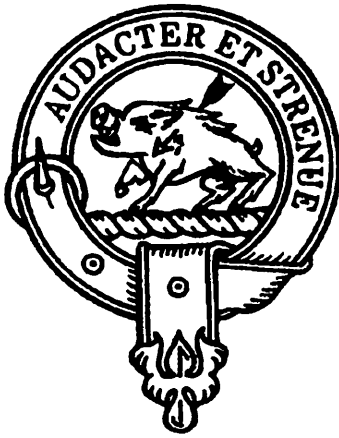


CLAN POLLOCK



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A POOL OF INFORMATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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POLK, POLKE, PAULK,
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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."

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How have you liked the Scottish-like Spring weather so far? Cold, hot, wet, dry and all in probably one week. Don't use the weather as an excuse-participate in the Scottish games in your area.

Congratulations to our new Commissioners for Indiana and Washington:

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We have previously not had Commissioners for these states, so you residents of IN and WA be ready to help John and Robert in their new positions.

In the 1 January 1999 issue of *The Pollag*, we saluted new member Esther Frances Layman as she approached her 100th Birthday. We now welcome our youngest member, Ian Jackson Pollock. Just fifteen days after his birth, proud

Grandfather Jack Pollock of Waynesville, NC sent in a Lifetime Membership for Ian!

Those of you attending local games see the Commissioners, Officers and other members for a couple of days having fun and socializing. What you don't see are the ongoing behind the scene efforts by many of these same people to improve Clan Pollock by taking on special individual assignments and chairing other study committees. These are the improvement areas now in progress: Tartan expert **Clara Ann Pollock** is evaluating suppliers for a lighter weight non-kilt tartan, researching a cotton type tartan, and reviewing a tartan in modern colors; Vice-president **A. D. Pollock** is finishing a Commissioner's Handbook, a valuable tool for new Commissioners, and a good review booklet for the veteran Commissioner; Chaplain **Phil Pogue** is expanding the tee-shirt offerings by adding additional children's sizes; Treasurer **Fay Wade** is designing a better financial control system for the Clan Pollock items we sell; Past President **Bill Pollock** is chairing a study for recommendations to the Clan Council about the best way to market the Clan Pollock Tartan, Badges, Kilt Pins, Tee-shirts, Sweat Shirts; Texas Commissioner **Ron Pollock** is finalizing the Clan Pollock Web Site, as shown elsewhere. Thank you to all these people who are willing to give their time and efforts toward improving Clan Pollock.

The sites for the 2000 and 2001 Games have been chosen. NC Commissioner Ben Stone will host the 2000 Games at Loch Norman, NC. While the site has not been chosen, FL Commissioner Hamish Pollock, Jr., will host the 2001 Games. Later *Pollags* will include dates and times.

Please make every effort to attend the 1999 Annual Gathering in Murfreesboro, TN. A feature of the meeting will be the election of officers for the next two years: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please notify me by 31 July.

Have a great summer

I Bide Ye Fair,



**LOCH NORMAN NC GAMES, 16-18 APRIL
BEN STONE, NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER**

The games went well, and we had a substantial number of guests at the tent, with many persons taking Application Forms and copies of *The Pollag*.

Even the weather cooperated. It was perfect for the first time in years. Clan members Henry Pollock and daughter Becky, Rosemary and Rob Pollock, Bryan and Tom Marshburn, Ann and Bill Pollock, and my wife, Merle, assisted in the tent.

We are looking forward to hosting the 2000 Annual gathering of Clan Pollock.

CLAN POLLOCK ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 1,2&3, MURFREESBORO, TN

Although many of you may be in the midst of a summer heat wave when you receive your newsletter, **OCTOBER** is coming and with it our Clan's Annual Meeting to be held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University on October 1,2, & 3. We hope you are making your plans to join us for this event.

Schedule of the events are:

Fri., Oct. 1 - A Golf Tournament - shot gun start at 7:30 a.m. For more information on this event, call Bill Bickford (615-890-7511) or e-mail bickford@mindspring.com

Fri., Oct 1 - Seminars on various Scottish topics held at the Holiday Inn Holidome. These begin around noon. There will also be a Seminar tent on the games field on Saturday.

Fri., Oct 1 - Clan Pollock dinner & annual clan meeting; Holiday Inn Holidome. The cost of the dinner will be \$20 per person. You need to send your check for the dinner made out to Clara Pollock by Aug. 1st.

Sat., Oct 2 - Scottish Games at MTSU campus. **Clan Pollock will be 1 of 2 honored clans.**

Sat., Oct 2 - Auction of antiques and collectibles from Scotland held after the closing ceremony (approx. 5 pm). There will be a special tent on the field all day for previewing the items that will be auctioned that evening.

