



Craigellachie



This is the sign at Duthil Church.

Picture by Robert B. Grant, Kailua, Hawaii. Taken March 23, 1992. Sir Patrick Grant, Dalvey, Chairman of Clan Grant, Scotland, is responsible for having the sign made.

It Reads:

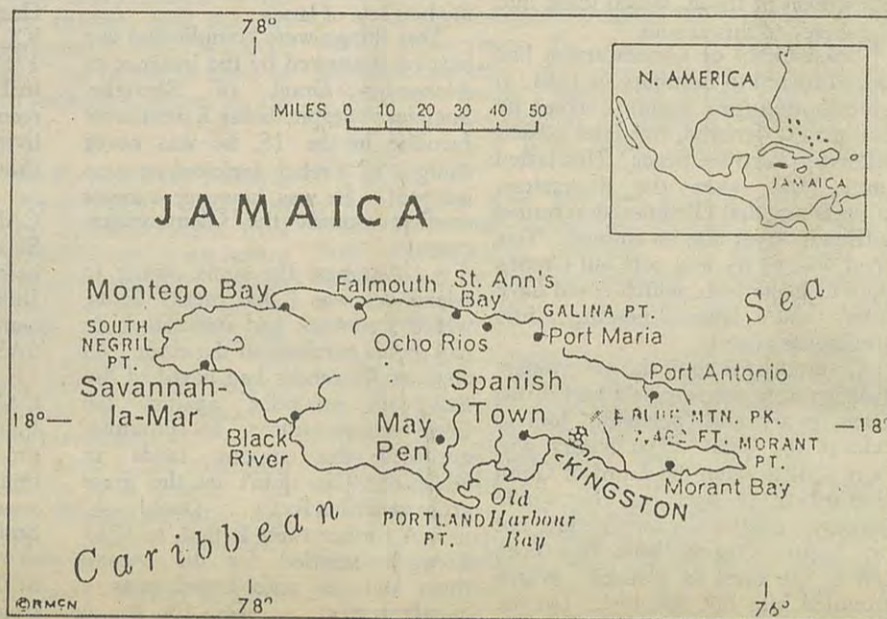
Duthil Church, (rebuilt in 1829- but no longer used for Holy Worship), belongs to the World-Wide Clan Grant Society, which has members in the U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, as well as in the United Kingdom.

For several centuries, Duthil was the customary burial place for Chiefs of the Grant Clan and members of their families. Six chiefs and several spouses and children of chiefs are buried in the mausolea adjoining the church. There are also scores on non-titled "Grants" interred in Duthil Cemetery.

The honourable Secretary of the Clan Grant Society, to whom inquiries about Duthil Church, or about joining the Clan Grant Society, (Membership of which is open to NON- "Grants", as well as "Grants"), Should be addressed, is, Andrew Grant - 54C Grampian Rd. - Aberdeen AB1 3EA

Suggest you make inquiry at the Seafield Arms Hotel in Grantown-on-Spey about the key to Duthil.

OUR JAMAICA STORY by Bob & Vivien Grant



Bob and Vivien Grant, Dunedin, Florida, are both a very rare breed. They are native Floridians. Bob's father & Vivien's father were both pioneers in Florida's citrus industry. Vivien's father had a juice concentrate plant in Dunedin, while Bob's was a broker. Bob, after a short career with Eastern Air Lines during WWII, worked for Food Machinery Corp. selling citrus processing equipment. Vivien is very active in the Dunedin community. For several years she was a city commissioner, retiring undefeated. Both enjoy golf and community service, helping build and operate a City Museum. After the Highland Games in Dunedin, they host a Clan Grant dinner in their beautiful home on the waterfront. Summers are spent at their mountain retreat near Grandfather Mountain, (called "Rocks-in-Head"). Bob is a first rate philatelist, and he has started his grandchildren on this fascinating hobby. Vivien's major hobby these days is her granddaughter, who lives in San Francisco with her parents. Thank goodness for airlines, right Vivien? Read about their adventure in Jamaica in this issue.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

DAVID FORRES GRANT
JUNE 23, 1955 - APRIL 26, 1992

DAVE, an Iron Ranger whose family came from Scotland through Canada, lived in St. Cloud, MN with his wife Debbie and their two boys. He served as the Stearns County Correctional Programs Officer; was an enthusiastic father and sportsman, and was well known for his humor. Dave was working on plans to bring the Iron Range Grants to the Clan. His Mother said, "He was proud of his heritage."

The Grants are proud of Dave.

Ed Grant, our Upper Midwest Commissioner sent this above notice to Craigellachie. It is our loss that so few of us had a chance to meet this fine young man. We hope that his wife, sons, mother, and other close relatives will accept our invitation that Dave was going to issue to them. Dave had planned on gathering his clan for the May 2, 1992 Games in Minnesota. Instead the Clan, through Ed, sent a piper for his last farewell. Our condolences to his wife Debbie, sons Dustin and Keith and his extended family.



Clan at Yuba-Sutter Games

LR John Van Winkle, Dtr Linda, wife Patty, Dtr's friend, Maureen Mitchell, Carol and Jim Suttie

AFTER THE BATTLES GLENMORISTON & URQUHART

by Andy Grant

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 neighbors, and even fellow clansmen, to gain possession of lands they coveted.

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

John Grant of Glenmoriston had been ordered to Edinburg 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 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 could not 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 pound sterling, 13 shillings, 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, 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 merks 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 ... 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 garry's force at Sheriffmuir, when on the 13th of November "Bobbing John", the Earl of Mar, finally committed the Jacobite forces against the enemy, and, along with his opponent, made (see **Battle page 4**)

ADDITIONAL MANUSCRIPTS AVAILABLE

KY001. The Pioneer Grants by Alice Read Rouse, 9 p. Narrative account of William Grant, emigrant and wife Margery Verner. Originally in PA; then NC; son, William Grant II, m. to Elizabeth dau of Squire Boone, father of Daniel Boone. \$3.00. a copy

MDWEST001: Grant Genealogical Material by Dorothy Needham Belt, Lane, KS. Traces Jeremiah Grant, b. 1765; died at 100 years of age in Taylorsville, Ohio. Family record continues with children living in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. 10 pp \$3.

CAN002: A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation by Donald Whyte. 5 pp Grant names extracted. \$.25 sheet of SASE for specific name.

CAN.003: A Dictionary of Immigrants to Nova Scotia, pre-confederation peninsular immigrants from manuscript sources, compiled by Col. L. Smith, Jr. 3 pp .25 a page

SC002: Prisoners of the '45 ed. from state papers by Sir Bruce Gordon Seton, printed in Edinburgh for the Scottish History Society 1929; 9 pp. \$2.00 for list of Grant names in manuscript.

SC003: List of names included in Scottish-American Heirs by David Dobson. 1 page \$.50.

VA003: Marriages of some VA residents, 1607-1800 by Dorothy Ford Wulfech, 2 pp. \$.50 or one name search by SASE.

GENEALOGY CORNER

Beryl N. Grant, Clan Genealogist

There has been a lot of interest in genealogical matters lately. Several of our members are tracing the Christopher Grant of Watertown, MA line. The most recent and complete submission is from Virginia Devine, MA and her cousin, Bill Grant of WA. This line runs from the son, Benjamin(2) b.1641; then Benjamin (3); Joseph (4); Samuel (5), etc. Main areas searched are Watertown and Wrentham, MA and Cumberland, RI. Pedigree chart lists her grandfather, Walter Leland Grant.

