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"A person who takes no pride in the
noble achievements of remote ancestors
will never achieve anything worthy to
be remembered by remote descendants."

Loula Allen Lentz

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PAULK, POULK, POOLKE, POALK, POALKE

STONE MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH GAMES

Our Clan will be one of the Sponsors of the Eighth Annual Stone Mountain Scottish Games, to be held at Stone Mountain Park (near Atlanta) Georgia on October 18 & 19, 1980. There will be an official Clan Pollock Tent and our Clanspeople are urged to attend and make the tent your headquarters.

HOURS: Sat. 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.
Sun. 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

THOMAS POLLOCK, Governor of North Carolina, was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1654, of the Balgray branch of the family. He emigrated to the Carolina colony in 1683, practiced law, was a member of the Governor's Council and was elected Governor in 1712.

He was a member of the first vestry of St. Paul's Parish in Edenton 1701, and contributed to the new church building completed in 1705. He had two plantations nearby, his residence at Balgra near Queen Anne's Creek and another on Salmon Creek.

Thomas Pollock became one of the largest and wealthiest planters in all Carolina. He acquired plantations on the Roanoke, the Chowan, the Neuse and Trent Rivers. These properties were given such names as Springfield, Canecarora, Rosefield, Crany Island, Balgra, and the most famous of all, the 18,000 acre Ravenwood. In all, he owned 55,000 acres of land and more than 100 slaves. He also owned a fleet of ships, which carried Carolina products to New England and the West Indies, bringing back supplies for the plantations. The ships also went to England, bringing back nice clothes, furniture and other niceties for the Pollock family.

Very few places in the area could compare in elegance with the fabulous plantation and manor house known as Ravenwood on the Trent River. The boundary of the property ran for nine miles in one direction and four miles in another. The beautiful home stood in the middle of a 1200 acre clearing, with marble steps leading to the water's edge. The life style of the Pollocks and others of the plantations came to an end with the Civil War. Everything in the area was destroyed by the raiding federal troops.

POLLOCK COAT OF ARMS

In a brief sketch of Thomas Pollock, and found in other sources too, the statement is made that The original Pollock was granted a coat of arms by James IV of Scotland. Bearing the emblem of a stricken boar, legend attributes the seal to Pollock's having saved King James from an attack by a wild boar while on a hunting trip in France with Louis XI. The interesting story told here will not bear examination. Amongst the ancient Charters owned by his Grace, the Duke of Buccleuch is one by which Robert de Polloc, grandson of Fulbert, granted certain lands to the Monks of Paisley, for amongst others, the soul of his father, Robert son of Fulbert. This document carries the seal of Robert de Polloc, which shows the Pollock Boar, transfixed with an arrow. The date of this document is 1204. Louis of France reigned from 1461 to 1483, more than 250 years after the Pollocks had their Boar Crest.

** This Charter and a cast of the seal are now in the British Museum.

PERSONALS

We congratulate and offer our best wishes to Wendy Lynn Pollock of Mendham, N.J. and Robert J. Gilson of Mt. Kisco N.Y. who were married on Aug. 23, 1980. Wendy is the daughter of N.J. Supreme Court Justice Stewart and Penny Pollock. The happy couple will reside in Chatham, N.J.

Nita and Ilsa Pollock of Waverly, N.J. are going to Germany for Christmas. We are certain they will have a nice trip and we wish them a Nollaig Chrísteil.

Pat Paulk of Sarasota, Florida, a descendant of the Maxwells of Pollock, was appointed Genealogist of Clan Maxwell, at the annual meeting held at Grandfather Mountain in July. Congratulations.

We congratulate Rev. Stewart Andrew Pollock, who was ordained a Presbyterian Minister at Cooperstown N.Y. on July 13, 1980. Stewart graduated from Yale Divinity School in May and became the Assistant Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Fairfield, Conn. on Sept. 14th. He is the son of Dr. Donald and Elinor Pollock of Cooperstown, N.Y.

THE IONA APPEAL U.S.A. INC.

This was set up to handle the appeal in this country. The committee is headed up by The Venerable Canon Dougald Lachlan MacLean of New York and Chaplain of Grandfather Mountain Games.

