

The Pollag
May 2021

"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...



In looking back at last year May *Pollag* "Words", we opened with "Well, who would have thought it?" Another May is almost here and those words are still true! Our hope for our members and your families is that you are doing well.

Some of the Scottish Games and events for 2021 have been cancelled. The Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina in July are being held. Please see the article by Richard Anderson in this issue concerning the Covid precautions that will be in place. The Estes Park, Colorado Games in September are also scheduled as of this time. Please see the article concerning the special Tattoo planned for this year on the 45th Anniversary of the first Tattoo.

We welcome 9 new members in this issue and want to thank all of them for their interest in becoming a member of Clan Pollock International.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2021 Clan Pollock dues. We appreciate your continued support of our organization.

As always we ask for your input for information/articles for *The Pollag*. These items make our newsletter interesting to our members and also make our great *Pollag* editors' job a little easier. If you receive your *Pollag* by email and change your email address, please let us know. We don't want you to miss any issues of *The Pollag*.

Stay safe and well – better days are ahead!

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Written April 29, 2021

MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. There are several newer members that we don't have birth dates for yet. Thanks. Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

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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

JUNE

1 – Carol Black;
Michael A. Stroschio

4 – John A. Pollock

5 – Cheryl A. Zelek

8 – Robert W. Parrish

13 – James T. Pollock

14 – John A. Pollock;

James W. Pollock

15 – Beth P. Avery

17 – Virginia P. Stoops

21 – Jack S. Pollock

22 – David A. Pollock;

25 – Robert W. Pollock

26 – Larry M. Pollock;

Steven A. Mitchell III

28 – Anita L. Pollock

JULY

2 – Richard H. Pollock

3 – Jerald C. Pollock

5 – William W. Pollock;

Mark W. Pollock;

Daniel Polk

10 – Thomas J. Morgan

18 – Thomas Pollock

19 – Sandra G. Pollock

20 – William C. Pollock

21 – Larry R. Pollock

22 – Dawn M. Kurth;

Larry C. Poague;

Eric Brown

28 – Jerry C. Pollock

30 – Joyce Pollock

AUGUST

1 – Carolyn L. Pollock;

Gary M. Pollock

2 – Hal G. Hardin

5 – Dorothy G. Lydecker

15 – Debra D. Munn

18 – Vicky P. Seibel;

W. John Espey

20 – Sandra N. Harriman

21 – Mary L. Anderson;

Larry R. Pollock

22 – Robert D. Pollock

23 – Nelle P. Kost

24 – Andy W. Pollock

30 – Archie D. Pollock III;

Nancy P. DeShazo

NEW MEMBERS

Novalea Polk O'Brien, Taylor, TX

Ruth Combs Miner, Prairie Grove, AK

Robert C. Polk, Starkville, MS

Olin M. Poag, Taylors, SC

James A. (Jim) Pollock, Lynchburg, VA

Dennis L. Burton, Mountain Home, ID

Fiona M. Pollock, Barrie, Ontario, CA

James (Jim) Poage, Maricopa, AZ

Lori A. Lane, Berwyn, PA

MEMBER NEWS

The Younger Generation



Waylon Pollock the day he won the Lou Daugh award at the California Lutheran College baseball camp. Congrats to Waylon. His Dad & Grandad, both Jim Pollock's, are Clan Pollock members.

Flowers of the Forest

Horace G. Loftin, Jr., age 93, died at Vidant Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina on January 23, 2021. He was a Life Member of Clan Pollock. Horace was a renowned ornithologist and avid genealogist.

Christian Edwards, member and son of member Chrystin Pleasants, passed away unexpectedly on January 23, 2021.

Ronald M Schwoegl passed away December 20, 2020. He lived in Verona PA and had been a member for 25 years.

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

Clan Pollock offers no guarantee as to the accuracy of information, despite our best efforts. Check to make sure the Games are still on before making your plans.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN GAMES

Maryville, TN

May 15-16, 2021

<https://smokymountaingames.org/>

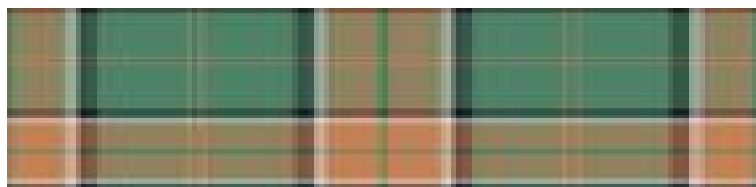
OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES AND FESTIVAL – VIRTUAL

June 25-26, 2021

<https://www.ohioscottishgames.com/>



Enjoy these Games from the comfort of your home. Advanced tickets are discounted.





THE GAMES AT GRANDFATHER ARE BACK!