Other members searching this line trace from other children of Benjamin(3) and wife Priscilla Morse -Joshua and Ebenezer. A sister Ruth, born 1709 is also being researched without too much success. If anyone has any information of Ruth or wants to be copied on any of the above, write me (SASE), and I will advise of minimal copying and postage charges.

Another member, James W. Grant, has traced this line through Joseph b. 1646 and Joshua b. 1694 and found his great-great grandfather, Rev. Daniel Howard Grant.

A former member filed his lineage with me several years ago starting with Christopher Grant continuing with Joseph (2); Christopher (3); Christopher (4); Christopher (5); Samuel (6), etc. With his lineage he sent copy of a poem which states that Matthew Grant b. 1601, of Windsor, CT who came over on the "Mary and John" was the brother of Christopher and they sailed together. I question this; only reference I ever saw on this relationship.

The Matthew Grant of Windsor, CT, line is very actively researched. I have Arthur Hastings Grant's book, The Grant Family, published 1898. A direct descendant was President U. S. Grant. Upon receipt of a SASE land as much information as possible (date and place of birth), I will search this index. There is an active society tracing the descendants of those early immigrants who like Matthew, came to this country in 1630 on the "Mary and John." A Virginia line that

is active is the Humphrey Beauregard Grant b. 1770. Bernice Grant of Gainsville, GA provided me with a 21 page manuscript on this line.

The Ludovic Grant b. 1706 in Scotland who married into the Cherokees continues active. One of our new members writes that Ludovic was transported to South Carolina in 1706 aboard the Susannah following the Jacobite Rebellion. He was a trader among the Cherokees at Tellico in 1730 and married Mary Pratt of the Long Hair Clan c. 1725. Vernon Combs, 452 Poplar St., Wyandotte, MI 48192 would be interested in hearing from anyone researching the line.

The Jeremiah Grant/Catherine Hemp, Augusta Co., VA line is active. In the Grant Gleanings publication compiled by Anne Long, several individuals are tracing this line. Will provide these addresses if anyone wishes to write me (SASE).

Dorothy Grant of Surfside Beach, SC, has filed a supplement to "Grants and Their Relatives" by John Grant. Her submission lists descendants of Beers Jesse Grant b. 1834 in Hobart, NY. Descendants moved West to Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Oklahoma, Minnesota and California. If anyone wants me to search this manuscript for any names, please send SASE and as complete info as possible on the individual concerned (place and date of birth, etc.)

I have information of John Grant b. on the Isle of Jersey 1753 who emigrated to Marblehead, MA and died in NH. If anyone wants this info, write me (SASE).

Members can help each other. I encourage our members to copy their information and send it to me. It doesn't have to be complete by any means; send what you have. If you need pedigree or family group forms, just send a SASE and I will send you copy of each which you can in turn copy for your research. Keep your correspondence coming and be sure to let me know when some information has been of help.

Publications

Many thanks to all who have sent in early payment for renewal subscriptions to either the "Highlander", or the "Scottish American". Earlier this year, the Scottish American merged with the Scottish Banner, and that newspaper was substituted and mailed to subscribers. If this presents any difficulty or duplication to Clan Members, please advise me or contact the publishers directly.

Our Clan subscription year for both papers, runs from October 1, through September 30, each year. We hope to be able to maintain our prices of \$10.00, "Highlander", and \$15.00, "Scottish Banner". Any suggestions or input from Clan members will be appreciated.
Anne Grant-Knapp

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Williamsville, NY 14221



A bevy of beautiful people. L-R Joe Grant, Chris Grant, George Grant, Maureen Grant, Beryl Grant, Hal Grant
Ready for the Ball

By George !!!

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

This is definitely an important time for our Society. Patrick's death and James' succession emphasize the continuity of the Grant Clan. Patrick's leadership and guidance were a known, familiar commodity. James will now put his imprint on the overall organization. I hope he will work to strengthen co-operation between the branches of the Clan. We wish him only the best.

Lucille and I have discussed offering my resignation to James so that he could appoint a convenor. We decided that it would be best to hold everything steady in place until James has an opportunity to get better acquainted with people and a better feel for what's going on. At least another year. That will give everyone time to think things through.

I have been accepted into membership in the St. Andrews Society of Washington, DC. In early May, Lucille and I drove up to DC. for induction. We stayed with Mildred and Gordon Grant, my sponsor. The hospitality was warm and friendly. On the way back we stopped to visit with Betty and Kyle Bowie, in their "new" home in Halifax, Va.

In April both couples came to Hixson to see us! Kyle and Betty were on a Church convention in Athens, TN, just 35 miles from here. Gordon and Mildred were on their way to New Orleans for a third honeymoon, vacation. Wish more of you would come by. The latch string is always out, if we're home. Better call.

Gordon tells me that progress is being made on our tax exempt status. When it is in place, we will be able to set up an endowment, to assure the continuation of our Society.

Shirley and our commissioners have been able to return some of our members to the fold. We can't afford to lose any of you. You all have a contribution to make.

Lucille and I are planning to attend the Williamsburg, VA games this year. Howard Parsons has organized an active group of Grants for the games. My ancestor, William Grant, bought a farm across the James river from Williamsburg, in 1707, and I've never been there! We're looking forward to the experience. See you there.

CLAN GRANT NEWS

James C. Grant, in Grangeville, Idaho, is wondering why he retired! He's still vicar of the Episcopal church and recently added the duties of editing the local weekly newspaper in town! We are wondering why, too, but if he really doesn't have enough to do we can probably find something.

Everett Grant, writing from the cold in Maine, is heading to Zephyrhills, FL to visit with his sister, even though, he sez, "Winter wasn't bad this year!" He hopes to visit battlefields along the way. His great-grandfather, Martin N. Grant, and his three brothers were all in the Civil War and all survived! He has undergone surgery for glaucoma recently.

Welcome back, **Rod and Mary Grant!** (And their daughters, **Catherine, Judith and Megan** (twins). Rod is now a Commander in the U.S. Navy. Our belated congratulations. The family is back in the Maryland area now and looking forward to the Alexandria games!

Robert H. Grant reached 80 years on March 3 and is now a Life member. He joined the Society in 1979 and has been a good correspondent ever since. His son, Peter, is in Florida and is an active member, too! They are descended from James Grant ant who came to the U.S. in 1650 as an indentured servant. He worked in the Saugus, Massachusetts Iron Works, probably the first manufacturing plant in North America land among the earliest Grants on record in this country. (Cecily Carmichael, PA may be related) ***

Eunice Grant Keddy is also a Life member. She writes that she is proud "to be a Grant." Her father came from Dumfries. These senior are taking us by storm! (pun intended)

All-in-our family department: **Philip Matson Smith**, son of **Ed and Sarah Grant** and born in January, now weighs over 18 lbs. The grandparents are convinced, having been in Japan, that he will be the new Sumo wrestler, taking Konoshiki's title!

Dale and Corrine Garrison, along with their children **Grant and KateLyn**, are proud new home owners in Stanford, Kentucky. They have been busy fixing the drainage problem in their back yard (more like a lake in their basement!) Also making curtains and generally fixing things up. (Ah, sweet home ownership.)

