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Spring Greetings!

*written by
Rhys's son
Richard Pollock
Atlanta after
Rhys's death*

The Pollag has customarily been published quarterly, viz in January, April, July, and October. Due to circumstances quite beyond our control, the issues this Fall and Winter were not produced. Hopefully, we will be back on track, though I am not sure yet whether we will consider this the April issue or July issue.

IN MEMORIAM:

Most of you know that on August 19, 1981 my father, Rhys A. Pollock died in Jacksonville, Florida of pulmonary failure. Many of you came to the funeral and many of you, regretablely, we could not personally reach.

The ceremony was Scottish in its entirety, including the playing of pipes, a banner salute (at the cemetery), the wearing of kilts, and the taking of heather from the grave-site at Oaklawn Cemetery. Dad was buried in his kilt and other attire. Rev. Walter Peck and Rev. Homer Pitifer officiated.

Pall bearers included brother Jack Pollock and nephew Norbert Rich from Ontario, nephew Edward Cooper from Miami, brother-in-law Raleigh Murphy of Atlanta, long-time friend William Hubbard of Jacksonville, Robert Dunbar of Orlando, and Hamish Pollock of Maitland, Florida. Honorary pall bearers (in absentia) were John Yelvington of Jacksonville and Alice McDonald of New Jersey.

Members of the St. Andrews Society of Jacksonville showed up in force and many were pall bearers or banner carriers, including Buddy Maxwell, Frank MacLachlan, John Sutherland, Kinlock McCollum, Chase Sheddon, Don Stephens, and Don McLeod. Jackie Lewis worked behind the scenes coordinating a great deal of the details.

As you know, Dad founded the Clan in North America and devoted his latter years to its growth. I, as well as others, believe that he

actually lived longer than he might have otherwise because of his commitment to its success.

WHAT'S IN A NAME: A HISTORY

Dad admonished that we remember that Pollock is one of the oldest names in Scotland and that our name is derived from the land itself -- not from some trade, career, or learned profession.

Dad was particularly interested in history and began an outline some two years ago of the Pollock Family. His work will be completed, first in booklet form, then expanded to a History of Pollock. My plan is to call on a number of you for chapters on such topics as:

1. Pollock's of Eastern Canada, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina;
2. Polks and kin;
3. Pollocks in Government;
4. Oliver Pollock and The American Revolution;
5. Pollock emigrations from Scotland to England, Ireland, and the British Empire: When and Why;
6. Family Ties -- to Stewart, Maxwell, Wallace, Dunbar, Colquhoun, and others;
7. Pollock landmarks and estates: Paisley, Pollock Castle, The Abbeys, Upper Pollock.

Research to date has disclosed the following names associated with Pollock or contractions thereof:

Pollock	Polk	Poag
Polloc	Polke	Poage
Pollok	Paulk	Poague
Pook	Poalk	Pogue
	Poalke	
	Poulk	
	Poolke	

MAILING LIST:

A mailing list has been compiled and on July 5, 1982 a Registry of Pollock (Directory of Membership) will be compiled. Only dues paying members will be included, so please forward your check of \$10.00 for 1982 to: Clan Pollock, 105 Collier Road, N.W., Suite 4040, Atlanta, Georgia 30309 prior to June 30th.

Caution: The dues checks are deposited in a separate account. Therefore dues should be paid via one check, and payment for tartan material (see later) by another.

Please also when you send in your check, indicate on the check or by separate communication the name that you use most frequently (i.e. Jim vs. James) and provide your telephone number or numbers.

POLLAG EDITOR:

I am pleased to announce that Horace Loftin (203 Sunset Lane, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407; 904-234-7281) has volunteered to become editor of the Pollag, our quarterly newsletter. Horace is a Pollock of North Carolinian lineage.

You are invited to forward to Horace all news warranting publication - even personal items regarding you and/or your families.

NEW MEMBERS:

Dad had planned to acknowledge in the 1981 Summer issue and welcome Barbara Ferguson Johnson of Greenville, South Carolina who joined in May of 1981. We would like at this time to extend our welcome to her; Lawrence Ferguson of Clinton, South Carolina is Barbara's father, also a member.

We have had a very large number of members who have joined since that time and we will give them the traditional welcome in the ensuing newsletter.

CLAN GENEALOGIST AND ASSISTANT CLAN GENEALOGIST:

Initially our efforts have had to be directed at the historical aspects of Pollock.

Genealogic lines often don't "mesh" until membership reaches significant numbers. However, we are now over 80 strong; once we get over 100 members (soon!), we plan to activate a genealogy effort. Each member will be asked to complete a "tree". Equally important, we will be asking two members to "step forth" as Clan Genealogist and Assistant Genealogist.

