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Lord Strathspey Describes His Australian Visit

(The following account of Lord Strathspey's Most-Honored-Guest visit to the

Scottish Australian Heritage Council's third Annual Week in Sydney, Australia was

given to George H. Grant Dec. 17, 1983 for the "Craigellachie.")

I received an invitation to attend on the 2nd April for the period 25th November to 5th December. My last visit had been in 1920 and so, of course, I was delighted to accept. The other outside Chief was Andrew Mac-Thomas of Finegand, (pronounced Finnegan) who I met as I entered the Heathrow Terminal on the evening of 23rd November, both of us clad in Highland day dress by order. We were travelling First Class by Air India — one of the Sponsors of the Week. The other main Sponsor was Teachers Scotch Whisky. I had met the

late Ronnie Teacher on the Clyde racing fortnight and have always had a high regard for his distillation.

I was advised by the coach driver who took me to and from the Terminal that he had an extremely high opinion of Air India; my subsequent experiences in no way diminished this view. In fact, I do not think I have experienced such extremely courteous and bountiful treatment on a plane before, or such perfect English spoken.

The thirty odd hours passed pleasantly, consuming caviar, lobsters,

curry and drinking whisky. At any stop-off point we were let off the plane first and were met by Air India ground staff, who conducted us to a Rajha room. At midday on 25th November — there being exactly eleven hours' time difference, we de-planed at Sydney and were met by top echelon of the Council, including Doug Grant, my Clan Society convener, plus a press photographer who took many pictures. What has happened to them is not known. We were accommodated in the centrally situated Imperial Club, which proved to be absolutely ideal.

On Saturday morning Doug took me to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where I was scheduled to read a Lesson on Sunday, for a rehearsal. The Cathedral (Continued on page 2)

Please pay Dues Now!

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith, Membership Chairman, reminds us that all memberships are now payable: \$15, or if you want to get the Highlander magazine, \$21.50. Please return a check for your dues in the enclosed envelope to Mrs. Shirley G. Smith, 1207 Cavalier Ln., West Chester, PA 19380.

and address on the envelope if they are not on your check the way you want to receive your publications.

New May Games in Kentucky

A new set of Scottish games is being launched by Kentucky Scots May 11-13, at General Butler State Park, near Carrollton, Ky., on Interstate I-71, halfway between Louisville and Cincinnati.

Convener George Grant and his wife Lucille will be present to assist Betty and Charles MacDonald in hosting the Grant Tent, and they are hoping all mid-western Grants interested in seeing Scottish games, or visiting a Grant tent, will be there.

May 11-13 is the weekend between the Kentucky Derby and the Gatlinburg Scottish games.

Last year, the first at-

tempt ended when the main concert dissolved in a drenching downpour; it continued under a nearby picnic shelter, and the Scottish Spirits took care of the inner man.

The Games, or rather demonstrations this time, at General Butler State Park will include a downtown parade, massed bands, athletic demonstrations of caber toss, hammer throw, sheaf toss, a Saturday night ceilidh, and a Sunday kirkin' o' the Tartans, and a golf tournament.

Betty and Charlie MacDonald are on the planning committee, and anyone interested should call them at (502) 845-2316.



CASTLE GRANT FROM REAR, with roofless wing on left; George Grant is standing with the mother of the new owner of Grant Castle, David Ward, who makes a business of repairing castles and opening them to tourists. Ward purchased the castle last Fall from Lord Seafield, after the Castle was declared an Historic Building, under British Law, which meant it had to be repaired soon.

24 Can-Ams Tour Highlands

By Elliot J. Grant

In late August last year, Mabel and I toured the Highlands with the "North West Company" Group of 24 Canadian and American Highland descendants, under the guidance of CASSOC member—Prof. Ted Cowan of the Scottish Studies Department of Guelph University.

The N.W. Company assumed the name of the old Canadian fur trading company in order to perpetuate the history and deeds of the original Scots fur traders and explorers who opened up western Canada and traded as far as the orient out of Vancouver, B.C. All of the founders and original company were from Inverness and the largest Clan group represented in the early days were GRANTS: (Over 40 were named as factors and traders).

In recent years the Company has organized canoe trip tours along the Canadian water routes used by N.W. Company fur traders. This year was their

first tour to Scotland and featured a four-day stay in the Inverness area visiting historic sites, and held a ceilidh attended by the townspeople of Inverness, with traditional music, supplied by the town folk, and a slide show presented by Hugh Macmillan of the Company, displaying old scenes and artifacts of the

Scottish Fur Traders in America. We discovered by reading some files, that the most important leaders in both the N.W. Trading Co. area and elsewhere in America during the 18th and 19th century, were GRANTS!

For instance, so many Inverness men and GRANTS (Continued on page 6)

Articles Needed For Craigellachie

All Grant Clan members are invited to submit articles on the Clan, or their Grant family, or their attendance at a Highland Game, or Scottish affair. Preferably, they should be typed, doubled spaced, paragraphed, for easy editing. If you can't type, please print; if you don't print well, at least print proper names! The editor doesn't like to guess at placenames he can't recognize.

Following are the deadlines for the next four editions of the Craigellachie:

June, '84, May 15
August, '84, Aug. 10

December, '84, Nov. 30
March, '85, Mar. 10

We certainly appreciate the cooperation of the authors for the past three years, as we start on our fourth year as editor: George Grant put out the issues at first, and then James H. "Hank" Grant put them out for two years. Of course, it is the many volunteer authors who have made the larger editions of the last two years so interesting, including those from Scotland, England, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

—Dick Heller,
Editor

C.R. Grant Writes from New Zealand

By

Shirley Grant-Smith

The following letter was received, with a full-page 1977 account of how a New Zealand laborer and bailiff, Frank Grant, suddenly found himself the 10th Earl of Seafield, Baron of Strathspey, and 29th Chief of the Clan Grant, from C. R. Grant in Christchurch, New Zealand. We will try to secure copies of the picture, and permission to copy the story in a future issue; the story is also covered in a slightly different fashion by Lord Strathspey in his recent book, available from George Grant.

"Your last newsletter

reached me a few weeks ago (Summer-Fall issue of Craigellachie), and really stirred my conscience, so here I am, responding by putting the pen to paper. It is always later than you think, so do hope this note will arrive in time to delay your thinking that I have forgotten all about the Grants in America. Far from it, I can assure you; but please excuse me from a full report of all the troubles which have come my way during the past two years and which have prevented me from writing to you before now. Your newsletters have reached me regularly and they are

always a source of good reading and a great pleasure to me. The last one was almost a newspaper, not a letter and the views pertaining to Castle Grant as well as the reports of your various activities are all fascinating. The Clan Grant Society is obviously in good shape in your country — I can only say, well done and more strength to all those who have done so much to establish and nurture the Grant Clan Spirit.

"I only wish I could report that the response to a very enthusiastic convener and a small band of willing supporters had met with a (Continued on page 3)

Lord Strathspey

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is virtually a replica of an English Norman-style cathedral.

After this, we all repaired to the Town Hall Square for the opening ceremony by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, accompanied by a military pipe band and a Boys' Brigade band. I must say that the Australians were very insistent on correct order of precedence and protocol. They did me the honour, as well as on other occasions, of being marched to the platform last, preceded by a sword-bearer and my banner bearer. After the ceremony Doug took me to a restaurant on Circular Quay for lunch where a group of Morris dancers were performing. And then perhaps the highlight of the Week for me, a cruise of Sydney Harbour with about sixty Grants sponsored by William Grant Glenfiddich whisky which, as you all know, is one of the very best. This cruise was marvelous and Doug, being a yacht-smán, was able to point out the sights. The water was packed with yachts, and I enjoyed the sight of many near misses. Our driver did

what I do in motor boats — went flat out. Great fun.

Then to Doug's residence for tea and supper, where I met his two sons.

Sunday, 27th

Here we met the other Honoured Guests who were Australian residents; they came with their spouses. The Earl of Dunmore, the Lord Forres, Lamont of that ilk, the Menzies of Menzies, Nicholson of Scorrybreack, Torquil MacLeod of Raasay and William MacLennan.

The Heritage Council was brought into being by Mrs. Samios, who incidentally was a Grant from Morayshire, because she discovered that other ethnic groups were obtaining representation for their particular requirements by forming Societies, whereas the expatriate Scottish community seemed to have nothing to represent them and were thus likely to get pushed to one side and in time might lose a voice in power.

