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Constitution, By-laws needed So Clan Qualifies as Charity

The Clan Grant Society of America is proposing to qualify as a tax-exempt organization so that gifts to it will be tax deductible, and so that second and third-class mail permits may be obtained.

To do this, the clan must incorporate with provisions that meet state and federal qualifications for an exempt organization, the incorporation papers serving as a Constitution. By-laws must also be approved.

"The time has come for our Clan Society to adopt a constitution that specifically qualifies for IRS tax exemption, second- and third-class mail permits, a democratic election of officers and a board of directors, and perpetuity," George H. Grant, appointed Convenor, states.

"Presented to all of you for your approval is such a constitution and by-laws, printed inside. Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the ballot form provided and mail to George H. Grant, 301 Masters Rd., Hixson, TN 37343.

"Your vote in order to be counted must be received by

The Clan Society has available in the U.S. for immediate delivery a limited number of autographed books of Lord Strathspey. "A History of Clan Grant" for the bargain price of \$25.00. This is our cost. Vendors at games are offering the same book for \$35.00 and they are not autographed!!!

Please make checks to Clan Grant Society and mail to: George H. Grant, 301 Masters Road, Hixson, TN 37343.

Feb. 1, 1985.

"Adoption by us and acceptance by the IRS will prove beneficial to Clan Grant Society in many ways, not the least of which is reduced mailing costs of the Craigellachie.

"Our next step will be to set up a tax-exempt foundation to accept contributions for upkeep and maintenance of our Clan Headquarters, Speyside House, as well as enable us to provide ongoing scholarship programs for the preservation of our Grant heritage; assist in funding a student exchange program with our cousins in Scotland.

"I left for Scotland December 7 and will meet with Sir Patrick Grant, Walter Grant and the authorities in Granttown-on Spey to finalize our ownership of Speyside House.

"Plans are being formulated to have Speyside House opened for this summer season with displays memorabilia, gift shop, etc.; It is hoped that we will be able to earn enough money in the operation of our Headquarters to pay its immediate costs.

"Speyside House will be operated by permanent staff year 'round and in time function as the center for genealogical research for our Clan Society.

"The formal dedication will take place this summer as the highlight of our Clan Gathering."



HANK & LINDA'S party the night before the 12th annual Stone Mountain Games this October brought out the above: from left to right, Bob and Ann Miller, Betty Bowie, Charles and Betty MacDonald, Lucille Grant, Kyle Bowie, George H. Grant, Margaret and Walter Grant, and Mary Lee Russell.

Walter Grants Tell of Trip

A chery Christmas greeting from Scotland and best wishes from Margaret and Walter R. Grant included a special thanks to George H. Grant and his family and all the Grant "cousins" who made their October trip to the United States such a super holiday.

"The American Grant descendants are a long way more 'Scottish' than we are 'back home' in Elgin, Scotland!

"Margaret and myself looked forward to and prepared for this trip from the beginning of September and eventually got firm bookings from our travel agent.

"We left Aberdeen Airport on Sunday 14th October, to London and were on our way to New York on the Concorde at 10:30 a.m. We arrived at Kennedy Airport, New York at 9:30 a.m. — one hour before we left London. The Concorde flight took approx 3¾ hours and we were well catered for over the whole journey.

"After transferring to La Guardia Airport we arrived at Atlanta at 3 p.m. where we were given a big welcome by Linda and Hank Grant. Hank had booked us in at the Ritz Carlton and after transporting us there they saw us to our room and immediately produced a bottle of champagne to drink our health. — For Scots folks from the home Country the fact that we did not have to pay for a taxi was a bonus in itself.

"We had a meal with Linda and Hank at night and next day went shopping to one of the large Shopping Malls. This was something special for us and in the evening Linda and Hank picked us up for another social evening. As the temperatures were nearly 80°F it was all very pleasant.

"On Tuesday 16th October George Grant came over from Chattanooga for us. He was accompanied by Matt Grant-Knapp. We had a lovely scenic motor trip and finished at the old Railway Station Chattanooga for lunch. This was something special for both of us. Back home it is a great pity that one of the old Speyside Stations did not do something similar when the Government closed the Craigellachie/Boat-of-Gar- Continued to page 8



LEADING THE GRANTS are Joe Valentine, Pufftown, N.C., John Angus Grant, and Eric Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Grant of Stone Mountain.

South Florida Games Feb. 8-10

The Scottish American Society of South Florida has invited members of the Grant Clan to take part Feb. 8-10, in the second annual Scottish Festival and Games at Crandon Gardens, Key Biscayne, adjoining Miami, Fla.

Last year 4,000 people attended the first games, and 8,000 are expected to visit this year. Crandon Gardens is a superbly landscaped area, with lakes, lawn and shade trees.

Advanced-sale tickets at reduced prices for the

games, Ceilidh on Friday night, and Tartan Ball on Saturday night, are now available from Scottish American Society of South Florida, Inc., P.O. Box 633, Miami Shores, FL 33153.

Also available are individual, gold and corporate sponsorships, competitions in dancing, piping, drumming, or athletic events, and advertising in the Festival program.

Any Grants in South Florida are urged to attend, and report back to the Craigellachie on the games.

Clan Grant U.S.A.

1985 Trip Planned

Plans are now being made for the precise dates this summer for the Grant Clan Gathering in Speyside.

We are planning a two-week period around one of the three Highland Games that take place in Grant Country. These are the Games near Aviemore in late June, Netheybridge in early August, and Elgin in late August. I am personally learning toward Netheybridge because it is only four miles from Granttown and Speyside House.

A program of visitors to places of interest to all Grants ranging from Glenmoriston to Elgin to Monymusk to Aviemore, meeting our cousins and giving us all the opportunity to know each other better.

Rather than all of us staying in one place it has been suggested that we have all options open, ie; to B & B with a Grant family; to stay in any of the many hotels throughout Speyside.

We will of course have our daily itinerary together, with lunch and dinner together at different places.

It is far too cumbersome to attempt to arrange travel plans for everyone, so we will list the program covering the entire two weeks and you can take part in as much as you desire. The Games are all on Saturdays and our Dedication of Speyside House is to take place on Sunday following the Games.

We will host a reception for all of our cousins following the Games at Speyside House. A contribution to cover this cost will be requested.

Please write to me and tell me if you plan to make this great trip. Also if you have any ideas regarding activities or places to see. Let me hear from you.

George H. Grant
Convenor

How Old is George?

The American Farm & Home Almanac for 1984, on page 14, discussing the year 1884, tells of an event that must be about our beloved Convenor, George—

"A Bostonian, Russel Montague, and three Scots, George Grant and Alexander and Roderick McLeod, built in the West Virginia mountains near Green Brier a nine-hole golf course which they called the Oakhurst Golf Club."

Castle Grant Controversy Continues as Owner Fights Back

According to the latest number of Stand Fast!, the newsletter of the United Kingdom Branch of the Clan Grant Society, the controversy continues over how Castle Grant is being shown to the public.

In addition to complaints from members of the Clan Society, enough complaints were received from the public that the Highland Regional Council's

Department of Consumer Protection has investigated the position under the Trade Descriptions Act, and has lodged a report with the Procurator Fiscal. The U.K. Branch of the Clan was among those giving evidence.

Pictured are the original advertisement of the new Castle owner, the newspaper article against him, and his reply.

