

The Pollag
August 2023

"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...



As we approach Autumn, it sure seems like the weather this Summer has played a large part in our lives all over the country! We hope wherever you live you are having a good Summer and looking forward to some cooler weather

Thanks to all the help given Richard Anderson at the Grandfather Mountain Games in July. It really does "take a village" and we appreciate everyone's help. We are sorry some of the smaller games have not survived the shut downs during Covid – Barren River Games outside of Glasgow, KY were great games but couldn't make a come back - maybe sometime in the future. Look for information on the upcoming Estes Park, CO games the weekend after Labor Day in September in this issue. Denise and Mark Thomas will be hosting Clan Pollock's tent and they are looking forward to having lots of visitors to the tent.

We would like to see pictures with information of our members' trips to Scotland this Summer – we had several requests for suggestions of places to visit this year.

We have kept our yearly dues the same for many years. We always welcome a little added to your dues for postage and printing for The Pollag. Thanks to several of you who did this with your 2023 dues.

We need to get input from you as to new officers for Clan Pollock as we move forward. All current officers have served for many years. We need younger ideas and participation in leadership roles. Please let us hear from you. We will have more on this subject next time.

As always, our best to all of you,

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock

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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**SEPTEMBER****3** - William Harmon

4 - John F. Polk

Richard S. Pollock

7 - A.D. Pollock, Jr.

9 - Bruce W. Pollock

12 - Charity G. Pollock

13 - Richard A. Pollock

15 - Roy W. Pollock

19 - Bruce W. Pollock

20 - Suzanne P. MacAuley

22 - Carol Pollock

Dennis L. Burton

23 - Edna N. Bates

26 - Robert E. Pollock

30 - Elizabeth A. Ploghoft

Donald R. Pollock

Debra Pollock-Wainwright

OCTOBER

2 - Kay P. Fairbanks

7 - Erika G. Burkhalter

11 - Michael A. Sisinger

13 - Patricia A. Hardison

15 - Janet Hinton

18 - John C. Lyon

21 - Kay P. Fairbanks

22 - Elizabeth P. Bruch

Rosalie Dressler

Harding Polk II

24 - Judith S. Garman

28 - Debra E. Peters

29 - Chrystin P. Pleasants

31 - J. Andy Pollock

NOVEMBER

11 - Linda L. Tiffany

Rebecca J. Pacey

12 - Jim L. Pollock

Robert "Bruce" Pollock

13 - John B. Pollock

14 - Lori A. Lane

James W. Pogue, Jr.

15 - Olene P. LeFevre

16 - Charlene P. Young

18 - Todd A. McGeehan

Lisa Thompson

21 - Gerald W. Polk

Virginia T. Watson

23 - Penelope L. Johnson

24 - Brittany Gefroh

25 - Gail P. Carden

John A. Main

26 - Perry W. Polk

27 - James W. Pogue

Novalea P. O'Brien

28 - Keith G. Pollock

Roy S. Thompson

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

James F. Polk, Escondido CA

Joe Behymer, Del Mar CA

Adam J. Pollock, Ballymoney, Antrim, Northern Ireland

Tyler Hereth, Perkasi PA

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Harry (Peachy) C. Pollock, former Clan Pollock member, passed away May 27, 2023 in Greenville, KY after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.



MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to Clan Pollock Treasurer Howard Pollock on becoming an ordained Chaplain and completing his National Certification Chaplaincy.

Clan Pollock President A. D. Pollock received the Ephram Brank Award from Greenville, KY Mayor Ed DeArmond recently in recognition of his military service and his work in support of the local hospital and airport. This award is the most prestigious award presented by the city to a citizen. Pollock said after 45 years being away, he was glad to be back home in Greenville.



I am the Extra Large Leprechaun and I was invited to the Saline Celtic Festival in Michigan to judge the Corgi Races. These four legged wonder dogs were a blast. The owners took it very serious and wanted their fur runner to win first place. There were multiple heats ran with each winner having their own unique technique. Some were trading fur as they were racing at high speeds to the finish line. I took great pride in wearing the Pollock tartan as I called the races and enjoyed the festival afterwards.

