



# Craigellachie

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It's GREAT to be a GRANT!

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## 1982 Scots Gathering at Stone Mountain Oct. 16-17

Make your plans now to join your fellow Grants and other clansmen at the 10th annual Stone Mountain Games and 1982 International Gathering of Scots at Stone Mountain, Ga., just east of Atlanta, Oct. 12-17, and especially Oct. 16-17, the days of the games.

This will be the first time that the Gathering has ever been held in the United States. The Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell, will be the guest of honor, and all past Guests of Honor have been invited, including Lord Strathspey, the Earl of Cromartie, the Earl of Kintore, the MacDonnell of Glengarry, Sir Arthur Elliot, Bart., Ian Gunn of Banniskirk, W. E. McIntosh (Chief of the Creek Indiana Nation), Lord MacDonald, and The MacKintosh.

While Lord Strathspey, in his letter to British Grants, implies that he will not be able to attend this year, the Grants will have a special activity. John Burgess, world-famous piper, will present a concert Friday, Oct. 15 at the Radisson Inn Atlanta, 3 p.m. It will be sponsored by Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Bart., and his firm, "Grainger and Campbell," makers of fine quality bagpipes.

On October 12, 8 p.m., Dunfey's Hotel, is the Scottish-American reception, a \$25 per person, black tie or Highland evening dress affair. A number of distinguished Americans of Scottish descent will be invited and recognized.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 4 p.m. the British Consul General will hold a reception by invitation only, for distinguished

guests. Many clan societies will hold their social functions and other activities this evening.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, at 2 and 4 at Radisson Inn, Atlanta, will be the whisky tasting; Cluny 12 has been selected as the "official Scotch" for the 1982 International Gathering, which will be held every 4th year in the U.S. in the future. There will be a tasting of various single malts and blends; admission is \$3 each.

At 8 p.m., at Stone Mountain Park Coliseum, will be the tattoo. Bands from Scotland, Canada, and the U.S. have been invited. Pipes and drums, brass bands, highland and country dancers — 400 strong under one roof; \$5 per adult. Dress is kilt or informal.

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### What's in a name?

by Hank Grant

Several years ago I wrote an article by this same title on the various surnames which have been affiliated with the Clan Grant in Scotland. Copies of this article can be supplied upon request. As a follow-up to that report I thought it might be interesting to relate some of the first names or Christian names which have traditionally been linked to the Scottish Grants and their descendants throughout the English-speaking world.

Ian (John) is by far the most prevalent and popular name to be associated with the Clan Grant. In fact, there are probably more JOHN Grants today than any other single name combination among the members of the clan. Check out the telephone directory in any

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## From north of the border

by Ian Grant

Now that winter has left us (I hope!) I'm pleased to report the Clan Grant Society in Canada is alive and well and growing ... finally.

With the sanction of our Chief, Lord Strathspey, and a lot of encouragement and help from George and Lucille Grant in Hixon and Matt and Anne Grant-Knapp in Williamsville, my wife Joanne and I managed to get things rolling March 1st. (That is the date we're using as official start-up!!).

So far we have, including ourselves, 10 members. That number sort of pales by comparison to the U.S.A., but I think it is a good start.

One immediate objective is to

build membership and to that end we will, among other things, be operating a Clan Tent at various Highland Games across Ontario this summer. Assuming we can swell our ranks, we hope to be able to set up some formal structure and have a "Clan" meeting next fall — at least with those members who live in our geographic neighborhood.

We have also joined CASSOC (Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada) and through them will have representation at those Canadian Games we are unable to attend.

Clan Grant in the U.S.A. was set-up and still operates as The Clan Grant Society of North America. I am proposing the Clan Grant Society in Canada operate as a chapter of the North

American organization contributing on a regular basis Canadian news to the content of "Craigellachie." It seems to me that this is a much more mutually beneficial approach than trying to be totally independent. In any case, I was never very good at re-inventing the wheel! However, if anybody has any strong views either way, I would like to hear them.

Joanne and I will be attending the games at Grandfather Mountain in July and Stone Mountain in October and are looking forward to again seeing many of you we have already met and hopefully meeting some new Grants. In the meantime if you know any Canadian Grants who would be interested in joining our group, my address

is:

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65-1330 Mississauga Valley Blvd.,  
Mississauga, Ontario Canada  
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Telephone: (416) 275-9607.

Finally I would be very remiss if I did not publicly acknowledge and thank our new members for their support.

Mr. & Mrs. Syd Grant, London, Ontario

Mr. & Mrs. John Andreassen, Grantville, Cape Breton

Mr. Colin Grant, Mississauga, Ontario

Mr. Alexander Grant, Mississauga, Ontario

Mr. Wes MacGregor-Grant, Burlington, Ontario

Mr. Shawn MacGregor-Grant, Burlington, Ontario

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# By George!

Thanks to your support our new organization structure is off to a good start. Some of the regional commissioners have sent out a newsletter and appointed state conveners. All of this is aimed at bringing us all closer together.

Your response in paying annual dues was spectacular. We will continue to send envelopes for your convenience in the March issue.

Those few who have not sent in their dues will receive a note from their commissioner, please respond, we need all of your assistance.

Our dues money is spent in the following way: \$4.50 for subscription to the Highlander — This is a special rate offered to us for the clan society; \$4.00 to each regional commissioner for each member, to pay for games participation, postage for newsletter, and supplies. \$4.00 for Craigellachie. Balance of \$2.50 for other activities such as subsidizing a portion of the cost to bring our chief over to visit.

