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IT'S GREAT TO BE A GRANT

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GRANT'S GATHER AT GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES



THE GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GANG AFTER THE PARADE OF TARTANS

The accommodations were three condominiums located at Sugar Mountain Resort, about 5 miles from the games. Kyle and Betty Bowie, Charles and Betty MacDonald, John Grant and Patrice Periginni, John and Thelma Grant, George and Lucille Grant, Anne Knapp and grandson, Jeffery McCullough, Louis and Margaret Chester, John and Donna Vogel, made up the resident group. We ate and partied together throughout the weekend.

Jeffery McCullough attended the drumming school, held the week preceding the games, as the recipient of the Clan Scholarship named in Honor of his Grandfather, Mathew Grant Knapp. His report is printed in this issue.

The Games open with a picnic on MacRae Meadow, the site of the Gathering Saturday and Sunday, Thursday evening. During the picnic entertainment is provided by pipe bands, singers, and highland dancers. After dusk a moving ceremony is held. Representatives of the clans present gather in the woods at the four corners of the Meadow. There hand torches are lit, and they file to the center of the field, forming a giant flaming Scottish Saltire or cross. Each clan representative in turn announces his clan present for the Gathering, then tosses his

torch into one of four barrels, creating four bonfires. Our representative announces the Grants present by saying, "From Strathspey, Glenmoriston, GlenUrquhart, The United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and around the world, STAND FAST CRAIGELLACHIE, The Grants are Here!!!"

Friday morning saw George Grant, John A. Grant, Charles MacDonald and Bob MacPherson, play golf at the Sugar Mountain Course. George reported that he lost \$10.00. He said that he had planned to win \$5.00, but instead lost \$5.00, total \$10.00.

Friday was the sponsors reception held at the posh Tennis Club. We all had refreshment and dinner at the headquarters condo. Some of us attended a Celidh held at Lees MacRae College. Friday afternoon saw Jeffrey graduate from the drumming school with his Grandmother and other clan members in attendance.

Saturday, bright and early we went to the field to decorate and staff our tent. This year we were located directly across from the reviewing stand on the inner row next to the track and field. By 9:30AM the tent was packed with Grants. Next year we

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CRAIGELLACHIE EDITOR CHANGED,

Besides, Death and Taxes, the one thing we can all be sure of is Change. Scott Grant, who enthusiastically volunteered to be our newsletter Editor, has after one issue, requested to be relieved of the responsibility. Change in his career brought on additional duties that make it not possible at this time to get the job done correctly.

Once again, George H. Grant will function as Editor. Please send your articles, pictures, and family news to George. His address is listed in the Masthead.

A volunteer is once again sought to fill this most important job. To assure continuity, and to control cost the newsletter will be printed and mailed from Tennessee. Printing and mailing are the most time consuming and least skillful part of the job. George qualifies on skill.

The job requires editing, layout, and writing. It will be necessary to have a computer to transfer data via a modem, to speed up the process and reduce typing. Let George know if you're interested, and have the time.

STONE MOUNTAIN

How quickly time passes. It seems only yesterday that we all met at the Stone Mountain Games and welcomed Lord and Lady Strathspey. Clan members came from all over to be together. Well as they say in THE SOUTH, "Ya'll come back, you hear".

OCTOBER 13 -16. Once again we'll have our picnic before the Tattoo; Friday night reception-Time and place to be announced, Saturday evening get together and buffet, once again to be at Maggie & Duane Kline's home.

Our Treasurer, John C. Grant will make our Motel reservations for us and we will all be together. Please write him at 5534 Joeclay Drive, Stone Mountain, GA; or call 1-404-469-3263. Deadline for reservations Oct. 1.

The Western side of the Craig BY GENE GRANT



THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE CRAIG
By Gene Grant

The Games season has nearly passed with only the Campbell Games, Santa Rosa, and Fresno yet to go. Of the three, I am especially anxious for Santa Rosa to get here. Not only because it is always the biggest and most fun but because we have planned our first West Coast Grant Gathering, combined with a cheese and crab feast and wine tasting. George Grant, our Convenor will be in attendance and perhaps Phil Smith as well.

