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LORD & LADY STRATHSPEY, CHATTANOOGA, TN., U.S.A. 1978

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Our chief, suffered a heart attack on Friday evening and died peacefully, early Sunday. Lady Strathspey and daughter Amanda were with him.

Services were held on Monday, February 3, at St. Pauls Church in West Wittering. He is buried in the Church Cemetery, near his beloved sea.

The church was filled to overflowing, with flowers from all Clan Grant Society branches. -

Strathspey is survived by his wife Olive, two sons; James Patrick Trevor, (now Lord Strathspey), Michael Patrick Francis, and three daughters; Geraldine Janet, Jacqueline Patricia, and Amanda Caroline.

Patrick was born in Wellington, New Zealand. He has one sister, Lena Barbara Joan, who married Herbert Frank Onslow.

Patrick was the 32nd Chief on the Grants. He was the fifth Chief in succession who has not owned any Grant lands. He was a land agent and surveyor. In 1938 he joined the War department Lands Branch, retiring in 1972. During World War 2, he was posted to Scotland, and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He actively served in the House of Lords. His hobbies included sailing and gardening.

Patrick, since 1977, has traveled the world, lending his support to the worldwide Clan Grant Society. He and Lady Strathspey have made 5 trips to the United States.

He will be missed, but not forgotten. "Flowers of the Forest", will be played at all Highland Games in The United States in his memory, this year.



The Grant Clan at Stone Mountain Georgia
on Lord and Lady Strathspey's last U.S. Visit.

PATRICK

REMEMBERED

The obituary that appears in this issue cannot picture the persona of our Patrick. He was full of life, ready for the next adventure. His eyes would twinkle as he savored the next joke he would pull. Patrick loved people in small doses. Large crowds made him nervous, and looking for a way out.

Patrick was very proud of his heritage, and confident in his station. He traveled extensively to help the Clan Grant Society. He made 5 trips to the United States. One of these included a trip to the Canadian Maritime provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. He was a Baronet of Nova Scotia, as are all Chiefs of Grant.

Patrick was a welcome guest at Highland Games in the United States. The sponsors of Grandfather Mountain and Stone Mountain Games requested his return many times. He always gave short speeches that delighted the crowds with his wit. At the conclusion of his speech opening the Grandfather Games, he finished with a flourish, saying, "ITS GREAT TO BE A GRANT!". The crowd gave him a standing ovation. At Alexandria Va. Games he stirred the crowd by saying, "There are two types of Highlanders, Those that are Grants and those that wish they were".

Patrick loved the sea and to sail. He had a small, Boston Whaler, type sailboat. One year Lucille and I were visiting, when it was time to launch the boat for the season. In previous years, this was an all day activity, involving several friends. The mast had to be raised, sails installed, rigging adjusted, etc. Patrick enlisted my help, thinking I was a landlubber, he'd have some fun. What he didn't know, I was brought up in Florida and had owned sailboats. I had the boat all set and launched in 45 minutes. Patrick, with Lucille on board, sailed the boat out of the harbor while I rowed a small dinghy, with Ollie, in pursuit. Patrick sailed just out of reach. The boat tied up to a buoy, off shore, so the dinghy was needed to reach shore. I soon tired of the game and returned to the shore. Ollie and I went off to have lunch, leaving Captain Bly to either swim in or wait for us. They waited.

It is impossible to think about Patrick without thinking of his beloved Olive. Their devotion to each other was obvious. When Patrick would start to go overboard on some activity, Ollie was there to rein him in. Patrick could not suffer pretense in people, and would always cut such people off. I recall a lady approaching him at a function where he had been introduced, and asking him how he spelled his name. He said, "The correct way".

Patrick was one person who, "made a difference", while passing through this life on earth. I'm certain that by now he has joined up with our departed Clansmen, and is leading them in a chorus of "The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen", with Mathew Grant-Knapp and John Bisset in the front row.

Rest in peace, old friend. You will be missed but not forgotten.



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NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

How we will miss the elder The Lord Strathspey! For those who never had the chance to meet this gentleman, he had a keen sense of humor and could walk circles around younger men than he! He loved the sea and sailing, and when you visited him, you usually got a tour of the shore near his home. An avid gardener, his yard gave a sense of comfort - but there would be something unusual to delight the senses in some unexpected spot.

He never could get over the idea of a state liquor store such as some states have. And not to be able to buy just one can of beer, but a whole carton, brought us many a laugh when one of the cans left in Pennsylvania would show up overseas at some event or another.

