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News From "HOME"

Notes from the "Strathspey and Badenoch Herald"



Best dressed dancer at the Abernethy Highland Games, Eilidh Morrison, shows off her prize, watched closely by Highlander the hound, the companion of Lord Strathspey.

--8-26-93

"Chitty, Chitty, Bang! Bang!", the famous 1924 flying car appeared at the Grantown games this year and highlighted the events of the day. The car, driven by Pierre Pecton, also held the Queen of the Games, Lynn Calder, for her presentation to the crowd.

Mr. Pecton later gave a riding tour in the car to the winners of a children's coloring contest.

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CLAN GRANT CENTRE AT DUTHIL

George Grant

UK Clan Grant Society, with the leadership of Sir Patrick Grant, Dalvey, is moving ahead to establish a Clan Grant Museum and Clan Center at Duthil Kirk.

The first step in this process is to interest a UK organization that makes available money for the establishment of such entities. In order to proceed, it is necessary to prepare a feasibility outline for the project. Consultants are available to put these proposals together with correct documentation etc: to justify the effort.

Cost of the consultant is 5000 sterling. The local government body is putting up 2500 with the balance coming from Clan Grant Societies. U.S. Society is contributing 1000 with the balance from Canada and the UK.

Successful presentation of the proposal will result in from 50,000 to 100,000 sterling toward the Center. The only problem I see is spelling the word Centre.

Following is a copy of the preliminary outline:

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY

The Establishment of a Clan Grant Centre and Museum

History

The UK Clan Grant Society has been established in its present form since 1989. The Society has existed in one form or another since the early 1950s, but under the present committee, chaired by Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey Bt., it is considered to be on a much firmer footing than previously with the membership now increased from 40 to 160. The Chairman initiated a membership drive in 1991 and the project has been successful to date. The target U.K. membership set by the Society is 500, and this is expected to be achieved. The main method of recruitment has been by direct mail, and this source has only been partially exploited so far.

There are also separate Clan Grant Societies for the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The first two are particularly active and have been up and running for approximately 15 years. All foreign Societies are separate legal entities but exist with the official support and recognition of the Clan Chief, The Right Honourable Lord Strathspey.

Aims of the Clan Grant Society

The principal aims of the UK Clan Grant Society are:

- (a) To fulfil the functions of a normal Clan Society in that a newsletter is printed, social occasions are arranged whereby members can meet, an annual Gathering is held and a common interest in Clan relationships and history is shared, etc.
- (b) The creation and organisation of a Clan Centre and Museum in the principal Clan Grant area of Strathspey. To this end the UK Society has acquired the ownership of the former church at Duthil, Carrbridge, and to date a sum of £10,000 has been spent on renovating the building.

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DUTHIL from page 1**Clan Grant Centre and Museum**

The plan is to create a Clan Grant Centre and Museum at Duthil which will have a number of different functions as follows:

- (a) A Visitors Centre, open to the public, containing a visual display.
- (b) A world wide Clan Centre, possibly including a geneological database.
- (c) A museum of Clan artefacts.

(a) Visual Display

The plan is to create a visual display which will illustrate the history of the Clan Grant in Strathspey, and the related Clan areas of Glenurquhart and Glenmoriston, down through the ages. An explanation of the structure of a Highland Clan will be shown as well as an overall history of Clan Grant in particular. The display will also include material on particularly significant events and personalities in the history of Clan Grant. Contemporary personalities and issues will be included, and the local areas of Strathspey, Glenurquhart and Glenmoriston will also be featured as they are today.

The design and layout of the display would be in accordance with the present thinking on Heritage/Visitor Centres as well as being a tourist attraction. Displays would be graphic with the possibility of a video presentation also. A retail outlet and tea shop may well be included.

(b) World Wide Clan Centre

The Clan Grant Society believes that it is necessary to provide a Centre for Grants world wide. The logical location for this would be in Strathspey. It is felt important that an institution is created so that all Grants, whether in Scotland, UK or foreign countries, have one place with which they can identify. It is particularly important that this function is provided for all Grants who are emigrants or descended from emigrants as we hope to attract them back to the area to visit their original homeland and communicate with the local population.

The Clan Centre will also act as a meeting point for Clan occasions, which are held annually or more frequently. The Clan MacPherson Museum Centre is very much a role model for the Society.

(c) Museum

The creation of a museum for Clan artefacts is of particular importance. There is a large collection of antique weaponry in the possession of the National Museums of Scotland, which was handed over in lieu of death duties by the family of the Earl of Seafield. These artefacts are currently held in storage and are not on display, primarily owing to the large number of items involved. Negotiations have been carried out by the Society with the National Museums of Scotland, who are in principle agreeable to lending the Society the required number of artefacts subject to suitable security arrangements being provided. Of particular interest to the project is the fact that a number of these weapons were crafted in the 17th and 18th centuries by the family of the Clan Armourer, who was based at Duthil. To return some of these items to Duthil would appear to be fitting.

Ownership

Ownership of the property, being the former church and surrounding ground, is invested in a Clan Grant Trust. The Museum and Clan Centre will be owned by the Clan Grant Museum Trust, which is a UK Scottish Charity. The charitable status facilitates the raising of money in a tax efficient way. The affiliation with the UK Society and therefore foreign Clan Grant Societies enables the channelling of funds and resources through to the charitable organisation.

Funding

The overall capital expenditure envisaged to create the Museum and Clan Centre is of the order of £50,000 to £100,000. The project has been deliberately planned to be modest in scale, as the Society does not wish to become involved in over ambitious schemes. The capital sum required will be raised from a number of sources including:

- (a) Contributions from the UK Society.
- (b) Contributions from the US Clan Grant Society.
- (c) Contributions from the Canadian Clan Grant Society.
- (d) Contributions from charitable institutions
- (e) Corporate donations
- (f) Central Government assistance
- (g) Local Government assistance

- (h) Contributions from other overseas Clan Grant members and Societies.

Revenue and Expenditure

The project has been developed on the assumption that the Centre would not be self financing, hence the principal reason for the UK Society having set a target of 500 members. The intention is that in order to assure the long term security of the Centre and Museum, financial support would be provided on an annual basis by directing part of the annual contributions of UK members towards the running of the Clan Grant Museum. A similar arrangement is intended to be set up with the foreign Clan Grant Societies. Revenue funding will therefore come from the following sources:

- (a) UK Clan Grant Society membership.
- (b) US Clan Grant Society membership.
- (c) Canadian Clan Grant Society membership.
- (d) Corporate sponsorship.
- (e) Profits from retailing.
- (f) Visitor contributions.
- (g) Contributions from other overseas Clan Grant members and Societies.

The Property - Former Church at Duthil

The property of Duthil church was sold to the UK Society by a property developer, namely Mr Brandon Bravo. At the time the building required various works by way of renovation to the total sum of £10,000. The UK Society were not able to fund this in full. The costs were met by (a) donations from the US and Canadian Societies and (b) Sir Patrick Grant. The balance was raised by the UK Clan Grant Society.

