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## Funds urgently needed for Duthil Kirk Purchase

Although English, American and Canadian languages are very similar, exact meanings often are hard to extract, and it appears that our British Grant brothers were expecting immediate cash in answer to their need to pay for Duthil Kirk.

At question is the U.S. share of \$15,000 owed on the

kirk at present; the English Clan was expecting it by return mail, apparently having understood that it was already collected.

It is not! All Clan members are urged to send an immediate Christmas contribution AT ONCE to the Duthil Kirk Fund, c/o Ed Grant, according to the directions in the boxed item

on page one of this issue.

The clan burial site and church building, which will be converted into a useful Clan museum and building, as pictured in the Fall issue of the Craigellachie.

We American Grants want to be a part of the great restoration of the Highlands, and consequently we must be prepared to pay our

share. This is a tiny first step toward a Grant world headquarters in Scotland that we can all visit and be proud of!

Do not set this paper aside until later! Please fill in a generous amount on the blank on page 1, and mail it immediately so that we can honorably fulfill our commitment.

### DUTHIL KIRK APPEAL

The last issue of Craigellachie carried articles about Duthil Kirk. Our property in Scotland, and more importantly, an historically significant place for all Grants.

The building itself was a gift to the Worldwide Clan Grant Society. It is owned in your name by Clan Grant Heritage Trust. This is a tax-exempt corporation in Scotland.

The renovation of Duthil Kirk was personally financed by one of our fellow members, Walter Grant of Elgin. The total cost was 10,000 pounds sterling. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REPAY WALTER.

According to Ed Grant, the appeal treasurer, the response has been less than overwhelming. If each of us would contribute just \$30.00 we could meet our obligation.

Each contributor will receive a memorandum of deed, showing partial ownership of Duthil Kirk.

We have some funds left over from the Castle Grant contribution to the purchase of the Strathspey's book.

Clan Grant Society

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ made out to Duthil Kirk Fund.

Sincerely,

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Will You Be At These Games?

The following is a tentative list of Scottish games for 1987; how many will you attend? Can you help man a Grant tent at one? If so, contact George H. Grant, or your district representative, immediately. If you have any corrections or additions to this list, please send them immediately to: Dick Heller, P.O. Box 1001, Decatur, IN 46733.

### JANUARY

17th — Orlando Scottish Highland Games, Orlando, Fla.

### FEBRUARY

14th — 4th Annual Southeast Florida Highland Games, Key Biscayne, Miami, Fla.

21st — South Texas Clan Gathering and Games, McAllen, TX

### MARCH

7th — Clan Gathering and Games, Phoenix, AZ

23rd — 6th Annual Highland Games, Honolulu, HI

### APRIL

4th — 21st annual Dunedin

Highland Games, Dunedin, Fla.

11th — 3rd annual Founders Day Scottish Festival and Games, Mt. Vernon, GA

24th-25th — Houston Highland Games, Houston, TX

### MAY

8th-10th — Kentucky Scottish Weekend, Carrollton, KY.

16th-17th — Great Smoky Mountains — Gatlinburg Highland Games, Gatlinburg, TN

19th-20th — Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY

23rd-24th — Alma Highland Festival & Games, Alma, MI

23rd-24th — United Scottish Society Gathering & Games, Costa Mesa, CA

### JUNE

6th — Highland Games & Gathering of the Clans, Modesto, CA

13th — Georgetown Highland Games, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada

13th — Kansas City Highland Games, Kansas City, KS

13th — Utah Scottish Festival & Games, Salt Lake City, UT

14th — Bonnie Brae Highland Games, Millington, NJ

19th-20th — New Brunswick Highland Games, Oromocto, New Brunswick, Canada

20th — Tacoma Highland Games, Tacoma, Puyallup, WA

20th — Scottish Games and Gathering, Sacramento, CA

20th — Delco Scottish Games, Devon, PA

27th — Ohio Scottish Games, Oberlin, OH

27th — Kingsville & Gosfield South Highland Games, Kingsfield, Ont., Canada

27th-28th — Golden Gate Games, Albany, CA

### JULY

2nd (?) — Embro Highland Games, Embro, Ontario, Canada.

