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The Castle Grant Sale-- Three Views Presented

by George Grant

At long last (July 30, 1983) the details of the requirements for the purchase of Castle Grant have been received by me on July 29. These are contained in a letter from The Earl of Seafield to Lord Strathspey.

(1) The Castle is being offered for sale by Dava Enterprises (A corporate shell whose only asset is the Castle, owned by the members of the Earls family). It has been discovered that Castle Grant was subject to Listed Building Registration and was not regarded as an Ancient Monument. This puts the Earl and his family in a very precarious financial position, i.e.; They can be ordered by the Gov't to restore the Castle with their own money or the Gov't will have it done and send them the bill. The Earl decided that the only way this potential liability could be nullified was to sell it. Further the purchaser must be able to demonstrate that they have the financial means to carry out the restoration. Bear in mind that it must be restored as Castle Grant, not a Holiday Inn. The costs for the restoration as estimated by experts is between half to three quarters of a million pounds.

The purchase price of 30,000 pounds is a drop in the bucket. Additionally there is available 67 acres surrounding the property for approx. 100,000 pounds.

I sincerely regret that the above information was not available back in May when I sent out the request for support. It would have made quite a difference. Your support was outstanding and generous, however not near the above requirement. Even if each of us had contributed \$1000.00 a year we would be short of the necessary goal. All of the money sent in has been placed in an escrow interest bearing account.

The closing date for offers is set August 9, 1983. We have offered as follows: 50 pounds for a 90 day moratorium on the acceptance of any offers in order for us to have time to seek a joint venture partner and to advise you of these developments and ask you to respond with new and additional pledges if you have not made one. Please respond direct to me in the next 30 days so that we will know how to proceed. Further, send me your advice. The alternative course of action if the above is not accepted is to approach the buyer, if there is one, with an offer.

We have started proceeding to create a Tax exempt foundation in the U.S. and these efforts will continue. In Scotland a Tax exempt Charter is about to be issued to The Clan Grant

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by David Grant Blyth

The United Kingdom Branch of Clan Grant has had a very busy summer, organizing the Clan Grant Heritage Trust, a special committee for the Castle Grant, naming trustees, and reorganizing more democratically, dissolving the "gang of three," appointed temporarily two years ago to reorganize the U.K. Branch.

The following is taken from Stand Fast!, the U.K. newsletter, by its editor, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Branch, David Grant Blyth, and combines the lead article with the minutes of the special general meeting of the Branch held July 1, 1983 at the Seafield Lodge Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey, with David Grant Blyth, the Hon. James Grant of Grant, Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Brigadier Eneas Grant, Lt. Col. Donald Grant, John Peter Grant, Younger, of Rothiemurchus, Hamish B. Grant, C.B.E., Mrs. Bridget Grant, Miss Jean M. Paterson, George S. Grant and Nigel J.N. Grant present. Robert J. Grant, of Bristol, was unable to be present because of a sudden family illness.

At the time of "going to Press" (16th August), the position about the sale of Castle Grant is that an offer to buy the Castle has been submitted on behalf of the

world-wide Clan Grant Society but no definite acceptance or rejection of this offer has, so far, been received. The agent for the vendors has, however, indicated that the Society's offer is for a much smaller sum than is being sought and he has asked whether there is any possibility that it may be increased. This enquiry has been answered in the negative as it had already been made clear in a covering letter sent with the offer that the sum offered was that which, in the opinion of the Society, as advised by their Chartered Surveyor and Architect, was a fair and reasonable price for the subjects of sale. Moreover, it also happens to represent the best offer which the Society is in a position to make, having regard to its present funds and to the heavy commitments for repair, restoration, maintenance and upkeep for which it would become responsible if Castle Grant came into the Society's ownership.

The position rests there. It is now up to the vendors to decide, if they have received no higher offer than that which has been submitted by the Clan Grant Heritage Trust on behalf of the world-wide Clan Grant Society, whether they will accept our offer on the principle that "half a

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by Hank Grant

As most of our members must surely know by now, Castle Grant is "For Sale." Furthermore, it seems to be a foregone conclusion that we, the worldwide Clan Grant societies, should attempt to buy the castle for some yet-to-be-determined purpose. Whether this goal can actually be attained remains to be seen, but some wheels are already turning toward this end.

Why should we want to purchase the castle in the first place? Architecturally speaking, there is very little to commend Castle Grant. Queen Victoria, in a diary of her highland travels, commented that the building looked very much "like a factory." Moreover, the main portions of

the castle are not even of great antiquity, by European standards, although the original tower which is now surrounded by more modern additions does date at least to the 16th century; there is some evidence that a "castletown" existed on or near the site perhaps as early as the 14th century.

In its present state of disrepair, the building is virtually useless. Its interior has been undermined by dry-rot, a fungus which attacks not only wood but mortar as well, I am told. It is quite likely that any subsequent restoration would require large portions, if not all, of the castle to be gutted and rebuilt. Furthermore, as I un-

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Nova Scotia hosts International Gathering

by Kyle Bowie

On July 5, 1983 George and Lucille Grant Kyle and Betty Bowie began a trip that started in Richmond Va. criss crossed New England to Antigonish Nova Scotia and returned to Richmond 3700 miles later. Along the way we picked up John Bisset at High Spire Pa; Lord and Lady Strathspey at Kennedy Airport; Anne and Mathew Grant-Knapp at Albany N.Y. A word on the name we gave the Motor home "WHERESMA," with nine adults, their luggage, and other gummage, the most frequent question asked by everyone was "Where is my pocketbook? shoes? glasses, etc;". This came to be shortened to WHERESMA.

On the way to ANTIGONISH we attended the games at Ft. Ticonderoga N.Y. where we were the guests of Mrs. Stephanie Pell Deschamps and her two sons Francis and Robert. The Pell family owns the Fort. Lord Strathspey dedicated a memorial at the Fort to The Black Watch Regiment that took part in the battle exactly 225 years ago on July 9. The regiment was commanded by Col. Francis Grant the third son of the then Chief of the clan. In the regiment were over 40 men named Grant.

On hand to greet us at Fort Ticonderoga were Harold and Beryl Grant, Ian and Joanne Grant, Don and Nancy Basette,



Kyle Bowie

and Murray E. Grant. The weather was terrific and the games were delightful. If you can possibly attend next year please do so.

At Antigonish we were greeted on arrival by that paragon, Dr. Philip Smith merrily piping away in the Motel parking lot, surrounded by, Mrs. Allison Grant Andreassen, her husband John, Shirley Smith, Syd and Aileen Grant, we all immediately headed for a superb restaurant, where guess what?

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ALL GRANTS—Darlene and daughter, Winnie, Isabella, Lord Strathspey, 34th leader of the Grant Clan, Patrick and Paul Grant, in Nova Scotia.

Stone Mountain Games Oct. 16-17

The Stone Mountain Games at Stone Mountain Park, east of Atlanta, Ga., will be held Oct. 16 and 17.

Members who want John Grant to make lodging arrangements should contact

him at (404) 469-3263 immediately. He will make reservations in the Old English Inn again, with rates of \$28 for a single, and \$34 for a double; one night's deposit and up to four persons, must be sent in advance, refundable to Oct. 1.



SIR PATRICK GRANT, who attended the 1982 Stone Mountain Games, pictured above with the membership chairman Shirley Smith, and Linda Grant, wife of Historian Hank Grant.

Nova Scotia Hosts

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we ordered seafood. The next day our official guides showed up to take us around the area, Sister Jean Grant and Sister Faustina Grant, with these lovely ladies assistance our trip was assured of success.

