

**The Pollag**  
**August 2018**

*"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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# CLAN POLLOCK INTERNATIONAL

## THE POLLAG

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## Words from the President...



Another summer is speeding by. Two surgeries for A.D. since March have kept us pretty close to home but we are looking forward to being at the Estes Park Games September 7 – 9. If you are in the area on Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, we could use some help in getting things set up around 2 pm. E-mail us or call (see our address & phone number on this page) if you can help.

Thanks to those who have hosted Clan Pollock tents this summer. Paul Layman, Elizabeth Anastasia and Ardeanna Layman Ferguson hosted at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Chicago Scots Games in June. Richard and Debbie Anderson hosted the 63<sup>rd</sup> Grandfather Mountain Games in July. We appreciate so much these members being willing to take their time and energy to do this!

Richard Anderson attended The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations or COSCA representing Clan Pollock. Among other things discussed was the need to reach out to younger participants. This is true for Clan Pollock also.

As always, send us your news and photos. Beth Avery does a great job in editing The Pollag but she always needs things "to edit"! Her email and address is on the next page.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock  
Written July 28, 2018

# MEMBER (and FRIENDS) NEWS

## NEW MEMBERS

Susan Pollock Beavis, Burlington, NC  
Cynthia Sue Wetzel, Lumberton, MS  
James Reynolds Madison, MS

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



**A.D., Clara Ann**, Rebecca, Hannah & Archie Pollock at Hannah's graduation receiving her Bachelor of Nursing in May

**Bob and Beth Parrish** of Midlothian Virginia are pleased to announce the birth of their first Great-grandchild, Levi Matthew Covey on July 30, 2018. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches tall.



Three living **Robert Scott Pollock's**. Rob turned 96 on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Rob was such a big part of Clan Pollock for many years. He was a N.C. Commissioner for years until his age & health intervened. Nice man and glad he is still enjoying life at 96.



Clan Pollock member, **Hal Hardin** and his family had a wonderful Scotland vacation in May. They stayed in Edinburgh and took trips to Leith, Glasgow, Linlithgow, Stirling, Callander, Pitlochry and Fort Augustus where they cruised the southern end of Loch Ness but had no luck spotting the

Loch Ness monster. A bus tour into the highlands was a highlight of the trip and provided many spectacular sights including the Three Sisters of Glencoe. The picture is of Hal, wife Shelly and step-children Courtney and Ross as they made their first stop in the highlands.

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

### Clan Pollock Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/ClanPollock>

### Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:averyb@otherwhen.com)

## DUES REMINDER

Have you paid your 2018 Clan Pollock dues? You can send your check/money order for \$15.00 U.S. made out to Clan Pollock International to Clara Ann Pollock or you can pay \$16.00 **US dollars** via Pay Pal at [Http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member](http://www.clanpollock.com/index.php?content=member).

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

2 - Georgeann P. Griffin; Ardeanna L. Ferguson  
4 - Phillip JB Pogue; Mary E. McMahon  
6 - Richard E. Pollock  
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  
5 - Joshua N. Pollock  
11 - Linda L. Tiffany  
12 - Jim L. Pollock; Robert "Bruce" Pollock  
14 - James W. Pogue, Jr.  
15 - Olene P. LeFevre  
16 - Charlene P. Young  
18 - Todd A. McGeehan  
20 - C. Andy Polk  
21 - Gerald W. Polk; Virginia T. Watson  
23 - Penelope L. Johnson  
25 - Gail P. Carden  
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.  
Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, [apollockis@comcast.net](mailto:apollockis@comcast.net)

## 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 fun. The Fall season games are listed below.*

**42<sup>nd</sup> Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival**

**Estes Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, Colorado**

**September 7 – 9, 2018**

**<http://www.scotfest.com>**

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

We are looking forward to these Games in September. We don't have our tent or space location at this writing, but we will send out an email when we get it.

There is a great lineup of entertainment for the Festival including the popular Albannach and a great lineup of bands and other entertainment for the TATTOO, which will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. We hope you will make the Clan Pollock tent your headquarters while you are here.



## **GAME REPORTS**

### **32nd Chicago Scots Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games June 15 & 16, 2018**

Thanks to Elizabeth Anastasia for sending this picture. We appreciate Elizabeth & Paul Layman for hosting Clan Pollock's tent at this event.

