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Clan Grant Visit to Scotland Immensely Enjoyed

The following is a combination of two stories from the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald, written in August, during the tour.)

Clansmen returned to their homelands last week and saw the hills and glens of their forebears.

They came armed with their cameras and family trees, all eager to trace their roots and their heritage.

The 30 visitors to Strathspey and Spey Valley were all members of the American branch of the Clan Grant Society.

The visit had been organized by head of an Elgin construction firm and Nethybridge native Mr. Walter Grant who, along with his wife Margaret, last year attended the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta.

As a guest of the convener of the American branch, Mr. George Grant, Walter headed the Clan Grant parade at the games, along with officials of the American clans Association.

During last week's visit the party — staying with local folk throughout the area — were accompanied by the Hon James Grant, son of clan chief Lord Strathspey.

Lord Strathspey had been unable to be present because of illness, but in a message to the gathering he said: "We feel so sad to have missed meeting the assembled company of Grant" but extended his "highest regards to all those present."

Mr. David Grant Blyth, secretary of the UK branch, had told the clan chief in a message: that the gathering "served to foster and strengthen the oneness and kinship which all felt strongly as Grants."

The clansmen's week

included being entertained at Glenfiddich, Glenfarclas and Glen Grant distilleries, with visits to Ballindalloch Castle, Kingussie folk museum, Rothiemurchus Estate, and dinner aboard the Strathspey Railway.

The party were guests at Abernethy Highland Games on Saturday, but on the previous Thursday had seen old films of the event when they held a ceilidh at Elgin Indoor Bowling Stadium.

A ceilidh night planned for Grantown Square on Friday had to be moved at the last minute because of torrential rain. It was held in the Community Centre with local musicians, the Royal British Legion Pipe Band and local dancers providing the entertainment.

One of the highlights of the week was a visit to the clan seat at Castle Grant, which has been closed since the end of July for renovation but was opened especially for the occasion.

Clansmen are expected to withdraw from plans to buy a major town centre building at Grantown after a \$60,000 price tag had been placed on it.

But the Clan Grant Society could still find a Strathspey home for their headquarters and heritage centre — in Castle Grant, which they considered buying two years ago.

The new owner of the clan seat, London businessman Mr. Paul Dobson has indicated through his Inverness solicitors that he would be willing to consider making available accommodation at the castle for their project.

After their unsuccessful bid to buy the castle two years ago, the clan society turned its attention to

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THE GRANT LEADERSHIP — David Grant-Blyth, Hon. Secretary of the U.K. Branch of the Society, George H. Grant, U.S. Convener; Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Chairman of the U.K. Branch; Nigel Grant, owner-proprietor of the Seaford Lodge Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey, where the reception was held, and the Hon. James Grant of Grant, elder son of the Clan Chief, Lord Strathspey and Vice-Chairman of the U.K. Society.

A TOAST to "Hands Across the Sea" as American and British "Grants" unite at a reception, arranged by the U.K. Branch of the Clan Grant Society to welcome the members of the North America Branch of the Society on a visit to Strathspey. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)

by Anne Grant-Knapp

All my life I've been a reader, and a voracious one. The recent Clan week in Scotland was so enjoyable it's tempted me to try my hand as a writer.

Regrettably Lord and Lady Strathspey were not able to join us and we did miss their presence; however James Grant, Lord Strathspey's older son, and his intended, Margaret Drummond, were along and both added immeasurably to our week.

At times it seemed that eating and drinking were our main activities! We were hosted on many lovely occasions such as a reception and dinner given at Seaford Arms Hotel in Grantown by the U.K. Grants, Walter and Margaret Grant's great dinner and party at their indoor bowling rink at Elgin, Glenfiddich Distillery's lavish dinner, Ian Grant's lunch at the Glenmoriston Arms Hotel, Glenfarclas Distillery's bounteous buffet lunch, and Lt. Col. J.P. Grant's afternoon tea. Then we dined on the Boat of Garten Steam Railway, and at the Nethybridge Hotel where we had our ceremonious toast to the Queen and address to the haggis, and we lunched at The Monastery Restaurant, at the Grant Arms Hotel at

Moneymusk, at the Speyside Heather Center, and at our clan tent during the Abernethy Games. The saving grace of any calorie-counters among us was the fact that we were on the go all week with much walking and climbing of stairs. The soups in Scotland are absolutely mouth-watering and words can't do justice to the salmon, the prawns, and the unbelievable desserts.

A highlight of this trip for me, as it was four years ago, was our visit to Ballindalloch Castle. I think my pleasure stems not only from the fact that it is a beautiful and historic Grant property with most gracious hosts, but beyond that it is a castle that is also a home and is "lived in" and shown with pride to visiting clansmen. May it survive forever!

Our visits to the Osprey Center where an osprey obligingly flew in to its nest while we were watching, Carrbridge Nature Center, Speyside Heather Center and Rothiemurchus Preserve with lovely Loch-an-Eilean were great and our cameras were much in evidence. Then there was Culloden with all its history, Pringle's Woolen Mills near Inverness and there the credit cards got a workout, Moneymusk Castle with Sir Archibald and Lady Grant

as our hosts and guides, Cullen House which is in process of restoration and remodeling and of course Castle Grant with some changes evident since our last Clan visit.

Kingussie Folk Museum has so much to offer. One sidelight there was a

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by Steve Grant

A Grant family research once wrote, "I have to use my greatest imagination to picture the Grants in Scottish tartans, playing their bagpipes."

Obviously, she missed the 1985 U.S. Clan Grant tour of Scotland in August! For a full week, 30 clansfolk, in kilts, and guests crisscrossed the Spey Valley from dawn til dark exploring Grant territory and landmarks in Morayshire and Invernessshire.

Grant-owned castles, estates, inns, distilleries and entire towns overflowed with hospitality from Scottish Grants for their North American cousins. Some places we had only read about are now exciting memories of a living visit.

And as noted by UK Clan Grant Secretary, the Hon. David Grant Blyth, our visit has historical significance. At a farewell banquet, complete with haggis, David aptly observed, "You American Grants have brought back something to the Nethybridge Games that have been absent for decades ... A Clan Grant Rally!"

It almost goes without saying that visiting or re-visiting the home of the Grants, one's sense of personal history is heightened or renewed.

In Scotland, it's clear why the name Grant is associated with enterprise, resourcefulness, respect and

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Stone Mountain Games in Georgia Oct. 17-20

All Grants are urged to attend the Stone Mountain Games near Atlanta, Ga., from Oct. 17 until Oct. 20; one of the largest games on the East Coast, it is usually well attended by Grants.