Last year, we had over seventy-five Grants visit the tent although not at one time. We did have at least thirty take part in the March-By of the Clans. This year we hope we can muster at least fifty which will exceed the number that the larger clans (Chattan, MacDonald, Campbell, etc.) can expect. Let's all try to be there.

We had the pleasure of a visit to the tent at Modesto from the Matriarch Evelyn Grant Simmons and her "Clan". This time she managed to "gather" five generations of her family. She is one of our most faithful visitors to the tent whenever we set up in Modesto and Fresno.

The Scottish Information Society (the SIS) which I helped to form, has accomplished a great deal in the Bay Area this year. The foremost in my mind is that, by gentle persuasion, most of the games have changed their method of holding the March-By. Unlike previous years, this year we have seldom been held in formation in the hot sun while the officials gather the "Honored Guests" and other dignitaries. The preferred method now is to send a piper through the "Glen O'Clans". The clans fall in behind as the

piper passes and are led to the grandstand. We may or may not be asked to remain standing during the ceremonies but either way, the time away from the tent is minimal. In some cases the clans are arranged alphabetically in the "Glen". The other and perhaps superior way is to pass out 3" x 5" cards prior to the March-By. After the clans have fallen into formation, the cards are collected in order. The cards are then rushed to the announcer, who may then identify each clan as they pass the stand. The card may also carry a short announcement or other message that the clan may wish to pass on to the crowd. All in all, either way is far superior to waiting for fifteen or twenty minutes while the officials run in circles.

While reading a local paper the other day, I found this interesting bit of Grant History.

"In August, 1861, an American named George Grant, living in London, read that Prince Albert was seriously ill, perhaps even terminal. The enterprising Grant bought up all the black crepe in London. When Albert died a little later, this Grant made \$250,000 from the subsequent sales of the crepe."*

Ah the Grant's have always been quick to spot an opportunity for monetary advancement.

*Note-see article by Allen Gardinier in this newsletter.

WILLIAMSBURG GAMES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1988

Virginia Commissioner, Howard Parsons, Charlottesville, Va. is planning on an expanded Clan Grant role at the Williamsburg Games. Howard came to the Grandfather Mountain Games to get ideas for the Clan Grant tent. He is looking forward to meeting and signing up Grants from Virginia.

Williamsburg is without question one of the most historic places in the United States. The Clan Society have many members whose ancestors first settled in the area. This includes, Dick Heller, Smith Grant, and George Grant. I am sure there more of us descended from Grants that settled in Virginia. Col. Kyle Bowie found through his research that 124 persons named Grant fought with Lee's Army of Virginia. This includes George's great grandfather, John and his two brothers.

Plan to attend the Games if at all possible, Howard will be looking for you.

SHIRLEY'S NOTES

ROBERT & BECKY GRANT attended the Dunedin Games last April in Florida. They caught up with George & Lucille and a goodly number of other Grants.

And ask, "What do we need to do for articles for the newsletter?" The Answer: write up your family tree; or games you have attended; or any special events in your family; or places you have visited that might be of interest to other Grants; or articles about the place where you live and any Grant history that might have happened in your town; or stories (verifiable) that you've heard about Grants- or any of our "kissing cousins: Allans, Bissets, Bowies, Cairns, Gilroys, MacIlroys, (or MacElroys) MacKerrons, Pratts, Sutties, More of Drumcork. (We have lost several members because all we write about is "grants"- so some of you cousins, let us hear from you.) Visit the cemetery- how may Grants do you find? What is their history? Thanks, for asking and volunteering! We can use a lot of members like you.

It's a small world department: A note from George A. Grant, DDS informs us that he is 93 years old. Truly deserving a Life Membership in the Clan Grant. (Don't forget to let us know about these things.) He is the father of Ginelle Morain who went to Ohio State with our Gaelic teacher, Phil Smith, and the Grandfather of Michelle Morain, an upcoming Shakesperean actress on the West Coast who attended the Santa Rosa Games. Gene Grant forwarded her name and address to our Secretary- who is turn received a letter from Michelle and was duly shocked to learn that this "little girl in Ohio" is now an adult! And that Dr. Grant started it all. May you have more happy years with Clan Grant.