The first ship from Scotland The Hector, brought two Grants, John and David and their families. They arrived with a grant of 500 acres each. David settled on Cape Breton Island and the area today is called, Grantville a small community just outside Port Hawkesbury. It was there on Friday afternoon that we dedicated a cairn originally erected by David and being restored by John and Allison. The Cairn is located on their property and overlooks a beautiful lake or loch. A reception followed the Dedication by Lord Strathspey and John hosted by Allison and John. About 40 of our cousins and friends attended. We were serenaded by a lovely pipier named Shiela.

John Grant settled on his property located 8 kilometers north of Antigonish. This is the Home of his descendants today headed by Benedict Grant. The farm today still raises sheep and cattle. Ben and his sisters, Sister Faustina, Anna Claire, Isebel, Winnie told us of a family story concerning John. There was a tale about John bringing over the sword used by his father at Culloden, and that this sword was hidden in the house that John built. When the house was torn down to make room for another building it was done stick by stick. In the wall hidden over a door they found a wooden box that contained this sword. It now hangs on the fireplace in the family home. I have deduced that these Grants are either from Gein Urr or Glenmoriston, since these were the only Grants at Culloden.

The games Saturday brought out the Grant cousins in force, culminating in a lobster dinner Saturday night at the Goshen Inn attended by 67 cousins from all over Nova Scotia. Lord Strathspey entertained the assemblage with a timely and humorous short speech. We held Air Commander MacDonnell hostage just so we would be troubled by the MacDonnells of Glengarry as our ancestors were hundreds of years ago.

Nova Scotia is heavily populated by Scots that were Victims of the Infamous "Clearings." There are many Sutherlands, Chisholms, MacDonnells, MacKinnons,

Gunns, Kiethes, MacKay, etc.: The Grant clan at no time was involved with these Clearings, our Clan History tells us that every Grant that did come over had a grant of land or came over as a war prisoner. Feelings about the "Clearances" still run pretty high in Nova Scotia.

Ben and his family invited us over Sunday for a Lobster feast after we attended a special church service in Grantville arranged by John and Allison, Phil Smith played the pipes and Sid read the Scripture. A reception followed the service and we met the inhabitants of Grantville.

The lobster feast was terrific. Ben and George with able assistance from Grant and Shirley Fedora (nephew) boiled the lobsters over a wood fire in a pot filled with 12 at a time (lobsters). I was able to eat only 5 but George had 7. The lobsters were complimented with homemade cheese and bread, it was wonderful. The hospitality and kindnesses shown us by our cousins was wonderful.

At the Games we met some of our American cousins, Rod and Mary Grant from Washington, D.C. Harold and Beryl Grant from New York and Gene & Lillian Dwyer from Lodi, Cal.

The trip wound up at the Alexandria Games near Washington, D.C. The weather was predictably hot and humid, but it was worth the effort. We experienced the hospitality of Ed and Peggy (Bisset) Kowalski, when they graciously allowed us to stay with them overnight. Ed has the most beautiful vegetable garden I have ever seen.

Gordon and Mildred Grant and their daughters Laura and Barbara were our hosts at the games and for a lovely dinner Saturday evening. We stayed with Betty Bowie's sister Virginia while in Washington.

We met at Alexandria our longtime member, Eleanor Roberts (Maj. USA ret.), and new Member George M. Grant, Jr. and his family, Sam Grant, and last but not least John and Betty Arnold, friends of John Angus Grant our cousin in Atlanta.

We returned the "Wheresma" to the rental place Monday July 25 and returned to homes and reality, glad to be home but a little sad that the trip of a lifetime was over. This trip was the first time that Betty and I have been away from the farm for longer than 3 days in over 8 years, but it certainly won't be that long again before we go again.

—KYLE BOWIE

Phil Smith Elected Tartans 'Fellow'

The Scottish Tartans Society honored Clan Grant member Philip D. Smith at the 1983 annual meeting by electing Phil a "Fellow" of the S.T.S. This honor was given in recognition of his work in cataloging tartans, in locating unknown tartans and for his work on Scottish names.

Phil's recent book TARTAN FOR ME! continues to be well reviewed. A listing of 6,000 Scottish and Scotch-Irish names with a suggested tartan for each, the work is proving an invaluable reference at Scottish

events. A second expanded printing is being prepared—8,000 names and variations and all known clan-family tartans as of July, 1983. These include the newest—City of Largs—and a new find, the Old MacGlashan.

Phil is particularly excited about this lovely asymmetrical tartan from a kilt brought to America before 1800. Many tartan experts feel there are many old tartans yet undiscovered in the United States and Canada, tartans brought by immigrant Scots and finally

tucked away in an attic. The MacDonald of Glenaladale, now sold as the "local" tartan at the Glenfinnan Visitor Center, was discovered in Canada. Now a MacGlashan or Lochaber sett from the 1770's has been recorded.

Phil's next tartan task is to work on a book tentatively entitled THE SCOTTISH DISTRICT TARTANS. He will be doing research at the Museum of Scottish Tartans in Comrie this summer.

Nova Scotia Gathering Greater than 1981

Scottish clan excitement in Nova Scotia mounted this Spring as the International Gathering of the Clans approached.

Building on the organization of Scottish families that followed the 1979 gathering in Nova Scotia — the first ever held outside Scotland — renewed interest has been shown the world over in identifying with traditional customs of the clans and the septs that make them up. A. Gordon Archibald of Halifax, for the second time chairman of the global event held in this province, saw the 35 clans that gathered in 1981 increased to near 70 during the period June 27 to August 20. This is about the same number of gatherings that occur on an annual basis in Scotland itself.

Apart from the excuse for Scots from far away countries to rally in Nova Scotia, the Gathering also provided a continuous pageant of colorful activities for the benefit of tourists who are not Scots, who are attracted to Nova Scotia by its hospitality and natural beauty.

This year, events of the International Gathering took place in dozens of communities throughout the province, in towns and cities like Annapolis, Truro, New Glasgow, Sydney and Halifax, and in villages and hamlets like St. Croix, Hopewell, Mabou, Whycocomagh, New Ross and Goshen.

And wherever Scots have gathered since they first left their homeland in the 17th century, there were festivals of music and games. The Highland Fling, one of the best known of the Scottish dances (always performed in kilt) was in competition. The tug o' war, hammer throwing, putting the shot and caber throwing — all ancient rural sports — enlivened athletic fields from one end of the province to the other.

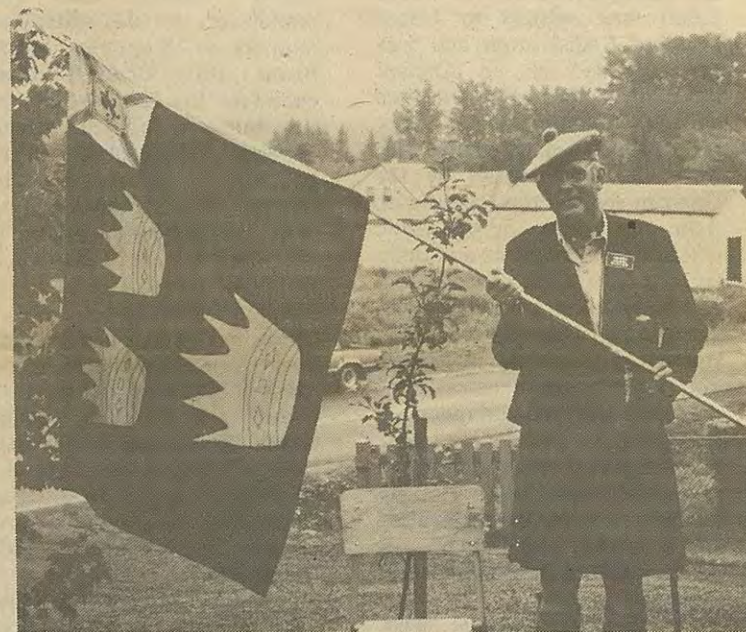
The Rev. Donald R. Sutherland of Whycocomagh, president of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, points out that in addition to the expansion of events beyond the capital and larger centres, Gathering activities co-incided with festivals and events that are normally held each summer. The Clan Dunbar met at the Festival of Tartans in New Glasgow; the Clan MacInnis gathered for the Fiddling Festival at St. Ann's, Cape Breton. Special events were held on sites well identified with the history of the province—at King's College in Halifax, at the Ross Farm in New Ross; at Iona's Highland Village.

