

**The Pollag**  
**November 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."*

**Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue**

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**Boldly and Strongly**

# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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## Words from the President...



Another year is drawing to a close and this is our last Pollag for 2016. By the time you receive this issue, we will have elected a new President of the United States. Regardless of who wins, let us pray our Country will have a peaceful transition of power and that we can all come together as Americans to work together.

We were very sorry to miss the Games at Estes Park this year but we thank everyone who attended and who helped show Clan Pollock's presence at these great Games. We will sure try to be there in 2017. Thanks to everyone who did host Games this year and to everyone who attended. We have lost some wonderful members this year who are greatly missed but we appreciate those who have stepped up to carry on.

We would like to recommend two different web sites that we enjoy reading: Fellowship of the Thistle and Lost Glasgow. We try and share these on Clan Pollock's Face Book page. Type in the name on Face Book and you should be able to read their posts if you don't follow Clan Pollock on Face Book.

Thanks to our fine members who serve diligently in various ways – look for their names on page 1 and page 2 of the Pollag over on the left hand side of the page. They deserve our praise.

We continue to ask you to let us know of your family news – Beth & Mike Avery do an excellent job with The Pollag and our Clan website but they can always use items from you, our members. Also please send the Averys or us your new mailing address if you move and/or your new e-mail address if you change it.

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock  
Written November 1, 2016

## **MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Rachel A. Jewell, Groveport, Ohio  
Mary Ellen McMahon, North Port, FL

### **FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

Our sympathy to the family of Clan Pollock member, Richard E. Kehder, Marion, IL who passed away in May of 2016.

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

#### **KENT WOODWARD RETIRES AS LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL CLAN COORDINATOR**

Congratulations to Clan Pollock member, Kent Woodard, upon his retirement as the Clan Coordinator for the Longs Peak Games for the last 15 years. Kent has done a terrific job pleasing over a hundred clans who attend these Games – not an easy job. In his letter Kent said “I have decided it is time to retire as Clan Coordinator so we can get some fresh ideas in making the festival as more enjoyable time for everyone. I will still be attending the festival and helping my replacement, Joe Gimar, with the Clans. I want to thank all of you for the wonderful times over the years and look forward to seeing everyone at the festival.”

Best wishes to Kent and his wife, Peggy, who has been his able assistant in caring out all these duties.



**Mìle fàilte dhuit le d’bhréid,  
Fad do ré gun robh thu slàn.  
Móran làithean dhuit is sith,  
Le d’mhaitheas is le d’nì bhi fàs.***Attributed to the Rev. Donald MacLeod,*



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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 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](mailto:averyb@otherwhen.com)

*Minister of Duirinish, Skye, c. 1760*

Jacob Owens (brother of the groom); Danette Bugg Owens (mother of the groom); Justin Owens (Groom); & Clan Pollock member Richard Bugg (grandfather of the groom). Wedding was Sat, Nov 5.

Translation: A thousand welcomes to you with your marriage kerchief,  
May you be healthy all your days  
May you be blessed with long life and peace,  
May you grow old with goodness, and with riches.

## CLAN POLLOCK CHAPLIN RETIRES FROM FULL-TIME MINISTRY

Congratulations to Clan Pollock Chaplin, Rev. Phillip J.B. Pogue on his retirement October, 2016 from full time ministry with the Presbyterian Church, USA. Phillip has spent the past 11 years with the Stanton, KY Presbyterian Church. Phillip entered the ministry in 1987 and has served as Clan Pollock's Chaplin since 1990. Phillip plans to move to Bowling Green, KY in 2017. He will continue serving as a relief minister to churches who do not have a full time minister.

Our best wishes to Phillip as he enters a new phase in his life.

## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

4 – Nancy P Woolford  
7 – Beverly J. Oleson  
9 – Norman D. Pollock  
10 – Nancy P. Haga  
11 – Travis B. Scobey  
13 – Joanna H. Rohr  
14 – Billy F. Anderson  
15 – James Pollock; W. Field Pollock  
18 – Denise T. Thomas  
19 – Dean B. Pollock  
20 – Susan L. Pollock  
23 – Howard W. Pollock  
31 – Robert J. Pollock

### JANUARY

1 – Paul D. Layman  
4 – Ruth Woodward  
5 – Charles A. Pollock; Tim Stone  
6 – Thomas E. Polk  
7 – Irene Fleming  
8 – Elva G. Pollock-Arnold  
9 – Fred H. Pollock; John B. Pollock

11 – William K. Stevens  
12 – John T. R. Pollock  
13 – Joanna H. Rohr  
16 – Christine B. Halliwell; Robert P. Pollock  
17 – Joseph E. Griffin  
18 – James D. Pollock  
20 – Matthew D. Pollock  
21 – Armando Pollock; Cutis J. Pogue  
24 – Marcia Baker; Nancy Beardslee  
25 – Elizabeth G. Anastasia  
26 – Susan E. Strickland; Stephen J. Pollock  
28 – Alex J. Pollock; Alma B. Richards  
29 – Michael R. Sleigh

### FEBRUARY

6 – Frank D. Pollock  
12 – T. Kathy Grant  
15 – Thomas W. Poage; John C. Pollock; Sheila M. Pollock  
19 – John M. Pogue; Mark P. Pollock  
20 – Revis A. Morton  
24 – Milbry Polk  
28 – Sally Brace

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. Thanks.  
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The Scots' Charitable Society is the oldest charitable organization still existing in the Western Hemisphere. Founded in 1657 and incorporated in 1786 the organization exists to help people of Scottish heritage. The society is devoted to the cultivation of personal and social relations of the members, cherishing the associations of the land from which they originated, and instilling in their fellow-countrymen a zeal for carrying on their time-honored traditions. The Society also seeks to promote Scottish and Celtic heritage through education, participation in highland games, parades and other cultural events throughout the Greater Boston area. Visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/scotscharitable> or

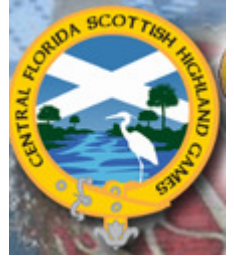
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# **NEWS OF THE GAMES**

## **UPCOMING GAMES**

***Want to help Clan Pollock grow and meet new friends? 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.***

**Central Florida Scottish Highland Games  
Winter Springs, FL  
January 14-15, 2017**



Calling all Clan Pollock members to join in the festivities during the 40th Annual Central FL Scottish Highland Games. These games are one of the largest in the South, and draw a great crowd. Clan Pollock will be present on both Saturday and Sunday, and would especially love for you to join them during the showcase of each day - the parade of clans, in which we show our Pollock pride to the masses. If you would like to volunteer at the Clan Pollock tent or need additional information, please contact Brent DeShazo ([brentdeshazo@yahoo.com](mailto:brentdeshazo@yahoo.com)) or visit [FlaScot.com](http://FlaScot.com) for details on the games.

## **GAME REPORTS**



### **EXTENDED POLLOCK FAMILY AT ESTES PARK, CO IN SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Norm Pollock; Christopher & Beth Pollock(Nora's parents); Mark & Diana Pollock (holding Granddaughter Nora Pollock); Marcia Pollock Baker, and Matt & Vicki Pollock at Estes Park, CO in September.

These fine folks helped out Clan Pollock again this year at our Clan Pollock tent and marching in the parade.

We can't thank them enough for their willingness to always pitch in and help both when we are there and this year when we weren't!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

# THE GENEALOGY TREE

*This is the obituary of the last person to own and live in the Pollok Castle, also the last family castle in Scotland:*

" DEATH OF MISS J. D. FERGUSSON POLLOK 14 APRIL 1950

With the death yesterday at Pinmore, Ayrshire, of Miss Jane Dunlop Fergusson-Pollok at the age of 81 comes the end of a long period of loyalty by one of the oldest families in Scotland, the Polloks of Pollok Castle, Newton Mearns, to the home of their origin.

There have been Polloks of Pollok for 800 years. There are authentic records of the family as far back as the twelfth century, when Petrus de Pollok, " munificent donator to the Monastery of Paisley" in the reign of Malcolm III, occupied what was then known as "Upper Pollok." The adjoining estate, now in the possession of the Sterling-Maxwells, was called "Nether Pollok."

