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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 descendents."

This is the first issue of the Pollag that has been published in quite some time. When Rhys Pollock was our chief, he and Catherine performed virtually all the functions necessary to effectively run an organization. Founding the clan and serving as its first chief was a large part of Rhys' life. When Rhys passed away those duties fell to Richard. As a practicing physician, Richard recognized he did not have the time to devote to all the clan duties, so some responsibilities had to be delegated to other members of the clan. This process has taken time, but for the most part has now been accomplished. Currently the organization of the clan is as follows:

Rhys A. Pollock	Founder
Catherine J. Pollock	Honorary Secretary
Richard A. Pollock, M.D.	Chief and Historian
Rev. Stewart Pollock	Chaplain
Marion S. Dunbar	Coordinator, Inter-clan Relations
Rosemary Pollock	Treasurer
Robert S. Pollock, Jr.	Secretary, Chieftain Mid-Eastern Region, Commissioner, North Carolina

Horace Loftin
William C. Pollock, Jr.

Adrian Q. Pollock, M.D.
C. Nith Pollock
G. William Pollock, Jr.
William V. Conn
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For those of you who may not have clan membership lists and would like to contact any of the above individuals, write me and I will furnish you with the address. My name and address is William C. Pollock, Jr. (Bill), 549 Cibola Way, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635. Applications for membership should be forwarded to our chief. Address them to Richard A. Pollock, M.D., Clan Pollock, Box 2798, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Be sure and include a check (payable in US funds) for \$10.00, with the application. Richard will rule on eligibility for membership on a case by case basis. Our secretary and treasurer, Rob and Rosemary Pollock, live at 305 Edinburgh Drive, Cary, NC 27511. Membership dues of \$10.00 (in US currency) are due each year in January and should be forwarded directly to Rosemary. No notice will be sent, so it is up to each member to send in his dues at the beginning of each year.

As you can see from the above list of officers, we still have many positions which need to be filled. I will be happy to answer any questions I can related to these positions, or you may write one of the regional commissioners. Anyone who would like to fill one of the vacant positions should make that fact known to Richard.

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Best wishes for a prosperous 1983.

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address is 203 Sunset Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32407.

Rosemary Pollock writes that clan activities in the southeast have been numerous. The Pollock tent at Grandfather Mountain this past July was busy with some 20 people with Pollock, Pollok, Polk, and Paulk connections stopping by or using the tent as headquarters for enjoying the games. A crew from Scottish television photographed the games in connection with a documentary on Scottish games in America. Later Rob received a phone call from his cousin in Glasgow, Scotland, saying that he had recognized Rob in scenes showing the Kirking of the Tartan and a church service at Grandfather Mountain. Some of the clan members attending were Hamish and Martha Pollock, Gara and Hamish, Jr., Marion and Bob Dunbar, and Bob Pollock from Boone, NC. Last year at Grandfather Mountain the founder of our clan, Rhys Pollock, was remembered in the ceremony the "Flowers of the Forest," a most fitting tribute to him.

A Pollock booth was also established at Stone Mountain last year for the International Gathering of the Clans. Richard was planning to attend but at the last minute was unable to get away from his medical duties. Rob and Rosemary and Hamish and Martha attended from Wednesday to Sunday. Rosemary writes that one of the highlights of the games was a reception given by the British Consul General in Atlanta. Another was the tattoo at the Stone Mountain Coliseum. This event, writes Rosemary, was the most impressive sight and sound Scottish event that she and Rob have experienced. Ann and I know exactly what Rosemary is talking about. We were fortunate enough to attend a tattoo performed in the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle in 1976, and the pageantry and magnificence of a tattoo, with the pipes and drums and in full regalia, will make the hairs stand up on the back of your neck. Other members of the clan who attended the games were Don and Elinor Pollock from Cooperstown, NY, and George, and Robert and Lynda Pollock from Stone Mountain. We will report on some upcoming Scottish activities scheduled for September and October in the next issue of the Pollag.

The clan was well represented this past March at the Arizona Games in Phoenix. A booth was set up amidst other clan booths under a bright sun and blue skies. Ann and I attended along with our two children, Bill and Kitty. Also attending were Arizona Commissioner, Jay Pogue, and his wife Jeanne, along with Jim and Mae Polk from Sun City, AZ. New Mexico Commissioner, Connie Calhoun, and husband Jim drove in from their home in Albuquerque. Jim is a Commissioner for Clan Colquhoun. That evening we all gathered for dinner at a local restaurant where we continued to share the friendships which have been generated through Clan Pollock. It was a wonderful occasion and I know I am already looking forward to the games next year. Jim and Mae Polk are leaving in May for England and Scotland. Jim will be doing some research for his history of the Polk family. We wish Jim and Mae a safe journey and one filled with much enjoyment.

Here is a controversial matter which I am going to present as a challenge to the historians among the clan. I have read in several family histories an account which I believe stems primarily from the book, "Polk Family and Kinsmen". These histories refer to our ancient ancestor Fulbert as Fulbert the Saxon, and claim that he was the maternal grandfather of William the Conqueror. In my research in Scotland, which at the time was limited to sources in the Scottish National Library, I believe that Fulbert was referred to as Fulbert, and not Fulbert the Saxon. I am virtually certain that he was not identified as having any connection with William the Conqueror. I have discussed this with Rhys Pollock and with Jim Polk, who has been working on a history of the Polk Family for some years now. Both of them suspect that the connection may not be historically correct. For those who may have other information or who can provide some insight into this particular query, I invite you to send the information to me and maybe we can set the matter straight. I am inclined to believe at this time that someone, somewhere, has succumbed to temptation and falsely introduced some "royal blood" into the Pollock line. Perhaps the temptation was merely the name Fulbert. William the Conqueror's maternal grand-

father was named Fulbert, but in a biography of William I have, he is listed as Fulbert the Tanner of Falaise, France. Are they the same person?

There will be a Polk Family reunion in Columbia, TN, May 26-29, 1983. A registration fee of \$20.00 will be charged. For those of you who would like additional information or would like to register, you can write to Polk Family Reunion, Box 741, Columbia, TN 38401. If you are interested, I recommend you write as soon as possible.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year will be held on July 7, 8, 9, and 10. There will be a Clan Pollock tent. Its a spectacular event and for those who plan to attend, I strongly suggest you make reservations as soon as possible.

Finally, sometime this summer or fall, it will be time to publish an updated list of the members of the clan. If there are any errors in your name or address, please let me know so that the list will be an accurate one.

Until next time,

Aye,

Bill

WCP/acb/MLMS