

The Pollag
May 2015

"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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Words from the President...

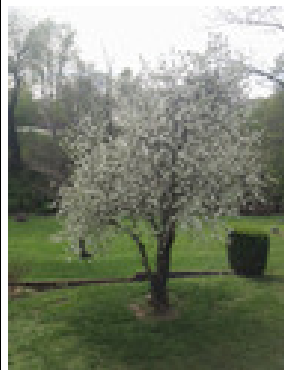


We hope Spring has arrived where you live! It's been a tough winter for many and we just hope you are seeing some warmer temperatures by now!

We want to congratulate two of our new Clan Pollock members on their upcoming graduation from college and nursing school. Jonathan and David Pollock are sons of Clan Pollock member Susan Pollock and the late Bryan Pollock. We are proud of you and we know your family are also. We would like to hear about other members' family news - this is the season for graduations - weddings, etc. Please send us your news and pictures and we will include them in future issues.

We are looking forward to attending several Games over the next few months. We plan to be at the Glasgow, KY Games in late May and the Grandfather Mountain, NC Games in July as well as the Estes Park, CO Games in September. Please see articles on each of these in this issue with more information.

Thank you to everyone who have sent in their 2015 dues. Don't forget to let us know if you move or change your e-mail address so we can update our records. We don't want anyone to miss out on a single issue of The Pollag.



Tree planted by A.D.'s Grandmother over 80 years ago

We would like to thank everyone for your support of Clan Pollock. We appreciate your e-mails and postings.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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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@otherwhen.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

T. Kathy Grant, Oakhurst, CA

Kelly Ann Loy, Wheat Ridge, CO

James F. Polk, Escondido, CA

David B. Pollock, Puyallup, WA

Jonathan E. Pollock, Clarkston, WA

Barbara D. Estada, Tucson, AZ

NEWS OF MEMBERS



Kelly Ann Loy's oldest daughter, Tallis, toured Scotland by bicycle last summer. She took some wonderful pictures on her trip. Here's a picture of the Loy family at Loch Ness in 2012.

Thanks to Gail Pollock Carden for sending this picture of one of Clan Pollock's founding members, Robin (Rob) Pollock of Wilmington, N.C. Rob and his late wife, Rosemary, were long time North Carolina Commissioners along with holding other offices in Clan Pollock over the years. Great picture of a wonderful man.



Clan Pollock member, Roy S. Thompson, President of the Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast, in his new Pollock kilt. Looking good, Roy!



Robert and Lennie Pollock & baby Hamish. Robert and Lennie's three children – Hamish, Marion and Robin were founding members of Clan Pollock. Their grandchildren continue to be active members of Clan Pollock.



Happy Birthday!

JUNE

1 – Carol Black; Michael A. Stroschio
3 – H. Stephen Pollock
5 – Cheryl A. Zelek
8 – Robert W. Parrish
9 – Donna J.C. Rausch
13 – James T. Pollock
14 – James W. Pollock; John A. Pollock
15 – Beth Avery
17 – Virginia P. Stoops
20 – James R. Pogue, Sr.; Robert S. Pollock (Happy 93rd)
21 – Jack S. Pollock
22 – Charles W. Polk, II; David A. Pollock
25 – Dean Hoffman; Robert W. Pollock
26 – Larry M. Pollock

JULY

2 - Richard H. Pollock
5 – William W. Pollock; Mark W. Pollock

10 – Thomas J. Morgan
15 – Nancy F. McCaughrean
18 – Thomas Pollock
22 – Dawn M. Kurth; Larry C. Poague, Sr.
26 – John T. Main
28 – Jerry C. Pollock; John P. Pollock

AUGUST

1 – Carolyn L. Pollock; Gary M. Pollock
2 – Hal Hardin
5 – Dorothy G. Lydecker
14 – Kearfott Stone
15 – Debra D. Munn; Eileen E. Polk
20 – Sandra N. Harriman
21 – Mary L. Anderson
22 – Robert D. Pollock
23 – Nelle P. Kost
24 – Andy W. Pollock
30 – James P. Farber; Archie D. Pollock III

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

30th Glasgow, KY Highland Games

Barren River Lake State Resort Park, 1149 State Park Road, Lucas, KY

MAY 30 – 31, 2015

<http://glasgowhighlandgames.com>

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



Please notice that these Games are being held this year the last 2 days in May – a change from previous years. We will host a Clan Pollock tent at Glasgow and we look forward to seeing you!

