



# Craigellachie

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## CASTLE GRANT SOLD!

News from "HOME" from the  
Strathspey and Badenoch  
Herald

By Ken Smith

CASTLE Grant has been sold....again.

This time there will be no last-minute pull-out, according to Mr Hugh McLeman, the Grantown solicitor who has been acting for the new owners.

"The papers have been signed and the money has been paid," said Mr McLeman, of McLeman and McCulloch, Spey Avenue.

The new owners are Mr Graham Keeler and his wife Maureen, who have business interests in the North of England and the Borders.

Mr and Mrs Keeler are currently based in Kirkby Lonsdale in Cumbria, but they hope to move to this area in the longer term.

They have set up a new company called Castle Grant Ltd, which now owns the castle, and this is based in the Grantown offices of Mr McLeman at 2 Spey Avenue.

"It is quite appropriate, really," he said, "as 2 Spey Avenue was formerly the home of the factor for the Grant estates."

Speaking through Mr McLeman, Mr Keeler said that he had paid pretty close to the asking price of £100,000 for the castle, but at the moment had no figure for the amount of money his company intends to invest in the project.

"Plans for the future of the castle are still at a pretty early stage," said Mr McLeman this week, "although Mr Keeler has a number of priorities."

"First of all he wants to make the castle secure to prevent any further vandalism."

"Secondly, he wants to carry out emergency remedial work on the building to make it wind- and water-tight, and thirdly, he wants to give it a thorough assessment and develop his

building plans."

Mr McLeman said that his client hoped eventually to refurbish the castle to its former glories, although he was not putting a time-scale on the work.

"Mr Keeler hopes to develop some local industry of one kind or another," he said, "but at the moment he does not want to make any extravagant statements that he has no hope of attaining. Any plans he makes will be long-term."

Mr McLeman said that Mr Keeler had not been involved in any previous attempts to buy the castle.

"His is a new interest," he said. "He only came into the picture when the previous buyers fell out."

The A-listed Castle Grant has enjoyed a chequered history since first being sold to Mr David Ward in 1983.

It was bought by Mr Paul Dobson in 1985, and Mr Dobson carried out a considerable amount of work on the castle.

At the end of 1992, however, an eviction order was served on him on the instruction of the Department of Trade and Industry, and the castle lay empty and deteriorating for a full year.

At the end of 1993, the castle was offered for sale by tender, with a closing date in December, and a number of offers were received.

In February this year, the castle was believed to have been sold to Keith-based Grouse Property Services, headed by Mr Philip Blount, who said they had paid £110,000 for the building.

Mr Blount said that they intended to invest a further £700,000 in converting the castle into five houses and 10 flats.