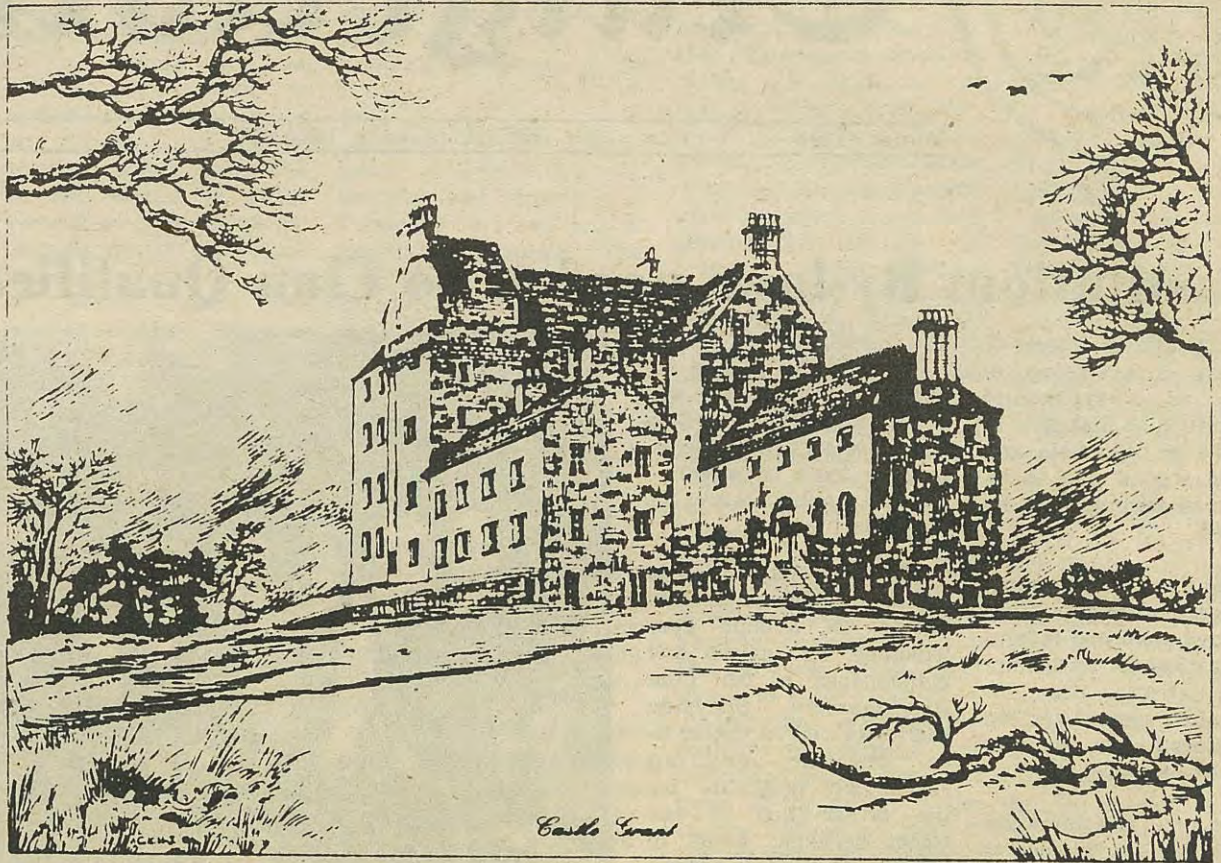


ED GRANT SMITH played the pipes for Pennsylvania school children this past school year.



JOE VALENTINE, of Huntsville, Ala., playing the bagpipe for Grant Clan at Grandfather Mountain.

GHOSTS GALORE



Castle Grant

promises you an interesting and fun day out for all the family in the heart of Speyside.

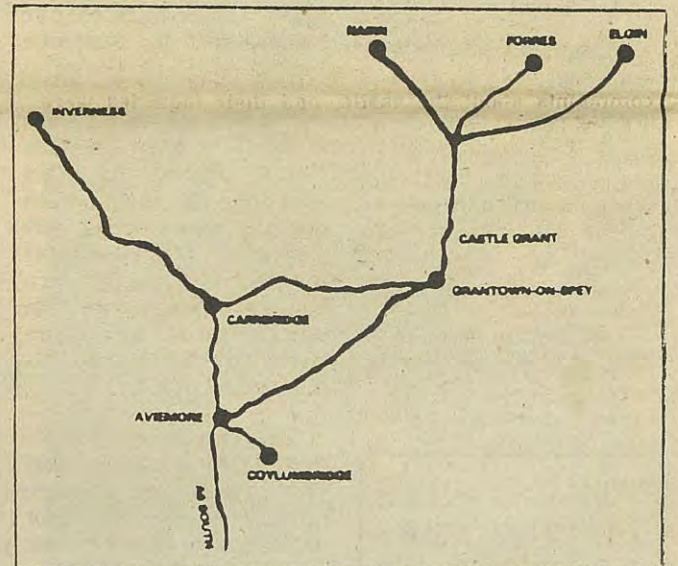
OPEN 15th April to 31st October
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TOUR PARTIES WELCOME

Castle Grant is one of Scotland's most important castles. It is 15th century with 18th century extensions by Robert Adam.

A unique opportunity to see a major Scottish Castle undergoing restoration.

You will also see Adam Rooms restored to their full splendour and furnished with period furnishings and a collection of Chinese Pottery.

- Other attractions include:
- Archery : Picnic Area
 - Gift Shop : Cafe
 - Fire Engine Rides



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Castle Grant Under Seige

REPORT
BY KEN
JONES

Over Attractions

TOURIST officials have withdrawn all publicity on Castle Grant from their eight information offices in Strathspey and Badenoch.

The move — following an investigation by the chairman of the local tourist organisation — is as a result of holidaymakers' complaints about the historic Granttown building.

And investigations were also expected to be completed this week by officials of the Highland Regional Council's consumer protection department, who have also received complaints about facilities at the castle.

Mr Mike Lawson, Aviemore and Spey Valley Tourist Officer, said: "The action in withdrawing all publicity facilities is fairly unique and is in response to the level of complaints we are getting. We are very concerned.

And in a letter to the 'Herald', a holidaymaker from Jersey said: "At a time when tourism is a fiercely competitive business, Granttown can ill afford a venture which is doing a great deal of damage to your town's image."

The castle was opened to the public on April 15 by Mrs Debra Stainwright-Ward, who owns 99 shares in a company known as Castle Grant Estates Ltd, and her husband, David, who holds one share.

"INTERESTING"

Publicity material distributed throughout the High-

lands promised "an interesting and fun day out for all the family in the heart of Speyside" for £1.50 a head.

Its leaflet — headed "Ghosts Galore" — added: "This truly great 15th century Scottish castle has fine Adam extensions with period furniture and a unique collection of Chinese pottery."

The leaflet also advertised other attractions as pitch and putt golf, archery (crossbows and longbows), picnic area, gift shop and cafe.

But Mr Lowson said that after a visit to the castle by Major Bill Dunlop, chairman of Aviemore and Spey Valley Tourist Organisation — of which the couple are members — it was decided to withdraw all publicity because, he alleged, "they are not providing the attractions which they advertise."

GROWN

Mr Lowson added: "We have had numerous complaints and as the town has got busier, so have the number of complaints grown, mainly on the grounds that the facilities there are not what have been advertised."

One couple who called at the 'Herald' office, Mr and Mrs Roger Green of Newcastle complained: "After touring extensively in Scotland this has been the one and only let-down."

Mr and Mrs Green visited the castle on Sunday. Afterwards, Mr Green said: "Rooms that were open were barely furnished with the main room having nothing more than a dining table, a few chairs and photographs."

"There were certainly no antiques and the furnishings that were there were inappropriate to the castle. The cafe facilities left much to be desired, considering that it is only £1.25 to tour Brodie Castle and £1.75 for Cawdor."

Another tourist who complained to the 'Herald', Mr David Anderson of Stonehaven, who has been holidaying in Aviemore, commented: "Judging by the number of direction signs to Castle Grant I fully expected to see a place of quality."

JUNK

"Instead I found little else but junk."

And in a letter to the 'Herald', Mr J. Collins of Haut du Mont Farm, Jersey, said: "What a let-down — and an expensive one at that. The memory I will take back to Jersey is one of cheap souvenirs and over-priced sweets. I leave sad and seething."

A spokesman for the regional council's roads department said that as the castle met the Scottish Development Department criteria — it was open more than 50 days a year and was a "listed" building — it had a statutory right to erect direction signs. These had been paid for and erected by Mr Ward.

Mr George Turnbull, the regional council's director of consumer protection, confirmed that officials had been carrying out investigations this week into complaints about the castle, and their inquiries were nearing completion.

A spokesman for Badenoch and Strathspey District Council's environmental health department added: "We are keeping an eye on the situation and an inspection of the premises has been arranged."