After the most impressive High Mass in the Cathedral, my first attendance at this service so I was a little lost on the procedures, Doug and

his wife kindly took me to lunch at a revolving restaurant in Australia Square. After changing to evening kilt, Doug picked me up and drove me to the MacLellan residence for a reception there.

28th

Doug drove me to Circular Quay to take ship to Manly Civic Scottish day. The skipper honoured me by flying my banner at masthead. We were met by a committee of civic dignitaries and a pipe-band, and paraded to the Town Centre for introductions and speeches.

Then we had an extensive tour of St. Patrick's Theological College, where Lamont is a student. Then followed a bus tour of the environs and a view of the Heads. Next item was a buffet lunch at the Town Hall and return to Sydney.

At 6:45 Finegard and I went to Paramatta for a Ceilidh at the Masonic Hall, where there were numerous events, all extremely well performed.

29th

We departed early from the Club in a number of vintage Rolls Royce, driven by their owners, to Govern-

ment House, where we were received by H E Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, the Governor of NSW. After this we repaired to Martin Place to inspect the Scottish stands and exhibition. At 5 o'clock I was collected and driven to the Premier's Reception, attended by the Finance Minister in the Premier's absence, where it was my turn to speak.

After changing to evening kilt, Finegard and I took taxi to a Fashion Parade in a private residence, which was reported to have been made from a Chinese Laundry. In fact the fashion show was very King's Road with a strong eastern bias. The rather extraordinary dresses were very well compared by the Council Treasurer. After the show Finegard and I caused a little light relief by impromptu speeches, congratulating the models and the Comperé.

30th

Off to the Scottish Race Day at Randwick Racecourse. I gave the prizes for the Strathspey race sponsored by Teachers Whisky.

In the evening I took Mr. and Mrs. Doug Grant to

dinner at the Club.

December 1st.

I walked with Doug to the Upper House of the Legislative Assembly, having on the evening of the 29th November been introduced to the Lower House. Both Chambers are contained in the Victorian front part of the building, and at the rear is a large very modern new structure. We saw the main crush hall, and the library above. The President took us into his private room and then to luncheon in a private room off the main diningroom.

Later I changed to evening kilt and drove to a Reception by the Mayor of Ashfield in the Polish Club, after the official march on where we had speeches and refreshments and were superbly entertained by Polish dancers, pipe band, etc.

December 2nd.

Was free until the Grand Scottish Ball at the Round House NSW University. After a grand march on and introductions dinner commenced, followed by some speeches and dancing.

December 3rd

Was free for me and a Council member very kindly drove me to beauty spots in the Blue Mountains.

December 4th

This was a great day and the last day. All the clans gathered in alphabetical order at the Domaine, together with a number of bands. Finegard and I cleared the enthusiasm of photographers by encouraging their art on the principle — the more the merrier and a once only chance. Then we commenced the march to the Opera House with a fine taille of Grants. When we at last reached the Opera we found a reputed 30,000 people waiting for the fun. We had a

number of pipe bands playing and a vast number of Highland dancers, who were par excellence, a Scottish singer, and introductions. Then we repaired to the Commonwealth restaurant for tea and said farewell.

The question was asked where do we go from here? I really don't know the answer to that one and have suggested that it be put to Clan Societies to find out what they come up with. There must be something next to get the Scottish ethnic society more on the map and with more political and business representation power.

You ask what have I done for my clan. Well, I enclose the very flattering description given in the Council's 1984 Souvenir Programme, printed elsewhere. In fact, I reactivated the Clan Society in 1951 in Edinburgh. We held monthly ceilidhs-meetings for about four years. I have appointed organisers for UK, America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Nova Scotia. I have signed in the six thousand strong computerised John More Association and I hear from the Grants of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In order to eliminate many misconceptions and lack of knowledge, I have written and partly financed an up-to-date History of Clan Grant, which I hope Grants will buy. The book needs close study and will then eliminate questions, but probably open others.

I must add a final note to express my deep appreciation to the many Australians I met for their welcome, kind and generous hospitality and considerable enthusiasm. I was terribly impressed by those I met and saw Sydney as certainly British and no one — I repeat no one — expected a tip or gratuity. What a delight!

Patrick An Granttach

OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHIES

THE MUCH HONOURED AND RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR PATRICK GRANT OF GRANT,

THE LORD STRATHSPEY



Our principal Guest of Honour in 1983 was born across the Tasman in 1912. After a year in New Zealand he went with his parents and sister to London, rejoining his Grandmother and aunts who had returned from New Zealand in 1902. Lord Strathspey visited Australia and New Zealand in 1922, aged 10. Whilst speaking to our Hon. Secretary earlier this year during her visit to London, he indicated his enthusiasm for this return visit.

In his lifetime he has achieved much. His schooling was at Stowe and then at the South Eastern Agricultural College. His professional education was put to use by

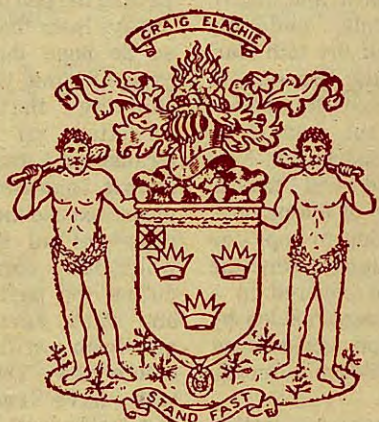
the War Department, and in the course of his military career - he retired as a Lieutenant-Colonel - he covered most of Scotland. He was a Land Agent also, and these careers have given him an extensive knowledge of Scottish people and Scottish property, especially the historic castles. His knowledge has also been turned to the service of journalism.

His greatest interest, however, has been in the Scottish people, especially his Clan. He succeeded his father as Chief of the Grants in 1948 (he is the 32nd Chief) and also as the 5th Baron Strathspey and the 16th Baronet of his line. Upon his succession to the Chiefship he made the time to revive the Clan Grant Society in Scotland and give

fresh encouragement to the Officers abroad.

Sir Donald Patrick Trevor Grant, and of Strathspey is, as his lifelong interests indicate, a public man whose concern for the welfare of others leads him on to pursuing just as public a life to-day, even at an age when men of more robust health would consider retirement. In addition to the interests of his Clan, he now devotes his time to the governance of Great Britain, through active service in the upper chamber of the Parliament at Westminster, the House of Lords. Few Roman patricians could have been so devoted to the interest of the people and the state as this noble senator.

A family man with five children, his hobbies include gardening, veteran cars and yacht racing. As a yachtsman he will doubtless be taking a more than passing interest in Sydney Harbour when, on Monday 28th November he travels on the ferry to Manly for our first 'Manly Scottish Day'. And if the swell is heavy when crossing the Sydney Harbour Heads he will doubtless find good advice in his own motto: "Stand Fast".



Glen Urquhart Grant

Birth Records 1740-73

By
Philip D. Smith,
Ph. D., F.S.A. Scot.
Births recorded in the Parish of Glen Urquhart and Glen Morriston, on file in the Scottish Records Office Edinburgh, were carefully copied last August by Dr. Philip D. Smith from Microfilm OPR 107-1, and are presented as background for those interested in extending their family history back to Scotland.

These records are particularly important to American Grants because the Laids of these cadet branches often sided with the rebels, and after their various defeats or persecutions, came to the American Colonies.

Only births of children with the surname Grant were noted and the an-

notation was terminated with the year 1775 to coincide with the American War for Independence which changed immigration patterns to North America.

Additions to the text are shown in parentheses. These are kept to a minimum. Some place names have proven difficult to decipher. The original writer at times left names, particularly those of women, blank. These are shown with dashes — as are other letters I was not able to read. Someday I will be able to spend more time with a better magnifying glass and subsequent knowledge of the geography and decipher these. Note that there are a variety of spellings for a single place — Polmailly, for example. Balnacahan is now

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New Book in Gaelic Describes 30th Chief's Death in World War I

By Philip D. Smith, Ph.D., F.S.A. Scot.
AN COGADH MOR 1914-1918 is a recent addition to the growing collection of fine Gaelic books now appearing in Scotland. Never large, Gaelic publishing is following new directions as it treats subjects of this century rather than dwelling on folklore. AN COGADH MOR (on ko-gugh moor), "The Great War" is a collection of personal memories of Gaelic speaking servicemen arranged in chronological order from prewar days with Am Mailisi (the Militia) through an account of the tragic loss of the returning troops after the war when the steamer "Iolaire" sank with great loss of life at the entrance to Stornaway harbor.

