

**The Pollag**  
**November 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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# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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### Words from the President...



Are we the only ones who think this year has flown by? It's just hard to believe 2017 is almost over. We would like to thank our Clan Pollock members for their support. We especially thank our Clan Pollock officers, our Pollag editors, all those who have staffed tents at games, and everyone who has helped in any way make things run smoothly.

We always need more participation from our members especially as hosts for a Clan Pollock tent at a game in your area. We will help you with items you can use to display. Clan Pollock also pays for the tent/space rental. Just let us know!

Do you have a family member who is not a Clan Pollock member? Think about a Clan Pollock membership as a gift. Several of you have done that this year. Our due are \$15.00 dues US a year or \$16.00 US if you pay by Pay Pal. Just let the Secretary know. Speaking of dues – January will soon be here and it will time for annual dues. Again, \$15.00 US to renew your membership or \$16.00 US via Pay Pal.

Have you moved recently or changed your e-mail address? Please remember to notify us so we can make sure Beth and Mike Avery, our able Pollag editor and her husband who keeps up with the mailing list, have your correct information. We don't want anyone to miss a single issue of our great newsletter!

Our very best wishes to each one of you for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock*

Written October 26, 2017



# MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

**Sue Ann Hobgood Pollock 22 April 1933--5 September 2017**

It is with sadness that I report the death of my wife of 62 years, Sue Ann Hobgood Pollock. Sue was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1999, and in combination with a fall in 2015 that fractured three vertebrae, her body just gave out.



She was a 1955 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a BS Degree in Vocational Home Economics. She received a Masters in Education Degree from Spaulding University in 1970. On June 23, 1955 she married Air Force Lt. Richard Horace **Pollock**, her high school sweetheart, at the First Christian Church in Madisonville, Kentucky.

Sue was a past Secretary of Clan Pollock International.

Other survivors are a daughter, Anne Pride Pollock Durham, a son, Dr. Steven Richard Pollock, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The beautiful plant Clan Pollock sent was very much appreciated and is still blooming.

Here is a tribute I wrote for the church bulletin for her Celebration of Life:

### **Till We Meet Again**

I will think of you....when I hear the song "For the Beauty of the Earth".

I will think of you ..... when I see a pretty flower.

I will think of you....when I look at your fruit plate collection.

I will think of you....when I see a picture of a couple strolling hand in hand down a South Carolina beach.

I will think of you....when I see your Scotty dog collection.

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

### **Clan Pollock Facebook Page**

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

### **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)

I will think of you....when the sun rises and sets, and all the moments in between.

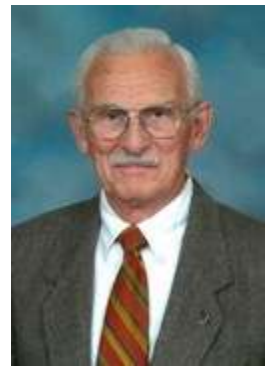
I will think of you....for no reason at all.

Be at peace, my love, Till We Meet Again.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist  
Clan Pollock International

**Norman D. Pollock, December 9, 1926- October 3, 1917**

Sadly Norm Pollock, 90, passed away shortly after attending the Longs Peak Games. Norm enlisted and proudly served during WWII in the United States Army as a Corporal. He graduated from Iowa State University. He was such a special person and so supportive of Clan Pollock.



Norman is survived by his children, Marcia (Stephen) Baker, Mark (Diane) Pollock, and Matthew (Vicki) Pollock and six grandchildren.

**BIRTHDAYS**

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| <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>4 – Nancy P. Woolford<br/> 7 – Beverly J. Oleson<br/> 10 – Nancy P. Haga<br/> 11 – Travis B. Scobey<br/> 14 – Billy F. Anderson<br/> 15 – James Pollock; W. Field Pollock<br/> 18 – Denise T. Thomas<br/> 19 – Dean B. Pollock<br/> 20 – Susan L. Pollock<br/> 23 – Howard W. Pollock<br/> 31 – Robert J. Pollock</p> | <p>9 – Fred H. Pollock; John B. Pollock<br/> 11 – William K. Stevens<br/> 15 – James Pogue<br/> 16 – Christine B. Halliwell; Robert P. Pollock<br/> 18 – Jimmy Pollock<br/> 20 – Matthew D. Pollock<br/> 21 – Armando Pollock; Curtis J. Pogue<br/> 24 – Marcia Baker<br/> 25 – Elizabeth G. Anastasia<br/> 26 – Susan E. Strickland; Stephen J. Pollock<br/> 28 – Alex J. Pollock; Alma B. Richards<br/> 29 – Michael R. Sleigh</p> |
| <p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>1 – Paul D. Layman<br/> 4 – Ruth Woodward<br/> 5 – Charles A. Pollock; Tim Stone<br/> 6 – Thomas E. Polk<br/> 7 – Irene Fleming<br/> 8 – Elva G. Pollock-Arnold</p>  | <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>12 – T. Kathy Grant<br/> 15 – Thomas W. Poage; John C. Pollock; Sheila M. Pollock<br/> 19 – John M. Pogue; Mark P. Pollock<br/> 20 – Revis A. Morton<br/> 24 – Milbry Polk<br/> 28 – Sally Brace</p>   |

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)**

***NEW MEMBERS***

- Richard W. Anderson, Linville, NC \*Rejoin
- Christine Boozer, Oakhurst, CA
- James W. Pogue, Charlotte, NC
- James W. Pogue, Jr., Charlotte NC
- Richard D. Pollock, Medford, OR
- Joshua N. Pollock, Golden, CO
- Robert "Bruce" Pollock, New Bern, NC
- Leland Pollock, Lodi CA
- Ulrich Starke, Amberg, Germany

## Looking for Some Great Christmas Gifts?

Clan Pollock items are available on the web page.

