

The Pollag
May 2018

"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 Spring.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their 2018 Clan Pollock dues. There are a few who have not sent in their \$15.00 renewal but we still hope to hear from you. Also thanks to several of you who sent in a little extra – we can always use it for postage and printing costs.

Several of you who receive your Pollag by regular mail contacted us after the February Pollag had everyone's last name as "Joyce". We're not sure what caused this glitch but the Averys have corrected us. Don't Beth and Mike do a great job with our newsletter every time?

A.D. had a reverse complete shoulder replacement surgery a few weeks ago. He is doing well but it's a slow recovery process. We are not sure what we can do this year as far as attending Scottish Games. We know we won't get to go to the Barren River Games near Glasgow, KY the first weekend in June. We do plan to attend the Estes Park Games in September and look forward to seeing several of our members then. If you have a chance to attend a Scottish Game in your area this year, we encourage you to go!

Send us your family's news – births, graduations, weddings and so on. We are very proud of our granddaughter, Hannah Pollock, who will graduate in May with her BSN from an accelerated nursing program at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY.

Our best to all of you!

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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

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Ashley A. Gowda, Newport News, VA
Leonard Poage, Huntington, WV
Collin Poage, Worthington, OH
Vicki P. Seibel, Ft Worth, TX
Bruce R Pollock, Canada

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Photo of spouses Lt. Julia and Capt. Jordan (son of Pollock descendant) on a day they were going sky-diving. Julia has been a Master Fitness instructor for the National Guard on a full-time basis for the last several years, but recently changed assignments. Jordan is currently serving in the 75th Rangers Regiment (very prestigious special ops unit).



Clan Pollock member, Kelly Ann Loy and husband, Timothy, on their recent trip to Glasgow, Scotland. Kelly said, "We had a wonderful visit. The area is beautiful. We had a relaxing walk from the train station, through the park, to the house."

DUES REMINDER

It is time for the payment of your 2018 Clan Pollock dues. \$15.00 **US Dollars**. We have received a few renewals already and I am sending out notices in the next few days. You can send your check/money order 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. Please put your full name and address on your payment. We have several Andrews, James, Johns, Richards, & Williams with the same last name and we want to be sure to credit the right person!
[Http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member.](http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member)

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
21 – Jack S. Pollock
22 – David A. Pollock; David B. Horne
25 – Robert W. Pollock
26 – Larry M. Pollock

JULY

2 – Richard H. Pollock
5 – William W. Pollock; Mark W. Pollock
18 – Thomas Pollock
22 – Dawn M. Kurth
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
18 – Vicky P. Seibel
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



<https://openclipart.org/detail/129115/scottish-thistle-and-flag>

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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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.

**33rd GLASGOW, KY HIGHLAND GAMES
BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK,
1149 STATE PARK ROAD, LUCAS, KY.
JUNE 2 – 3, 2018**

Glasgow Highland Games

The Glasgow Games are held at Barren River State Resort Park, Lucas, KY about 10 miles from Glasgow, KY, Please come by the tent & visit! These Games are especially children friendly and have a lot of activities for young people. For more information see: <http://glasgowhighlandgames.com>

Bellingham Scottish Gathering

Howander Homestead Park

Ferndale, WA.

June 2, 2018

This is the first year of what organizers hope will become an annual event. Celebrate Scotland's culture with "A New Highland Games Experience." Highland Dance Competition. Individual Piping & Drumming Bagpipe Bands. Food & Merchandise Vendors. If you plan to attend, contact Clan member Linda Tiffany, tiffany9646@comcast.net so you can meet up and enjoy the gathering together. For more information see: <https://squareup.com/store/scottish-dance-society>

63rd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

MacRae Meadows, Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC

July 12-15, 2018

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: Richard Anderson

Come out & enjoy all the activities of these Games. Richard Anderson has agreed to host the Clan Pollock tent this year as the Stones can't make it. We really appreciate Richard's doing this as Clan Pollock has been represented at these Games for many years. Starting with the Calling of the Clans on Thursday evening and Friday through Sunday there will be lots of things going on! Come & join the Andersons & make Clan Pollock's tent your home base. For more information: <http://www.gmhg.org>

32nd Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes, 1 Pierce, Isasca, IL

June 15 & 16, 2018

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: Paul Layman & Elizabeth Anastasia



There will once again be a Clan Pollock presence at this event. Paul Layman will host a Clan Pollock tent assisted by Elizabeth Anastasia and other Layman family members. The Parade of Tartans will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm around the Heavy Athletics Field. Please meet at the tent around noon if you would like to march. You might want to try the Haggis Eating Contest on Saturday. For more information see: <http://www.scottishfestivalchicago.org/aboutscottishfestivalandhighlandgames>



Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Fergus, Ontario, Canada

August 10-12, 2018

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: Your name could be here.