The project has received considerable support from the present Lord Seafield, who has offered to provide land, at a token rent, for parking and the necessary wayleaves for the siting of a septic tank. The Badenoch and Strathspey District Council has also been strongly supportive, and the planning department has been supportive, primarily because the building is listed, and if not used for this purpose it could well fall into disrepair and impose an obligation on the local authority.

Feasibility Study Requirements

The Study must successfully fulfil two main functions:

- (1) The detailed planning of the layout.
- (2) It must create a document which will successfully serve as an instrument to assist in raising finance.

The general requirements of the Feasibility Study, bearing in mind all of the above, are:

- (a) The detailed design of the layout of the graphic and video displays.
- (b) The detailed design of the Museum.
- (c) Assessment of and provision for suitable security arrangements as required by the National Museums of Scotland.
- (d) Provision of detailed architectural designs for the adaptation of the building.
- (e) All materials recommended, such as display items, museum cases, must be detailed as to type, availability and supplier.
- (f) Standard Visitor Centre facilities must be included in the design, e.g. toilets, parking etc.
- (g) All Health and Safety and other legal requirements must be provided for.
- (h) The layout plan must be of the type not to preclude the use of a small office.
- (i) Envisaged operation costs must be set out.
- (j) Capital costs must be set out.
- (k) The sources of types of finance available must be outlined.
- (l) A small shop and teashop must be provided for.
- (m) There must be provision for employee requirements and facilities.

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- (n) A simple marketing appraisal must be provided bearing in mind that a self-financing operation is not envisaged. This should include an estimate of the likely numbers of visitors and details of the appropriate length of season that should be considered.
- (o) The report must include strong visualisation of the proposed interior and exterior of the building and the display layout and aspects by way of explanation, in order to motivate the membership of the Clan Grant Societies.
- (p) Feasibility of charging a visitor's fee, including the supply of comparisons with other similar visitor centres' charges and suggested charging structure if applicable.

GRANTS ARE INTO BROADCASTING

A newly formed corporation proudly bearing the name "STAND FAST BROADCASTING CORPORATION" emerges this September.

The President, David A. Grant, and Vice-President, Molly L. Grant, incorporated their business in May of this year. Mr. Grant has built six TV stations to date, on a contract basis. Initial plans for this station begins with Elmira, NY, then soon thereafter with stations in Ithaca, NY and Binghamton, NY. "STAND FAST" plans to franchise the BIG TV concept, which features local programming Drop-Ins throughout the hourly schedule. The Tri-City BIG TV Network will reach 200,000 households. All interested persons may obtain information about this new Grant venture by calling 716-567-8873 or by writing:

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THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT FOR YOU—
Dave and Molly Grant

GENEALOGY CORNER
Beryl Grant

We now have in our Grant library a copy of "Ten Generations of Grants" by Myron Grant (copyright 1971). We are indebted to one of our newest members, Richard V. Grant of Fort Lauderdale, FL who spent considerable time and money copying this book and sending it to me. This book contains 709 pages of information on Grants and should help Grants researching New England, NJ, PA and the Midwest in particular. The book traces Thomas Grant (c. 1630-1690) of Rehoboth, Mass. who was a soldier in the English Civil War and was captured on the field at Worcester, Eng. He is considered Scottish but this has not been proved conclusively. The book traces four lines, David 1682, Gilbert 1672, John 1677 and Josiah 1754. There aren't too many Grant books/manuscripts, especially for the Midwest, and this is an important one and one I have been trying to find for years, as the only copy available to me is located at some distance. Again, thank you Richard, for this important donation. Richard is tracing an Ezra Grant born 1863, NY and his wife Florence Austin. (Possibility the family name was DuGrant at one time.)

Charlie MacDonald, of Eminence, KY, has sent me two sets of extensive research on two pioneer branches of Nova Scotia families. One is "John

Grant, the Scotch Hill Line" researched by Ken MacDonald of Halifax, N.S. with whom Charlie exchanged information on families originating in Glen Urquhart, Scotland. The two sons of John Grant of Glen Urquhart came to this country as immigrants. James Grant (1740-1822), Miller, came aboard the Hector in 1773 and this family was known as "East River Grants". Alpin Grant, his younger brother, came over in 1775 and this family is known as the Scotch Hill Grants" branch. This last family is where Charlie and Shirley Grant Smith trace into.

Henry Lee Grant III of Manhasset, L.I., NY, sent me a copy of an article on his family research which I expect to see in an issue of our newsletter and concerns his research in West VA and VA.

If any of our members think the above research papers will be of any help to them, please contact me with as much information (particularly location) on your family members that you can. (Please send stamped, self-addressed envelope.) Quite a few of our members are searching the same or collateral lines and I know that we can help each other.



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Licensees in Grantown-on-Spey have decided to "stamp out rowdyism" in the pubs and hotels by forming a "Pub Watch." The public may call a specified phone number and leave a message if they see trouble brewing. As soon as a message is received, a bleeper sounds, the members call a given number, the message is relayed and then they can refuse to serve the person when he/she comes in to the bar. The police will also be on the system and would be immediately available to help out if problems seem to be developing. The trouble-makers would be effectively banned from all the pubs and hotels in town.

--4/8/93

Mr. Alastair MacLeod, Genealogist with the Highland Regional Council's Libraries and Leisure Services Department in Scotland is working with a region-wide drive aimed at helping people research their family histories. This will continue through October, 1993.

The Department of Libraries and Leisure Services holds extensive records--including copies of old parish registers, 19th Century census information and collections of gravestone inscriptions in the reference section of the Inverness Library. Mr. MacLeod points out that people often start with the Register House in Edinburgh but that a lot of local information is available in the region giving detailed and often more personalized facts about Highland ancestors. He can carry out more in-depth investigation for a modest fee and offers free advice on how to start tracing your ancestors.

(Note: You might want to visit this library when you are in Scotland.)

--4/22/93

An interesting article taken from "McLeish At Large" (an avid "hill walker" and columnist in Scotland) tells of his recent trek through the "wind-ravaged country" that James Graham, fifth Earl of Montrose had also travelled in the 17th Century. Montrose, a great military figure, perhaps even greater than Oliver Cromwell, excelled in mobile guerilla warfare.

At the Battle of Inverlochy, near Ft. William in 1645, the Earl of Montrose led his troops over the hills between Ft. Augustus and Roy Bridge, and beneath Ben Nevis to meet in battle the Duke of Argyll and his Covenanting troops. They traveled south along the Carrieyairick Pass to Glen Buck and on to higher ground and the "parallel roads of Glen Roy. (These are distinct terraces thought to be various water levels of an ancient loch.) It took Montrose 40 hours to march through this territory. John Buchan wrote of this event, "The upper glens were choked with drifting snow and the rocks glazed with ice, impassible save for Highland brogues."

In a surprise attack, Montrose's Royalists severely defeated the Covenanting army under the Duke of Argyll with a loss of only four men, forever breaking the strength of Clan Campbell as a fighting force.

