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Grants gather in Scotland for historic turnover of Duthil Church to Clan

The following account, from the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald of August 14, 1986, tells of the dedication of Duthil Kirk to the Clan Society.

CLANSMEN retraced the steps of their forebears at the weekend and returned to the resting place of many of their ancestors.

They came from throughout the United Kingdom, from Australia, from New Zealand and from Canada to the Strathspey lands of the Clan Grant.

And this year's gathering had special significance, marking as it did a unique service at the former Duthil Parish Church, resting place of six former chiefs of the Clan Grant.

The church, unused for services for more than a decade, has been gifted to the clan society by Sussex businessman, Mr. Gerald Brandon-Bravo at a peppercorn rent.

Since taking it over a few months ago, the interior has been renovated and repaired by Elgin building contractor, Mr. Walter Grant, a native of Nethybridge and society member.

The society, which is still raising funds to pay for the restoration, has yet to decide the future use of the building, but it is hoped to

open it to the public.

At a special service on Sunday, clan members and relatives of people buried in the tiny churchyard filled the church for its last act of worship. Every one of the temporary seats, brought in to replace pews which had been removed, was taken.

PLAQUE

They saw chief of the clan, Lord Strathspey, accompanied by his wife, unveil a special plaque marking the Sussex businessman's gift.

Mr. David Grant Blyth, secretary of the society, said the work carried out on the church in the two month transformation demonstrated the loyalty which clan members had to the society.

Sunday's service was conducted by local minister the Rev. Matthew Stewart, with the sermon given by the Rev. George V.R. Grant, a retired Church of Scotland minister and former vice-convenor of the kirk's church and nation committee.

The lesson was read by the Rev. Joe Grant, formerly of Cromdale, now living in

retirement at Dulnain Bridge with hymns written by Grants. They included "O Worship the King" by Robert Grant; "Oh Lord I sing they praises" by Peter Grant and the 23rd psalm arranged by David Grant.

TOURED

Afterwards, the congregation toured the churchyard where scores of non-titled Grants are interred.

The clan weekend had started on Friday when a reception was held at the Seaford Lodge Hotel, Grantown, at which visiting clansmen were welcomed by Lord and Lady Strathspey.

On Saturday, they were guests at the clan rally at Abernethy Highland Games, and before leaving on Sunday were given a conducted tour of the clan seat of Castle Grant, now undergoing a £1m facelift.

It is being carried out by London businessman Mr. Paul Dobson, who plans to turn the castle into a hotel with museum facilities for the clan society.



CHURCH INTERIOR, with Walter Grant viewing the plaque, honoring Brandon-Bravo for the gift to the Clan Grant Society.

Many Californians register at Albany

The July 13 Oakland Games and the June 28-29 Albany, Calif., games were attended by Gene Grant, Far West Representative, and the Albany games were quite successful. Grant presented the following account:

"A bad case of respiratory flu prevented me from taking pictures at the Golden Gate Games in Albany. I set up the tent but could not get interested in doing more than that.

"Alex Beaton, the Scottish singer & the winds are present at all Games in

California and Albany was no exception. Albany is located on the shores of the San Francisco Bay and the area is subject to winds straight from the ocean. Saturday these winds caused several casualties among the many Clan tents & a drop in temperature that caused some discomfort to us Californians used to the high 80's to 100's for the Games. Sunday, which I could not attend, was much better I am told. Larry DeMars & Alan Grant signed up most of

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Grants Attend Three California Games

Gene Grant, the new Western States Commissioner, submitted the following report on the first three games he attended this Summer in California:

"I have attended three games so far and have one more scheduled for this weekend (June 21st in Sacramento) and a two-day event for June 28th & 29th in Albany.

"The Games in Modesto went well with the usual beautiful California weather and of course, the winds that always follow the Games.

"Tuolumne Park is perfect for Scottish Games and Clan Tents. Huge trees shade the Glen o' Clans with the Clan Tents set up on both sides of

a road which winds through a grassy meadow. The Tuolumne River, for which the park is named, is just a stone's throw (or haggis throw) from the Games area and lends itself to the Scottish theme.

"I met a charming pair of Grant ladies. Evelyn Grant Simmons (age 93) and her daughter, Betty B. Stowe. I promised that their picture would be in the Craigellachie so hope you can find room.

"The Grants signing the guest list at Modesto were: Linda Grant, 3724 Apple Hill Road, Modesto, Ca 95355;

Evelyn Grant Simmons and Betty B. Stowe, 1605 Marty Ct., Modesto 95350; Stuart W. McCullough, 2313 Coding Drive, Modesto, Ca 95350; Mary Warner, 2890 Duffy, San Bernardino, Ca 92405.

"The Gathering at Stockton the following day was more of a commercial affair put on as advertisement for a new shopping center. However, the setting next to the Marina was nice and the boats coming and going were a pleasant distraction but the ever-present wind was

even stronger than Modesto. "Grant visitors at Stockton were: Barbara Heino, 6706 Tam O'Shanter Hill, Stockton, Ca 95210; Jere Moore, 1624 Chaparral Way, Stockton, Ca 95209.

"The photo albums of Scotland are the strongest draw of the Clan Grant Booth so if anyone wishes pictures of Scotland for their display or personal use, I will be happy to send them copies at the cost of printing and mailing."

Gene Grant, 1250 Crestmont Dr., Angwin, CA 94508.

Upper Midwest Grants Stand Fast!

Macalester College on May 3, 1986 was the occasion of the second coming of the Clan Grant Society to the Scottish Gathering and Games in St. Paul, Minnesota. Unaccountably, the weather was fine. In fact it was superb!

This year the local Grants made an outstanding showing. And that's saying something in Viking land. You could say that the Grants are helping to turn the age old table on the Norse as we Scots invade their strongholds. Especially

noteworthy was the Fred Grant segment of the Clan. Fred and Hazel (Decorah, Iowa.) have been active "Grants" before the society arrived. Before Ed and Susie set up the first tent in 1985, Fred and his family were showing the Grant in Minnesota and Iowa.

This year, the parade of tartans was rather poorly organized. After a long delay in the hot sun the Clan Donald threw in the towel; said that they couldn't take it, and wouldn't march - goodbye. Concerned with the

long standing in the heat, a poll of the Grants was made. But Fred said it all. The Grants will STANDFAST.

Accompanying Fred and Hazel were their Family; Chuck and Kay - Fairbault, Mn., Mike and Kim - Minneapolis, Dana, Virginia, and Timmy - Northfield, Mn., and Helen Grant Schmidt of Decorah.

And representing St. Paul, we were pleased to have Bill Peet chat with us and swell our numbers on the march. It was a great day to be a Grant.

Stone Mountain Grant Dinner Sat., Oct. 18

Members of the Clan Grant Society attending the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta this October are invited to enjoy their usual Clan Grant dinner and get-together at 7:00 o'clock on Saturday evening, October 18, at 1902 Alderbrook Road, NE, Atlanta.

Following last year's dinner at a local restaurant,

a number of Grants discussed the situation and decided that it would be pleasanter in a home. Duane and Margaret Kline were delighted to offer their's, and are looking forward to the occasion.

It will be a simple sort of picnic-style buffet, with everyone chipping in to cover the cost. Drinks will be on a BYOB basis. Plenty of

ice, glasses, and the like, as well as coffee and tea, will be furnished. Maps will be available at the Clan Grant tent in Stone Mountain.

Those who would like to attend are asked to let us know well in advance, so we can have a clear idea of how many to plan for. A note or postcard will be appreciated, or a call to 404-636-0070.

Ludovick Grant Research in North, South Carolina

Sunday, 13th July 1986
Shirley,

I received a letter from Jane Todd similar to the one you received and my answer is below. Since LUDOVICK GRANT married a Cherokee woman — Mrs. Todd shouldn't have too much trouble in finding her information since the Cherokee nation was moved from this area to Oklahoma — this as you know was called the TRAIL OF TEARS. I have been told that the Indian records are some of the best.

We didn't get to Grandfather Mtn. this year. We went to a family reunion in Mississippi in June. Kathryn (jr.) went to Linville tho. They should have had good weather.

K. White

145 Pinckney Street
Chester, SC 29706
2 July 1986 k

Jane Little Todd
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Romona, OK 74061

Re: LUDOVICK GRANT
Dear Jane,

I'm afraid that I will not be of any assistance in finding the LUDOVICK GRANT mentioned. We have not been able to trace the Chester Co., SC GRANT's any further back than James Grant and John Grant, probably brothers who joined a volunteer group of horsemen in 1775 in Chester Co., SC. However, I now suspect that instead of brothers' they were more than likely father & son. Since there is no documented proof the little information that I have is purely speculation on my part. Family tradition also says they "probably came from Virginia."

I have searched several books which I have on hand but could not find any GRANT by the name of Ludovick except the one who was banished to the American Plantations and his entry reads:

LUDOVICK GRANT: Jacobite captured at Preston. Transported from Liverpool to South Carolina on the Susannah, Master Thomas Bromhall 7 May 1716.

Warren, Mary Bondurant, compiler, *South Carolina Jury Lists 1718 through 1783*: (Danielsville, GA, Heritage Papers, 1977).

There was not a single GRANT listed in this book as having served or called to serve on a jury in South Carolina between the above mentioned years but

Hendrix, Ge Lee Corley and Lindsay, Morn McKoy, compilers, *The Jury Lists of South Carolina 1778-1779*: (Greenville, SC, Privately published by Corley and Lindsay, 1975). This book lists several GRANTS in South Carolina between 1778-1779.

p. 102 lists a William Grant

in Spartan District. There were several Grants in Charleston and Orangeburgh Districts but I suspect, if any this William would be your best bet. Spartanburg County, SC was formed from Ninety Six District in 1785; part was taken to form Cherokee County in 1897; some early records would be in North Carolina as there was a border dispute between North and South Carolina. The Border east of the Catawba River was surveyed in 1764 and west of the Catawba in 1772. Prior to these surveys, much of the territory in the north-central and north-western part of South Carolina was considered North Carolina. There were about 11 South Carolina counties involved but only four such North Carolina Counties, and they were Bladen ca. 1745-1749, Anson 1749-1764, Mecklenburg 1763-1772, and Tryon 1769-1772.

Holcomb, Brent H., compiler, *Anson County, North Carolina, Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766, Abstracts of Wills & Estates, 1749-1795* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980)

This book has a DUNCAN GRANT indexed several times. He bought 100 A., 13 Feb 1748, on the N. side of Great Pee Dee (river) and the S. side of Little River (then Anson Co., NC. This area is still in NC and was not in the border dispute)

I do not know of anyone in North Carolina who does serious research of a GRANT line. However, there is a young man in Anderson County, SC who is researching his line of GRANT's from that area and his name is:

Alton Grant, 2006 Lindal Road, Anderson, SC 29621.

I refer you to GRANT's in the Spartanburg/ Greenville/ Pickens/ Anderson Area because the Cherokee nation came down into the Mountains of what is now Greenville/ Pickens/ Oconee Counties, SC. In 1790 there were GRANT'S in that area and if you can check a map, Dahlonega, Ga was just west of the above mentioned counties.

Have you been able to check or get any information from Indian Records? Surely, Ludovick was listed somewhere there and they would be in the Colonial Records. I'm just not sure as to what records are available. I went to the Library yesterday and checked a book out. I thought perhaps I would be able to find something in it. Indian Guides and Traders were mentioned but not by name.

Lefler, Hugh Talmage, Editor, *A New Voyage to Carolina by John Lawson containing the Exact Description and Natural History, of that Country: Together with the Present State thereof and a Journal*



GORDON M. GRANT, far right, and his wife Mildred, with George and Lucille Grant; Gordon, of Arlington, Va., will

become President of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. this month.

of a Thousand Miles, Travel'd thru several Nations of Indians. Giving a particular account of their Customs, Manners, Etc. (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2nd Printing, 1984)

The above book is a journal kept by John Lawson on his trip through South and North Carolina in 1700. However, he does not mention the Cherokee Nation. He did not go that far west. He left Charleston, thence up the Santee River, through Camden and Lancaster, in South Carolina and on up the Monroe, High Point, Durham, Greenville, and Wilmington in North Carolina. The Cherokee Nation (what is left of it) is about Ashville or just to the west of Ashville at the present time. This mountain range comes down into Greenville Co., SC and I believe the mountains of northern Georgia, Toccoa, Dahlonega are in the same range. So if Ludovick was with the Cherokees then that would have been his area.

Since I was unable to help wit any family connection, I do hope you are able to use some of this geography. At times that can be an asset. If

I can help in anyway please let me know and should I run across LUDOVICK in my research will gladly pass it on to you.

10 July 1986

If I was going to add anymore I've forgotten what it was. The weather has been unbearable the last 5 days or so. About 6 p.m. the temp. dropped to 100. At 7 a.m. today the temp. was 85 in this room so I will get this finished and off to you.

I help review exchange quarterlies for the Chester District Genealogical Society and have been reading during this not weather. I ran across two items which may be of some help to you.

Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, Inc., Box 575, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501 — Volume Eight — August 1983 — Number Three. p. 73

CHEROKEE BLOOD

We have received a copy of *CHEROKEE BLOOD, VOLUME II, CHEROKEE INDIAN GENEALOGY*, based on records of the U.S. Court of Claims. The editor is Shirley C. Hoskins, of Cherokee Indian descent. The book is well written and contains a good index. The

price of Volume II was not stated.

Mrs. Hoskins sent us a copy of Cherokee Blood Newsletter, which is published quarterly. The subscription rate for the quarterly is \$12 per year.

If interested in more information about Cherokee Blood you may write Mrs. Shirley C. Hoskins, Editor, Cherokee Blood Newsletter, P.O. Box 22261, Chattanooga, TN 37422. She indicates that short articles of general interest from readers are welcome and will be printed as space is available: Subject, of course, to editing, etc.

Jane, you can see that this was printed in 1983 so prices or circumstances may have changed since that time. This article does not state what Volume I contains. If you can contact Mrs. Hoskins you could find out from her.

Upper Cumberland Genealogical Association, Inc., Box 575, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501. — Volume Seven — Summer 1982 — Number Three. p. 68.

SOUTH CAROLINA AID
The South Carolina Ar-

chives has a computer index (referred to by most as the COM index). Many series of records have been included in this index; some of the most important of which to

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UNIDENTIFIED GRANT YOUTH at the Williamsburg, Va., 1985 Festival.

Ludovick

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genealogical researchers being the Audited Accounts from the Revolutionary War, the Colonial Plats, Royal Grants, and Land Memorials. The index contains every name mentioned in the last two named — adjacent land owners, former land owners, and in the case of the memorials, the person who signed the document.

The SC Archives will make copies of up to ten (10) pages from this index for specific names or surnames upon request for \$.35 per page. There is a handling/mailling charge of \$1.50 per order. Ten pages plus the handling fee totals \$5.00, which is the minimum order for the SC Archives. A suggested letter to obtain the best results:

345 Broadway
Hometown, USA 00000
August 10, 1982

Search Room
South Carolina Archives
Box 11669
Columbia, SC 29211

Gentlemen:

Please send me copies of the pages from the COM index including the surname WALL up to ten pages. My check for \$5.00 is enclosed.

Yours very truly
Mary Smith

The index page will give a coded reference. It has been suggested that when you see a reference to a document of which you would like a copy, make a photo copy of the index page and circle the document you want and enclose this with your letter for a copy.

If the surname you are searching is one of the more common, such as Johnson, Moore, Smith, Jones, Brown, etc., you should request COM index entries for a specific individual; i.e., Ezekiel Moore, Hamilton Smith, Dortula Brown, etc. You might also want to include variant spellings of names: Smith, Smyth; Moore, More, since the alphabetical index could separate some variant spellings by several pages. Allow two to three weeks for the processing of your request.

The information given in the article on page 4 of this letter was unknown to me. Since it was published in 1982 you might first write the SC Archives about this and get rates. I feel sure that they have been changed since 1982. Sometimes articles such as this in Gen. Quarters are totally untrue — how such info leaks in no one knows. So check this out before mailing any monies.

After all of this letter I still didn't help any. Perhaps at least one of the last two items will be of some help.

Keep in touch. If I do run across any information concerning LUDOVICK GRANT will gladly forward to you.

Sincerely
Kathryn G. White
(Mrs. W.F.)

Kentucky-Tennessee Spring Games

By Charles G. MacDonald

One Campbellite complained of the May schedule of too many Scottish Games all at once. For once, a MacDonald agrees with his assessment of a busy month. After being intimately involved in the running of our Kentucky Scottish Weekend May 9-11th at Carrollton, we then proceeded to visit the Gatlinburg's 5th Event, and then to look in on the first ever promotion of Glasgow's Games May 31-June 1st. After that series, you have to take time out to cover the neglected chores piled up meanwhile.

Kentucky Scottish Weekend, May 9-11, 1986 at Gen. Butler Park, Carrollton.

This was our Fourth and biggest Game so far — thanks to our many Sponsors & Patrons who supported the activities. Some 4000 were there at the height of the doings, well ahead of previous years. Competition was begun this time in Grade III-IV Bands as well as individual performances, and this added to the number of bands who came. Winners were the North Shore Caledonian Cleveland Band and the Glenstrae Band of Massillon, Ohio respectively. In piping, Roderick MacDonald of Indianapolis won the Open Piobaireachd, Barry Conway the Gr. I Strathspey Reel, and Duane Dickson the Gr. I March.

In Athletics the Clan Grant Caber Toss Champion was Bruce McCampbell of Knoxville, with the award being given by George Grant for a 12 o'clock toss. Bruce pulled a back muscle which has affected his performances in later Games this Spring. A newcomer to the field was Mike Doggendorf of Lexington, Ky., doing well in the 56-pound toss for height (15 feet) and distance. Mike has since gone ahead to enter other competitions.

The guest of honor for the Weekend was Sir Thomas A. Johnston, IV, Baronet, head of the Caskieben branch of the Johnston/e clan. He appeared for the Patrons Reception Friday night and again at the opening Ceremonies on Saturday. The Saturday night Ceilidh had John Blackley of Louisville as MC with good entertainment. And on Sunday, there was good weather to run the McDonald's Kilted Golf Tournament. In fact the perfect weather both days obviated the need of the big 40 x 120-foot tent with regard to inclement weather, but it really was needed to house the numbers of people attending the various doings. One sad personal note is that my camera was jammed up when it came time to catch the Grant events. But we must express our deepest Thanks to Lucille and George Grant for their loyal

support and attendance each year.

