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Winter, 1982

It's GREAT to be a GRANT!

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Grants gather at Stone Mountain

The tenth annual Stone Mountain Games were held this year in conjunction with the International Gathering of Scots in Atlanta, Georgia, during the week of October 12-17. A strong contingent of Clan Grant Society members and friends participated in many of the various events throughout the week. Special guests of the clan were Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey and Pipe Major John Burgess who came to the gathering from Scotland. Sir Patrick is managing director of Grainger

and Campbell, a manufacturer of fine-quality bagpipes. Pipe Major Burgess performed at a

recital sponsored by Sir Patrick's firm, on Friday afternoon, October 15th. Most of

the crowd had never heard a truly fine piper before and were
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1st Annual Tullochgorm Gathering

By Mathew Grant-Knapp, Jr.
The ascending sun filtered through the mauve haze of a

bleak dawn, an owl hooted his last of the night, the birds flitted from their night roosts chirping,

while a brisk breeze wafted over the shadowey mountain lazily moving the grey-white mist from the dew covered sward below. Hal Grant raised the droplet covered window sash of his taigh; with gusto threw open the shutters; filled his lungs with the crisp morning air and bellowed out "Craigellachie" sending the rallying cry echoing off Mt. Helderberg into the warming valley below and the sleepily stirring village of Altamont to summon all the Grants and septs to Cruinneachadh Na 'n Grandach (the Grants gathering) of the Tullochgorm region of Clan Grant Society.



SIR PATRICK A.B. GRANT of Dalvey, Baronet, LL.B. with George Grant, Clan Convener for the United States of America.

Thus began a day that the Grants by their feats made their presence known at the Capitol District Games.

Visitors from afar were Ian Grant, convener for our society in Canada, and his charming wife, Joanne, from Toronto, Ontario, and Mathew Grant-Knapp, Jr., commissioner of our society's Tullochgorm region (the northeast U.S. region comprising the states of ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, NY and western PA), with his lovely wife, Anne, from Buffalo, NY.

On the bustling field at the fairground the clan tent arrangement was impressive with flags, plaques, plaids, and scotch. Joanne and Ian Grant, Joanne Mills, Beryl & Hal Grant and Anne and Matt Grant-Knapp responded to the questions of many visitors and assisted new members with their applications. Joanne Mills did a particularly commendable job. Ian was his usual ebullient self,

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Nova Scotia Grants gather next July

The Grants are Gathering in Antigonish, Nova Scotia the week of July 9, 1983. Pass the word to all of your cousins in Canada now for a great Grant reunion!

New York State Summer Report

This summer has been an active one for Beryl and I with our attendance at six games culminating with our Capital District Games at Altamont this Labor Day weekend. We have our largest attendance (10,000) this year at Altamont and had our first Clan Grant Ceilidh for the Northeast division after the games. We are planning this as an annual event.

We have gained new members and made many new friends this year including our Canadian cousins Joanne and Ian Grant who joined us in Altamont. As our association with new Clan Grant members grows and friendships with older members strengthened, it truly is "Great To Be A Grant."

—Hal Grant
Commissioner, NY State

Scotland Grant Tour To be Aug. 26-Sep. 4

A Clan Grant Tour of Scotland is being organized for 1983 by the Grant Clan Society of the United Kingdom for Aug. 26 to Sept. 4. The tour will start at Edinburgh, tour the west side of Loch Ness, and make its headquarters in Granttown-on-Spey for a tour of many of the

Grant properties in Scotland. Anyone wishing to make the tour should contact, for details and cost, David Grant-Blyth, Acting Hon. Secretary, Grant Clan Society, United Kingdom, The Coach House No. 8, Douglas Garden Mews, Edinburgh, EH 4 3 BZ, Scotland.

Clan Grant History Planned for Summer

"A History of the Clan Grant" is the title of Lord Strathspey's forthcoming book bringing the clan history up to date, it was learned at press time. To get in on the pre-press price of approximately \$20, including

mailing costs, send your check to Phillemor & Co., Ltd., Shopwycke Hall, Chichester, Sussex PO20 6RQ England.