<https://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=merchandise>

Clan Cap Badge \$16

Clan Kilt Pin \$20

Clan Tartan Flashes \$15

Scarf - \$45

Boy's ties \$14

Men's Ties \$18



## 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 fun. The Fall season games are listed below.*

### Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

January 13-14, 2018

<http://flascot.com/index.php>

Join Clan Pollock January 13th and 14th for the 41st annual Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. These are Florida's largest highland games. Our presence is the greatest on both days when we march in the parade of clans, so make sure to be there prior to noon to join us. We also always welcome volunteers for a quick 1-2 hour block of time at the Clan Pollock tent! If you're road tripping to Central Florida, it's best making a day of it as these games are large (the earlier arrival, the better!). There is a special hotel rate for attendees. Please visit <http://flascot.com/hotels> or call 407.830.1985 for details. Contact Brent DeShazo if you can help at the tent.

## GAME REPORTS

### Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival

September 8 – 10, 2017

Estes Park, Colorado



Great time at these Games, as always. We had a good turnout especially on



Saturday when our tent was full! Thanks to all our members who stopped by – at times it was so busy that we might not have gotten everyone to sign the guest book.

Thanks to Mark and Denise Thomas for bringing a cooler full of water and a huge bag of popcorn for everyone to enjoy.

There were eleven of us marching in the parade along with the famous Clan Pollock dogs – always a crowd pleaser. Thanks to Barney and Arlene Polk for making some parade pictures. We were happy to see the Polks and glad Barney felt well enough to come this year.

We wish we could get our Clan Pollock picture taken on Saturday when our crowd is always the largest but someone has to be on the Sunday schedule. It was good to have Norm Pollock with us for what turned out to be his last games. Norm passed away a few days after returning home. He was a great guy – continued to take part in the parade even in a wheelchair. We will miss his smiling face and positive attitude but we have been blessed by our association with him and all his family for many years. Great supporters of Clan Pollock.  
~A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



A.D. & Clara Ann Pollock, Marcia Pollock Baker, Matt, Mark, Vicki, & Norm Pollock.



Norm Pollock, Matt Pollock & Clara Ann Pollock



## ***THE GENEALOGY TREE***

### **Thomas Pollock**

Thomas Pollock was an energetic, industrious, strong, and fearless man. He was an advocate of a law abiding town which would include education and religion. As a prominent citizen of the Denver-Auraria City area, he attracted others with his leadership abilities who have become well known figures in Colorado historical records.

Where some men saw a beautiful view or barren plains, Tom Pollock envisioned a city. He associated with men of foresight to expand Auraria. He developed Animas City #1, and helped plat Highland and Loma.

Auraria and Highland have become enveloped by Denver. Animas City #1 and Loma no longer exist. However, Tom Pollock's vision has expanded beyond anything he would have dared to imagine

Thomas Pollock arrived in Auraria from New Mexico, late December 1858. Within two weeks he had built a blacksmith shop and was open for business.

Tom listed as a 'Stockholder' in the Auraria Town Co., Kansas Territory. We was an enterprising man. When the first issue of the *Rocky Mountain News* was published in April 1859, Tom had five ads proclaiming he was prepared to do any form of carpentry, was an expert cabinet maker, a blacksmith, had an experienced undertaker in his employ, and for "your convenience", had on hand a keg of "Magnolia Whiskey". In succeeding months he is listed in the news columns as a grower and dispenser of garden truck, and operator of a ferry.

Thom was a civic-minded individual, elected to many public offices in the thriving community, including town marshal. He was an active member of the Jefferson Rangers, a military group formed to protect the citizens from a gang of lawless men called "The Bummers".

In April 1860, Tom built the two story Pollock Hotel in Auraria. The local citizens of the town bragged about Tom's hotel. The rival city of Denver, across Cherry Creek, had only a one and one-half story building as their tallest.

Tom Pollock was a busy man. With others, he helped plat the town of Highland across the Platte River. Pollock Street in Highland was named for him. Tom was a member of the "Capital Hydraulic Co., Inc." which furnished water to the towns of Auraria and Denver.

Late in the fall of 1860 Thomas Pollock married Sarah Chivington. Sarah was the daughter of the Methodists minister, Rev. John Chivington and his wife Martha. The jocular editor ran the marriage announcement in the obituary column of his newspaper. Tom had been a well know bachelor before his marriage to Sarah.

