

CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

THE POLLAG

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Words from the President...



As we approach the end of another year, we want to thank all our Clan Pollock members for their support. We especially appreciate everything our Clan Pollock officers, our Pollag editors, and our Commissioners/Conveners do to help things run smoothly.

We continue to need participation from more of you who would be willing to help out by hosting Games. We will try to help you in any way with items for a Clan Pollock tent. Just let us know!

If you are looking for a Christmas gift for someone in your family, check out our Clan Pollock items for sale on the website, clanpollock.com. Or think about giving a gift membership to Clan Pollock as a gift.

Please remember to notify us if you have a change of address or change in your e-mail address so that Mike and Beth Avery can make sure you receive your Pollag newsletter. Also, Beth is always looking for items about our members to include in the Pollag. We receive compliments on our newsletter from our members often and we want to include your news items too.

Remember, with the new year, it will be time for our annual dues. You can send a check for \$15.00 to the Clan Secretary address at the left or if you prefer to pay by Pay Pal, it is \$16.00 a year at the Clan website.

We wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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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Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25th of the month previous to the issue. The Pollag is issues in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@mail.otherwhen.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey M. Belmont, Chappaqua, New York
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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



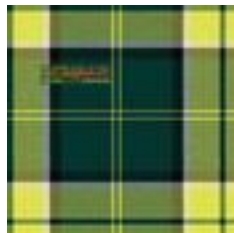
Michael T. Carden, Durham, North Carolina, passed away September 26, 2012 after a brave battle with lung cancer. Memorial donations may be made to: New Sharon United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 1601 New Sharon Church Rd., Hillsborough, NC 27278



We send our sympathy to his wife, Gail Pollock Carden, and their family. Mike was always ready to help in any way with the Clan Pollock activities especially at the Grandfather Mountain Games and other N.C. Games and also at Stone Mountain, GA. Mike was a dear friend and a faithful member of Clan Pollock. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

After his trip to Scotland (see the August Pollag) it seems **Brent DeShazo** has become addicted to the Pollock tartan. He just had a Pollock Black tartan made. Now he's wondering if anyone has a kilt or sash of Pollock Modern colours as show on the D. C. Dagliesh Tartan Weavers webpage http://www.dcdalgliesh.co.uk/tartan_found.rpy?id=553835 that



has green, yellow, grey and natural. If you have one would you share a picture with your editor, so others can see how this looks. Thanks.

Brent was recently voted the events director for the Central Florida St. Andrew's Society. His first official duty will be to DJ and host the St. Andrew's Night (formal event).



Tom Pollock's Grandson, Andrew Thomas, was married to Rachel Rosen-Simpson Aug, 18 in Rochester, NY. It was a Scottish Wedding with most of the grooms men in kilts as well as many of the men of the families. Andrew's kilt was "Thomas of Wales" Tartan. The Tartan I wore was "Heritage of Scotland" (I couldn't get a Clan Pollock kilt made in time.) All of the "Pollock Girls" had Clan Tartan Sashes. The ceremony even included the Hanging of the Tartans. Rachel's Dad made the Celtic Arbor and he is in the Nova Scotia Tartan.



Pollok Castle

The following narrative was written by former Clan Pollock President (and current Clan Pollock Genealogist) Richard H. Pollock after a visit to the area in 1997.

“POLLOK CASTLE – Unfortunately it no longer stands, although several out buildings remain and are occupied: Two Gate Houses (Pollok Lodge and West Lodge); The Stable; the Gardener’s Cottage. The property is privately held and you must get permission to visit the castle ruins (only steps and the foundation survive). The location is in the area near the intersection of Barrhead and Dodside Roads, along Dodside Road back towards Glasgow. Stewarton Road and M77 both cut through the original estate.”

We have talked to several people who plan to make trips to Scotland in the next year or so. We suggest you plan to spend some time in and around Glasgow where many areas with Pollok/Pollock names are located. Another quote from Richard Pollock, “Most of our early history centers around Renfrewshire and present day Glasgow. In and around Glasgow you will see street names like ‘Pollokshields’ and ‘Pollokshaws’.”

~A.D. Pollock, Jr



Sue & Dick Pollock on Castle Pollok Steps in 1997



Thanks to Clan Pollock member, Robert (Bob) Parrish for sending this aerial view of the ruins of Pollok Castle.

