

# CLAN POLLOCK



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POOLKE, POGUE

" 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

Plans are continuing for a meeting of Clan Pollock to take place this year at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina. The meeting has been set for the evening of Saturday, the 8th of July 1989. Bob Pollock of Hickory, NC, has made tentative arrangements to have dinner and the meeting at a very nice place in Blowing Rock, only a few miles from Boone, NC. At the meeting we will elect a clan president, secretary and treasurer. Nominations for these three offices will be accepted from the clan at large. The last page of this edition of the Pollag contains a number of forms, one of which is a nomination

form. If you would like to nominate a member of the clan for one of these positions, fill out the form, sign it, and mail it to me or to Rob or Rosemary Pollock. We will make sure that individual's name appears in nomination at the clan meeting. At the meeting nominations from the floor will also be accepted. I will announce the results of the elections in the first edition of the Pollag following the election.

I encourage all members who can to attend the games at Grandfather Mountain, to meet at the clan tent and to attend the dinner and clan meeting afterwards. If you are at



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all like me, you will thoroughly enjoy yourself. The color, the pageantry of the games, the sights and sounds, the skirling of the pipes, and the genuine good times you will discover among your kith and kin, will make it a truly memorable occasion.

If you plan to attend we need to know so we can finalize our arrangements. There is a form on the last page which you may use to let us know how many people there will be in your party. Please provide this information prior to the middle of May. We need to know

by then so that we have time to make adjustments to our meeting and dinner plans. I am also including in this Pollag a list of places to stay in vicinity of Grandfather Mountain. This is a 1980 list so there may be some accommodations which do not appear here, however, it is the most up-to-date list I have. You should make your reservations right away. If you wait too long you may have trouble finding a place to stay. More and more people are attending the games every year, so don't be caught short.

For information on accommodations and other area travel information you can also contact:

North Carolina High Country Host  
701 Blowing Rock Road  
Boone, NC 28607

TOLL-FREE: From N.C. - 800/222-7515

From Eastern U.S. - 800/438-7500

Local or outside toll-free zone - 704/264-1299

Toll free numbers are available seven days a week, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The following is a schedule of events for the 1989 Grandfather Mountain Games.

|          |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Thursday | July 6 | MacRae Meadow, Linville, N.C.<br>Picnic, 6:00 P.M.<br>Opening Ceremony - 7:00 P.M.                                                                                                                                            |
| Friday   | July 7 | Social Events, Piping Concert - 7:30 P.M. -<br>Ceilidh - 8:00 P.M. - Scottish Country Dance<br>Gala - 9:00 P.M.                                                                                                               |
| Saturday | July 8 | MacRae Meadow - 8:00 A.M. The Games begin.<br>Highland Dancing, Piping, Drumming, Athletic<br>Events, Mass Bands, Opening Ceremony, Sheep<br>Herding, Scottish Country Dancing, and many<br>other events; Ceilidh - 7:30 P.M. |

Sunday

July 9

MacRae Meadow - 9:00 A.M. Worship Service -  
9:30 A.M. - Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Parade of  
Tartans, Guests of Honor, Clan Tug of War, and  
activities continuing from Saturday.

I have been assured that at least 15 clan badges will be available in a week or two. I will pick them up as soon as they are ready. I still need to find someone to sell them. No one has yet volunteered. Please let me know if you would be willing to lend a hand.

The format for this and future editions of the Pollag has been slightly changed. Martha Polk, of Bartlesville, OK, suggested that a larger interior margin would permit holes to be punched for storage in a two or three-ring binder. I was able to accomplish this using my word processing program. Thanks, Martha, for a fine idea.

Connie Calhoun, of Albuquerque, NM, suggested that I put the dues form on a separate page so that it could be clipped and mailed to Rosemary without destroying text material. In the future I will try to do this as much as possible, depending on the length

of the Pollag. I limit the Pollag to four sheets printed on both sides so that it can be mailed at the current first class rate. Most of the time, however, it is difficult to produce a worthwhile newsletter without fully using the front and back of four pages. It is not necessary, however, to use the form as long as you include all the information requested. The form was adopted to ensure Rosemary receives the information she needs to keep the books straight. Thanks Connie for your suggestion. It's a problem I wasn't aware of.

I appreciate any and all suggestions you may have regarding the Pollag and your clan. If you have an idea or a gripe, let me know. I'll do what I can to implement it or "fix it."

One final note, if you haven't already done so, now's a good time to write a check for your 1989 dues and mail it to Rosemary.

#### New Members

It is a pleasure to formally welcome five new members. On behalf of Clan Pollock, I extend to all of you a warm welcome with a sincere hope that you will enjoy your association with us. The five new members are:

|                       |                                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| June P. Allchin       | 369 No. Main St.<br>Rockford, MI 49341  |
| Elizabeth T. Smith    | P.O. Box 403<br>Cape Vincent, NY 13618  |
| Dorothy M. Skeens     | Box 85<br>South Webster, OH 45682       |
| Barbara G. Deatherage | 342 N. Conejo Ave.<br>Modesto, CA 95354 |

Mary Margaret Pollock

Mary was born on the 13th day of February, 1989 to clan members Scott and Jill Pollock of Raleigh, North Carolina. The happy grandparents are Rob and Rosemary Pollock of Wilmington, North Carolina, our clan secretary and treasurer, respectively. May Mary Margaret find her life full of happiness and success.