Charles MacDonald and Shirley Grant Smith discovered several years ago that they indeed were "cousins." Now, **Cathy Tingle**; Redwood City, CA is working on her genealogy and has discovered that she, too, is a "cousin" to these two! As soon as the secretary has a moment to work on this, we will publish the results. So stay tuned!

WANTED: We have been informed that **William Grant**, our Gaelic scholar in Scotland, has returned

to the United States for the summer. We are anxiously awaiting to hear from him! If you have seen this dangerous character around (he'll subvert you into studying the auld language if he can) have him contact us immediately! (Attention, Alexandria Games! He may head your way since we failed to see him at the Fair Hill games.)

Valerie Howland (CA) is returning to Nova Scotia for the summer once again. (Like the swallows returning to Capistrano, she keeps returning!) She is gathering documentation of the Wiles family for her book.

Gene and Lillian Dwyer write that they had a number of physical problems but we are glad to hear from them again. Hope their health soon returns to "healthy!"

Doris Folejewski spent the past few months with a determined "flu" bug. Her cousin, **James Landre**, has been in poor health and is currently in a warmer climate. They both joined Clan Grant in 1984 and have carried on quite a correspondence with us. We wish them both good health.

The **Van Winkles (John and Patricia)** enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for their membership renewal. A neat idea and appreciated by the membership. A penny saved is a penny earned -- and all for Clan Grant!

It's fun hearing from members we have not heard from for awhile. **Minerva Crosby**, another life member, writes to us from Maine. She has been elected an honorary deacon (twice) by the vote of the trustees, deans and congregation at the church she attends. She has had her share of problems in the last few years a broken hip, pace maker, Parkinson disease, and a stroke - but her letters are cheerful and she continues doing all kinds of interesting things. Her family takes good care of her and her grandson, Doug, who lives with her sees that she takes her medicine. She is sending us some Grant genealogy soon. If anyone would care to drop her a line, she'd be glad to hear from you.

L. E. and Billie Hansberger writes that their family has an annual Clan Grant - **Connett Reunion** held the first weekend in August each year. They sometimes have 100 attending. We also signed her mother up for a life membership in Clan Grant. She is 96 years old and we understand never misses a reunion.

Myrl and Ted Thoren are attending a family reunion at the end of June in Matteson, Illinois! Myrl has been busy working on the family tree in time for the big event. The original ancestors arrived at Ellis Island, NY on July 4, 1888 (her mother, 4 years old at the time.) The McElroy picnic began in the southern area of Chicago in 1920! It has continued off and on over the years, but this years plans are for the largest one yet.

(Note: we are looking forward to learning more about this branch of the McElroys as we don't have much information on them. If anyone (McElroy, McIlroy, etc.) would care to write further information on their families or whatever, we would love to have it.)

Let's give credit where credit is due! Our Regional Commissioner for the Atlantic States, **Howard Parsons**, is putting out a fine newsletter for that area. **Col. Kyle Bowie** originally started a similar effort some years ago. We know that **Gene Grant in California**, and **Harold Grant in New York**, keeps the members in those areas informed of what's happening too. And **Ed Grant in Minnesota** should not be left out, either! There are others who also put forth a lot of time to keep you informed. Thanks to all for jobs well done!

And speaking (or to be exact, writing) of , remember to check the addresses of your nearest Commissioners) in this newsletter. This is the contact person to get more information on events going on in your area.

Grant and Anna Knapp from Fairport, NY announce their first born on May 27, 1992 at 8# 14 oz & 22" **Gavine Grant**. Our congratulations to them and Grandmother **Anne Grant-Knapp**.

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE
 Make checks payable to **CLAN GRANT**
 mail to:
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301 Masters Road
Hixson, TN 37343

Traditions of Scotland	A History of Clan
Gilbert Summers \$25.	Grant \$25.

12 oz Clan Grant Glasses etched w/crest & badge set of six \$30.

Clan Knit Shirts S,M,L,XL Teal Blue w/gold made in USA \$15.

Please add \$2. to each order and give street address for UPS shipment. The Clan only sells items that are Clan related.

We have a new publication for sale! Sponsored by Walkers Shortbread Ltd the "Traditions of Scotland" by Gilbert Summers

Highlights some of Scotland's traditions land explores the events and people that have helped shape its personality.

Part One: History from the earliest peoples to the present day, including the stories of Mary, Queen of Scots and Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Part Two: Tartan, clans, the Highland Games, speaking Scots, famous Scots, Scottish food and drink; traditions and images quintessentially Scottish.

Part Three: Folk customs and magic, myths legends and ghosts.

I am sure that you have noticed, **WALKERS** decorates their packages with the Grant Tartan. Their bakery is located in **ABELOUR-on-SPEY!**

Halifax, VA

Halifax is one of Virginia's oldest towns, and at one time was the hub of Southwestern Virginia. Col. Kyle and Betty Bowie have just moved there from Cody, Va. some 38 miles north. Their home was built in about 1830. It is situated between two churches. Each of the churches was built by the local Episcopal church, the first was sold soon after completion, 1826, and the second built, 1830.

The courthouse is complete with lawyers' offices, one on each side, one story brick buildings each with four offices. As on every courthouse lawn in the south, there is a Confederate soldier's statue, with a major difference. The county, trying to save money, bought the statue from a Yankee foundry at a very low price. When unveiled at the dedication ceremonies, it was a Union soldier.



GAVINE GRANT KNAPP

May 27, 1992
 8 lbs. 14 oz 22"
 Parents:
Grant and Anna Knapp
 Grandmother:
Anne Grant - Knapp

JAMAICAN ADVENTURE

Bob and Vivien Grant, Dunedin, Florida

share with us the ultimate geneological thrill.. They have penetrated the mists of time to find, stand on the ground, and go inside the house his great-grandfather was born, in Jamaica

In May of 1991 we had the most exciting trip of our life! We went to Jamaica and WE FOUND ABBEY GREEN!

First we must tell you the highlight of a brief but spectacular episode in English-Scottish history with which Bob's family was involved.

Charles Edward Louis Philip Casimir Stuart ---"Bonnie Prince Charlie" was born in 1720, the son of an English Prince and an 18 year d Polish Princess whose father was a famous Polish general.

Charles' ancestor on his father's side was James VI of Scotland who became James I of England. He acceded to the Scottish throne on July 24, 1567; he became also King of England on March 24, 1603 until his death on March 27, 1625. He was succeeded by Charles I, Charles II, and James II. James I and James II were Stuarts and they were Catholic. On December 11, 1688, James II "was declared to have abdicate" (although he continued to live in England until he died on September 6, 1701. On February 3, 1689, William and Mary, as joint sovereigns, acceded to the throne of England and Scotland. They were the first of the Hanoverian line, which was Protestant. They were succeeded by Anne, George I and George II, George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII George VI, and Elizabeth II.

George II was on the throne from 1683 to 1760. Thus he was king during "The 1745 Uprising," also known as "The Jacobite Rebellion." Jacobus was Latin for James. Bonnie Prince Charles was living in France but he was ambitious to put the Stuart line back on he throne of England and Scotland. He had a natural flair for military strategy and great personal charm. It is that his manner and conversation were "bewitching." In the spring of 1745, when he was only 23 years old, he laid his plans.