At the 11th hour, how-

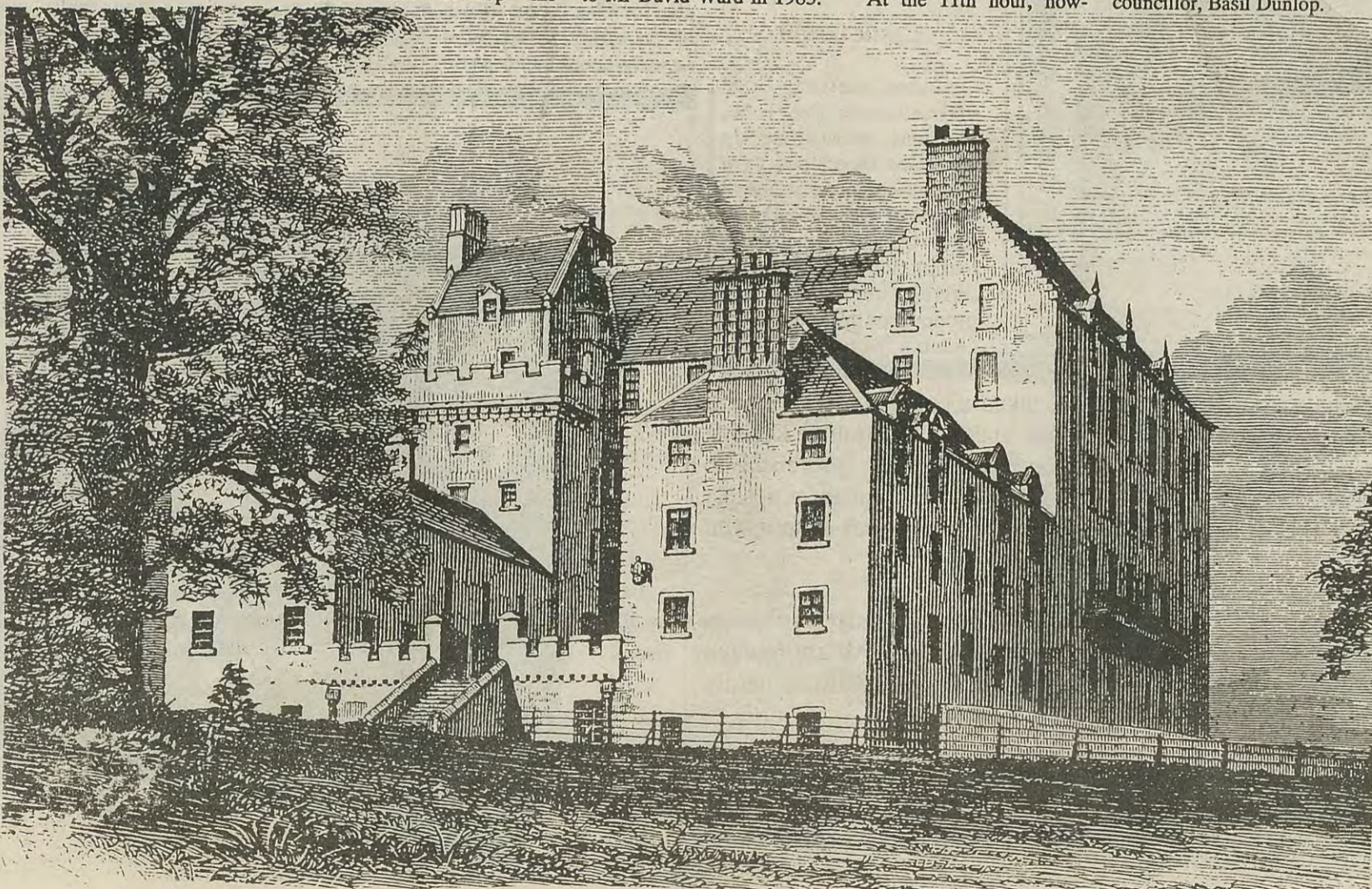
ever, the sale fell through, when Grouse Property Services withdrew their offer, claiming that there were clauses in the conveyance that they could not accept.

At that time, solicitors for the selling agents said that the castle would go out to tender again, but this does not appear to have happened.

The fabric of the building has been deteriorating quickly, the victim of both the hard winter and vandalism. Windows and doors have been burst open, despite attempts to make it lockfast.

Only last week, Highland Regional Council's full planning committee approved the award of £1,000 for remedial measures to counter the effects of the neglect.

The award was welcomed by Strathspey regional councillor, Basil Dunlop.



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From THE SCOTTISH BANNER, January, 1994

# Setting the 'Tartan' Record Straight

By Steve Grant

Proud members of the Clan Grant had better check their kilts against the plaid worn by their Chief. The Right Honourable Lord Strathspey is making a fashion statement: What's been sold as "Modern Grant" tartan for longer than anyone can remember is actually "New Bruce".

## The Wrong Tartan

Shortly after receiving the title of 33rd chief of the 800-year old highland clan, James Grant's research led to the discovery that the "tartan of red and green sett broad-springed ..." was not the pattern described in

ancient, official records.

So as one of his first official acts (with endorsement of the Standing Council of Chiefs), the 49-year old head of the Grants served notice on purveyors and manufacturers of Grant goods that the 1860 pattern he wears is the true clan tartan.

Reliable sources say that somewhere down the line, a kinsman went to a Scottish kiltmaker (sometime in the dim past) who was short on real Grant plaid and sold the unsuspecting customer a substitute as the genuine article. "I'm out to rid the marketplace of rubbish," proclaims the new Chief.

