



# Craigellachie



SUMMER 93

It's GREAT to be a GRANT

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## News From "HOME" Notes from the "Strathspey and Badenoch Herald" SEAFIELD LODGE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Clan members who have traveled to Scotland in the past will remember the Seafield Lodge in Granttown--and be glad to know that it is now in the capable hands of the new proprietors, Alasdair and Kathleen Buchanan.

The reception room, bar and dining room are newly re-decorated as well as the sun room in the back of the hotel. Barbecues may be held there for small parties.

The new Chef, Alistair Garrow, promises to restore the menu to its fame for local specialties such as venison, cock-a-leekie soup, cootie dumplings and Scottish shortbread. Plans are for three menus: a bar meal for lunches and evenings; a table d'hote fare; and a la carte plan.

The Seafield Lodge has a long history, and at one time, managed and owned by Mr. Nigel Grant. His gracious hospitality to Clan Grant members and aid in securing space for the local historical society's display of "Grants" will be long remembered by all. This may be a place to include on your next visit to Granttown.

--5/27/93

### New Forest Policy

Officials at the Abernethy Reserve are working on a project to eradicate exotic conifers from the woodlands around Loch Garten--species which did not originate in Scotland. The Norway spruce with its dense growth inhibits growth of native shrubs such as blueberry, cowberry and heather and trees including birch, rowan and pine. It also discourages some species of birds and the clearings now attract more tree pipits, red starts, spotted fly catchers and crested tits. As the woods are cleared the rowan and pine trees regenerate. The brush is piled up and as it rots it provides insects and larvae for the increasing number of birds. It also provides nesting for wrens, robins and thrushes in the summer months and shelter in winter. The authorities state that in five to ten years the debris from the extracted trees will break down and return nutrients into the soil.

--5/20/93

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DID YOU KNOW...

that St. Patrick was born in Dumbarton, Scotland in 389 A.D.?

## Connie Grant Advances To The U.S. Inter-Regional Highland Dancing Championships.



## Congratulations

Highland dancer Connie Grant of Modesto, CA, placed second in her class at the Western Regional Championships at Costa Mesa, CA on Sat., May 29th. Connie, an Open, Under 15 class dancer had already won the trophy for her class at the Sacramento Valley Games at Roseville, CA on April 24th; and at the Marin Co. Highland Gathering at Corte Madera, CA on May 15th.

Connie, who now advances to the Inter-Regional (National) Championships in Seattle, WA on July 31st and Aug 1st, is the daughter of David and Linda Grant.

### FALL DEADLINE

The deadline for articles and pictures for the Fall Issue of CRAIGELLACHIE is AUGUST 25TH.

Please make a note of this date and send any articles, pictures or notes. I can use 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disks. Everything should be saved in ASCII format. Thank you.

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### Massive Holding Tank To Serve Grantown and Cromdale

A 400,000 gallon water tank is being constructed to the south of Grantown. It will hold emergency water reserves for Grantown and Cromdale on the hill above Craggan. Water currently comes from Loch Einich. Newtonmore and Kingussie will also receive these massive tanks.

--5/13/93

### "Smart Rope" for Mountain Climbers

A rope that changes color when damaged is sure to be a best seller for mountaneers when their lives depend on the safety factor!

The small Badenoch company which developed the rope in connection with Strathclyde University in Glasgow won the Glengoyne Award for Innovation. They intend to begin production in November.

--5/6/93

### World Premier For "Wolf of Badenoch" Opera

Visitors to Scotland this summer will have the opportunity to see the world premier production of the opera, "The Wolf of Badenoch". Dates for the performance are: July 14-15 in Elgin, July 20-21 in Nairn, and July 23-24 in Grantown.

This is sponsored by Scottish Opera For All, the educational division of the national Scottish Opera company. It provides a chance for small communities to hear and appreciate good music.

--5/6/93

### Locomotive 828 Back on Tracks!

The Strathspey Steam Railway announced that Locomotive 828 is now repaired and will be running on the rails! This engine was owned and run by the Caledonian Railway--it's boiler developed by James F. McIntosh, a great locomotive engineer. It is one of 17 blue engines built for passenger goods and ran from Carlisle to Glasgow and on to Aberdeen.

The SSR Company is planning to extend the tracks on in to Grantown this year. Mr. Laurence Grant is the commercial manager. The trains go through beautiful country scenery from Boat of Garden to Aviemore Speyside Station. Rides are available at reasonable cost. Special trains serve dinners throughout the tourist season. Reservations are advised.

--5/20/93

#### DID YOU KNOW...

that the first missionary convent in Scotland was established at Whithorn in Galloway by St. Ninian in the 4th Century?



FROM

The Following Letter  
September Issue Of A  
our

SIR JAMES  
THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
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33rd CHIEF

Dear members of the Clan

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## THE INTERNATIONALIST

George and Lucille's son Bill Grant has returned from his two year stint in Poland with the Peace Corp. He was in a group of 27 small business experts sent over to help Poland in its transition to a market system. Bill was the Banker, instructing the commercial loan groups in small business banking.

Bill has completed his first semester at "THUNDERBIRD", American Graduate School of International Management, in Glendale, AZ. Between semesters this summer, the U. S. Treasury is sending Bill back to Poland for 75 days to continue the program.

## STEVE AND STEPHANIE

These two were an item in the last issue of "CRAIGELLACHIE". They were married on October 17, 1992. They are going on an extended trip to Scotland, England and the Continent in June. True to his Scottish heritage, Steve is selling articles for publication in the "Highlander" and the "Scottish Lion". I know for a fact this newsletter cannot afford their fees. (Son Lucas is 15, college soon, WOW!!).

## ERIC GRANT HAS COMPANY

John and Thelma Grant are on their way to Germany to see son Eric and spend six weeks touring Europe. They will miss Grandfather Mountain Games for the first time in 15 years. Hopefully, they will give us an article or two plus a few pictures to share.

## FALL MARRIAGE

Mildred and Gordon Grant announce the pending marriage of their beautiful daughter, Barbara, in September.

Actually Mildred is handling everything as only the "MOTHER OF THE BRIDE" is capable. Gordon is somewhat confused over the strategy involved in an undertaking of this magnitude. His life experience only includes Senior Executive, Chief Counsel, and Colonel. The intrigue and careful selection necessary to determine who is included on the guest list is more complicated than Hillary and Bill's appointments. Mildred has wisely decided not to come to Grandfather Mt. Games this year (for the first time in a long time). We will miss them both.

Your correspondent will spare no expense to keep you posted as this tale unfolds.

## MEMBER NOTES



Edmund, James, George, John Grant  
Scotland, 1989

## WHAT ELSE IS NEW

Ho-Hum, Phil and Shirley are going to Scotland this summer. Phil is doing heavy research on the "Brindle Haggis". They will spend time in the upper Spey Valley, the last breeding ground of this endangered creature. More on their quest in the next issue.

## NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

My apologies for being so late with your membership cards! I spent five weeks in California with my mother who has been ill. She is doing better and our thanks to all of you who have expressed concern for her. Thank you for your patience!

