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Friends of GRANT Cottage

Keep Our Past Alive

On Mount McGregor, a few miles north of Saratoga Springs, an important piece of American History has survived the march of time. The story of a courageous man and the site of his last battle have been preserved for generations of Americans and visitors from around the world, but now its future is threatened.

In June of 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States and a hero of the Civil War, left his home in New York City for a cottage in Saratoga County. For six weeks the man who commanded the Union Armies during the Civil War fought his last battle on Mount McGregor. This time rather than bullets and swords, Grant faced throat cancer. Fighting pain, weakness and time, Grant raced to complete his memoirs on the Civil War, knowing that they could provide financial security for his impoverished family. On July 23, 1885 Grant, with his family surrounding him, died in the parlor of this secluded cottage only a few days after finishing his memoirs.

At the time of Grant's death, friends, family and admirers realized the importance of this historical site where Grant spent his last days. The furnishings, decorations, and personal effects all remain where they stood in 1885, testimony to the efforts of these individuals. Grant Cottage opened to the public for the first time in 1890 and since that time has been visited by thousands of people.

For many years the new York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation operated Grant Cottage, but severe cuts to this agency have limited the agency's activities to preserving the Cottage and the artifacts housed inside.

The Friends of The Ulysses S. Grant Cottage have stepped in to help the State of New York by providing both volunteer and paid staff to open the Cottage to visitors and conduct special events. The Friends need you help to continue this partnership. Each year they must raise over \$25,000. to operate the Cottage and any efforts to expand programming will cost more.

The Friends believe that it is important that you have a chance to visit this historic site and learn the story of a man who was not only a hero in time of war, but also in a battle to provide for his family.

If you agree, please consider becoming a Friend of Grant Cottage. Your membership or gift is needed to keep the Cottage open today, and may someday help to expand the Cottage's season and allow us to offer additional educational programs at both the Cottage and in the schools.

As a Friend of Grant Cottage you will receive free admission to the Cottage and *The Grant Cottage Chronicles*. This newsletter will keep you up to date on the Cottage and let you know about upcoming special events. In the past these events have included living history reenactments of Grant's time at the Cottage, music from the time period, and presentations by Grant Scholars.

Please become a Friend of Grant Cottage by filling out the form on page 5 and mailing it with your check today. Clan Grant will send a donation of \$200.

WE'RE NOT WILLING TO LET OUR HERITAGE DISAPPEAR



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

CLAN GRANT FOUNDER

JOHN G. GRANT

John G. Grant, Los Angeles, CA. who with George H. Grant, founded the United States Clan Grant Society, passed away on December 5, 1991.

John was a prominent California attorney. He was President of the Saint Andrews Society of Los Angeles. Through John's efforts they achieved tax exempt status.

He and his wife Barbara hosted Lord and Lady Strathspey during their visit to California in 1978.

John was proud of his Grant heritage. He traced his ancestry to a Grant school teacher in Speyside, who immigrated to the United States in early 1800.

John retired from the active practice of law several years ago.

We offer our condolences to Barbara. John was a fine and gentle man. He will not be forgotten.

STONE MOUNTAIN OCTOBER 15-18

Make your plans to attend these games. Beginning with the TATTOO on Thursday night, it is unquestionably the best in North America. Bring something to keep you warm. Clothes are the best. Starts at 7:00 PM.

Friday we have a reception off the lobby of the LaQuinta Inn on Stone Mountain Parkway, and Mountain Industrial Boulevard, beginning at 6:30 PM. A block of rooms are reserved for Grants here. Call 404-496-1317 to make your reservations. See you there.

Saturday evening at 7:00 PM we all go to Maggie and Duane Klines for our annual buffet dinner at their beautiful home, 1902 Alderbrook Road NE phone 636-0506.

Please let us know if you plan to attend Friday or Saturday at the games. The cost will be shared by all. John C. Grant our esteemed treasurer will collect.

Sunday more games and good friends. Our host and hostess for this weekend are David and the beautiful Jane Grant. Both are non blushing newlyweds.

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GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH

Cattle ranching began in the Deer Lodge Valley of Montana, in late 1850's. JOHNNY GRANT- a Canadian trapper, hunter, and mountainman- settled there and became one of the first ranchers in Montana. In less than a decade he built a herd of 2,000 cattle, mostly by trading along the Oregon Trail. In 1862, he moved his ranching operation close to the present town of Deer Lodge. Here he built a two story log house for his wife Quarra-a Bannock Indian-and their large family. It was the finest house in Montana, said a newspaper. It looked as if "it had been lifted by the chimneys from the banks of the St. Lawrence and dropped down in Deer Lodge Valley. It has 28 windows, with green painted shutters, and it looks very pretty".

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MEET MAURINE GRANT SCHLOSSER

Another Great Grant

This lovely lady is one of our LIFE members! Enjoy a "Thumbnail" sketch of her life as she relates it.

Born **Maurine Hazel Grant**, she arrived on the second day in January, 1905, in Topeka, Kansas. Her forebearers included **George Washington Grant**, (Great Grandfather); **Zachary Taylor Grant**, born in Charleston, West Virginia, (Grandfather); and **Charles Monroe Grant**, (Father), born in Miserable, Missouri, in 1877.

She attended school in Topeka, graduating from Washburn College and then taught two years at Oberlin High School. During this period she married her childhood sweetheart, **William O. Kenyon**, also a teacher. He taught chemistry, and she remembers tutoring the football players so they could make their grades to play ball!

In September, 1930, she and her husband moved to Rochester, New York, where he headed up the Research Lab at Eastman Kodak Company. They raised three children and enjoyed traveling together to many parts of the world until he passed away in 1974.

