

The Pollag
August 2019

"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...



We want to congratulate Clan Pollock on the 40th anniversary of its founding as a separate clan. Please read the article in this edition of the Pollag. We owe a big thanks to Rhys Pollock for his leadership in helping bring this about in 1979.

Thanks to our Clan Pollock Games hosts so far this year. We appreciate all the hard work you do in working these events. We are always looking for more of you to get involved.

We plan to go to Estes Park, Colorado for the Games in September and hope to see many of our members and friends this year.

We still have some members who have not sent in their 2019 dues. We value each of you and don't want to lose you.

Again, we need your input to keep this newsletter interesting to our readers. Please send us your news items AND remember to let us know of any address/e-mail changes so you don't miss an issue.

Have a wonderful Fall!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock, July 29, 2019

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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

Kerry Pollock Huskey, Atlanta, GA
Moniq Pollok, Okemos, MI

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



ROBERT S. POLLOCK, JR. Robert S. Pollock, Jr., age 97, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2019. He was born in Hampton, VA on June 20, 1922. His wife, Rosemary, had passed away several years ago. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, (now Virginia Tech) in 1951 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Shortly after he began his career with Carolina Power & Light Company and retired in 1984. Being a proud Scotsman, Rob, with Rosemary's assistance, was one of the original members of Clan Pollock and contributed much time to help build and develop Clan Pollock in the U.S. and served many years as North Carolina Clan Commissioner. He is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church, 10255 US Hwy 17 North, Wilmington. Just a wonderful man.



Rob Carrying the Clan Pollock sign at Grandfather Mt. in 1994.



Clan Pollock Lifetime member, **Jimmy R. Polk** of Ocala, Florida was born in 1935 and passed away April 2, 2018. He joined Clan Pollock in 1998. Jimmy retired from the Marion County Sheriff's Department in 2000 with over 20 years of service. He is survived by a daughter, a son, 6 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

I have just acquired an 1859 envelope that has the Castle Pollock wax seal on the flap. It's addressed to a gentleman in Edinburgh. This is a nice item to have in the Clan since the castle was destroyed by fire in 1882. It was rebuilt in 1886 and requisitioned by the British Army in 1939. In 1944, Miss Fergusson Pollok abandoned the castle and it deteriorated. It was demolished in 1952. ~Richard Anderson



40th ANNIVERSARY OF CLAN POLLOCK

In 2019 we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Clan Pollock as a separate entity. Before 1979, Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole and Pogue were members of Clan Maxwell. Rhys A. Pollock (1911 - 1981) wrote in 1980 the following, "After being in charge of a Clan Tent at some twenty (20) Scottish Highland Games and seeing only three or four Pollocks, Polks, I decided I could do more to preserve our heritage with our own organization. So, let us take pride in our Clan and do everything we can to promote it."



Rhys was the first President of Clan Pollock. Other Presidents have been: Dr. Richard A. Pollock; William C. Pollock, Jr., Richard H. Pollock, and A.D. Pollock. Thanks to Rhys and other early members of Clan Pollock - many who have passed on - for their hard work and dedication. Let's remember his words and continue to "take pride in our Clan and do everything we can to promote it."

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

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. Contact A.D. if you are interested.

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Estes Park, Colorado

September 6 - 8, 2019

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

Tent hosts: **A.D. And Clara Ann Pollock, Mark Thomas**

We are looking forward to going to these Games this year after not being there last year. Clan Pollock was ably represented by Mark and Denise Thomas and we appreciate all their help. Mark has already volunteered to help again this year. We don't have our tent space location at this time, but we will try to let you know when we get it. We are hoping to see lots of Pollocks, Polloks, Pooks, Polks, Paulks, Poalks, Poalkes, Poulks, Pooles, and Pogues stop by!



MIDDLE TENNESSEE HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL

September 8-9, 2019

Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN.

<https://www.midtenngames.com/>

These games are changing location this year from the grounds of the Hermitage to Percy Warner Park at the Vaughn's Creek Cross Country Course. If you are in Nashville or Middle Tennessee check out these games.



61st Annau! LIGONIER (PA) HIGHLAND GAMES

September 1-15, 2019

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

The games will be held at Idlewild Park. Saturday will be our traditional highland games event while Sunday will be our Celtic music and amateur athletic event! We are featuring an extended line up of performers, and competitive events for audience members!



POAGUE LANDING DAYS FESTIVAL

ASHLAND KENTUCKY HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

September 20-22, 2019

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

The Festival has something for everyone! An antique car show, food, artisans and crafters, carnival rides, games, a free children's activity tent, and the Ed Hadley Fiddle Fest are just a few.

Ashland, Kentucky, originally called Poage Landing, was settled by a Poage family originally from Scotland, by way of Ireland to this lovely spot in Kentucky. Anyone with a connection to an ancestor with the name of Poage and its other spellings – Pogue and Poague – can receive a free lunch on Saturday by going to the Visitor's Tent. Clan Pollock member, Paul Layman, plans to attend. If you attend make sure to look for him.