The 1983 Gathering opened at Halifax Metro Centre on the opening evening of the spectacular Nova Scotia *Tattoo. Since the Tattoo, under the

direction of Col. Ian Fraser, made its appearance before Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at the Gathering opening four years ago, it has become one of the finest productions of its kind in the world.

The Scottish summer ended officially Aug. 15-20 at the Gaelic College—a novelty even for Scots from the Highlands themselves—at St. Ann's.

St. Ann's, a picturesque community in Victoria County, was established as a French fort in 1629. The first settlers to the area, however, were Scots Sutherlandshire, who came to St. Ann's by way of Pictou. The first Presbyterian congregation in Cape Breton was established there. The community is now noted as the site of the only Gaelic College outside of the British Isles.



LORD STRATHSPEY STANDARD held by Kyle Bowie at the Andreassen home, July 15, 1983, at Grantville, Cape Breton.



HAPPY PIPERS Ed Smith and Lisa McDonald piped merry tunes during the Grant reception for the officials of the Stone Mountain games. Miss McDonald is a special friend of Lord Strathspey, having been the first to pipe for him on his first visit to America several years ago.

Grandfather Mountain Games Draw 30,000; Grants well represented in tent, parade.

While the big "cats" were away up North with the Chief, the Southern mice were playing at Grandfather Mountain and a good time was had by all. First of all, the weather was very cooperative although on the hot side and none could complain unless they forgot to pack the "Sunscreen." And while the State Police reported the estimate of 20,000 to 30,000, it had to be the latter figure in the eyes of this reporter on his fourth visit to the meadows.

The side and end hills were filled with those who had brought their chairs and blankets, and the Sunday Parade of the Clans just about filled the oval twice around. Meanwhile at the Saturday afternoon peak, it was just about impossible to do anything but shuffle along in the aisles between the Clan Tents. Nevertheless the air was filled with good humor, friendliness and patience getting where you wanted to go. The lines at the Bridie and Meat Pie counter were the biggest ever but they didn't run out of supplies this time. Nor did the vendors complain of solitude.

In George's absence, we were ably hosted by Hank and Linda Grant and Treasurer John to greet and exchange greetings with those of our kin. And they were backed up by other volunteers and regulars so that none went away hungry—either for hospitality or vittles.

Hank brought along his giant-sized Grant scrapbook. Thelma (Treas. John's wife) sent along her best cakes and a colorful hooked rug in the Grant colors. Marilyn (Bootsy) Grant also showed a beautiful almost done woven rug in the Clan tartan. Her son Andy wasn't in practice but tried the kilted mile anyway and finished well back but respectably. He also carried the colors at the Kirking Sunday morning, while John's Eric did the same in the Parade. We had something like 10 in the parade—but not Max Parker this year. Charter member B.L. McElroy did come along while his two daughters helped with his Field duties—he told us he had his suitcase packed and ready for a Texas trip where the 3rd daughter is about to deliver another grandchild.

Among the visitors this time, we enjoyed the presence of Jim and Mildred Francis of Toledo with their accounts of the Alma, Michigan games. And while Colonel & Betty Buie were off with the Northern contingent, his chief lieutenants for the Alexandria Games—Gordon and Kathy Grant—were here and promoted their games 2 weeks hence.

And our Dunedin Games Clan Host Bob Grant was over from his Crossnore Summer home to join in the festivities. Others who hovered around the tent included John R. Grant of Atlanta and his Patrice, while Joe Valentine of Huntsville brought along his concertina, guitar, and flute to add to the musical scene. Had several visits by Sandra Ellingberg of Rocky Mount, and other visitors included Mr. & Mrs. George Grant and his father from Rocky Hill. Beyond that Treasurer John has the lists which included at least two new members—my memory is hazy on the list.

The Ceilidh was great as usual with two new features including a game for the children attending as well as door prizes at

the end—and our Dunedin Bill Matthews helped handsomely there. Doris and Bill both swear that they will come to enjoy Stone Mountain and leave the merchandise behind.

The Caber must have been heavier or more awkward than usual as only Dave Harrington of Quebec managed a 10 o'clock toss with no success for the others. The bands included a couple of new ones as the Air Force Reserve from Robins Field, the Atlanta Pipe Band, the Citadel Cadets Marching Band from South Carolina, and the Charlotte Caledonian Band as well as the other local bands. The air was well filled with music and any Scot should have heard all of his favorite melodies many times over in the two days.

As a fitting conclusion to the Games some of the "couldn't get enough" Grants gathered at the Smoke Tree for a final wrap-up dinner while Treasurer John passed along the latest news on progress on the Castle Grant

Foundation. It was a memorable weekend for conviviality and

hospitality.

—Charlie MacDonald



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN: in front of the group, the standard bearers, Eric and Andy Grant; standing, from left to right, Kathy and Gordon Grant, Linda and Hank Grant, Joe Valentine, of Huntsville; Mildred and Jim Francis, of Toledo, O.; Betty MacDonald, Bob Grant of Dunedin, Fla., treasurer John Grant, and Charles MacDonald, Eminence, Ky.

Old Grant Survey Maps for Sale

Interested in ordering a replica of a 19th century Ordnance Survey Map (approx. 26" x 18") of any specific Grant estate in Scotland? The maps available are highly detailed, showing every building, path, road, railway, etc. They are reproduced on linen paper with a border, titled, and illustrated with the coat of arms of the landowner. Also, they are hand-colored. Suitable for framing. The price is \$55 (US). I have not seen these, but the price seems reasonable and should be a nice Christmas gift. The cartographer is Peter John Adams, 8 Rutherford Folds, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire AB5 9JH. Specify exact location requested for reproduction, i.e. Castle Grant, The Doune of Rothiemurchus, Muchrach Castle, Tullochgorm, etc. Write for further information.

Admiral John Grant from military family

by Hank Grant

A distinguished honorary member of our Clan Grant Society of North America is Rear Admiral John Grant, Royal Navy (Retired).

Admiral Grant lives with his wife, Ruth, at Winchester, Hampshire. During World War II he was the commanding of-

ficer of HMS Beverley, a destroyer used primarily to escort convoys in the Atlantic, although on two occasions he participated in convoys to Malta in the Mediterranean and Murmansk in the Soviet Union. After the war, he commanded several more destroyers and a destroyer squadron. During his

naval career, Admiral Grant was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath and a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order. He retired in 1961 after serving as Admiral of the Reserve Fleet.

Admiral Grant descends from Donald Grant of Kinveachy who was the grandson of the original documented ancestor of this important Grant family, John M'Conquhy Grant who held the estate of Gartinbeg in the early 16th century.

A great-great grandson of Donald Grant named James Grant emigrated to the American colonies in 1774. After a career in the army with the 78th Highlanders, James, with his wife, Penuel, and their six children bought a farm near Albany, New York, and settled down to the more sedentary life of colonial America. Unfortunately, the American war of independence broke out shortly thereafter and James left home again to join the King's American Regiment (British Army). He eventually became the Adjutant of that regiment and served in many campaigns in the North and South. He died at Charleston, South Carolina in 1783.

James and Penuel's two oldest sons, Sweton and Alexander, received commissions in the British Army shortly after their father left home. They were both eventually killed in the British action against the French in

Guadeloupe in 1794.