Gatlinburg's Fifth Games May 17th

No question, the main Grant feature here was the appearance of Betsy Grant with her supporting family. She has started life with a sunny personality as may be seen in one of the photos here. She was well taken care of by Grandmother Grant, assisted by her Aunt and the ever-loving Mommy and Daddy. She sure added to the pleasures of the day.

It was one of those slow starting days, as the reservation was cloudy until George Grant got it straightened out. John Angus didn't quite make it in time to get registered for the athletics, but as the day settled down all were enjoying the doings and the company of "Cousins." One new couple who visited came from over in Franklin, N.C., was a Minister there; we have their picture in the group but I did not catch their name. Good looking folks and a nice youngster with them.

The Games were well attended with 25-30 Clans, etc., a good number of pipe bands including Atlanta and Dunedin Middle School, and a brass High School group from Jeffersonton, Ky — with pipers. There were some minor weather problems — a downpour which delayed the Parade downtown, and a real drencher just as the Closing occurred on Sunday.

One of the Grant joys was our Spaghetti night, courtesy of our Scotch-Italian Patrice Perugini with assistance of her John Angus and the Sinclair's Condo facilities. And with that they were bringing the news of a possible transfer to a Chicago firm — which will be distinctly Atlanta's loss. Between here and Grandfather Mountain the decision was made to move.

Glasgow, Ky's First Games — May 31-June 1st.

This new weekend was well-prepared ahead of time with the first flyers put out last Summer at Grandfather Mountain. There was solid backing from the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and the merchants by way of generous financial help. Their stated aim is to have an International Scottish Festival there in five years, so the flyers say. The actual events were held mostly at Barren River State Park, while much of the housing was set up in Cave City, and certain action took place there in the Convention Auditorium, as well as a Concert in Glasgow. There was relatively good attendance for a first time, some 15-20 Clans, pipe bands, athletics and dancing. Even the Governor, Martha Layne Collins, was

the Sponsor for a Saturday AM Country Ham breakfast — though she was in Japan that day on a trip to get more industry for Kentucky.

Despite the absence of a Clan Grant (also Clan Donald), we did see and talk to Jim and Kathleen Maxcey who drive up from Dunedin to attend; and from all reports, it was a first-class affair.

Grandfather Mountain

Assuming you have another correspondent covering the basic activities, I'll try to identify the pictures sent in. We had Dr. Phillip Smith there during the week giving his Gaelic classes, and on Saturday manning the Scottish Tartan Society tent. Along with him was Ivy Jardine who works at the Comrie, Scotland Museum and base. She's a Grant — a direct descendant of Alexander Selkirk, who was immortalized as Robinson Crusoe. She came to the Saturday night festivities, adding to the entertainment with her harmonica. Among the other entertainers were Jim (and Cathy) Francis from Toledo — he plays with a band that goes to Alma.

Also present was Joe Valentine from (High Point), North Carolina. Joe started attending five years ago, started in on the pipes, concertina and other music, until now he's doing very well with the pipes.

Among the other visitors were Colonel Bowie's family — Kay Scovill and her two children Hope and Daniel. Hope achieved stardom by running in the under-11 Kilted mile and winning a bronze medal. Daniel tried but came in the pack — no medal, but he'll try again. Now Kay was using crutches as a result of a bicycle accident when her foot was trapped in the pedal, and the spill caused a break in her hip.

A new feature for the tent came from the Kerns family, who traced through Phil Smith's latest book, and listed all the names there associated with the Grant Clan. It was nicely arranged in a good Script on two placards to add to our front attractions.

If my count is correct, we had 15 Clansmen in the Parade, with two pipers, two banners, Matt's sword carried by Eric, and the others of the host. Although Max Parker didn't show up, we did hear that he is living and OK — by way of his granddaughter who drums with the GMH Band.

Lest anyone else omit it, a Sunday morning storm "blew" to a recorded 125 miles per hour on top of the Mountain, plus ripping some of the Chief's tent and also a dancing tent. So the decision was made to play it safe and take down all the clan tents



EDWARD A. GRANT, left, regional commissioner for the Mid-west, is pictured above with Hazel Grant at the 1986 MacAlister Games.

so no one would be hurt. Thus, the Tartan Kirking and Church Service went on, but no one was allowed on

the grounds until the area was cleared — by 11 A.M.

All in all a great weekend — as always at Grandfather.

Grant Tent At Williamsburg

Last year in September Howard Parsons, of Charlottesville, Va., manned a Grant tent at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, the first time that the clan has participated in this annual event; Parsons was planning, at last word, to man the tent again this year.

"The number of Grants stopping by the tent was rather disappointing though that can be accounted for by two factors. The previous day, Hurricane Gloria had blown through the area. While it was expected to come inland, it stayed out to sea at the last moment giving the area a good soaking and some wind damage. The festival was held at Jamestown Festival Park which is only a few yards from the James River. If the storm had come inland, the tidal surge would have left the site under several feet of water. As it was we mostly had to deal with soggy turf. (Though our hearts were in the Highlands our feet were definitely in the low lands) I feel that the storm kept away a good number of people who were

unsure of what the weather or the field would be like or even if the games would go on. Having been to the festival in '84, it seemed that there weren't quite as many people there. A friend of mine who worked at the Clan Campbell tent reinforced that opinion when he remarked to me that they had had one of the lowest turnouts of clan members that he could remember.

"Another factor I believe was the fact that very few Grants knew we were going to be there. Indeed, we almost weren't. I had fractured my foot on a Labor Day hiking trip which left me incapacitated until right before the festival. My wife had undergone some elective surgery and was not feeling up to going down so I did it on my own by hobbling around the field all day.

"Anyway, we're going to do it all again this year (except for the foot and the surgery)." (The Ninth Annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival was held Saturday, Sept. 17, 1986 at the Jamestown Festival Park, a few miles south of Williamsburg, Va.)



GRANT TENT AT MODESTO this past summer was well located and drew a good crowd.

Notes from Our Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith

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Some of the Highland Games are beginning to put in awards for the best tent at the games. This includes news items of interest, paying attention to visitors, pictures pertinent to the Clan, general appearance, etc. The Californians in our midst placed first in the Santa Clara games! (See award recognition). This booth is under the direction of our hard working Commissioners, Gene Grant and Larry DeMars assisted by Alan Grant.

(We understand that in Pennsylvania Clan Grant tied in third place in a field of 40-some entries at the Delco games. Unfortunately there were two placings — but we'll be trying harder next year!)

Better- late- than- never Dept.: The Callum Grants in New Hampshire added another little Grant to their family — Iain Shaw arrived last May 30th, 1985! Anyway, they are all well adjusted by now!

If you are interested in Grant travel blankets (all wool, 48" x 67") Callum has some at near-wholesale prices. Write to Box 94, Lincoln, NH 03251 for further information.

Sue Bisset Barker writes to tell us that although she is a grandmother three times over, they finally got a boy for their fourth one — and it's more exciting than ever!

A bit of sad news Sue relays — her brother, John, in Florida, passed away last Spring from cancer. They have lost three members of their family in two years to cancer. We have always enjoyed the Bissets over the years — and they have been good members in the Society. We hope that this coming year will be a happier one for all.

Ralph Grant, Sr. passed away last January. Mr. Grant was one of our earlier members, joining in 1978. He enjoyed his sailboat which bore the name, "Stand Fast!" — and he wrote interesting letters each year when he renewed his membership. Mrs. Grant is in poor health at this time and we hope that those working with her are able to comfort her. Ralph Peery and Nancy Grant, their son and daughter-in-law wrote to let us know this news.

The Highlander is available at a reduced rate with your annual dues. Clan Grant is investigating whether or not the Scottish-American can also be available at a group rate.

Watch Craigellachie for which of these fine publications Clan Grant will

offer at a reduced rate in 1987.

One of the nicest days in several years greeted Clan Grant at the Northern Maryland games! The games are now held in May instead of June so our attendance is down with school still in session. But those who came enjoyed the day! Bob Hemphill, Donald Grant Windsor, Donald Dunn, the Bob Langs, Lynn MacIlroy and William Grant Kenyon joined the reunion!

We had three pages of signatures by non-Grants visit our tent at the Devon, PA games! In addition to these, we enjoyed the largest group of Grants ever at these games! And the weather couldn't have been nicer! Rumor has it that we tied for third in the best tent category — out of 42 competitors. Next year we'll be ready!

Members and regular attendees included the Robert Carmichaels, the Marvin Philipps (all the way from their new home in Farmville, Virginia), Richard Cairns, Lorraine and Larry Grant, William Allan and George Grant Allan, Jr.

We always regret to announce the decease of some of our older members. Inez Grant Molitor passed away in March. Her niece, Mary Lou Hitchler, had given her a membership in Clan Grant just a year ago.

Mrs. Helen O'Need Grant Cook, Grandmother of Judy Parsons, also passed away this Spring. She lived in Edison, NJ and had been a member of several years.

We extend our sympathy to each of these families.

As the old generation passes away, the new generation is growing up and we can rejoice in this! These are the ones that will continue with the friendships and goals that we have set for Clan Grant.

One of these is Grant James Gallagher. He first attended the Delco games in 1979, tugging at his folks' arms, saying, "Come see the Grant tent!" He has been a "regular" visitor ever since! He graduated from Bishop McDevitt High School last May twenty-eighth at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA. Congratulations, Grant!

Fred and Hazel Grant visited the Caledonian Society Scottish Games in Phoenix and report that although the games are smaller than the McAlister

games, there were more weight and caber throwers! Fred adds a postscript: "Tradition is the Joyful memory of a people!"

Steve Grant, in Missouri, is looking longingly at the low rates to Scotland again this summer! That's the thought with that "wee country" — it calls you back again and again!

Mr. & Mrs. Earl E. Grant in West Chester gave us a photocopy of a West Point Register from 1847 to 1850, with a Dr. George R. Grant from Tennessee listed as having been invited by the Secretary of War. He attended the examination June, 1850!

We appreciate people calling our attention to items like this — and we hope the donors will join us in some of our local activities.

Zane Grant writes from Florida that he is enjoying retirement (former art director for Prudential) and has been busy working on his genealogy. Currently he is stuck on a part of the David Hamilton Grant family. They lived in western PA (Pittsburgh, Altoona, McKeesport) area. David was born in Pittsburgh on 27 February 1864, marrying Amanda Elizabeth Reffner in Hollidaysburg on 16 September, 1886. David's father, James William Grant, married Mary C. (Harrison?).

Zane says any help would be appreciated! (Note: our genealogist will be retiring soon — and are we going to put her to work!)

Mrs. Burt B. Smith (Lela E. Grant) writes from Houston that she has been quite ill for several months with an infected throat. She is a charter member of the society — and always writes a nice note.

Our editor, Dick Heller, (of Craigellachie fame) has had heart and diabetes problems this winter. (Probably not helped by the fact that Dick is also in charge of the sesquicentennial celebration in Decatur — since he has nothing else to do!).

Let's send a cheery message of thanks to this man who does such a fine job of getting our newsletters out (including special editions!). A toast to a great guy — and his uncomplaining wife!

Fred and Hazel Grant report that although the McAlister Games "breezed" along, they had a good turnout in the Parade of Tartans. Our Commissioner, Ed Grant, now bearded

managed to even get a couple of Douglases decked out in Grant tartan! (You really can't say "no" to this recruiter!).

Fred reports that they had four generations in his family represented that day! (The moral to this story is, if you can't recruit 'em, raise 'em)

Mrs. Jane Little Todd is seeking information on descendants of Ludovich Grant, a Scots trader among the Cherokees from about 1726. He married a Cherokee woman. If you can shed any light on this, please contact her through Mrs. Beryl Grant.

Gretchen Grant Schampel is seeking information on the town or parish in Scotland from which Alex Brewer Grant (Father) and Donald Brewer Grant (son) emigrated from to Canada. Donald came in 1800.

Many Californians

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the people on the below list. At Albany, we signed up a new member, Michelle Morain, a Shakespearean actress. I'm enclosing a review on her.

"The Black Raven Games at Oakland last week were put on by the Black Raven Pipe Band & did not go well for them. A last minute glitch caused the newspaper ads & articles to be omitted & instead of 2 or 3000 people, there were only a couple hundred. Also my 34 mm camera refused to cock the shutter so I can only supply Polaroids. I hope to have a new one by the Monterey Games so I can take a lot of pictures of this beautiful area."

Sign-ups at Albany June 28th & 29th were:

Frederick Sherman (from Matthew Grant, Dorchester, Mass ca 1630) 261 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Kensington, CA 94708; Bryan, Diana & Stacey Pratt, 7415 Faust Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91307; Mrs. Eugene F. Pratt, 1450 Surf Way, Reno, Nevada 89503; John G. Van Winkle, 2026 Clemens Rd., Oakland, CA 94602; Evelyn Grant Carpenter, 1227 De la Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA; Ms. Michelle Morain, P.O. Box 41, Berkeley, CA 94701; Sally Grant Stokes, 5041 Oak Park Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; Marnie Grant Harkin, 1347 Montecito Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90031; Gordon, Joan & David Grant, 500 Fawn Drive, San Anselmo, CA 94960; Carol Grant, 4786 Mission Blvd, San Diego, CA; Stuart W. McCollough, 2313 LCodding Drive, Modesto, CA 96350; Jan Allison, 527 13th Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062; Marshall Chisholm Thole, 2427 Janis Way, Calistoga, CA 94515; Robert K. McCondochie, 2693 Mountain Gate Way, Oakland, CA 94611.

At Black Raven, Oakland on July 13, the only registrant was, David Allen, 4231 Henning Drive, Concord, CA 94521.

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Duthil Kirk is Ours!

The worldwide Clan Grant Society is now the proud owner of a significant part of our Heritage. Duthil Kirk, since the 16th century has been the burial place of the Chiefs of Grant and their families as well as the final resting place of our clansmen who were members of Duthil Parish.

The church ceased to function about 12 years ago and was deconsecrated. Since that time it has been owned by a real estate firm in London, The House of Brandon Bravo. Mr. Gerald Brandon-Bravo has given the property to Clan Grant Society for restoration and preservation.

The building is structurally sound; however, because of some vandalism, (breaking windows) the interior has been subjected to weather and bird damage.

Mr. Walter Grant, prominent Scottish Contractor, and member of our Society, has repaired the damage and cleaned up the interior at cost. He has paid for this work with the faith that we will all respond with the fund necessary to repay him. The cost will be 10,000 pounds sterling. At the current rate of exchange this is approximately \$15,000.00.

This money will be raised from the worldwide membership of our Clan Society. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, and United States. Duthil Kirk is owned, on our behalf, by Clan Grant Heritage Trust. This is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation in Scotland. Here in the States we are not expected to provide all of the money, just our fair share. I estimate this to be about 40%.

Further, it is going to be necessary to provide money for the operation of the Kirk as our World Headquarters. This will be accomplished by setting up a trust fund whereby the interest earned will provide the operating money, as well as other worthwhile endeavors of our United States Clan Society such as scholarships and acquisition of Grant memorabilia here in the states. Any money in excess contributed will be put in this fund.

The time to respond is now. Duthil Kirk will have one last service on August 10, at the dedication. We need your support now.

Send your checks to: Mr. Edward A. Grant, 4355 Chatsworth St. North. St. Paul, Minn. 55126-2209.

Ed is the treasurer of the Duthil Appeal Committee. Other members will be announced shortly. It is the function of the committee to receive and safeguard your donations; disburse money as required and justified to Clan Grant Heritage Trust for the renovation and upkeep.

After we have set up the Trust the committee will continue to be responsible for the disbursement of funds from the earnings of the Trust.

Please respond as quickly as you can. All contributions are welcome and needed. Ed will provide a report to the total membership in the next issue of the Craigellachie.

Thank you for your support. This gives us all a unique opportunity to be a part of a very positive action in the preservation of our Grant Heritage.

George H. Grant

Iowa Grants Relate Family Anecdote

We had a letter from Fred and Hazel Grant of Decorah, Iowa, and we can't keep a secret. Fred writes; "In my grandfather's belongings, I found a small book, lined for names, one of which was 'Edward O'brey'. The initial 'A' in my name stands for Aubrey. My paternal great grandmother's name was 'Aubrey' in a census list we found up in Canada, and my mother always pronounced it O'brey. When she called 'Frederick O'brey', it was time to get myself toward home!" (From Edward A. Grant)

International Scotland Gathering Every fourth year draws huge crowds

"Walk down Sauchiehall Street in the kilt and they look at you as if you're crazy."

Or so said Angus MacAlister, fifth Laird of Glenbarr and claimant to chieftainship of his clan.

He was in Glasgow recently, Scotland's "other city," for the main week of the International Gathering of the Scots 1985. He came — wearing the kilt, of course — to welcome whatever MacAlisters might turn up here.

The International Gathering happens in Scotland every four years, with further such gatherings overseas between times. (Next year's will be in Austin, Texas.) "Our main objective," James Adam of the Organizing Trust says, "is the extension and development of international friendship ... by using the ethnic link..."

He claims that links are indeed being forged worldwide among people sharing the same last names "in ways that would have been difficult to imagine 10 years ago."

But the Glasgow week itself was a week of little ironies and paradoxes. For the non-Scot, bemused observation and anomalous conclusions seemed the best to hope for as ceilidhs and receptions, country and Highland dance displays, piping and fiddling performances, followed each other or coincided, and little private clan society get-togethers interspersed themselves with evenings of Gaelic verse and drama and song. Things swung from the lightly Scottish to the deeply Gaelic, to the apparently English.

Take MacAlister himself: Here he was, proclaiming Scottish roots and Scottish blood ("100 percent I hope"), manfully withstanding odd looks from Glaswegians more familiar with the peculiar dress of punks or football supporters than with tartans; sporrans, and feather bonnets a la Walter Scott. He was hoping that overseas MacAlisters might rally some support (financial, that is) for his family seat by turning it into the clan's international center.