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WE KNOW OF THREE MORE "Over-Eighty" GRANTS: Grant Thompson is well over! He and his wife, Maria, donated this year's membership dues to Clan Grant as did Mrs. Gretchen Schampel from Minnesota. We appreciate this very much! Bolard More also confesses to being over 80! He is a Charter Member of Clan Grant (1977), and a faithful correspondent. He served with the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer.

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Two "Mainers" (Mainepersons?) keep in touch: Minerva Johnson Crosby, recovering from another recent stroke (and still playing the piano); and Everett Grant again in Florida. He writes, "It's hard to get use to 95 degree heat after 60's and 70's up home (Maine)..."

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James Grant in San Antonio, TX suffered a stroke last year. Sara says he has been working very hard to aid in his recovery. They drove all the way to the Stone Mountain games in 1987. Let's encourage both of them in this task so that we might once again enjoy their presence at the games!

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Daniel and Patricia Stevenson's kids are growing since their last report! Dan had foot surgery in April and states that he is healing well.

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Ann Miller's broken hip is healing but she will not be able to drive until late

June. She's counting on making the Indiana games in mid-July though! (You can't keep a good woman down! And as she says, "5 months is long enough!")

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Mary and Donald Dunn, DE, while enjoying retirement, state that they have caught every "bug" around this winter and so are looking forward to a warm Spring! (P.S. As you guessed, May was wet and cool! So, maybe next year?)

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And now for the good news:

Helen (McCracken) Grant's sister, Angeline is visiting her this Spring! Angie had been in poor health for a number of years but has recovered enough to travel 500 miles to see her younger sister! It's been 5 years since they last saw each other.

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Ruth Bryant plans to travel to Scotland with her youngest son this July. Her uncle visited Castle Grant two years ago and is disappointed that the renovation is not yet completed on Castle Grant. And, while on this subject, Mrs. Elizabeth Grant Withnell notes that her cousin visited the Castle last fall and brought back a picture showing the poor condition it is in at this time. She expresses the hope that we will keep our members posted on the outcome of the proceedings and we will try to do that!

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Now that Gene Grant is immersed in his computer we must rely on his wife, Jule, to keep us informed! He is alive and well and his interest in computers has grown to extravagant heights! Meanwhile, back at the ranch, his Dad, daughter and wife are holding things down! Don't forget us, Gene!

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Rod and Mary Grant, and their daughters, Catherine and the twins, Judith and Megan, have "launched into Spring" with all the girls playing softball for the first time! Mary is an assistant coach while Rod backs her up! Maryland will never be the same again!

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Col. Henry F. Dagenais became a member of Clan Grant after being "dragged" in by Howard Parsons and Al Grant last year! Now that he has re-enlisted on his own, maybe they won't work him so hard?

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Vernon and Edna Combs want to express their thanks for all the help they received in tracing his Grant lineage and related "kinfolk"!

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Richard and Charity McElroy say, "Hello!" They would like to hear from "other parts of the Clan!", specifically the McElroys. "McElroys, unite! And write!"

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Doug and Barbara Grant have moved from Colorado to Elk Grove! Welcome to California! (Commissioners, take note!

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ONCE A GRANT, ALWAYS A GRANT: Sometimes we lose members for reasons whatever, but we are delighted when they return! Welcome again Henry and Mary Grant in Port Washington! Hank writes that he hopes to find a possible Scottish connection through the Norman French about the time of the Crusades. So far he's back to 1776 with the Grants of Culpepper, VA.

It's also good to have George and Maurine Grant, Carl Buell and T. James Carnes renew their memberships! Let us know how we can help you!

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Finally, Walter Manning is looking for a set of bagpipes, in good condition and reasonably priced. If any Grants out there would like to sell a set, please let us know!

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This article appeared in the New Zealand newsletter "STAND FAST" June, 1987.

### 'CRAIGELLACHIE'

by

C.R.(Bob) Grant

There are several reasons why I agree very much with our Clan member in America when he coined the phrase "Tis Great to be a Grant".

Our Clan has a very rich history and heritage and we can all be proud of a record of people and events down through many centuries.

Apart from the bonds of family and clan one of the aspects of Clan grant which has appealed to me has been the names of the places located in our clan territories. I am quite sure that our members are well aware that there are two homelands of we Grants in the Highlands of Scotland. First on the west side of Loch Ness there is GLENMORISTON. From INVERMORISTON some fifteen miles further along the shores of Loch Ness (home of the monster) we reach the lovely village of DRUMNADROCHIT at the entrance to GLEN URQUHART, with the ruins of Castle Urquhart looking over the Loch. Just these four names alone stir thoughts of the history of this Grant homeland, especially for the protection of Prince Charles, after Culloden and before Flora Macdonald took him "over the sea to Skye".

Then there is STRATHSPEY which has been described as the "bosom of the Grants", some miles to the east of Loch Ness. The name of course, covers the valley of the Spey from about the Pass of DRUMOCHTER in the south to the village of ROTHES in the north, a distance of about sixty miles. On the eastern side of the Strath are the CAIRNGORM mountains and therein are many peaks and glens such as BEN MACDHUI and the LARIG GHURU; with ever so many more features, all with worthy names. Even the name Strathspey conjures thoughts in my mind. How did it come to be the name given to the music the piper plays for the HIGHLAND FLING? perhaps a reader can supply an answer. I am not aware of any defined boundaries for STRATHSPEY but the counties of INVERNESS, MORAY and BANFFSHIRE all come into our territory, which in turn is today known as a part of the GRAMPIAN area of Scotland.

The principal town in Strathspey is GRANTON-ON-SPEY, founded in 1776 by the then chief of the clan and resident in Castle Grant built in the 16th century. It is a very attractive town built almost entirely from granite and of course is a prominent tourist town, particularly for winter sports enthusiasts and those who are keen salmon fishermen. In recent years there has been a large development of tourist facilities at AVIEMORE as a centre for the many ski runs now available in the CAIRNGORMS. Then there is CHARLESTOWN OF ABERLOUR, home of WALKERS Shortbread, as well as a Malt Whisky Distillery, and for a more rural setting none could be more attractive than BOAT OF GARTEN. I would wish that every member of our NZ Society could some day visit the above three places. I doubt when having achieved that wish that any would desire to visit Stoke on Trent!!

But there are still so many more places to make reference to, all of which must be familiar to a GRANT, even one like myself, born in New Zealand. I have noted above that when travelling

north on the A9 you enter our Clan territory through the Pass of Drumochter, soon to reach DALWHINNIE where many years ago the WOLF OF BADENOCH prevailed as also did Prince Charles after his defeat at Culloden. KINGUSSIE is the next interesting name and it is here that Dr. Isobel Grant established the Highland Folk Museum. Nearby there is the ruins of RUTHVEN BARACKS, also roads built by General Wade and at ROTHLEMURCHUS is the Nature Reserve, relics of the great Caladonian Forest, as well as the areas of afforestation planted by the EARL OF SEAFIELD. Soon you will be coming to DUTHIL and we surely must be moved by a visit to this CLAN GRANT CHURCH & CEMETERY.

