

The Pollag
May 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."

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

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Words from the President...



This year is flying by. Spring is in the air and along with Spring comes weather that is unpredictable to say the least!

Thank you to all our members who have sent in their dues for 2017. We appreciate your continued support of Clan Pollock. We have a few members who have not paid as of this writing. Some of you use Pay Pal and have your dues set to pay later in the year and that's fine. We also appreciate your kind remarks about our newsletter. We think it is very good! A big thank you to Beth and Mike Avery for their excellent editorship work! Also thanks to all who contribute articles, pictures and news for the Pollag. Keep sending those news items, please. And don't forget to let us know of address and e-mail changes.

Some of you have mentioned you wish your children, grandchildren, and/or siblings would join Clan Pollock. We have included an application blank in this issue. How about using it to give a one year gift membership to Clan Pollock? Hopefully this will encourage your family member to want to continue next year on their own. If not, you've done your part!

Summer is fast approaching and with the Summer season more Scottish Games will go on. We encourage you to try to attend a Game in your area. We also would like to have Clan Pollock representation at more of the Games. Let's be honest – hosting a tent is rewarding and fun BUT it's also work! Clan Pollock will pay the registration fee. The charge usually includes a tent, a large table and two chairs and also two admission tickets. We will send you items to put in your tent and literature to hand out. Please contact us if you are interested. We plan to host the Glasgow, KY Games, attend the Grandfather Mountain, N.C. Games and host the Estes Park, CO Games this year.

Another year has passed and in reading last May's Pollag, we see our plea to have our younger members think about stepping up and getting

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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

involved in the leadership of our great organization. Again, we would like to talk to you about this. My mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address are listed on this first page of the newsletter.

Have a great Summer!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written April 28, 2017

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Paul M. Higgs, Amarillo, TX
Joan Espey McGee, Seattle, WA
James K. Polk, Pfafftown, NC
William Pollock, Galloway, NJ

NEWS OF MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1 – Carol Black; Michael A. Stroschio
5 – Cheryl A. Zelek
8 – Robert W. Parrish
13 – James T. Pollock
14 – John A. Pollock
15 – Beth P. Avery
20 – Robert S. Pollock (Happy 95th)
21 – Jack S. Pollock
22 – David A. Pollock; David B Horne
25 – Robert W. Pollock
26 – Larry M. Pollock
28 – Gladys Pollock

JULY

2 – Richard H. Pollock
3 – Claire J. Pollock
5 – William W. Pollock; Mark W. Pollock
10 – Thomas J. Morgan

18 – Thomas Pollock
22 – Dawn M. Kurth; Larry C. Poague, Sr.
28 – Jerry C. Pollock

AUGUST

1 – Carolyn L. Pollock; Gary M. Pollock
2 – Hal G. Hardin
5 – Dorothy G. Lydecker
14 – Kearfott Stone
15 – Debra D. Munn
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; Nancy P. DeShazo

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

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

32nd Glasgow, KY Highland Games

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

June 3-4, 2017

<http://glasgowhighlandgames.com/>

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

We look forward to hosting these Games this year. We hope to see our members from the area – Kentucky, Tennessee and other places. Please come and make our tent your gathering site!

31st Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes, 1 Pierce, Isasca, IL

June 17, 2017

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

Clan Pollock Tent Host: Paul Layman and helpers



Chicago Scots host the Midwest's largest Scottish Event. Paul Layman will host a Clan Pollock tent at this event assisted by some of his family members and Clan Pollock member, Elizabeth Anastasia. Paul is also responsible for all the Clans at these Games so we appreciate those who help him at the Clan Pollock tent. We hope there will be a big turnout! The Parade of the Tartans (includes organizations) will be held on Saturday, June 17th from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. around the Heavy Athletics Field. Please meet at the tent around noon if you would like to march.