Ah, well, life is short and we all must go. But somehow the world has been better for the sense of humor he shared with so many! Our hearts go out to his gracious wife, Ollie, who was always the woman behind the scenes. And, his lively family. We are better for their passing our way!

tartan seminar

Clan Grant member, Dr. Phil Smith will present a day-long seminar on tartans, Highland Dress, and helping newcomers at the clan tent find their roots at the University of North Georgia on Saturday, April 4. Sponsored jointly by University and the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, Phil will present an illustrated lecture on the history and evolution of Highland dress, the history, design and weaving of tartan, and the immigration of Scots to America. He will give practical hints on helping people to link themselves to a clan or tartan.

Phil can regularly be found at tartan information tents at major Scottish Games. The initials FSTS after his name indicates that he is one of only thirteen tartan specialists in the world recognized as a "Fellow of the Scottish Tartans Society." Phil's book TARTAN FOR ME! is used to link names and tartans at Games and Scottish shops from Australia to Scotland. The Fifth edition with some 2,000 new names and changes will be available this spring. DISTRICT TARTANS, so-authored with Dr. Gordon Teall, will show color illustrations of over one hundred regional tartans (including Strathspey) and will be released by Shepheard-Walwyn in Scotland this May.

The seminar at Dahlonaga is a continuation of a series Phil has presented in such diverse places as New Hampshire, Florida, and Colorado. It is open to all. Registration information can be obtained by contacting Mr. William Johnston, TECA, Box 138, Skippack, PA 19474 or telephone (215) 584-4220.

ED SMITH FEATURED ON GAELIC TAPE

Clan Grant piper Edward Smith is the featured piper on the newly released tape CEOL A'CHANAIN (Music of the Language), land excellent voice and music introductions to the Gaelic language for the non-Gael. Produced by Joan Weiss, CEOL A'CHLANAIN features the fine recording voice of D.F. MacLeod in a bilingual reading of poetry and Gaelic lore with background music provided by the voices of MAC TALLA ("Echo"), the Gaelic Choir of the Washington, DC area and piper Edward Smith.

Ed plays a number of original tunes of special interest to Clan Grant members. Four of the eight tunes, performed on both the pipes and practice chanter, are original compositions. Beginning with the traditional Gaelic theme music of the tape, CHI MI NA MOR BHEANNA ("The Mist Covered Mountains"), Ed plays his own NAMELESS tune and the jig JOHN BISSET, named for the late beloved Clan Grant Society member. He then plays the traditional MRS. MacLEOD OF RAASLAY, HIGH ROAD TO LINTON, and CABAR FEIDH - the "Charge" tune of the Highland Regiments. The last two pipe selections of the tape are waltzes, NAMELESS and the melodic LADY STRATHSPEY, dedicated to Lady Olive on her visit to America a few years ago.

Clan Grant members can get this fine blend of our ancient language and Clan Grant tunes from Mrs. Joan Weiss, 4710 Essex Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 for \$14.00, postage included.

TARTAN FOR ME!, Phil Smith's guide to Scottish names and tartans, will appear in April from Heritage Books in an expanded Fifth Edition. The 1992 version features almost two thousand changes and updates, relating thousands of names to over five hundred tartans, including a number of new designs for families like "Rowan", "Little" and "Walker" and new district tartans for Caithness and Falkirk.

Heritage Press is one of the nation's leading publishers of hard-to-locate early American historical and genealogical records and should appeal to many Grants seeking to locate ancestors. Their catalog is available from Heritage Books, 1540E Hunter Point Place, Bowie, MD 20716; telephone (301) 390-7708.

Mr. A. Thompson Palmer writes that they have started on a new St. Andrews Society called the Heritage Society of the Rochester Area. Their first dinner had 55 in attendance. He notes that he moved from an apartment to a "nice brick house!" and feels much happier.

The recent newsletter article entitled, "Grants in the Revolution", prompted one of our members, Jean Manley, to write from England. She remembers her husband's (DeWitt Manley) Granny, Margaret Grant, receiving a pension from her father for the War between the States. If anyone has old records like this, be sure to send a copy of these to our genealogist, Beryl Grant. The names and dates can be of use in our Grant archives.

score. He and his bride, Betty have increased their circle of friends around the country.

Now Charlie says its time to turn this over to someone else. They plan to travel more, if that's possible! Next month they are on the way to Nova Scotia, to do more research on his ancestors. They are sure to stop in Narvone, Pennsylvania, and visit with his cousin, Shirley Grant Smith. They discovered common ancestry in Nova Scotia.