Maurine lived alone in her big home on Lake Ontario for several years before marrying a second time! **Emerson W. Schlosser** and his first wife had been old friends of the Kenyons, and when she died, Maurine and Emerson became husband and wife on July 14, 1979.

Active people tend to stay young, and this busy lady is no exception! For four years she's welcomed 91 newcomers into Valley Manor, a retirement home. Most of the people, (about 150), who live there are in their 80's and 90's. Currently, Maurine is in charge of the monthly Birthday Luncheons. She makes invitations and place cards settings and tries to use a different theme each month. She also sees that there is a Host or Hostess for the occasions.

In addition to this task, she manages to keep up with her church work, sorority affairs and Panhellenic associations.

We are proud to have her as a "young" and active Grant!

OREGON SETTLERS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The James Grant family, new members to the Society, have been piecing their family history together. James Richard Grant, his wife Susan, along with their son Nathaniel, and his father, James Lowell Grant, are experiencing the fun so many have felt in tracking down their past. They share this information with us:

"The family originally settled in Oregon in 1861, traveling by ox team from Michigan. Orent James Grant, James' Great-Great-Grandfather went west to Oregon.

Around the same time, a number of clan descendants also settled in that specific area. Orent Grant's wife was a Neal of Clan MacNeil and Glens of Clan MacIntosh were (and are) found in abundance. Some arrived in 1861 and others traveled west in what has become known as the "North Carolina Party," which left Boone, North Carolina, near Grandfather Mountain in 1872 and arrived in Coos/Douglas Counties in Oregon of the same year."



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.

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CLAN GRANT CAR BADGES



Clan Crest Car Badges... Made in England, these badges come with the attachments needed to mount them on your car's radiator, bumper, or license plate.

In the last issue we asked if there was interest in having a car emblem made, like the above.

Our Chairman for this effort; **Frederick D. Sharpe III**
3 Fairwind Lane
Yarmouth, ME 04096

Announces that he will need 60 Firm, paid, orders in order to have the supplier produce the GRANT EMBLEM without a setup charge. The Emblem is 3 7/8" H x 3" W.

The cost is \$25.00 per badge. This will cover handling, postage, etc;. Send your check now to Frederick at the above address.

If in 6 months 60 badges are not ordered Frederick will refund or rethink, based on the orders received.

"Georgeous George" is now an Evangelist

SHERMAN MILLS-- Former wrestler, "Gorgeous George", now evangelist **George Grant**, will speak during services at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday July 5-10, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Sherman Mills.

Also speaking will be Willie Walton, pastor at River City Baptist Church in Perryville, MD. The Walton Family will provide special music each night.

Colonial Hills Baptist Church is located on Rout 2 at Silver Ridge, seven miles south of Sherman Mills.

The paster is Steve Nissley.

This article was sent by *Everett Grant of Calias, Maine.* I wonder if Everett attended the revival. He could certainly use the experience.

DID YOU KNOW KING ROBERT BRUCE DIED OF LEPROSY?

FLORIDA NEWS ANDREW STRIKES

by Ed and Elaine Grant
Florida Commissioners

Ed and I were planning to write a nice bright report about our Biscayne Highland Games, but Andrew interfered.

George and Lucille called on the Sunday morning before Andrew arrived. They have both been through several hurricanes, and they told us the best thing to do was to get out of the way and head north. We decided it would be best for us to stay and look out for our house. If we evacuated, we were sure that the authorities would not let us return immediately. As it turned out we couldn't have returned for about 4 days since the roads were clogged with debris.

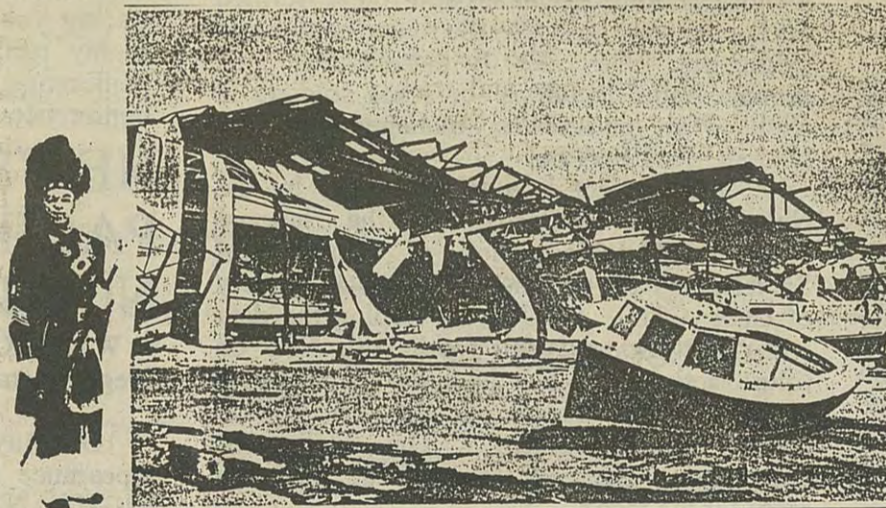
Enough of that, our mind was made up, we were staying, come hell or high water. George called again Sunday afternoon and we told him of our decision.

At about 12:30 a m Andrew struck OCEAN REEF, Hell and high water were here! The noise of the wind is awesome and unrelenting. You think it will never end! Positively the most frightening thing you could experience. Ocean Reef is located on North Key Largo, right in line with Florida City, Cutler Ridge and Homestead, you saw those pictures. The Ocean Reef Club at the northern tip of Key Largo suffered the most severe damage in the Florida Keys.