A visit to Strathspey would not be complete without a visit to a Malt Whisky Distillery and even in this age of mergers and take-overs there are still some that are owned and operated by GRANTS. In Dufftown there is the GLENFIDDICH also BALVENIE distilleries. Not so far away is GLENFARCLAS at BALLINDALLOCH, the loftiest village in the Highlands. An easy road through GLEN LIVET passes through TOMNAVOULIN as well as KNOCKANDHU on the way. The names go on and on but time and space do not permit my nostalgia further outlet, just one, a name we all know...CRAIGELLACHIE

must be my concluding reference. Yes, I have seen it spelt as two words, I have heard it pronounced in differing ways, but what does that matter to a Grant. It is part of our Clan motto and war cry, STAND FAST CRAIGELLACHIE.

We are also fortunate that there are two places in Strathspey which are named Craigellachie. One is the rocky bluff near AVIEMORE and the other a lovely village where the FIDDICH River joins the SPEY. The word means a lot to us all but particularly to those of our ancestors who left from our homelands to make a new home for themselves in Canada, the States, Australia and New Zealand. In all those countries you will find a CRAIGELLACHIE. Near Gore, I know that the Grant brothers are proud of their farm, near Laurence there is a railway station, at Otiako in North Otago, my cousin shows the name on his home in the North Island and I know there are Grants who have it in their address. What's in a name? some may ask. A rich heritage and pride in the name of GRANT our CLAN.

### 'STAND FAST CRAIGELLACHIE'

Christchurch  
10.1.87

THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND operates under the authority granted by the Right Honorable The Lord Strathspey, 32nd hereditary chief of the Clan.

### Tossing the Caber

This is a spectacular feat at Highland Games. A large tree trunk is raised to the perpendicular. Placing his hands under the narrow end, the athlete lifts the trunk and steadies it as it rests against his left shoulder. It towers above him, with the heaviest end at the top. He has only about two feet of it with which to control the leverage of the whole trunk. The balance is achieved by expert judgement. He takes a run, and from top speed comes to a dead stop. At that moment, the caber leaves his shoulder, as he exerts every bit of his strength. He hurls the small end upwards, the heavy end strikes the turf, while the light end attains the perpendicular. Then it falls, and,

contrary to general belief, the idea of the athlete is not to toss the caber further than his competitors, but rather to toss it straighter. The ideal toss is the "12 o'clock throw", and the viewer of this feat can easily visualize this by thinking of the caber as the hour hand of a clock with the thick end of the caber at the centre of the clock face, and the athlete tossing from the 6 o'clock position. The Royal Highland Society at Braemar possesses three cabers. The local competitors toss a caber which is 17ft. 3ins. in length and weighs 91lb. For the open competition a caber approximately 23lb. heavier is used, and for special competition in which star athletes take part, the famous Braemar Caber, which measures 19ft. 3ins. and weighs 120lbs. is certainly a challenge.

### Tossing the Sheaf

Some of the other heavy events have obvious antecedents. For example tossing the sheaf is an obvious adaptation of the activity of farm workers in using a pitchfork to load sheaves on to a hay-rick. In Scotland this sport consists of using an ordinary hay fork to pick up and toss a sheaf of whins (Scots word for gors — the prickly yellow bush that blooms in the spring) over a crossbar suspended by ropes. No spinning or twirling is permitted and the contestants must retain control of the pitchfork until the toss is complete.

# CHARACTERS OF STRATHSPY

The Following Excerpt Appeared In The September, 1992 Issue Of An Dul

In his book, "Romantic Strathspye", James Alan Rennie tells of some of the "characters" of Grant country.

"One poor lad from Grantown, who was put off balance by an injury during the First World War, blends a great love for the natural scene with a most disconcerting habit of roosting in trees. One day, was walking through a wood during a severe frost with the thermometer reading minus several degrees. There was a great stillness everywhere and I should have said that I was the only person abroad for miles around. Then I became aware of a strange crooning eerie and difficult to locate, until I realised it was coming from somewhere above my head. I looked up, there, perched high on a pine branch and looking for all the world like a monstrous, bedraggled crow, was the "harmless one". He was swaying slightly, staring out into nothingness and singing softly to himself, apparently quite happy and without a care in the world.

It is also no unusual sight in the depths of winter to come upon the same man lying sprawled out on a snow-bank, fast asleep and with his face upturned to the sun.

A character of a more amusing type occasionally comes into Grantown from an outlying hill croft. He loves "news" (gossip) and invariably buttonholes me when we meet in the street, possibly because I am one of the few who can find time to listen to him and not think him boring. From my first talk with this old fellow, I gathered that his *bete noir* was "that man" who had started a war in which several of his relatives, "all fine lads", were killed.

My first assumption was that Hitler was "that man" referred to then to other remarks I began to wonder if it might not be the Kaiser or even Paul Kruger, who was being alluded to. It was only after I became better acquainted with my friend from the hills, and learned most of his personal history, that I discovered how wide off the mark I had been.

This crofter is over seventy, and was brought up from childhood by a great aunt who died at the turn of the century in her 97th year. I was her father's seven brothers who had been killed, and "that man" my quaint friend is still reviling was *Napoleon!*

(NB - This book was published in 1956)

## Did you

that during the Indian Mutiny in 1857, a piper of the 78th Seaforth Regiment, who observed a mounted native, brandishing a sword, about to ride him down, aimed the great bass drone of his bagpipe at his would-be attacker, who, undoubtedly believing it to be a lethal fire-arm, wheeled his horse and fled?

that the first and most famous of the Scottish-British Regiments, The Royal Highland, nick-named "Am Fricceadan Dubh" or "The Black Watch," was raised in 1739 especially for the purpose of "watching" the Scottish Highlands? For the past 25 years the Highlanders had been seething with resentment over the placing of the "wee German Lairdie" (small or petty German noble), George I of Hanover, on the throne rather than their own legal heir, James Stewart (VIII). The 1715 Rising had been suppressed, and the "Black Watch" was to prevent another. The Regiment chose for its official tartan the now-widely-known and popular dark green and dark blue sett, which blended into the foliage of mountain and glen, appearing almost black. "Black" was also an uncomplimentary Scottish epithet aimed by the Highlanders at fellow-Scots who had "joined up" to spy out spreading seditious activities.

that the famous Black Watch Regiment refused to accept Battle Honors from King George III for their participation in the American War of Independence "because Battle Honors should not be granted for a war with our kith and kin"?

that the great two-handed Claymore once wielded so bravely in defense of Scotland by Sir William Wallace is still in existence after 700 years? Confiscated by his English captors in 1305, it was kept at Dumbarton Castle until 1888, when it was transferred to the Wallace Monument at Stirling where it is displayed. It is 5 feet 4 inches long, having been somewhat reduced in length when repairs necessitated its being rewelded.

