

"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."

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Words from the President...



It is hard to believe another year is coming to an end. It has been a hard time for lots of people these past few weeks. The two hurricanes – Helene and Milton – have done terrible damage to areas in our country – areas where we have Clan Pollock members living. Our hope is that these areas are on the road to recovery. We know everyone is thankful for all the relief efforts in your areas. It has been a heart warming experience to see neighbors helping neighbors as well as strangers helping strangers and so many all over the country donating money and material goods.

Thanks to everyone who has helped Clan Pollock this year in any way but especially those hosting Clan Pollock tents at Scottish Games. Thanks to the Brent DeShazio family, the Richard Anderson family, the Andrew Banks family and Denise and Mark Thomas. We have some members who are interested in hosting Clan Pollock tents at other Games and we plan to work with them to make 2025 a good year for Clan Pollock.

We would like to recognize our members who are Veterans – past and present. Thank you for your service! We also want to recognize our members who are health care workers, fire fighters, law enforcement workers and first responders. We appreciate your dedication and hard work in helping keep our Country safe.

Please help out our hard working Pollag editor, Beth Avery and her able helper, Mike Avery with items of interest for The Pollag. The Averys do an excellent job of editing and printing the Pollag each and every time. Don't forget to let us know if you change your mailing or email address. We don't want you to miss an issue.

Our very best wishes for you and your family for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

DECEMBER

5 – Rhett K. Pollock
7 – Beverly J. Oleson
10 – Nancy P. Haga; James R. Pollock
11 – Travis B. Scobey
13 – Leonard Poage
14 – Billy F. Anderson
15 – James Pollock; W. Field Pollock
16 – David A. Culbreath
18 – Denise T. Thomas; Rachel A. Hess
20 – David M. Barboza
23 – Howard W. Pollock; Roy V.H. Pollock
27 – Christopher Pollock
30 – Fred M. Pollock, Jr.
31 – Robert J. Pollock
28 – Alex J. Pollock
29 – Michael R. Sleigh; Kristin-Diane Pollock

JANUARY

1 – Paul D. Layman
4 – Margaret L. Griffes
5 – Charles A. Pollock
7 – Irene Fleming
8 – Elva G. Pollock-Arnold; Susan Pollock Beavis; Barbara C. Lewis; Alex Pollock

9 – Fred H. Pollock; John B. Pollock
11 – William K. Stevens; Linda L. Tiffany
15 – James (Jim) Poage
16 – Christine B. Halliwell; Robert P. Pollock
20 – Matthew D. Pollock
21 – Curtis J. Pogue
24 – Marcia Baker
25 – Elizabeth G. Anastasia
26 – Susan E. Strickland; Stephen J. Pollock

FEBRUARY

8 – Sally Patterson; George D. Freeland
9 – Virginia T. Watson
10 – Matthew K. Pollock
15 – Thomas W. Poage; Sheila H. Pollock
19 – John M. Pogue; Mark P. Pollock; Christine Boozer; Scott R. Pollock
20 – Revis A. Morton
24 – Milbry Polk
25 – Bruce R. Pollock
26 – John C. Pollock III
28 – Sally Brace; Alexis C. Pollock

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

Jonathan B. K. Pollock Oak Harbor, WA
Kim Clancy Pollock St. George, UT
Matthew K. Pollock Marion, OH
Michele Scallan Chester Springs, PA.
Matthew Carden Milton, GA.

Another Phishing Scam

Please be aware that yet another email scam has surfaced. These scams are becoming increasingly clever in wording and frequency. Always remember that no officer or member of Clan Pollock will request gift cards or other monetary support through email or text. If you receive such a message, it is a scam. **Please don't respond to these phishing scams.**

NEWS OF THE GAMES

Reports of the Games and Events

LONGS PEAK 48th SCOTTISH IRISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

September 6 – 8, 2024

Estes Park, CO

www.scotfest.com



Denise Thomas at the booth.

*Happy Group on Saturday. Jim Daigneault
Janice Daigneault (niece of Barney Polk)
Amber Holmberg (great niece of Barney Polk)
Mike Holmberg Denise Thomas Mark Thomas Bill Pollock*



*Matt Pollock, Denise Thomas,
Mark Pollock & Chris Pollock*



UPCOMING GAMES AND EVENTS

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53rd Annual Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade
December 7, 2024
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Old Town Alexandria
<https://visitalexandria.com/holidays/scottish-walk/>



Tallahassee Highland Games
February 8-9, 2025
<https://tallyhighlandgames.com/>



47th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games
January 17-18, 2025
Winter Springs, FL
<http://www.flascot.com>



Richmond Highland Games
<https://www.richmondhighlandgames.com/>



Message to all our Supporters: The return of the Richmond Games in 2023 was a great success, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with Henrico County in the future. Due to scheduling challenges, as well as other shared learning from your feedback after our last event, we will not be hosting a 2024 event but will focus efforts on the event again for the Fall of 2025. Thank you again for your enduring support of the Richmond Highland Games...more details to follow regarding our plans for Fall 2025.



Make a New Year's resolution to host a tent at a highland game near you next year. It's a fun way to get to know people and have even more fun at the game. Contact A.D. for information on how to host a tent.

GENEALOGY TREE

Richard H. Pollock,
Genealogist, Clan Pollock International

This article is a repeat of a column published several years ago. It is being repeated for the benefit of those members who have joined Clan Pollock International in the interim.

