

The Pollag
August 2015

"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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Words from the President...



Thank you to everyone who has hosted or helped at a Clan Pollock tent so far this year. We appreciate so much your willingness to serve in this way. If any of you are interested in hosting a Clan Pollock tent in your area, please get in touch with us. We will help you in any way we can by providing materials to hand out, etc. Unfortunately we can't make as many games as we would like – age does have its limitations!

We had a great time with all the Stone family at the Grandfather Mountain Games earlier in July. From the newest member, 8 week old Maxwell Franklin Pollock Stone, to his Grandparents, Merle and Ben Stone, everyone enjoyed the gathering. Thank you to Tim & Kelly Stone and Wilson and Caroline for their excellent work as hosts for these Games.

We are looking forward to being at the Estes Park Games in September and hope to see many friends there. If you are in the area, please stop by!

We are trying to keep Clan Pollock's Face Book page interesting – we get a lot of people "liking" our posts and comments. It's a little hard to teach "old folks" new tricks but we are trying to keep up with the times! We always welcome your comments and input.

Our best to all,

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
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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 issued in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. Send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@otherwhen.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David B. Horne, Orlando, FL

Matthew Pollock, Staffordshire, England, UK

Virginia R. Riebe, Belleville, MI

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mollie P. Jessup, Winter Park, Florida, Lifetime Member

Ralph Pollock, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada, Lifetime Member and Ontario Commissioner

Vivian Pollock, Ankeny, Iowa, wife of Clan Pollock member, Norman Pollock, and mother of Clan Pollock members Marcia J. Baker, Mark W. Pollock, and Matthew D. Pollock and grandmother of Clan Pollock member, Christopher Pollock.



NEWS OF MEMBERS



This is the newest Stone - Ben & Merle Stone's grandson. Maxwell Franklin Pollock Stone, born May 16th. . Maxwell's parents are Jamelyn Truck and Michael Stone. Maxwell was a great addition to our group this year - such a good baby!

Robin Scott Pollock 93 and Marion Pollock Dunbar 95 celebrating their Birthdays June 2015 in Crawfordville, FL. Twenty two family and friends joined in the celebration.



Remember to like and contribute to the Clan Pollock Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ClanPollock>

Note: New email address for the Pollag editor: averyb@otherwhen.com



A. D. Pollock with his cousins, three Clan Pollock members, and sisters, Martha Tucker, Patricia Hardison and Edna Bates. The sisters, all retired school teachers, have operated Mrs. Janey's Tea Room in Sacramento, KY for 7 years but are closing the doors this summer to spend more time with their families.



Waylon Pollock, grandson, of Clan Pollock member Jim Pollock and son of Clan Pollock member Jimmy Pollock.



Dick & Sue Pollock & family celebrated their 60th anniversary



Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER

- 1 – Raymond M. Pollock; William C. Pollock
- 3 – William Harmon
- 4 – John F. Polk; Mark Polk; Richard S. Pollock
- 7 – A.D. Pollock, Jr.
- 9 – Bruce W. Pollock
- 15 – Roy W. Pollock
- 19 – Rita P. Dunlap; Thomas A. Pollock
- 20 – Suzanne P. MacAulay; Bob Tingle
- 23 – Edna N. Bates
- 26 – Robert E. Pollock
- 27 – Spencer C.C. Pollok
- 28 – Laura A. Pollock
- 29 – Jimmy R. Polk
- 30 – Elizabeth A. Ploghoft; Donald R. Pollock

OCTOBER

- 1 – Edwin H. Pogue
- 2 – Georgeann P. Griffin
- 4 – Phillip J.B. Pogue
- 5 – Robert H. Pollock
- 6 – Richard E. Kehder

- 11 – Michael A. Sisinger
- 13 – Patricia A. Hardison; Scott D. Pollock
- 15 – Janet Hinton
- 18 – John C. Lyon
- 22 – Rosalie Dressler; Harding Polk II
- 24 – Kathleen Copelen
- 29 – Christian P. Pleasants
- 30 – Thomas M. Pollock
- 31 – J. Andy Pollock