McLeish hiked these same "featureless hills" and writes, ". . .as the wind howled and the snow covered the tracks, I realized how desolate this place can be."

--4/22/93

Balmenach Distillery, founded in 1824 and situated near Cromdale, closed its' doors in July, probably for the last time. Many of the employees, saddened by the closing, had worked for the company most of their lives. Some even claimed parents and grandparents as workers for the distillery. The operation is now "mothballed" with some hope for its revival--but the owners, United Distillers, point out that to start it up again will require close to two million pounds.

--7/01/93

In olden times, Sir George MacPherson Grant of Ballindalloch is credited as the founder of Insh village and for laying out its houses in street form. Mr. G. A. Dixon, columnist for the Badenoch Herald, quotes, "Instead of every man dropping down his house where he pleases!"

The current owner of Ballindalloch Castle and lands, Mr. Oliver Russell, recently hosted the IIP organization (Investor in People Scotland) on the estate. The IIP is a government agency that helps businesses and organizations to improve their services by training and developing staff to fit their particular program. Mr. Russell, as Chairman, receives credit for advising, guiding and financing the Award winner, the Abernethy Trust, set up in 1971 to provide "holiday and recreational facilities in a positive Christian atmosphere for young people." It has also attracted conferences and the projects have increased 18 times since conception.

--8/05/93

(*Note: Clan Grant, too, has been on the receiving end of Mr. Russell's expertise and hospitality! We are proud of his accomplishments in this field.)

Mrs. Clare MacPherson-Grant Russell must be mentioned since she joins her husband and shows Clan Grant members around the castle and grounds. Her handiwork is evident in the beautiful rock garden as well as the room set aside for handicrafts made by local people. In August the "Herald" reports that she served as guest of honor and judge for the Strathspey Farmer's Club's pageant and selection of its Queen.

--8/12/93

PERIODICALS

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Grants at Games

McHENRY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

by Allan F. Grant

When you attend the Highland festival at McHenry in Western Maryland, you really feel like a Scot. It has everything, just like the old country, rain, fog, wind and mountainous terrain. This year, we had more wind than we really needed. After putting up the Clan Grant tent five times, we submitted to nature and let the tent stay down. Within the first few hours of the festival, over half the clan tents were down because of the wind. We spent the rest of the day maintaining our displays (and our dignity) the best we could. But, it was still a good day. Henry Degenais and his wife, Ann, along with my wife, Eiko, helped with the tent (and displays after the tent was down). Upon their arrival, Betsy Riggs, along with daughter, Susie, and son, Bill, also pitched in. Suzie represented Clan Grant in the haggis throw and let everybody know we were there. Bill also represented the Clan by running in the kilted mile, taking 2nd place honors. In addition, he was in the bonnie knee contest, and while not winning a prize, he made a good showing. Despite the wind, the Gathering was the largest in the six year history of the Festival. The Ceilidh that evening was excellent. Overall it was an enjoyable weekend. If you like the highlands, you'll like McHenry! Come out and join us next June.

DELCO GAMES

Shirley Smith

One of the hottest, dustiest games on record for the Delco games in Devon, PA turned out to be one of the best days for Grants visiting the Clan tent! A record number turned out--many from the New Jersey area and most were new contacts!

Chris and Diane Reardon, moving into our area from New York is Hal Grant's loss and our gain! Chris went right to work, manning the tent, much to Shirley Smith's appreciation! The heat got to her before the morning had barely begun and Chris pitched right in and gave her a break!

Mary Lou Donohoe decided to cast her lot with us, after several years of deliberation (you hafta

check these Grant characters out very carefully, ya know!) and we are happy to count her among us!

In addition to these mentioned, and stopping by to say "hello" were: Allen Grant Ballard, Todd Palmer, Helen Matthews, Shoch Pennypacker, Rachel Kauffman, Rich and Laura Grant and sons Andrew and Richard, Ruth Raymond, Dorothy Grant Yates, John McConchip, Matthew Fay, Ronald Grant, Bob and Rita Bowie, Scott and Denise Bowie, Norine Gallagher and Hal Cohen.

Finally, we want to mention Ray and Lida Mae Potter. They faithfully attend every year and

The Highland Games through 5 year old eyes.

Hello. My name is Felicia Dawn Furr and I'm 5 years old. I went with my Grandma and my mommy to Grandfather Mountain to see the Highland Games. I liked hearing the beanpipes (bagpipes) and seeing the dancers. I liked the music, especially the song about "you can't push your granny off the bus" (Carl Peterson). I liked the sheep and the dog chasing them. I liked walking and seeing everything and you have to be careful or the parade (bands) will run over you. It was hot when I was walking, but I could sit in the tent with grandma's friends. I got a hat, a flag, a lamb and a poem book. I liked the place we slept. The people were nice and there were lots of steps. I got in trouble. You could see the big mountains too. I can hardly wait till next year. I also got to take my own pictures. I had lots of fun.



Felicia Furr



WASHINGTON STATE

John W. Grant
Washington State Commissioner

On July 31 and August 1, 1993, Clan Grant attended The 47th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw, Washington. Over 25,000 attended on a beautiful Northwest weekend in the shadow of Glacier tipped Mt. Rainier.

There was Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Sheepdog Trials, Athletic Events and plenty of Scottish and traditional food. Just the Massing of the Pipes and Drums, Presentation of Colors, Parade of the Clans and Opening Ceremonies took almost two hours. The Clan tents on the Avenue of the Clans was busy with people talking "Genealogy". It is times like this that I am proud to represent our Clan.

Most of the "Gatherings" are finished, but I am looking forward to a better and bigger next year.

STAND FAST



Top: Mt. Rainier
Bottom: Linda & John Grant
Washington State Commissioner



MACALESTER COUNTRY FAIRE

Edward A. Grant
Upper Midwest Commissioner

Clan Grant and twenty-eight other clans once more challenged the Minnesota weather to gather and to celebrate our Scottish heritage. As usual, the first weekend of May in St. Paul did its best to dampen our spirits, but the Grants and many others stood fast. The morning was threatening. However, the downpour held off until just as the massed bands marched off at 12:30 PM. Most of us stuck it out until 2:30.

Despite unfavorable weather, there was a surprising number of the public doing their best to wring some scotch out of the existing conditions. Clan regulars Gretchen Schampel of St. Paul and Bob Grant from Beausejour, Manitoba were there. New faces included Kathy Moos and Linda Grant of St. Paul; Gerald Grant from Newport Beach, CA; Jill (St. Paul) and Gail (Oshkosh, WI) Zellmer; Dorus (Grant) Bonnawitz of Minneapolis; and Suzanne Elder from Le Center, MN.

We are all looking foreword to next year. Odds are that we'll get good weather one of these years, and the Grants will be optimistic about 1994.



Atlantic Report

Howard T. Parsons

Tidewater Festival

The Tidewater(VA) Scottish Festival has never had an easy go of it. The inaugural event was held in the mud and rain of the local Holiday Travel Park. Several years later, the games moved to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens which did provide a somewhat more attractive setting though still plagued by rain and low attendance. After the 13th festival was abruptly terminated by a line of thunderstorms which moved in during the opening ceremonies, rumors abounded that the event was on the verge of folding it's tents.

