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IT'S GREAT TO BE A GRANT



Pretty as a picture in their dancing outfits are Jody Grant (left) and Julie-Ann Mackenzie, pictured after returning from the McKay Festival at Dingwall, where Jody, from Grantown, won Highland Trophy for coming first in the Highland Fling, the Sword Dance and the reel in the 10 years open section. Julie-Ann, from Dulnain Bridge, won the Scottish National Trophy for being best overall in the 10 and under advanced section. She came first in the hornpipe, second in both the jig and the lilt, and fourth in both the Flora McDonald's Fancy and Barracks Johnny. Both girls are pupils at the Helen Watt School of Dancing.

## IVY GRANT JARDINE'S CONTRIBUTION RETIRES DUTHIL DEBT

Ivy Grant Jardine, Largo Scotland, has made a generous donation to the UK Clan Grant Society, enabling it to pay the final balance due to Walter R. Grant.

Ivy is a member of both the US and UK branches of the Society. We met her at Grandfather Mountain three years ago and again at Stone Mtn. Ivy's late husband was a direct descendant of Alexander Selkirk, who was the role model for "Robinson Crusoe". Alexander was born and raised in Largo Scotland. His home is now a museum. Ivy and her son, who is a piper, live in Largo.

Ivy is a very enthusiastic person who travels widely throughout the world. Invited to attend our Clan dinner Saturday, she offered to sing for her dinner. Producing a harmonica she played and sang several Scottish songs in a delightful voice. I know she has never met a stranger in her life.

Write to her and offer your thanks for her support. The address is:

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Scotland, UK

## GRANTS WILL GATHER AT ALEXANDRIA JULY 28, 1990

Gordon and Mildred Grant will host a buffet after the games at their lovely home at 4506 35TH ROAD NORTH, Arlington, Va. 22207-4545. Telephone 703-241-7789. Please RSVP by mail or telephone by July 26, 1990. We have guaranteed to the caterer a minimum of 30.

A map and further details will be available in the tent at the Games on Saturday. Plan on going to the party. It will be dutch.

George and Lucille Grant will come up for the games as will John A Grant and Patrice, Atlanta; Ed and Elaine Grant, Ocean Reef, Fl; Kyle and Betty Bowie, Nathalie, Va; Howard and Judi Parsons, Charlottesville, Va. and many others.

Gordon is the past president of the St Andrews Society. Previously, at the games he was chief sanitation engineer. Wonder if he got his old job back.

We are all looking forward to meeting Ed and Elaine's family: Doug and Susan Grant and Geoffrey and Cheryl Grant, who all live in the area.

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## ATLANTIC REGION REPORT

Thanks to Dan Stevenson for the excellent job arranging participation of Clan Grant in the annual Alexandria Va. Scottish Christmas Walk. The weather was cool enough to feel the Holiday season was here but not too cool to be outside. Plan to attend next year.

The Williamsburg Scottish Festival has been sent up the river to Berkley Plantation on the James River. Berkley was the site of the first Thanksgiving in America in 1619. It is located on Va Route 5, about 25 mi. west of Williamsburg.

Clan Grant will have a tent at Roanoke Va. Sept 1. for the Blue Ridge Highlands Scottish Festival. Please plan to attend and help with the tent.

## WALTER R. GRANT SUFFERS STROKE

In early June Walter experienced a stroke affecting his left side. He is now undergoing therapy in Elgin, slowing regaining full use of his faculties.

Since the stroke Walter has called twice. He sounds strong and in good spirit. No doubt due to Margaret's care. There is no question that he will recover, he's too stubborn to give up.

Their Address is:

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"Strathisla"  
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Morayshire  
Scotland, U.K.

**THE COLORS OF THE HIGHLANDS**

From the April 1988 publication  
"In Britain"

Knowing some Gaelic would make a trip to the Highlands more fascinating. I've often thought, so I was pleased when J.D. MacBeath sent me the following report:

With heather-clad slopes reflected perfectly on its dark, flat-calm surface, the Easter Ross loch (lake) resembled a mirror. Thanks to the list hastily scribbled for me by a local Gael, I now know "Glass"--glas in the old tongue of Alba (Scotland)-- in fact, signifies "grey", as does liath. A new understanding of barely a dozen Gaelic huse has afforded me a totally fresh outlook on the already incomparable Highland landscape--my ordnance survey maps have come suddenly, colorfully, to life. Happily I was previously wise to some of the principal Gaelic terms: hillside, leittir (or letter); Stream, allt, (ault), \* Valley, Srath, Strath; battlefield, blar, (blair); and mountain/hill beinn (ben) among others. The other most widely used colors are: ban (bhan), white; buidhe (or bhuidhe), yellow; dearg, red; dubh, black; gorm, blue; uaine, green. Thus Cairne Gorm is a blue (rocky) mountain, while Beinn Bhan is exactly synonymous with the Rock of/with the pinnacle. There is really poetry in the landscape, especially in Western Scotland's.

**HISTORIC HOTELS OF SCOTLAND**

By Jule Adams Grant

Scots are noted for being "thrifty" (a much nicer adjective than "tight") and while at the public library enjoying their "free" services, I ran across an interesting book entitled "Historic Hotels of Scotland" by Wendy Arnold. If you wish to look up the book yourself, the library call number is 647.944.

It has lovely illustrations of the hotels and rooms. It goes into details as to the amenities of each but being Scots, our main interest would be the cost. Below is a listing by price per night for two people including dinner (without wine) and Continental or Scottish breakfast and 15% VAT and 10% service.

Moderate	approx	\$162 to \$207
Medium		\$216 \$252
Expensive		\$261 \$333
Very Expensive		\$343 \$396

**Hotels by Price Category**

Very Expensive- 1 listing-

Inverlochy Castle- Fort William

Expensive- 5 listings

Tulchan Lodge, Grantown of Spey; Invery; Cromlix House, Dumblane; Culzean Castle, Maybole & Turnberry Hotel, Turnberry, Ayrshire.

