

**The Pollag**  
**February 2017**

*"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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## THE POLLAG

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## Words from the President...



Best wishes for the New Year – 2017 is moving right along. It seems like every year we write something about the weather and this year is no different. Big rains in some areas – big snows in some places – tornadoes in some Southern states – anyway, we wish all of you a safe rest of the Winter and Spring!

Thanks to those of you who have sent in your 2017 dues either by mail or through Pay Pal. We also have had some donations and we always appreciate those. \$15.00 US dollars check/money order or \$16.00 US dollars via Pay Pal.

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

We enjoyed hearing from many of our members over the Christmas holidays. It is always good to hear your news and see pictures of your family.

Thanks to Florida Commissioner, Brent DeShazo, and his family for already hosting the Central Florida Games in January. Brent is making plans to bring Clan Pollock's presence back to the Games in Sarasota, FL February 4<sup>th</sup>. It has been several years since we were represented at these Games and we hope if you are in the area that you will join them at the Games.

Please check out the DNA information in this issue provided by John Polk. Thanks to John for his work on this.

Don't forget to let us know if you change your mailing address and/or your e-mail address so that we can keep our records up to date. We also need your news and pictures to include in the Pollag.

Thank you for your continued support of and interest in Clan Pollock!

*A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock,*  
Written January 25, 2017

# MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

## NEW MEMBERS

James M. Poage, Littleton, CO

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Thomas A. Pollock, Clifton Park, N.Y., passed away October 6, 2016, after a brief illness. Thomas had been a Clan Pollock member since 2013. His wife of 68 years, Nancy, writes that he had celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. Thomas is buried in the National Cemetery in Saratoga, N.Y. Our sympathy to all the family.

C. Richard Bugg, Fresno, CA, passed away January 4, 2017. Richard served 22 years in the United States Air Force. Richard had been a member of Clan Pollock since 1995. Richard also hosted the Clan Pollock tent at the Fresno, CA Games for many years. He was married to Delores for 68 years. Our sympathy to all his family.



## NEWS OF MEMBERS



Charlotte Avery Polk. Born September 7, 2016 to Kelly and Andy Polk who live in Washington, DC.

John Williams Polk. Born 19 December 2016 to John C. (Jack) & Alison Polk.



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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)



Hank Wiest showing off the kilt his wife made for him.

Mary Ellen McMahon with some honorary Clan Pollock members.



## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

4 – John E. Alden  
5 – Deborah A. Mennig  
12 – Donald R. Pollock; Samuel V. Stone  
14 – Lawrence S. Pollock  
15 – Robert S. Pollock, III  
18 – Laverne Raisch  
19 – Harry C. Pollock  
20 – Kelly A. Loy; Blair M. Pogue  
22 – Christian A. Edwards; David P. Pollock

### APRIL

3 – Barney Polk  
5 – Marjorie T. Scooros  
9 – Martha N. Tucker  
10 – Suzanne P. Hough, John E. Mosher,  
Pauline E. Thompson  
12 – Janet Delaney  
13 – David B. Pollock, Robert M. Pollock  
20 – Charles A. Pollock, William D. Pollock  
21 – James D. Polk  
23 – Robert (Paddy) Pollock, Walter H. Pollock  
25 – 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 – R.H. (Bob) Pollock  
11 – John Espey, David R. Pollock  
12 – Shawn D. Joyce  
14 – Velma A. Pollock  
15 – Brent DeShazo, Steve Guinta, Kay Hirsch,  
Carolyn T. Gerwig  
18 – Lynne E. Denson, Elizabeth P. Slough  
19 – Beverly J. Craft, Mary M. Pollock  
24 – Richard Venable  
27 – Charles W. Cunard  
30 – Michael S. Pollock

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](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net)

## 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.***

**Sarasota Highland Games**

**February 4, 2017**

**<http://sarasotahighlandgames.com/>**



Brent DeShazo will be hosting a tent at the games. They are held at the Sarasota Fairgrounds 3000 Ringling Boulevard.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> GLASGOW, KY HIGHLAND GAMES

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

June 3 – 4, 2017

These 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 young people. We weren't able to attend last year BUT we look forward to hosting the Clan Pollock tent this year. Please come & visit with us! For more information, see: <http://glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

## GAME REPORTS

### Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

The 40th Annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games were met with yet another year of growth. From sources, there were over sixty (60) clan tents this year, up nearly a dozen from previous years. Clan Pollock was pleased to see some of the faithful Pollocks from both Florida coasts this year (Brevard County and also Tampa), making the long haul to visit us. We were grateful to see dedicated Clan Pollock member David Horne, as he has marched with us and helped with the tent over several years.



Turn out to the tent on both days was met with mostly new faces who were not aware of Clan Pollock's presence at the games (or even a society) and those who have not yet joined our society. This year, we attempted to meet those challenges with a hand out containing several web links directing them to Clan Pollock's website so they could join us officially. This sheet also provided information to our Facebook page and the Polk-Pollock-Pogue DNA Project so they could learn about the many great things Clan Pollock is involved with.

