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THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their Clan Pollock membership for 2012. Several of you sent in extra money as a donation and one kind gentleman sent in extra stamps to help us out. We appreciate all your support and kind words! If you have not sent in your dues yet, remember you can use Pay Pal or the return envelope sent with your original dues notice.

We are looking forward to the Scottish Games at Grandfather Mountain in July. We had a good turnout last year and we hope to see even more of you this year. We will miss some of our faithful members who have gone on this year to more heavenly gatherings.

We are sorry to hear of the closing of the Meadow Highland Games in Virginia. We read recently in the magazine, "Scottish Life", of many games in Scotland that are closing due to the economy and the "graying" of participants and attendees.

We need members who are willing to step up and help host a Clan Pollock tent at a game in your area. Clan Pollock will pay the cost of the tent space and we will provide you with items to display. We do need time to get items ready and sent out. We suggest if you think you might be interested that you attend a game in your area this year, look around, and let us know so we can help you get ready to host a tent at a game in 2013.

Our best wishes to everyone for a good Summer! Also we send our congratulations to all our high school, college/university and advanced training graduates this year. We know many of our members have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will be in the Class of 2012!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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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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Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole,
Pogue**

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John T. R. Pollock, Hemet, California
Scott Dennis Pollock, Jr., Fresno, California
Thomas A. Pollock, Clifton Park, New York

Last month we announced the birth of Elizabeth Victoria Pollock, daughter of Geoff and Jeniya Pollock. Here she is with her big brother, Daniel Cameron George Pollock.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**Rosemary Pollock, Wilmington, North Carolina**

With deep sadness I must report that Rosemary Pollock, one of the most gracious and wonderful ladies I have had the privilege of knowing in my lifetime, has passed away. She was one of the founding members of Clan Pollock and her efforts were crucial to our early success. As the Clan's first secretary, for many years she tirelessly worked to ensure that one day we would become the wonderful and successful organization we are today.

*Rob and Rosemary Pollock with Ruth Woodward*

Together with her husband Rob, they represented Clan Pollock for many years at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina, the most well known games in the country. This was at a time when very few Highland games were held West of the Mississippi River. In those days it was hard to get started as a new clan unless you were represented at the Grandfather Mountain games. So their representation there, and at other Highland games along the East Coast, was critical, not only to Clan Pollock becoming a recognized clan, but also to ensuring that we would continue to grow and be become the wonderful organization we

enjoy today.

She was a wonderful and gracious lady to all that knew her, and I know she will be deeply missed by her husband Rob, and by her family and many friends. God Bless Rosemary Pollock

~William C. Pollock Jr.
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Ruth Polk, Pasadena, Texas

On the loss of his wife, Ruth, Gerald S. Polk sent us this poem in memory of his wife.

I Miss You

As I rise to meet the Sun each day – I Miss You
With muted resolve I set to task – I Miss You
Then lonely meals with tasteless food – I Miss You
The lonely hours go slowly by – I Miss You
When the sun sinks low and the world is still – I Miss You
In an empty bed with tear dimmed eyes, I lay to rest – I Miss You
Then prayers are said, then listless sleep – I Miss You
This cauldron that holds life tips at Birth
Empties – ever slowly drop by drop day by day until
There is no more.
When that day comes and I rise to your outstretched arms
I Will Miss You no more.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Clan Pollock member, Robert (Bob) Parrish, sent this information about his Uncle, Robert A. Watts, Sr. of Richmond, VA. Bobby Watts is the youngest son of Lafayette H. Watts and Mary Etta Pollok.



Bobby, who will be 88 in June, was honored on March 29, 2012 at the Virginia War Memorial. He received the French Legion of Honor medal for his role in the liberation of France during WW II. He entered the Army in 1943, was in the field artillery as a radio operator and went ashore in France soon after D-Day. He was part of five campaigns across Europe, including the Battle of Cherbourg and the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded twice and received two Purple Hearts as well as a Bronze Star.

A letter from the French ambassador to the United States informed Watts the medal is “a sign of France’s infinite gratitude and appreciation of your personal and precious contribution to the United States’ decisive role in the liberation of our country during World War II. The French people will never forget your courage and your devotion to the great cause of freedom.”;

Clan Pollock would like to honor this member of the Greatest Generation with an honorary lifetime membership in Clan Pollock.