Festivities will start Thursday, Oct. 17 with the Clan Grant Picnic at 6 p.m. in the park at Stone Mountain.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, the Scottish festival and games will be held. at 7 p.m. the

Clan Grant dinner will be served, with place and other details to be announced.

Lodging for the Grants will be reserved at the Old English Inn, where singles are \$30 plus tax and doubles are \$36 plus tax. Reservations, with a night's deposit should be sent to John C. Grant, 5534 Joe Clay, Stone Mountain, GA 30088. Checks should be made out to Old English Inn.



JAMES GRANT OF GRANT, eldest son of our Chief, Lord Strathspey, left, Dr. Phil Smith, language, music and clan expert, center, and Steve Grant, Springfield, Mo., TV newscaster, discuss restoring Grant property in Scotland with help from the National Truste and cousins. (Photo by Cheryl Hellman)

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renewed their membership:

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MILLER, Mr. Robert G.,
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Muncie, IN 47305.

By George!

Speyside Gathering

The trip and visit to the
Ancestral Home of the
Grants was an unqualified
success by any measure. We
were welcomed not only by
the Grant Lairds and others
we had scheduled visits but
by everyone we met on the
street. They were expecting
us, thanks to Walter and
Margaret Grant and the
Badenoch and Strathspey
Herald, who gave us ex-
tensive press coverage
before and during our visit.
We also received excellent
coverage from the Press and
Journal and the Northern
Scot daily newspapers. Our
pictures appeared every day
while we were there. Words
cannot express the deep
gratitude we feel toward
Margaret & Walter Grant of
Elgin for their efforts to
make this a memorable trip
for us.

The best thing that hap-
pened was that we rekindled
interest in Grant heritage
among Grant families in
Scotland. David Grant-
Blythe was kept busy at the
Abernethy Games signing up
new members.

The Abernethy Games
have been held since 1880
except for interruptions
caused by war. The name of
the Games was changed in
1985 and will continue with
the name change to wit:
Abernethy Games and
CLAN GRANT
GATHERING!!!

Lord & Lady Strathspey
were to have been the
Honored Guests, opening the
games and passing out the
trophy's. However an illness
prevented their coming so
Lucille and I were asked to
substitute for them. We were
delighted, and did so in
behalf of all of our members.
So if you are planning a trip
to Scotland, plan to attend

these games. The date for
next year will be
prominently mentioned in
this newsletter.

Castle Grant has been sold
to Mr. Paul Dobson, a
London businessman. He
contacted our Clan Society,
through his Solicitor, and
has offered us a part of the
Castle for a Clan Center
and/or Museum. Sir Patrick
Grant is in touch with the
solicitor as is Walter Grant
to determine exactly what he
has in mind, more details
will be given you as they
become available. Addi-
tionally, the situation on
Speyside House is as follows.
The council is very desirous
of our having the property. It
is a millstone around the
collective necks. For legal
reasons they must ask no
less than 39,000 pounds
sterling, which is as they
freely acknowledge, much
too high. However, they are
willing to give us a 50 year
lease at very low cost, if we
will agree to do the im-
provements required to
make it habitable and useful
to us. The lease would in-
clude a proviso that in the
event the lease was not
renewed they would pay for
all improvements.

We all feel that it is
necessary for us to have our
own property on the square
in Grantown-on-Spey, easily
accessible to visitors in the
area. The Castle is
somewhat remote from the
main road and further with
our own facility we would not
beat the mercy of changing
landlords at the Castle. The
Castle would be a nice place
to house a museum if the
space offered is adequate. I
will keep you all informed as
developments. If you have
any input on this subject
please let me hear from you.
We are still planning to

form a Tax exempt foun-
dation to finance this ac-
tivity.

Stone Mountain Games

If you can, plan to attend
the Stone Mountain Games,
October 18-20, or any Games
in your area. We need to
mount a membership drive
the balance of this year and
1986. Get in touch with
Grants in your area and tell
them about our Society and
get them to write, Mrs.
Phillip Smith, 1207 Cavalier
Lane, West Chester, Pa.
19380 enclosing their \$15.00
annual dues.

Manning a Grant tent

We have recently heard
from several members
wishing to man a Grant tent
at various games. If any of
you wish to do this and I
highly recommend it, you'll
have the time of your life and
meet great people, your
Grant cousins, all that is
necessary is to obtain the
brochure on the game, fill
out the forms enclosed,
placing your name in the
appropriate space and mail
the forms enclosed, placing
your name in the ap-
propriate space and mail the
application to: Mr. John C.
Grant, treasurer 5534
Joeclay Drive, Stone
Mountain, Ga. 30088. John
will send a check to the
sponsors for the tent space,
chair and table rental. It is
desirable to have a nice tent
fly and the Clan Society will
pay up to \$30.00 for you to
obtain one for you to share
with other members in your
area. In this issue of
Craigellachie are
suggestions and ideas for
setting up a Grant tent at the
games. Remember, this is
your clan Society and your
active participation makes
everything better for all of
us.



HON. JAMES GRANT OF GRANT, elder son of the Clan
Grant Chief, Lord Strathspey, and his fiancée, Miss Margaret
Drummond, at Castle Grant, Aug. 11. (Photo by Anne Grant-
Knapp)

*Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Grant, Jr.
announce the birth of their daughter*

Mary Elizabeth Anne Grant

on the 3rd of July, 1985,

at DeKalb General Hospital,

in Decatur, Georgia.



GRANTOWN PIPERS, who represented the Clan well at the Nethybridge games and Clan
Grant Rally. (Photo by Cheryl Hellman)

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Speyside House, the former orphanage in The Square. Officials had been negotiating with owners Badenoch and Strathspey District council to buy the building and turn it into a clan headquarters and heritage centre.

Unrealistic

But a district valuer's valuation has now put a \$60,000 price tag on the building, which society secretary Mr. David Grant-Blyth called "unrealistic."

"We would not be prepared to pay that sort of price, particularly in view of the restrictions which exist in the title of the building.

"We will have to review negotiations now there is the prospect of alternative accommodation being made available at the castle."

Mr. Grant-Blyth added: "We would be most interested in meeting Mr. Dodson to discuss leasing a couple of rooms, which would provide an ideal setting for our museum."

Hotel

Mr. Dobson is understood to be considering converting part of the historic castle into a hotel.

As a token of goodwill, he has offered to open the castle — closed last month for renovation — to allow members of the clan society from Britain and America to inspect the building.

The society may still be interested in taking over a part of Speyside House to give it a town centre "shop window" ... Grantown Society has also expressed an interest in the house and would like to see it developed as part of a region-wide heritage centre network.