He rallied the Highland Clansmen to his cause, and they enjoyed several military victories the greatest of which was the capture of Edinburgh on September 17, 1745. They pressed southward, and November 15, 1745, Carlisle (in England) surrendered. On December 4, 1745 they reached Derby, only 130 miles from London. Bt alas, they began to run out of supplies, and on December 6th had to retreat.

To make a long story short, the British general Cumberland, advanced from Nairn of April 16.

1746, and defeated the Highlanders at the Battle of Culloden near Inverness. There followed five months of a British hunt for Charles, who had many narrow escapes and many persons risked their lives to hide him. He died in France in 1787. The Highlanders who fought with him were either executed, imprisoned, or exiled to Jamaica in 1746." Bob's cousin, Iris gave us a typewritten narrative which began; "Colin Alexander Grant was with his father exiled to Jamaica in 1746." The father had fought with Bonnie Price Charlie, Colin would therefore have

been around 10 years old, too young to fight. He grew up and married in Jamaica. We met Iris in England in 1984, and she gave us her account, which continues; "The offspring was a Colin grant who purchased a sugar plantation near Kingston. The name of the plantation was Abbey Green."

We don't know whether his full name was Colin Grant or whether he was Colin Alexander Grant. However, he did have a son named Colin Alexander Grant. For the sake of simplicity we will assume that this son was C.A. Grant the Second.

Colin Alexander Grant II, father of Emmanuel Grant was born about 1807 at Abbey Green in Jamaica and he had one sister."

Since he was born at Abbey Green, this means the plantation was purchase before 1807. Let us say "around 1800." Emmanuel Grant was Iris' grandfather and he was one of 9 boys of C. A Grant II. Another of the 9 boys was William Francis Grant, Bob's grandfather. that makes Iris and Bob second cousins. Iris' mother was Gertrude "Cissy" Grant Bendel; Iris' uncle was Cousin Charles England Grant, the first cousin of Robert Stanley Grant (Bob's father). Charles and Gertrude were brother and sister. Iris undoubtedly got her historical notes from her mother and grandfather. To continue with her narrative:

"When Colin Alexander Grant II was about 10, his father and mother and sister died of yellow fever The manager of the plantation became an overseer and, together with a Catholic priest, were made guardians of the boy. Then Colin was about 15, he was apprenticed to the Merchant Navy (British). He had such a very harassing time on this first voyage that, when the ship came in to Falmouth, he deserted. He made his way to Portsmouth and there was befriended by a sailor boy whom he met and was taken to his home. After a few months he joined the Royal Navy and, later, married the boy's sister. Anne Richards of Dublin. they had the following sons; Colin, Robert, Reuben, John, Charles, William, James, Frederick, and Emmanuel, and one daughter, who died at an early age and was interred in the churchyard at Minster in Sheppey, Kent."

Note: *Bob & Vivien have a brief account of each of the 9 bothers, what any did and how many children they had, if any. If you have an interest in one of these please contact Bob for the information.

So here we are in Jamaica, arriving Tuesday, May 7, 1991 to Montego Bay by plane from Tampa. We rented a car (a Toyota, without air-conditioning - damn!) and drove to our hotel, the Wyndham Rose, a beautiful elegant gorgeous place! Nest morning we drove to Rios and then across the island to Kingston and our hotel, the Wyndham Kingston, a typical big city hotel, comfortable but not elegant. Had a nice open-air dining room overlooking a large patio and swimming pool.

Now follows a series of amazing

coincidences, which led to our finding Abbey Green! First about a month before we left Dunedin, Vivien had met a woman from Jamaica, Veronica Harris. She was a widow, about 55, and had just arrived in Palm Harbor, (near Dunedin), to make her future home. She gave Vivien the name of Hetty, (Mrs. John) Griffiths, her dear friend in Kingston, whom she felt sure would be happy to help Vivien and Bob in their search for their ancestral plantation and various birth, death, marriage and deed records.

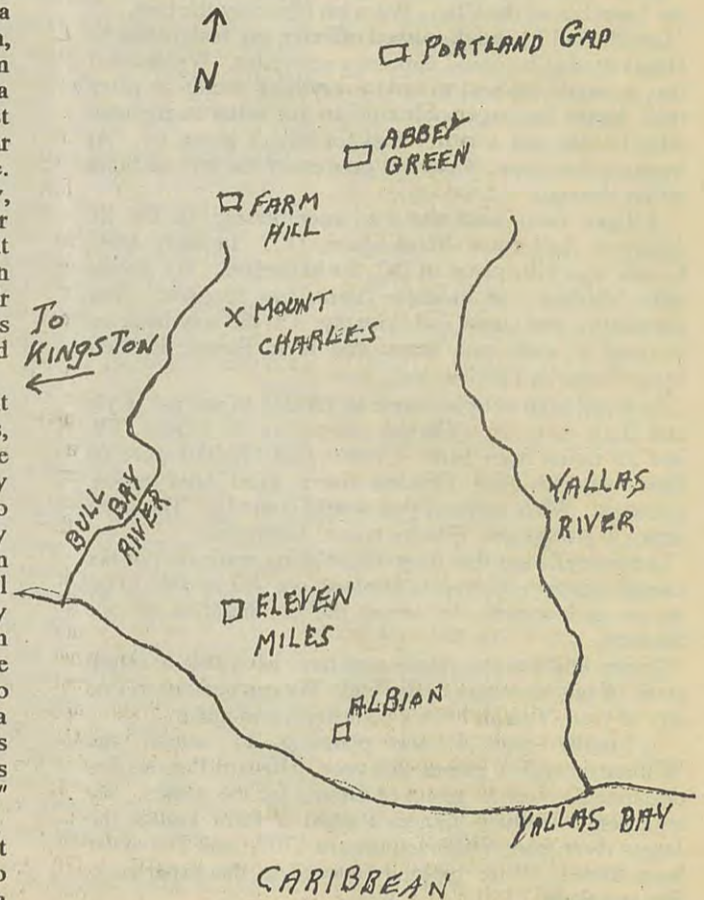
Hetty came downtown the next day, (like most well off Jamaicans, she and her husband lived in the suburbs), and discussed strategy with Bob and Vivien, who wanted to go to the Spanish Town, a small city about 20 miles west of Kingston where the "archives" or "vital statistics" are kept. But Hetty discouraged that. "The records are in a mess", She said. "I think we should talk to my neighbor, who works farther downtown, about a mile from here, and knows everything about everything. His name is Charlie Braham" (pronounced like Graham).

Bob was astounded. "You don't mean the same Charlie Braham who was FMC's representative in Jamaica for so many years? I used to see him often!" He was one and the same! We went to his office. He was a charming and delightful man, with a great sense of humor, who apparently knew everybody in Jamaica. He agreed with Hetty that the Jamaican vital statistics records were a mess. "They're trying to renovate and update the agencies in Spanish Town, and put a lot of records on computer, and I don't know when they'll ever get straightened out. I've been trying to get a birth certificate for a friend for three years, to no avail".

We had a long discussion and Charles recalled that he had read in the newspaper of a recent discovery of many hand drawn sketches or surveys of old estates and plantations around Kingston. "You might inquire at the library", he said, and at the Institute of Jamaica, they're both within a block of here".

