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International Gathering of Clans For 1982 at Stone Mountain Oct. 11-17

The International Gathering of the Clans, in Scotland last year, will be held at Stone Mountain, GA Oct. 11-17 this year.

Lord and Lady Strathspey will attend as honored guests.

All kinds of Scottish activities will be included during the week, including but not limited to country and highland dancing, piping, and drumming, whiskey tasting, haggis eating exhibitions and workshops.

Pipe bands from Scotland and

Canada have been invited, as well as bands from this country.

To assure all of our members a place to stay in Atlanta, we have secured a block of rooms at a nearby motel. If you plan to attend, contact John C. Grant, 5534 Joeclay Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30088 by May 1.

The actual games are Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16-17. There will be additional information in later issues.

Grandfather Mountain Games Planned July 9-11

The dates for the most impressive and oldest of all the American Highland Games, at Grandfather Mountain, NC, have been set for July 9-11. Tens of thousands attend these games every year. Dozens of Grants assemble.

This year the Grant Clan will again plan to stay at the Sugar Mountain Resort. If you plan to attend and require ac-

comodations, contact Lucille Grant, 301 Masters Road, Hixson, TN 37343. Telephone (615) 842-4581.

We plan to rent 3-and 4-bedroom condominiums to share. The cost will be known by April 15. In order for Lucille to reserve the right number of units, she must hear from you by April 15.

Volunteers Needed!

The Clan Grant needs someone to set up our Clan tent and represent us at Jacksonville, FL on April 17 and at Savannah, GA in early May.

If you can and will please contact George H. Grant, 301 Masters Drive, Hixson, TN 37343.



ORLANDO PARADE OF TARTANS — Convenor George Grant, of Hixson, TN, proudly carries the Clan Tartan in the Jan. 16 Orlando, Fla., games; he is accompanied by John Bisset of Highspire, PA and Steve Pohl, Orlando, FL.

Grant Clan Restructuring Regional Areas

The restructuring of the Grant Clan Society into regional areas to bring us closer together, yet diversify and create additional leadership, offer meaningful participation to all our members, and enable growth of membership through more

localized activity, has been announced by Clan Convenor George H. Grant.

The United States has been arbitrarily divided into six regions, with a commissioner appointed for each region as follows:

1. Northeast Region (All of New England, New York, and Pennsylvania north of Wilks-Barre.

Commissioner Matthew Grant-Knapp
4177 Circle Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

2. Mid-Atlantic Region (New Jersey, eastern and southern Pennsylvania, and south to South Carolina, including West Virginia.

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Highland book by I.F. Grant

Everyday Life on an Old
Highland Farm, written by Dr.
I. F. Grant 55 years ago, is again
available in an expanded
edition, with a section of plates
to supplement the text.

Dr. Grant in her long career
achieved recognition as an
authority on the highlands, and
as founder of the Highland Folk
Museum, now housed at
Kingussie, only five miles from
the farm described in the book.

The writing is based on an
account book kept by William
Mackintosh of Balnespick
between 1769 and 1782. He leased

his land in Badenoch, upper
Strath Spey, as a tracksman of
Mackintosh of Mackintosh. Dr.
Grant supplements this from her
wide knowledge of Highland
history, custom and conditions,
and paints a picture of everyday
life in the Highlands before the old
methods of farming died out,
and while the glens were still
densely populated.

The book can be ordered for
\$22.50 a copy, by surface mail,
from: Shephard-Walwyn
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Old Times at Castle Grant

By I. F. Grant, LL.D.

(The following account was
written by Dr. I. F. Grant for the
newsletter of the Scottish Clan
Grant Society and is reproduced
here with the author's kind
permission. Additional footnotes
are supplied by Hank Grant.)