Mention is made in AN COGADH MOR of the Chief of Clan Grant, Captain Sir James Ogilvie-Grant, 11th Earl of Seafield and 30th Chief. The life and death of Sir James are detailed in Lord Strathspey's excellent book A HISTORY OF CLAN GRANT (pp. 53-55). Two of the stories told in the "Over the Top" section of AN COGADH MOR show how he was remembered by a soldier who served under him.

The narrator, speaking in Gaelic, is Domhnall Thormaid Bhain (Donald Norman MacKay) of Uist, Lance Corporal in the Cameron Highlanders. His recollections translate as follows.

The first is of the Battle of Loos.
"And the regiment —

there were a thousand men in the regiment, two hundred and fifty in each company. The company that I was in — A Co. — was the Earl of Seafield's, and he was left behind as the Reserve Officer, and when our relief came, there was a roll call, and there wasn't a man to answer of the two-hundred and fifty of my company except myself and a boy from North Uist."

"Lord Seafield came up to us and he had a jar of rum with him, and he said — he

was awfully grieved, almost crying — 'Here's a jar of rum,' he said, 'and I'm sad, sad to say,' he said, 'that there's only the pair of you left to drink it. And, if you'll take my advice,' he said, 'you'll take it all.'"

A little later MacKay describes the Earl's death at Ypres.

"The time came that our sector went as far as Hill 60 and Lord Seafield was in command of us. And there was a big gap made in the trench where we and Lord Seafield were. He came to

where I and a boy from North Uist were (I can't remember what his name was now) and he spoke to me

— Lord Seafield was in the annual Militia before the beginning of the war and he knew me well — he told me to take care of the two of us as we went back and forth ... that there was a gap there, a break in the trench. And a man close to there had to be cautious. It didn't make sense because of the caution that he took himself. He stood up in the gap as he

went past it and took a direct hit. He was dead. We mourned him a great deal."

AN COGADH MOR edited by Anndra MacMhoirean and published by Acair Press, 7 Sraid Sheumais, Stornaway, Lewis, Scotland, is a fine production. An inexpensive paperback, it should be in the library of every Scot, even the non-Gaelic reader, for the fine photographs alone. The cover picture is one of the few of a kilted piper in the trenches.

Study of First Names From Glen Urquhart

By Philip D. Smith, Ph.D., F.S.A. Scot.

It is interesting to review some of the names used by both men and women in Glen Urquhart during the time of the transition from a Gaelic to a more general Scottish world. For the men, the study must be confined to the first names since all of them had the surname GRANT. Female children were all Grants but the wives represented a wide range of Scottish surnames.

The numbers following each name indicate how many times it referred to different individuals in the birth records of Glen Urquhart from 1741 to 1757. The numbers for the male parents may be off slightly since the records are not always clear and two entries may refer to one man — eg. "John Grant Miller" might be the same as "John Bain Grant the Miller" but is more likely different since the recorder was careful to mark one as John Bain.

The recorder(s) of births wrote fine English but it must be assumed that they were also fluent in Gaelic since Gaelic is used on several occasions and always spelled correctly. It can also be assumed that the persons referred to in the records were Gaelic speakers and thus used the Gaelic equivalents of their names in everyday life. Glen Urquhart natives were Gaelic speakers until well into the 20th Century.

MALE FIRST NAMES	
FATHERS	SONS
Alexander-11	Alexander-13
—	Alpin-4
Angus-1	Angus-1
Archibald-1	—
—	Charles-1
—	David-2
—	Donald-2
Duncan-2	Duncan-1
—	George-1
Hugh-1	Hugh-1
James-5	James-6
John-7	John-12
—	Patrick-1
Peter-2	Peter-7
Robert-1	Robert-3
—	Thomas-1
William-2	William-3

FEMALE FIRST NAMES

MOTHERS	DAUGHTERS
Ann-2	Ann-3
Catherine-3	Catherine-6
Christian-9	Christian-2
Elizabeth-1	Elizabeth-2
Elspeth-4	—
Emilia-1	—
Florence-1	—
Hanah-1	—
Helen-1	Helen-3
—	Hendred-2
Isabella-1	Isabella-7
—	Jane-1
Janet-2	Janet-1
Jean-1	Jean-4
Lillias-1	Lillias-1
Marjorie-1	Marjorie-1
Margaret-7	Margaret-3
Mary-2	Mary-4

Several points of interest emerge. First, the overwhelming number of males were named Alexander, James, John and Peter — 63 of 92 or two-thirds of all male Grants mentioned had one of these four first names.

Four sons were named Alpin within two years and then the name seems never to have been used again among any Grants either in Glen Urquhart nor in Strathspey. There is a well-known Major Alpin Grant from Glen Moriston, contemporary with the Alpin Grants of Glen Urquhart. Grant Street in Inverness is named for Major Alpin.

Only one son was named Charles, the son of Grant of Shewglie, a strong Jacobite who tried to get the Glen Urquhart Grants to support Prince Charles in the "Forty-five." On the other side, politically, we find the first George Grant in Glen Urquhart records.

Among the women there is greater diversity. However, it must be remembered that many of the women must have come from outside the glen (Lady Jean Ogilvy, for example). Catherine, Christian, Isabella and Margaret were the most popular. Elspeth seems to have stopped with this generation. One wonders where Hendred came from. Jane, Janet and Jean may all be variations of the same name as Hanah may have been Ann(a).

The surnames of the mothers recorded are of

interest since they represent a wide variety of Scottish surnames. Eight Grant men were married to Grant women — remember that women kept their own surnames. Those recorded as married to Grants included:

- Baillie
- Cameron
- Campbell
- Cumming
- Fraser
- Gordon (Crookshanks)
- Leslie
- M'Bean
- McDonald
- McDougall
- McGlen
- McGregor
- McLean
- McKenzy
- McMillan
- McPhee
- Munro
- Ogilvy
- Ross

Lady Jean Ogilvy was obviously from the outside as was probably Elizabeth Leslie, wife of the Schoolmaster. The names Campbell, McGregor, McPhee, McMillan, and McDougall are traditionally associated with other areas of Scotland. Other names are relatively closer clans, both east and west of Glen Urquhart. The closest neighbors, Chisholms of Strathglass, are not represented. The next closest, the Frasers, are

Note that, without ex-

ception, "Mac" is abbreviated "Mc" or "M" and never fully spelled out.

It is at this stage of recording that one can see the emergence of the surname. In the birth records a single male parent is recorded on two occasions as:

"William Grant alias Miller" and

"William Grant Mac Lauchlan Miller"

William MacLauchlan Grant the Miller was in Gaelic "Uilleam Muilnear" — William Miller — to distinguish him from the other William Grants. His father was named Lauchlan so he was also called on occasion "Uilleam Mac Lauchlan." Outsiders addressing William could have called him "William Grant," "William Mac Lauchlan" or "William Miller" and all would have been correct.

In fact, "William Grant" would have been the least usual of his names in a community where everyone knew everyone and most had the same last name. Here a descriptive name or the association with the father was of more importance in identifying the several Williams. However, on leaving the community any one of the names could have been used by others and "stuck" as a permanent surname.

C.R. Grant

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greater response in this country. There are about 120 Grants listed in our telephone directory just for this area, so if one doubles that number for the ladies whose maiden name was Grant and who must surely have the Clan spirit in them, it is to me a sad kind of commentary that there are only about 20 who have become members of the Society. I telephoned more than 50 names myself over two years ago and did not get any enthusiastic support, and since then, for a number of reasons, I just have not been able to lend my weight to canvassing namesakes or any other promotional activities. Our convener up in Napier, Fred Grant Burgess, has done a wonderful job in establishing the society and also in his very regular compiling our newsletter, but the enthusiasm of a few willing workers is required up and down our country to stir Grants into becoming members and then to organize some Clan activities.

"Earlier this year (1983) an energetic Scot by the name of McFarlane proposed that his fellow namesakes and all those who could qualify, should establish a Clan McFarlane Society here in Christchurch. Just some six months later over 100 had joined, and they had an outing, as well as a Clan dinner function. Surely, what the McFarlanes can do, the Grants could do better!