Their youngest son, Duncan, was born about the same time as his father's death. He accompanied his mother to Nova Scotia, from whence they returned to England. Duncan grew into manhood in England and eventually entered the Royal Artillery as a Second Lieutenant in 1801, and ultimately achieved the rank of Major General in 1854. Thus, he was the third Grant to earn the rank of General in the British Army in the latter half of the 19th century. The other two were Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant and General Sir James Hope Grant. Of course, there was a fourth General Grant making headlines on the other side of the Atlantic.

General Duncan Grant had a son named John Marshall Grant who became a Colonel in the Royal Engineers. This Colonel Grant, in turn, had a son who became Major General Sir Philip Grant, who earned a knighthood, and was in fact the father of our fellow clansman, Rear Admiral John Grant.

Admiral Grant is an honorary member of our American Clan Grant Society — having ancestral ties with our country as well as Great Britain. During our recent visit to England, Linda and I had the pleasure of spending some time with Admiral and Mrs. Grant. I can safely testify that Ruth is as good a cook as John is a raconteur.



GRANT TENT AT STONE MOUNTAIN, 1982: Betty Bowie, Shirley Smith, George Grant, Betty MacDonald, Phil Smith, Kyle Bowie, John Burgess, Linda and Hank Grant.



GATHERING TO MARCH: The Grant men assemble behind the tartan, held by Eric Grant, to begin the parade at Stone Mountain, Ga., in October, 1982. There will be another such gathering this year, and if you can attend, it will be well worth your while!



AT THE DUNEDIN GAMES: Vivian and Bob Grant with Lucille Grant, and even the picture shows the strong wind but mild temperature.

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The Castle Grant

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by Hank Grant

Understand the offer tendered by the Seafield Estate, d.b.a. Dava Enterprises, the land which would accompany the building would include neither gatehouse, nor the tree-lined approach to the castle—hardly enough real estate to accommodate a serious game of hide-and-seek.

Nevertheless, Castle Grant is the most significant existing remnant of the vast estates once controlled by the Clan Grant and was, from the 16th century until the Victorian era, the principal headquarters of the Chiefs of Grant. It was during this latter period that the Chiefs shifted their residence to the more commodious and architecturally pleasing Cullen House, in Banffshire. Even still, Castle Grant remained habitable until about thirty years ago. If our society is ever to have a meaningful and appropriate rallying place, Castle Grant would certainly be the logical site.

Unfortunately, Castle Grant can never be restored to its former glory and that is why I am less than enthusiastic about our prospects in this venture.

Even if our collective societies could muster the thirty-plus thousand pounds sterling to bid on the castle and eventually consummate the purchase, and if, with tremendous amounts of private, corporate, and government money, we could accomplish the second stage of the project, the reconstruction and renovation required to secure the building with a sound roof and rot-free interior, I am very skeptical that we could ever achieve an appropriate degree of restoration which would befit a castle. Satisfactory restoration would include replicated 17th and 18th century-styled panelings and mouldings, ornamental plaster and wrought-iron work, tiled and mantled fireplaces, planked and doweled flooring, parquetry flooring, and of course, some rooms carpeted in Grant tartan broadloom floor covering. I would conservatively estimate that suitable restoration would cost well in excess of one million pounds.

At some point it will become necessary to consider the ultimate goal of this tremendous project. If the goal is to establish a Clan Grant Center and Museum, then I think we should consider just what we plan to put on display and who we think will pay to see it. Aside from the old Grant Fencible Regiment weapons which would probably be loaned by the government and a few token trinkets loaned by some of the remaining old Scottish Grant families, I cannot begin to think what artefacts and memorabilia would be available for a suitable presentation which would link our clan's illustrious past with our present and future. The vast collections of family portraits and other paintings once housed at Castle Grant have long ago been dispersed save for a few which remain in the private collection of the Earl of Seafield. The tattered colors of Sir James Grant's regiments have many years ago turned to dust. The antique furniture, the armory, the organ, and other decorative accoutrements have long since been scattered thither and yon.

Although the Spey region attracts thousands of snow-sport enthusiasts, conservationists,

fishermen, stalkers, curlers, golfers, and whisky trail buffs each year, how many of these tourists can we count on to visit our restored castle? Unfortunately, Granttown-on-Spey is not on a major highway and cannot depend upon the traffic of the Perth to Inverness road as does the Duke of Atholl's Blair Castle, one of the truly great stately homes open-to-the-public in Scotland.

It is my impression that there exists a pervasive aura of paranoia that the castle might fall into the hands of "outsiders"—presumably a non-Grant. I would much prefer to see some preservation-minded Smith or Jones buy the castle and treat it with respect than to watch it crumble away year by year. The castle must certainly be on the government's list of ancient buildings and consequently protected from demolition or drastic alteration. Furthermore, if the castle were to be purchased by an individual, there is no reason to assume that genuinely interested persons would be prohibited from visiting the castle upon proper application to the owner. My wife and I have visited nearly all the former Clan Grant estates in the region and have always been treated with the utmost courtesy and cordiality by the various estate owners, including the present Earl of Seafield. We have never been refused permission to visit their grounds or homes and I have no reason to believe that similar demonstrations of

hospitality would be discontinued to those who might wish to visit Castle Grant in the future.

I think I would be a little more enthusiastic about the ultimate success of the venture if I could see a groundswell of interest and support from among the Scottish community of Grants and the inhabitants of Strathspey, but unless I miss my guess, very little of either will be forthcoming. A major project such as this would also offer a wonderful opportunity for our future Chief, the Honorable James Patrick Grant of Grant, to get involved in the United Kingdom branch of the Clan Grant Society. I am sure his support and encouragement would lend immeasurable credibility to the enterprise.

Finally, I must point out that I have been intentionally pessimistic. I believe the rantings to purchase Castle Grant will soon subside and further quixotic joustings will cease. Certainly if one negative commentary such as this can dissuade one potential investor then the enterprise is doomed to fail anyway. Nevertheless, in spite of my skepticism, I shall support the project if we can get our future Chief involved, and if the venture is administered entirely from Scotland. I have already secured permission from my boss to contribute a small amount of money each month toward this project. A lot of other wives will need to be equally generous if this undertaking is to succeed!



INTERVIEWED at the Antigonish Highland Games July 16, 1983 is George Grant, right, U.S. Convener.



GRANTVILLE CEREMONY, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, July 15, 1983; Lord and Lady Strathspey are at right behind cairn, while U.S. Convener George Grant holds the standard.



THE GRANT FARM near Antigonish, Nova Scotia on July 14, 1983.

Around the Clan

by Shirley G. Smith

James Maxcy writes that his wife Kathleen has undergone open heart surgery and is recovering at home. They hope she will be well enough to attend the Stone Mountain games.

Our Regional Commissioner in California announces June as his wedding date. Ed Grant is a charter member of Clan Grant and is responsible for the many "cousins" who have joined in California.

Congratulations to Charles G. MacDonald in Eminence, KY who is the new President of the local Rotary Club this year.

Dr. Edward D. Grant, Jr. is well into our "Over 80's" group! He confesses to be 86 years young!

LCDR & Mrs. Roderick C. Grant have a new bonnie wee

lass, Catherine. She plans to visit Nova Scotia this summer with her parents.

A special thanks to those who renewed their memberships without reminders! This saves us considerably on postage! Bear with the secretary a couple more years—school interferes with her social duties!

Bob and Ann Miller report that they are on the mend after Bob went into the hospital last January. She is recovering from a fractured pelvis and arm. Her sister, Betty MacBain has been quite ill down in Florida. We hope '83 takes a turn for the better!

Doug and Edna Grant Rickers are spending the nest 4 years in Egypt! He is already in Cairo and Edna will join him in August.



DUNEDIN GAMES MARCH 24-6: High winds ripped the Grant fly, as it did half of the 35 canopies, but the weather was warm, and the games were excellent. Above, George and Lucille Grant talk to unidentified women at the Grant booth.



