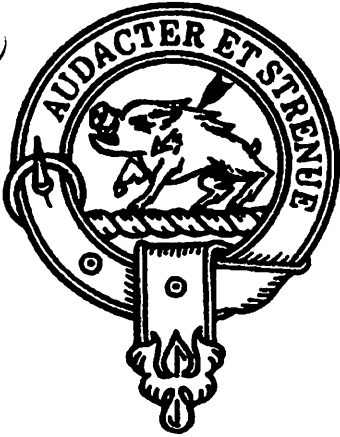


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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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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We hope to see you at the 12th Annual Clan Pollock International gathering at Loch Norman this month. Merle and Ben Stone have worked very hard to make the weekend a successful outing. If you do not yet have room reservations you might have to scout around a bit, but it is still not too late to make a reservation for the Clan Dinner and Meeting Saturday 15 April---**Ben can take reservations up to April 7th for the event, if you'll call him (252)638-8418.**

Over 200 families have submitted their genealogy for inclusion into the Clan Pollock Database. The database now includes over 70,000 names, and it is growing almost daily as new members add their ancestry, and those already in the database add to their listing as new information is discovered (have YOU remembered to do this?) I will gladly search the database for you, if you'll send your inquiries to me—if by snail mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

2000 Dues payment reminders were mailed 1 March. If you have not sent your \$15 for 2000, or \$100 for the Lifetime category, please do so today. You will not get any more follow-ups. Membership is a privilege, and the privilege should be shared by only those willing to pay their dues.

I Bide Ye Fair,

POLLOCK AND MAXWELL

JOHN F. POLK, HISTORIAN

There is an ancient association between the Pollock and Maxwell families. They have been allied since the 12th century through marriage, feudal bonds, military alliance and simple physical proximity within the Barony of Pollok in Renfrewshire. This association is the reason for Clan Pollock selecting its tartan as a variant of the Maxwell tartan. Like any enduring, real relationship, fact and myth has become irretrievably mixed in the mists of time so there will never be a complete or final telling of this story. Nonetheless, the basic outline of the Pollock and Maxwell association is known with some certainty and we present a brief account here, hopefully without adding to the confusion.

Both families trace back to the time of David I, King of Scotland. David, whose mother Margaret was a daughter of Edward the Exile of England, was sent as a youth to the English Court and learned the Norman feudal system of lords and vassals at first hand. When he later became King, David began to institute a similar system in Scotland and invited a number of the Norman families into his court, investing them with lands, mostly in the Scottish lowland and border areas, which they held as vassals to himself as overlord. The best known of these are of course the Stewarts and Bruces who eventually rose to kingship themselves. Many of the great families of Scotland, some but not all of Norman lineage, trace their origins back to this time. The Pollocks and Maxwells are among them.

The principal Pollock (Polloc) line of descent from Fulbert, which had lordship over Upper Pollock, became known as Polloc-of-that-Ilk to distinguish it from other Pollock lines (Pollock of Belgray). This lineage is described in detail in Crawford's History of the Shire of Renfrew, and a transcription of his text appeared in the previous issue of The Pollag. The hereditary name of "de Polloc" was certainly in use by 1208. A seal of that date may be found in the British Museum with the words "Sigillum Roberti de Polloc" inscribed about the family emblem - a wild boar.

The progenitor of the Maxwell family was Undewyn, a Saxon lord, who lived in the area of Kelso by the River Tweed. Like our Fulbert, little is known of him - just that he was the father of Maccus from whom the family name of Maxwell derives. "Wael" is a pool or whirlpool and "Maccus Wael" referred to the site along the Tweed where they dwelled. Maccus is much better known than his father and was cited in various charters and donations such as the donation by David I of the lands of Melrose Abbey where he appears as "Maccus filius Undwain". The Maxwell family was prominent in the Scottish court and sometime after 1200 Sir John de Maccuswell, grandson of Maccus, was granted the lands of Carlaverock in Nithsdale which in due course became the principal seat of the Maxwell family. In the 15th century the head of this branch was granted the title Lord Maxwell and in the 17th they were given the title Earl of Nithsdale - and there is a long and bloody history behind this occurrence.