"One of our family problems has necessitated our change of homes, and consequent address to C.R. Grant, 214 D Springfield Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand Telephone 558168 Christchurch. In case some of your members should be visiting this country, I would like to have them to know where I lived so we could share some

fellowship, at least. As the newsletters have reached me, so too I am aware of the cost of postage. I do not know what is wrong with our national finances, but the number of forms and declarations I have had to complete to remit to you the sum of \$10 US has been four, and the cost was \$16.75 NZ. You should come to New Zealand to make your dollar go farther!

"Also enclosed is a photo copy of a page from one of our newspapers, the Otago Daily Times, Weekend Magazine, June 18, 1977, being a story about a Grant family based on facts and pictures supplied by me to a friend, Mrs. Violet Walker in Oamaru, where almost 100 years ago Francis William Grant became the 10th Earl of Seafield. He was a friend of my own grandfather and no doubt this association is a basis for my interest today in the Seafield-Strathspey titles. The father of our present Chief, Trevor Grant, is pictured with his brother, both born in Oamaru, as indeed was our Chief himself as well as myself. I think I sent these details to your Hank a few years ago, but now the whole page copy is a much better record and perhaps could be used for a story in your own newsletter. My own wife is shown with the Seafields when we called at Cullen in 1973, so hope this item will be of interest to you all! I think Mrs. Walker did a good piece of writing to put the story on record.

"The proposal pertaining to Castle Grant opens up a vast proposition — there are just so many debits and credits I don't know who can reach a balanced decision — (Editors note: Lord Seafield!) I wax and wane from favor to one of fear.

"And there I must conclude. Please except my kindest regards and convey my greetings to all the Grants in your kinship."

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By George!

Lucille and I as previously reported in the Christmas issue had a fine trip to England and Scotland from Dec. 2 to the 18. Got back just in time for some shopping and the usual family reunion.

The weather was cold for the most part; we even experienced the first snowfall of the year while in Grantown. We stayed with Nigel Grant at the Seafield Lodge. We were the only guests for 2 days. We showed our cousins that we were not "fair weather" friends.

While there we went out to Castle Grant and met with the parents of David Ward, who were most gracious and showed us all through the Castle. Their workmen had run water and electricity to the building and were busy putting glass in the broken windows and hauling out the mountains of trash that were everywhere. Mr. Ward was not present but they informed us that their plan was to have the place open for tourists this spring. There will be a tearoom and gift shop initially. We appraised them of the Grant Clan's interest in the Castle and expressed our concern that the place not be turned into something not appropriate to its History. I should mention that the Castle is protected by the Historic Building Laws.

Since our visit Lord and Lady Strathspey have visited Mr. Ward and the Castle. Perhaps they will advise what took place that would be of interest to us.

While in Scotland we were

royally entertained by Walter Grant and his bride Margaret. They plan a trip to the U.S. this spring and will be visiting the South. George and Inge Turnbull are well and send their love. We had coffee with Brigadier Eneaus Grant his son Donald and wife and their bonny son Patrick. Col J. P. Grant of Rothiemurchus had us for proper tea and his son John and wife Phillipa had us for drinks. We had dinner with George Grant, of Glenfarclas, and Seamus Grant of Carrbridge. It was great too bad it had to end. We returned to England for a week of business that brought us there in the first place.

We brought back with us as many of Lord Strathspey's books as we could carry. Cost an extra fifty pounds in excess baggage but all have now been sold. We have asked for another shipment from the publisher. When they arrive the price will probably be more because of the freight charges but we are looking forward to having them for sale by mail or at games. The latest issue of the Unicorn is selling them for about \$35. If you can find them at games at a better price, please go ahead and buy it. It is a very worthwhile book, with lots of information that you would not find elsewhere.

We are now planning games that we will personally attend this year. So far, the Dunedin Games, April 5-8th, Grandfather Mountain, July 12-15; and of

course Stone Mountain in October. We also plan to go to the Scottish weekend in Kentucky May 11-13 and be with Charlie & Betty McDonald. If any of you have games in your area that you would like to man the tent, please let us know and we will try and be of as much help as possible. The Clan will pay for tent or tent space and fees necessary. There will be a list of some of the Games going on this year in this newsletter. It really is a lot of fun working the games and we would like for all of you to participate in meeting as many Grant's and other Scots as possible.

We have sent to Scotland out of the Castle Grant fund, money to cover the United States share of expenses incurred in the abortive attempt to buy the Castle. We are holding the balance of monies in a special interest-bearing account in the hopes that a building in Grantown can be restored as a Grant museum. We have started on that project and will give you more details in the next newsletter.

If anyone is interested in coming to the Grandfather Mountain Games please let us know as soon as possible. In previous years we have made arrangements to be housed in the same area and it is a lot more fun and less expensive than doing it on your own. We must know how many in order to reserve appropriate accommodations. Deadline will be one week after receipt of newsletter.

Glen Urquhart

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Balmacaan and Mil)l)town is now known as Milton. Meiklie Farm was renamed Kilmartin in the last century. Some places mentioned in the records are in Stathglass and Glen Convinth, neighboring districts. Many formerly inhabited places are now abandoned as shown on the Ordnance Survey map of Glen Urquhart (No. 33, "Inverness").

The church extant at the time of these records had been built in 1630. It was replaced in 1836. The earliest population count for Glen Urquhart and Glen Morriston Parish was in 1801 and numbered 2,633.

Apologies are made for any errors made while copying but the information presented may prove helpful to Grants tracing their families. Once located, check the original microfilm

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to confirm the entry. You should remember to take a magnifying glass and paper and pencil (no pens allowed) while doing research in the Records Office.

and Baptised 14 Jan. by Mr. Peter Gordon.

1740:

Peter son to Peter Grant and Christian Grant in Pichenle Beg was born 13

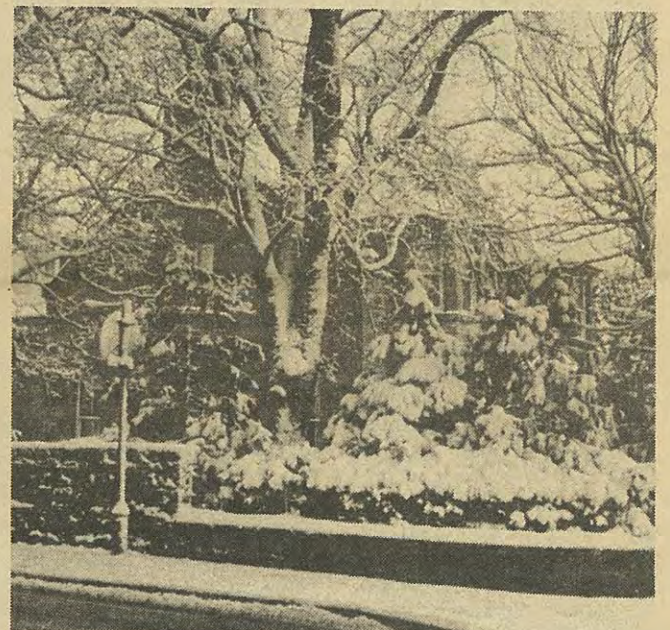
Alpin son to John Grant Meiklie was born 15 and baptised 16 March by Mr. Gordon.

Donald son of William Grant alias Miller was born 7 and Baptised 10 May by Mr. Peter Gordon.

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GEORGE GRANT in front of Seafield Hotel in Grantown-on-Spey during the December, 1983 visit of George and Lucille Grant during their December visit to England and Scotland.