Yet, what happens when this undoubted Scot speaks? Out comes English. Perfectly modulated, public-school English. Not a trace of throaty "ch" or rollicking "r."

And the same turns out to be true at the reception for overseas Scots in the City Chambers at the end of the week. The speeches were multi-accented. Lord Provost Gray sounds like a Scot all right, but Lt. Col. H. Paterson, chairman of the gathering, speaks with the clipped assurance of a particularly English Army officer.

Much more expectedly,

and throughout the week, the Glasgow air floated accents Canadian, Mississippian, Texan, Californian, Australian, New Zealand, South African...

South African? Yes. But homecoming Scots from that country were advised to "keep a low profile" in Glasgow. The city's socialist council has no time for anyone from the land of apartheid — not even hereditary Scots, apparently. If South Africans were known to be here, the council had threatened to withdraw its welcome to the entire gathering.

The clans themselves, however, were all peace and goodwill. Nowadays they are reduced to societies that recruit members with more success abroad than at home. All week they chummily manned information booths in the McLennan galleries, temporarily acting as "Clan Center," on Sauchiehall Street. For anyone loving all things Scottish, this center was a paradise.

But the meeting was mostly an elusive affair. It made little visible or audible impact on the daily life of the city. If there were "thousands" of overseas Scots present, as some suggested, it was not apparent to this observer. Pipe bands had set it all rolling, but they were small-scale, one was told, compared with the pipe-and-drum marches that regularly occur in the United States and Canada. Scotland just doesn't seem to have gotten the idea.

Perhaps, after all, a week of little events is the best sort of homecoming. What was evident was the difference between the average home-Scot's attitude to Scottishness and that of his emigre cousins and their descendants. It is clear that the home-Scot feels little need to proclaim his Scottishness. In contrast, there can be no "international nationality" (except the Irish?) that celebrates itself with such out-and-out enthusiasm as do the Scots — outside Scotland. What a romantic picture of their homeland they have! But how do they maintain it when they come to today's Scotland, and see things unromantic and un-Scottish on every side?

One commentator puts it down to a "tartan mist," which hides the reality of Scotland from its overseas relations. But why shouldn't they sing and dream of the road to the isles? More than a few home-Scots still do so, in fact.

And who, on vacation, or tracing his ancestry, wants to worry about housing shortages, ferocious unemployment, and changed industrial roles? In Glasgow

such things do tend to intrude: It is a city struggling for renewal and modernization but still — ironically — fighting precisely those deprivations that drove so many Scots abroad in the first place.

But Glasgow and Scotland as a whole do need tourists. The market is known to be vast. There are (some reckon) 50 million people of direct Scottish descent outside this little nation, and only 5 million inside. "We hope," joked R.A.B. McLaren, one of the organizers, "that they don't all come at the same time!"

Well they didn't. Could it be that there are perhaps more kilt-wearers these days in Austin, Texas, than in Bonnie Scotland itself? And because a yearning love of the old country is much easier when you live thousands of miles away than when you walk down Sauchiehall Street in the rain?



BANNERS IN GLASGOW (left) greet visiting Scots, including this kilt-clad visitor (right) from Illinois.

Walter Grant Heads U.K. Clan Branch

The following account of the election of Walter Grant, who is responsible for the restoration of Duthil Church before the \$15,000 has been raised to pay for it, as Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch of the Clan Grant Society. It apparently is from a later edition of the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald.

A NETHYBRIDGE "loon" is the new UK chairman of the Clan Grant Society.

Mr. Walter Grant, who lives in Elgin but has a weekend retreat in Nethybridge, was elected at the society's annual meeting.

Mr. Grant, who was born in Nethybridge, is head of the Elgin firm of Grant Construction. He has taken a

keen interest in the affairs of the society and was recently responsible for carrying out the repairs and renovations to Duthil Parish Church, burial place of a number of prominent members of the clan.

The church, gifted to the clan by a Sussex businessman for a peppercorn rent, earlier this month was the scene of a Grant gathering.

COLLECTION

During the final service there, a total of £175 was taken in a collection. Of this, £50 has been donated to the Kirk Session of Boat of Garten, whose minister, Rev. Matthew Stewart, officiated.

The remainder will go towards an appeal launched by the society to finance the

repairs and renovation work.

And the proceedings will be seen throughout the world for the service was recorded on video ad copies are to be sent to clan societies in Australia, Canada, USA, New Zealand and Britain.

VIDEO

The video is also being made available to groups in Strathspey and Badenoch for £5 a time, again towards the repair fund.

In a letter to the society, the Moderator of the Church

of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Prof. Robert Craig, said it was a matter of regret when any church, such as that at Duthil, ceased to be a place of regular worship.

"But in this case it is a matter of very great joy that the church and churchyard have come into the possession of the Clan Grant," said the Moderator.

He was confident the clan would preserve both as continuing symbols for the maintenance of all that is best in the traditions of Clan Grant and all the Scottish clans.

Grant-McWilliam in Scotland

1862 Calmin Drive
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25 May 1986

Mrs. Shirley C. Smith
1207 Cavalier Lane
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Mrs. Smith,

I noticed your ad headed "CRAIGELLACHIE" in the "Scottish-American" for the Clan Grant Society, and am wondering what special interest, if any, you or some of your fellow members have in the village of Craigellachie near Charlestown of Aberlour in Banffshire. I had a great uncle, Arthur McWilliam, who was the manager of the Craigellachie Brick and Tile Works there for some thirty years between 1860 and 1890. He and his wife, Ann Hay, raised their family there. Their daughter, Isabella, married John Grant in Aberlour Parish 16 Nov. 1867, and their daughter, Ann, married William Anderson Forsythe 18 Oct. 1873. Their son John was a schoolteacher in Inch Paris in 1895, and their son, Arthur, was single and living with them in Keith Parish in

1891. They had other children named Jean, Helen, twins Margaret and Arthur, Arthur dying at age one, after which they had the Arthur referred to above.

The last time my wife and I were in Scotland, in 1982, we learned of a Mr. Thompson in Charlestown who had an old picture of the Brick and Tile Works and another of the manager's house. He allowed me to make copies of them. I would be happy to write a sort article about the family and the Brick and Tile Works and include these pictures for publication by your society, if you so desire. I am interested in receiving any information available about this family to include in a McWilliams family history I am compiling.

I am enclosing a SASE for a reply from you or any other member of your society, for which I will be most grateful.

Sincerely,
Paul F. McWilliams
1862 Calmin Drive
Fallbrook, CA 92028

P.S. I have information on a number of other Grant/McWilliam marriages in Scotland. —Paul



LCDR RODERICK C. GRANT, of San Diego, Calif., is pictured above with his eldest daughter, Catherine, and the twins, Judith and Megan, at their home.

By George!

This year has seen many great advances for our Clan Society. Duthil Kirk now belongs to us, our membership has grown here and around the world, particularly in Scotland. We have had a clan tent at more games this year than any other, which indicates that more of you are taking advantage of this great experience.

All of this is due to your interest and active support. I urge you to donate to the DUTHIL FUND as soon as possible. We need to repay Walter Grant for his costs. Send your checks to Ed.

It has been suggested that we have a National General Membership meeting next year. Please let me hear from you on your thoughts. The meeting if you desire it will become annual and be moved around the country so that everyone will have an opportunity to attend. It is envisioned that it will be a three day affair with plenty of time for sightseeing in the area, culminating with a banquet. What do you think?

The Stone Mountain Games are coming up soon in October. This year our Clan Dinner will be held on the grounds of one of our stalwart members, Mr. and Mrs. Duane W. Kline 1902 Alderbrook Road N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30345. If you plan to attend please let them know so that we will have enough food for everyone. The cost will be shared by those attending. Reservations will close noon on Saturday at the Clan tent.



LARRY DUMARS, left, and Alan Grant, man the tent at Oakland, Calif.; manning a tent is a great way to get acquainted, and volunteers are needed every year for these affairs.

John A. Grant and Patrice have moved to Chicago from Marietta, Ga. While they will be missed, we will have a tent at the games in Grant Park next year.

We are planning to have a tent at the International Games, Austin Texas this November. Plan to be there if you can. It is possible that Lord and Lady Strathspey will be there as the Honored Guests. I'll let you know as soon as everything is set.

Scottish news articles about the Nethybridge games and the services held at Duthil Kirk are reprinted for your information. I subscribe to the Badenoch and Strathspey Herald, a weekly newspaper about Speyside and our homeland.

Lucille and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gordon M. Grant, Arlington, Va. will become President of the Saint Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. this October. Gordon and his lovely wife Mildred have been loyal and active members from the founding of our Society. In 1978 they hosted Lord and Lady Strathspey when they were the Honored Guests at the Alexandria Games.

Gordon has labored long and hard for the St. Andrews Society. In fact he came up the hard way. For a lot of years he was Chairman of the Field Facilities Committee of the Games. Translated this means he picked up the garbage. I still picture Gordon riding on the

back of the truck wearing his straw planters hat and Grant kilt.

Mildred has always provided us all with great hospitality and terrific good humor. When our Chief was in Washington she drove a loong black Cadillac limosine that took us everywhere. Even enabling us to park in no parking zones. Gordon and Mildred are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters, Laura, Lisa, and Barbara, and one granddaughter.

Congratulations, the recognition is deserved.

HELP HELP HELP

We have 25 copies of Lord Strathspey's book in stock, (that means in my study). Please send \$25.00 for your copy. The small profit goes to support Duthil.

This year the Grandfather Mountain games were the biggest ever in terms of our cousins registering at the tent. Over 48 individual and families signed the guest book. Some joined on the spot and the others will receive a membership application in the mail. We actually ran out of forms by 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

Next year we are going to request two tents, one just to keep the food and refreshments and the other for registration. I think the biggest help was that we displayed the septs or family names of the Grant Clan. The complete list will be printed elsewhere in this issue.

Kyle and Betty Bowie brought their daughter Mrs. Katherine Bowie Scoville and their two grandchildren who ran in the kilted mile Sunday with Daniel (10) finishing 5th and Hope (8) finishing third.

Bob and Cindy Grant from Cherokee N.C. were there; haven't seen them in two years.

Staying in the condominiums were Betty and Charlie MacDonald, Kyle, Betty Bowie et al, John Grant and Patrice, George and Lucille Grant, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Francis (He's a good piper). We had a nice dinner on Saturday evening where Mrs. Ivy Grant Jardine from Largo, Scotland played the harmonica for us. Her husband is a direct descendant of Alexander Selkirk, who was "Robinson Crusoe."

They own his home in Largo and are creating a museum. Betsy Grant brought her parents, Hank and Linda, from Atlanta. Bob and Vivian Grant, Dunedin, Fla. entertained us with stories of their trip to New York on the 4th of July weekend and the parade of the Tall Ships. Our treasurer John C. Grant and son Eric stayed with the condo group with Eric showing normal interest in all Scottish girls over 16, especially a lass named Graham who is a

We need volunteers to staff your Society's tent at various Highland Games around the country. This is a very rewarding experience. Meet your cousins. Drop George a line and he'll make the arrangements.

Send articles and pictures to Craigellachie. We all want to hear your family news: Births, Marriages, Graduations, Significant events in your family life. Let us share your news. Send pictures if possible.

Your Clan Society is in need of volunteers to work. Share a few hours a month to provide your talents for the betterment of the Society. There is definite need for an expanded number of people willing to help us all. Some jobs that need your talents are, Co-ordinator of

Highland Games participation. Someone to see to it that we have a tent and members to run it so we can continue to grow. Co-ordinator to maintain liason with Clan Societies around the world. Let them know what we are doing and maintaining active communication. Regional Commissioners. Help arrange our Society into a better organization that is more responsive to the needs of our members. Provide input and direction that will assure the continuation of the Society.

Write now and volunteer.

COMPLETE SEPT LIST

These names are listed in Dr. Philip Smith's book "Tartan for Me."

Alcock, Alison, Allan, Allanach, Allen, Allison, Basette, Biset, Bisset,

Bisset, Bowie, Buie, Byseth, Cairns, Callan, Callen, Ciaran, Gilroy, Grant, Heron, Herron, Kearns, Kerns, Kilroy, MacAlan, MacCairn-s, MacCallan, MacCallin, MacCarn, MacConachie,-y, MacConalogue, MacConchie,y, MacCondochie, MacConico, MacElheron, MacElree,-t, MacElroy, MacGilrey, MacGilroy, MacIlheran, MacIlroy, MacJockie,-kkie, MacKerron,-en, MacKiarron,-an, MacKilrea, MacKilroy, MacLeroy, MacSwain, MacSween,-ie,-y, MacSwine, Milroy, Moore, More, Muir, Prat, Pratt, Suttee, Suttie.

I suggest that if you are going to run a tent for your clan at a Scottish gathering you make up a poster or sign listing these names. They will be listed in the new membership brochures.

Grandfather Games Grow Despite 150 mph Winds

drummer in the Atlanta Pipe Band and likes to swim.

Sunday morning a terrific wind blew across MacRae Meadow and all the tents were either blown down or taken down in the interests of safety. It was a little different sitting around a table rather than in a tent. However everything went off as scheduled. We had a fine group in the Parade of Tartans proudly led by Charlie carrying our tartan banner. Next year if you possibly can plan to come to Grandfather Mountain with us.

The people signing the registration book are: Leslie and Polly Grant, Miami Shores, Fla.; Dorothy Hattaway, Mulberry Fla.; Mrs. Ivy Grant Jardine, Largo, Scotland; James

Grant Humphrey, Raliegh, N.C.; Julie Allen, Suger Land, Tex.; Sandra Grant, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Amber & April Teague, Taylorville, N.C.; Virginia Consler, Greenville, S.C.; Berry, Sheldon, Ashley, & Sherrill Grant, Charlotte, N.C.; Bob and Cindy Grant, Cherokee, N.C.; Mrs. A. Strode Brockman, Wythville, Va.; Dr. & Mrs. W.C. Cookson, Jr. Monroe, La.; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hardin, Austin, Tex.; Nelen Moore Fields, Albemarle, N.C.; Mrs. Jeanne C. Rhine, Camp Hill, Pa.; Kathryn Cox White, Rock Hill, N.C.; Gerald McIlroy Armstrong, Kingsport, Tn.; Howard Bernice & Gary Kerns, Climax, N.C.; David W. McCain, Raliegh, N.C.; Allen & Elaine Kerns, Franklinville, N.C.; Ken &

Susan Grant, Clemmons, N.C.; Kenneth & Jane Grant, Bristol, Va.; Dr. & Mrs. William H. Grant, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Kay Pinto, Highland Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Constance Allen Goedon, Columbus, Ohio; Peter Malcolm Grant, Kingsport, Tn.; Jeffrey Allen, Riedsville, N.C.; Robert & Susan Moore, Tampa, Fla.; Richter Moore, Jonesborough, Tn.; Jim, Sarah & Jamey Grant, Fletcher, N.C.; Michael Grant, Charlotte, N.C.; Elizabeth Cookston, Dallas, Tex.; Craig Grant, High Point, N.C.; Rossanne McElroy Philen, Atlanta, Ga. Lawrence S. Allen, Columbia, S.C.; Bob Allen, Indianapolis, Ind.; Martha Moore, Bristol, Tn.; Ken & Susan Grant, Clemmons, N.C. Kenneth



PIPING AWARD WINNER Bill Pittman, Grade II Aggregate, of the Strath James Pipe Band, Williamsburg, Va., receives the Clan Grant Piping Award from

Howard Parsons, right, who manned the Grant tent last year, and planned to run it again this past Sept. 27.

U.S. Grant Hotel opens in San Diego

After \$80 Million Restoration

Fifty years ago when Franklin Roosevelt was president, Mission Valley was farmland and downtown was the heart of San Diego, the U.S. Grant Hotel was the grande dame of hosteries.

When the restored Grant opens today, (Dec. 15, 1985) its promoters hope that the hotel will recapture the elegance and memories of yesteryear and again become the place for tourists and locals alike.

"My parents remember the Grant as the place to be downtown," said Fred Grand, the hotel's new general manager. "They lived in the back area of Julian and when they came in, they'd stay at the Grant. It was a special occasion."

"Meet me at the Grant' is going to be a common saying again. In fact that's our slogan."

Hamilton Marston, a lifelong San Diegan whose family has played a prominent role in the city's history, said he remembers frequenting the Grant as a young man. It was a place to go dancing, meet friends, bring a date, he said.

"It was one of San Diego's leading hotels," Marston said. "It was also a very commercial hotel. When the major retail center of the county was downtown, traveling salesmen who were showing their goods to the retailers would take a suite at the Grant."

The popularity of the Grant, with its famous battleship-gray exterior — it's now sandstone beige — was not destined to last forever, though. As major retailers moved out of downtown and the Mission Valley shopping centers sprang up, downtown and the Grant went into decline.

The 75-year-old history of the Grant has, in many ways, paralleled that of downtown, itself. Its reopening, observers say, is symbolic of the center city's own resurgence.

The restored Grant, in fact, is one of three major openings this year that have been touted as a turning point in the scheme for revitalizing downtown.

The first was the Meridian, downtown's first high-rise luxury condominium development, which opened in July. The second — and the cornerstone of downtown redevelopment — was the \$140 million Horton Plaza shopping center just across Broadway.

And now the Grant, which redevelopment officials and downtown leaders look to as more than just another hotel adding 283 rooms to the downtown hotel market. It is



Pictures are readied for hanging.

The San Diego Union/Bruce K. Huff

a municipal treasure, they say, that like Horton Plaza will serve to attract curious tourists and San Diegans alike to the new downtown.

"This is the first project I've done in the development business where the profit motive was secondary," said developer Christopher Sickels, who originally anticipated an \$11 million restoration job when he began the project six years

ago. The cost was to rise to \$80 million.

"The primary motive was to do something of importance, something lasting," Sickels said. "I was born in San Diego and I've always loved downtown, and I know that I had an opportunity to do something that can't be done again."

While the Grant's overnight patronage is expected to be 80 percent business

travelers — the modern-day version of the old Grant's traveling salesmen — the renovated hotel cannot hope to succeed unless it also attracts the local citizenry as well, Sickels said.