Charlie is a founding member of our society. He and Betty are faithful and active members. In the past few years he has had

several health problems, some severe, but like Phoenix, he rises above them all. Charlie and Betty are avid golfers. He, Kyle Bowie, and George Grant played in Scotland in the first and only Clan Grant Open, wearing their kilts. Charlie played in spite of missing a Rotary meeting.

Betty and Charlie have a son and two lovely daughters. Plus three grandchildren, one named "Grant".

Their home, in Eminence, Ky. is a far cry from their roots. They are both Yankees! Thanks from all of us.

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*Charles Grant
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For the last seven years Charlie has kept order for our games participation. He has filled out hundreds of forms for the various game committees, assembled and shipped our games kit, and scheduled our volunteers. He has replaced shipping boxes by the



Charles G. MacDonald

BY GEORGE!!!

The death of Patrick, Lord Strathspey is a sad occasion for all of us. The Society sent flowers and condolences to the family. I talked to Olive and Michael before the funeral. Olive, Lady Strathspey, is doing quite well. She especially does not wish to lose touch with her friends. She would like to hear from you. Her address is:

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Phil and Shirley stopped by to see Ollie and Amanda in late February. Amanda, works and lives in London, and spends the weekends.

This has been a very busy year for your Society. We have participated in over 35 Highland Games around the country. Present and new members are learning more about their heritage.

There are several changes in our Officers and Commissioners. Charles G. MacDonald has retired as Games Commissioner and has been replaced by Donald Grant. Donald Grant has turned over his duties as Southeast Commissioner to David Grant in Atlanta, Ga. Ed and Elaine Grant of Ocean Reef, Key Largo, FL are now Commissioners for Florida. The Society still has several Commissioner slots open, especially in the Midwest and plains states. If you are inclined to be more active, please let me know.

Barbara McCullough has turned over her duties as new membership Secretary to Shirley Grant Smith. Shirley will also take the load off Bob and Becky Grant, keeping track of the membership list.

Gordon Grant of Arlington, VA is pursuing a Tax Free status from the IRS. Until recent changes in the law it was not necessary for us to go this route. Our income is not great enough for the IRS to bother with keeping track. They considered us tax exempt, and didn't want any reports. When Gordon is finished we will have a formal constitution with by-laws and elected officers. The Convenor will continue to be appointed by the Chief.

Lucille on November 8, had a triple by-pass. She's doing fine. We went to Florida for Christmas with daughters and grandchildren. On January 26, we visited Ed and Elaine Grant at Key Largo. Lucille played 18 holes 3 times in the next 6 days. Scores were only a few shots higher than normal. She couldn't putt!

Please forgive us for not producing a newsletter as per schedule last year. Gene Grant our Editor had some problems, not the least of which was lack of articles from you. I had a small distraction with Lucille. Please send family tidbits for inclusion in the newsletter. We'll get back on track with this issue. Thank you for your understanding. Let me hear from you.

Barbara's Happy

Shirley's Back

Barbara MacCulloch has handled the job of membership secretary for the past three years. She has thankfully turned over the job to Shirley Grant Smith. Shirley, who has returned from Japan, where her distinguished, husband administered the Japanese branch of West Chester University.

Barbara somehow found time to serve the Society, we are very grateful. Barbara is a full time mother, career woman, piper, and yard person. Its true, only a busy person can find time to serve others. Thanks a lot, Barbara!

Shirley begins her labor of love immediately. We are all blessed.

Look for her writings in CRAIGELLACHIE.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Starling Jasper Grant of Milam County, TX

I need to get information from any Texas Grants who might have it on Starling Jasper Grant of Milam County, Texas. He was born in 1853 and died sometime between 1901 and 1910 (he is not on the 1910 census records.) He bought land from a Peter Grant in 1891 in Gause, Milam County Texas.

I have a marriage license of an H.R. Grant and Bessie Terry- issued July 16, 1908 in Milam County. I would appreciate any help that you can give me by printing any of this information in the next issue.

Respectfully,

Homer Grant 2517 Elvinta
Baytown, TX 77520

Please use the self addressed envelope to send your annual dues. We are running the tightest clan in the Scottish business.



Capital District Games, Altamont, NY
From Left: Hal Grant, Lorna Grant, Shirley G. Smith, Maureen Grant, Phil Smith, Beryl Grant, Mary Grant, Eileen Grant, Jim Grant, Syd Grant

Glamor

only have to look at the 1841 or 1851 census to see how large a "foreign" population lived in Edinburgh at that time.

The most famous sight in the New Town is arguably that of Princes Street - a mile of shops on one side and gardens on the other - with a magnificent view of the Castle and the Old Town skyline. In Princes Street you can buy fine tartan scarves and kilts, lovely shetland wool sweaters, bagpipes and smoking pipes, and just about anything else you might fancy.

