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It's GREAT to be a GRANT!

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## Grandfather Mountain Games July 9-10



GRANT HISTORIAN AND WIFE, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Grant, of Chamblee, Ga., pictured above relaxing at the Stone Mountain Games a year ago, when the group was host to Lord Strathspey.

Once again the Clan plans a get-together at Grandfather Mountain. If you plan to attend and wish to stay at the Great Escape Lodge as a group as we did last year please notify George Grant before April 30.

We all had a great time together and the cost was \$90.00 per couple for the whole week or as many days that each could be there. The Lodge sleeps 26 people and last year we had 22.

The First Kilted Golf Tournament will be held at the Mountain Glen Golf Club in Newland, N.C. (6 miles North of Linville), on Friday, July 8, 1983. Entry fee is \$75.00 per golfer which includes green fee, cart, gift certificate trophies, and an invitation to the Games Cocktail party for two persons. If anyone is interested contact George H. Grant immediately.

## Grant Clan in Nova Scotia; Grand Opening June 27-30

The Clan Grant Society has organized in Nova Scotia. Through the efforts of Mrs. Ella Grant Andreassen of Grantville, Richmond Cty., Cape Breton Island, our Clan Society has expanded. Officers are: Mr. Lloyd Grant, President; Mrs. Ella Grant Andreassen, Vice Pres.; and John Andreassen, Archivist-Historian.

This summer Nova Scotia will be the site of the International Gathering. The Grand Opening ceremonies will be June 27-30 at

Halifax. It is reported that Bonnie Prince Charlie and Princess Diana will attend. The event lasts all summer, closing August 20 at St. Ann's Cape Breton.

Clan Grant will attend the Grand Opening as a group fully kilted and dressed. During the Antigonish Games, July 9-17, Clan Grant will also attend and will have a Clan tent. There is planned a Clan dinner on the evening of the 16th. The last

event that the Clan Society will participate as a group will be the closing at St. Ann's.

Information on all of the summer happenings will be sent you by writing to: International Gathering of the Clans, P.O. Box 1983, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2R5 Canada.

Contact Clan Grant directly by writing to: Allison Andreassen c/o Cleveland P.O. No. 51, Grantville, Cape Breton NS BOE 1Jo.

## MacArthur Recording

Mairi MacArthur, who sang so beautifully at the Stone Mountain games, has recorded 14 songs, nine sung in English, three in gaelic, and two are mouth music. For those of us lucky to have heard Mairi in person this recording will remind us how beautiful the human voice can be. I recommend this effort highly. To obtain a copy send \$10.00 to: I.A. MacArthur, 304 Valleybrook Road, Hixson, Tenn. 37343. This will cover all postage, handling and of course the recording. It is available in Record, Cassette and 8-Track. Please indicate which you would like to have.

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## About the Tartan

by Phillip D. Smith

"That from and after the 1st day of August, 1747 no man or boy within ... SCOTLAND ... shall, on any pretext whatever, wear or put on the ... Highland clothes ... the PLAID, ... kilt or any part whatever of ... HIGHLAND GARB; and that no tartan or partly colored plaid shall be used ... every person so offending shall be liable to be transported for a space of seven years to any of His Majesty's plantations beyond the seas..." What power the tartan must have had to be banned by Act of Parliament and a person sent to slavery just for wearing clothes!

The origins of tartan are lost in antiquity. Like many primitive peoples, the Gaels expressed themselves in weaving brightly colored cloth as far back as the time of Christ. As an art form, the weaving of colored wool gave a bright note to an otherwise grey world. Tartan, woven with colored bands the same in both directions, is a clever device to make the most of limited materials. No two pure colors ever stand side by side, only on the diagonal. Large solid areas are avoided to remove the uneven effects of home dyes. Additional colors can be created by blending; careful choice of color and stripe gives a three dimensional effect.

Tartan woven in certain areas tended to be the same and travelers to early Scotland could tell a man's region by his tartan. Gradually this assumed association with a prominent family in the district since the

population rented the land from the overlord. By 1704 the Laird of Grant could command all of his men to assemble in a uniform red and green tartan. Tartan had become representative of both the family and the race.

By the 1400's Scots were known throughout Europe by their distinctive dress — "Merry Andrews at the Fair" Daniel Defoe wrote of Scottish soldiers. Men wore the plaid ("pladje" in Gaelic), a tartan blanket, wrapped around them. Women wore more colorful patterns at times, dress and shawl with the tartan on the diagonal.

