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SILVER ANNIVERSARY of Grandfather Mountain Games will be held July 12 & 13. A Cairn containing stones of sixty (60) Scottish Castles or grounds, will be unveiled on Sunday, July 13th. A stone from our Castle will be in the Cairn.

One of the longest Clan feuds in Scottish history was the war between the Johnstons and the Maxwells. Sir Robert Pollock of that Ilk and Lord Maxwell were killed, fighting the Johnstons at Locherbie in 1593. The King forced them to make peace, which will be re-affirmed in a ceremony at Grandfather Mountain Games in July.

We will have a Clan Tent at the Grandfather Mountain Games and hope to see many of you there.

Afghanistan is very much in the news these days. Newscasts have mentioned that a British Army forced the Kyber Pass and captured Kabul in the Afghanistan war. The leader of that army was Field Marshal, Sir George Pollock.

When Justice Douglas died recently, we heard the name of Justice Oliver Wendel Holmes of the U.S. Supreme Court. Holmes corresponded with a famous British Jurist, Sir Frederick Pollock, whose Grandfather was Lord Baron of the Exchequer Court. The Holmes-Pollock letters were published in 1941.

In recent Jacksonville, Florida news was the story of a small girl, burnt over 60% of her body, who was flown to the Shriners Hospital in Houston, Texas--The famous physician who first used and pioneered skin-grafting on third degree burns was Dr. George David Pollock, F.R.C.S., son of Field Marshal Sir George Pollock.

With the American dollar so much in the news, I wonder how many know that the designer of the "dollar sign" was Oliver Pollock, the forgotten Patriot of the American Revolution. According to Congressional Records, the war would probably have been lost without Pollock's financial aid.

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Mrs. T. F. "Pat" Pollock of Jacksonville, Fla., second Vice-Regent of the St. Johns River Chapter, DAR, is in the news again. Pat received four first place awards at the DAR's 88th Continental Congress held in Washington D.C., April 1979. For the second time in two years she has been awarded National first place for her literary efforts to promote patriotism and Constitution Week in Jacksonville. Her effort also won for her DAR Chapter, the prestigious Golden Apple award, given by the Florida Times Union as part of the EVE annual awards.

Dr. Richard A. Pollock of Atlanta, Georgia, was recently the recipient of a great honour, when he was invited to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Medicine, London, England.

Rhys--a Scot with a Welsh name. That is correct, but I have no Welsh blood, just a name my Mother fancied. It is pronounced Reese.

HIGHLAND GAMES from April 12 to July 12, 1980

April 12	Jacksonville, Fla.
April 12	Kansas City, Kansas
May 2-4	Savannah, Georgia
May 17	Little Rock, Arkansas
May 17	Houston, Texas
May 23-25	Alma, Michigan
June 14	Pomona, California
July 4	Stamford, Connecticut
July 5	Fort Ticonderoga, New York
July 12	Greenwich, New York
July 12-13	Linville, North Carolina

DATES NOT KNOWN

May	MacAlester College
	St. Paul, Minnesota
"	Saskatoon, Sask. Canada
June	Trail, Br. Columbia, Can.
"	Brampton, Ont. Can.
"	Georgetown, " "
"	Ottawa " "
"	Vancouver, B.C. "
"	Victoria, B.C. "

IONA is a treasure of all Christendom. In 563, St. Columba, an Irish Monk who was a Member of the Irish Royal Family, founded a religious community on the island of Iona from where monks were to Christianize northern Europe. The Iona Cathedral, other historic building and sites were placed in the care of the Iona Cathedral Trust by the 8th Duke of Argyll in 1899. The Members of the Trust are The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Clerk of the Church of Scotland, the Minister of Glasgow Cathedral, the Minister of St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, the President of the University of Glasgow and the President of the University of Edinburgh.