Princes Street Gardens are laid out on the former site of the old Nor' Loch, drained in the 18th century. The beautifully laid out gardens slope naturally down toward the railway at the bottom of the valley, then ascend sharply into the Castle Rock. There probably isn't any finer place in all of Edinburgh.

A morning of shopping might whet your appetite for a pub lunch. Pub lunch fare is almost always excellent; service is speedy; and the price to one's liking. It's impossible to say where you might find the best pub lunch among the pubs behind Princes Street, but I like the atmosphere of The Abbotsford (in Rose Street, just off St. Andrew Square) best.

In the afternoon you can take a walking tour of the splendid streets and squares to admire the rich architecture. My own favorite part of the New Town is St. Andrew Square with the handsome head office of the Royal Bank of Scotland set sedately back from the street. Nearby are the Museum of Antiquities and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, and as far as I'm concerned if you didn't have time to see anything else in Edinburgh, these museums alone are worth the trip.

Near what's known as the West End, you'll find my favorite part of the New Town, Charlotte Square. At # 7, you'll find The Georgian House, which portrays an 18th century interior. This richly and tastefully furnished flat may well illustrate the best of Edinburgh's romantic past.

As I left there one fine spring morning to visit other parts of the city, the feeling come over me, as it always does sooner or later, that time has not destroyed anything here, that Edinburgh's glamour of bygone days endures.

Worth Seeing in Edinburgh

* The Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, is one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in Scotland. Displays engineering marvels, struufed animals, and artifacts from all parts of the earth.

* Central Library, George IV Bridge. Has an Edinburgh Room containing thousands of documents, books, newspapers, clippings and maps.

* The National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, houses an important collection of Italian, French, and Dutch masters, and a good selection of British (including Scottish) painters.

* The Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound, offers touring exhibitions and annual shows of Scottish artists' work.

* The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, is devoted solely to 20th century work.

* The National Museum of Antiquities, 1 Queen Street, displays artifacts of all kinds from Scotland's past.

* The Scottish National Portrait Gallery, adjacent the National Museum of Antiquities, contains a rich and extraordinary collection of portraits of famous Scots that spans four hundred years - from Mary Queen of Scots to the present Queen Mother.

GRANTS "GOING OVER"

by Phil Smith

The first time visitor to Scotland and "Grant Country", is best advised to make a two-step trip of about two weeks. You usually fly at night, and arrive in the U.K.... in the morning hours. It is often a better schedule to fly to London and take an internal flight to Edinburgh or Glasgow. (Allow more time to connect than the travel agent wants to give you.) Your flight may be late; you have to get your baggage and go through passport and customs; you have to find where the local flights are; you have to get there, perhaps in another terminal. Allow at least two hours, maybe more. If you have spare time, you can change your money, or have a cup of tea.

First, take a four or five day tour of Scotland starting from either Glasgow or Edinburgh. You will see the major high points, usually going out to Skye. Hotels will be smallish, meals good, photo opportunities, and a knowledgeable guide. You will probably see Urquhart Castle ruins, once under command of the GRANTS. Glen Urquhart starts at Drumnadrochit, but you will see little of the Glen. However, you can see a lot of things and get over jet-lag at the same time.

Second, back in Glasgow, (Edinburgh), depend on the Tourist Info places to arrange overnights at hotels or B&B, one day ahead, and rent a car.

Before you go, buy a copy of, "1001 Places to See in Scotland", and a large scale map. The book will tell you good things to see-- and most important, when they are open and closed. Also know that each village has a mid-week closing day, Tuesday here, Wednesday in the next village. Tradition!! Also check days when the bank will be closed. It's no fun to run out of money over a three day weekend.

Go north on the Motorway toward Grantown. Places that you may not have stopped before are Stirling Castle, and the centre at Killicrankie. Pitlochery is one of the best places to shop in Scotland. It is a nice drive up to Aviemore or Grantown. Grantown itself, is a nice walk-around in the evening. Craigellachie, the bluff above Aviemore doesn't look like the clan badge, it's flatter. It is best photographed from the parking lot at Aviemore or, by driving across the river on one

of the smaller local roads for a half mile.

Plan your trip to be in Grantown the days around the first week in August. Clan Grant Gathering is at the Nethy Bridge Games, the first Saturday of August. There will be plenty of Grants around, usually including the Chief, and some Grant dinners and receptions. Visit DUTHIL KIRK and Castle Grant, (At least take a picture of the outside if it is not open).

