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Grandfather Mountain Games July, 1991

If you plan to attend the Grandfather Mountain Games this year, you will need to contact John C Grant, our treasurer. We have made reservation for two four bedroom condo's at Snow Lake, Sugar Mountain. Some of the rooms are reserved at this time, so hurry. The Games are the first full week in July.

Festivities start with the Picnic on Thursday. The Games are Saturday and Sunday. Those of you from the Eastern part of the U.S. know that these are the biggest and best with Stone Mountain running a close second. This is one of the few games that we can get together and talk and visit. There is only one reason for being there, and that is to enjoy the Clan activities.

WELCOME BACK SHIRLEY !!!

Our beloved, and much missed Phil and Shirley Smith, have returned. Shirley has agreed, with Phil's help, to fill the position of Corresponding Secretary. We have missed the many letters from Clanspersons that she shared in the Craigellachie. This will fill a gap that had widened with her departure. I have not had the time to do all the corresponding that she managed.

Now is your chance! Write to Shirley and she will do her best to answer your questions about the Clan, or being a Scot, or just say Hello!

She is listed in the mast as an officer of the Clan but her address is:

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ORLANDO GAMES KICK-OFF THE YEAR

The weather was Florida-like for the first time in years. Although the wind whistled with 25 knot gusts, blowing down several tents, (not ours), it was a fine day for the Grants.

Ed and Elaine Grant came up from Key Largo but forgot their golf clubs. For that oversight, they spent lots of money with the vendors on rentals. Unfortunately, James and Ruth couldn't make it, because James was under the weather.

Fellow members, Gary & Pat Pickett, avid Scottish country Dance participants, were unable to dance at the games; Pat hurt her foot.

Rod Grant, World Champion Drummer, attended. He is coaching the novice drummers with the Dunedin Band and they needed the practice. Rod has spent part of the past few years in Scotland, qualifying in all areas of Bandsmanship. Next year, he will be a full judge qualified to evaluate the merits of the participating bands. He volunteered to man the tent so the other members of Clan Grant might join the Parade of Tartans. Thanks again Rod, It's always good to see you and get news of your family.

The Orlando games have grown over the years, and draw a good crowd. There were nine pipe bands competing and a large number of spectators. Make plans to be there next year.

CLAN GRANT U.K. REPORTS

The U.K. Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the games was at Duthil Kirk, and reported to be an excellent setting.

A brief resume of the Committee's aims were given. The main one being a recruitment drive to enable funds to be produced to get the Clan Centre moving (at Duthil Kirk).

The Committee elected last year was re-elected with one change. Elizabeth Grant-Blythe resigned as Treasurer due to ill health and in her stead, Mr. Nigel Grant of Grantown-on-Spey was elected to the post.

The Committee is as follows:

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Our Southern California Commissioner
Bryan Pratt and his daughter, Stacy

NETHEYBRIDGE GAMES & CLAN GRANT GATHERING AUGUST 1990

The attendance at the Games itself broke last year's record and the attendance at the Clan Grant tent was also a record breaker. Sadly the Americans were conspicuous in their absence, and we sincerely hope to see them return next year. Haste ye back!

The Canadians were ably represented by Dr. Raymond Grant and his family, including his son Andrew, who also improved this year, by gaining a 2nd and 3rd at the solo piping contests! As last year he was third, the formula seems to suggest a 1st in 1991. He also gained two firsts at the Lonach Gathering later in the month.

Welcomed in the tent were Mr. & Mrs. James Grant from Elgin; Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Grant from Fochabers; Mrs. Ivy Grant Jardine of Largo, in Fife; and Mr. & Mrs. Sapsford.

Also attending were Mr. & Mrs. George Turnbull of Grantown-on-Spey and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Grant from Huddersfield, as well as all of the officers above.

Also in attendance were The Hon. James Grant of Grant and his good lady Margaret; Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey and his brother, Denzil, and their families. There were a number of photocalls for these gentlemen, as well as a video made at the games. If you wish to purchase any recordings of the past three years Games, contact Mr. Robert Grant, 20 Lawrie Crescent, Henleaze, Bristol Bb89 4TA, England and he will send you the details in regards to price, etc. (These are formatted differently than in the US and will require conversion.)

An escort round the field was given to the Hon. James Grant of Grant by the members of the Clan, all suitably dressed in Grant Tartans. Although smaller in numbers this year, we still provided a noticeable presence behind the first display of massed Bands. This now seems to be "expected" of us at the Abernethy Games. Not too many Clans can start a tradition in one year!!! Hopefully more

will attend next year and we'll really give the visitors something to write home about!

Another first was the raising of the Society's banner. It is a triangular pincel consisting of a Red background bearing the three Gold Antique Crowns of Lord Strathspey, and very effective it looks. Mrs. Jardine assured us it was noticeable from a good distance!!

This year's Games were a great day for everyone concerned, and I would urge all those who missed this year's, to try and make the next. I fully understand that these days, care must be taken with finances, but I assure you, that once bitten you will have to admit it was all worth every penny.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The manager of the OLD MANSE HOTEL, DUTHIL, contacted me prior to the Games, offering his hotel to any Clanspeople visiting the area. The Manse is 150 years old once used by the Ministers at the Old Duthil Kirk. It has eleven rooms in total, and is the white building seen immediately to the right of the Kirk. It is a private hotel with a residential license for drinks, and carries a Scottish Tourist Board two Crown recommendation.

The terms are;
Weekly: Dinner, Bed & Breakfast each 145. sterling
Daily: Dinner, Bed & Breakfast " 22. sterling
Bed & Breakfast " 15. sterling
en suite (bath ?) an adder of 2,3 a day

GRANTOWN ON SPEY
EDITOR
ANDY GRANT

BY GEORGE !!

Thank you for the Christmas cards and letters. Lucille and I appreciate them very much.

Gene Grant is, I'm sure you'll agree, is doing a swell job on the newsletter. All he needs is more news to print. If you have a computer and wish to send him an article, simply send him the disc with a notation as to what word processor program you're using, along with a typed copy. This will reduce his typing time. He has a Super Macintosh with software that enable him to convert DOS programs. Thanks. Also send pictures.

This is the 15th year Lucille and I have served as convenor of the Society. It is time for someone else to take over this exciting labor of love. Do I have any volunteers? We will work with my successor in any capacity they chose. We have no intentions of dropping out. We are far from burned out. I have said all along that this is your society, not mine. Let me hear from all interested parties. I will discuss the job requirements and the fun associated with them. Basically, its very simple. Just have good people in positions and get out of their way. Let them do the job. I recommend the term of office be at least three years. We can have as long a transition period as needed. Give me a call.

Phil and Shirley Smith are back from their worldly travels. They are living in their new two year old home for the first time, and report that its great to be back. Phil is working on a new book, and Shirley is going to become active in the Society again.

The Games season has started in Florida. We have already attended games in Orlando, Key Biscayne is in March (manned by Ed & Elaine Grant), Dunedin in April. If anyone has a Game in their area that they would wish to man Clan tent, please write or call our Games Commissioner, Charles G. MacDonald. He will do the rest for you.

This is dues time again. Please utilize the envelope enclosed and send your dues in promptly. If you subscribe to either the Highlander or Scottish American, please make your check payable to Anne Knapp, Publications Chair-person. She handles this separately. We are doing our best to keep the dues to \$15.00. Most Societies have increased to \$20.00. With the postage increase it may be necessary next year. We'll see. You will probably all receive an envelope for dues, so if you are a life member please return envelope with this information. We are really trying to get our membership list as complete as possible. (Or if you would like to contribute to Duthill, as a life member, in lieu dues, it would be welcomed. Just let us know.

A Travel agency is advertising a GRANT CLAN TOUR of Scotland. This has nothing to do with our Clan Society. We have not been approached in any way, nor have contacts been made with the Society in Scotland. It is strictly an advertising gimmick.

Ah me! What to write about during the last of Winter when so little is happening? We won't have games until later this month and all the Winter festivities are history.

I could mention our Burn's Night Supper out here in the West. 15 Grants, kin and friends gathered at our house for our Third Annual Supper. This time, we varied the usual Scottish Menu of haggis, tatties & neeps, meat pies, sausages and scones by the addition of some East Indian dishes. Saffron rice with cauliflower and peas and a curried meatball dish caused the table to groan and the guests to let out their belts a notch or two.

Guests for the feast were John and Patty VanWinkle and their daughter Linda, Don and Kim Motter, Jack and Linda Clark, Allan Gardiner, Beth Rodda, Barbara Rettelle and friend, Mr. & Mrs. Larry DeMars, and host and hostess, Gene and Jule Grant.

After dinner, we were entertained by Patty VanWinkle. She brought her old fiddle and played a few Scottish tunes for us. There was soon a few of the gifted gathered around singing along with her playing. She would not play us any classical music. A violinist with the San Francisco Ballet, she says, "The classics are my work, Scottish music is for fun." By the way, her "old" fiddle is really old. it was made by Amati of Italy. He's the guy who taught Stradivarius how to make violins. this one was made over 300 years ago.

Rumor has it that the Clans will not be given space at the Santa Rosa Games this year. I have heard it for so long and from so many people, one may wonder if there is some truth in it. Well, not this year at least. James M. Robertson has been named person in charge of the clan tent area and I have been personally assured by him that the clans will be welcome and that the games will once more be at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. No rumor this. It is the straight stuff.

An event that is lost to us this year is the International Fair in San Jose. I will really miss this one. It was held at the time of year my business is the slowest and I could really relax and enjoy. The shows put on by the various ethnic groups and the spectrum of foods available, made it an affair to be remembered.



Grants after the March-By at Santa Rosa

The Editors Desk



Our Hawaiian Commissioner is planning a good start this year. These games were destined to be homeless for a while. The High School that was to allow use of their facilities would not commit to a date until the football season schedule had been set. Plans for the games could not wait that long. Arrangements were finally made for the facilities at the "Waikiki Shell," an amphitheater near Diamond Head. The games will be held there on April 6th this year.