"It is imperative that we attract the local people," said Sickels, whose high school class of 1956 already has planned to hold its 30th reunion at the Grant Hotel. "That's what makes a hotel

a fun place to stay, when the locals are there."

Anyone who has lived in San Diego for a considerable time has, it seems, a special sense of nostalgia about the Grant, a specific remembrance of a noteworthy visit there.

Sickels remembers going to his prom there. Gaslamp Quarter developer Dan Pearson, who also is restoring an old downtown

hotel, remembers having a first date at the Grant Grill.

Peter Q. Davis, president of the Center City Development Corp. board which oversees downtown development, recalls meeting his grandmother at the hotel to have dinner.

"It was San Diego's first hotel," said Davis, "and now instead of having a dark hotel across the street from the exciting and well-lit plaza, we now have a brand new hotel that will be one of the more desirable destination points in San Diego."

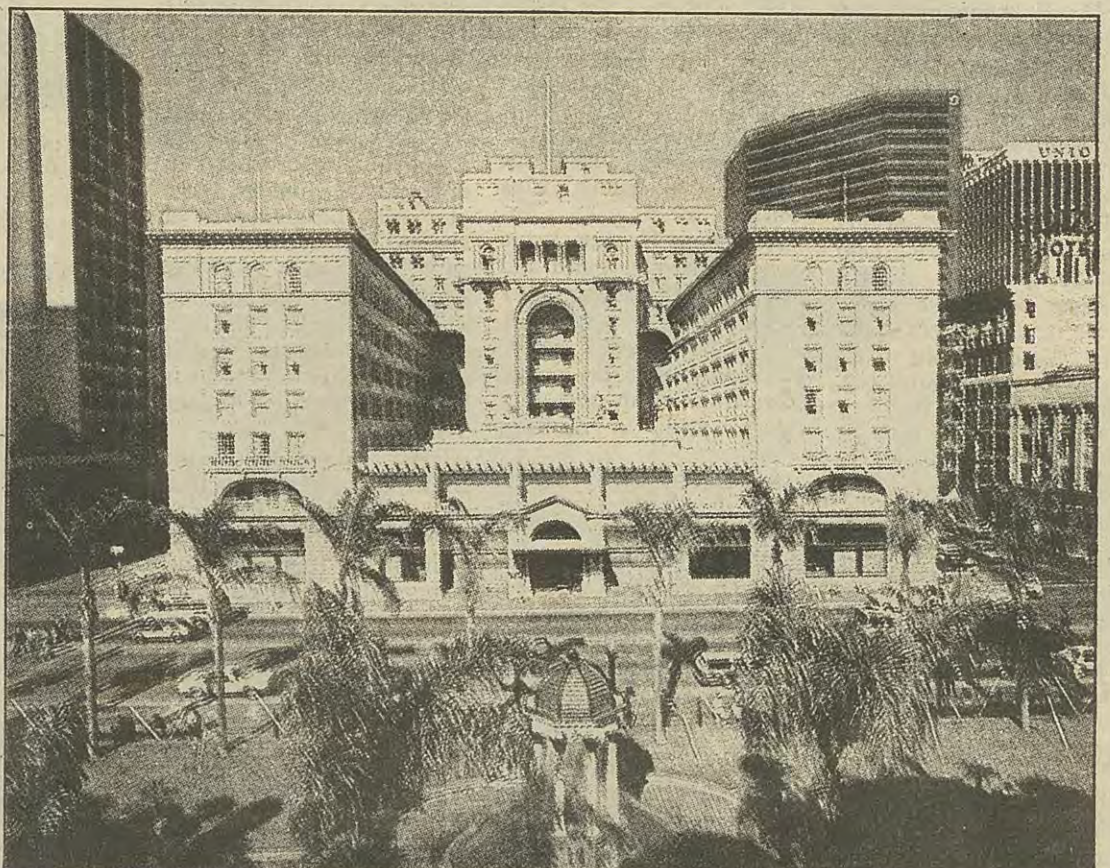
"That block is the spirit and center of all of downtown and for the last two decades it had been underutilized. When it fell into disrepair it was like a thermometer giving people a reading of what to expect from downtown."

By becoming yet another magnet to lure people downtown, the Grant should help boost hotel business in general, suggested Pearson.

He is converting the old Horton Grand and Grand Saddlery hotels into a bed-and-breakfast operation.

"It will help our business because there will be more people coming downtown," he said. "Everywhere in the country, old projects outdraw new, slick hotels, and one of the reasons is there is never going to be any more of them."

The Grant will not only benefit from the draw created by the Horton Plaza shopping center, but it too should spur development interest downtown, say observers.



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The U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego opens today following an \$80 million restoration project. Chief

engineer Jim Phinni, left, and manager Fred Grand raise the hotel flag atop the landmark built 75 years ago.

San Diego Landmark, Grant Hotel, Looks to Future

(Sunday, Dec. 15, 1985) — When Paul Owens arrives downtown at the U.S. Grant Hotel this morning, he won't be coming as the city porter he became when he landed his first job here in 1953.

Owens, accompanied by his wife, Hazel, will be the first official guest of the reopened Grant.

What was closed two years ago has become, at \$80 million, the most expensive renovation project for a privately owned historic landmark on the West Coast.

"There are so few things I can recognize," Owens said last week, as he previewed the 11-story, 75-year-old hotel at Third Avenue and Broadway.

"It was an elegant, beautiful, old hotel," the Logan Heights resident continued. "But in the '70s, they started letting it go. The upkeep wasn't what it had been."

By the time Owens ended 30 years of service — in later years overseeing banquet details — the 437-room hotel was rundown, its carpets ragged, its china chipped, its rooms occupied by homeported sailors.

Now Owens, 63, is employed at the La Jolla home of developer Christopher Sickels, who acquired the Grant in 1979 and has brought it back to life. Sickels asked Owens to be the inaugural guest.

"It's fantastic," Owens said of the reconstruction. "I think they did a great job. They say they don't build them like that anymore. I think it'll catch the eye of young and old."

The reborn Grant is a wonder of marble and mahogany, a combination of restoration meticulously executed and function, complete with computers and smoke alarms required by modern hotel managers.

The hotel has been slimmed down to 238 rooms, 61 of which are suites of varying sizes. The cheapest room costs \$110 per night, with the two-floor townhouse suites on the ninth and 10th floors \$810 each and the presidential suite on the 11th floor \$700 per night.

The lobby has recovered its spaciousness with the removal of stores and storerooms. The columns are covered with Italian travertine marble, the floor covered with a thick custom-

designed carpet.

Traditional Dutch and Venetian oil paintings, Chinese porcelains and reproductions of 18th century furniture greet the visitor — as does a special Christmas tree erected last week.

The Garden Room, the hotel's main restaurant, returns to service at 6 a.m. today. French chef Michel Remy Marçais, late of the Royal Sonesta in New Orleans, has drawn up a "California-Continental" cuisine.

The venerable Grant Grill is due to open by mid-January but a new cocktail lounge, which opens at 11 a.m. today, has been added next door on the east side of the building.

The 9,000-square-foot ballroom on the second floor has been redesigned to accommodate various sized meetings of up to 1,000 persons for stand-up events.

Three small but elaborately decorated dining suites have been added across the hallway, the hand-painted Chinese silk-screen views recently completed. The mezzanine has been reopened to provide an overlook to the lobby, and a display of historic hotel memorabilia also is in this space.

In addition, a large meeting room, divisible into four parts, has been carved out downstairs and named for downtown founder Alonzo E. Horton, who built the Horton House hotel on the Grant site in 1870.

In the basement, a private wine cellar with \$1 million in vintage inventory has been added for the use of Sickels and Atlas Hotels chairman Terry Brown. Atlas is the hotel operator.

The two saltwater lap pools remain covered over pending a decision on adding athletic facilities. The space is temporarily used for storing the hotel's wine bottles.

New shops are expected to open at the key Third and Fourth avenue corners by February.

All of these details will be explored during free public tours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, starting in the hotel lobby.

Besides the Grant Grill, other details await a few weeks' more work.

The four-level, 300-space parking garage will be partly opened in about six weeks. Drivers will be able to enter off the motorcourt on Third Avenue and either self-park or leave the car with a valet. Meanwhile, valets will greet guests at the Third Avenue entrance and validated service has been arranged at nearby lots.

The official dedication will not come until Jan. 9. Special guests will include descendants of Horton as

well as Ulysses S. Grant Jr. and Louis J. Wilde, who rebuilt the Horton House and renamed it after several years of economic reverses. On Jan. 11, a gala opening will benefit the San Diego Historical Society.

Today's so-called "soft" opening is designed to give the hotel staff a chance to work out any glitches in operations. Opening now also ensures that investors in the project will receive lucrative federal income tax credits promised by Sickels — he would have faced paying the investors the equivalent in cash if the opening occurred after Dec. 31.

The first official event came at last midnight, when key staff members donned tuxedos and toasted the official opening at 12:01 a.m. Just as in 1910, a special "U.S. Grant" flag will fly beside the Stars and Stripes above the hotel, starting today.

The renovation was undertaken by project architects Tucker, Sadler & Associates, interior designer Joyce Von Graven, general contractor Nielsen Construction Co. and a long list of subcontractors and restorationists. The cost runs about 40 times the original 1905-10 budget of \$2 million.

The six-year rebuilding of the U.S. Grant Hotel was not an easy one.

Developer Sickels originally estimated the costs at \$11 million. When the budget ballooned past \$60 million, he raised the necessary cash by selling to Sybedon Inc., a New York syndication firm specializing in historic properties, which formed a limited partnership, U.S. Grant Hotel Associates.

Details of the reconstruction had to be approved by the state Office of Historic Preservation in order for the limited partners—who bought shares in \$100,000 lots—to benefit from 25 percent federal rehabilitation tax credits. The Grant project qualifies for this subsidy because it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

City planners and politicians met with state and federal historic preservation experts for months to iron out one compromise after another that would suit both preservation purists and hotel managers. For example, the original gray-and-white tile in the lobby was restored—and then covered over with plus custom-designed carpet.

As another example, the second floor ballroom was allowed to remain, but the exterior walls of the old open-air Palm Court have been restored and exposed to show visitors what they

looked like.

Substantial structural reinforcement was required despite the sturdy, original concrete-and-steel construction. Reproducing and restoring original facets of the interior, gutting and rebuilding all of the guest rooms and finishing the final details took many more months than originally anticipated.

Sickels was not the first developer to recognize the advantages of building a hotel in the center of San Diego's business district.

Alonzo E. Horton identified the Grant block as a prime location for a hotel soon after he bought 960 acres of downtown for 27.5 cents per acre in 1867. His 100-room, \$125,000 Horton House immediately became the prime meeting and entertaining center when it opened Oct. 10, 1870.

U.S. Grant Jr., son of the 18th president of the United States, moved here in 1893 to improve his wife's health and bought Horton's hotel two years later for \$56,251 with the intention of erecting an edifice in his father's

honor.

When Horton saw his creation razed in 1905, he greeted the demolition with pleasure as a sign of progress.

Grant, though, like Sickels, could not complete the hotel on his own. The San Francisco earthquake in 1906 halted most construction in the state and the national financial panic of 1907 dried up construction funds, leaving the concrete skeleton unfinished for two years.

Banker, developer and future mayor Louis J. Wilde stepped in, became half-owner and arranged for local financing.

Enough of the \$1.95 million job was completed so that the "Bachelor Bal" could be held in May 1910. Architect Irving J. Gill redesigned Horton Plaza in 1908 to complement the hotel and Wilde donated \$10,000 in 1909 for the Broadway Fountain, also designed by Gill.

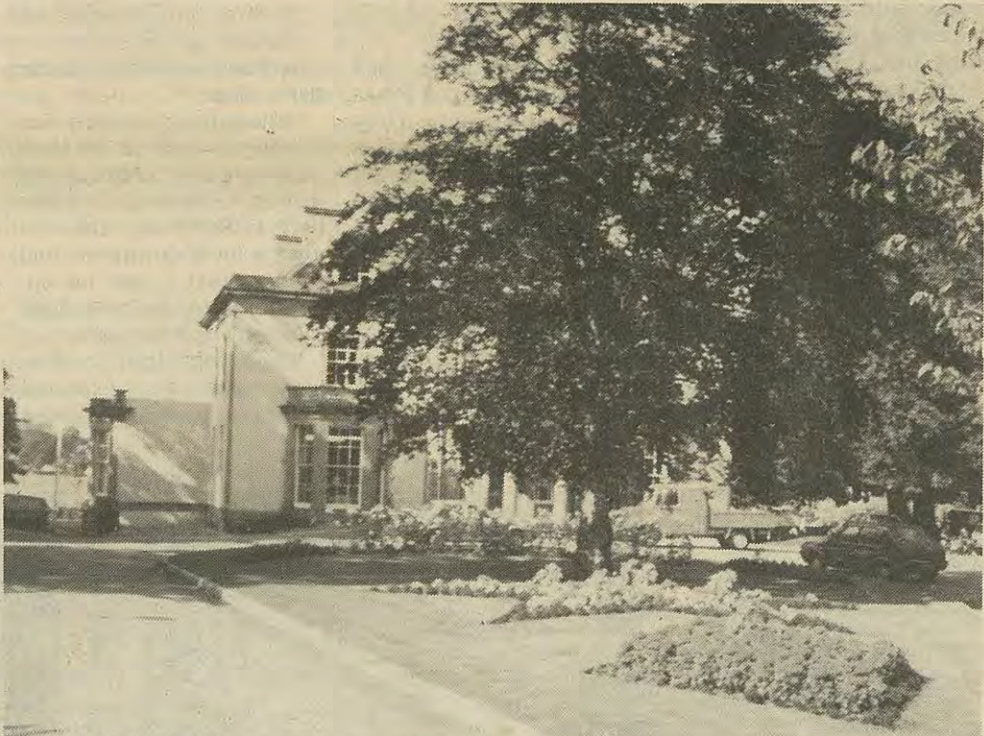
Wilde sold out his interest in 1919 to another developer, Baron Long, who bought out the Grant heirs after Ulysses Jr. died in 1927. In 1942

Joseph W. Drown acquired the property and sold it to Loyola University, to be used as an investment. An insurance company later acquired title to the land.

After several investors acquired and lost the hotel building through bankruptcy or other economic reverses, Drown received it back in 1969 and leased it to Sickels in 1979. Sickels bought both the land and building for a total of \$8.5 million but held the property only about a year before selling to Sybedon.

He explained that the syndication's investors could benefit far more than he in the federal tax credits and that he could later reacquire the property as part of any expansion.

As a footnote to the Grant's restoration, the city spent about \$750,000 to restore Horton Plaza and the fountain to their original Gill look in time for last summer's opening of the Horton Plaza shopping center. Philanthropist Jack Pickard donated \$100,000 to Center City Development Corp. to help cover the \$150,000 cost of the fountain's restoration.



GRANT LODGE, at Elgin, is now serving as a library.



SYD GRANT, left, meets Walter Grant for the first time at the Aug. 8 reception at Seafeld Lodge.

Austin Games Cancelled

The International Gathering of the Scottish Clans and Highland Games, planned for Nov. 8-16 at Austin, Texas, was cancelled September 23 because of lack of funding by corporate and private sponsors.

Gen. Grant Article Recalls Memories

Dick Heller
Editor, Craigellachie
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Decatur, IN 46733

Dear Dick:

The article in the Winter 1985/Spring 1986 issue of Craigellachie about General Grant brought to mind an interesting connection with my own family.

One of my collateral ancestors, Eliza Lewton, was the wife of Eli T. Sheppard. Sheppard, a native of Belmont Co., Ohio, studied law under the Hon. John A. Bingham (who went on to become the prosecutor of Lincoln's assassin and also Minister to Japan).

The Sheppards named their second daughter, Annie Grant Sheppard, after General Ulysses S. Grant, and Sheppard served as the U.S. Consul in China under (then President) Grant, a post he held for eight years. He was afterwards an adviser to the Japanese Government's Cabinet on International Law and was an international judge at Yeddo, Japan.

He first came to California in 1880 and made his home variously at Glen Ellen, where he operated a vineyard and winery; in San Francisco, where he lived at the time of the 1906 earthquake; and in Oakland, where he died in 1927.

When former President and Mrs. Grant made their famous around-the-world tour, they stopped to visit the Sheppards in Japan. "How is the little girl," Grant asked, "who was named for me?" The family was astonished that such an important person would remember such a little thing.

Sheppard was a pioneer in the wine industry near Sonoma, but, having lived rather too well, was forced to sell out his property to the Hearst family. The winery, now owned by the Barducci family, still operates under its old name of "Valley of the Moon."

At the time of the 1906 earthquake, the Sheppards lived in a stately mansion atop San Francisco's Russian Hill. Since the Sheppards had lived in Japan, where there are also earthquakes, Eli knew what to do. He immediately filled the bathtub and every vessel in the house with water before the waterpipes broke.

When the fire that destroyed four-fifths of the city came racing up Russian Hill, families began to flee. Even Eli Sheppard believed all was lost and he dipped the American flag on his rooftop staff three times in a gesture of defiance. The first two times he ran the flag up incorrectly, but Army troops at the bottom of the hill, taking it for an Army signal, rushed up the hill at this sight.

A house was being built nearby and plenty of sand

was on hand. The Army troops, taking advantage of both the sand and the bountiful supply of water Sheppard had stored, managed to save the house from the fire. Photographs taken immediately afterwards show the Sheppard house as one of the few structures still standing on Russian Hill.

About a dozen years ago the house was again in danger, this time from being torn down and the site used to build an apartment house. Louise Kellogg Hilbert, granddaughter of the Sheppards, who had learned to walk in that house, got wind of this and took the case to court. Her point was that the house was a virtual San Francisco landmark and should be saved. The judge agreed, and the house still stands!