Bob & Cyndi Grant are now Life members! For anyone under 63 years old, this can be a "good buy." \$250. buys 16 years or more of annual memberships. (And if dues increase- and they may with the postage rates going up, this becomes an even better "buy.")

Bob H. Grant reports that his wife, Thelma has been ill this past winter up in Maine and they have curtailed a number of activities. However they are feeling better now and with these warm months, we hope their health continues to improve. Bob's Father's name was Walter- so he feels a fond with our good Scottish host Walter Grant and

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WHAT IS PROPER GRANT TARTAN?

by Phillip D. Smith

Fellow of the
Scottish Tartans Society

At any Clan gathering an outsider might look at a group of us adorned in a variety of patterns and colors and ask, "I thought they were all supposed to wear the same tartan? Will the person in the real Grant Tartan please stand up?". We might look quite different but we might all stand. There are indeed a large variety of tones and hues, sizes and pleats in view. What then is the real Grant Tartan?

First, tell our friends that there are two Clan Grant Tartans--and only two. The "Red Grant" is the accepted Clan Tartan and is the ONLY tartan that should be worn for formal occasions. The tartan pattern dates from 1813 or earlier and has been worn by the Clan for close to two hundred years now.

The hunting Grant is the "Government" or "Black Watch" sett and has been worn by Clansmen since the 1740's when the regiment was organized. A Grant served as one of the founding officers and the entire regiment was outfitted in tartan woven on the estate of Ballendalloch. Despite the Campbell pretensions, The Grants have the receipts to prove it. This tartan can be worn as an alternative and side by side with the "Red Grant" on less formal occasions such as the Highland Games". It is not permissible for a single individual to wear both the Clan and hunting tartans at the same time.

Why then don't our kilts and skirts look alike to the visitor? To the two tartans we add four standard color shades and at least two sizes of patterns. Voila. Two patterns look like sixteen.

Tartan comes in four shades: the brighter "Modern" colors, two variations known as "weathered", "muted" or reproduction" colors, and the so-called "old" or "ancient" shades. "Modern" refers to the more intense coal tar dyes that were "modern" in 1865. The "reproduction" and "muted" varieties change entire colors-- blue to brown, green to grey-- and the "old" or "ancient" shades became popular only in the last forty years. Red tartans do not lend themselves well to "muted" colors but the blue and greens of the "Hunting Grant" changed to browns and greys is lovely.

In former times, men wore kilts woven in sets twice the size of the pattern used by women and children. Manufacturers, concerned with production and inventory, now only offer the

smaller pattern. The Lord Strathspey, whose kilt dates from the 1930's still wears the larger sett and one can still obtain such material on special order.

One of the prerogatives of the Clan Chief is to state what the "Clan Tartan is. Some chiefs have modified their tartan, others have abandoned a tartan in favor of another pattern. Lord Strathspey has made his position very clear-- The historic "Red Grant" and the Hunting Grant" are the only Clan Grant Tartans that should be worn by his clansmen and women in his presence or when representing the clan at Balls, Games and Rallies or on parade.

True, there are other tartans associated with various members of Clan Grant. There is a rare tartan specimen known as "grant of Monymusk" but Sir Archibald and his family wear the standard Clan Grant tartans. Grant of Rothiemurchas, Grandfather of the present Laird, wore the "Hunting Grant" with striking narrow yellow over-stripes. This "Sheriff Grant Hunting" was a personal one. Colonel Grant was Sheriff of Invernesshire and perhaps this centuries greatest expert on piobaireachd, classical pipe music. The "Vesterium" and "Grant of Glenmorrison" tartans are variations of "Red Grant." A more balanced pattern than the usual "Red Grant" was illustrated by James Grant in 1886 and is the pattern actually worn by Lord Strathspey.