March 31 is the deadline; publication is expected next summer.

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By George!

Bob "MacDonald" Miller and his beautiful bride, Anne "Grant" Miller, of Indianapolis, were unable to attend the Stone Mountain Games with us. It seems that Anne fell and broke some bones. We wish her a speedy recovery. Guess that means you two won't be ice skating this winter!

The Executive Committee has recommended that in order to provide more money toward local activities of our Society, and to contribute toward a Clan Center at Grantown-on-Spey, that we ask you to pay for the subscription to the Highlander. We first began paying for this out of dues, the cost was \$2.50 per member; that has risen to \$5.50 for the special group rate.

In March, when we send out the envelopes for your annual dues, if you wish to continue to receive the Highlander, add \$5.50 to your \$15.00 dues, and send a check for \$20.50. We will send in your name for the group rate. I think the regular subscription is \$7.50.

We regret the necessity for this action; however, we now have a very active organization, and all of you are due full use of the funds for our societies' newsletter, games participation and an increase in cost for genealogical search.

Hope you approve.

Stone Mountain Games
brought together the largest

gathering of our Clan society since we started. Those of us from out of town all stayed at the Old English Inn, thanks to arrangements made by John and Thelma Grant.

Our gathering officially began with our attendance at a piping concert given by Mr. John Burgess (who is a Grant) and sponsored by Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey. At least 300 lovers of piping attended to hear Mr. Burgess, who is acknowledged to be one of the finest pipers in the world.

On Thursday evening, about 25 Clan members participated in a tailgate party before attending the tattoo. This was without doubt the finest tattoo I have ever seen.

Friday evening Hank and Linda Grant hosted their annual reception, with Sir Patrick Grant as the Honored Guest. As usual, everything was superb. Later that night we attended a Ceilidh sponsored by the Clan MacArthur, featuring Mairi MacArthur from Glasgow. She has the sweetest, clearest voice I have ever heard.

Saturday began the games and clan gathering. This year the games were an International Gathering, the first held outside Scotland.

Our cousins began arriving at the tent at an early hour. Those registering were Standifer Grant, William Grant, John and David Grant, Sandra Grant, Bernice Grant, Col. James Rod

Grants gather

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both amazed and delighted to be present at his virtuoso performance.

The festivities began on Wednesday afternoon at an outdoor party given by Mr. Trevor Gatty, Her Majesty's Consul General in Atlanta. That evening, Sir Patrick Grant and Mr. Burgess were invited to join with the MacKenzies at a party in honor of their chief, the Earl of Cromartie, and Lady Cromartie.

Thursday, Hank Grant, Phil and Shirley Smith, and Sir Patrick attended a luncheon meeting of the Scottish Tartans Society at the Radisson Inn. Sir Patrick is a member of the Council of the S.T.S. That evening, a large group of Grants convened at Stone Mountain Park for a tail-gate party prior to the first Stone Mountain Tattoo.

The highlight of the next day was Pipe Major Burgess' recital, followed by an open house at the home of Hank and Linda Grant, honoring Sir Patrick Grant. In addition to members of the Society, Lord and Lady Cromartie, Mr. and Mrs. David MacKenzie, and Mr.

and Mrs. Keith MacKenzie represented the Clan Kenneth. Dr. Micheil MacDonald and Mr. Peter MacDonald of Comrie, Perthshire, and Ms. Mary Lee Russell, representing the Clan MacPherson, also attended. Afterwards, a few of the group went on to the Sponsors Reception and to the MacArthur Ceilidh. Some of the more intelligent ones went to bed and got some sleep. It was at this stage that the week's activities were beginning to take their toll.

The games opened on Saturday with the usual opening ceremonies, pipe bands, competitions, and athletic events. His Grace the Duke of Argyll, Chief of Clan Campbell, was the honored guest. The crowds were much larger than usual — mainly due to the international flavor of the week's activities.