Medium- 15 listings

Altanaharrie Inn, Ullapool; Kinloch Lodge, Isle of Skye; Castle Forbes, Alford; Arisaig House, Arisaig; Strathgarry House, Killiecrankie; Airds Hotel, Port Appin; Taychreggan Hotel, Kilchrenan; Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder; Rusack's, St. Andrews; Peat Inn, near St. Andrews; One, Devonshire Gardens, Glasgow; Harburn House, Harburn; Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh; Greywalls, Gullane; Blairquhan, Straiton, Ayrshire.

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**Site of Grant triumph  
100-year-old shrine**

**MOUNT MCGREGOR, N.Y.**  
(AP)—As Ulysses Grant lay dying, worn by cancer to half his former weight, his successor in the White House stripped him of the honorary title of president.

It was one of Grant's two dying wishes. The last official act of President Chester Arthur was to restore the nation's greatest war hero to general in 1885. Grant preferred to die as a general rather than an ex-president whose administration was blemished by scandal.

Grant's other dying wish was to live long enough to finish his memoirs. Telling tall tales of his Civil War triumphs was a chore he shunned in better times. But a year earlier, Grant's business partner ran off with the family fortune, leaving him penniless. He wrote for money.

A few months after he began writing, Grant suffered a spasm in his neck while eating a peach. Doctors told him he was dying of throat cancer, setting an implacable deadline Grant raced to meet with the same zeal he met Confederate armies at Vicksburg and Shiloh.

"It was so heroic, the idea of him keeping himself alive by force of will until he could finish his memoirs," said John Simon, director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association at Southern Illinois University. "He believed he could bring off this achievement even though doctors despaired of his life."

On June 16, 1885, Grant left his home in New York City for a secluded cottage on Mount McGregor, 40 miles north of Albany. Doctors felt the mountain air would be good for Grant, who was doped up on cocaine, morphine and brandy to relieve the searing pain in his throat.

He lived there less than six weeks, dying July 23. But the 63-year-old general won his last battle, finishing his manuscript days before his death.

The 400,000-word memoirs remain an American classic by a general "who knew how to write, who was never at a loss for new and unique expressions," said Simon, whose association is just publishing the last two books in an 18-volume set of Grant's letters and papers.

"The fact is I think I am a verb instead of a personal pro-

noun," Grant wrote days before dying. "A verb is anything that signifies to be; to do; or to suffer. I signify all three."

The memoirs made a fortune for Grant's widow and the book's publisher—Mark Twain, 10 years away from his own heroic struggle to rally from bankruptcy.

"The presale subscriptions were the biggest ever," said David Mitchell, director of the Saratoga County Historical Society, which opens the cottage on Memorial Day for its 100th season of summer tours. "It sold better than Twain's books."

Grant's memoirs preserve the first-hand accounts of battle by one of history's greatest generals. And because of rare historical foresight by Grant's friends, the cottage preserves the general's dying days.

His death was the forerunner of the modern media vigil. Reporters camped outside his New York City home followed Grant's train to Mount McGregor, providing daily reports of the general's failing health.

"Angel of Death Hovers Above Gen. Grant," or "Sinking into the Grave," the headlines read.

After Grant's death, nothing was taken from the cottage. Still there are the two leather armchairs Grant brought from New York, the bed he died in, even two huge arrangements of dried funeral flowers.

"His things didn't leave here, so they didn't have to go searching for anything," Mitchell said.

About 2,500 people are expected to visit this summer, one-fourth the number who came in the early 1900s. In 1985, only 300 people came.

Grant's Tomb in New York City drew 62,000 visitors in 1989. About 10,000 each year tour Appomattox Manor in Philadelphia, where the cabin that served as Grant's headquarters in Virginia now stands. Grant's birthplace in Point Pleasant, Ohio, has drawn up to 15,000 people in recent years.

Mitchell blames the cottage's low turnout partly on Grant's remoteness in history, and partly on the building's surroundings. The state owns the 1,800-foot mountain, where Mount McGregor state prison was built in 1976.

**Moderate- 9 listings**

Clifton Hotel, Nairn; Knockie Lodge, Whitebridge; Factor's House, Fort William; Tiroran House, Isle of Mull; Ardfenaig House, Isle of Mull; Glenfeochan House, Kilmore; Roman Camp Hotel, Callander; Old Mansion House Hotel, Auchterhouse by Dundee; Knockinaam Lodge Hotel, Portpatrick, Wigtownshire.

I realize that all of the prices are more than your average bed & breakfast we use when we travel in Great Britain but what a once in a lifetime thrill to stay overnight where your ancestors have lived. (I can hear most Scots saying "At those prices, you bet it would be one night and once-in-a-lifetime.") If they ever finish Castle Grant, we will join you in (dare I say it) our "one night stand."

**DUTHIL KIRK FUND**

Please if you haven't done so, send your contribution to DUTHIL KIRK TRUST FUND.

Our goal as originally stated is to establish a DUTHIL TRUST, to maintain our "DUTHUS". (Home Place).

Also to provide for Clan Grant International Headquarters and Museum.

NOW is the time to send your contribution.

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**JAMES & CAROL SUTTIE**

**TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT CHALLENGE**

James T. Suttie, San Jose, CA. and Robert B. Grant, Kailua, HI. have volunteered to be commissioners for their area.

Jim and Carol Suttie have long been movers and shakers as part of Gene Grant's California crew. Their enthusiasm has brought many members to our Society. Please give Jim and Carol your continued support.

Robert has a much more demanding situation in Hawaii. He is the only member in the islands, for now. He will be totally in charge of himself, which can be a tough job. The Hawaii games are in April, so look for our Grant tent, if you are there.

Gene Grant will now be able to strengthen our Society in Southern California, with Jim and Bob holding down the fort. It will also give Gene an excuse to go to Hawaii.

Thanks from all of us .

**Edith Grant Ordway dies at age 85**

*27-21-90*

By James Schermerhorn  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

Edith Grant Ordway, who inherited old wealth, married wealth and was described as one of San Francisco's most beautiful women when she was married in 1925, died at her home in Woodside Saturday at age 85.

Her grandfather was Adam Grant, who founded a dry-goods empire in San Francisco in 1850, and her father was an industrialist, Joseph D. Grant.