Castle Grant has been unoc-
cupied for so long that it may be
of interest to recall some very
childish memories of what it was
like in the 1890's. The Dowager
Countess of Seafield (1) was then
living there and she made it the
centre of the social life of the
district and for her husband's
clansmen. My grandparents
brought me with them upon their
yearly visit to Lady Seafield. My
grandfather, Sir Patrick Grant
(2), as a stripling, had been one
of the leaders of the clan in the
march to Elgin to defend the
chief from an election rabble —
the last rising of a Highland
clan. (3) Through a long life of
military service in India he had
kept his love of Strathspey and
of his clan and he rejoiced to meet
and speak in Gaelic with old
friends of his youth. He had the
deepest regard and respect for
Lady Seafield both for herself
and as the widow of his chief.

Lady Seafield had a strong
sense of the duties of her position
and she had the means with land
and employment to serve her
husband's clansmen. As a small
child just learning to read, I was
very proud of being able to spell
the word GRANT over nearly
every shop in Grantown. Besides
such practical help, Lady
Seafield constantly paid per-
sonal visits to her tenants. My
aunt, when she happened to be at
the Castle, enjoyed ac-

companying Lady Seafield upon
some of these visits. Lady
Seafield had a theory that strong
tea was bad for the digestion and
she was much concerned at the
potency of the brews that the
country people drank. One day
they visited a very old woman.
The teapot was cosily by the fire
and the contents were stewing
inside. Lady Seafield remon-
strated declaring that such tea
was "poison, absolute poison."
"That may be, my Leddy,"
replied the old woman, "but it is
very slow poison."

The place was kept up in a
style and with a dignity that
would not be possible nowadays
and Lady Seafield entertained
most generously. I used to watch
as every evening the gardener
arranged fresh flowers upon the
long dining-room table with its
gleaming damask and silver.
Lunch was a less formal meal
and I was allowed to come down
to it. There were always people

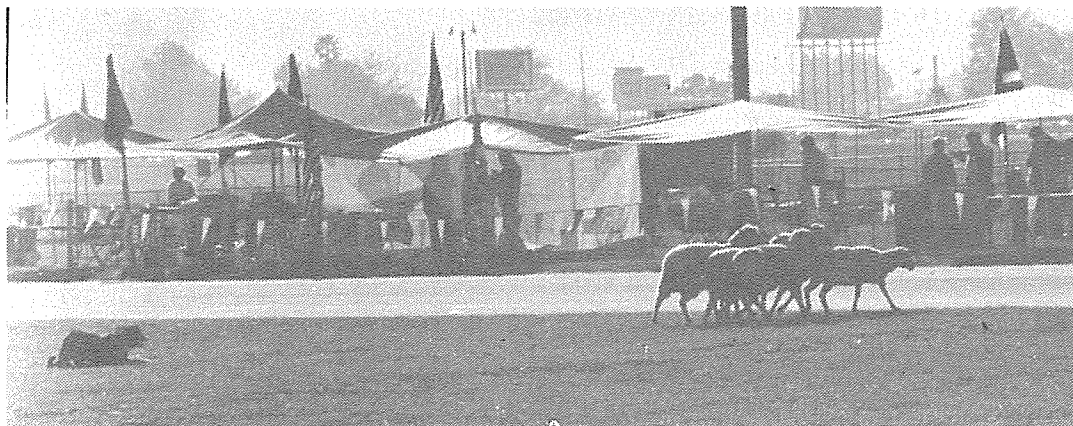
staying in the Castle and
visitors. I always thought what
an honour it was for the chosen
guests to sit next to Lady
Seafield. Some whisper of this
thought of a child must have
reached her for upon a day of
days I was invited to sit in the
seat of honour. As a very old
woman, I can still remember her
face — so kind and yet bearing
the stamp of infinitely long years
of responsibility and control.
The faces of the rest of the
company are more hazy in my
mind but the long table and the
high walls of the great room
covered with pictures stick in
my mind.