After the storm passed, we went outside to asses the damage. Trees uprooted, those still standing had most of the leaves stripped off; Palm trees with no fronds. We lost all of our outdoor plants and trees. Fortunately the house only lost the screens around our pool and the back porch. Two doors away a 2 million dollar house was destroyed. It is almost impossible to describe how our neighborhood looked. Before everything was neat, carefully kept, beautiful, now complete disaster. Everything leveled and scattered everywhere.

Knowing what we know now we would have taken George and Lucille's advice and headed north. It is one of life's experiences everyone should avoid.

IF YOU HAVE EVER ORDERED FROM THE CLAN AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ORDER PLEASE CONTACT ME.



The Ocean Reef Club on the Northern tip of Key Largo Boats destroyed by Andrew

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE

Make checks payable to CLAN GRANT mail to:

George H. Grant
301 Masters Road
Hixson, TN 37343

Traditions of Scotland by Gilbert Summers \$25.

A History of Clan Grant Lord Strathspey, Author \$25.

12 oz Clan Grant Glasses etched w/ crest & badge set of 6 \$30.

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

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

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



Marianna Grant Hancin Takes the Plunge Into Genealogy

Scottish Research

Dean J. Hunter is a collection development specialist in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the largest repository of genealogical materials in the world. His job responsibilities include regular travel to Scotland to study, select and arrange for filming of various Scottish records. Needless to say, his program titled:

"Pre-1800 Scottish Research: Sources and Methodology" was not to be missed.

His lecture covered some sources new to me, and gave more in-depth information on old familiar sources. On my next trip to the Library I'm heading for the recently re-filmed Old Parochial Registers (OPR>) The OPR Indexes list (by county) all of the christenings and marriages extracted from the Church of Scotland parish registers prior to 1855.

As one of the true experts in his field, Mr. Hunter has recommended the following book as the best in detailing the types of Scottish records available for research:

Sinclair, Cecil. Tracing your Scottish ancestors: a guide to ancestry research in the Scottish Records Office. HMSO, Edinburgh. 1990.

If any reader is interested in the four-page handout describing various records and where they're available, please write (1142 W. Lynwood, Phoenix, AZ 85007) or phone (602-258-8731) me. I'll ask Mr. Hunter's permission to reproduce it for you.

Computers

Young or old, most genealogist are getting computers! That message came through time after time during the conference. Although some diehards will continue to avoid the confounded machines, uses for computers in genealogical research have exploded.

Some massive databases, such as Ancestral File and International Genealogical Index are on CD-ROM and available at Family History Centers. Using these computer databases can drastically reduce the time require to locate information. They have become so popular that there are frequently lines of users waiting their turn.

If your computer has a modem, a local phone call will usually hook you up to a string of hundreds of genealogy bulletin boards around the world. You are able to leave a message (for example, a request for information on a particular relative) and within a few days hundreds of genealogists might read your query. Anyone reading your message is able to leave a computer response for you. In addition, you can retrieve a variety of software or documents from bulletin boards. I just skimmed a list quickly, and was able to locate documents on starting Canadian genealogy, social security research, and tips on American Indian research. Just a few of the bulletin boards of interest to genealogists are: Adoptees, Australian Genealogy, French Genealogy, Genealogy Data, Genealogy Researchers, Genealogy Software, German Genealogy, International Genealogy, Ireland

and United Kingdom Genealogy, Jewish Genealogy, Missing, Queries, Reunions and Texas Genealogy.

The week of August 16-23 was proclaimed by both the Governor of Arizona and the Mayor of Phoenix as Genealogy Week. These proclamations were prompted by the fact that Phoenix was the site of the 1992 National Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, co-sponsored by the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board. Approximately 1,000 genealogist from around the country braved Arizona's August heat to lecture, listen and learn the latest in genealogy methods.

I was among those fortunate enough to attend. Not only was it personally rewarding, but I came away with knowledge I can share with library users in my occupation as reference librarian. A brief report on just a few of the many outstanding programs may be of interest to Grant genealogists.

Civil War Soldiers Index

Work has begun on the Civil War Soldiers Index. Initially, this index will contain 5.5 million names of soldiers who fought in the Civil War, along with such information as whether he was Confederate or union, his regiment and rank. (There were only 3.5 million fighting men, but the records include duplicates because some men served more than once, and names were spelled or represented differently each time. And some soldiers used aliases.) The system will identify 7,000 regiments and units formed during the war; describe the major battles and skirmishes, and identify participants; and provide burial locations for some soldiers in Civil War cemeteries managed by the National Park Service.

This project is a joint venture by the National Park Service (NPS), the National Archives, The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU). GSU is developing the data entry software and will work with NPS on future activities. The National Archives is supplying film copies of the 5.5 million master index records. The FGS will coordinate volunteers to perform the data entry for the index.

When complete in 1995 or 1996, each Civil War battlefield or park managed by NPS will have one or more computers available. All you need to know is the name of the soldier to access information. In fact, if you have only a last name (like Grant!) you will be able to pull up a complete list of every fighting man with that name. The system will also tell the visitor how to request copies of the actual records from the National Archives.

Although the project in itself is generating much excitement, many view it as just the beginning. Once this initial index is complete, it can be expanded to include many other types of records, such as pension records. The possibilities are unlimited.

If you or your genealogy/history group has

an IBM compatible PC and would like to volunteer to assist with data entry for this national project, please contact the FGS at the address below. Also indicate the type of computer and disk drive capacity you have.
Civil War Soldiers Index
P. O. Box 3385
Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385

There are many different genealogy software programs available, and some of them can be retrieved from a bulletin board. A large number of the conference attendees are using a computer for maintaining genealogy records. One participant brought his pedigree chart containing over 40,000 persons. This 5 inch thick stack of paper took almost a day to print from his computer, but would have taken months or years at a typewriter.