Newport (OR) Celtic Festival & Highland Games

June 12-14, 2015

<http://http://ncfhg.com/>



This is the 5th anniversary of the Newport Celtic Games. Where else can you attend a Gathering of the Clans/Piping Down the Sun on the beach on Friday night before the games, sheepdog herding, music, parades, arts, and dancing on Saturday and Sunday. For the hardy there will be a hagsis eating contest. Check out the kid-friendly Facebook page <http://on.fb.me/1QNu0bS> to get the young ones interested in all the fun activities that will be happening in Sprog's Corner during the Festival,

29th Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes, 1 Pierce Place, Itasca, IL

June 19 – 20, 2015

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

Clan Pollock Tent Host: Paul Layman



CHICAGO SCOTS hosts the Midwest's Largest Scottish Event. We spoke with Paul Layman recently and there will be a Clan Pollock tent at this event. Paul needs help more this year since he is alone and also Paul has other major responsibilities at the Games in addition to the Clan Pollock ones. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Paul at p.layman@sbcglobal.net or (630) 941-1154.

Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week

July 5-10, 2015

<http://www.acgamerica.org/events/grandfather-mountain/info/>



The 17th Annual Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Song and Language Week will be held again this year at Lees-MacRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The week consists of Scottish Gaelic language and song classes for all – from complete beginners to advanced speakers. The song classes will cover a range of traditional Gaelic song forms. You don't need to be fluent in Gaelic to learn Gaelic songs! Instructors this year will be Gillebride MacMillan, Joy Dunlop, and Kathleen Reddy. Gillebride MacMillan's first language is Gaelic. He is from the island of South Uist. He plays the role of Gwyllyn the Bard in the Outlander television series on Starz. Kathleen Reddy is a certified Gaelic instructor who teaches Gaelic at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. As usual there will be a Gaelic tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and the North Carolina Gaelic Mòd will take place there on the Saturday. The cost of room and board and instruction for the week are very reasonable, so come and join in the fun! For additional information and to register, see our website or contact Dr. Jamie MacDonald at 910-703-3990 or John Grimaldi at ianmartainn@aol.com.

60th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC

July 9 -12, 2015

<http://www.gmhg.org>

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: Tim & Kelly Stone; Ben & Merle Stone

These Games always begin with a picnic on Thursday evening with Scottish Entertainment – Sheep Herding demonstration and conclude with a torchlight ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games. Friday thru Sunday are full days with competitions in athletics, pipe bands, Scottish dancing and others; lots of entertainment; parades – much to do!



Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Ontario, Canada

August 7-9, 2015

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/>

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games would like to extend this invitation to join us at Canada's largest Clan gathering. Host a tent on the Avenue of the Clans during the Festival which takes place this year from Friday 7th August to Sunday 9th August at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex in Fergus.

If you would like to wear the tartan of Clan Pollock at any of these events or staff a Clan Pollock Tent please let A.D. And Clara know a.s.a.p. so we can register. Phone: 615-406-1182 apollockis@comcast.net

39th Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO

September 10 – 13, 2015

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

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



We will head to Estes Park again in September for these Games. Look for us next to Clan Maxwell with a shared space for visitors. These Games have a great Tattoo on Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights – always very well done! We will hope for a dryer evening this year but the downpour at last year's Friday show didn't dampen the participating units' spirits or performance. Saturday morning, join us for the Parade before heading to the Fairgrounds for lots of activities all day. Be sure and stop by our tent for a greeting from the "Gentle Giant" Great Danes – Zeus and Pinto – always a big draw. See you there!

GAME REPORTS



Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, North Carolina April 18 – 19, 2015

The games started Friday night with a calling of The Clans. Saturday was a perfect day -- sunny with temps in the 70s. We had two visitors to the tent one was lady from San Diego who is a clan member. She was visiting her daughter who lives in the Charlotte area.

THE GENEALOGIST CORNER

The Genealogy Tree

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sir_George_Pollock.jpg

Another distinguished English person was Field Marshal Sir George Pollock, Bart., the fifth son of David Pollock, Esquire and Sarah Homeria Parsons.

Sir George was born 4 June 1786 in Piccadilly, London. He married first Frances Webb Barclay 6 August 1810, by whom he had six children, plus four who died in infancy. He later married Henrietta Wollaston 15 January 1852. They had no children.



Choosing a military Career he was educated at the Royal Military Academy in Woolrich. After Graduation he was commissioned as a lieutenant-fireworker in the Bengal Artillery on 14 December 1803. He rose through the ranks to become Field Marshal on 24 May 1879. He served in India for over forty years and his Afghan campaign, which culminated in the recapture of Kabul in 1842, was a model of modern warfare.¹

His awards included Knight of Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India.

Upon his retirement from field activity he served as Constable of the Tower of London beginning in November 1871.

Sir George died 6 October 1872 and was buried in the Nave at Westminster Abbey in London.² His gravestone

included this inscription: O GOD THE LORD, THE STRENGTH OF MY SALVATION THOU HAST COVERED MY HEAD IN THE DAY OF BATTLE.³ (Psalm CXL.7.)

1. <http://www.Westminster-Abbey.org>

2. ibid

3. ibid

Other sources: Pollock-Pedigree, 1080-1950. Compiled from the Ancient Authorities and the wold of Alex Pollock of 1939 by E.A. Langslow Cock.