STONE MOUNTAIN, 1982: John Bissett, seated center, his daughter Sue, and son-in-law, Jack Parker, of Alabama.

New Gaelic Spelling

The recommendations of the special Gaelic Spelling Study group of the Scottish Education Office have recently been adopted by all Scottish schools, universities and publishers. Gaelic spelling, long with no fixed rules, permitted wide individual variation—the word for “song,” could be spelled either ORAN or AMHRAIN—both pronounced the same.

While most of us will not notice the change, a few of our more familiar words will be updated. The Highland Society—An Comunn Gaidhealach has already changed its name to An Comann. The improved spelling should make the teaching and learning of Gaelic a little easier.

—Philip Smith

Georgetown, Ontario

Games held June 11

On June 11th, the 7th Annual Speyside Highland Games were held in Georgetown, Ontario.

This year's games included a wide range of Highland activities with the Parade of the Clans through downtown Georgetown. Leading the parade were the Milton and District Pipes and Drums and the 78th Fraser Highlanders Honour Guard, followed by the Games Chieftian Henry Shannon, the colorful Clan Societies in their tartans and the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band.

Besides the Grant Clan, there were the MacNeils and the MacLeans, the Ross' and House of Gordon, MacDuffs and the Frasers. The Campbells

came...and the MacLeods, too.

We were blessed with glorious weather, excellent Grant clansmanship, superb pipe band music and games events. Our guest for the day was Hugh Grant from Halifax, Nova Scotia who stopped by our Clan tent for a chat and to rest his weary feet.

“Speyside” is an historic part of Ontario, having been settled by Scottish pioneers in the early part of the 19th century. They brought with them the memory and traditions of their native Scotland, and named the place they settled after the valley from which they had come—Speyside in northern Scotland.

As aye,
—Olga Grant

Canadian Grants under New Convener

By Syd Grant,
Convener

N.B.—For my assured derelictions, distortions, and deletions, I crave pardon beforehand.

Antigonish (Micman meaning—“the place where the bears broke the branches from the trees, while searching for beechnuts.”)—was the place for the gathering of the Grants during the International Gathering of the Clans. We met on the evening of July 13 and parted company on July 17, after five full and wonderful days, which even five days of “off and on” rain could not dampen. Our Chief, Lord Strathspey and Lady Strathspey were there, arriving with their entourage from Ticonderoga. The entourage was composed of George and Lucille Grant, Kyle and Betty Bowie, Matt and Ann Grant-Knapp and John Bissett. The party “in waiting” at the Oasis Motel and Trailer Park consisted of John and Allison Andreassen (Allison organized the program) from Cape Breton, Syd and Eileen Grant (Convener for Canada), from London, Ontario, who had been joined by Phil and Shirley Smith from West Chester, Pa. Phil and Shirley were staying at a Motel in New Glasgow, some 30 miles (48 km) away. Allison received a report that “they” had crossed into Nova Scotia at Amherst about 4 o'clock. What were we waiting for?—A bus?—A coach?—or some sort of modern charabanc? We were left to ponder. About 6:00 P.M. our questions were answered when a rather large camper turned into the motel with Captain George Grant at the tiller. Then followed a general melee of greetings, check ins and then up the highway to a feed of lobster etc. The subject of lobster was to be brought up quite frequently by lieutenant George and we would be regaled about the steamer that Kyle had brought back from Viet Nam. The lobster saga seemed destined for disaster on Saturday (no lobster within 30 miles of Antigonish) but was saved on Sunday, following church, up at the Grant farm. Somebody else will have to tell that story, Eileen and I did not attend.

Thursday morning was hair and laundry day for all the travelers. Eileen introduced our

chief and his lady to the mysteries of the coin-operated laundry machines out back. It rained!! In the afternoon we were taken on a tour of St. Bernard College (100 years old) and a brief visit to St. Francis Xavier University to see some Gaelic crafts, only to find that the Crafts had been moved elsewhere. Our conductors were Sister Faustina Grant and Sister Jean Grant, a pair of uninhibited, un-habited inhabitants (Sorry Sister Faustina, it's the best I could do—Shalom) Our next stop was the Community Hall at Pomquet, for a salmon supper—delicious—and then on to the Grant farm to meet more Grants and to view a sword reputed to have been wielded at Culloden. Then back to the Motel where our Chief relaxed, Phil piped and everybody talked, together with a few “oh be joyfults.”

Friday morning was spent marking our place at the games park. This wasn't easy, but after checking through four levels, with the help of Sister Faustina and the boy at the gate, we located our spot.

The high point of the day was to visit the Andreassen home at Grantville on Cape Breton Island, where the Chief dedicated a Cairn. The cairn was erected on the foundation of the home of one of the first Grant families who settled on Cape Breton. The ceremony was quite impressive and I can't help but feel that somehow the rain added to the ceremony. We paraded from the Andreassen home down through the bush to the site, led by Lord and Lady Strathspey, George Grant with the Chief's Standard, a couple of girl guides carrying flags and a piper. John Andreassen gave a short outline of the significance of this site by way of presentation. Lord Strathspey spoke the words of dedication and also presented John with a stone from Cattle Grant to be incorporated into the Cairn. George Grant then presented John with a poster of the passenger list of the Hector, the ship which sailed from Ullapool to Pictou N.S. in 1773. It lists the following Grants— 6 above 8 years; 1 under 2 years; 2 between 2 and 8 years.

We returned up the hill to the house for a delicious lunch, some

pipings and words from Rev. Donald Sutherland, President of Scottish Clans of Nova Scotia. Lord Strathspey gave an outline of the Clan Grant Society, its origin and its purpose. Good things happen to the Grants, and on this occasion I met Alex Grant of Dartmouth N.S. We had last seen each other in 1944, while serving together in the R.C.A.F. It was a great reunion! Our recall had to be tempered with some propriety.

Friday night we were back to Antigonish for the opening of the games. It rained!—and it rained! The Antigonish Games have been going on for 122 years, reputed to be the oldest Highland Games in North America.

The Grant tent was set up Saturday morning, after moving a T-shirt booth bodily from in front of the site and then to Clan business. There were about a dozen clan tents but most of the activity took place around our tent. George Grant was interviewed by a local radio station. Lucille, Ann, Betty and Eileen—as usual—did most of the work. Syd ran a taxi service—but couldn't find lobsters. Matt and Kyle answered questions and we were ably assisted by Glenn Sterling, Sister Faustina, Wanda Grant and other Nova Scotia Grants. We sure met a lot of Grants—and most of them had a fairly good handle on where they came from.

In the evening we attended a banquet at the Goshen Restaurant, in Antigonish. Sixty people, mostly Grants, enjoyed a good meal. We had a few words from our Chief, George spoke about the plans for the Castle and Syd presented the Chief with a book about Canada. The History of the Clan Grant is in for final reading and should be printed this month. We were entertained by a piper, some dancers and a folk singer, all very nice.

We closed with a special church service at Cleveland United Church on Cape Breton. This Church is 100 years old and has been the spiritual home of many of the Grants in this area. The travelers loaded up at the Motel then headed for the Grant farm and—LOBSTER. From there they were going on to P.E.I. Eileen and I then at-

tended the games in the afternoon.

Through it all, our Chief kept us entertained with his sharp wit and set a good example of the

cardinal virtues of fortitude and prudence.

That was it—good friends—good food—good fun—who could ask for more.



BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL forms the background as Robert Pell Dechamps, Lord and Lady Strathspey and Stephanie Pell Deschamps, Robert's mother, converse.



CULLODEN SWORD at the Ben Grant Farm, Nova Scotia, is examined by Matthew Grant-Knapp and Lady Strathspey; Lord Strathspey is at the right.