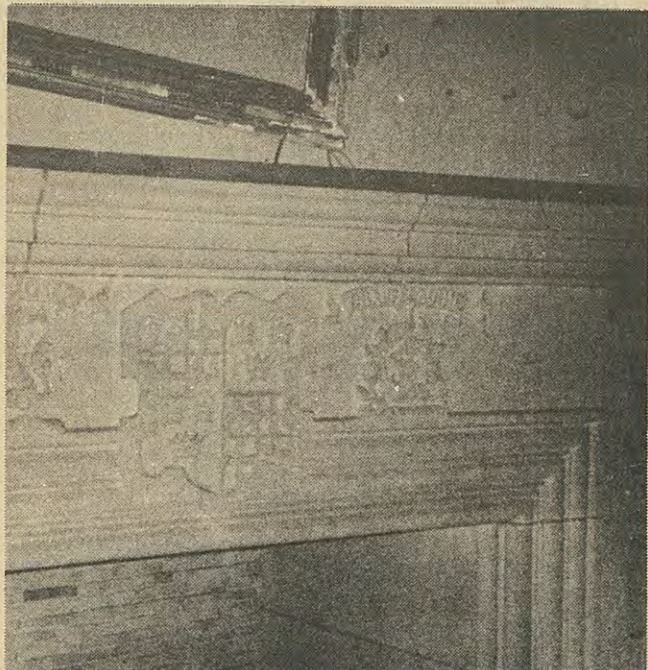
GRANTOWN HOME of Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull, visited by George and Lucille Grant during their December visit.



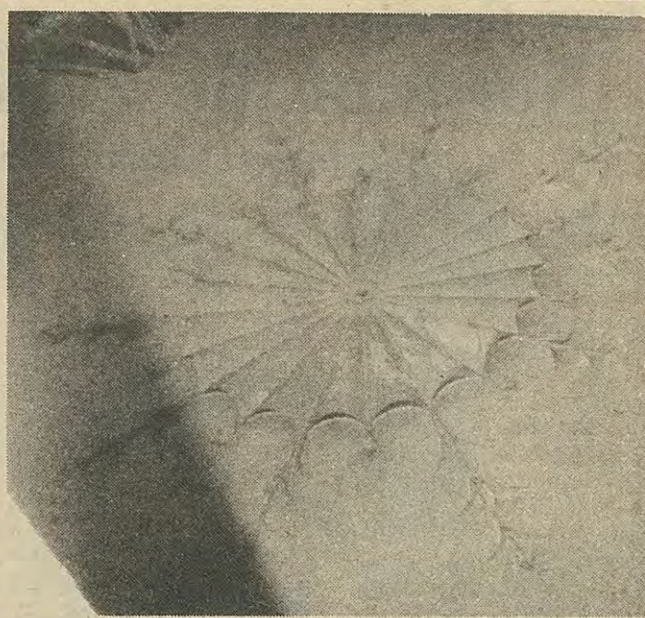
CORRIMONY CHAMBERED CAIRN visited by George and Lucille Grant during their December, 1983 visit to England and Scotland; This megalithic chamber and passage, pointing south to southwest within a kerbed cairn, characteristic of the tombs dating from 2,900-1,900 B.C. built by agriculturalists using stone tools.



DOWNTOWN GRANTOWN after a December snow, showing the Seafield Lodge Hotel on right.



ONLY INTACT FIREPLACE seen in Castle Grant, Granttown-on-Spey, Scotland, during the December trip of U.S. Convener and Mrs. George Grant.



CASTLE STAIRWELL is being repaired; a hole mars the ceiling overhead, while plaster and rubble still cover the stairwell proper as it is prepared for the opening of the castle to the public this summer.



CONVENER GEORGE GRANT in front of Castle Grant, which is being developed by its new owner into a residence building with shops. The picture was taken in December, 1983.



PILLAGED FIREPLACES in Castle Grant have ruined the historical aspect of most of the rooms, Mr. and Mrs. George Grant found on a visit in December. Most of this happened in the past two years.



THE TURNBULLS, of Granttown, George, Inge and Antonio with her new dog, visited by the Grants during their early December trip to Scotland.



GEORGE TURNBULL greets Lucille Grant, as she and George arrive at the Turnbull home in Granttown-on-Spey, Scotland, during their December, 1983 visit.



WALTER GRANT, left, and his wife Margaret, right, royally entertained Lucille and George Grant, center, during their December visit in Scotland.

Granttown
-On-
Spey
December, 1983.

From Canada

North of the 49th Parallel

by Sydney H. Grant, Convener

Greetings from the Grants North of the 49th! We have passed safely through the 'Ides of March' and are looking toward a very busy summer. The Grants of Upper Canada had an executive meeting on March 10 at the home of Robert and Olga Grant in Burlington. The Grants, from what used to be called Canada West, were well represented in the persons of: Robert and Olga; Syd and Eileen; Elliott and Mabel; Alex and Margaret; Wes and Shaun as well as Karen and Kathy — all Grants.

In retrospect, 1983 was a time for finding out who we were, what we had, where we were going, and tying together all the loose ends left when Ian had to leave us in a somewhat embryonic

stage last May. We seem to have accomplished more than we had realized. We have been gaining new members and, unfortunately, losing a few. Hopefully, we will be able to make things so interesting that they will come back. We have a new brochure in the works, along with a new banner to lead us in parades, but most of all we have a group of dedicated Grants who enjoy what they are doing.

This year is the bi-centennial of the Province of Ontario and the sesqui-centennial of the City of Toronto. There are many special events planned and we look forward to seeing many visitors from Stateside and other parts of Canada.

We have quite a number of

things which we would like to share with all of our cousins, no matter from where they cometh.

First the games:—

The Grant information tent will be set up at the following games:

June 9—Georgetown (Speyside)

June 16—Humber (Toronto)

June 23—Brampton

July 14—Brantford

July 21—Cambridge

July 29—Montreal

(tentative)

Aug. 4—Maxville

Aug. 6—Dutton

(tentative)

Aug. 11—Fergus — (we usually meet for dinner after these games)

Also on June 16 we will be holding a BBQ in Burlington. Everyone is welcome. Let Robert and Olga know if you'll be coming. They are at 5209 Hunter Drive, Burlington, Ontario, L7L 3H9 (416) 637-2782.

We will be attending the Heritage Ball, put on by CASSOC (Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada). This will be held at the Lakeshore Inn in Toronto on October 20. We have taken a hospitality suite at the hotel. We had 16 Grants at the last ball and find this to be a great gathering. If any of our cousins expect to be in the vicinity, and would like to go, please let Elliott Grant know by early September at the latest. Elliott is located

at 40 Meadowbank Road, Islington, Ontario, M9B 5C8 (416) 621-5967.

We finished our meeting sampling the culinary delights of our hostess. There was a moment of concern with one of her preparations — I peaked into the kitchen — but this was for the cat. That may teach me not to poke my nose into places I shouldn't. To add a final touch we watched a videotape of the 1981 Edinburgh Tattoo. Our commentator was Karen Grant who was one of the dancers featured as part of the Canadian contingent.

This then is a very brief summary of our plans, but mere paper cannot reflect the good feelings of all who were present. Our trip home to London may best be given in the form of the Habitant poems of Dr. Drummond;

'de wind she blow lak anything
de snow she blind de eyes,

but momma and me got safely home
just lak dose odder guys!

Mon Dieu! she was a wild night.
The Grants of Nova Scotia will be holding a dinner meeting when John and Allison Andreassen return

from Florida. The meeting will be held at the Goshen Hotel in Antigonish. This was where we entertained the chief last summer. Allison (Grant) Andreassen, our Commissioner for Nova Scotia, is recovering from a fall. However, her Grant genes will carry her through.

They may be setting up at:
June 23-4—Lugwash, N.S. (Home of Cyrus Eaton)

July 7-15—Antigonish, N.S.

July 21—Sydney, N.S.

Aug. 5-11—New Glasgow, N.S.

These are all subject to confirmation.

24 Can-Ams

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were employed in building the Transcontinental CPR that, when the last spike was driven, the location was named CRAIGELLACHIE, B.C.! As early as 1760 Grants were involved in large-scale American enterprises, i.e. William Grant of Tommore, held the Royal Navy Victualing Contract in American waters and made a considerable fortune. Another William Grant of Blairfindy monopolized the fur trade in the Saguenay Valley (after the capture of Quebec) and went on to become the wealthiest land developer of the time. He purchased some of the largest houses in Quebec including the famous Chateau of Ramezay in Montreal. The title of the old French Barony of Longueuil is still in the William Grant family name today!

Several Grants from Blairfindy, Inverness, were leaders in the N.W. Fur Company operations in the west; others, Robert, James and Thomas Grant of Hillochhead were builders and operators of North America's largest distillery in Quebec City in 1780.

And so the list goes on — Grants at the forefront in opening up British North America!