After viewing demonstrations of genealogical databases and software, even more researchers at the conference were convinced that computers can make record gathering and record keeping much faster -- which means there's more time to do more research.

In Closing...

As a nearly-novice genealogist, meeting all of these experienced and dedicated genealogists was exciting and inspiring. There was the additional opportunity to browse the many books and other products at the vendors' booths.

All attendees were able to register themselves with a computer program that would match them with others researching the same family name. My only "match" was James Grant, who was also researching Grants, but I never did find him at the conference!

For anyone even slightly interested in tracing your Grant (or other) roots, I would highly recommend attendance at a national conference such as this. In 1993, the FGS conference will be in St. Louis.

NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

by Wayne R. Grant
Oregon Commissioner

On July 18, Clan Grant made its first appearance at the **PORTLAND SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES**. This is the 40th year for these games. We attended the past two years and found that Clan Grant did not have a tent there, so we decided to make ourselves known this year.

We had a very enjoyable day. The weather was great and we had lots of visitors and met many friendly people. Unfortunately, only two of the visitors were Grants, but hopefully that will change in the future.

On August 15 Clan Grant also made its second appearance in Redmond, OR. at the **HIGH DESERT CELTIC FESTIVAL**. This was the 4th year for these games and each year has been a little bigger and better.

The weather was a bit muggy and hot but all in all, was a good time. We enjoyed the many visitors and excellent entertainment made for a very festive day.

We are now looking forward to attending many more Celtic Gatherings in the future.

TRAVEL INTO GRANT HISTORY!

by Ed Grant

Where have you been that revealed a GRANT. Like Kilroy of old (WWII), "Grant was here" and here is everywhere. Grant was in Hannibal, Missouri. Grant was in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We, Susie and Ed Grant of St. Paul, Minnesota, have run into Grants of renown both in Missouri and Manitoba, and we are going to share them with you, because if you are not reading this you would be reading "rantings of the EDITOR...dull, bland, not worthy." From a GRANT? Never!

Who was Cuthbert Grant? He was the son of a Scottish father and a Metis mother. The elder Grant managed a Northwest Company trading post at Fort Tremblent. Born there in 1793, and sent to school in Scotland in 1801, 19 year old Cuthbert went to work for the Company in 1812 traveling with the spring brigade to the high country of the Northwest.

Who are the Metis people? It is important to know these people, many of whom are Grants and other Scottish names. The Metis were and are the families of marriages between Scottish, French, and English frontiersmen, waggoneers, and voyageurs and Indian women. The Metis were the backbone of the fur trade and the buffalo trade that supported it, were passed over in the rush of history, but are an emerging cultural facet of middle Canadian life and politics. Perhaps, another article on the Metis, our cousins in another issue.

My heritage is Scottish and French Canadian, and I found both Grant and Chartrand among the Metis of Winnipeg.

Cuthbert Grant became a leader of the Metis people and was caught up in the violent conflict between the Northwest Company and the Hudson's Bay Company. Ironically, his mission was to destroy Lord Selkirk's Red River colony, other Scots. In 1821 the two companies merged as the Hudson's Bay Company, and despite Cuthbert's involvement in the death of the former governor, Governor Simpson appointed him to settle 2,000 Metis in a colony they named Grantown, now known as St. Francis Xavier.

Cuthbert constructed the first water mill in the area in 1829 at Sturgeon Creek, but after a washout moved it to Grantown and rebuilt it as a wind mill. Grant's water mill was the first bold venture in this area to use water in the service of industry. Grain milling became the chief industry of Manitoba.

If you go to Winnipeg, and you should, do not miss the reconstructed mill. It is a working mill producing flour from the best Manitoba wheat and Triticale, a high protein cross between wheat and rye developed at the University of Manitoba. Grant's mill is open June, July, and August. We recommend August, a very hot month, but you can enjoy two weeks of ethnic cooking and entertainment if you go during Winnipeg's Folklorama. There you can eat and dance and sing with the Scots and the Metis, and even bring some flour back in cloth bags from Cuthbert Grant's mill. When you get back I'll tell you about Doctor Grant of Hannibal or the Grant House in Rush City, Minnesota.

DISTRICT TARTANS

DR. Philip D. Smith

DISTRICT TARTANS, the first book on the topic, will be presented to the public at the Highland Book Fortnight this October. **DISTRICT TARTANS** contains over a hundred color illustrations of District tartans representing regions of Scotland as well as places outwith Scotland. Included are tartans representing English counties, Wales, Cornwall, Ireland, and Man. Further abroad are illustrations of the Dutch, Commonwealth tartans including those of the Canadian provinces, and a number of American states.

Accompanying each illustration is a page locating the district and explaining the history of the tartan. Where known the date of the tartan's origin is given -- many as early as the 1700's. Each known tartan designer is given full credit and, for the weaver, the thread count of every tartan is listed. The introductory text gives the history and rationale of District tartans while the latter part of the book describes the recording of tartan, the role of the Lord Lyon and the Scottish Tartans Society.

Of interest to the Grants is the inclusion of a little known "Strathspey" tartan supposedly dating from the late 1700's.

DISTRICT TARTANS is by Clan Grant member Dr. Philip Smith and Dr. Gordon Teall, one of our honorary members. Display copies are expected to be available at the Stone Mountain Games. Published by Shephard-Walwyn, the same firm that issued the Dr. I. F. Grant books on the Highlands, **DISTRICT TARTANS** will be available both in the U.K. and through American bookstores.