I have bought a subscription to the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald. We are reprinting some of the material in this newsletter, with the editor's permission. The paper is filled with the happenings in Grantown and the surrounding area. If anyone wishes to have their own subscription, send £20 to them at 54 High Street, Grantown, PH26 3EH Morayshire, Scotland, UK. That is 20 Pounds Sterling, not 20 U.S. dollars. This will get you a subscription for a length of time decided by the rate of exchange and weight of each newspaper. They will let you know when the £20 has run out.

I need input from the commissioners. Please send me the Send in family stories or legends. We can have sixteen pages in our Craigellachie as easily as eight but I need your help. If you are a writer, here is a chance to get published. Send an article, a recipe or a fiction piece to me. I'll put your name and work in print.

Remember the flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose"? Did you know that a Grant was the co-pilot on that very short and only flight? David Grant was a hydraulic engineer for the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. It is said that Hughes chose David because he wanted someone he could trust, someone not a pilot. They were only supposed to perform high speed taxi runs without becoming airborne. Everyone close to Hughes felt that he would attempt a flight. Afterwards, Hughes maintained that the plane lifted off at a lower speed than had been calculated. In any case, the craft was in the air for a few seconds, landed and is now permanently beached. David was not the only Grant on the project. William Grant was a long time friend and employee of Hughes.

Major Expected To Abolish British "poll Tax" Unpopular Levy Could Hurt His Party In Upcoming Vote

In the biggest U-turn in British politics in a decade, Prime Minister John Major appears set to scrap the unpopular "poll tax," which his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, introduced in England and Wales only a year ago.

With a general election due by July 1992, public opinion polls are telling Major that he cannot win without resolving the public furor over the poll tax, formally called the community charge.

The tax is a per capita levy, set by local authorities for services such as education, garbage collection and street cleaning, at the same rate for all adults in every household, regardless of income.

Major has made it clear that he intends to replace the tax, although his aides denied British news reports yesterday that he had already decided how.

The community charge, set in England and Wales last year at an average rate of \$660, turned out to be much too high for people on modest incomes, he said, even though the average amount actually due after rebates was \$463 for each person over the age of 18.

A final decision by the full cabinet is expected next week. The most widely discussed alternative is some form of property tax based on assessed capital values of houses, not, as before the community, on their theoretical rental value. Another is a property tax that would vary depending on the number of occupants.

The new prime minister, who enjoyed near-record levels of popular approval during the war against Iraq, now finds himself presiding over the kind of party squabble that wracked Thatcher's last year.

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Yesterday, a pool for the Independent newspaper, taken last weekend, showed that the Labor Party, which promises to abolish the tax is edging ahead of the Conservatives nationwide, 39 percent to 38 percent, for the first time since the Persian Gulf war.

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AFTER THE BATTLES

GLENMORISTON & URQUHART

by Andy Grant, editor of
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After the '15, the Government decided to forfeit any Jacobite Clan Chief of his Estates. It sounded easy, but it turned into another example of ignorance of the Highlands and its people. Did they think that these people would stand idly by and see all their wealth taken from them, without making it hard for those doing the taking?

Many people tried to take advantage of neighbours, and even fellow clansmen, to gain possession of lands they coveted.

Witness the complaint of William Robertson of Inch, which leads into the theme of this article.

John Grant of Glenmoriston had been ordered to Edinburgh in 1661, to give caution (pro. kashun), which he completely ignored, but later posted a bond to keep the peace. This lasted until 1664, when the Robertsons complained that Glenmoriston turned a friendly tryst into an ambush. This tryst was to try and sort out Grant's debt to Robertson, which, which could have seen the lands passing into Robertson's hands.

Glenmoriston took the unfortunate Robertson to the remotest part of the Glen, to try and "persuade" him to release the debt. The matter was only settled when the Laird of Grant stepped in to sort out the whole matter to everyone's satisfaction, but not before Glenmoriston had been put to the horn as a rebel. Which troubled him not one bit!; but the Government still couldn't get any money from the tenants. If you were paying one landlord, would you also want to pay another? Neither did the men of Glenmoriston!

However, as it is today, the Government still wanted its money! The problem was that nobody wanted to die for the princely sum of \$57 13s Od, which was the theoretical annual rent that had been set.

In 1722 the estate was put on sale for sixteen times the annual assessment ... no one was interested! Eventually in 1730, Ludovick Colquhoun of Luss bought the estate. This was a younger son of Grant of Grant, who had changed his name upon inheriting the Luss estates. Later, when his elder brother died, Ludovick became a Grant again, thus retaining control of a large piece of Grant property! (Confusing isn't it?)

An example of the astuteness of the 18th Laird is, that by the time that Ludovick became Laird, he had managed to negotiate the debts owing to the estate against the purchase price! This, in effect meant that he got the Glenmoriston estates back into Grant control for next to nothing! If that isn't astute business, I don't know what is!!

Now, maybe Himself now owned Glenmoriston, but even he couldn't control it, anymore than could the Government! This was simply, as always, due to the distances between the two sets of lands.

That things were complicated can best be illustrated by the instance of Alexander Grant of Sheuglie. Somehow, despite being a prominent Jacobite in the '15, he was never charged as a rebel, forfeited or even warned!

He was, however, a major creditor against the Glenmoriston estate!

Amongst the sums owing to Alexander was 2,000 marks Scots, which Ludovick had undertaken to pay on his purchase of the estate. As soon as Alexander had heard of the Bill of Attainder against the Glenmoriston estate, he promptly occupied the grazing lands in Glenfad. (He didn't let the grass grow under his feet!!! ... Ouch!).

A further twist is that, in 1713 Sheuglie married for the second time, and his wife Isabel, was a daughter of John Grant of .. wait for it .. Glenmoriston! So in actual fact, the new owner occupier could in all justification be styled Glenmoriston!! (If you're confused, how do you think I feel???)

This story was typical of the Grants of the area.

In Glen Urquhart the Family was Corriemony, a Baronetcy granted by charter from King James IV, in 1509. The estate owed a large sum in debts to Grant of Grant, and Corriemony was an old man at the time of the '15. His second son, William, was 'out' in the '15 for the Jacobites; and fought in the Grant company of Glengarry's force at Sheriffmuir, when on the 13 of November 'Bobbing John', the Earl of Mar, finally committed the Jacobite forces against the enemy, and, along with his opponent, made a complete mess of the battle, and accomplished precisely nothing; apart from pointless killing!

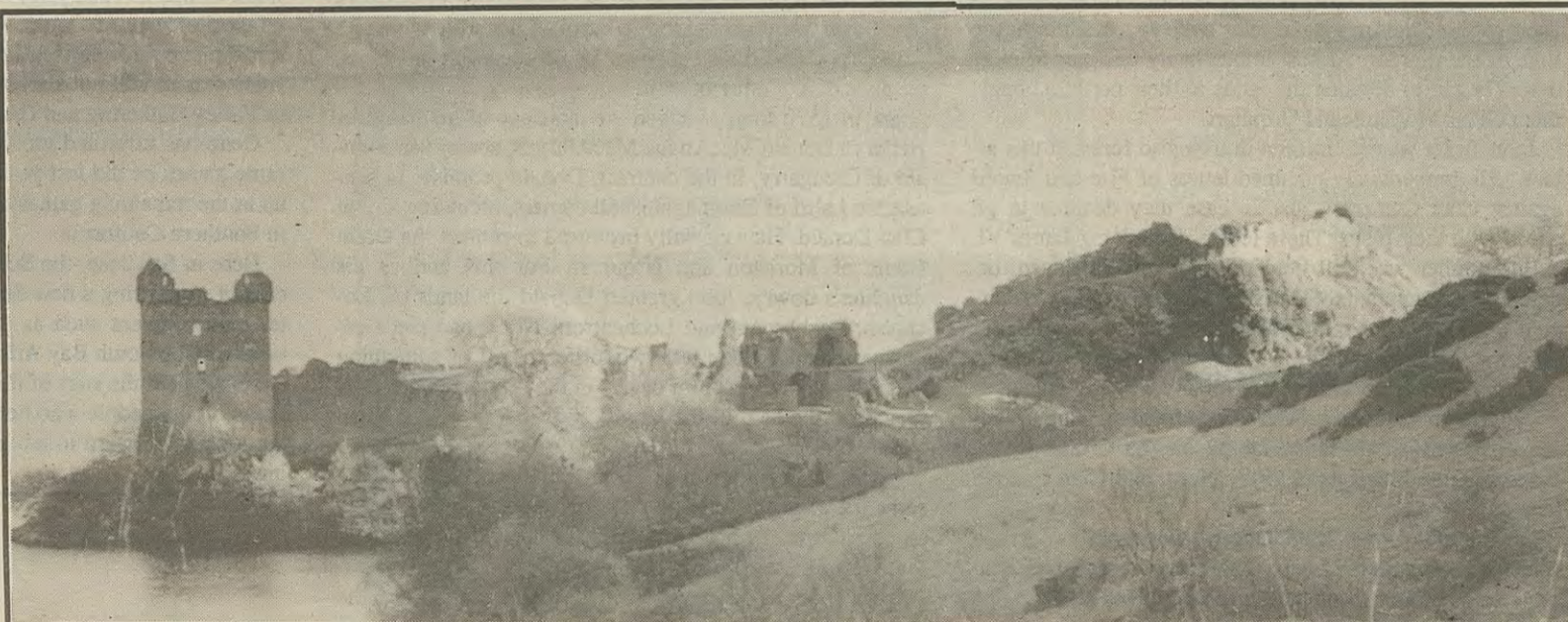
William's elder brother, John, cleared all the debts owed to the Chief, and was retoured heir general in 1724. This meant that, legally, John was now the owner of the Glen Urquhart estate. Unfortunately he only lived to enjoy them for a short while as he died in 1726.