Wikipedia

<http://theodora.com/encyclopedia/p2/pollock.html>.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
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Pollock on Ancestry.com

Kelly Ann Loy' let us know she has her family tree on Ancestry.com and adds to regularly, and have started putting together as much source material as possible. She would love to share anything she has. Who else has their family tree posted on line? Please let the editor know so we can share the information with members of the Clan <averyb@otherwhen.com>

Looking for Information

Still looking for information on Benjamin Pollock, died 1779 at the Battle of Briar's Creek, Georgia. He was with the North Carolina militia. If anyone has any information on this, please get in touch with Lavern Raisch, boblarai2@yahoo.com

THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER

The Polloks of Balgray

Balgray is an area located to the west of Upper Pollock in Renfrewshire. It was not part of the original lands of Pollok but came into family possession by purchase from its ancient owners, the Park family, in 1603, and remained in Pollok possession for the next three centuries. During this time its ownership passed through several different branches of the family as explained below. In time it came to be used as the Dower house of Castle Pollok, i.e. the residence of the widow of a departed laird when his successor moved into the castle. Balgray was the childhood home of Governor Thomas Pollock (1642-1722) of North Carolina and of the grandfather of David Pollock, saddler to King George and father of Field Marshall Sir George Pollock (1786-1872) and Sir Frederick Pollock (1783-1870), UK Attorney General and Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The lands of Balgray now lie mostly under Balgray Reservoir which was built between 1860 and 1865, part of the Dams to Darnley Country Park, Renfrewshire. The dower house has been substantially improved several times is now a lovely residence – it just recently sold for £1.15m.



The history of Balgray's ownership is somewhat confusing because it was conveyed between different lines of Polloks in three successions. Perhaps it is best to present this in the context of the descendants of David Pollock, 11th of that

Ilk (d.1545), who never owned Balgray himself but all of its later owners were his descendants. David had 3 sons: John Pollok, 12th of that Ilk (d.1564), Charles Pollock of Greenhill (d. before 1577), and George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow (d.1619). Ownership of Balgray passed between descendants of all three of these sons at different times, as follows:

Succession 1, 1603-1656, descendants of Charles Pollok of Greenhill:

1 - David Pollok of Lee, son of Charles Pollok of Greenhill, married first Janet (d.1593), daughter of John Pollok 13th of that Ilk. There is no record of his second wife's name. David purchased Balgray in 1603 from Alexander Park who was married to Egidia Pollok, also daughter of John Pollock, 13th of that Ilk. David sold his estate at Lee to Alan Pollok of Arthurlie when he purchased Balgray. David died in 1631 leaving three sons, Charles, by his first wife, and John and Robert by the second. Charles had only one child, a daughter, so John, the second son, succeeded to Balgray.

2 - John Pollok (d. Nov. 1650), second son of David, inherited Balgray. He was married to Jean, eldest daughter of Robert Pollok, 15th of that Ilk.

3 - David Pollok, son and successor of John Pollok, sold Balgray between 1653 and 1659 to a distant relative, Thomas Pollok of Glasgow. David died 1665, leaving a will. He had two sons, Robert (possibly sir Robert, Knight of Kelso) and David (yeoman of Spittle), grandfather of David Pollok, saddler to King George III.

Succession 2, 1656-1733, descendants of George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow:

George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow, had a son David Pollok (d.1619) who took a degree at Glasgow in 1595 and became Minister at Glenluce before 1605. David had two sons, James, Bailie of Glasgow, and Thomas.

4 - Thomas Pollok (b. ca.1603, d.1680), second son of David, became a wealthy merchant in Glasgow. Thomas purchased Balgray from David Pollok, grandson of David Pollok of Lee, between 1653 and 1659. He had numerous children.

5- James Pollok (b.1646), son of Thomas and a minister of the Kirk, inherited Balgray in 1680. He died before 1695.

6 - Thomas Pollok (d.1715), son of James, inherited Balgray. He sold half to Robert Semple, Jun., of Beltrees in 1710.

7 - James Pollok, son of Thomas, inherited the remaining half of Balgray with its mills and sold them in 1733.

Succession 3, 1733-1939, Pollocks of that Ilk:

8 - Sir Robert Pollok, 17th of that Ilk, Baronet, purchased the remaining half of Balgray from James Pollok for his son Capt. John Pollok in 1733.

9 - Capt. John Pollok was killed in battle at Fontenoy, 1745, and died without heir. Ownership of Balgray passed to his nephew, Robert, son of Sir Robert's first son, Walter.

10 - Sir Robert Pollok, 18th of that Ilk, 2nd Baronet, was the son of the 1st Baronet's first son, Walter, who predeceased his father.

11 - Balgray remained in possession of the subsequent line of Pollocks of that Ilk, and served as the Dower House for Pollok Castle, until the line died out, or "until a few years ago when it was sold to Mr Boyd, the present owner."

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