She danced at The City's most splendid balls and traveled abroad in luxury.

Her first wedding was held in her parents' home at 2222 Broadway, next to the James Flood Mansion. The home was left to the Roman Catholic Church at her mother's death in 1949 to become Stuart Hall for Boys, part of the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

Her first two husbands were both socially prominent: William A. Magee Jr. and polo-playing Peter McBean.

By 1938 she was divorced from both, and married Kent Ordway, a man who wore a cowboy hat and raised cattle on thousands of acres of the land he had inherited in the San Joaquin Valley.

She became a rancher and horsewoman, for a time owned and ran a dairy, and managed her own ranch lands.

She withdrew so completely from her old life in San Francisco that a society reporter went to the town of Patterson, where Mrs. Ordway shopped, and talked to tradespeople about her in order to write a story 10 years after her marriage.

There, she was called a warm and generous woman. She would sometimes, one merchant said, stake some homeless drifter to a hand in the local poker game. If he beat her friends at poker, he kept the stake "for luck."

When she came to shop in San Francisco, the writer said, Mrs. Ordway avoided luncheons with old friends at the St. Francis and "had a quiet lunch alone at the California Market."

Her husband died in 1954, and she continued to manage the family ranches until she moved to Woodside in 1967.

A daughter, Edith Grant Magee, died in 1973.

Services were being held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Crippen & Flynn Chapel, 400 Woodside Road, Redwood City. Mrs. Ordway left a request for memorial gifts to be sent to the Sempervirens Fund, Drawer BE, Los Altos, 94022.



**General Responsibilities and Function of Commissioners  
Clan Grant Society USA**

Member of the executive committee of the Society. Plans and policies for the Society. Approves major financial commitments.

Represents the Society at Scottish and other appropriate events.

Leads in recruiting and retaining membership in the Society.

Reports to the Newsletter editor on members activity and events of interest to the membership.

Organize the Clan tent at Scottish games.

When possible organizes dinners, picnics, or other activities for members in area at least once a year separate from games.

Publishes a newsletter for area members once or twice a year.

The Society will pay for postage, printing, games cost, and other expense necessary for the job function. The Society cannot pay personal expenses.

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Rebekah Grant

BRADENTON, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns Grant, Jr. of Bradenton, formerly of Huntsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebekah Anne, to Carlos Xavier Gimenez, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Gimenez of Bradenton.

Miss Grant is a 1985 graduate of Manatee High School. She graduated from the University of Florida in 1989 with a B.S. degree in business administration. She is employed by NCB National Bank as a facilities asset manager.

Mr. Gimenez graduated from Bradenton Christian School in 1982. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1989 with a B.S. degree in business administration. He is employed by Broadway and Seymour Inc. as a computer consultant.

The wedding will be Sept. 15 at Saints Peter and Paul, the Apostles, Catholic Church in Bradenton.

# DISCOVER Scotland



Lucille and I have been asked several times what to do, where to stay, what to see, in Scotland and particularly in Grant country. It's time I put this all down to share with all of you. I hope this information will be of help to you in planning your trip. I will concentrate mostly on Speyside, Grant Country.

## GETTING TO SCOTLAND

The "season", for Europe is from May 20 to September 20. This is the period of highest air fares and Hotel rates. If you can travel before May 20 or after Sept 20 the cost will be significantly less. International airlines offer reduced fares with 30 day prepurchase. Another little known cost saver is the 48 hour cancellation reservation. The way this works is you call the airline after midnight 48 hours before you want to depart. If they have any unsold seats for that flight they will book your reservation for even less than the prepurchase. Travel agents can be most helpful handling your needs except the 48 hour deal.

By shopping around the various airlines you can get really bargain fares. Sometimes it is more cost effective to fly to Brussels or Amsterdam, than to London.

From London there are three choices to continue on to Scotland.

**TRAIN:** All trains for Scotland leave from Kings Cross station. This is a 15lb cab ride across London. The train trip takes about 7 hours to Edinburg and 9 hours to Aviemore. Aviemore is the nearest stop to Granttown-on-Spey.

**CAR:** You can rent a car at the airport and head north. I recommend some experience driving on the wrong side of the road and avoid driving in London if at all possible. It is helpful to have someone with you reading the maps, signs, etc; and screaming when you drift over to the right. Be warned, England is full of roundabouts. Getting in one of these and out at the correct road is an artform.

**PLANE:** I highly recommend flying from London to either Edinburg or Inverness. Costwise, its about the same as taking the train without the hassle, and much quicker. After clearing customs you can check your luggage and be at your destination in a couple of hours.

## WHERE TO STAY IN GRANT COUNTRY

A booklet is available, published by the Scottish Tourist Board, on accomodations in Granttown on Spey. Write to Tourism Information Office, High Street, Granttown on Spey, Scotland

Granttown-on-Spey has for many years been a popular vacation spot for Britons. There are many Bed and Breakfast establishments that offer friendly, comfortable, housing. Prices range from 12lbs per person to 25lbs. Be sure you specify room with a bath or share. Reservations should be made as early as possible and usually require a modest deposit.

There are several full service hotels in the area. I don't mean to strictly concentrate on Granttown. Within a 10 mile radius of Castle Grant are the villages of Nethybridge, Dulnain Bridge, Boat of Garten, Carrbridge. All of these places have guest houses and hotels and will be listed in the booklet. We have had excellent comments from people who stayed at Garden Park, Dunvegan Hotel, Kinross, Firhall, Dunstaffnage House and Seafield Arms Hotel.

All of the proprietors of these establishments are friendly, helpful and very knowledgeable about the area. They will assist you in every possible way, to insure you will have a good time. So make your reservations early and relax.

