

The Pollag
November 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...



As we prepare for this last issue of *The Pollag* for 2020, who would have thought we would still be dealing with the Covid virus, wearing masks to protect ourselves and others, practicing social distancing and in general having our lives completely changed! Having said all that, we hope all our members and readers are staying safe and well.

We want to thank everyone who participated in our November issue by sending in your pictures and information on your military members. We honor all of these and we also want to honor our first responders – police, fire, medical personal – during these troubling times and all the time. Thank you for what you have done and what you are doing to help keep us safe every day.

We are still hopeful that 2021 will let us return to having and attending Scottish Games and Festivals. Time will tell. This year we missed being at the Grandfather Mountain, NC games and the Estes Park, CO games. We missed the fellowship at the Games and we continue to hope we will see you in 2021.

Our prayers for you and your families are that you will have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
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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

Tina Abel, Port Republic, MD

Elizabeth P. Bruch, Whitefish Bay, WI

Bruce M. Pollock, Wollerau, Switzerland

Sharon P. Young, St. Louis, MO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. There are several newer members that we don't have birth dates for yet. Thanks. Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

DECEMBER

5 – Rhett K. Pollock

7 – Beverly J. Oleson

10 – Nancy P. Haga

11 – Travis B. Scobey

13 – Leonard Poage

14 – Billy F. Anderson

15 – James Pollock; W. Field Pollock

16 – David A. Culbreath

18 – Denise T. Thomas; Rachel A. Jewell

20 – David M. Barboza

23 – Howard W. Pollock

27 – Christopher Pollock

29 - Christopher C. Polk

31 – Robert J. Pollock

11 – William K. Stevens; Linda L. Tiffany

15 – James (Jim) Poage

16 – Christine B. Halliwell; Robert P. Pollock

18 – James D. Pollock

20 – Matthew D. Pollock

21 – Armando Pollock; Curtis J. Pogue

24 – Marcia Baker

26 – John C. Pollock III; Susan E. Strickland; Stephen J. Pollock

28 – Alex J. Pollock

29 – Michael R. Sleigh

FEBRUARY

1 – Wendy Mullin

4 – Christopher Dunn

8 – Sally Patterson

9 – Virginia T. Watson

12 – T. Kathy Grant

15 – Thomas W. Poage

19 – John M. Pogue; Mark P. Pollock; Larry F. Polk

20 – Revis A. Morton

24 – Milbry Polk

28 – Sally Brace

29 – James B. Reynolds III

JANUARY

1 – Paul D. Layman; Stephen J. Pollock

4 – Margaret L. Griffes

5 – Charles A. Pollock

6 – Thomas E. Polk

7 – Irene Fleming

8 – Elva G. Pollock-Arnold; Susan P. Beavis; Barbara C. Lewis

9 – Fred H. Pollock; John B. Pollock

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENT

All of the games we know of for the rest of the year have been canceled. However, we have the opportunity to participate in an interesting virtual event. The **Scottish North American Community Conference** is presented by The American-Scottish Foundation and the CHICAGO SCOTS. Tickets for all three days are only \$45.

<https://scottishleadershipconference.com/>

St. Andrew's Day – November 30. Plan a special event at home. For some ideas of special foods and how to celebrate check out

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/st-andrews-day/>



HOW CAN WE ENSURE THE ONGOING BONDS OF SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP? THE RELEVANCE OF SCOTTISH IDENTITY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020
Keynote: Clans + Families + Our Nations + Our Heritage
Andrew Morrison, Viscount Drumossil

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020
Greetings from Scotland
Joni Smith, Counsellor for Scottish Government USA
The Enduring Resonance of the Declaration of Arbroath
Lord Charles Bruce

Scotland's Influence on North America
Hon. Henry McLeish, Former First Minister of Scotland

Sunday, December 6, 2020
News From the Lyon Court
Rev. Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms

To Learn More & Register:
www.scottishleadershipconference.com

2020 Scottish North American Community Conference
December 4-6
Presented Online from New York City by the American-Scottish Foundation

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HONORING OUR VETERANS



Clan President, A. D. Pollock Jr.

