

The Pollag
May 2022

"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."

Pollock, Pollok, Pook, Polk, Polke, Paulk, Poalk, Poalke, Poulk, Poole, Pogue

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Words from the President...



We hope this finds everyone doing well. Please excuse our slightly delayed May issue. Our able Editors had a major move from Texas to Colorado recently. We appreciate all the Averys' hard work these many years in making our newsletter first class!

It looks like many of the Scottish Games and Events will return in person this year after the past two years. We encourage you to attend a game in your area and support these efforts. Some of the smaller games may have a difficult time getting started again. Check out the newsletter for information on Games being held. The Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina in July and the Estes Park Games in Colorado in September will both be well represented by Clan Pollock.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues this year. We would ask when you pay your dues or communicate with us by email or regular mail that you please write your full name and address especially if you last name is Poage, Pogue, Poague, Polk or Pollock. We have several members with the same first name – Andrews, Johns, Roberts, Williams, etc. and we want to be sure we credit the right person! Thanks!

If you do not see your birthday listed in our monthly birthdays and would like to have your birthday recognized, please send us the date.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in and support of Clan Pollock. We wish the best for you and your families.

A. D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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Pollag Deadline.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is the 25th of the month previous to the issue. The Pollag is issued in February, May, August and November. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. Send your news, to the editor, Beth Avery, at averyb@otherwhen.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

1 – Michael A. Stroschio
4 – John A. Pollock
5 – Cheryl A. Zelek
8 – Robert W. Parrish
13 – James T. Pollock
14 – James W. Pollock
15 – Beth P. Avery
17 – Virginia P. Stoops
21 – Jack S. Pollock
22 – David A. Pollock
25 – Robert W. Pollock
26 – Larry M. Pollock;
Steven A. Mitchell III
28 – Anita L. Pollock
30 – Dennis Marie Pollock

JULY

2 – Richard H. Pollock
5 – William W. Pollock;
Mark W. Pollock;
Daniel Polk
10 – Thomas J. Morgan
18 – Thomas Pollock
19 – Sandra G. Pollock

20 – William C. Pollok
21 – Larry R. Pollock
22 – Dawn M. Kurth;
Larry C. Poague
26 – Danette Owens
28 – Jerry C. Pollock
Eric Brown
30 – Joyce Pollock

AUGUST

1 – Carolyn L. Pollock;
Gary M. Pollock
2 – Hal G. Hardin
5 – Dorothy G. Lydecker
15 – Debra D. Munn
18 – Vicky P. Seibel;
W. John Espey
20 – Sandra N. Harriman
21 – Mary L. Anderson;
Larry R. Pollock
22 – Robert D. Pollock
23 – Nelle P. Kost
24 – Andy W. Pollock
30 – Archie D. Pollock III;
Nancy P. DeShazo

If you don't see your birthday listed, please let us know. We don't want to leave any of our members out. There are several newer members that we don't have birth dates for yet. Thanks. Clara Ann Pollock, Clan Pollock Secretary, apollockis@comcast.net

NEW MEMBERS

Francis Banks, Louisburg, NC
Diane Carter Pollock Davis, Winston-Salem, NC
Charles Mark Mosely, Maplewood NJ
James Alan Poage, Maricopa, AZ
John Pogue, Deerbrook, WI
Glenda Lois Pollock, Peterborough, Ontario
Sheila H. Pollock, Judson, FL
Lisa M. Thompson, Atlanta, GA
Sidney Pollock, Barre, VT
Brittany Gefroh, Mandan, ND
Lisa M Thompson

NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS



Hosting a Clan Pollock tent at your local games is a great way to get to know other Pollocks, Polloks, Pooks, Polks, Polkes, Paulks, Poalks, Poalkes, Poulks, Pooles, and Pogues. If you'd like to host a tent at an event contact our President, A.D. and he'll help you get started. A good place to look for games near you is <http://www.asgf.org>.

Cheyenne Celtic Festival

Cheyenne, WY

June 10-12, 2022

<https://www.facebook.com/CelticFestival>

Friday will see the Strongman Competition at the Cheyenne Depot Plaza. Saturday & Sunday we will move to Cheyenne Lions Park Ball Field for the Highland Athletic Competition, Clans, Vendors, and Music on Stage.



This year we will have a dedicated area for our Clans to make presentations. You may tell the story of your Clan or share interesting topics about Scotland its history, culture, people, and highlights of your trips to Scotland. So if you'd like to host a table, contact our President, A.D. (contact information on page 1).

Chicago Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Itasca, IL

June 17-18, 2022

<https://chicagoscots.org/festival/>



After a two year break another of the Games is back! Unfortunately there won't be a Clan Pollock tent at this Festival this year. Our wonderful member, Paul Layman I is in charge of all the Clans still at age 90+.