I have received from several members a suggestion that in order to free more money to the regional commissioners for activities desired in the area, that the subscription to the Highlander be made on request. That is to say that we continue to utilize the clan discount by acting as broker for those of you who would be willing to pay \$4.50 in addition to your dues. We will send out a questionnaire with the next issue to see if you approve.

The Highlander subscription is definitely paid for this year.

Ian and Joanne Grant of Canada report that the clan society is really getting off the ground. They have a convener for the Maritime Provinces living on Cape Breton Island.

Lucille and I plan to attend the Fergus Games on August 14 along with Mathew and Ann Grant-Knapp. We hope to see some of our Canadian cousins and hopefully some of you who live not too far away.

So far this year we have attended games in Orlando, Dunedin, Savannah, and Gatlinburg TN. We will look for you at Grandfather Mtn, Charleston, and of course Stone Mtn., Ga, the site of The International Gathering.

Starting in January George and Lucille have attended games in Orlando, Florida; Dunedin, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; and Gatlingberg, Tennessee. We have met and also renewed acquaintanceship with many Grant and Sept families. Some of those attending one or more of these games are: William Grant, Miami, FL; John Bisset, Highspire, PA; Milton Camp, Orlando, FL & Laurens, NY; John Grant-Payne, Orlando, FL; Kathy Hutchison, Orlando, FL; Dwight Hardin, Orlando, FL; Harold Grant, Millinocket, ME; Alice Lindvall, Tyngsboro, MA; Jean Parker, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. John Bisset, Altamonte Springs, FL; Herbert



**ATTEND ALMA GAMES**—Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Heller, of Big Rapids, MI spent two days at the Alma, MI Highland Festival May 29-30, and report that 50,000-70,000 persons were there. They wore their Grant Clan Badges, but saw no tent or other Clan members. Heller says he saw more kilts and heard more bagpipes in those two days than in all the weeks he's spent in Scotland. He learned of the games through the Midwest Commissioner Jim Spellman's Newsletter of April 17. They would like to see a Grant Clan tent there next year.

F. Grant Jr., Altamonte Springs, FL; William Romage, St. Cloud, FL; Harry C. Lothian Jr., St. Cloud, FL; Joseph J. Bisset, Altamonte Springs, FL; Ella Grant Andreassen, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia; Shirley Buchanan Gorman, Winter Park, FL; Luella Grant, Attleboro, MA; Mary D. King, Winter Park, FL; Mary Grant, Winter Park, FL; Carolyn Velsor, Longwood, FL; Alice M Mewes, Longwood, FL; Bob & Betty Lowe, Altamonte Springs, FL; Jeanne Gilroy Dietz, Rockledge, FL; John & Betty McIntosh, Winter Park, FL; Charles & Dorothy Grant, Bradenton, FL; John B. and Gene H. Grant, Chamberlain, ME; Grant K. Stageberg, Largo, FL; Robert Pratt, West Palm Beach, FL; Charles R. Grant, Largo, FL; Mary Grant Evans, Delray Beach, FL; Grant Thompson, Redington Shores, FL; Gene McElroy, Winston Salem, N.C.; Kimberly Ackley, Savannah, GA; Susanne & John Moudie, Beaufort, SC; George R. Whitmyre, Cincinnati, O.; D. M. Mc Caskill, Camden, SC; Jean Mc Caskill, Camden, SC; Patricia Ann Bauman, Dandridge, TN; Mr. & Mrs. James Pratt, Ooltewah, TN; Harold Grant, Altamont, NY; Bob & Cindy Grant, Cherokee, NC; Rob Grant, Atlanta, GA; E. Christine Grant, Rockwood, TN; and Jane J. Grant, Abingdon, VA.

Hank & Linda Grant, Kyle & Betty Bowie, Jim & Kathleen Maxcy and Bill Grant manned the Grant tent in Gatlingberg and in Dunedin Bob & Ann Miller, Ian, Joanne & Leslie Grant of Missasauga, Ontario

and the new convener of Canada joined with us for the pleasure of welcoming the above cousins. Bill and Doris Mathews hosted an after the games party for all Grants at Dunedin, and for those unable to attend, missed the pleasure of hearing the Dunedin Middle School Pipe Band march up the golf course to the Mathews back yard for our <sup>shut</sup> private pipe concert. I do <sup>not</sup> know if the neighbors have recovered yet.

For those of you who have not yet joined the Clan Grant, please take this as your personal invitation to not miss the fellowship of Clan Grant.

One of our more notable members, Bob and Cindy Grant, (He is a park ranger in the Great Smoky Mtns.) came to the Gatlingberg games. For the past few years they have been stationed about 5 miles from the nearest paved road. Recently transferred they now live on a paved road near Cherokee N.C. It was good to see them.

Word from Scotland is that our Clan Society there continues to prosper and grow. On June 18 my son, Bill, will be going to Europe and will spend a week in Grant Country remarking acquaintances. In August my son, George, will follow his footsteps. Hank and Linda Grant have returned from their visit to Speyside in April.

If any of you are planning <sup>any</sup> trip over please let us know <sup>any</sup> write an article for the Craigellachie. Include some pictures. Stand fast.

—George H. Grant, Jr.  
Convener

# Two Grant songs will help fund U.K. branch

A Clan Ballad and a Clan Grant Anthem have been selected for the new U.K. branch. The ballad, is 1½ pounds. The anthem, is 1½ pounds. Postage and packing is included.