We went first to the Institute and we did find a piece of information-that ABBEY GREEN in 1919 was 770 acres and had a valuation of \$1600. J.H.Watt was the owner at that time and was engaged in "coffee cultivation". It appeared that ABBEY GREEN was a coffee plantation, not a sugar plantation. And it was located in the parish of St. Thomas. Good! This narrowed our search considerably! A parish is like a county. Kingston is in the southeastern portion of Jamaica, and St. Thomas is in the southernmost part of the land east of Kingston. The Blue Mountain range forms the northern border of the western part of St. Thomas.

Next we went to the reference section of the Library. They said, "yes", they did have the map surveys! But they were not indexed as yet. (The manana complex). But the Librarian gave us the records



This is not a pirate treasure map. It is the south eastern corner of Jamaica. See ABBEY GREEN top center.

Battle

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 know 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 sympathiser, Alexander of Sheuglie; 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 neighbors. 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.

-For the past 35 years, I, George H. Grant, have been the world champion long sentence writer. Bob and Vivien's story was copied exactly as submitted. The title is now officially transferred to Vivien Grant. Nothing derogatory is intended or implied, this is a great honor!!

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JAMAICAN ADVENTURE

from which the index cards would be made.

These records consisted of about 150 pieces of paper, 5" x 8", with handwriting on them. Hetty, Bob and Vivien divided up the papers, and began painstakingly to go through them. After about a half an hour Hetty let out a squeal-"ABBEY GREEN"! Her piece of paper listed eight estates, including "ABBEY GREEN", and said "This diagram, ie; map or survey, represents the western half of St. Thomas between Bull Bay River on the west and Belvedere in the east, and between Portland in the north and Cow Bay, Yallahs Bay, and the Great Salt Ponds in the South". At the top of the letter was written: "St. T 1332 Yallah Bay", Probably a reference number. We went to the librarian and said, "We would like to see this diagram", and we showed her the piece of paper.

Frankly, the way they do things in Jamaica, we didn't think she'd find it. To our surprise she came back with a large piece of white paper, folded. When unfolded, it was about 24" X 24", and was like a very simple map, with not much on it, to wit:

The sketch might have been made any time between 1807 and 1991. We got out our modern "Shell Road Map of Jamaica", which Charlie Braham had given us, and to our great pleasure we found Yallahs Point, the Yallahs River, the salt ponds, and the towns of Yallahs, Albion, Eleven Mile, (not miles), and Bull Bay.

We then ordered a Xerox copy of the sketch. The copy machine was broken, naturally, but the librarian said she could have the copy for us in about a week. Hetty said she would mail it to us.

Much elated, we went back to our hotel and called Charlie with the good news. "But, we said, we still don't know how to get to ABBEY GREEN".

Charlie suggested we call his friend, Don Lindo, who made a hobby of historical research. Bob talked with him and he suggested we call his friend, John Algrove. Bob did so. Incredibly, Algrove owns a coffee estate next door to, that is, on the next mountain to, ABBEY GREEN, and it had once been a part of ABBEY GREEN! All that country is very mountainous and these two estates are just below the high ridge of the Blue Mountains, of which the highest part is "Middle Peak", 7402 feet.

Bob continues: "John Algrove said he would like to have us meet his man, Polly, at the Mavis Bank Police Station at 9:30 AM, Friday morning, May 10, 1991, and Polly would drive us to ABBEY GREEN. When we get to this small town of Mavis Bank, we should look first for the Police Station then for Polly's pick up truck, a green Land Rover. John is going to call Polly on a CB radio, (there are no telephones out there), and if cannot arrange it, he will call us back. We should plan to take a box lunch with us. Polly will charge us \$140.00 Jamaican money, (\$17.50 U.S.), each way.

John Algrove also said we should

call Mary (Mrs C.L. Langford), who is a former owner of ABBEY GREEN and who now resides on Stanmore Terrace in Red Hill, Jamaica, a suburb of Kingston. Algrove said she had done some research on the former owners of ABBEY GREEN. After calling her, I determined that she and her husband had bought the property from the estate of a Robert Stott, who was a receiver for the Gillespie Brothers, who were coffee dealers and who had apparently foreclosed on the property at one time in the early 1900's.

The Langfords made arrangements to buy the property from the Stott estate, through Barclay's Bank, now known as the National Commercial Bank of Jamaica. They bought it in 1960 and owned it about 30 years, and sold it to a Mr. Thwaites, who still owns it and who visits it periodically. He has some caretakers living there. He rents it for weekends or short periods to people who want to spend the night and get up at 3:00 AM and hike to the top of Middle Peak to see the sunrise. Thwaites is British and is an attorney in Kingston. When the Langfords bought ABBEY GREEN in 1960, it was in a sad state of disrepair, and it took a lot of time and money; but after that they lived there for 30 years, and were very comfortable. Thwaites bought from Langford about 5 years ago. Mrs. Langford gave me the name of Research, Inc. 927-7642 and 922-0108 and -0109 which might help with further research.

Driving from Kingston to Mavis Bank in our little Toyota we passed through awesome mountain scenery and magnificent tropical foliage. The road was narrow, twisting and turning, paved in some places, dirt or clay in others... definitely a 4th class road by U. S. standards! It took us about an hour and twenty minutes to go 20 miles.

Mavis Bank was small, and the police station about as big as your living room, with bars on the windows and a black female in charge. Outside, the locals hanging around looked like felons themselves. Somewhat nervously, we locked our little car up tight, parking it right next to the station, but we couldn't be sure it would be there when we got back.

Polly was right on time, in his British pick-up truck, a "Land Rover", faded green 15 years old. He was an amiable and capable black Jamaican. His old chariot wheezed and groaned as he turned the ignition key, sounding like a dead rattle. The roads were steeper, narrower, and more eroded, and many times I thought each gasp of the old truck would be its last. I was sitting in front, (in the cab), with Polly, breathing the diesel fumes. Bob and Hetty were in the open air, in back, sitting on the floor of the truck. Hetty had a cushion, Bob didn't, for the last part of the trip, he stood up, holding onto the rail.

Leaving Mavis Bank, we approached a fork in the road, the right fork looked fairly good, the left fork appeared to go straight up in the

air and was very narrow. "My God", I moaned to myself, "I hope we don't take that fork"! Yep that's the one we took, the one we always took. I don't know how the truck had lasted 15 years, as Polly made several round trips each week from Algrove's cottage to Mavis Bank, carrying packages, beer, groceries, and passengers like a jitney bus. Passengers hopped on and off at each little hamlet, (there were only 4), and at each one, Polly gave the truck a drink of water. It heated up frequently.

We reached Algrove's plantation cottage about 11:30 AM, rested a bit, and pressed onward. Our excitement was intense. Would we really see ABBEY GREEN, after 200 years? Or was it a piece of fiction in Grandpa Grant's memory?

Suddenly, Polly pointed across a valley and said, "See that little house? That's it. That's ABBEY GREEN."

ABBEY GREEN is about halfway between Hagley Gap and Middle Peak. It is about 6000 feet up. The coffee plants are growing all down the mountain slopes.

We arrived at what looked like a parking lot, but was really a large concrete area used for drying coffee beans. We can't tell you what a tremendous thrill it was to see foot on the plantation that Bob's great-great-grandfather purchased almost 200 years ago, and to go inside the very house where his great-grandfather was born in 1807, and from which he departed in 1822 at the age of 15, never to return.