In 1707 Scotland was joined with England in the United Kingdom. The Union was not popular. Tartan was adopted by many Lowlanders as a National symbol. It became identified with the Jacobite (Stuart) cause after the rebellions of 1715 and 1719. After the nearly successful rebellion of 1745-46 the government decided to erase the Clan system. As part of this thrust, tartan was banned except for use by British soldiers.

The ban was in effect for thirty-five years, until 1782, although not always enforced. In the late 1700's and early 1800's there was a great revival of tartan wearing and weaving. Old patterns were resurrected; new patterns were created. There are now 1,100 recorded tartans. Old patterns are still being recorded (Grant of Achnarrow, 1981); new tartans are being designed (Dunlap, 1982). Records are kept by the Scottish Tartans Society, Comrie, Perthshire.

## By George!

While in Atlanta for the Stone Mountain Games we held a Clan Society meeting with over 50 people in attendance. The questions addressed were: 1) Should we send financial support to Grantown for a clan center?

The unanimous response was yes. 2) How do we free up some funds for this effort? The solution was to make the subscription to the Highlander magazine an extra cost item. The subscription for 1983 is paid, but for next year if you wish to continue to receive the Highlander, when you send in your annual dues of \$15.00 in the self-addressed envelopes enclosed with this newsletter, add \$6.50 for the group rate. The individual rate is \$8.50. 3) Encourage everyone to send in articles to our newsletter, including pictures. Please take the time to sit down and write to Craigelechie about your family, your experiences, wedding, births, birthdays, parties; etc.

This will of course bring us all closer. Family histories and lineage will enable our Geneologist to collate families and show relationships. Perhaps someone will find a long lost

cousin.

The Orlando games were a huge success especially for the Grants. Lucille and I met several new members and had the pleasure of introducing John Bisset to James R. Grant, whose family are among Florida's original settlers. James is the mayor of Longwood, Fla.

While on the subject of Florida, if you possibly can, try and attend the Dunedin Games March 24, 25, & 26. Last year we had more Grants in the parade of Tartans than the MacDonalds. Dunedin was founded by a Grant and the Games are held at Grant Field, by the High School. We always have a large delegation from Canada there and this year will be no different.

Our regional commissioners are doing an outstanding job for us all. Is there any way you can help? Contact them and volunteer.

As soon as you have read this far, please sit down and write your dues check and forward in the envelope provided. Hope to see more of you this year. If only the economy will pick up a little. Yours ay.



HAPPY SECRETARY Shirley Smith and the Chief of the Clan, Lord Strathspey, talk together during a lull in activities at the Stone Mountain Games a year ago last October.

# Life in Old Scotland

By Kathleen Maxcy

As I described my background last month, a great many memories (half-forgotten) came crowding into my mind. One of the most vivid was —

Tenement Wash Day

Each segment of our tenement was entered by a "close." A passage open at back and front, stone-floored and walled, and about the center was the stairway leading to the dwellings upstairs. Nine dwellings in all — three on each floor. The ground floor was occupied by shops. The back opening led to the asphalt-paved backyard, known simply as the "back," and used chiefly for children's playspace and drying yard for the laundry of the said nine families. The washhouse was a doorless hut that occupied one corner. Inside it was equipped with two cast iron tubs

along one side and on the other, an open boiler. (This was mounted on a foundation of bricks with an opening on one side through which we poked sticks and built a fire after filling the boiler with cold water from the only faucet over the tubs — transported bucket by bucket. Eventually the water was heated, and carried over to the tubs, where the washing began, on the board, of course. As the white clothes were finished, they were dumped into the boiler and boiled!! Meanwhile, the colored wash was done — taken out and hung on the lines that were put up each time and carefully taken down. Each tenant supplied her own. By now the white clothes were ready to be taken out of the

boiler with a stick, and carried back to the tubs, rinsed and hung out to dry. Later, the wash when dry was taken up three flights of stairs. If it had rained in the meantime the clothes were hung on pulleys suspended from the kitchen ceiling. Fortunately, the ceilings were high and none of us were tall. Eventually the clothes got dry — now to be ironed with flatirons heated in front of the kitchen grate (fireplace) which was used for cooking as well as heating.

Such was wash day in those times of long ago, but even now when I press the buttons on the washer and dryer and fold my permanent press clothes, I whisper, till my heart fills up, "Thank you, God, thank you!!!"