Andy Grant, the son of our society member Marilyn Grant, won the Junior Division of the Caber Toss and finished among the leaders in the Kilted Mile.

The games closed on Sunday, October 17th, ending a very successful and enjoyable week for the Games Committees and the Society.

Georgia Grant needs a kilt

Dr. Michael Grant's son, Jonathan, is looking for a Grant kilt. If you know of one that has been outgrown, contact them at

Box 1085, Calhoun, GA 30701. If you have a Grant item that is for sale or exchange, let your Commissioners know!

Grant, Mrs. Palmer C. P Fatt, Alan & Nancy Grant, Mrs. Charles MacMeans, Joseph R. Valentine, Jack Buie, Mrs. John W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Grant, Ann Jenkins, Lucille K. Pegram, Mr. and Mrs. David Ross Grant, Catherine Grant Fairfield. I hope they all join the Clan!

Saturday evening we had a dinner for all of the Clan Grant members and friends at the Old English Inn. About 50 attended.

It was my privilege to represent Lord Strathspey in presenting to Mr. John Bisset and Mr. Ludovic Grant-Alexander with Life Membership in Clan Grant Society. They join Elsie French, Earl Mally, and Mary MacDonald.

Sunday morn cousins and good cheer. The highlight of the day is the parade of tartans. This year our clan was proudly led onto the field by John Bisset and Sir Patrick Grant. It was the largest

group of clansmen ever assembled by the Clan Grant Society. Later in the day we all met Patricia Heller Greenwood, daughter of our Michigan Commissioner Jack Heller.

All in all in all, a very delightful experience for us all! It was great to see Betty and Kyle Bowie, Ann and Mathew Grant-Knapp, and daughter Barbara; Betty and Charles MacDonald, Thelma and John Grant and family, Hank and Linda Grant, John Bisset, Sue and Jack Barker, Cliff & Louise Thompson, Jim and Kathleen Maxey, Bob and Cindi Grant, Anna Neville, Maggie Kline, Shirley and Phil Smith, Marilyn P. Grant whose son, Andrew, won the junior caber toss, Dr. R. Peery Grant and family, George H. Grant, Jr., Bill Grant, Doris and Bill Mathews, Mary MacDonald, Elsie French, Earl Mally and last, but not least, Christine Grant.

Virginia, Carolina Grants to Georgia

Tracing the Grants from Virginia, North and South Carolina into Georgia has presented a major genealogical problem, one which Sue Schley Mathews, 1352 Peacock Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 has solved, in the following method.

Thomas Grant, b. when? where? d. 1734 St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., VA.

Thomas Grant was awarded 100 acres of land in Lower Norfolk County for bringing three people with him to Virginia; the grant was 20 April 1682.

On Feb. 20, 1723 400 acres in Hanover Co. was granted to Thomas Grant while he was living in New Kent County;

Haover was created from New Kent in 1720.

Thomas Grant II, b.c. 1694 New Kent Co., VA; died, 1773 Granville Co., NC; Isabella Richardson, b. 1694 New Kent Co., VA, d. 1772-3.

The Grants moved from Hanover Co., Va. to Granville Co., NC in 1765, and died there. Thomas II's will is probated there March 27, 1773, naming the following children:

1. Frances Grant b. 14 Sept. 1716 m. William Allen
2. Mildred Grant b. 29 Aug. 1719 m. John Owens

1719 m. John Owens

3. Daniel Grant b. 1724 m. Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Tate. These births are found in the register of St. Peter's Parish, p. 85, New Kent Co., Va., 1680-1787, as well as in the will.

Daniel Grant, born in the old home near Ground Squirrel Meeting House, Hanover Co., Va., moved with his parents to Granville Co., NC and from there to Wilkes Co., Ga. in 1784. "The History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida, 1785-1865, by George W. Smith, Jr., p. 44, in

Bucks Co., Pa. Grants Hold reunion, publish

Bob & Alice Grant (Commissioner for Oregon; Washington & Idaho) and our good members in Florida, Bob and Marjorie Gross, attended a large family reunion in Bucks County, Pennsylvania last September. Over a hundred family members (Grants, of course) attended the evening's events.