Visit a Grant Distillery, (there are several), and if open, Ballindalloch Castle, as you drive down the Spey to Elgin. If you think you are a Glen Urquhart Grant, (most Grants who came via Nova Scotia are), then go via Inverness and drive up the Glen a ways. It is still very much the same as it was in the 1700's. That is a one day trip, because you will want to see the Inverness Museum. The two best museums in the Highlands are, the West Highland Museum in Fort William, and the, Museum of Scottish Tartans in Comrie, near Crieff. Just a short drive southwest from Perth.

End in Edinburgh. Visit the Castle and Museum there; visit the National Museum, if nothing else. Unless you want to buy woolens, avoid the "Clan Tartan Centre", it is a come-on for Pringle Mills.

Scotland is a small country. You can cover a lot of ground in a day. The country north of Inverness, or Ullapool, is a spectacular but lonely wet desert. See it on your next trip.

If you have time, take a, "Mini-tour", of the Lowlands. Drive west to Glasgow, down the coast through Ayr and Carrick. Visit Culzean Castle, and drive up Glen Trool to the Bruce Monument, stay in Dumfries. Then drive at an angle from Dumfries to Moffat, and on to Selkirk. Spectacular country! See Melrose Abbey, Hermitage, and be back in Edinburgh in another hour.

Don't try to see it all. You know you'll be back. Save the borders and Hadrians Wall for another three or four days, sometime. And remember, although pounds spend as fast as dollars, they cost twice as much!



Bill Grant & Strathspey

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GENEALOGY CORNER

Beryl N. Grant, Clan Genealogist

During the time I have been serving as Clan Genealogist I have sent out numerous pedigree charts and asked that our members fill out what they could and send me a copy. This is always STEP 1 - This summarizes what information you have and enables me to think about what steps should be taken. I am concerned though that some of our members are thinking that they shouldn't send copy of the chart back until they have it filled out!!! NOT SO!!! Even if you have only a couple of generations on it, send it back to me. Please keep in mind that the PLACE the event took place - birth, marriage or death - is the very most important as that tells me where we should be looking.

Family group charts are most helpful in that all the information about a family group is entered in one place. It is sometimes necessary to search collateral lines to find information, review naming patterns, etc. My address is: Leesome Lane, Box 4D, Altamont, NY. 12009.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

One of our members is trying to trace a Charles Grant family of Erin Township, Wellington County, Canada. The 1861 census showed Charles to be 29 years of age; his wife, Catherine (maiden name MacMillin) age 25. Children: William b. 1854; Ann, b. 1857; other children; Sophia, Neil, Sarah, Jim, Charlie, Tom, Nellie, Kate and Paul. If any of our readers have any information on this family, would they please let me know.

DOING FAMILY HISTORY FROM SCRATCH!!

Doing your family history when you may only know your parents and grandparents names has to be a real challenge - add to that not knowing when your ancestors came to this country and your work is really cut out for you. Doing the research in an orderly way will really help.

1. Enter on a pedigree chart all that you know. (I will furnish you with this and family group chart on receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope -SASE.) The most important part of this is where events occurred; date is the second most important. THE RECORDS ARE WHERE THE PERSON LIVED - CENSUS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH.

2. If you are living in this same area, your work is much easier. If your ancestors came from New England and you now live in California, plan on writing a few letters to historical societies and libraries in the area where a family came from. Always send a SASE (or you may not get any reply) and offer to pay for research which averages from \$3 to \$15 per hour in most cases. The Genealogical Helper prints in one issue a year a list of historical societies, repositories and libraries you can

contact for help. If you send me a SASE I will be happy to furnish you these addresses.

3. If you want to do all your research yourself, this activity will be the most rewarding. If you have ready access to a branch of the Church of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon Church) and they have a library, this should be one of your first stops. At no cost to you you can search their I.G.I. (International Genealogical Index) to see if they have copied the church record which will give you date of birth in some cases but mostly marriage and christening records. The Mormon Church has covered the world and copied all the records they were allowed to by the local vicar. In Britain this has been done twice. You may access the I.G.I. on their computer. You may order films of census, local history, etc. by paying approximately \$3; waiting 2-3 weeks and then going back to the library to read the film.

4. What are you going to find in a census record? Federal census began in 1790. From then to 1840 only the head of the family was written; rest of the information is by age category. Starting in 1850 all names of the family group were entered; age; occupation, etc. In 1880 the same

information was included and also person's and parents' birthplace. In 1900 you could find out if person was naturalized. The states also had census usually in the midpoint of the decade - you would have to check library to see what information included. Forget the 1892 census - except for a few schedules and areas - it was destroyed by fire.