His son and heir Alexander played a quizzical role in the '45. He was both attracted and repelled by the factions within the Jacobite camp. He was heavily influenced by that old die hard sympathizer, Alexander of Sheuglie; greatly attracted by the charms of Charles Edward Stuart; but thoroughly repelled by the two faced attitude of Fraser of Lovat.

Despite Lovat, and in direct opposition to his Chief, Alexander committed himself at the last minute to the Jacobite cause; only to end severely wounded at Culloden. After a fair period in hiding, he returned to his estates, living to the ripe old age of 81, and died in his bed at Nairn, in 1797.

It must have come as a surprise to the Crown, and indeed to the Chief, that these two lairds would rise again, after all that had happened after 1715. In the thirty years between uprisings the two Glens were at comparative peace, along with most of their neighbours. After getting their lands in order and free from debt, surely these two had learned their lesson. It was not an unreasonable assumption to make .. wrongly as it turned out .. but not unreasonable.

The disappointment felt at these two lairds, by the Chief in 1745, may go some way to explaining why, after promising not to let his Clansmen into Butcher Cumberland's hands, he did the complete opposite, to the everlasting approbium and disgust of all Highlanders.



Castle Urquart as it stands today.

During the Revolution of 1689 it received a Whig Garrison consisting of three companies of Highlanders, poorly armed, under the command of Captain James Grant. Almost at once it was blockaded by a Jacobite force of 600 men but they did not manage to seize the castle. On the collapse of the Rebellion, the castle was occupied by regular troops for the next two years and on evacuating they are said to have blown up most of the buildings so that the castle could not serve as a Jacobite base.

By the early 18th century the castle was being despoiled by the local people and in 1708 an action was brought before the sheriff-principle of Inverness by the Laird. However the law courts were powerless to avert the gradual decay of the structure and on the 19th of February 1715 it was reported " the Castle of Urquart is blown down with the last storme of the wind, the south west side thereof to the laich woult". Since that time the castle has remained a roofless shell upon which time and weather have had their effect.

In 1912 the ruins were placed by the Seafield (Grant) trustees into state care, and excavation and repair was begun. The ruins are now cared for by the Historic Buildings and Monuments directorate.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Grant

The cartoon of the Union General in the last newsletter was amusing. Although the most of us Southerners have a different hero of that era, I am sure that we will take it in good humor, as I am sure you intended it, ... after some reflection.

Sincerely, William F. Grant, Chief Judge, Superior Courts, Northern Judicial Circuit

Your Honor

I meant no offense to our Southern kin. I am fully aware there were Grants on both sides of the conflict. I am sure they all conducted themselves in a manner to make the Grants of this age proud, regardless of our politics.

I would, however, like to remind you that this is a Grant newsletter. In it we print information and humor about Grants and our Scottish Heritage. If the joke had been about a famous General of the South, without our surname or heritage, whether flattering or derogatory, it would have had no place in this publication.

Your letter does remind me though, of a conversation I

had with my Grandmother when I was only eight years old. My mother had divorced and remarried. Divorce was not as common in those days and both my teachers and friends were often confused by our having different surnames. I had decided that the easiest way to overcome this problem was to change my name. Grandmother Grant, having heard of this decision, came one day and took me for a weekend visit.

Grandma Grant was not one to waste time. We had hardly entered the house before she had me seated in her parlor and was giving me a history of the Grant name and a short biography of each of the many famous Grants. When at last she ran out of breath or Grants, we both leaned back in our chairs. After a moment of contemplation I asked, "Gee Grandma, wasn't there a Famous General named Grant?" "Yay-es" she replied in her soft Tennessee drawl, "But he was a bay-ad may-an and we don't talk about him."

The urge to change my name passed on that day. I decided I would rather be a Grant than Wright. (Pun is intended) Ed.

WHILST THE CAT'S AWAY

by

Andy Grant, editor of U.K. newsletter

On the 9th of March 1565, John Grant, IVth Laird of Grant, took part in the murder of John Rizzio in Holyroodhouse. As this event has been written and discussed by far better writers than me, I will not go over old ground. When I first found (a good few years ago now) that a Grant was connected to this event, I was surprised. I had understood us to be law abiding, with a few notable exceptions!!

Why has this man been ignored, or at least moved to one side? The only theory I am able to put forward is that history adjudges him merely a pawn of the Earl of Huntly without proof he had an actual hand in the murder.

John must have been extremely confident about his grip on Grant lands to have gone off to Edinburgh at the whim of Huntly. Certainly, he may have found it hard to refuse, but if he had wanted, ways could be found. This act suggests friendship rather than Lord and servant relationship.

After the unfortunate Queen Mary's incarceration in the Castle of Lochleven, John headed back to his own lands. On his arrival there, he found more trouble than he had bargained for! The first problem came from an old adversary, that of Clan Cameron. The legal Chief, Donald, had been murdered by two others of Clan Cameron, namely Ewan of Erracht and John of Kinlochiel. These two also usurped the Chieftanship of their nephew, a minor at the time of the murder. Almost immediately this pair of murderers began to threaten the lands to their north, amongst them Glens Moriston and Urquhart.

John Grant wasted no time in trying to forestall this attack. He immediately obtained letters of Fire and Sword against Clan Cameron, just in case they decided to go ahead with their plans. These letters, from King James VI, as his mother was still held prisoner on Lochleven, ordered Clan Chattan and Clan MacKenzie to, under no circumstances, let the raid proceed. A further warning; if they weren't firm enough in stopping the raid, these two clans would be held 'art and part' of any wrong doings.

John's precautions proved to be effective. Clan Cameron obviously didn't fancy taking on the Crown in the shape of Clan MacKenzie to the North and Clan Chattan (and us) to the South.

On the 2nd of May 1568, Queen Mary made her escape from the prison on the Loch. The Earl of Argyll raised an army some 6,000 strong and northern nobles also went to her aid. Most notable of these was Huntly.

After the Queen's flight into England, She appointed Huntly one of her lieutenants in Scotland. Later, sometime in 1568, the Earl and his friends signed a bond, by which they pledged their allegiance to their Queen. The first signature was Huntly's and the second was... none other than John of Freuchie's!

One of the rewards John gained from his service to Huntly was the Abbacy of Kinloss. The letter of gift, signed and sealed by Huntly, at Aberdeen, on the 18th of February 1569.

The new government in Scotland of King James VI, and his regent Murray came to power. Huntly and his followers reluctantly (and by no means immediately) pledged their allegiance, on the 15th of April 1569. Apparently, Murray wasn't satisfied with this pledge. On the 7th of June Huntly, Grant and a chieftain of Clan MacKintosh were obliged to sign another oath of fealty to the Crown. For this, Huntly and his two vassals were pardoned for having taken the field against James VI, and for Queen Mary. (Very good of Murray that!

After all this excitement, who could blame John if He decided to slow things up a bit. In 1570 John completed a shrewd piece of business. The lands of Lochalsh, Lochbroom and Lochcarron were ceded to James III of Freuchie. Now just because he owned them didn't mean they were his! They were in fact completely useless to James, and indeed John, as they remained firmly in MacDonald hands. It would have been a foolish man who tried to gain possession of these lands from MacDonald.

John obviously didn't want to fight for them, he wanted rid of them! As the owner he was responsible for the good behaviour of the "residents." It was not a good idea to be answerable for the actions of men he had no control over! There was John, some 150 miles as the crow flies, from lands over which he had no control. Lands for which he was responsible to the Crown while receiving no rents, produce or any other benefit.

So, in 1570 John arranged the marriage of his daughter Helen to Donald MacAngus MacAlastair, son of MacDonald of Glengarry. In the contract, Donald promises to protect the Laird of Grant against all comers, including any of Clan Donald. He especially promised to protect the Grant Glens of Moriston and Urquhart. For this and as his daughter's dowry, John granted Donald the lands of, Lochalsh, Lochbroom and Lochcarron! Not a bad piece of business that! At one fell swoop he got rid of something that would have cost him dearly in the future. As a bonus, he gained the help of the largest and most powerful Clan in Scotland.

It is not recorded as to Helen's thoughts of the whole sorry mess. In this day and age, I can't see any daughter agreeing to marry just so's her father can get rid of something unwanted!!!

John lived on for a further fifteen years and lived the life of a true Highland Chief with all that entailed. At one point it looked as if he would again take up arms, this time against Lovat. This dispute was, however, settled peacefully, if not amicably!

On the 30th of August 1584 John passed over the running of the majority or the estates to his grandson, also John. (His son Duncan had died in 1582 at Abernethy). Ten months after handing over to his grandson, John died at Bellachastell on the 3rd of June 1585. He was surely one of the astute early Chiefs of Grant.

Help wanted

Does anyone want their name in our paper? Send an article of interest to Scots and/or Grants to Gene Grant, Editor, the Craigellachie, 1250 Crestmont Drive, Angwin, CA 94508. The articles may be handwritten or typed but if you have a computer, please use it and send the material on a floppy disk. I am a lousy typist and pre-typed material is greatly appreciated.

Although I use the Macintosh computer, I have new hardware and software that allows me to translate the following DOS documents. DCA, DIF, EPS Graphics, Excell, Harvard Graphics, Lotus 123, Multimate word processor, Office Writer, PageMaker, PC Paintbrush, Ascii Text, Tiff, Ventura Publisher, Microsoft Word, Word Perfect (WPG, 4.2, 5.0 and 5.1), WordStar, Microsoft Works word processor, WPS Plus, XY-Write and a few that I have never heard of.

I can also translate the Apple format from Apple Plus, all the way up to the newest model. Since I can use either 3 1/2 inch or 5 1/4 disks for the translation of Apple or DOS, I am covered for almost any document that comes my way. All I have to know is what program you use in the original.

Jokes

A lot of folks sent in jokes for this issue but being a family newspaper I cannot print them here. I don't want to hurt the feelings of a contributor however, so I am going to print the punch lines and those who wish, can figure out the joke.