The "Grant of Achnarrow", a modern adaptation of a pattern for women for the late 1770's is appropriate for ladies as an alternative kilt or skirt on informal occasions. It is NOT a "dress" grant tartan-- the "dress" Grant tartan is the red "Grant" which Lord Strathspey wishes to worn on all official occasions.

Recently, a white color changed version of Sheriff Grants tartan has appeared on the market. This pseudo-Grant sett, called a dress Hunting Grant", is indeed lovely and can be worn any time you would wear a white skirt. It is also NOT a Clan tartan and should not be worn at Clan events. Other tartans, such as the reconstructed patterns from the famous Castle Grant Portraits are curiosities and are appropriate for personal use outside the Clan activities.

With the possible color and size variations, the fineness and weight of material and the choice of knife and box pleating to any particular color, the two "real" Grant tartans provide enough variation and individuality for every occasion. Wear them proudly, enjoy your heritage and honor your chief.

the work that he is doing with Duthil.

Dan & Gaynor Grant are pleased to announce the arrival of Andrew Douglas Grant into the Grant Clan. Born at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ on the 24th of April, 1988, baby, Mom and Dad are all doing well. Congratulations, Andrew!

While we not yet have any details, we noticed the change of name and address for Kathryn Cox White. She is now Mrs. Byar. Kathryn has been helping us recruit Grant members for several summers now. Best wishes to you both.

James & Sara Grant, members in San Antonio, TX inform us that his Mother will be 94 in August. They attended the Grandfather Mountain games last year and have a James Davis Grant, 1818-1892 (Great-Grandfather) and James Polk Grant, 1855-1919 (Grandfather) in their family tree.

Mr. Nigel J.N. Grant, Esq., host to many Clan trips to Scotland, retired from his hotel establishment last August (The Seafield Lodge Hotel in Grantown-on-Spey.) He sends a note to all of his friends in the States saying that he hopes to take life much easier. He plans to devote more time to his interest in the sport of Curling. We will miss his more than generous hospitality at the hotel-- but look forward to his continuing friendship.

Mrs. Betty Read underwent back surgery in March after being in pain for some time. She is a Charter Member of the Society and descends from Elizabeth Boone, sister of Daniel Boone, and William Grant. William traveled with Daniel Boone and along with the Bryant boys, helped found Bryant's station in Kentucky.

Mrs. Burt Smith (Lela Elizabeth Grant) celebrated her 84th birthday las April 21st. She is the oldest of three girls. Although she had a stroke in January, she is doing well and writes a long, interesting letter. Her Grandfather, Richard helped settle the town (Houston) and then bought land and started the town of Gatesville (from the rear of old Fort Gates.)

A postcard from the land of the pelicans (Texas, among others) written by Dick Heller notes that he and his wife, Jane, celebrated their 31st anniversary. They enjoyed the warm weather during the winter months in the south after those Indiana winters. Dick goes "birding" two days a week for the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge and is involved in a breeding bird survey for the next five years.

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are going to request two tents, one for food and visiting and the other for recruiting new members. All day long the tent was a beehive of activity. New and old members, friends, information seekers, we were busy. There was a Pipe Band from Christchurch, New Zealand, on a world tour. Two of the band are Grants, and spent a good deal of time with us. They were particularly interested in our canned drinks.

Bob and Vivian Grant, Dunedin, Fl. arrived and told us of their recent adventures. They have a lovely cottage at Crossnore, 4 miles from the games. Bob said that once again his tool shed was burglarized. He is the largest supplier of tools to the yard sales in western North Carolina. Wallace Gage, from Maine was there and gave us an account of the Maine Games. We definitely need a tent at these games, any volunteers? His son Stephen Gage, High Bridge, NJ joined. Bob and Cindy Grant, Cherokee, NC. She teaches school and Bob is a Forest Ranger. He missed being with us last year, seems he had to go out west to fight forest fires. Dee and Glenn Youngman joined, they are from Tallahassee, Fl. and have met George and Lucille's daughter, Susan. Our long and faithful members, Grace and Dorsey McIlroy and family brought us up to date on their activities. Grace serves as a volunteer nurse, and Dorsey is a Marshall for the Grandfather Games. Dorsey carried the Grant banner in the parade of Tartans for 10 years before our Society was formed.

