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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."

Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue

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Boldly and Strongly

It is difficult to believe another year is drawing to a close. 2005 will soon be over. We hope this finds you and your family doing well and getting ready to enjoy the Fall season and the upcoming holidays.

We are mindful of all the people who have been affected in one way or another by the recent tragic hurricanes. We hope that all of our members and their families are safe. There are many opportunities for us to help out in the recovery relief efforts and I know Clan Pollock members are already helping out in many different ways.

Clara Ann and I were blessed to take a wonderful trip recently to Scotland, England and Ireland. I have written an article about the trip in this issue.

Plans are being made for our 2006 Annual Meeting to be held at the Estes Park-Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado the first weekend in September, 2006. We had requests from members in the western part of the U.S. to hold another Gathering at these Games. We were there in 1998. Please be looking for information on this event .

Once again I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have supported Clan Pollock this year. Our membership renewals for 2005 and our new member numbers thus far this year have been great.

Also I want to thank everyone who has hosted a Clan Pollock tent at a game this year. It is so important to have a Clan Pollock presence at Scottish Games. But, I know it can be work also for the people doing the hosting. We are always looking for new people to step up and help out in this manner. Think about volunteering in some way at a game in your area in 2006!

Clara Ann and I wish you and yours the very best for the remainder of 2005, a Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year in 2006.

Best Wishes,
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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is December 15th. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

OUR NEW MEMBERS

C. Richard Bugg, Fresno, California *
Frances Lee Marshburn Dineen, Wilmington, North Carolina
Donna Jean Pollock Johnson, Pason, Washington
Darlene Pollock Kennedy, Baltimore, Ontario, Canada
Matthew Douglas Mercer, Kennewick, Washington
Paul Michael Moore, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Andrew Polk, Mukilteo, Washington
James Knox Polk, East Bend, North Carolina
Bryan Pollock, Tacoma, Washington
James L. Pollock, Jr., Las Cruces, New Mexico
Margaret Kirby Rothe, Decatur, Illinois
Kearfott McCaull Stone, M.D., Gloucester, Virginia
Michael Anthony Stroschio, Wilmette, Illinois
C. Richard Venable III, Magee, Mississippi

* Former Member, Rejoining

SCOTLAND DAZE

Clara Ann and I returned September 7th from a wonderful 16 day trip to Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Ireland. This trip was the dream of a lifetime something we had wanted to do for a long time. We were invited to go on a ten day cruise of the British Isles by our daughter in law's sister and her parents. Since I had recently stepped down as president of Nashville Christian School we had the time to go.

We arrived in London on August 24 and immediately flew to Glasgow where we remained until August 26. While in Glasgow we were able to visit many of the places associated with our ancestors. We visited the site of Pollok Castle and the church at Mearns where so many Pollocks and Polloks are buried. Thanks to Dick Pollock, Clan Pollock Genealogist, for his valuable instructions on how to get to several of these sites. Although our driver was a Glasgow cab driver, the



A.D. & Clara at the wall of the West Lodge of the old Pollok Castle.



instructions were very helpful to him also. We saw the Pollock/Pollok name everywhere around Glasgow on road signs, a new roundabout, a shopping center, and perhaps the most well known, Pollok House, located in Pollok County Park. As Dick Pollock and John Polk have said, these places were not named for a Pollok, rather the people who lived there took the name of the area many years ago. I was also able to locate the street in Clelland, a suburb of Glasgow, where my great grandfather lived in 1851 before immigrating



to America, however the house was no longer there. Clara Ann and I had a great time in Glasgow and are eagerly looking forward to our next trip there.

After boarding the ship in London, we departed down the Thames going under the Tower Bridge and out to sea. We spent a day in Edinburgh. We saw the Pollock Hall dorms at the university as well as lots of other interesting things. We went to Loch Ness, but didn't see Nessie, then on to the Orkney Islands where we had a to windy, misty, yet enjoyable day seeing the sights. We then sailed to Northern Ireland going around the Isle of Skye on the way. From there

we went to Dublin, Waterford, and then Fowey, England and finally into Southampton and back to London.

While on the ship we had three formal evenings at which I wore my Pollock kilt and Prince Charlie Jacket receiving many compliments in the process. The evening we were in the port of Invergordon, Scotland, a local pipe band came on board ship and played several songs. There was also a piper who piped in the haggis at dinner. Other local Scottish entertainers also visited and the performance ended with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "O, Flower of Scotland".



A. D. Pollock, Jr.

UPCOMING GAMES



Richmond (VA) Highland Games and Festival October 22 23, 2005

People can take a peek at what's being offered at this great venue this year by visiting <http://www.richmondceltic.com/site.asp>. Last year's games were very cold and wet. We are hoping for a sunnier, nicer version this year!

~Pauline and Andy Easter

Alexandria Christmas Walk December 3, 2005

The first Saturday in December we plan to attend the Alexandria Christmas Walk. Very often we walk with our related family, the Maxwells with banners that announce both clans. If anyone wishes to join us in the walk, they can contact Andy Easter at nous2@comcast.net for more information about where to muster and when.