5. If male ancestor served in any of our wars there is a very good chance a record exists, especially for the Civil War and wars after that time. Not difficult to get records from Washington; form is necessary (I can furnish you with address and info needed on receipt of SASE). I have found pension records to be a goldmine of information.

This is only a quick overview of how to do family research in the U.S.A. I did not discuss checking deeds, wills, etc. as this is much more complicated research and should be a topic by itself. Another time I will discuss researching across the water. If you are at the local stake of the Mormon Church you can do some overseas research right there if you know the country and town/area your ancestor migrated from. Good Luck!

HIGHLAND GAMES

Grandfather Mountain

July 9 - 12, 1992

These games are held in the western mountains of North Carolina. The scenery is beautiful, the air clear and clean. Many of our ancestors settled here because it is just like Scotland. The area has been a vacation area, especially in the summer, since 1870. Golf courses, fishing, tennis, horseback riding, trail walking, just about everything you would ever want. Above all peaceful quiet.

That is until Thursday July 9, when the pipers begin. For the next four days it is Scotland the Brave!

Clan Grant as usual, will stay together. Condominiums at Sugar Mountain, three and four bedrooms rented for the weekend. Cost is about \$200.00 per couple.

If you would like to be a part, contact John C. Grant, our Treasurer. John will need to know your plans before May 10.

Thursday evening is a picnic on the games field; Friday the first Grant gathering and dinner; Saturday evening the same. There are celidhs, Scottish Country dancing, etc. See you there!!! Its a great weekend, among friends, all family.

Western Maryland

On June 1, 1991 Clan Grant made its first appearance in Western Maryland at the McHenry Highland Festival. This was only the 4th year for these games and each year they get bigger and better. We had attended last year, and when we found out that Clan Grant did not have a tent there decided that would have to be rectified.

Since there wasn't a tent before we were surprised, but happy, to learn that one of the sponsors of these games is Dr. B. L. Grant of Oakland, Maryland. Dr. Grant was not in attendance but his brother Reverend John Grant was. Reverend Grant is a fine piper and was busy all day and part of the evening playing with the Garrett Community College pipe band.

We set up our tent early in the morning and were ready for business when the festivities started at 10:AM. The weather was fantastic. We had lots of visitors and made lots of new friends. Unfortunately only three of the visitors were Grants, but a beginning had to be made and that was it. Once we get it known it is sure to improve. The people that run the games are really friendly and welcome suggestions on how to improve them. If you would like to spend a day in a beautiful mountain setting among friendly people, then you should come to the McHenry Highland Festival next year. God willing we will be there to greet you.

Capital District Grant Tradition

by Harold Grant,

A brief predawn shower, rising mist on the mountain as the sun spread over the Fairground and another successful Capital District Games at Altamont, New York, on August 31, 1991 were under way.

The night before 158 representatives of 23 clans met for our annual Clan dinner. Beryl and I started this activity in 1983 for Clan Grant only, but after many requests we opened it to all clans in 1985. There were 21 Grants at this year's dinner. Music for dancing and entertainment was by the "Brigadoons" of Canada, Hazel and Jim Cain of "Thistledown" and Ron Stewart and daughter, Janie.

Games day brought a steady stream of inquiring people to our Clans and Societies Headquarters tent. Beryl was ably assisted by Betty Silvie of Clan Donald with our own Dr. Phil Smith helping out with his vast knowledge. Jim and Mary Grant manned the Clan Grant tent with help from Phil and Shirley, Syd and Eileen from Canada, George and Maureen Grant with daughters Lorna and Yvonne from Poughkeepsie, and Chris Reardon and family. Our daughter, Kathy, was a big help in organizing the Tartan Parade and serving as a judge for the clan tent awards.

The evening was spent at our home with a cookout and much, much interesting conversation with Phil and Shirley Smith, Syd and Eileen Grant and Gordon and Betty Silvie of Clan Donald. The was much catching up to do. Others of the Clan had to get back home for various reasons right after closing ceremonies.

A resumption of the Central New York Games at Liverpool, New York, market the 50th anniversary of these Games. A new site at Longbranch Park proved to be a very popular choice to the 3000 plus attending. Beryl and I manned the Grant tent as Jim and Mary Grant were involved on the sponsoring committee. Dinner at Brae Loch Inn at Cazenovia included members Ed and Elaine Grant of Key Largo, Florida. This was the first we were together since Grandfather Mt. when they joined four years ago.

We were unable to attend Long Island Games at Old Westbury, N.Y. this year but hope to in 1992 and would welcome anyone to help us with that activity in August.