US Army 1959-1986



Anthony Belitz

2017 – current

Grandson of member Arlene Polk.



Member, Archie Pollock III

US Army 1982-2007



*Member Barney Polk
(Deceased)*

US Army 1959-1964



*Member C. Richard Bugg
(Deceased)*

*All three of his children
also served in the US
military.*



Member Danette Owens.

US Navy.



*Member, Lt. Dick Pollock, US Air Force
Installations Engineer, Arnold Engineering
Development Center, Research and
Development Command, Tullahoma, TN*

1955-1957



Member, Gary Pollock,

Royal Canadian Navy

1957 to 1987

*Photo in 2010 at age 74 back in
uniform for a remembrance
ceremony.*



Member J. Andy Pollock

US Army

1985-1988; 1990-2008



Jacob Owens, US Navy. receiving the Navy Medal of Commendation (the highest non combat award) for saving his ship and crew from a fire.

2010-present.

Son of member Danette Owen.



James with wife Shirley (Blewfield) Pollock at Camp Carson, CO, 1944

US Army.

Parents of member Susanna Pollock Hour.



James Russell Pollock in WWII Army Uniform with Hell on Wheels (the nickname for the U. S. Army's 2nd Armored Division) patch on left sleeve & Chaplain's cross on left lapel.



Member J. D. Polk,

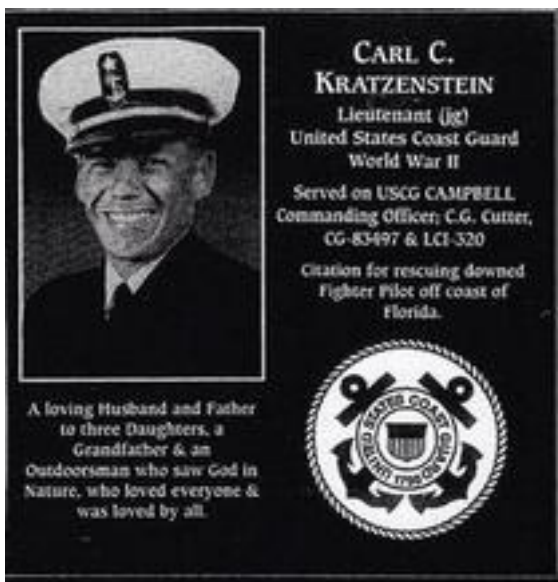
US Air Force Flight Surgeon 1997 to 2007



Member J. D. Polk

Chief Health and Medical Officer of NASA

2001- present



Carl C. Kratzenstein.

US Coast Guard.

Father of member Mary Louise Anderson,



*Marion Elzie Pollock (Deceased)
October 15, 1932 - January 21,
2013*

US Air Force 1951-1956

*Father of member Vicky Pollock
Seibel.*



*Member, Mark
Thomas*

*US Coast Guard,
1980 - 2011*

*Husband of
member
Denise
Thomas*



*Member Norman Dale Pollock
(Deceased)*

*US Army, 1945-1947. Served on
Cavite in the Philippines in the 8130th
Service Detachment.*

*Member Matt Pollock, Mark Pollock,
Marcia Baker's father and member
Christopher Pollock's grandfather.*



*Norman Dale Pollock
(Deceased)*

*US Army, 1945-1947 but
was seconded to the US
Merchant Marine.*

*Member Matt Pollock, Mark
Pollock, Marcia Baker's
father and member
Christopher Pollock's
grandfather.*



Member Andy Pollock

Royal Canadian Navy 1982 - 2012

THE GENEALOGY TREE



Robert Hew Ferguson-Pollok received notice of his inheritance in July, 1950, three months after the death of his Aunt Jane Dunlop Ferguson-Pollok. The notice came by telegram from a British attorney. It was also noted that Jane's brother in Crete had waived any claim on the inheritance.

He and his wife Laura were elated with the news. They decided to go to Scotland to see the Castle. Then they decided that Robert would go by himself. Finally, they decided that no one would visit Scotland. Robert instructed his solicitor to sell the properties and to crate the furnishings and ship them to him at the villa he had bought in the Cowichan Valley in British Columbia.