The news has been welcomed by Grant clansmen who arrived in Strathspey on Sunday for a week-long gathering. It opened with a reception at the Seafeld Lodge Hotel, Grantown, on Sunday and has been followed by visits to places of historical interest.

On Saturday, clansmen will be gathering at Abernethy Highland Games at Nethybridge, which in future will incorporate the title of the Clan Grant Gathering. This was announced by Mr. George Grant, convener of the clan's American branch, following talks with games organizers.

Absent from this week's gathering has been Clan Chief Lord Strathspey who has been confined to his home on doctor's orders following illness.

Abernethy's sunshine and smiles games added an international tag to its title on Sunday as foreigners flocked to see the Highlanders at play.

Overseas tourists — including members of the American branch of the Clan Grant Society and their UK hosts — boosted the attendance to around 3000.

It brought with it a headache for stewards as car parking space ran out

and they had to hurriedly commandeered neighboring fields.

Organizers put the increase in attendance — up more than 800 on last year — to Saturday's sunshine, the clan gathering, that it did not clash with other attractions ... and Abernethy's growing reputation.

The crowd were treated to a feast of fun and games as the north's top athletes did battle on track and field, and pipers and dancers displayed part of Scotland's heritage.

In the traditional 10 mile road race Grantown runner Mike McCulloch turned in a slower time than last year, but it was enough to give him victory over Aviemore's Keith Bateman and A. Sutherland. It attracted 36 runners. Racers

Mark Robertson of Grantown also held on to the McAndrew rosebowl with an 800 metres win in 2 mins 17.3 secs while Inverness Harrier A. Edmunds took the Fiona Graham Trophy in the women's 200 metres.

The Morrison Cup for the winner of the men's 1500 metres found its way into the hands of Edinburgh University Athletics Club runner A. Smith.

It became a duel in the cycling events between two wheelers, Mick Skelly of Ross-shire Roads Cycling Club and Forres man Dave Finlayson who now travels under the Greenock banner.

Skelly took the 800 metres cycling championship but Finlayson amassed most points, giving him the Abernethy Games Centenary Trophy, which he also won last year.

In the heavies classes, Dalwhinnie's Big Man, George Cameron, again pulled off a double — winning the Fraser Challenge Trophy for the most successful local athlete and the J and B Trophy for achieving the most points. It was a repeat of last year's performance for the Badenoch Athletic Club member.

The ever-popular dancing classes attracted 130 entries, 10 fewer than last year.

But for the ninth successive year, the Spey Vale Challenge Cup for the dancing school gaining most points will end up again on the sideboard of the Hilda Watt School.

Grantown dancers were among the silver with Donna Flannery taking the Kimberley Cup and the Culreach Cup going to Roslynn Grant.

Pipers

Piping honours also went to the Spey Valley, Newtonmore's Denise Mackintosh getting the Craiglyne Centenary Cup and Neil Rathbone, Ian Kinnear and Zennan Green getting honours.

The games had been opened in brilliant sunshine by Mr. George Grant, convener of the American branch of the Clan Grant Society, who is heading a party of 30 clan members from throughout the United

States.

Their visit had been organised by a native of Nethybridge, Mr. Walter Grant, who is in charge of the Elgin firm of Grant Construction.

And as a result of links cemented on Saturday, the Abernethy games will in future incorporate the title of the Clan Grant Gathering.

After Saturday's success, games secretary Mr. Michael George commented: "We were delighted at the way everything went which is just reward for the effort and hard work put in over many months and on the day itself by a large number of people to whom the committee are most grateful."

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demonstration by a local athlete who had competed in the previous Saturday's Highland Games at Newtonmoor. He explained in detail the method of lifting, balancing, running with and tossing the caber. Before showing the hammer throw, he donned his special shoes with blades in front which dig into the earth and enable the competitor to hold position. I found his step-by-step explanation most interesting.

Henry and Maggie McIvor were hosts at Firhall Guest House in Grantown-on-Spey to five Grant couples and we fell in love with them. They are most gracious and try so hard to please their guests. Our breakfasts included such extra "treats" as tattie scones and Aberdeen rolls, and breakfast time was always adjusted to fit our bus schedule and the days' plans.

Saturday's highlight for Clan Grant was the Abernethy Highland Games which have been continually in existence since 1880. The day was cool but our reception was warm. George Grant had the honor of officially opening the games and Lucille, his wife, presented the awards to the winning competitors. In Scotland, bicycle racing is a featured event at the games and is popular with both sexes. Throughout the day the dancers, the pipers, and the athletes gave great performances and all earned cheers and applause.

We were a happy and fortunate group of Grants who spent the week together exploring the clan territory in Scotland. Our activities were so many and so varied, the people there were so friendly and so hospitable, the country itself is so beautiful, we had so much fun — the time just flew past. For you Grants who did not accompany us, do try to come next time whenever that may be. For you Grants who were part of this fantastic time, isn't it fun remembering and reliving the trip? That's the reason that writing this article has brought me so much pleasure.

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honor, even though the McDonalds and Campbells still outnumber us. We would do well to preserve our Clan's esteem.

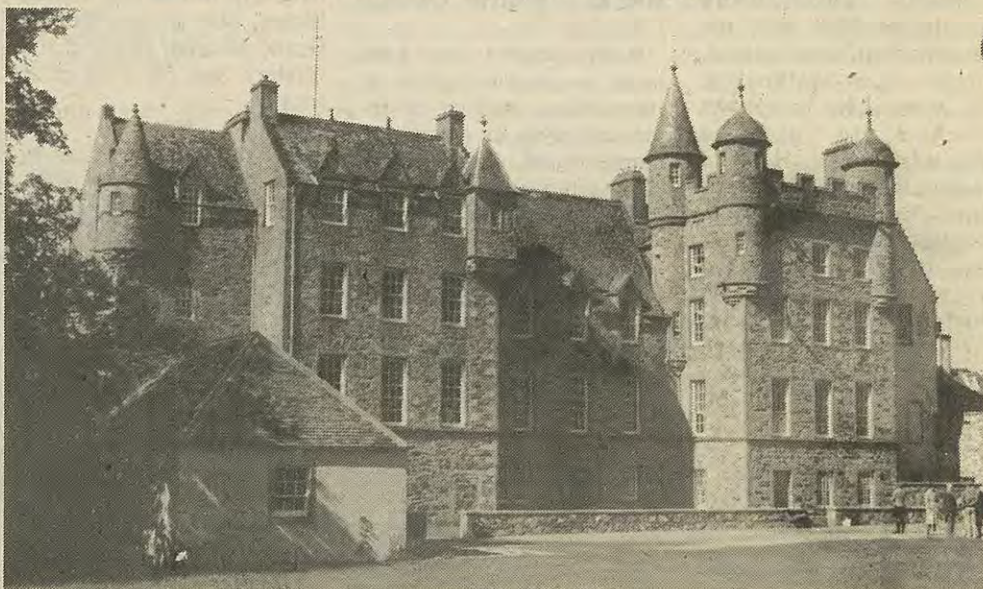
Maybe that's why everyone on the Clan Grant

tour felt at home in Scotland. In fact "tour" is a misnomer. It was more than just sightseeing — we were face-to-face with our heritage.