4th (?) — Round Hill Highland Scottish Games, Norwalk, CT

4th (?) — Vermont International Highland Gathering, Stowe, VT

9th-12th — 32nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC

11th — Vermont In- (continued on page 2)

### 30 Attend Buffet at Stone Mountain

Nearly 30 Grants attended the Clan Grant picnic buffet at the home of Maggie and Duane Line in Atlanta before the 14th annual Stone Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games. 16, 18

and 19.

Two members represented the Grants in the amateur 22-pound hammer throw, but neither made the cutoff.

A large contingent manned the Grant tent, nestled in the trees behind the country dancing stage. Good weather brought out a large number of persons, and more than 50 clans were represented.

Among those present at the Saturday night dinner at Duane and Maggie Grant Klines were Anna Grant Neville, Christine Grant, John and Elizabeth Floyd, Atlanta, Bob and Anne Grant Miller of Indianapolis, Matt and Ann Grant-Knapp of Albany, NY, John and Thelma Grant of Atlanta, John Angus and Patrice Grant of Chicago, Dennis and Linda McLeroy of Dunwood, Ga., Sam McLeroy of Eatonton, Ga., George and Lucille Grant of Chattanooga, Tenn., Phil and Shirley Grant Smith of West Chester, Pa., Dick Heller of Decatur, IN, Ernestine and John Lewis of Atlanta, David Grant, Fay Griffin, and Stan and Alice Grams of Atlanta.

### Clan Historian To Savannah, Ga.

James H. "Hank" Grant, his wife, Linda, and daughter Betsy have moved to Savannah, Ga., from Atlanta; Hank has been appointed general manager of a furniture store in Savannah.

The Grant Clan Historian, and former editor of the

Craigellachie, Grant has been one of the principal leaders in the American Grant Clan since its beginning a few years ago.

Their new address will be: Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grant, 201 E. 37th St., Savannah, GA 31401.

### First Indiana Games July 18 In Fort Wayne

The Fort Wayne area of northeastern Indiana will hold their first Scottish games, in fact the first for Indiana, at Fort Wayne during the Johnny Appleseed festival July 18, 1987.

Bob and Ann Grant-Miller of Indianapolis write that Mrs. Bette Johnston, 2512 Leroy Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 can send additional information to those interested.

### Grant articles needed for Spring issue!

The editor and his wife will be spending six weeks in the South, from the last week in January until the second week in March, most of the time in McAllen, Texas.

Consequently, it is most important that any stories you have be in his office when he returns, so that the Spring issue, with envelopes for dues, can be put together, and mailed promptly!

Stories on your Grant family, any problems you have had tracing your Grant ancestors, or finding the

immigrant, on attending Scottish festivals, etc., or events planned for this year, are most welcome. Births, marriages, and deaths of Grants are especially desired! Grant pictures will also be used.

Don't be shy about writing! We don't want our Clan publication to be just about a few families, do we? Let's get all the news out!

And let's hope we will be able to announce a LARGE amount has been sent to help pay for the restoration of Duthil Church in Scotland!



ENJOYING BUFFET on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Stone Mountain games are Alice Grams, Elizabeth and John Floyd, host Duane Kline.



