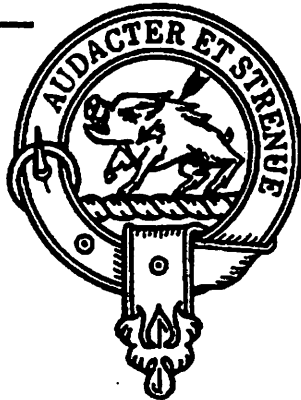


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"A person who takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors cannot expect to be remembered for his noble deeds by remote descendants."



The Editor's Corner

Welcome to the last edition of *The Pollag* for 1994. I hope that this year has been as good a year for you as it has for me. Ann and I are looking forward to Christmas and its many joys as well as to the coming new year.

This edition includes the last part of Nancy Nash's article on the Civil War times of LTC William T. Poague. If you would like a copy of the complete article drop me a line. I will be

happy to send you one.

If you are planning to attend the 1995 Annual Gathering of Clan Pollock, be sure to check the article which follows *The President's Corner*.

By the time you receive this, you should have received a copy of the new Clan Member's Information Sheet. I hope we put together some useful information for you. I

recommend you retain it for future use. Henceforth, all new members will receive a copy along with a welcome letter from our president, Dick Pollock.

Finally, our clan dues for 1995 are due in January. When dues are promptly paid, it is very helpful to all concerned. Please use the

form on the last page of *The Pollag*, or a facsimile thereof. Make your check payable to Clan Pollock in the amount of \$10.00 (in U.S. funds) and mail it to our Clan Secretary, Sue Pollock. Her address is at the bottom of the form.

The
President's Corner



I am pleased to announce that Paul Layman has accepted the position of Illinois Commissioner. We appreciate Paul's willingness to assume this most important clan role and look forward to his leadership in Illinois in the coming years. Should you wish to contact him, his address and telephone number are:

Paul D. Layman
529 East Park Blvd
Villa Park, IL 60181
(708)941-1154

Since Clan Pollock is the featured clan at the Sarasota Games, I hope that you are making your final plans to attend. It would be great to also have the largest number of participants in the parade on Saturday.

Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and hard work this past year. We now have over three hundred members, with forty-seven new families joining us in 1994.

As we enter this special time of the year, Sue and I are very thankful for our many blessings, including each other, our children, grandchildren and each of you, whom we consider our extended family. Our toast to you for the coming year:

May the best ye've seen
Be the worst ye'll ever see

I Bide Ye Fair,

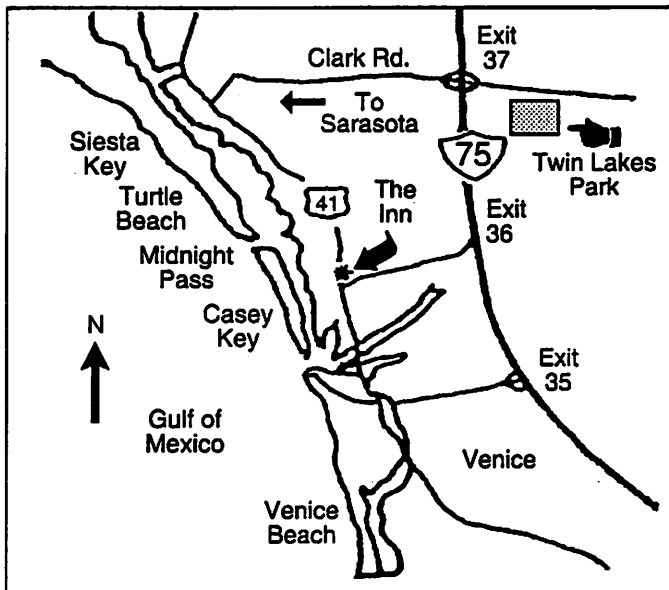
Dick



**Annual Gathering of Clan Pollock
14 January 1995 at Sarasota, Florida**

Our Annual Gathering of Clan Pollock is just around the corner. I sincerely hope we have a sizeable turnout for the Florida event next month. I have always thoroughly enjoyed these annual events and I am certain I will

enjoy this one. Our Clan Commissioner for Florida, Hamish Pollock, has things well in hand. If you have any questions regarding the gathering, contact Hamish. His address and telephone number appear below.