## **Greetings from Grandfather**

Thursday July 12 was cool and cloudy with a light mist in the air. I was reminded of a day in Scotland as I drove up to McCrae Meadow near the top of Grandfather Mountain. Parking was no problem for Clan participants with the lot conveniently located near the meadow. I had arrived early and was able to off-load my truck at out tent number 37-2. I noted that we were between the MacRea and Moffat clans. Agnes MacRae Morton is credited with founding the games and as a local resident, I knew that her descendants might be there. Thursday was a busy day of set-up but Thursday ends with the solemn and moving torchlight presentation of the Clans.



It's my nature to arrive early and Friday morning the meadow was peaceful at 8am. Kilted clansmen began arriving with steaming cups of coffee clutched tight. Moffat was represented by Andy, a retired school-teacher, who had set up beside me Thursday afternoon. I was glad to see the MacRea Clan roll in and was surprised that they were mostly from Mobile, AL. The older MacRea descendants and relatives of Agnes MacRea were said to be en-route.

I had set up our two tables with one of mostly literature and the second one a bit more dramatic. We had our tartan with a Scottish fleece on it. On the fleece, we had a basket hilt sword, a handmade rustic dagger, an antique cap and ball pistol and to represent our heraldry a skull with an arrow passing beneath it....The kids seemed entranced by the "bold exploit" exhibit. Friday continued with a steady stream of visitors and various other Clan representatives that stopped by to say hello.

Saturday is the big day at Grandfather and you may see 20,000 pass through the gates. The older MacRaes arrived and I was glad to see that the oldest member there was Agnes cousin. My wife Debbie is a native and she shared some memories of Agnes, who was a tiny woman, tooling around the mountain in her Rolls Royce barely peering over the steering wheel. The afternoon marked the meeting of The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations or COSCA. The current president outlined strategic plans for the coming year including upgrades to the social media presence, improvements in the software that they use to administer dues and contact info, efforts to reach out to younger participants and an outreach for female involvement. At 63, I was among the younger contingent and there were only four women in attendance. They see long-term viability as partially contingent on growth in a younger demographic. Many of us are "aging out" and the stamina and excitement of new members is welcomed. They are also exploring expanded funding sources such as product sales and legacy donations.

At the COSCA meeting, I introduced myself, explained the absence of Clara and A.D. and extended a greeting from them on behalf of Clan Pollock. Several nodded and waved and at the end of the meeting Joe Kerr of Clan Kerr stopped by and asked to be remembered to the Pollocks.

Sunday is a slower day at Grandfather and is punctuated by the parade of the tartans. By Sunday, I had been joined by a new prospective Clan Pollock member. Philip Lamachie is a young businessman from Greensboro, NC and is a descendant of James K. Polk and is excited to do and learn more about his Pollock heritage. My march around the parade field was bolstered by the presence of Philip. He and his wonderful daughter were welcome companions on Sunday. His artistic daughter was drawing temporary Scottish themed "tattoos" on visitors.

Late in the day Sunday, we got our first real rain of the games. Grandfather Mountain creates its own micro climate and four days with little or no rain is not bad. We trekked out much as we had arrived....Surrounded by mist like Scotsmen headed to battle or fleeing misfortune. It was grand!



To all Pollocks, I extend an invitation to attend the Highland Games in 2019. As a local resident, I would be honored to guide or advise you in planning for the trip.

~Richard Anderson

## **THE GENEALOGY TREE**

### **Pollocks in Georgia, Part 2**

by

**Vance Pollock**

Having crossed the Savannah River and established himself as a Georgia pioneer Baptist in Burke County around 1800, Jesse followed the frontier movement made up of many veterans of the Revolution and their families. His name appears in records of Screven and Wilkinson Counties before 1812 as well as early Baptist church association records for Laurens County. His oldest children had begun to marry by this time and several would move with their families to Baker and later Randolph, Decatur and Mitchell Counties where there are hundreds of our distant cousins today.

Of the children of old Jesse and Sally Pollock, at least 8 grew to adulthood and raised families of their own, often very large families. Most of these followed their father to Twiggs County, GA by 1820 and we must assume married there, though "Burnt Twiggs" is one of those unfortunate counties to have lost all their early records in a courthouse fire about 1900.