~George "Doc" Freeland

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NEWS OF THE GAMES

UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

LOOK FOR THE CLAN POLLOCK TENT AT:

LONGS PEAK 47th SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL,

September 8 – 10, 2023

Estes Park, CO

www.scotfest.com



This year's festival will be held September 8 – 10 in Estes Park, CO, the Celtic capital of North America! The festival has been the highlight of September in Estes Park and this year marks their 47th anniversary. The Festival hit a milestone this year with a total of 62 Clans and organizations in 92 tent spaces! Additional tent space outside of the two main Clan tents has been added to accommodate everyone who wanted to be represented at the Festival! Events at the largest such festival in the country include: the best in Celtic Rock and Folk Music, Highland Dancing, Dogs & Cattle of the Highlands, Pipe & Drum Bands, Athletic competitions, a huge Celtic Parade on Saturday (please come and walk with us @ 9:30 AM), representatives from as many as 50 clans, and the International Tattoo. We will have a Clan Pollock tent site for those of you who do attend. Denise & Mark Thomas of Lakewood, CO will be hosting the tent this year for us. Come on by for a visit, some fellowship, and a wee dram. Slainte'

OTHER GAMES: Attend this year and think about hosting a Clan Pollock tent at one of these in the future. Contact A.D. for information on how to host a tent.



Middle Tennessee Highland Games

September 9 – 10, 2023

Hendersonville, TN

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

Mac Scottish Festival

Oct 7th and 8th, 2023

McMinnville, Oregon

<https://celticheritage.org/mac-scottish-festival/>



Charleston Scottish Games

November 4, 2023

<https://www.charlestonscottishgames.com/clans/>

Richmond Highland Games

November 4-5, 2023

Henrico, VA

<https://www.richmondhighlandgame>



[New Database of Scottish Heritage Societies and Highland Games Associations](#)

If you're traveling and want to see if there's a games in the area, or even if you're staying home, COSCA has researched and compiled a list of over 150 Scottish heritage societies and games associations in the United States. The organizations are listed by region and state. Each individual listing includes the group's website link, Facebook page, whether they offer scholarships or grants, whether they produce any highland games, and the mission. It can be found at <https://www.cosca.scot/association?cid=0a8c3318-0683-47fe-b1cd-792c391ace76>

GENEALOGY TREE

In the last issue of the Pollag, a poll was included that asked how many generations have you traced on both the male and female sides of your family.

Seven generations on the father's side and 4 generations on the mother's side was the strongest answer received.

No more polls.

If you want to get started now to determine your ancestors, and you don't mind paying a fee for a search engine, I suggest you invest in Ancestry.com.

Good luck with your search.

Richard H. Pollock,
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HISTORIAN'S CORNER **The Polloks of Balgray**

Balgray is an area located to the west of Upper Pollock in Renfrewshire. It was not part of the original lands of Pollok but came into family possession by purchase from its ancient owners, the Park family, in 1603, and remained in Pollok possession for the next three centuries. During this time its ownership passed through several different branches of the family as explained below. In time it came to be used as the Dower house of Castle Pollok, i.e. the residence of the widow of a departed laird when his successor moved into the castle. Balgray was the childhood home of Governor Thomas Pollock (1642-1722) of North Carolina and of the grandfather of David Pollock, saddler to King George and father of Field Marshall Sir George Pollock (1786-1872) and Sir Frederick Pollock (1783-1870), UK Attorney General and Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The lands of Balgray now lie mostly under Balgray Reservoir which was built between 1860 and 1865, part of the Dams to Darnley Country Park, Renfrewshire. The dower house has been substantially improved several times is now a lovely residence – it sold a few years ago for £1.15m.