The press was intrigued with the idea that a \$33.50/week sawmill worker could own a Castle in Scotland. The news was repeated in newspapers in Canada, throughout Europe, England, Scotland and even in the United States!

Robert received the £50,000 immediately. They also began to use the money immediately. They bought a 10-room villa, and Robert bought a new Cadillac, both with help from their bank.

Robert's wife was quoted as saying that "I don't think that we will be leaving Duncan. We just want to go on living a happy, normal sort of Canadian life with our friends." Their spending did not reflect this quaint notion.

They also began to donate to their interests, with the largest donation of \$30,000 to a professional baseball team in Victoria, British Columbia.

In the first of questionable financial decisions Robert would make, he sold the 3,000 acres of farm land, the Castle Estate, and the Pinmore House Estate for \$25,000 to a timber merchant! He said he wanted the price to be low to avoid heavy taxes.

It cost £8,000 to crate and ship the furnishings to Robert. For some reason, the shipment did not arrive until 1954. Robert and Laura kept some of the items for their use, and stored the rest.

A chair used by Mary, Queen of Scots in the 16th Century was among the furniture that arrived. There were also dining-room chairs made in the reign of Charles I, an old chest made when Oliver Cromwell was a boy, and 16th Century oak chairs, bookcases and a large library, a quill used by Mary, Queen of Scots, a pair of candlesticks as thick as a man's wrist, weighing 56 pounds and ancient oriental vases embossed with patterns of gold.

It was estimated that the antiques were valued at \$75,000.

Robert was quoted as saying that he planned to sell a large portion of the shipment.

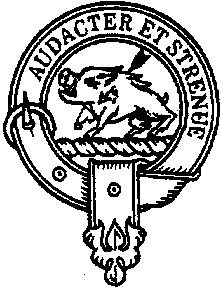
With what they used on a day to day basis they also had to cut down on their living quarters to store some of the inheritance they had decided to keep. (To be continued in the next issue)

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
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Nollaig Chrìdheil agus bliadhna mhath ur
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From
Clan Pollock International

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER - What is Pollock?

Where did our family name come from and what does it mean? Everyone agrees that it was the place name for an area in Renfrewshire just southwest of Glasgow, along the Cart or Cathcart River, but there are different explanations of what the name actually means. The first explanation I heard was that it came from Scottish Gaelic and meant a pool surrounded by oak woods. I have also read that it simply meant a pool or slow moving stream. Perhaps we will never be sure. Recently I was reading notes compiled by E. A. Langslow Cock, whose mother was a Pollock, daughter of the eminent British judge, Sir Frederick Pollock. Langslow Cock was himself a very dedicated researcher of Pollock family history and his notes have been transcribed and published in seven volumes entitled "Pollock Letters, Queries and Notes." Here is an account of the name which he wrote in a letter transcribed in the fifth volume, "Pollocks of Arthurlie," page 30:

The origin of the name Pollock has never been satisfactorily settled; Sir John Stirling Maxwell accepts that it can be translated from Gaelic Poll-ock, poll meaning "pool" and "ock" little. But I sought out a Gaelic expert at the British Museum who told me that it might mean "little hill": neither of these suit the Pollock country. If it came from Norse invaders, after the Romans left, it might mean "the head of Lok," after one of their gods. But I accept none of these explanations. It is known that the Roman Legions were all through the Pollok country, and had a big fort at Paisley; now wherever the Roman soldiers went they built temples to their gods, and more particularly to the twin sons of Leda who were supposed to come down from heaven and fight for them. You probably have read Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome" and remember that in the battle of Lake Regillus this legend is included. Now through the Pollok country runs the river Cart; considering the number of Roman names that have survived in Britain is it too far-fetched to suppose that in this country there was an important temple to Castor and Pollux, that might have given its name to these places?

We already know how the boar came to be the Pollok badge, but it is a curious fact that the XX Legion, the Valeria Victrix, had as a badge a wild boar, and that this legion was for a long time on Hadrian's Wall.

Yes, probably a bit far-fetched, but it seems there is no certain answer.

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