

The Pollag
February 2021

"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...



Our first issue of The Pollag for 2021. As we look back over the past year it is hard to believe that a year ago we were just beginning the Corona virus pandemic. Our greatest wish is that you and your family have been healthy through all this. Even though it has been a year like no other in our memory, we pray we are going to come out of this before long. We have both had two Moderna vaccine shots (one benefit of being in the "aged" group) but we will continue the precautions advised by health professionals.

It is time for the payment of the 2021 Clan Pollock dues, \$15.00 **US dollars**. We have received some renewals already and I will be sending out letters in the next few days. If you have already paid **or** if you have your payment set up through Pay Pal, **please** disregard my letter. You can send your check/money order made out to Clan Pollock to Clara Ann Pollock at the address shown on this page or you can pay **\$16.00** through Pay Pal at <https://clanpollock.com/membership-page>. Please put your full name on your payment as we have several members with the same first and last names and we want to be sure to credit the right person!

At this time the status of Scottish Games and Festivals is mostly unknown. We hope these events can be held safely – time will tell. We will try to keep you informed on our Clan Pollock Face Book page.

Thanks to the Averys for their devotion to putting out an excellent newsletter to our members. Remember – we always like to get news and pictures from our members of events and happenings in their lives. AND please send in your change of address/email address so that we can be sure you receive *The Pollag*.

Thanks to all our members for your continued support of Clan Pollock!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written January 28, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

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

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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

MARCH

1 - William Pollock
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. Pogu; Marqueity A. Espey
22 - Christian A. Edwards; David P. Pollock; Matthew Pollock
23 - Timothy R. Pollock
26 - Christina Babson
28 - LaDawna Pollock-Grigg

APRIL

3 - Emily P. Brown; Charmain G. Clark; Virginia R. Riebe
4 - Brian M. Pollock
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

20 - Charles A. Pollock; William D. Pollock
21 - James D. Polk
23 - Robert (Paddy) Pollock; Walter H. Pollock
25 - Amy E. Pollock-Morse
26 - George B. Pogue
27 - Jerry M. Mauck; Rebekah Pollock
29 - Ulrich Starke
30 - Richard A. 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, Christine Cozadd
24 - C. Richard Venable III
27 - Charles W. Cunard

NEW MEMBERS

Christine & Eric Brown, Pflugerville, TX
Alex Pollock, State College, PA
James R. Pollock, Lake Forest, IL]
Roy V.H. Pollock, Trumansburg, NY

NEWS OF THE GAMES



Ever wonder how the Scottish Highland Games came to be and came to be so popular? Watch this explanation https://youtu.be/Wj_8RqT6Vfg

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

Clan Pollock offers no guarantee as to the accuracy of information, despite our best efforts. Check to make sure the Games are still on before making your plans. Check tieh Clan Pollock Facebook page for more information.
[Https://www.Facebook.com/groups/154406524650559](https://www.Facebook.com/groups/154406524650559)

Northeast Florida

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

February 27, 2021.

Celtic Fest Vancouver Virtual Event

March 2021

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

Tartan Day South

Cayce, South Carolina

March 25-28, 2021

<https://tartandaysouth.com/>

San Antonio (TX) Highland Games

April 10-11, 2021

<https://www.sahga.org/>

Gallabrae Greenville (SC)

May 29, 2021

<https://gallabrae.com/>

Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Maryville, TN

May 15-16, 2021

<https://smokymountaingames.org/>

65th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans

July 8-11, 2021

MacRae Meadows at Grandfather Mountain



The Grandfather Games are hoping to renew their 50 plus years of celebration this year. The website nails it:

<http://www.gmhg.org>. "The safety and well-being of everyone involved with the GMHG will guide our continued decisions and preparations. Everyone at the July 2021 event will be required to follow all posted safety instructions while in attendance"



Illustration 1 Welcoming the Clans

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Illustration 2 Grandfather Mountain Grandfather Mountain, 2007.