I did not know of it till years
afterwards but those walls of the
dining room at Castle Grant
were different from the walls of
any other great house because
they were almost covered by
small pictures. As a rule the
walls of the dining rooms are
bare except for a few large

portraits of the ancestors of the
owner. At Castle Grant there
were the portraits of about a
dozen of the leading men of the
clan (two of them ancestors of
my own) which had been painted
by the eighteenth century artist,
Waitt, who had also painted the
champion, the piper and the wife
of the chief. These portraits give
a wonderful picture of the social
fabric of the clan and there is not
another one in the Highlands
that can boast of its like. The
custom of hanging the portraits
of distinguished clansmen in the
diningroom at Castle Grant
continued. I have no idea how
many pictures there are — just
of the mass of them.

There must have been a large
domestic staff and it was strictly
graded. I only met a very select
group — Lady Seafield's lady's
maid, those of the visiting ladies,
the house-keeper, and the hand-
house-maid whose name was

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BORDER COLLIES, a feature at every Highland
contest, display their skill at moving the sheep
about, and into pens. The clan tents are in the

background. This was taken at the Orlando, FL
games Jan. 16.

A Pedigree Of The Chiefs Of Grant *(cont'd from preceding issue)*

John Grant, 5th Laird of Freuchie, was the son of Duncan Grant who predeceased his father, the 4th Laird. John Grant succeeded his grandfather in 1585 and died in 1622.

James Grant of Arneidlie and Logie. Died in 1623. Cadet: Moyness.

Patrick Grant, founder of 2nd family of Easter Elchies and ancestor of Patrick, Lord Elchies, and his son, John, a Baron of Exchequer for Scotland, both in the 18th century. Cadets: Hillhall and Edinville.

Robert Grant of Lurg, formerly in Clachaig. Died in 1634.

Duncan Grant of Dandaleith, in the Parish of Rothes.

Sir John Grant, was created a knight by King James VI. Became the 6th Laird of Freuchie, succeeding his father in 1622. He died in 1637 and was buried in the Abbey at Holyrood.

Duncan Grant of Clurie, in the Parish of Duthil. Died after 1647.

James Grant, 7th Laird of Freuchie, succeeded his father in 1637 and died in 1663.

Lt. Col. Patrick Grant of Cluniemore, was the Tutor (guardian) of Grant after the death of his brother, James. in 1663.

Major George Grant was the governor of Dumbarton Castle and died after 1675.

Mungo Grant, founder of the family of Kinchirdie, 1667. Cadets: Tomdow, Gellovie, Knockando, Grantsfield in Aberdeenshire, and the 2nd family of Gartinbeg.

Thomas Grant of Balmacalan, in Glenurquhart. Cadets: Culvullin and Auchnastank.

Ludovick Grant, 8th Laird of Freuchie and 1st Laird of Grant. In 1689, he was appointed colonel of a regiment which he raised and was principal Sheriff of Inverness. In 1694, his lands were erected into the Regality of Grant. He was thereafter known as the Laird of Grant. He took an active part in politics and was a member of the Privy Council of Scotland. He died in 1716.

Patrick Grant, founder of the 2nd family of Wester Elchies. He was a lieutenant colonel in his brother's regiment. He died in 1693.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Grant of Grant, succeeded his father in 1716 and died without an heir in 1719.

James Grant, married Anne, daughter of Sir Humphrey Colquhoun of Luss, from whom he inherited by special arrangement the title of Baronet of Nova Scotia. He succeeded to the Grant estates upon the death of his brother in 1719 and died in 1747.

Col. Lewis Grant of Dunphail. Died at Kingston, in Jamaica, in 1742.

Major George Grant of Culbin, was appointed Deputy Governor of Inverness in 1743. He was court-martialed and dismissed from the army in 1746. Died 1755.

Humphrey Grant, born 1702 and predeceased his father, unmarried, in 1732.

Sir Ludovick Grant of Grant, Baronet, succeeded to the estates of Colquhoun of Luss, but upon the death of his elder brother in 1732, succeeded to the estates of Grant and died in 1773.

James, upon his brother's succession to the estates of Grant, changed his name to Colquhoun and succeeded to the estate of Luss. Was created a baronet, 1786.

Gen. Francis Grant, of the 42nd Regiment, the "Black Watch", commanded that regt. at the famous battle of Ticondergoa, N.Y.

