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It's GREAT to be a GRANT!

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Grant Chief and Clan honored at Stone Mountain

Some three dozen members of The Clan Grant Society of North America, Inc. turned out at Stone Mountain Oct. 15-18, as their Clan Chief, the Right Honourable Patrick Donald Trevor Ogilvie-Grant of Grant, 7th Baron Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32nd Chief of Clan Grant, was Guest of Honor with Lady Strathspey, for the ninth annual Stone Mountain Games, near Atlanta, Ga.

While the games were actually held on Saturday and Sunday, Lord and Lady Strathspey arrived on Thursday, and were the guests at a reception for the officials of the games, and their honored and distinguished guests. The reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Peery Grant, who with their charming daughters Tracy, Susie, and Amanda, Dr. Grant's father, Ralph P. Grant and Mrs. Grant, of Kingston, Tenn., provided a lovely evening for some fifty guests and Grants, who enjoyed a buffet of caviar and delightful snacks during the party.

On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grant hosted a reception for Lord and Lady Strathspey, and all the Grants present, at their apartment home. Pipers provided the background music, while Lord Strathspey presented Commissioner Mathew Grant-Knapp, Jr., with a beautiful parliamentary Wedgewood plate in grateful appreciation for his service as commissioner.

During the evening, the host, "Hank" Grant, proudly showed the beautiful scrapbook that he and his lovely wife had prepared about the recent Grant trip to Scotland, during which they were privileged to visit the major Grant properties in the Highlands, and visit with Grant leaders whom not even Lord Strathspey had previously met.

Following the reception, many Clan members enjoyed the opening party hosted by the

officials of the games, for sponsors of the games, and their families.

The Grant tent on Saturday morning was a very large one, suitable for the Guest of Honor, in the middle of the main review field. Dozens of Grants help Lucille Grant, wife of George H. Grant, the convenor, operate the hospitality table for visiting Grants, most of whom were not familiar with the Clan organization.

Dancing, piping, and athletic

events drew a crowd estimated at nearly 9,000 for the day; it was a lovely day for the games, and all of the Grants greatly enjoyed associating together for the event.

A dull drizzle dampened the Sunday events at the start, and nearly washed out the kirkin' o' the clans, but the weather cleared as the piping bands gathered, and for the sheep dog demonstration in front of the Grant tent.

Following this, the parade of

tartans, with the Grant Clan proudly leading the parade, and Lord and Lady Strathspey, with George Grant just as proudly holding the Chief's personal banner, passed in review. By the time the event was over, with Ed Smith, the Grant Piper, leading the Guest of Honor from the field, everyone was pretty well tired out, including the Chief and his lady, who were kept on the run for the entire weekend, shaking hands and conversing with all the Grants, and also with the leaders of other Clans.



HONORED GUESTS Lord and Lady Strathspey address the crowd of some 6,000 at the Saturday Games at Stone Mountain, while our Convener, George H. Grant, proudly holds the Chief's personal flag.



NEW YORK ORGANIZER Matthew Grant-Knapp, left, receives, for his service to the clan and hard work in signing up members in his area, a blue Wedgewood plate from the House of Lords, British Parliament, in which Lord Strathspey serves.



ATLANTA HOSPITALITY is appreciated above, as Ian Grant, center-Convener for Canada, thanks host Dr. R. Peery Grant, while Mrs. Ralph P. Grant, left, proud stepmother, looks on.

Grants win at Altamont games

The Grants stormed the Altamont, New York games and placed not only in the Haggis Hurling contest (Phil Smith claims the Clan Grant record of 72 feet!) but also the stone throw (Jeffrey McCulloch). Ed Smith placed in the piping competition. Everyone marched in the Clan parade: Mathew and Ann Grant-Knapp (our New York Commissioner), Beryl and Hal Grant

(New York Deputy Commissioner); Barbara McCulloch and her two children from Lancaster, NY; Joanne and Cameron Mills and their two sons, and Phil and Shirley Smith. We were cheered on by Mr. Grant-Knapp's (80-some-years-young) mother! It seems she usually lasts through the whole day affair, which is better

than most of us can do!

We could barely make it to the glorious open house the Harold Grants held that evening! But the gang managed to wolf down most of the salads, hot dogs, grilled hamburgers and homemade cakes! And some, we understand, talked way into the night — long past all proper bedtimes!

James Henry Grant
(1916- 1981)

My father lost his twenty year battle with rheumatoid arthritis on Sunday, November 22nd.

