

The Pollag
March 2016

"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 everyone is having a good 2016. The weather so far this year has been different – record rains in some areas – big snows in other places, and so on. We wish all of you a safe rest of the Winter and maybe an early Spring!

It is time for the payment of your 2016 Clan Pollock dues of **\$15.00 US dollars**. We have received some renewals already and we want to thank you. We also have had some donations and we always appreciate those. Remember you can send your check/money order in **US dollars** made out to Clan Pollock International to Clara Ann Pollock at the address shown on this page of The Pollag or you can pay **\$16.00 US dollars** via Pay Pal on the Clan Pollock website <http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member>.

Please remember to send your change of address and/or change of your e-mail address so Beth Avery, Pollag editor, can make sure you don't miss an issue of The Pollag. Also please send any news of you and your family with pictures so we can share them with our members. Beth does a great job with The Pollag but she needs your input also to keep the newsletter interesting!

We hope to attend some Scottish Games over the next few months and invite you to look for Games in your area. We are always looking for members who would like to host a Clan Pollock tent and we will help you with what you need! Just let us know.

If you have not taken part in the DNA project, I would encourage you to do so. It is a good means of tracing your lineage as well as an opportunity to discover those individuals that share your ancestry. There is rarely a week that goes by that I do not receive information on someone who matches my DNA at some level. For more information go to <http://familytreedna.com> or contact our Historian, John F. Polk, Jr.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock, Written January 30, 2016

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Charles W. Cunard, Griffin, GA
Claire Josephine Pollock, Brampton, Ontario Canada
Gladys Pollock, Camden, NJ
Rebekah Pollock Solheim, Minneapolis, MN

NEWS OF MEMBERS



90 Years of Memories!

On January 4, 2016, Mrs. Douglas Pollock Woodward (Ruth) turned 90! Family and friends joined in Loveland, CO to help her celebrate this momentous occasion.

Doug and Ruth spent many years as the Colorado Clan Pollock Commissioners, published the Colorado Connection newsletter and traveled the country visiting Pollock relatives, towns whose names are related to Pollock and gathering other interesting Pollock history. Many times Ruth would say "I'm not a Pollock!" however she was as immersed in the Pollock family history as Doug was and they both enjoyed the time spent searching out new and interesting facts and meeting many wonderful people in the process.



Kent presenting the trophy in 2003

Ruth continues to sponsor the Douglas Pollock Woodward Memorial Sword which is presented to the Premier Highland Dancer at the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, CO.

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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 issued in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. Send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@otherwhen.com





BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 – Angela P. Gavin
- 4 – John E. Alden
- 5 – Deborah A. Mennig
- 12 – Donald R. Pollock
- 14 – Lawrence P. Pollock
- 15 – Robert S. Pollock III, Max J. Miller
- 18 – Laverne Raisch
- 19 – Harry C. Pollock
- 20 – Kelly A. Loy, Blair M. Pogue
- 22 – Christian A. Edwards

APRIL

- 3 – Barney Polk, Russell L. Pollock
- 5 – Ian J. Pollock, Marjorie T. Scooros
- 9 – Martha Tucker
- 10 – Suzanne P. Hough, John E. Mosher, Pauline E. Pollock
- 12 – Janet Delaney
- 13 – David B. Pollock, Robert M. Pollock
- 20 – James F. Polk, Charles A. Pollock, William D. Pollock
- 21 – James D. Polk
- 23 – Robert (Paddy) Pollock, Walter H. Pollock

- 25 – Kevin P. Polk, Amy E. Pollock-Morse
- 26 – George B. Pogue
- 27 – Jerry D. Mauck, Rebekah P. Solheim
- 30 – Richard A. Pollock, Thomas E. Pollock

MAY

- 1 – Patti S. Polk
- 3 – Larry G. Lankford, Cecil E. Pollock, Clara A. Pollock
- 5 – Victor Crawford, Jr.
- 6 – Mary E. Bryan, Kent Woodward
- 8 – Nancy J. Musselman, Ronald M. Schwoegl
- 9 – Larry K. King
- 10 – Kitty Pollock
- 11 – John Espey, David R. Pollock
- 14 – Velma A. Pollock
- 15 – Brent DeShazo, Steve Guinta, Kay Hirsch, Carolyn T. Gerwig, Jonathan E. Pollock
- 16 – Adolphus A. Riewe Jr., Marion P. Dunbar
- 18 – Lynne E. Carswell, Elizabeth P. Slough
- 19 – Beverly J. Craft, Mary M. Pollock
- 22 – Christopher A. Grodewald
- 24 – Richard Venable
- 30 – Ronald H. Pollock
- 31 – C. Richard Bugg

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. Thanks.
Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On February 4th A.D. and Clara Ann celebrated their 40th anniversary.