# Will You Be At These Games?

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- International Highland Gathering, Stowe, VT
- 11th — Brantford Highland Games, Brantford, Ontario, Canada.
- 17th-18th — Portland Highland Games, Portland, OR.
- 18th — Cambridge Highland Games, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.
- 18th — Sutton Highland Games, Sutton, Quebec, Canada.
- 25th — Spokane Highland Games, Spokane, WA
- 25th-26th — Virginia Scottish Games, Alexandria, VA
- 26th — Manistique Highland Games, Manistique, MI
- AUGUST**
- 1st — 19th annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Monterey, CA.
- 1st — 6th annual Alaskan Scottish Highland Games, Anchorage, AK
- 1st — St. Andrews Society of Detroit Highland Games, Detroit, MI
- 1st — Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, Ontario, Canada
- 7th-8th — Fergus Highland Games, Fergus, Ontario, Canada
- 8th — Rocky Mountain Highland Games, Golden, CO
- 8th — Central New York Scottish Games, Liverpool, NY
- 15th — Main Highland Games & Gathering, Waterville, ME
- 22nd — Long Island Scottish Games, Old Westbury, NY
- 28th-30th — Caledonian Club of San Francisco Games, Santa Clara, CA
- 29th — Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont, NY
- SEPTEMBER**
- 5th — Ligonier Highland Games, Ligonier, PA
- 12th-13th — 9th Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival, Estes Park, CO
- 12th — Fresno Highland Gathering & Games, Fresno, CA
- 12th-13th — New Hampshire Scottish Games, Lincoln, NH
- 19th — Charleston Scottish Games, Charleston, SC
- 26th — Dallas Highland Games, Dallas, TX
- OCTOBER**
- 3rd-4th — Flora MacDonald Highland Games, Red Springs, NC
- 15th-18th — 15th annual Stone Mountain Games, Atlanta, GA
- 24th — 8th annual Waxhaw Scottish Games, Waxhaw, NC
- NOVEMBER**
- 7th — Annual Tulsa Scottish Games, Tulsa, OK
- 7th-8th — Salado Scottish Games, Salado, TX
- DECEMBER**
- None

# Capt. John Grant fought at Ticonderoga

There are many Captain John Grants in history, and many of us have them as ancestors, but does yours happen to be one who died in New York?

Grant V. Thompson, of 30 Hoffman Drive, Latham, NY 12110 writes of "his" Capt. John Grant, who helped capture Fort Ticonderoga May 10, 1775 with Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, in the first aggressive battle of the Americans in the Revolutionary War.

His father, Major James Grant of the British Army, had also fought at Ticonderoga, but on July 8, 1758, at which time it was reported that 600 of the 1,000 Black Watch Scotsmen were killed or wounded in this great battle of the French & Indian war.

According to Thompson, Major Grant returned to Scotland and told his four sons — John, James, Peter, and Matthew — what a wonderful country the American Colonies would be, and the four sons emigrated to the Colonies before the Revolutionary War started.

John Grant, third-great-grandfather of Grant V.

Thompson, joined with Ethan Allen and was with him when the fort was captured. Shortly thereafter Grant was chosen Captain at a meeting of the townships of New Hampshire convened at the home of Cephas Kents, Dorset, VT. Seth Warner was voted Colonel at the same meeting.

This was sent to General Schuyler, and the Continental Congress on July 5, 1775 resolved to form a regiment of officers and men who had served in Canada, including Col. Seth Warner and Captain John Grant. This is recorded in the Journal of Congress, Vol. II, p. 234.

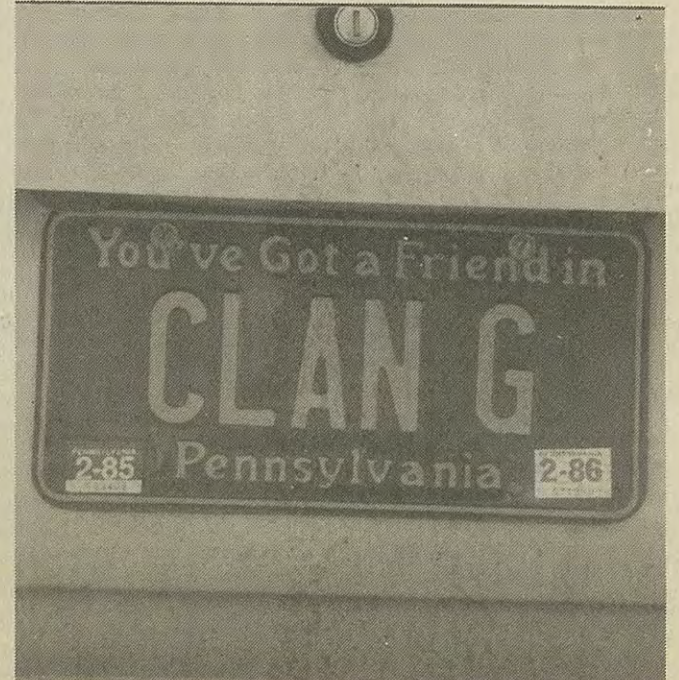
The only day-to-day account of the early battles of Col. Allen were written by Epaphras Bull in his journal, who wrote of the Battle of Ticonderoga: "I am appointed by Col. Allen to take charge of the prisoners to Hartford (Conn.). Captain Grant, with a number of men, is appointed to go with me across Lake George. Six o'clock we went from the Fort onto Lake George, where we encamped for the night, being Wednesday, 3/4 after 8."