Should you be vacationing in Florida this year or have family in the state, we'd love to see you in the near future at some of the games we plan on attending. Next up, Clan Pollock will be at the Sarasota Highland Games on Saturday, February 4th. Hope to see you there!

~ Brent DeShazo



# THE GENEALOGY TREE

**Miss Jane Dunlop Fergusson-Pollok** was the last person to live in the Pollok Castle. Her obituary was shown in the last *Pollag*. There are some very interesting facts about her life and what happened at her death.

After the death of her mother, she ran her father's establishment (castle), which employed 17 servants.

In her 70's she "downsized" from the 88 room castle to a 40 room home, with no indoor servants, and looked after 12 hens and a goat! She also was able to manage her Renfrewshire farms from a distance of 60 miles.

She willed the castle and grounds to her nephew, Robert Fergusson-Pollok, plus 100,000 pounds. He had been making 12 pounds/week as an engineer. He sold the castle, surrounding fields and woodlands and moved to British Columbia in Canada. Nothing has been found to rationalize this move. Later, 71 year old Cornelius Boyle, who had lived in an out-building since 1946, left the Estate and joined Robert in Canada.

While some of the furnishings had been the victim of a burglary before Jane moved from the castle, no mention has been made as to the disposition of her furniture and remaining money (her Will has not been found), but the remainder of her estate likely went to her only living brother, James Crawford Fergusson-Pollok who was living in Cyprus.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist  
Clan Pollock International

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

### Finding Fulbert

**Fulbert**, the progenitor of our Pollok family of Renfrewshire, is a murky figure in Scottish history. He is known to us only as the father of three individuals, Peter, Robert, and Helya (Elias), who were given the lands of Pollok in ancient Renfrewshire, as mentioned in various 12<sup>th</sup> century Scottish charters. Other than that there is basically no trace of Fulbert to be found in Scottish records so it is natural to wonder who he was and why his sons were given privileged status in medieval Scotland. This question has been around a long time and never really answered so last year I decided to dig in to this and figure out who he really was. This turned into quite a project but I believe in the end I found the answer. The bottom line conclusion is that our Fulbert was actually Fulbert of Dover, one of the castellans of Dover Castle, and came originally from Douvres, north of Caen in Normandy. Unfortunately no explicit statement to this effect can be found in historical records. The case has to be based on indirect evidence and takes a lot more discussion than can be included here, so this article is an introductory note summarizing the research. A detailed paper will be posted at the Clan Pollock History link in the next few weeks for those interested in a full account.

Locating Fulbert requires some familiarity with Scottish and English history in the 12<sup>th</sup> century when the Norman feudal system was introduced to Scotland, principally during the reign of King David I. The first thing to understand is that Fulbert was not Scottish and almost certainly never came to Scotland himself. He was Norman, just like the Bruce, Stewart, and other families who were invited to Scotland by King David to implement his feudal system. These families typically sent their younger sons who did not inherit the family estates in England and were seeking other avenues to advancement. Walter FitzAlan, progenitor of the royal Stewart/Stuart family of Scotland is a typical example of this. He was also an instrumental figure in our family's advent to Scotland, and needs a little more introduction.

Walter was the son of Alan, Sheriff of Shropshire. He came from a family which had held the hereditary

title of Dapifer, or Steward, of Dol in Brittany for at least four generations. Alan had four sons and in accordance with the feudal custom the oldest would inherit most of the family holdings. His lands in France and England were divided between his first two sons, William and Jordan. The remaining two sons, Walter and Simon, were probably given some allocations of wealth but had to find other avenues to pursue their ambitions. Walter chose to align himself with King David and was one of his supporters in the English succession war known as the Anarchy (1135-1154) in which David fought for the cause of his niece, Queen Matilda. Although they were on the losing side of the conflict Walter proved his worth during the struggle and was richly rewarded by David, given many lands in Scotland, and made his High Steward.

Walter FitzAlan spent his childhood years in the family's lands in France and England. The family had a wide network of alliances in both countries which transcended the limited confines of Shropshire. Walter would have been fully acquainted with these and his selection of followers would have drawn from a deep pool of candidates from his peers, and not been made lightly. The other families that King David and Walter FitzAlan brought with them into Scotland all came from the Norman ruling class and were chosen specifically as agents for implementing David's Normanization plans. Somewhere along the way the sons of Fulbert attached themselves to Walter and followed him to Scotland. Peter and Robert were invested with the lands of Pollok in Renfrewshire and took that as their title, the origin of our family name. Robert was also given lands in Stenton, East Lothian. Helya was a cleric and appointed a Canon of Glasgow cathedral and granted land in Pollok. Since the lands of Pollok and Stenton were first given by King David to Walter, his High Steward, we can be sure that Fulbert's sons were indeed Walter's followers, and given their lands as his vassals under David's feudal system, with attendant responsibilities. We can also be sure that Peter, Robert and Helya were picked for good reasons and came from a family with demonstrated experience.

