

The Pollag
April 1, 2003

"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...

A.D. Pollock, Jr



As I write this on March 26, 2003 the United States, the United Kingdom and other coalition forces are involved in battle. I know you join with me in concern for the safety and welfare of the brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces. We have members of Clan Pollock who are involved in the ongoing efforts across the globe. To all who serve either abroad or at home I say "Thank you and God bless you and keep you safe." Your sacrifice and service make it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms, privileges, and blessings that we all too often take for granted. You embody the essence of the Clan Pollock motto, "Audacter et Strenue" as you serve "boldly and strongly" in the war against tyranny and terrorism.

I would encourage each of you to get involved in supporting our troops and their families in some way by writing letters, sending needed personal items, volunteering at a service club or center, donating blood – there are numerous ways. But, most importantly, please pray for our military, our countries, and our elected leaders.

As you attend a Scots event or game in your area in the next few weeks and months, please think about what our military are facing at this time. Duty – Honor – Country – words our Scots ancestors lived by and words we live by today.

I would like to close with these words that mean so much to Americans.

"Oh, say, can you see – by the dawn's early light – what so proudly we hailed, at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars – through the perilous fight – o'er the ramparts they watched were so gallantly streaming. The rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air – gave proof through the night, That our flag was still there! Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave? O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

My very Best wishes to all of you,

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Editor's Notes

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Pollag is June 15. Remember Clan Pollock members enjoy hearing your news. So send your news, especially about games and events, to the editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shari Kay Pollock Catanese, Richmond, Virginia

John William Espey, Eads, Tennessee

Christian Andreus George Edwards, Atlanta, Georgia

Joan Frances Pollock Gibbs, Sumter, South Carolina

John Thomas Main, Paucuh, Kentucky

Alexander Forsyth Pollock, Aberglassyn, Australia

Penny Pollock Fergus, Ontario, Canada

Richard Neil Pollock, Welcome, Maryland.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Genevieve Myrtle Richards Hand, born in Kewanee, IL July 8, 1907, died December 19. She joined Clan Pollock in June of 1982. She is survived by her niece, Joan Herrick.

Byran Dow Marshburn, of Greeshboro, North Carolina, died February 13. He was a member of Clan Pollock since 1992. He is survived by his wife, Sara, two children & two grandchildren and his twin brother, Dr. Tom Marshburn,

Billie Pride Pollock (Mother of Richard Pollock, Past Clan President & current Clan Genealogist) Madisonville, Kentucky passed away in February after a long illness.

TARTAN TERMINOLOGY

tartan -- an old term - any checkered or striped cloth, usually woven in wool or silk. Tartan in a broad sense is a most period fabric. There are three types of specific tartans:

district □ a tartan woven in a particular pattern or color, associated with a specific region. EX: Lennox.

regimental □ a specific tartan associated with a military group. EX: Black Watch.

clan tartan □ a specific tartan associated with a distinct family name. EX: Fergusson. People with this name, and their descendants, are specially entitled to wear this tartan, but there are no formal restrictions.

From Tartan History and Terminology by Lady Catriona Fergusson
<http://www.meridies.org/as/dmir/Costume&Fashion/0925.html>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GAMES AND EVENTS

Clan Pollock Annual Meeting, Moultrie, Georgia, February 14-16

Thanks to everyone who attended the Braveheart Scottish Weekend at the Odom Library in Moultrie, Georgia February 14-16. Clan Pollock held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon in a room at the Library with 11 members present. Minutes for this meeting will be included in the July *Pollag*. Thanks to Beth Gay, editor of *The Family Tree Newsletter*, for arranging the meeting room for our use. A motion was passed to have the Clan Pollock's 2004 AGM at the North Carolina Grandfather Mountain Games in July. It's not too early to begin making your plans to attend in 2004!

Sarasota Highland Games and Heritage Festival

The tenth annual Sarasota Highland Games and Heritage Festival were held Saturday, February 1, 2003. Clan Pollock was in attendance, attracting many inquires for the public about the Clan's past and the Pollock/Polk connection to American history.