NOVEMBER

- 4 – Horace Loftin
- 12 – Jim Pollock
- 15 – Olene P. LeFavre
- 16 – Charlene P. Young
- 18 – Todd A. McGeehan
- 21 – Gerald W. Polk
- 23 – Penelope L. Johnson
- 25 – Gail P. Carden; Joe A. Pollock
- 26 – Perry W. Polk
- 27 – James M. Pogue
- 28 – Keith G. Pollock
- 29 – William L. Pollock

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. Thanks.
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NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

39th Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO

September 10 – 13, 2015

http://scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html

Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock



We will head to Estes Park again in September for these Games. Look for us next to Clan Maxwell with a shared space for visitors. These Games have a great Tattoo on Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights – always very well done! We will hope for a dryer evening this year but the downpour at last year's Friday show didn't dampen the participating units' spirits or performance. Saturday morning, join us for the Parade before heading to the Fairgrounds for lots of activities all day. Be sure and stop by our tent for a greeting from the "Gentle Giant" Great Danes – Zeus and Pinto – always a big draw. See you there!



East Tennessee Celtic Festival (formerly the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival)

Johnson City, TN

September 11 – 13, 2015

<http://uppereasttncelticsociety.org/index.php?template=festival>

If you can't make it to Estes Park and live in the East Tennessee/West North Carolina area, you might want to check out this East Tennessee Celtic Festival. If you would like to sponsor a tent at these games contact A.D. and Clara for help in getting started.

Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival

October 10, 2015

<http://indyscotgamesandfest.com>



The games will run From 9:00am - 9:00pm, at German Park 8600 S. Meridian Street. If you would like to sponsor a tent at these games contact A.D. and Clara for help in getting started.

GAME REPORTS

26th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois.

As always, this weekend-long summer celebration offered an extensive array of unique Scottish traditions, revelry, and culture for the whole family! Luckily we were able to avoid the wet fields we had last year, although it was definitely warm and humid.

The festival kicked off Friday with the start of the Highland Dance competition, Heavy Athletics & Rugby Exhibitions, the crowning of our Heather Queen & Court and wrapped up with a traditional Ceilidh. With an estimated crowd of around 12,000 attendees, Saturday's highlights included competitions in Champion Supreme Piping & Drumming; the Heavy Athletics U.S. Open; the finals of the Highland Dance competition; Rugby Sevens Highland Challenge; Coerver Cup 3v3 youth soccer tournament; and attendee



contests like the Kilted Mile Fun Run/Walk, British Car Show, Haggis Hurling, Knobbly Knees, Haggis Eating and Shortbread.

In addition, there were many family-friendly activities such as Dogs of Scotland; Genealogy and cultural exhibits; Parade of Clan Tartans; Children's mini golf, crafts & carnival attractions; musical performances on the Celtic Rock Stage, Whisky tastings and seminars, traditional Scottish cuisine and shopping in the Celtic Marketplace.

The festivities culminated 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.

There has not yet been a wrap-up meeting scheduled, so I would urge anyone with comments or suggestions to please forward them to me so I may bring them up before the Board. We hope all who attended enjoyed the Games and those who were not able to come, we hope to see you at future events.

~ Paul Layman
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Greenville Scottish Games 22 and 23 May, Greenville, SC

2015 marked the 10th anniversary of the Greenville Scottish Games held each year on the campus of Furman University. They get started every year with the Great Scot! Parade down Main Street, in downtown Greenville, on Friday evening. This year's parade included the Honor Guard for the games, members of the Royal Highland Fusiliers (2 SCOTS), pipe bands, clans and even the dogs of Scotland. Friday night after the parade the crowd was treated to a concert by the band Albannach. The sound of bagpipes and tribal drums on Main Street has been a treat the past few years of the games.