An article describing the event was published in the Richmond **Times-Dispatch** last Thursday, March 29:

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2012/mar/29/tdmet01-lohmann-for-this-world-war-ii-vet-a-big-me-ar-1802248/>



His children present (with Mme Yancey and Robert Sr.) are: Susan, Jeff, Robert Jr., Jan and Bill

Mrs. Janey's Tea Room



Congratulations to Clan Pollock members, Edna Bates, left, and her sister, Martha Tucker, right and Patricia Hardison, not pictured, on the 5th Anniversary of Mrs. Janey's Tea Room, located in Sacramento, KY. If you are ever in or around that area of Kentucky - look up Mrs. Janey's Tea Room! They serve a delicious meal on Fridays and Saturdays, by reservation only. 270-736-2821, or go to Mrs. Janey's Facebook page.

Robert Pollok with King George V

Thanks to Clan Pollock member, Anne Rasmay, for sending us this picture of her grandfather, Robert Pollok, (in front) manager of Vicks shipyard in Barrow with King George V, about 1918, for launching of new ship.



UPCOMING GAMES

Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games June 15-16

Experience the best of Scotland without leaving Chicago at the 26th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games, June 15-16, 2012 at **Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois**. The festival is open Friday, June 15 from 4:00pm - 10:00pm and Saturday, June 16 from 8:00am - 9:00pm. The CHICAGO SCOTS invite *everyone* to be Scottish for this weekend-long annual summer celebration. Offering an extensive array of unique Scottish *traditions, revelry, and culture* for the whole family!



The festival kicks off Friday, June 15 with exhibits and vendors open from 4:00pm - 10:00pm. Friday evening highlights include: Highland Dance competition, Heavy Athletics, Friday Night Fling, crowning of the Heather Queen and Court and a Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee), a lively celebration of traditional and contemporary Celtic music, from 7:00-10:00pm on the Celtic rock stage.

The festival continues Saturday, June 16 from 8:00am - 9:00pm and features: Champion Supreme Piping and Drumming competition; Heavy Athletics U.S. Open Championship featuring traditional Scottish contests; Highland Dance competition; Rugby Sevens Highland Challenge; Coerver Cup 3v3 youth soccer tournament; Dogs of Scotland and other animal presentations; Genealogy and cultural exhibits; Parade of Clan Tartans; Children's activities, the Kilted Mile Fun Run/Walk, British Car Show, Haggis Hurling Contest for women, Knobbly Knees contest for men, Haggis Eating Contest and Shortbread Contest will round out the day. Attendees will also enjoy musical performances, Whisky tastings and seminars, traditional Scottish or American cuisine and shopping in the Celtic Marketplace.

The festivities culminate with the Closing Ceremonies and Massed Bands Show, a breath-taking spectacle of 1,000 bagpipers and drummers, all joined in performing several traditional musical selections including *Amazing Grace*.

~Paul D. Layman



May 11-13. 30th Annual Kentucky Scottish Weekend, General Butler State Park, Carrolton, KY. Dedicated to Alex Beaton. <http://www.kyscottishweekend.org/>
If you wish to help defer some of Alex's medical expenses you can send contributions to the Alex Beaton Rehabilitation Fund, P.O. Box 681707, Franklin, TN 37068.

May 26-27. United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA).
<http://www.scotsfest.com/>



June 9. Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Oak Park Greenfield NH. Washington County Fairgrounds, Richmond, RI <http://www.riscot.org/index.htm>

June 9-11. Kansas City Scottish Highland Games. <http://www.kcscottishgames.org>



June 23-24. San Diego Highland Games. Brengle Terrace Park.
<http://www.sdhIGHLANDGAMES.org>

July 12-15. 56th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina. <http://www.gmhg.org>

July 21-22. Arizona Highland Celtic Festival in Flagstaff, AZ.
<http://www.nachs.info/>

Aug 4-5. St Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games.
<http://www.highlandgames.com>



GMHG Parade of Tartans 2011
http://www.gmhg.org/paradeoftartans2011_page4.htm

GAME REPORTS



19th Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games
April 20 – 22, 2012

The games started with a reception and Haggis blessing followed by the calling of the Clans. Tim Stone gave rousing call so good that people complimented him the next day.