These are the descendents of Sarah Kemmerer and Johannes Grant and 1939 marks the date of the first of four reunions for this family. The senior members, Thomas Levy Grant and his wife, Kathryn, reigned as guests of honor. Mr. Grant makes elaborate wooden bird houses as a hobby and one was raffled off during the dinner.

Just to prove that it is a small world, (and that we're all globe trotters) two weeks before the reunion, Shirley Grant Spoerl contacted Ed Smith in West Chester, PA and asked him to play the pipes for them. Mrs. Sonja Sharp, coordinator for the event, invited his mother Shirley Grant Smith (or maybe it was the other way around!) to tell everyone about our Clan Grant Society. One week later, Harold & Beryl Grant (our New York

Commissioner and geneologist) drove 1100 miles in one weekend to show the Smiths a newsletter that they had received from Bob Gross telling all about the reunion!

We hope to stay in touch with all of these new-found cousins!

Searching for S.C.-Fla. Grant

The following query was submitted to the editor in July; it is typical of the questions that need to be answered in many Grant lines.

The writer has much basic information: for example, she knows where her ancestor was born, and when—1815, in Chester Co., S.C. A search of the 1810 and 1920 Censuses for that county might turn up the parents; so might a search of the land ownership records for that period.

Have newspapers in the Bascom, Fla., area been searched for 1893, and 1899 obituaries that might contain names of parents and children? Have land records in that county been searched? No doubt specialists in those two counties will have many other sources—perhaps local tax records, or special censuses, or agricultural censuses, etc., that might help.

No doubt the records of wills and administrations have been searched in the county clerk's office. Have cemetery records been sought?

County histories are a major source; there are at least two large volumes on family histories located in the Library of Congress, where all copyrighted histories are filed; the Fort Wayne-Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Ind., has many more; the Newberry Library in Chicago also is a good

Georgia states that the second conference, 1789, was held at Grant's Meeting House, the first completed Methodist Church building in Georgia. Grant was in the merchantile business; he maintained a room in his home called the Prophets' Chamber, with a bureau drawer with sundry clothing to fit all sizes of ministers, so that traveling preachers (Methodist, of course!) could get a dry change of apparel. In his will, he left \$1,500 and sundry lots to the Georgia Methodist Conference, a handsome sum in those days.

Mrs. Mathews is descended through the Owens line, and would be happy to correspond with any descendants of Thomas Grant, or those who have or seek additional information. She has copied a great amount from the sources, only a small portion of which are mentioned above.

And be sure to submit your lineage to Mrs. Beryl Grant, Leesome Lane, Altamont, NY 12009.

source for family histories.

One of the outstanding sources is the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City; it has microfilms of many early county records that can be borrowed through LDS branch libraries located in many eastern cities.

There are many good books that will tell you exactly what records are available from which officer, county by county, in each state. You can then write directly, if you ask specific information. If your questions are not exact, you may be referred to a local genealogist who works for so much an hour.

Here is the query; perhaps some of you Grants in Florida can help this lady with her problem!

Benjamin Andrew Grant, b. 1815, Chester Co., SC., d. 1893, m. Sarah McAnulty, b. 1816, d. 1899, both buried Bascom, FL. Known Children: Sarah E., b. ca 1839; Francis Marion, b. ca 1841, living Malone, FL, at age 94 in 1935, married Catherine Johnson in Harris Co., GA; Newton D?-P?. b. ca. 1844; Mattie, b. ca. 1848; Wallace Calhoun (Callie), b. 12 Nov. 1850, d. 18 July 1893, m. Sara Elizabeth Bevis, both buried Bascom, FL. There may have been 2 other daughters: Carrie (Caroline?) and Charlotte. Any information of this family will be appreciated! Mrs. W. F. White, 145 Pinckney Street, Chester, SC 29706.