Since the games are held each year on the Saturday before Memorial Day a salute to members of the military plays a big part in the opening ceremonies. All former and current members of the military are asked to step onto the parade field as the National anthems of Great Britain and the United States are played. It is a fitting tribute to all of those who serve. The flags of the United States and Scotland literally dropped in from above with members of the US Army Parachute Team. This years honored guest was Chief Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine. The crowd was treated to the athletic competitions, pipe bands, clan tents, a British Car show and Celtic music which all made for a great Saturday. For those who did not get enough there was the Celtic Jam concert Saturday night with performances by the bands Lissakeole, Cleghorn and Albannach. My wife and I have been making the drive up from Atlanta to Greenville the past 5 years and highly recommend it as a great yearly weekend getaway to anyone close by.

The picture is of the Royal Highland Fusiliers in the Great Scot! Parade.

Hal G. Hardin, Jr.



Grandfather Mountain Games July 9-12, 2015

Thanks to the Stones for their great work at the games. On July 10th the banners took beating from the terrific wind! It was almost impossible to have anything out on the tables because of the wind - we had a great time though. Stones, Taylors, Pollocks had a enjoyed hanging out together.

*A.D. Pollock, Jr. with Ben Stone,
Tim Stone, and Mike Stone .*

THE GENEALOGY TREE



Did you know there is a geranium named "Mrs. Pollock"? We didn't either until Sue and I saw "Mrs. Pollock" in 1990 in the garden at the Palace of King Henry VIII near London. The leaves were quite striking: red, yellow and green and the blooms a scarlet red in color.

We presently have several of these plants, and although they have not bloomed yet they are well on their way to achieving their full grown 12" height. Having these plants has rekindled the off and on again curiosity questions of the last 25 years: How and when were the plants first developed? For whom were they named?

Author Anne Wilkinson has no doubt who created "Mrs. Pollock." She shows a chart the plant was formed by a combination "Emperor of the French" and "Gold Pheasant." (1) She further states that "it was created in the 1860's by Englishman Peter Grieve." (2) In his book, Peter Grieve is, however, very vague as to the developer of "Mrs. Pollock", although he first named the fusing of two plants in this way " I will give as briefly as possible and so far as I know the pedigree of "Mrs. Pollock." The seed-

bearing plant was a variety called "Emperor of the French" and the pollen plant was "Gold Pheasant." (3) While he is not taking direct credit for 'Mrs. Pollock" he certainly was a great promoter of the plant as "Mrs. Pollock" is mentioned twenty five times in his book!

He later wrote in the "*Journal of Horticulture*" " Pelargonium "Mrs. Pollock" was raised, I think, in the year 1858, and when it was sent out two or three years later, someone in writing said "that the advent of "Mrs. Pollock" literally took the horticultural world as it were by storm." (4) He further stated " I am inclined to think that the beautiful "Mrs. Pollock" would prefer to say, in the words of the Poet-Laureate, that "she was too proud to care from whence she came." (5)

The real clue as to who named "Mrs. Pollock" was noted by the famous author and botanist Charles Darwin. " Sir F. Pollock has given me more precise information: he sowed seed from a variegated plant of *Ballota nigra* which was found growing wild and thirty percent of the seedlings were variegated; seeds from those latter being sown , sixty percent came up variegated." (6)

The Sir F. Pollock was the Rt. Hon. Sir Jonathan Frederick Pollock, Baronet (highlighted in an earlier "Pollag") whose wife was Sarah Anne Amowah Langslow Pollock, the namesake for the geranium "Mrs. Pollock." It is remarkable that a plant created approximately 157 years ago is still a favorite in 2015.

(1) Anne Wilkinson, *The Passion for Pelargoniums*, (Sutton Publishing Limited : Phoenix Mill Thrupp Stroud Gloucestershire, England: 2007), p. 154.

(2) Ibid. p.155

(3) Peter Grieve, *A History of Ornamental-Foliated Pelargoniums With Practical hints for Their Production, Propagation and Cultivation*, Second Edition, (William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London: 1869), p.113.

(4) Ibid. p. 121

(5) Ibid. p. 112.