## Grant Rotarians?

How many Grants are Rotarians? And how many of them are going to Toronto, Canada for the meeting June 5-8, 1983? These are the questions posed to all members of Clan Grant by Ralph P. Grant, Sr., Governor District 757, 1328 Linville Street, Kingsport, TN 37660. If you are either or both, he would like to hear from you. (We know of one other, Edward Grant, retired, in Susanville, CA).

## A Free Scot

"If it be life that waits I shall live forever unconquered. If death, I shall die at last, strong in my pride and free." Soldier's Memorial, Edinburgh, Scotland.

## More Grant Names Found

The following is a more complete list of Clan Grant names, drawn up by Phillip D. Smith; those preceded by a plus were listed in the Winter issue of the Craiggellachie.

Alcock, Alison, + Allan, Allanach, Allen, Allison, Biset, + Bisset, + Bissett, + Bowie, + Buie, Bussett, + Byset, Bysette, Cairns (Carnes), Callan, Callen, Cairns, + Gilroy, + Grant, Heron, Herron, Kilrea, Kilroy, + Mac Allan, Mac Allen, Mac Cairn, Mac Cairns, Mac Callan, Mac Callen, + Mac Conachie, Mac Conachy, + Mac Conchie, Mac Conchy, + Mac Condochie, Mac Condochy, Mac Conico, Mac Conochie, Mac Conochy, Mac Conolque, Mac Elery, Mac Elheron, Mac Elherron, Mac Elrea, + Mac Elree, Mac Elrey, + Mac Elroy, Mac Gilrey, + Mac Gilroy, Mac Gonackie, Mac Gonachy, + Mac Ilheran, Mac Ilheron, + Mac Ilroy, Mac Jockie, Mac Jockkie, Mac Jocky, + Mac Kerran, Mac Kerren, Mac Kerron, Mac Kiarran, Mac Kiarron, + Mac Kilrea, Mac Kilrey, + Mac Kilroy, + Mac Leroy, Mac Swain, + Mac Sween, Mac Sweeney, + Mac Sweeney, + Mac Swine, Magonachie, Magonachy, Milroy, + Moore, + More of Drumcork, Muckelree, Muckleroy, + Muir, + Pratt, Suttie, and + Suttie.

## Book on Tartans by Phil Smith

TARTAN FOR ME!, a guide to suggested tartans for 8,000 Scottish, Irish and North American names, is the latest work of Clan Grant member Phil Smith. TARTAN FOR ME! is targeted for the Clan genealogy or Games Tent — wherever a person is likely to ask, "What tartan should I wear?" TARTAN FOR ME! should have the answer.

With twice as many names as the widely used KITH AND KIN, this new listing also has the advantages of a complete up-to-date listing of all clan and family tartans registered to 1983. Other features of TARTAN FOR ME! are its large type, 8½x11 inch size and staple binding which permits easy table top reference. Introductory material provides some tips on how to suggest a tartan even for the non-Scot and describes the "National" or all-Scottish tartans. A list and "locator" map guides the user to the fifty

District Tartans.

Phil stresses that there is a suggested tartan for each of the names included in the list even for the smallest families if their tartan has been registered with the Scottish Tartans Society. Many persons do not know that there are such tartans as the "Martin," "Stephenson," or "Brown." Both Irish and American tartans are included.

It is expected that TARTAN FOR ME! will become a standard reference. You will be able to spot the bright yellow cover in

Scottish Shops and at the Games already. TARTAN FOR ME! lists almost ninety spellings of Clan Grant names. Also included are names like "Cairns" who wear the Grant tartan by tradition. "Cairns" sounds like "Kiarran" and may mean both a pile of loose stones and a homeless person a "kern." Many "Cairns" have elected the Grant tartan by tradition rather than relation. TARTAN FOR ME! is available through Scottish stores or through clan societies.

## Grant Ministers?

Matthew Grant, a cousin in Louisiana is looking for information on ministers in the Grant line. A lot of well-known preachers did come from Scotland. If you can shed any light on anyone in your family background that was a minister or if you know of someone well-known in the ministry, please drop him a line. (P.O. Box 6704, St. Louis, MO 63144.



PERSONAL ARMS of the various cadet branches of the Grant Clan are outlined above on one of the many plaques hanging at the Clan Grant tent, the tent of the honored guest for the Stone Mountain games. Editor Dick Heller, right, looks on.