A change in leadership and/or weather patterns may have turned things around for Tidewater. The 15th annual festival played to sunny, albeit hot, weather. Attendance was still not what the organizers had wished for though there was a fairly steady parade of people making the circuit of the field. A number of them stopped by the Grant tent including the daughter of our Oregon Commissioner, Wayne Grant.

Tidewater does have a few tricks to teach the larger Highland gatherings. The parade of clans was held as part of the opening ceremonies which went off more or less on time at 10:30. This is much better than the inevitable wait in the hot sun while bands and clans assemble at mid-day or mid-afternoon. Once this important formality was complete, we were able to settle down to an enjoyable day of socializing and recruiting new members.

Another good idea from Tidewater is the daytime entertainment. Like most Scottish events, Tidewater features a pub tent. This is fine for visitors but does prevent clan representatives who are running their respective tents from enjoying the show. Tidewater has something for everyone by rotating the entertainers between the pub tent and the reviewing stand/stage with it's more than adequate sound system.

Tidewater is also famous for it's laid-back Celidh. This is a far cry from the formal stage show at Grandfather Mountain and more like the original spirit of such gatherings. It is perhaps the most relaxing wrap-up to a day on the field that we've seen yet.

Clan Grant occupied a place on the field next to Clan Gunn which was next to Clan Guthrie. The Guthrie representative began setting up and assembling their display at 9:30 and finally finished up/gave up around 1:30. Because of a planning snafu, the tents on the Grant side of the

field were set to face out on the canal, away from the games field. Most, if not all of the visitor traffic was approaching us from the rear. The Gunn representative decided to pull the leg of Clan Guthrie by telling him that we were all supposed to turn our tents around at noon. Clan Grant, always ready for a bit of good natured fun, joined in earnest agreement and promptly reversed it's position at 12:00 even though the man from Guthrie loudly protested that he had been told six times that we were supposed to be facing the canal. Throughout the rest of the afternoon, the Grants and Gunns repeatedly offered to assist the Guthries in realigning their tent. Clan Guthrie finally capitulated by having part of the display facing the canal and part facing the field.

Other than the heat of the day, the one downside of Tidewater, along with many other games, is it's insistence on continuing until 5:00. By this time, the vast majority of the crowds have departed, the athletes have gone to the showers and the clan representatives who have been on the field since 8 or 9 are starting to get cranky. A mini mutiny began around 4:00 with cars sneaking on to the field to load up and the Guthrie representative loudly claiming that cars were supposed to stay off the field until after 5:00 and that his tent was still facing the right way.

The finest moment of the afternoon came when the band on the stage, as part of it's last set, treated the crowd to an electric version of *The Skye Boat Song*. Woodstock, eat your heart out!



Central Va. Games

The Third Annual Central Virginia Highland Games began on May 22 with your Commissioner's annual search for the legendary cross-country short-cut between US 522 and US 33. While he came close this time, he did not win the haggis. We arrived at Scotchtown around 8:30 and soon had the tent erected and the field-kitchen open for business. It was a breezy morning and we found ourselves standing fast amid the gael (pun intended). Fortunately, the wind subsided and we settled down to a pleasant day at the games.

While traffic at the Grant tent had been slow the previous year, the '93 edition of the games brought us a number of visitors. First to arrive were Richmond stalwarts Francis and Mac Dewitt who were soon followed by one of our newer members, Jack Grant. Jack hails from St. Inigoes, MD and since we were in need of someone to host the Grant tent at the Virginia Games in July, we inquired if Jack would like to be that someone. Jack volunteered immediately and should serve as inspiration to Grants everywhere.

Another visitor was Robin Pratt of Richmond, VA. Your commissioner thought that Robin looked somewhat familiar and he soon discovered that she was a fellow participant in the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute. Both Jack and



Robin joined us in the parade of tartans and we hope that Robin will sign on as a member of Clan Grant in the near future. Other potential members stopping by the tent were Adelle McIlroy, Royal Allyn, Mary Haskell Berg, Joseph A. Grant and Jackie Evans.

The Central Virginia Games seem to have gotten their feet firmly on the ground and show every sign of becoming a continuing success. This year's edition saw 6 pipe bands turn out and the beginning of athletic competition rather than the demonstration events as in the past. The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), owners of Scotchtown, is as enthusiastic as ever about the event and there is talk about building a Scottish Heritage center on the site. If you're wondering what to do next May 28th, come and join us at Scotchtown.



George Grant, recruiting.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Great Grants! Grandfather Mountain, the largest Highland Festival in this area was well attended by Grants and associated families. Both of the Clan Grant tents were popular places for welcoming visitors, answering questions and getting to know each other. George and Lucille Grant, Shirley Smith, Elaine and Ed Grant, Kyle and Betty Bowie, Mr and Mrs. Charlie MacDonald did a wonderful job making sure everyone felt welcome. Dr. and Mrs. William L. Grimes, (Bill and Janet Buie Grimes) were the first paid new members signed up at Grandfather Mountain. We welcome them and hope their association with Clan Grant will be enjoyable for them. Clyde Grant (Ohio) was drafted as flag bearer for the parade, and did a great job!

The meeting held after the dinner on Saturday night (see By George) was productive and the after meeting story telling was very interesting. I hope to see some of the stories in future issues of Craigellachie (Are you listing George and Kyle?).

Sundays Parade of Tartans was impressive. Some of the clans represented had special exhibits. One of the clans, I can't remember which one, had someone in full armor. Imagine that at 95 degrees.

By three, the crowds had thinned and everyone was thinking of home. Overall, it was a GREAT GRANT weekend!

STAND FAST

Charlie MacDonald, Shirley Smith, Betty Bowie, Bill & Janet Buie Grimes, Clinton Grant, Elaine & Ed Grant, Lucille Grant, Kyle Bowie.

SCENE AT THE GAMES

The Following Were Observed At Highland Gatherings In Recent Months

The U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band was a little late arriving at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and did not get up to Macrae Meadow for until the opening ceremonies were well under way. As the band members made their way onto the field, the Blue Ridge Brass & Pipes began playing the *Star Spangled Banner*. Like all good men and women in uniform, the Airmen halted, came to attention and saluted during the anthem. The Airmen had hardly moved three paces followin the anthem when the Brass & Pipes began to play *God Save The Queen*. Again, they stopped, came to attention and saluted. The Australian National Anthem threw them somewhat and they milled around for the duration. When the final chord sounded, the Airmen moved forward again only to snap to attention for the playing of *Oh Canada*. The Air Force Reserve pipes were finally able to form up and march onto the field at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

At the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, there is a wall of trees and ornamental shrubs that separated the games field from the canal that winds it way through the facility. A number of Scots retired behind this screen to put on their kilts. At least they did until an unfortunate few discovered that the Botanical Gardens' tour boat made occasional trips along the canal. No word was forthcoming on what the tourists thought of the view.