#### Flowers o' the Forest

It is with sincere regret that I announce the passing of two of our members. On behalf of the clan, I extend sincere condolences to the families of those who have left us.

Florence Pollock of Glendale, Arizona, passed away on the 8th day of October 1988. I had the fortune of meeting Florence and seeing her on several occasions when Ann and I attended the Arizona Games in Phoenix. Florence was intensely interested in the clan and in the history of the Pollocks of Scotland. She was a genuine, truly nice person and I always enjoyed our talks together. I know her family misses her.

C. Nith Pollock, of Waverly, New York, passed away on the 19th day of November 1988. Nith was a special person to me. I met Nith in 1980 when I flew from Arizona to attend the games at Grandfather Mountain. He and I toured many of the different events together. One memorable evening we attended a Ceilidh where together we sang many of the old songs of Scotland. I truly wish that I had had the opportunity to spend more time with Nith. He was fun to be with, seeming always to be a man of great humor. I know his wife, Ilse, and his family will miss him.

#### Special Announcement

A family member of Florence Pollock, who has asked to remain anonymous, donated \$100.00 to Clan Pollock in memory of Florence, to be used as we wished. With the blessing of that family member, a check for a \$100.00 was sent from Clan Pollock, in memory of Florence Pollock, to the Survivor's Fund - Lockerbie, Scotland. This fund was established to assist the people of Lockerbie who lost their homes and possessions as a result of the crash of Pan Am Flight 103 last December. The donation was made through the Scottish Cultural Society, Ltd. of Lake Forest, IL. I am extremely pleased to report that I have received a thank-you letter from the society in which they report that as of 31 January they had received over \$10,000 in donations. They also reported that none of the donated money was used to cover fund expenses. Every dollar donated was sent to Lockerbie.

It is interesting to note that with this donation, the clan is once again linked to the town of Lockerbie. It was just outside of Lockerbie, you will remember, that the Battle of Dryfe Sands took place

between the Maxwells and the Johnstones in 1593. Sir John Pollock was killed in the battle supporting Lord Maxwell against the forces of the Laird of Johnstone.

### Genealogy Column

Nancy Nash, who is working on the clan genealogy files, needs some information to establish some Polk family connections. She has asked that the following two issues be put to the Pollag readership.

1. The Louisiana State University Press, in a study of Leonidas Polk, states that William Polk, who married Margaret Taylor second and Priscilla Roberts first, is the son of John Polk, eldest son of Robert Bruce Pollock. The Farris Haynes family records, Martha Nelle Polk, and Burke, give this same William as the son of William Polk, the second son of Robert Bruce. Margaret Taylor is listed as the only wife, or at least, the one who is germane to the descendants. The Louisiana State University Press goes on to say that it is unknown which children belong to which wife.

2. Michael Polk and Doris Cruickshank submitted lines which evolve from a James Polk (1812-1863, Ky.) who married Sarah Boswell. I believe if we had more generations, one or two at the most, this James would connect to the others.

Nancy writes "I hope someone can clarify these two issues. For most of the Polks I have been able to assign sequential numbers except for the problems stated above and one other case which gives no dates or locations. That house is in order for the data which is in my possession."

If you have any information that may be helpful to Nancy, please forward it to her. Nancy's address is 634 W. Riverside Dr., North Tazewell, VA 24630.

### NEWTON MEARNs - The Old "New Toun"

Frank Pollock, one of our members who lives in England, recently sent me an interesting excerpt. The excerpt is from a book entitled "The Queen's Scotland - Glasgow, Kyle, and Galloway." The book was printed in 1953. The excerpt is about Newton Mearns, the town nearest the spot where Pollock Castle stood, and the surrounding area in Renfrewshire.

Quote - The district of Mearns

extends over the middle portion of the south Renfrewshire moors. The Auld-toun is only the name of a farm, but the New-toun of the Mearns is today a fair-sized village. In a charter as far back as 1273 it is mentioned as the new-ton or nova villa.

To the south, standing high, is the old kirk of Mearns, rebuilt in the late 18th century. The darker, high helmeted clock-

steeple is a fine foil to the square-set, whitewashed kirk.

Further west, and half-way down the hillside, is the still strong-looking tower of Mearns or Blackhouse Castle. The license permitting Herbert, Lord Maxwell, to build it was granted by James II in 15th March, 1449, and is still extant.

Pollok Castle, two miles to the west, crowns an eminence in the middle of a well-wooded estate, and though burnt down in the latter part of last century, has been restored with careful attention to the fine, original Renaissance detail. The castle has been built round an earlier thick-walled tower, part of which still remains, despite all the changes. The garden pavilions and gateways, particularly fine late 17th-century work, have been attributed to

Bruce of Kinross, designer of Holyrood.

The Polloks of Pollok have held this estate for about 800 years. The present owner was a sawmill-worker in the backwoods of British Columbia when he inherited this castle plus Pinmore House, Pinwherry, Ayrshire, and a fortune of £50,000.

Three miles south, near the main Glasgow-Kilmarnock road, is the farm of North Moorhouse, where Robert Pollok, author of "The Course of Time," was born in 1798. A granite monument by the roadside portrays the young poet in bronze relief. His poem, a best-seller of the mid-19th century, was a second Bible in many a Seceder household. In 40 years it ran into twenty-five editions. On the obelisk over his grave in a Southampton cemetery is written: "His immortal Poem is his Monument." Unquote.

Until next time,

Aye,

*Bill*