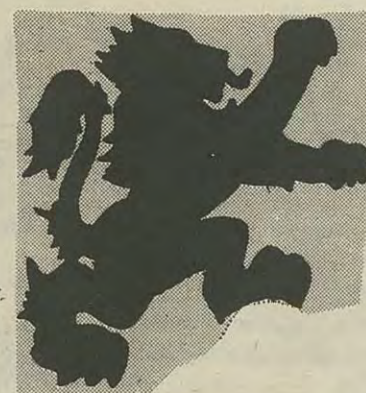
## WHAT TO SEE IN GRANT COUNTRY

The area of Scotland that is defined as Grant Country extends from Aviemore to Elgin, extending on both sides of the River Spey. It also includes Glen Urquhart and Glen Morrison located north of Loch Ness near Inverness and Monymusk in Aberdeen near Inverurie. Until this century the chief of the Grants owned almost all the land in Speyside, while the other parcels belonged to the Grant Families that inhabited them. Rothiemurchus is also a separate Grant family holding. All of these lands except Monymusk belonged to the Chief. He gave them to his second and third sons to hold as long as the family line persisted. If it died out then the land reverted to the Chief. This was called a wadset in feudal times. Today the wadset no longer is in effect. Each of these Grant families recorded arms with the Lord Lion, official keeper of heraldry and succession in Scotland. The Grant Family have over twenty variations of the Grant Tartan. Each family designing its own variation to the basic sett.

I recommend that the first place to visit is the HERITAGE CENTRE in Granttown. The people there are very knowledgeable about the area. Purchase a copy of "Walking Tour of Granttown", by Bill Saddler. Following the directions in the book will give you a good look at Granttown and its history.

"CRAIGELLACHIE:", (Rock of Alarm), is the rallying cry of the Grant Clan. The rock of Craigellachie can be seen overlooking Aviemore. It was here the Chief built a fire to summon the Clan. They would gather on the banks of the Spey at ancient standing stones on the farm of Ballintomb. The stones are still there. The other "Craigellachie" is a village at the other end of the Spey valley, toward Rothes.

ROTHIEMURCHUS. This Grant estate is still in the hands of the original family. The Laird of Rothiemurchus is



John Grant, who with his wife Phillipa, are prominent in the affairs of Speyside. The Rothiemurchus estate office is just past Coylumbridge on the road from Aviemore. The estate offers fishing, hiking, shooting, tour of a working highland estate, and other amenities. The home of the Grants of Rothiemurchus, is the "Doune". For the past 10 years John and Phillipa have been restoring it to its past glory. They live there now after completing the renovation in early 1990. Also on the estate is Loch an Eilean Castle and visitor centre.. It worth you time to see these attractions.

HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM, Kingussie, (Kinyussie), founded by Dr. I.F. Grant, one of Scotlands leading historians. She died at the age of 93, still active, in 1983.

CASTLE GRANT is located about 2 miles from the center of Granttown. Presently being restored By Mr. Paul Dobson. Upon completion, Castle Grant will become a Luxury Hotel and Grant Clan Heritage Centre. The Clan Space in the Castle will be free to the Society. Ask permission of the superintendent to enter the Castle. If possible he will let you in.

CROMDALE is the site of a major military engagement in 1690 where the Jacobites were routed by the forces of the Crown aided by the Chief of Grant.

BALLINDALLOCH CASTLE is the home of the MacPherson-Grants. This family has occupied this site since the 1600's. Originally the last name was Grant,. In the 1800's, a MacPherson inheritance came to the family if they would change their name. Ballindalloch has been continuously occupied since its building. Several improvements have been made by the family, making the Castle one of Scotlands most beautiful. General James Grant, Laird of Ballindalloch, was British governor of Florida and tactical commander of the British forces during our war for independence. Potraits of George III and Queen Sophie hang in the Great Hall of the castle. This family have the original blood lines of the

Aberdeen-Angus breed of cattle, and earn good money selling breed stock. Mr. and Mrs Oliver Russell and their children are the proud owners. Their oldest son Guy MacPherson-Grant will continue the honorable line.

DUTHIL KIRK. Located on the road to Carrbridge, this property is owned by the worldwide Clan Grant Society. The key to the Church is kept across the road, and will be provided when requested. The kirk was completely renovated by Walter Grant on behalf of the Society. His cost have been repaid by the Clan Society.

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## DISCOVER

**CULLODEN.** The last battle fought on British soil, 1746. Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated in his attempt to regain the throne of Great Britain for the Jacobites. Charles' father, James the 8th was deposed over the issue of religion. The Protestants gave the crown to George I, a Hanoverian, who was married to a Protestant Stuart. Exhibit features a movie on the battle.

**INVERNESS.** Queen city of the north. Inverness Castle, now city hall, was surrendered by Major George Grant to forces of Bonnie Prince Charles. He gathered reinforcements and recaptured two days later. Wonderful museum of ancient artifacts dating back to the picts and beyond. Fine shops and large shopping centres. Largest city in the Highlands. Just north of Inverness is **FORT GEORGE.** Presently the home of the Grant Fencibles Collection, taken from Castle Grant, and donated by The Earl of Seafield.

**CASTLE URQUHART.** Ruins stand at entrance to Glen Urquhart on shores of Loch Ness. Grants were the keepers of this royal fort for several hundred years. Destroyed by the MacDonalDs in attempts to regain Glen Moriston and Glen Urquhart from the Grants. Castle was destroyed three times during this period and rebuilt twice by the Grants. When the king did not pay the bill for second rebuilding, Grants abandoned after last battle.

**GLEN URQUHART.** Grants of Glen Urquhart ruled for over 400 years, selling out in 19th century to pay debts and moving to Toronto, Canada. Balmacaan House was the home of the Grant chiefs when in residence in the glen. Ancient vaulted cairn dating back to BC preserved. Many of our ancestors came from Glen Urquhart and Glen Moriston.

**GLEN MORISTON.** Home of the Grants of Glen Moriston, who fought on the side of Bonnie Prince Charles. After the battle of Culloden the seven men of Glenmoriston successfully hid Charles from the English. Glen Moriston was sold by the last Grant Laird in 1989, who is a successful business man in Scotland. He and family have resided in Edinburg for many years. Good salmon stream, very picturesque. Excellent lunch at the Grant Arms Hotel.

**CULLEN HOUSE.** Located in Cullen on the north sea. This was the home of the Ogilvie Earls of Seafield. The title passed to the Grant Chief in 1811. Cullen House has been completely restored and made into 8 magnificent homes. Small kirk on the grounds is the burial place of Nina, Countess of Seafield.