A friend of mine, who's a Franciscan monk, recording an artist with nine albums, and a world traveler, explains it best: "When you have that

feeling of being at home, in some place you've never been before, knowing it's not *deja vu* you're feeling, or keen knowledge of a road-map ... that is the 'sacrament' of geography."

(Since a picture is worth a thousand words, we've included some to give you a glimpse of the 1985 tour.)



CULLEN HOUSE



CASTLE GRANT STEPS are the scene of this picture of the touring Grants from North America and United Kingdom on Sunday, Aug. 11. Front row, from left to right, David Grant Blyth, Hon. Secretary of the U.K. Branch, the Hon. James Grant of Grant, elder son of Clan Chief, Lord Strathspey, and Miss Margaret Drummond, fiancée of the Hon. James Grant; Mrs. Lucille Grant and her husband George, Convener of the U.S. Branch. 2nd row, Betty Bowie, Shirley Smith, Gloria Grant, Ruth Grant, James Russell Grant; third row from front, Dr. Phillip Smith, Anne Grant-Knapp, Walter Grant, Margaret Grant, Alta Eccles, Matthew Grant-Knapp, Charlie MacDonald, Betty MacDonald, top row, George Grant, Jr., Inge Turnbull, William J. Grant, George Grant Turnbull, Sarah Wylie, Dorothy Jeanette (behind) Mary Lou Hitchler, Kyle Bowie. Not present for the picture, Steve Grant, Cheryl Grant, William Grant, J.D. McColl, and Pat McColl, and June Grant. Ian and Joan Grant and daughter Leslie are not in the picture. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)

Genealogical Corner

by Beryl Grant
Leesome Lane
Altamont, NY 12009

Among the many genealogies filed with me are some from New Zealand.

Peter Grant of Dunedin, N.Z. would like to contact descendants of the following: Harold Mackenzie Grant, died at Santa Fe, New Mexico, 29/3/1922. William Grant, died at Toronto, Canada, 26/10/1955; had one daughter, Edith Grant Ryan, of New York City. Lawrence Grant of Regina, Sask., Canada. Adam Tait Grant,

died at Vancouver, Canada, 13/6/1955.

Peter Grant's line goes back to Inveron parish in Bannffshire and he is interested also in contacting members of Inveron ancestry. If you have any information on any of the above, please contact me.

Charles Robert Grant of Christchurch, N.Z. has filed his record of ancestry with me; his Grant ancestors coming from Kirkmichael, Banffshire.

Ethel Grant Duke and her husband, Leroy, visited the East Coast on a two-month-long trip across the United States. She is also Deputy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star for District 21 for 1985.

Mr. Hugh Dunn writes to warn us about a Mr. Kile, advertiser for Clan Grant decals in the Highlander magazine. Although he sent a check he did not receive the merchandise. This serves as a reminder to check with your Commissioners for reliable people to deal with — ads can be



ADAM AND MARGARET McLEOD GRANT, married at Rogers Hill, Nova Scotia, in 1853, and farm people in the Mount Dalhousie area, he died in May, 1892, and is buried in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Pictou County, N.S. She is pictured above with her children after moving to Logan, Iowa, where this picture was taken in 1893. Rear row, from left to right, sons Thomas Alexander Grant, John Grant, Adam Graham Grant, and George Grant; front row, left to right, Mrs. Margaret McLeod Grant; Mrs. George (Ruie Vandusen) Grant, Bert and Otis, their sons; Elizabeth Jane Grant Pierce, their daughter, and an unidentified young girl. Mrs. Grant first lived with her son George and his family, and later moved in with John and his family; she died in April, 1904 in Willow Township, Crawford County, Iowa.



CASTLE GRANT, recently sold to Mr. Paul Dobson, who is prepared to cooperate fully with Clan Grant for a museum and heritage center there.

Notes from Our Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith

1207 Cavalier Ln West Chester, PA 19380

grandmother was born in the Grant Castle many years ago!

Zane Grant is taking life easy (?) these days. He retired from Prudential Insurance Company after working as an Art Director for a number of years.

We have lost the whereabouts of Mrs. Mary Ruth Grant McNab, sister of Marty A.C. Gillispie. Her husband, now deceased, was Alec McNab, a famous soccer player from Glasgow. Her last address was St. Louis, MO. If any readers know where she is, please let us know.

Anyone going to Nova Scotia this summer will want to keep the following dates in mind: The Festival of the Strait in Port Hewkesbury (June 29th); The Antigonish Highland Games in Antigonish (July 12, 13, 14); The Festival of the Tartans in New Glasgow (July 28th to August 14); and The Festival at Pugwash (July 1st).

Mr. Charles F. Hewins and Mrs. Minerva Crosby, first cousins, have contacted each other after a number of years! His grandmother stated that her great-

grandmother was born in the Grant Castle many years ago!

Are you tired of renewing your membership every year? Why not take out a Life membership?

Mrs. Gretchen Grant Schampel is seeking information about her Great-great grandfather, Donald Grant, who emigrated from Inverness to Charlottenburg, Glengarry County, Ontario, Canada in 1800. His son, William Henry Grant, married a Catherine McDonald and lived on Wolf Island, later moving to Circleville, Ohio. William's son, Malcolm Grant moved to Ianibault, Minnesota.

Dallas Highland Games are slated for Saturday, September 28, 1985. For further information call or write: Allan Ballantyne, Chairman, 3104 Ruidosa, Dallas, TX 75228 (214) 279-8857.

Stone Mountain games are October 19 & 20, 1985. For more information write: Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc., P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324 (404) 396-5728. Why not join the Grants at their motel and enjoy being with all the "cousins" #1.

Mrs. Allison Grant Andreassen, President of the Nova Scotia branch of Clan Grant is retiring from the office of President. She started the Society in that area and has served as President. She started the Society in that area and has served as President for several years. Those of us who went to Nova Scotia in 1983 will always remember she and her husband, John, and their gracious hospitality in their beautiful home overlooking the Inhabitants River. The well-cared-for Grant cemetery located on the bend of the river and the dedication of the cairn marking the original settler's cabin in a pouring rain by our Chief, Lord Strathspey will be fond memories.