GAME REPORTS

64th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 11-14, 2019

Our attendance this year was up dramatically and included 3 extended families. Each of these families spent a whole day at our tent. We hosted Vance Pollock and his wonderful tribe that included his wife, kids and his mother-in-law visiting from Iceland. Pat and "Art" Morton visited along with Steve Morton and his family including Pat and Art's great-grandchildren. Art has been a Clan member for years and wore his official nametag! He was the oldest Pollock at 82 years young. The Banks family came from the Pollocksville, NC area. The Banks include Andrew, Kelly, Frances, Madeline and Lilly. Pollocksville was named for Thomas Pollock, the prominent first colonial governor of North Carolina. Additionally we had 20-30 visitors with Pollock cousins, spouse, employers, employees, etc.



The GMHG are the host games for the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations or COSCA <https://www.cosca.scot/>. Clan Pollock is a member in good standing of COSCA and as I did last year, I attended as our representative. COSCA has deep connections with the Scottish government and two Scottish representatives attended the meeting.

The best venue at the GMHG is the "inside loop" of tents. You have a fantastic panoramic view of the pageantry. Tent positions are flipped each year from the inside to the outside loop. The premier clans have two tents and have their "informational display" on the outside row directly across from their "inside row" view tent. Next year we will have two tents and will set up the view tent as the "social tent" where clan members and visitors can relax, have a picnic, watch the events, etc.

I'll be updating you as we get closer to the 2020 games. So plan ahead for July 9-12, 2020.

~Richard Anderson

33rd Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

June 14 – 15, 2019

The weather was overcast but pretty good. The Clan tents were moved this year next to the heavy athletic field so there were more people passing by Clan Pollock's tent. Paul Layman, long time tent host, is responsible for all the Clans at this event so Elizabeth Anastasia has really been great to step up and host these Games! Elizabeth said Paul is amazing – hardly sat down the entire time. Thank you to both these Clan Pollock members for sharing their time and hard work! I don't think Paul would mind us sharing that he turned 91 on New Year's Day this year!



William Washington Pollock Reunion

June 2, 2019

The 73rd annual William Washington Pollock (of Jones County, NC) reunion was held June 2nd at the Lenior County Shrine Club, Kinston, NC. Ninety six descendants attended with JoAnne Kellum Marcell from Charleston, SC traveling the farthest. Naoma Monier, 90, was the oldest attendee. Bella Grace Pollock was the youngest and Garland and Hazel Loftin were married the longest with 67 years.



William Washington Pollock grandchildren

A memorial Tribute with the lighting of candles was held to remember Mr. W.W. Pollock, his three wives and their twenty one children.

Flowers of the forest for the year were Rodney Modlin and Clarice Loftin Davenport of the Lila Dare Pollock Loftin family, William Washington "Billy" Pollock, jr. and Jimmie Alphonso Mills of the Mann Alphonso Pollock family and Leslie "chuck" Odum of the Ester Roosevelt Pollock family.

The 12 active duty or Veterans present were honored. First Cousins (of the 21 children) present were Garland Loftin, Dalton Loftin, Naoma Smith Monier, Harold Pollock, and William Washington "Bill" Pollock.

The W.W. Pollock Reunion Committee Board for 2019-2021 was elected. Debora Pollock-Wainwright, Chairman; Diane Pollock Mackanic, Vice-Chairman; Michelle Williams Koonce, Secretary; Delores Collins Koonce, Treasurer.

The W.W. Pollock Cemetery Fund donations are for maintaining the two Pollock Cemeteries in Trenton, NC. In 2019 signs were erected to mark these cemeteries.

William Washington Pollock (1850-1028) was the son of James "Mack" and Frances Amanda McDaniel Pollock. His first wife was Dorcas A. Jones (1852-1884, mother of 7 children). When Dorcas died he married Mary E. Jones, Dorcas' sister (1846-1886 mother of 1 child). When Mary and the baby died he married Leonora Ann Meadows (1868-1928 mother of 13 children). William's only sibling was an older brother. Basil Christopher Pollock, son of James and Matilda Pollock.

The next annual gathering will be June 7, 2020 at the Shrine Club in Kinston, NC. The board and members-at-large meet quarterly. Correspondence can be sent to Debora Pollock-Wainwright at deboralee_30@yahoo.com.

THE GENEALOGY TREE

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANCESTORS

If anyone has the following Pollock's in their tree, please let me know as I cannot get back past my Grandfather's Father, even with help of People of Scotland. I would love any photos of course, but the correct line information would be a Godsend. **Wendy Mullen** <hungarygypsy@gmail.com>

My Grandfather: **Edward W Pollock** Birth Mar 25, 1903 • Ohio. Death July 19, 1976 • Kingfisher, OK.

