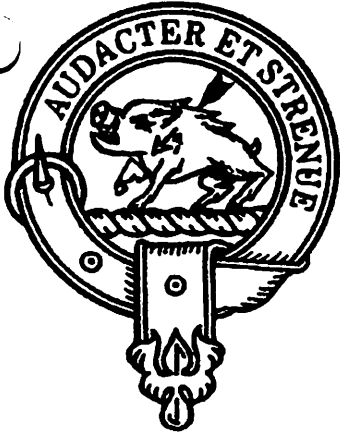


# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL



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A POOL OF INFORMATION

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### *FROM THE PRESIDENT*

POLLOCK, POLLOK, POOK,  
POLK, POLKE, PAULK,  
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DOLKE, POGUE

"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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A reminder about the election will be held during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Sarasota, on 2 February 2001. These positions will be filled: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

VP A.D. Pollock, Jr. is heading the nominating committee. If you would like to be considered for any of the four offices, please contact A.D.:

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**You do not have to be present at the meeting to run for an office.**

If you are due a Clan Pollock Name Badge, and it has not been received, please contact A.D. Pollock, Jr. (at the above address). He needs an accurate listing of the orders yet to be filled.

As mentioned in the July *Pollag*, I have been in contact with a person in Canada who befriended the person who inherited the castle from Jane Fergusson-Pollock. The two castle articles in this issue are from the information she has been sharing.

I Bide Ye Fair,

## 2001 ANNUAL CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL MEETING

The 2001 annual meeting of Clan Pollock International will take place in Sarasota, Florida during the Sarasota Highland Games Festival. Florida Commissioner Hamish Pollock, Jr. is our host. The clan will assemble on the evening of **Friday February 2, 2001** at the **Holiday Inn Airport Marina Hotel**, located at 7150 N. Tamiami Trail (US Hwy 41), Sarasota.

At **6:00 p.m.** the clan will dine at the hotels Friday evening Seafood Buffet within a reserved dining room. Alternatives to seafood will be available. The cost of the dinner is \$22.00 per person. **Reservations must be made with and checks payable to Hamish Pollock, Jr. to reach him by 26 January 2001** at the address shown at the bottom of this article. The clan's annual meeting and election of officers will follow the dinner.

**Room reservations must be made by January 2, 2001.** The Clan will be enjoying a special rate of \$79.00 double or single occupancy, during the height of the tourist season. Upgrades to rooms with a view of Sarasota Bay are available for \$20.00 additional cost. **Ms. Kerry Bennett is our contact person (1-888-818-2781). Mention that you are a member of Clan Pollock.**

In addition, the Airport Marina Hotel offers special rates for many of the area's attractions, including The Golden Apple Dinner Theater, The Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota Jungle Gardens, and Cars and Music Museum. Reservations for any of the above attractions may also be made by calling the Airport Marina Hotel toll free at 1-888-818-2781. For any that require special arrangements please rely on Ms. Bennett..

**The Scottish Heritage Society of Sarasota's Annual Highland Games will take place on Saturday 3 February 2001** at the County Fairgrounds located on the south side of Fruitville Road in Sarasota. It only takes one left-hand turn going south from the hotel on the Tamiami Trail to get to the games. 2001 ticket prices have not been set yet -- the 2000 prices were \$8.00 advance and \$10.00 at the gate. Tickets may be obtained by writing to the Scottish Heritage Society of Sarasota at P.O. Box 14065, Sarasota, FL 34278, calling (941) 364-3494, or faxing (941) 365-2946. Another source for tickets is Scots Corner, owned and operated by Sheila Jackson. Scots Corner is located at Tallywood Center, 3452 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34235, telephone # (941) 953-6707. Sheila has what is probably the best Scottish shop in the southeast. It's worth a visit! No site has been selected for a Kirkin on Sunday 4 February. This will be announced at the meeting.

Golfing is at its most popular during the winter months in Sarasota. Due in part to the crowded courses, there has been no organized Scots Tournament of recent years. You may wish to contact Stand-By-Golf at 1-888-876-2665 for a guaranteed discount tee time.