1. She's in the distillery making Johnnie Walker red.
2. Who's burning the argyles?
3. Care to shake hands with the Loch Ness Monster?
4. Of course she's served millions, she's a MacDonald!
5. I've heard of comin' through the rye but this is ridiculous.
6. What made you think I was talking about golf?
7. It's not a bagpipe, but don't stop playing!
8. I didn't know you could also get wool from them!
9. It took me a fortnight to get out the thistles!

The CaliForum

By Jim Suttie

The California Grants are getting off to a late start this year. San Jose's International Fair, usually held the first week of March each year, has been discontinued. This was a favorite event of Gene Grant and myself. It was also the start-up event for our season of games and festivals, so this year's season will not start until mid-April at the Sacramento Valley Gathering and Games at Dixon, California.

Gene has informed me that he will be setting up at the same games he did last year. My wife, Carol, and I will set up at the remaining games and may try for two more closer to Southern California.

Here in San Jose, the Scottish Community is in the process of organizing a new Scottish Society. We hope to foster entertainment such as a tartan ball and other exciting events in the South Bay Area.

As we near the start of the games season, I would like to thank all the people who helped at the tent last year and we are looking forward to having you with us again this coming year.

She Surely Tried

Queen Anne was born on February 6, 1665. She was the last queen of the Stuart line, though not from lack of effort. As a princess, Anne was pregnant 18 times between 1683 and 1700 but experienced only five live births. Only one son survived infancy and he died two years before Anne was crowned. This made considerable difference to history because the next Monarch was George, first of the Hanoverian line from which the American Colonies revolted.

From the San Jose Mercury News



CRYSTAL'S KITCHEN

By
Crystal Langstaff



Hi again. I have some nice, easy, tasty scotch goodies for this issue.

In the old days, the bones and broth would have simmered slowly on a peat fire. The smokey peat would leave its mark on the flavor in a way that we cannot duplicate today. The best we can do is toss a jigger of scotch whiskey in a few minutes before removing from the stove. Try it!!!

Old Scotch Broth

Neck bone of mutton or two beef soup bones split or cut in pieces or 1 pound of stewmeat
2-3 qts water
1/2 cup diced turnip
1/2 cup diced carrot
1 chopped leek or 1 medium onion or more
1/2 cup pearl barley
1 cup peas, fresh or frozen
cabbage heart, shredded
salt and pepper to taste

Put the meat, barley and water into the pot. Bring to a boil add the turnip and carrot then simmer for an hour or so. Add the rest of the vegetables except the cabbage and simmer for another hour or two. ten minutes before serving, add the cabbage. Garnish with a little parsely in each serving.

Even before everyone had refrigerators, this dish was prepared a few days in advance. To

prevent spoilage, the mixture was put in a crock and hot rendered grease poured over the top to seal out the air. It is said this method would preserve the beef for a week or more at room temperature.

Highland Beef Balls

2 pounds of lean beefsteak
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper coarsely ground
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 medium onion chopped fine

Mix ingredients well and form into golfball sized balls. Cover and let set in the refrigerator for a day or two so that the spices may blend well. May be broiled and then simmered in milk gravy (the preferred way) or deep fried.

Almost every Scottish meal would have potatoes in one form or another.

Potato Fritters

Half dozen or more large potatoes, boiled but not quite done and thickly sliced. (About 1/4 to 3/8 inch)
1/4 cup of bread crumbs

2 eggs
A little grated ham
Olive oil
Salt & Pepper

Slice the boiled potatoes about 1/8 or more thick. Lightly beat the eggs, breadcrumbs and ham together. Dip the potatoe slices in the mixture and fry in oil until browned nicely.

This is not a desert for everyone. The sweet and sour taste causes some to turn up their nose and look for the apple pie. Our family has been raised on it and I even find it a real treat for breakfast.

By the way, the proper way to add the sweet milk is to take the warmed buttermilk to your cow and squirt the required amount of sweet milk from teat to container.

Hatted Kit

Warm 2 quarts of buttermilk and a pint of whole, sweet milk. in twenty four hours, add another pint of warm, sweet milk and allow the mixture to set until it firms and gathers a "hat." Remove the curd and wrap it in a tea towel. Put a weighted plate on top to press out the whey. When it has reached a stiff consistancy, put it in a desert mold and chill for a half hour. Turn it out on a plate and sprinkle with sugar and nutmeg. Serve as desert.

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY JOHN C. GRANT

BALANCE FORWARD	2461
RECEIPTS	
MEMBERSHIPS	3904
SALES	
Book-(A History of Clan Grant)	237
Glasses	400
Shirts	518
Pendants	9
CONTRIBUTIONS	
DUTHILL KIRK REPAIR	935
GMHG Lodging (1990)	2433
(1991)	500
SMHG Society Reception	89
Periodicals Subscript	18
TOTAL:	11504
*Note: We have in stock shirts, glasses & shirts as an asset to Clan	
EXPENDITURES	
GAMES PARTICIPATION	1381
(Sponsorships/Tent Spaces/Trophies, etc.)	
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	
Postage	233
Printer for Genealogy reports	309
Software & reference material - genealogy	140
Duthil Kirk Repairs	1800
PURCHASES	
Shirts	570
Books (A History of Clan Grant)	331
Glasses	264
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	
(printing & postage - 5 issues)	1950
SMHG Society Reception	99
Periodical Subscriptions	23
GMHG Lodging (1990)	2205
(1991)	677
Tent Family Banner	78
Scottish American Advertising	44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10103
BALANCE FORWARD	1401



A picture of "Babbettes Tower," Castle Grant, before restoration was begun.

Legend has it that Barbara Grant, daughter of the Chief of Grant, refused to marry the man her father had chosen. She was locked in this tower to stay until she changed her mind. A stubborn lass she was. The tower was her home for the rest of her life, or so the story goes.

Photo by Beth Rodda

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George H. Grant
301 Masters Road
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12 oz Clan Grant Glasses
etched w/ crest & badge
set of 6 \$30.00

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specify S,M,L,XL
Teal blue w/gold badge
made in USA \$15.00

A History of Clan Grant,
Lord Strathspey, Author,
\$25.00

Please add \$2.00 for each order for UPS and street address for shipment.

The Clan only sells items that are Clan related. All profits for Duthil Fund.

CASTLE GRANT UPDATE

After a short set-back due to finances, Mr. Dobson has confirmed that the Castle will definitely open, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Mr. Dobson has given strict instructions that, as far as possible, all original woods and mouldings are to be used in the renovation of all rooms. The Tapestry Room and the Library are at an advanced stage of renovation. Many rooms have been re-floored, some with original timbers.

GENEALOGY CORNER

By Beryl Grant

There are Grants who can trace their ancestry to Mathew Grant, founder of Windsor, Conn. in 1630 or to Peter Grant, Scotch exile, who settled in Kittery and Berwick, Maine sometime after 1650. I have in my possession book written by Arthur Hastings Grant in 1902 tracing descendants of Mathew Grant, and book written by Leola Grant Bushman in 1976 tracing Peter Grant's family.

Following are excerpts from an address given at the reunion of the Grant Family Association in October 1903 by a Walter B. Grant of Boston, which may be of interest to some of our members. The Grant Family Association traced the Mathew and Priscilla Grant family; Walter Grant addressed this group as a representative of the Maine Branch.

"Without doubt when Matthew came in April 1630 he was the first person bearing the name of Grant that came to New England to settle. Shortly afterwards, on October 29, 1630, John Grant, captain of the 'Handmaid' came to Plymouth; but he did not remain. Seth Grant came from England in 1632 on the 'Lion' and was an original proprietor of land in Hartford, and also owned land in the town of Windsor. Thomas Grant came from England in 1638 with his wife Jane and four children, one a son, all born in England. They settled in the town of Rowley in Essex Co., Mass. where the son died without issue."

Walter Grant goes on to quote a well known respected genealogist, Mr. Savage. "Mr. Savage in his genealogical dictionary gives four persons of the name of Grant living in Boston between 1640 and 1658, their names being Alexander, Edward, James and Samuel. Some of these were no doubt of the twelve Grants who came to Boston in 1652 in the ship 'John and Sarah' from London. They were taken prisoners with many others on the fatal field of Worcester where the final victory of the civil war in England, gained by Cromwell over the Scotch royalists on Sept. 3, 1651. These Grants were kept prisoners after the battle, and probably had such pronounced convictions that it was undesirable for them to be set free in Great Britain. They were, therefore, given the alternative of remaining in prison or seeking homes in the new world. It appears that they resided in Boston for several years, and on Jan. 6, 1657, organized there a society called 'Scots' Charitable Society,' which had 27 members the first year.

"The Christian names of the 12 Grants who were Scotch royalists are not given (Note from Editor Arthur H. Grant: The editor is almost certain he has seen a list of these and that it included more than one James and Alexander.) but I believe from the signboards that stand out in the public records that one of them was Edward who lived in both Boston and Dorchester and whose descendants are numerous and have been and are men of distinction; that three others went to York Co., Maine, then a district of Massachusetts, and settled there, from one of whom, Peter, have sprung many thousands of Grants now scattered as broadly as the family of Matthew throughout the U.S.; that one of them was probably Thomas Grant of Dorchester who as early as 1658 was a fence viewer. On the public land near his house stood a great tree which the town in 1671 declared should not be cut down, 'but it shall stand for shadow to him.' It is said that the house he built stood until a few years ago and from its great age has been erroneously stated to be that of Matthew Grant. Thomas Grant died about 1681, without issue, leaving a portion of his property to James Grant of Dedham. Another of the twelve was probably James Grant of Boston who as early as 1657 owned land in Charlestown and was taxed in Boston from year to year until 1695.