**THE WHISKEY TRAIL.** There are several distilleries in Speyside. Four of them were founded by Grants, Glen Grant, Glenfarclas, Glenlivet, William Grant and Sons. I recommend you visit Glenfarclas. This is the last family owned distillery in Scotland. Owned by George and John Grant. George is now retired and the business is run by son, John. Glen Grant is smaller. Located in Rothes. Above the distillery on a hill is the former home of the founder.

**BOAT OF GARTEN.** Many places have the name "Boat". This designated a ferry across a stream. Near the village is the Osprey nesting grounds. These sea eagles have become almost extinct in Scotland but are with the help of Scottish Conservancy, making a comeback. Also from Boat of Garten is the Boat Train. This railway is supported by volunteers and offers rides to Aviemore on antique steam trains. You can also arrange to have dinner during the ride on the weekends. Suggest you book in advance. Hopefully the train will go through Grantown in next few years.

**NETHYBRIDGE.** This is the home of the annual Clan Grant Gathering and Highland Games. Held the second weekend in August. The Hotel here serves an excellent dinner and you can get Haggis and neepes for lunch.

The **SPEY VALLEY** is absolutely beautiful. Looks like a postcard. The views of the Cairngorm Mountains and the lovely Spey will offer many pictures.

All of the properties discussed are private. Except for Glenfarclas and Rothiemurchus will require appointments to see the grounds. Don't be shy about calling to gain entrance. Everyone is most accomading, and will, if at all possible, arrange for your visit. Be sure and tell them you are a member of the Clan Grant Society.

**EDINBURG** offers many amenities. The Castle is well worth seeing, as are the museums of Scottish antiquities. There are many exhibits donated or purchased from the Grant Family on display. Be sure and walk down the Royal Mile from Edinburg Castle to Holyrood Castle. On the way look in on St. Giles Cathedral, its beautiful and the altars all have a story to tell.

I hope this will be helpful to you. There is much more to add, but by talking with the people you meet, doing a little research on Scotland and its history you will have a grand time.

**LUGGAGE, WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO BUY**

The most important thing to remember when you plan your luggage is that you don't need to worry about the cold, only the heat available. Also, please remember that most of the time you will be on your own in carrying luggage, hopping on trains or in and out of B & B's or hotels. Most accommodations are up the stairs, one or more flight, with no elevator. **SO PACK LIGHTLY.** It is possible to have laundry done if you are in one place longer than 24 hours. One or two carry-ons, and one large but manageable suitcase. Airlines have been known to lose, temporarily most of the time, luggage, so carry at least one change of clothes and everything you will need to be comfortable the first two days away from home.

We have been in Scotland in May, August, December and never have encountered hot weather. The best we have ever had was a 70 degree day in August. That was the high! We usually bring kilts, so that takes care of the wools, but I always would take at least one pair of heavy weight cotton slacks (or jeans), one warm skirt, long sleeve shirts or blouses, suit jacket, knock around sweater, and most importantly

comfortable (not new) walking shoes. Over everything, take a all weather (zip out lining preferred) rain coat.

The women in Scotland never seem to wear slacks, except perhaps to work in their gardens, but it is your preference and you are a tourist, so be comfortable. Dinner in the evening is usually later than in the U.S., as Britons have tea around 5 or 6PM which is like our lunch. If you go out to a restaurant to dine, everyone will be dressed for dinner. Don't bother to order iced tea, they won't know what to do.

Even though we live in Tennessee, it does get cold here. I have plenty of sweaters, but have always seemed to find a need for a new one or two over there. There are good shops all over Scotland, and the woolen mills are available for everyone.



**GRANT GARRISON BRINGS PARENTS TO KENTUCKY GAMES**

Grant Garrison, who recently moved to Stanford, Ky. with his parents, Dale and Corri. Anxious to attend his first Highland games, he had his Mom and Dad drive 4 hours to Carrolton, Ky, on a rainy day, to listen to the pipes and meet his cousins.

Charles and Betty MacDonald are hosts for this very fine event. George and Lucille Grant, and Donald Grant attended from out of town. The weather was threatening all day long and about 3:00 it began raining. We all went to the Lodge and visited till dinner time.

On Friday afternoon a golf tournament is held, with each foursome playing the best shot. George was on the winning team while Lucille's team finished second. The cream will always come to the top.

Grant's father, Dale is minister of a church in Stanford, which is south of Frankfort. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

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# Tracing Your Tartan Roots

## GENEALOGY CORNER

by

Beryl Grant, Clan Genealogist

I am happy to report that the IBM compatible computer is all installed; the Panasonic 24-pin printer is raring to go; LDS genealogy software and Microsoft Works 2. data base is ready for inputting our Clan Grant family histories. With the volume of records I have on hand, this is going to be quite a project and I anticipate several months will be needed to get the information on the databases.

In the meantime I will again request you to file your family history as manual searching can still be done. Remember, your family history does not have to be complete - just send what you have. I have been mailing pedigree charts to our members, asking them to fill out what they can. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE CHART IS FILLED IN - JUST SEND WHAT YOU HAVE TO DATE! I am assuming that is the reason I have not heard back from some of our members is that they think the chart must be filled out - not so! After all if you can do that you don't need our help.

For some of our newer members this might be a good time to explain what it is I do as Clan Genealogist and what information I need from you to give assistance.

As Clan Genealogist I am the repository for clan members' genealogies. When I receive them I file them by location of the ancestor or if I can identify them with histories on file, with that group. I usually send you a Pedigree Chart form so the information you have on hand is put on it and a copy sent to me. This form starts with you yourself and then works backward - this is to get you started and to put information in a logical order.

AGAIN, THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS; NAME, PLACE AND TIME WHERE EVENTS OCCURED. Start with the known - with you; then your parents; then grandparents, etc. Events are recorded where they happen; you must know this to search public records, local histories and libraries.