The Grants in this small corner of the world are involved and hopefully will see even more of our members next year. Our Games are always Saturday of Labor Day weekend with a usual attendance of approximately 10,000. More Grants are always welcome.

EDINBURGH'S GLAMOUR OF BYGONE DAYS ENDURES

by Allen Grant Gardiner

Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, is so old, so clean, so majestic, and so full of charm that even after seven visits there, it remains a romantic city to me.

A walk through the streets of the Old Town, with its centuries-old tenements, and of the New Town, with magnificent serenely beautiful eighteenth-century homes, brings to mind stories of roguishness and romance of bygone days.

It is almost a place of magic.

Indeed, your first view of Edinburgh, whether by car, bus, or train, has to be magical. Towering above any manmade work is Arthur's Seat, an ancient, lion-shaped volcano, and ...a mile distant ... Edinburgh Castle, built on rugged volcanic rock. "Where but in Edinburgh," wrote Lord Kenneth Clark, "does a romantic landscape come right into the centre of the town?"

Charlotte Bronte wrote to a friend, "I always liked Scotland as an idea, but now as a reality I like it far better; it furnished me with some happy hours - as happy as any I ever spent. Who, indeed, that has once seen Edinburgh, with its couchant crag-lion (Arthur's Seat) must see it again in dreams, waking or sleeping?"

Although you can take bus tours (available outside the tourist office adjacent Waverly station) that show you the highlights of the city, Edinburgh is best explored on foot. Be sure to take your umbrella, however, for brief showers are the rule.

The Royal Mile

One day's walking tour will take you down "the Royal Mile" -- the four part street (Castlehill, Lawnmarket, High Street, and Canongate) that leads from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House --and some nearby areas in Edinburgh's Old Town. The Royal Mile, the "backbone" of the Old Town, has been in a state of renewal since 1985.

From Edinburgh Castle, nearly impregnable in olden days due to its site atop ancient volcanic rock, you have a panoramic view of the entire city looking away to the north to the Firth of Forth and the old royal Kingdom of Fife. The oldest building in Edinburgh is here -- tiny St. Margaret's Chapel, built in the early twelfth century for the queen who brought Christianity into focus in Scotland. Atop the Castle Rock is the Scottish National War Memorial, built in the 1920's, to commemorate Scots killed in World War I. (The names of those who died in World War II are also recorded here.) In the Crown Room you'll see the Scottish Regalia, the crown jewels of Scotland, hidden away for centuries until Sir Walter Scott discovered them in the early 1800's.

When I journeyed down the Royal Mile, I like to think on how it looked in centuries past since my ancestors were part of Edinburgh's history for more than two hundred years. For centuries, most of Edinburgh's citizens lived in increasingly overcrowded tenements along the spine of rock that runs from the Castle to Holyrood. Growth was restricted to the vertical rather than horizontal because to the north lay a swamp that formed a natural barrier to the city's enemies. As a result tenements became more highly stacked as the centuries passed. They were crowded, smelly, and prone to fire.

What made Edinburgh different from other cities was the fact that everyone from burgher, knight and dame to common laborers and beggars inhabited the same tenements, with the poor at the top and the bottom, and the "quality" in the middle. The overcrowding finally led to the draining of the Nor'Lock, and between 1766 and 1840, the neo-classical "New Town" was laid out.

In the Lawnmarket is Lady Stair's Close, a 17th century house that's now a museum bearing relics of Scott, Burns and Stevenson. It would be impossible to think of Edinburgh without thinking of its three foremost literati; indeed, the neo-Gothic memorial Sir Walter Scott in Princes Street Gardens is one of the land marks of the city.

In the Lawnmarket, you should also stop at Gladstone's Land, another 17th century house that's been restored to recreate the way a prosperous merchant lived in the 17th century Scotland.

At the corner of Lawnmarket and George IV Bridge is Deacon Brodie's Tavern, which takes its name from William Brodie, a member of the town council by day and a burglar by night. (Those who have read the novel or play or seen the film, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, may recall that Willie Brodie is mentioned as Jean Brodie's ancestor, but perhaps few readers know that he was Robert Louis Stevenson's model for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.)

In the High Street is the High Kirk of St. Giles. It is often called St. Giles Cathedral, but this is a misnomer, for only during one brief period in the 17th century--an Episcopalian phase--did it become a cathedral. This is the church made famous by its association with the reformer John Knox, who inspired the citizenry to run amok and go into all the churches and break up the statues and monuments.