One branch of the Maxwells was granted lands in Renfrewshire around 1270 and the close association between the descendants of Fulbert and of Undwain begins at this time. The early history is described in "Memoirs of the Maxwells of Pollock" by Sir William Fraser as follows:

(The lands of) Pollok formed part of the extensive estates which were granted by King David I to Walter the High Steward about the year 1124. The grant of David was confirmed by his grandson, King Malcolm IV, in 1157-58. A part of the lands of Pollok, forming the upper division, appears to have been bestowed by the High Steward on Peter, son of Fulbert, who was one of his followers, and whose immediate descendants adopted the territorial designation of Pollok. They were vassals of the Steward, who continued to be the Superior of Upper Pollok. This superiority was acquired by Rolland de Mearns, along with the barony of Mearns, and afterwards by the Maxwells of Caerlaverock, on their succeeding Rolland. The Polloks of Upper Pollok thus became vassals of the Maxwells as Lords of Mearns, and this vassalage continued until the seventeenth century.

The lower division of Pollok, commonly called Nether Pollok, was, about the year 1270, given by Sir Aymer Maxwell to his younger son, Sir John Maxwell, whose territorial designation thenceforth became of Pollok, or of Nether Pollok, and whose lineal male descendant is the present Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Thus the Maxwells of (nether) Pollock and the Pollocks of that Ilk, of upper Pollock, were near neighbors in Renfrewshire and of equal stature as vassals to the Maxwells of Carlaverock. With this physical and social proximity it was inevitable that there would be strong ties, and at time strong rivalries, between these families over the centuries. It cannot be said that the relationship was always rosy - there were feuds and conflicts. In fact the lands of Pollocks of that Ilk were confiscated by Robert the Bruce in 1314, because of their adherence to Baliol and support of Edward I, and assigned to Sir John Maxwell of Carlaverock. However these were restored in due course with the marriage of Robert de Polloc and Agnes, daughter of Sir John Maxwell of Carlaverock, sometime prior to 1372. The lineal descendants of Pollock-of-that Ilk until quite recently have held some portion of these lands. Later descendants of this line can thus claim both Fulbert and Maccus as ancestors.

The course of Scottish history was very turbulent and bloody over succeeding centuries until the Act of Union in 1707 provided the basis for a more stable and peaceable relationship with England, though things didn't completely settle down until after the Battle of Culloden in 1746. The Maxwells were the dominant family in the Western Marches of the frontier and major participants in the border reiver conflicts of the 16th century. Their castle at Carlaverock was a key stronghold during this period and the inevitable focus of military stratagems and outright battles. The Polloks and Maxwells of Renfrewshire were certainly involved in supporting the Maxwells of Carlaverock in their ceaseless struggles in the border wars but we have little specific information on this. It has been cited in Crawford and other histories how Polloks fought with the Maxwells for Queen Mary at Langside, 1568, and against the Johnstones at Lockerbie, 1593.

During the plantations of Ulster in the 17th century, both Maxwells and Pollocks can be found transplanted into various locations in the North of Ireland. The lowlands of Scotland, especially Ayrshire and Renfrewshire, were a primary source of recruits for such settlements, so this is to be expected. Their names can be found sporadically in muster rolls, hearth rolls, church records and other documents of 17th century Ulster, but there is no authoritative genealogical treatment of their connections with family's back in Scotland. Unambiguous records of descent from that era are sparse and widely dispersed so it is not likely that this will change anytime soon. In fact, looking at surviving records such as those published in the volumes of the Scottish Records Society it becomes clear

that there were a large number of Pollocks and Maxwells scattered throughout Scotland and Ulster, not all of whom can be assigned to the principal family lines. Nonetheless, considering the recent explosion of interest in genealogy and the growth of information processing technology, we may hope that long buried information may continue to emerge and shed new light on our ancient family ties.

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CLANPOLLOCK.COM RON POLLOCK, TEXAS COMMISSIONER AND WEB PAGE EXPERT

"Clanpollock.com" the online site for Clan Pollock International has become a useful tool for people seeking information about Clan Pollock. Our spot on the web is drawing people from around the world. In the month of February the site hosted 913 visitors who spent a total of 2,900 hours looking through our information. We had 11 visitors from Canada, 7 from Europe, 19 visited from New Zealand, 8 from Australia, 4 from Tonga and 643 visits from people in the USA. Of the 643 from the USA 537 were from the state of Virginia.