Mr and Mrs Ward have already been rapped by local planners for opening the castle in April without planning permission, and breaching "listed" building procedure by carrying out works there without approval.

Badenoch and Strathspey Divisional Planning Committee gave permission for them to open up — but ruled no work could take place on renovating the building until Government officials in Edinburgh gave the go-ahead.

This week, a decision was still awaited from the Scottish Development Department on whether "listed" building consent would be granted.

Mr Ward was shown a draft of the story and invited to reply, but declined.

CASTLE GRANT FIGHTS BACK

The owners and staff at Castle Grant would like to put forward a public response to the damaging article written by Ken Jones and printed in the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald of 6th July 1984

Out of the thousands who have visited Castle Grant, there have been approximately four written complaints. Over the past week we have asked people to write their views of the Castle. A sample of these are shown.

We would like to start by answering the

specific accusations written about the contents and facilities at Castle Grant.

1. The quote in Mr Jones article which states, "Rooms that were open were barely furnished with the main room having nothing more than a dining table, a few chairs and photographs" is not only untrue, but constitutes a serious defamation of character.

Castle Grant has more rooms on view than Cawdor Castle, with fine examples of period furniture in all of them. More rooms are being opened and furnished as the restoration work progresses.

2. Next, the quote that, "There were certainly no antiques and the furnishings that were there were inappropriate to the Castle", merely shows the historical and cultural ignorance of the writer, and deserves to be ignored. There are approximately 200 antiques (Pre 1830) on show throughout the Castle, and much of the furniture is of the Georgian period.

3. The facilities advertised on the publicity material are all available except for the Pitch and Putt Golf. For this we apologise, but we would like to make it clear that the lack of Golf is prominently declared on the gate so visitors are made fully aware of this deficiency BEFORE they pay to enter the Castle grounds. All other facilities are available as advertised, and we offer a selection of Archery (longbow and crossbow), Fire Engine rides and an Adventure Playground for children. Our Cafe is open to all visitors.

The recent history of Castle Grant does not seem to be mentioned in the "Report by Ken Jones". The Seafield family moved out just after World War II, leaving a lot of furniture in the house. The west wing had already been gutted by fire, and structural deterioration had begun. The abandoned building became a haven for local children, and vandals ran riot throughout the house. Every window was smashed and fires were lit on the beautiful Georgian floors. As the house fell into further disrepair dry rot and woodworm took a serious hold. The remaining furniture was removed by Seafield Estates, and the empty shell of Castle Grant was left to fall into ruin.

The Castle was finally sold to the present owners in October 1983 and the serious work of restoration was started. It was opened to the public in April 1984.

Every best wish on a task of colossal proportions and one which has been undertaken in the "nick of time"

A.J. Firth, Orkney

We were surprised to receive a written complaint from a Clan Grant member forwarded by David Blyth-Grant (secretary of the Clan Grant Society, and editor of "Standfast", the society magazine), bemoaning the lack of "original" furniture in Castle Grant.

Mr Blyth-Grant wrote upwards of one hundred letters regarding the purchase and condition of the Castle. An unsuccessful offer was subsequently made by the Clan Grant Society for the empty building.

Their intention was to have turned the Castle into a Visitors Centre. We wonder where they would have acquired the original Grant furniture which was sold at auction several years previously. Their complaint would appear to be invalid.

Mr Ken Jones, Editor of the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald, has written approximately six articles on the subject of Castle Grant, the last being his major front page feature on 6th

July 1984.

Very interesting — I would love to see it fully restored. You're doing a grand job
Jeremy Cobben, Edinburgh

We would like to point out to his regular readers that Mr Jones has not actually visited the Castle, so he has managed to write a "serious" report based entirely on hearsay and rumour. Is this an example of true investigative journalism or could it possibly be part of a biased smear campaign?

We were under the impression that the role of a local newspaper was to inform the community of the truth in local matters and to support local enterprise.

We are most disappointed that the Herald has failed to live up to community expectations, and has seen fit to print such a damaging "slur" on a venture which is trying its utmost to rescue and restore a major piece of Scotland's heritage.

We believe that a number of letters supporting Castle Grant have been sent to the offices of the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald. It will be interesting to see if these letters are published as examples of local feeling, or whether Mr Jones will choose to ignore them. It was stated in the report that Mr Ward was shown a copy of the article and declined to reply. **This is not true.** Mr Jones wished to retain the right to edit anything written by Mr Ward, and could therefore change the context of any reply given to him. In fact, a written response was

Enjoyed visit very much and I am hoping to return to see the restoration work. Just feel that it is a pity more people could not do this kind of work.
S. Beveridge, Edinburgh

given, stating that the article was considered to be libellous — this was not printed. We consider Mr Jones' article to be an example of the unacceptable face of journalism — trial by the media without the right of reply.

As a visitor from Australia whose forebears came from the Ogilvie and Grant Clans, I was very happy to see that the castle has been extensively restored, and that further restoration is currently proceeding. I should like to commend those responsible for the effort expended, and look forward to paying a further visit when the castle has been fully restored

Kenneth Hope Harris, Australia, 6/7/84

We have therefore taken the unusual step of distributing our own response to the local community, and we ask for your understanding and support in our attempts to attract tourism to the Strathspey area.

We feel that a visit to Castle Grant is a unique opportunity for the general public to see a castle under restoration, and that it should be of immense interest to visitors in the area.

If you wish to see Castle Grant for yourself, we will on receipt of this paper, give a 50 pence discount on our gate price.

We would also like to extend this invitation to Mr Ken Jones, to enable him to see for himself the inaccuracies and insensitiveness of his article.

The tour and Castle are most interesting — restoration and preservation of structures of this type aid students of history and architecture immeasurably.
M. Williams, USA

We hope you will use your own judgement as to the facts surrounding the restoration of Castle Grant, and we look forward to local support in our venture.

Proposed By--Laws

CLAN GRANT U.S.A., INC.

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Section 1.01. The purposes of CLAN GRANT, U.S.A., INC. (hereinafter the "corporation") shall be to preserve and promote the customs, traditions and heritage of Clan Grant. These purposes shall be carried in the conduct of the following activities:

(A) Literary — including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;

(B) Charitable — such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;

(C) Historical — especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);

(D) Educational — such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or colleges, and support of such Clan-related organizations as the Directors may select (e.g., Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust, Clan Grant Lands Trust, Scottish Heritage, Council of Scottish Clan Associations, St. Andrew's Societies).

(E) Cultural — such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Center in Scotland;

(F) Social and Recreational — promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the Clan; and

(G) Such other activities as the Board of Directors may determine will promote the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE II DIRECTORS

Section 2.01. Powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise expressly provided by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these By-laws, but the Directors shall act only as a Board and the individual Directors shall have no power as such.

The making of grants and contributions and otherwise rendering financial assistance for the purposes expressed in the Certificate of Incorporation shall be within the exclusive power of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.02. Regular and Special Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such places and times (but no less frequently than annually) as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, and, unless otherwise required by resolution of the Board of Directors, 30 days' notice of any such meeting shall be given. The President or Secretary may call, and upon written request signed by any two Directors, the Secretary shall call special meetings of the Board of Directors. Any meeting of the Board of Directors may be held within or without the State of Tennessee, as

designated in the notice of waiver of such notice of such meetings.

Section 2.03. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be in writing, signed by the President or Secretary, and shall be sent to each director by mail or telegram addressed to his last known address at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time designated for such meeting and shall state all business known to be on the agenda of said meeting.

Section 2.04. Waiver of Notice. Any meeting of directors held without due notice, and any action otherwise properly taken thereat, shall be valid if notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be waived in writing (including telegraph, cable or wireless) before, at or after such meeting by all directors to whom notices were not duly sent.

Section 2.05. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2.06. Action by Majority Vote. Except as otherwise expressly required by law or by these By-laws, the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.07. Proxies. Any director entitled to vote at any meeting may vote by proxy provided notice of question involved is given to the directors with notice of the meeting. The proxy shall be in writing and shall be revocable at the will of the director executing the same.