Sandra and Hamish greeted several Pollocks or Pollock connected guests from Canada, Scotland and several of the states. All seemed to be enthusiastic about a real Pollock presence at the games. We will come again to enjoy the blue February skies and the 70 degree temperatures.

Aye,
Hamish.

Editors Note: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune carried a picture of the handsome Hamish carrying the Clan colors during a parade at the games.

LOOK FOR CLAN POLLOCK TENTS AT THE FOLLOWING HIGHLAND GAMES IN SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER:

5 Apr 03 Chesterfield Celtic Festival
Heart of Chester Park, Chester VA
Tent Contact: Robert Pollock

12-14 April Loch Norman,
Rural Hill Farm, Huntersville, NC.
Tent Contact: Ben Stone

26 Apr 03 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival
Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard MD
Tent Contact: Andy Easter

10 May 03 Frederick Celtic Festival

Beatty Cramer House, Rt 26 3 miles east of Frederick MD

Tent Contact: Robert Pollock

17-18 May 03 Celtic Heritage Festival in Central VA

Off I-95 at Ladysmith VA

Tent Contact: Robert Pollock

14-15 Jun 03 Potomac Celtic Festival

Morven Park Equestrian Center, Leesburg VA

Tent Contact: Robert Pollock

26-27 July 03 Virginia Scottish Games

Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA

Tent Contact: Robert Pollock

For a list of Highland games in your area check <http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>.

From April through June your editor found many events listed including 5 in Alberta, 3 in Alabama, 1 in Arkansas, 5 in Australia, 7 in British Columbia, 13 in California, 3 in Colorado, 1 in Connecticut, 1 in D.C., 3 in Florida, 4 in Georgia, 1 in Hawaii, 3 in Illinois, 1 in Indiana, 2 in Kansas, 2 in Kentucky, 1 in Louisiana, 2 in Massachusetts, 2 in Manitoba, 5 in Maryland, 1 in Maine, 1 in Michigan, 1 in Minnesota, 2 in Missouri, 2 in Montana, 1 in New Brunswick, 2 in North Carolina, 2 in New Hampshire, 3 in New Jersey, 2 in New Mexico, 1 in Nova Scotia, 1 in Nevada, 2 in New York, 3 in Ohio, 8 in Ontario, 3 in Oregon, 5 in Pennsylvania, 2 in Rhode Island, 3 in South Carolina, 3 in Saskatchewan, 1 in Tennessee, 6 in Texas, 1 in Utah, 5 in Virginia, 4 in Washington, 1 in Wisconsin, 1 in West Virginia, 1 in Wyoming and 1 in the Yukon Territory!

Remember you too can host a Clan Pollock tent! Just contact the President for information on how to do it.

EAST COAST (U.S.) GAME INFORMATION

In Maryland, Andy Easter will be teaming up with Clan Maxwell at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival games which will be held at Patterson Park in St. Leonard, Maryland on the 26th of April, one day only. Andy and Pauline will also be convening at the Anne Arundel Festival and Games in October of this year as well. As usual, they will likely team up to share a space with Clan Maxwell, or at the very least, set up a tent next to theirs there.

Rob Pollock has begun convening for the Virginia games beginning with what would have been the Tartan Day celebration on the Mall in DC, which was subsequently cancelled due to war-time security considerations. A very small event at Pocahontas Park in Chesterfield, VA will be convened by Rob on April 5th, and thereafter the Potomac Festival in June, Alexandria games in July at the Episcopal grounds, then perhaps Fort Ward games in late September, weather and world conditions willing.

POLLOCK FAMILY REUNION AND ARCHIVES PROJECT

The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, May 30-June 1, 2003.

Members of Clan Pollock are invited to participate in the Polk Family Reunion to be held the weekend of May 30-June 1. For more information contact Morgan Merrill, Reunion Chair at (513) 533-0170. For online registration go to [The brochure for the weekend says, "This will be a wonderful weekend to learn more about the family \(Polk\), renew old ties and foster new connections."](#)

A.D. and Clara Ann Pollock plan to attend this event and will host a Clan Pollock table in the "Polk Family Bookstore" in Convocation Hall with information on Clan Pollock. Clan Pollock currently has 18 members with the surname Polk and many more members with Polk ancestors.