About a month ago I happened to be walking by the house and struck up a conversation with a pleasant lady who was sweeping leaves just outside the house. When she learned that I was distantly connected with the

original owners, she said, "I have only a small apartment, but I would be happy to let you see it so that you might know what the house looked like originally." And so she did! The once-elegant home has now been turned into seven elegant apartments and lives on, its story unknown to casual passersby, as it itself is hidden away among the

original owners, she said, "I have only a small apartment, but I would be happy to let you see it so that you might know what the house looked like originally." And so she did! The once-elegant home has now been turned into seven elegant apartments and lives on, its story unknown to casual passersby, as it itself is hidden away among the pines that surround it. I have recently moved out here to look for work, as a writer, preferably. I like the Bay Area very well and am happy to make the change. I hope all is well with you.

Yours truly,
Allen Gardiner
1815 Cedar St.
Hayward, CA 94541



BRYAN PRATT and wife at the Grant Clan tent, Monterey Games, Calif. (Gene Grant Photo)



HAGGIS TOSS at the Oakland, Calif., games this summer.



CABER TOSS at Cortez Madera, Calif., in May. (Photo by Gene Grant)



BABY CABER TOSS at the Monterey Games this past August. (Gene Grant Photo).



COUNTRY DANCING at the Monterey Games in August in California. (Photo by Gene Grant)



BALENTINE CABER PARADE at the Monterey Games this summer is the Friday night event that leads from the Red Lion Pub through the main street of

Carmel, Calif., and back to the pub. The caber hangs there all year except for the parade. (Gene Grant Photo)

New Members and Changes

The following are the new members of the Clan Grant Society of America admitted between January and July:

CHAVASSE, Col. Nicholas H., 5907 Center Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20748.

CLEMENTS, III, Mr. & Mrs. Walter L., 401 Englewood Lane, Hurst, TX 76053.

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PALMER, Mr. A. Thompson, 5139 County Line Road, Webster, NY 14580.

TITUS, Ms. Patricia E., 79 Chapel Hill Drive, Rochester, NY 14617.

CHAVASSE, Mr. James Landis, 1805 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27608.

COLT, Mr. Bruce A., 1360 N. Dunkenfield Avenue, Crystal River, FL 32629.

DEMMING, Mr. & Mrs. Dale, 215 Florence Avenue, West Atlantic City, NJ 03232.

GRANT, Mr. James Josiah, 627 Elm Street, Van Wert, OH 45891.

JARVIS, B.A., M. DIV., Rev. W. D., The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 48 Brock Street West, Tillsonburg, Ontario N4G 2A5.

MC CONNELL, Mr. & Mrs. James T., 3430 Ashwood Lane, Atlanta, GA 30341.

MERCAK, Ms. Maryann, 2594 Columbus Way, So., St. Petersburg, FL 33712.

RIGGS, Ms. Elizabeth B., 9801 Conestoga Way, Potomac, MO 20854.

STAFURSKY, Mr. & Mrs. James H., 2901 N. Dale Mabry #1104, Tampa, FL 33607.

CAIRNS, Mr. & Mrs. Richard W., 134 Apple Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

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GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Lysle, Tuttle Lane, Dover, NH 03820.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Peter

M., 3632 Hemlock Park, Kingsport, TN 37663.

GRANT, Mr. R. Arston, 29 W. 542-A, Country Ridge Drive, Warrenville, IL 60555.

MC CULLOUGH, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart W., 2312 Codding Drive, Modesto, CA 95350.

REARDON, Mr. & Mrs. J. Christopher, 12 Marble Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061.

SANDERSON, Mr. & Mrs. Robert F., 31 Cathy Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

GRANT, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Eugene, 27663 Waterman Avenue, Barstow, CA 92311.

MORAIN, Ms. Michelle, P.O. Box 41, Berkeley, CA 94701.

MORE, Mr. & Mrs. Donald J., Roxbury, NY 12474.

GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen A., 24920 Valley Way, Carmel, CA 93923.

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Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Grant, 3601 Allen Parkway, #1451, Houston, TX 77019.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon E. Grant, 1120 Anesbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308.

Mr. Peter C. Grant, 435 Riviera Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Wallace Strong, 1124 Bristol Terrace, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Maurine K. Schlosser, 1570 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14610.

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin D. Philipp, Rt. 1, Box 2580, Farmville, VA 23901.

Mr. Joseph R. Valentine, 7150 Reynolda Rd., Box 5, Pfafftown, NC 27040.

Mr. & Mrs. Harlie Tobin, Box 1929, RFD 1, Hyde Park, VT 05655.

Mr. & Mrs. Alan C. Mills, Delhi Stage, HC64, Box 77A, Oneonta, NY 13820.



MASSED PIPERS BAND at Monterey, Calif., games in August. (Photo by Gene Grant)

General Grant's Pre-war Home near St. Louis Saved

The following item, which appeared on the UPI wire July 5, 1986 was submitted by Steve Grant, anchor/reporter from KYTV, Channel 3, of Springfield, MO.

A private group is expected to pay \$510,000 for White Haven, the frame home owned by President Ulysses Grant in the years just prior to the Civil War.

The group, Save Grant's White Haven, made its bid about two weeks ago. An official announcement of the purchase was expected Saturday. The home belongs to the estate of Delbert Wenzlick. Anne Wenzlick, one of the estate's two trustees, said Wednesday details of the sale were being completed.

Grant and his wife lived at White Haven from 1854 to 1859. The white frame house was built in 1808 and stands on 10 acres of undeveloped

land in the suburban Affton area.

Save White Haven wants to turn the home over to the St. Louis County parks department or the National Park Service, with the hope that one of the agencies would operate White Haven as a museum.

The county has said it would maintain the home but not operate it as a museum. The park service has said it would help set up a museum but would not operate it.

An anonymous donor has offered to pay half the home's purchase price. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has promised to lend the rest.

Last week, the home was designated a national landmark by the Interior Department.

Grant, the 18th president, was the commander in chief of Union forces in the Civil War.

District Tartans Due in Spring

District Tartans, a book detailing the origin, history, and pattern of district and regional tartans, by Clan Grant members Dr. Philip Smith and Dr. Gordon Teall, will be published in London next spring. The book, with color photographs of the Scottish district tartans as well as Canadian, Irish, English, Welsh, Manx, Australian and American tartans is the result of four years work by the authors, both world recognized tartan specialists.

Dr. Teall, of Teallach Estate, Pitlochry, is a member of Clan Grant through his mother and a cadet chieftain of the Gordon family. His doctorate is in history and he is the Executive Vice-President of the Scottish Tartans Society.

Phil Smith, author of Tartan For Me!, is Professor of Languages at West Chester University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized as a "Fellow" of the Scottish Tartans Society for his research into the origin of Scottish names.

District Tartans will contain almost 100 color photos of the regional tartans, including such rarities as the recently discovered "Roxborough" and the early "Mull" tartan. The newest tartans include those of the cities of Largs and Berwick and the "Australian" tartan. American tartans are the "Carolina" and "Georgia." District Tartans by Teall and Smith is being published by Shephard - Walwyn, London, and will be distributed in the U.S. by Unicorn Books.

Letter Praises George, Lucille

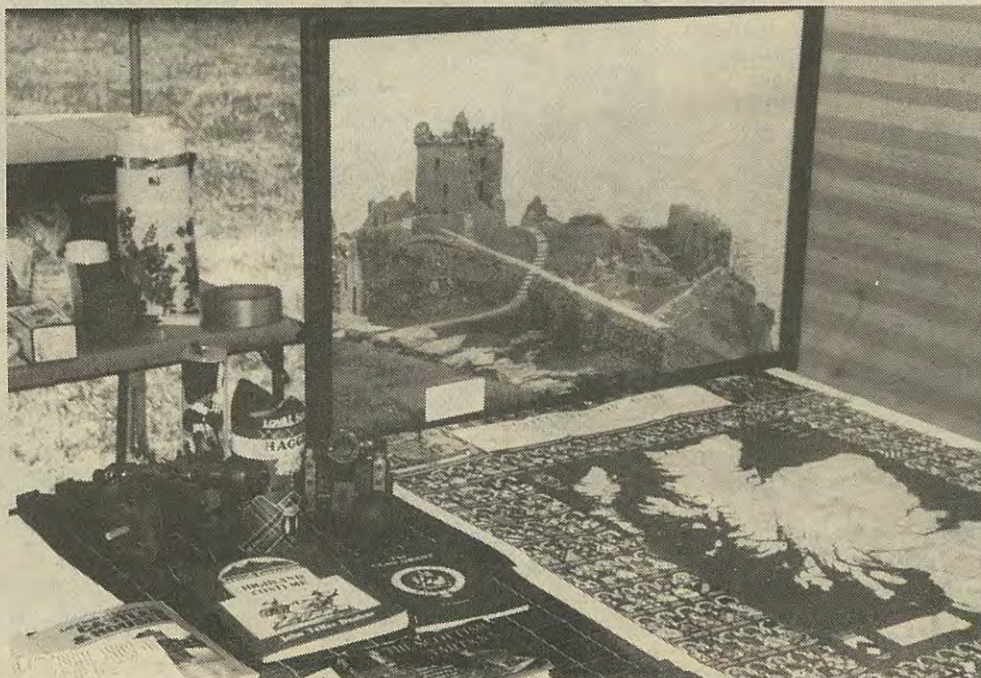
Mrs. Shirley Grant Smith
1207 Cavalier Lane
West Cheter, Pa. 19380

business. They attend the
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Dear Shirley:

Attached is check for \$50.00, covering dues for 1986-87 to Clan Grant plus a contribution to the Museum in Scotland.

I would appreciate it if you will forward this letter to the quarterly newspaper, "Craigellachie," and I hope that they will publish it, as I want the Clan to realize what a valuable asset we have in our Convenor, George Grant, and his charming wife, Lucille. I have observed George and Lucille in action at the Highland Games in North Carolina, Florida, and Georgia. They spend many hours traveling to the games throughout the East and Southeast, at their own expense, and further at the expense of George's



GRANT DISPLAY, with ruins of ancient Grant castle on Loch Ness, at the Cortez

Madera games in California in May. (Gene Grant Photo)



STOCKTON, CALIF.: Scottish pipers and drummers march.



BEAUTIFUL TREE-SHADED setting for the games at Tollumne Park, Modesto, Calif.

Scot Single-Malt Whisky more popular than ever

Single-malt whisky — Scotch made from barley and usually matured for at least eight years — is the fastest-growing drink in an otherwise moribund market for dark distilled spirits. In 1984, 1.5m cases worth around £200m (\$290m) were sold in the world. This was

2% of the total volume of Scotch exported that year. While sales of blended Scotch whisky had dropped 5% since 1976, those of malt whiskies have nearly trebled. Italians love it, Britons swear by it, Americans quite like it, and even the Japanese are

beginning to try it. After years of falling whisky sales, even Scots are starting to enthuse about it. Few other spirits, save perhaps brandy, produce such eulogy, or such pseudery, from their followers. Scotch comes only from Scotland and most malt

whisky produced there is mixed with other malts and grain whisky to produce a blend — ie. what most drinkers regard as Scotch. Malt and grain whiskies are as different as brie is from stilton. Grain whisky, like most continuously-distilled spirits, is clear. Unlike malt, it retains very little of the character of the process that produces it (see box). Single malts are made by one distillery and are not blended with any other.

Practised malt drinkers judge the quality of a malt by the degree of fragrance and flavour it has picked up from its ingredients in the making. Some "vatted" malt whiskies do exist — but few are reckoned to be as good as the single malts produced by individual distilleries.

All Scotch whisky started out as malt, distilled in small illegal pot stills that governments periodically tried to wipe out. Commercial production did not take off until the invention in 1860 of the Coffey still which allowed spirits to be produced continuously instead of in batches. When, in 1908, the courts allowed blended whiskies to take the name Scotch, the industry came of age.

Until recently, malt-whisky distilleries were their own worst enemy. After 1945, many exported their malts in bulk, not to be sold as malt whisky, but to be blended abroad with locally-distilled grain whiskies. Because it cost less to ship in bulk, blended whiskies produced outside Scotland could then be sold more cheaply. Sales rose, but whisky lost its reputation for quality. That was fine while sales of blended whisky continued to grow, but bad news when, ten years or so ago, they started to tumble. Malt distillers lost out too, because, by then, sales of bulk malts for use in

blending accounted for a big share of their income.

Even blended Scotch was once an expensive and elitist drink outside its native Scotland. In the 1960s, the distillers created the so-called "premium Scotches," such as Dimple Haig and demand for premium Scotch surged when Seagram, a Canadian-headquartered distiller, launched a new blend, Chivas Regal.

Malt-whisky producers were ill equipped to compete. Few saw the commercial possibilities of single malts. Worse, many still thought of malt whisky as a drink that could only be appreciated by a few discerning Scots. "Malt," says Mr. Ivan Straker, whose family sold Glenlivet distillery to Seagram in 1978, and should therefore know, "was the personal toy of the chairman."

Such attitudes were slow to disappear. Among the slowest to react was Distillers Company Ltd (DCL), the world's biggest producer of Scotch and now the target of an unwelcome takeover bid from Argyll, a food group. Because it was formed from an amalgamation of grain distillers, DCL traditionally paid little attention to malts, concentrating instead on its blends. If it were to sell malts, the argument went, DCL would damage sales of its many blended Scotches. The company has since changed its mind. Cardhu, a brand produced by DCL's Johnnie Walker subsidiary, is one of the best-selling malts.

The first distillery to take single malts seriously was Grants, a family-owned company which started to promote its "Glenfiddich" brand 20 years or so ago. It reasoned that the only way to compete with the big distillers of blended whiskies was to find a specialised niche. It found it. Glen-

fiddich, distilled on the Spey, which is famous also for its salmon, is now the world's biggest-selling malt whisky.

The second spot is occupied by Glenlivet, which is owned by Seagram, as is another brand, Glen Grant. Trailing Glenfiddich and Glenlivet are a clutch of other malts: Glenmorangie, the only one of the best-selling brands not produced on Speyside and, like The Macallan, a family-run company; and Cardhu. All told, there are over 150 single-malt whiskies. Two dozen, perhaps, have a following among malt-whisky drinkers. These include Glenfarclas, Knockando, Balvenie and Dufftown from Speyside (see map) where the majority of malts are made: Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Bowmore from Islay; Talisker from Skye; and Highland Park from the Orkneys. Some of the finest malts, like Longmorn, are made in such small quantities that they could never hope to gather a wide following.

Being family-owned has not held the enterprising distilleries back. Most have enlisted the support of bigger groups to distribute their products at home and abroad. Most, too, have brought in managers from outside to help them sell their whiskies more efficiently. In America, so far the third-biggest market and the one likely to grow fastest (see chart). Glenfiddich has its own distribution company. Glenmorangie is distributed there by Schieffelin, a subsidiary of France's Moët-Hennessy. In Britain, Glenfiddich, the market leader, and Glenfarclas are both distributed by brewers.

SALUTE

Oddly, more malt whisky is drunk in Italy than any other country, even Britain (see chart). Italians bought

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Ed A. Smith Working in U.K.

Edward A. Smith, Clan Grant member, is one of seven American architectural conservators selected to spend the summer months in the U.K. working to preserve and restore British architectural treasures. Ed was selected from among fifty-six applicants for an internship in Britain sponsored by the U.S./International Council on Monuments and Sites. He is the only American posted to work with the Department of Architecture of the Corporation of the City of London.

Assigned to work under the direction of British architects in the London Guildhall, Ed is surveying and doing research on several historic sites in London. His first assignment is to research the oldest wooden building in London, the only survivor of the great London fire of the 1660's. He is also surveying the ancient Roman baths of London for restoration. Ed is a specialist in conserving masonry and timber and in paint analysis so that modern restorers can match the original ingredients and colors used by builders hundreds of years ago.

Ed became interested in architectural preservation while studying at the University of Edinburgh on a scholarship from the St. Andrews Society of Philadelphia. After graduating with a BA in American Studies from West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Ed received the MS in Historic Preservation from the Columbia University School of Architecture. He is regularly

an Architectural Conservator for John Milner Associates, a firm that specializes in preservation and restoration.

Known to Clan Grant as a piper, Ed hopes to find time later in the summer and fall to visit Scotland again. He is particularly interested in seeing the work at Cullen House and Castle Grant. He will be working with historic preservation in London until mid-September.



Edward A. Smith

Letter Praises

(Continued From Page 10) receptions and other functions on behalf of Clan Grant and do a beautiful job for us in this regard. They are very well known by the other Clan Chiefs and their peers. Both George and Lucille are outgoing, enthusiastic and gracious in greeting Clan members, friends, and prospective members. During the games, bot of them welcome all to the Clan Grant tent, explain the objectives and plans for the Clan, and provide answers to all kinds of questions concerning various Clan activities. They are there from early morning until late in the day, devoting their energies to the Clan.

My wife and I personally want to thank them for their dedication and unselfish love for all the Clan members and also for all the Scottish persons with whom they come in contact before, during, and after the games.

Three cheers for George and Lucille! God bless them. Robert Hartley Grant 523 Edgewater Drive Dunedin, Florida 33528 P.S. Of the Glen Morriston Grants.

Grant Lands Appear in Several Films

Steve Grant, of KY-3 Action News in Springfield, MO, submitted the following information on Clan Grant he has noticed in movies.

Clan Grant territory occasionally pops up on the late show! A 1970 British-made feature called "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" was filmed at Inverness, Scotland. The film has several sequences of Urquhart Castle, Loch Ness and a couple of

recognizable locations in Inverness just outside town. The story revolves around the secret mission to develop a submarine for the British Navy under Queen Victoria. To test the sub, Sherlock Holmes' brother sets sail in Loch Ness with a dinosaur's head tied to the top like a periscope. The famous super-sleuth enters the picture while investigating the case of a missing husband, who's wife turns

out to be a spy for the Kaiser. Several actors wear kilts in the picture, but because of the quality of the print it's hard to see if they belong to Clan Grant! The movie's cast includes, Christopher Lee, Colin Blakely and Robert Stephens. It was produced at Pinewood Studios outside London.