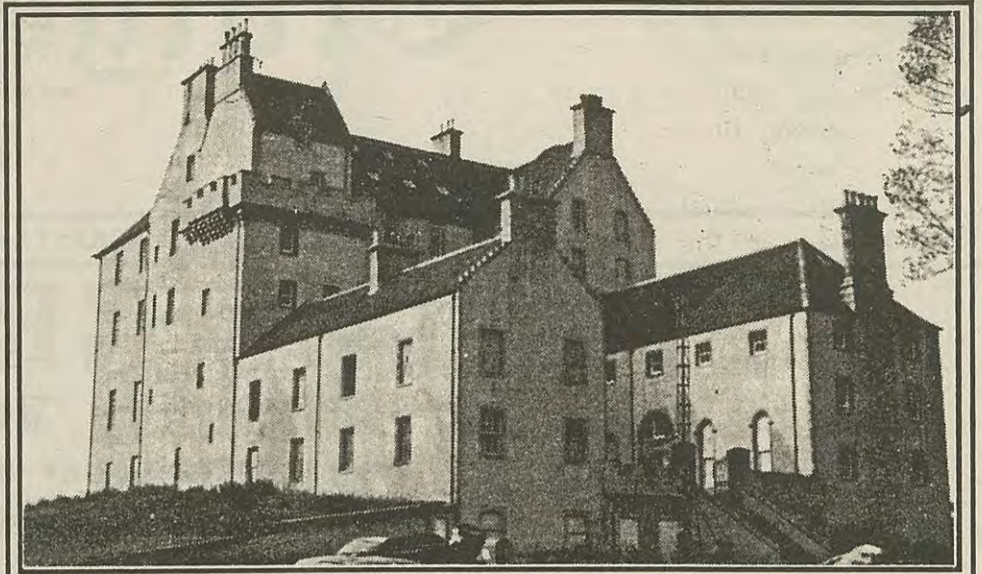
James Grant received the mantle of leadership in February 1992, shortly after the death of his father Patrick. He is carrying on the mission of keeping alive interest and membership in the Clan Grant Societies in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and the United States. He plans to revise and update his father's popular book "History of Clan Grant" which condensed Fraser's voluminous "Chiefs of Clan Grant" into a modern and readable single edition about the ancestry, deeds and heritage of the Grants who peopled the Spey Valley in vast numbers for centuries.

## Resident Year-Round

Unlike his father, this Strathspey lives in Scotland. A modest summer house on the southside of the Isle of Mull is home, not a castle. "My father," he explains, "lived and worked around Sussex, and was a native New Zealander. But he never failed to appear at clan gatherings in Scotland, or anywhere else, when called on. I am no less accessible and available. Certainly it would be terrific to entertain in my ancestor's castle, but the clan is people, not an expensive tourist attraction."

## Castle Grant

Indeed, the Castle Grant of Granttown-on-Spey fame, is in ruins, and its ownership uncertain. Developers have tried to renovate its great halls, but have abandoned their work and left a stripped-outhull. Victoria visited once during her reign and pronounced the home of the Grants a "factory".



*Ruins of Castle Grant, in Granttown-on-Spey, ancestral home of the Chiefs of the Clan.*

Photo by Steve Grant



*Lord Strathspey with his Scottish deerhound "Highlander".*

Photo by Steve Grant.

I received this picture from Hilary Garland, taken a couple of years ago at her wedding. Hilary Lives in Alexandria, Va. and has had trouble keeping her copy of Craigellachie. Someone is always borrowing it (promising to return it). She wanted to keep her copy, so she has sent in memberships for several family members. They and we are lucky that she is such a thoughtful person.

Most of the people pictured live in California, but Hilary's Aunt Susie lives in Paris, France and her Aunt Lindy lives in Seattle, WA. All are looking forward to becoming more involved in Clan Grant Society and can hardly wait to start going to the games!

Top left are Richard Grant, Andrew Grant, Susie Grant Maisel, Joseph Grant.

Bottom left Melinda Grant, Dorothy Grant Russell, and Louise Grant Garland.

But Strathspey is determined that all Grants have a definite point of reference in Scotland in Duthil Kirk. The small church is the final resting place of several past chiefs and has been returned to its original condition. The Grants of Scotland intend for it to be the international center for their Clan and a museum. The chief and his supporters are seeking government funding for a feasibility study to determine future interest in Duthil as a tourist stop and gathering plan for Clan Grant. (Much of the study is aimed at security needs and costs to

protect the facility from thieves and vandals.)

## Full Time Job

Preserving the family name and ensuring its future fraternal growth is a full time job for James Grant. But he has time. He has "completely retired" from agricultural research work in Perth, and grins when disclosing "he is a bachelor again". The latest count of clan society members is approaching 1,000 worldwide. Reaching prospective members can be expensive and time consuming, but the new

chief is dedicated to sign them.

Strathspey has help. Every tourist in Scotland received a gracious welcome and warm hospitality from the chief's many well-known "cousins". You may have met them. The MacPherson-Grants of Ballindalloch Castle. The Grants of Monymusk. The Grants of Dalvey. The distilleries owned by the Grants. All do their name proud and show why the clan likes to tell everyone: It's great to be a Grant!



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**Estate to be sold-**  
**GLENFESHIE** Estate in the Cairngorms is to be sold.

Owner, Mr. John Dibben, a former partner in a kitchen manufacturing business, has appointed Edinburgh-based solicitors, Brodies to deal with the sale.