Section 2.08. Committees. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint committees to perform such duties and make such reports and recommendations as the Board may request. The President shall appoint chairmen of such committees as the Board may create.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 3.01. Officers. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each to have such duties or functions as are provided in these By-Laws or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 3.02. Election of Officers. The Convenor will be the President of the corporation. The Deputy Convenor will be the Vice President. The other officers of the corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.03. Term, Resignation, Removal and Filling Vacancies. Officers of the corporation shall serve for a term of three (3) years beginning with the January 1 following their election. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an officer may serve. Any officer may resign by any time orally or in writing, by notifying the Board of Directors or the President. The President or Vice

President may be removed from office at the will of the Chief of Clan Grant provided that a successor is named promptly. Any other officer may be removed from office by the majority vote of the directors then in office at a duly called meeting of directors with notice of the proposed removal; any vacancy so created shall be filled as soon as practicable by a majority vote of the directors then in office at a duly called meeting with notice of the proposed election. Any officer must be a commissioner.

Section 3.04. The President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have general supervision over its affairs, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees created by the Board of Directors.

In general, the President shall perform all the duties incident to the office of the chief executive officer of a non-profit corporation and such other duties as are provided for in these By-laws and as from time to time may be assigned him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.05. The Vice-President. The Vice-President shall generally assist the President in performing any duties assigned to the President and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the President or Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.06. The Secretary. The Secretary shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall keep the minutes thereof in the proper book or books to be provided for that purpose; he shall see that all notices required to be given by the corporation are duly given and served; he shall have charge of the other books, records and papers of the corporation; he shall see that the reports, statements and other documents required by law are properly kept and filed; and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 3.07. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and keep an account of all moneys received and expended on behalf of the corporation; shall deposit sums received by the corporation in the name of the Directors; shall make reports of the finances of the corporation at least annually to the Board of Directors and when called upon by the President; and shall perform such other duties as shall be directed by the Board of Directors or by the President. The funds, books and vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer shall at all times be subject to the inspection, supervision and control of the Board of Directors and the President and, at the expiration of his term of office, the Treasurer



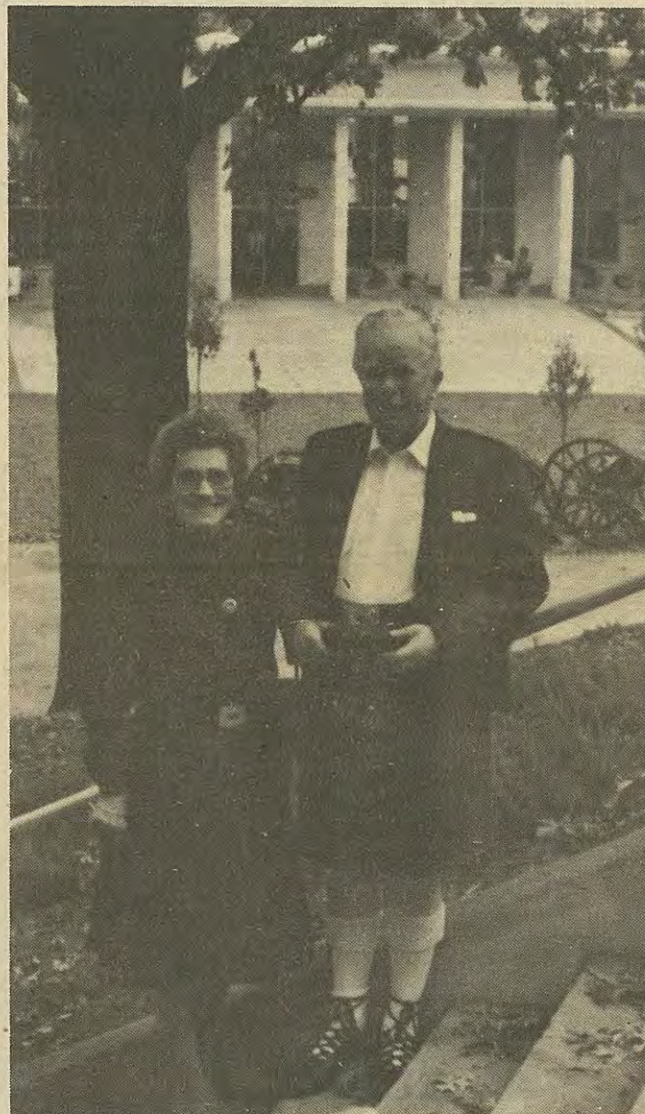
INFORMAL POSING, at rear Lucille Grant, Ann Grant-Knapp and George H. Grant face the camera, while George and Lucille's son Bill has his back to camera; Sir Patrick Grant, Margaret Grant of Elgin, Scotland, and Angus MacDonald pose to the right.

shall turn over to his successor in office all books, moneys and other properties in his possession.

Section 3.08. Regional and State Administrative Officers. The Board of Directors shall organize the Clan into geographical regions each of which shall have a Regional Commissioner and a Deputy Regional Commissioner, and in special cases, more than one Deputy Regional Commissioner with expressed consent of the Convenor, to be appointed by the Convenor with the consent of the Board of Directors. A Regional Commissioner and Deputy Regional Commissioner(s) shall serve at the pleasure of the Convenor for a term of three (3) years to begin on the January 1 following appointment with no limit on the number of terms that may be served. A Regional Commissioner or Deputy Regional Commissioner(s) may resign at any time, orally or in writing, by notifying the Board of Directors or the President of the corporation. Each Regional Commissioner shall have administrative responsibility for the activities of the corporation within his region. Each Deputy Regional Commissioner shall assist his Regional Commissioner in carrying out his duties.

Each Regional Commissioner shall appoint a State Commissioner and a Deputy State Commissioner for each State within his region. A State Commissioner and a Deputy State Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Regional Commissioners for a term of three (3) years to begin on the January 1 following appointment with no limit on the number of terms that may be served. A state Commissioner and a Deputy State Commissioner may resign at any time, orally or in writing, by notifying his Regional Commissioner. Each State Commissioner shall have administrative responsibility for the activities of the corporation within his State. Each Deputy State Commissioner shall assist his State Commissioner in carrying out his duties.

Each State Commissioner shall appoint within his jurisdiction one or more



CYCLORAMA VISIT by Walter and Margaret Grant of Elgin, Scotland, during their two-week October visit to the United States.

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Proposed Certificate of Incorporation of CLAN GRANT, U.S.A., Inc.

FIRST: The name of the corporation is CLAN GRANT, U.S.A., Inc.

SECOND: Its registered office in the State of Tennessee and is located at 301 Masters Road; Hixson, Tn 37343 and its registered agent is the corporation.

THIRD: The purposes of the corporation shall be to preserve and promote the customs, traditions and heritage of Clan Grant. These purposes shall be carried out through the conduct of the following activities:

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F. Social and Recreational — promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the Clan; and

G. Such other activities as the Board of Directors may determine will promote the purposes of the corporation.

FOURTH: This corporation shall be non-stock and organized not for profit. It shall be a membership organization. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, social and recreational purposes and is specifically intended to qualify as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 as amended.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose fourth in Article THIRD.

In liquidation, dissolution or receivership, either voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, the Board of Directors of this corporation shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the total net assets of the corporation to such

corporations, associations or institutions established for and engaged in furthering educational, charitable, social or recreational purposes as the then existing Board of Directors may determine to be best suited to the accomplishment of said purposes, and provided that such organization to which such disposition of the net assets of this corporation shall be made shall be an organization exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c).

In furtherance of the purposes, and subject to the aforesaid express restrictions, the corporation shall have the power to receive, collect, solicit, and hold funds, gifts, and contributions of property and money, to take by bequest, devise, gift, contribution, donation, transfer, grant, assignment, purchase, lease or otherwise, real, personal and mixed property; to buy, sell, deal with, invest and reinvest the principal and surplus income therefrom and to distribute any of the same; to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation or association; and generally to exercise all and every power which a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Tennessee for charitable, educational, social and recreational purposes can be authorized to exercise, including the power to do any acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in this Certificate of Incorporation.

FIFTH: The name and mailing address of the incorporator is as follows:

NAME
George H. Grant
MAILING ADDRESS
301 Masters Road, Hixson, Tn 37343

SIXTH: The corporation is to have perpetual existence.