Sir James Grant of Grant, Baronet, known as "the Good Sir James," succeeded to the estates of Grant in 1773. With his father, Sir Ludovick, he founded the present town of Granttown-on-Spey, in 1766. He was a member of Parliament for the counties of Banff and Moray. During his lairdship great improvements were made in agriculture and land cultivation and utilization. He raised a Fencible Regiment in 1793 and the 97th Regiment of the Line in the following year. He was Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire, in 1793. He died in 1811.

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Lord Lyon's Court

By James H. Grant

Lyon Court, housed in Her Majesty's New Register House, Edinburgh, is a Scottish court of law which protects and certifies an individual or corporate entity's right to possess coats of arms and governs the use and display of these arms and their attendant heraldic accoutrements. The man in sole charge of this court, a direct representative of the Queen, is the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

The present Lord Lyon is Malcolm Innes of Edingight who is the son of a former Lord Lyon, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, acknowledged as perhaps the foremost authority on matters of Scottish heraldry. Edingight was appointed Lord Lyon last May upon the retirement of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Monteith Grant.

Although the science of heraldry is quite foreign to most Americans, it is nonetheless an important institution in most European countries. Scotland is certainly no exception. No doubt many Americans would consider a court of law which deals in the protection of one's coat of arms most frivolous, and no doubt there are many British people who feel the same way, but the traditions of heraldry are both interesting and important — especially with respect to

curate genealogical record of many of our clan families, incorporated into the documents of matriculation, protected by law, and presided over by the Sovereign's direct representative.

A coat of arms, when granted by Lyon Court, is literally owned by a specific person. In other words, our Chief, Lord Strathspey, is the only person who is entitled to display the red shield with three "ancient gold crowns, undifferenced by any mark of cadency, and without being clearly designated as his own coat of arms. "Differencing" arms means changing them to designate a cadet or different branch of the family. For example, Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk's arms are three gold crowns on red, but with an ermine border. James E. Grant of Glenmoriston displays a flag with three crowns separated by a blue and silver diagonal bar on a larger white stripe. Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey has the familiar three crowns on a red shield with a gold-scalloped border. In each case, the arms have the shield and crowns in common which designate Grant, but with a "difference" to distinguish their particular family.

If a person wishes to have a coat of arms approved by the

to the Lord Lyon. Naturally, not just anyone would qualify for arms, and in fact, nearly all Americans would automatically be disqualified.

Probably more than 95 per cent of all owners of Scottish coats of arms would fall into one of the following categories: (1) Members of the Royal Family, (2) Peers and peeresses (Lords, Earls, Countesses, Viscounts, etc.) (3) Baronets and Knights, and their Ladies, (4) persons who can prove direct lineal descent from ancestors who have owned arms in the past, (5) descendants of highland chiefs, chieftains, and ancient landed families, and (6) Scottish persons who have earned notoriety because of certain meritorious achievement in the arts and sciences, commerce, the professions, religious pursuits, philanthropy, or military service.

Consequently, those of us who are not qualified to own coats of arms should not claim them to be ours or display them without specifically designating them to be the arms of their rightful owner. We can, however, proudly display and wear the "belt and buckle" style badge of a clansman, which in the case of Clan Grant is the burning mountain with the motto, "STAND FAST" — which is also the crest above the shield in Lord Strathspey's coat of arms. In this way, we can proclaim to

Florida Games March 25-27

The annual winter gathering of the clans will be held at Dunedin, FL March 25, 26, and 27, and the Grant Clan will be there. A reception for all clansmen is planned for Friday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at the residence of Bill and Doris Matthews, 1143 Ford Lane, Dunedin, FL 33528. Telephone (813) 734-3074.

This is everyone's invitation to attend. Lucille and George Grant will be there, as well as Joann and Ian Grant, from Canada. Please come, and let's get to know each other better.

The tatoo at Dunedin High School follows the party. The tatoo is held on Grant Field, located just around the corner from Bill's home. See you there.