No further details about the sale could be given and the estate will go on the market at the beginning of May.

The 40,000-acre estate is the former seat of the Lords Dulverton, and could bring £4 million, according to a recent press report. Because much of the estate is a nature reserve, there are restrictions on land use.

April 14, 1994

**Nessie hides from probing cameras-**

It has been in place for more than a fortnight and still no sign of The Monster! "It" is a 24-ton deep diving submarine, built in Canada. It is keeping a weather eye out for Loch Ness and Scotland's greatest living myth.

The submarine made it's first dive at the end of March. It is the first passenger carrying, deep diving submersible to explore to the bottom of the 864ft Loch Ness. Silvercrest Submarines, the operators, are international specialists in private deep-diving operations.

Alan Whitfield, managing director of Silvercrest, said there are two objectives for the venture. They are assisting the Loch Ness Project in a scientific survey of the loch's environment and they are offering visitors the opportunity to join underwater expeditions to explore a unique dive site. The cost is £68.50.

Reservations can be made through central reservations office at Aviemore. The submarine is berthed in the loch in front of The Clansman Hotel on the Drumanadrochit road.

April 14, 1994

**New home spurs cash challenge at museum-**

**GRANTOWN** Museum and Heritage Trust have contracted to buy Burnfield House, a substantial property near the town's Square. This is a big step toward the realization of their ambition to provide a major tourist attraction for the town.

**CHATTANOOGAN HEADS SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM IN RUSSIA**

**WILLIAM T. (BILL) GRANT** has accepted a position with South Shore Bank of Chicago, as Country Manager for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's small business loan program, in Russia.

Previously, he worked for the Pioneer Bank in Chattanooga; First American Bank of Georgia, in Atlanta. He functioned as a Management Advisor to a private bank in Poland, while serving as a Peace Corp volunteer. He has worked under contract with the U. S. Treasury as a Financial Sector Advisor to two State Banks in Poland.

Mr. Grant is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, the University of Mississippi School of Banking, and attended the Alliance Francias in Paris, France. He recently received a Master of International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale Arizona.

Bill will make his headquarters at Nizny Novorod, (formerly Gorkiy). At present, the office is in Tula. He will be responsible for opening additional offices and managing the effort.

Bill is the son of George H. and Lucille Grant of Hixson, TN.

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They had previously purchased property which had a cottage already on it to use for their facility. The cost and planning restriction that may never have been resolved, caused them to look elsewhere.

Burnfield House, it is hoped will have its first exhibition nest summer.

April 21, 1994

*By George !!!*

I know you have heard this before, our tax exempt status is immanent. Gordon had the documentation examined in extreme detail by a fellow lawyer who has successfully submitted several applications. I know the examination is thorough, he took three months!

All **Bob Grant**, Dunedin, FL needs to do to have disaster strike him, is to plan a trip to Scotland. Four years ago, his back went out after a tennis game, putting him in the hospital and bed for weeks. The next year, angina laid him low just one month before the trip. This year, it's a broken hip. He is doing fine. Lucille and I visited Vivien and Bob during the Dunedin Games weekend.

For the past 17 years, Lucille and I have manned Grant tents all over the South. Some years, we do 9 games, including Grandfather and Stone Mountain. 1994 is the last year we will assume the responsibility for games in Florida. If the Florida members want a tent, they can man it. The Clan will, of course, pay for sponsorships, tents, etc. It is just too much for us. We enjoy each and every one of these, but we are going to travel to different places and play as much golf as possible. My game has returned, at last, and we are enjoying it more. We live on a golf course and were 25 year members, but quit after our other activities kept us from playing. We'll rejoin and play with our old friends.

**Isn't Helen doing a great job with this newsletter? When you have an article to send, do it right away, don't wait until the deadline. It makes it to hectic at the end. It's easier to write up the articles over more time and makes it easier to put this thing together and get out on time. Thanks.**

We should soon have information on Duthil Kirk's application for museum status. Soon as we do, you'll know.

**Ed and Elaine Grant** are working on our new membership brochure. It is modeled after one used in the U.K. He'll have it to the printer very soon.

**FALL DEADLINE  
 AUGUST 25TH**

# NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST. . .Margaret Davis, wife of James Davis in Chico, California, passed away in October. They had been married 46 years. James is in poor health, too--had major surgery, can no longer drive and finds he tires easily. Our deepest sympathy goes to him.

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Mrs. Jane Grant announces her retirement this year! She plans to do some traveling so hope she'll keep us posted on her journeys! She is a Charter member of Clan Grant, dating back to 1978! (Our Historian, "Hank" Grant is her son).