By 1827 Jesse and several of his children with their families had settled on and around a 202 and a half acre plantation located on "new" land in Houston County drawn in a recent state lottery which encouraged homesteading and settlement of the Georgia frontier by giving away land. He was a charter member and original trustee of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church there soon after the move. Jesse filed his will in Oct. 1832 and died soon after, his estate being settled in 1833. His wife Sally survived him and her name appears in records which suggest she lived until as late as 1844. They were buried on the original Pollock land between Bonaire and Kathleen, GA. A large section of that tract was purchased by the county and used as a landfill during the mid-1900s. Whether the section where the Pollock home stood and the family cemetery is located ended up under the public trash pit is not known. By 1910 it was said of this cemetery

that no marker or stone existed to determine its exact location. So, the grave of one of very few Revolutionary soldiers buried in Houston County, Jesse Pollock, is lost and likely to remain forever so.

Of the children who remained close by their father and mother, sons Thomas and Morris deserve our close attention.

The eldest of these, Thomas Pollock, was born about 1797 and married Elizabeth Hancock. Tom was a man of some regard in the community. He was a justice of the inferior court of Houston County in 1831, a justice of the peace for many years, his name appearing on many marriage records of the time, and a large planter, his estate including a considerable plantation complete with work houses and cotton gin. He must have died very early in 1860 as court records regarding his estate appear in the spring of that year. Of his several children, three were still minors at the time of his death.

In August of 1800 Jesse and Sally were blessed with twin sons, Morris and Martin. Martin and his family moved to Randolph County. Morris married Elizabeth Simpson, probably in Twiggs County very shortly before following his parents to Beaver Creek, Houston County before 1830. He served as a Lieutenant in the Houston County militia, home guard, in the early 1830s. He was also a successful planter and man of education. In the 1850s he moved with his family to Pulaski County. Though Hawkinsville was the nearest post office at the time, the family plantation was at Wallace on the road to Finleyson. After his brother Tom's death in 1860, he took in his young nieces and nephew. He was a pillar of the community and lived to the very ripe old age, especially for his time, of 84.

Morris' oldest son was Edmund Allison Pollock, born in Houston Co. in 1828. When E.A. was just a babe in arms, he was nearly dropped. In a grab to save the baby from his fall, his arm was broken. Without being properly set, his arm went dead and withered. Out of this unfortunate event came several very important effects on his adult life. First, unfit for general farm labor which was the rule of the day, E.A. was educated and would go on to a career as clerk of court and various elected positions in Pulaski County to include tax collector, superintendent of education and, after the war, Freedmen's Bureau agent. Also, his physical condition spared him active duty during the Civil War, which left so many of his kin and neighbors dead and broken.

Bad circumstances befell the family of Morris Pollock again when his only other son, E.A.'s younger brother Jesse O. Pollock, went blind when he was just fully grown. I imagine Morris was troubled at this time by the thought that he would not pass his own name on to another generation of Pollocks. Did he confide in his brother Tom about this dilemma and his wounded pride in the family name?

Whether with their fathers' encouragement or of their own fancy, Tom's young daughter Elizabeth Pollock married her first cousin E.A. Pollock soon after, about 1852.

With the Pollock cousins married and the timeline moved up to 1850, we're ready to find their family in Hawkinsville in the next chapter..

### ***Interesting Facts about Scots in Georgia***

Georgia might have been a Spanish colony had it not been for the Scottish Highlanders who sailed from the Old World on October 18, 1735. <https://www.todayingeorgiahistory.org/content/scottish-highlanders>

Arriving from the highlands of Scotland, one group of settlers came to help defend Georgia from Spanish invaders and to make a new home for themselves. Watch the video of a re-enactors portraying Scottish colonists and the many many characteristics they shared with the Native Americans.

[http://www.gpb.org/georgiastories/stories/scottish\\_highlanders](http://www.gpb.org/georgiastories/stories/scottish_highlanders)

## **HISTORIAN'S CORNER**

### **CASTLE POLLOK - FOR SALE**



Ever want to own a castle in Scotland? Now is your chance. Even better, it is Castle Pollok! Or at least that is how it is billed in a news item that I was rather surprised to see recently. And it is indeed for sale – for “offers over £ 1,100,000.”