EMMY AWARD WINNER

Tom and Nancy Pollock' son, Dr. John Pollock received two Mid-Atlantic Region Emmy Awards for the show "Scientastic – Are You Sleeping?" on the problem of sleep deprivation and how it affects people. The program, which aired in April on WQED-TV in Pittsburgh, was distributed to more than 100 public television stations. The Emmy's received were for Children/Youth/Teen Program or Special and for Music/Composition/Arrangement. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvW6YHPO1iU> for a preview.



Dr. Pollock, a biology professor and neuroscience researcher at Duquesne University, is the show's creator and executive producer. In addition, the versatile Dr. Pollock created the show's original music with lyricist Mike Erskine-Kellie and composer Rick Witkowski.

International Bagpipe Day

March 12

<http://www.bagpipesociety.org.uk/international-bagpipe-day/>



The day begun in 2012 celebrates the world's bagpipes and piping traditions. There are over 130 different types of bagpipes played worldwide. Pipers are encouraged to organize local events and to participate in the Great Bagpipe Convergence. Pipers are encouraged to go out at noon local time on March 10th and play their pipes. The post a picture on the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/internationaldayofthebagpipe>

In November International Space station astronaut, Kjell Lindgren played *Amazing Grace* to honor scientist Victor Hurst who had died unexpectedly in October and had helped train the astronauts. See it at: <http://time.com/4104158/international-space-station-bagpipe/>

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games

Huntersville, North Carolina

April 16 – 17, 2016

The 23rd Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games will be held at 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, N.C. Huntersville is less than a half-hour north of Charlotte, N.C. The Stone Family will host the Clan Pollock tent at these Games in April We hope Clan Pollock members in this area can come out and enjoy the activities at the Games. For more information, check out Rural Hill on Face Book or go to <http://www.ruralhillsscottishfestivals.net/c>

31st Glasgow, KY Highland Games

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

June 4 – 5, 2016

The Glasgow Games are held at Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY – not far from Glasgow, KY. These Games are especially children friendly and have a lot of activities for the young people. We are sorry we won't be able to attend these Games this year – conflict with a granddaughter's college graduation in California! For more information see: <http://glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Want to help Clan Pollock grow? Think about having a tent at a Game near you. It's easy to do and you get to meet great people. Contact A.D. and Clara if you'd like to give it a try.

February 13-14 CA. Queen Mary Scottish Festival & Games. <http://www.queenmary.com>

Feb 27 FL. NorthEast Florida (Jacksonville) Scottish Highland Games. <http://www.neflgames.com>

March 5 FL. Panama City Scottish Festival. <Http://www.panamacityhighlandgames.com>

March 12-14 TX. Scottish-Irish Faire. <http://www.chspb.org>

March 19-20. AZ Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland Games. Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. <http://www.arizonascots.com>

March 21 FL. Southeast Scottish Festival. <Http://www.sassf.org>

April 2-3 TX. The San Antonio Highland Games. <http://www.sahga.org>

April 2-3 FL. Dunedin Highland Games (Tampa/St. Pete). <http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com/>

April 9. NYC. 8th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade Check out <http://nyctartanweek.org>

April 16-17 NC. Las Vegas Highland Games. <http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org>

April 30 MD. Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering of Southern Maryland <http://www.cssm.org>

May 6 GA. Savannah Scottish Games <http://www.savannahscottishgames.com>

May 6-8 WV. Scottish Festival www.scotts-westvirginia.com

May 8-10 TX. Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games – Arlington. <http://www.TexasScottishFestival.com>

May 9-10 KY. Kentucky Scottish Weekend Carrollton (Cincinnati & Louisville). Email: info@kyscottishweekend.org

May 14, DE. Fair Hill Scottish Games. <Http://www.faihillscottishgames.org>

May 14 MD. Frederick Celtic Festival. <Http://www.frederickcelticfestival.com>

May 20-22 TN. Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival. <Http://smokymountaincames.org>

May 21-22 NM. Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival. <Http://www.celticfestabq.com>

May 28-29 CA. United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA). <http://www.scottishfest.com>

May 28-29. MI. Alma Highland Festival & Games. <Http://almahighlandfestival.com>

GAME REPORTS

39th Annual CFL Highland Games January 16-17



THE GENEALOGY TREE

Not to beat a horse to death, as we say in Kentucky, but in the November Pollag you were asked to send your genealogical information to me if you had not already done so.

Some of you responded and your data have been entered into our database.