"Gulfling" is also a popular past time in Sarasota with pristine beaches available along the Gulf of Mexico. Siesta Key Village and Siesta Key Beach are close at hand and offer a memorable beach excursion with fine, white sand and turquoise waters!

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## TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE BARONIAL CASTLE OF POLLOK

August 1882 Newspaper Article  
(Unknown Newspaper-article had one long paragraph)  
[my comments]

On Monday night Pollok Castle, the residence of Sir Hew Crawford-Pollok, was totally destroyed by fire. Nothing very definite is known as to the cause of the fire, but shortly after seven o'clock one of the servants observed smoke issuing from beneath the slates on the roof at the north east corner of the building, and almost immediately afterwards flames burst through. Sir Hew and the other occupants of the house having been appraised the state of matters, an attempt was made to extinguish the flames, which at this time were confined to the woodwork of the roof. Water, however, was scarce all round and there being no proper appliances at hand the efforts in this direction were not successful. Meanwhile a mounted messenger had been dispatched to Pollokshaws for the fire engine. Having made known his errand the man proceeded to Glasgow, where he gave the alarm at the Southern Police Station. The Central Fire Brigade was instantly communicated by telegraph, and an hour from the time that the fire was first noticed one of the steam fire engines with a large staff of men under the charge of Mr. Gray was on its way to Pollok Castle. They reached Pollokshaws before the local brigade had started, and the superintendent having regard for the fact that his engine was only a manual, decided it would be unnecessary for him to proceed to the fire. Owing to the heaviness of the road the Glasgow people occupied more than an hour in making the journey, a considerable detention having taken place through the engine coming to a standstill at the foot of a steep hill near the entrance to Pollok grounds, and horses having to be got from a neighboring farm to surmount the difficulty. When the brigade reached the Castle it was ten o'clock, and although the fire had been burning for more than a couple of hours it had not, owing to the substantial character of the workmanship, obtained complete possession of the building. Had there been a plentiful supply of water at this time a portion, at least, of the mansion might have been saved. As it was, water could only be had from a small burn, which runs through the policy about two hundred yards, from the house. This stream was dammed up, but the supply was too weak to have any effect upon the flames, and the water was frequently exhausted. In these circumstances the fire ultimately gained entire mastery, the flames making their way downwards from floor to floor shortly after ten o'clock the roof fell in carrying with it all the floors down to the basement. At this time the scene was very grand, the flames, accompanied by myriads of sparks, shooting upwards far above the high old crow-stepped gables of the mansion, and illuminating the country for a considerable radius. Fears were entertained for the stables and coach house which closely adjoin on the north. The horses and carriages were accordingly removed but fortunately there being little or no wind, the flames did not spread in that direction. Before the arrival of the fire brigade the domestics and a large number of people from Mearns, Barrhead, Pollokshaws and Thornliebank, who had been attracted to the spot, busied themselves in removing the plate, pictures and some of the more valuable furniture in the house, which were stored in adjoining buildings. The Glasgow Salvage Corps also rendered good service in this work. All the family portraits, of which there are upwards of thirty, were fortunately got out uninjured [all have disappeared], but the plate, in securing which some difficulty was experienced, was more or less damaged. By midnight nothing remained of the picturesque old castle but the outside walls. As is well known, Pollok Castle was one of the most picturesque family seats in the vicinity of Glasgow, and was close on 200 years old, having been built in the year 1684. It was originally oblong on plan, measuring 70 feet in length by 30 feet in width [this must have been a misprint]. About 1856 a northern wing was added to it by the present Baronet's