Bob said, "I can understand why a 15 year old boy would not want to stay in this remote, isolated place, alone, when his family were all dead and buried. No wonder he was willing- probably eager- to ship out with the British Merchant Marine. He must have liked England and the Royal Navy. He must have liked Anne Richards, his Irish wife- they had 10 children"! "Obviously, he had no desire to return to Jamaica". "I suppose the priest and the plantation overseer, somehow acquired title to the place, and eventually sold it". "Mrs. Langford had traced the ownership back to about 1900". "I am going to write to Research, Inc. and try to get the ownership's back to the purchase date". "This Jamaican trip has been a tremendous satisfaction to me".

If anyone has an interest in their Jamaican connection, we would be glad to share the information we have with them. Write us at:

Bob & Vivien Grant
523 Edgewater Drive
Dunedin, FL 34698
telephone #
1-813-733-2572

James I. Davis is looking for information on his Great Grandfather, George R. Grant. George as a Mormon, traveled to Utah with Brigham Young. If you have any information please write to: James I. Davis- 1901 Dayton Road #123 Chico, CA 95928.

ALAS, THE GRANTS DON'T GET THEIR DUE

Book Review by Dr. Philip Smith

One of the several new Scottish books currently on the market is Michiel MacDonald's "The Clans of Scotland", (London: Brain-Todd, 1991). In this impressive book, members of Clan Grant may be disappointed in the brief treatment given to the Grants, a Clan that was...

Strong... it had its' own private army, uniformed and equipped at regimental strength as early as 1704;

Wealthy... hundreds of thousands of acres of the best land in the Highlands;

Loyal... Stood by the throne in every rebellion;

Brave... the rolls are filled with stories of personal bravery and military leadership -- Sir Hope Grant, Field Marshall of the British Army; Ulysses S. Grant, The first General of the Army after George Washington, and also President of the United States.

A Leader in politics... with continuous representation in Parliament since 1400's, with a U.S. President, and a host of top level statesmen;

A Leader in the arts... with not one but two biographies of painters in the Encyclopedia Britannica;

A Leader in scholarship and education... George Munroe Grant was important in Canadian Federation and higher education; Michael Grant is one of the top historians of the Twentieth Century;

Religion... Patrick Grant was an outstanding preacher and the best known author of Gaelic hymns.

Every author must choose which of the many clans and families to emphasize or minimize. MacDonald chose to minimize the Grants.

The Grants are correctly shown as a clan in the place of origin on the south side of Loch Ness in the map of the 13th Century, (p.12), and on Speyside in the 16th Century, (p.16).

The Grants seemed to have disappeared entirely from Strathspey and the entire Spey Valley is labeled, "Clan Chattan", (with no Grants are all), on the 1746 map, (p.17), far, far from the truth. This may be a matter of poor proofing the work of an artist, just as the illustrations of some of the tartans are mislabeled. It is, however, still a lamentable inaccuracy.

The Grants fare sparingly in the text, too, less than 200 hundred words--- about the same attention as is given to such minor families as Cathcart, Charteris, and Durie, and less attention than was given to the Strymgeours, (Skirmishers), Locharts, and Wedderburns. The Grants get only half the attention of the Bissets. The other major Clans-- MacAlister, Kerr, MacKay, MacMillan, MacPherson among them-- may also note a bias to the smaller, lesser known clans and families. A non-informed reader would assume that the Grants were a rather insignificant lot, certainly only half as important as the MacSporrans.

Although this nicely illustrated book has many good pictures and some interesting tidbits, ("Titbits" in the UK), Grants will be disappointed. The few tartans illustrated are, "odd and rare", and contain two Grant Setts, "Grant of Monymusk"--- Although Sir Archibald wears the standard "Grant"--- and the old "Grant Hunting", similar to the accepted "Hunting Grant", (Black Watch), with red and yellow overstripes. This tartan is sometimes referred to as the "Sheriff Grant", since it was worn by Grant of Rothiemurcus, Sheriff of Invernesshire in the period between the World Wars.

If you are wealthy enough to collect all books on Scotland, then you'll want this one. If you choose to buy one that presents a balanced picture of the Highland Clans, wait a while..

Articles Requested!!

Share your experiences with your extended family. We all have unique family happenings, births, graduations, marriages, vacation trips, family genealogy, personal and/or family achievement. Make "Craigellachie" your newsletter. Send pictures, if possible. They will be returned if requested.

Your comments are solicited concerning subject matter published. We certainly wanted to print items of interest to members.

Clan Grant Society U.K.

The U.K. Branch of our Society is very alive and well.. Officers in the U.K. are called the committee, as follows:

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Above addresses included in the event you might wish to communicate with the Society or, have an article for the newsletter. I assure you they will be pleased to hear from you.

News from the U.K.

Andy Grant

On behalf of the Society, a splendid Quaich, in honor of the late David Grant-Blythe and bearing his name, was presented to the Nethybridge Games Committee. This is to be used to encourage the musical talents of youngsters, to commemorate a much lamented of the Society by his love of music.

The Quaich bears the name: David Grant-Blythe Trophy. The Games Committee decided to award the trophy to the best under 18 Open Piper, each year.

Clan Grant Center

Planning our Clan Center (re), at Duthil, is a major topic. We want all members suggestions as to make-up and content.

The Clan Center belongs to all of us and all suggestions will be taken seriously and given due consideration.

Write to the Hon. Secretary, address above.

Do you want a Grant car emblem?

Frederick Dent Sharpe III, Yarmouth, ME., has for many years, an automobile Clan Grant Badge emblem. It came from Scotland years ago, and he has proudly, attached it to his car. After many years, the emblem came apart. Frederick wants another emblem!

He is proud of his Grant Heritage, as we all are. Fred is descended from U.S. Grant.

If the Society can get orders for 25 car emblems, we will have it made. I would estimate the cost to be about \$20.00.

Please send your orders to:
 Mr. Frederick D. Sharpe III
 3 Fairwind Lane
 Yarmouth, ME 04096

Fred will take charge of the design and construction of the emblem, as a service to the Society. After the initial order it will be available to all the members.

Thanks a lot Fred.

Planning a Trip to Scotland?

Clan Grant Gathering

If you are going to go to Scotland this year, do plan on being in Grant Country the second weekend in August. The Clan Grant Gathering is held every year in conjunction with the Nethybridge Games. Clan Grant will have a tent, manned by the UK Society Branch. There you will meet your Scottish Clansmen, still holding down the fort in Speyside. Our Chief will surely be there, as will the members of the UK Branch.

Bring your kilt. Take part in the opening parade, with your Chief, and other Grants from around the world. Visit the places you have read about in "Craigellachie", and publications about Scotland and the Grants. See Duthil Kirk, your property! You will feel completely at home. On Thursday of the week visit Grantown Fair. This agricultural event has been held for over a hundred years.

Stay in Grantown, Duthil, Carrbridge, Nethybridge, Aberlour-on-Spey, Craigellachie, anywhere in Speyside. It will be the experience of your life!! Take a walking tour of Grantown-on-Spey. Visit Castle Grant. Go see the ancient Standing Stones on the banks of the Spey where the Clan Gathered, when the Chief ordered the fire built on Craigellachie.

If you need any information, contact
 George H. Grant.