"Still another was Edward Grant of Boston, who married Sarah Ware, daughter of William Ware, of Boston and Dorchester, somewhere between 1656 and 1659. Edward was a shipwright and purchased a wharf in Boston in 1662. He resided at the north end of Boston and also in Dorchester, and died before 1684 leaving a son Joseph, who was the father of Samuel and grandfather of Moses, famous as one of the 'Boston Tea Party.' Samuel was a prominent merchant of Boston, and it is said that during the French and Indian war he entertained at his home a Scotch regiment composed exclusively of Grants, there being no other surname on the muster rolls of the regiment." .. Moses later helped to take two pieces of cannon from the British lines and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War."

Among the Maine Grants the common tradition is that their first Maine ancestor was Peter Grant of Kittery. He was the first of that name to buy land in the province of Maine, and in the deed to him dated October 21, 1659 he is described as a "Scotchman." Another, by the name of James Grant came also to Kittery soon after from Boston where he had married the daughter of James Everell. He bought land and settled in Kittery. It is not known that he had children of what his relationship was to Peter although his will dated in 1679 leaves a part of his property to Peter and Peter's children, and among other things 'my sword and belt' to James, the son of Peter."

There was another of the twelve named James Grant, who came to York, Maine and purchased land as early as 1662. He is described in the first deed as a drummer. He died in 1693 leaving a widow, two sons and possibly other children. The relationship of James, the drummer, if any, to Peter is also uncertain."

"There are many other strong colonial families in New England named Grant who may or may not be connected with those mentioned. There was a Benjamin Grant who lived in Connecticut as early as 1693 and settled in Wrentham, Mass. in 1694. (Editor Arthur H. Grant's note: Two Benjamins have evidently been confused. The Benjamin who settled in Wrentham in 1694 had previously lived in Cambridge, Mass. which had been the home of his grandfather, Christopher Grant. He was probably born in Connecticut, as his father, Benjamin Sr. who died in 1670, resided in New London as early as 1663, removing thence to Lyme.) His family became strong and influential and judging from the Christian names of his children and the names of his neighbors he was undoubtedly a descendant of one of the Scotch Grants who came to Boston in 1652. Another family of Grants who have rendered efficient service to their country in peace and war are descendants of Thomas Grant who settled at Manchester, Mass. in 1753. Whether he was descended from one of the earlier American Grants is not known."

"There are other Grant branches of prominence, a strong one in Rhode Island, another it is said in New Jersey, and a very large one in Tennessee, from which have come men of prominence, including a governor of a western state. This Tennessee family is said to be a branch of the Maine family."

"The mass. records show that the Grants were largely represented in the French and Indian war, and as already stated one entire regiment, both officers and privates, were Grants. In the Revolutionary war Massachusetts alone furnished 142 soldiers of the name of Grant, of whom fourteen were officers. Thomas Grant of Marblehead sold to the government the first war vessel which the colonies ever owned. In all subsequent wars the Grants have played an important part."

"In London there exists an association called 'The London Clan Grant Society' which has for its purpose 'to do honor to any person of the name of Grant who has brought credit to the name.' It may be that if the history of the various branches of the colonial Grant families should be prepared a general society of Grants will be organized in America"

This manuscript in its entirety is six pages in length and if any member is interested in receiving a copy of the entire address, just let me know. Please send stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Paula and Richard Grant, Clan Grant Society members, are searching for information on Capt. William B. Grant born 1795/1800 in S.C. Married 1816/17 to Sarah Wofford in Franklin Co., GA. Died Oct. 9, 1847 in Columbus, Muscogee Co., GA. Any information anyone has on earlier history would be appreciated. Please write me at Leesome Lane, Box 4D, Altamont, NY 12009.

An economical way to send payments to Britain in pounds sterling: Call Reusch International at 1350 Eye St., N.W., Suite 1010, Washington D.C. 20005, at 1-800-424-2923, and tell them to whom a draft should be made out to and the amount. They will give you the cost at the time of your call which is the rate of exchange plus \$2 per draft. My source also tells me that checks in pounds sterling can be converted to U.S. dollars for only \$2 per check. I have used this service and it took less than a week from the time of my call to have a bank draft in my hand to send to Great Britain.

Have sent out quite a few letters lately to our members giving them information about the lines they are searching and places for them to write. If you get information please let me know so I can put it in your file. It might help someone else.

I am still welcoming any family histories or manuscripts on any Grants to add to our collection.

One of our clan members filed a genealogy starting with "James the Drummer" of York, ME, sometime ago but I did not note name and address on it of the person filing it. Could this individual contact me?

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MANUSCRIPTS NOW AVAILABLE

CANADIAN MANUSCRIPTS

CAN.001

MEMOIRS OF JOHN GRANT, 1840 TO 1928. Submitted by Clan member, Gretchen Grant Schampel. Printed from handwritten account by John when he was past 80 years of age. He was great grandson of Alex-ander Brewer Grant who served in Art. Train of 84th regt. of Br. Army in Upper NY c.1783-1787. Incl. 4 generation anc. chart compiled by Grace E. Goodrich, Minn. MN; and ancestor chart of Gretchen Schampel. Included: correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS MSS

MASS.001-

Ancestry of Hannah Grant Hazen, mother of American Hazens, dau of Thomas & Jane Grant, Rowley, Mass. Thomas d. Rowley before 1643; from England. 4 pp. Also 2 pp. from book Moses Hazen & The Canadian Refugees in the Am. Rev.

MASS.002-

FOURSCORE, An Autobiography by Robert Grant, Boston, NY. B. 1852. Claims descent from Clan Allan. Index of Grants incl. Excerpt of 12 pp. \$.50 page.

MASS.003- 4pp. Christopher Grant of Watertown, Mass.

Excerpts from Gen. Register of 1st Settlers of NE; Gen. Guide to Early Settlers of America; Genealogies & History of Watertown; copy of Christopher Grant's Military Record from various records. \$.50 sheet.

MASS.004 Vital Records of Manchester, Mass. pub 1903;

Vital Records, Andover Mass., births, marr. and deaths to year 1849; pub. 1912. Will search on receipt of SASE for any name.

NC001- THE GRANT FAMILY IN NORTHAMPTON CO. Starts with John

Grant purchase land 1745; 1744 purchase land by Joseph Grant. Gives census records for this county 1800, 1810, 1820 for Grants. Also info on William, Absolom and James Grant. 18 pp. \$.50 page.

NEW ENGLAND BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

ME001 - Book, PETER GRANT, SCOTCH EXILE, KITTERY AND

BERWICK, MAINE. GENEALOGY By: Leola Grant Bushman. copyright 1976. Starts with Peter Grant b. c.1631, Scotland; d. c.1711, Berwick. Over 250 pp. with index. Will search index for names on receipt of SASE; \$.50 pp. copied.

ME002 - 36pp. Copies marriage, birth, obituaries-family

of Wm. Grant, Ireland, Sarah Dunphy of St. Johns, Newfoundland. Charles Gordon Grant, John H. Grant, William Grant. Augusta, Edward and Lawrence Grant, Charles Michael Grant, et al.

NH-001- 2 pp. Excerpt from Gen. & Family History, State of

NH. 1st Family: Jonathan b. Leicester, Eng. 1785, m. Betsey Thurston; Levi b. Gilford 1817, (second son of Jonathan) m. Drusilla Rollins; Frank Grant b. July 1855 (eldest son of Levi); Seth, b. Feb. 1863 (eldest son of Levi) m. Nellie Glidden. 2nd Family: Joseph Grant, native of Scotland, came to Lebanon, Maine before Rev. War. Son, Edward b. 1775, m. Elizabeth Leavitt; Dr. Nathaniel, son of Edward b. Lebanon, Me. 1804, m. Charlotte Hobbs; Dr. William Henry Grant b. 1834, m. (1) Louisa Ambrose; (2) Fanny Magoon (McGown).

NE-001 6pp. Report to 3rd Reunion of Grant Family Assn. Oct. 1903 by Walter B. Grant of Boston. History of various early Grant families.

NE-002 5pp. Excerpt from Genealogical Dictionary of 1st Settlers of N.E. by James Savage. Pub. 1965. Three generations of those who came before May 1692 on the basis of Farmers Register.

NEW JERSEY MANUSCRIPTS

NJ001 - SMITH, GRANT AND IRONS FAMILIES OF NEW JERSEYS SHORE COUNTIES INCLUDING THE RELATED FAMILIES OF WILLETS AND

BIRDSALL. Compiled by James W. Hook, New Haven, Conn.

Foreword: To record what is known about Thomas Smith and his brother of Cape May Co., NJ and to carry record of Thomas and connecting families down four generations to an intermarriage with the Hook family in 1803. Also see Conn.003. Lieut. Samuel Smith and descendants. 35 pp. \$.50 pp.

NJ002-THE GRANT FAMILY OF LIBERTY CORNERS, NJ. 27pp. by

Myron Scott. 1st Generation: David Grant b. c. 1670, m. Martha Allen; d. Somerset Co. 1743. Pg. 4 refers to other Grants in NJ earlier and same time as David. Parts of family removed to Washington Co. PA. Send SASE for search of any name. \$.50 each page copied. Have a 7 page shorter version of this history; also authored by Myron Scott, \$.50 page.

NY001- BOOK, GRANTS AND THEIR RELATIVES By John P. Grant,

Stamford, NY, 1926. Story of four families who came to America in 1777 during Am. Rev. I. Donald Grant and Eliz. Cumming. II. John Grant & Margery Cumming; also their son Peter Grant and Catharine Cumming. III. Alexander Grant and Jane Thompson. IV. Helen Grant and Alexander Cumming. 1589 names in this book; indexed and available from Schenectady Hist. Assn. for \$20. Will search for any member at no charge on receipt of SASE. \$.50 pp. copies. ALSO WITH THESE

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Cemetery records, Grant cemetery near Hobart and old cemetery in Township and Locust Hill Cem, Hobart.

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SC001 - THE GRANT FAMILY by A. N Grant - 1935. James Grant

and John Grant, probably brothers, before Rev. War to Chester Co., VA. Place names: Sandy River, Armenia. Refers to chart with 795 names. 14 pp. \$.25 page for copying.