He continues the next day to describe the trip down Lake George and their arrival at Fort George, then on to Stillwater, continuing on to Kinderhook with the prisoners, and eventually to Hartford.

Thompson located the above information after years of research, especially in the New York State Library and the Fort Ticonderoga Museum,

where his inquiry started when he saw a display which Major General Alastair MacLennan had put on loan — a dirk and sword belonging to a Grant ancestor of his.

Capt. John Grant died Nov. 10, 1825 at Granville, New York, leaving eight children: Peter, James, Elizabeth, Susan, Catherine, William, Richard and Daniel.



CLANG OR CLANG (RANT)? : Thinking of the publicity that a license plate could freely give to our beloved Society, the owner of this vehicle dutifully ordered a special plate. However, the State did not see fit to separate the two words very much — with this astonishing result! Oh, well, in a few years this is what the car will sound like!

## Two new Scotch Quarterlies

Recently, two new quarterly publications pertaining to Scotland have been introduced to the States. They are "Scottish Quest" and "Scottish Ambassador."

"Scottish Quest," the official publication of the Scottish Tourist Board made its debut with the Autumn 1986 issue. Planned regular features include articles on Grant American Scots, Made in Scotland and the Scottish Vacation Guide. Recent special features have covered such topics as the Highland bagpipe, tartans, and lifestyles of the local people.

"Scottish Quest" is an all purpose magazine filled with facts and even some trivia. Its intent is to acquaint the reader with everyday Scotland and is an invaluable source of information. The articles are easy to read, enjoyable and varied.

"Scottish Ambassador" is published by an independent firm located in Comrie. The first issue to make its appearance here was the Summer 1986 issue. Recent articles have been on Kelso Abbey, Genealogical Research, and the Battle of Bannockburn. At this time, the reviewer does not know which features will be regular and which features are special.

"Scottish Ambassador" is a "coffee table" style magazine with bright glossy pictures, and in-depth articles on specific interests. The features are well written and educational.

Overall, both magazines are welcome additions to any Scots household or to anyone interested in Scotland. Subscription information is as follows:

**SCOTTISH QUEST MAGAZINE**  
 #P.O. Box 350  
 York, Maine 03909  
 Published quarterly-spring, summer, autumn, winter  
 1 yr \$18.00, 2 yrs \$30.00.  
 Checks should be made payable to: TPI (Scotland) Ltd.  
**SCOTTISH AMBASSADOR**  
 #5 Dunira Street  
 Comrie, Perthshire  
 PH6 2LJ Scotland

Published quarterly-spring, summer, autumn, winter  
 1 yr. \$22.00. Checks should be made payable to: Scottish Ambassador.

As with all magazine subscriptions, please allow 6-8 weeks for order to be processed.

Limited samples of "Scottish Quest" are available on first come first serve basis from:

Miss Corri Grant-Smith  
 Bon Vivant Travel  
 44 E, Gay Street  
 West Chester, PA 19380

## Scottish Word Puzzle

WHERE OR WHAT IS A "BUT AND BEN"?

- A. A drink made of whiskey and lemonade.
- B. A two room cottage.
- C. Two mountain peaks near the village of Aviemore.