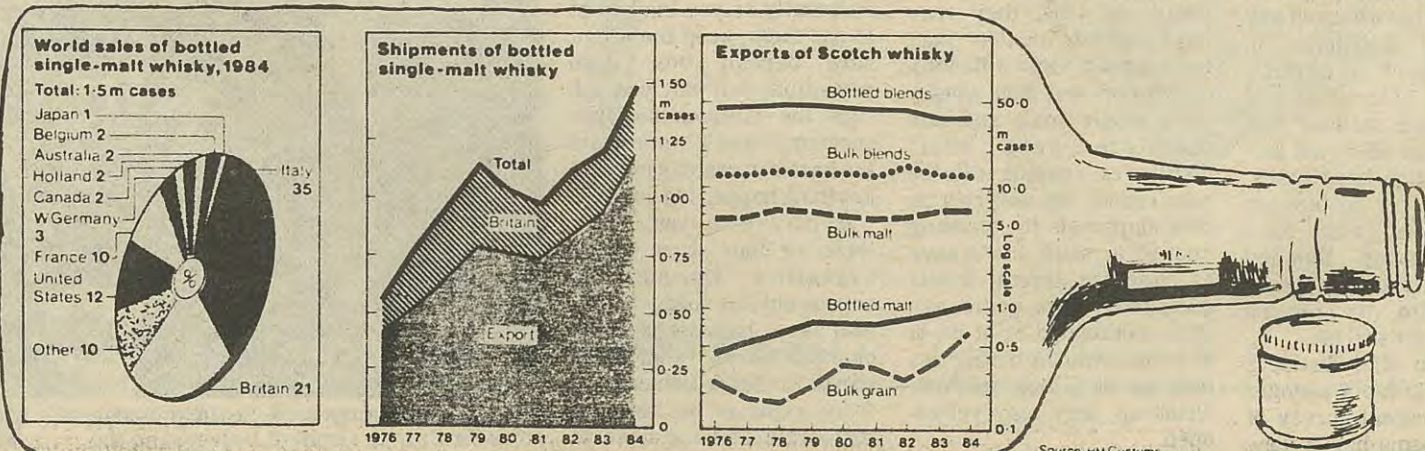
More recently, "Quest for

Fire" a pre-historic saga that relies on body language and grunts for dialogue also has scenes in Clan Grant's home. Those were filmed in the Cairngorms on the Rothiemurchus estate. The mountains are mentioned in the credits, but not the Grants. The scene in the Cairngorms portrays the cavemen's friendly encounter with mastadons. The

elephants covered in bear skins chase off the ape-like neanderthals chasing our heros.

And, coming to a theatre near you, hopefully this year, "Highlander!" A drama about a Scotsman transported back in time to his clan's beginnings in the Highlands. The kilt worn in the publicity shot is a rag-tag blue and black plaid.

A bigger dram





Quiet, whisky maturing



Scot-made whisky Sales

(Continued from Page 11) about 450,000 cases of 5-year-old Glen Grant this year. It is second only in popularity there to Ballantine's. Why? Largely because of Mr. Armando Giovanetti, a natural salesman. He began promoting Glen Grant in the early 1960s when even blended Scotch was a novelty to most Italians. As a result, Glen Grant is now as widely drunk in Italy as any of the premium whiskies that, in most other countries, have won a dominant share of the market. Having pushed Glen Grant to the top, Mr. Giovanetti has since turned his hand to another brand, The Macallan.

In France, the best-selling malt is Glen Turner, which is owned by La Martiniquaise, a rum manufacturer, and sold virtually nowhere else. In 1984, according to figures compiled by the International Wine & Spirit Record, Glen Turner sold 105,000 cases in France. It sells for roughly the same price as a premium blended Scotch, whereas Glenfiddich, which sold 60,000 cases in France in 1984, sells for twice as much.

Sales of malt whisky are growing fastest, however, in the no man's land between countries — airport duty-free shops, where malts account for one out of every seven bottles of whisky sold. In 1985, one-litre packs of Glenfiddich have outsold any other spirit distributed in that size of pack. As a result, even the sleepest of distillers have realised that malt whiskies offer, not just a safety net in hard times, but also a way to bumper profits. While price competition among blended Scotch is fierce, and profit margins slim, the returns from malts are still fat.

Malts also offer distillers the chance to tap a younger market. A recent survey of British drinking habits done

for Glenmorangie shows that heavy drinkers of blended whiskies tend to be 45 and over; drinkers of malts, on the other hand, tend to come from a younger, though spread, age group between 25-55. In America, the third-biggest market for malt whisky after Italy and Britain, malts are catching on fast. In California, a state where new fads are forever being formed, more and more malt-whisky buffs are polishing their palates — in the hope of distinguishing between, say Laphroaig, and other malts that come from Italy.

To cash in on malts' growing popularity, distillers are dreaming up new ways of promoting it. Tourists, especially those skiing at Aviemore in the Scottish highlands, are encouraged to follow the "whisky trail" along Speyside, where many of the distilleries are grouped. The idea was sparked by Glenfarclas in 1973. It has welcomed 70,000 visitors to its distillery in 1985.

However they sell it, malt-whisky producers must be part distiller and part fortune teller. Predicting the level of sales eight years ahead — the time it usually takes to mature a malt — is never easy. In 1976, exports of bottled malt whisky, at 403,000 cases, were just under a third what they are today. In 1996, they may have trebled, or they may have halved. Only a handful of distillers sell their whisky as a single malt and can therefore keep their distilleries running all the year round; the rest rely on bulk shipments for blending and, as a result, often have to close for several months each year. Two years ago DCL mothballed 11 of its 40 or so malt-whisky distilleries because of falling demand. Drink up, they may yet reopen.

Sending Money To Scotland

One of the most frequently asked questions is, "How do I go about sending money to Scotland to pay for things I order by mail? — Can't I just write them a check?" YES and NO!!

YES, you can just write a check on your local account to pay for things that you want to order. NO — unfortunately, the Scottish banks deduct a three pound charge (about \$4.50) to process an American check in dollars. Whatever you order, you must then pay for the goods, include postage (airmail — unless you order for Christmas in June), and \$4.50 for bank charges. Do you think the Scottish merchant wants to (or can) absorb, the bank charges?

Nor do you. On orders of goods of less than \$450 — my purchases range around \$30 — you are losing money. — There is a better way.

The easiest and best way is simply to open a Scottish bank account. You can do this by mail and receive a "cheque" book. Then write checks against this account to shops from which you order materials. The Bank of Scotland, the Royal Bank of Scotland and others will be happy to accommodate you. This is usually done in fairly large amounts (\$1000 or more) and has the advantage that you have a cash reserve in Scotland should a disaster overtake you on the next trip.

A simpler way to send money to Scotland and avoid excessive charges is simply to ask your local bank for Traveler's Cheques in pounds sterling. These are available in 20 or 100 pound values. Since I buy largely books and records, I buy several hundred dollars in 20 pound cheques. There is a small charge (1%) but it is far less than the \$4.50 per check in dollars. The Traveler's Cheque is then endorsed and mailed to the shop from which you are buying materials and paying postage. Change can be deposited in your local bank account (if you have one), credited toward future purchases or donated to the Scottish Clan Grant Society.

Any left over "cheques" can go with you on your next trip. Although you probably have to buy 100 pound amounts, you are wise not to buy a lot at a time since the pound may change in value and you also run the risk of losing the cheques. As infrequently as you may want to use them, keep them in a safe deposit box. Also remember that only you can sign the cheques so your survivors won't appreciate the hassle in cashing lots in if anything happens to you.

It may take your bank three or four days to get Traveler's Cheques in pounds but it is no big deal. It also saves hassle and extra charges during your next trip to Scotland. You can use them right at a hotel or restaurant and not have to

wait for the banks to open to change your money (and pay

another 1% fee to change dollars to pounds). Think appreciated on the other side. pounds — you'll be better

—Philip Smith



AUSTRALIAN BANNER is held by Doug, Walter, Esther Grant and David Blyth.



NETHYBRIDGE BANQUET on August 9, during the Grant Tour arranged by David

Grant Blyth, Secretary of the United Kingdom Branch.



RECEPTION Aug. 8 at Seafeld Lodge finds Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, and the

Chief ad his lady, Lord and Lady Strathspey.

Any questions About Haggis?

The following two letters from Gene Grant should clear up any remaining questions in your mind about Haggis; one is to Shirley Smith, and the second to the Association of Scottish Clans and Associations.

Dear Shirley:
I'm sorry to say I will not be able to keep my promise about riding my haggis to each of the Games this year. I will be at the Games, of course, but without my faithful companion of many years.

I remember well the day my Father first gave him to me. On the morning of my Eighth Birthday, he led me out of the house & down the long path to our haggis stables. There he showed me the newest arrivals from the Highlands, 6 fine fat pink haggis & one black runt lined up nursing on their bottles of Scotch & water. It was love at first sight so when dear old Dad said I could have one as a Birthday present, I did not hesitate a moment & chose the runt.

"Na, Son. Ye do not wan him", he said. "He's a Glen Moriston Haggis & everyone knows tha' a Glen Moriston Haggis wi' only eat white heather & white heather wi' only grow where MacDonald blood has been spilled while pursuing a righteous cause so do ye ken how hard it would be to find food for 'em."

But I was always a stubborn lad & eventually my Father gave in & said, "Aw right then, have it your own way but do na come crying to me when the poor little thing starves to death."

My father knew there would be no problem until weaning time. A haggis remains small until their diet expands to include heather, blue bells of Scotland & old shoes. He told me later that he felt that the diet of Scotc & water would keep it alive for only a year or two.

As time went by, the haggis of other kids were weaned & with their new diet began to put on weight & size while Dubh Dubh (as I named him) remained small. How they teased me when I had to lift mine over the curb when he followed me down the street.

I tried every food I could think of on him. Even rabbit food mixed with pencils & erasers ground fine but he would only look up at me & stick out his tongue which is a haggis sign for "I dona like that."

Then on my Tenth Birthday as I looked at my poor little haggis runt with its big sad eyes, I had a sudden inspiration. If Scotch & water would keep it alive, who not replace the water the something more nourishing. I tried without success — milk, gravy, oatmeal cookies, cockaleekie soup & even enchiladas & beans but all I got was an ever-waving tongue.

"What would my idol, Bonnie Prince Charlie, do?" I asked myself. "Of course, that was the answer."

I rushed into the house & ripped open the door of my Father's liquor cabinet & pulled out a bottle of Drambuie. Then I quickly measured a few drops in his nightly Scotch & water. It disappeared in a flash.

The next morning I was awakened by a ruckus which seemed to come from the haggis pens. I rushed down the path breathlessly & arrived in time to see Dubh Dubh now nearly three times his size of yesterday holding his own against a huge pink bully. Risking life & limb, I managed to separate them & took my brave black haggis for his breakfast of Scotch, water & Drambuie.

The rest is history. His first win at the Games in Santa Rosa in 1948 was the Haggis Race where he set a new world's record which stood until he broke it himself last year. His second win, the following year was for the Haggis Toss. (Now outlawed because of Womens' Lib, this was the variation where the haggis tossed a housewife across a river & into a pile of soft Highland wool.) Dubh Dubh excelled at this as my Mother helped him practice daily. She was such a good sport & never complained about the many bruises she sustained. From then on, it was medal after medal, always first place in every event until that terribly sad day last January.

Shortly after my letter to you in which I promised not to retire him & that I would ride him to the Games this year, we had company from the branch of the family that settled in Bora Bora. They brought with them a beautiful female specimen of dappled haggis from Tahiti. I had great misgivings when I first allowed them together & I saw his reaction as she began the gentle graceful swaying of the Haggis Hula in front of him.

After my guests had returned to their island home, Dubh Dubh refused all nourishment for days & lost nearly 200 pounds. I knew that my greatest fears had come to pass. Dubh Dubh was in love & since (as you know) haggis choose mates only once in their lives, I had no choice but to ship him immediately to Bora Bora. He has now regained his weight & no doubt will be winning prizes for years to come for our island cousins.

Since I was so lonely after so many years of having a haggis under (and over) foot, I immediately called my Great Grandfather in Scotland. He captured for me on the highest slopes of Craig Ellachie, a rare brindle haggis. Since Scottish law now strictly prohibits the export of any live haggis unless neutered,

Great Grandfather Grant had quite an adventure smuggling the wild brindle out of Scotland & to the U.S.

However, they both arrived safely. Great Grandpa had trouble breathing the air of our low altitudes & had to return to the Higlands of Scotland. The haggis was young enough to adapt rapidly & I have begun his training.

I have overcome the natural viciousness of the Craig Ellachie brindle breed & we are great friends now. I do have one problem, however. As with some sheep who pasture on the slopes of the Andes, the legs of one side of my haggis are shorter than the other. Since his right legs are shorter, this causes him to run in clockwise circles while the Haggis Races are always run counter clockwise.

Perhaps you can help me by starting a campaign in the Eastern States to get the race direction changed. If we can do it, I'm sure that new records will be set for the greatest glory of Clan Grant.

Sincerely,
Gene Grant

P.S. Great Grandfather Grant has sent me a long letter describing his adventures while "haggis smuggling." It is very humorous & I will send you a copy when I have time to translate it from Gaelic into English.

Dear Barbara:

In order to keep my standing as self-proclaimed world-wide authority on Haggis Husbandry, I must continue to expand my knowledge of the little beasties by research of all the old writings.

In the last batch of material I received from my Great Grandfather (wo is still living in Scotland), I ran across an interesting fact. Though not really related to haggis breeding, I feel it is of interest to Scots around the world.

It was a Grant who invented the Bagpipes!!! Ian Mor Grant was born about 1777 & was known as "Ian Bad Eyes." He was the leading haggis breeder in all Scotland as well as a mechanical genius born before his time.

A MacDonald had tried to buy a rare black haggis stud. Being unsuccessful, he raided the haggis pens of Ian & made off with the poor thing under his arm.

It must have been quite a sight. MacDonald was beating at it with his elbow trying to quiet its squealing while the haggis' legs were pointing to the sky. His poor neck was twisted as MacDonald held the nose with both brawny hands which pointed downward.

Ian, seeing him run down the road, thought it to be a new musical instrument. In a short time, he had produced the bagpipes almost as we know them today.

Another interesting fact —

Ian learned to play his invention in a one room house. His wife did not appreciate good music so he last became known as "Ian of the Lumpy Head."

If further research reveals more historical facts, I'll

pass them on to you.

Sincerely,
Gene Grant, DHH
(DHH — Doctor of Haggis Habits, Honorary Degree from the Bobby Burns College of Haggis Husbandry, Grantown,

Scotland)

P.S. I hope that I was able to clear up the problems you were having with your pet haggis. Then can develop some nasty habits if not taken firmly in hand while as young as yours.

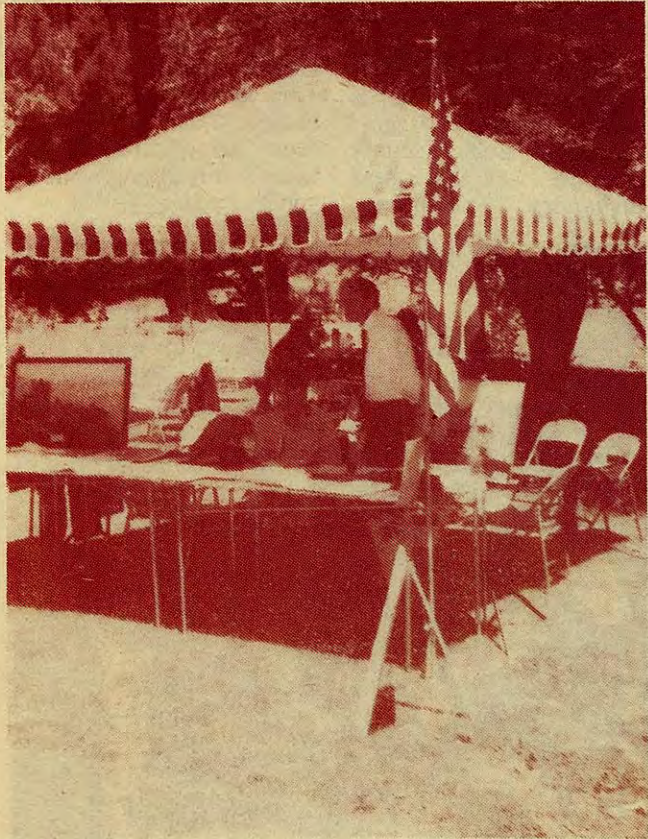


TO A HAGGIS: David Grant-Blyth begins his recitation, much to the amusement of those present.



THE CONCLUSION: David Grant Blyth finishes up his recitation which greatly entertained those present.

Grants Host all-clans Dinner At Altamont, NY, Aug. 30, 1986



GRANT TENT and Alan Grant at the Oakland, Calif. games this past summer.

Twenty-five clans represented by 114 officers and members, gathered in Altamont on August 29th for the 2nd Annual Dinner and Ceilidh. This event was organized and promoted by NYS Commissioner Hal Grant and wife Beryl of Altamont.

The large Capital District Games are held in Altamont the following day and a great weekend of fellowship is enjoyed by Grants and friends of other clans.

This year we presented a trophy to the clan with the largest attendance at the dinner. Clan Donald took the honors with Clan Buchanan and Clan Grant following very closely. This trophy will be rotated each year so Clan Grant will try again next year.

Pipers, drummers, guitar and singing provided entertainment with dancing for all concluding a wonderful evening. Entertainment was organized by Beryl Graves of Clan Buchanan and dancing by Carol Munro of Clan Munro.

A bright, clear sunny day greeted us all next morning as we busily erected our tent and prepared for the Games. Many Grants were there at

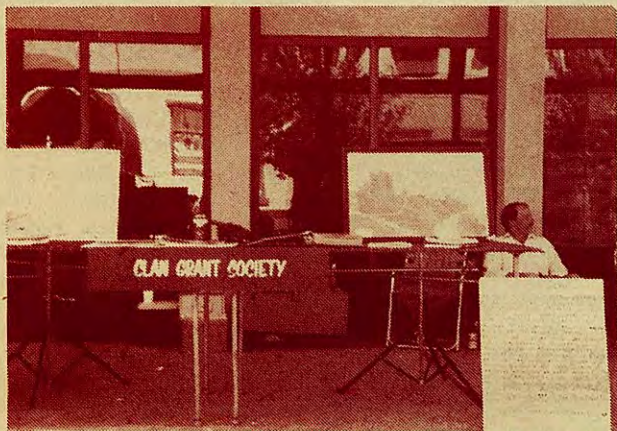
the tent to help us greet old friends and sign up new members Tina Grant and Catherine Allen Smith. George and Maureen Grant of Poughkeepsie with their two daughters; Jim and Mary Grant of Syracuse, Betty and Murray Grant of Massachusetts; Alison Grant, Joyce Spence, Jeanette and Harry Schrader and Pat Choicej of Amsterdam and Mr. & Mrs.