Ella and John deserve many thanks for their strong and dedicated support during the initial "organizational" years of the Society. While Mrs. Andreassen will be missed "officially," we know that they will continue their interest in Grant activities. So, thank you, Ella and John, from your friends in the States. —Shirley G. Smith

Our membership secretary has a few extra copies of *Craigellachie* available. If interested contact her. They are free but a stamp should be enclosed for each copy wanted. The dates vary — and there are no extra copies of issue #1.

CLAN GRANT SONGS



WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAVID GRANT BLYTH

"STAND FAST, CRAIGELLACHIE!"

(a Clan Grant Anthem)

"CLAN GRANT FOR EVER"

(a psalm of praise)

"THE ACCOLADE"

(the story of the Clan told in rhyme and song)

Explanatory comments on the various historical events, personalities and anecdotes (imaginary & real) referred to in the 21 verses and chorus of "The Accolade."

A comprehensive 16-page booklet containing the words of all three songs (with the melody in both staff and sol-fa notations and harmonical chord names) and the commentary on "The Accolade" is in course of preparation. It will soon be available. The cost will be £7.50 plus 50p (p. & p. U.K. and Eire) or \$12.00 (plus \$3.00 p. & p. U.S.A. and Canada). All proceeds from the sales of copies of "Clan Grant Songs" go to the funds of the Clan Grant Society (U.K. Branch). Copies of the songs with full piano-forte accompaniments are also available (prices on request). Apply to David Grant Blyth, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Clan Grant Society, 18 Great Stuart Street, Edinburgh EH3 7TN.

How to Start a Grant Tent! Letter Exchange Shows

Dear Kinsman:

Last year I attended the Santa Rosa, Calif Games for the first time since moving into the area. I eagerly searched the Glen of the Clans for the Clan Grant tent. Upon finding it, I was surprised to see the Clan represented by one lone person in a cheap little tent while all around, the other Clans had several people, nice tents & interesting displays.

I introduced myself & learned his name, Larry Demars of Belmont, Calif. He explained that he had been pressed into service on short notice when Ed Grant was suddenly transferred away from the area.

Since I was recovering from surgery, I could not volunteer my assistance & so returned to the Games.

As the time for the March of the Clans came near, my wife & I prepared to cheer on the Grants as they passed in parade but again we were disappointed when no Grants appeared.

It was then that I swore as long as I can walk, the Clan will be represented by at least one from that day on.

Shortly after the Games, my wife & I began to make plans to go to Scotland primarily to obtain the proper Scottish attire & secondly to see the ancestral homeland.

We accomplished both missions & felt we were ready for whatever was needed of us. So when we read your request for help at some of the games, I wrote you offering our services for a portion of both days.

When we received no reply, we thought all must be under control once more, that you had more than enough volunteers this year & we would not be needed. We were disappointed, of course, but were still looking forward to meeting all the other Grants.

Again disappointment. The same poor fellow still by himself & still without the proper equipment, such as signs, banners, tables, etc & also passing out enrollment forms attached to copies of Craigellachie from more than a year ago.

We pitched in & helped for the rest of the day even though it meant missing most of the Games & when the time came for the March of the Clans, there were three kilts of Grant tartan swinging saucily to the beat of the drum as we marched proudly along even though our banner was a hand-painted sign attached to a rough wooden stake saying simply "Grant."

When we finished that night, we had six Grants or Grant blood for our mailing list & also a Pratt, a Suttie & a Moore. We left the Fairgrounds with a good feeling of having accomplished something even

under adverse conditions.

The following day we returned to the tent a little more prepared. We brought a table & three tartan scarves to dress it up, more chairs, pictures of Scotland, three Histories of the Clan Grant & other books of interest in order to entice people to spend more time with us.

As we expected, we found many more people stopping & staying longer when they did. We also found more enthusiasm toward joining the Clan. We ended up with 25 more names on our mailing list, an increase of almost 300%.

The one question most everyone asked was how often do the Grants meet & suggestions that we get together for a picnic or something once in awhile. I have the mailing list & will pursue the possibility for the near future.

When the March rolled around again, by passing out the three tartan scarves to three newly recruited kinsmen & kinswomen, we now had six to march wearing our colors.

My one wish would be that we had possessed a sign stating all the Sept names for the people to see. I wonder how many passed us by knowing only that they were Scots & not knowing they were a part of our family.

In the light of all the confusion at this year's Games, I feel that something was accomplished & since we picked up two more serious volunteers this year for future Games in this area, I think next year things will be more organized.

A special thanks & commendation should go to Larry Demars, 1178 Villa Avenue, Belmont, Calif 94002, Phone (415) 591-9750.

Without being asked this year & bearing many expenses from his own pocket & even without the proper material & equipment, he was ready to host all of the Grants & the Septs of Grants again this year at the largest games of the West Coast even though he had not received a "thank you" for last year. I think that is the meaning of our family motto, "Stand Fast."

Now the question is "Where do we go from here?"

We are looking to you as our leader to tell us what we can do for the Clan Society & what will the Clan Society do for us. We feel that there should be more for us in the Clan Society than four news letters a year. We would like to know the warmth of our kinsmanship more than just a few minutes each yer at this or other games.

As Larry & I were introducing ourselves to Alan Grant of Castro Valley, Calif, I saw the tears form in this young man's eyes & remembered it was the same

for me when I first met a kinsman in Highland dress — a feeling of being home & not being alone.

We will need for next year's information tent almost everything except heart. There are five of us now instead of one. Larry Demars, Alan Grant, Allison Grant of Mountain View, Calif. plus my wife, Jule &

for your help.

Singerely,
Gene Grant
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(707) 965-2405

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Thank you for your



GENE GORDON AND JULIE GRANT, above, who are trying to put new life in the west-coast Grant Society, after Ed Grant has left the area.

myself.

I think I may be able to get some attractive signs painted at no cost by a friend & can certainly get the loan of tables & chairs. For the signs, if you can send us photos or sketches of other signs from games past & a full color photo or sketch of the Clan Badge. We will also need more enrollment material & any printed or pictorial material for handouts or display.

Other things we would like information on is how to procure or finance our banners for booth & parades, five yards or more of Grant tartan for decorating the booth, making banners & making swatches to loan to people who wish to march in the parade. We also need a tent substantial enough to withstand the afternoon winds we have. (We were forced to close down early when the rented tent blew over.)

Even though it is many months before the Games next year, we will be eagerly awaiting your answer so that we can begin now & be completely ready next year.

It might also be helpful if we had a list of members to contact in this area to let them know about any planned activities.

Thanking you in advance

thoughtful and informative letter concerning the situation and state of Clan Grant affairs in California. You are quite right when you say that the Clan Society needs top flight representation, and I am sure your group will provide that. What is necessary is support from the organization. The next issue of Craigellachie will discuss in detail what we can do to help.