My Great Grandfather: **James J Pollock** Birth March 29, 1874 • Neilson, Renfrewshire Scotland. Death August 19, 1949 • Akron, Summit, Ohio

My Great Great: **John Pollock** Birth ABT 1841 • Ireland

My Great Great Grandmother: **Jane Gean Jackson** Birth ABT 1852 • Carnock, Fifeshire

A place to start looking for your ancestors in Scotland



Scotland's People will point you to statutory records (including births, deaths, marriages, divorces), church registers, census records (1841-1911), valuation records, legal records (military tribunals, wills and testaments, coats of arms). You can search the indexes free of charge and use pay-per-view to view and download digital images of the records you find. The cost is minimal for most records and you can use your credit card to pay.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-our-records>



Have you "liked" the Clan Pollock Facebook group?

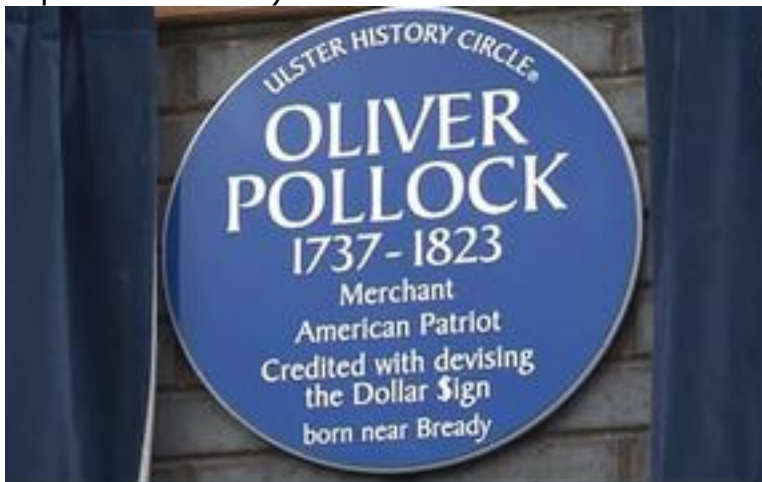
<https://www.facebook.com/ClanPollock/>

Remember to pay your dues or a gift membership by mail using the application on the back page and a check for \$15.00 to Clara Ann or on the website (\$16.00) at <https://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member>

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Oliver Pollock Blue Plaque

Oliver Pollock was a great American patriot and someone that we in Clan Pollock can truly take pride in. I have written about him in a couple earlier articles. I am happy to say that the people of Ulster also take pride in Oliver Pollock and have recently dedicated a historical marker to him, something they call a "Blue Plaque" in Bready, the townland of his origin located alongside the Foyle River in County Tyrone. Here is a nice video clip of the dedication ceremony <https://vimeo.com/164262793> (Please disregard the portrait of Oliver Pollock shown in the clip – it is not him.)



Oliver Pollock came to America as an almost penniless young lad from Ulster in the 1750's but in a few years became a successful merchant, first out of Philadelphia, then Havana and then New Orleans. He developed a strong relationship with Spanish authorities in the Gulf area and was given license to trade in the Mississippi valley which was the basis for his personal fortune. From the outset of the Revolution he was an ardent supporter of the patriotic cause and was used by Washington and Jefferson as their agent in dealing with Spain. His relationship with General Galvez, Governor of Louisiana, was a key factor in getting Spain to side with America during the Revolution. He personally financed the expedition of George Rogers Clark which ended with the victory at the battle of Vincennes, closing out the possibility of a western front against the colonies by Britain during the Revolution. Pollock is sometimes known as the "Financier of the American Revolution in the West" and is also recognized as the originator of the \$ sign.

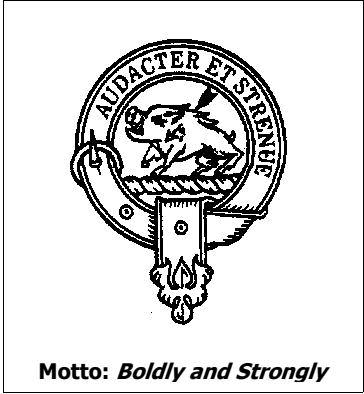
I take some personal pride in the erection of this Blue Plaque– it began with a discussion I had with the Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and gave him proof of Pollock's origin in a townland called Magheramason in Bready. This was something I found in one of his letters at the Library of Congress. The Blue Plaque program is something that began a couple decades ago in Northern Ireland and the Ulster Historical Foundation is an important contributor to it. As it turns out this blue plaque was the 200th since the start of the program. The US Counsel-General from Belfast attended the ceremony and was the person who did the actual unveiling. That was two years ago. I was not able to attend the event but did stop by the site last year when my wife and I were visiting the area.

John Polk
Historian, Clan Pollock



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If father or mother's surname isn't Pollock, Polk, Poague, etc. list name and relationship to you of person of that lineage with which you have the closest kinship

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, Poague, etc. ancestors were of Scottish descent.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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