Scene on Sunday at Grandfather Mountain: The Clan Grant Atlantic Commissioner being chased by the Clan Guthrie representative after the former told the latter that his tent was facing the wrong way.

The Northern Californum By Jim Suttie NorCal Commissioner

They're off and running in Northern California. Since my last report, the Grants have set up at three more Games, making a total of six to date. Carol and I set up for the Clan at Dunsmuir House Park in Oakland on Sat., July 10th and Sun., July 11th. Weather was mild, making both days very enjoyable. Helping at the tent on Saturday were John and Patty VanWinkle with daughter Linda. On Sunday they returned, this time with daughter Barbie. Both lovely young ladies add a touch of class to the tent.

Monterey was, again, a two day event this year, on Sat., August 7th and Sun., August 8th. Saturday was primarily Scottish, while Sunday became more Celtic, with Irish dancers performing. Weather was overcast the first day, but became sunny and balmy on Sunday. Again, John was around to help out on Saturday, but, Carol and I held down the fort by ourselves on Sunday.

Onward to Campbell. This year the Games at Campbell were held on Sat., August 21st, a new date. Weather was clear, with the temperature in the mid 80's and a light breeze. The tent manned (and womanned) again by John; and by Brent and Anne Simmons. Carol and I spent almost no time in the tent as we are now highly involved in this Game (more on this later). Thank the Lord for John, Brent and Anne.

We are happy to report that our Highland Dancer, Connie Grant of Modesto, although not winning a trophy, was the only one in her class (open-15 and under) from her region to place in any dance at the Inter-Regional (National) Championships at Enumclaw (Seattle), WA at the end of July.

Then after taking a rest by skipping the Monterey Games, she took three Gold Medals, one Silver, the Trophy for Best in Class, and the Trophy for Best Open Class Dancer of the Day at Campbell. Connie was awarded a Clan Grant "Mathew Grant-Knapp" scholarship in July. She and her parents are very thankful to the Clan for this honor.

That's about it from Northern California. Next up is the biggie at Santa Rosa on the Labor Day week-end.



ARLINGTON, TEXAS HIGHLAND GAMES

John and Helen Grant, Derby, Kansas



The 7th Annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held on June 4th - 6th at Maverick Stadium in Arlington, TX. And it was a Grand Festival. It was our first year to participate as "Clan Grant" representatives. During the previous years we were just "one of the crowd". This year, along with local societies and celtic groups, there were at minimum 44 Scottish Clans represented. It was the largest gathering, to date, of the "Clans" at the Arlington Games. The festival opened with the "Ceilidh Club" reception at the Host Hotel on Friday the 4th. On Saturday the ceremonies opened with the "Hamilton Pipes and Drums", Highland Dancing, Dog Racing, and Sheep Dog Demonstrations. At Mid-day, we participated in the spectacular "Parade of Clans" with all the banners, piping and drumming. Throughout the festival were the many Scottish athletic events. Although we did not participate, it is always exciting to observe the "CABER TOSS". Not to forget the Hammer Throw, Sheaf

Toss, and Putting the Stone. As expected at this time of year, we had a sweltering Texas afternoon. However, it did not seem to affect the crowd or festivities. Many local "Grants" and Septs of the Clan stopped by. We were excited to hear them say, "Where have you been? We come every year looking for our Clan Banner". That was enough said, we knew we had to do this again next year. We were delighted that all the visitors signed up as potential members of the society. Making new friends and acquaintances was worth the time and effort spent. Our added display of "Siol Alpin" sparked the interest of many visitors who were descendants or septs of the noted Clans and familiar with their history. Throughout the festival the 93rd Sutherland Living History Highland Regiment, also known as "The Thin Red Line" re-enacted for the crowd, a soldiers daily activities and military duties. We learned this proud unit suffered defeat only once, at the Battle of New Orleans. The festival closed on July 6th, concluding with the Scottish Dancing, athletic and piping competition.

We wish to thank Clan Grant Society for their sponsorship and the materials for the "Clan Grant" tent. In particular we wish to thank Laura Grant Velez and her husband Tony, of Hurst, TX for their generosity, assistance and companionship during the festivities. We are looking forward to future participation and representation of such a "Great" Clan.



(Pictured with Connie is the dancing judge. Connie is holding the trophy awarded her for Best Open Dancer of the Day.)





George Grant, Convenor, leads Clan Grant in Parade of Tartans at Grandfather Mountain. Howard Parsons on the left and Edmund Grant on the right.

CONNIE GRANT PLACES IN NATIONALS



Clan Grant Society

301 Masters Road
Hixson, TN 37343

July 18, 1993

David, Linda, & Connie Grant
3705 Northampton Lane
Modesto, CA. 95356

Congratulations on your wonderful achievements in Highland dancing. All of your clansmen share the joy of the reflected honors.

Jim and Carol Suttie have nominated you to receive your Clan Grant, "Mathew Grant-Knapp", scholarship. I am pleased to enclose a check for \$250.00 for you to use in any way that helps further your Highland Dancing skills.

You have qualified for the Nationals to be held in Seattle July 31 and August 1. We know you will give 110% effort as usual. You have the entire Clan Societies best wishes for highest success. The greatest achievement is in making the attempt and giving your best. God bless you all and Good Luck. The definition of Luck is, preparation for opportunity, as you've done.

STAND FAST

cc: Jim & Carol Suttie
cc: Anne Grant-Knapp

Qualifying to go to the national Highland Dance competition is a high achievement. Connie, daughter of David R. and Linda Grant, Modesto, CA has competed for several years in California, honing her dance skills and winning trophies. Some of her exploits have been covered in Craigellachie.

The countless hours of practice are beginning to show results on a higher plane.

In Seattle, WA, scene of the National Championships, Connie reached a higher level of achievement. She finished 6th in both the "Highland Fling" and "Sword Dance".

Congratulations to Connie and her proud parents.

Clan Grant contributed \$250.00 Mathew Grant-Knapp scholarship, and next year will do it again.

If you wish to extend personal best wishes to Connie, her address is:

3705 Northampton Lane,
Modesto, CA 95356

What is the Scottish Episcopal Church?

From "The Anglican Digest", submitted by Kyle Bowie.

The Scottish Episcopal Church is one of the historical national Churches of Britain. Its roots go back to those heroes of the Faith who brought the Christian Church to our forebears, when Scotland was an independent nation. After the Reformation, those who favored some sort of Anglican system, as had evolved in England and Ireland, found that their views were not shared by everyone. A century of struggle between the adherents of the Episcopal (or Anglican) system and those of the Presbyterian system effectively ended in 1689 when the Episcopal Church was harshly disestablished in favor of the Presbyterians, who remain to this day the established Church in Scotland.

The Episcopalians were in many places the majority, but many years of wasted energy in hoping for a political change, leading to state persecution, left the Episcopal Church much weakened, and many adherents attached themselves to independent Anglican chaplaincies. Despite her reduced circumstances, it was to Scotland that Samuel Seabury came in 1784 for consecration as the first Bishop for the United States of America, since the Scottish Episcopal Church was free from state interference. Many people mark this event as the foundation of the Anglican Communion.