July 8 - 12, 2021

<https://gmhg.org/>

After our year away, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are back. There will be Covid protocols...

To attend the GMHG, the COVID Plan requires masks in certain areas and hand sanitizing. Masks are required by Federal regulation while in line or on a shuttle bus. Masks will be required in the bleachers, while standing in food lines, in the Patron's Hospitality Tent, and in the Music Groves.

That's a small price to pay for the privilege to gather together again. Clan Pollock has been a presence at the GMHG for quite a few years and this time we will have two tents. We will have a clan display tent and a gathering tent to watch the field games.

On July 8 - 12, 2021, we look forward to welcoming you to MacRae Meadow for the games. The Meadow reminds one of the Scottish Highlands. GMHG is America's grandest and oldest Highland Games.

Here is the link for tickets and information: <https://gmhg.org/ticketing-and-registrations/>

Richard Anderson

ARIZONA HIGHLAND CELTIC FESTIVAL – VIRTUAL

Entire month of July

<https://celtsconnect.com/>

For only \$10.00 a full month on online events including Virtual Tea with Diana Gabaldon, Virtual Cooking Classes, Dance, Athletics, Bagpipes, History, and much more.

ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF DETROIT

August 6-7, 2021

<https://highlandgames.com/festival-information/>

BITTERROOT CELTIC GAMES

Hamilton, MT

August 21-22, 2022

<http://www.bcg.org/>

VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES

September 4-5, 2021

<http://www.vascottishgames.org/>

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

September 11, 2021

<https://www.midtenngames.com/>

LONGS PEAK 45TH SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

September 10-12, 2021

Estes Park, CO

www.scotfest.com

As of this writing, the 45th Longs Peak Games at Estes Park plan to be held September 10 – 12, 2021.

“The Estes Park International Tattoo is one of the largest and longest established military music displays in the United States. Taking place in September of each year, as part of the **Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival**, the Tattoo is a highlight in the annual calendar of Estes Park.

Following a period of unprecedented global disruption, the 2021 Tattoo is themed around celebrating the International bond of friendship of nations, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, plus the 45th anniversary of the Estes Park Tattoo!” (taken from the website)

We are not sure we will be attending these Games this year, but we will try to have a Clan Pollock tent site for those of you who do attend. More on this in the August *Pollag*.

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

Cancellations

Alaska Scottish Highland Games	Fairhill (MD) Scottish Games
Central New York Highland Games	Glasgow Highland Games We are as anxious to celebrate the 35th Games as you are. The tentative dates will be June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2022.
Chicago Scots Scottish Festival & Highland Games	

GENEALOGIST CORNER

This article is a repeat of a column published several years ago. It is being repeated for the benefit of those members who have joined Clan Pollock International in the interim.

Did you realize that there is a connection between the Pollocks and Robert the Bruce, King of Scots? This is the connection:

King Robert, the Bruce m. Elizabeth de Burgh
Lady Matilda Bruce m. Thomas de Ysak
Joanna de Ysak m. John de Ergadia
Isabella de Ergadia m. Sir John Stewart
Isabel Stewart m. Sir Colin Campbell
Lady Helen Campbell m. Hugh Montgomery
Lady Isabel Montgomery m. John Mure, Knight
William Mure m. Elizabeth Hamilton
Janet Mure m. Sir John Pollok

Thus, all descendants of Sir John Pollok can claim kinship to Robert the Bruce, King of Scots.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
Clan Pollock International

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Robert Pollok – “The Course of Time”

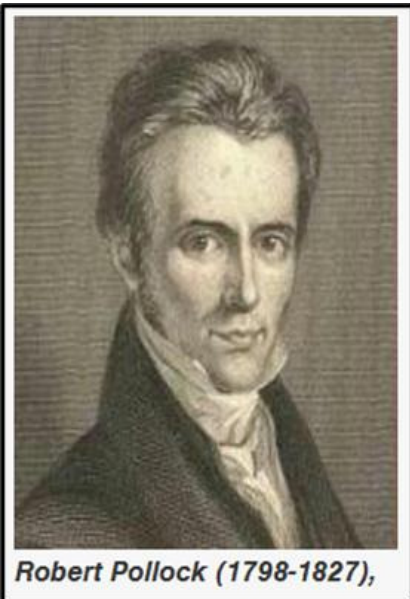
In today's world it is hard to believe that a 10 book epic religious poem could be a best seller, both in the British Isles and in America, for more than half a century but that is exactly what “The Course of Time” written by Robert Pollok, published in 1827, was. It went through 25 editions published in Scotland through 1878, and 20 more published in New York and Boston. Now it is almost entirely forgotten, a relic of times past, emblematic of just how much our world has changed, and perhaps how different we are from our ancestors.