VIRGINIA MANUSCRIPTS

VA-001. 42pp. Grants in Culpepper, Fauquier, King George, Orange, Princess Anne, Richmond and Stafford Cos. in VA. Starts with Wm. Grant/Elizabeth Mott line and son Capt. John Grant b. about 1700. MS by David W. Jones, San Antonio, TX. \$.25 page for copying.

VA-002. 34pp. MS by Dorothy Nelson Grant, Evanson, IL starting with Wm. Grant/Elizabeth Mott. Includes several pages of lines of descent. \$.25 page copying.

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION, GRANT FAMILIES

CONN.001- GRANT ENTRIES FOUND IN THE BARBOUR COLLECTION OF

CONN. VITAL RECORDS - Extracted by Anne Long and published July 1988. On receipt of SASE will search; please include first name and any date you may have.

CONN.002- THE GRANT FAMILY, A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE

DESCENDANTS OF MATTHEW GRANT OF WINDSOR, CONN.,

1601-1898 by Arthur Hastings Grant, 1898. One of our major reference books; includes genealogy of President U.S. Grant, eighth generation. Search of index for individual names on receipt of SASE; copies of individual pages \$.50 each.

CONN.003- LIEUT. SAMUEL SMITH, HIS CHILDREN AND ONE LINE OF

DESCENDANTS AND RELATED FAMILIES. Compiled by James

William Hook, New Haven Conn. (Conn. State Library) 6 pp. Descent from Matthew Grant of Windsor; other families Hook, Smith. Pages \$.50 each.

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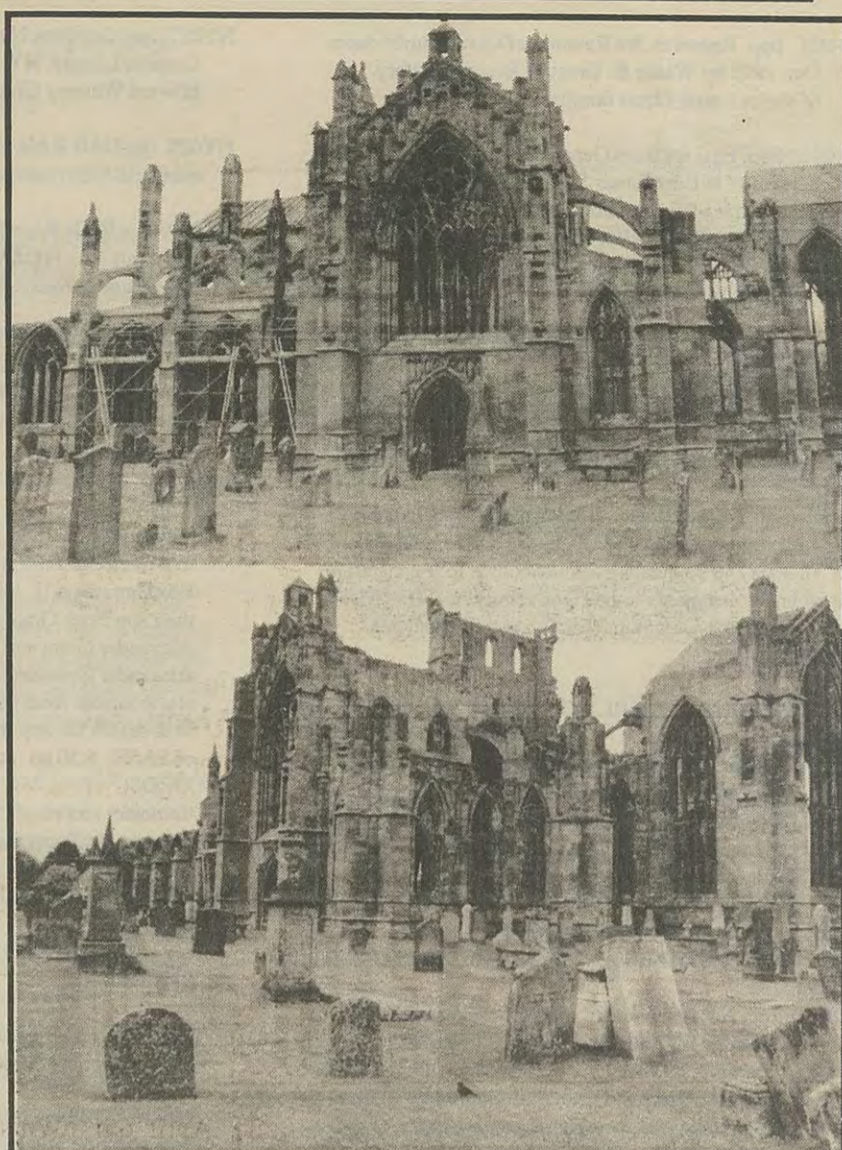
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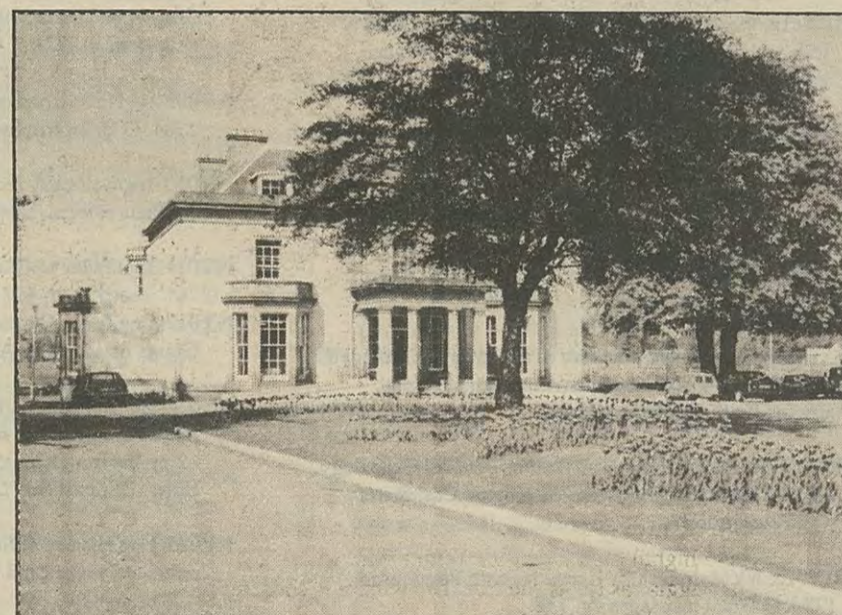


**Things to see in Scotland
Melrose Abbey**

The Abbey is located on the Tweed, unfortunately close to the Borders. Built in 1136, it was repeatedly ruined and rebuilt during the Border Wars and finally destroyed by the English during the raids of 1543 and 1544. Melrose is the final resting place of the Robert the Bruce's heart.

Also entombed at this abby are Sir Walter Scott and Field Marshal Haig. Haig was the British Army commander in Chief during the First World War.

Nearby is the magnificent panorama known as "Scott's View." From a vantage point on the highway, a sweeping view of the hills and valleys with the silver ribbon of the Tweed lacing in and around below.



**Things to see in Scotland
Grant Lodge, Elgin.**

This was the scene of the Siege of Lady Anne Grant in 1820. The siege brought about the "March on Elgin." The March was the last recorded episode of history in which the fiery cross was sent around to call Clan and Kin together to do battle.

No battle was fought, however. The townsfolk laid out their defenses armed with rocks and broken bottles. When they witnessed the approach of an armed band of angry Grants, they fled for their lives. The mayor, upon hearing of the incident, pleaded with Lady Anne to intercede.

She calmed the men and sent dispatched them back to Strathspey. Ahead of them, she sent a messenger to inform the keepers of all the taverns and inns along the way that she would stand good for the food and drink consumed by the crowd on their way home. It is fact that the march from Elgin to the Spey Valley took much, much longer than it did to get from Strathspey to Elgin.

The Lodge now is home for the Elgin Public Library. The library contains a great deal of historical and genealogical material.



**Things to see in Scotland
The Bruce Memorial**

This memorial is built on the hilltop where King Robert encamped prior to the battle of Bannochburn. Within sight are the walls and towers of Stirling Castle. The ground falls rapidly away on three sides to give a breathtaking view of the flatlands below.

The visitors center had just opened in 1989 when we last visited and the folks there were not yet educated to their task. When asked for directions to the famous battlefield, she pointed vaguely down a road and rattled off a few directions punctuated frequently by, "I think." We followed her directions to the letter which led, not downward to the rivers edge, but up the hill and straight to a dead end at a lovely little farmhouse.



A popular game for the Western Ladies is the "Haggis Toss." She is supposedly tossing her husband's lunch across the burn rather than wading across to him.

The rules, dictated by tradition, are somewhat elaborate. The lady comes forward and curtsies to the judge. She then picks up the "haggis" and steps onto a stool or half keg which is representative of the rock she would choose at burn-side to give her highth for a long toss. With a wild war cry, she casts the "haggis" as far as she can. The winner is chosen by distance thrown directly to the fore.

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**Shipwreck's Whiskey Gets
New Shot At Marketplace**

Wynnewood Pa.