A swift reconciliation between the Episcopalians and those who attended the Anglican chaplaincies led to a steady growth of Scottish Anglicanism throughout the last century. New churches, colleges and schools were built, work was undertaken in the poor parts of the big cities and there was consolidation in the remote country areas where many had remained faithful. The forms of worship also became standardized by the Prayer Book. This contained a unique liturgy called Scottish Liturgy, which dates from 1637 when the Episcopal Church was established, but also drew new ideas and thoughts from the Orthodox Churches of the East.

The Church Today

The Episcopal Church is a diverse body. Geographically, congregations are scattered from the Shetland Isles to the tip of Galloway. Socially it contains the mixture that is Scotland-Large city-centre churches, suburban family congregations, small communities of Christians in areas of high unemployment and urban deprivation, churches in new towns, market towns and remote rural areas. At present there are 58,000 members of the Scottish Episcopal Church of whom 35,000 are communicant members.

The Rev. Aneas Mackintosh
Provincial Communicator

Stone Mountain Games October 14-16, 1993

Make your plans to come to Atlanta and be with your Grant Cousins. It is always a great weekend, and if you can get there on Thursday evening, the TATTOO is spectacular. Friday am we plan a golf outing at the Stone Mountain golf club. The Grants will play the McPhersons. The good thing about that is they always pay promptly.

Friday at the LaQuinta @ 6:30PM is our GRANT reception, arranged by Jane and David Grant. BE there so we can trade gossip.

Saturday the games begin, so come by your tent and help us collect more cousins and keep everyone happy. Saturday night @ 6:30 is our annual gormet buffet at Duane and Maggie Kline's home.

Sunday more fun at games with the parade of tartans and the clan tug of war. We donate the Walter Grant trophy, so lets turn out to win it.

Call the LaQuinta Inn ,(1819 Mountain Industrial Blvd and Stone Mountain Freeway) and make your reservations. 404-496-1317 or 1-800-531-5900. It is important to tell them you are claiming one of the 10 rooms reserved for Clan Grant. Reservation # 0668-24494-B. The rooms will be held until October 1, so act now.

See you there

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Flowers of the
Forest:
Gail Wright informs
us that her mother,
Grace I. Grant,
passed away a few
months ago. She was
a member of the
Society for a
number of years and
we regret to learn
of this sad news.

By George !!!

You have noticed the instant improvement in this newsletter. Please send information to Helen, your editor, so she can keep up the good work. Thanks.

A general discussion among those present after our Saturday dinner at Grandfather Mountain was most productive. A question was asked: Whether the Clan Society should continue to offer to sell to our members items that were of interest to our members? The consensus was yes.

I have written to Scotland to see if we can print copies of Dr. I. F. Grant's booklet on the Clan Grant. The copyright is held by Johnson & Bacon Publishers. It was last printed in 1972 and is now out of print. Johnson & Bacon are no longer in business, probably bought out by someone. Dr. Philip Smith is helping.

I am also looking into having a small ladies enamel charm made, to go on a chain, and a lapel pin for a man. Another idea was to make name tags to wear at games or other such functions. I am looking into buying a machine to do this and emboss each one with an enamel charm. I'll keep you posted on these endeavors. The goal is to build an endowment for the Society.

We also decided to plan a trip to Scotland, specifically, Grant Country, in the summer of 1994. We plan to be there to participate in the Nethybridge Games and Clan Grant Gathering. It is held on the second Saturday in August. This trip will not be organized like previous excursions. Lucille and I are not going to make all the arrangements including buses etc; as on previous trips. We are going to enjoy ourselves like everyone else. A list of Hotels and B&B's will be in the December issue of *Craigellachie*. You can write and make your own reservations. You should plan on your own car rental, etc. If you are interested let me know and I will circulate a list of members so you can plan to share transportation and plans for the week. The trip outline will be in the December issue.

Gordon Grant has been busy working on the IRS Tax exempt program. There has been a major interruption, his daughter, Barbara is to be married in September. After a suitable time for recovery, work will continue.

Jim Suttie called a short time ago to nominate a member for a Mathew Grant-Knapp scholarship. The talented daughter of David and Linda Grant, Modesto, CA, Connie Grant, qualified for the National Finals, Highland Dancing. They were held in Seattle, WA July 31 & August 1. A check for \$250.00 from you, was sent. Look for the article concerning this. If you know of a deserving member, please let us know.

October brings Stone Mountain Games again. Please make your plans to attend. David & Jane Grant, out hardworking Commissioners for the Southeast, have make reservations at the La Quinta Inn on Stone Mountain Blvd. We will have out Grant Reception there Friday evening at 6 pm. 10 rooms have been reserved for the Grant Clan, so call 1-404-496-1317, or 1-800-5900, and tell them you are Clan Grant and want a room. The rooms will be held for us until October 1, 1993, so act now. Call for your room. The Friday reception will begin at 6:30 pm in room 294, so see you there.

Thank you for your efforts and support. Hopefully, Lucille and I will see you soon.

Ten-year-old to mother, when asked to take young sister fishing:

"No! Last time I didn't catch a thing!"
 "This time she won't say a word."
 "It wasn't the noise--she ate all the bait!"

★ CLAN GRANT NEW MEMBERS

- ★ 1. BUCKNER, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Albuquerque, NM 87109
- ★ 2. CAMPBELL, Ms. Beverley Colley Deland, FL 32724
- ★ 3. DONOHOE, Ms. Mary Louise Mawr, PA. 19010
- ★ 4. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Basil Hiram Grand Prairie, TX 75051
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NOTICE!!!!
 A request by one of our members recently prompted this article! Although we are "one family" sometimes people prefer not to give out their address or phone number. Our policy is on the conservative side. We prefer to pass the request on to the person concerned and let them answer, rather than randomly giving out names and addresses. However, in the interest of time, etc. there are times when it is necessary to give the information out immediately. Our Commissioners and Convener receive copies of the current membership list so that they can advise you of events in your area. However, if you prefer that we do not give your address and/or phone number out to members other than officers, please let the Membership Secretary know so that she can make a note of this. Thank you.

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE

Make checks payable to Clan Grant mail to:
 George H. Grant
 301 Masters Road
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BOOKS

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THIS & THAT

12 oz Clan Grant Glasses etched w/crest & badge set of 6 \$30.00	Clan Knit Shirts (made in USA) Specify S-M-L-XL Teal Blue-w/gold badge \$17.50
Clan Badge Rubber Stamp \$10.00	McIan Color Print-Grant Gillie \$10.00

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

Clan Society only sells items that are Clan related.

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

A few members may remember Irma Mae Griffin, a More family historian, who passed away several years ago. We just learned from Sid Wallace that her brother, Morse, is still living at their family home in Roxbury, NY. He is 81 years now!