Graham McTavish, the Scottish actor who portrays Dougal MacKenzie, War Chieftain of Clan MacKenzie, in Diana Gabaldon's popular television drama series, *Outlander*, will be the featured guest at the Festival. We aren't planning on having a Clan Pollock tent there, but there is still time for you to sponsor one, or just go to the games and show the Pollock tartan. For more information see: <https://fergusscottishfestival.com/>

THE GENEALOGY TREE

Pollocks in Georgia, Part 1

by

Vance Pollock

Our Pollock family made its way to Hawkinsville, Pulaski County, GA by 1855 out of the 11th District of Houston County, near Perry, between Kathleen and Bonaire, GA where they had settled in the late 1820s.

The "Granddaddy of them all" was Jesse Pollock, born about 1763 in Onslow County, NC on his father John Pollock's plantation, which is now near the firing range on Camp Lejeune Marine Base near Jacksonville, NC.

Jesse may have done militia duty during the Revolutionary War for Wilmington Dist. and enlisted in the NC Infantry as an "18 month man" beginning in the spring of 1782. His company was originally commanded by Capt. Thomas Evans, who collected patriot volunteers from eastern NC counties at that time. In some cases, a group of 20 or so men would draw straws or cast lots to see who was going to fight. If the man chosen had family, or money to pay a bounty, a substitute was often arranged to serve on his behalf. Details of Jesse's attachment to the company have not come to light. He was a single man hardly more than 20 years old at this time. His father had died some 10 years earlier.

It is known from service records and pension applications of other men who joined Thomas' Co. at this time that the outfit marched toward Charleston and were camped near current day Summerville, SC and colonial Dorchester at Bacon's Bridge and Ashley Plantation, attached to General Nathaniel Greene's patriot Army. By this time command had been taken by Captain Benjamin Coleman.

Greene's Army basically stood ready to engage the British forces which had been driven to occupied Charleston, the city now under siege waiting for the Redcoats to abandon their former colonies. This was their last stronghold.

In Dec. of 1782 the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution was nearly won. It was widely accepted that it was only a matter of time before the inevitable British retreat from Charleston. In the midst of such feeling, the ranks of the American forces were trimmed and many men were given their discharge, transferred to companies returning north or simply deserted and walked home. There is record of Jesse and two other men from his company being transferred that month.

By the 4th of July, 1783 there was great celebrating around Charleston as the last of the British finally boarded ships in the harbor there and abandoned the now independent nation.

In 1785 Jesse was living in Jones County, NC and applied for a marriage license. His bride's name does not appear on the surviving documents, but she was the mother of his children, Sally. One account written 125 years later by his elderly grandson states that her maiden name was Greenwood, though her family has yet to be confirmed and documented.

Jesse had several children in NC and the last of them near Sardis, Burke County, GA, the village at that time known as Frog Wallow. He was a charter member of Beech Branch Meeting House, later Sardis Baptist Church, in 1803.

Since this brings us up to 1800 and the arrival in Georgia, I'll continue the story in another chapter...

Pollocks in Ulster – Part 1

Although our Clan is Scottish and has its origin in Renfrewshire a great many of us have ancestry which is actually Scotch-Irish, i.e. our roots go back through Ireland before getting to Scotland. I haven't seen any numbers from our clan membership but in the Polk/Pollock/Pogue DNA Project our participants with known origins tracing back to Ireland greatly outnumber those who can trace directly back to Scotland.

Who were the Scotch-Irish? This is an American term, not used in Scotland or Ireland. It refers to the immigrant group, mainly Presbyterian, that came to America in the 18th century from Ulster, Ireland, and which had earlier ancestral roots in Scotland. They played an important role in settling the American frontier and were strong supporters of the patriotic cause in the American Revolution. My favorite characterization of them, expressed in terms of the Scotsman's favorite beverage, is that they were distilled in Scotland, bottled in Ireland, and uncorked in America. A complete answer requires some knowledge of 17th and 18th century Irish history. It is not possible to give even a capsulized version of it here. For an excellent account, I highly recommend "The Scotch Irish, A Social History" by James G. Leyburn . My aim here is much more limited – providing some specific data about our Pollock predecessors' arrival in Ulster.

First a little context. It all began with what is known as the Flight of the Earls and the subsequent plantation of Ulster by Scottish and English settlers. When the Earls of Tyrone and Tyrconnell (Donegal) left Ireland in 1607, never to return, their lands were forfeited to the English crown. This included almost 2/3 of what is now Ulster. The reigning king was James VI, Stewart King of Scotland, who had only recently ascended to the throne of England as James I. He soon decided that the best way to settle England's perpetual "Irish Problem" was to transplant some of his loyal Scotch and English subjects to his newly acquired lands in Ulster. This undertaking was a long and complicated process which produced its own bloody conflicts lasting even to recent times but James's primary objective was quickly and permanently achieved. The plantation began in earnest in 1609. It is estimated that up to 50,000 English and Scottish settlers had arrived in Ulster by 1620 and twice that number by 1640 (Leyburn, p.111). The large majority of these were Scottish, principally from the lowlands.