Based on these considerations the following criteria were formulated to use in searching for Fulbert:

- 1 – Fulbert and his sons were contemporaries of Walter FitzAlan and his father Alan FitzFlaad
- 2 – Fulbert was a Norman baron or knight in his own right, found in contemporary English record
- 3 – Fulbert had a first son, and possibly a second, older than those who went to Scotland, who inherited his lands and offices in England
- 4 – Fulbert, and/or his sons, supported Queen Matilda during the Anarchy (1135-1154)
- 5 – Fulbert, and/or his sons, had activities that brought them to Walter FitzAlan's attention

There are some extraordinary resources for British medieval history now available on line that can be used to search for individuals named Fulbert among 12<sup>th</sup> century Norman ruling families. In particular the following were used:

- British History OnLine (BHO) <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/> The BHO site covers a tremendously wide collection of British sources.
- British county histories at Some Notes on British Medieval History (BMH). These can be accessed at <http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/och/index.shtml> This site includes all of the volumes of the Victorian series of Topographic histories of the counties.
- Foundations of Medieval Genealogy. This provides many well researched articles and databases on line. Their main website is at <http://fmg.ac/>
- The Domesday Book, available at <http://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/> A convenient search engine for names appearing in Domesday is available at the Cambridge University and King's College London Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England (PASE) Domesday website <http://domesday.pase.ac.uk/>
- All 12 volumes of the classic work "Antiquities of Shropshire," courtesy Google Books at the Medieval Genealogy Shropshire website: <http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/och/shropshire.shtml>

As it turned out, Fulbert was not that common a name in Norman England but a number of them were identified. The name appears eleven times in the Domesday Book and 84 citations turned up from the BMH search. These were not all separate individuals of course. In fact, there were relatively few altogether, none at all from Shropshire. This search results are described in detail in the full paper. The individuals identified were reviewed using the criteria formulated above. It is impossible to cover this in detail here but in the end only one individual emerged who came close to meeting the criteria, namely Fulbert, the castellan of Dover. He clearly met the first four criteria. The fifth is harder to establish but is likely. Please see the full paper for

specifics. In any case, the bottom line is that Fulbert of Dover appears to be the only reasonable candidate in 12<sup>th</sup> century Norman England who could have been Fulbert, the father of Peter, Robert and Helya of Pollok.

Fulbert of Dover was an important man in his time, a baron holding many properties in Kent. He is said to have come from Douvres, a town on the coast of Normandy just north of Caen and was given his lands after they were escheated from Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, William the Conqueror's half-brother. In Domesday he is listed with properties amounting to 15½ knight's fees, with the principal holding at Chilham. Fulbert was appointed as one of 8 castellans responsible for defending Dover, the prime port on the southern coast of England. His exact life span is not known but he died by 1131 leaving at least two sons, Hugh (Hugo), who succeeded to his manors, and William of whom we know almost nothing. Hugh died in 1171-72 and was succeeded by his grandnephew Fulbert de Lucie. There is no record of sons named Peter or Robert but a charter concerning Fulbert's estate at Chilham, dated 1150-53, was witnessed by Helya of Chilham, likely Fulbert 's son - another strong tie connecting Fulbert of Dover with the sons of Fulbert in Renfrewshire.

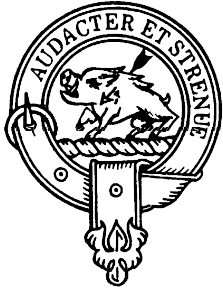
One of the towers in Dover Castle is named for Fulbert. It is a grim and dreary place used as a debtor's prison in later years. See <http://www.panoramio.com/photo/79785915>

John F. Polk, PhD  
Historian, Clan Pollock

<b>Clan Pollock International</b>	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
Prepared by Howard W. Pollock	
Dec-16	
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
<i>Checking/Savings</i>	-
Home Federal Checking	\$8,538.94
Home Federal Savings	\$1,542.05
Certificate Of Deposit	\$19,213.79
PayPal MM	\$917.43
Total current assets	\$30,212.21
Other	-
Total other assets	\$0.00
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 30,212.21</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Long Term Liabiliteis	
Prepaid Lifetime Mbr (\$100)	11,100.00
Accrued compensation	-
Income taxes payable	-
Unearned revenue	-
Other	-
Total current liabilities	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$21,047.99
Net Income	-\$1,935.78
Total Equity	\$19,112.21
<b>Total Liabilities Equity</b>	<b>\$30,212.21</b>

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**Burns Night Celebrations**

Brent DeShazo had the honor of “ushering” in the haggis ceremony for the St. Andrew’s Society of Central Florida’s Burns Night. He’s wearing his Pollock Dress Black kilt.



Clan Historian, J.F. Polk at the Highland Society of Harford County Burns Night.