UNLESS I CAN TIE YOU IN WITH OUR EXISTING FAMILY HISTORIES OR MANUSCRIPT FILES, YOU WILL STILL BE DOING YOUR OWN TRACING. What I do is search the files; try to advise historical societies and where to send for vital records in your state, etc. If there is a Church of Latter-Day Saints stake near you, you can visit and they are happy to show you their records and how to use them. You will be amazed at the records they have - just for the asking - no fee or obligation. The LDS Library has copied records from all over the world. If you are looking for an ancestor from Scotland prior to civil registration or census, their copy of the parish records may be what you will need. Don't expect immediate results - I have been able to trace a few people into their history in a very few minutes but this is the exception - plan on a lot of research. You will learn a lot more about your own family and your country's history by doing this!

## CLAN GRANT MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

During the past few years I have accumulated an impressive amount of material on Grants in the U.S.A. and Canada. During the next few issues I will be telling you about these books and manuscripts for the benefit of our clan members and I think it is important we all know what we have on hand.

We have just received the book written by Arthur Hastings Grant in 1898 on Mathew Grant, of Windsor, Conn.(1630) and his descendants. While in Conn. last week I visited the Conn. Historical Society and Conn. State Library and copied much more on this Mathew Grant and his descendants (8th Generation includes President U.S. Grant), and Grants in N.J. and Nova Scotia.

I have the book Peter Grant, Scotch Exile of Kittery and Berwick, Maine(1631) and his descendants written by Leola Grant Bushman and published in 1976.

Just added to the book collection are several volumes of "Grant Gleanings" by Anne Long. One of these volumes is an extract of Grant entries found in the Barbour collection of Conn. Vital Records.

All of these books are indexed - blessed are those who index - and by asking me to search particular names and dates and sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a return, I will be happy to do so.

IF ANY OF OUR CLAN MEMBERS HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION ANY GRANT FAMILY MANUSCRIPTS AND ARE WILLING TO FILE COPY WITH ME TO SHARE WITH OUR MEMBERS, I WILL BE MOST APPRECIATIVE. OF PARTICULAR NEED ARE RECORDS ON GRANTS WHO SETTLED IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.

## AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

We have available several prints. Urquart Castle, Castle Grant(pre-restoration), Gatehouse and West Lodge of Castle Grant, Duthil Kirk and the cemetery, Informal picture of Chief and Family, Abernethy Games, August 89, Balliandolloch Castle, The Dunes (restored home of Grant's of Rothimurchus, Fort George, twin bridges on Glen Morriston, Bridge at Carrbridge, Sunset over Craigellachie (taken from Boat Train from Boategarten) Smokehouse at Dr. I.F. Grant's museum in Kingussie,

These are reproductions of our personal snapshots on several trips to Scotland and have been enlarged to 8 x 10 for framing.

We are selling them with all profits to the Duthil Fund at a price of \$7.50 each + \$1.00 for mailing costs.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERY

Shirley J. Grant Baxter of Oregon is hoping to contact descendants of the following Grants. Her grandfather, James L. Grant, born May 20, 1867 in Cherokee, Iowa and died Dec. 19, 1940 in Charleston, Ark., was a brother of these Grants who are the children of David D. Grant and Julia M. Wod Grant. David is thought to have come to this country at the age of 12 as a stowaway. Please contact me if you can help. BERYL N. GRANT, LEESOME LANE, ALTAMONT, NY 12009.

Orin	John	Grant
B. October 30, 1850 PA		
D. February	1905 NB	
Margaret Elizabeth Grant	Robinson	
Bird B. Nov. 4, 1856 WI		
D. Nov.	1922 NB	
William	H.	Grant
B. July 23	1858 WI	
D. March 20	1920	
David	S.	Grant
B. Jan. 31	1860 WI	
D. Feb. 13	1936	
George	A.	Grant
B. Jan. 3	1862 MN	
D. Oct 9,	1895	
Stephen	F.	Grant
B. Sept. 3	1864 MN	
D. July 28	1926 ID	
Nettie	Grant	Carpenter
B. May 16	1862 IA	
D. Nov. 1	1929 MO	
Nellie	Grant	Carpenter
B. Nov. 1	1872 MO	
D. May 16	1872 IA	

The "Haggis", the newsletter of the Scottish Information Society edited by Gene Grant of Clan Grant, was given an Honorable Mention by "The Scottish American" in their National Newsletter Competition.

They said "This publication shows love and dedication."

Gene says, "I can vouch for the dedication bit. At least 30 hours of it goes into every issue."

Dr. Norma Goodrich, Honorary Member of Clan MacArthur and author of two well read books, *Arthur on the life of King Arthur* and *Merlin* about that famed wizard is being honored with the prestigious Wallace Award. The ceremony will be MCed by actor Cliff Robertson.

She will be presented with three million dollars toward the production of a documentary on King Arthur at a dinner at the Union Espanol in San Francisco on August 29.

Dr. Goodrich says that if she had her druthers, she would choose Donald Sutherland or Christopher Reeve to play Arthur and Sean Connery to play Merlin.

# By George!

We have as a Society risen to the challenge offered us by Duthil Kirk. Our branch of the Clan Grant Society has sent Walter R. Grant, \$9233.00, to pay cost of rehabilitation. Ivy Grant Jardine has donated over 2500.00 pounds sterling, to finalize the balance.

As promised, certificates will be sent to each of you who contributed, and who continue to support DUTHIL. Thank you again for your support.

We will continue to contribute about \$1000.00 a year toward a trust to provide maintenance and fund a museum in the Kirk. The focus of the museum will be all Grant family histories, not just the chiefs and their cadet branches. They will, of course, be given the attention deserved.

There have been many Grants throughout history that have affected their society in a positive way, and some not so positive. We wish to highlight these later contributions of our ancestors and current living family. There will be plenty of talent to showcase. More on this later as funds accumulate.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR VOLUNTEER SOUGHT

Lucille and I are wearing a little thin. I did not think that producing the newsletter plus the rest of the job would be too much. All of this plus the necessity of making a living have pushed me into asking for relief from the newsletter job. It is vitally important that this be a first class publication, and we haven't been able to do that.