There was worldwide consternation for fear the island might fall into commercial hands, when it was put up for sale by the Trustees of the 10th Duke of Argyll to raise the balance of death duties payable by his estate. Great relief followed when it was announced that Iona had been acquired by the Hugh Fraser Foundation for 1.5 million pounds as a gift to Scotland. The buildings were not affected by the sale and the National Trust for Scotland has joined with the Cathedral Trustees in a worldwide appeal for 500,000 pounds for urgently needed maintenance and repair work. The Scottish Heritage, USA Inc. has set up a special corporation, The Iona Appeal (USA) Inc. to accept gifts for the preservation of Iona. A tax ruling has not yet been received.

About the year 1179, Peter de Pollock granted the Church of Pollock to the Monastery of Paisley and the Charter was confirmed by Jocelyn, Bishop of Glasgow. He also confirmed the Charter, whereby Helia de Perthie,

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Canon of Glasgow, granted the Church of Mearns to the Monastery of Paisley. In the Charter, the grant is mentioned as having been made with the consent of Peter de Pollock, his brother. I have copies of the charters in the original Latin and the English translation.

The Abbey of St. Mirin in Paisley is the oldest in Scotland still in continuous use. So, with such very close ties with the Abbey and the Cathedral of Glasgow, it is fitting that we should remember the "Patron Saints" of our Clan, St. Andrew, St. Mirin and St. Mungo.

St. Andrew, the brother of St. Peter is, of course, the Patron Saint of Scotland. The shield of St. Andrew is, a silver "X" on a field of Blue, and is incorporated into the Union Jack (English flag) to represent Scotland in the British Isles.

Because the life of St. Andrew is so well documented and known, we will go to the two patron saints of our Society --- St. Mungo and St. Mirin.

Glasgow Cathedral stands upon a site which has been held sacred for some 1,583 years. Here the cross was planted, and here was ground blessed for Christian burial by a Christian bishop (St. Ninian, A/D. 397), while Iona was yet an unknown island among the western waves, while the promontory of St. Andrew was the haunt of the wild boar and only the smoke of a few heathen wigwams ascended from the Rock of Edinburgh. And beneath the floor of the Cathedral is the burial place of St. Mungo, apostle and bishop of the early Celtic Church.

St. Mungo's mother, Thenew came of a pagan family; and when she married a Christian, Owen, King of Strathclyde, was disowned by her father. Forced to flee, her son was born on the shore near Culross, at a spot still marked by the remains of St. Mungo's Chapel.

After leaving Culross, Mungo came to Kernack in the parish of St. Ninians, Stirlingshire, where he found a holy man, Fergus, at the point of death. Mungo and his companions took the body by wagon to Glasgow and buried Fergus in the cemetery that has been consecrated by St. Ninian, a spot now covered by Blacader's Aisle in the Cathedral.

Here St. Mungo founded his church, but after some fourteen years was forced to flee, by the opposition of King Morkan, a pagan. He went to Wales, but about twenty years later, was recalled by Rhydderch, the Christian King of Strathclyde, and returned to Dumfriesshire where he remained for ten years. He returned to Glasgow about 582 and continued his work until his death on 13th of January, 603.

St. Mirin established his church in 560 on the banks of the White Cart River. Here, some six hundred years later, the first stone of Paisley Abbey was laid. St. Mirin was a native of that part of Antrim in Ireland which was known as Dalriada, and therefore he was a Scot, in the sense that the original Scots came to what is now Scotland, an area more or less identical with the present Argyll.

St. Mirin was educated at the monastery of Bangor, under the tutelage of the Abbot, St. Comgal, and later was appointed Prior there. He was a contemporary and friend, and possibly a relative of St. Columba. St. Mirin settled in Paisley in 560 A.D.

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Pollock Clan Society has the honour to have three Patron Saints associated with the family. These three Saints - St. Andrew, St. Mungo, and St. Mirin touch our lives through our history and our devotion to Scotland and the Renfrew area from which our forebearers came.