## ATLANTIC REPORT

Howard T. Parsons

Henry Dagenais was on sick call the first of this year. Al Grant reports that it was pretty darn serious & something of a close call for the Colonel. However, thanks to a sharp doctor and plain old tenacity, Henry is on the mend. Henry tells us that he is well on the road to recovery and should be back at his pre-illness strength in another month or so. Fortunately, the Dr. did not limit his consumption of Scots Whisky!

Henry also told that, after a mere 6 months as a member of the Clan Grant Society, he tends to believe that the Grants are more fun than the Davidsons and he just may have to get measured for a Grant kilt. Another satisfied customer! Hope that Henry will continue to recoup & will be in fine form for the start of the '93 games season.

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On January 16th, Howard and his wife Judi attended the Burns Night hosted by the Scottish Society of Richmond as the guest of Mack and Frances DeWitt. They have been to a number of these events, but feel that this one was the nicest one yet. The event was graced by two accomplished pipers.

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In February, Howard Parsons was honored by Shennandoah National Park with an Excellence In Service award for four years as District Manager of hiking trails.

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# Clan Grant Gathers!



Sherry Springer, at Fair Hill Games  
With a pretend West Highland Terrier.  
(No dogs allowed at Fair Hill)

### FAIRHILL HIGHLAND GAMES

Submitted by:  
Allan F. Grant,  
Pasadena, MD

The 1993 highland games season for the Atlantic Region got off to a good start with the games at Fairhill, Maryland on May 15th. The weather was perfect and this helped to bring out the crowds, and it was crowded. My wife Eiko and I with the help of Henry and Ann Dagenais, set up the tent early in the morning and were ready for visitors by 10:00 am. Two of the really faithful, Betsy and Susie Riggs, showed up next and joined us in the tent. After listening to me cry about not having a copy of Phil Smiths' "Tartan for Me" book, Betsy was kind enough to go and buy, and donate for the games kit a copy of this valuable tool. Sherry and Frank Springer in years past had set up the Grant tent at Fairhill, but due to an impending move to North Carolina had to give it up. They also used the occasion to have a

family reunion for that branch of the Grants. This year Cherry and Frank and others of their family still attended to games and we were happy to have them. Also had many other Grants show up and sign our books. Hope Shirley can get them all to join Clan Grant Society.

One item that does not happen at Fairhill is the parading of the clans. I heard many comments concerning this and it seems most people would like to see the clans march on the field. The new head of the group who puts on this affair, Mr. A. J. Campbell, is looking for new ideas to improve the games. I took advantage of this and wrote him a letter suggesting that the clans be allowed to march.

Over all it was a good day and we met many old friends and made many new ones. Looking forward to the next games.

STAND FAST  
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### HAWAIIAN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Submitted by:  
Robert B. Grant

Held on the grounds of Honolulu's Bishop Museum (world famous for its Hawaiian and Polynesian exhibits), The Hawaiian Scottish Festival featured two days (April 3rd and 4th) of events, games, displays and entertainment. Admission was free and the crowds were large, reaching an estimated 11,000 on the second day which coincided with Bishop Museum's monthly "free family" day. Those who came then might have been enticed by the museum's whale exhibit, but were treated to things Scottish upon arrival. The weather was warm, dry and cooperative. The festival was rated a success and it is very likely that future events will continue to be held at the museum.

Quite a few people with Clan Grant family names visited the Clan Grant Society table, which was attended by Bob Grant, Hawaii

Commissioner. I response to post card invitation, sent to Bob, to fifth Grants listed in the Oahu phone book, a verified seven Grants can and said hello. One Ronald V Grant, an attorney who resides in Pearl City, joined up promptly. Other visitors with "family" names some of who are potential future members were: Reir Grant, William A Grant, Jr., Ale Pratt, Estell Sharp (MacElheron) and Douglas Grant all of Honolulu Kathleen Grant Wahiawa: Heid Moore, Mililani and Sandy Grant Waianae.

Not only are the Hawaiian Game getting bigger and better, but located at Bishop Museum, very large cross section of Hawaii's many other cultures and ethnic groups will be able to see what Scottish means.

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NEWS FROM THE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Wayne R. Grant  
Oregon Commissioner

On March 27, 1993 Clan Grant attended the Mid-Willamett Scottish Heritage Festival held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, OR. This was the 4th annual for the event that has grown successfully each year. We enjoyed the festivities with all the Scottish entertainment. Those participating included The Oregon State Defense Force Bagpipe & Drum band, the Royal Scottish Country Dancers, Carol Ann Wheeler-Champion Fiddler, and The Heather Breeze Celtic Folk Band.

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We also enjoyed the wonderful food and meeting many nice people. Bill Grant, from Seattle, Wa. and Jim and Susan Grant and their son Nathan from Springfield, Or. joined us for the day at the clan table. We appreciate very much their coming and their help. We are looking forward to the Tacoma, Wa. Highland Games next.

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**The Northern Californium**

By Jim Suttie  
NorCal Commissioner

Well, here we go again! By the time you read this, we, in northern California, will be approaching our fourth Game. On Saturday, Apr 24th and Sunday, Apr 25th, my wife Carol and I were set up at the Sacramento Valley Games at Roseville, CA. Weather was threatening, but no rain. Gene and Jule Grant were there on Saturday to help run the tent; and joining us on Sunday were John VanWinkle, his daughter Linda, and Larry DeMars.

At the Marin Co Highland Gathering at Corte Madera, CA on May, 15th, Carol and I, again, set up the tent for the Clan. John VanWinkle was again there to help us (Thanks John).

On Saturday, June 3rd, Gene and Jule Grant did the setup at Modesto, CA. Carol and I joined them in the tent, as did John VanWinkle and his wife Patty. The weather was threatening, off and on, all day long, but this did not deter Evelyn Grant Simmons (96) and the older, two

# By GEORGE !!!

Thank you all for promptly sending your 1993 dues. The increase to \$20.00 has not put a burden on anyone that I have heard from. The small increase will mean more stability for our Society.

**WE HAVE A NEW "CRAIGELLACHIE" EDITOR. A GREAT GRANT, MRS. FRED (HELEN McILROY) FURR.** She has the experience and expertise to bring us the high quality newsletter you deserve. Please make an extra effort to send her articles, pictures, etc; for our newsletter. Helens address: 3125 Zion Church Road  
Concord, NC 28025  
704-782-5613

Helen will establish her deadlines elsewhere in this issue. Give her the same support she has given you.

We are being represented at more games and Gatherings. Donald Grant, Games Commissioner is keeping our games kit moving on a tight schedule. From Texas to Washington in a 14 day period. Maybe we need another kit.

Howard and Judi Parsons are doing a great job as our Mid Atlantic Commissioners. Good membership participation at games plus a fine newsletter. Keep up the good work!!