Ohio Scottish Games

June 24-25, 2022

<https://www.ohioscottishgames.com/>

Before you go, check out the 2021 Virtual Games dancing competitions at <https://www.ohioscottishgames.com/virtual-games> There will be lots more dancing, athletics, British cars, and workshops in person this year. You might want to check out the Friday evening workshop on Understanding and Appreciating you Bagpipe or try your hand at playing the bagpipe at the workshop on Saturday with Andrew Duncan.



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Linville, NC

July 7-10, 2022

<https://gmhg.org/>

"A wee bit of Scotland in the High Country of Western North Carolina."

On July 7, thousands of kilt-clad Scots will make their way to MacRae Meadows for their annual gathering and games. Once again Clan Pollock will be there. For four days you and your family can sample Scottish music, dancing, foods, costumes, field games and much more. We will have two Clan tents....One for our display and one for fellowship and a restful place to watch the field games.



I am needing a helper or two each day, Thursday through Sunday. If you help, you will get reserved mountain top parking for that day. You will need to be available from 8-5 and will help me in greeting visitors. It's great fun. If you chose to help, I also have an extra admission pass if you want to bring a companion.

Our Clan has attended the games for several decades and your participation in this tradition is welcomed. Contact me at boonemtnradio@gmail for more information.

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Richard Anderson

Arizona Highland Celtic Festival

Flagstaff, AZ

July 16-17, 2022

<http://nachs.info/celtic-festival/>

The festival will take place at Fort Tuthill County Park just across Interstate 17 from Pulliam Airport.

Bitterroot Celtic Games

Hamilton, MT

August 20-21, 2022

<http://www.bcgg.org/>



Dance and athletic competitions, Clan gathering (you could sponsor a tent), Sunday afternoon tea, live music, and so much more.

Middle Tennessee Highland Games

Hendersonville, TN

September 10-11, 2022

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1714102038793677/>

Join Us At Our New Home! The 2022 [Middle Tennessee Highland Games](#) will take place at our NEW location - [Sanders Ferry Park](#) in Hendersonville, TN on September 10th and 11th!

Save the dates and join us for athletic events, live Celtic bands, bagpipe competitions, Scottish artisans and food, Scotch tastings, kid's activities, and so much more.

Remembering Games and Friends



Ben, Meryl and Mike Stone
GMHG 2014



Paul Layman
Chicago Games 2016



Clara Ann and A.D. Pollock
Glasgow (KY) 2017



Chris, Beth, Nora, & Mark Pollock; Mark &
Denise Thomas, Estes Park 2018.



Robert (Rob) Pollock carrying the Clan Pollock
Sign, GMHG, 1994.

GENEALOGIST CORNER

Activity as of late.

A new member wanted verification of an ancestor. Verified and her line extended back to Scotland. A member of long standing, also wanted verification of an ancestor, with the same result and her line was extended back to Scotland also.

Two new members sent their completed Pedigree Charts, with their connections to Polk and Pollock family members.

Richard H. Pollock, Genealogist
Clan Pollock International

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

BEYOND DAMNED QUARTER - INTRODUCTION

My book "Beyond Damned Quarter" about the Polks and Pollocks of the Maryland Eastern Shore has been out for seven years now and I believe has been well received. I am happy to say that it was awarded a prize by the Maryland Genealogical Society for the best publication of 2015 on a Maryland family. It focuses on the family of Robert Polke and his wife Magdalen Tasker who emigrated from Donegal Ireland to the area then known as the Damned Quarter, Somerset County, Maryland, in 1687 and had many descendants. This book was the result of many visits to the Maryland and Delaware State Archives digging through original colonial records so it is based on solid sources. The ironic thing is that in the end I discovered that I was not actually descended from Robert and Magdalen, as the older family histories would have it. Anyway I had enough material and the family genealogy needed to be updated so the book was the result. Here is the text of the introduction –

Robert Polke's first appearance in colonial records is in the survey of Polkes Folly. This cites a warrant issued to him on 20 November 1687 but it is likely that the family arrived some time before that and took time to assess their options before making a major financial commitment. The exact date of their arrival in Maryland will most likely never be known, but if a year had to be picked, the best estimate would probably be the year before - sometime in 1686.