Did you realize that there is a connection between the Pollocks and Robert the Bruce, King of Scots? This is the connection:

King Robert, the Bruce m. Elizabeth de Burgh
Lady Matilda Bruce m. Thomas de Ysak
Joanna de Ysak m. John de Ergadia
Isabella de Ergadia m. Sir John Stewart
Isabel Stewart m. Sir Colin Campbell
Lady Helen Campbell m. Hugh Montgomery
Lady Isabel Montgomery m. John Mure, Knight
William Mure m. Elizabeth Hamilton
Janet Mure m. Sir John Pollok

Thus, all descendants of Sir John Pollok can claim kinship to Robert the Bruce, King of Scots.

Updated Scotland's People Search Site

The new look Scotland's People remains the ultimate destination for searching Scottish records. With millions of records available, from statutory registers to church registers to census returns, you can continue to trace your Scottish roots from the comfort of your home. Searching is free. Obtaining copies of the documents costs depending on the type of record from \$2 up.

Some tips about searching:

1- You can either access our full search at <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-records> with fewer clicks. From there, select a record type to access all the filters and features.

2- Or you can start a quick search which searches all record types, from the <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

John Polk
Historian, Clan Pollock International

Lafayette's Farewell Tour and COL William Polk of North Carolina

A remarkable event is under way - a full bicentennial reenactment of the farewell tour of America made by the Marquis de Lafayette exactly 200 years after its original occurrence. The tour will follow Lafayette's exact original route on a day-by-day basis, with ceremonies performed at each of the stops to reenact the activities that took place back then. The original tour lasted over a year, from August 1824 to September 1825, with an itinerary that took him not just through the original 13 states but through all 24 states that were by then in the union. Lafayette was greeted as an honored hero and huge celebrity with great fanfare,

speeches and banquets at every point of his tour. The reenactment tour is recreating those events with actors playing the role of Lafayette and local citizens organized to recreate the events at each stop in period costumes, and acting out the events as they originally occurred with as much authenticity as possible. This is a truly special commemoration that has required extensive planning and work by a great many people, and it is also quite a lot of fun. Your Clan Historian was recently involved in one of the events – Lafayette's arrival at Fort McHenry in Baltimore harbor on 7 September, and a subsequent banquet in his honor. All of the original 25 toasts proposed at the banquet, as reported in local papers at the time, were proposed once again on this occasion. To learn more and see if the tour is coming to a location near you, go to the Lafayette 200 website

<https://lafayette200.org/>



Colonel William Polk of Raleigh, your Clan historian's ancestor, played a prominent role in the honors and festivities that took place in the North Carolina portion of Lafayette's tour. He was the senior surviving officer of the North Carolina Line by that time and almost identical in age to the Marquis, both only teenagers when the war began. They crossed paths frequently during the war, especially in the northern campaigns, and knew each other well. Polk was present with Lafayette when he was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine.

Because of this relationship and Colonel Polk's prominence in North Carolina he was Lafayette's primary host during his passage through the state in early March 1825. He travelled as the Marquis' companion for three days on the hundred-mile journey from Northampton County Courthouse to Raleigh and made speeches at the commemorative ceremonies and banquets held in his honor. At the State House in Raleigh, he gave an address following a welcoming speech made by Governor Burton. The Raleigh Register described the moment that followed:

At the conclusion, the veteran soldiers, General Lafayette and Colonel Polk, rushed into each other's arms, and again wept their gratitude, that they who had borne the brunt of battle together in their youthful prime, had been spared to meet again on peaceful plains and in happier hours. It was a sight which warmed the cold heart of age, and made the youthful spirit glow with brighter enthusiasm, and a simultaneous expression of feeling burst forth in a lengthen huzzah from the attendant crowd.

That event was followed by a banquet at the Governor's Palace which, as usual in the custom of the time, included numerous toasts. When his turn came, Lafayette made a toast with a notable reference to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the result of a meeting called many years earlier in Charlotte by Colonel Polk's father, General Thomas Polk. Again, from the Raleigh Register:

.... After the toast had been drunk, General Lafayette rose and expressed his thanks to the company for their kindness, and in conclusion proposed the following: "The State of North Carolina, its Metropolis, and the twentieth of May, 1775, when a generous people called for independence and freedom, of which may they more and more forever cherish the principles and enjoy the blessings."

Colonel Polk, host of the banquet, followed with a toast to his honored guest: "Lafayette, the last of the Revolutionary general officers, may the evening of his life be as happy and serene as the meridian of his days have been great and glorious."

On the following morning Colonel Polk hosted a breakfast for Lafayette at his own house in Raleigh, and bade him farewell to continue on to the next stop of his journey, Fayetteville, and thence to South Carolina. The two comrades both died nine years later, in 1834.



Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834)



Colonel William Polk (1758-1834)

Nollaig Chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From Clan Pollock International

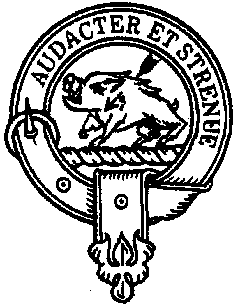


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Lafayette being greeted at Northampton County Courthouse by Judge John Taylor and Colonel William Polk upon his arrival in North Carolina.