ANDY GRANT, winner of the Junior Division Caber Toss, Stone Mountain Games.

Sir Archibald Grant To Wed Miss Forbes

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forbes announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Forbes, to Sir Archibald Grant, Baronet of Monymusk and Cullen, on the 31st of December, at St. Drostan's Church, Insch, Aberdeenshire.

The couple will be honored at a

reception and dance following the ceremony at Druminnor Castle, Rhynie, Aberdeenshire, the family estate of Miss Forbes.

Sir Archibald Grant is the Laird of Monymusk and the chieftain of that branch of the Clan Grant. He is the eldest son of Lady Tweedsmuir.



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Wesley Colin Cameron
PRESIDENT

THE ABOVE INVITATION was received by the Grant Clan from Wesley Colin Cameron, who went to Scotland with the Grant group in 1981. St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland, is the symbol of Scottish kinship and Saint Andrew's Societies generally take the lead in Scottish area celebrations. Grants, of course, are leaders in these societies around the world.

Gaelic poet lauds Grants

The Gaelic poet Iain Dubh Mac Iain Mhic Ailein — Dark John son of John son of Allan — (John MacDonald) lived in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Although not one of the great Gaelic poets, he left several poems of interest, principally centered around the role of Clan Donald in supporting the Jacobite cause. One of these is *Oran na Fineachan Gaidhealach*, "Song of the Highland Clans" probably written in the early 1700's. It is a poem in nineteen stanzas probably composed to enlist the aid of the Highland Clans in allegiance with Clan Donald. Each of the stanzas lauds one of the major Clans of the north — Clan Chattan, the Gordons, Frasers, etc. Verse thirteen reads:

Tha Granndaich mar b'abhaist
mu bhraigh Uisge Spe,
Fir laidir ro-dhaicheil
theid dana anns an streup.
Nach iarr cairdeas no fabhar
air namhaid fo 'n ghrein:
Is i bhur lamhach a dh'fhagas
fuil bhlaith air an fheur.

In like manner the Grants live on the braes of the River Spey, Strong, very handsome men who go boldly in battle,

Not seeking kindness nor favor from any enemy under the sun:

It's your daring that puts warm blood upon the grass. Iain Dubh Mac Iain 'ic Ailein (John MacDonald) c. 1700

It is not recorded how the Grants received this flattery but it is true that generally the Clan Grant did not support the MacDonalds in the risings of the 'Fifteen and 'Nineteen.

In the Gaelic the poem has two stressed syllables in each line and is noted for its "bounce," probably intended to represent marching men. Historically the poem is important for its "Roll of the Clans," recording the fighting groups of the Highlands at the opening of the 1700's. Of linguistic interest is the use of *Uige Spe*, *Spey Water*, instead of the word "river," *abhainn*. The choice may have been made by the poet to help the meter of the poem. *Abhainn* is preserved in *Stathspey* in the River Avon which flows into the Spey at Ballinalloch (town at the meeting of two waters). "Avon" is pronounced "on."

The reader can make a private judgment about the objectivity of *Fir laidir ro-dhaicheil* and *theid dana...*

—Philip D. Smith

The Names of Clan Grant

By Shirley & Phil Smith

The following list of Grant names has been compiled from the writings of our historian, James "Hank" Grant, on the history of the Clan, and also from Black's Surnames of Scotland:

ALLAN, MacAllan
BISSET, Byset, Bissett, Bissot
BOWIE, Buie
GILROY, MacIlroy,
MacGilroy, MacElroy,
MacKilrea, MacLeroy,
MacElree, McKilroy
MAC CONDOCHIE, Mac-
conachie, McConchie
MAC KIARAN, MacKerran,
Ciaran, MacIlheran
MAC SWEEN, MacSweeny,
MacSwine
MORE OF DRUMCORK,
Moore, Moir, Muir

PRATT, Prat
SUTTIE

People with the surname "Cairns" are being advised at some Highland Games to wear the Grant tartan. On the strength of some possible association with the Grant name "Kerran." We are asking others to verify this connection.