Miss Fergusson-Pollok, one of a family of eight, is survived by her eldest brother, Mr. James Crawford Fergusson-Pollok, who lives in Cyprus with his Greek wife. Three of his brothers were killed in battle. Miss Fergusson-Pollok's only sister died a few years ago, leaving her the only guardian of the Pollok tradition and estates.

Circumstances compelled her to leave Pollok, temporarily as she thought, in 1942 after the castle was requisitioned by the army. Refusing an offer of three rooms in the castle to house herself and the family treasures, Miss Fergusson-Pollok bought Pinmore House and with her possessions, somewhat depleted by a recent burglary, she rode behind fourteen pantechinons to Pinmore.

Miss Fergusson-Pollok lived austerely. She cared nothing for dress. She seemed autocratic and blunt, but in truth she was shy and kind. She did good by stealth.

Through third parties she was the anonymous financial support of a number of individuals in sore need.

After the death of her mother, Miss Fergusson-Pollok, then in her early twenties, ran her father's establishment, which in those days employed 17 servants. During the past eight years, in her seventies, Miss Fergusson-Pollok living in a 40 roomed house, had no indoor servants, and looked after 12 hens and a goat and factored her Renfrewshire farms from a distance of 60 milers.

The funeral will take place in Edinburgh on Monday."

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist  
Clan Pollock International

## Request for information

Thought I would contact you in regard to my past, issued that my heritage was of Scottish decent but I have no way of knowing. My mother or any family members ever brought up the subject. My father name was **George Pollock** who lived in Philadelphia he worked for Budd Co. as a high pressure boiler engineer. My mothers name was Myrtle Sheeler before marriage both are deceased. I have one brother and two sisters Paul and Evelyn are also deceased Nancy is still living. I'm sure you don't want any more information on till you can let me know if you could help in this request.

Robert A Pollock, 735 Rolling Hills Dr., Wytheville, Va.24382

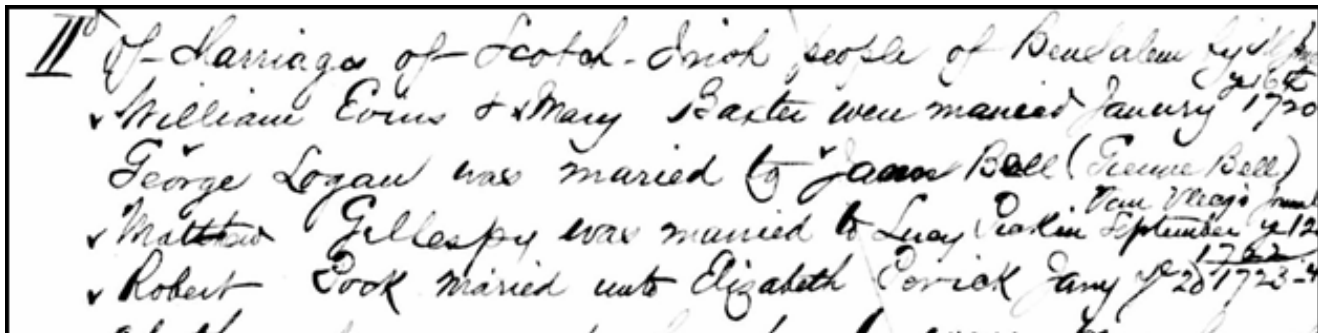
## Historian's Corner

### The Origin of the Poage Family of Augusta County, Virginia – Part 2

In the previous issue of the Pollag your historian discussed the origin of the Poage family of Augusta County, VA. It was suggested that Robert, one of the two original immigrant Poage brothers, was actually Robert Polke previously of Paxtang, Lancaster County, PA, a son-in-law of George Renick, an Irishman from Inniskillen. In the interim additional information has come to light concerning Robert Polke which we present here.

**Correction:** In the previous article. It was stated that Elizabeth Preston, who is usually considered by Poage family historians to have been Robert's wife, was "sister of James Patton." This should have read "sister of John Preston whose wife Elizabeth was a sister of James Patton," as the family histories say.