Grantown Heritage Society

This very worthwhile organization exists in Speyside and is of interest to our Clan Society. The Society is collecting memorabilia of historic interest to Speyside. Naturally most of the data is about the Grants and their allied families. Their biggest need is a building large enough to house the exhibits and artifacts collected. Dues are 15 pounds sterling annually. Please send yours to: Mr. Gaven Cullen--Bank of Scotland-1 The Square--Grantown-on-Spey-Scotland, UK.

OLD MANSE HOTEL DUTHIL

The white building next door to DUTHIL KIRK is the Old Manse Hotel. A 150 year old Manse once used by the Ministers of the Duthil Kirk. It is now a private Hotel managed by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Holland. The address is: The Old Manse Hotel Duthil, Carrbridge Inverness-shire PH23 3ND Scotland, UK Phone 047-984-278

The hotel has 11 rooms in total. Rooms 1 & 2 and 10 & 11 have breath taking views down Strathspey, which would also be spectacular in winter. Room 5 looks straight into the graveyard at Duthil. The Manse has a residential licence for drinks, and carries a Scottish Tourist Board two Crown recommendation. The Hollands are very friendly, and offer an invitation to all Grants to come and stay with them. Terms are:

Weekly:
 Dinner, Bed & Breakfast-----145.00
 en suite-----160.00
 Daily:
 Dinner, Bed & Breakfast-----22.00
 en suite-----25.00
 Bed & Breakfast-----15.00
 en suite-----17.00
 reported by Andy Grant, Scotland

ANOTHER GREAT GRANT

Thanks to Tony R. Grant, fellow member, from Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, we are able to meet Reverend U.S. Grant of Lenexa, Kansas. They are cousins, and have met for the first time in their lives. Here is Rev. U.S. Grant.

He has been in the preaching ministry for over 58 years. He is an ordained Assemblies of God Minister, and most of those 58 years have been in the pastorate, the last two churches taking 36 of those years.

He pastored the First Assembly of God in Kansas City, Kansas for 31 years after serving in Bartlesville, Oklahoma for five years. Rev. Grant has been an "involved" person, both in the church and the world wide community. He has pioneered eight churches in Texas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, And Kansas.

He has served his national church, located in Springfield, Missouri, as a General Presbyter, the Foreign Missions Board, and as Assistant District Superintendent in Kansas.

He was co-founder of the Evangelical Minister Fellowship of greater Kansas City; of Lakeview Village, an evangelical Retirement Complex that presently accomodates almost 500 residents in Lenexa, Kansas. He was president of these organizations and carries life time honorary positions on the Kansas Presbytery and Lakeview Village.

He was instrumental in the founding of Highlands Child Placement Services--an adoption agency of the Assemblies of God, and serves on its executive board. 550 children have been placed in Christian adoptive homes in the past 25 years.

In 1979 Rev Grant was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn.

HAWAII NEWS

Robert B. Grant, Commissioner

I am, for the record, confirming my intention to host a Clan Grant table (within a large, generic tent, as always here in Hawaii) at the 1993 Hawaiian Highland Games, whenever they occur. No firm date yet, but I heard that the British Museum has already been approached to obtain a firm date. For those games, and the Clan Grant representation, I will get some sort of written "pitch" out to each of the Hawaii Grant to attend and see what it is all about. I'm banking on the '93 games effort to be the best yet here. Maybe we've finally "arrived." (And all this without getting myself snagged into being a direct Games worker!)

Hawaii member, John R. ("John") Murchison, 94-355 Puaahi Place, Mililani, Hawaii 96789, Phone (Residence) 808-623-6113, has authorized me to pass on the following to Clan Grant Society members:

His Grant relationship is a great-grandmother Catherine "Cassie" Grant, who lived her life on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

John is an expert amateur genealogist, having researched extensively, within the United States, Scotland, Canada, and other countries, the Murchison lineage, as well as other of his family surnames. On Prince Edward Island, these other surnames have included Grant and Compton.

John has offered to share with any Clan Grant members who wish to contact him (address, phone number as above) his data on approximately fifty (50) Grant individuals who resided on Prince Edward Island from first arrival in 1803, through two or so generations into the mid-1800's.

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He has travelled extensively in 25 countries, ministered in Assembly of God family camps in over 30 districts, and since 1977 has ministered in churches, colleges, seminars and missionary retreats, speaking about 200 times a year.

He is founder and President of Christian Learning, a non-profit organization designed to assist with scholarships in Christian Schools, Missions at home and abroad, and in helping small churches.

He is Co-Director and President of Timothy Ministries, Inc., a for profit organization, (in its infancy), for the promotion of biblical software, tapes, books and other products for the enhancement of christian growth.

Reverend Grant is a credit to his family, his church, and his generation. We should all be proud of our fellow clansman, Reverend U.S. Grant



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10th Kentucky Games

by Charles Grant Morris
& Grandfather Charles
Grant MacDonald

General Butler State Park is the scenic setting for the Scottish weekend, at Carrollton, Ky.

The Kentucky derives from the first souvenir shirt put out in the early days which reflected on the Appalachian spelling in our state.

The Friday golf scramble had to be called off because of rain—it was more than a Scottish dew. It continued raining until Saturday morning about 10, when it did clear up into a nice warm day. But with previous experience and hope there were enough tents on the scene to ease the problems.

This time we had 16 bands show up, with one coming from faraway St. Johns in Newfoundland, plus those from Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh. A new feature was a Columbus Fife and Drum Corps organized by Charlie Marlatt, dressed in Colonial uniforms.

We surely missed having George and Lucille Grant again with us, but they had family commitments. But we did have Dunedin Scottish, Bill and Doris Mathews here and Charles and Lydia West from Vandalia, and always Marilyn DeSpain of Louisville. Have a new member family from Louisville with the details sent on to Shirley Grant Smith.

It was a most pleasant occasion to greet old friends and make new acquaintances, all with a Scottish flavor.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORUM

BY Jim Suttie
NorCal Commissioner

Well, here we go again. Middle of June and we have already been to four Gatherings. The first three weekends in May found us set-up at the Sacramento Valley Games, the Marin County Gathering, and the Yuba-Sutter Games at Marysville. June 6th we were at the Modesto Gathering and Games.

Last year the weather at the first three was awful — windy, drizzly, rainy, cold. Then on to Modesto, where the temperature was in the mid 90's. This year the weather has been almost the opposite. The temperature was in the high 80's to the low 90's at the first three Games, and then, a very comfortable 82 at Modesto.

Gene Grant set-up for the Clan at Marin and Modesto; and, my wife Carol and I set-up at the Sacramento and Yuba-Sutter Games. Helping out at the various Games were Gene's wife Jule; John and Patty Van Winkle; and Larry DeMars. Thanks to all.

Again, this year at the Modest Games, it was our pleasure to see Evelyn Grant Simmons who was accompanied by representatives of four generations of her descendants (see picture). Evelyn, who is 95, has/had 6 children, 14 grand children, 28 great grand children, and 7 great great grand children. May we all live so well.

McHenry Highland Festival

by Allan F. Grant

For the second year Clan Grant was represented in Western Maryland, at the McHenry Highland Festival. We had made suggestions on how the clan tents should be organized and of course for sounding off, we were invited to show up a day early and lay out the field. We did and received some good reviews on the layout and of course were invited to do it all again next year. Eventually, we will learn to keep our mouth shut. They are good people up there and fun to work with.