WHAT IS A "CLAMJAMFRY"?

- A. A nonsense rhyme.
- B. A person who is extremely bashful or shy.
- C. A crowd or rabble.

WHAT IS A "TATTIE-BOGLE"?

- A. A scarecrow.
- B. A dish made of potatoes and other vegetables.
- C. A game played by children.

WHERE OR WHAT IS A "WHIGMALEERIE"?

- A. A village on the River Spey.
- B. A scottish country dance.
- C. A trifle, fanciful ornament.

ANSWERS: 1) B; 2) C; 3) A; 4) C.



NEW LIFE MEMBER: Mrs. Doris Proctor Bush, left, a member of the Clan Grant Society for more than seven years, is pictured above last Spring receiving her Life Membership plaque from Mrs. Shirley Smith, Secretary of the Clan Grant Society.

# Corri Grant-Smith Study-tours Scotland

Corri Grant-Smith, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, recently completed a study tour of Scotland under the direction of the Scottish Tourist Board. Miss Grant-Smith, a travel consultant, has been selected by the STB to be trained as a Specialist Counselor on Travel to

Scotland (S.C.O.T.S.) Currently, she is involved in organizing and promoting a History of Scotland tour for next summer.

This tour is under the direction of fellow Clan Grant member and author of Tartan For Me, Dr. Philip D. Smith.



## Mrs. Anne Grant of Laggan early 19th Century author

How many of you noticed the two-page feature story, *Scotland's Pride: The Celebrated Mrs. Grant of Laggan*, by Alexandra Lee Levin, in the November-December copy of *The Highlander*?

If you have read closely *Memoirs of a Highland Lady* by Elizabeth Grant of Rothiemurcus, or *Highland Folk Ways*, by Isabel F. Grant, you may have noticed the quotes from this prominent Scottish writer who dominated Edinburgh's literary circles for more than a quarter of a century, from 1810 until 1838.

Volume One of Col. David Stewart's *Sketches of the Highlanders of Scotland* quotes from her no less than six times; Alexander McPherson, in *Church and Social Life in the Highlands*, devotes many pages to her. Robert Louis Stevenson, in his projected 1880 history of the Scottish Highlands planned an entire chapter on her! His poor health prevented him from completing the book.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Feb. 21, 1755, Anne, was the daughter of

Duncan and Catherine MacKenzie McVicar. Her father was an officer in the British Army, and her mother was a granddaughter of Mr. Stewart of Invernahyle, an ancient family in the county of Argyll. Alexander Stewart, Esq., of Invernahyle, the fine old Highland gentleman mentioned by Sir Walter Scott as the prototype of the Baron of Bradwardine in 'Waverly', and of whom he records many interesting anecdotes from personal acquaintance, was a great uncle of Mrs. Grant, being the brother of her maternal grandmother.

Subaltern McVicar was sent to America in 1757 with the 77th Foot, a regiment that saw much action in the French and Indian War.

The following year, when Anne was three, she and her mother joined the subaltern at Claverack, a Dutch settlement below Albany, New York. They remained in America until 1768, after the war with France and her Indian allies ended.

But it was while she was in the Colony of New York that a most curious thing hap-

pened that changed her entire life. McVicar's regiment returned much earlier to England, but he retired at half pay, and remained in Albany, where the family roomed next door to Madame Margaretta Schuyler, the childless widow of Col. Philip Schuyler, the Patriot.

After the McVicar's hap settled in their new location, their neighbor, Mrs. Schuyler invited them to spend an evening with her.

The educated lady was so impressed with Anne's quick mind, even at the age of seven, that she assigned a special chair in the corner of her room to the child, so that she could meet and listen to interesting visitors, hear stimulating conversation, and read the many books of the home's great library.

The great lady herself tutored the young girl, and then sent her to a small school where her great-nieces were her companions. One of those nieces, Betsy Schuyler, became the wife of Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury, and one of the founders of the Federalist Party.