The coupon below relates to the story on page 1. The clan Society receives a constant barrage of requests for money, mostly from organizations in Scotland. If Clan Grant is going to honor our Grant ancestors, this is a good place to start

How would you like your name(s) to appear in our records?
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Mr. & Mrs. Dr.

Company name or second name for family membership

Address

City

State Zip Phone

Select a membership Level

___ \$10.00 ___ \$20.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$100.00
Other

Make checks payable to:

Friends
P.O.Box 990
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-0897

By George !!

I always start every newsletter by writing this column. I'll rewrite or add to it several times before the week is over, it puts me in the mood to put "Craigellachie" together. Once we get going, I keep plugging to get this to the printer in one week. This imposes some needed discipline.

The last issue featured Bob & Vivien's story about ancestor searching in Jamaica. Your response was very positive, Thank you. **Write up your story and send it in**, I assure you it'll get printed.

Lucille and I are going to spend September 20 - 29 exploring Virginia with Kyle and Betty Bowie. His family and mine lived in southwestern Virginia in the 1800's. Both served in Lee's Army of Virginia, during the "War Between the States". We'll attend the Williamsburg Games and meet all of our friends there. Our hosts will be Howard & Judith Parsons.

My ancestors, William Grant and wife Elizabeth Mott Glendining, owned a farm in Suffolk County not far from Williamsville, in 1707. Kyle will guide us through Virginia back country roads to Suffolk County and we will take a ferry across the James River. After the games Lucille and I are going to explore the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland. (We both read "Chesapeake"). Should be great fun.

Gordon Grant continues to make progress on our Tax exempt status. Hopefully, It'll be done by next year.

I hope some one of you is thinking about taking my job as editor of "Craigellachie". Properly done and put out on time, every time, is essential for our Society. Sometimes it is necessary to write or find articles of interest to fill up the issue. This is not so hard, there are many sources of information on our Family. We'll help all you need do is ask. Presently we're having the printing done by a web printer, at a cost of \$175.00-210.00 for 1000 8 page copies. Cost varies due to number of pictures. We have a bulk mail permit issued by Chattanooga Post Office, renewable each year. The hardest part of getting out the newsletter is getting it ready to mail. Lucille and I will continue to do that if you wish. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

John G. Grant's obituary brings back some delightful memories. Both of us had written Lord Strathspey suggesting formation of the Clan Society. Strathspey put us in touch. I went on a business trip to Los Angeles and arranged to meet him at the LA Airport. John wore his Grant Trews and stood right at the exit of the plane with several other folks. I was thinking he would be at the Baggage claim, so I walked by without seeing him. It was 1 hour later, I was sitting on a bench outside the airport, when John walked by on his way to his car. We had a laugh about crossed signals, and formed the basis of our Society right there. John and Barbara came to Hixson to meet Patrick and Ollie and go to the Grandfather Mountain Games. Barbara was worried about whether we had air conditioning in Hixson, TN. We do.

COMMISSIONER OF HAWAII - ROBERT B. GRANT

The 12th Annual Hawaiian Gathering & Games will be held over two days, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, 1993, at the Bishop Museum, just west of downtown Honolulu, at the intersection of H-1 Freeway and Likelike Highway. Parking will be available on the museum grounds.

Entrance to the games will be free. Again there will be supervised activities for children of all ages (and 25 cent sale items), so parents can relax and follow their own agenda at the Games.

This year (1992) was the first time the Games were held at Bishop Museum and the results were so successful that the same format is being expended into two days for 1993. All areas of participation are being improved. It is fully expected by the sponsor, Hawaiian Scottish Association, that 1993 will be the best ever Hawaiian Games.

Clan Grant Society will be represented at a display table in the Clan Tent.

Early April is shortly after the normal peak of the tourist season, and the weather is usually quite nice. Unless the tourist industry makes a dramatic upturn from its current low traffic level, there should be relatively good prices for accommodations available. Thus, everything points to early next April being an advantageous time to consider a trip to see Hawaii and take in the Games.

For any additional information which may be desired, contact Bob Grant (808) 261-2653 or 60 Aalapapa Place; Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

Stand Fast and Aloha,
Robert B. Grant

South Loch Ness is Grant Country

br. Philip D. Smith

Legend has it that before being "Granted" (pun intended) lands in Strathspey, the Grants originally lived on the south side of Loch Ness. This area, a place of short rivers and numerous smaller lochs that drain into Loch Ness is even today seldom visited. The main east-west road now carries most traffic down the north shore of Loch Ness past the Grant homelands of Glen Urquhart and Glen Moriston.

Few travelers take the longer and narrower B682 down the southern shore through farms and across moors through Strath Errick or split off at the village of Dores and take the B852 right along the south shore of Loch Ness.

The land along the south shore of Loch Ness is not as steep as the more traveled north shore so the visitor will find picnic and camping facilities as well as meal stops and B&B's. For those Grants who have "seen it all" you may not have. Next time take the "southern route" through the Great Glen -- or make drive circle the Loch. More chances of seeing Nessie that way. You did know that Nessie is a Grant, didn't you?

GENEALOGY CORNER

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SCOTLAND TO NOVA SCOTIA

I have a copy of the manifest of the 179 passengers that sailed from Lock Broom, Scotland, on 10 July 1773 and arrived in Pictou, N.S. on 15 Sept. 1773. Passengers with surname of GRANT: Adult: Christian Grant; Donald Grant, John Grant, James Grant and Alexander Grant. Children 2-8 years of age: Margaret and Mary Grant. Only child under 2 years of age is James Grant.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Carol Grant Sanderson has filed her pedigree and family group charts. Her line goes back to Peter Grant b. 1631-34 in Scotland; exiled as a result of the Battle of Duncar and who settled in Berwick, Maine. Carol has done painstaking research using Town records, Maine State Archives as well as book, Peter Grant, Scottish Exile, Kittery and Berwick, ME. by Leola Grant Bushman and Old Kittery and Her Families by Everett Stackpole.

