwhen.com)

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### A Few Scottish Sayings

<b>Original Saying</b>	<b>Translation</b>
<b>Whit's fur ye'll no go past ye</b>	Whatever is meant to happen to you, will happen to you
<b>You're a wee scunner!</b>	You're a little whiner/nuisance
<b>She's up to high doh</b>	She's all worked up
<b>Awa' an bile yer heid</b>	Get lost!' or 'Forget it''
<b>Yer bum's oot the windae</b>	You're not making any sense
<b>Lang may yer lum reek</b>	May you live long and keep well'
<b>Failing means yer playin</b>	When you fail at something at least you're trying.
<b>Keep the heid</b>	Stay calm, don't get upset.
<b>We're a' Jock Tamson's bairns</b>	We're all God's children, nobody is better than anybody else
<b>Slainte mhor agus a h-uile beannachd duibh</b>	Good health and every good blessing to you!