62nd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC

Jul 6 – 9, 2017

<http://www.gmhg.org>

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: Tim & Kelly Stone; Isabel & Caroline Taylor

Start your visit to these Games with the Calling of the Clans on Thursday evening. Friday through Sunday enjoy athletic competitions, pipe bands, vendors, food booths, music groups and lots of things to see & do. Also on Sunday is a church service & Kirkin' of the Tartans followed by the Parade of Clans. Come & join everyone at the Clan Pollock tent.

41st Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO

September 7 – 10, 2017

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

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



We are making our plans to be at these Games in September. We had to miss last year but had excellent help from Norm-Matt-Mark-Chris Pollock & family! These Games are one of the few still holding a Tatum on Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights at the Fairgrounds – always good. Full activities on Fri, Sat, Sun at the Fairgrounds Games site. AND on Saturday morning, join us at the top of the hill for a great Parade **downhill** through Estes Park before heading to the Games. We look forward to seeing lots of visitors to our tent.

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. The summer games are listed below.

United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA), May 27 – 28, 2017
<http://www.scottishfest.com>

Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival Washington County Fair Grounds, Richmond, RI., June 10
<http://www.riscot.org>

San Diego Highland Games. June 24-25
<http://www.sdhhighlandgames.or>

Portland Highland games Gresham, Oregon July 15
<http://www.phga.org>

Arizona Highland Celtic Festival in Flagstaff, July 15-16
<http://www.nachs.info/>

Pacific NW Sottish Highland Games in Enumclaw. Washington July 29-30
<http://www.sshga.org/home.htm>

Colorado Scottish Festival, Highland Ranch. August 2-8,
<http://www.scottishgames.org>

St Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games. August 2-5
<http://www.highlandgames.com>

Monterey (Calif) Scottish Games & Celtic Festival August 5-6
<http://www.montereyscotgames.com>

GAME REPORTS

Dunedin Scottish Highland Games April 1, 2017

Brent DeShazo hosted a tent at the games. The Dunedin games continue to increase in size and activities. We hope to you many more of you there next year.

Sarasota Highland Games February 4, 2017

Clan Pollock returned to Sarasota with much excitement after a hiatus over several years. This particular visit showed the largest attendance of any game/festival we've attended on the west coast of Florida for several years. We had a great deal of foot traffic to the tent, meeting many attendees who were appreciative of our presence. Kudos go to local Pollock Mary Ellen McMahon (pictured) who stopped by, proudly showing us her Pollock Modern tartan. We are



always looking forward to attracting more guest to the tent and increasing clan membership, so please share any ideas if you've ever meet the Florida crew.

Clan Pollock was well represented at the games. Left to right is Matt DeShazo, Mary Ellen McMahon, Brent DeShazo, Nancy (Polk) DeShazo, and Steve DeShazo.

THE GENEALOGY TREE

Firstly, Thank you to all of you have sent your completed Pedigree Charts. New January 2017 member Jim Poage is the latest such person. Jim knows more about his various lines history than anyone who has cooperated in the past 20 years!!!

Secondly, The Annual Plea. If you haven't sent your family history, please email me (dickpoll@aol.com) and I'll send you a blank Pedigree Chart. I know you are proud of your heritage, so please share it with us.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Polk-Pollock-Pogue

DNA Project

We all ask questions about who we are and where we came from. As members of Clan Pollock, we are fortunate to have a well-documented family history, probably better than most, but the usual paper trail research can only take us so far, and many questions remain which we need to answer by other means. This is where **DNA testing and analysis** have become an important new resource to help us in tracing our ancestry.

The **Polk-Pollock-Pogue DNA Project** was started in 2010 to take advantage of this special tool. We have progressed steadily and now have almost 200 members who have been tested in one form of DNA or another (Y-chromosome, autosomal or mitochondrial). Some important results have emerged and we are continually increasing our understanding of our different ancestral lines. The y-chromosome DNA (male line only) results are posted at the project website at **WorldFamilies**. Autosomal (all family lines) results are posted to each person tested by FTDNA as a list of possible cousins identified by the testing.