It is important to state again that this Clan Society belongs only to the membership, it is not the George H. Grant Society. We are all volunteers, and unless, as you and Larry have done, we have volunteers ready, willing and able to assist in bringing the Society to our kinsman the effort will not succeed. On behalf of all of us we thank you.

In 1977 when I put up the first ever Grant tent at the Orlando, Fla. Games, the tent was just as you described except I did not have copies of any newsletters to pass out. What I did do was sign up four members and collected their dues. All expenses were totally out of my pocket for the first two years, including buying a tent, flags, books, the newsletter, etc. At this time we can and will assist you in procuring the

proper equipment and tent for the games.

I suggest you shop for what you consider the proper tent for your area, buy it and send a copy of the bill to our Treasurer. He will pay up to \$35.00 toward the purchase. To improve the stability of the tent or fly, I suggest you make sturdy corner and center poles and stakes. The ones I use were made of aluminum conduit that came apart in the middle and the stakes are 1/2" steel rod with steel washers welded for the flange. We are going to get some Grant tartan and make flags to send to you. The original tent poles make good flag poles. The signs with sept names and Grant sign you will have to get done out there. I am sending you a copy of Dr. Smith book for you to extract the sept names for your sign.

The Society pays for the Clan Sponsorship at the games as well as any cost for tent space, table and chair rental. All you need to do is fill out the application form and send it to our treasurer and he will send the check. I will send to you application forms for membership. It is vitally important that all names that sign the guest book be sent to Shirley Smith, our membership secretary for follow up as well as all completed applications along with the check. This will assure that the effort at the game to attract new members not be in vain.

It is important that our Society be strong and active in the west and particularly California. When Ed Grant moved to Minneapolis he

recommended Larry as his replacement as regional commissioner and from your description of the events he has gamely carried on. Now with your active participation and support things will indeed become better. It may be that Larry does not want the total responsibility of being commissioner. That is something you can work out together.

I agree with you that the Society should offer more than just four newsletters a year. Your suggestion about a get together one or more times during the year is a good one. It would also be good to schedule a dinner on Saturday night after the games. To assist you enclosed is a list of our membership in California. You may wish, and I encourage you to do it, to send out a newsletter to these people from time to time sharing information and news. You may wish to communicate through the Craigellachie. We do want a report of your activities out there to appear in the newsletter along with pictures. the Craigellachie is the link that brings us together. If you elect to send out a newsletter the treasury will pay the mailing costs.

I hope this letter has been responsive to your concerns. I want to welcome you to active participation in our Society, your comments as to your feelings at the games and at the March of the Clans reflects mine exactly. Your advice and counsel is most welcome.

Stand Fast
George H. Grant



HOLDING THE FORT ALONE at the Santa Rosa, Calif., Scottish games last year was Larry Demars, above, who was joined this year by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Grant, volunteers.

New York to keep Grant Death Site Open to the Public

Faced with protests by Capital District legislators over plans to close Grant's Cottage, the state has decided to keep the historic site open to the public.

Orin Lehman, commissioner of the state Office of Parks, recreation and Historic Preservation, announced Friday the cottage will not be closed and transferred to the state Department of Corrections as had originally been planned.

Civil War hero and former president Ulysses S. Grant died July 23, 1885, at the cottage shortly after completing his memoirs. The interior of the cottage has been preserved for 100 years the way it was the day Grant died.

"We are delighted by the extensive interest raised by our commemoration of the centennial of Grant's death at the cottage and by the concern expressed by several legislators and historians," Lehman said at a press conference at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Leading the effort in the Capital District to keep the cottage open were U.S. Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-Schenectady, and state Sen. Hugh T. Farley, R-Niskayuna.

Stratton had called the closing of the cottage on the 100th anniversary of Grant's death "a shabby way to celebrate that historic date" and said in a letter to Lehman, "I believe it would be a very grave mistake ... to put an end to what has been over the past 35 years or more a very remarkable piece of American history."

At last Saturday's commemoration of Grant's death at the cottage, Farley,

members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and John Y. Simon, a leading Grant historian, all urged Lehman to keep the cottage open.

Lehman had said after the commemoration that if there was support for keeping the cottage open, the state would probably do so.

"I think it is a wise decision," Stratton said Friday in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C. "It's a historical landmark that ought not be



Times Union photo by Paul D. Kniskern Sr.

ON POST — Jerry Orton, national historian of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Grant Cottage.

overlooked."

Recalling Grant's struggle to complete his memoirs to provide an income for his wife Julia after he died, Stratton said, "They (the state parks office) realize it's an historical spot which is associated with New York and with a rather inspiring story behind it."

Grant finished his memoirs just days before he died and his battle against cancer was reported on extensively in the newspapers of that time.

The parks office decided to close the site because of the decline in the number of people visiting it each year and an apparent lack of local interest in the cottage. The cottage's location on the grounds of the Mount McGregor Correctional Facility, a medium-security prison, has been cited as one reason for the lack of visitors.

Contacts with Saratoga County politicians and historical groups determined there was not much interest on their part in providing money or volunteers to keep the cottage open, state parks officials said last week. It is estimated it will cost \$20,000 per year to maintain the cottage.

"I think that it's a real historic treasure in a unique setting and I was appalled at their announcement that they might dismantle it," Farley said. "The problem has been it's on the grounds of a correctional institution."

Both Stratton and Farley said more visitors could be attracted to the cottage if the parks office advertised its existence more than it does. The cottage is located a short drive from Saratoga Springs, a center of summer tourist activity.

"It's not the kind of thing they advertise," Stratton said. More publicity about the cottage and its setting, he said, would draw people visiting the area for the race season to the site.

The green and yellow

Adironadack cottage is an unusual exhibit of American history because of the 19th century atmosphere that has been preserved there, Farley said. "It's like stepping into a time machine."

"I feel confident," said Lehman, "this renewed interest in Gen. Grant on the part of the local community, veterans groups and historical societies and newly created constituencies will be kept alive."

President Grant's Death Commemorated in July

Hal Grant, of Altamont, N.Y., state commissioner, attended the Centennial celebration of President Grant's death at Grant Memorial, New York City, on July 23rd as Clan Representative.

A total of sixteen

descendents of Grant and Lee had been located and invited to the ceremony; five were there.

Music was played by the West Point Band who also furnished the Color Guard. Both General Grant and General Lee were West Point graduates.

Shortly after arriving Grant was interviewed by CNN News.

The Grant tomb and memorial is an imposing structure and any clan member who is in New York City to visit the site at Riverside Drive and 122nd St.