Information for Genealogists

by Beth Avery

Illinois Archives

The State of Illinois has added several genealogy databases to their web site.

There are some local databases from various counties and courts, which you will want to look at if you think you have ancestors from Illinois.

The Veteran's databases are:

Illinois War of 1812 Veterans -- 1,500 names

Illinois Black Hawk War Veterans -- over 9,000 names

Illinois Mexican War Veterans -- over 6,500 names

Illinois Civil War Veterans -- over 250,000 names

Illinois Civil War Veterans Serving in the U.S. Navy -- over 3,000 names

Illinois Civil War Veterans of Missouri Units -- 5,610 names

Illinois Spanish-American War Veterans -- 11,000 names

1929 Illinois Roll of Honor -- over 72,000 names

Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Residents -- over 14,000 names

There is also the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900 with over two million names and the Illinois Statewide Death Index (1916-1950) and the Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database, where I found over 20 sales to Pollocks.

Scottish Archive Network

The Scottish Archive Network, is busy converting 50 Scottish archive catalogs and the wills and testaments of Scots from 1500 to 1875 to electronic format. Currently copies of the wills can be purchased for a small amount. The Family History page will help you in using the Network to trace your Scottish heritage.

Interestingly this page had a picture of an unidentified family group in Pollokshields, an affluent suburb of Glasgow, c.1890. It was easy for me to get 'lost' in the knowledge base of interesting facts. The Research Tools area has hints for deciphering Scottish handwriting and a glossary of terms used in the wills.

Pollock's Entering the USA via the Port of New York, 1820 -1850

Transcribed from the National Archives file (1806-1850), March 2003

compiled by Robert Pollock

| <u>First name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Birth</u> | <u>Occupation</u> | <u>Accompanying</u> | <u>Ship</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mrs. | 35 | | GB | | Robert | Janet | July | 1842 |
| Agnes | 5 | F | GB | | Sarah | Janet | July | 1842 |
| Agnes | 18 | F | GB | | | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Alexander | 18 | M | GB | | Robert | Nimrod | June | 1836 |
| Alexander | 40 | M | GB | Labourer | | Ma. | July | 1843 |
| Alex | 70 | M | GB | Labourer | Wm. | Hottinouer | Oct | 1846 |
| Ann Marie | | F | GB | | Julius, Jane, Harriet, Louisa | Comet | July | 1843 |
| Arch. | 22 | M | GB | Farmer | | Oxford | May 23 | 1844 |
| Bella | 9 | F | GB | | John, Robert, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Daniel | 30 | M | GB | | | Earl of Liverpool | Aug 20 | 1825 |
| David | 30 | M | IRE | Farmer | | | Aug 07 | 1820 |
| Eliza | 14 | F | GB | | John, Robert, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Elizth | 3 | F | GB | | Ellen | Liverpool | Oct 11 | 1843 |
| Ellen | 4 | F | GB | | Elizth | Liverpool | Oct 11 | 1843 |
| E. M. | 42 | M | GB | | | Britannia | Sep | 1841 |
| G. | 49 | M | SCO | | | Mnfst 626 | Dec 05 | 1827 |
| H. | 26 | M | SCO | | | Galveston | Apr 25 | 1841 |
| Hugh | 20 | M | GB | Labourer | | Zannoni | May 05 | 1845 |
| Isabelle | 25 | F | SCO | | James, Thom | Francis | May | 1838 |
| James | 3 | M | SCO | | Isabelle | Francis | May | 1838 |
| James | 17 | M | GB | Tailor | | Josephine | May | 1836 |
| James | 38 | M | GB | Mechanic | | R. Stewart | Jun | 1841 |
| Jane | 21 | F | GB | | John, Robert, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Jane Harriet | | F | GB | | Julius, Anne, Marie, Louisa | Comet | July | 1843 |
| Jenne | 46 | F | GB | | | Washington | Jun 18 | 1833 |
| John | 1 | M | IRE | | | Mnfst 2492 | Dec 18 | 1827 |
| John | 17 | M | SCO | | | New York | May | 1838 |
| John | 18 | M | ENG | Labourer | | Yazoo | June | 1840 |
| John | 19 | M | GB | Farmer | | Maridean | Apr 29 | 1835 |
| John | 20 | M | IRE | Labourer | Margaret | Potomac | Sep 30 | 1848 |
| John | 21 | M | GB | Shoemaker | | Dan'l Webster | Dec | 1840 |
| John | 26 | M | GB | Mechanic | Rbt, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Julius | | M | GB | Mechanic | Anne, Martha, Louisa, Jane H. | Comet | July | 1843 |
| Lousia Ann | | F | GB | | | Comet | July | 1843 |
| M. E. | 19 | F | ENG | | | Mnfst 1107 | July | 1820 |
| Margaret | 21 | F | IRE | | John | Potomac | Sep 30 | 1848 |
| Margaret | 30 | F | IRE | | | Mnfst 2492 | Dec 18 | 1827 |
| Margaret | 31 | F | GB | | | Montezuma | Jun 01 | 1844 |
| Margaret | 16 | F | GB | | John, Rbt, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |
| Maria | 20 | F | ENG | | | Rochester | May | 1841 |
| Mary | 12 | F | GB | | John, Rbt, Agnes, Marg't | Odessa | Dec 28 | 1841 |