Against the back drop of World War II, a ship, the S.S. Politician, in trying to elude German submarines, ran aground off an isolated Scottish Isle on a wintery, foggy morning. In its hold, 250,000 bottles of the finest scotch whisky produced at the time, representing such distilleries as John Walker and Sons, James Buchanan, Haig & Haig and others. The cargo was a real treasure from the sea to the isle's residence. But the bounty eventually caught the eye of the local tax collectors, angry because so many people were enjoying so much while the government got nothing. The ships owners were forced to salvage as much as possible, then dynamite the ship, sending it to the bottom of the sea with several thousand bottles still aboard. Now the whisky that inspired folk songs, the best selling novel "Whisky Galore" an a movie "Tight Little Island" is available again...Sort of. A salvage company retrieved two dozen bottles from the wreck, and is bottling a blend to be sold as a limited edition. "After 50 years, the whisky is coming to the United States," said Phillip W. Silverstone, the blends U.S. marketing agent based in the Philadelphia suburb of Wynnewood. The blend, "S.S. Politician-Whisky Galore" will sell for \$270 a bottle. "It's being made as a collectors item, not to drink," he said. When the S.S. Politician ran aground near an unpopulated area of South Uist and Eriskay islands, it was enroute to New Orleans and Jamaica. The scotch, on board because Germany was bombing warehouses in Scotland, became prized possessions of the islanders. Scavenged bottles were hidden everywhere—under stacks of hay, in holes dug in the ground, inside the walls of living rooms. Old women even bathed their feet in scotch to ease their rheumatism.

In 1947, Compton MacKenzie published a comedic version of the politicians tale titled, "Whisky Galore," which inspired the 1949 movie.

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John VanWinkle, Carol Suttie and Jim Suttie waiting for the March By Santa Rosa



Gene and Jule Grant sign the guest register during a dinner held for Dr. Norma Goodrich, author of "Arthur" and "Merlin"



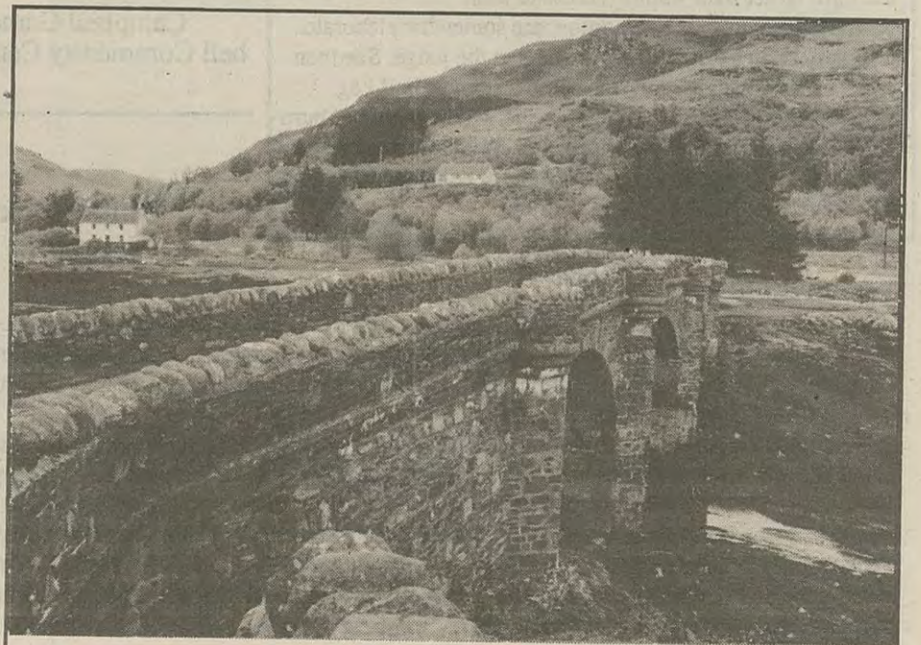
Larry DeMars Packing it up at Santa Rosa



A rare painting of a Scottish Gardiner with Castle Grant in background
Alan Gardiner, sometimes contributor to the "Craig," stands beside his new treasure. Alan commissioned Bay Area artist Jim Leff to produce this masterpiece. A great idea I think. Has anyone else done something like it?



Gene Grant and Larry DeMars form the honor guard for Dr. Gordon Teal of Tealach, shown in center. Santa Rosa, 1990



Things to see in Scotland
The "Old Bridge" over the Spey River near Craigellachie

GRUACH

Long, long ago in the Highlands of Scotland, magical things were taken for granted. Everyone knew that some hillocks and large rocks were the homes of the Grua-gaach1 and Faeries. They knew that a frithir2 or Faidh3 could be found in nearly every village and that it was not the wind but the Banshees4 that howled around your house at night.

In this place, in this time, there lived a young shepherd named Iaian Garbh, (Rugged John). He was known to have the fairest voice, the sharpest wit and the most handsome features in all the Highlands. The lassies from Inverness to Skye had all tried to cast their nets for Iaian without luck. When asked why he had not chosen a wife he would reply, "I'll marry when I find a lass as bonny, faithful, loving and as obedient as my wee tyke" (little dog).

One fine Summer night, while he and his faithful dog walked along the banks of the River Norn, he was loudly singing a song of life and love. As they came to a tiny glade, no more than a wide spot in the densely forested path, his clear tenor voice died away. Within the clearing, he saw a large, mossy rock framed, alterlike, by two gnarled and ancient oaks. Upon the rock, a golden haired woman reclined. Over her head, a swarm of fireflies cast a dim light that complimented the woman's golden hue and accentuated her mysterious beauty.

"Wha ha' we here?," he asked, more to himself than the creature before him. He could see that this was no human woman. Her hair and skin were alike in tint, the color of true gold. Not the the gold of blonde hair nor the peach gold of a women's skin but that of the metal itself. Her ears, as they peeked from the tightly wreathed hair, were overly large and stood away from her head. Her cheeks and chin tapered rapidly, with only the slightest of curves to a sharp point. Her mouth was a winged V like a child might paint a gull in the sky of his sea shore picture. Her nose was, aside from the eerie pigmentation, perhaps, the most human feature of her face. Small and pert. Her eyes too, might be cast from gold and the pupil of onyx black was not round but oval in shape. They were not eyes to be read as he would read the eyes of mortal man or woman. A cold, sharp look from those them made him turn his his own away to the ground before him.

A wave of her hand and a portion of the fireflies moved to cast their luminescence on Iaian's face. "I am Taibhsich" she said in a voice of golden bells, "and I ha' come to hear ye sing."

As she spoke her name, Iaian realized that this was none less than the Queen of the Faeries who lay upon the stone before him. He knew too that the Faerie folk never asked for something without giving a gift in return. With an effort, he raised his eyes to hers and asked, as would any true Scot, "Aye, that I will my lady, but wa' will ye ha' for me in return?"

She thrust her hand into the large traveling case that lay beside her and withdrew a bag which clinked with a pleasant sound. She untied the thong about the top and poured out a large mound of glistening, golden coins upon the stones flat surface. With a smile, she ran her hands through pile and the coins tinkled enticingly.

"Na My Lady," he said, "I'm sure 'tis Faerie gold ye ha' there. Twill not be in my sporrán wi' the first light of day." She withdrew from the ghostly interior of her case a number of items and exhibited them upon a mossy bed. A quantity of jewels, flashing with internal fires. A Faerie crafted sword and dirk and a breastplate and helmet of silver inlaid with precious stones, which she told him, protected all who wore it from harm. Treasure after treasure took their turn for his approval. "Na my Lady" he finally said, "Na need for riches have I. I'm happy wi' my flock. Nor have I need for your arms and armour. There's none that wish me harm."

In silence, she replaced the items in her case one by one. They seemed to change in size and shape as they were laid within so that even the largest of these, the armour, lay snugly in one, small corner.

At last she spoke once more. "A hard bargain it is that ye drive," she replied thoughtfully, "So I will give to you that which you most want. You have my word as Queen of the Faeries that before the light of day, that which you desire more than any other thing, will be yours. It shall be yours as long as you live and shall not be as Faerie Gold to disappear."

He knew that though she might deceive him, she would never break so solemn a vow. He began, for her pleasure, a song of the days when the Faeries lived above ground and ruled all Scotland. A Scotland much warmer and fairer than it was in Iaian's time or indeed, than it is today. For hours he sang. He sang of lost loves, of heroic deeds, of children at play and the old dying. It seemed to him that he had sung every song that he knew and was now singing songs that he did not. Truly, it was the ghosts of the past who were putting the words and tunes on his lips.

Then, as it was want to do in Scotland in his day and as it is want today, it began to rain. Though the rain fell on Taibhsech as it did on Iaian, she remained dry. It was as if the droplets disappeared at the last instant rather than fall on her person. Not so with Iaian. Soon, his clothing was soaked through and his hair running rivulets into his eyes. He begged, at last, "My Lady, Ha' ye na had enow o' my singing?"

"Aye Iaian, you may go now," she replied, "but nither faerie nor mortal could ever get enow o' your singing." With that she stood and tucked her traveling case securly under her arm. Without further words, she moved away in a direction no human can take nor human mind comprehend. Not up, not down, nor to right nor left but move she did and was gone from sight swiftly as a bird flying to the heavens.

Iaian, his faithful dog at his heels returned through the gloom to his tiny stone house. He built a blood warming fire of peat slabs in the hearth and sat before it, contemplating the events of the long night. The dog lay on her belly before him with her chin lying on her crossed paws. Her eyes gazed up at her master with the look of love only a dog can achieve. Iaian, remembered the promise of Tabhsech and was unwilling to go to bed. He sat instead, dozing in his chair.

He awakened suddenly as the dog began to growl. The

growl became a frenzied barking and he opened the door to see what might be outside to disturb her so. As the bleary light poured over the sill into the blackness beyond, the dog slipped between his legs and, still barking, disappeared into the night. For many minutes her yipping was heard as she moved farther and farther away.

The cocks crow, signaled that first light was not far away and soon after, he heard a soft scratching noise at the threshold. Thinking the dog had returned, he said in a scolding voice as he opened the door, "Wa took to ye lass, to run awa' as ye did." But instead of the dog he expected, he found a young girl crouched, drenched and shivering on the threshold. "Wa' Ha' we here," he exclaimed. "In wi' ye lass and warm ye'self."

Taking her by the hand he helped her to her feet and led her to the hearth. He covered her with his plaid and placed another slab of peat upon the smoldering fire. As her shivering began to subside, he asked once more, "Who be ye lass and where be ye from?" "I doona' know," she replied in a tiny voice, "I can remember naught from more than this night."