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Grandfather Mountain 2007

Having said that, Clan Pollock will be represented. We have two tents this year that we prepaid in late 2019. We have a tent on the outside circle for our Clan display and a tent on the inside circle for viewing and visiting. This will allow Clan Pollock members to have a seat in the shade to view the field games and various competitions. Bring a lunch or a snack!

The FaceBook page is also available for more info:

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

I can be reached for tips and advice at: boonemtnradio@gmail.com

See you there!

Richard Anderson

Cancellations

Chicago Scots	Phoenix Scottish Games
Kingsville Highland Games, Windsor, Ontario	Sarasota Highland Games
Las Vegas Highland Games	Savannah's Scottish Games
Loch Norman Highland Games, North Carolina	SE Alabama Highland Games
New York City Tartan Day Parade	SE Florida Scottish Festival
Panama City Florida Highland Games	Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games

REMEMBER WHEN Estes Park 2013



GAME REPORTS

While we missed the camaraderie of being together in person and sharing our stories, many of the Games became creative and presented virtual programs that we will be able to view until we can see all the colors, sights, and sounds of the Games. Some are all new, some are compilations of previous games. So until we can be together again, here are a few sights and sounds to lift your spirits.

Stone Mountain Highland Games: http://www.smhg.org/Virtual_2020.php

Chicago Virtual Scottish Festival and Highland Games 2020 https://youtu.be/lePgmme_O0A

New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival- 2020 Virtual Games <https://youtu.be/FfBmL0Uu6Fw>

Lonach Highland Games Parade as Clan Forbes, Wallace & Gordon arrive at the Games – 2020 in person video <https://youtu.be/Aoy3l0koVQo>

Long Beach Scotsfest Highland Games at the Queen Mary – Video of Athletic Games portion that took place in February 2020: <https://youtu.be/JV46U2mVa6g>

Glengary Scottish Games, Maxville, Ontario, Canada – 2020 Virtual: <https://youtu.be/oCKJCYHLr1I>

Victoria Highland Games were streamed live on September 6, 2020: <https://youtu.be/chBeXWqiJyU>

Pacific Northwest Games Virtual: <https://youtu.be/ZJUEbEFyjsE>

Fergus Scottish Festival Ontario Canada, 2020 Virtual: <https://fergusscottishfestival.com/>

Payson Utah Scottish Games, Athletics only were in person <https://youtu.be/Gs6-bYCKBLM>

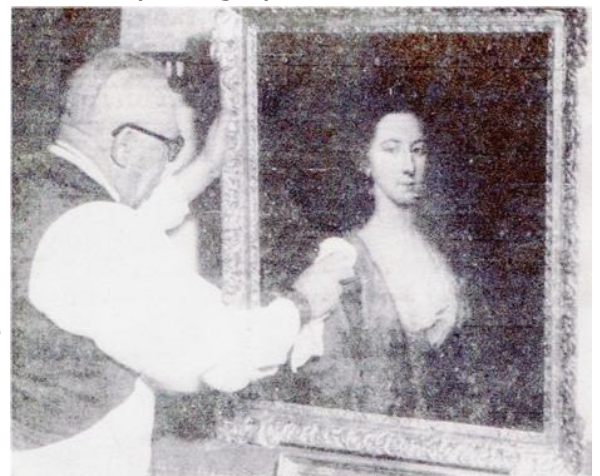
Colorado Scottish Festival, St. Andrew's Society: <https://youtu.be/S4fBWMU87Fw>

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games Virtual: <http://flascot.com/virtual.php>

GENEALOGIST CORNER

Robert and Laura did arrange for the repair and restoration of the 40 portraits they now owned. The Greater Victoria Arts Centre held a two-week showing of 27 of the most prominent photographs. As shown above some of the paintings dated back to the 1540's. Unfortunately, Robert did not make an inventory listing of the portraits, which had the person's name and date on the back of the frame, or we could have had knowledge of the names of our ancestors in the portraits.

