

"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,
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Words from the President...



Our best wishes to all our members in this New Year of 2024. We hope you and your family are doing well.

The Central Florida Games were held last month. A big thank you to Brent DeShazo and his family for hosting these Games. Plans are also underway for the Grandfather Mountain, NC Games in July and for the Estes Park, CO Games in September. We appreciate so much the Clan Pollock members who work so hard on these events and encourage you to attend a Game in your area.

It is time for the payment of your 2024 Clan Pollock dues, \$15.00 **US dollars**. We have already received a few renewals and we will be sending out letters in the next few days. **If you have already paid OR if you have your payment set up automatically for Pay Pal, please disregard the letter.** You can send your check/money order made out to Clan Pollock International to Clara Ann Pollock at the address shown on this page of the Pollag. Or you can pay **\$16.00 US dollars** through our Pay Pal Page. Please put your full name on your payment including your middle initial. We have several members with the same first and last names and we want to be sure to credit the correct person.

As always, Beth and Mike Avery, our able Editors of The Pollag need your news and pictures so we can share them with our members. The Averys do a great job with our newsletter but they need your input to keep the newsletter interesting. AND please don't forget to send us your change of address and/or email address so we can keep our records up to date and make sure you don't miss any issues.

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

MARCH

1 – William Pollock

4 – John E. Alden

5 – Deborah A. Mennig

8 – Duane T. Taylor

10 – Nicole Polk

12 – Donald O. Pollock

14 – Lawrence P. Pollock

15 – R. Scott Pollock III

18 – Laverne Raisch

20 – Blair M. Pogue;

23 – Timothy R. Pollock

APRIL

3 - Emily P. Brown; Virginia R. Riebe; Charmaine Gunter

4 - Brian M. Pollock

5 – Ian J. Pollock; Marjorie T. Scooros; James A. Pollock

7 – Brian M. Pollock; Nancy I. Salisbury

8 – James A. (Jim) Poage

9 – Richard Anderson

10 – Suzanne P. Hough

11 – Edward L. Pollock

12 – Janet A. Delaney

13 – David B. Pollock; Robert M. Pollock

15 – Diane Polk Davis

20 – William D. Pollock; James F. Polk

21 – James D. Polk

25 – Amy E. Pollock-Morse

26 – George B. Pogue

27 – Jerry D. Mauck; Rebekah Pollock

29 – Ulrich Starke

30 – Richard A. Pollock

MAY

1 – Patti S. Polk; Tyler P. Hereth

3 – Clara A. Pollock; Cecil E. Pollock

5 – Victor Crawford

6 – Mary E. Bryan; Kent W. Woodward

8 – Nancy Musselman

10 – Robert H. Pollock IV

11 – David R. Pollock

12 – Shawn D. Joyce; Stuart Pollock

14 – Velma A. Pollock

15 – Brent DeShazo; Carolyn T. Gerwig

18 – Lynne P. Denson; James W. Pogue; Elizabeth P. Slough; Adam J. Pollock

19 – Beverly J. Craft; Christine Cozadd

24 – C. Richard Venable III

30 – Evelyn P. Taylor

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

Bruce R. Pollock, Nepean, Ontario, Canada (rejoin)

Matthew K. Pollock, Marion, Ohio

Stuart Pollock, Northville MI

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Richard Anderson's yard on January 31, 2024 which is very close to where the GF Mt Games will be held in July. We're pretty sure there won't be any snow in July.



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NEWS OF THE GAMES

Reports of the Games and Events

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games January 13-14, 2024

Clan Pollock returned to the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in January. We had a few walk ups who we are hopeful to see join our ranks. They had recently moved to the state from New Bern, NC and were very familiar with our group, and more excited for their kids to see our tent and march with the clans. We continue to look for more locals to join us, but can't do a lot of our activities at our tent without "Friends of Fulbert", a term we've coined for non-family members who volunteer and support us year after year.

Friends in those chilly northern states - make plans to join us for events in Florida the future. We promise that it won't snow!

~Brent DeShazo



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

Mt. Dora Scottish Highland Festival

February 16-18, 2024

Mt. Dora, FL

<https://ci.mount-dora.fl.us/1291/Scottish-Highland-Festival>



58th Annual Phoenix Games

March 1-3, 2024

Gilbert Regional Park, 3005 E. Queen Creek Road, Gilbert, Arizona

<https://phoenixscottishgames.com/>

Sherman (TX) Celtic Festival and Highland Games

March 23-24, 2024

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



San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival

April 5-6, 2024

<https://www.sahga.org/>



New York City Tartan Day Parade (and week)

April 1-7, 2024. Parade April 6.

<https://www.nyctartanweek.org/>

30th Annual Loch Norman Highland Games

April 20-21, 2024

Huntersville, NC

<https://lochnorman.com>

WV Wild & Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games

June 15, 2024

Beverly, WV

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



We had a great time in 2023 and had over 1200 guests to join us. We have added even more events and vendors for this year. We also have a world-class lineup of entertainers performing.

Chicago 38th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games

June 14-15, 2024

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



The Chicago Scots are excited to announce the relocation of the 38th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games to our new home at the DuPage County Fairgrounds!