He was about to ask her more when he realized that she had arrived just at the break of day. Since nothing else had come his way, it must be this bonnie lass that was what he most wanted in the world. "Indeed," he thought, "'tis a wife I have been wanting, truly."

As the day wore on his dog remained absent but his thoughts were too much on the girl for him to be much concerned. The days became weeks without a sign of the little tyke until, at last, he gave up hope of ever seeing her again.

Meanwhile, Gruach, as the young lass came to be called, became dearer with each day. She, at first, was clumsy with the household chores as if she had seen them done but had never done them herself. "She might ha' been a princess or lady of high birth with servants to wait upon her," remarked Iaian to himself. But she was bright and alert and soon learned all that was needed to keep Iaian's tiny house in perfect order. In every .and, obedient.

It was many years later that he looked down fondly at her as she lay on her belly before the fire. Her chin rested on crossed wrists as she gazed adoringly up at him. A memory stirred in him of other nights gone by. He realized then that Taibhsich, Queen of the Faeries, had given him that which was already his but in another form.

There are good Faeries and there are bad Faeries. The Faerie folk are bound by their custom to pay for whatever they get with something in return. A good Faerie will enrich a human a hundred fold while the bad Faerie will give only that which will bring unhappiness. Taibhsich fell somewhere between the two. She did not wish to give Iaian anything which would leave him totally happy nor would she go out of her way to make him unhappy.

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The Raid On Grant Lodge Reprinted From The Press And Journal Banff, Scotland

Elizabeth Buie recalls the last Clan Rising in Scotland when 700 angry Highlanders marched on Elgin and terrified the townsfolk;

Grant Lodge in its modern setting is Elgin's public library. Yet few of the readers who visit it regularly are aware that the same building was the scene of the last clan rising in Scotland more than a hundred and sixty years ago.

The story of the Strathspey Raid On Elgin is one of ancient fealty, treachery, kidnapping and courage. It is a blend of politics, power struggle and frustrated blood lust.

But to understand why the Grant Clan took up arms and marched against lowlanders of the Duff family, challenging them at the gates of Grant Lodge, we must paint a tableau of the events leading up to and surrounding this extraordinary uprising.

The war with France had fostered a fighting spirit among all classes of the British people, but the death of George the Third, and the resultant call for a General Election, sowed further seeds of discord throughout the country.

Before the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832, the group of burghs consisting of Elgin, Cullen, Banff, Inverness and Kintore sent a member to parliament, each town council choosing a delegate to represent the community. An election was then held between the delegates representing the returning burghs.

In March, 1820, the Earl of Fife held Banff and Inverurie and lined up against him were Lord Kintore, who held Kintore, and the Grants, who having acceded to the Seafield Estates and title, held Cullen. Elgin Town Council were split almost straight down the middle, with the eight councilors for the Grant interests, seven for the Fife party, Baillie Innes standing neutral and the provost, Sir Archibald Dunbar, absent but putting his weight behind the Grants.

In the previous parliament the sitting member was a Seafield nominee, Mr. Robert Grant, who later became Sir Robert Grant, Governor of Bombay. When he learned he was to be apposed by General Duff, brother of Lord Fife, he took fright and declined to stand, accepting an English seat which had been provided for him by the government. The Kintore party then produced a new nominee, Mr. Ar-

chibald Farquarson of Finzean.

Traditionally, the Grants and the Kintores were opposed to change; General Duff on the other hand, was reputed to be in favor of reform. With a "hung" town council, Lord Fife was therefore determined to ingratiate himself with the population of Elgin.

Party feeling reached a new pitch when the Grants, afraid that their cause was going badly, made an abortive attempt to kidnap two of Fife's supporters, Louis Anderson and James Coulbard.

In retaliation and still baffled in their efforts to secure a majority on the town council, the Duff supporters laid plans to snatch councilor Robert Dick and Baillie Taylor. On the morning of March 11, Councilor Dick was seized outside his shop and taken to MacKenzies Inn, the Duff headquarters.

There he was joined by his daughter (she became party to the plot after receiving two diamond rings from Lord Fife) who gave him a change of linen. He was then driven to Burgshead, where a boat was waiting to take him to Dunrobin.

Baillie Taylor was kidnapped the same day while taking a walk in his garden.

Meanwhile, at Elgin, tension had reached almost fever pitch in the run up to the election. The Earl of Seafield's sisters, Lady Anne and Lady Pennel, could not walk the streets without being jeered and at night howling mobs surrounded Grant Lodge.

Eventually, Grant Lodge was so besieged that no one could enter or leave the house. Lady Anne, incensed with this treatment, arranged for one of her grooms to escape and sent him to her clansmen with the message that her family were being held prisoners in her own house by the burghers of Elgin. Legend has it that the groom galloped thirty miles in three hours, his noble steed, like Dick Turpin's celebrated mare, Black Bess, falling under him dead at the castle door.

His message had instant effect. Within a few hours seven hundred highlanders had gathered to march on Elgin, silently at first until the Sabbath was over, and then to the strains of the bagpipes.

The Fife party had been forewarned. One of Lord Fife's tenants rode to Elgin from Aberlour with the news the Highlanders were on the march. Soon the streets were crowded with panic-stricken citizens who thought the Highlanders had come to sack the town.

For greater security, the council was escorted to the tolbooth and it was surrounded by citizens armed with staves, swords and other weapons. Others stationed themselves at the gate of Grant Lodge with baskets full of broken bottles to throw at the rescuers.

But they were pitting their strength against a highly organized force. Peace with France had been declared only five years before, and the Highlanders force included many old soldiers and several half-pay officers who had seen service in almost every quarter of the globe.

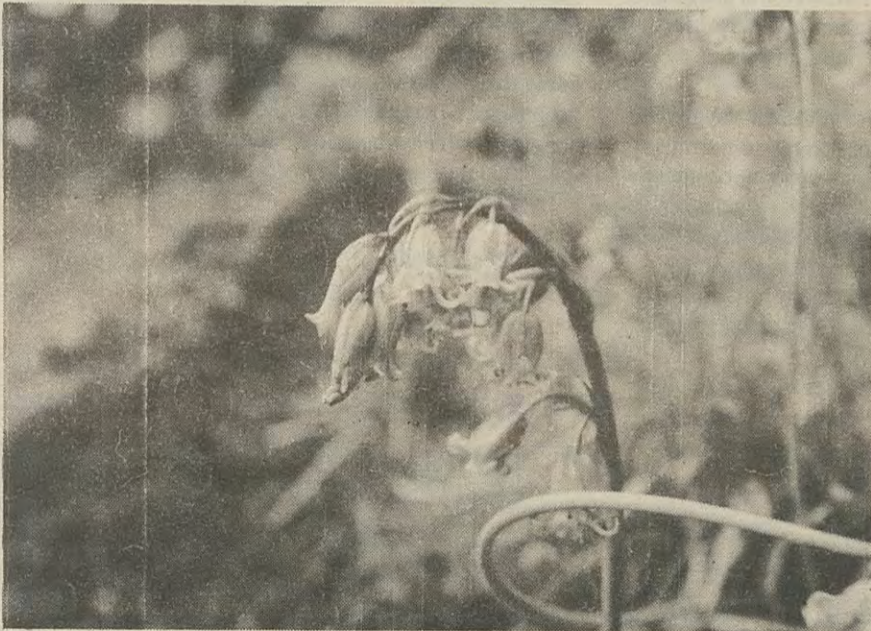
At five A.M., the first detachment marched into Elgin, up Moss Street toward Grant Lodge. Their numbers and resolute bearing as they advanced on the gates, sticks in hand, were too much for the broken bottle brigade. The guard fled and the siege was raised without a blow being struck. Triumphant, the Strathspey men entered the grounds to a joyful welcome.

At three o'clock that afternoon, the Highlanders left the town to the beat of the drum and skirl of the pipes. Order had been maintained and, contrary to expectations, the wild Highlanders had not cracked a single Lowland skull.

A full council was finally assembled some days later. At the meeting, Councilor Dick, who had obviously been influenced during his stay at Dunrobin, voted with the Fife interest and Baillie Innes remained neutral, leaving the council evenly divided. But the provost had the casting vote and he stood firmly by his allegiance to the Grants. With Elgin held by the Grants, the burghs fell three to two in their favor, and Mr. Farquarson of Finzean was duly elected to Parliament.

Ed's Note:

See page 8 for photo of Grant Lodge as it is today.



Things to see in Scotland

Bluebells of Scotland found in shady forested areas throughout the Highlands and Lowlands. Songs have been written about them, they are mentioned many times in Scottish literature and have become the symbol of home to the Scots awa' to other lands.

The old cemetery at Glenmoriston. The final resting place of many Grants, including some of the Chiefs. A lovely quiet place, rich in history. A must see for all interested in Grant genealogy.

The Clan Crest Badge and its use

Clansmen may demonstrate their membership and loyalty to the Chief by wearing their Chief's crest encircled with a strap and buckle bearing the Chief's motto or slogan. The "strap and buckle" is the sign of the clansman. It is incorrect, (and in Scotland, illegal) for a clan member to use the badge on glassware, cutlery or plates. He may use it on stationary only if the image is accompanied by the words An Cìrean Ceann Cinnich—or "Member of Clan—." Clan badges are of silver or white metal and should never be shown in "full color." Line drawings of the badge should be in monochrome. Women usually wear the clan badge on the left lapel of a jacket; theirs may be in gold if desired.

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The Last Word

I want to thank the folks who provided some of the folks who sent in material for this issue and beg them for more. The rest, I want to shame for not submitting. I know that we have a great number of folks out there who are talented writers. The Grants are known for this ability. Let's get started on the next issue. Set down today and write something or send a picture of your favorite place to visit in Scotland with a brief description.

If you cannot write something, clip an article or joke. If you enjoyed it, the rest of us probably will too.

Gene Grant, Editor