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Carol Grant Sanderson spent June in Scotland. She has been working on genealogy and keeps finding "cousins"! In February she found a third cousin and planned to meet him in late Spring. She's searching for her "Peter's" home in Scotland with only the clue that it was "near Inverness!" Peter came to the colonies as an indentured servant when captured with the Scots at the battle of Dunbar. The Sandersons are looking forward to attending the Loon Mountain games in September.

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Robert L. Grant is looking for the history of the Grants in the Sinking Springs area (Reading, PA; Berks County). If any of our readers have information that would help him, please let us know. He does have some records that go back to the late 1700's but does not have the time to pursue the necessary research.

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Henry Grant of Port Washington, NY, located a genealogy of Grant families in the Northern Neck of Virginia prepared by Thomas Triplett Russell of Miami, FL in 1978. It seems that a Mr. Charles R. Grant of Santee, CA wanted to lay claim to the land that the Dulles Airport is on! But Mr. Russell refused to follow up because the neighbors were so upset about the noise that they planned to lynch the owner and his agent if they could get their hands on them! Hank found that the Grants had a fair amount of land in Northern Virginia, originating with those families names in the 1700's.

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Happy Belated Birthday to our good friend, Mr. A. Thompson Palmer. His birthday is July 13, 1913! Congratulations on arriving at the big 8 - 0! And for achieving Life membership!

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Maurine Schlosser, a recent "Great Grant" is busy learning about world trade situations and U.S. relations with other nations. (China highlighted a recent discussion). She's enrolled in a course sponsored by the Rochester Association of the United Nations.

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Everett Grant (see story elsewhere), one of our prolific correspondents (we need more like him!) returned from Zephyrhills, Fl. He visited his sister and brother-in-law (who has been ill). This summer is busy again with lawn bowling and swatting mosquitoes! One match is in New Brunswick where he stays at the Algonquin resort (1889). This is located in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. They just finished a \$6.6 million expansion wing! He says he likes to go there and pretend that he is as rich as everyone else!

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Margaret H. Zubrick, way up in Omaha, Nebraska is researching her family history. Her sister-in-law's mother, Mary Grant (Field) McCague (1874-1965) had a handwritten account of the "Record of the lives of all ministers by the name of Grant who have held Church of Scotland Parishes." We have asked her to send a copy of this to our genealogist. We appreciate receiving information from donors like this! A good thing to remember to do for others when you come upon information that might benefit others. Thanks!

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Bill Mathews, having sold his store, Dunedin Imports, and now retired, is keeping busy supervising the construction of his new home! It is located in the Grandfather Mountain area and those who have seen it report that it is really going to be lovely!

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Clinton Grant from Akron, Ohio has been helping out at the midwest games. His sister, Catherine Grant, underwent leg surgery in July and stayed in a cast for several weeks. She is recovering well at last report.

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Three more Life memberships! George W. Grant, Jr. is 83 years now--and John Benjamin Grant is 82 years. We welcome both of these men into this select group! John became a member in 1980--one of our earlier members! The third Octangenarian is Mrs. Blanche Vollmer who lives in Belleair, Florida. Her maternal grandparents are William and Sara Grant. William was born on the island of Jura in the Hebrides and Sara came from Dublin although born in Donegal. We are glad to have her join this special group!

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Kyle Bowie, always looking for news to help us out, noticed that the 1992 Double Bridge Winner at Grandfather Mountain is Peggy Bissette! Let's hear it for the Bissetts! Keep up the good work, Kyle! And Peggy, whoever you are, please contact us! We have an application for you!

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Robert L. Grant, of Sinking Springs, PA, sends us pictures of Castle Grant taken in 1991 that show some of the reconstruction on Castle Grant at that time. A worker on the site let him have free access to the building. (If you have more recent pictures and would like to share them with us, let us know.) Bob's been busy helping his daughter get ready for college!

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Dr. and Mrs. William (Grace) Crawford are off to Scotland and England! They are planning to see Grant territory, Iona and other areas previously missed. They moved from Maryland to Olean, NY this past year and are finally getting settled in! They miss the many Scottish activities they formerly had--but New York will provide a number of them! They are "into" country dancing--so Anne Grant-Knapp, take note!

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Debbie LaValley, in New Hampshire, plans to attend the New Hampshire games at Loon Mountain. These games are in a scenic setting in the White Mountains near Lincoln and we know there are lots of friendly Grants to welcome you if you are ever in that area!

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Our good friend, Wolf-Dieter Klose reports that he journeyed to Scotland this summer. He saw Montrose, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Before that, he was in Germany, Switzerland and Euro-Disney by Paris. But, he liked Scotland the best!

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Candace Coates is looking for someone in Dutchess County, New York (she lives in Hopewell Junction) who knows how to play the Ullian pipes and could teach a friend of hers. She plays the mountain dulcimer and the small harp and would like to start a small band. Any takers?

This article was sent to us by E. Willis from Miami Shore, FL.

Then a white cross appeared in the blue sky

THIS MORNING at Athelstaneford Kirk in East Lothian, worshippers will say a special word of remembrance for St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint.

Not just because tomorrow is St. Andrew's Day, but because the tiny Lothian village is the place where the St. Andrew's Cross was adopted as Scotland's flag.

Back in the eighth century, an army of Scots and Picts, under the pictish King Angus, faced a force of Angles under their leader, Athelstan.

The Angles had a much bigger army, and the night before the battle, King Angus and his men knelt and prayed to God and the saints. During the night, St. Andrew appeared to the king in a vision and promised him victory.

And, next morning, a great white cross of clouds appeared against the blue background of the sky.

The Scots and Picts were so encouraged by this sign, they fought furiously and put the Angles to flight.

ATHELSTAN HIMSELF was killed nearby. The village, which grew up on the spot, took his name and, from that day on, St. Andrew was considered Scotland's saint, and the white cross against a blue background was adopted as our flag.

Now, a St. Andrew's Cross flies permanently at Athelstaneford Kirk in memory of that day 1200 years ago, and a monument and plaque in the churchyard tells the story of Scotland's flag.



This and That

From the Editor

Wow! September already. It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. I am pleased with the response of members toward my editorship of **Craigellachie**. Articles and pictures began arriving shortly after the last issue went out. If you don't see yours this time, don't despair. It will be in the next issue. I guess I'm living the editors dream. I have almost two pages of articles for the next issue already! Don't let that stop you from submitting. There is one more issue this year and four more next year. I'll get the disks and pictures back this time, promise!

I loved being at Grandfather Mountain with the "family". Next year, I plan to be there for the entire festival. I also hope to attend some of the other gatherings between now and then.

This has been a busy summer for all the Furr household. Several trips to visit son, Michael, and family in Hampton, VA., the Highland games at Grandfather Mountain and a trip to Hillsville, VA for the giant flea market, as well as a job and housework, all combine to make one very busy, very tired editor.