Following their marriage, Tom and Sarah left Auraria for the San Juan country, with the Kellog prospecting party. Traveling southward on December 14<sup>th</sup>, was a cold way to enjoy a honeymoon. Tom was the freighter and supplier for the prospecting group. With eleven wagons and one hundred oxen, horses, and mules, the party crossed the rugged San Juan Pass in winter. Upon arriving at the Animas River, they moved down stream where they established the town of Animas City.

About the first of May, they were threatened by the Ute Indians. Courageous and compassionate, Tom Pollock saved their lives by furnishing the Indians with the goods they desired. Using \$1500 worth of his supplies, he bought four Navajo slave children from the Utes. . One child, a girl, was adopted by a New Mexico family, another girl was adopted by Col. Pffieffer, and was murdered with the rest of the family by Indians at Pagosa Springs. A boy was taken by R. E. Whilsett of Denver, who endeavored to raise and education him, but he passed away a few years afterward. The fourth child named John was raided by Tom and Sarah.

With no gold in their pans, Tom soon found it necessary to feed many of the prospectors. With supplies running low, he left for Santa Fe to purchase more. Upon his return, he found Sarah and an invalid prospector were they only people left in the village and they were surrounded by Utes.

Tom and Sarah returned to the Denver area. The Civil War had started. Tom joined the Colorado Volunteers. Capt. Thomas Pollock was quartermaster and freighted supplies for the men who fought at the battle of Glorietta Pass.

A truly remarkable may, Thomas passed away in the Animas Valley in 1877.

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## **HISTORIAN'S CORNER**

### **THE SECOND SEAL**

Clan Pollock members are well aware of our family crest which depicts a running or charging boar pierced with an arrow. The earliest known use of this emblem is found on a seal of Robert de Polloc that came from a Scottish charter document dated ca. 1208. A photo of the seal and a short article about it by our Clan Genealogist, Dick Pollock, appears on the Clan Pollock website. As Dick notes, "The seal is located in the British Library, Department of Manuscripts, London, England. The Seal is identified as Seal XLVII. 998, and it is part of a collection of casts of seals donated in 1875 by David Laing (1793-1878)<sup>(1)</sup> a noted Scottish antiquary." I visited the British Library myself some years ago and was allowed to physically inspect it. It is about an inch and a half in diameter and a third of an inch thick. As you can see from the picture on our website it is rather rough and irregular, probably made of beeswax, and it is very hard to distinguish whether there is actually an arrow in the torso of the boar. The inscription around the edge reads *Sigillum Roberti de Polloc*, or the Seal of Robert of Polloc. Because of its date this seal cannot be attributed to Robert, son of Fulbert, who would have been dead by then, but to his son and successor, also named Robert.

There is a second, very different seal associated with Robert, the elder, from an earlier time, some four decades previous, before he became Laird of Polloc. His brother Peter (Petrus) was still alive and Laird of Polloc at this time but died later, apparently without heir, so Robert (the elder), or perhaps his son Robert (the younger), succeeded him to that title. Robert had already been invested with other lands, at Steinton/Stenton in what is now East Lothian, as a vassal to Walter FitzAlan, the first Steward of Scotland, and it was as Robert of Steinton that this other seal was used.

Here is an image of the seal from the book of transcriptions of charters of the Abbey of Melrose published in Edinburgh for the Bannatyne Club in 1837.

It is a graceful, well-formed design, quite unusual in its hunting motif among the equestrian seals commonly used at the time. Almost all others displayed a warrior in arms. Perhaps this design relates to the wounded boar seal used by Robert de Polloc some years later as showing prowess in the hunt. The seal is identified as having been attached to Melrose Charter #63 in which Robert donated 5 acres of land to the Abbey. In the charter document he is referred to as Robert de Stenton. The inscription on the attached seal reads *Sigell Roberti Filii Fuberti* (seal of Robert, son of Fulbert). One of the attesting witnesses to the document was Robert's brother Helia, Canon of Glasgow. A cast of this seal is in the collection at the British Museum. Their Catalog of Seals provides the following description:



**Robertus**, filius FUBERTI, DE STEINTON  
15,695. [circa 1170] Sulphur cast from a good  
impression. 1 7/8 in. [xlvii.945.]

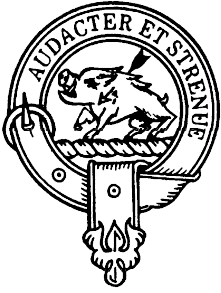
Cap-shaped headgear. In the right hand a long spear. In the left hand a hunting horn held to the mouth. Horse galloping. Below the horse a greyhound courant.

One may wonder why the two seals are so different. We can only speculate on the answer. For one thing, the practices in using seals were not well established in Scotland at this early period. There is some discussion about this in the introduction to the Melrose Charters volume. For another, the two seals were used to represent authority under different dominions, one of Stenton and one of Polloc. In any case it is the charging boar, wounded by an arrow, used by Robert as Robert de Polloc and not as Robert de Steinton, which has come down to us through the ages as the crest of our Polloc family.

John F. Polk, PhD  
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**Motto: Boldly and Strongly**

*Nollaig Chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur*

*Blythe yuil an a Happy New Year*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



*From  
Clan Pollock*

