

The Pollag
August 2016

"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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Words from the President...



Hello again -

We hope you are all doing well and that you are having a good summer. If you live in the hot and humid South like we do, we know you are very thankful to Willis Carrier, the man who invented the air conditioner! We don't know of a Scottish connection but we're sure he had one!

We weren't able to attend the Grandfather Mountain Games this year but we know things were in good hands with the Stone Family hosting Clan Pollock's tent. Thank you, Tim, Kelly, Wilson and Caroline for continuing this tradition despite the loss of Dr. Ben.

Coming up soon are the Longs Peak Games at Estes Park, Colorado September 8 - 11. We look forward to these Games and visiting with the Pollocks, Polks, Pogues and others at these Games.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to all who have been impacted by the tragic events in recent weeks both here in our country and abroad. We ask you to pray that humankind can learn to live in peace with each other.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock
Written July 21, 2016

MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Shawn D. Joyce, Rock Hill NY
Kelly J. Pollock, Chapel Hill, NC
Michael S. Pollock, Chapel Hill, NC
Samuel V. Stone, Highlands, NJ
Virginia T. Watson, Berryville, VA
Diana M. Polk, Berkeley, CA

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Our sympathy to the families of our Clan Pollock members who have passed away recently or that we have learned about since our last Pollag.

Ernest B. Thompson, Moss Beach, CA, passed away in 2015. His brother, Roy S. Thompson, notified us.

Benton H. Pollok of Urbanna, VA passed away May 3, 2106.



Robert Allen Watts, Sr. passed away August 14, 2016. Many of you will remember him from the Pollag article in May 2012 when 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.

Charter Clan Pollock member, Marian P. Dunbar, 95, Crawfordsville, FL, passed away June 2. Marian was the sister of Rob Pollock and the late Hamish Pollock and the aunt of Gail P. Carden. Marian's son, Bruce Dunbar, Monrovia, CA passed away the same day.

Clan Pollock Vice President Dr. Harry Benjamin (Ben) Stone III passed away May 16 at his home in New Bern, N.C. Ben joined Clan Pollock in November, 1994 and became Vice President in February, 2001. He was a retired otolaryngologist, graduating from Duke Medical School in 1965. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 2 years. He is survived by his wife of 52



years, Merle, 3 sons, 3 grandchildren and a brother, Dr. Kearfott Stone. Ben was a great asset to Clan Pollock and continued to help with the Clan tent at the Loch Norman and Grandfather Mountain Games even after his son and family, Tim, Kelly, Wilson & Caroline took over as North Carolina Commissioner due to Ben's health issues. Ben was a great friend to all who knew him and is greatly missed.

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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

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

1 - Raymond M. Pollock; William C. Pollock
3 - William Harmon
4 - John F. Polk; Mark Polk; Richard S. Pollock;
Kelly J. Pollock
7 - A.D. Pollock; Marian P. Knowlton
9 - Bruce W. Pollock
13 - Richard A. Pollock
15 - Roy W. Pollock
19 - Rita P. Dunlap; Thomas A. Pollock
20 - Suzanne P MacAuley; Bob Tingle
22 - Sara L. Yeager
23 - Edna N. Bates
26 - Robert E. Pollock
27 - Spencer CC Pollok
29 - Jimmy R. Polk
30 - Elizabeth A. Ploghoft; Donald R. Pollock

OCTOBER

2 - Georgeann P. Griffin
4 - Phillip J.B. Pogue
6 - Richard E. Kehder
11 - Michael A. Sisinger

13 - Patricia A. Hardison
15 - Janet Hinton
18 - John C. Lyon
20 - Steve DeShazo
22 - Rosalie Dressler; Harding Polk II
29 - Chrystin P. Pleasants
30 - Thomas M. Pollock
31 - J. Andy Pollock

NOVEMBER

4 - Horace Loftin
11 - Linda L Tiffany
12 - Jim L. Pollock
15 - Olene P. LeFevre
16 - Charlene P. Young
18 - Todd A. McGeehan
20 - C. Andy Polk
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 MEMBERS

Clan Pollock Historian Receives Book Award

Each year the Maryland Historical Society awards a prize in memory of one of its benefactors, Sumner A. Parker, for the best publication of the year concerning a Maryland family. This year the Parker Prize was awarded to your Clan Pollock Historian, John Polk, for his book "Beyond Damned Quarter, The Polk/Pollock Family of the Chesapeake Eastern Shore." The award was made at the Society's annual meeting on 27 June.

