

The Pollag
February 2020

"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...



Another new year – it's hard to believe it is 2020. We hope you are having a healthy year so far – lots of sickness going around! Several of our members have had surgeries recently and other illnesses and we wish everyone a full recovery.

It is time for the payment of your 2020 Clan Pollock dues. **\$15.00 US dollars.** We have received a few renewals already and I am sending out letters in the next few days. If you have already paid and receive a letter, please disregard. 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** through Pay Pal. Please put your full name on your payment. We have several with the same first and last name and we want to be sure to credit the right person!

Thanks to Brent DeShazo and his family for already hosting the Central Florida Games in January. We hope to attend some Games over the next few months and hope you will look for Games in your area. We are always looking for members who would like to host a Clan Pollock tent. Just let us know.

As always Beth and Mike Avery need your news and pictures so we can share them with our members. They do a great job with the Pollag but need your input to keep the newsletter interesting. And don't forget to send us your change of address and/or e-mail address so we can keep our records up to date.

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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**

Christina Babson, Foxboro, Canada

Holly L. Hollman, Athens, AL

Daniel Polk, Bismarck, ND

Terry L. Polk, Northlake, TX

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mary Margaret Pollock passes away January 8th after being diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, which metastasized. She enjoyed connecting to family and heritage through her membership in the Clan. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in her memory to a special fund established by her children, 'The Pollock - Thomas Memorial Fund', at either the University of Rochester or Virginia Commonwealth University, to support lung disease research.

CLAN POLLOCK AND COCA

by Richard Anderson

The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations or COSCA was founded in 1976 by Dr. Herbert MacNeal and a handful of volunteers for the purpose of supporting Scottish Clan organizations and preserving Scottish heritage. The initial meeting was held at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC and COSCA gathers on the mountain annually.

The goals of COSCA are:

Strengthening the Scottish American community by bringing individuals together with their Scottish clans and families;

Supporting our member Scottish organizations with training and resources to help them meet their own missions;

Providing education and learning opportunities in Scottish fields;

Building relationships with Scotland and the global diaspora.

The 65th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 9-12, 2020 at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC, The COSCA Annual General Meeting, Saturday, 11 July, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Chieftain's Tent

This year Clan Pollock will have two tents. One will be our display and informational tent and on the inside ring facing the athletic field, will be our viewing and fellowship space. You will be able to rest in the shade and enjoy a picnic or just watch the pageantry. As your local Clan Sponsor, I will attend all 4 days and also serve as your voting COSCA representative. The biggest Scottish national issues this year are Brexit and Scottish autonomy. Here is the link for Grandfather Games info and tickets: <http://www.gmhg.org/> COSCA is at: <https://www.cosca.scot/> You can reach me at: boonemtnradio@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

1 – William Pollock
3 – Marqueity A. Espey
4 – John E. Alden
5 – Deborah A. Mennig
8 – Duane T. Taylor
10 – Nicole Polk; Clarence W. Pollock
12 – Donald O. Pollock
14 – Lawrence P. Pollock
15 – R. Scott Pollock III
18 – Laverne Raisch
20 – Kelly A. Loy; Blair M. Pogue
22 – Christian A. Edwards; David P. Pollock;
Matthew Pollock
23 – Timothy R. Pollock
28 – LaDawna Pollock-Grigg

APRIL

3 – Emily P. Brown; Charmain G. Clark;
Virginia R. Riebe
5 – Ian J. Pollock; Marjorie T. Scooros
7 – Nancy I. Salisbury
9 – Richard Anderson; Martha N. Tucker
10 – Ashley A. Gowda; Suzanne P. Hough
11 – Edward L. Pollock
12 – Janet A. Delaney
13 – David B. Pollock; Robert M. Pollock
14 – Collin M. Pogue
20 – Charles A. Pollock; William D. Pollock
21 – James D. Polk
23 – Robert (Paddy) Pollock; Walter H.
Pollock

APRIL (con't)