I think we should start a contest to see if any other state can come close to that astounding record. We need to be sure that every Pollock that we come in contact with knows that they can key in **clanpollock.com** into their computer and get information concerning our clan. The site has changed. We have a message board now that you can use to post questions, remarks or notices. If each of us would get use to checking the board at least once a week, I think it could be very useful. You will find a link to it on the HOME page listed along with the other pages of the site. We also have a new page called the "Pedigree of Pollock" this is an extremely informative page. It does a wonderful job of tracing the lineage of Pollock.

As any of you know, that has launched your own web page, the easy part is building the page. Now comes the part of applying to each of the search engines. This is a slow process that requires you to go to each search engine and submit the site. This process requires a lot of time; I need your help on this one. If at any time you are surfing the net, check to see if Clan Pollock is listed with them by searching for "clan pollock" or "clan pollock international". If it is not listed go to that search engine's home page and submit it to them. If we all work on this for just a few minuets a week we can cover the web and

save the clan several hundred dollars that it would cost to have the listings made by one of the companies on the net that will submit them for a fee.

We have plenty of space on the server to place a web page from each of the commissioners who would like to put an information page out for their area or state. Just contact me at POOK719@aol.com for instructions. The site you submit will be linked to the Clan Pollock web site the same way that the Texas Information site is attached now.

Any comments or suggestions that you have for [clanpollock .com](http://clanpollock.com) can be sent to me at POOK719@aol.com

THE GENEALOGY TREE RICHARD H. POLLOCK

You've diligently researched your family and you feel quite good about the information you've found. Your research covers four generations, but have you wondered how much work you still have to do?

This chart tells you by generation how many ancestors you have to identify:

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2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great grandparents
16 gg grandparents
32 ggg grandparents
64 gggg grandparents
128 ggggg grandparents
256 gggggg grandparents
512 ggggggg grandparents
1024 gggggggg grandparents
2,048 ggggggggg grandparents
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MEET THE OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS

Each Officer and Commissioner was recently asked to submit a profile for publication in *The Pollag*. The profiles will be included in each issue in the order they were received.

SUE H. POLLOCK SECRETARY AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Graduate of Madisonville High School, Madisonville, KY, 1951.

Marching and Concert Band.

State Secretary of KY Beta Club.

Glee Club.

4H Club.

Secretary of Junior Class and Senior Class.

Yearbook Staff.

Senior Play lead.

KY State Speech Festival.

Graduate of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 1955 BS in Vocational Home Economics.

Chi Omega Sorority House President, Secretary.

Secretary of YWCA.

Vice-President of Student Union Board.

House Presidents Council.

Cwens, Sophomore Honor Society.

Secretary of Links, Junior Honor Society.

Mortar Board.

Senior Women's Honor/Leadership Society.

Kappa Delta Pi Educational Society.

Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor/Leadership Society.

Graduate of Spalding College, Louisville, KY, 1968, Masters in Education.

Taught 4th Grade at Lincoln Elementary School, Tullahoma, TN 1955-57, and at Crestwood Elementary School, Crestwood, KY 1st or 2nd Grade for 23 years until retirement in 1993.

Crestwood Teacher of the Year, 1993.

Member of Louisville Younger Woman's Club.

Member of Louisville Woman's Club.

President of Chi Omega Alumni, Louisville, KY.

Brownie Scout Leader.

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY Choir Member, Bible School and Sunday School Teacher.

Secretary and Membership Director of Clan Pollock International.

Member of Clan Scott.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

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Diana M. Bodenberg—Milford, OH
Leslie C. Bodenberg—Milford, OH
Adrienne P. Duncan—Knoxville, TN
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Susan L. Hill—Kennewick, WA
Ann McCall-Moore-Wilmington, NC
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Rev. Timothy M. Slemmons—New Kensington, PA
Gene A. Turner—Shawnee, OK

"Ode to My Scottish Ancestors"

Among the fields of cross and stone my family lives, but not alone

Words now worn and dates removed recalling those who lived and loved.

I must do more than simply mourn, for without you I'd not be born.

You live in me with each heartbeat; you're part of me, from head to feet.

In heaven you must surely know I'll not forget: you're in my soul.

*Warmest regards from your fellow kinswoman,
Deborah*

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