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| Mathew | 21 | M | ENG | Weaver | | Roanoke | Sep 19 | 1827 |
| Matilda | 22 | F | GB | | | Rosuos | Jun | 1844 |
| Minnie | 3 | F | GB | | Mrs. Pollock | Oxford | Sep | 1840 |
| R. | 18 | M | ENG | | | Mnfst 1107 | July | 1820 |
| Robt | 36 | M | GB | Merchant | Mrs. Pollock | Janet | July | 1842 |
| Robt | 25 | M | GB | Farmer | | Cruickstone Ca. | Jun 27 | 1834 |
| Robt | 40 | M | GB | Shoemaker | Agnes | Nimrod | June | 1836 |
| Samuel | 28 | M | GB | | | Pettrill | Mar 14 | 1826 |
| Sarah | 2 | F | GB | | Agnes | Janet | July | 1842 |
| Sidney | 20 | M | GB | Lib. | | Stevn Whitney | April | 1842 |
| Thomas | 2 | M | SCO | | Isabelle, James | Francis | May | 1838 |
| Thomas | 3 | M | IRE | | | Mnfst 2492 | Dec 18 | 1827 |
| Thos | 36 | M | GB | Mechanic | | Charlotte | Apr 06 | 1846 |
| Thos | 40 | M | GB | Mechanic | | Gen. Whitlaw | Jan 08 | 1844 |
| Walter | 28 | M | IRE | Labourer | | Mnfst 2492 | Dec 18 | 1827 |
| Wm | 19 | M | GB | Mechanic | | Phillip Biddle | Oct 12 | 1846 |
| Wm | 36 | M | GB | Labourer | Alex | Hottinouer | Oct | 1847 |
| Wm. B | 20 | M | GB | | | Toronto | Nov | 1841 |

Did You Know?

Cheyenne, Wyoming is one of the few cities outside of Scotland that has a statue of Robert Burns that was sculpted by H. S. Gamley of Edinburgh. The statue is located in a small park between Cary and Pioneer Avenue on 26th Treet. It was erected in 1929 by a Wyoming pioneer and adminer of Burns, Mary Gilcrest, who came from Scotland as a young woman.

From the Scottish Society of South East Wyoming Newsletter.
Our Thanks to Ruth Woodward for forwading this item.

Tartan was the original term for the way the cloth was woven. It actually had nothing to do with a plaid pattern at all (incidentally, plaid originally meant "blanket" and had nothing to do with a design or pattern either.)

The oldest piece of tartan dates to the 3rd century A.D. Found near Flakirk, in an earthenware pot, it was covering about 1900 Roman coins. It had a checked pattern of undyed wool which consisted of dark brown and light brownish green, two common colors of the native Soay Sheep.

From Tartan: a brief history
http://www.shetlandpiper.com/Tartan/ml_tartan.html.

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