On Saturday, 6 June, we started off with real Highland weather; rainy, misty and damp. But it didn't seem to dampen the spirit of the participating Clans or other visitors. The tents were erected in the rain and in the puddles, but everything went well and the games started on time. As the day progressed, the weather improved, and in the afternoon we had lots of sunshine, everything dried out, (except the puddles in the tents), and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Our tent had a good many visitors this year. One of the advantages of helping set up the field is you get to pick a good spot for your tent. Another big attraction was Phil Smith's book, "Tartan for Me". It seems everybody wants to see if their name is in the book so they can claim a tartan, and a Scottish heritage. Thank you Phil.

This year the Atlantic Region Commissioner, Howard Parsons and his wife Judy, traveled to Western Maryland to be with us. Their presence made the games that much more enjoyable.

Also we were happy to welcome, Mrs Vivian Ross, my sister, from Toronto, Canada and clan members, Mrs. Betsy Riggs and her beautiful daughter Susan, who live just outside the District of Columbia. From the local area we enjoyed the visits of the Grant brothers from Oakland, Maryland; Bruce L. Grant and wife, a physician and one of the sponsors of the games; John A. Grant, a minister and a fine piper who plays with the Garrett Community College Pipe Band, and William Grant and wife Florence. Bill cannot be categorized under just one profession. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was a carrier pilot for 25 years. Retiring from the Navy as a Commander. He participated in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. After that he decided to practice Law and did that for the next twenty years, ending up as a counsel to the Court of Appeals. Currently, he lives with his family in Glasgow, where he is working on his doctorate in Celtic studies. He has been there for 7 years but returns frequently to the Maryland area. He wasn't sure what he would turn to for the next twenty years, but was sure that something interesting would turn up.

In the evening, we had a lovely Ceilidh with some excellent entertainment highlighted by Bonnie Rideout and Carl Peterson. It was held out on the Patio of the Will O'the Wisp hotel overlooking Deep Creek Lake. It was a fine finish for a grand day.

So all in all it was a very successful event. As I said earlier, the people who run the games and the people of Western Maryland, are a great bunch. So if you would like to spend a day in a beautiful mountain setting among friendly people, come to the McHenry Highland Festival next year. We intend to be there, the good Lord willing.



LR Front Gr Gr Granddaughter Mellisa Hesse, Gr Grdtr Kimberly Clark, Gr Grsn Robert Clark -Mid row- Dtr, Louise Barrow, Dtr-in-law Rita Simmons, Evelyn Grant Simmons, Son Grant Simmons Back row- Dtr Betty Stowe, Son-in-law Herb Clark, Grdson Brent Simmons, Dtr Kathy Clark, Dtr-in-law Anne Simmons (Bretns Mother)



McHenry Highland Festival
LR; Judy and Howard Parsons, Susan Riggs, Allan and Eike Grant, Ann and Henry Dagenais Betsy Riggs

James Arthur Grant

100 YEARS YOUNG

by Charles Grant MacDonald

Here is our nomination for the oldest Grant on this continent. October 21st, 1991, James Arthur Grant, celebrated his 100th birthday attended by his family and admirers, with best wishes for continued good health.

There were congratulations sent in by the Canadian and Provincial Prime Ministers as well as from the Governor-General, all prearranged by his daughter, Mrs. Owen (Rita) Baker of Head of Jeddore, Nova Scotia. It was explained to the party that the lack of a birth certificate prevented a similar citation from the Queen's Office. Such an omission can be readily understood as will be noted shortly.

The actual family gathering took place at Mrs. Baker's residence fronting the Bay some 30 miles above Halifax, on the 21st, but for the convenience of friends coming from some distance, the formal ceremonies were held the following Sunday. The family members had come from B.C. and Edmondton, Alberta, also Niagara Falls, Ontario. On Sunday numerous friends and relatives came in from his native area of New Glasgow and Pictou, as well as former neighbors from Bedford. Two of his great-grand daughters handled the guest registration and pouring of the tea, while the daughters generation took care of the heartier fare.

Mr. Grant is really in outstanding health for his age; this may be attributed to heredity in part, but more to his lifelong physical exercising and his Army background in maintaining fitness. Though he does use a cane, its help is mostly going up and down stairs and getting out of a lounge chair. Though his parents only lived into their 60's, three sisters lived to ages of 85, 89, and 96. His grandfather lived to 90 and two prior ancestors lived equally long. Mr. Grant does his exercises twice daily and takes walks in almost all weather conditions.

Arthur Grant was the youngest son of the family of 9 children born to Daniel and Eleanor Grant of Division Road at the edge of Pictou, Nova Scotia. They had a 45 acre farm with his Uncle's family next door on the other half of the original plot. Arthur carried on the dairy farm with customers served in the town, until the depression and other problems, forced him to other things. With his first wife, Kathleen McLean, he had three children, although the first son died of pneumonia at 21/2 years, and worse yet his wife died at 28. Since his family had mostly moved away, it was the McLean's who were able to raise the children, so Arthur could work on farms.

He joined the Canadian Army and was in England for some time, but later served in the Coastal Defense activities in the Halifax area. Arthur subtracted some years from his age to enter and stay on in the services, and thus his true age was not revealed until much later. This explains the lack of a birth certificate, although the St. Andrews Kirk records in Pictou do show his baptismal dates, as seen by the writer.

In September 1944, he married Edith Mae Weston and raised a second family of one son, Gary Morrison, two daughters, Kathleen Edith, and Veryl Heather Stockdale, who were there for the occasion. Of his first family, his daughter Rita Baker survives while son Donald died in June 1990, out in British Columbia; Arthur attended the funeral. He now lives with son Gary at Niagara Falls.

This information has been supplied by his nephew, Charles Grant MacDonald, who was able to participate in the honors.

A final item, is that Arthur worked for many years as a commissionaire at the Halifax Depot until he was injured at a crosswalk twice 1980 & 1981. His grit and determination carried him through. He is an Elder in the Church of Latter Day Saints.



L-R Gary Grant, James Arthur Grant, Rita Baker, Charles G. MacDonald

Clan Grant Financial Health

Thanks to all of you for sending your dues promptly. Since we began the Society, our annual dues have been \$15.00. Through careful management, and individual subsidy, we have been able to provide adequate support to clan activities. We have, when additional money is needed, run fund raising drives. Duthil was very successful. Now we have reached the time that we need to assure the Society's continuation, and provide money to enlarge our activities. Such as scholarships, for meaningful educational purposes, for our members children. To help support a Heritage Center at Duthil. There will be many more worthwhile efforts for us to consider in the future.

With our Tax exempt status imminent, it is necessary to implement plans to accumulate money for an endowment. The best way to do that is to increase our dues to \$20.00. \$15.00 will be considered annual dues, while \$5.00 will be a contribution to the endowment. Any money, in excess of \$1000.00, in the treasury, as of March 15, each year will also be contributed to the endowment.

This endowment will be managed by a committee, none of whom will be officers of the Clan Grant, except for the Convenor, who will be an ex-officio member.

The Society's income is derived from dues, and sale of items unique to Clan Grant. A modest profit is made on sales of shirts, books, etc. Until now all sales profits went to support clan activities and Duthil. With the above change, we will be on a sound fiscal footing.

It is important to restate. "No Officers or members of Clan Grant Society receive any income or are reimbursed for any personal expenses incurred while participating in Clan Grant Activities".

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