UPCOMING GAMES

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES
JANUARY 19 – 20, 2013
CENTRAL WINDS PARK
WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Clan Pollock will be represented at these Games with a tent hosted by Clan Pollock member, Brent DeShazo. We appreciate Brent's taking on this responsibility. This will be the 36th year for these Games. Among the musical groups performing will be Albannah – always a crowd pleaser. For additional information go to www.flascot.com

GAME REPORTS

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL
ESTES PARK, COLORADO SEPTEMBER 7 – 9, 2012

Again this year we had a great time at these Games. It was good to see old friends and to meet new ones. We hope you can see from the pictures some of the events. We stopped in Colorado Springs on our way to Estes Park to pick up some items for our tent from Bill and Ann Pollock. We enjoyed having lunch and visiting with both of them. Bill is a former Clan Pollock President and he, Ann and their daughter, Kitty, have hosted these Games in the past. We also had a good visit with Ruth Woodward when we picked up more items for the tent. Ruth and her late husband, Douglas Woodward, were long time Clan Pollock Colorado Commissioners. Their son and wife, Kent and Peggy Woodward are Clan Coordinators for these Games and do a great job keeping all the clans happy! Not an easy job, for sure!



Clan Pollock and Clan Maxwell members marching in the Parade in Estes Park, Colorado September 8, 2012. Kirsten and Anthony Belitz holding Clan Pollock's banner.



We were neighbors with Clan Maxwell again this year. Todd Morse, Clan Maxwell Colorado Commissioner, and his parents are nice folks and always willing to lend a helpful hand. Our shared hospitality tent with Clan Maxwell worked very well and gave us much needed additional space for visiting.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the tent. Matt and Vicki Pollock's dogs were a big attraction – both in the parade and at the tent. There is no way we could count all the people who stopped by to pat these "gentle giants"!

We hope to attend these Games again in 2013 – We invite all of you who can to join us then!

~A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



The Big Attraction!

GENEALOGIST'S CORNER

THE GENEALOGY TREE

Have you ever wondered if you descended from a famous person or royalty in Scotland?

If, for example, you descend from Sir John Pollok (ca 1524--1577) and Janet Mure (1524--1576), you descend from Robert the Bruce, King of Scots! Janet was his 6th great granddaughter.

Likewise if you descend from Sir Robert Pollok, Bart. (1661--1735) and Anabella Stewart, you are a cousin of Col. Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

If you have never submitted your pedigree information, it is difficult to make these or any other connections for you. Please send your heritage in whatever format you chose to let us start looking for your famous connections--my address is shown on Page 2.

Richard H. Pollock, FSA Scot, Genealogist, Clan Pollock International

William T. Poague, Lt. Col. CSA And the Rockbridge Artillery. Part IV

1863

February – Recommended to Major to Lee by General Pendleton.

March – Ordered to Hamilton's Crossing.

April – Promoted to Major. Left the Rockbridge Artillery to be second in command to David McIntosh, who headed a battery bearing his name.

May 1 – 6 – Chancellorsville. In firing at the Chancellor house, headquarters of Union General Joseph Hooker (Fighting Joe, a certifiable misnomer), the general was stunned by one of Poague's shells. This action occurred during the famous Stonewall Jackson flanking strategy. Douglass S. Freeman, biographer of Lee and a Civil War historian, in recounting the events of that day stated that at Hazel Grove (on the route to the unprotected Union Flank), the artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia had its finest hour. (p. 542, Vol. II, Lee's Lieutenants). Although the South celebrated its greatest victory here, it never recovered from the death of Jackson. Not only that, attrition was making itself inexorably felt and there were fewer and fewer reserves to call on.

June 2 – Lee regrouped his army into three corps after the death of Jackson. He assigned five battalions of artillery to each corps. At the same time there existed only four, so a new one had to be created. He named Poague as its commander and assigned the battalion to the Third Corps under General A. P. Hill. The Stonewall Brigade, or more accurately, its remnant, stayed with the Second Corps, which consisted chiefly of Jackson's former troops under General Richmond Ewell (Old Bald Head). Poague remained with the Third Corps until the end of the war. Longstreet had the First Corps.

July 1 – 4 – Gettysburg. Assigned to General Pettigrew at the front on the first day, but later ordered to remain at Cashtown. The next day Poague returned to the front where Lee asked him if he had seen Longstreet. He replied that he had not. Poague always held the view that Longstreet lost the battle for the South at Gettysburg. This issue is not yet put to rest, even though Lee held himself accountable. Until the second day, Poague's battalion had not fired a shot. On the third day, situated on General Hill's right, in front of where Pickett was to attack, he had ten rifled Napoleons and six howitzers to cover the charge. Even today, events leading up to Pickett's charge are mired in controversy because the artillery preparation appeared to be abdicated by Longstreet to Colonel E. P. Alexander, who was told to decide when to begin firing and how. Longstreet withdrew from any part of what then took place, having stated his objections to Lee about the proposed attack at Gettysburg in general, not just to Pickett's part in it. Alexander conducted the artillery barrage without any direction from his commanding general. Poague covered Pickett's advance, which exhibited signs of trouble immediately. Poague was to go forward behind Pickett's men and had so ordered his line. When he saw Pickett and told him he thought it was not going well, Pickett, watching the action, did not reply at once. Shortly afterwards he advised Poague to save his guns and rode off. Lee then appeared to ask Poague about his position. On the retreat from Gettysburg, Poague's battery was the last artillery unit to cross the Potomac. After that, Poague was in the Shenandoah Valley, then in Culpeper, and finally at Orange, VA.