Cairn in Gaelic means a pile of stones and is an extremely common name throughout Scotland and Ireland. Perhaps mistakenly Black assigns all people named "Cairns" to a single family from the Edinburgh area.

Carn ("Ker-un") also means fugitive and may have been adopted by Gaelic speakers seeking refuge (i.e. some of the MacGregors?).

"Bayley Book" on Grants

Many Grants recently received a promotional brochure from a Ms. Beatrice Bayley in Sterling, PA 18463, advertising the "Grant Family Heritage Book." We would like to warn you to beware of sending any money for this book until we can get further information on it. If you can give us additional information, please contact George Grant, Convener, or Shirley Grant Smith, Membership Secretary. (Editor's note: If George or any area organizer wants a list of Grants' addresses, organized by ZIP

code, apparently taken from major city phone books, this is it. It contains no real genealogy, just the list of names, plus a place to record your family.)

Grants serve in military

Theron Grant III is now in the service, stationed for basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He is the son of Marilyn Trigg and has been a member for several years.

Airman and Mrs. Thomas C. Heller left Dec. 2 for Ramstein AFB, Germany, where Heller will serve three years. They have a small off-base apartment. Heller is the son of Dick and Jane Heller, editor of the *Craigellachie*.

The Highlander's Prayer

A THIGH EARN A,
DEONAICH THUSA GUM BI
MISE DAONAN CEART, OIR
THA FIOS AGAD-SA GU BHEIL
E NA'S FHASA CNOC
ACHARACHADH NA M' INN-
TINN-SA A ATHARRACHADH.
ATHARRACHADH.

O Lord, grant that I may always be right, for thou knowest it is easier to move a mountain than to change my mind.

The Clan Donnachie and the Baronets of Dalvey

By James H. Grant, Jr.

The ancient branch family of the Clan Grant which descends from John M'Conquhy is known as the Clan Donnachie. This family is not to be confused with the Robertsons who are also known by the Gaelic designation Clan Donnachaidh. The word Donnachaidh, anglicized to Donnachie or Donnachy, and pronounced DON-a-key, indicates that eh family descends from someone named Duncan.

John M'Conquhy is first noted in a legal document dated 1537. At that time he was designated

"in Gartinbeg," a property in the Strathspey parish of Duthil. The patronymic name M'Conquhy and its variant spellings, Makconachie, Macdonnachie, Maconachie, and MacCondacht, indicate that his father was most likely named Duncan, presumably the progenitor of the Clan Donnachie.

Later in M'Conquhy's life, he is styled John Maconachie Grant, and at another time, simply John Grant. His eldest son of record was Duncan M'Condacht Grant, and was also

designated "in Gartinbeg." He had at least two other sons, one named Alexander M'Ean M'Conquhy which lends credence to the aforementioned presumption of descent. M'Ean or MacIain is simply another patronymic which means son of John.

The family appears to have flourished in the latter stages of the 16th and early portions of the 17th centuries, founding cadet branches at Kinveachy, Inverlaidnan, and Dalrachnie, all in the parish of Duthil. Prominent members of the family are mentioned in various documents and parish records during this period and there is evidence that Gartinbeg himself was a close friend of the then-powerful Earl of Huntly.

John Grant of Cartinbeg is also said to have led the Clan Grant contingent at the famous battle of Glenlivet in 1594. In this bizarre military contest, a small force of less than 2000 men under the leadership of the Earl of Huntly, but with several cannon and control of the high ground, routed a force led by the Earl of Argyll said to number 10,000. Curiously, the Clan Grant began the fray on the side of Argyll and his men from the West, but having struck an agreement with Huntly prior to the conflict, changed sides during the fight and helped turn the tide of the battle.