WE NEED YOU

The more people tested the more we learn and the more confidence we gain in our conclusions. Our testing company is FTDNA. You can sign up by going to our Polk/Pollock/Pogue project website at <http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/polk> and clicking on the Join Project hotlink. There is no charge for joining but testing must be paid for. Going through the Project entitles you to a discount from FTDNA and ensures the results are made available to the project. We recommend the following:

IF you are a Polk/Pollock/Pogue, etc. all-male line descendant – take a Y-DNA test (37 markers is minimum, 67 is better, 111 is best). We also recommend taking the Family Finder (autosomal DNA) test as a supplement.

IF you have Polk/Pollock/Pogue, etc. ancestry but are not an all-male line descendant – take the Family Finder (autosomal DNA) test.

Some results of DNA testing:

- Two major y-chromosome haplogroups of the family have been identified:
 - The first (I-M223) includes descendants of Robert Polk who settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1687, but includes others who came separately from other parts of Ulster, Ireland.
 - The second (R-M269) includes the main Polk family of North Carolina and Tennessee (to which President Polk belonged), but also several others who trace back to Ulster through earlier links.
- Several specific locations are emerging as the origin of Polks/Pollocks/Pogues in Ireland –Bovevagh Parish, County Londonderry; Coleraine, County Londonderry; Strabane, County Tyrone; Lifford, County Donegal.
- Certain Polk/Pollock/Pogue lines have exhibited identifying characteristics in their test results which associate them with particular ancestors – Robert Polke of Maryland, Thomas Polk of South Carolina, Robert and John Poage of Augusta County, VA, Pollocks of Balgray.

For additional information please contact Project Administrator John Polk at jfpolk@comcast.net

John F. Polk, PhD
Historian, Clan Pollock

Pollock Tartan

In 1979, the late Rhys Pollock organized Clan Pollock. Shortly afterward, Clan Pollock adopted its own tartan and registered it with the Scottish Tartan Society in Scotland.

Our original Pollock Tartan was designed by Rhys A Pollock, J.C. Thomson of Arlington is thought to have had a large hand in the design and produced by D.C. Dalgliesh and Registered with the [Scottish Tartan Authority](#).

Over the years, the various Mills that produced the Pollock Tartan, did not use the same registered weave, which has caused several minor differences from one mill to the other. Over the years we have had only the Pollock Ancient available, made by various Tartan Mills; Dalgliesh, Lochcarron, N. Bately...

Dalgliesh informed us of an additional Pollock Tartan, what appeared to be the Pollock Black Dress (Below), but this was due to a scanner issue from Dalgliesh, actual color is a dark green as shown on the [Clan Merchandise](#) page. <https://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=merchandise> You can find ties, scarves, flashes and tartan material there as well as kilt pins.

A new round of mill consolidation has forced us to reevaluate who should produce our tartan for us. Because Lochcarron has the best pricing and will stock our tartan for us, reducing delays between ordering and shipping, Lochcarron has won the Clan's business.

To learn more about tartans see: Scottish Tartans Authority:<http://www.tartansauthority.com/> Scottish Register of Tartans:<http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/>



Clan Pollock International Membership Application Form

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in Clan Pollock, subject to the supplying of any additional information deemed necessary by the Clan Council.

Full Name _____ E-mail _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Business or Profession _____

Name of Spouse _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

If father's or mother's surname is not Pollock/Polk/Pogue, etc., list the name and relationship to you of the person of that lineage with whom you have the closest kinship.

Enclosed is payment for this membership category (make check payable to Clan Pollock):

\$15 Annual Membership

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have knowledge of or belief that my Pollock/Polk/Pogue, etc. ancestors were of Scottish descent.

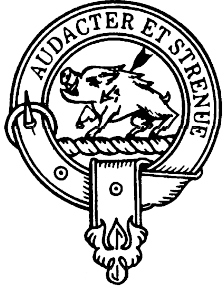
Signature

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Garden maze at Pollock house and gardens, taken June 2010. <http://bit.ly/2oeZD7X>