SEVENTH: The private property of the officers, directors, or contributors to the corporation shall not be subject to the payment of

corporate debts to any extent whatever.

EIGHTH: The business and affairs of this corporation shall be governed and controlled by a Board of Directors composed of the persons holding the following positions of responsibility in the Clan: The Convenor, the Deputy Convenor, and the Regional Commissioners. The persons holding these positions on the date of incorporation shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed as follows: the Convenor and Deputy Convenor shall be appointed by the Chief of Clan Grant. Each Regional Commissioner shall be appointed by the Convenor with the advice of the state commissioners in the respective region. The Board of Directors may from time to time reorganize, consolidate or create new regions if it deems such action in the best interest of the corporation. Directors shall serve for a term of three(3) years beginning on the January 1 following their appointment. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a director may serve. A director may resign at any time, orally or in writing, by notifying the Board of Directors or the President of the corporation.

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Tennessee, the Board of Directors of this corporation is expressly authorized and empowered, if for the purposes and not in violation of the express restrictions set forth in Articles THIRD and FOURTH, to do the following:

To alter or amend the by-laws.

To set apart out of any of the funds of the corporation lawfully available a reserve or reserves for any proper purposes and to alter or abolish such reserves; to authorize and cause to be executed notes, bonds, mortgages, contracts and liens upon or with respect to any property, real, personal or mixed of this corporation.

From time to time to

determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations the books and accounts of this corporation or any of them shall be open to public inspection, and no person shall have any right to inspect any account or books or documents of the corporation, except as conferred by law or authorized by the resolution

of the Board of Directors.

To sell, lease or exchange all of its property and assets, including its corporate franchise, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, when as authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors then in office.

The corporation may by its By-laws confer such ad-

ditional powers, if for the purposes and not in violation of the express restrictions set forth in Articles THIRD and FOURTH, to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on the Board of Directors and officers are granted subject to this reservation.

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assistants to serve at the pleasure of the State Commissioner for a term of three (3) years to begin on the January 1 following appointment with no limit on the number of terms that may be served. Assistants may resign at any time, orally or in writing, by notifying their State Commissioner.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 4.01. Eligibility. No one may be accepted as a member of the corporation unless the applicant is of the name and the blood of Grant, however spelled, or of the blood, or of the name and the blood, or of the blood of a Clan Grant branch or sept, however spelled, or is the spouse or legally adopted child or any of the above.

Section 4.02. Classes of Membership. There shall be five classes of membership:

A. Family (annual) — to include the member, his or her spouse and all dependent children;

B. Life — to include the member's spouse;

C. Honorary Life — a clansman who may be so honored by unanimous vote of the directors; and

D. Friend — one who may be appointed by the Convenor, the Deputy Convenor or a Regional Commissioner in recognition of outstanding service to the clan, but is not a clansman and therefore not eligible for memberships A, B, C. His membership card shall be clearly marked, "Friend."

Section 4.03. Membership Dues. Membership dues and fees shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall also determine from time to time the amount of additional fees which may be assessed against Members by the Regional Commissioner to Clan-related activities within the respective regions.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 5.01. Annual Meeting. The Members' Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.02. Special Business Meetings. A special Members' business meeting may be held at the discretion and instance of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.03. Quorum. Twenty Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5.04. Notice of Meetings. Notices for the Annual Meeting and special business meetings shall be in

writing, signed by the President or Secretary, and shall be mailed first class no more than sixty (60) days nor less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said meeting and such notice shall state all business known to be on the agenda of said meeting.

ARTICLE VI FISCAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 6.01. Membership Dues and Fees. Annual dues shall be paid to the Regional Commissioner or his designated Commissioner to be forwarded to the Treasurer. Life membership fees shall be paid directly to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall establish appropriate savings, investment and checking accounts for the deposit and maintenance of all corporate funds. The Convenor is authorized to expend funds received as annual dues and any earnings thereon together with any earnings of life membership fees and contributions as he sees fit for Clan-related expenses; he may not expend any other corporate funds except with the consent of the Board of Directors.

All corporate funds shall be invested at the direction of the Finance Committee which shall consist of the Convenor, as Chairman, plus the Treasurer and three others selected by the Board of Directors from among the Commissioners. The Finance Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors on financial matters.

Each regional Commissioner shall establish appropriate savings, investment and checking accounts for the deposit and maintenance of funds which he receives for Clan-related activities. All such funds, except for dues which are to be forwarded to the Treasurer, may be dispensed at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner for Clan-related activities. Each Regional Commissioner shall make a report to the Treasurer within 30 days of the end of each calendar year listing all income and disbursements for that year with respect to said funds.

Section 6.02. Executive of Contracts. The Board of Directors, except as these By-laws otherwise require, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, in the name and on behalf of the corporation to enter into any contractor execute and satisfy any instrument, and any such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 6.03. Checks,

Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts and other orders for payment of money out of the funds of the corporation and all notes and other evidences of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed on behalf of the corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 6.04. Calendar Year Record Keeping. The corporation's (and the Regional Commissioner's) books and records shall be kept on a calendar year basis.

ARTICLE VII COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

No part of the net earnings or profits of the corporation shall inure to the benefit or private profit of the corporation's directors, officers, or to any member of their families, or to any individual, nor shall the corporation aid any organization or corporation conducted for the benefit of or private profit of its stockholders. Nothing herein shall prohibit the provision of charitable aid to a Clansman or a dependent of a Clansman in distress and all activities and all aid of the corporation shall be solely for charitable, literary, educational, social or recreational purposes. No director or officer shall receive any compensation, either directly or indirectly, for acting as such.

ARTICLE VIII SEAL

The Board of Directors may provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall bear the full name of the corporation and the year of its incorporation.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

Any one or more of the provisions of these By-laws may, at any duly constituted regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, be amended by changing, altering, suspending, supplementing or repealing the same, by a majority vote of the directors present and entitled to vote at such meeting.

ARTICLE X OFFICES

Section 10.01. The registered office of the corporation shall be in Tennessee.

Section 10.02. The corporation shall also have offices at such other places both within and without Tennessee as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation shall require.

B A L L O T

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Please send ballot AT ONCE to George H. Grant, 302 Masters Rd., Hixson, TN 37343

The Bonnet Stone of Kinveachy

By

David Grant Blyth

It may be of interest to put on record something of the history of Kinveachy where what is believed to have been the largest gathering of the Clan Grant for 70 years took place at a reception at Kinveachy Lodge, near Boat of Garten, Strathspey, in June 1981, at the generous invitation of the Clan Grant Society of North America.

Kinveachy's principal claim to fame lies in its Clach-na-bonnaid or Bonnet

Stone, so called as the outcome of an incident concerning Colin Grant of Kinveachy following a practical joke he played on Ian Dhu Gear MacGregor of Tulloch, a well-known cateran (Highland poacher).

One evening, after a long day's pursuit, Ian Dhu Gear succeeded in killing a fine stag on the land of Colin Grant of Kinveachy. He considered it to be too risky, however, to try to remove the whole carcass in one piece without being seen. So

he cut it up and hid the various parts with the intention of removing them later in smaller and less easily recognisable pieces. He deposited the hind-quarters of the stag, weighed down with stones, at the bottom of a pool in a nearby stream.

Soon after the area was visited by Colin Grant of Kinveachy who was searching for a stray foal which had been missing for several days. He found the foal, pinned under a fallen boulder from a landslide. The foal was dead but, as leather was always in short supply, Colin Grant extricated the dead beast and removed its hide for

processing. This was a messy business do, when he was finished, he went down to the nearby stream to wash his hands. Here he found Ian Dhu Gear's cache of venison lying deep in the clear water.

Recognising at once the work of a poacher, and having a shrewd idea who the poacher was, Colin Grant smiled to himself. He did not like Ian Dhu Gear and his ways, and here was a chance to scare off him. Going back to the carcass of the dead foal, he cut off its hind-quarters and put them in place of the venison which he appropriated for his own table.