25 – Amy E. Pollock-Morse
26 – George B. Pogue
27 – Jerry M. Mauck; Rebekah Pollock
29 – Ulrich Starke
30 – Richard A. Pollock;
Thomas E. Pollock

MAY

1 – Patti S. Polk
3 – Larry G. Lankford; Clara A.
Pollock; Cecil A. Pollock
5 – Victor Crawford
6 – Mary E. Bryan; Kent W.
Woodward
8 – Nancy J. Musselman;
Ronald M. Schwoegl
10 – Robert H. Pollock IV
11 – John W. Espy; David R.
Pollock
12 – Shawn D. Joyce
14 – Velma A. Pollock
15 – Brent DeShazo; Carolyn
T. Gerwig; Kay P. Hirsch
16 – Adolphus A. Riewe Jr.
18 – Lynne P Denson; James W.
Pogue; Elizabeth P. Slough
19 – Beverly J. Craft; Mary M.
Pollock
24 – C. Richard Venable III
27 – Charles W. Cunard

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. Thanks. We apologize for not putting the September, October, & November Birthdays in the August Pollag! Just an oversight on my part. Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

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.

35th GLASGOW, KY HIGHLAND GAMES

**BARREN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK
1149 STATE PARK ROAD, LUCAS, KY
MAY 30 – 31, 2019**

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



GAME REPORTS

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games January 18-19 2020 Winter Springs, FL

Clan Pollock returned to the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in January. While in existence for over 40 years, the growth and attendance over the past few years has been visible. This year, they set a record of 83 clans in attendance. Of that number was Clan Pollock. We were excited seeing our members from New Jersey make the annual trek to warmer weather. In addition, we were pleased that Chris Dunn (a newer member from our Floridian ranks) was able to join our family in greeting visitors at our tent. We encountered a larger number of Polks and a consistent turnout from Pollocks. If you're interested in volunteering or attending future events, we'd love to talk with you!



THE GENEALOGY TREE

In case you've ever wonder how many Pollocks you might be related to and how easy it is for us to have ancestors in common, just look at the numbers.

A
You
2 Parents
4 Grandparents
8 Great Grandparents
16 Great Great Grandparents
32 Great Great Great Grandparents
64 Great Great Great Great Grandparents
128 Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
256 Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
512 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
1024 Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Great Grandparents
and after just ten generations you then have
2,048
4,096
8,192
16,284
32,568
65,136
130,272
260,544
521,088
1,042,176
One Million in only twenty generations!

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

The Polloks of Balgray

Balgray is an area located to the west of Upper Pollock in Renfrewshire. It was not part of the original lands of Pollok but came into family possession by purchase from its ancient owners, the Park family, in 1603, and remained in Pollok possession for the next three centuries. During this time its ownership passed through several different branches of the family as explained below. In time it came to be used as the Dower house of Castle Pollok, i.e. the residence of the widow of a departed laird when his successor moved into the castle. Balgray was the childhood home of Governor Thomas Pollock (1642-1722) of North Carolina and of the grandfather of David Pollock, saddler to King George and father of Field Marshall Sir George Pollock (1786-1872) and Sir Frederick Pollock (1783-1870), UK Attorney General and Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The lands of Balgray now lie mostly under Balgray Reservoir which was built between 1860 and 1865, part of the Dams to Darnley Country Park, Renfrewshire. The dower house has been substantially improved several times is now a lovely residence – it sold in 2015 for £1.15m.