The main auction house Robert used was Maynard and Son. Member Carol Pollock Black contacted the Arts Centre and Maynard and Son, but neither had any records of the paintings or the sale.



By the late 1950's Robert and Laura had money problems, in spite of the money from the auction sales. They had bought expensive photography equipment to use in a photography business that had failed.

They sold their villa and the bank repossessed the Cadillac. They then moved into rental housing, and after several months the interior of the house was in ruins. They let their **35 cats and 60 birds** roam freely throughout the house and made little attempt to clean up the pets' droppings.

The owner sued the couple for \$9,440 for having ruined his investment. Both Robert and Laura informed the judge that they did not have enough money to pay the \$9,440. Local newspapers did not report the outcome of the lawsuit. The house was demolished.

Robert and Laura then moved into the home of Laura's father and Robert returned to work in the sawmill where he had originally worked.

They had sunk so low that a newspaper described their situation as: The Ferguson-Pollocks eventually frittered the fortune away and were reduced to selling salmon door to door in Duncan, clad in ragged, smelly clothes and dime store flip-flops.

While they needed the money to survive, it is a shame that the ancestral furnishings were all disposed of by auctions. Robert apparently had no feelings for preserving the history of his Scottish family.

Robert died 8 December 1967 at the age of 61. He was given a military funeral for his WWII service in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was buried in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Fast forward to August 2020. Excellent research and communication efforts by member Carol Pollock Black led to email correspondence with a woman in Duncan, British Columbia, whose family had several pieces of furniture from the Castle Pollok. Her husband's uncle had bought the furniture at one of the auctions. Carol's contact even sent pictures of the furniture which was a major find. This is one of the Castle Pollok furniture pieces:



Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

AN UPDATE ON DNA PROJECT AND TESTING. FTDNA began a new type of testing in 2018 called Big Y. It looks at the Y-Chromosome (male-line) DNA in a much deeper way than possible with the previous testing methodology. In technical terms, Big Y examines some 24 million of the 58 million molecular base pairs in a male participant's Y-DNA, searching for known and novel mutations called SNPs (Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms) in each pair. This leads to much more definite conclusions about the tester's genetic ancestry than could be done with STR (Short Tandem Repeat) marker testing, the older testing technology. The results of Big Y testing are starting to produce significant advances in our project. They are helping us to better understand the genetic connections between participants, and the structure of the genetic family tree going back to the earliest origin of our Pollok family.

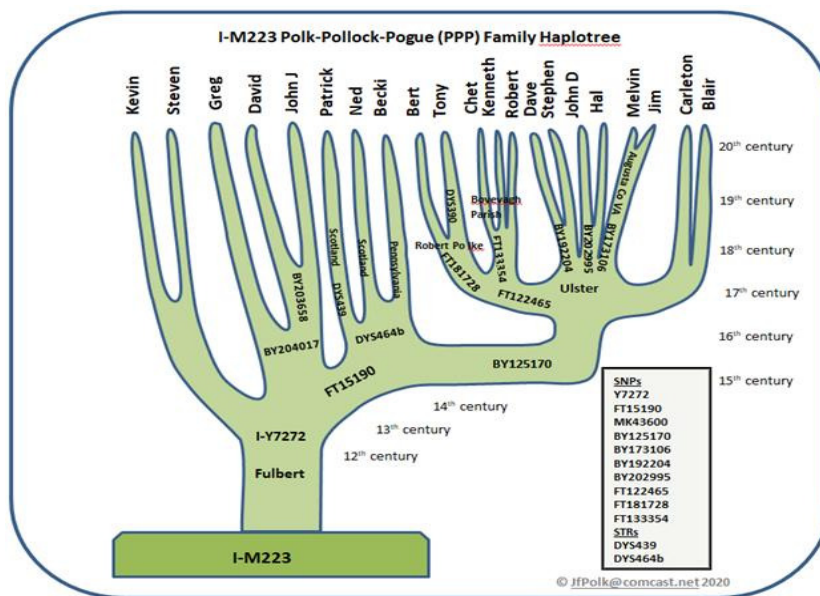
Two main haplogroups have emerged from Y-DNA testing in the Polk-Pollock-Pogue DNA Project, identified as I-M223 and R-M269. The I-M223 group is larger, older and more complex than the R-M269 group and is almost certainly the one that originates with the Pollocks of 12th century Renfrewshire. The attached figure is a graphic representation of the genetic ancestry of the I-M223 group, based on the Big Y testing results so far. Twenty one participants have been tested, as shown in the top (most recent) branches of the tree. The tests have identified a number of SNPs that