But back to our tour, — we naturally scheduled the tour group to visit GRANT CASTLE but imagine when we asked David Grant Blythe in Edinburgh for help we were advised the Earl of Seafield would let us in if we paid him fifty pounds! (Naturally we declined!) To our mind, an equally important Grant location was discovered just by the Ruins of Elgin Cathedral — it was GRANT LODGE, complete with stone coat of arms over the main portal of a small but impressive stone

building, located in a beautiful cathedral park. We found out later, that the Lodge was the focal point of the last Rising of the Clans (1820) called the Elgin Raid. It was here that the invalid Laird of Grant and his sisters were kept virtual political prisoners because his brother Col. Wm. Grant was running as a Tory candidate and the Elgin townspeople who were all Grits, were supporting their candidate, Colonel Duff. Politics were heated affairs in those days! The Laird and his ladies were released from their indignity when 800 GRANTS gathered around the Fiery Cross transported through the Glens by a young 15-year-old boy (who later became Field Marshall Sir Patrick Grant) and converged on the town of Elgin, whose people got the message, and ceased their barricading of GRANT LODGE. To my mind GRANT LODGE should be a shrine for GRANTS EVERYWHERE, complete with an historical plaque!

We also were most impressed by the vast ruins of CASTLE URQUHART on Loch Ness and learned for the first time, it was last owned by the Lairds of Grant who eventually allowed it to go to ruin.

History is one thing, scenery and people another, and Strathspey — the Grants traditional home land, is rich in both. It seems we met Grant people everywhere from our first stop in the Highlands at Tomintoull to our last tour of Mull and Iona. The owner of the IONA General Store is a GRANT! Then there's the famous GLEN GRANT Distillery! Surely we must be the most prolific Clan and as far as our explorers in the new world the most adventurous and successful!



HERITAGE BALL last October was attended by 16 Grants in Toronto; above, seated, Matthew and Anne Grant-Knapp; standing, left to right, Paul and Lisa Grant, Olga Grant, Eileen Grant, Syd and Robert Grant.

Nova Scotia Proud to Host Clan Chief

The following report was sent by the Grants of Nova Scotia to the members of Clan Grant in Nova Scotia and Canada, concerning the visit of Lord and Lady Strathspey to Canada last summer:

The Clan Grant began its festivities at a Ball on July 10th in Antigonish and continued on there into the Highland Games. The itinerary during the Highland Games in Antigonish was a great success. The Grants were delighted to have chief, Patrick Lord Strathspey and Olive Lady Strathspey for four days.

Among the events planned for them was the dedication by their chief of a cairn at Grantville on the old River Inhabitants for the first Grant settlers. Also a visit to the Grant Farm near Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

On July 16th a big event was a gala dinner at the Goshen restaurant at South River a few miles east of Antigonish. The Lieutenant to the chief carried the banner and the pipes swirled.

During the dinner there were striking young dancers and a charming vocalist. Approximately 70 Grants

learned to know each other better. Judge Herbert Grant and his wife, Alexander Grant and his wife, Walter Grant, deputy minister of agriculture and his wife, and Justice William Grant of Nova Scotia Supreme Court, and his wife, were among the new members.

The U.S. friends from Tennessee, Philadelphia and New York state joined the Grants Sunday for a short service at Cleveland Church on the River Inhabitants.

Dr. Smith, his wife a Grant, read a short story of the little church and gave a Gaelic blessing.

Dr. Sydney Grant, convener of Canada from Ontario, read the Bible selection.

The Walter Fougere School Choir sang Scottish songs such as the Cape Breton Miners Song, and many requests during the serving of refreshments.

From there, Lord and Lady Strathspey started back to New York to board their plane for London.

The Clan then looked forward with great enthusiasm to the closing events Aug. 19 and 20, at St. Ann's Gaelic College in Cape Breton.

Antigonish Games July 13-15

The Highland Games at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, attended last year by Lord and Lady Strathspey, will be held July 13-15, Friday through Sunday.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, July

14, the Grants will gather at the Goshen Hotel for dinner and a speaker, Brig. Gen. J. J. Grant of New Glasgow. There were 70 Grants present last year, and more are expected in 1984.

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Pictures Misidentified in Winter Craigellachie; The Good Sir James is Thin, not Fat!

by George A. Dixon
Stirling, Scotland

May a native of Grantown congratulate you on a particularly interesting issue of "Craigellachie" (V. VI No. 4)? Unfortunately, however, because of the

transposition of the two main captions on p. 7, the greatest of all the Chiefs of Grant has inadvertently and quite wrongly been depicted as a grossly corpulent figure. The

fat man was John Rose of Holme, not Sir James Grant of Grant (see H. B. Mackintosh's "The Grant, Strathspey or First Highland Fencible Regiment 1793-1799" (1934), frontispiece and plate opp. p. 28, photocopies of which are enclosed). For a more accurate representation of the Good Sir James, one can turn to the slim figure in David Allan's 1785 painting of the founder of Grantown, which is reproduced as plate 12 in the 1981 re-issue of the classic "Every-day Life on an Old Highland Farm 1769-1782," by the late Dr. Isabel Frances Grant, the greatest Highland historian of the present century, through whose recent death the Clan Grant lost its most eminent member.

Apart from Dr. Grant's excellent but very short history of the Clan it may be noted that the standard works on Clan Grant remain (Sir) William Fraser's "The

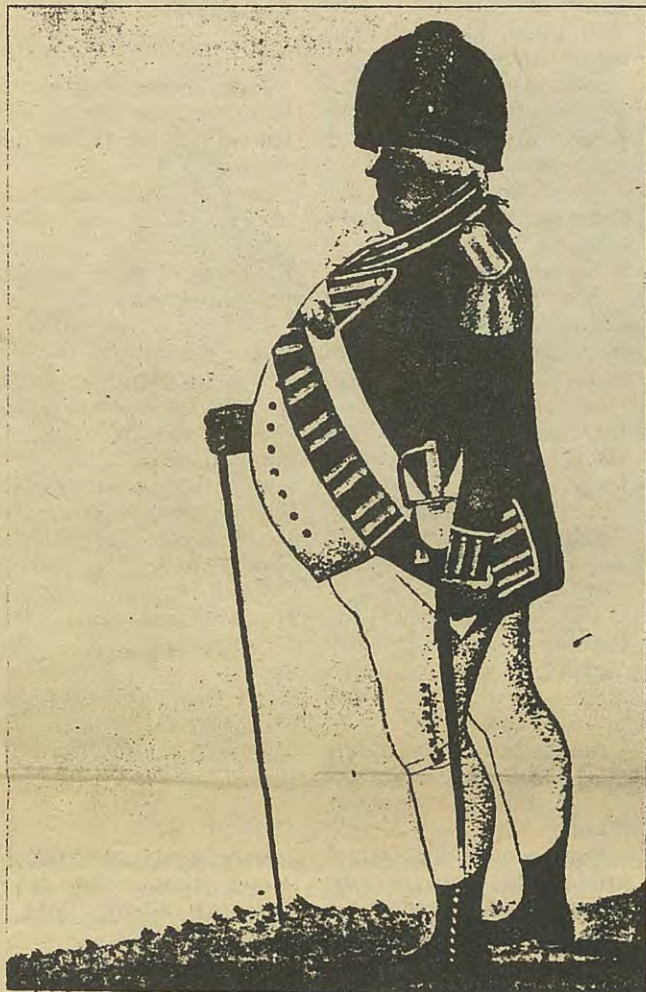
Chiefs of Grant," of which 150 copies were privately printed, in three volumes weighing some 23 lbs. the set, in 1883, and the single-volume summary of Fraser, "The Rulers of Strathspey," compiled by the Earl of Cassillis and published in 1911. Although many of his cadet pedigrees are unfortunately very inaccurate, Fraser is otherwise generally reliable and is unlikely to be significantly bettered as a study of the Chiefs and their immediate relations in the period up to c. 1750. A vast mass of manuscript documentation, possibly greater than for any other clan, survives in the tons of Seafield Muniments (Scottish Record Office, GD248), and a tiny proportion of this is slowly finding its way into doctoral theses and even occasional publications. A daunting research task remains, however, for future historians of the Clan.



SIR JAMES GRANT OF GRANT, BART.