October – Bristoe Station. This was the scene of General Hill's attack, which foundered disastrously, resulting in the loss of many men. Hill was a sick man during some of the crucial battles and failed notably here. After reviewing the field, Lee advised Hill to bury his dead and say no more about it. Poague and McIntosh were involved in the action here and later at Mine Run.

Winter 1863 to early 1864 – Poague's battalion camped southwest of Gordonsville at Lindsay's Turnout on the Central Railroad. They never fired a shot all winter.

1864

Early 1864 – Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

April 29 – Poague's unit broke camp at their winter quarters and moved to the Rapidan River near Liberty Mills.

May 4 – 8 – Wilderness. Poague moved along the turnpike to Chancellorsville with Wilcox's Division. On May 5 he was ordered to the front and engaged Federal cavalry at 10 A.M.

May 7 – 8 – No action. The description of the Wilderness battle is so appalling that it seems incredible that Poague had so little to say about it. It was either here or soon after in the Fredericksburg action that Lee became quite ill. Looking at the records in retrospect, medical experts conclude that Lee probably suffered a heart attack which was unrecognized as well as untreated. He continued to direct his army from his camp cot.

May 9 – 21 – Fredericksburg. Moved to Fredericksburg Road and held position in trenches.

May 21 – Moved to Hanover Junction.

May 25 – Positioned on west bank of Little River with five guns in place.

May 27 – To Ashland.

May 28 - To Mechanicsville outside of Richmond by Atlee's Station.

May 29 – 31 – To Hanover Court House

June 1 – Moved with General Heth's Division to Hundley's Corners, skirmishing all the way

June 2 – Moved with General Heth to extreme right of Union battle line.

June 3 – Cold Harbor. Forced into an unfavorable position, Poague's battalion sustained heavy casualties. They hold off Union forces with two guns. The firing on both sides lasted all day with no effect. This was one of Grant's worst days. Poague was wounded twice in the battle. A missile struck his left shoulder failed to penetrate his body but caused his arm to turn black to the wrist. A shell struck him on the chest, resulting in hemorrhage and later pneumonia. He was sent to a hospital in Richmond, but when he saw how heavily it was occupied with wounded soldiers, he checked into a hotel and sent for a doctor. After several days he left for home on a 30-day leave.

June – later – He was in Lexington only one day when news of approaching Federal cavalry ran rampant. The Union troops had heard that Poague was on leave and boasted that they would capture him. With some of their slaves and neighbors, Poague evacuated to Franklin County.

July 6 – Returned to command at Petersburg on battle line, firing nearly all the time.

July 29 – Moved to the north side of the James River. At the time of the Crater incident they were holding off the Federal cavalry.

July 31 – Ordered to return to Petersburg, they stopped at a "Halfway House" because of reports the Federals were digging a canal at Dutch Gap.

August 24 – April 2, 1865 – Stationed at Dutch Gap where the firing was constant. Poague had only one killed and one wounded during these months.



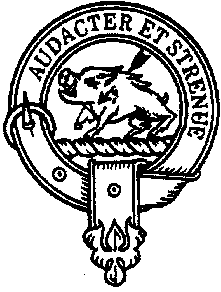
Becoming a Clan Leader

Interested in taking more of a role in Clan Pollock. The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations is sponsoring a on-line Clan Leadership Bootcamp in several sessions. You can listen to the first one at <http://www.cosca.net/>

The next online workshop, on building and sustaining clan and organization membership, will be December 8th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm eastern time. E-mail coscainfo@gmail.com to pre-register. Space is limited!

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DUNDEE CAKE (Traditional Scottish Christmas Cake)

8 oz unsalted butter, softened	8 oz sugar
4 eggs	1 egg white, beaten
10 oz flour	2 tsp grated orange zest
1 tsp baking powder	1/8 tsp salt
2 oz ground almonds	5 oz candied citrus peels.
1 lb. Mixed dried fruits which includes cherries, raisins.	
4 oz. Blanched whole almonds	

Line an 8" cake tin or spring-form pan with baking parchment.

Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Stir in orange rind.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.

Combine mixed dried fruits and candied citrus peels and coat lightly with a little flour.

Fold the flour mix into the creamed mixture and add ground almonds, mixed dried fruits and candied citrus peels.

Spoon into the cake tin, Arrange whole almonds around the top in a pleasing pattern. Brush with beaten egg white

Bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 3 hours until an inserted wooden pick comes out clean. . After the first hour, cover with a sheet of baking parchment to prevent browning and burning. . Remove cake from pan and cool.



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