father. The mansion was four storeys in height, and, although erected two centuries ago, it bore some of the characteristic features of a baronial residence of the sixteenth century. The windows in the upper flats were finished above with pediments, on which were carved the arms and monogram of the Pollok family. The principal entrance to the building was from the south and was approached by a handsome staircase with stone balustrades. In front of the main stone representations of elephants and greyhounds-supporters of the Crawford-Pollok arms. In harmony with its ancient character, it was surrounded by four walls in the form of a square, and beyond these on all sides were old trees and dense shrubbery. The whole of the wood work was of native pine and oak, which, where exposed to view were beautifully polished, and in some places quaintly carved. The stable and offices, which are in close proximity to the Castle, having been saved, and, this immunity may be accounted for from the fact that the wind did not drive the flames in that direction. The damage has been roughly estimated at 20,000 Pounds, and understood to be partially covered by insurance in several companies, one being The Natural. The Glasgow Salvage Corps were at the scene of the fire simultaneously with the Brigade, and took charge of such articles as had been saved. A number of cabs were also on the ground, having brought gentlemen officially and otherwise interested in the event. Workmen had been for some time past employed painting and decorating the interior of the Castle, and indeed had not completed their task. The Castle was built in the old baronial style of architecture, and was perhaps one of the oldest residences of the kind extant in Scotland. It contained no fewer than 38 apartments, including a large dining room, a well-stocked library, numerous bedrooms for the family and the servants and situated as it was upon an eminent, it commanded from the turrets and upper windows a wide extent of Renfrewshire as well as Lanachshire, Thirlinshire, Dambardonsire, with three or four other counties to the north and west. As already stated, the cause of the fire is unknown, but it is conjectured that it may have been through the ignition of one of the beams of the roof projecting into the dining room chimney. The house has recently been cleaned and renovated, and on Monday, the fire in the dining room was kindled for the first time this season. During the night a large body of the Renfrewshire constabulary, under the charge of Inspector Russell, Pollokshaws, were on the ground, and rendered valuable assistance in the efforts to arrest the progress of the flames, The Glasgow fireman remained by the fire until four o'clock Tuesday morning doing all they could with the means at their command to confine the flames to the main building. One portion of the adjoining offices, however, suffered considerably. When the main body of the fireman left, three of their number remained behind for a few hours returning to the city at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, by which time the fire had burned out, a drizzling rain assisting to cool the debris and standing wall. As soon as the work can be commenced, steps will be taken to clear away the rubbish inside the walls of the house, and recover the two safes, containing valuable documents which were in the building. The walls as in all old buildings, appear to have stood the fierce heat very well but will have to be examined before it is known what condition they are really in. The Glasgow Salvage Corps, after giving all the help in their power, left at the same time as the fireman. Sir Hew is likely to remain in the neighborhood for a few days, and will probably during that time take up residence in Glasgow. The servants will in the meantime go back to the residences of their friends.

## REBUILDING OF POLLOK CASTLE

1888 Newspaper Article

(Newspaper name and specific date unknown-article was one long paragraph)