To complete her husband's line which also has a Grant in it, she need information on the parents of Abigail J. Grant b. 1802 and d. 1874 (this info from gravestone.) She married Charles Joy on 1 June 1822 and lived on Tattle Street in Shopleigh, ME. Included with Abigail's 12 children is the oldest, Sarah A. b. 1824 who married T.J. Grant of Monroe, ME. If anyone can help, please let me know.

John A. Grant, 307 Valley View, Derby KS 67037 is looking for the descendants of James Grant of Oakville, Ontario, Canada. He is John's great-grandfather who married Mary Jane Mathews and had seven children. The 1881 census listed James as 38 years of age; Mary Jane, age 39, and children as follows: Melissa Alberta; b. 1868 age 13. Nettie M. b. 1870; age 11. Ida C. b. 1872, age 9. Martha C. b. 1874 age 7. John Albert b. 1876, age 5. James R. b. 1878, age 3. William b. 1880, age 1. If anyone can help please let me know.

Phillip G. Ryman of Woodstock, VA has filed pedigree charts which includes in the fifth generation the name of Perrimus Grant, son of Richard and Louise Grant, Norfolk, VA. Son of Perrimus and his wife Marie (Fautleroy) is Houston R. Grant b. circa 1832, Rockbridge Co., (wife, Mary Hite) and his daughter, Ester Inez Grant b. 1885 also in Rockbridge Co., and who died 1919 in Tennessee. Sound familiar to anyone? If so, please let me know.

If anyone want pedigree chart and family group sheet, send me SASE. I will send one copy of each; advise making many copies of same. Please do not wait to send a completed pedigree, etc. to me. Send me on the chart what you do have; perhaps I can be of help. Remember always, where the family lived is the most important as that is where any records are usually found. SASE, please! Beryl Grant, Clan Genealogist, Leesome Lane, Box 4d, Altamont, New York, 12009.

The 1920 federal census is now available on microfilm copies. The originals were disposed of as authorized by the 83rd Congress.

Just a quick review of what you can get from census records:

1790-1850: Only head of family listed; most are indexed in book form; and occasionally a historical society will index for a particular locality.

1860 and 1870: most are indexed in book form.

1880: there is a Soundex Index for families with children under the age of 10. Ask the librarian about the Soundex system. It is a coded surname index; the code is formed from the first letter of the last name followed by a three number code. By eliminating vowels, different spellings of names would be included in the same group, i.e. Grant and Graunt.

Most of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire in 1921 but some records on Civil War veterans are available. The 1900 federal census and the 1920 census is completely indexed by the Soundex system. The 1910 census is indexed for only 21 states; none of the states on the east coast is indexed.

The information that may help you varies from census to census. After the 1880 census if you find your ancestor, the names/place of birth of the parents may be listed; after 1900 more information was required as to the legal status of the person - whether naturalized and how long person was residing in the area.

State census records and some of the schedules accompanying the federal records may be more useful. Always check with a historical association in the area you are searching. I have the most recent list included in The Genealogical Helper and will be happy to send you names and address on receipt of a SASE. Be very specific on areas - supply county name if possible. When writing to a historical society, etc. ALWAYS send a self addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) for a reply. As a member of five associations, I can assure you that most letters only without the SASE, are tossed away!

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATIONS

I have a one-page Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications (Special Pub. # 40, Bicentennial Ed.) published by the National Genealogical Society, Washington, DC > 1976. It is not complete but does list approximately 70 Grants. Using the information listed which includes the application number, you can write Washington, D.C. for a search (which can take 3-6 months). In some cases it is specified there are no papers. Will copy list and send on receipt of SASE. Form is required; will send form on receipt of SASE as long as my supply holds out; otherwise will furnish address in Washington D.C. to send for form.

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

CLAN GRANT NEWS

Our Commissioner, Ed Grant, in Minnesota, lost both his parents last year and we extend our sympathy belatedly. He also has good news! His daughter Susan is engaged and plans an April wedding in 1993. And his son, Trevor, is married! Ed and his family are charter members of the Society!

Everyone's "Aunt Teed" (Christine Grant) underwent cataract surgery awhile back. She's well-known in our Southern games as a great gardener and cook! We made her a "Life" member when she was 83. (Didn't want to rush her into anything!) Even as a "Lifer" she donates her membership fee to the Society and we are very grateful to her. "Aunt Teed" is the real life to Hank Grant, our Historian, and made the trip to Scotland's Grant country in 1989. She kept up with the youngest and didn't miss an outing. (Ask George & Lucille sometime how they almost lost Aunt Teed in York!)

Ernestine (Aunt Teed's baby sister) and John Lewis in Atlanta have a new granddaughter as of last October. We understand that John has not been in good health, so hope he has improved by the time you read this. The granddaughter will surely make him feel better!

The Dan Stevensons announce the arrival of their fourth child. Dan, a carpenter, in investigating the art of making targes on the side.

Everett Grant writes that he recently retired after 43 years in the printing trade. Welcome to the world of leisure! We expect to see him at a lot of games from now on. We'll put him to work.

From assorted clippings that Everett Grant sent, we learn that although the New Brunswick Highland Games were canceled this year, they will be held July 23 and July 24 in 1993. The Canadians feel that they will reach more tourists in July than in June. Keep these dates in mind if you are in the Oromocto region next year.

Everett reports that Scottish functions are alive and well in his "neck of the woods!" He's taken up the game of Bowls (lawn bowling) recently, a game with an 800-year past.