With a View of his Regiment, the Grant or Strathspey Fencibles

From a contemporary coloured print by John Kay, the caricaturist and miniaturist, dated 1798, in the possession of Major I. H. Mackay Scobie
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CAPTAIN JOHN ROSE, OF HOLME

In the Uniform of the Grant or Strathspey Fencibles

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Monymusk Tartan is

Explained by Expert

The following report on the tartan of the Grants of Monymusk was made July 15, 1983 by Peter E. MacDonald, of the Museum of Scottish Tartans, Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland, PH6 2DW:

REPORT: 1) Red, 24; Green, 32; Red, 6; Green, 32; Red, 6; Green 32; Red, 8; Blue, 32; Red, 10; Black, 18; Red, 24; Green, 6; Red, 24.

2) Red, 24; Green, 28; Red, 8; Green, 28; Red, 8; Green, 28; Red, 8; Blue, 16; Red, 10;

Blue, 16; Red, 24; Green, 6; Red, 24.

There is only one Grant of Monymusk tartan, that shown by count No. 1 above. Count No. 2 appears in D.C. Stewart's book, (1) and is his count for the SAME sample, the briefest glance at the sample is enough to confirm that Stewart's count is in error. The correct count was taken from the only known sample of this tartan, which is included in the Cockburn Collection of c.1815, housed at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. The sample is like others of the collection is a full selvedge to selvedge width in a fine yarn woven at 56 e.p.i. Date of examination 21-6-83. Although it is known that Stewart had only some 12-15 hours to examine and record this collection, the discrepancies are such that one could be forgiven for thinking that it was another sample he was examining. Especially his recording of two equal size BLUE squares, where even with the naked eye it is quite clear in the sample that one is mid-BLUE and the other charcoal-BLACK, the former of which is double the size of the latter.

Writing on this sett D.C. Stewart says: "It is made up of elements of the Huntley group of tartans, but these elements are closely spaced, leaving no considerable expanse of ground; consequently the design is quite different in character from the usual Grant tartan, being very diffuse. Though the colours are the same, the amount of green has been increased at the expense of

the red." The similarity between this and the MacRae, Prince's Own and Hutley district tartans tends to support this as a pattern from that area and of considerable antiquity.

Monymusk is a village and parish in mid-Aberdeen, situated on the River Don about 8 miles west of Kintore. The Grants of

Monymusk were a small sept of the Grants descended from Archibald Grant of Ballintomb. He was the younger son of John Grant of Freuchie. (2).

Notes: 1. D. C. Stewart. The Setts of the Scottish Tartans. Shephard-Walwyn. London 1974. 2. William Anderson. The Scottish Nation. A. Fullarton & Co. Edinburgh 1863.



BRIGADIER ENEAUS GRANT, second from right, his son, Donald, right, wife and bonny son Patrick, left, with Convener George Grant, second from left, at the Grant home during their December, 1983 visit to Scotland.

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Alpin son to James Grant and Christian Grant Gorich was born — and baptised 31st July, 1740.

Charles son to Alex Grant and Isabella Grant of Shewglie. Born 13 and baptised 17 March.

Alpin son to Alex. Grant and Marjorie Mac Donald Clunebeg was born 26 and baptised 31 March.

Margaret daughter to Alex. Grant and Elspeth Cameron Shewglie. Born 2nd and baptised 5 April.

1741:

Isabella daughter to James Grant of Dele. and Christian Grant was born at Kilmore 13 and baptised 22 Sept.

John son to Alex Grant and Elspeth McMillan Carnoch. Born 27 and baptised 29 Nov.

Alpin begot in uncleanness of James Grant of Lockletter and Christian Nign. donnachaidh (N.B. Christian daughter of Duncan — P.D.S.) Shewglie was baptised 24 Decem., 1741.

1742:

John son to James Grant and Mary Cumming Lochletter. Born 4 and Baptised 7 March.

Alex. son to Angus Grant and Janet Fraser Pitchele was born 24 and baptised 26 Nov.

Margt (Margaret) Daughter to John Grant Miller and Margt — his spouse Mill of Dore born 17 and baptised 26 December.

1743:

Mary Daughter of John Grant Baillie of Urquhart and Margt Ross Balmachan born 22 and Baptised 25 Jan.

Mary Daughter to Wm. Grant Schoolmaster Miltown and Eliza Leslie. Born 7 and Baptised 11 Feb., 1743.

Robert son to James Grant Kilmore and Christian Grant. Born 6 and Baptised 9 April.

James Eldest son to Alex. Grant Esq. of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy was born 13 and Baptised 17 April, 1743. (N.B. a later hand has added "James Ogilvy Earl of Seafield" after this entry. P.D.S.)

John son to Alex Grant and Florence Munro Clunebeg. Born 13 and Baptised 16 May.

Catherine daughter to Jno (John) Grant and Margaret McGregor Polmaly born 7 and Baptised 11 December.

1744:

John begotten in adultery by Angus Grant Kilmichael and Ann McDon(ald) his (illegible word-servant?). Born 22 January and Baptised 13 February, 1744.

Margaret daughter to Jno. (John) Grant Baillie of Urquhart and Mary Ross his spouse. Born 10 and Baptised 21 March.

William son to Wm. Grant Schoolmaster of Urquhart and Eliza Leslie his wife. Born 23 and Baptised 28 March.

Catherine daughter to Alex. Grant and Margt. McGregor Miltown. Born Prestaly 5 and Baptised 6 May.

Jane daughter to Angus Grant Pitchele and Janet Fraser his wife. Born — and Baptised 23d July.

Mary daughter to James Grant and Christian Grant Kilmore. Born 3 and Baptised 7 August.

Patrick son to James Grant Dellshangie and Lillias Grant. Born 20 and Baptised 21 December, 1744.

1745:

Isabella daughter to John Grant Miller of Dore. Born 25 Jan and Baptised 2 Feb.

Alex. son to James Grant Lockletter and Mary Fraser his spouse. Born 7 May and Baptised 10th.

Alex. son to John Grant and Ann McDon(ald) Partaly. Born and baptised (?) March.

Catherine daughter to Archibald and Mary Grant Achtuie (?). Born 9 and Baptised 14 April.

David son to John Grant Baillie of Urquhart and Mary Ross. Born 25 and baptised 29 April.

Jno (John) son to Peter Grant and Catherine Fraser in Carnoch was born 26 Feb. and Baptised 29 April.

Peter son to John Grant and Catherine Grant Strone. Born 17 and baptised 19 May.

James son to William Grant Schoolmaster and Eliza. Leslie Kilmichael. Born 7 Oct. and baptised said day.

1746:

Donald son to John Bain Grant Milltown (?) Baptised 21 Feb.

Catherine daughter of Alex. Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his Lady. Born 24 and Baptised 25 March, 1746.

1747:

Jean daughter of Robt.

Grant Borlumbeg and Elspeth Grant his concubine. Born 21 April and Baptised 6 May.

Helen daughter to John Grant Balintom and Mary Ross his spouse. Born 12 and baptised 16 May.

Helen daughter of James Grant of Delshangie and Lillias Grant his spouse. Born 16 and Baptised 19 July.

1747:

Isabella daughter to Duncan Grant and Helen Grant his spouse. Born 6 and Baptised 8 Sept.

Alex. son to John Grant and Catherine Fraser his wife. Born 1 and baptised 3 Oct.

John son to Alex. Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his Lady 23rd Dec. and Baptised same day.

1748:

Jean daughter to Alex. Grant and Christian Crookshanks Borlum (N.B. another entry reads "Jean daughter of Duncan Gordon alias Cruickshanks" and this woman is referred to in 1749 and 1755 entries as Christian Gordon). Born 17 May and baptised 20, 1748.

Isabella datr. to John Grant Miller Forshee (?) and Elspeth Fraser his wife. Born 6 and baptised 10 April.

Isabella daughter to Robert Grant Borlumbeg and Hanah Grant his wife. Born 15 and Baptised 19 April.

John. Begotten in uncleanness by Peter Grant son to Glenmorrison and — nign Thomais Mhorr sometime in Balnacahan was baptised 3 June.

Peter son to John Grant Polmaly and — McGregor his wife. Baptised 23 Oct.

Lillias datr. James Grant Delshangie and Lillias Grant his wife. Born 9 and baptised 12 Oct.

Alex. son to John Grant Balnachan Baillie of Urquhart and Mary Ross his wife. Born 13 and Baptised 17 Novem.

1749:

Jean daughter to Alex. Grant Carnoch and Janet M'Donald his wife. Baptised 2 April.

Peter son to Alex Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his spouse. Born 23 and Baptised 27 July.