Grant Clan Grows

New Members Listed; Address Changes, too

To date (July, 1983) we have 190 paid family members! (With several in each family!) This far exceeds past years at this time and we are just into the current membership year. California and Florida are neck to neck (27 and 26) with New York and Georgia coming up fast (19 and 17)! We have members in 31 of the 50 states and maybe Alaska by August! Thanks to everyone's hard work in helping us grow so fast. MacDonald-Campbells, here we come!

—Shirley

MANLEY, Mr. & Mrs. John G.; 737 Georgetown Drive, Nashville, TN 37205.

REIF, Maj. & Mrs. Gerald P. Reif; SHAPE OPS NOPS; APO NY 09055

STRONG, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. F. Wallace; 909 Ridgeway Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

GRANT, Miss Judy; 11903 Southlake Drive, Houston, TX 77077.

JONES, Mr. & Mrs. John I.; 1513 E. Cordova Street, Apt. D, Pasadena, CA 91106.

PRATT, Mr. & Mrs. Richard C.; 2557 Cindy Court, Duluth, GA 30136

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Donald C.; 13 Pitch Pine Way, Wilmington, DE 19808; GRANT, Jr., Mr. John Angus; 2003-A Powers Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30067; BUTRICK, Mrs. Ray; 1369 E. Central Street, Springfield, MO 65802.

CAIRNS, Miss Phyllis; 520 W. Park Avenue, Long Beach, NY 11561.

New addresses are:

Pvt. Theron A. Grant, III; 251-

94-7768; 1st PLT E-2-1; Fort Gordon, GA 30905.

Mr. Donald L. Grant; 419 S. Milledge Ave., Apt. C; Athens, GA 30605.

Mr. Proctor Bush; 702 Jonathon Lane; Marlton, NJ 08053.

Mr. James B. Bisset; Lot 50, Cedar Manor, R.D. No. 4; Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

F.M. Grant; 2204 Coachman Road, N.E.; Clearwater, FLA 33575.

Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Johnston; American Embassy—San Jose; APO Miami, FL 34020.

Edna Grant Rickers; c-o Georgia Institute of Technology; EES-TAL-ITAP Project; 220 O'Keefe; Atlanta, GA 30332.

In the last Craigellachie, the H. Coleman III should have read H. Coleman Grant, III; the address was correct, just the name was wrong.

Alaska holds Games, Too!

Eagle River, Alaska was the site of the Alaskan Scottish Games on August 6, 1983. There were some clan tents and the Grants sent some applications, newsletters and a color sample of the modern Grant tartan.

The Alaskan Scottish Slub sponsored these games and in return will direct any prospective members to our Society. If you know of anyone going up that way, let them know when the games are. The person to contact is: Janet Smith McDougall, Chairman; Clan Tents, 3780 W. 84th Street, Anchorage Alaska 99502.



DUNEDIN CLAN RECEPTION: Bill and Doris Mathews, Bob and Vivian Grant, Betty and Charlie MacDonald.

Treasurer's Report

Member Year 1982

(March 1, 1982 - February 28, 1983)

Beginning Balance		\$715.29
Receipts:		
Memberships	\$2618.00	
Life membership	200.00	
Donation	5.00	
Total		2823.00
Expenditures:		
Games Participation Fees		
Grandfather Mountain Savannah (GA)	127.00	
Virginia Colonial (MD)	109.00	
Delco (PA)	45.00	
Houston (TX)	35.00	
Stone Mountain (GA)	140.00	
Orlando (FL)	30.00	
Dunedin (FL)	49.00	
Lord Strathspey Trophies (2) (Highland Dancing at GMHG)	35.65	
Newsletter (4 issues)		
Printing	1034.80	
Postage	352.67	
Membership Services		
Highlander subscriptions (153 at \$4.75)	726.75	
Postage (Membership sec'y)	177.48	
Regional Commissioners		
Postage	20.00	
Tartan Fabric	56.16	
Newspaper adv. for VA Games	184.00	
Miscellaneous		
Lion Rampart Banner	28.00	
Total Expenditures		3235.51
Ending Balance		\$302.78

Pipe Major to be Married

The Grant Pipe Band, under Jerry Waidley, Pipe Major, is doing well, Eric More Marshall, President of the John More Association, reports.

Waidley is to be married this month, September, with full Scottish honors.

Marshall is temporarily unable to "squeeze the bag" as he is recovering from a recent accident which left him with seven fractures, all on his left side.

Northeast Region Met at Altamont

The Tullochgorm Region (northeast states) held its second annual gathering on Sept. 2, Friday evening, at 6:30 p.m. before the Capitol District Scottish Games on Saturday, September 3, at Altamont, NY. Hal Grant, New York State Commissioner, and his wife Berl, the Society Genealogist, were hosts for the events.

No doubt a full report will be given for the Winter Craigellachie by Mathew Grant-Knapp, Jr., Tullochgorm Commissioner.



John Bisset

Second-hand Kilt Service

Anyone interested in obtaining a good second-hand kilt, contact Peter MacDonald, Montillie, Comrie, Perthshire. Peter will search out your request — any size, any clan. There is a fee of \$10.00 which will be deducted from the cost of the kilt, if found, or refunded after one year without results. Write for details and send measurements (Waist and length from waist to mid-knee). Recently in stock: Grant kilt, old colors (waist 31-34-length 24) made in 1955 by Andersons, now Kinloch-Anderson, a well-known Edinburgh firm which has supplied highland dress to the royal family for many years. Price 90 pounds plus 5 postage-insurance.



LARGE CROWD in front of the Grant tent, with the reviewing stand in above center, enjoys the parade and other events.

British Branch offers Christmas Gifts

The U.K. Branch of the Clan Grant Society is making available to its friends abroad three items with Clan Grant connections which they may

wish to purchase to give to members of their families or to friends who will appreciate them. All proceeds will be devoted to the support of Clan

Grant activities. The placing of the bid on Castle Grant on behalf of the world-wide society necessitated hiring an attorney and an architect to determine the amount of a bid. The offers are:

Waitt which formerly hung in Castle Grant and is now in the National Portrait Gallery in

Edinburgh. The prints, on thick paper, are 8 by 10 inches in size, and can either be framed as pictures or have stick-on calendars attached to them. Copies are 1 pound sterling each, plus postage and packing.



CLAN GRANT TENT at Antigonish Highland Games, Nova Scotia, during the Great Highland Gathering, on July 16, 1983.



WALTER GRANT, center, Deputy Agriculture Minister of Nova Scotia, looks on as the Minister, left, receives a copy of "60 Years of Learning by Doing"—the story of 4-H Clubs in Nova Scotia since 1922 from R. J. Huggard, Director of Extension, Nova Scotia. The deputy minister of agriculture and marketing is one of three quite prominent Grants in that Canadian province—Francis Grant Wallace, an author of sea stories culled from his grandfather's experiences; another is a Brigadier General in the Nova Scotia Highlanders in New Glasgow. (Canadian Gov't Service Photo, courtesy Charles MacDonald)



ALLISON ANDREASSEN, hostess, waits for the Chief and his entourage at Antigonish, Nova Scotia July 13, 1983.

1. CLAN GRANT CHRISTMAS CARDS: The card will be 4 1/4 by 6 inches in size and comes, complete with envelope to fit; it is azure blue in color and has the Clan Grant crest printed in silver in the middle of the front page. The message printed on the third page is "Greetings for Christmas and Every Good Wish for a Happy New Year from". The price per dozen cards is 3.60 pounds sterling, plus postage. Orders received by September 30 will be sent during the first week of November. Please use the order form.

2. CLAN GRANT NECKTIES: Many members of the Society live in places where there are no shops that stock Clan Grant ties. A single motif navy blue tie in Crimplene which bears a color-printed Clan Grant Crest in the middle below the knot, and also has the words Clan Grant printed in white along the bottom edge is offered at 5.00 pounds sterling, including tax, packing and postage. Please use the enclosed order form.