In 1768, when Anne was 13, the family returned to Scotland, where for five years Duncan McVicar was in the mercantile business.

In 1773, McVicar was appointed barrack-master at Fort Augustus, where the office of Chaplain was held by the Rev. James Grant. Anne was just 18, but her interesting letters back to some of her Glasgow friends formed an unconscious, brilliant diary of Highland events.

In 1775, Rev. Grant was assigned to the neighboring parish of Laggan, near Lake Laggan. In 1779, he and Anne were married. She aided her husband by learning Gaelic, and local folklore, and gained to acquaintance of her neighbors, often helping to relieve the district's continuing unemployment problem by finding jobs for the poorest of the neighbors.

The Grants were married just 21 years, but they had 12 children, four of whom had already died before Rev. Grant died of tuberculosis in 1801. They had lived in a comfortable house and farm rented from the Duke of Gordon, but of course a 46-year-old widow with eight



PAINTINGS of Mrs. Grant of Laggan, when she was 55 and 69 respectively. Her turn-of-the-century writings are widely recognized.

young children could not remain there on a very small pension.

She left her beloved Highlands, and rented a large house near Stirling, where she ran a school for the city fathers' daughters, educating them along with her own children.

Meanwhile, Anne's friends had urged her to print her letters written to them from the Highlands, which they had saved because they were so interesting and well-written. Finally, in 1805, she journeyed to London, and showed them to a principal publisher, Thomas Longman, who soon told her he would publish her letters in two small volumes anonymously, as *Letters from the Mountains*.

Anne returned to her teaching, and heard nothing for months. Then a neighbor told her that a new book, begun in 1773 and ending in 1803, had become an overnight hit in London — yes, it was her book.

A second edition was soon in print, its author became known, and Mrs. Grant of Laggan was a celebrity. The book was reprinted in Boston, New York, and Albany, and won her a large following in the United States.

Two more daughters died, and to alleviate her sorrow she began writing again, this time a biography of her American friend and teacher, Madame Schuyler, which was published in 1808 as *Memoirs of An American Lady*.

She soon had many prestigious friends calling, from Scotland, England and America.

In 1826, her income was increased by a pension of 50 pounds which was granted to her by George IV, when Sir Walter Scott, Henry Mackenzie, Lord Jeffrey and other distinguished friends, declared that she had rendered eminent services to the cause of religion, morality, knowledge, and taste, and that her writings had "produced a strong and salutary effect upon her countrymen, who not only founded recorded in them

much of national history and antiquities which would have otherwise been forgotten, but found them combined with the soundest and best lessons of virtue and morality."

Of her five sons and seven daughters, only one son, John Peter Grant, outlived the mother, who had in turn outlived her husband by 37 years, dying in Edinburgh on Nov. 7, 1838 at the age of 83.

The son, also a writer, edited his mother's correspondence and memoirs, and printed them in 1845. This final two-volume set, *Memoir and Correspondence of Mrs. Grant*, together with her *Poems on Various Subjects*, complete her literary production, but it was her person, and friendship with so many prominent people, that her memory a living object of Scottish history.

At the churchyard in Laggan, beside the tombstone of Rev. James Grant stands a large stone erected to her memory by her son, with the date of her death and the following:

"Her writings illustrate the associations and scenes of her eventful life. Her Christian faith and fortitude sustained its many severe afflictions in humble submission to the will of God.

"Her numerous family of twelve children, for whom she made most meritorious and faithful exertions, was, by the will of a mysterious Providence, all cut off before herself, except for him who now records this memorial of his love and veneration.

"Her mortal remains are interred in the burying-ground of St. Cuthbert's Parish, Edinburgh."

Even this son was nearly taken from her in 1826. Elizabeth Grant of Rothiemurchas records that in that year a steamer was wrecked, and nearly all were drowned. "I don't remember any cabin passenger saved except John Peter Grant of Laggan — the only remaining child of nineteen (sic-should be 12) born to the minister and his celebrated wife — and young Glengarry."