Grant Clan Restructuring Regional Areas

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5. Far West Region
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Commissioner Edward A. Grant
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6. Midwest Region (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota)

Commissioner
James E. Spellman
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These areas are, as mentioned, arbitrary; if experience dictates a change, it will be made.

The duties and responsibilities of the regional commissioners are:

1. Serve on the executive committee of the clan society.
2. Appoint state commissioners.
3. Co-ordinate activities of society as to games.

4. Appoint membership director for region who will work with national chairman.

5. Maintain communication with area membership through a local newsletter.

6. Encourage and foster active participation for all members.

As you can see, this is a challenging task. Since all of the activities and officers of the Clan Grant Society are volunteer, the enthusiastic support of the entire membership is necessary for our success. I know you will all contact your respective commissioners and volunteer your support!

Old Times at

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Maggie Templeton and who was specially kind to me. Mary, my nurse — the word "Nannie" for a child's nurse had not yet been coined — joined this select company. With some of them, we visited the huge walled garden which did not interest me much, and the home-farm where I stroked the little shaggy Highland calves of the farm stock of Highland Cattle and was given a drink of frothy milk "warm from the cow" which I did not like at all. I loved the dairy with its rows and rows of earthenware bowls where the milk was set for the cream to rise. I had as much of the cream

as Mary thought good for me and made some beautiful pats of butter with a Fiery Cross embossed upon them because the family crest was carved upon the butter hands. Of course, all the staff were not Grants but, child as I was, I realized how strongly they had the clan spirit of pride in the Castle, in their jobs and in their service to Lady Seafield.

A special memory is of the day when my grandfather celebrated his 90th birthday. The Clan Grant Association mustered and presented him with an address. Lady Seafield and my grandparents stood on the front door steps to receive it. I looked down from an upstairs

window. The red deer, browsing in the park, heard the distant skirl of the pipes and fled for their lives, and then round a bend in the drive came the pipers at the head of a great concourse of the members of the Association. They streamed up to the Castle. There seemed to be hundreds of them. I have something more tangible than a memory of that day. Lady Seafield gave my aunt a necklace of Spey pearls in a golden setting and the jeweller who made it was GRANT.

(1) Caroline Stuart, daughter of the 11th Lord Blantyre, and widow of John Charles, 7th Earl of Seafield and 1st Lord

Strathspey.

(2) Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, descendant of the cadet branch of Tullochgorm.

(3) During the election campaign of 1820, the citizens of Elgin blockaded the then Chief, Lewis Alexander, 6th Earl of Seafield, who was an invalid, and his sisters, in their mansion house known as Grant Lodge, in Elgin. Hearing this, the members of the clan marched on Elgin and effected their release and insured their ultimate safety without violence.

Clan Band Growing

The Clan Grant band is doing quite well, and has gained two new pipers, Eric More Marshall reports, and the number of students is slowly increasing.

Bagpiping may be offered as an alternative to the marching band in two area Pennsylvania schools; at least Harborcreek and Iroquois High Schools have shown interest. There is also some interest at North East among prospective students, but the music department has not responded. All three schools are in Erie County, PA, east of the city of Erie.

It is hoped to have several pipers and a drummer in each school to explain and play the pipes. Either in the summer or next fall we would start the students on the practice chanter. It would take a year or so before they would graduate to the pipes. This would guarantee that the band could keep going when some of the "older" members drop out.



LEADING THE PARADE are Ed Smith, Clan piper, Lord and Lady Strathspey, and carrying the Chief's personal flag is Ian Grant, Convener for Canada. (Stone Mountain, 1981).

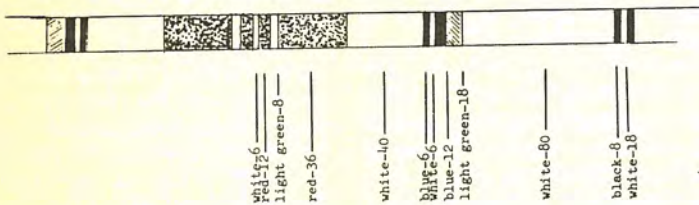
A Grant tartan for the Ladies

One of the littlest known areas of Scottish tartan lore is that of the arisaïd patterns, white background tartans traditionally worn by women.