It seems that Shirley isn't the only one with shocking problems. My monitor and modem have been victimized this summer, by lightning. Then, picture this. It's 9am and your editor turns on the window air conditioner and began happily making photocopies for the paper and **BOOM. NO POWER!** The room where all my equipment is was powerless. I had tripped the breaker in the fuse box, but I didn't know what had happened. Everything looked OK to me when I looked in the box. When help arrived, was my face red.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the winter issue deadline. It will be November 26th, and remember it will be the Christmas issue!



NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE

Evangeline Grant sent the broadcasting announcement. Her husband is Harold Arthur Grant, related to Hal Grant of Altamont, NY. We wish Dave and his wife, Molly, well in their new venture. Harold, by the way is, a printer since 1951 and works for Houghton College.

Ann Grant Miller, Indianapolis, IN, missed Grandfather Mountain Games because her hip (the one pinned in February) had to be replaced. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to hearing from her, as well as meeting her at a future game.

Bob, Cindy and Colin Grant of Seymore, TN, announce the birth of Brian Christopher on June 16, 1993. He was 22 inches long and 8lbs,6oz. Al and Eiko Grant were out in South Dakota this summer visiting their daughter.

Shirley Grant Smith is due to become a grandmother again and again! One should already be here by now and Son Ed and his wife Sara are expecting their second child to arrive on Martha's Vineyard by the end of the year. Shirley also went through a shocking experience this summer when lightning hit the tree in front of her house, came in on the telephone line and knocked out the computer, TV, VCR and half the outlets on one side of the house!!!

Darci Grant, daughter of Oregon Commissioner Wayne Grant, married Daren Reed on April 3rd, 1993. The happy couple live in Virginia Beach, VA where both serve in the U.S. Navy. Darci's planning to leave the service when her hitch is up in 1995 and hopes that Daren will eventually have orders for the west coast. In the meantime, her east coast cousins are happy to have her with us and hope that she and Daren will be able to join us at some of the Scottish gatherings.

GRANT COAT OF ARMS

John MacNichol, Baird of Auckland, New Zealand, has been producing authentic solid bronze Clan Chiefs Coats of Arms for the past 10 years. Permission has been granted, by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, for the reproduction. They also authenticate the design.

The original pieces made are 9" high X 6.75" wide, mounted on a wooden plaque. (See Picture) Mr. Baird is offering us 10 of these @ \$350.00 each. Only 20 of these have been made. There will be no more. They will probably become a collectors item.

The Clan Society has purchased key rings and smaller plaques to offer you. (See Picture) The key Ring and the Plaque have the same size bronze casting. The Key Ring is attached to a leather fob backing. Price \$35.00. The plaque casting is mounted on a Grant Tartan with a 6" X 4" wooden frame. Price, \$45.00. Order now. You will be pleased.



I found this wee poem in the May, 1982 issue of "The Claymore", the newsletter for the Council of Scottish Clan Associations, Inc. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

WEE MCDANIEL

A boy in Sunday School was asked to repeat, in his own words, the story of Daniel in the lions' den. The lad described how the situation arose and went on:

"There were lions in front o' him, an lions ahent him, lions tae the right o' him, and lions tae the left o' him. And there was wee Daniel richt in the middle o' them, and he didna care a damn for ony o' them."



GENERAL SCOTTISH ACTIVITIES

Many times we receive announcements about Scottish events that many members would enjoy but the deadline comes before we can get the information out to you. For example, every Fall there is a Scottish weekend in South Fallsburg (Sullivan County), New York. The price includes 3 meals a day and accommodations. Activities include afternoon tea, a cocktail party, piping and piping workshops, Country and Highland dancing, harping, a ceilidh, a Tartan Seminar, a whiskey tasting event, Kirking of the Tartan, a Scottish Ball, clan meetings, Address to the Haggis, a kilt making workshop, "Bonniest Knees" competition, an accordion and fiddle gathering, a talent show, etc. Star entertainers include Alex Beaton, The Brigadoons, Highland Aires, Ronnie Stewart, and direct from Scotland, Kenneth McKellar, Joe Gordon, and Sally Logan.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for next year's "Scottish Weekend" call Mrs. Gertrude Byrne at (518) 943-3736.

Our Games Coordinator, Don Grant, reports that we had representatives at four new locations this year! Arlington, TX; Tacoma, WA; Oberlin, OH; and Albuquerque, NM! We still need representatives in many states but especially in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. We have members in these states, too,

so let Don Grant hear from you if you are interested in helping out! (His address is in the newsletter under Games Coordinator). He has a kit that includes sign-up sheets, a Grant banner, membership applications, etc. All you need to say is a friendly, "Hi! Please sign our visitor's book if you are a Grant!" This works wonders and you will soon have a lot of new Grant-McElroy-Bisset-Cairn, etc. friends!

Our current Commissioners have lots of experience, too, and will be more than happy to give you tips on running a tent! (If tents run?!!)

The Douglas County Scottish Society held a Highland Games in Southern Oregon on August 28-29th. The site is located on the picturesque South Fork of the Umpqua River in the town of Myrtle Creek. Many Americans of Scottish descent settled in this county and several annual "Pioneer Days" celebrations in the area are scheduled each summer.

Highland Games set for September 25th in Montgomery, Alabama promise a full program of country dancing, horse shoeing, sheep shearing and Border Collie demonstrations. Wynton Blount Park

Coming Events

is the site; a reception is planned for the evening before the games and a parade early morning. Delta Air Lines, Inc., and Travel Agents International are offering discount rates for your convenience. Call Delta at 1-800-241-6760 (and refer to file #XA0177) and TAI at 1-800-252-6909 for the special fares.

FUTURE GAMES

The North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society and the Flora MacDonald Highland Games is sponsoring its 5th Annual Scottish Heritage Celebration.

A workshop in Genealogy is offered on Friday, Oct. 1st at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton, and the Games are scheduled for Oct. 2nd at Red Springs. The Guest of Honor is to be Alastair Campbell of Airs, Unicorn Pursuivant of Arms, Court of the Lord Lyon and

Archivist at Inveraray Castle, Inveraray, Argyll, Scotland.

Tickets for the event are \$27.50. This includes the cost of the genealogy program on Friday and one admission ticket to the games on Saturday. Contact: Flora MacDonald Highland Games, P.O. Box 547, Red Springs, NC 28377. Ph: (919) 843-5000.

October 2, 1993 is the date for the Princess Ann Scottish and Irish Festival held in Princess Ann, Maryland. These games take place south of town across from the Samuel Chase House and are located between South Central School Road and North Central School Road. Write to: Arcadia Promotions, 11923 Somerset Ave., Princess Ann, MD 21853. Ph.: (410) 651-0757.

Here's plenty of advance notice: The Sarasota South, West Florida Highland Games will be held on Saturday, January 15, 1994 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will have both a Shortbread and a Target Golf competition.

On January 14th, a dance begins at 9 p.m. and after the games on the 15th a ceilidh is planned.

The site is Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road in Sarasota. Take Interstate 75 to exit 37. For further information write or phone: Sarasota Scottish Highland Games & Heritage Festival, P.O. Box 14065, Sarasota, FL 34278. Ph. (813) 921-2432.



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