It was at St. Giles that Andrew Melville called James VI & I "God's silly vassal" to his face, and Jenny Geddes threw a milkstool at the minister for daring "to say the Mass in my lug [ear]," an action that incited a riot. Among things of interest within the church are the 19th century stained glass windows and the Thistle Chapel, completed in 1911, and designed for The Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, an order equivalent of England's Order of

the Thistle, an order of chivalry founded in the late 17th century. (It is Scotland's equivalent of England's Order of the Garter. The Queen Mother is Lady of the Thistle, and the queen is Sovereign of the order.)

On down the street, nearly to Canongate, is Moubray House, probably the oldest inhabited house in Edinburgh. Next to it is the so called house of John Knox, built in 1490 and still in good repair. Knox is said to have been a 16th century inhabitant.

The Canongate-

Once a Separate Burgh

Canongate, which forms the bottom part of the Royal Mile, takes its name from the Augustinian canons of Holyrood who were granted a charter in 1182 by David I to form a burgh between the Abbey of Holyrood and the town of Edinburgh. The Canongate remained a separate burgh until 1856, and today is rich in 16th and 17th century houses. There are two museums here of interest. The Canongate Tollboth, built in 1591 as a place where public tolls were collected, is now a museum called The People's Story which illustrates Edinburgh's past through a series of reconstructions (a prison cell, a cooper's workshop, draper's shop, tearoom, etc.) Opposite it is Huntly House, the principal museum of Edinburgh's history.

At last one comes to Holyrood Palace, begun as an abbey in the 12th century and transformed into a royal palace in the early 16th century. The long Picture Gallery features the portraits of 111 Scottish kings and queens. However if in studying them you conclude that they tend to bear an unusually strong resemblance to each other, you are well advised to remember they were all painted by a Dutchman named Jacob De Wit!

One associates Holyrood with Mary, Queen of Scots. At the age of five she was sent to France where she was brought up, returning to Scotland at the age of 18 when her mother, Mary of Guise, the Queen Regent, died. The year was 1561, and Catholicism was out of vogue in Scotland. Her religion isn't the only thing that damned her. Mary was a foolish girl who lost her head over men and eventually lost her head altogether! When her nobles revolted against her liaison with the Earl of Bothwell, she abdicated and fled to England where she threw herself on the mercy of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I. A virtual prisoner for many years she was eventually brought to trial, implicated in a death attempt on Elizabeth I.

She was executed in 1587. Her son, James VI would become James I of England as well, thus uniting the thrones of Scotland and England in 1603.

In Mary Queen o'Scots' Rooms is a mirror, made in Flanders, upon which Mary placed a curse, saying that any woman who looked upon it should suffer the same fate as she. As women of the tour gasp in horror the guide hurriedly continues, "Oh, not to be executed, you understand, but to be married three times!" The spot where Rizzio, Mary's secretary, was murdered, in the old days, before the site was covered by a brass plate, visitors could actually see the blood stains. (Or so they thought. My uncle Willie Grant, who worked for the Palace, was occasionally called upon to "renew" the stains.)

The Grassmarket and Greyfriars

Below the Castle is the Grassmarket, where a weekly market was held from 1477, and public executions from the mid 1600s. There is a memorial here to mark the spot where 100 Covenanters died for their faith, "Glorifying God in the Grassmarket." Covenanters were those who signed the National Covenant in 1638, defending the Scots form of worship. Exiting the Grassmarket by Candlemaker Row, you come to Greyfriars Kirk (formally Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland), which just last year has seen the completion of major restoration project. Opposite the church yard, which is rich in monuments, is a life size statue of Greyfriars Bobby, the Skye terrier who was the household pet of Constable "Jock" Gray. After "Auld Jock" died, the faithful Bobby guarded his master's grave for 14 years until his own death in 1872. The story was immortalized by Walt Disney.

The Central Library in George IV Bridge is one of the magnificent libraries built by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. My mother still remembers the first time her father took her into the children's library there, and recalls that "a whole new world" opened up to her.

The New Town

Another day can be devoted to exploring the wonders of Edinburgh's "New Town." One of the largest preserved Georgian developments anywhere, the New Town was designed as a single unified scheme by James Craig, with a gridiron of streets boasting of wide squares - Charlotte Square and St. Andrew Square -at either end. The magnificence of its architecture is due to the creative genius of Robert Adam.

In a word, the New Town was practically custom-made for the gentry and those in the professions. Those who could afford to buy a house did, and the "great flittin'" soon ensued, with the best people moving across the new North Bridge to the newest part of Edinburgh. After they had gone, Gaelic-speaking emigrants from the Highlands and Ireland moved into the emptied tenements of the Old Town. You

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