Lucille and I woke up on March 13 with a blizzard going on outside. There was lightning, thunder, the wind blowing 50-60 MPH and the snow falling so thick we could not see our neighbors house across the street. (21 inches of snow) Lost power at 6:30 AM. A tree fell across the power line. We have a fire place in our family room, but no firewood. I borrowed some Saturday and managed to buy some Sunday from a kind family. It was 10 degrees outside and 50 inside our house. Sunday we decided this would be a wonderful time to visit our son Bill, who is attending the Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management, in Glendale, AZ. We flew out on Tuesday 16th. From Bisbee, Copper mining, on the Mexican border, to Tombstone, the site of the shootout at the O K Corral to the Grand Canyon, we had a great time, and stayed warm. The power was restored on the 18th, at home, we returned on the 25th. News on Bill - As of June 4, he will be again in Poland for 75 days, this time working for the Treasury Department (better pay than the Peace Corps) teaching banking and hopefully earning next semesters tuition. For those of us who have not paid tuition in a looonng, looonng time - it is astounding!!!

Look forward to seeing some of you at Grandfather Mountain. (July 8-9-10-'11) Ed, Elaine, Bob, Vivien, George, & Lucille Grant will be playing golf at Sugar Mountain and Mountain View, Thursday and Friday. Join us. Our Headquarters this year is the Snow Lake Condo's at Sugar Mountain. Our condo #'s are A-5 and C-18. As of May 28, we have two double bedrooms open. Call 1-800-445-2185 to reserve yours. Members signed up for the rooms, so far are: Ed & Elaine, Ocean Reef, Key Largo; Kyle & Betty Bowie, Virginia; Charlie & Betty MacDonald, Kentucky; Howard & Judi Parsons, Virginia and Judi's Mother. Of course Lucille and I will be there. Helen (our newsletter editor) is coming and staying with a friend. She will arrive in time for the games on Saturday. This will be a good time to meet her, and of course deliver those articles for the newsletter in person, (those you have not already sent in. We expect a very good report from Bob & Vivien Grant in Dunedin, on their trip to Australia & New Zealand this summer. Don't forget our Clan Dinner Saturday evening starting at 6:30 at the Condo. Of course, we usually plan to be on the mountain Thursday evening for opening torchlight ceremonies; gather someplace for dinner Friday evening; and have a cool down party for those staying over on Sunday evening - that's when we either eat up the left over's or go out and eat someone elses' cooking. Either way - if at all possible come to these games - one of the best two on the East Coast (my opinion). Y'ALL COME!!!!

generations of her family from visiting the Games and our tent. With Evelyn were her son Grant Simmons with wife Rayna; daughters Betty Stowe and Kathleen Clark with husband Herb; daughter-in-law Anne Simmons; and grandson Brent Simmons (Anne's son). Missing this year were the great and the great-great grandchildren.

Upcoming on July 10th and 11th is the Dunsmuir Scottish Fair in Oakland, CA.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Mr. & Mrs. John K. Cross  
58 McGoan Road  
St. Albans, ME 04971

Capt. Lee B. Grant  
6438 U.S. #23 South,  
Ossineke, MI 49766

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Van Grant  
Waiiau Garden, #87, 98-1369  
Koahehe Place  
Pearl City, HI 96782



Shirley Smith receives proclomation and silver tea service from George Grant. Pictured with George and Shirley is Shirley's husband, Phil.



*Clan Grant Northern California*

## GENEALOGY CO

Harold and I had a wonder out West. During that visited, all too briefly, the largest genealogical libr the U. S.

At the L.D.S. Library; Lake City, I had hoped to r the Grant archives, but the on microfilm, and the orig no longer available. This am sure, that these available by loan through t Church libraries around t Quite a disappointment, planned to look them all copy those that might hel our members.

While at Salt Lake Cit copy out Grants listed in t 1812 Pensioners, Bol. Soldi 1811, and Abstracts of Revo War Pension Files, all in Virgil White.

At Allen County Library, Wayne, IN, which is th largest library, I copied material I could in the ti Dr. John Anderson, TX, compiled a family history with Effingham Howard Scotland. Family lived City, Michigan, Oklahoma, pp. It includes a gen chart, compiled by Dorot Yeager, in 1946.

Also at Fort Wayne: @ McGahee Families, from Rand AL, 13 pp. It starts with A. Grant, b. SC about 18 Sarah Ann Grant Fuller, b. Also includes information Grant, b. c. 1790, believe were related.

From book by Gary R. Bole history, Asa Tomkin Grant, W. Mansfield, Logan Co. OH from NYS.

I have received a handwritten "Record of the all ministers by the name who have held Church of Parishes." If any membe this might refer to an please write. There is qu of genealogical informati for each minister - recor early as 1689 and end abou

If any of the above interest, please write me Grant and other names researching (area where t is most important).

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As a computer enthusiast, I am on a service that has been very helpful to me. Through my modem, I have been able to receive information from people all over the country, not normally available to me.

For those of us just beginning our genealogical search, I have received this outline that might be of help, and thought I would share it.

For those of you on PRODIGY service, I can be reached at TVRN99A until September. I will be leaving that service and probably going on another.

SUBJECT: GUIDE TO RESEARCH

I had this as help when I started and thought I would pass it along.

A Guide to Genealogical Research

I. Genealogy

Definition: A record of all the descendants from some one ancestor.

II. Lineage

Definition: A direct line of descent from some certain ancestor through the various generations.

III. Sources

A. Public Records

1. Marriage
2. Vital Statistics
3. Court
  - a. Wills
  - b. Deeds
  - c. Releases
  - d. Trials
  - e. Orphans' Court Records
    1. Petitions for; guardians
    2. Petitions for partitions of estates
    3. Petitions for settlement of estates
    4. Statements of settlement of estate accounts
  - f. Miscellaneous
4. Tax lists
  - a. Real estate
  - b. Personal property
  - c. Inheritance
  - d. Income
5. Censuses
  - a. Federal
  - b. State
  - c. Territorial

B. Histories

1. General
2. Local
  - a. General
  - b. Biographical
  - c. Family
  - d. City or county

C. Church Records

1. Baptismal
2. Marriage
3. Church accessions
4. Deaths
5. Membership lists
6. Officers lists
7. Charter memberships
8. Local church histories

D. Cemeteries

1. Tombstones
2. Sexton's records
3. Cemetery company records
4. Undertakers records

E. Family records

1. Bibles
2. Baptismal certificates
3. Marriage certificates
4. Deeds
5. Military discharges
6. Membership certificates
7. Naturalization papers
8. Personal knowledge
9. Miscellaneous

F. Military Records

1. State
2. Federal
3. Pensions
4. Private lists of soldiers

G. Historical Society Records

1. Local or County
2. State
3. Federal Miscellaneous

H. Archives

1. Historical Society
2. State
3. Federal

I. Public Service Records

1. Lists of local officials
2. Lists of County officials
3. Lists of State officials
4. Lists of Federal officials
5. Miscellaneous

J. Newspapers and Other Publications

1. Old issues
  - a. Marriages
  - b. Births
  - c. Obituaries
  - d. Divorces
  - e. General information
2. Current issues  
Same as above

K. Lodge and Society Information

1. Membership lists
2. Minutes of meetings

L. Biographical and Genealogical Publications

1. Who's Who
2. Who's Who in American Education
3. Compendium of American Genealogy
4. American Genealogical Magazine
5. National Genealogical Magazine
6. New England Genealogical Magazine
7. Other Genealogical publications

M. Genealogical DAR and SAR Records and Magazines

### THIS AND THAT FROM THE EDITOR

Helen McIlroy Furr

Another issue of Craigellachie is ready to be taken to the printer. Well, almost ready. In the process of getting it to this point, I have learned several valuable lessons. Yes George, one should always paste the pictures first! Then there is the lesson of--never believe all those people who say, "Go ahead and do it. I'll help you." When the time arrives, they do not. Lesson three is when you think you have everything under control, it isn't. But the fun part is getting it there. Yes, I enjoyed doing this. Lots of work, but worth it. I only ask that everyone be lenient this time. It is my first solo publication. There are still many things I need to learn. I will get better at this.