## Secretary Explains Letters from Highlander

A recent inquiry from one of our valued members prompted the following reply — and we thought others might want to know why they received letters from the *Highlander* magazine saying that their names had been dropped from the mailing list.

"As you know, our memberships are due in March. We allow one month for dues to come in and I (membership secretary) send out reminders in April — By May 15th we cut off subscriptions to the *Highlander*, although

memberships continue to come in.

This year membership renewal envelopes were not included when *Craigellachie* was mailed out in late February as a Winter-Spring issue. A Spring edition came out in April to remind members to pay their dues. This threw our schedule off and it was August before I finally got the list in to the *Highlander* magazine. We paid extra for the June/July issue for those who had already subscribed. It was not until July that we found out that the envelopes in-

serted in the Spring newsletter did not reach everyone!

We refunded any money sent in after April 1 (unless members had already contacted me about the problem) and suggested that members should subscribe individually or wait until next March when we would again send in a group list. We have had so many problems with the *Highlander* trying to get subscriptions right for the past eight years that we would frankly rather not

bother with it at all. We have found that the best way to prevent errors is to send in a mailing list, once a year, and this has been our policy for the last two years.

We apologize for the mishap, but everyone of us is extremely busy and the work is all volunteer — and these things do happen. We try to correct any errors the best we can.

Thank you for writing — if we did not hear from our members, we would not know when things have gone wrong! We appreciate your concern."



JOHN FLOYD, Atlanta attorney, throws the 22-pound hammer in an amateur elimination for the caber toss.



JOHN ANGUS GRANT, of Chicago, whirling as he throws the hammer at Stone Mountain, the sixth year that amateurs have been allowed to take part.



# Notes from Our Secretary

Mrs. Shirley Grant-Smith

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Mrs. Doris Proctor Bush writes that her son, and member of Clan Grant, Sherman Bush has been ill. He lives in Massachusetts. Meanwhile, her son-in-law,

Dale Demming had to be readmitted to the hospital in Atlantic City. At least Doris is doing well!

Sarah Grant Clegg is still

talking about her trip to Scotland in the winter time! She must thrive in cold weather! She has relatives in Edinburgh — descending from Alexander Grant and Elizabeth Johnston.

## By George!

Nineteen eighty-six has seen many important happenings for your Clan Grant Society. We now have a base in Scotland with the acquisition of Duthill Kirk. Thanks to David Grant-Blythe, Secretary of the U.K. Branch, and Walter Grant, Elgin, who financed the rehabilitation. We must reach into our pockets and repay this expense.

Thanks to Gene Grant, Larry DeMars and their crew of helpers we now have active participation at all of the Scottish Gatherings on the west coast. This will enable our Society to continue to grow.

The visit to Grant country organized by U.K. Branch was a success. This culminated in the dedication of Duthill Kirk and the Clan Grant Gatering at the Nethybridge Games.

The Canadian branch continues to grow under the able leadership of Sid Grant. They have membership across that great country. The Maritime organization has spread over Nova Scotia.

We have enthusiastic members in New England that raise our standard at Loon Mountain and other gatherings. Duncan Grant, Harold Grant, and very importantly, Mathew Grant-Knapp are building a lasting base for the Society.

Lucille and I thank all of you for your effort and support. What began in 1977 in such a small way, has succeeded beyond our hopes. See you next year hopefully. We wish you and your family the best of Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

We would like to give our personal greetings to all of the friends we have made in the past few years because of the Clan Grant Society and hope to make many more in the future. I wish that we could personally name each and every one but of course that is impossible. Personal sacrifices have been made by many but hopefully it has been a labor of love for all and the benefits have exceeded the costs.

The few I would like to mention who have gone the extra mile over and beyond the call of duty are first, our newsletter editor and publisher, Dick Heller; Dr.

Phillip and Shirley Grant Smith; our treasurer, John C. Grant, and of course all of the Commissioners who have spent their own time and money in order to bring the Grant tent to games all over the country.