Among the Patrons of the appeal in Scotland are:

Rev. Robert S. Barbour, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Cardinal Gordon J. Gray, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

Rev. Alastair I.M. Haggart (Bishop of Edinburgh) Primus of the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Rev. Murdo MacRitchie, Moderator of the General Assembly, Free Church of Scotland.

A word about the Free Church. The Church of Scotland is the Established Church and the former are those who dissented about 1880. There were still a few Wee Free Churches in the early 30's in Ontario. They are known as Wee Frees, meaning "We are small, but free".

CASTLE CASALOMA

For those who would like to see and go through a castle, but don't expect to ever visit Europe, you may do so by a visit to Toronto, Canada. The "Casa Loma" is not just a large house, but an exact duplicate of a British castle. It is surrounded by a wall and has a marble lined tunnel leading across the street to the stables. It contains secret panels, disguising the entrance to a secret staircase.

Many Scottish festivities take place in the Casa Loma, Tartan Balls, Scottish Folk dancing and at least one unusual annual event, when some six varieties of Scotch Malt whiskies are tasted. These have more character than other whiskies, more body and more flavour. Each one is different from every other. The big name brands of Scotch are blends of a number of malt whiskies. Malt whiskies are made in small distilleries in Northern Scotland and a representative of these distilleries attends the Tasting Festival. One of the malt whiskies is Mortlach. Of interest to Pollocks, Muriel Pollock, granddaughter of Fulbert, married Walter Mortlach in Moray in the year 1220.

The interest in Scottish folk dancing, continues to increase throughout the world, with many new societies being organized each year. It is interesting to note, that the largest Scottish Folk Dancing Society in the world is in Toronto, with 1200 members.

CLAN POLLOCK LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW:

Polk Family & Kinsmen by W. H. Polk

Donated by Dr. Adrian Pollock of Fort Myers, Florida.

Our Heritage by Loula Allen Lentz - Connecting Whittington, Allen. and Polk families

Donated by Loula Allen Lentz, Whittington Hall, Allen, Maryland

Jane Harris Rocky River by Jenness Reese Reyes

David Reese, a signer of the Mackleburg Declaration of Independence, married Susan Polk, daughter of Robert Polk Jr. and Grace Gullett

Donated by a direct descendant, Lawrence Roberts of Savannah, Georgia

Monumental Inscriptions (pre 1855) from all the Gravestones in Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Donated by our Clan Commissioner Wm. C. Pollock, Jr., Sierra Vista, Az.

Oliver Pollock by James Alton James

Donated by Dr. Richard A. Pollock, Atlanta, Ga.

Skyland, The Heart of the Shenandoah National Park by George Freeman Pollock. The author was responsible for the establishment of the park. Donated by Marion & Robert Dunbar, Eustis, Florida.

THE MEMORIAL CAIRN

The Cairn was unveiled on the Silver Anniversary of Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina, Sunday, July 13th. Since we have a stone from Pollock Castle, Renfrewshire, Scotland in the Cairn slab, it was a most opportune time for us to have our first official Clan Tent at the most prestigious Scottish Games in the U.S. There are 55 stones, representing Clans and societies in three slabs. (Another slab will be added at a later date).

If you stand in front of the plaque containing the names of those who have stones in the Cairn, the Pollock stone is in the upper left hand corner of the slab to your right.

The guests of Honor at the games this year were Lady June Gordon, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair; John MacRae, head of the MacRae's of Conchra; Merlin Hay, 24th Earl of Eroll and the 32nd Chief of Clan Hay; Kenneth Trist Urquhart, of Urquhart, 26th Hereditary Chief of Clan Urquhart; and J. Finlay Fergusson, President of Clan Fergusson Society in Scotland.

We were very, very pleased with the number of Polks, Paulks and Pollocks who visited the tent. Our Western Clan Commissioner, Major William C. Pollock, Jr. came from Sierra Vista (Tuscon) Arizona; Squadron Leader, C. Nith Pollock, R.A.F., Retired, came from Waverly, N.Y; Dr. James & Pat Paulk returned home from Scotland, a day earlier than planned, to be with us. We had Clanspeople and visitors from nearby Southeastern States and Maryland, Connecticut, Ohio and Michigan.

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NOTE: The current issue contains an article about Knox Polk, pictures of the Cairn and pictures of Pollocks taken at Grandfather Mountain Games in July. If you have not been receiving The Highlander, please advise me, so that I may send you copies of these pages.