Grant conversed at the reception afterward with U.S. Park Service people about the Grant Cottage at Mt. McGregor near Saratoga Springs, NY, where Grant died. The state has been threatening to close it but recently has announced it will keep it open due to the public outcry.

"As always, Beryl and I enjoyed representing Clan Grant at this function," Grant added.

willard d. Whitcome, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sterns and Family, all of Fort Dodge, Mrs. Myrtie Grant Longlee of Sioux City and Mrs. Rita Grant Henry of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Longlee Celebrates 75th

Mrs. Martin (Myrtie Grant) Longlee, granddaughter of Adam and Margaret (McLeod) Grant of Pictou County, Nova Scotia, celebrated her 75th birthday on July 14, 1985 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa. A surprise party was planned for her by her family, including her son, Gordon Longlee, and daughters, Rita Longlee

Hollander and Twila Longlee Miller and their families. Many relatives and friends from Iowa and out-of-state enjoyed refreshments after a "This Is Your Life" program recalling meaningful events in Mrs. Longlee's life. Myrtie Grant Longlee's parents were Adam Graham Grant and Minnie Pilate Grant, both now deceased.

ADAM GRANT Picnic at Storm Lake, IA

The Picnic for the descendants of Adam and Margaret (McLeod) Grant was held Sunday, June 23rd in the shelterhouse at Chautauqua Park in Storm Lake, Iowa. All of those attending were descendants of Adam Graham Grant and Elizabeth Grant Pierce Hall.

The Robert Fisher family of Dayton, Oregon attended the picnic. Mr. Fisher is a great-grandson of Elizabeth Grant Pierce Hall, daughter of Adam and Margaret McLeod Grant.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Whitcome, Mr. and Mrs.



URQUHART, THE RUINS OF AN EARLY Grant Castle on the west bank of Loch Ness. (Photo by Cheryl Hellman)



FINE WEATHER on August 10 attracted 3,000 folk to the Abernethy Games and Clan Grant Rally, which will be an annual event now. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)



PIPERS PERFORM at the Santa Rosa, Calif., games, largest on the west coast; there WILL be a Grant tent there next year, Gene Gordon Grant promises!



TEEING OFF? No, Michael George, left, organizer of the Abernethy Games and Clan Grant Rally, which promises to be an annual event, in encouraging George H. Grant, Convener, to try throwing the Scots Hammer. George apparently feels that golf is Scotch enough for him. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)

Marjorie Smith Dies at Red Oak, IA

Funeral services were held for Marjorie Grant Smith at the First United Methodist Church in Red Oak, Iowa, on Tuesday, July 16th. Mrs. Smith died at Red Oak on July 13, 1985, at the age of 59 years. she was the daughter of G. Dewey and Inez Knutzen Grant. In Sept. of 1947 she was married to Harold Smith at Storm Lake, Iowa. They lived in Albert City, Iowa after their marriage. In January of 1956 they moved to Red Oak,

Iowa and opened the Smith Jewelry Store. Marjorie is survived by her husband, Harold, of Red Oak; one son, Graig Smith of Atlantic, Iowa; one daughter, Cindy (Mrs. Wayne) Schiemann of Omaha, Nebr. step mother, Elizabeth Knutzen Grant of Red Oak; four grandchildren; one sister, Betty (Mrs. Dean) Teague of Bellflower, California and by many other relatives and friends.

Members missed on last list

The following persons were inadvertently omitted from listing in the Craigellachie:
GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. John, R.F.D. 1, Box 123, Hopkinton

Village, Concord, NH 03301.
GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Callum David Show, P.O. Box 94, Lincoln, NH 03251, (603) 745-3958.
REIF, Major & Mrs. Gerald P., SHAPE OPS NOPS, APO NY, 09055.

BISSETT, Mr. & Mrs. James E., 3024 "O" Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.
ROBERTS, U.S.A. Ret., Major Eleanor M., 1250 4th Street, S.W., #W407, Washington, DC 20024. (202) 554-3965.
GRANT, CB, D.S.O., Adm. John, 4 Priors Barton, Kingsgate Rd., Winchester,

Hantshire SO23 9QF, England.
GRANT, BT, Sir Patrick A., 42 Westgarth Place, College Milton, N., East Kilbridge, Glasgow, G74 5NT, Scotland.
GRANT, ESQ., Mr. Charles R., 214-D Springfield Road, St. Algans, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Ed Grant in Minnesota

As of January, 1985 Minnesota has a new State Commissioner. Ed Grant and his wife moved the Minneapolis-St. Paul area in September of 1984 from Sacramento, California. Ed is a native of Philadelphia, Penn., and Susie is a life-long resident of Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Twin Cities area is an active center of Scottish interests, and they quickly involved Clan Grant by joining the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans, The Twin Cities Scottish Club, and the Royal Scottish Dance branch.

The highlight of the Scottish year will be the 13th annual Scottish Country Fair at Macalester College in St. Paul. On May 4th there will be Piping, Dancing and Athletic competitions. Of course, the clans will be there, and this year will be Clan Grants debut in the area. All Clansmen and women are not only invited, but urged to participate in what will surely be a successful effort to bring the Clan of Grants and its septs in the upper midwest. It promises to be a fun-filled weekend, as the Scottish Fair is in conjunction with a Tartan Ball, an International Festival (including a food fest), and numerous other springtime events in that lovely part of our country. for more information contact Ed at (612) 635-5580 days, 482-0627 eves., or write: P.O. Box 13283, St. Paul, MN 55113.



GRANT GOLF TROPHY — Is that a forced smile on the face of George H. Grant, center, as he hands over the Grant Trophy to James Grant of Skye of Burr after he had returned the best scratch score in the Clan Grant Golf Tournament at Netty Bridge Aug. 10. Reading the names of the winners is Walter R. Grant, of Elgin, a leading member of the United Kingdom Branch of the Clan Grant Society. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)



USE OF FOOTFLOW is demonstrated by Ross Noble, curator of the Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie, founded 50 years ago by the late Dr. Isabel F. Grant. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)

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Details from: M. F. GEORGE, 6 MACKENZIE CRESCENT, NETTY BRIDGE. Telephone 675



GLENFIDDICH DISTILLERY RECEPTION and banquet "water of life" as their Scotch whisky is called. (Photo by Cheryl Hellman)

How to Set Up and Run a Clan Tent

1. The Tent: If your region does not have a tent, plan to look into the cost of purchasing one. The best ones are a dining fly type. The Clan Society will send you enough money within reason to purchase this piece of equipment. It then will be available to be sent to other games in the same region.