**Marriage record:** It turns out there is an actual marriage record of Robert Polke of Paxtang to George Renick's daughter, and proof that the daughter's name was in fact Elizabeth. This is significant because her given name was not mentioned in the earlier cited records. The fact that her name was Elizabeth, which is the known name of Robert Poage of Augusta's wife, raises doubts as to whether Robert Poage was ever married to an Elizabeth Preston, as commonly believed, and supports the suggestion that he originated from Paxtang and had only one wife, Elizabeth, daughter of George Renick. The marriage of Robert "Pook" to Elizabeth Renick took place in the Abington Presbyterian Church, on 2 January, 1733. See p.199 in "Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810, Vol. 2. <https://archive.org/details/recordofpennsylv00linn> This was taken from the records of the Bensalem/ Neshaminy Presbyterian Church from which the Abington church was formed. George Renick had been a member of this congregation since its foundation in 1714. Here is an image of the actual record:



The first line reads "2<sup>nd</sup> - Marriages of Scotch-Irish people of Bensalem by Rev. [Malachi] Jones." The last line is "Robert Pook married unto Elizabeth Renick (Perick) Jan'y y<sup>e</sup> 2d 1723-4."

**Name spelling:** The surname appears to be spelled more like "Perick" than Renick, and was transcribed as such in the above mentioned reference, but it becomes clear from subsequent church records that she was indeed Elizabeth, daughter of George Renick. On 6<sup>th</sup> June 1724 "Robert Pock and Ellisab<sup>th</sup> Pock were noted among y<sup>e</sup> names y<sup>t</sup> have joined with us in communion" at Bensalem, and the following passage appears in the records of the Abington Church –

March ye 7th, Anno Domini. 1728.

The charge of the Church against George Rennick and Henry Jamison, viz:

1st. Caused divisions in the Church; — to be marked by Rom. 16: 17.

2d. Their breach of covenant by turning off from attending att any ordinances of ye Church, without giving any reason for so doing; — contrary to Rom. 13: 2.

3dly. Despise government, being often sent for by the Church. 2 Pet. 2: 10.

4thly. Refusing wholly to heare the Church, being often charged and admonished; Matt. 18: 17.

*And likewise ye said Rennick's wife, and his son Wm. Rennick and his wife, also his son-in-law Robert Poke confederates in the same obstinacy with ye said Rennick and Jamison now two years past. And by so doing, as far as their credit could go, vilifying this Church, and put a contempt upon God's ways and ordinances, and thereby made themselves to this Church as heathens and publicans.*

*Whereupon we cannot but think it our duty according to the Rule of God's word to determine them as heathens and publicans.*

*Malachi Jones, Pastor.*

So, from these two quoted passages we know that Robert's wife was named Elizabeth and he was a son-in-law of George Renick.

**Relocation to Paxtang:** The cause for the family's excommunication was simply that they had moved to Paxtang about this time without obtaining a certificate of dismissal from the Abington church. They applied for reinstatement and a later note in the proceedings of the General Synod provided that

*That whereas the appellants do freely own, in their own names, and in the names of them that are absent, their breaking away from the communion of Mr. Jones's Church, without previous application made for certificates of dismissal, was a disorder and a fault for which they are very sorry, and do ask forgiveness of God and all those that they did offend by this disorderly step; the Synod does appoint, that upon their acknowledging this their offence, by a writing read or offered to be read in Mr. Jones's Congregation, the said appellants shall be absolved from the aforesaid sentence, and so be free to join with what Congregation they please.*

**Elizabeth Preston:** Although widely accepted, the belief that Robert Poage's wife was Elizabeth Preston was apparently based on rather shaky grounds in the first place. There is no known primary source record for it and the claims for it all come from secondary sources written after 1900. A good discussion of this will be found at <https://www.geni.com/projects/Did-Robert-Poage-1700-1774-of-Augusta-County-marry-Elizabeth-Preston-or-Elizabeth-Renick/26352>

**Renick family:** A nice summary of Renick family history is available on line at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wvpioneers/renickfamily.html>

**Poage DNA:** We have two Poage participants in our Polk/Pollock/Pogue DNA project, one a descendant of Robert Poage and one a descendant of John Poage. They both exhibit a mutation in one of the Y-DNA markers which appears to provide a good indicator of descent from this line of the family. We would love to have additional participants to join the project. The more members we have the more we can learn and gain confidence in our family's roots. Please contact me if you would like to join.

John F. Polk, Ph.D.  
Clan Historian



**Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ur!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**