Georgina M. Davidson, from Erie, Pa. found her heritage and joined. Barry, Linda and Jeremy Grant from Rock Hill, S.C. joined and attended all of our functions. Jeremy and Jeffrey ran in the kilted miles for us. George W. Grant, High Point N.C. and his son Craig, marched in the parade of Tartans. George says he'll have his kilt next year. Howard Parsons, our Virginia Commissioner, joined us from Charlottesville. He told us of his plans for the Williamsburg Games in September. If possible plan to be there.

On the field the games went on. At one end the athletes are tossing the stone and at the other, Highland Dancers are performing. On the track they are running the 440, 220, 100 yard dashes. A marathon began at 7:00AM in Boone NC, 26 miles of hills, the toughest race in the US. The winner finishes during the opening ceremonies, about 10:00. Thousands of people are walking between the clan tents looking for their Scottish ancestry. Over at the vendors area, they are swamped with customers buying everything in sight. Back at the Grant tent we are sold out of shirts by noon. Next year we'll bring more. The proceeds go to Duthil.

Saturday evening we have a Clan dinner with about 40 people in attendance. Old acquaintances are renewed, pictures of family are proudly shown, and a great amount of food and drink consumed. About 9:00PM some members go to Scottish Country Dancing, some to The Tartan Ball, and others just sit around and visit. A great time is had by all.

Sunday begins with open air church services held at MacRae Meadows. Names of clansmen who have passed away since the last Gathering are read, and "Flowers of the Forest", is played by a piper standing on a high rock, with the blue sky as the background. The clan Tartans are blessed and march off to the starting point for the "Parade of Tartans". Each clan has a designated meeting point in the line of march. We followed our piper, Joe Valentine, Gordon Grant proudly carried the tartan banner with Eric Grant carrying the ceremonial sword, 16 male Grants marched behind Gordon, shoulders back and stomachs, when possible, tucked in. At Grandfather Games the tradition is that only males march in the parade. Every year this brings protest from some of the other clan's ladies, to no avail. The Grant ladies are all in our tent cheering us on and taking pictures.

Sunday afternoon, Patrice ran in the Kilted mile for ladies. She was caught in the last 15 yards and finished a fine second. Sunday evening was a time for relaxation and making plans for next year. If at all possible, plan to come to Grandfather Mountain Clan Gathering and Highland Games. It is primarily a gathering and celebration of the clans, everything else is secondary.

**HAVE YOU PAID
ANNUAL DUES?**

By George !

In an effort to help bring us closer and to figuratively, show the flag. George and Lucille Grant, will travel to the West Coast, September 1 - 5. Gene Grant, Society Western Commissioner, will be their host.

Santa Rosa games are reported to be the largest in the US so there will be a large number of Grant's in attendance. We already have a large and active membership in the West particularly in California. Gene represents the Clan at almost every Scottish event. As reported previously, our tent has won several prizes for its display's of Grant and Scottish memorabilia.

We will have a full report in the next issue.



**OUR PATRICE
WOMENS KILTED**

RUN

IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ENCLOSED IN THE LAST ISSUE, PLEASE ADDRESS AN ENVELOPE NOW AND ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK FOR ONLY \$15.00 TO:

MRS. SHIRLEY GRANT SMITH
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YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US. CLAN GRANT SOCIETY IS AN EXTENDED FAMILY FOR ALL OF US. NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND YOUR HERITAGE STAY WITH US AND EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS.

Craigellachie

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OSSIAN & FINGAL



Our Highland Cattle raiser, Herbert E. Grant, is shown with the now-familiar steers, Ossian and Finegal. (Ossian on the Off side and Finegal on the High side.) They are now two years old and weigh about 800 pounds each.

Herbert writes, "I drew most of my fire wood with them last Fall. I will start cutting and drawing next winter's fuel supply as soon as the ice and snow are gone. There are but six inches of snow left in the woods but the ice under it is a good two inches thick. Since the steers don't have shoes yet, I am afraid that they could slip and go down while yoked together." (Note: obviously this letter was written before the last edition of the newsletter.)