Is this really Castle Pollok? Well no, it is a manor house built in 2003, but it stands on the site of Castle Pollok, the home of the Lairds of Pollok since the earliest origins of our family. Sadly the castle is no more, but there is a long history of the structure that occupied this spot for centuries, known as Castle Pollok. It stood on a prominence overlooking the Clyde valley and Glasgow to the north. This area was anciently known as Upper Pollok or Over Pollok to distinguish it from Lower Pollok, closer to Glasgow, which was escheated to the Maxwell family in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

There is no record of when the first stone structure or keep was built or exactly what it looked like. No doubt it originated as a defensive motte and bailey arrangement typical of the times, meant to withstand armed attacks during the prolonged periods of warfare in medieval Scotland. In later times, particularly after the Act of Union, it was substantially modified and transformed into a more stately manorial dwelling better suited to the position and needs of Sir Robert Pollock, the first Baronet. Here is how it is described in “Castellated and Domestic Architecture of Scotland”:



This ancient seat of the Polloks of Pollok (who trace their ancestry to Fulbert de Pollok in the twelfth century) occupies a high and conspicuous position on the point of a rocky ridge which rises above the Vale of Clyde and Cart, over which a splendid view is obtained extending many miles eastwards and westwards and comprising a distant prospect of Ben Lomond and the smoke-covered metropolis of the west (Glasgow) to the north. The castle stands in the pastoral parish of Mearns about midway between Neilston and Busby, and is visible on its lofty site for miles around.

It originally existed as a simple keep which Crawford describes “as a handsome old tower, according to the ordinary model, with a large battlement; but the present Sir Robert Pollok (1710) thought fit to demolish that fabric, and in place of it raised a stately house of a new model.” In 1882 the latter house was almost completely destroyed by fire, and after standing some years in ruins, has been again restored and extended by the present proprietrix, Mrs. Ferguson-Pollock of that Ilk, under the careful superintendence of Mr. Charles S. S. Johnson, architect.

For more information the following works have good articles about Castle Pollok:

“The Castles and Mansions of Renfrewshire and Buteshire;” A. H. Millar, F.S.A., T & R Annan & Son, Glasgow, 1889.

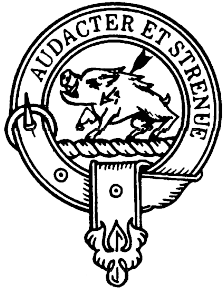
“The Castellated and Domestic Architecture of Scotland, from the Twelfth to the Eighteenth Century, Vol.4;” David MacGibbon and Thomas Ross, Architects, David Douglas Publishers, Edinburgh, 1892.

If interested please contact me for copies.

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## UPCOMING GAMES

Sept 1 - 2 VA. Virginia Scottish Games. The Plains <http://www.vascottishgames.org/>

Sept 1 - 2 CA. Pleasanton Games Alameda County Fairground. <http://www.caledonian.org/>

Sept 6 - 9 CO. Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival - Estes Park, Colorado.

Web <http://www.scotfest.com>.

Sept 21 - 23 NH. Southern New Hampshire Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, Oak Park Greenfields

<https://nhscot.org/>

Sept 14 - 16 OK. The Oklahoma ScotFest in Broken Arrow <https://okscotfest.com/>

Sept 14-15 IA. Celtic Highland Games of the Quad-Cities, Davenport. <http://www.celtichighlandgames.org>

Sept 21 - 23 NH. The New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, Lincoln. <http://www.nhscot.org>

Sept 28 - 30 PA. Celtic Classic Highland Games. Bethlehem. <http://www.celticfest.org>

Oct 1-2 VA. Williamsburg Scottish Festival. <http://www.vascottishgames.org>

Oct 5-6 NC. Scotland County Highland Games. Laurinburg. <http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com>

Oct 7 CT. Scotland Highland Festival Waldo Homestead Scotland. <http://www.scotlandgames.org>

Oct 13 - 14 CA. Seaside Highland Games Ventura, <http://seaside-games.com>

Oct 19 - 21 GA. Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival. Atlanta, <http://www.smhg.org>

Nov 2 - 4 AZ. The Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games in Rillito Park in Tucson.

<http://www.tucsoncelticfestival.org>

Nov 10 - 11 TX. Solado TX Scottish Gathering and Highland Games. <https://saladomuseum.org/scottish-gathering-and-highland-games>