I'm asking you again. If you haven't sent your line it is much needed to expand the knowledge of our common ancestry. Just send an email to : dickpoll@aol.com and I'll answer you with an attached blank Pedigree Chart for you to complete. If you have your information in another format, that's fine also.

Most of the information in the charts that have been sent have been expanded by several generations that the sender didn't know existed. I'll even send you a printout of your history.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
Clan Pollock international

Historian's Corner

Oliver Pollock and the Portrait of General Bernardo de Galvez

An article in last November's Pollag described how the American Revolutionary patriot, Oliver Pollock, is going to be a main character in an upcoming opera dramatizing the life of General Bernardo de Galvez, the Spanish Governor of Louisiana, later Viceroy of New Spain (Mexico). Because of his friendship and admiration for Oliver Pollock, General Galvez became a critical advocate of the new American nation during the War of Independence and was instrumental in securing Spain's alliance with the colonies.

An interesting sidelight to the Pollock-Galvez story was in the news about a year ago, correcting the oversight of an honor due to Galvez after 231 years. In 1783, at the end of the Revolution, Oliver Pollock commissioned a portrait of General Galvez and forwarded it to Congress, then in New York City, requesting that they accept it as a token of appreciation and honor for Galvez's many services to America. Congress agreed, passed a resolution to accept the portrait and directed "That the Secretary do cause the same to be placed in the room in which Congress meets." For whatever reason, it seems that this never occurred and there is no record of where the portrait ended up.

This situation came to the attention of a very determined and enterprising Spanish lady, Teresa Valcarce, who immigrated to the United States about fifteen years ago and now works in Washington DC, not far from the Capitol. Ms. Valcarce took it upon herself to correct the oversight and embarked on a personal crusade to get a portrait of Galvez installed as promised by Congress so many years ago. This involved a lot of persistent lobbying of Congressional members and their staffs over two years. In the end she was successful not only in getting their approval but in having a new portrait created since the original was never located. This was done by having a well know Spanish artist copy an existing portrait of Galvez originally commissioned by the King of Spain and now in a private collection in Spain.

The portrait was formally unveiled and installed in the Committee Room of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on December 9, 2014, at a ceremony presided over by Senator Menendez, then Chairman of the Committee. See photo – Ms. Valcarce is the lady with scissors in the picture, cutting the ribbon. A full account of this story was printed in the Washington Post and can be seen here –<http://wapo.st/1q87M5E>



Beyond Damned Quarter - A New Polk/Pollock Book

I am very happy to announce the release of a book on which I have been working for many years. It is called **Beyond Damned Quarter, The Polk/Pollock Family of the Chesapeake Eastern Shore in the Colonial Era**, published by Colonial Roots, website <https://colonialroots.com/>

The book is about the family of Robert and Magdalen Polke who came to Somerset County, Maryland, from Donegal, Ireland, about 1687, and were among the first Scotch-Irish settlers in colonial America. They settled in an area called (for good reason) Damned Quarter, but now known more genteelly as Dames Quarter. **Beyond Damned Quarter** is a carefully researched account of the family's initial struggle and ultimate success over its first three generations. Drawing from the original colonial records of the Maryland and Delaware State Archives much new information is introduced which changes some of long accepted beliefs about the family's history. The book runs almost 400 pages and contains detailed accounts of the lives of Robert and Magdalen and their 10 children, with a 4 generation family tree. Also included are family genealogical letters written in the 1800's and an extensive compilation of actions from the Somerset Court records involving Polk/Pollock family members.

The book can be obtained from the publisher's website by entering the title in the search engine, or going directly to <https://colonialroots.com/product/beyond-damned-quarter-the-polkpollock-family-of-the-chesapeake-eastern-shore-in-the-colonial-era/>

I have made arrangements with Colonial Roots to give a 15% reduction in price to Clan Pollock members through February. Just enter "ClanPollock" in the coupon code box when ordering.

John F. Polk, Ph.D.
Clan Historian

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

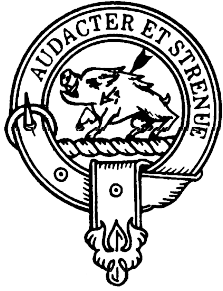
You can now pay on line. Go to the website:

<http://clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member>

Select the first option and it will walk you through the process. Or send your dues (\$15.00) to Clara Ann Pollock, Secretary, P. O. Box 404, Greenville, Kentucky 42345

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Motto: Boldly and Strongly

My Luve

O my luve is like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O my luve is like the melodie,
That's sweetly played in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in luve am I;
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
And I will luve thee still my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve!
And fare thee weel a while!
And I will come again, my luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile.

~Robert Burns