A Reminder - Hamish must provide a meal count and payment in advance to The Inn at Osprey for our Saturday evening clan dinner. The menu for the clan dinner includes two selections, Roast Prime Rib of Beef for \$14.60 and Baked Chicken for \$10.95. These prices include tax and gratuity. The Prime Rib is hand cut and served au jus with choice of potato or rice. The Baked Chicken is served with a savory stuffing or choice of potatoes. Both dinners include choice of salad or fruit cup, a

fresh vegetable, rolls and butter, iced tea, and regular or decaffeinated coffee. If you haven't already done so, please send Hamish a note indicating your choice(s) right away. Include a check for your meal(s) made payable to Hamish Pollock Jr. Hamish must have your check in hand by 31 December 1994. His address is 1004 67th Ave. Dr. West, Bradenton, FL 34207. His telephone number is (813)758-5076.

Welcome



Ceud Mile Failte - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes - to the following new members who have joined Clan Pollock since the last publication of the newsletter. We sincerely hope you will enjoy your association with us and that you will find it a rewarding one. Our new members are:

Neil E. Pollock
1111 Falcon Court
Wheaton, IL 60187

Harry B. Stone III
1516 Green Springs Rd.
New Bern, NC 28560

Janice E. Wattles
1246 South Drew Way
Lakewood, CO 80232-5255

Pollag Quiz

By George W.(Bill) Pollock

This new feature, if there is enough interest, may appear as a regular feature in *The Pollag*.

ANYONE CAN WIN: Even Clan Officers and Commissioners are eligible to win the exclusive Clan Pollock prize which will be awarded.

EVERYONE CAN BUY THE PRIZE: You don't need to be a winner to acquire the interesting item which has been obtained for the pride and enjoyment of our Clan Members. For a wee price you can have it, all for the benefit of our treasury.

The Prize

An 11x14 map of The Land of Pollock in Scotland. Hand-colored and suitable for framing, it was originally printed in London about 1860. It is now reprinted on acid-free archival stock; it will be mailed for \$12.50 U.S. or \$18.00 CAN in a safe and sturdy tube.

How To Win

Fill in the state, province, or shire on the line opposite the city and mail it to our Clan Treasurer George W.(Bill) Pollock Jr., at 3943 Sawyer Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066. The correct entry with the earliest postmark will be declared the winner.

WHERE ARE YOU?
(All of these are Cities)

Fill in State, Province, or Shire

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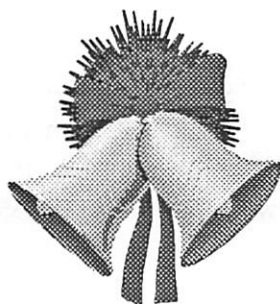
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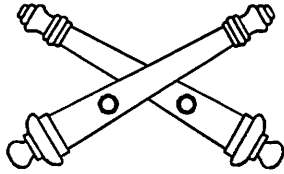
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William T. Poague, Lt. Col., CSA and the Rockbridge Artillery

by Nancy Nash

Editor's Comment -- This is the final part of Nancy Nash's article on LTC William T. Poague of the Confederate artillery. It chronicles Poague's service in the Confederate States Army from the beginning of 1865 until Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

Almost one hundred and thirty years have passed since the end of the American Civil War. That extraordinary conflict, with all of its many facets, continues to be a matter of great interest to historians and scholars, and of late to many ordinary people as well. Military, social, economic, and geographic factors influenced the outcome of the conflict's many battles, but brave leadership amidst the terrifying confusion of battle, often proved to be the decisive factor. The tactics and strategy used by both sides remain subjects of study at military schools and service colleges. The conclusions reached have influenced the development of U.S. military doctrine ever since the war's final conclusion at Appomattox.

1865

April 2 -- Poague was ordered to report to General Pendleton at Petersburg. There he went with Pendleton to Lee's headquarters and took command of all artillery. Petersburg was ordered abandoned and Poague crossed a pontoon bridge to join with General Wilcox with no hint of their destination. General A.P. Hill was killed that night.

April 3 -- Marched toward Goode's Bridge.

April 4 -- Amelia Court House. Here Poague had his first chance to sleep since March 31.

April 5 -- Resumed westward march late that evening, following Longstreet's Corps.

April 6 -- Before daylight, the artillery forces marched to Rice's Station under fire from Union snipers. They continued to march all night.