I want to thank George and Lucille for their patience. Their reassurances helped me a lot. I am grateful for their help getting the articles sent to fill this issue. I was worried, just a little, when May 25th came and went without anything in my box to do the newsletter with. With their help, the box soon began to fill. I want to thank everyone for their submissions. Some I have used 'as is' and others I have made changes. Whenever possible, I will use the articles as you send them. I do need to say a special thanks to Howard Parsons. He sent me a copy of the newsletter he does for his region, and I used a lot from it.

I also have a copy of a June, 1987 STAND FAST from Clan Grant Society of New Zealand. I have taken the liberty of reproducing several of the articles from it also. Please forgive any duplication of articles used previously. They may not be new to you, but they will be new to the newer members.

In the middle of getting this issue together, I had to make a trip to Alma, MI. It just happened that it was Memorial Day. Arriving at midnight Saturday, I discovered that there was a Scottish Festival in town. I very soon also found that there was not a room to be had for a hundred miles. Having driven all day, then three hours searching the surrounding towns for a room, I pulled the van into a rest area for some rest. Forget it! That is one mis-named place. You do not get any rest in a rest area. We were three very bedraggled people arriving at the McDonald's, toothbrush in hand. Had I known where the Clan Grant contingent was staying, I would have knocked on their door. Next time, I will remember my Cub Scout training and "BE PREPARED". At least I will look at my calendar and games schedule!

Those of you that sent disks, I will return them as soon as possible. The same with the pictures. I also want to say that I have now installed GeoWorks on my computer and will be able to handle the articles, I've been told, easier. I haven't had any problems with the ones I have received, and most of the time I use WordPerfect. Some of the fancy lettering is done with Express Publisher, and a couple of the items were done in one of several print programs I have.

I hope to see some of you at Grandfather Mountain on July 10th.

STAND FAST!





## Author wrote the book on Grants Louisiana Ancestors Damon Veach

Richard Grant was born in Louisiana on Oct. 10, 1818. He died in Natchitoches Parish on April 30, 1885. In about 1851, he married Mary Joseph Harriet Layssard, a daughter of Etienne Marafret Layssard III and Anne Marie Pamela Castarede. She was born Jan. 22, 1829 in New Orleans and died June 9, 1855 in Natchitoches Parish. Both are buried in Plaisance Cemetery on Deloge's Bluff in Rapides Parish.

According to family legend, Mary Joseph Harriet Layssard Grant and her daughter Mary Anne Coralie Grant left their house and walked down to the river to watch a funeral cortege of boats pass. Both were ill with cholera, and both died that night. Mrs. Grant was 26 years old and Mary Ann Coralie Grant was 22 months old. Richard Grant was left with two small children, Richard Henry Grant, 3 months old and Mary Harriet Grant, called June, who was three years old.

Just over one year later, on July 28, 1856, Richard Grant married a widow, Augustina Desouches Pontenot, in a civil ceremony in Natchitoches Parish. Augustina was born April 22, 1832, the daughter of Pierre Desouches and Felicite Pommier. She previously had been married to Leonard Edmund Fontenot in a ceremony June 16, 1852 in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cloutierville. Richard and Augustina had one child, Mary Rosa Grant. Augustina died Jan. 29, 1905 and was buried in Cloutierville.

Richard Grant's parents were Stephen Grant and Marie Rose Saidek. Marie Rose Saidek previously had been married to James Teal, son of James Teal and Rebecca Jones, in a ceremony May 8, 1797. After Stephen Grant's death, Marie Saidek Grant and family moved to Texas. Some years later, Richard Grant and his brother, Stephen Nathaniel Grant, returned to Louisiana.

The Richard Grant family lived on Cane River in Natchitoches Parish, near the point at which it joined Red River, opposite Colfax, La. This was called Grant's Point. They farmed and operated a store and lived on the north side of Cane River.

Mary Harriet Grant married Thomas Montfort Wells. Richard Henry Grant married Kate Kingston Boyd. Mary Rosa Grant married Raoul Rachal.

For a time after Richard Grant's death, the Thomas Montfort Wells family, the Raoul Rachal family, and the Richard Henry Grant family lived at Grant's Point. Eventually the Wells family moved to Colfax, the Grant family moved to Boyce and the Rachal family moved to Cloutierville.

The story of the Grant family is told in a beautiful hard-cover edition from Genealogy Publishing Service, 448 Ruby Mine Road, Franklin, N.C. 28734. It is an acid-free book containing 13 pages of photographs, numerous documents, sketches and maps. Some of the surnames covered are: Adams, Bienvenu, Brownlee, Chandler, Doss, Eversull, Fontenot, Frey, Gallien, Gates, Grabbener, Gremillion, LaCroix, Lieux, Linkous, Lowery, Morat, O'Quinn, Parker, Priest, Robert, Sills, Stuckey, Suggs, Teal, Underwood, Wallace, Wolf, Young and many more. The price is \$28, postpaid. The full name of the book is "Descendants of Richard Grant of Louisiana (1818-1885)," compiled by Kingston Edward Eversull, Ella Lena Boyd Grant Lieux and Frank Morat O'Quinn.

**All the write places:** Periodically, I give a compilation that lists all newspapers with which genealogists can place queries. Since space prohibits listing them often, readers may want to consider purchasing a small book compiled by Anita Cheek Milner titled "Newspaper Genealogical Column Directory."

Data used in compiling such a book is constantly changing, and even right after publication, some material will not be correct, but overall, it is a worthwhile guide to other genealogical columns throughout the country.

All known columns in the United States are alphabetically arranged by state and county, and cross-referenced for easy use. Also included are general topics such as black, Canadian, Irish, Jewish and Scottish research, heraldry and surnames.

Information used in this book was obtained from such columnist. Defunct columns, and questionnaires that were not returned are also listed. Data on each column includes: writer's name and address, research area covered, newspaper or newspapers in which the column appears, frequency of column publication,

date of the column's first publication, requirements and charges for queries, availability of back issues and indexes, publications sold by the columnist that are pertinent to the column's topic and miscellaneous information.