Displays: There can be just about anything related to the Clan and Scottish history and genealogy. These may include banners and flags (U.S., Scotland, State); tartans of the Clan; maps, sept lists (Dr. Phillip Smith has written one that you will be sent on request), pictures and scrap books — (your own trip to Scotland or other games are always interesting to new members); Clan and Scottish histories (everyone develops their own library of Scottish literature after attending a few games) newsletters, and things that are of interest to you. (If you are interested then someone finding the Clan Grant Tent will be interested as well.)

Setting up the Display: Most games rent tables and chairs for those who provide their own tent. If they do not, the easiest table to take to games for the display is a folding card table, and two card tables are even better. Chairs can be brought from home, lawn chairs, folding chairs, etc. Take one for yourself and one to have for a guest. If all members who attend the games do this then you can have quite a few for new prospective members. On the tables that I set up I use red or green material purchased on closeout for \$5.00 that has traveled for 10 years. A good buy. Even though I own tartan, I feel that spillage on washable material is less traumatic. The tables should be put in the front of the tent with all material for perusing and giveaways, such as the latest newsletters, application blanks, and etc. (These will be mailed to you on request).

The Guest Book: A most valuable addition to the hospitality of a tent. (This can be as simple as a pad of paper. It is important to get their names and addresses and telephone numbers if possible). Everyone (even long time members) like to sign a guest book, so that they can be acknowledged as present at the games. After the games are over the guests names can be put into the Craigellachie along with a write up about the games. Our Editor will be pleased to publish any and all offerings. These names should also be sent to our membership secretary (Shirley Grant Smith) for follow up. Any checks or applications received at the tent should also be forwarded to Shirley

as soon as possible.

Sales at the tent: As a clan we do not sell for profit. The "History of the Clan Grant" written by Lord Strathspey, Dr. Smith's "Tartan for Me" are available, and if anyone has Clan related items, (a used kilt, when a new one is purchased, a book that is no longer wanted, they may sell these items personally, and a donation to the Clan will be accepted.) At times we may sell Clan Grant items through the newsletter but prefer not to lose our good Clan status in selling things that are available at the Vendor Tents at Games.

It is important that the one who takes responsibility for setting up and manning the tent at games also takes the responsibility of encouraging members of the

area to join in and help. Do not be shy in asking for help. Many people do not realize that this is everyone's Clan Society, not just the officers. The officers are unpaid, overworked and mostly taken for granted — but they started just like everyone else. They saw a need and volunteered. It is not an inexpensive hobby — although the Clan Society does now have enough funds to pay the Games for its participation (sponsorship, etc.) but you will find yourself having the time of your life and meeting interesting people with lots of varied experiences.

Most of the other Clan Societies are more than willing to help a newcomer to games set up their tents as we do for them. They are also helpful with advice and often will go out of their way to send sept names to you.

HAVE A GOOD TIME

—George H. Grant
Convenor



**THE UNITED KINGDOM
BRANCH OF THE CLAN
GRANT SOCIETY GIVES
A WARM WELCOME TO
THE VISITING PARTY
OF "GRANTS" FROM THE
CLAN GRANT SOCIETY
OF NORTH AMERICA**

CLAN GRANT WELCOME by the U.K. Branch of the North American group August 4 featured this poster with the tartan "Stand Fast" belt and buckle badge in full color and greatly enlarged. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)



KYLE BOWIE, about to sound reell on his bugle, and George Grant, wondering if we can stay on schedule. (Photo by Cheryl Hellman)

Clan Grant Hosts Altamont ceilidh

The Capital District Games at Altamont, NY, held August 31 were again a success with approximately 10,000 attending and 25 pipe bands competing.

Clan Grant had 20 smartly-dressed members in the Tartan Parade. With us at the Clan Grant Tent were Syd Grant, our Canadian Convenor and his lovely wife; Matthew Grant-Knapp, Jr., our Tullochgorm Region Commissioner, his wife Anne and daughter, Barbara; David and Joan Grant, James and Verna Grant, James Landre; Murray and Betty Grant; James, Mary and Robert Grant, new members; George Grant, his wife Maureen and two daughters; and Frank and Helen McStay. We had good fellowship at the Clan Tent during the day and at a cookout after the games at our home along with friends from other clans.

The weekend started Friday night with a dinner and ceilidh for all clans hosted by Clan Grant. For the past three years this was for Clan Grant only but other clans wanted to be a part of it so I decided to open it up to all clans. This, this first year

of an all-clan group, saw 14 clans represented with 55 attending at the affair held at the Bavarian Chalet in Guilderland. Clan Grant had the largest contingent but we have been warned by other clans that next year we may not have a majority. Enthusiasm was high among all who attended. Our thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

A special thank you to Syd Grant and his wife for traveling to be with us. Thanks to Matt Knapp for

his remarks during the Clan Dinner and to his daughter, Barbara, who entertained us with the bagpipe. George Grant from Poughkeepsie and Frank and Helen McStay of Kingston, also of Clan Grant, added to the evening's entertainment.

Try to join us next year for the Labor Day weekend in 1986 for the big games in the Northeast. Let us know if you can make it and we will be happy to help with hotel reservations, directions, etc. **STAND FAST!**



ALASTAIR GRANT, right, farmer at Ballinluig, Granttown-on-Sprey, and a member of the U.K. Branch of the Clan Grant Society, chats with George H. Grant, left, U.S. Convenor. (Photo courtesy of Grant Blyth)



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To existing Associate Members and to other interested persons not resident in the United Kingdom.

Dear Friend,

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY (U. K. BRANCH)

Membership of the United Kingdom Branch of the world-wide Clan Grant Society is not confined to those who live in the U.K. "Grants" who do live in the U.K. are alone eligible for Full Membership of the Branch, but "Associate Membership" is open to all - whether they are non-U.K. "Grants" or U.K. or non-U.K. "non-Grants". The only qualification for "Associate" Membership is that the person concerned is interested in the history of the Scottish Clans and wishes to establish a relationship with one of them and thereby earn the entitlement to wear a special variant of the Clan tartan. "Associate" Membership of the U.K. Branch is not incompatible with simultaneous Full Membership of an overseas Branch of the Society.

If you wish to become an Associate Member of the U.K. Branch of the Clan Grant Society, please complete the tear-off form attached and send it with your remittance to me. Associate Members will receive, twice a year, the U.K. Branch's Clan Magazine and Newsletter, "Stand Fast." (Non-U.K. Associate Members are asked to include something extra to meet the heavy cost of posting "Stand Fast" to addresses abroad).

Yours sincerely,

David Grant Blyth
(David Grant Blyth)

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and Editor of "Stand Fast"

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To: David Grant Blyth, Hon. Treasurer, Clan Grant Society (U.K.Br.),
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