The history of Balgray's ownership is somewhat confusing because it was conveyed between different lines of Pollocks in three successions. Perhaps it is best to present this in the context of the descendants of David Pollock, 11th of that Ilk (d.1545), who never owned Balgray himself but all of its later owners were his descendants. David had 3 sons: John Pollok, 12th of that Ilk (d.1564), Charles Pollock of Greenhill (d. before 1577), and George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow (d.1619). Ownership of Balgray passed between descendants of all three of these sons at different times, as follows:

Succession 1, 1603-1656, descendants of Charles Pollok of Greenhill:

1 - David Pollok of Lee, son of Charles Pollok of Greenhill, married first Janet (d.1593), daughter of John Pollok 13th of that Ilk. There is no record of his second wife's name. David purchased Balgray in 1603 from Alexander Park who was married to Egidia Pollok, also daughter of John Pollock, 13th of that Ilk. David sold his estate at Lee to Alan Pollok of Arthurlie when he purchased Balgray. David died in 1631 leaving three sons, Charles, by his first wife, and John and Robert by the second. Charles had only one child, a daughter, so John, the second son, succeeded to Balgray.

2 - John Pollok (d. Nov. 1650), second son of David, inherited Balgray. He was married to Jean, eldest daughter of Robert Pollok, 15th of that Ilk.

3 - David Pollok, son and successor of John Pollok, sold Balgray between 1653 and 1659 to a distant relative, Thomas Pollok of Glasgow. David died 1665, leaving a will. He had two sons, Robert (possibly sir Robert, Knight of Kelso) and David (yeoman of Spittle), grandfather of David Pollok, saddler to King George III.

Succession 2, 1656-1733, descendants of George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow:

George Pollok, cooper of Glasgow, had a son David Pollok (d.1619) who took a degree at Glasgow in 1595 and became Minister at Glenluce before 1605. David had two sons, James, Bailie of Glasgow, and Thomas.

4 - Thomas Pollok (b. ca.1603, d.1680), second son of David, became a wealthy merchant in Glasgow. Thomas purchased Balgray from David Pollok, grandson of David Pollok of Lee, between 1653 and 1659. He had numerous children.

5- James Pollok (b.1646), son of Thomas and a minister of the Kirk, inherited Balgray in 1680. He died before 1695.

6 - Thomas Pollok (d.1715), son of James, inherited Balgray. He sold half to Robert Semple, Jun., of Beltrees in 1710.

7 - James Pollok, son of Thomas, inherited the remaining half of Balgray with its mills and sold them in 1733.

Succession 3, 1733-1939, Pollocks of that Ilk:

8 - Sir Robert Pollok, 17th of that Ilk, Baronet, purchased the remaining half of Balgray from James Pollok for his son Capt. John Pollok in 1733.

9 - Capt. John Pollok was killed in battle at Fontenoy, 1745, and died without heir. Ownership of Balgray passed to his nephew, Robert, son of Sir Robert's first son, Walter.

10 - Sir Robert Pollok, 18th of that Ilk, 2nd Baronet, was the son of the 1st Baronet's first son, Walter, who predeceased his father.

11 - Balgray remained in possession of the subsequent line of Pollocks of that Ilk, and served as the Dower House for Pollok Castle, until the line died out, or "until a few years ago when it was sold to Mr Boyd, the present owner."

John F. Polk, Ph.D.

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You aren't a true Penn Stater if you've never heard the name "Pollock" before.

James Pollock was the 13th governor of Pennsylvania from 1855 to 1858 and served for Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives from 1844 to 1849. Following his term as governor, Pollock was appointed as the director of the United States Mint under President Abraham Lincoln from 1861 to 1866, and then again under President Ulysses S. Grant from 1869 to 1873. He was also the first person in Congress to suggest the construction of a cross-continental railroad, connecting California and the East Coast.

You might be asking yourself at this point, "What does he have to do with Penn State, and why is his name almost everywhere on campus?" Pollock became one of the most significant figures in Penn State history when he signed the charter that founded Penn State in 1855! <https://onwardstate.com/2021/02/04/penn-state-history-lesson-on-campus-building-names-part-ii/>

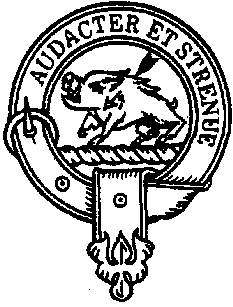
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The old Park Hotel in downtown Fruita, Colorado was opened and ran by William and Mary Pollock in 1900. The building still stands but is no longer a hotel.