Saturday was bright and sunny. James Polk of Concord NC visited the tent with his extended family. I gave him information and talked to him about Clan Pollock. Also my Cousin, Isabel Taylor of Asheville NC and her son, Cousin Butler visited. Butler went to Scotch whiskey seminar and sampled 5 shots. On returning to our tent Mr. Cahoon from the tent next door kept offering swigs from a bottle, he kept accepting and was quite happy when we closed up. Thankfully Butler wasn't our driver.

Sunday was cold and rainy very few non-Scots braved the weather. We had a parade of Tartans led by 5 yr old Caroline Stone. An hour later, Caroline won the 6 and under lassies 1/8 mile race. YEAH CAROLINE! After the race it was time to pack it up and return home.

Loch Norman is considered "the friendly games" and it is well deserved. The folks there are great and helpful in every way. Hope to see you there next year. ~Ben Stone

We were unable to locate Part 2 of this series. Nancy Nash, the writer of the original articles, wrote that she could not find it either. Anyway, here is the third installment.

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

Part III

1862

January – The Romney Campaign. Poague remembered it as the extreme in both physical and mental suffering of the entire four years as an overall failure.

March – Cedarville and the drive to Point Royal.

April – Promoted to Captain and command of the Rockbridge Artillery. It appears in official organizational charts as the First Rockbridge Artillery, also known as Pendleton's, composed of McLaughton's, Poague's and Graham's Company. Poague held this command position for about a year.

May – McDowell. No artillery used as it could not be hauled up the mountain, but it was present.

Valley Campaign – Made charge ordered by Jackson against Federal Cavalry in an unusual way – use of “flying artillery” – in the drive to Winchester.* This was only one of several important moves. In this particular maneuver, Poague's battery suffered 17 fatalities. One episode occurred on the advance to Newton. Moving toward Winchester, Jackson found Poague, almost alone, with two 20-pound Parrott guns, firing steadily, but without making any forward progress. The problem turned out to be the lure of a nearby Federal supply train. Ashby's unrestrained troops, who should have been supporting Poague, instead were engrossed in plundering Union supplies in defiance of orders. In the meantime, Federal troops mounted a counterattack against Poague in one of the most severe duels of artillery in the war.

*Winchester, Harper's Ferry and Front Royal changed hands often in 1861-1864. I have seen statistics as high as 30 times for Front Royal.

May 25 – Valley Campaign continued. Rockbridge Artillery placed under General Winder, new commander of the Stonewall Brigade in Jackson's Valley Army. As the action increased, Poague got support from the batteries of Carpenter and Cutshaw.

May 27 – Jackson sent the batteries of Poague and Carpenter to Harper's Ferry.

June 27 – Returned to the Valley area at Cross Keys and Port Republic, having traveled up to the Potomac River and back. The distance from Harper's Ferry to the Cross Keys area is approximately 125 miles. Consider going up and coming back, in 12 days, pulling guns and supplies with mules and wagons over hilly and sometimes mountainous terrain. Confederate forces defeated Union troops under General Shields and John C. Fremont. Poague's guns lacked the range to be effective.

June – The Seven Days – Poague had little to do but he saw plenty. The debate among historians still goes on about Jackson's lack of energy at such a critical time. Lee took command of the Army of Northern Virginia after General J.E. Johnston was wounded trying to keep General McClellan out of Richmond. Lee repulsed the Union Army at the very outskirts of the city and McClellan withdrew to the coastal area. The battle raged for seven days with heavy losses to both sides.

July – Gordonsville

August 8 – 9 – Cedar Mountain. General Winder killed right beside Poague's left gun along the road. Poague had Parrott guns and a 12-pound Napoleon.

August – Engagements along the Rapahannock River.