In due time, when our lineage here in North America is defined, we will then "link" to records available in England and Scotland.

This linkage will be made easier through an anonymous donor, who has contributed money for preliminary work being done in Great Britain by a major ancestry research institution.

We are increasingly requested to answer genealogic questions by members of the Clan and those seeking information about it. Of

course because of the expense, we can only offer this service to members of the Clan at this time.

TARTAN: (From a newsletter written by Rhys Pollock's son Richard after Rhys died Aug 19, 1981. May 11, 1982)

After much delay and consternation, the latest order from Strathmore Woollen (Forfar, Scotland) has arrived. It spent a total of 98 days in transit and customs, in part because it went through two ports of entry, viz. Jacksonville and Atlanta. Duty charges seemed outrageously high.

The darker green is "ketpular" done by this mill

Nevertheless, we are quite pleased to have received the Tartan, which of course is registered with The Scottish Tartan Society. Several weights of worsted are available, but we elected to opt for quality as follows:

		Pollock Tartan (Ancient	
60 yards	W 43	nominal 14 11 oz.	(10.143 oz/metre)
60 yards	W 50	nominal 15 12 oz.	(12.857 oz/metre)

Custodian of the Tartan is Mr. Gib McKenzie of Birmingham, Alabama. Some of you have already placed your orders and acknowledgement of this has been forwarded to Mr. McKenzie, Caledonian Imports, P. O. Box 20165, Birmingham, Alabama 35216, with a carbon copy to you. Swatches of the Tartan may be obtained by writing to him or calling Gib at 205-822-3838 or 205-823-0890.

I should mention that the heavier 15 oz. Tartan is usually used for kilt making, and the lighter, more pliable weight is usually preferred for skirts, scarfs, etc.

Three basic approaches to purchase of Tartan are available, once payment for the material has been received by Clan Pollock (105 Collier Road, N.W., Suite 4040, Atlanta, Georgia 30309), at \$22.50 per yard (the price is the same for both the 13 oz. and the 15 oz.):

- 1) The Tartan may be forwarded to you by U.P.S.;
- 2) The Tartan may be forwarded to a craftsman of your choice; i.e. to Mrs. Madge McDaniel, 3313 York Place, Decatur, Georgia 30032 (404-289-3958). Kilts by Madge are made by her in Atlanta; allow four to six weeks for delivery. Madge limits her work to a man's kilt, lady's kilt, or lady's formal kilt;
- 3) An order for a kilt, skirt, and/or accessories may be placed with Gib McKenzie of Caledonian Imports, mentioned above. Gib's kilts are made in Scotland. The Tartan material is air-freighted to Scottish tailors, then by air returned to him within six to eight weeks. No duty is at that point required, because the material origin-

We did not have Geoffry's Tailor at this time - he had not appeared on the scene

ates (at that time) in the United States. Gib's daughter makes the wrap-around skirts in Birmingham. They have been extremely popular and may be either knee length or evening length (see enclosure).

A brief word regarding measurement. There are several measurements that are required for kilts:

- Waist (snug);
- Hips (widest part of seat);
- Length (hip-bone to desired length; most Americans prefer center of the knee; the Scots say just above the knee). This is a most important measurement, to which the "rise" is automatically added;
- Height;
- Weight.

In regard to skirts, the same measurements are required, but one should wear shoes that are appropriate for evening wear at the time of measurement, when selecting an evening skirt.

Please refer to the order form which is enclosed; it should be easy to just check off what you wish and mail the order form to Mr. McKenzie. This order form has been provided by the Clan, for your convenience.

Please remember that checks for tartan material and checks for dues (each payable to Clan Pollock) must be sent on separate checks. Payments for shipping and workmanship (kilt, etc.) are payable to Caledonian Imports.

GAMES:

The Arizona games were held in late March and the Clan was well represented by Bill Pollock, Chieftain of the Southwest Region, and Jay Pogue, Commissioner of Arizona. Bill and Jay also plan to attend the Rocky Mountain Games in Colorado on 14, August, and the Estes Park Festival on 11, September. Connie Calhoun, Commissioner New Mexico, will possibly be joining them and I hope you will too.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 10th and 11th at Linville, North Carolina. The Pollock Delegation will be led by Robin Pollock, Chieftain of the Central Eastern Region.

The Stone Mountain Highland Games this year will be an International Gathering (suburban Atlanta, Georgia) and will be held on October 11th through 17th, 1982. Because of the international flavor, we would urge that as many members as possible attend. (Yours truly has been the "games doctor" for the past three years.)

Until next time I leave you with our motto: Audaciter et
Strenue (boldly and strongly).

Richard A. Pollock, M.D.
Chief

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