Whenever their arrival, the challenge faced by Robert Polke and his family was truly daunting. The contrast between the climate and geography of Donegal, Ireland, whence they came, and their new home in Somerset County is extreme and gives special poignancy to the name, Polkes Folly, that Robert selected for his first land holding in the new world. Dames Quarter, then known as Damned Quarter or Damn Quarter, is now an official wildlife management area of the State of Maryland and nothing more than a primeval marshland. At the end of the 17th century it was probably woodland interspersed with marshes, barely above sea level, much like present-day St. Stephen immediately to the east. The land has certainly subsided and changed in the last three centuries, but even then there were large areas of swamp and marsh, specifically mentioned as such in the land records, and otherwise dense thickets of virgin forest. Today, in summertime, the dominant feature of the area is the hostile mosquito and deerfly population which in warm weather makes even the briefest unprotected exposure intolerable. Things could not have been much different back then - legend tells us that the very names of Damned Quarter and nearby Devil (Deal) Island are attributed to the insect population. One has to wonder just how Robert and Magdalen, a military

man and lady of status, with their eight or nine teenage and younger children, possessing only the most basic resources, could have looked upon this wilderness with anything but despair.

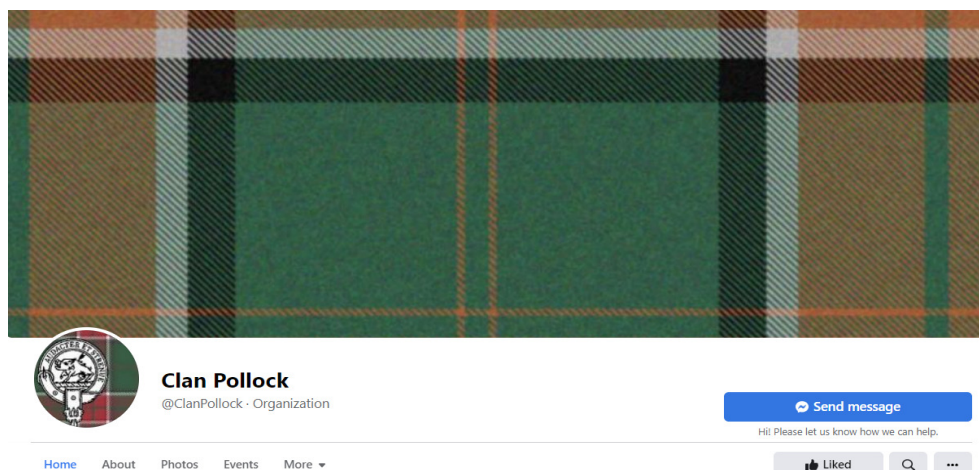
Robert did not arrive on the scene a wealthy man. Presumably he sold whatever he owned in Ireland to finance the family's ocean passage and initial stake in the new world. He acquired only 250 acres of land during his years in Somerset - Polkes Folly (100 acres) and Polkes Lott (50 acres), for which he was issued land warrants on 20 November 1687, and the tract Forlorne Hope (100 acres) purchased from Augustine Stanford in 1697. The inventory of Robert's estate made in 1703 shows just how rudimentary their belongings were. It is valued at a modest total of £50/16/11, most of that attributed to livestock (28 hogs, 1 mare, and 13 cattle comprising £35 of the total). The remainder is a short list containing such items as a feather bed and covering, yard and a half of serge, frying pan, 3 iron wedges, 3 reaphooks, a parcel of linen yarn, and a tanned hide. Their dwelling place must have been a basic settler's cabin, which was eventually abandoned by the next generation. The frequently repeated assertion that they lived in a manor house known as White Hall is certainly incorrect. The tract White Hall is in present day Wicomico County. It was patented in 1795 by Judge William Polk as a resurvey of the tract Fortune first acquired in 1744 by his father, David Polk, the son of Robert's second son William. None of this occurred during Robert or Magdalen's time.

By whatever means, the family managed to survive the initial pioneer years and in due course, but not in Robert's lifetime, the family prospered. Their presence was gradually felt in Somerset and later in adjacent areas of Dorchester and Worcester counties, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware. As opportunities arose, the second and third generations moved to more desirable lands along the Manokin and Nanticoke, and by 1740 there were no Polks or Pollocks living in Damned Quarter. Their judgment was more than validated by the subsequent deterioration of the area into a primal wetland. Today, muskrats burrow in the marshland grasses of these ancestral lands, the waterfowl swim serenely in its waters, and in summer the mosquitoes and deerflies reign supreme. Somewhere within its bosom, lost to time and memory, the bones of Robert and Magdalen are resting in quiet peace, while their pilgrim spirits move ever onward with their departed seed - beyond Damned Quarter.

John F. Polk, PhD,
Clan Historian, Clan Pollock International



Remember to check out our website at <https://www.clanpollock.com/>



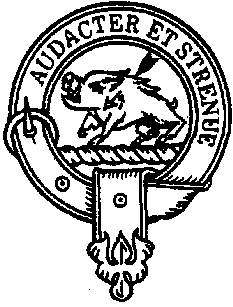
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Dick Pollock carries the banner for the Parade of Tartans at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1995.