This one comes from Heritage Books Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, Md. 20716. The price is \$17, postpaid.

Another column listing is also available from Merle Ganier, 2108 Grace Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76111-2816. This one is less expensive, is mimeographed and excludes all the defunct formats. It also contains a surname guide. The title is "Family Periodicals and reunions - 1993 Edition." The price is \$5 (plus 39 cents tax for Texans).

Ganier is meticulous with her work and is well-known for her surname publication "Knight Letter" one of the oldest and best of its kind.

Her listing of columns is also easier to follow.

For the price, you can't beat this one. But both this one and Milner's should prove useful. Tell them you saw it here.

Correspondence to this column should be addressed to Damon Veach, Louisiana Ancestors, care of Living Section, The Times-Picayune, 3800 Howard Ave., New Orleans, La. 70140.

Queries are printed free and can be any length but should have a Louisiana connection by heritage or residence of researchers working on lines in other states.

Books and other publications are reviewed only if a sample copy is submitted with each request. Dated notices should be sent several weeks prior to the scheduled event. Otherwise mail is filed by date of postmark and used as space permits.



### The Real Gaels

And so the Highlanders, the real Gaels of Scotland, though much reduced in numbers, continue to exist as a lively and enlivening element in the Scottish scene. It is the Highland heritage that Scotland still puts most prominently into the shop window devoted to Scottish tradition. The bagpipes, the kilt, the tartan, the Celtic fluency of speech - you may find all these and other Gaelic things all over Scotland, but their origin was in the Highlands. Scotland would indeed be a dull country if you removed from it all the few pure Gaels left in the Highlands and Islands. Without the Highland traditions and heritage, however, even as they exist in the Lowlands and in the great towns, Scotland would just not be Scotland; it would be unthinkable.

*Moray McLaren (1901-71)*



# ONE SCOT'S OPINION

Submitted by:  
Howard T. Parsons, Jr.

Well, it's about time for another one of those articles in *The Highlander*. You know. The ones, sometimes written by a native Scot, that bewail the misuse of Highland dress at the games in North America. True, there are some outlandish oddities. There are always a number of folks, usually belonging to the SCA, in reasonably authentic garb that gives us an idea of how our ancestors dressed but there are also a goodly number in outfits that convince me that they've been reading too much *Elf Quest*.

The one item that these writers constantly pick on is our hats. A while back, one article advised readers that, if they did not want to wear a Balmoral or Glengerry on the games field then properly attired Scot in the States should emulate his cousins seen in pictures of the games in Scotland and leave his head exposed to the elements. There are two problems with this. The first is that the people in these pictures are usually local officials who have put on highland dress for the event and know full well that they take a better picture without a hat. Otherwise, the average Scottish gentleman wears trousers and whatever covering strikes his fancy to the games. The other problem is more environmental. The Ozone Layer is getting thin and so is the cap of curls on many American Scots. A bare pate on a sunny day is an invitation for skin cancer.

So a hat is needed but must the choice be limited to one of two styles? I have a picture of no less rabid a Scot than Compton Mackenzie, looking dapper in Highland day-wear consisting of a kilt, jacket and vest and a tweed touring cap. Indeed, the traditional bonnet may be bad for you. The head is the body's primary heat loss area and the brain, like a computer, must be kept at an even temperature. On a 90-degree day, the last thing one needs is a head covering with the excellent heat-retaining properties afforded by wool. At the Scotchtown Games last May, a member of one of the pipe bands collapsed during the Parade of Tartans. On that 90+ day, would he have been better off if he'd exchanged his Balmoral for something more reasonable?

Since the traditional head-gear is out, at least during the warm weather months which encompasses most of our games, what should we do to cover our craniums? The Aussie-style hat was suggested by one writer who simultaneously frowned on the cowboy Stetson. All writers turn thumbs down on the surplus military gear that games goers pick up from the vendors. While it is agreed that these items would be inappropriate for a Clan dinner or the like, one can argue that these arbiters of correct day-wear often fail to appreciate the unique place that the games hold in the life of Scottish Americans. They are a celebration of our heritage, often 200 years removed, and a party; a fun time for the family. We relax, have a good time and watch George Grant put white shoe-polish on his police-man's helmet.

I am not going to champion one style over another other than to say that it should offer protection from the sun, keep the head cool and look good to the person underneath. What anyone else thinks is of little concern. This means that it can be anything from the stylish hats worn by Gordon and John Grant to the baseball style cap, imprinted with the Clan Badge of your choice, sold by some of the vendors. Protect your head, stay cool and have a good time at the games in '93.

## FALL DEADLINE

The deadline for articles and pictures for the Fall Issue of CRAIGELLACHIE is AUGUST 25TH.

Please make a note of this date and send any articles, pictures or notes. I can use 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disks. Everything should be saved in ASCII format. Thank you.

This article was sent by Howard Parsons, Jr., Atlantic Commissioner.

## SCOTCHTOWN HOME OF PATRICK HENRY

Great men often have great ideas. Sometimes, they work out. The story of Scotchtown begins with Charles Chiswell who immigrated from Scotland in the late 1600's and settled in the colonial capital of Williamsburg. It was not too long before he made the right connections and, circa 1706, was serving as clerk of the General Court.

As was often the case with Scots immigrants, he continued to prosper and, in 1717, patented a holding of nearly 10,000 acres in what was, at the time, the western part of New Kent County. Hanover county was created in 1720 from that portion of New Kent. The laws of the time required that patented land must be seated (settled) within two years of the patent date and therefore, the house at Scotchtown is reckoned to date from 1719. Along with the main house were the usual outbuildings (dependencies) were also a tannery and a grist mill.

Chiswell had the dream of founding a permanent Scottish Colony on the land and brought a group of Scots, including builders, to construct the main house and its dependencies. These Scots, like most others in the waves of immigration that came to the shores in the 18th century were destined to move on and move on yet again before they finally settled. The permanent colony envisioned by Chiswell never took hold. Charles consoled himself with becoming even more prosperous and increasing his holdings.

With six children ranging between sixteen and a babe in arms, Patrick and Sarah Henry were looking for a good place to settle their family. Chiswell's plantation at Scotchtown caught Henry's eye because it was productive and a good investment. Records show that Patrick Henry bought the estate for 600 or about \$18,000.

Born in 1736, Patrick Henry was a native of Hanover County. The son of John Henry, an educated Scotsman who served the colony as a surveyor, colonel and Justice of the County Court, Patrick received some rudimentary education in a local school, enhanced with tutoring from his father. His early attempts at earning a living were far from successful as he tried being a storekeeper, failed at that and tried farming which was also a failure and made a second attempt at storekeeping which again was a failure. The year 1754 saw his marriage to Sarah Sheldon and the following year brought the arrival of the first of their many children. Faced with the responsibility of a growing family, Patrick began to study for the practice of law. He shortly demonstrated a remarkable ability for the profession and was admitted to the bar in 1760. Within a few years, he had a large and profitable practice, especially in the area of criminal law, where he was known for his quick wit and his singular oratorical skills.