The arisaïd was a full length dress, neck to ankle, closed in front with the traditional large Celtic brooch. The tartan was wide spaced with a white background and worn on the diagonal. Few authentic pictures or samples of this dress have survived. Those which have been preserved are mostly in the form of coverings — wedding blankets, table and funeral coverings — which merited special care and little wear. This traditional lives on in the white based "Dress" tartans used by some clans, more

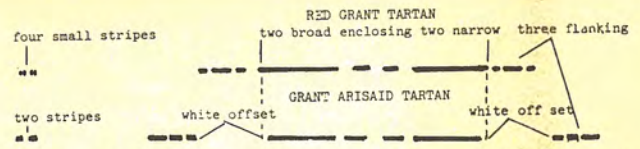
properly worn by women than men.

The Highland Folk Museum, Kingussie, founded by Dr. I. F. Grant, preserves one of the best examples of an arisaïd tartan. This specimen is a lovely large piece of hand weaving dating from the 1700's from the family of Grant of Achanon, Strathspey. The original colors have softened and the visual effect is now of wide pink and light green stripes with black and blue flanking stripes on a white background. The original colors would have been a redder hue and a darker green. The pattern is shown below. Numbers after colors indicate threads. As in all tartans, it is only necessary to show half of the colors since they reverse.



Although the visual effect is unlike any other Grant tartan, an examination of the pattern without the changing influence of color reveals that the arisaïd follows closely the Clan Grant tartan arrangement; two broad stripes enclosing two narrow stripes flanked by a set of three stripes introducing a new color (azure in the Clan tartan, blue in the arisaïd). The flanking

stripes on the arisaïd are further offset by a broad white band which expands and makes the tartan look "lighter." In each case the broad ground is broken by small black stripes (these are sometimes blue on the red Grant). In both tartans, although the numbers differ, the thin stripes are in identical proportions.



The original arisaïd specimen dimensions will be slighter smaller woven on modern power looms. Recreated in the brighter colors, the Grant arisaïd would make a lovely skirt, dress or sash. It should be worn only by women of the clan. It is the intention of the Philip Smith family to order a quantity of the Grant arisaïd tartan. Interested clanswomen should contact the

Smiths for material. Grant arisaïd tartan in fifty-four inch width will run about \$20 to \$25 per yard and be available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis at cost. Two to three yards are the minimum suggested for a simple skirt, three to four for the pleated kilt skirt. Contact the Smiths at 1207 Cavalier Lane, West Chester, Pa. 19380.

Philip D. Smith, F.S.A. Scots.

Please remit annual dues

The Clan fiscal year begins March 15, and this is also the date on which annual dues are to be paid for the coming year. If you joined since Oct. 1, 1981, your dues are paid through March 15, 1983; otherwise, please forward \$15 immediately to: Mrs. Phillip G. Smith, Jr., 1207 Cavalier Lane, West Chester, PA 19380.

This year we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your use. Just write the check now, and mail. If we don't hear from

you within 30 days, you will be contacted by your commissioner. Please respond immediately. Follow-up is time-consuming and costly.

In the next issue of *Craigellachie* our treasurer, John C. Grant, will give us a financial report and our annual budget.

Your society has major goals for the coming years, and looks forward to your continued active support. We need every Grant's participation.

Gatlinburg Games May 21-23

The first annual Gatlinburg games will be held in that beautiful Smoky Mountain Tennessee city on May 21, 22, and 23. The scenery will be almost as fine as the Spey Valley around Aviemore (Rothiemurcus). The world fair will be in full swing in Knoxville at the same time.

We will have a tent at the gathering. Please come, and make your presence felt. If you desire accommodations or information, contact Lucille Grant, 301 Masters Road, Hixson, TN 37343. Telephone (615) 842-4581. April 2 will be the deadline for reservations.

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