[Map added to this article 2012]
Map of the Maryland Campaign of the American Civil War, actions Sept. 3-15. Drawn by Hal Jespersen in Adobe Illustrator CS5. Source file is available at <http://www.posix.com/CWmaps/>

August 22 – Manassas and Bristoe Station. Confederate cavalry under General J.E.B. Stuart captured Manassas Junction by the time Poague arrived, along with Carpenter in support. Rebels plundered the Union stores. Jackson took so many Union supply trains that the army regarded him as a sort of quartermaster. General Trimble tried to hold the supplies as captured stores but the men persisted in raiding where they could. A single Federal battery maintained a continuous barrage until Jackson sent Poague to put it out of action. As the battle expanded with more Union troops arriving, Poague, supported by another battery, swept the enemy front and right. After a while, Jackson ordered a cease fire and rode out in front of Poague's line shouting at the opposition to surrender. They replied with more fire, but soon retreated and attention returned once more to the supply train. Jackson ordered the whiskey to be destroyed. When the Confederates withdrew the Union forces pressed again. Jackson allowed the men to take what they chose, but it had to include rations for four days. Poague missed out on the smorgasbord as he was in pursuit of the retreating enemy and did not return until everything had been picked over. It is interesting that the supplies chiefly mentioned were luxurious items such as canned oysters, French mustard, cigars, champagne, and whiskey. Some Confederates, lacking basic clothing, outfitted themselves with articles of Union uniforms.

September 14 – 18 – Sharpsburg/Antietam. Poague and Carpenter went first to Harper's Ferry with Jackson and took up positions on the bank of the Shenandoah River. They opened fire on the Union right. Following the surrender of the Union garrison they marched into Maryland, meeting opposition that day on the road at Sharpsburg. On the 17th, his battery received such heavy fire, it was nearly destroyed. At this site General Lee's son, Bob, a private in the Rockbridge Artillery, after a furious assault asked his father if he was sending them in again. Lee replied that he was.

October – Poague's battery was stationed along the Rappahannock River to attack Federal gunboats with his two 20-pound Parrott guns.

December 13 – 14 – Fredericksburg. After the battle, Poague's battery joined General Jubal Early's command and was sent to a post downstream of the city on the Rappahannock. There they spend the remainder of the winter on picket duty, headquartered at Gay Mont Estates

Notes from the Editor (BA). For more information on Poague and the Rockbridge Artillery:

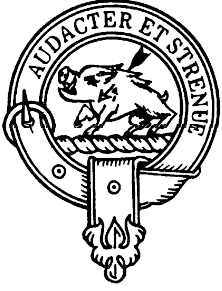
- 1) Encyclopedia of Virginia. First Rockbridge Artillery. http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/First_Rockbridge_Artillery
- 2) From 1884-1914 Poague served as Virginia Military Institute's Treasurer & Military Storekeeper. <http://www1.vmi.edu/archivephotos/Details.asp?ACCNUM=135&rform=list> If you are interested in additional views of the Rockbridge Artillery action look at Thomas M. Wade Civil War Letters 1st Rockbridge Artillery, 1862-1863 in the VMI online archives <http://www.vmi.edu/archives.aspx?id=20773>.
- 3) Poague's Civil War memoirs were published as *Gunner with Stonewall; reminiscences of William Thomas Poague, a memoir, written for his children in 1903. It was reprinted in 1957 and available in many libraries & used book stores.*
- 4) Biography of Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Poague in *And The A.P. Hill Came Up: Life and times of General Ambrose Powell Hill*. <http://www.aphillcsa.goellnitz.org/poague.html>
- 5) COLONEL WILLIAM T. POAGUE - was born in the ancestral home where he now resides, December 20, 1835, a son of John Barclay and Elizabeth Stuart (Paxton) Poague. In the first year of the civil war, Colonel Poague served as lieutenant in the Rockbridge Artillery; second year a captain of the organization; third year as major for a month or so in McIntosh's Artillery Battalion, ... Source: Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia (NY, Richmond, and Toledo: H. H. Hardesty and Company Publishers, 1884). p. 411. Transcribed and submitted by: "Valerie F. Crook" <vfcrook@trellis.net> <http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/rockbridge/bios/bio-p.txt>
- 6) William Thomas Poague. Includes a short biography and photos of his grave in Lexington City, Virginia. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=10287566>

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