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" 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."

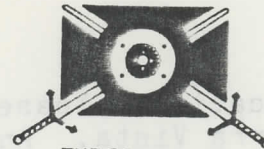
Editor's Corner

Belatedly, I would like to wish all of you best wishes and much success in 1987. Please accept my apology for not publishing a Pollag for the last quarter of 1986. Due to the lack of a contract, I joined the ranks of the unemployed in December. Consequently, I needed to focus my time and attention on finding a new job. Because of the gloomy employment situation in Sierra Vista, Ann and I decided it was time to move on. We decided to look for a new home in North Carolina.

Rob and Rosemary Pollock graciously invited me to share their home in Cary, North Carolina, while I was looking for a new job. While I have tried, I cannot fully express my gratitude and appreciation to them for their warm and kind hospitality.

My efforts at obtaining employment were rewarded when I was able to obtain a position with AT&T in Greensboro, North Carolina. I am currently working and house hunting while Ann is busy readying our home in Sierra Vista for sale. Since I am living in

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a temporary location, please send any correspondence for me to my address in Sierra Vista. Ann will forward it to me in Greensboro.

Rosemary Pollock and I have become aware that some clan members are experiencing difficulty in ordering Pollock tartan material from Caledonian Imports. Please let me know if you have had a recent problem acquiring Pollock tartan material. Be sure to include a description of what actions were or were not taken. I will endeavor to eliminate any future problems.

Caledonian Imports has advised that all the Pollock tartan material has been spoken for. I will make arrangements for ordering additional material from the mill in Scotland. Details for placing orders will be included in a future edition of the Pollag.

Because the operators of Norlene Jewelry are retiring and will no longer be in business, the clan purchased the remaining Clan Pollock badges. If you would like to purchase one, write to our clan treasurer, Rosemary Pollock. Include a check for \$10.00 made out to Clan Pollock. The badges will be sold at cost.

Rob and Rosemary Pollock are preparing their home in Cary for sale and will soon be moving to their home in Wilmington, North Carolina. Please mail all future correspondence and badge orders to their home in Wilmington. Their Wilmington address is 8228 Bald Eagle Lane, Wilmington, NC 28405.

A reminder to all that membership dues for 1987 are due. At the present time our finances are such that no increase in dues is necessary. They remain at \$10.00 per year. If you have not already sent a check for your dues, please do so soon. Use the form at the end of this edition of the Pollag. Please make the check out to Clan Pollock and send it to Rosemary at her Wilmington address.

New Members

The clan has grown by eight new members since the last Pollag. They bring our total membership to 121, the highest total we have ever reached. Welcome to each of you. We sincerely hope you will enjoy your membership in Clan Pollock. The eight new members are:

Albert C. Polk Jr.
518 E. Oak St.
Arcadia, FL 33821

Bruce G. Pollock
5150 Territorial Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Frank M. Pollock
Homecourt House
No. 66 Bartholomew
Street West.
Exeter, Devon. EX43AD
England

Harry J. Pollock Jr.
85 Trowbridge Place
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Fern M. Stroth
2754 S. R. 93
Oak Hill, OH 45656

Douglas P. Woodward
1539 West Shore Dr.
Loveland, CO 80538

Margaret L. Hanna
9505 Silver Lake Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK
73132

Julius R. Tingle Jr.
2208 Monument Ave.
Richmond, VA. 23220

Flowers O' The Forest

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of one of our members, William Clay Pollock. Bill passed away on November 14, 1986, of a heart attack, at his home in Michigan City, Indiana. He was 79 years old. We extend our sincere condolences to his widow, Florence Pollock, and to all the members of his family.

James Knox Polk - 11th President of the United States

Sometime between 1672 and 1680 Captain Robert Bruce Pollock or Polk, arrived in America from County Donegal in Ireland. He was to become the first immigrant ancestor of a future President, James Knox Polk. Before coming to America he married Magdalen (Tasker) Porter, a widow of some means in Ireland.

It is not entirely clear from my references which surname Robert used at the time of his arrival. Between 1687 and 1742 Robert Polk, his sons and grandsons, received numerous grants of land in Somerset County on Maryland's Eastern Shore, from the Lords Baltimore. In the grants sometimes Polk is used, in others Pollock is used. Magdalen's will, made in 1726, begins "I Magdalen Pollock," but it is signed "Magdalen Polk."

Whichever surname it was, Polk or Pollock, matters little. The name became Polk for subsequent generations of the family. What is clear is that Robert's ancestral line goes back to Scotland to ancestors who bore the Pollock surname. Robert Polk was the great-great-great grandfather of James K. Polk, eleventh president of the United States.

James Knox Polk was born near Little Sugar Creek in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on 2 November 1795. In 1806 he moved with his parents to Tennessee where he grew up on his father's farm. As a young lad he often accompanied his father on surveying expeditions where he soon displayed a talent for mathematics. He was fond of study and evidence of a keen mind appeared early in his life. In 1815, he entered the University of North Carolina as a sophomore. During his university days he was recognized as a scholar in the classics and mathematics, and was given the honor of delivering the Latin salutatory orations at the graduation of his class in 1815.

In 1819 Polk began studying for the bar in a law office in Nashville. He was admitted to the Tennessee bar in 1820 and began to practice law in Columbia, Tennessee. He was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives and served from 1823 to 1825. From 1825 to 1839, Polk was elected to seven successive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He became Speaker of the House 7 December 1835 and served in that capacity until 1839. In that same year he was elected Governor of Tennessee, but was defeated for reelection in 1841 and again in 1843.

In 1844 Polk was nominated for President of the United States at the National Democratic Convention. In the election that followed, he triumphed over his well-known Whig opponent, Henry Clay. Polk received 170 electoral votes to Clay's 105.

Polk served his country as president from 1845 until 1849. During his administration a number of significant events took place, among them the successful settlement of the Oregon boundary dispute with Great Britain, the annexation of Texas in 1845, and the successful conclusion of the Mexican War in 1848.

Due to ill health, Polk declined to serve a second term. He elected instead to return to his home, Polk Place, in Nashville, where he died a few months later on 15 June 1849. His wife, the former Sarah Childress, whom he married on 1 January 1824, survived him by 42 years. Polk originally was buried in the garden at Polk Place, but in 1893, his body and that of his wife were moved to their final resting place on the grounds of the state capitol.

Until next time,

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NAME _____

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Please make your check payable to Clan Pollock. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

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Wilmington, NC 28405