

Pollock Castle

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Pollok Castle (Pollock Castle) was a tower house castle built by the [de Pollocs](#) in c. 12th or 13th century and became the seat of Clan Pollock, near [Glasgow, Scotland](#). The castle appears on [Timothy Pont](#)'s map (1583–96), as a castle named *Pook* and also appears on [Joan Blaeu](#)'s map of 1654.

The castle was rebuilt between 1686 and 1694 by [Sir Robert Pollok, 1st Baronet of Pollok](#), with a new east wing. Further extensions included an enclosing courtyard with an ornate gateway and formal walled garden with corner pavilions. [William Roy](#)'s map (1747–55) shows the castle and landscape in detail. Destroyed by fire in 1882, but rebuilt afterwards in 1886 in the [Scots Baronial Style architecture](#), incorporating the surviving elements of the earlier structure

Requisitioned by the [British Army](#) in 1939 during [World War II](#), bar one wing occupied by the Pollok family throughout the war and the lands used as an ammunition dump. In 1944, Miss Ferguson Pollok abandoned the castle and the castle deteriorated and was required to be demolished in 1952.

In 1970, all that remained of the castle are the two gate houses, the stable, and the gardener's cottage, the castle's stone foundations, the south entrance steps and a few stones that once formed the castle's massive walls. Some of the ruins were dynamited in the 70s and a large prefabricated house erected on the castle foundations by Mr Greer who purchase Pollok Castle Estate from a Timber Merchant. The gate houses at each end of the estate were also rebuilt along with the gardener's house and the castle stables and sold on as private residences.



Pollok Castle, built 2003

The prefabricated house was removed and the site cleared in the early 1990s and the castle was again rebuilt in 2003, in the Scottish [Adam style](#) by Alex Hewitt. Some of the original foundations and castle walls remain, on which the house has been built, notably a portion of the five meter high north wall still remains.

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Blaeu, Joan 1596-1673 [Blaeu Atlas of Scotland, 1654](#), *National Library of Scotland*