3. COLORED PRINTS OF THE CLAN GRANT PIPER: The U.K. Society has been fortunate in obtaining a supply of colored prints of an artist's impression of the Piper to the Laird of Grant, based on the famous portrait by Richard

THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY (U.K. BRANCH) CHRISTMAS 1983 : SPECIAL OFFER

- 1. CLAN GRANT CHRISTMAS CARDS
.....dozen at \$5 per dozen plus \$1. per dozen for packing and posting \$.....
 - 2. CLAN GRANT NECKTIES
.....Clan Grant Ties at \$8.00 each (inclusive of tax and packing and posting) \$.....
 - 3. COLORED PRINTS OF THE CLAN GRANT PIPER
.....Colored Prints of the Clan Grant Piper at \$2.00 each plus \$.50 for packing and postage of orders of up to 10 Prints \$.....
- Total \$.....

THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY (U.K. BRANCH) CHRISTMAS 1983 : SPECIAL OFFERS

Please send me the items listed. I enclose a check for made payable to the Clan Grant Society.

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

ADDRESS

..... (ZIP)

SIGNATURE DATE

Please complete this Order Form and send it to: — David Grant Blyth, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, The Clan Grant Society (U.K. Branch), "The Coach House," 8 Douglas Gardens Mews, Edinburgh EH4 3BZ.

Canadian events held, planned

In addition to the weeklong program in Nova Scotia, the Canadian Grants, under the

leadership of their new convener, Syd Grant and his wife, set up a Grant tent at the Glengarry games at Maxville July 30 and met quite a few Grants from the eastern townships of Ontario and Ottawa. Many of these people trace their families back to those who settled along the Mohawk Valley in upper New York, and then went North as United Empire Loyalists during the American Revolution. This is a very old part of Ontario; several new members signed up, including Lorraine Grant of Montreal who offered to see if she could get the Grants of Montreal together.

The Grant tent was again erected in Canada Aug. 13 at the Fergus games, and Syd reported talking with a lot of people and a few Grants—and finished with a dinner following the games, which were hot, humid, but happy.

The Nova Scotia Grants had a meeting at St. Annes on Cape Breton in August, but have not yet reported on it. George Grant suggested that they call themselves the Glenmoriston Region, since so many of their ancestors originated there—Nova Scotia turned out many, many Grants at the tent in Antigonish.

A Ceilidh is planned for Toronto Oct. 1, and the Convener and his wife will attend a Heritage Ball Oct. 22. The Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada put on this elegant affair annually, and this year the 20 Grants will share a hospitality suite with the Clan Ross. Ian Grant started the custom last year. Canadians, Syd reports, like a nice place to gather before dinner to break the ice, and to return to for a nightcap before heading for home, the Canadians being a little more retiring than their American cousins.



MARCHING GRANDFATHER GRANTS: The Grant Clan was cheered as it rounded the turn during the parade of the clans, one of the great spectacles at the games, which drew about 30,000 people this year.



MORE GRANTS: Sister Faustine Grant, Secretary of the Nova Scotia Clan Grant; Lord and Lady Strathspey, Sister Jean Grant, and Ben Grant, on his farm in Nova Scotia.

The Castle Grant

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by George Grant
Heritage Trust. It will be through this organisation that any property will be acquired and any monies raised here will be donated.

Again, thank you for your prompt and generous pledges and contributions. Please let me hear from you soon.

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by David Grant Blyth
loaf is better than no bread." Or they may decide to reject our offer and hold on to Castle Grant—in the hope that a second attempt to sell it later may produce a better result from their point of view.

So far as the Society is concerned, naturally we would wish to become the owners of Castle Grant and to be able to realise an ambition to restore it and bring it back into use—not only as a centre worthy of the world-wide Grant Clan—but as traditionally the historic focal point of the whole Grantown-on-Spey area. To this end the Society has made the best offer for Castle Grant of which it is capable and it can now only await the outcome. Could members of the Clan Grant Society live with themselves in future if we had done anything less than this?

At the meeting July 1, and in the absence as yet of an appointed Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch of the Society, Mr. David Grant Blyth, Acting Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch, was invited, and he agreed, to Chair the Meeting. In welcoming those who had been able to come Mr. Grant Blyth said that, though the attendance was small, this was understandable in a Society the membership of which was widely scattered throughout the whole of the British Isles. This was the first occasion since the United Kingdom Branch had been re-activated with effect from 1st January 1982, that all Members of the Branch had been invited to attend a General Meeting. Although the General Meeting had been called primarily to discuss the policy to be adopted about the sale of Castle Grant, it was considered that the opportunity should be taken, while Members were present for the purpose of attending a General Meeting, to reorganize the Branch on a more democratic basis than that which had operated up to the present. When the Branch was re-activated in 1982 the self-appointed "Gang of Three" (Nigel Grant, Robert Grant and David Grant Blyth) had taken upon themselves (with Lord Strathspey's approval) the responsibility of organizing and managing the Branch's affairs. It was clear, however, apart from other considerations, that as there was now a real possibility that the Branch might have to assume a share of the responsibility for the ownership of Castle Grant (and would, if that ownership became a reality, probably have delegated to it the function of the day-to-day management of matters concerning the Castle), the Branch should now be placed on a more formal, answerable, and democratic, basis than was represented by the "Gang of Three" arrangement. That arrangement had in any case now served its purpose of re-activating the U.K. Branch and getting it "off the ground" (it having been grounded in the mid-1950's). Now that the U.K.

Branch could be seen to be flying successfully once again, the time had come to reorganize it on a more orthodox basis.

Accordingly, it was then proposed that the "Gang of Three" should cease to function and be superseded by properly elected Branch Office Bearers and a Branch Committee who would be responsible for managing the Branch's affairs. This proposal was approved. In order properly to authorize all that had been done since 1st January 1982 by the "Gang of Three," the Meeting formally ratified all decisions taken by the "Gang of Three," thanked them for their services and agreed that they should now be regarded as having discharged all their responsibilities. It was also agreed that the United Kingdom Branch of the Clan Grant Society should now be regarded as having been successfully reactivated and that it should be recognized by all concerned to be an integral and continuing part of the world-wide Clan Grant Society.