CRAIGELLACHIE readers will remember him as Seumas Mor, director of the Speyside Institute for Nonessential Studies (SINS). Writing humorous articles, stories, and letters gave him much pleasure. He was a regular contributor to the local newspaper in Abingdon, Virginia, and edited the Rotary 'Club newsletter for many years.

My father enjoyed friends, especially young people, and took an active part in civic and church activities. He was a patriot. On two occasions he was called into active military service and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of Major. He was a charter member of the Clan Grant Society.

Mother is doing well and has been an inspiration to family and friends. Some



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Grants win Ligonier Tug-o-war Sept. 12



JEFF McCULLOUGH

More than 20 Grants registered this year at the Ligonier, PA games September 12. This is a fast-growing affair! Our friends, the Monroes, graciously shared their tent with the Grant Clan after a mix-up on the part of the games' organizers. But it was so much fun, we decided we'd probably share again next year!

The Eric Marshalls, Pennsylvania commissioner, and the Phil Smiths manned the tent, cheering on the Grant Pipe Band. Eric and Nancy's daughters are now entering competition in the Highland

dancing categories, and we expect to see a lot of awards coming from this direction.

The surprise of the day, as we were unaware of the challenge until after it was over and won — was the winning of the tug-o-war contest! This is a challenge among clans — and as a condition of winning, we made the tuggers promise to join the Clan Grant! The winning tuggers were Ed Zizinski, Bob Sutton, Roy Grant, Danny Grant, and David Grant! Hope to see lots more of these hefty guys! And all for CLAN GRANT! By Shirley Grant.

Titles, titles, titles.....

Many Americans who read history or ethnic news are not familiar with the British titles of nobility that we so often come across in our reading. Just what is Earl? Is that higher or lower than a Duke? Why is an Earl's wife called a Countess? And what is a "Lord"? or a "Laird"?

Kings, Queens, Princess and Princesses we understand — these are the monarch and first generation off-spring. Other hereditary titles often seen are — in descending order of importance — Dukes, Marquess or Marquis, Earls, Viscounts, Lords, Barons and Baronets. Non-hereditary titles include the "Sir" of Knighthood.

Dukes used to be semi-autonomous rulers of kingdoms or sub-kingdoms. They did not used to be but now are often related to the monarch — examples are the Duke of Cumberland, and the Duke of Argyll.

Marquess (Marchioness) are not as common in Scotland as either Dukes or Earls but rank between the two. Its an imported French title. The Stuarts are the Marquis of Bute, the Kennedys the Marquis of Ailsa. It is pronounced "Mar-kwis."

Earls are called "counts" on the European Continent — which is why their wives are Countesses. Earl comes from the Scandinavian title "Jarl." Earls used to rule Counties — and in the days of loose central control they were almost independent little kings — examples include the Earl of Glasgow (Boyle) and the Earl of Wigtown (Fleming).

Viscounts are what it says: vice-counts, below an Earl.

Lords are a little lower and originally held oversight over a considerable expanse of land which could be expected to furnish a sizeable party or armed men in case of war. In Scotland they often head families with several cadet families — the Lord of the Isles and the several MacDonald Clans; the Lord Strathspey with sub-families of Grants at Rothiemurchus, Tullochgorm, Glenmoriston, etc.

Barons, usually headed a fortified house and enough land to provide a small party of warriors. The title was hereditary as long as they kept up their obligations to the overlord — which is why one reads of rebellious lords forfeiting their titles and estates. Clan Chieftainships are hereditary — and Chiefs may or may not also have a title of nobility. Most do, many do not.

Baronetcies and Knighthoods are "earned" titles granted for service rendered — the son of a knight must "earn his own spurs." A Laird is a major property owner — cash can bring a "lairdship."

Titles no longer carry their territorial significance — the Duke of Montrose may live in Africa; Ailsa is a very small island; the title Viscount of El Alamein is purely commemorative. To confuse the situation remember that one person can be moved up to a "higher" title — or hold several titles at one time. Finally, please remember that nobles are known by their titles rather than their names — and don't forget that the word "the" is part and



OUR LEADERS—Lord Strathspey, under his official flag that flies only when he is present, and George H. Grant, U.S. Convener, as they attend a party for the honored guests of the 9th Stone Mountain Games, hosted by Dr. and Mrs. R. Peery Grant at their home Oct. 15.

parcel of the title: The Earl of Seqforth, The Lady Strathspey. It is very poor manners to address a Lord as "Cromarty" or

"Argyll" unless you are a peer yourself.