Next night, under cover of darkness, Ian Dhu Gear duly retrieved his spoils. He was entertaining a lady of quality that evening and he was

anxious that the fare should be of the best. What could surpass a fresh haunch of venison?

"Who killed this meat?" the lady asked, after tasting her first bite of the launch.

"I did, on the land of Colin Grant of Kinveachy" was Dhu Gear's boastful reply.

"Then you must have ridden it to death — and that some weeks ago," was the lady's tart response. "Bless me, Ian, will your nose not be smelling at all?"

It was some minutes before Ian Dhu Gear realised how he had been deceived. Then he vowed a silent oath that, when he found out who had played this trick on him, the culprit would be made to pay for his practical joke. As it happened, it did not prove to be too difficult to find out who was responsible for he met Colin Grant of Kinveachy some days later. While they were talking, a favourite mare in the Kinveachy pasture greeted her master with a loud whinny.

"It's quiet you should be, my lady," called out Colin

Grant and he could not resist adding "this is Ian Dhu Gear, the cateran, I have with me and surely you know that no deer is safe while he is around."

"Would you be for suggesting that I do not know the difference between a deer and a horse?" asked Ian Dhu Gear quietly.

"That's what I've heard tell" laughed Colin Grant as he turned on his heel to walk away. He did not get far. He had taken only two steps when he was lying on the sward and Ian Dhu Gear was wiping blood from his sgian on the hem of his kilt.

"This time no-one will interfere with my cache," said Ian Dhu Gear grimly after he had buried his victim too deep and too carefully for anyone to find. As a final gesture he set the dead Colin Grant's bonnet on top of a tall stone as an intimation to searchers that he whom they sought would never be seen again.

Ever since that time, the tall standing stone at Kinveachy has been called the "Bonnet Stone."

Stone Mountain Games Described

By

Charles MacDonald

October 11-14, 1984 was the weekend to be there — an occasion packed with events, filled with camaraderie, but best of all enjoyed by many Grants for this the 12th Annual Games. The weather cooperated with fine hand-nice warm days that staved off the rain until 5 p.m. Sunday as all were leaving to return to their pads.

We were all delighted to make the acquaintance of Margaret and Walter Grant from Elgin, Scotland — they had come over earlier in the week and were brought by Lucille and George from Chattanooga. Their good-natured banter made it a bonnie occasion for all of us. From here there were plans to have them fly to Virginia care of Betty and Kyle Bowie, then to Arlington area to be with Mildred and Gordon Grant. While Walter is a contractor, (his two sons were minding the store in his absence), he is also a Master Salesman in charming our folks to join the Grant Scottish Trek next year.

We were again pleased to have Sir Patrick of Dalvey visiting at the Games at the start of a U.S.-Canadian trip. He was accompanied on this occasion by Angus MacDonald, a premier piper. Angus was with the Scots Guards for some 15 years, and if my memory is correct, he coauthored one of the standard works on piping. At Stone Mountain, he played with the British Caledonian Pipe Band — they were the featured band returning.

The Thursday night Tattoo had some new features of Grant interest. There were four sets of Scottish Country Dancers doing one part of the show, and in one set were our John A (Angus) Grant and his Patrice. (John's mother was visiting here at the time from California). Another performing group was the Fraser Holmes Memorial Ladies Pipe Band from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. The Drum Major turned out to be Joan Grant (Mrs. J.J. Grant), of which more later. The whole program was a delight and better, if possible, than two years ago; much of the pleasure comes from seeing and greeting your fellow Scots coming in for the

weekend.

Again, we as a Clan owe many Thanks to Linda and Hank Grant for hosting the Friday evening cocktail party. They go all out to make it a festive bash and many of the guests stayed so late that we almost did a Cinderella. It was nice too to hear of more of the details of Linda and Hank's trip to the Western Isles last Spring.

The more formal Clan Dinner was arranged by Hank at the "nearby" Plankhouse Restaurant for Saturday night. This is the one time when all the Grants are together-local and visitors- and about 35 attended. The Southern pace of the dinner courses gave us plenty of time for chatter and stories- the speeches were brief but many were delayed getting off to the Cellidh, but lo and behold, the first session ran late, too, so the timing worked out all right.

As for the games themselves, we are pleased and glad to announce the participation of our John A. Grant in the Amateur Competition which included the Hammer Toss, the Sheaf Toss' and the Caber Toss. He did respectably in the Hammer and Sheaf, and then managed a 2:30 Caber Turn-this gave him a fourth place.

Now back to the Fraser Holmes Ladies Pipe Band, and Joan Grant of New Glasgow. The band had practiced last year for the Halifax Tattoo (International Year '83) and were encouraged by Norman McKenzie to come to Atlanta. They held several events to raise the funds and made it here. They won a first place in the Novice Class. Upon our inquiry for Grants, Joan was the Drum Major-her husband runs the J.J. Grant Lumber Company there. He is better known to us as a Brigadier General in the Nova Scotia Highlanders of the Reserves. He addressed the N.S. Clan Dinner last Summer — but could not come to Atlanta as a Ceremony was being held at Toronto that weekend. Joan came to the Saturday night Clan Dinner — she knew our New Glasgow Cousins — Peter and Anna Grant — both women are in the Rebekahs there, no direct relation that she knows

STRATHSPEY

By

David Grant Blyth

What throbbing emotions, what imperishable associations, are awakened in thousands of bosoms by the bare announcement of the simple word "Strathspey"? It embodies the distinctions of the Clans with their tartans, emblems and slogans; with their music, now arousing the martial spirit by its pibrochs, exciting the gay and lively dance by those reels that derive their specific name from it, or moving to pity by its plaintive wailings in the coronach (dirge) over the dead. Who but a Highlander can appreciate the strikingly figurative strains of its poetry, or recount with such a glow of enthusiasm the honours of his Chieftain or the contests of his followers with rival Clans? There is not a turn of the Spey, nor a pass in the mountains, nor the name of an estate, that does not recall to mind some wild legend of the olden times or some thrilling event

about, family-wise.

We kept looking for Shirley and Phil Smith — he had been scheduled to head up a Gaelic Learners Speaking Contest, which did not come off. If we heard it correctly, there was a problem of sickness in her California family — so we want them to know that we hope things turned out well for them.

One of the visitors to the Tent was Hulda Ellen Grant Burchfield of Atlanta — she told us of her Grandfather who is 102 years old. In the discussion of her connection, our George asked her to send in his name and he would be made a life member.

In closing, we must express for the visitors, the appreciation and thanks for the Hospitality that made it such a fine weekend. To Linda and Hank for opening their home and putting on such a fine affair. And also to John C. Grant for handling the nuts and bolts of the arrangements for the Motel and keeping the finances straight.

of the more recent past; not a Castle that has not withstood its siege or been enveloped in flames; not a dark pool or a gloomy loch that has not its tale of guilt or superstition; not a manse that has not had a Minister who eminently served his Master; nor a town that is not remembered as the birthplace of some who have earned distinction in the literature, the commerce or the arms of their country. What a field is opened up to the investigator of the manners of the past when one turns from the Castle to the cairn or from the kirk to the cromlech (circle of prehistoric standing stones). In the mind's eye one can see the ancient inhabitants of these straths pursuing the cruel rites of the Druidical circle with offerings of human sacrifices; or trace the slow struggle between the forces of light and darkness ere Christianity diffused its message of peace and goodwill.

Wandering through the solemn forests, or traversing the long stretches of brown heath where the silence is broken only by the hum of the bee among the purple hills, the strain and stress of city life is eased, emotions are stimulated, and the clamant cares of daily living can be seen against a truer perspective and be exposed as the shams they so often are. Ascending the rugged summits of the hills what heart does not feel the insignificance of human striving and respond to the refreshing benison of the soul which Nature provides?

These are some of the feelings that arise in the breast of the emigrant Highlander as he remembers the land of his fathers' birth; but they are also within the reach, and may be personally appropriated as the experience, of the visiting tourist who feels upon his face the invigorating influence of the mountain breeze and admires the "sublime and beautiful" in the scenery that surrounds the banks of the Spey.



AT THE GAMES are Walter Grant of Elgin, Scotland, John C. Grant, of Stone Mountain, Clan Treasurer, and Kyle Bowie, of Virginia.