The history of Balgray's ownership is somewhat confusing because it was conveyed between different lines of Pollocks in three successions. Perhaps it is best to present this in the context of the descendants of David Pollock, 11th of that Ilk (d.1545), who never owned Balgray himself but all of its later owners were his descendants. David had 3 sons: John Pollock, 12th of that Ilk (d.1564), Charles Pollock of Greenhill (d. before 1577), and George Pollock, cooper of Glasgow (d.1619). Ownership of Balgray passed between descendants of all three of these sons at different times, as follows:

Succession 1, 1603-1656, descendants of Charles Pollock of Greenhill:

1 - David Pollock of Lee, son of Charles Pollock of Greenhill, married first Janet (d.1593), daughter of John Pollock 13th of that Ilk. There is no record of his second wife's name. David purchased Balgray in 1603 from Alexander Park who was married to Egidia Pollock, also daughter of John Pollock, 13th of that Ilk. David sold his estate at Lee to Alan Pollock of Arthurlie when he purchased Balgray. David died in 1631 leaving three sons, Charles, by his first wife, and John and Robert by the second. Charles had only one child, a daughter, so John, the second son, succeeded to Balgray.

2 - John Pollock (d. Nov. 1650), second son of David, inherited Balgray. He was married to Jean, eldest daughter of Robert Pollock, 15th of that Ilk.

3 - David Pollock, son and successor of John Pollock, sold Balgray between 1653 and 1659 to a distant relative, Thomas Pollock of Glasgow. David died 1665, leaving a will. He had two sons, Robert (possibly sir Robert, Knight of Kelso) and David (yeoman of Spittle), grandfather of David Pollock, saddler to King George III.

Succession 2, 1656-1733, descendants of George Pollock, cooper of Glasgow:

George Pollock, cooper of Glasgow, had a son David Pollock (d.1619) who took a degree at Glasgow in 1595 and became Minister at Glenluce before 1605. David had two sons, James, Bailie of Glasgow, and Thomas.

4 - Thomas Pollok (b. ca.1603, d.1680), second son of David, became a wealthy merchant in Glasgow. Thomas purchased Balgray from David Pollok, grandson of David Pollok of Lee, between 1653 and 1659. He had numerous children.

5- James Pollok (b.1646), son of Thomas and a minister of the Kirk, inherited Balgray in 1680. He died before 1695.

6 - Thomas Pollok (d.1715), son of James, inherited Balgray. He sold half to Robert Semple, Jun., of Beltrees in 1710.

7 - James Pollok, son of Thomas, inherited the remaining half of Balgray with its mills and sold them in 1733.

Succession 3, 1733-1939, Pollocks of that Ilk:

8 - Sir Robert Pollok, 17th of that Ilk, Baronet, purchased the remaining half of Balgray from James Pollok for his son Capt. John Pollok in 1733.

9 - Capt. John Pollok was killed in battle at Fontenoy, 1745, and died without heir. Ownership of Balgray passed to his nephew, Robert, son of Sir Robert's first son, Walter.

10 - Sir Robert Pollok, 18th of that Ilk, 2nd Baronet, was the son of the 1st Baronet's first son, Walter, who predeceased his father.

11 - Balgray remained in possession of the subsequent line of Pollocks of that Ilk, and served as the Dower House for Pollok Castle, until the line died out, or "until a few years ago when it was sold to Mr Boyd, the present owner."

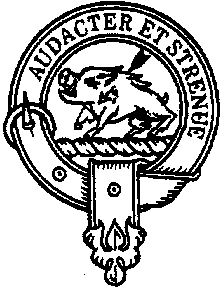
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- March 6-8, 2020 Sonora (CA) Celtic Faire. <http://www.sonoracelticfaire.com/>
South Florida Scottish Festival & Highland Games <https://sassf.org/>
- March 7-8, 2020 56th Annual Phoenix Scottish Games. <http://phoenixscottishgames.com/>
- March 14-15, 2020 West Texas (Midland) Celtic Fair. <https://westtexascelticfair.com/>
- April 17-19, 2020 Loch Norman (NC) Highland Games. <http://www.lochnorman.com/>
- April 18-19, 2020 Las Vegas Highland Games. <http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org/>
- May 1-3, 2020 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games (Decatur). <https://www.texascots.com/>
- May 2-3, 2020 Rio Grand Celtic Festival. <https://www.celtfestabq.com/>
- May 16-17, 2020 Smoky Mountain Scottish Games and Festival (Maryville, TN)
<http://smokymountaingames.org/>