—Philip D. Smith,
F.S.A. Scots.

Special Grant Tartan Order

Phil and Shirley Smith are willing to contact a Scottish mill for the purchase of specially woven Grant tartans. The first order will be placed for a quantity of the 1880's pattern of the Red Grant. This pattern has a wider red ground and more widely spaced lines than the modern "trade" version (which is also very old). The dark blue lines will be in black and the

central four blue lines will be of equal width. This is the pattern — or close to it — of Lord Strathspey's kilt. Cost of the material from one of Scotland's better mills will run about \$25 a yard after transportation and duty. The material will be in the "Ancient" (soft) colors and is 54 inches wide.

Seven yards of material

should provide enough for two full kilts (28 inches from belt to knee top) and-or several ladies skirts. The material must be ordered by the bolt and the Smiths will repack and distribute the yardage after it arrives. The next tartan to be ordered will be the older Grant Hunting tartan with red and yellow overstripes.

Interested Clansmen should contact Phil and Shirley with an order for the number of yards of Red Grant (old sett, ancient colors) that they would like. The address is 1207 Cavalier Lane, West Chester, Pa. 19380. It will take some time to place the order, have it woven and to ship the tartan. Order now for wearing next summer.



MARCHING BANDS AND PIPERS, above, fill the field between the rows of interested spectators. After the parade, sheep dogs separated and assembled flocks of sheep and geese.



PATRICK GRANT, center, namesake of Lord Strathspey, is held by Lady Strathspey as his mother looks proudly on. Young Patrick and his parents were among those Grants attending who joined at the Stone Mountain Games.



ELSIE FRENCH, left first member of the clan when the U.S. branch was formed, is awarded a life membership by Lord Strathspey as George H. Grant, Convener, looks on. Earl Malley and Mary McDonald, a sister of Mrs. French, were also honored as having joined at the same time.



INDIANAPOLIS GRANTS Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, left and right, discuss clan business with James H. "Hank" Grant, Clan Historian.



SIGNING THE BOOK, Lord Strathspey, Chief of Clan Grant, signs over the Grant Clan story in the book of Miss Amanda Grant, daughter of hosts Dr. and Mrs. R. Peery Grant. Miss Grant got signatures from half a dozen Clan Chiefs and U.S. clan leaders at the party in her home.



SMILING TREASURER John C. Grant, left, discusses Scotland with the chairman of the 1981 International Gathering of the Scots, from Edinburgh, Scotland.



RALPH P. GRANT, left, of Kingsport, Tenn., left, talks with Lady Strathspey in his son's home during the Grant reception there.



"THEY'RE MUCH BIGGER in Canada, George!" Ian Grant, organizer of Clan Grant in Canada, seems to be telling George H. Grant, right, U.S. Convener. We don't know if they were talking about fish, or Clan Grant stories!



CLAN AFFAIRS are discussed by Lord Strathspey, center, with a visiting chief, while Miss Corrine Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phil Smith, looks on.

The Chiefs of Grant Pedigree Chart

A PEDIGREE OF THE CHIEFS OF GRANT, depicted in chart format, featuring the development of the Branch Families of the Clan Grant whose precise origins cannot be determined and numerous Descendant Cadet Families of the name and clan of Grant, from the year 1434 A.D. Although the name of Grant is, undoubtedly, of greater antiquity in the Scottish Highlands, a continuum of chiefship cannot be documented prior to the date 1434. This uninterrupted line will be traced in this and future editions of the newsletter. —James H. Grant, Jr.

SIR DUNCAN GRANT— 1st Laird of Freuchie, who inherited the Barony of Freuchie from his mother in 1434, and was the progenitor of the Lairds of Freuchie and of Grant, the Earls of Seafield since 1811, and the Lords of Strathspey in the Peerage of Great Britain. Sir Duncan died in 1485, and his son having predeceased him, was succeeded by his grandson, John Grant.

+ THE GRANTS OF BALLINDALLOCH—Patrick Grant in Ballindalloch, a descendant of a conjectural twin brother of Sir Duncan Grant of Freuchie, was the first documented chieftain of the house of Ballindalloch (1520). Cadets: 1st family of Dalvey, Tulloch, Tomnavoulin, Cardells, and Dunlugas.

John Grant, Younger of Freuchie, died before his father, 1482. His son, John, succeeded as the 2nd Laird of Freuchie.