Ruth Bryant spent some time at St. Gabriel's retreat and reported that it is very beautiful. It was on the ground of the Episcopal All Saints Convent in Catonsville, Maryland. She's currently in California attending her cousin's wedding.

SEND YOUR ARTICLES TODAY FOR INCLUSION IN THE WINTER ISSUE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IF YOU CAN, TO PUT THE ARTICLE ON A DISC. SEND AS A TEXT FILE THEN WE CAN IMPORT TO OUR SOFTWARE. IF YOU CAN'T SEND THE DATA, WE'LL TYPE IT. SEND PICTURES, IF YOU WANT THEM BACK, SAY SO, AND WE WILL.

We need more volunteers like Allan Grant. He manned the Delco and Alexandria tents this summer and we note that he has been to Fair Hill and Charlottesville games. (And thanks to his good wife, Eiko, for supporting him.)

Gordon & Mildred Grant from Arlington, report that this was an exceptionally good game for the Clan. It did not rain, the wind did not blow, the heat was not oppressive, and we had new Grant's join the family.

Jim and Kathleen Maxcy, formerly from Dunedin, Florida attended Games for years, but now reside in a community in Hudson, Florida. They have not left their Scottish heritage behind, however. They report that they had a dress up Ball and wore their evening dress for the occasion. And it was recognized as Grant tartan!

Bolard More admits to being 85 this August. A postcard from NC lets us know that he is doing well. He mentions that he has revisited Strathspey, Elgin, Forres 8 times since 1967. Now that is dedication!

A long, long letter from R. Henderson Grant in Maine mentions that the Grants and the McIntires were related way back to the late 1600's. He went to a McIntire reunion at the top of Mount Agamenticus, with a beautiful view, a piper and all. He plans to trace out some of the Grant/McIntire relationships he found in various books and genealogy charts. Then he spent some hours visiting old graveyards which were located over quite an area in fields and in woods. We hope to hear further from him as he sorts out names and statistics!

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

As of August 31st we have 238 individual memberships, not counting wives and children? (or husbands and children, as the case may be.)

We could more than triple our number if all of our former members could be persuaded to renew?

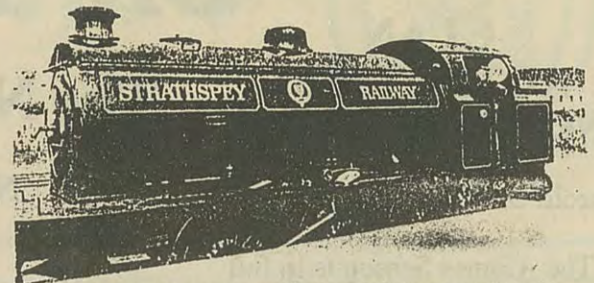
The states of Oregon and Washington have suddenly "caught hold" and there is an increase in the number of members in the Northwest?

California and Florida have the most members, with New York, Georgia and Virginia next, and the Carolinas right behind?

Texas is beginning to shop signs of membership life once again after being dormant for a couple of years?

The Mid-West is a sleeping giant? (You'll be surprised at how many Grant possibilities there are out there -- and the number of games are increasing.)

We have 15 George Grants, 23 James Grants, 26 John Grants and 15 Williams. (Who sez meddle names are not important!)



The steam trains on the privately-owned Strathspey Railway are a popular tourist attraction (Hamish Brown).

WANTED : RAILWAY BUILDERS

In 1971 the Strathspey Railway was formed with the intention of re-opening the railway line from Aviemore to Boat of Garten. At that time the new company stated that it would eventually re-open the line to Grantown on Spey but the hard slog of reinstating the route, building a new station at Aviemore and renovating buildings, locomotives and carriages meant that it was 1978 before a steam hauled train service returned to Strathspey. The ensuing years have been a period of consolidation as the volunteer workforce and management discovered that running a railway was even harder work than re-opening one. In 1988 the company felt confident enough to announce that it would be extending to Grantown but recognized that a key element in the extension will be the volunteers who come forward to help build the new railway. In 1989 the Strathspey Railway Company purchased a mile and a quarter of track for the extension but we still need extra volunteers to help with the work of maintaining the existing railway and building the extension.

The railway is always looking for volunteers to train as engine crew, guards, station staff, workshop staff, etc.

The Strathspey Railway Association which was formed in 1972 is the focus of support for the steam railway, helping to co-ordinate fund raising and the much more important role of recruiting new volunteers. Application forms for membership of the Association may be obtained at either of the stations, by post or in person. Instant membership is available at the stations. The contact in Aviemore is:
Laurence Grant
Aviemore Speyside Station
Aviemore, Scotland or
telephone 0479-810724

RANCH FROM PAGE 2

Grant only worked this ranch a few years. He sold out in 1866 for \$19,200--" Farmhouses with household furniture, stables, corrals, ricks of hay, all my farming implements, wagons...cattle, sheep, goats and grain"- and returned to Canada. The new owner was Conrad Kohrs, a German immigrant and by trade a butcher. He had already shown his skill in the frontier cattle business by shrewd trading and by selling beef to mining camps. He owned a sizable herd, and the GRANT ranch gave him a base for his operations.

The GRANT-KOHRs ranch is National Historic Site managed by the National Park Service.

ON THE GAMES TRAIL

CLAN ACTIVITIES NEW YORK STATE

Harold Grant, Commissioner

The Games Season is in full swing in New York. Beryl and I staffed the Clan Grant tent at the Central New York Games in Liverpool on July 11th and had a good day in spite of some Scottish mist arriving around 2 PM. The Tartan Parade with all bands was colorful and crowd-pleasing. Our Deputy Commissioner of New York State, Jim Grant, was involved in putting on these games.