John's book was published last December. It concerns the family of Robert and Magdalen Polke who emigrated from Donegal, Ireland, circa 1687, with several other Scotch-Irish families and Presbyterian ministers to Somerset County, Maryland, on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The family settled in an area known at the time as Damned Quarter but now called Dames Quarter. This was the first appearance of the Polk/Pollock family in colonial America.





On the left there's 3 Generations of Pollocks & a Cousin -- A.D., Jim, Jimmy, and Waylon Pollock in Thousand Oaks, CA

On the right Archie, Clara Ann, Hannah, & A.D. Pollock at Hannah's graduation from Cai Poly University June 11th.



NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES

Want to help Clan Pollock grow and meet new friends? Think about having a tent at a Game near you. It's easy to do and you get to meet great people. Contact A.D. and Clara if you'd like to give it a try.

Virginia Scottish Games
Great Meadow, The Plains, VA.
September 3-4, 2016
<http://www.vascottishgames.org/>

Clan Maxwell will be there. Stop by and say hello and see how easy it is to host a tent. Then you'll be able to host a Clan Pollock tent at next year's games.



40th Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival
Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO
September 8 - 11, 2016
<http://www.scotfest.com/>
Clan Pollock Tent Hosts: A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Another September is coming up and that means a trip to these Scottish Games. We'll be neighbors with Clan Maxwell again this year with a shared space for visitors. Start your Games with the Tattoo held on Thurs., Fri, and Sat nights - always well done. Full activities on Friday at the Games and the Saturday Parade marching DOWN the hill - always a fun time. Activities at the Games on Saturday & Sunday. We look forward to seeing friends from years past and new ones again this year! See you there!

Aztec Highland Games

Aztec, NM

<http://www.aztechighlandgames.com>

October 1-2, 2016

No Clan Pollock Tent – you can host one.

The games will be held at Riverside Park, 500 S. Light Plant Rd.,



Scotland County Highland Games

October 1, 2016

<http://www.schgnc.org/clans.html>

Get to know the Maxwell's who will have a tent here. Then contact A.D. about hosting a Clan Pollock tent next year. It will be easy since you will already know th Maxwells.



Murray, KY Highland Festival

Central Park, Murray, Ky

Saturday, October 22, 2016

wkhighlandsociety@gmail.com

<http://www.murraykyhighlandgames.com/>

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

We're going to try to attend these Games this year and support the Western Highlands Society. We hope some of our West Kentucky friends can join us!

GAME REPORTS

30th Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Hamilton Lakes, 1 Pierce Place, Isasca, IL

June 18, 2016

Paul Layman hosted the tent. Thank you to Clan Pollock member Elizabeth Anastasia for helping with these Games and for sending the pictures.



THE GENEALOGY TREE

This is a true story about a cousinPearl Harbor.....DNA.....75 years.....and a military burial service.

My cousin, Ensign Lewis Bailey Pride, Jr. was killed aboard the USS Oklahoma during the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. Approximately 400 naval men were unaccounted for after the attack, as the Oklahoma flipped over from torpedo attacks and remained that way until 1943 when the ship was righted and the remains of the still unidentified service men were interred in the Nu'uuanu and Halawa Cemeteries ion Hawaii. The remains were later reburied in a cemetery at the Punchbowl, also in Hawaii.

With the advent of DNA, testing pressure began to mount on the Navy Department in Washington to finally identify the remains from the Oklahoma. The Navy at first didn't want to do this, saying it would harm the dignity of the buried men. Pressure won out, however, and in early 2016 the remains were dug up and DNA testing began.



The Navy knew Bailey was from Madisonville, KY. They contacted the VFW post (named for Bailey Pride, by the way) there to see if there were any Prides in the membership. Another Pride cousin was identified, his DNA was tested and there was a match!

75 years after his death, Ensign Lewis Bailey Pride was buried 18 June 2016 next to his parents with full military honors in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville, KY. On the way to the cemetery I'm proud to say that the citizens of my home town stood on the sidewalks on West Center Street and waived American flags as the procession passed by.