Sun., Oct 3 - Kirkin' ceremony at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro with a dinner "on the grounds" following the ceremony. This is a very impressive event and the food (provided by the ladies of the church) is delicious and abundant. The only charge is a requested donation for a local charity Community Helpers.

For ticket information contact:

Sandra McConnell Maldin, Heart of TN Scottish Celebration

P.O. Box 2053; Murfreesboro, TN 37133-2053

Tel. (615) 848-9193 E-mail ss303619@mail.idt.net

For hotel accommodations contact:

Holiday Inn Holidome, 2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Tel. (615) 896-2420 Fax: (615) 896-8738

The room rate is \$63.90 plus tax (13.25%) Be sure & specify that you are with **Clan Pollock**

Please contact A.D. or Clara Ann Pollock for more information (& send your check for \$20 for each Fri night dinner) at 300 Hillwood Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205

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THE LAST DAYS AND OCCUPANT OF CASTLE POLLOK

RICHARD H. POLLOCK

The final Castle, completed in 1889, was reported to have 88 bedrooms and 365 windows.¹ The Castle was requisitioned by the British Army to be used for ammunition storage for World War II (at one point ammunition was stored for the invasion of North Africa). Miss Jane Dunlop Ferguson-Pollok continued to live in one wing of the castle until about 1942. She then moved to a town near Girvan. The Army then occupied the entire castle until the end of the war.

Miss Ferguson-Pollok died 14 April 1950. This was her obituary:

“ DEATH OF MISS J. D. FERGUSSON-POLLOK

With the death yesterday at Pinmore, Ayrshire, of Miss Jane Dunlop Fergusson-Pollok at the age of 81 comes the end of a long period of loyalty by one of the oldest families in Scotland, the Polloks of Pollok Castle, Newton Mearns, to the home of their origin.

There have been Polloks of Pollok for 800 years. There are authentic records of the family as far back as the twelfth century, when Petrus de Pollok, “ munificent donator to the Monastery of Paisley “ in the reign of Malcolm III, occupied what was then known as “ Upper Pollok ”. The adjoining estate, now in the possession of the Stirling-Maxwells, was called “ Nether Pollok “.

Miss Fergusson-Pollok, one of a family of eight, is survived by her eldest brother, Mr. James Crawford Fergusson-Pollok, who lives in Cyprus with his Greek wife. Three of his brothers were killed in battle, Miss Fergusson-Pollok’s only sister died a few years ago, leaving her the only guardian of the Pollok tradition and estates.

Circumstances compelled her to leave Pollok, temporarily as she thought, in 1942 after the Army requisitioned the castle. Refusing an offer of three rooms in the castle to house herself and the family treasures, Miss Fergusson-Pollok bought Pinmore House and with her possessions, somewhat depleted by a recent burglary, she rode behind fourteen pantechnicons to Pinmore.

Miss Fergusson-Pollok lived austerely. She cared nothing for dress. She seemed autocratic and blunt, but in truth she was shy and kind. She did good by stealth. Through third parties she was the anonymous financial support of a number of individuals in sore need.

After the death of her mother, Miss Fergusson-Pollok, then in her early twenties, ran her father’s establishment, which in those days employed 17 servants. During the past eight years, in her seventies, Miss Fergusson-Pollok living in a 40

roomed house, had no indoor servants, and looked after 12 hens and a goat and factored her Renfrewshire farms from a distance of 60 miles.

The funeral will take place in Edinburgh on Monday. " 2

Miss Ferguson-Pollok willed the Castle to her nephew, Robert Ferguson-Pollok. Until he inherited the castle and 100,000 Pounds from his aunt, he was employed as an engineer, making 12 Pounds a week. Robert sold the Castle, surrounding woodlands and fields to Myles Callaghan of Maybole, a slater and plumber for 8,000 Pounds [this is not a typo-the sale was for less than \$14,000 at today's exchange rate!]. He sold the woodlands to Adam Wilson of Troon, a timber merchant, the Stablings to a Mr. McLeod, and the Lodges to Mr. Linklater. In early 1954 the Castle was destroyed, and the caretaker, 71 year old Cornelius Boyle, who had lived in an out-building since 1946, left the Estate to join Robert Ferguson-Pollok in Canada. 3

The Castle was located in the area of present day Barrhead and Dodside Roads, along Dodside Road back towards Glasgow. Only the foundation of the ancient tower remains as a memorial to the **oldest landed family in Mearns**. 4

Stewarton Road and M77 cut through the land once included in the Pollok Estate. Several buildings remain and are occupied: two GateHouses (Pollok Lodge and West Lodge), the Stable (now occupied by Sandra McBeth) and the Gardener's Cottage (now identified as the Kersland Cottage). The Stable and Gardener's Cottages are described in *The Castellated and Domestic Architecture of Scotland* on page 223 as two separate blocks of buildings, dated 1704, 1706 and 1710, erected by Sir Robert Pollok in a hollow about 100 yards west of the Castle.