Though Patrick Henry only lived at Scotchtown from 1771 through 1777, some of his greatest accomplishments were during this period. His law practice kept him traveling to courthouses in three counties and he aggressively defended dissenting preachers as well as argued the case for religious liberty. In 1774, at the nearby Merry Oaks Tavern, Patrick organized what is said to be the first company of volunteers for service in the American Revolution. That same year he was a leader in calling the First Continental Congress and served as a member of Virginia's delegation.

Scotchtown was the place where Henry wrote his speech containing the famous words, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" This speech, delivered at St. John's Church in Richmond, called for the colony to be put on a defence footing as conflict with England seemed imminent. Scotchtown was also the place where his wife, Sarah, died following an extended illness.

In 1776, Patrick Henry was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. George Rogers Clark came to Scotchtown in order to request gun powder for Kentucky's defence. Henry convinced the legislative council to approve the request and thus secured Kentucky as a county of Virginia. Governor Henry was also able to win further Council approval for aid to Clarke's campaign for the Illinois Territory. From this territory, the states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin were formed.

Patrick Henry later remarried and eventually retired to his new estate in Henry County. While at Scotchtown, he had championed the cause of American Independence, been elected to first governor of an independent state in the history of the world and had taken a large part in writing the XVth and XVIth sections of the Virginia Declaration of Rights which gave official sanction to the doctrine of religious liberty in Virginia.

Scotchtown has been owned and operated since 1958 by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). For over one hundred years, the APVA has been involved in the preservation and restoration of historic sites from churches to banks to lighthouses. Today, the APVA owns or maintains 35 historic sites representing more than 300 years of Virginia and American History. It is the oldest statewide historic preservation organization in America.

# COMING EVENTS

- JUNE**
- TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Maverick Stadium  
Arlington, TX .....4-6
- MCHENRY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL**  
Garrett County Fairgrounds  
McHenry (Deep Creek Lake), MD .....5
- MODESTO HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Tuolumne River Regional Park  
Modesto, CA .....5
- MILWAUKEE HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Old Heidelberg Park  
Milwaukee, WI .....5
- BOB EVANS FARM CELTIC FESTIVAL**  
Rio Grande, OH .....5-6
- CLAN CARMICHAEL INTERNATIONAL GATHERING**  
Carmichael, Scotland .....6-12
- CLAN EWEN SOCIETY SCOTLAND ANNUAL MEETING**  
Kilfinan Hotel  
Kilfinan, Argyll, Scotland .....12
- CLAN BELL DESCENDANTS, INC.**  
15th Annual Reunion  
Springfield, VT .....18-20
- SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES**  
San Marcos, CA .....19
- MCPHERSON SCOTTISH SAMPLER**  
McPherson, KS .....19
- OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES**  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, OH .....24-26
- TACOMA HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Frontier Park  
Graham, WA .....26
- TENNESSEE BLAIR SEMINAR**  
Radisson, Hotel  
Knoxville, TN .....26
- OHIO SCOTTISH ARTS SCHOOL**  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, OH .....26 to July 2
- JULY**
- PAYSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**  
City Park  
Payson, UT .....10
- GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Linville, NC .....10-11
- CLAN MACFARLANE SOCIETY ANNUAL GATHERING**  
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games  
Linville, NC .....10-11
- SHANKLAND/SHANKLIN REUNION**  
Ann Arbor Masonic Lodge  
Ann Arbor, MI .....11
- CELTIC HERITAGE FAIR**  
City Hall Grounds  
Warren, OH .....17-18
- ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF VERMONT**  
Kirkin O' The Tartan & Picnic  
Walter Harvey Meeting House  
West Barnet, VT .....18
- INDIANA HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Zollner Stadium  
Fort Wayne, IN .....24
- CLAN COLQUHOUN REUNION**  
Clemson University  
Clemson, SC .....24
- VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES**  
Episcopal High School  
Alexandria, VA .....24-25
- CAULD WIND PIPING SUMMER SCHOOL**  
Oak Hill Ranch  
Santa Rosa, CA .....26-30
- CLAN MUNRO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**  
Lexington, MA .....29 to August 1
- GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Agricultural Grounds  
Maxville, Ontario, Canada .....30-31
- AUGUST**
- CLAN DONNACHAIDH SOCIETY CENTENARY GATHERING**  
Bruar, Near Blair Atholl, Scotland ...2-8
- ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House  
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI .....7
- TAM O'SHANTER HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL**  
Stonehill College  
Easton, Ma .....7
- MONTEREY SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & GAMES**  
Monterey County Fairgrounds  
Monterey, CA .....7-8
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Denver, CO .....7-8
- FERGUS HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Victoria Park  
Fergus, Ontario, Canada .....13-15
- CENTRAL NEW YORK SCOTTISH GAMES**  
Long Branch Park  
Liverpool, NY .....14
- MAINE HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Thomas Point Beach  
Brunswick, ME .....21
- QUECHEE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**  
Quechee Polo Field  
Quechee, VT .....28
- LONG ISLAND SCOTTISH GAMES**  
Old Westbury Gardens  
Old Westbury, NY .....28
- SEPTEMBER**
- LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL**  
Stanley Field  
Estes Park, CO .....9-12
- DAYS OF THE SCOTS**  
Mo-Ranch Conference Center  
Hunt, Tx .....10-12
- LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Idlewild Park  
Ligonier, PA .....11
- NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Loon Mountain Recreation Area  
Lincoln, NH .....17-19
- FRESNO HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES**  
Coombs River Ranch  
Fresno, CA .....18
- CHARLESTON HIGHLAND GAMES**  
Boone Hall Plantation  
Mt. Pleasant, SC .....18
- OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING**  
Manion Park  
Tulsa, OK .....18
- CELTIC CLASSIC HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL**  
Bethlehem, PA .....24-26
- CLAN MACPHERSON NATIONAL GATHERING**  
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## TO A MIDGE

*If the Scottish Tourist Board could banish the rain and the midge from the Highlands - preferably simultaneously - the the tourists would multiply over night.*

Wee strippit irritating beastie  
Wha daurs o me mak a feastie  
An finds the juice o me sae tasty,  
Ye can digest;  
Ye needna crawl awa sae hasty  
Ablow ma vest!

I hae a bottle here o lotion  
A sticky, smelly kind o potion  
Thats guaranteed tae cause commotion  
Tae midge or flee;  
I'll sort ye fir yir wicked notion  
O bitin me!

Curse on yir clan! I'm dune wi jokin;  
For chreech ye dinna gie a docken;  
So now a smokin fire I'm stokin  
Wi breckans green -  
Aye, deil! Yons fairly got ye chokin,  
An bleared yir een!

Let TOWERISTS seek from every nation  
This land's romantic desolation;  
Thou Midge will give them irritation  
Beyond all ills;  
At dusk they'll dance with desperation  
On muirs and hills.

*Eilidh Nisbet*