Two generations later, James

Grant, younger of Gartinbeg, purchased the estate of Dalvey in Cromdale parish and subsequently received a charter for these lands from the Bishop of Moray. In 1686, he inherited the estate of Gartinbeg, but this property was redeemed by the Chief of Grant in 1691. Thus, the chieftaincy of the Clan Donnachie was transferred to Dalvey. In 1688, James Grant obtained a baronetcy of Nova Scotia and was thereafter styled Sir James Grant of Dalvey, Baronet.

Since the 17th century, the baronetcy and the titular chiefship of the family has changed hands many times, descending laterally and linearly to the present day. The representatives of the Clan Donnachie have been, at various times, Commissioners of Supply (an old regional office in the highlands), Members of Parliament, merchants, landowners, civil servants, and educators. One lived to be 101 years of age.

The present Dalvey is Sir Patrick Grant, 14th Baronet. The arms which have descended to him with his title are as follows: Three gold crowns on a red shield with a gold border engrailed. The family motto is "TE FAVENTE VIREBO."

Tullochgorm Regional News of New England

Mathew Grant-Knapp, Jr., Commissioner Tullochgorm Region, has announced the appointment of two new state commissioners.

Harold Grant, former Deputy NY State Commissioner, has accepted the responsibility for NY State as Commissioner. This was particularly pleasing to Matt and his wife, Anne, as Hal and his wife, Beryl, our clan genealogist, signed on while attending the 2nd annual Ticonderoga Games on July 7, 1979. They became the fifth members in the northeast USA.

In those beginning years of organizing our society, all a member had to work with was his Grant tie, trews, or if lucky a Grant kilt, card table, and a few applications; none of the impressive paraphernalia seen at our tents these days. It was a challenge! At the first annual Ticonderoga Games Matt and Anne came away without a member, disappointed, as they had eagerly expected signing up a surnamed "Grant." At the second "Ti" Games, despite the humble appearance of the Grant table, Hal displayed typical Grant courage (with a little urging from Beryl, bless her heart), wrote a check and signed on.

Fort Ticonderoga is of historical significance for England and the US, but also for Grants. It is the most historic landmark in North America for Grants and the Black Watch Regiment. It was at the battle for this French occupied fortress that the Grants and the rest of the Black Watch displayed the tremendous courage in battle that was to become the Grants'

and the Black Watch's hallmark of bravery. The 42nd (then the 43rd) Black Watch Regiment was originally formed in Scotland from three independent watch companies, one of which was a Grant company placed under the command of Captain George Grant. The commander of the Black Watch all the time it served overseas in North America was Lt. Col. Francis Grant, fifth son of Sir James Grant of Grant, Laird of Grant, and Anne, daughter and heiress of Sir Humphrey Colquhoun of Luss, Baronet.

This enrollment into the society of the first person bearing the surname of Grant, Hal Grant, on July 7th, 1979, 221 years to the day after the battle for Fort Carrillon (Ticonderoga) was a most memorable event for Matt. It should be recorded in our society's history that Harold Grant was the first Grant to enroll at this most historic site for our society.

Don Bassette, of Underhill, VT, has accepted the responsibility of State Commissioner for VT and NH. He was appointed on short notice just prior to the two major games in his area, the Queechy VT and Lincoln NH games. There was insufficient time either to send him, or for him to assemble, an impressive array of attention-getting items for the clan tent. Nevertheless he started out, like our early clan pioneer organizers, with his Grant tie, card table and some applications. Don is to be commended for his efforts at these two games. We will see that next years' tent at these games has more than a card table.

Kilt for Sale

Grant tartan—Worsted wool—Ancient colors—Three years old—excellent condition—Hand made by a member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen and kilt-maker for the British Army at Aldershot, England—Should fit a man whose height is 6'3"-6'5" and waist 34"-37"—J. Telfer Dunbar, perhaps the foremost living authority on tartan, once said, "I have always been of the opinion that nothing becomes a man less than a new kilt." I regret that I have not been able to do more to "break this one in" for some fortunate purchaser. It is in great shape and a tremendous value at \$125 plus U.P.S. Please do not insult me by offering less. Satisfaction guaranteed. I will refund your money if it doesn't fit or meet your standards.