He has been training them for some time. (He sold Patrick Ruadh las Spring, pictured in an earlier newsletter.) Mr. Grant is thinking about taking them to some of the games so that people can see them. They have a horn spread of about 36 inches- but he says that they are "super gentle."

David Grant-Blythe, Edinburgh, Scotland recently passed away. David served the UK Branch of Clan Grant as secretary for the past seven years. We published the newsletter for the UK members. He was responsible for the Societies success in Scotland and set up the Clan Grant Heritage Trust, a not for profit Scottish corporation that holds title to Duthil.

David was a Burns scholar and could recite from memory all of Burns works. The finest rendition of the "Toast to the Haggis" I ever witnessed was performed by him at our Clan Dinner at Nethybridge Hotel in 1985. He will be missed.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCOTTISH
FESTIVAL Cheekwood
Nashville, Tn. Gardens.

The grounds for these games sponsored by the Nashville JC's are beautifully landscaped. The gardens are located in the BELLE MEADE, section of Nashville, an area of large estates and beautiful homes.

About 12 Clan societies were represented. The tents were placed on either side of a circular road in the center of the area. Charles and Betty Grant MacDonald from Eminence Ky. helped out at the tent, and brought their grandchildren, Joshua and Grant Morris and their parents, Margaret and Ken.

Nancy Grant from Akron, Ohio signed our book, hope she joins. Dennis W. Painter, member, was there from Roswell, Ga. Esther Pratt, from Nashville told us of her ancestor, Ephram Pratt, who was one of the original settlers of Nashville. His land grant, 640 acres, was given to Treveca College.

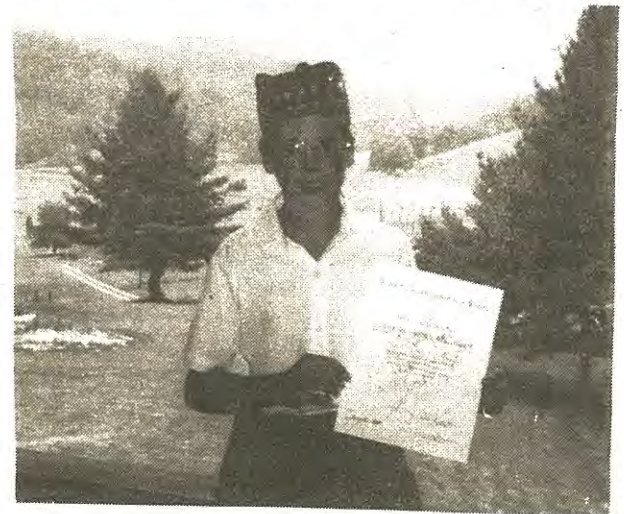
As most of you are aware, the Grants and the MacDonalds, fought for over 200 years over the now Grant land north of Lochness. Urquhart Castle was built by the Grant chief three times and destroyed four times. In recent times it has become friendly rivalry. One upmanship mostly. At Nashville, we talked the daughter of the Clan Donald regional commissioner into wearing a Grant shirt while marching with her Dad in the Parade of Tartans. See picture.

The weather in Nashville was predictably hot, but there was a breeze. Rain about 2:00 PM cooled things off a bit.

JEFF McCULLOCH

COMPLETES

DRUMMING COURSE



"The first scholarship awarded in honor of, Mathew Grant-Knapp, went to Jeff McCulloch, Buffalo, NY. Jeff successfully completed the week long piping school at Valle Cruces, NC. The school is held the week before the Grandfather Mountain Games. Valle Cruces was founded in 1824 as an Episcopal Indian mission. It is used today for retreats and schools such as the North American Academy of Piping. Jeff writes:

Dear Clan Grant Members,

Thank you for the scholarship to the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

I learned a lot and had a very good time. Some of the things that I learned are the two-four, three-four, four-four, and the six-eight tempos. My Instructor was Mr. John Murray. He was very nice and he was a very good teacher.