Pollok Castle, the old historic residence of the Polloks of Meams, and which suffered severely by the disastrous fire which visited it years ago, has now been re-erected on the old site. At an early date after the estate had been taken over by the much esteemed present proprietor, the Hon. Mr. Fergusson-Pollok, Bart., building operations were commenced with a view to restoring the residential seat of the family. For four years subsequent to the fire the Castle was permitted to remain undisturbed in the almost comparative debris in which the conflagration had left it. The only portions of the main building which had been left intact, were the tower walls, back wall, and the old kitchen gable. These, along with some other remaining portions, have been utilised in the present building, but throughout the whole structure the interior is new. During the period of two years which has been taken to put the Castle into its present condition a handsome and not commodious mansion has been erected, affording accommodation three times in extent to that formerly had. The intentions of the architect were as far as possible to restore most of the outstanding features of the two former castles. The greatest difficulty experienced in the former mansions of a dampness rising has in the present case, at a considerable expenditure of labour and money been surmounted. In style it is Scotch baronial, with a general castellated appearance. What constituted the old gateway, with its chaste and exquisite French classic ornamentation overhead, has now been formed into the chief entrance door and the intermediary space known as the old courtyard has been made into a magnificent entrance hall, whose interior is of black oak. Branching off from the hall are the guns, butler's and principal dining room. All the chief rooms which are both exquisitely and elegantly decorated. The second and third flats are reserved mainly for family rooms. The former outer buildings, which comprised the old stable, etc. and are contiguously located situated to the old courtyard have now been utilised with great alterations, on the ground floor, for kitchen offices, and above for bedrooms. The old kitchen, which is of great interest by reason of its antiquity, retains all of its in the way of its massive at the fireplace, measuring in width 11 ft. and in height 8 ft. and whose chimney is of dimensions something similar in extent measuring 11 feet by 5 feet. A fine castellated tower reaching to the altitude of 55-1/2 feet, composed entirely of stone, and whose design harmonizes with its surroundings has been erected. This has been restored as one of the Castle which stood previously to the more recent one burned many years ago. A portion of this tower is made to serve a smoking room. From its height and eminence on which the Castle is erected, is brought into greater effect, with the result that the view had from it is most varied and comprehensive. Argyllshire and Perthshire hills-amongst the latter Ben Ledi being the most prominent-can be without any difficulty seen, whilst Mount Tinto in Lanarkshire, comes also into early scope. The approaches leading up to the Castle have been on one side extended and vastly improved. New out-houses, on a handsome gate lodge, and new stables, with all modern improvements-Nie latter affording stabling for 13 horses, have also been erected. The stone used throughout is from the neighboring quarries of Patterton. The estimated cost was 10,000 Pounds, but consequent on its additions on and departures from the original designs the ultimate cost cannot, so far, yet be defined. Other improvements throughout the estate have also been effected, and others are in contemplation. The architect, Mr. C. F. Johnston of Edinburgh, Master of Works, Mr. Finlaynon of Leith, the masonry and foenery work were entrusted to Messrs R. Lamb and Sons, Edinburgh. The Castle is

presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hon. Fergusson-Pollok, and peculiarly coincidental their occupancy of it dates from the 31st ultimo, one of the anniversaries of the late fire.

## **MEET THE OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS**

### **RICHARD HORACE POLLOCK PRESIDENT**

Graduate of Madisonville High School, Madisonville, KY, 1950  
State President of KY Beta Club  
11 Varsity Letters in 4 sports. First 4 letterman in school history  
Tenor soloist in Glee Club.

Graduate of Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, 1954, BS in Architectural Construction.  
Baseball  
President, Vice-President, Historian of Sigma Chi Fraternity  
Presidents Club  
Student Trial Board Member  
Glee Club  
Annual business staff  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Graduate of University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky, 1965, Masters of Business Administration.

1st Lt. US Air Force 1955-1957, Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, TN. Installations Engineering Officer.

Professional baseball 1951-2 in Chicago White Sox farm system.

American Air Filter, International, Louisville, KY 15 Feb 1957- 3 Feb 1995.  
Final assignment as Global Marketing and Sales Information Manager.

Cub Scout Packmaster  
Little League football and baseball coach and manager  
Little League Basketball Commissioner  
President, Eastern High School, Middletown, KY Athletic Boosters Club  
Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY choir member  
Volunteer at the KY Center For The Arts, Louisville, KY.

Clan Pollock International President, Genealogist, *Pollag* Editor.  
Member of Clan Galbraith, Clan Maxwell, Valley Forge Historical Society, Mason County KY Genealogical Society and The Filson Club Historical Society, Louisville, KY.

Sons of the American Revolution Member, National # 146160, based upon the Revolutionary War service of 5th Great Grandfather Major Hugh Moss, who served at Brandywine, Germantown and Valley Forge.

Author: "The Pollocks... The First 900 Years Of Our Journey." Private Publication, 1998.

## SUSAN POLLOCK KEENAN TREASURER

I was born in St. Augustine, Florida, the second child of George Ira Pollock and Mary Louise Daniel. My brother, Ross Ira Pollock, now lives in Pensacola, Florida. My father owned several shrimp boats as well as a ship chandler business. During the early part of my childhood we lived in Louisiana and then moved to Brownsville, Texas. After the death of my father, I returned to St. Augustine, where I owned an accounting practice. In 1987, my failing health caused me to go into semi-retirement at which time I moved to Edgewater, Florida.