GENEALOGY TREE

Richard H. Pollock,
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Gravestone Photographic Resource

<http://www.gravestonephotos.com/public/findfamily.php?name=PO LLOCK>

Gravestone Photographic Resource: An international grave monument directory includes photographs of tombstones in Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, United States, Wales and other countries. The project which began in 1998 by Charles Sale aims to "photographically record grave monuments and make the information they contain publicly available via the Internet." The project was originally restricted to gravestones of those born prior to 1901. While there are small images on the site, to get a high quality image you can submit a web form to order images which are emailed back to them usually within one or two days. You can also request the names and emails of others requesting this image. There are now 256 Pollocks, 10 Polloks, 40 Pooks, 858 Pooles, and 7 Pagues in the database. You can sort by birth year, burial year, location, and cemetery.

As more and more gravestones become illegible due to weather, vandalism, pollution, etc. it is important that we digitally preserve these bits of history. The project is looking for volunteers and will gladly accept donations via PayPal which will help support the hardware and other costs of the project. ~Beth Avery

Find a Grave

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

You can find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials or add photos, virtual flowers and a note to a loved one's memorial. Search or browse by cemetery or grave record. Records are linked to parents, sibling, spouse where available. Photos of death certificates and obituaries may be included in the record.

Over 238 million memorials have been created by the community since 1995. You can ask for photos of markers of your ancestors if not in the database. Volunteers are needed to contribute to the Community. A Fulfill photo requests from other members from around the world. Add new memorials, upload headstone photos, suggest edits and transcribe headstones. ~Beth Avery

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Some Thoughts on Visiting Northern Ireland

We recently had a question at Clan Pollock asking what to see in Ireland specific to our Pollock family. Here are a few thoughts based on my own visits there. Like most Scottish families that came to Ulster during the 1600s Pollocks are found scattered around at various locations throughout Ulster. Principal clusters were at Coleraine, Bovevagh and Tamlaght O'Crilly Parishes, County Londonderry, and the Strabane/Lifford area. There are just a few places that have specific traces of historical Pollock presence. I can mention two – 1) Bovevagh Parish Presbyterian Church, on Camnish Road a few miles north of Dungiven; quite a few Pollock graves here. I was lucky to meet up with a couple of Pollocks on our there in 2010 and got one of them to join our DNA project. Pollocks have lived in this area at least from early 1700s; 2) Cavanacor House in Ballendrait, near Lifford, County Donegal; see [Cavanacor House](https://lvbmag.wpcomstaging.com/2017/10/13/cavanacor-house-cavanacor-gallery-donegal/) <https://lvbmag.wpcomstaging.com/2017/10/13/cavanacor-house-cavanacor-gallery-donegal/>. This was owned by the family of Magdalen Tasker, wife of Robert Polk/Pollock, who immigrated to Maryland around

1687. They were the first Pollock family immigrants to colonial America, as far as we know. (They are the main subject of my book *Beyond Damned Quarter*.) The house doubles as an art gallery and is an interesting visit. Older Polk family histories claim Robert Polk as the ancestor of President Polk and Cavanacor House asserts itself as his ancestral home, but we now know from DNA evidence that this is not actually the case.

There is a historical marker to the birth of Oliver Pollock, the great patriot of the American Revolution, at Bready along the road from Strabane to Londonderry, but just a marker, nothing more. I take some personal credit for this as it was some research that I did which led to confirmation that this where he actually came from, and the later erection of the marker.



Bovevagh Presbyterian Church



Oliver Pollock Historical Marker



Cavanacor House, Ballendrait, Donegal

I will mention two other don't-miss stops (non-Pollock-related) that everyone should see while there. One is the Martin McCrossan tour of the walls of Londonderry. They give a very good two-hour account of Northern Irish history as you walk around the full circuit of the walls of the town. See

<https://www.derrycitytours.com/> Londonderry has been through some tough times over the centuries but is in a positive uptrend now. The North has become a more relaxed place since the Good Friday Accords were signed in 1998. It is underrated as a tourist destination but I have really enjoyed our visits there. We always stayed at B&Bs and made our plans on a day-by-day basis - if you don't go in the summer you don't have to make all your reservations in advance.

The other stop, just a little west of Londonderry in Donegal, is the Grianan of Aileach, a 6th century ring fort on the top of a mountain overlooking both Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly, one the most spectacular views in Ireland, and an ancient historical location where some of the O'Neils were crowned. It is a steep drive up to the top but once you get there you are free to walk around and climb the walls on your own, no tickets, no tour guide. Just drink in the view and feel the history. Very under-advertised and rarely crowded. See [Grianan of Aileach](#)

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Londonderry, photo taken from the walls.



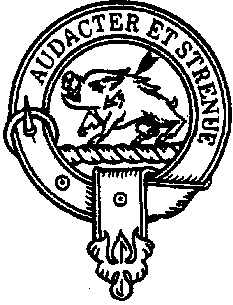
Grianan of Aileach, view from ring fort. <https://bit.ly/3SLvv2A>

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How the Unicorn Became an Enduring Symbol—and Scotland's National Animal Sonja Anderson

The [Perth Museum](#) Australia opens to the public on March 30, and its debut exhibition is simply titled "[Unicorn](#)." It's billed as the United Kingdom's first major show to survey the magical creature's cultural history from antiquity to the present day. See article and pictures at: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/see-an-artistic-history-of-the-unicorn-scotlands-odd-national-animal-180983652>