GAME REPORTS

Fresno Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Richard Bugg was kind enough to host the Pollock tent at these games on September 17th. Richard writes, "We had our Games on the 17 of September There were 38 Clans represented . We had an absolutely beautiful day with the temp in the low 80's. Had a few visitors but no one was interested in becoming Commissioner.

C. Richard Bugg"

We really need a Commissioner for these Games as Richard has had some health problems and would like to find someone to take over. If you live in this area, attend these games, and would be interested, please contact A.D. Pollock or Ben Stone.

Tennessee Highland Games

The 10th Annual Tennessee Highland Games were held Saturday, October 1 on the grounds of the TN Renaissance Festival in Triune, TN. The weather was great and there was a good turnout.

We had several people stop by our Clan Pollock tent and we were glad to see the Doug Polks from Nashville and Steve and Stephanie Pollock from Antioch. We missed Charlene Young, our faithful attendee, who was sick and couldn't come.

Three Generations of Pollocks Attend the Games

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock with their children, Archie Pollock and Beth Pollock Slough and grandchildren, Hannah Pollock and Austin Slough



McPherson, Kansas Scottish Festival

I want to report, briefly, on the festival this past weekend. The attendance appeared to me to be down a bit from last year. There were a couple more clans on clan row, and other activities were about the same as earlier years. We represented Clan Pollock in the fire ceremony, the opening night, the Parade of Tartans on Saturday, and the Kirkin o the Tartan on Sunday.

Seven persons signed our book, one already a member of Clan Pollock and two interested in Clan Membership. Others who signed did so as a courtesy and belonged to other clans.

It was hot, for September, but no weather problems, and our most pressing activity was putting the clan stamp on the papers of children who were awarded a prize for acquiring all of the clan stamps.

Aye,
Robert S. Slemmons

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The fiftieth edition of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was welcomed by remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy on Thursday, July 7. We did not picnic on the mountain, but did show up for the "Calling of the Clans". The Calling was noteworthy for a warm tribute to the late Bob Dunbar by Clan Dunbar.

The weather for the rest of games was beautiful, sunny and cool with low humidity. The Clan had two tents. Hamish Pollock contributed a banner and personal flag of Leonidas Polk, the battling bishop of the" late

unpleasantness" (the Civil War). Rob & Rosemary Pollock, Marian Dunbar, President A.D, Pollock & Clara Pollock, Richard & Bill Anderson, Henry & Rebecca Pollock, Chaplain Phil Pogue and his sister Charlene, Rick and Katherine Venable (new member), Dr. Kearfott & Julie Stone, Tim & Kelly Stone, Wilson Stone, and NC commissioner Ben & Merle Stone were present. Hamish Pollock brought his Grandson, Sydney from Durham NC.

The Grandfather Mountain headquarters had been demolished by Hurricane Ivan last fall. I think that caused the 50th anniversary program to be smaller. All the clans had been requested send a lot of information to the games and each was promised a full page in the program. It had only a short paragraph on a few of the Clans. I think all the information and pictures that we sent were lost in the storm. The Clan participated in the Kirkin' of the Tartans and the Parade of Tartans. Wilson Stone raced in the "Four and Under" 100 yard dash. He finished third in his heat. His Grandfather didn't get any pictures because he was yelling and forgot to take any pictures.



Julie Stone at the GMHG

In summary the games were very successful and we plan to return next year.
~ Ben Stone

Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games

This was a good year at the Pacific Northwest games. We had 13 people for the Parade of the Clans on Saturday and nine on Sunday. We had two new members join at the games this year, three last year.

Not much in other activities except the active Border Reivers.

Clan Pollock and Clan Irwin planned the capture of the Clan McNeil Stuffed Sheep. Clan Irwin distracted them as I was to grab the sheep. However, Clan McNeil became weary of us immediately and was watching us. I walked away down the length of Clan Tents and came around the front as they watched the Wicked Tinkers out the back of the tent.



As I came to the front, I watched the five Clan McNeil members and made a grab for the sheep. As I grabbed the sheep, they turned, as I also turned quickly, hiding the sheep in front of me as if I was looking at other clan tents.

I then slowly walked away, they were none the wiser for their captured sheep. I put the sheep in front of Clan Maxwell tent, where they kept the selection of swords for display. My grandson Carter then was told to "Defend the sheep".

My Grandson Carter and the Clan Maxwell boys gathered to defend the sheep, as 30 minutes later, Clan McNeil realized that their sheep was missing. They began the search, blaming Clan Irwin and Clan Pollock, but was obviously perplexed, he thought that both of us were standing next to him while watching the Tinkers perform and could not figure out how we could have stolen his sheep.



As he looked around, he saw the sheep and began to go to retrieve it and met resistance from the boys. Again, my grandson and his plastic sword confronted Clan McNeil and did mighty battle. They held out for a candy bar for each of the boys.