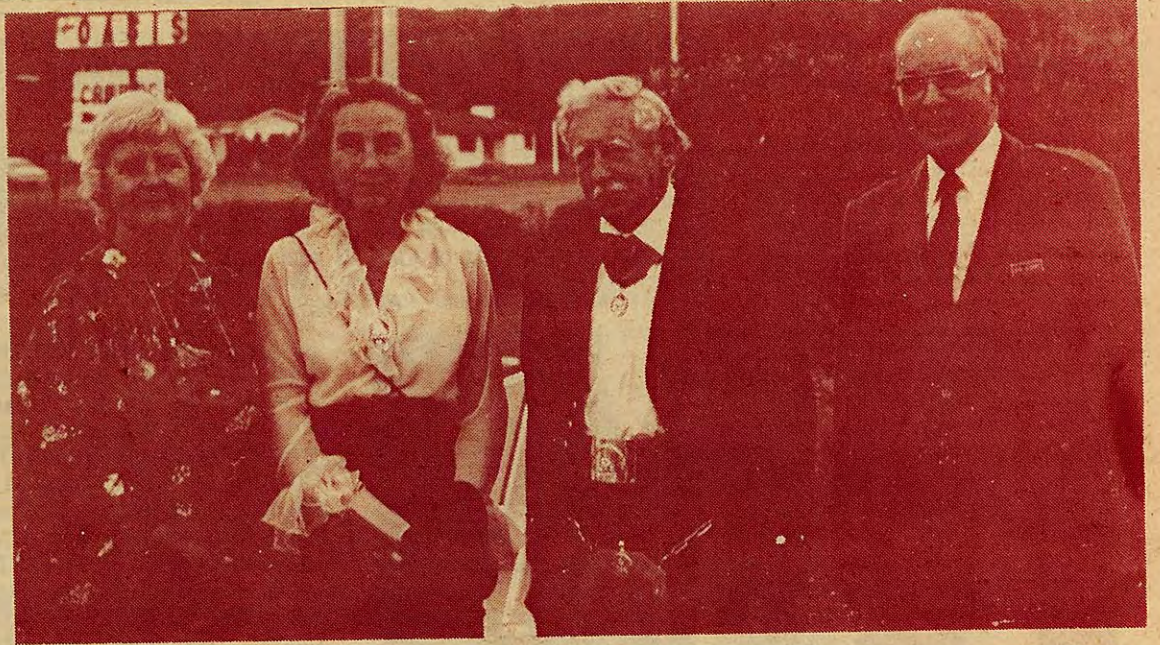
The following Office Bearers of the U.K. Branch of the Clan Grant Society were unanimously appointed to serve until further notice: Chairman of the Branch, Sir Patrick A.B. Grant of Dalvey, Bart., LL.B., F.S.A. (Scot); Vice Chairman of the Branch, John Peter Grant, Younger of Rothiemurchus; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch, David Grant Blyth; Editor of "Stand Fast," David Grant Blyth; Members' Auditor, Miss Annie S. Grant, Edinburgh.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Members should be invited to serve as members of the Branch Committee until further notice: Mrs. Bridget Grant, Carrbridge; Alexander Gilroy, Dumfriesshire; Donald Grant, West Yorkshire; John E. Grant, Gosport, Hants; and Nigel J.N. Grant, Grantown-on-Spey.

In welcoming these appointments which covered as many regions of the British Isles as possible, the Chairman pointed out that considerations of distance would be likely to prevent the Committee from meeting regularly, if indeed it was possible for it to meet at all. In the circumstances it seemed probable that consultation with the Office Bearers and Committee would take place on paper (as the "Gang of Three" had done quite successfully during the last two years).

The Chairman referred to the negotiations which were now proceeding about the sale of Castle Grant and pointed out that, if the world-wide Clan Grant Society should become the owners of the Castle, responsibility for decisions about day-to-day matters concerning the management and upkeep of the Castle would inevitably have to be delegated to the U.K. Branch of the Society. It would not be practicable for this responsibility to be discharged by the full U.K. Branch Committee in the circumstances referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Accordingly, it was proposed to appoint a Special Committee of the Branch with full delegated authority to deal with matters affecting Castle Grant. Fairly frequent meetings of this Special Committee might prove to be necessary and it was therefore suggested that the appointed members of the Special Committee should be few in number and should be drawn from Members living in the Grantown area. The appointed members



CLAN LEADERS: Lord and Lady Strathspey, center, are welcomed to Nova Scotia by Syd Eileen Grant. Syd is the new Convener for

Canada. This picture was taken at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, July 16, 1983.

Have You Wondered?

Where your officers meet? They try to alternate between Stone Mountain, Georgia (in October) or at Grandfather Mountain, Tennessee (in July). We know it is a long way for many Commissioners to come but it seems to be the best location for the majority. Members are always welcome and urged to join us, as many have in the past. This year, we will again meet in Stone Mountain because we will be in Nova Scotia this summer (July) with our Canadian cousins.

Why charge for the Highlander magazine apart from the membership fee? We do not want to raise dues; many members already subscribe

through other sources; and, we felt that the money was better used to help the Grantown Historical Society in Scotland try to save what remains of our heritage!

Why your subscription to the Highlander has stopped? Perhaps you have moved—both the Highlander and the membership secretary need to be notified. As noted above, perhaps you didn't realize there is now a separate fee (Send \$6.50 to the membership secretary right away!). If it is (c) none of the above, let your Commissioner know and he'll be glad to check into it for you.

Why you don't get together with other Grants in the area? In

some localities there aren't many members yet! Again, talk to your Commissioner—he's there to serve you!

Why isn't there a GRANT tent at all of the Highland games? First, remember that most of these games are run by volunteers, most of whom are busily involved with a hundred other things. However, it is great fun and you meet so many interesting people! Even if you can't get around very well, just sitting and welcoming people is a delightful way to spend a day. Remember, "It's Great to be a Grant!" AND your Commissioners will love you if you volunteer even for an hour or two! See you there!

would normally deal with ordinary day-to-day matters without calling for assistance from others. In order, however, to enable the small Special Committee of appointed members to call on others for help or advice when decisions were necessary on any matters of special importance, it was proposed that the Office Bearers of the Branch and the Trustees of the Clan Grant Heritage Trust should also be *ex officio* members of the Special Committee for Castle Grant. The *ex officio* members of the Special Committee would not normally attend meetings of the Committee unless invited to do so by the appointed members. On this understanding it was agreed that the Office Bearers of the Branch and the Trustees of the Clan Grant Heritage Trust should be *ex officio* members of the Special Committee and that the locally resident appointed members should be: Convener: Mr. Hamish B. Grant, C.B.E., LL.B.; Member: Mr. George S. Grant.

The Chairman reported that the Inland Revenue had now indicated that the terms in which it was proposed to constitute the Clan Grant Heritage Trust were such that the Trust could be approved for the purpose of the Tax reliefs available to bodies having charitable status. Arrangements were now in hand to have the principal copy of the Trust Deed signed by the proposed Trustees. The Meeting formally endorsed the decisions already taken as a matter of urgency to nominate the

following persons as the initial Trustees in order to get the Trust set up without delay:

Ex Officio (Hereditary) Trustees, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Strathspey, 32nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant, and Sir Patrick A.B. Grant of Dalvey, 14th Chieftan of Clan Donnachie; **Nominated ("Executive") Trustees**—The Hon. James P.T. Grant of Grant, and John P. Grant, Younger, of Rothiemurchus.

It was agreed that, though the above-named four initial Trustees were sufficient to enable the Trust to be formally constituted in a Trust Deed for stamping and registration in the Books of the Lords of Council and Session, it would be desirable at some convenient later date (particularly if Castle Grant were to be acquired on behalf of the world-wide Clan Grant Society and held on the Society's behalf in the name of the Clan Grant Heritage Trust) for additional Trustees to be "assumed" in terms of the Trust Deed. In this connection it was also agreed that, having regard to the amount of the American financial contribution that would have been involved if the Trust becomes the titular owner of Castle Grant, the Convener of the North American Branch of the Society, Mr. George H. Grant, should be invited to agree to being nominated as a Trustee. (The Trust Deed makes provision for the appointment of overseas, or non-British, Trustees provided they do not form a majority of Trustees at any time). It was also con-

sidered that, having regard to the legal aspects that might be involved in some of the decisions the Trust might have to make, it would be desirable to appoint a qualified Solicitor as Secretary of the Trust. Accordingly, it was agreed to ask Mr. Frederick B. Grant, W.S., one of the senior partners of Messrs. Gillespie and Macandrew, W.S., Edinburgh, who is a Member of the U.K. Branch of the Society and who had drawn up the Trust Deed on the Society's behalf, to agree to act as Secretary of the Trust.

It was unanimously agreed to make the following Honorary appointments—Honorary President of the U.K. Branch: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Strathspey; Honorary Vice President of the U.K. Branch: The Hon. James P.T. Grant of Grant; Honorary Members of the U.K. Branch: Dr. I.F. Grant and the Conveners of the North America and New Zealand branches of the Society.

Nigel Grant suggested that Membership Cards should be printed and supplied to Members of the Branch when subscriptions were paid. This was agreed to unanimously.

Hamish Grant proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, not only for the conducting of the two Special General Meetings held on 1st July, but also for all the work he had done in handling the negotiations about the possible acquisition of Castle Grant and this was carried unanimously.