Paul Landre were welcome company and help.

I again conducted the Bonniest Knees Contest which this year was won by our own Mass. Commissioner, Murray Grant. He will proudly show off his trophy (and his knees) to all interested gazers.

The weatherman smiled on us all day and a record

crowd added to the good time. Seventeen Clan Grant members were at the dinner and more were at the Games on Saturday. We have a great group of people and we are growing! Plan on helping to take the trophy next year on Friday night of Labor Day weekend. Hopefully some of our Canadian and Southern Clan members can join us next year.



STOCKTON CLAN GATHERING: Alan Grant relaxes between visitors at the Clan Grant booth.

Mrs. Doris Bush New Life Member

Mrs. Doris Proctor Bush, at the young age of 92, received a life membership plaque from Clan Grant this past Spring. A member for over six years, she gives memberships to her three sons, Gene, Proctor and Sherman each year. This year she also gave one to her daughter, Mrs. Dale Demming, with whom she lives in West Atlantic City.

Doris, born in Washington, D.C., is filled with stories about her life — a spirited soul! She has had her share of tragedies and happiness in raising her family — which now consists of six children, twenty-three grandchildren (or is it twenty-seven?) and nine great-grandchildren! (And says, "That's not bad for an only child!"). She remembers going to college in Princeton and is writing her memories, which includes riding on the shoulders of President McKinley during the annual Easter Egg Roll!

The Lord Lyon sent her a letter verifying her lineage — she comes from into the Grant line through the MacPhersons — and is quite proud of this heritage.

Clan Grant salutes a delightful member and wishes her many more joyous years with us!*

* If any of our readers know of other members who are 90 or older, please let us know! Even if they are your own relatives, we need to honor them. Contact your Commissioner — who will pass the word on to George Grant!



ALAN GRANT, left, mans the Grant tent at the Monterey, Calif., games this summer. (Gene Grant Photo)

Which Grant has the Toni?



LEANNA GRANT, Miss Nevada, shows no fear as she visits with a python from the Miami Zoo. The Miss USA contestant is no stranger to snakes — she operates a "Snakes Alive" exhibit in her hometown of Las Vegas, Nev.



GENE GRANT, who with Larry DeMarrs and Alan Grant got the clan represented at

TEN California events this past summer, at the Grant tent at Cortez Madera in May.

Mash and grab

In theory, malt whisky can be produced anywhere in Scotland. In practice, only a few places have the quality of spring water needed to make it. Many of the better malts are produced in the Spey valley which runs south from the Moray Firth (see map). One of the highest-priced areas is the glen (or valley) of the Livet. Not all malts labelled "Glenlivet", however, are produced there. Several small distilleries in the area were allowed to take on the name when it was given legal protection.

All malt whiskies are made from the same ingredients—barley, yeast and water. To produce the alcohol, as with all distilled spirits, the sugar created from the starch is fermented through the action of the yeasts, then boiled and distilled to separate it from the water. Here's how it's done.

First spread the barley over the "malting floors", dampen it to make it germinate and so convert the starch to sugar. The germinated malt is then "peated"—ie, dried in large, pagoda-shaped kilns over a slow, smoky fire made of the local peat.

All malts taste different even though the way they are made (and their ingredients) is the same. This is because each type of peat has its own pong. Malts made on the Scottish islands tend to have a peatier flavour than those made on the mainland. For instance, peat from a small island like Skye has a lot of phenol in it, which gives a pungent, seaweed taste to the whisky produced there. Locals love it but first-timers say it's a bit daunting.

Once dried, the malted barley is "topped and

tailed" to remove the chaff, then ground and mixed with water to produce a "mash". Each distillery has its own spring and jealously guards the rights to it. Though hard to detect in the water, the chemicals picked up in the rocks, heather and anything else it passes on its way downstream become more pronounced during fermentation. You can tell from a sip, say malt buffs, where a particular spirit comes from.

The mash is then heated in "mash tuns", yeast added, and the mixture fermented in enormous barrels called "backs" made of pine or larch. From these comes a weak beer known as "wash". This is then heated in copper stills which taper at the top to capture the alcoholic fumes.

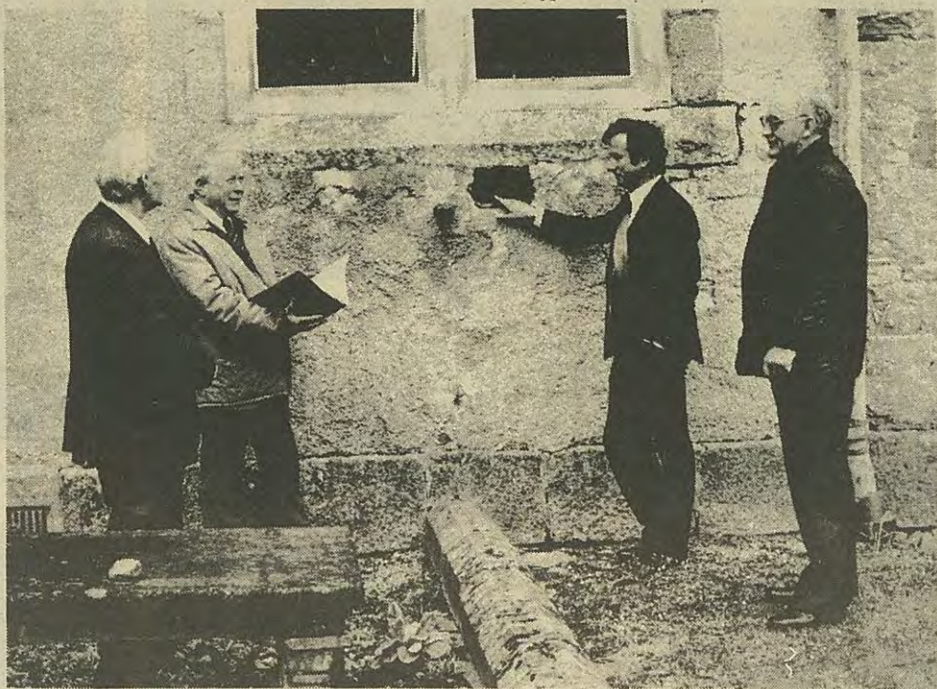
Malt whisky is distilled twice, a distinction shared with Cognac and the best Calvados. In Scotland, the liquid derived from the first distillation is known as "low wines". Only after the second distillation is the spirit tested for proof in small glass containers known as "safes". These are placed (safely) in the charge of the local excise officer.

The spirit is then put to mature in small oak casks which—more arcane detail—by tradition have first been used to ship sherry in. Only a few whisky distilleries, notably The Macallan, still use old sherry casks, of which the best are supposed to be those which have had dry oloroso sherry in them.

Malt whisky emerges from the still at 70% alcohol—ie, very strong indeed. It loses some strength (as well as 1% of its volume a year) while maturing. Most malts are diluted to around 43%. One, Glenfarclas, is sold at 60%. Next step: wait eight years, better still, 12 if you can afford it, before breaking open a cask and drinking.



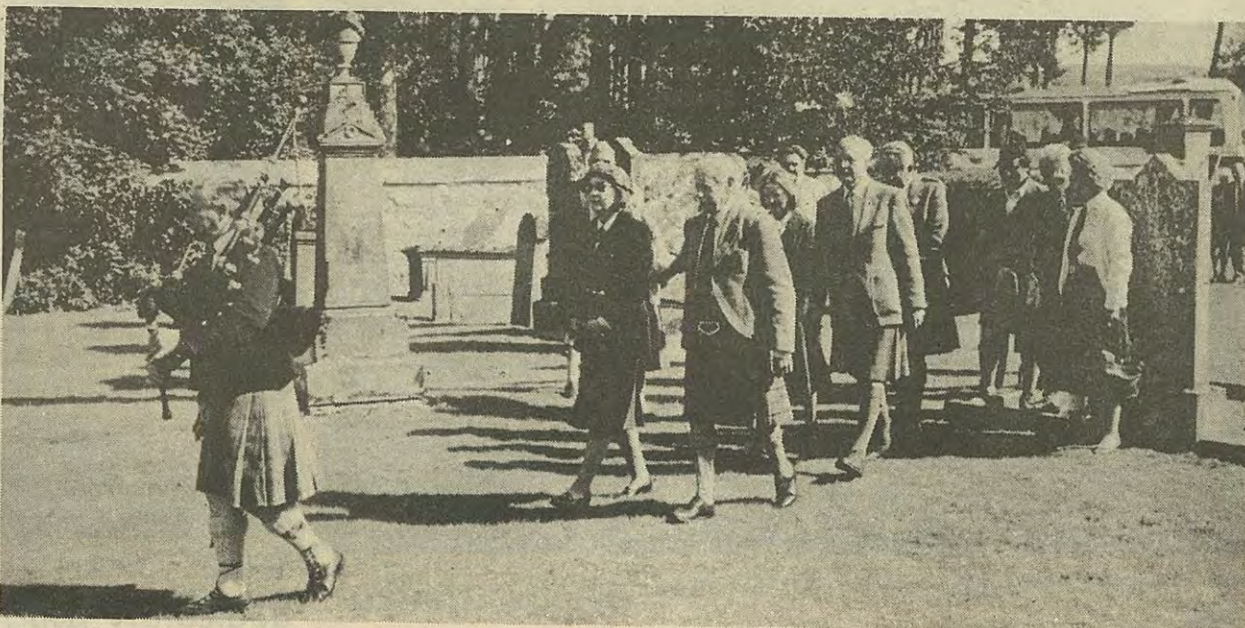
DUTHIL KIRK provides the background for a photo Aug. 10 of the Hon. James Grant of Grant, Fred Grant-Burgess, and Syd Grant.



DUTHIL CHURCH STONEMWORK gets close examination from the Grants, namely (left to right) David Grant Blyth, Walter Grant, James Grant, and George Grant.



BABY DANCERS AT THE Cortez Madera, Calif., games in May (Gene Grant Photo)



A piper leads Lord Strathspey, Chief of the Clan Grant, and Lady Strathspey, through the grounds of Duthil Churchyard to Sunday's dedication service.



WORLDWIDE GRANT GATHERING included Pam and Fred Grant Burgess, Australia, Syd Grant and Mrs. Jim Grant of Canada, New Zealand; Esther and Doug Grant of



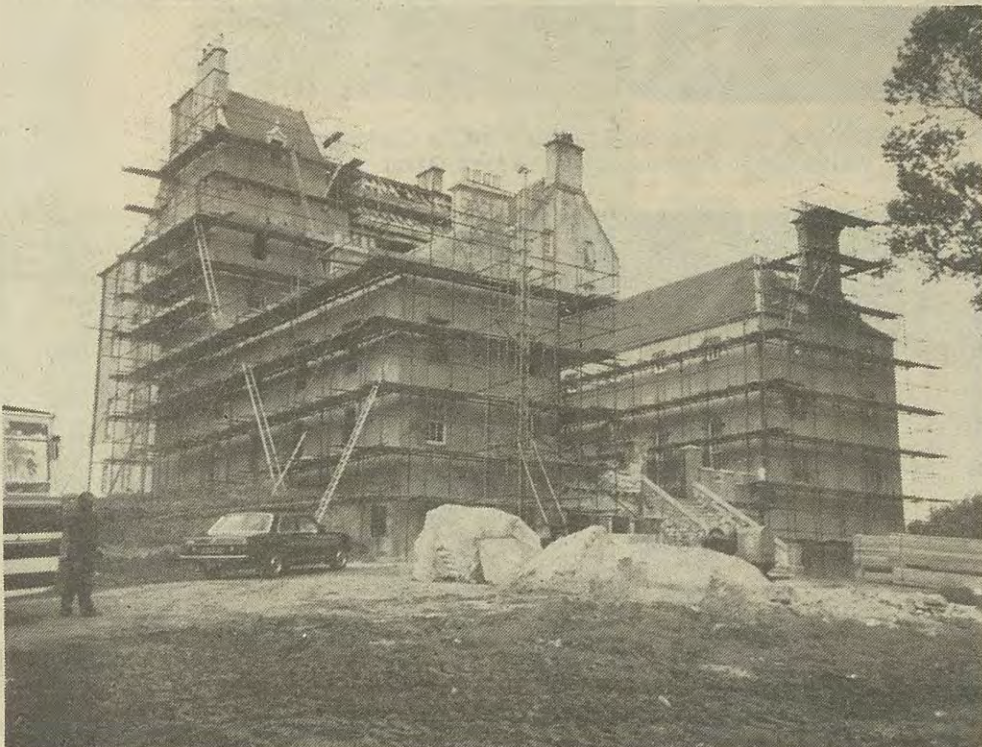
DUTHIL PLAQUE commemorates the gift to the Clan.



FINAL CHURCH SERVICE marked the dedication of the building to the Grant Clan with Lord and Lady Strathspey, at the right, and David Grant Blythe, the Honorable Secretary who did much of the work on securing the building, at the left.



DUTHIL CHURCH SIGN, by David Grant Blyth, gives brief history of the former church.



CASTLE GRANT, undergoing much-needed restoration and improvement by new owner.



THREE GRANTS--Mabel, Elliott and Margaret, on the dedicatory trip to Scotland this past August.

Grants Tour Scotland Aug. 8-15

by Syd Grant

I am calling this a personal view since it is a resume of my own impressions. I am sure that many of them are shared by other participants who derived as much pleasure as I did.

Friday August 8th: We landed at Preswick at about 8:00 am having left Toronto at 8 45 p.m. Thursday. By we, I am referring to Elliott and Mabel Grant from Etobicoke and myself. We flew over together via Worldways. Preswick was a bit cool but dry. Indeed, we had fair weather for the entire week. What rain did fall very kindly waited until we were all abed. We picked up a car and then the fun began. It is a few years since I have driven a car with a manual transmission. However, there was no problem—well not much of a problem. All went well although I did enter a motorway from a standing start in 3rd gear. I always did have a knack for riding the clutch. It required my constant vigil to remain on the left-hand side of the road without climbing the curb, or wall as the case might be, on the left side of the car. I don't think I really did feel any comfort with these "raglan roads". I say raglan because they had no shoulders. Then of course there were the roundabouts. These are the intersections which, from the air, must resemble some organ that has been removed from the human body with the veins and arteries streaming off in all directions. I had visions, at times, of going round and round until I ran out of gas—pardon-petrol. I'm just kidding. The trip to Aviemore was uneventful and it devolved on me, as the foreigner, to learn to abide by British traffic rules.

We stopped at the Bannockburn Museum in Stirling for a bid of lunch before heading out the Tourist Trail. This is a road that leads through some beautiful country to Crieff, Comrie and Killin. We stopped for a while to look in at the Tartan Museum in Comrie. The staff were only too pleased to answer our queries. There was a copy of Tartan for Me on the reception desk. From Comrie we drove along the south side of Loch Tay, by Taymouth Castle, to Killin. Killin is a place which you come upon quite suddenly. It is a very picturesque place dominated by the River Dochart. The river puts on quite a display of white water as it splits and recombines on its way to Loch Tay. There are a number of interesting shops and eating places. I had hoped to visit Munro the stag horn carver. I had been there in 1981. However, he had moved. From Killin we drove to pick up the A9 at Ballinluig and then on to Aviemore. We had arranged to leave the car at Aviemore and take a cab to Grantown.

In Grantown we were billeted in the Garden Park B&B just a few doors down the street from the Seafield Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Neill, our hosts, couldn't have been

nicer. They were most pleasant and attentive. The food was excellent, well-served and the rooms were immaculate. They should rate highly on the Egon Ronay charts. We just had time to check in and then head up the street for the reception and dinner.

It is impossible to convey feelings on paper. One can only relate impressions. My most vivid recollection is that of entering the lounge to meet David Grant Blyth for the first time. David is the Hon. Sec. of the UK branch who put the show together. I recognized Doug Grant the convenor from Australia and he quickly introduced me to Fred Grant Burgess the Convenor for New Zealand. We have been corresponding for some time and sharing news with each other but this was the first time that I had met any of them. They are great people and sure made me feel like one of the family. We were then shepherded into the rear lounge to meet the others. It was nice to see Lord and Lady Strathspey again, and see the Chief in such good spirits after his illness. I last met them in Antigonish in 1983. Then there was the Hon. James Grant and his wife Margaret, Sir Patrick Grant and his brother Denzil, Walter and Margaret Grant from Elgin. Walter is the builder who restored the Duthil Kirk and is doing the work on Castle Grant. He is the new Chairman of the UK branch. Then there was Bob and Mary Rose from Bristol, Donald and Margaret, Jeff and Margaret from Yorkshire, George Grant of Glenfarclas who provided the "Oh be Joyful", and Patricia Grant Chocie, from Amsterdam NY. There were many others but I can't recall the names. It was a very friendly group. There was much chatter, greetings and the usual photo sessions before entering the dining room for dinner. No formalities just a gathering of Grants who were having a good time and enjoying each others company. Through it all Nigel Grant performed superb service as host, maitre'd and bar tender extraordinaire. It was late to bed and then up early Saturday for the trip to Nethybridge.

Saturday, August 9th: I was up early on Saturday, took a walk before breakfast. Grantown is just beginning to vibrate at 7:00 a.m. and I felt quite invigorated taking a brisk stroll up to the High Street. There is something about strolling through a place early in the morning which gives a feeling much deeper than when the tourists are about. The shops tell more about Grantown than the brochures ever could. There in the shop windows were the hunting and fishing gear, the clothes, maps and even a haggis nest, egg and all. A rare find indeed. There were the notice boards telling of coming events, charity drives, services available, etc. There were, of course, those taking their pets for a stroll to answer the calls of nature.