Richard H. Pollock,
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Historian's Corner

The Origin of the Poage Family of Augusta County, Virginia

The Poage family was among the earliest settlers of the Shenandoah Valley, arriving in what is now Augusta County, Virginia, in 1740. Robert Poage, with his wife and 9 children, were one of a group of 16 Scotch-Irish families led by Alexander Breckenridge of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who appeared before the Orange County Court on 22 May 1740 attesting to their importation at their own expense and claiming rights to settle on the King's lands. Robert's brother, John Poage, had appeared on Orange County records about a year earlier when he was appointed to a commission to lay out a road to the border with Goochland

County. Robert and John Poage both settled on lands a few miles north of what is now Staunton, Augusta County, VA.

A good account of these first settlers is found in "Annals of Augusta County VA" by Joseph Waddell, (see <https://archive.org/details/annalsofaugustac00wadd> , pp. 258-61). Waddell speculates that Robert Poage may have come to America sometime earlier but cites no records to support this. Another account appears in "The Descendants of Robert and John Poage (Pioneer Settlers of Augusta County, VA)," a massive volume of 1400 pages that traces all the descendants of the two Poage brothers down to the time of the book's writing (1954). According to both sources Robert Poage's wife was Elizabeth Preston, sister of James Patton, one of the early leaders of the community with an interesting personal history going back to Donegal, Ireland. A stone monument to the memory of Robert Poage "immigrant from Ireland - 1739" and Elizabeth Preston has been erected by their descendants at Fort Defiance, VA.

The Poages also appear frequently in Chalkley's "Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish settlements in Virginia" (see <https://archive.org/details/chroniclesscotc00lockgoog>) which are extracts of the court records of Augusta County. There is an item on 20 August 1757 of the records (p.77) that identifies Robert and John Poage as nearest of kin to Robert Renix (Renick?), dec'd. This is not further detailed but could be explained by an earlier record from Lancaster County, PA. The following appears in Egle's Notes and Queries (Annual Volume 1899, p.83):

An Early settler on the Susquehanna

Whereas George Renick, late of Inniskillen, having about eleven years ago arrived in this province with the first settlers of Donegal, yet has never obtained leave to settle on any of the proprietor's lands, without which leave he never would presume to attempt it, and being now desirous that himself and his three sons, William, Thomas and Robert , and his son-in-law, Robert Polke, might be allowed to settle down on some tract together in one neighborhood, I therefore think it advisable that pursuant to his request he and his sons and son-in-law be suffered to enter on the quantity of one thousand acres, near Susquehanna, between Sohataroe and Pextan, and that the same may be marked out to him and his said sons in a regular tract by the surveyor of Lancaster county or his order at the said George's charge, upon this express condition, that he and his said sons and son-in-law shall comply with such terms as shall be proposed by the proprietors or their agents, when lands in those parts shall be granted, or otherwise shall quietly quit the same. Dated at Stenton, the 25th day of January, 1730-1. JAMES LOGAN.

Alexander Breckinridge also came from this part of Pennsylvania, having spent some time there after arriving from Ireland about 1734, so presumably the entire group of families that accompanied him to Orange County was from Pennsylvania, having arrived there from Ireland some years earlier.

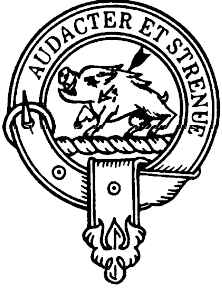
From the Orange County attestation we know that Robert Poage had a son named George, not a common Scotch-Irish name, listed as second among his sons, consistent in the Scotch-Irish naming pattern with George Renick being Robert's father-in-law. From the above Pennsylvania record we also know that George Renick had a son named Robert, consistent with the Augusta Court record identifying the Poages as nearest of kin to a Robert Renix. The obvious inference from this is that Robert Poage of Augusta County was the Robert Polke of Donegal Township who married a daughter of George Renick. If this is so, it also seems likely that Robert's (first) wife died in Lancaster County, and that he married Elizabeth Preston as his second wife before moving to Virginia. When they arrived in Orange County his wife was identified as Elizabeth, which was also the name of his sixth listed daughter.

This suggestion differs somewhat from the usual Poage family history and is admittedly not certain, but seems very reasonable. Comments from readers would be most welcome.

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November at The Pollok House at the Pollok County Park, Glasgow.

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