—Hank Grant
(404) 938-4821



PIPE MAJOR JOHN BURGESS, of the United Kingdom, at the Stone Mountain Games.

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turning on his scottish brogue whenever a bonnie lass turned him on. It wasn't too long before his brogue was hoarse.

Ed Smith our reknowned Clan Grant piper from Philadelphia, PA, who captured first place last year, placed third this year. He would have placed higher but for the bee in his bass drone. The bee couldn't carry a tune.

Hal, who won the world championship for bonniest knees at the Gatlinburg games this summer (he wears his kilt extremely high now) was pressed into service by the games committee to organize a bonniest knees contest. Joanne Grant officiated as one of the scorers and Joanne Mills was one of the three judges. Matt was the only Grant to enter and was chosen as one of the five finalists. Even with the benefit of two Grant officials, the best Matt's knees could do was fifth place and that only due to his high rating for "bone structure." Clan Grant can claim two champions: one for the bonniest knees and one for the boniest knees. Matt's kilt seems to be hanging lower now.

Two of our younger generation competed in the children's events. Julie McCulloch, age 11, entered the girls' caber toss. On her third toss, she turned the caber with an eleven o'clock drill, losing out to an older girl who had a twelve o'clock drill. Jeff McCulloch was leading the boys' foot race till the turn-around point where he was

tripped up by a Campbell. Jeff got up but, while the clock fast on the field, it wasn't fast enough to place. A Campbell will do it every time!!

The clan was well represented in the haggis hurl. Incidentally, it is more pleasant to hurl haggis than it is to eat it. Ian, Hal and Matt competed. This year Matt had the farthest hurl of the Grants, one 77 feet 180 degrees to the right into the spectators and, after adjusting for windage, on his second hurl, 78 feet 180 degrees to the left into the spectators. Fortunately for Matt the skins did not break. Hal, who had the Grant's longest hurl last year, only half-heartedly tried as he was concerned with twisting his bonnie knees.

When the last of the massed bands marched off the field, the Grant Ceilidh began at the clan tent with hamburgers, hot dogs, two kinds of german sausage, liquid refreshments, salads and desserts that the girls had prepared. Matt had planned a complete evening program consisting of a group-type get acquainted dance, the "Dashing White Sergeant," followed by piping by Barb McCulloch, pipe-sergeant of D Company, Buffalo City Guard, Gordon Highlanders, which is the oldest organization of its kind dating from 1837. This was to be followed by an exhibition of 4 Scottish country dances, and last a group singalong using taped music and music sheets.

However, nature wasn't tolerant. As the sinking sun

slowly descended in a brilliant red, orange and heather-hued sky to nestle behind Mt. Helderberg, the temperature plunged to a record low. The frigid air sent all scurrying into Hal's trailer parked next to the clan tent just as the program was about to begin. When Matt endeavored to summon the clan outside with the rallying cry of "Craigellachie," from inside the cozy packed trailer came the in unison cry of "We'll Stand Fast!" Nevertheless our hardy Tullochgorm piper, despite frozen fingers and cold pipes, entertained us with popular tunes. Upon completion of the piping the singalong was held. The warmth of the closely packed trailer (some 36 people)

and the benefit of some liquid nourishment not only made the singalong (what one Grant called a sardinesing) a great success but also made some acquaintances fast friends.

Thus ended a most enjoyable day. With the words of "Will Ye Nae Come Back" and "Auld Lane Syne" fading away, with the clasping of hands and promises to return, under the light of a haloed moon and with blue white diamond stars blinking in the sky, the clan departed to wend their ways back to their homes with the pleasant memories of friendships new and old, a wonderful time, and being more aware that "It's Great To Be A Grant!"



GEORGE GRANT, left, Lucille his wife, with Miss Christine Grant, right, of Rockwood, Tenn.

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