Beryl and I returned from very successful games in Old Westbury, Long Island. A beautiful sunny day greeted what appeared to be a record crowd. George and Maureen Grant of Poughkeepsie joined us at the Clan Grant tent.

Friday night, September 4th, the night before the CDSG Games, is the date of our annual All-Clan dinner. This festive occasion started out as a Clan Grant Society dinner years ago for our Clan members and some invited guests from other clan societies. By popular demand it was opened up to all clan members and it is now a sellout each year. It is held at the Masonic Hall with the Eastern Star providing the wonderful meal and we have had as many as 154 people present.

We are hoping to see many Clan Grant members here at these Games. There are many fall and winter activities planned in New York State. Come out and join your family in these fun activities.

GO TO THE GAMES IN YOUR AREA Listen to the Pipes

Dunsmuir House-The Gang L-R Gene with Cocoa, (Gene is the tall one), Jule, Jim, Carol, Patty, John, Barby, Maureen & Linda. (See Text)



The Northen Califormum

by Jim Suttie
NorCal Commissioner

Onward and upward---- More games. On Saturday, July 11, Gene and Jule Grant set up at the Dunsmuir House Games in Oakland. Dunsmuir House was the estate, (now park), of lumber and mining magnate Alexander Dunsmuir. It has lovely tree shaded areas and sunny meadows where all the activities take place. The mansion is open for tours. Helping Gene and Jule man the tent were; John and Patty VanWinkle, daughters Barby and Linda, Linda's friend Maureen Mitchell, and Carol and I.

A small coup was scored at the games by Clan Grant as both Connie Grant of Modesto, (open class - 15 and under), and Romney Grant of Campbell, (beginners - 16 and over), won the trophies in Highland dancing for their classes.

Onward to the Clan Gathering and Games at Campbell on July 18. This is a new date for this event as it was previously held in mid-October. Weather was warm, but a breeze came up in the afternoon to help keep us cool. With the help of John and Patty, Brent and Anne Simmons, Carol and I set up the tent.

Next, we were on to Monterey on August 1 and 2. This year the games were expanded to two days in honor of the 25th Anniversary. Carol and I set up the tent and manned it on Saturday. Sunday we were joined by the VanWinkle's, who stayed to help us pack up at the end of the day. Their help and company is great, makes everything worthwhile.

The weather was warm, except in the shade. We understand our Grant dancers did well here also. Connie took the trophy in her class and Romney did well enough to be moved up from beginner to intermediate. Well done ladies!!!

The biggie at Santa Rosa next, on Labor day weekend.

MacAlester Scottish Country Faire

by Edward Grant
MidWest
Commissioner

The Grants were out in larger numbers than usual for the annual first Saturday in May games and gathering at MacAlester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Oddly enough, we can not complain about the weather this year. Sunny, 70 degrees, and pleasant forty mile an hour gusts were a nice change from freezing rain or snow. We tried a new gazebo style tent this year. MacAlester requires them for they do not need guy lines and occupy a neat ten by ten area. However, they do not withstand strong winds. MacAlester is a small and friendly gathering. Pipers and athletes, sheep dogs and sheep, highland coos, and Scottish dog breeds are right in there with the Clans, vendors, Scottish food booths, and a unique feature at MacAlester - the crafts booths. The missing bit is the highland dancers, who are secreted in a field house with poor public access and crowded standing room only accommodations.

Grants new to us this year were Jim Stewart and Doris Conway of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis - St. Paul) and Bob Grant and his family from Bonsejour, Manitoba. Bob was with a fine pipe band, and Susie and Ed Grant of the Twin Cities had visited Bonsejour the past August, so there was that to talk about. Also, Susie was born and bred in Honolulu, and Bob's in laws were flying out off to Hawaii that evening. Amazing what comes up when Grants get together. The Clan parade was overrun with Grants this year, because Hazel Grant of Decorah, Iowa, her daughter Helen, her two grandsons and five great grandchildren were there, with spouses, friends, etc. The Decorah Grants were crowding into MacAlester before "The Clan" was officially in the area. It's always nice to see Gretchen Schampel who attended, as usual, and works with the Scottish branch of the Minnesota Genealogy Society. We missed Joseph Grant of Chanhassen, Minnesota, who was attending a reunion back East. Well next year, Joe! And next year for all the Grants in the Upper Mid-West!

SANTA ROSA

The Santa Rosa Games were not as well attended as in years past. However the skies were clear, the weather warm but not too hot, and the gentle breezes those of a tropic isle. It was a wonderful weekend with lots of Grants making an appearance at our tent. In all, it was tyhe most relaxing games I have attended in this town. Even the March-By, my favorite peave of the S.R. Games, was well handled and was completed in record time with no waiting in formation.

Working at our tent this year were; John and Patty VanWinkle, Alan Grant, Alan Gardener, Larry Demars, Gene and Jule Grant and Jim and Carol Suttie, with the last two doing the lions share of work.

Jim gives two hundred percent of himself, as he helps, not only the Grants, but all others. With Phil Smith's book in hand and a cheery voice, he guides each seeker toward their own clan tents.

Jim and Carol are going to Scotland to visit Grant Country. Expect some good stories from them.

By the way. Clan Grant member Alan Gardener, a well known author, teacher, and frequent contributor to the "Craigellachie", will address the Scribblers Writing Club in St. Helena, California, this September. The group spokesman says, they are looking forward to his critique of their work and the guidance of his experience.



Dunsmuir House Left- Connie Grant

Right -Romney Grant

These two beautiful young ladies continue to win trophies and fame on the California Games circuit. We congratulate them and their parents.