(6) Charles Darwin, *The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication*, Vol. 1, second edition revised, (D. Appledon and Company, New York: 1887), p. 409.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
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Ancestry

Many of us have our family tree available on Ancestry.com. So if you are interested in tracing you family tree check it out. A good place to start is our Clan Genealogist Dick Pollock's line which is in the public view.

Descendants of Archibald A. and Mary Morrison Pollock

I had a telephone conversation recently with Clan Pollock member, William (Bill) E. Shellhart from Colorado Springs, CO. Bill's grandmother, Mary Pollock Smith, was a sister to Clan Pollock President, A.D. Pollock's great-grandfather, Archibald Pollock. Mary and Archibald both came from the Glasgow area of Scotland to New York November 11, 1857 on the Alfred Storer ship and then on to Muhlenberg County, KY.

Mary and Archibald's father was Archibald Alexander Pollock who was born around 1798 in Lanarkshire Parish, New Monkland, Scotland. We have no record that he ever came to the United States although he wanted to as expressed in a letter dated March 15, 1857 to his son, John, who was already in the U.S. The letter says, "...all are very anxious to get out. A man can make nothing in this country as provisions are very high." There is a family story that Archibald died at sea while attempting to come. His wife, Mary Morrison Pollock, did make it to the U.S. and to KY and is buried in the Render Cemetery in McHenry, KY. She passed away December 24, 1887.

We have a copy of a newspaper article from the Hartford (KY) Herald dated January 4, 1888 which reads, "Mrs. Pollock, an aged lady who emigrated to America from Scotland many years ago, was buried in the Render graveyard on December 26, 1887. Grandma, as she was lovingly called by all who knew her, was a lady who possessed sterling qualities of both head and heart."

Clan Pollock currently has 17 members who are descendants of Archibald A. and Mary Morrison Pollock. They are: Edna Nall Bates; John W. Espey; William J. Espey; Patricia Nall Hardison; John T. Main; Archie D. Pollock, Jr; Archie D. Pollock III; Charles A. Pollock; Harry C. Pollock; J. Andrew Pollock; James D. Pollock; James L. Pollock; Thomas E. Pollock; William D. Pollock; William E. Shellhart; Elizabeth Pollock Slough; and Martha Nall Tucker.

Clara Ann Pollock
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Historian's Corner

15 YEARS AGO IN THE POLLAG

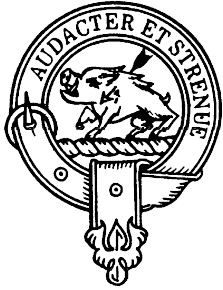
One of our members found the following on the www.historychannel.com website. Think it is worth repeating 15 years later!

"In God We Trust: ...Congress passed legislation on this day in 1908 that made the maxim 'In God We Trust' an obligatory element of certain coins. The motto dates back to the early 1860s when the Civil War stirred religious feelings throughout the nation. America's heightened piety manifested itself in many places, including the treasury department, which received countless letters requesting that the nation's coins pay some form of tribute to God. Concerned citizens and religious leaders found a fast friend in Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase, who readily agreed that the trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. **James Pollock**, director of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, was charged with devising a suitable motto. After some key revisions from Chase, **Pollock** decided upon the now familiar 'In God We Trust'."

Note from the current editor: from the U.S. Treasury website: "Later, the motto was found missing from the new design of the double-eagle gold coin and the eagle gold coin shortly after they appeared in 1907. In response to a general demand, Congress ordered it restored, and the Act of May 18, 1908, made it mandatory on all coins upon which it had previously appeared. IN GOD WE TRUST was not mandatory on the one-cent coin and five-cent coin. It could be placed on them by the Secretary or the Mint Director with the Secretary's approval." <http://www.treasury.gov/about/education/Pages/in-god-we-trust.aspx>

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Motto: Boldly and Strongly

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Looking back across the maze. Pollok house and gardens, June 2010. <http://bit.ly/1L3ekP5>