The poem is astounding in its scope. It encompasses the whole of the Christian vision of God and man, good and evil, from before creation to beyond final judgment. It is written from the perspective of Calvinistic theology and holds nothing back respecting the consequences of sin and the torments of hell. It is also quite lyrical at times in its description of the pastoral environment of rural Renfrewshire where Robert Pollok lived his short life. This is particularly seen in Book V where he describes the simple pleasures in a virtuous life. In this regard it fits into the style of Romantic Era poetry of Wordsworth, Shelley and Byron that became so popular at the beginning of the 19th century, but towards a very different purpose. Critics at the time compared it and considered it equal with Milton's epic, *Paradise Lost*. It runs about 8500 lines, written in blank verse, clear and straightforward English, without Scottish idiom, considerably more readable than Milton's work (in my opinion). A copy is accessible at

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044086790623&view=1up&seq=11>

The poem begins with a virtuous traveller from some distant sphere arriving in heaven at a point long after the end of the world and final judgment of mankind. When he is greeted and welcomed by heavenly creatures he tells of his encounters along the way with some horrific place of blasphemous creatures and great suffering and enquires what they know of it. He is introduced by two angels to an ancient bard who tells the traveller that what he had witnessed was in fact hell. This leads to a long recounting of the history the world, its creation, the fall of man, redemption by Christ, the coming of the millennium, its final end, and the Day of Judgment. The poem sharply describes many types of human character, both good and bad, their behaviors and ultimate fates. It opens as follows:

Eternal Spirit! God of truth! to whom
All things seem as they are ... inspire my song;
My eyes unscale; me what is substance teach,
And shadow what, while I of things to come,
As past, rehearsing, sing the Course of Time,
The second birth, and final doom of man.



Robert Pollock (1798-1827),

Robert Pollok was certainly a member of our Pollok family but we have no record of his ancestry beyond his grandparents. He came from a simple farming family, born in North Moorhouse, Eaglesham, in the shadow of Castle Pollok, the second youngest in a family of eight children. His parents were strict Covenanters on both sides, but particularly his mother's whose family had been severely persecuted during the seventeenth century religious conflicts. She taught him at home until age eight when he began schooling at the Mearns Parish School. The family was of modest means but supported Robert and his brother David through the University of Glasgow, where he received an MA degree in 1822. They both studied theology afterwards at The Divinity Hall of the United Secession Church in Glasgow and were licensed by the United Associate Presbytery of Glasgow to preach in 1827.

Portrait of Robert Pollok

See also his monument standing at juncture of Glasgow-Kilmarnock road, south of Newton-Mearns, very near his family's farm <https://youtu.be/nSauxVFYORk>

Robert Pollok was only 26 and in his theological studies when he began writing the poem in 1825. He completed it within two years and it was published in spring 1827, about the same time he completed divinity school. He was suffering however from consumption by this time and his health deteriorated quickly. Arrangements were made to send him to rest and recuperate in Italy but he only made it as far as Southampton, England, where he died on 15 September and was buried, just 28 years old. The poem is an incredibly mature and lofty work for one so young. His original concept for the poem was considerably more limited, focusing mainly on the Resurrection, but as he proceeded many other ideas arose that he wanted to include. The following is a description of how his concept grew, taken from the biographical account written by his brother David:

One night, by and by, when he was sitting alone, in Moorhouse old room, letting his mind wander back and forward over things at large, in a moment, as if by an immediate inspiration, the idea of the poem struck him, and the plan of it, as it now stands, stretched out before him; so that, at one glance, he saw through it from end to end like an avenue, with the resurrection as only part of the scene. He never felt, he said, as he did then; and he shook from head to foot overpowered with feeling; knowing that "to pursue the subject was to have no middle way between great success or great failure." ... But the poem wanted a name; and it was not till after it was written that he called it "The Course of Time."

It is hard to fathom how this epic poem arose in such a flash from almost nowhere, achieved such notoriety, and that its author was gone in such a fleeting moment, but such is the case. We in Clan Pollok should take some pride in its accomplishment.

John F. Polk
Clan Historian

REMEMBERED - TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL 1998



Phillip A.D. Dick Andy Bill

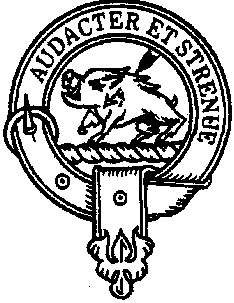


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Clan Pollock member Albert Guiler's three times great grandmother Ann (Pollock) Guiler who together with her husband John Guiler and their three children, John, William and Mary came to Norfolk County, Ontario Canada in 1836.