define the main branch points in the tree since its origin. Once a SNP occurs it is passed on to all subsequent descendants and can be used to confirm descent from a common ancestor – the one in whom it first occurred.

When new SNPs are discovered they are registered with the International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG) and given a name. The ones that have been discovered so far in the Pollok I-M223 haplogroup are listed in the box at lower right and shown at the branch points in the genetic tree. SNPs occur randomly, about once in every two or three generations so not every Big Y test results in the discovery of new SNPs, but it will determine a person's place in the DNA tree.

It is also possible to develop a timeline for when, or how many generations back, a SNP first occurred. This is a bit complicated to explain here but using average numbers for the frequency of SNP occurrence and a typical number of years between generations we can assign a provisional timeline on the tree. These are shown in the centuries listed to the right. The important conclusion is that one of the SNPs, the earliest shown in the tree, I-Y7272, probably occurred in a generation not long after our progenitor Fulbert. This SNP has been found in every one of our I-M223 participants tested and can be used as the characteristic SNP for the descendants of Fulbert.

This figure only shows results for the I-M223 group. The other haplogroup, R-M269, is smaller, with only about half as many participants and only six persons who have done Big Y so far. It accordingly has a much simpler genetic tree at this point with only five branches. Not shown here. There are of course many more actual branches known from family genealogy. This group contains the Polk family of North Carolina and Tennessee descended from William Polk (c.1700-1758) and Margaret Taylor, and the family of Charles Polke the Indian Trader. Big Y testing has also revealed a third branch in this haplogroup which was previously unknown.



The I-M223 group includes the descendants of Robert Polke and Magdalen Tasker of Donegal, who settled in Somerset County Maryland about 1687, and other lines that trace back to Bovevagh Parish in County Londonderry. These are labeled as such in the appropriate branches in the figure. Most, but not all, of the other branches in this haplogroup probably trace back to Ulster in the 17th century and have a common ancestor at some point that is not clear yet. The branch of one of the testers (Hal) goes back to John Pollock of Onslow County NC, and from there back the Pollocks of Balgray, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

It is quite satisfying to see how Y-DNA testing has begun to bring the various branches of the family together in a comprehensive way. Big Y testing has taken us to a new level that the STR marker testing,

which was state of the art when we started, was never able to accomplish.

If you have not yet been tested please consider doing so. If you are a male-line descendant of Pollock, or associated surname, ancestry, sign up for Y-Chromosome testing. Otherwise do autosomal DNA testing (Family Finder). Go to FTDNA, order the testing, and be sure to join the Polk-Pollock-Pogue Project. If you already tested at Ancestry or 23and Me you can have your results transferred. There is much more information at the project website -

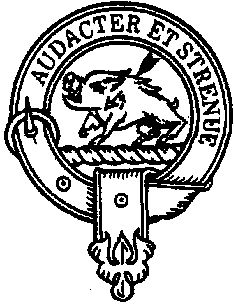
<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/polk/about>

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Former member C. Richard Bugg, Fresno, CA Games, Sept. 19, 1998, at his first time to host a Clan Pollock tent.