THEREFORE

Pollock Clan Society, hereby proclaims and adopts St. Andrew, St. Mungo and St. Mirin as our Patron Saints. It is requested that every member, personally celebrates, in some fashion, the Feasts of Saint Andrew, November 30th; St. Mungo, January 14th and St. Mirin Sept. 15th.

POLLOCK CASTLE--the Seat of the--POLLOCKS OF THAT ILK.

There seems to be some confusion between POLLOCK HOUSE and POLLOCK CASTLE. The former was a Maxwell-Stirling residence and had nothing to do with our Clan. The house is now owned by the city of Glasgow, but is looked after by the National Trust of Scotland and is open to the general public.

The last of the main line of the Pollocks was Robina, who married Sir Hew Crawford of Kilburnie. They had one son and when his mother died, he had to take the name Pollock in order to inherit the estate. Thus he became Sir Hew Crawford-Pollock and represented both lines, and when he died without an heir, the estate was inherited by his sister Jane, a Mrs. Ferguson, who with her husband took the name Ferguson Pollock. The estate was left to a nephew, living in Canada, who sold it to a developer in the spring of 1947. The property was sold by the acre and by the fall of 1953 the Castle and some thirty acres of land was all that was left. It is heavily wooded and is under the Green Thumb Conservation law of Scotland.

The Castle, which contained 88 Bedrooms, 365 windows was torn down and the present owner Dr. Greer had to agree to build his house on the Castle sight. Since dynamite was used in tearing down the Castle walls, stones were scattered among the trees, I had no difficulty in finding a stone to bring back for the Cairn at Grandfather Mountain.

The sale of such an historic sight and the removal of a Castle, even a ruin, could not happen today, because of government regulations to preserve and protect these historic sites.

Clan Pollock is dedicated to the preservation of our heritage. Therefore, let us plan to secure this property and turn same over to the city of Glasgow as an historical sight.

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We extend Congratulations to Nancisue Rivera, who was a finalist in the 9th annual 1980 Miss Florida National Teenager Pageant held at Lehigh Acres, Florida on March 7, 8 & 9th. The Pageant is the Official State finals to the Miss National Teenager Pageant to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in August 1980. Nancisue is the daughter of Clansmen Mr. & Mrs. Rivera of Brooksville, Florida, and is a niece of the chief of your Clan.

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THOMAS POLLOCK a NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR

Thomas Pollock was born May 6, 1654 in Glasgow, Scotland, and lived at Edenton, was a lawyer and planter, he served as a Governor 1712-1714, and in 1722. He died in in August 1722 and was buried at Edenton. He also served as President of the Council. I have a Pollock Tree, which shows Thomas Pollock as being a descendant of the Pollocks of Balgray.

Pollock acquired large tracts of land on the Roanoke. Chowan and Trent Rivers. Many of the plantations had wharves and landings where New England cargoes were brought to be exchanged for colonial produce. Negro and Indian slaves were also brought by these merchants. The Pollocks lived at Balgra on Queen Anne's Creek or at a plantation located on Salmon Creek. They were among the organizers of St. Pauls Parish in Edenton in 1701.

The small city of Pollocksville is on U.S. 17, about 20 miles north of Jacksonville, N.C. Some 10 Miles west is the city of Trenton on the Trent River. It is halfway between the above, that an Annual Pollock Old Boys Reunion is held, the first Sunday of June, which this year comes on the 1st. This date has yet to be confirmed, so if you would like to attend, please contact me or Carl W. Pollock, 6 New Town Lane, The Crescent, Charleston, S.C. (1-803-766-0502, -Phone No.)
Zip Code 29407)

Please send news items about your family, relatives, friends and Scottish activities in your area. We need the news for the Clan bulletins.

The response of those interested in preserving our heritage has been very encouraging -- but we need many more members -- Contact your own family members, your brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, encouraging them to join your Clan. -- Won't you help? Let us take pride in our family Clan and join together to make it one of the largest and most active in Scottish circles throughout the world.