If someone would arrange and paste up the pages and send them to me I'll get them printed and mailed. It will require a good bit of typing, computer required. Give me a call @ 1-800-445-2185 and lets discuss it.

Thank you for your response sending your dues. It makes everything easier.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Bob & Becky: Mr. & Mrs. Membership

"Memo's from Membership"

**Memo #1:** Please make all checks payable to Clan Grant Society. Thanks

**Memo #2:** Please print return address on your envelopes. Makes it s-o-o easy for us to return your membership cards.

**Memo #3:** Thanks to all who have given us written encouragement for the task we have undertaken.

# Times when life and lands hung in balance

FROM the time, several thousand years ago, when our first human predecessors settled in the Highland's largest strath, until virtually within living memory, farming was the main occupation of the local population, and before the 18th Century brought the boon of civil peace, fighting must frequently have run it a close second.

In a subsistence economy such as ours was for most of its existence, the overwhelming need to raise the food required to stay alive makes the primacy of farming too obvious to require further explanation. We live in such relatively peaceful times, however, that the recurrent chaos, strife and uncertainty of the centuries before the Union have rather faded from the common memory.

The brutality of existence in the 16th Century, for example, comes vividly to life in such surviving records as this, written in Inverness in 1569 (the spelling has been modernised): "Alester McCallan ...George McIntagart ...Angus Dow Macgregor ...with their accomplices ...came to the lands of Rothiemurchus ...and there burnt three score houses with the furnishings and corn ...therein and cruelly and unmercifully slew ...Thomas McAndrew ...and came to the lands of Glenemich (near Carrbridge) and there burnt 8 houses and cruelly and unmercifully slew and murdered 6 ...husbandmen and burnt and destroyed their

whole corn and goods whereby the said lands are all laid waste besides a number of poor bairns left fatherless to beg their meat"

When you were living in a turf hut, and the power of the Crown was weak and far off, there was not much you could do to protect yourself and your family from such ravaging invaders from another glen, but fight back.

The uncertainties of life did not spare even the clan chiefs themselves. The best known example of a local rebellion against a chief was that which has come to be called the Black Band of Clan Cheran. Led by James Grant of Glenbeg during Oliver Cromwell's Protectorate in the 1650s, a group of closely-related Grants rebelled against James Grant of Freuchie who, it is said, had previously been briefly a prisoner in Muckrach Castle and whose wife had sent for an Italian witch detector to try to discover, by pricking with iron spikes, the witches she believed had killed several of her children.

According to a surviving legal document of 1658 drawn up for the Laird himself, the Clan Cheran Grants had repeatedly threatened to bereave him of his life and had destroyed his corn, cut down his

trees, demolished his march dykes and killed his deer.

Glenbeg went to Ruthven Castle with one or two associates and handed a list of accusations about the Chief's alleged irregularities to Capt. Hill, then the senior military figure in this part of the Highlands, and begged him to transmit it to Cromwell.

That interview in Cromwellian Badenoch was a fateful moment for the future of Strathspey. Had Hill agreed to the rebellious Grants' request, James Grant of Freuchie, great-great-grandfather of the Good Sir James, could well have been deprived of his estates. Fortunately for the Laird of Grant, Macpherson of Cluny happened to be with Capt. Hill at the time and interceded on his fellow chief's behalf.

Hill, in consequence, summoned James Grant of Freuchie, warned him, obtained his promise that he would not expel any of the Clan Cheran Grants from Strathspey during his lifetime, read the document to him and flung it into the fire.

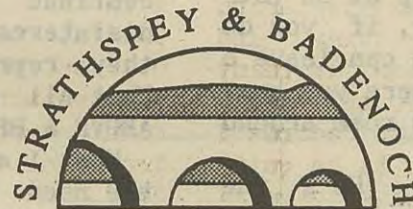
Laird James died soon afterwards, however (from overeating, if his portrait is any guide), leaving a young son Ludovick, the future

"Highland King", who upon reaching his majority, banished every member of the Clan Cheran from Strathspey, except for Grant of Achnarrow. By the 1670s, those expelled could be found living along a crescent of settlement from Braemoray to the lower Spey.

Banishment, though, was better than the death which would assuredly have been their fate in a previous, or even early in the same, century. Hangings, floggings, nailing to wooden posts "by the lug" with broad-headed nails, continued until after the turn of the century, but, by 1710, the ageing Ludovick, Laird of Grant, could hand over the chiefship peacefully to his son Alexander at the traditional clan rendezvous place of Ballintomb, before the uniformly kilted ranks of their assembled clansmen, with these era-bridging words:

"My dear Sandy, I make you this day a very great present, viz. the honour of commanding the Clan Grant, who while I conducted them, though in trouble some times, yet they never misbehaved, so that you have them this day without spot or blemish. I hope and beg you will use them as well as I did in supporting their public and private interests, agreeable to the laws of liberty and probity, as are now happily established in our lands"

Within a year of that peaceful transference of power, the new Laird had begun the plantation near Castle Grant which was the harbinger of improvement in our area.



By G.A. Dixon

## PHIL AND SHIRLEY DO JAPAN

Dr. Philip And Shirley Smith are having a ball in Japan. They have visited Shinto shrines, ("entrance is surrounded by vendors, almost like Disney"), ancient Imperial Palaces, devoured deep-fat fried, batter-dipped squid, and large, candied strawberries. (like apples).

Picture shows both in Grant Tartan ready to march in the Dontaku Parade. (Golden Week). Shirley in "Happi Coat", rice paddles around neck for clapping in time to the music. Childrens day carp over shoulders, (tied to bamboo branch with a paper balloon attached. this goes down the back of ones neck). Holding West Chester University Flag and ballons for the children along the way. The scarf is for women, a man would wear it around his forehead.

Wind and rain that, started three minutes after this picture was taken, so tangled up the ballons that they gave them away to the first kid they saw. "Scottish games don't know the meaning of rain"! The parades lasted two days, the contestants didn't. They ended up on the 11 o'clock TV news. The Japanese love "GAIJINS", (foreigners).

The cool dude on the right is Phil.