I am a Gold Charter Member of Clan Pollock International having joined August 15, 1980, along with my mother, Louise D. Pollock, after being contacted by Rhys A. Pollock. We've been able to trace our Pollock ancestors only as far as the Pulaski County, Kentucky census of 1900 where my grandfather, George Irvin Pollock, is listed along with his sister, Myrtle K. Pollock, as being members of the household of Martha J. Wilson, who listed herself as their grandmother. My grandfather's death certificate lists his birth date as June 22, 1886, his father as William H. Pollock, born in Kentucky and his mother as Kitty Bell Smith, born in Tennessee. I remember a younger brother, Charles Pollock, who lived in Covington, Kentucky. We are still searching for relatives and hope maybe members who read this might have some information for us.

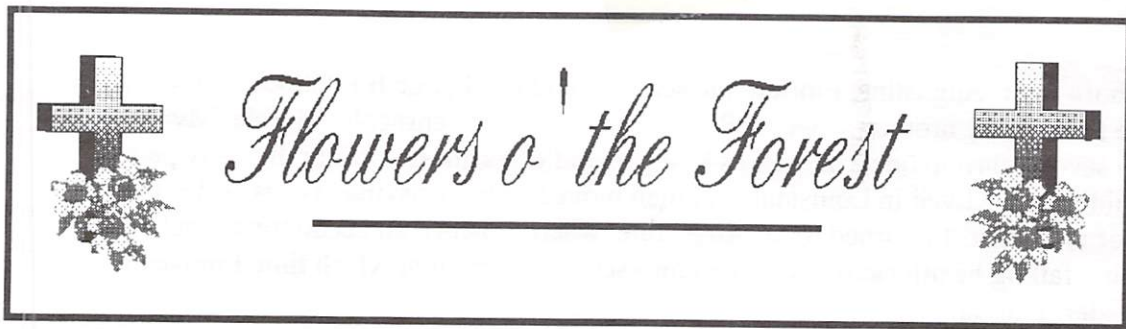
My husband, William B. Keenan, died almost 30 years ago. I live next door to my daughter, Suzy M. Talbott, her children, Billy and Katy, who are also members of Clan Pollock International, and husband, Ernest H. Talbott. We try to attend the Highland Games, when they are within driving distance, as often as we can. For many years I was active in both Community Theater and Florida's state play, "Cross And Sword", where I was assistant costumer for 7 years. My hobbies include reading, e-mail, crossword puzzles and cooking. I am limited in my activities these days due to my Multiple Sclerosis.

## 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*:

Gayle Cloud—Central, UT  
Almon C. Evans—Columbia, TN  
Winford A. Gordon—Pisgah Forest, NC  
Jennifer E. Kalte—Kitchener, Canada  
Penny L. Kane—Estes Park, CO  
Judith Kerr—McDonough, GA  
Samuel D. LeFevre—Stansbury Park, UT  
William P. Polk—Lexington, OK

Andrew Pollock—Murieston, Scotland  
Frank D. Pollock—Reisterstown, MD  
Kenneth G. Pollock—Phoenix, AZ  
Marion E. Pollock—Duncan, OK  
Stephen Pollock—Tavernier, FL  
Carol H. Ridgway—Raymond, MS  
Patricia A. Robindon, Damascus, MD  
Vicky L. Seibel—Ft. Worth, TX

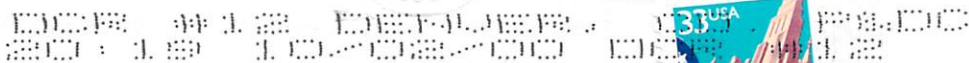


It is with sadness that we announce that two members of Clan Pollock International have passed away since the last edition of *The Pollag*.

Winfield H. Lyon, Jr. passed away 29 April 2000 in Florida.

Terrance W. Semple passed away 23 June 2000 in Tennessee.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Winfred and Terry.



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