By 10 o'clock we were on

the bus heading for the Nethybridge Highland Games and Clan Grant Gathering. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining throughout. The Grants had a big marquee tent with tables inside set up for a luncheon buffet. There were

many pictures taken.

Lord Strathspey was most obliging even when asked to pose with non-Grants. We had a visit from Ed Smith, son of Dr. Phil and Shirley. He was piping. It was nice meeting Ian and Helen who had just returned from the

Herald Tells of Grant Homeland

The best way to really get to know the Grant ancestral grounds as they are today — besides moving there — is to become a regular reader of the weekly Strathspey and Badenoch Herald. Most Americans have the Highlands circa 1745 firmly planted in their minds, forgetting that Strathspey continues to be one of the most lovely and lived in valleys. Life has gone on for those who stayed behind or moved in to take the place of those of us who left. A number of Clan Grant families keep in touch through the pages of the weekly Herald.

The Herald is printed at 177 High Street, Elgin, and covers the Spey Valley local news. There is no better way to get a feel for life in Strathspey today than to follow a "small town" newspaper. Through the front page you can learn what is important on a day-to-day basis. The sports pages will show you that shinty is more important than football (soccer) and tell you exactly where each and every salmon is taken. Through the advertisements you can get a feel for the local businesses and events.

School programs,

Gaelic Taught At Grandfather

Dr. Phil Smith of Clan Grant taught the beginner's course in Scottish Gaelic for the Council of Scottish Clans at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk this week before the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Mrs. Catriona MacIver Parsons, a native speaker from Lewis, taught the more advanced group.

Phil's class covered the basic sounds and grammar of Gaelic and learned several songs which they sang in Gaelic at the informal ceilidh held at Lees-McRae the last night of the school. The class was first offered in 1984 and was such a success that it will be planned again for 1988. Phil regularly teaches Gaelic at West Chester University of Pennsylvania where his major assignment is teaching linguistics and as the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies. He writes the monthly Gaelic column for the Scottish-American newspaper. Phil's "bread and butter" language is Spanish; Gaelic is for fun.

US. They spoke, in the most glowing terms, of the fine time they had with George & Lucille Brant and Kyle and Betty Bowie. Following the games we headed for the Nethybridge Hotel for the formal dinner.

I did not do a head count but there must have been nearly 40 people attending the dinner. The haggis was piped in, led by a drum major twirling two bottles of the finest with much verve and skill. David Grant Blyth addressed it in as fine a fashion as I have ever heard. Matt Grant-Knapp had told me about this and, if anything, his praise was understated. The performance should be on film, and the viewing of it a mandatory prerequisite to any Haggisian acolyte. I would give David a mark of 11 out of 10 for his rendition. The haggis was piped out and then the beef was piped in—and a fine piece of beef it was. Instead of the wine used by the sassenachs, each table was graced with bottles of Glen Grant. There were greetings from overseas Grants brought by Fred Grant Burgess for New Zealand, Doug Grant for Australia and Syd Grant from Canada. There were some kind words from Lord Strathspey expressing his pleasure at the size of the gathering and the growth of the society. But in the main, the formalities were low key and most of the time was given over to getting to know one another during dinner and over coffee in the lounge. A very pleasant way to end a very long, and somewhat arduous day.

Sunday, August 10: I was up early and out for my

morning constitutional when I spied a golfer pulling his golf cart by the B&B. I followed and he led me to the golf course. He went through the gate and began playing his way up to the clubhouse while I made a couple of shots from the 17th tee—with my camera. (Memo-next time take clubs).

We gathered at Seafield Lodge, boarded the bus and cars, and headed for Carrbridge and Duthil Kirk. The sun was shining brightly as it had done on Saturday. There was time for some looking around before we were piped in to the church following the Chief. Every seat was taken. Walter Grant's people have done a first-class job of restoring the building. I have no idea of what damage had been done by the vandals but not a mark remains. Lord Strathspey unveiled the plaque which acknowledges the gift of the church to the society before the service of worship. All of the hymns were written by Grants and were sung with gusto sans musical accompaniment, led by David Grant Blyth. David read the lesson in Scots. Fortunately it was the familiar story about the good Samaritan and easily decipherable through the unfamiliar tongue. The collection will go into the Heritage Fund to help pay for the restoration. There is one other plaque on the wall, the Clan crest given by George Grant, convenor for the USA. It is mounted on the front wall and looks quite impressive.

We spent some time following the service examining the gravestones.

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AUSTRALIAN GRANTS greet the clan gathering through Doug Grant, left, at Nethybridge banquet Aug. 9.

Worldwide Clan Gathering Dedicates Duthil Kirk



SEAFIELD LODGE reception on Aug. 10, 1986, include, front, left to right, the Hon. James Grant of Grant and his wife; David Grant Blyth, Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Walter Grant, and three ladies; rear, left to right, Doug Grant, Mabel Grant, Elliott Grant, Fred Grant-Burgess, and Syd Grant.

CHIEFTAINESS OF THE CLAN GRANT.



...Lady Strathspey, who with Lord Strathspey, chief of the Clan Grant, will be entertained today before their coming departure for New Zealand. She is seen with her children, the Hon. Donald and Hon. Lena Ogilvie-Grant.

JULY 31, 1923 PICTURES, above, with original cutlines from the London Limited.

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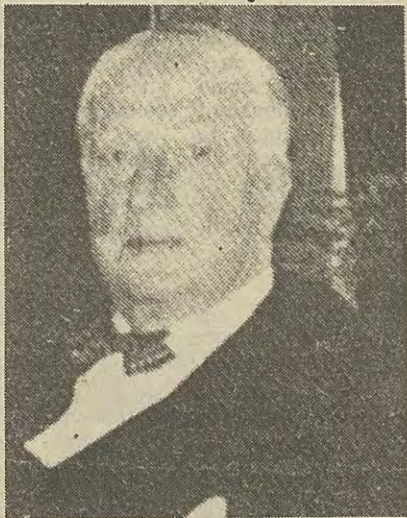


...A group at yesterday's reception at Hyde Park Hotel to Lord and Lady Strathspey, who shortly go to New Zealand. Left to right: Dowager Countess

of Seafield, Lady Strathspey, her daughter, Lord Strathspey, Mrs. Alington, and Dr. Alington, headmaster of Eton.

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Mr. Peter Lunt, Mrs. Joyce Bebbington (rep. Mrs. Alice Howard), Mr. and Mrs. K. Darlington and Emma (rep. Mrs. Mary Rogers), Mr. R. A. Clarke, Mr. M. C. Scott (rep. Denton Clarke and Co), Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Perry, Mr. E. M. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones (rep. Marbury School), Miss L. Pinnington, Mrs. Victor Trill and others.

A memorial service for Mr. Alexander Ludovic Grant of Springhill, Marbury, was held on March 15 at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Marbury. The Rev. Victor A. M. Trill officiated and also gave the address. Major William Paton-Smith (son-in-law) read the lesson and a reading from "Crossing the Bar" by Alfred Lord Tennyson was given by Mr. Jamie Grant (nephew and godson).

Mr. Grant lived at Marbury Hall for 35 years, from 1947 until 1983, and then moved to Springhill.

He did a lot of work for the Winchester Cathedral Appeal Fund just after the war and assisted both Liverpool and Chester Cathedrals with various appeals.

An MA of Oxford University, Mr. Grant was a director of Barclays Bank Ltd. which he joined in 1925. He was a former JP, High Sheriff of Cheshire in 1956 and Deputy Lieutenant of the county in 1963.

Mr Grant was a former secretary to the Cheshire Hunt, also chairman of the Hunt and a member of the Tarporley Hunt Club of which he was president for the 1966-67 season.

Among those present were Mrs. Alexander Grant (widow), Mrs. William Paton-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jamieson (daughters and son-in-law), Mr. Ben Paton-Smith, Mr. Harry Paton-Smith, Miss Marina Jamieson, Miss Lucy Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Buxton, Miss Tessa Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Afia, Mr. Rupert Kenyon-Slaney, and Miss Natasha Kenyon-Slaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Grant (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. Andrew Grant, Mrs. Pat Matheson (sister), The Countess of Dysart, The Lady Katherine Grant, Mr. Peter Grant, Mrs. Annie Grant, Mr. Charles Grant, Miss Laura Grant, The Lady Rozelle Raynes and Doctor R. Raynes, rep. The Thoresby Trustees, Brigadier David Barbour, Rosamund Lady Newborough.

The Hon. Robert Wynn, Mr. Tommy and The Hon. Mrs. Budgen, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Brackenbury, Miss Sarah Matheson, Mr. Hugh Matheson, Mrs. John Buxton, Mr. G. M. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. George Myrddin-Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barker, rep. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Barbour and Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholson, Mr. Robin Barbour, Major and Mrs. Philip Verdin, rep. Major Bill Verdin, and Mr. Ian Thorne.

Katharine Hepburn's Sister, Marion Hepburn Grant, 68, Dies

Marion Hepburn Grant, 68, a prominent Connecticut historian and sister of actress Katharine Hepburn, died Friday, Aug. 8, 1986, apparently of a heart attack, her family reported the following day at Old Saybrook, Conn.

Her husband, Ellsworth S. Grant, also a historian and a former mayor of West Hartford, said she died in her sleep at their seaside summer home.

Mrs. Grant was co-founder of the Greater Hartford Urban League and was the author of seven books on Connecticut history and legend.

Katharine Hepburn arrived at her sister's home in the Fenwick district of the coastal community shortly after receiving news of the death, Ellsworth Grant said. The actress, who has a nearby summer home, was not available for comment.

The Rev. James L. Kidd will lead a public memorial service Aug. 11 at the

Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford.

Mrs. Grant was born April 24, 1918, in Hartford and later moved with her sisters and brothers to a rambling West Hartford home.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Grant worked for Hull House in Chicago and in the office of union leader John L. Lewis in Washington, D.C.

She and Grant married in 1939 and had three children: John Grant, a writer in California; Katharine Houghton, an actress in New York, and Toby Grant, a student in Seattle.

She is also survived by two brothers, Robert Hepburn of Hartford and Richard Hepburn of Old Saybrook; a sister, Margaret Perry of Canton, Conn., and two grandchildren.

A private service will be held at 5 p.m. next Sunday at St. Mary's Chapel in Old Saybrook.

Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

Robert C. Gross, 64, Dies in Cocoa, Fla.

Robert C. Gross, 64, of 1053 Cypress Lane, Cocoa, Florida, died Dec. 26, 1985 in Wuesthoff Hospital after a fifteen-month illness. He was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, September 5, 1921. He is survived by his wife Marjorie Gross of Cocoa, Florida, and one son Richard Gross of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Three brothers, James of Hampton, Va., William of Fairmont, W. Va., and Joseph of Fairmont, W. Va.; two sisters, Betty Jones of cocoa Beach, Fla. and Jeanne Sarver of Towson, Md; and five grandchildren.

He was retired from USAF with 27 years and at the time of his death was manager of the Unemployment Office in Cocoa. While a resident of

Fairmont, he served as Post Commander of American Legion Post 17. Mr. Gross also edited the world wide Scandinavian stamp magazine "Post Horn." He was very interested in genealogy having traced his ancestry back to the 1600's.

Mr. Gross was an active member of the College Park Chure of God in Cocoa where the service of the celebration of his home going was held on December 29, 1985. This service was concluded at Brevard Memorial Park, Frontenac, Florida, with the commital attended by the Honor Guard from Patrick Air Force Base commemorating his 27 years of distinguished military service.



MODESTO: Evelyn Grant Simmons, 93, left, and her daughter, Mrs. Betty Stowe, examining the album of Scottish pictures, point our Castle Grant.

Grant's Tour

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There was one that I found particularly interesting:

Sir Patrick Grant G.C.B., G.C.M.B.

Born at Auchterblair Sept. 11, 1804

Served in four campaigns Adjutant-General of the Army in India

Com. in Chief at Madras Gov. of Chelsea Hospital Died full of years and honour 28th March, 1885

Buried in Brompton Cemetery, London

Tablet placed by sons and daughters.

I guess what intrigued me was that, here was a very famous and high-ranking Grant who had been buried in London. He was remembered by this tablet at Duthil and yet his body had not been brought back for burial in the family burial ground.

We had lunch at the Carrbridge Heritage Park before heading to Castle Grant.

I last saw the castle in 1975 when I had been taken on a tour by an agricultural student working for the estate during the summer. Then, the castle looked as I felt it should, an old uninhabited building on a hill in a quiet park. A scene of history that had been left alone for some years for a dignified mellowing. The change from that time to the present is startling, to say the least. To see it surrounded by all the paraphernalia of a major construction site, clad in scaffolding up to the roof, the grounds deep rutted by the passage of heavy construction machinery and the building covered by a cement coating (harling) was akin to passing through a time warp. Mr. David MacDonald, architect, gave us an explanation of what was being done and some of the problems they had to overcome in meeting the stringent regulations governing historic buildings. One involved achieving a particular colour for a mortar without using artificial agents of any kind. We were shown the space being set aside for the society office and museum. This will be accessible through a separate exterior entrance without having to pass through the main body of the hotel. We had to exercise extreme caution once inside. There were few handrails and much of the time we were stepping on joists and planking. To say that the project is a major one would be putting it mildly. In many sections large "I" beams had to be installed to support the joists. There was much that had to be reinforced with extremely massive timbers. Then too, they had to find space for a lift, not an easy thing to do through old castle walls. I should think that it takes an exceptionally large amount of patience, dedication and skill to take on such a job as this. Walter Grant, and his staff, seem to be blessed with large measures of each.

During my 1975 visit, I was curious about a cross indented in the wall beneath a delicate wrought iron balcony. I was told that wall formed part of the chapel. How simple can one be. We

Canadian Grants Active At Summer Games in 1986

In addition to his fine report on the Grant Tour of Scotland for the dedication of Duthil Kirk, Syd Grant, Canadian Convenor, sent the following account of Grant activities in Canada this year:

Alex Grant of Dartmouth,

along with Sisters Faustina and Jean of Antigonish, and others, organized a Grant Family Picnic in Truro, N.S. on Saturday, August 9th. They had figured on about 20 people showing up but ended up with about 75 including quite a few visitors from

New York and New England. He says the attendance would have been higher but for the threatening weather. Craigellachie was given to the US visitors with a sales pitch on joining the society. Shirley could be flooded with new requests for applications. He had arranged for some entertainment but said most just wanted to converse. It was unanimously agreed, by all present, that it should be done again next year. We'll let you know the date. Many

of our American kin will be visiting Nova Scotia for the International Gathering of the Clans.

The Clan information tent was almost set up at the Halifax Highland Games on July 5th. He says "almost" because the wind was very strong and one of the legs collapsed. Nothing danted he was offered the use of another tent which had been set up for another outfit not having the stamina—or stubbornness—of the Grants. The Grant affairs at

Fergus were looked after by another Alex Grant—this one from Mississauga. I don't have a written report but understand it was a great day. They were joined by Matt, LAnne, Dave and Joan from Buffalo. The reciprocity is wonderful.

Our next gathering in this part of the country will be the Heritage Ball in Toronto on October 25th. This is an extremely colourful affair with over 30 clans represented, and highland dancing par excellence.



GRANT LEADERS: David Grant Blyth, Secretary of the United Kingdom Clan, and the Chief, Lord Strathspey, at the Aug. 8 reception at Seafeld Lodge.

then returned to Seafeld Lodge for a buffet supper.

In the evening we gathered at the Turnbills' home up the street to sing, tell stories and have a wee dram or two of highland dew. David played the piano and we tried our best to do justice to the Grant songs he has written. A couple of choruses of Waltzing Matilda for Doug and Esther, Alouette led by Elliott and The Cremation of Sam McGee by Syd added an international flavour.

This was the last time we were to see many of our companions of the last three days. Some were heading for home and others were heading elsewhere on holidays.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: As usual, I was out for my morning walk when I spied a fisherman, dressed in high rubber boots, slicker and carrying a long fishing pole. So quite naturally I followed him. This might have been a bit dangerous in some places. He led me down the road to the Spey Bridge. I crossed the bridge and found the river to be much wider than I had anticipated and flowing quite rapidly. Unfortunately, it was quite misty so I could not record this on film.

These days were given over to visits to Glenfiddich, Glenfarclas, Glen Grant and Baxter's, Walker's and Pringles, and Brodie Carble in Forres.

We were warmly received at Ballindalloch Castle by Lady Margaret MacPherson Grant and the daughter Claire Russell the present "Tenant". Brig. Grant provided tea and interesting conversation during the visit to Tomatin.

Thursday, August 14: We traveled to Edinburgh by

mini-bus, visiting the Scottish National Portrait Gallery and National Museum of Antiquities. Unfortunately, the original Waitt portrait of William Cumming, the Chief's Piper was not on display. We did see some of the other Grant reliquaries. Being festival week, Prince's Street was crowded. There were a number of pipers at various stations making a few coins.

One was a young oriental, properly attired in kilt etc. and doing a fine job of piping. In the evening we attended the Tatt. It was cool but dry. The Argylls from Hamilton, Ontario were one of the featured bands. It was good to see one of our own members, Shaun MacGregor Grant from Burlington—one of the pipers in the band. The Regiment of Ghurkas put on quite a good show both on the esplanade and scaling the castle walls. A late snack and then to bed.

Friday, August 15: I left Friday morning but I was told that the final farewell party was a nice way to end the week. The Hon. James Grant and Margaret came down from Perth to say goodbye. David, as always, the perfect host.

Thoughts in Retrospect: I enjoyed the trip and trust I may be able to go next time. The sincere friendliness of all I met. Walter and Ian Grant, whom I had never met before, bringing greetings from Kyle Bowie. Bob, Mary Rose and Songs of the Sourdough.

--Lord, grant good luck to all the Grants Likewise, eternal bliss, For they should sit among the saints Who make a dram like this.

Nigel Grant of Seafeld Lodge who was always ready to go that extra step to be of service.



JULIE GRANT with the California Clan's picture of Castle Grant, at Cortez Madera in May.



BARBARA FANCHAIR of Clan MacKay, in getting Grant tent organized. (Photo by Gene Grant)



SEAFIELD LODGE reception on Aug. 8, 1986 with Walter Grant, Elliot Grant, and Mabel Grant.