AT HANK'S DOOR for the Friday night party are Mrs. Betty MacDonald of Imminence, Ky., Sir Patrick Grant, Bt., of Glasgow, Scotland, and Mrs. Margaret Grant, of Elgin Scotland.

Mrs. Maxcy describes Kentucky Weekend

Kathleen Maxcy, after seven hospital stays and two major operations, is still active and interested in Clan Grant, sending the following account of the Scottish weekend in General Butler State Park, Kentucky, which she found "So delightful that even my gift o' the gab cannot do it justice."

"Festivities began with the Highland Games Parade starting at the Visitor's Center in downtown Carrollton, Ky., and ending at the Courthouse. Four pipe bands and one brass band led beautiful teens in short-short kilts, followed by Cub

Scouts, Boy Scouts and Brownies. The Clansmen with their flags marched proudly behind them.

"The park, surrounded by mountains, made a lovely setting for everything from the caber toss to the dogs chasing ducks into a pen. Howard Miller was M.C., and decorated the field with his collection of flags.

"On Saturday, at least, the sun shone kindly and we could enjoy the various events to the fullest. The lodge provided a wonderful dinner to those who had not stuffed themselves with

Scottish meat pies. (I call them Saturday pies, but that is another story!)

"In the evening we attended the most enjoyable Ceilidh we can remember in our twelve years of game attendance. In addition to expert entertainment by highland dancers, country dancing, and clog dancing, everyone was invited to join in games of the 'follow the leader' type amid gales of laughter. A beautiful gray-haired dance teacher led in all this and did a marvelous job. We ended with a 'community sing' led by

Ivan MacArthur and of course Auld Lang Syne.

On Sunday the weather was not so kind -- in pouring rain we huddled in the marquee for the kirkin' of the tartans. The service was led by Rev. John Simpson of Imminence, Ky., and he read Robert Burns' beautiful poem, 'A Man's a man for a' that.' I kept up with him, every word and phrases like 'Ye see yon bukie ca'ed a land' really took me back. We took leave of each other and solemnly agreed that the Kentucky Scottish Week-end was one of the best."



FISH STORY? Walter Grant, left, seems convinced, but George Grant, center, is sceptical, as John C. Grant, Clan Treasurer, right, appears to be telling a big fish story!

The Castle of Ballindaloch

By

David Grant Blyth

The first Laird of Ballindaloch was Sir Patrick Grant (who was the second son of Sir Duncan Grant, ninth Laird o' Grant in succession to Gregory de Grant, Sheriff Principal of Inverness in the reign of King Alexander II). When the Laird of Ballindaloch resolved to build himself a Castle, he chose a site for it on the high bank of a tributary to the River Aven which became known as the "Castle Stripe." Indeed, there are still some old foundations on the summit of this bank which are not lacking their legendary history. The site having been chosen, the masons were set to work and, in a few days, the walls had risen by the height of several courses above the level of the ground. Great was the surprise of the workmen, however, when on returning to their work one morning they found that the newly-erected walls had disappeared. Additional hands were set to work and the

walls soon attained their former height but once again on the following morning nothing was left but the foundations! The sequence of alternate building and demolition was repeated for a third time. Once more a day's labour was bestowed on the walls and, after due consultation, a guard was set.

The stilly midnight arrived and with it came a powerful wind from Ben Rinnes that grew stronger as it continued. Amid the howling of the blast as it passed overhead frequent slashes could be heard in the River Aven below and, as the whirlwind was dying away on the mountains on the far side of the Spey, there was the sound of an unearthly laugh. In the morning the terrified guards found that, once again, the walls had been obliterated.

The Laird of Ballindaloch now resolved to mount guard himself accompanied by his faithful henchman. In the course of the day the despoiled work was made good once again and, as

night fell, the Laird and his faithful servant took up their stance actually on the rising walls of the Castle. As the witching hour of night approached, the wail of the rising tempest could be heard. It was speedily upon them and, in an instant, Master and man were both whirled through the air and jammed into the branches of a nearby holly tree. They could hear the stones of the Castle walls plunging into the River below. Then came the awful laugh of the preceding night followed by an eldritch voice which thrice repeated "Build in the Cow-haugh!" The site on the high bank of the River was accordingly abandoned and new foundations were excavated on the beautiful haugh (an area of low, level ground beside a river) which stretches between the Aven and the Spey a little below the point there they meet. Certainly, the position of the Castle, at the bottom of a wooded bank instead of at its summit, requires some legend to account for a situation so unlike that commonly chosen for a fortified building that should both furnish an outlook to its owners and present as great an obstacle as possible to their assailants.

Ballindaloch is generally considered to be a perfect specimen of the old Scottish Castle. It consists of a square building flanked by three circular towers. The tower in the centre is the largest. It contains the ancient outside door and turnpike stair surmounted by a watch-tower called the "Cape House." Immediately above the entrance there is an aperture through which boiling lead might be poured on any enemy who had penetrated the outer defences. The date 1546 is carved over the chimney piece in one of the rooms. The Cape House seems to have been added by Patrick Grant in 1602 and the addition of the two commodious wings was made about the beginning of the 18th century. The waters of the great flood of 1829 rose three feet in the rooms of the

Power of motto even in U.S.

The motto of Clan Grant is "Stand Fast Craigellachie." In the Gaelic "craig elachie" means literally "rock of alarm." The use of these words as a Clan motto is based on the fact that they echo the Clan rallying cry. At times of threatened attack a beacon was lit on Craig Elachie, the "rock of alarm" — a prominent rocky escarpment near Aviemore in the heart of Strathspey. The beacon was recognized as a call from the Laird o' Grant asking his clansmen to rally round him in defence of their territory.

A story, illustrating the power of the old slogan on members of the Clan, is told about the former President of the United States, General Ulysses S. Grant. During a Presidential Election campaign General Grant was making a tour through one of the States where support for him was only lukewarm. Members of his political entourage were delivering addresses on his

ground floor and rushed through the vaulted passages. They filled the garden four feet deep with silt and sand and, as they receded, they left only the tops of the fruit-trees visible which, being laden with fruit, presented a most unusual and melancholy spectacle.

Several of the Lairds of Ballindaloch have followed the military profession and others have devoted themselves to the improvement of their estate. General James Grant of Ballindaloch defeated Count d'Estaing, and was Governor of Florida for many years. At the time of his death in 1806 he was Governor of Stirling Castle. In accordance with his own directions his remains were buried in a favourite spot which commands a view of the Spey and of the Barony of Ballindaloch. A handsome stone pillar has been erected there bearing a marble slab recording his various appointments and the dates of his birth and death. A thriving plantation on the sloping ground adds to the beauty of the scene.

behalf from an observation car on a "whistle stop" tour as it was generally conceded that the President himself was a much better soldier than he was a speaker.

At one stop a Scotsman and an American citizen were talking about the grim, taciturn soldier, Grant, who, the American said, appeared to be devoid of all human emotion. The Scotsman said, "I believe I can rouse him to show emotion and enthusiasm." A bet was laid. When the car with the

President stopped, the Scotsman waved his hat and shouted "Stand Fast Craigellachie!" The effect was instantaneous. The President's face lit up; gone was his grim, warrior-like expression; returning the salutation, he smilingly bowed his acknowledgement of his welcome. The Scotsman then explained that the magic of the words "Stand Fast Craigellachie" was that they were the ancient war cry of Clan Grant. The bet was won.

Secretary's Notes

Do any of you know anything about D. Grant, Master of the Steamship Wyoming out of Louisville? Sounds like a story somewhere — noticed his ad in an old paper or journal called Maximilian but no date. Not sure if the Master is Master builder or Master of the ship! Perhaps a reader can enlighten us.

Our former Regional Commissioner Edward Grant in Northern California is now in Minnesota! California's loss will be Minnesota's gain! Ed has worked steadily for Clan Grant — and that's not always easy to do when you

are so far from the action! But take his example — make the action where you are! Our Commissioners in Texas, Arizona and Oregon are also hard workers. If you have relatives in these states, tell them about Clan Grant!