We have just ordered a limited number of Clan Grant Society Glasses, (25 sets of six). These are identical to the ones that we had when the Clan Grant Society first began, except for the size (these are 14 oz.). They are etched (not painted) on three sides: Clan Grant, the Badge, and the Chief's Coat of Arms. Our set which is eight years old and used quite often is still in good shape so they are good quality. The price will be \$30. delivered UPS, and this will put a small profit into the Clan Duthill Kirk fund. Let me know if you wish a set. They are limited but if enough orders are received we will re-order.

We still have a good quantity of Lord Straphsey's "A History of Clan Grant" available for shipment. We would like to put the money back into the treasury (as well as make room in my study) so please do not put off sending for your copy. They are still priced at \$25. delivered.

Several of Clan members have noticed the Clan Grant ID badges that we wear at games to identify ourselves, and we have ordered these for those who have requested them. We are now prepared to offer them to the membership at a price of \$7. mailed to you. They will be made uniformly, red back with white lettering. Send the check payable to Clan Grant Society with your name as you wish it to be lettered. They will say the following:

Your name  
Your City & State  
Clan Grant Society U.S.A.

We are really not trying to be commercial, even though we would like to painlessly raise a little money, but with the glasses we feel that many of you newer members (less than seven years) did not have the opportunity to know about these and would like to have them and the badges are a big help when you attend a Scottish function. It identifies you as a GRANT.

Like everyone these days, the Grants are on the move! Allen Gardiner left Topeka, Kansas to move to the Bay area in California and the Dennis Donahues moved from New York to Maryland. We will expect lots of help from these families this coming year!

Not to be outdone, the Grant Thompsons moved from New York to Florida, permanently!

Valerite Howland returned to Nova Scotia this summer. She first visited Antigonish in 1983. It seems to be catching...

Joan Buechel informs us that her father James E. Bissett, passed away last Fall. He was a resident of Washington, D.C. and had been a member of the Society for several years. We will miss him!

Our Commissioner in Minneapolis (Ed Grant) points out that Edina (as in Minnesota) is named after Edinburgh. A spin-off of that is Eden Prairie (also as in Minnesota). Just look around you (and at a map) and it is amazing how many Scottish names there are in this land of ours! (Must have been a lot of homesick Scots!)

At every games, we watch people turn away disappointed because "their" clan is not represented! Obviously, your officers can't be at every game — so if you would like to spend a few hours manning a tent for Clan Grant, be sure and let your Commissioners know! (And in the meantime, suggest that they contact the Council of Scottish Clans Association, Inc. at 711 Chateau Apts., Carrboro, NC 27510 and they will furnish a contact). Note: This should not apply to Grants! We expect to be deluged with volunteers!

Ethel Grant Dukes writes from her home in Sacramento, CA that she will be spending October in China!

And Minerva Crosby, just turned 81, helps with a second grade Sunday School class, plays the piano for her church and now spends her free time playing and comforting folks in an old folks' home! (Can't help but wonder what her idea of "old" is?)



**DRESSED TO THE KILT:** Rory Grant, 4, of Lincoln, N.H., holds his Scottish Teddy bear and the hand of his younger brother Ian — they were two of the youngest participants in the Highland Games held at Loon Mountain, N.H. last Sept. 13 and 14. They are the sons of New Hampshire Commissioner Callum Grant. (Photo by elisa Mitofsky)

## Obituary

Oren H. Grant, 81, of Indianapolis, Ind., died Oct. 21 in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Ky., while visiting relatives.

A native of Chicago, Ill., he lived in Indianapolis most of his life, working for many years for Indiana Bell, retiring in 1971.

A graduate of Wabash College and Benjamin Harrison Law School, now Indiana University School of Law, he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Pi Delta Epsilon Honorary, the Woodstock Club, Meridian Hills Country Club, Players Club, Lambs Club, and the Contemporary Club.

Survivors: wife, Lodie Marsh Grant; daughter, Lucinda Jackson; stepdaughter, Carol Lynn Seastrom; stepson, Marsh

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Blackburn; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery from the Peace Chapel.