Alex. son to Peter Grant Lochletter and Catherine Baillie his spouse. Baptised 22 Dec.

John son to Duncan Grant Achtumarack(?). Born and Baptised 28 Oct., 1749.

James son of James Grant

Pitchelee and Christian Grant his wife. Born 10 and baptised 16 Oct.

John son to Alex Grant Bunlord (Bunloit?) and Christian Gordon his wife. Born 24 and baptised 28 Dec.

1750:

Mary daughter to John Grant Shewglie and Mary Catherine Grant his wife. Born — and Baptised 29 April.

Alex son to Alex Grant Partali and — McLean his wife. Born 17 April and Baptised 12 May.

Duncan son to William Grant Mac Lauchlan Miller Miltown and — MacMillan his wife. Born 20 and Baptised 24 July.

James son to John Grant Inchbraon and Elspeth Fraser his wife. Born 15 and Baptised 19 August.

Christian daughter to Duncan Grant Borlummore and Christian McPhee his wife. Born 13 and Baptised 15 Dec.

James son to James Grant Delsheangie and Lillias Grant his wife. Born 24 Dec. and Baptised 28 Dec.

1751:

Peter son to Alex Grant Carnich and Ann Grant his wife. Born 11 and baptised 12 February, 1751.

Robert son to Alex Grant and — M'Bean his wife in Ballabeg. Born 12 and Baptised 17 Feb.

Isabell daughter to Peter Grant Lochletter and Catherine Baillie his spouse. Baptised 2 March.

Peter son to Duncan Grant Tas — urasach(?) and Helen Grant his spouse. Baptised 30 March.

Alex son to Hugh Grant Brother to Shewglie and Christian Grant his concubine. Born 2 June and baptised 22 July.

Wm. and Christian twin children born to John Grant Polmaly and Mary McGregor his wife. Baptised 29 Sept.

Eliza. daughter to John Grant Chamberlane of Urquhart and Mary Ross his spouse. Born — Novem.

Isabella daughter to Mr. John Grant min(ister) of Urquhart and Emilia his spouse. Born 17 and baptised 20 Novem.

1752:

Alex son to Alex Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his Lady. Born 16th Jan. Baptised 23.

David son to Patrick Grant of Lochletter and Catherine Baillie his spouse. Born 10 and baptised 14 Feb.

Alex son to James Grant of Shewglie and May Fraser his spouse. Born 13 and Baptised 16 May.

Elizabeth daughter to William Grant Schoolmaster and Eliz. Leslie his spouse. Born 18 and baptised 20 May.

John son to Wm. Grant Carnoch and Janet McDougall his wife. Born 18 and Baptised 22 Oct.

Helen daughter to Duncan Grant and Helen Grant his spouse. Born 12 and baptised 13 Dec.

1753:

Jean daughter to Alex Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his Lady. Born 10 and baptised 13 April.

Alex son to Patrick Grant of Lochletter and Catherine Baillie his spouse. Born 18 and baptised 27 April.

Janet daughter to Jno Grant alias Miller Ban and — Fraser his wife. Born — and baptised 29 April.

John son to Alex Grant Carnoch and Ann Grant his wife. Born 1st and baptised 2nd Sept.

William son to Alex Grant Inchbraon and Janet Grant his wife. Born 23 and baptised 25 Nov.

Alex son to James Grant Delehangie and Lillias Grant his spouse. Born — and baptised 23d Nov.

Ann datr. Duncan Grant Borlummore and Christian McPhee his wife. Baptised 1 May.

George son to Alex Grant Jun. Gartaly and — McLean his wife. Born and baptised 7 March.

Hugh son to Hugh Grant brother to Shewglie and Janet Forbes his concubine. Born 22 and Baptised 24 Sept.

Peter son to Don'd Grant Kilmichael and Christian McKenzy his wife. Born 13 and Baptised 14 Dec.

1755:

Hendred daughter to Alex Grant and Christian Gordon. Born and baptised 25 May, 1755.

Jno. son to Alex Grant Kenrossan Miltown and Margt McBean his wife. Born 1 and baptised 2 Aug.

1756:

Angus son to James Grant Meikle and Janet Grant his wife. Born and baptised 25 Jan.

Alex son to Duncan Grant Borlummore and Christian McPhee. Born 26 Feb and baptised 4 March.

Robert son to Jno Grant Gartaly and Ann McDonald. Born and baptised 14 March.

Marjory daughter to James Grant Kilmichael and — Fraser his wife. Born 16 and baptised 18 May.

Ann daughter to Jas. Grant Delshangie and Lillias Grant his spouse. Born 12 and baptised 14 July.

Hendred daughter to Alex Grant of Corrimony and Jean Ogilvy his Lady. Born 6 and baptised 9 Dec.

1757:

James son to Alex Grant Miltown and Margt McBean

his wife. Born 24 and baptised 28 Jan.

John son to Don(ald) Grant weaver Kilmichael and Christian McKay his wife. Born 17 and baptised 28 June.

Cath(rine) datr. to Robert Roy Grant Kerrowgear and Mary McDonald his wife. Baptised 14 Feb.

Thos. son to Wm. Grant and Isabell Campbell Portali. Born and baptised 6 March.

NOTE: No birth records were preserved for Urquhart from September, 1757, to August, 1771.

1771:

Aug. 16 Ann daughter to Wm Grant and Ann McLean Shewglie. Born 13 baptised this day.

Sept. 26. Mary daughter to Robert Grant and Mary Mary McDon(ald) wester Kerrowgear. Born 14 baptised this day.

1772:

May 13. Margt. daughter to John Grant and Janet Grant Culnakirk. Born 11 baptised this day.

May 27. Donald son to William Grant and Margaret Fraser Lochletter. Born and baptised this day.

June 18. Alex son to Donald Grant and Jean Grant Meiklie. Baptised this day.

Oct. 28. Margt. daughter to Alex Grant and Jean McMillan in Balnain. Born 27 baptised this day.

1773:

March 8. Jean daughter to James Grant and Janet Grant in Altsay. Born 3 baptised this day.

June 9. James son to John Grant and Elizabeth McDonald in Kerrownakeel. Born 8 baptised this day.

July 18. Patrick son to James Grant and Helen Grant Lochletter. Born 16 baptised this day.

Sept. 16. Marjory daughter to Philip Grant and Margaret Grant in Lewiston. Born 10 baptised this day.

Sept. 17. Alex son to Alex Grant and Jane McMillan in Tullaich. Born 9 baptised this day.

Sept. 26. Helen daughter to Robert Grant and Mary McDougall in Wester Kerrowgearr. Born 26 and baptised this day.

James son to Alpin Grant and Margaret Grant Drumfadda. Born 22 and baptised this day.

Oct. 31. Ann Grant daughter to John Grant Tailor and Janet Grant Gartaly. Born and baptised this day.

Nov. 4. James Grant son to Mr. James Willox (Polmaly) and Marjory Polmaly. Born 30 ult. (Oct. 30) and baptised this day.

Dec. 19. Alex. son to Wm. Grant and Ann McLean in Shewglie. Born 16 and baptised this day.

Records were not kept due to the illness of the minister and his absence in Strathspey until 1777.

Grant Marriages 1771-4 in Glen Urquhart

The following Grant marriages were transcribed from parish records in the Registry House, Edinburgh, Scotland, (Microfilm OPR 107-1) by Philip D. Smith in August, 1983. These are the earliest marriage records extant for the Parish of Glen Urquhart and Glen Moriston. Only entries in-

volving persons with the surname Grant were copied.

Nov. 19, 1771. Alla'n (Allan) Grant Gardiner at Corrimony and Isabel Ross servt. to Mr. Grant of Lochleven without proclamation were married this day and paid the poor box.

July 2, 1771. John Grant in Carnaich and Elspet(h) McDonald Daughter to Duncan McDonald in Drumclun.

Dec. 10, 1772. Alean (Allan) Grant Taylor in Lochletter and Jean McMillan in Tullich.

July 20, 1773. John Grant in Wester Bunlorb and —

Chrisholm Daughter to John Chrisholm in Buntait.

Nov. 10, 1773. Peter Grant servt to Mr. Grant Corrimony and Jean Fraser.

June 10, 1774. Patrick Grant of Parish of Kil'anhty married Katherine Grant (to)day to John Grant in Wester Bunlorb.