But this was only the beginning, next year the game continues as we are all to bring an animal to see who has the most at the end of the weekend. So plan to join us for the fun on July 29 and 30, 2006 in Seattle.
~ Howard Pollock

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Colorado



Members of Clan Pollock proudly marched in the downtown parade on Saturday.

On Sunday Matthew Mercer presented the Douglas Pollock Woodward Memorial Sword to the Premier Highland Dancer of the festival. Matthew is the Grandson of Douglas Woodward and joined Clan Pollock at the festival this year. The winner of the sword is Haley Brogan of Golden, Colorado. Ruth Woodward is the sponsor of the sword.



Plan now for the Clan Pollock AGM at Estes Park in 2006!

Join us next year for the 30th Annual Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park Colorado, September 7-10, 2006. Clan Pollock will be a featured Clan. We will be having our AGM and banquet at the festival. The festival starts with the 7:30 p.m. Thursday Tattoo. The field is open Friday from noon until 5 and 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The parade is Saturday morning at 9:30 on Elkhorn Avenue. Evening activities Friday and Saturday at 7:30 are: the Colorado Celtic Concert, the Folk Concert, and Tattoo Estes. The 9 p.m. Ceilidh (a Celtic version of a New Year's Eve party!) starts after the other events end and the celebrating continues into the wee hours of the next morning. Sunday evening marks the end of the festival with the Honored Guest Banquet, a superb meal complete with dress kilts, suits, evening dress attire for the ladies, a cash bar and live entertainment.

Historian's Corner

A VISIT TO THE EARTHWORK FORT AT POLLOK

I am very happy to include here a report from James Polk Farber, Sr., a Clan Pollock member, who just returned from a visit to Scotland. Jim took the opportunity to visit the earthwork fort at Pollok which I described in my July article in the Pollag. I am of course quite envious of him and hope to visit it myself sometime.

Jim provides directions for those of you who may wish to make the same pilgrimage when you have a chance. He reports that the folks at nearby Pollock House, the family seat of the Maxwells of Pollock, had no knowledge of this site, or of the Pollock family generally, although we preceded the Maxwells to this area by a century. The earthwork fort may not have the recognition and grandeur of later Scottish fortresses, but it exceeds them in antiquity and marks the effective beginning of the Scottish feudal system from which those later structures sprang. This was mostly likely the actually dwelling place of our first Pollock ancestors, Peter and Robert, from the time when they first assumed the name. Certainly they trod this site in their time.

Jim took a few photographs using a disposable camera, but the area is completely wooded now so they turned out a bit dark. We include a black and white print here that gives some idea of what the site looks like. A color version will be found in the online electronic edition of the Pollag.

~ John F. Polk, Ph.D., Clan Historian

Visit to the Earthwork Fort at Pollok

On September 8-9 I had occasion to locate and visit this Fort, subject of John Polk's article on the subject in the July Pollag newsletter. Knowing that I planned a visit to the area, John asked if I could check out this likely first residence of our Pollok ancestors.



I found the Ring Fort rather easily, and exactly as described in the RCAHMS (Royal Commission of Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland) record of the site quoted in John's article. The Fort stands in a mature woodlot of tall beech and oak trees with minimal understory, so can be easily seen and understood. It in fact saddles the east-west running crest of the ridge (drumlin) and if the woods were not there, the view around the adjacent countryside would be very good although whether one could see the Clyde itself wasn't too clear. One can easily see the outline of the moat, causeway, modern drainage structure and the banks thrown up from the moat upcast. One can also see the central area where the circular house with central post socket stood, although 45 years' of rainfall and soil erosion since the archaeological excavation makes this less well defined than in the report. Probably for the same reason, I found only one or two large stones in the circular house site and little evidence of the reported cobbles and kerbstones, although they easily could be there under the leaf mold and rain-eroded soil.

Unfortunately the gloom of a late afternoon and an inferior disposable camera did not enable me to take many useful photos of the site - but it was thrilling just to explore it!

The site is very easy to access per following directions: Proceed south from Glasgow city centre on the M8 motorway, then take first exit onto the M-77. Take first exit off of M-77 onto DUMBRECK Road. Almost immediately across from the intersection of the M-77 ramp and Dumbreck Road is a small way, LOCHINCH ROAD leading to HAGG CASTLE. Enter that road, keeping to the left past Hagg Castle and follow the signs left to "Riding School" and "Red Lodge". At the Riding School turn Left - the "Red Lodge" (which is yellow) is about 100 yards ahead.

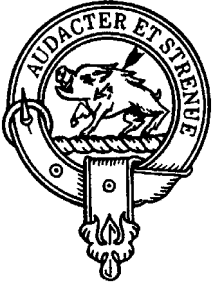


Park at Red Lodge. There, on the left side facing the Lodge, you will see a path entering the Pollok North Wood. It is marked by stakes and red emblems which is both a hacking trail for riders and for use by cross country bicyclists. This path leads straight ahead about 100 yards until it meets a narrow asphalt road. However: halfway down this trail there is a marked mountain bike trail to the LEFT, leading into the woods. Take and follow this marked trail about 300 yards and you will come to the Ring Fort.

~James Polk Farber, Sr.

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