April 7 -- Reached Farmville at 9 A.M. where rations of bacon and cornmeal were issued, but before eating they continued on the road to Cumberland Church, where they paused to cook. While cooking was in progress, orders came to move rapidly to Cumberland Church where Federals were attacking. Poague experienced great difficulty in moving forward due to widespread confusion among the troops, already disorganized from the massive force of the attack. Many were captured at High Bridge and Saylor's Creek. Wagons blocked the road. Poague cleared his way at gunpoint. Somewhere along this route he took up a position and fired at the enemy without any infantry support until General Billy Mahone (who weighed perhaps slightly over 100 pounds) arrived to drive off the Union force. That night he followed again at the rear of Longstreet's Corps. At this point Lee had only 7,000 - 9,000 men left and many of those dropped on the road in exhaustion or simply deserted.

April 8 -- Somewhere between Lynchburg and Appomattox. At daylight Poague paused to rest and eat whatever was at hand, and then resumed the march. No action was seen on this peaceful day. They made camp that night but received orders at 1 A.M. to follow Longstreet. They set out but failed to find Longstreet on the Appomattox road. At Appomattox Court House he found General Rooney Lee, son of Robert E. Lee, who suggested that he stop and wait until daylight for further developments.

April 9 -- Appomattox Court House. At dawn Poague supported General John Gordon in a final unsuccessful attack. Some ensuing action took place until it became clear that a surrender was in

progress. Poague collected all his batteries into a single unit and relocated to a position on the north side of a nearby stream. He and his immediate subordinate, Captain Brander, slept for the rest of that day, Palm Sunday, the last day of the war, and on into the night.

Following Lee's surrender, Colonel Poague returned to Lexington to resume life among family and friends, those who still lived. He wrote many of the details of this narrative for the benefit of his children, without any thought of good or bad reflections on other participants. These reminiscences have been published recently under the title of *Gunner with Stonewall*.

General Lee came to Lexington to assume the presidency of Washington College, and General Pendleton once again filled the pulpit at Grace Episcopal Church. General Lee's eldest son, General G.W. Custis Lee, accepted a professorship at Virginia Military Institute. No doubt, those old warriors had a lot to remember and talk about, but whether they did is not for us to know.

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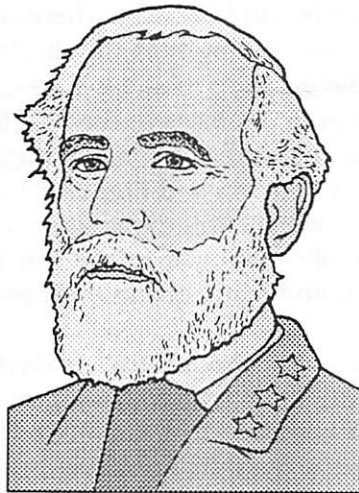
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Robert E. Lee

The Borders

Bud Pollock, our Vice President and Clan Commissioner for Canada, sent the following extract from the writings of Jean Froissart, a 14th century French historian and poet. Froissart wrote of many battles from personal observations of battles throughout Europe. He revered the ideals of knighthood and the brave deeds of fighting men, especially those performed by knights in battle. Because of this, scholars of this period in history believe his descriptions were often exaggerated. This extract is interesting and I have seen writings by others with similar descriptions of the tough Scots Borderers. Thanks, Bud, for the contribution.

Blue Bonnets Over the Border

Quote

The Scots are bold, hardy, and much inured to war. When they make their invasion into England, they marched from twenty to four and twenty leagues (one league equals three miles) without halting as well by night as day; for they are all on horseback, except the camp followers, who are on foot. The Knights and Esquires (an attendant to the knight) are well mounted on large bay horses, the common soldier on small Galoway or highland ponies. They bring no carriages with them (as the English did) on account of the mountains they had to pass in Northumberland; neither do they carry with them any provisions of bread or wine; for their habits of sobriety are such, in time of war, that they will live for a long time on flesh half sodden (soaked through with water), without bread, and drink the river water without wine. They have, therefore, no use for pots and pans; for they dress the hides of their cattle and, finding plenty of cattle in the country which they invade, they carry none with them. Under the flaps of their saddles, each man carries a broad plate of metal; behind the saddle a little bag of oatmeal. When they have eaten to much of the sodden flesh, and their stomach appears weak and empty, they place this plate over the fire, mix with water their oatmeal and when the plate is heated they put a little of the paste upon it and make a thin cake, like a cracknell or biscuit, which they eat to warm their stomach. It is no wonder that they perform a longer days march than other soldiers, much like our First Nations People.

Froissart

Unquote

Ann and I wish all of you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas



Until next time,

Aye,

Bill

Dues Slip

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Middletown, Kentucky 40243