I had a good time at the games. I enjoyed staying with Mr and Mrs George Grant and Col. and Mrs Kyle Bowie, and meeting the rest of the members.

I especially want to thank Mr and Mrs George Grant for their help and their transportation for me and my grandmother, Anne Grant-Knapp.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. I hope I see you all again soon."

Sincerely,

Jeff McCulloch

Please apply for participation in this scholarship. It is offered to all members to participate in Scottish activities such as piping, drumming, highland dancing, learning Gaelic, in short almost any worthwhile activity. Apply to:

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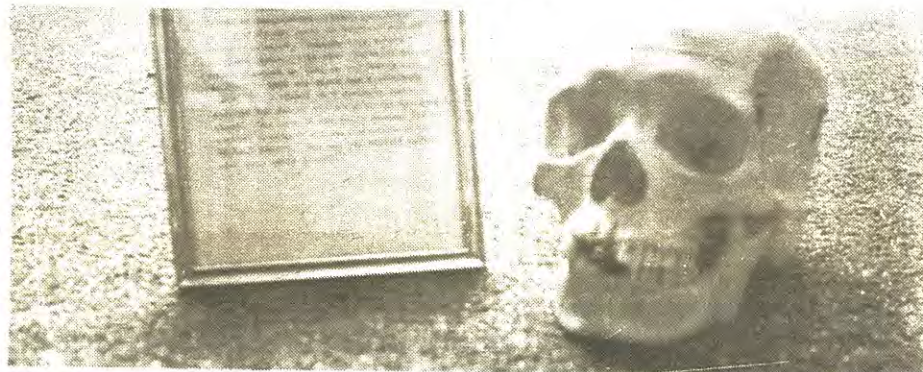
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MAC DONALD SKULL DISCOVERED



This is the skull of SEAMUS OG MAC DONALD, the last MAC DONALD who shed his blood in a righteous cause. He was the last person killed at Bannockburn, 1314. This event is a significant point in Scottish environmental evolution. Legends from before recorded history told that the White Heather would flourish as long as MAC DONALD was WILLING TO SHED HIS BLOOD FOR A RIGHTEOUS CAUSE. Since SEAMUS OG'S untimely death not one MAC DONALD has stood up for any good cause. The loss of the White Heather led to another tragedy - the extermination of the BRINDLE HAGGIS. You see the BRINDLE HAGGIS eats only WHITE HEATHER.

We are proud to display SEAMUS OG at the GRANT tent.

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TO RECEIVE DEED

Walter R. Grant of Elgin, Scotland, is sending a copy of the deed for Duthil. This will be reproduced on velum. The contributors name will be shown as owners of a piece of the property.

This will be accomplished, hopefully in the next few weeks. The delay is caused by, George H. Grant, not Ed Grant, Chairman of the Duthil Appeal.

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ESTABLISHED IMPORTANT KANSAS COLONY

Submitted By Allen Gardiner

VICTORIA, KANSAS--To a traveler passing through western Kansas, with its wide expanse of prairie and sky, the only thing that visibly distinguishes Victoria from any other prairie town is the lofty stone towers of St Fidelis Church, the famed "Cathedral of the Plains."

Yet it was here that Aberdeen Angus cattle were first introduced in the United States in 1873 by a Scottish silk merchant named George Grant.

The story of Victoria in its infant days is the story of privilege and panache.

"Lord" Grant--he was no lord, but the people of Ellis County still referred to him as such for a half-century after his death in 1878--was a man who made two fortunes and lost them both.

George Grant was a young clerk in Banffshire, Scotland, when he decided to move to London to seek his fortune. Luck was with him, for he soon cornered the silk market just before the opening of the Paris exposition. The rush of wealthy English ladies to purchase silk for new dresses prior to going to Paris created a boom market--and made Grant a wealthy man.

Other speculations did not pan out, and Grant lost his shirt. Once again, however, Grant was in the right place and the right time. He guessed correctly on the impending death of Albert, the Prince Consort of Queen Victoria, and cornered the black crepe market in the United Kingdom. Again, Grant was rich.