## ABOVE AND BEYOND

by: Bryan Pratt

After reading the title, you may have the impression that this article will be dedicated to the Air Force but you'd be wrong. It's about Clan Tents, those structures you see lining the main thoroughfare at virtually every Highland Games you could name, those places where you don't stop at on your way to enjoy the day or, if you do stop, it's in the hope you can leave a few personal belongings where you know they'll be safe while you roam around unencumbered.

When Gordon Ballantyne (He's the editor for this program) asked me to do an article on Clan Tents, I said, "Sure Gordon, no problem that I went away from the event a little disappointed. I don't know why because I, like you, never visit. (Oh maybe one to sign my name, to make promises and never keep them). I leave that to the dedicated few who get up at the crack of dawn to lug all that paraphernalia to a given location, set everything up, then sit and watch the world go by.

Hey, don't get me wrong I'm not down on Clan Tents, I'm a Clan Member in good standing. I pay my yearly dues, read the publications, "Tutt-tutt" over this or that happening and faithfully attend those beautiful dinners. Those Clan Tents don't really "just happen". They're really not there just to decorate the Main Street and they're not a repository for stray kids or for lost adults either.

I'm reminded of an article that Gene Grant, (internationally known breeder of rare Haggis and Editor of the newsletter for S.I.S., "The Haggis" and the "Western Side of the Craig" for Clan Grant West.) wrote a few years back. He wasn't writing about Clan Tents Per Se, he just happened to mention it in passing. He spoke of the work involved, of the costs financially and emotionally and of the effects on his moral. I sympathized with him then, as all good clansmen should do, but soon forgot. Now I sit here and try to remember, try to gather my thoughts to complete this work and I think of all the things those tents represent -History, Scotland, Home.

The "Games" aren't just Highland Dancers, Athletes, Meat Pies, Bangers, Drums & Pipes. The "Games are an offshoot of the "Gathering of the Clans". Without those tents, those clans, there wouldn't be a "Games." We've remembered one and forgotten the other. We've forgotten that we belong.

It doesn't matter if you're from the Heilan's or the Lowlands, if you're implanted or transplanted, if you're Stewart, Grant, Gunn, MacDonald, Campbell, Southerland, or Keith. It doesn't even matter if you belong to Clan Wannabee, you're a SCOT! That is what matters and if we're as proud as we say we are, maybe both you and I should get involved. I'm not saying we should get up at the crack of dawn and help lug all that stuff to the "GAMES", that's still for the dedicated few, (and those that volunteer), but it would be nice if we volunteered to help out at the tent. To grant a reprieve to those who watch the world go by. You know, just get a

little more involved than we have in the past.

I keep looking at the heading for this article-"Above and Beyond". I really don't know why I chose it. Maybe it's because it says something, maybe it's because it fits those who continue to erect those tents, man them, bully their way through all the politics; maybe it's because they continue in spite of all the disinterest we display; maybe because they represent our immediate family. That all may be but they do continue ABOVE & BEYOND the call of duty.

What I am saying is that we all have the need to belong. As Scots, we are lucky. We take our heritage with us where ever we go. We dance, we play pipes, the Gaelic is always with us, and "Neeps and Tatties", are still our favorite fare, as well as Scottish meat pies. We take our heritage with us, but in finer print, we leave something behind. We can't take our homes with us.

But then again, maybe we can. Walk down the main street of any of the "GAMES". Those tents are there and they are the closest thing you'll find to home without buying an airline ticket. But they may not be there if we don't get involved. We need not walk so fast.

Even loaded with everything from picnic hampers to spare kilts for the dancers, we need to slow down and make those promises and keep them.

My better half reminds me that you should acquaint yourselves with the Clan and Sept lists posted at the Clan Tents. You never know when you might find your name listed there. (Remember that in Scottish Law, women have the right of descent equal to that of men). Visit those tents...and good hunting!!!

We subscribe to the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald, which enables us to keep you up to date on whats happening in Grant Country.

Articles are shamelessly plagerized if deemed interesting. G.A.DIXON is a historian of note and specifically is an informed expert on the History of the Grants and Speyside. This is the first of four articles we have lifted from the Herald. Hope you enjoy them.

Other news clipping have been sent that are also included. Do you have a news story to send?

When sending pictures, be sure they are light. If you want them back, just enclose a self addressed envelope.

Ed.

The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald



LAST Friday afternoon some fifty members and friends of the Granttown Grammar School Former Pupils' and Old Guard Clubs met for a reunion cheese and wine party in the Coppice Hotel.

This was the first club function for both the new honorary president, Mrs Sheila Archibald and the new president, Mr Malcolm MacLennan, both of whom took office last year.

Mr Ian Smith, club secretary, introduced the new office-bearers and also visiting members, who came from as far afield as Croydon, Gravesend, Droitwich and all over Scotland.

Guests of honour at the function were recently retired grammar school rector Mr Lewis Grant and Mrs Janet Grant, and after tribute had been paid to by

Pictured at the presentation to former Granttown Grammar School rector Mr Lewis Grant (third left) are (from left) Mr Rob Liggat, Mr Malcolm MacLennan, Mrs Sheila Archibald, Mrs Janet Grant and Mr Ian Smith.

## New bust unveiled at school reunion

Mr Smith to Mr Grant's 21 years of service to the school and clubs, of which he was president throughout his rectorship, Mrs Archibald handed over a set of matching golf irons as a token of esteem and gratitude from the former pupils. Mrs Grant received a floral arrangement.

Former art teacher and assistant head, Mr Rob Lig-

gat, who sculpted the bust of Dr Bain, Mr Grant's predecessor as rector, currently on display in the entrance foyer of the school, had prepared a bust of Mr Grant, and this was unveiled by Mrs Archibald and handed over to Mr MacLennan, the new rector, for display in the school.

After some socialising and exchanging of news, Mr

Liggat explained the technique used in producing the busts, and the function ended with a vote of thanks from Mr Smith. He announced that a reunion dinner was proposed for Saturday, April 13, 1990, at which the speakers will be journalist Mrs Jane Lilley (Jane Macaulay) and Mr Nicholas Spence of Marconi Defence systems.