# "An Chat" (The Cat)

(The following story was told to me by Pipe Major John Burgess during his visit to Atlanta for the International Gathering. In addition to being one of the premier pipers in the world, John possesses a wealth of highland lore which he relates with zest and enthusiasm. I only wish I could relay this story to the readers as well as it was told to me. — Hank)

About one hundred and fifty years ago there was a man named MacQuarrie who was called An Chat. MacQuarrie lived with his mother near Ballachulish, a village on Loch Leven surrounded by the clan territories of the Camerons, the Stewarts of Appin, and the MacIan MacDonalds of Glencoe. It is not known why MacQuarrie was called An Chat, but nicknames were quite common in those days, as they are now.

Times were difficult in the highlands. It was during this period that many landlords "cleared" many of their tenants from their lands; unskilled laborers could hardly find work to support themselves, much less a family. Many highlanders left the crofts to join British or mercenary regiments; some went South to participate in the industrial revolution; others decided to emigrate to the British colonies or the United States. MacQuarrie decided to leave his home and go to Australia.

Having made this important decision he told his friends and neighbors in and around Ballachulish. For days prior to his scheduled departure

MacQuarrie was the center of attention in the village. Each evening he was surrounded by well-wishers in the local meeting places and entertained at dances and ceilidhs. On the evening before he was to leave all his friends gave a huge party and many toasts were made to MacQuarrie's good health and fortune. His close friends gave him gifts and some even contributed money toward his expenses.

The next morning, the day of his leaving, his mother woke MacQuarrie at dawn and instructed him to prepare for his departure.

Barely opening his eyes he asked: "What of the weather?" "It is cold and rainy and appears to be getting worse," was his mother's reply.

Upon hearing this, MacQuarrie closed his eyes, turned over, and went back to sleep, thus signifying his change of heart.

Needless to say, MacQuarrie's fickle behavior was met with great disappointment and irritation by his friends. After all, they had feted him with jovial evenings of entertainment and wished him well in his planned adventure; some had even given him gifts and money—tokens of genuine friendship which, incidentally, were never returned. Finally, when it was obvious that MacQuarrie had no intention of implementing his plans, the former friends' ire became so intense that they decided not to speak to him ever again.

Wherever MacQuarrie went he was shunned and treated as an outcast. Although he continued to live near Ballachulish, his only friend was his dog who shared equally his burden of ostracism and enforced solitude. The dog, for many years, was his constant companion, and save for his own mother, his one and only ally.

Ultimately, the dog died of old age. Broken-hearted and disconsolate, MacQuarrie carried his old comrad to a

beautiful knoll overlooking the loch and buried him under a tree. As a final tribute to the dog's unflinching loyalty, he had a stone carved which read simply, "IN MEMORY OF A GOOD DOG."

A few days later, MacQuarrie climbed the knoll to visit the grave of his old friend and found that someone, perhaps one of his former friends, had revised the epitaph on the stone to read: IN MEMORY OF A GOOD DOG. BURIED BY A CAT.

## New Clan Grant Members

The following are the new Clan Grant members who joined our organization in February and March:

GRANT, Mr. Peter, 508 E. Edmonton Court, Clearwater, Florida 33516.

MANLEY, Mr. Dewitt G., R.R. 1 Box 78C, Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487.

HALLIDAY, Mrs. Gretchen, 118 Jordan Road, Brick, NJ 08723.

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LETEY, Mrs. Katherine Grant, 8240 Lamar Drive, Arvada, CO 80003.

THOMPSON, Mr. & Mrs. Grant V., 615 180th Ave. East, Redington Shores, FL 33708.

GILROY, Mr. Alexander Cyril, Bardannoch Noniaive, Dunfriesshire, DG3 4H2 Scotland.

COLEMAN, III, Mr. H., 2002 Foxboro Drive, Orlando, FL 32806.

GRANT, Miss Doris V., P.O. Box 437, Leesburg, FL 32748.

LOTZ, Mr. & Mrs. Jack C., 3917 Buena Vista Avenue,

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SPENCE, Mr. & Mrs. John, Lake Road, Galway, NY 12074.

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GRANT, Dr. & Mrs. C. Michael & family, P.O. Box 1085, Calhoun, GA 30701.

GRANT, Mr. John B., P.O. Box 40, Chamberlain, ME 04541.

SMITH, Mr. & Mrs. Allen, 2 Marilyn Street, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

The following members have new addresses:

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