Remember, membership in Clan Grant makes a nice Christmas gift for those in the family who are hard to buy for! (Or birthday, Father's Day, etc. etc.)

New York finally did it! October's new membership list has five new members — all of whom come from New York! Congratulations to these hard workers, too!

Welcome to New Members

The following persons are welcomed into the Grant Clan Association having joined in September and October:

CAIRNS, Mr. Robert, 280 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

CARLOCK, Jr., Rev. & Mrs. Herbert, 122 Netherland Road, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Donald, 317 Academy Street, Ft. Mill, SC 29715.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. 1250 Crestmont, Angwin, CA 94508.

GRANT, III, Mr. George William, Rt. 4, Box 338, High Point, NC 27263.

HITCHLER, Mary Lou, 918 Oneida Street, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805.

HO, Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth, 4902 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13219.

CAMP, Mr. Milton, 2385 King Richards Road, Melbourne, FL 32981.

GRIFFIN, Mrs. Irma

Mae, Roxbury, NY 12475.

FOLEJEWSKI, Mrs. Doris C., 120 Helen Street, Binghamton, NY 13905.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart D., 32 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Willard E., Shale Place, R.D. 1, Box 67, Ghent, NY 12075.

LANDRE, Mr. & Mrs. James Paul, R.D. 2, Box 7A, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

The following four persons have moved and sent their new addresses:

Mrs. Marilyn P. Grant, 2388-M Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033

Mr. Theron Grant, III, 608 Bond Street, Apt. 11, Ruston, LA 71270

Mr. & Mrs. James Stablein, 8609 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Grant, 37 Park Circle, Cherokee, NC 28719.



GRANT ATHLETE John Angus Grant, center, congratulated by Convenor George H. Grant, left, and Charles MacDonald, of Kentucky.

Contributions needed for Scot Children

In 1815 England was fighting for her life. Several Scottish Regiments served with distinction while Napoleon was meeting defeat at Waterloo. Less well-known is the fact that many of the fallen had wives and children waiting in the London area, families left stranded with no one to care for them. The, then, Duke of Kent, father of the future Queen Victoria, realized this sad situation and did something about it by

establishing the Royal Caledonian Schools, which exist to this very day under the capable guidance of the Master, Captain Roi E. Wilson, CBE, DFC, RN.

The Schools were established at a time when these destitute children lived in London. Today, the brief has broadened. The children now come from all parts of the United Kingdom, and, as always, the Schools are primarily concerned with children from Service

families. Some come from families disrupted by the death or disability of a father; others are the children of divorce or domestic disharmony. Some are simply the children of soldiers, sailors, or airmen serving abroad, or whose postings have led to constant changes of home and school. Others, unconnected with the Armed Forces, are Scottish children deprived by misfortune of a normal home life. There are only

two criteria; the first is need, and the second is that one parent be Scottish.

Situated at Bushey, in the pleasant Hertfordshire countryside, the Royal Caledonian Schools offer a home, companionship, security, and sometimes a refuge, to boys and girls of Scottish parentage. The children attend local day schools and "The Calley" has become, simply, home: home to be returned to when the school days are over, where a welcome waits and there is help and encouragement with hobbies, sports, and homework, and assurance of guidance, comfort, warmth and love. Above all, the children are "cared for" in the old-fashioned sense during term, their holidays being spent with parents, relatives, or friends.

Our children need the Schools. The Schools need your contributions. Will you help us to forge another link in the chain of endeavour from 1815 onwards:

Contributions are deductible and may be made to either the Argyll Educational Society or to the Glencoe Foundation, Inc. In either case, be sure to mark your contribution "Children" to ensure that your generosity will be used as intended.

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Kentucky Weekend

May 10-12, 1985

"As you know, Betty and I have been active in the launching of this event, serving on the Planning Committee with work going forward toward the 3rd Games which are scheduled to be held May 10-12, 1985. My main job is Treasurer.

"We have received much support from our Grants — the Clan is one of the early Sponsors. Lucille and George just about busted their butts to be with us last year, and plan to come again next year. Already the Maxceys of Dunedin, Florida, sent in their reservations, and Bill and Doris Matthews plan to come again. Even John Angus Grant will try to come for the athletics.

"We also have as Sponsors, Robert and Ann-Grant Miller of Indianapolis, both of whom came last year and attend many Games — he has just been named Deputy Commissioner of Clan Donald for Indiana.

"Our deepest thanks to our Clan and its members for the past and present support."

Charles and Betty
MacDonald

Grants also Fought for South

By Kyle Bowie

While almost every American knows that Gen. U.S. Grant was in command of the U.S. Army at Appomattox Court House, Va., when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army, not too many people know that many Grants were serving under Gen. Lee.

Many, many Scottish Grant families settled and proliferated in Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia in the 1700's, and by the mid-Nineteenth century had spread throughout the South.

In the Archives section of the Virginia State Library in Richmond, Va., historians have compiled a card file of all the names of those individuals who served in the Virginia regiments in the 1861-1865 war. Each card shows the name and rank of the individual as well as the company and regiment, and where that person's name is found on the rosters of the various companies. Most of the rosters are annotated with facts about each individual's part in the war.

They also have a book

which tells where each company was raised in 1860-61. Ask at the counter for "A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations 1861-65," by Leo A. Wallace, Jr.; published by the Virginia Civil War Commission, Richmond, Va.: 1964.

In searching the files I found listed 73 Grants, 21 Bowies, 42 Pratts, 8 Allans, and 5 Bissetts.

Several of the Grants are listed as having been present at Appomattox along with a couple of Bowies and Pratts.

Genealogists in the Society may wish to visit the Virginia State Library to research ancestry. In addition to the above, the library has a number of other records such as wills and deeds for most of the counties in the state.

I do not know if the library will reply to written inquiries; libraries unable to look up specific questions usually refer the writer to a list of qualified research persons. I am sure that other states that were part of the Confederacy have additional Grants in their archives as well.

Walter Grants

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ten line.

"We stayed with George and Lucille for two days and were made to feel like one of the family.

"Our highlights in Chattanooga were having lunch on a River Boat with George, Matt and families and a trip on the Incline Railway with a walk around the mountain top.

"Then it was back to the big city of Atlanta and the Stone Mountain Highland Games. The Tattoo was tremendous and was just the forerunner of something special. The weather was perfect all through the Games and we were happy to meet so many Grants from all quarters. One of the highlights of the Games was the March past of the Clans

— we will never forget this, of course we also participated in the whisky tasting, the Clan dinner and the Cabaret Show.

"We also met Kyle and Betty Bowie, members of our Clan, and later spent two glorious days at their home in Virginia. For the best part of a day we toured Virginia and finished with a visit to the scene of the Signing of the Treaty between General Lee and General Grant. We were sorry to fly away from Lynchburg.

"Then it was Washington where George had contacted Gordon and Mildred Grant to book accommodations for us. Gordon's father came from Aberdeen so that we had a lot in common. Gordon is an attorney in Washington and took time off to show us

some of the sights. A visit to the Washington Golf and Country Club for dinner also the Smithsonian Institute and Arlington Cemetery were the highlights. We also found time to visit the White House. A beautiful city of character.

"Every day seemed to be better than the preceding one with kindness all the way! It was a marvelous trip!

"Then back to New York where we stayed overnight before joining the Queen Elizabeth for our trip back to Southampton. We had 2 extra days on the Q.E. 2 due to a breakdown in one of the engines. We arrived in England on Sunday forenoon 4th November and were back home in Elgin just after tea time on the same day."



FERGUS GRANTS, in front of the Grant Tent, on Aug. 11, 1984.



READY FOR PARADE, the Grant Clan gathers in front of the banners around Sir Patrick Grant, Baronet, center with beard, his personal banner being carried by John Angus Grant; John C. Grant and George H. Grant flank Sir Patrick.



RICHARD B. AND MINERVA CROSBY of Stockton, ME. Minerva's 2nd great-grandfather, Donald Grant, came from Scotland to Maine and married Charlotte Smith. There are currently two Douglas's in the family, her son and grandson, both busily trying to keep up with her! She recently underwent three operations, and hasn't slowed down a bit.



MAINE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Crosby of Stockton, ME.