Entering the property by the West Lodge, and passing the Stable and Gardener's Cottages, you can drive only about half way to the castle site, because of overgrowth. Part of a stone wall still exists along a section of the roadway. The wall was intended to keep animals from the roadway. The Castle South front steps remain, as do the bases for the columns at the top of the steps. The Castle Foundation also remains, as does the outline of the Courtyard. The view from the north side, which must have been spectacular due to the height of the slope, is obscured by vegetation.

In 1970 a ranch style house was built on the Castle foundation by Dr. J. T. and Jeanette Greer. After Dr. Greer's death in 1987, Mrs. Greer moved from the property, and their house was razed. Plans were then made to build another house on the Castle foundation, but a law was passed, forbidding building structures on existing foundations within a "green belt section" near Glasgow.

Sue and I visited the Castle site on Father's Day, 15 June 1997. It was quite an emotional feeling to walk the grounds occupied by the Polloks for so many centuries.

1 A. H. Millar, *Castles & Mansions of Renfrew & Bute*. 1889.

2 *Glasgow Herald*. Glasgow, Scotland. 15 April 1950. Information furnished to the late Douglas Pollock Woodward, Clan Pollock Commissioner for Colorado.

3 *The Bulletin*. Glasgow, Scotland. 29 July 1952.

4 Thomas C. Welch, *Eastwood District History and Heritage*. (Eastwood District Libraries. Glasgow: 1989). p. 180.

CLAN POLLOCK WEB PAGE RON POLLOCK, TEXAS COMMISSIONER

Clan Pollock is only a few weeks away from being on-line with our own web page. All of the artwork and programming is nearing completion. We are talking to hosting companies at the present time. As soon as we pick the one we are going to use and get the name registered we will be off and running. One area of the site will be open: upcoming events and announcements. This page will be changed as needed. If you have run across any useful sites on the net let us know and we will include them on the "Links Page".

The web page will consist of the following mini web:

Home Page with general information and links to the other pages.

History of Pollock, a brief history of the Pollocks of Scotland and their descendants.

Pollock Tartan, a look at the tartan along with the history of the tartan.

Pollock Castle, three pictures of the castle from different times in history.

Clan Officers, a list of the officers with addresses.

State Commissioners, a list of all commissioners and their addresses by States.

Books of Interest, a list of books that are helpful in researching the name Pollock.

Application Form, this page can be down loaded and mailed back to the Clan.

Special Events, open at this time.

Links, working links to other web sites of interest.

When the site is launched it will be simple to pull it up. All you will be required to do is type in something like (www.clan-pollock.com) and you will be on line with the Clan.

We need sponsors for the web site, if you know of someone who would like to advertise on line let me know and we will set up an account for them and put in a link to their web page from ours. We can offset the expense of our web site by advertising but I need everyone to help locate companies that want to rent web space from us.

As with any other aspect of an organization it is only as good as YOU make it, let us know what the web page needs and we will try to include it.

ARLINGTON TEXAS GAMES, 4-6 JUNE RON POLLOCK, TEXAS COMMISSIONER

We are just back from The Texas Scottish Festival at Arlington. The weather was back to normal this year. Temperatures near one hundred with over 90% humidity. However, it was a great weekend.

A special thanks to member Bill Stevens for manning the tent for a while so we could get out and see some of the great entertainment.

The Pollock tent was full of children Saturday, Bill with his three and our son Brad came in from California with his twin boys. It was good to see the future of Clan Pollock in the faces of the children.

We met several descendants of Pollock and hopefully, we will gain some new members. One lady was first generation born in the US; her father was from Scotland. She was quite interesting to talk to. One gentleman came by while I was away from the tent and told our grandson that he was the past preacher of the Pollock Church in Glasgow. I was disappointed that I did not get to meet him and ask a thousand questions.

For the first time in this area I actually found Pollock items at a vender's tent. Highlander Embroidery has the Clan Tartan and Crest beautifully embroidered onto shirts. I also encountered another gentleman with Clan Buttons, however he had the Pollock Tartan in purple, I showed him the error of his ways and suggested that he would sell more of them if he got the color right!

It is time to begin planning for our Texas Clan Dinner at Salado this November please contact me if you will be attending.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ceud Mile Falte—A Hundred Thousand Welcomes-- and Thank You to the new members who have joined since the last printing of *The Pollag*:

Alice A. Allen, Boise, ID
Jerí L. Beitel, Yorba Linda, CA
Pámela A. Carroll, Mary Esther, FL
Barbara A. Clay, Glendale, CA
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