Irish records from this far back are very scarce but fortunately some have survived. The ones that give us information about specific individuals named Pollok/Poke/Pock etc. are muster rolls and hearth rolls. The earliest surviving roll is from the Barony of Raphoe, Donegal, 1618, in which William Pock is mentioned. Another roll taken in Londonderry in 1622 mentions the following:

Richard Peake	Town and liberties of Coleraine
Thomas Picke	Town and liberties of Coleraine
Jno. Pooke	Vintners Guild, Loughinsholin
Jno Pooke	Agent in Aghanloo

By far the most important and complete is the muster roll of all Ulster counties in 1630. This contains the following entries:

Londonderry

Londonderry City & Liberties:

George Poke	sword only
David Pock	sword only
William Poke	sword only
James Poke	No arms
David Pock	No arms

Coleraine City and Liberties:

Thomas Peeke	no arms
Thomas Poake	no arms

Limavady Estate

Edward Poke	sword & caliver
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Barony of Loughinisolyne:

Robert Poke	sword only
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Tyrone

Barony of Clogher:

Charles Pock	sword & pike
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Barony of Strabane:

Charles Pock	sword & pike
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John Pake sword only
David Poke no arms
John Pocock sword & pike
Edward Pocock sword & pike

James Pock sword & pike
Leckpatrick & Donagheady Parishes
Thomas Pollok no arms

Down

Town of Bangor:

William Pollock pike, completely armed
James Pollock pike, completely armed
Thomas Pollock sword, musket, bandolier

Barony of Great Ardes:

John Pollock sword & pike

Donegal

Barony of Toome:

Gabraell Pollog sword only
John Pollage no arms

Fermanagh

Barony of Lurgg

Thomas Pock sword & snaphance

Barony of Tyrkennedy

John Pog no arms

Antrim, Barony of Raphoe:

William Pock sword only

Armagh, Barony of O'Neill

Ralph Pollock no arms

(Taken from "Men and Arms, The Ulster Settlers, 1630", R. J. Hunter, Ulster Historical Foundation, 2012)

To these can be added a muster roll from Derry City, Londonderry, in 1642/3 with the following names:

Willm Poge	Sir Thomas Knight's Company
William Poake	Capt. John Kilner's Company
James Poake	Capt. John Kilner's Company
Robt. Poage	Capt Thomas Newburgh's Company
Tho. Poge	Capt Thomas Newburgh's Company

Clearly, our Pollock ancestors had established a home for themselves in Ulster. More to follow.

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Did You Know?

More than 20 million people in the UK and the Republic of Ireland carry the gene that produces red hair. There are more red heads in Scotland than anywhere else in the world. Approximately 650,000 redheads are in Scotland or roughly 13% of the country; however 40% might carry the gene. (Scottish Society for Southeaster Wyoming Newsletter, October 2017)

President Polk campaigned with the intention of not running for re-election. That during his presidency the Oregon question was settled and California was acquired which allowed the United States to stretch from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific for the first time.

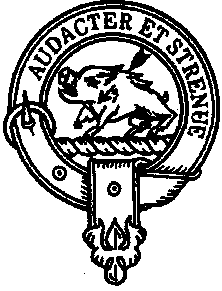
There is a suspension foot bridge at Grandfather Mountain, that is 228 feet long and a mile-high and may actually sway as you walk on it.

The Stone Mountain Summit Skyride is high-speed Swiss cable car that transports guests more than 825 feet above ground to the top of Stone Mountain. From the top, experience amazing views of the Atlanta skyline, the Appalachian Mountains and more up to 60 miles away.

Thanks to Ruth Woodward for these tidbits.

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UPCOMING GAMES

May 26-27. United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA).
<http://www.scottishfest.com>

June 8-10. Thanksgiving Point Lehi Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games. <http://www.utahscots.org/>
June 9. Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival Washington County Fair Grounds, Richmond.
<http://www.riscot.org>

June 15. Chicago Scots Scottish Festival. <http://www.chicagoscots.org>. Look for the Clan Pollock tent.

June 23-24. San Diego Highland Games. <http://www.sdhhighlandgames.org>

July 2. Pugwash Gathering of the Clans. Nova Scotia. <http://www.pugwashvillage.com>

July 6-8. Antigonish Highland Games, Nova Scotia. <http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca/>

July 12-15. The games at Grandfather Mountain, NC <http://www.gmhg.org>. Look for the Clan Pollock tent.

July 14. Portland Highland games Gresham, Oregon <http://www.phga.org>

July 12-15. 54th New Glasgow (Nova Scotia) Festival of the Tartans and Highland Games.
<http://www.festivalofthetartans.ca/>

July 14-15. Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Flagstaff. <http://www.nachs.info/>

July 28-29. Seattle Highland Games at Enumclaw, WA <http://www.sshga.org/home.htm>

July 27-29. New Brunswick (Canada) Highland Games. <http://www.highlandgames.ca/hg/news.html>

Aug 4-5. Colorado Scottish Festival, Highland Ranch. <http://www.scottishgames.org>

Aug 4-5. St Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games. <http://www.highlandgames.com>

Aug 4-5. The Monterey (CA) Scottish Games & Celtic Festival. <http://www.montereyscotgames.com>