This time he turned his restless eye to the United States. After making a tour of inspection of the Kansas Pacific (later the Union Pacific) railroad lines, Grant proposed to railroad officials, "You build a place where my colonists can eat and sleep for a while, and I'll people these prairies with the best blood of Great Britain."

The railroad bought the idea and soon a magnificent stone building emerged near the railroad line--a combination railroad station, post office and hotel. Grant, too, kept his word and bought 100,000 acres of railroad land. Shortly thereafter the first of the promised colonists began to arrive. The date was August, 1873.

"The new colonists were mostly bachelors," wrote Paul T. Wellman in 1943, "young, and full of spirits." Indeed, with the sole exception of Grant, the oldest man among the party was Neal MacMillan, then 29 years old.

Whatever it was the Victoria colonists had expected from life in America, one thing was certain: they had no intention of giving up their traditions. Not only did they bring their English ideas with them, and but also they brought their English horses and hounds. (Foxes being absent of the prairies, the abundant coyote served as a useful substitute instead.)

The Britishers were often accompanied on their hunts by dashing young officers from Ft. Hays, twelve miles away. These cavalry men, including such officers as Custer, Crook, Sheridan, and Gibbons, made common cause with the colonists. They danced with the English wives at balls and paid court to the unmarried girls of Victoria.

At that time Indians were still on the warpath in some areas, and several times there were scares. On one occasion, a soldier from Ft. Hays came and made all the colonists go to the fort for safety. Another time, the young British refused to go and sat up all night, casting bullets for a battle they fully expected. The Indians were turned away, though, and the danger passed, but, Wellman noted, "the young Britishers savored every bit of it."

The Britons built beautiful stone houses--three or four of them still stand today--but it was Grant who became legendary for the building of his great stone house, "The Villa."

As one of his projects for the colony, "Lord" Grant started to erect an Episcopal church for them to worship in, with money from his own pocket. The church was finished in 1878, five years after Victoria was established...and the first service held in it was George Grant's funeral. "He died prematurely," Wellman wrote, "and at the height of his powers, possibly from overwork and strain." He had sunk all of his money in the Victoria project, and died heavily in debt.

Grant's death also marked the end of the British reign in Victoria--but the town lived on.

Two years before Grant's death, a new colony had been started north of the railroad tracks, composed of German-Russian immigrants. These newcomers were descendants of the Germans who Catherine the Great had brought into Russia to show her people how to farm. The immigrants to Kansas had left Russia when their immunity to military service was removed. Like the Mennonites who came from a similar part of Russia, the Ellis County immigrants had brought with them the hard winter wheat that would thrive on Kansas prairies.

The German-Russians were Roman Catholics, and they built the beautiful St Fidelis church, a towering mass of brown sandstone with twin stone towers. The church was a visible symbol of their faith and determination to succeed.

Unlike the German-Russians whose privation had made them strong, after George Grant's death, most of the British colonists he had brought out from England went home. The British colony evaporated. The land of the Victoria colony was slowly taken over by the German-Russians, who first named their village Herzog; however, the name was changed to Victoria because that was the name of the post office and railroad.

The Episcopal church Grant built for his colony is long since gone--its stones removed to build a Presbyterian church at Hays--and the remaining tombstones in the surrounding cemetery mostly overturned and shattered by vandals.

Grant was buried near the entrance to the church. In 1943, the American Aberdeen Angus Association dedicated a pyramidal monument on that site to mark Grant's grave and to commemorate Grant's introduction of the first Aberdeen Angus cattle into America.

Today, Victoria is a happy little town on the prairie. Freshly starched curtains wave in the breeze at the windows of the remaining stone houses. The "Cathedral of the Plains" is served by members of the Franciscan order. Good, honest folk make up the town's citizenry. There is virtually nothing to remind the casual visitor of the once gay, glittering life the British settlers had led on the prairies. Only "amber waves of grain" meet the eye where once aristocrats and cavalymen gave the native coyote a merry chase across the undulating prairies.