+ THE CLAN ALLAN GRANTS OF AUCHERNACH—Traditionally descend from Allan, a brother of Sir Laurence le Grant in the 13th century. Originally held Dunan, near Freuchie, and later Auchernach in the parish of Abernethy. James Grant of Auchernach was the Laird of Freuchie's chamberlain in the early 17th century. Cadets: Lettoch, Gartenmore, Mullochard, Burnside, Auchterblair, and Blairfindy.

+ THE CLAN CHIARAN GRANTS OF DELLACHAPPLE— Traditionally descend from Lucas Ciar, also a conjectural brother of Sir Laurence le Grant in the 13th century. Originally held the property of Auchnarrow in the parish of Cromdale. Cadets: Glenbeg, and Kirktown and Branchol in the parish of Dallas.

JOHN GRANT—known as the Bard Roy, 2nd Laird of Freuchie, succeeded his grandfather, Sir Duncan Grant, in 1485. He died in 1528.

+ THE CLAN PHADRUIG GRANTS OF TULLOCHGORM Patrick Grant in Tullochgorm (ca. 1530) is the first documented chieftain of this famous Grant family. Cadets: Glenmore and Auchosnich.

+ THE CLAN DONNACHIE GRANTS — John M'Conquhy in Gartinbeg (documented in 1537) is the first known chieftain of this branch of the Grants. Cadets: Kinveachy, Inverlaidnan, Dalrachney, Cabrach, Lynchurn, 2nd family of Dalvey.

JAMES GRANT — known as Seumas nan Creach, or James of the Forays, 3rd Laird of Freuchie, succeeded his father in 1528, and died in 1553.

John Grant, 1st Laird of Corriemony, in Glenurquhart, received a Crown Charter for the lands of Corriemony in 1509. Cadets: Sheuglie and Pitcherhill.

Ian Mohr Grant, 1st Laird of Glenmoriston, received a Crown Charter, 1509. Cadets: Wester Elchies, Carron, Kinchirdie, Blairy, and Daldreggan.

JOHN GRANT — 4th Laird of Freuchie, known as John the Gentle and designated "of Mulben" during his father's lifetime, succeeded in 1553 and died in 1585.

William Grant, received a charter for the lands of Finlarg in 1541 and died without issue in 1560.

Duncan Grant, 1st Laird of Easter Elchies, rec'd a Crown Charter for these lands in 1542. Died 1580.

Archibald Grant in Ballintomb, was progenitor of the Grants of Monymusk, in Aberdeenshire. Cadets: Allachie, Arndilly, and Tombreck.

Duncan Grant, Younger of Freuchie, held lands in the parish of Abernethy, but predeceased his father, dying in 1582.

Patrick Grant of Muckrach (1570), and later designated "of Rothiemurchus." Cadets: 2nd family of Balindalloch, Kinrara, Tulligrew, and Corrower.

+ Donald M'Alistair vic Robie in Glenloch, was first documented in 1620 and was the progenitor of the Grants of Glenloch and later, the Grants of Kilgraston, Perthshire. Cadet: Glenbrown in Abernethy Parish.

JOHN GRANT, 5th Laird of Freuchie

(To be continued in the next issue of CRAIGELLACHIE.)

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The Strathspey Idiom

A collection of phrases, expressions, and terms used by the Lord Strathspey during his recent visit to Atlanta, and recorded by Bill Grant of Chattanooga and Hank Grant of Atlanta. This glossary of "Strathspey" idiom is

Flintstone Land — Great Britain
The Colonies—The United States
Expatriates—Americans
Giant Dinosaurs — American automobiles, particularly

the occurrence of these initials in his biographical sketch in the Stone Mountain Games program. It seems that when he wrote the local program "Wallah" and listed his biographical data, Lord

chandise.

Kiddie-winkles — Children.
Lay-on — To prepare, plan, and execute some event or function.

Bags — Trousers, pants.
Rat-catchers — Mole skin bags.

Libation — Whiskey
SIT-REP — Situation report, a term obviously picked up during his lordship's military or military rat-catchers — Mole skin

ation — Whiskey
REP — Situation report, a

obviously picked
lordship's military or
catchers —

ation — Whiskey
REP — Situation



THE CLAN MARCHES, above, in masse, leading the entire parade as clan of the Honored Guest, who reviewed the parade. Eric Grant, with sign, led the parade, followed by Matthew Grant-Knapp, with clan tartan, Mrs. George H. Grant, and about two dozen other Grants present for the grand affair at Atlanta.

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