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And, speaking of Jane, Christine Grant drove down to Atlanta over the holidays with her. They visited Christine's sister, Ernestine Lewis. (And now we know why we haven't heard from the Lewis'es. They had a full house!) Currently, Christine is working on her famous garden!

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While these folks visited in Atlanta, Hank, Linda and Betsy spent the holidays in Scotland! They visited Patrick Dalvey and report that he is well and enjoying life in the Highlands!

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A number of the Northeastern Grants met at a Scottish weekend at the Pines in the Catskills. Dancing, piping, singing, etc. highlighted their stay! Beryl and Hal Grant, George and Maureen Grant from New York and Joe and Chris Grant from Pennsylvania attended this year.

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**Welcome Back Dept:** Remember, once a Grant, always a Grant (or Bisset, Cairns, Pratts or McIlroy)! Marilyn DeSpain, Henry Grant Ellis, Hilary Garland, Daniel Grant and Donna Kirkendall--welcome back. See you at the games!

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John and Thelma Grant are leaving for Germany once again! They visit son Eric while there and get in a lot of sightseeing along the way! They are expecting again! Grandchild #4 in September! (Parents Jeff and Jai). In the meantime, #3 arrived April 6th, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. and bearing the name Cameron Arston! Parents Arston and Jennifer are doing fine!

Oh, yes, John and Thelma are building a new house! (Now you know the real reason for the house--and leaving the country! ???)

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The arrival of Abigail Smith is the big news in the Ed and Sara Smith household! She made it in time to be a big tax deduction -- December 31st. Brother Philip and grand- parents all think she's a charmer!

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Lysle and Marjorie Grant's daughter, Melinda, is now living in Dover, near them. They bring greetings from the Callum Grants in New Hampshire--who are busy but fine!

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Steve and Stephanie Grant are taking a cruise to Alaska in July! (Guess they didn't have enough winter to last them this year!) Son Lucas made the varsity baseball team to finish out the school year! They discovered that Rhonda Grant is also taking the cruise--and she has a family chart with Steve's lineage on both sides!

If any members are finished with the January Craigellachie, Steve asks that you send it to him, Mr. Stephen Grant, 4731 S. Clifton Ct., Springfield, MO 65810-1388. He will send it to our Chief, James Grant, to use for the U.K. branch purposes.

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Don L. Grant, and his new bride, Danuta, are busily moving all of his things into her house--to make their home!

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Walter Manning writes that he is now taking bagpipe lessons--and loves them! He is still looking for a good set of used pipes, however! (At reasonable cost!)

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A note from Louise Grant Philipp sends a cheery greeting to all from Farmville, VA!

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"Society Supporter of the Month" award goes to Hilary Garland! She sent in memberships for eight relatives! It seems she sends her newsletter out to share with these folks--but never gets it back! So, this way she can keep her paper and share it, too! Happy reading to all!

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Lida Mae Potter is traveling to see her brother in Oregon. Their yearly foreign counselor arrives in August this year, from Switzerland!

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Mary Dunn is President of the Hospital Auxiliary in Rock Hill, MD this year, as well as serving on the Board. She is Chair of the Christmas shop, a full-time job in itself! She made a quilt for the Yacht Club benefit last year and made over \$3,500 for them; this year she made one to sell for the Xmas shop! Husband Don is on the Yacht Club Board--and is Grounds Chairman! This means he gets to mow, weed and plant! In his spare time he is working on his family history for Beryl!

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Gwendolyn Acker and Adria Singletary attended Gwen's oldest grandson's ring ceremony at The Citadel last Fall! He is a senior this year. They'll be back to see everyone this year at Stone Mountain!

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Megan Carlen says that she doesn't have any news! She is still doing "Diasters" and speaking for the Red Cross! (A year of disasters--that's news--and although modest, she's probably keeping very busy!)

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Our Commissioner in Hawaii, Robert Grant, reports that the Scottish Festival keeps growing and consequently so does Clan Grant! Estelle Sharp joined most recently!

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The William F. Grants have moved from Antioch, CA and are now living in Walnut Creek!

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**IT'S BASEBALL AND LAWN BOWLING TIME!** The Rod Grants in Hanover, MD are in training for the girls' softball season. Rob and Mary are beginning to look towards retirement and the girls, Catherine, Judith and Megan think they should return to San Diego. Green grass and warm weather is very appealing after a rough winter!

Meanwhile, Everett Grant is back on the road looking for lots of green grass! His lawn bowling team won the Provincial championship last August and now go to the Nationals (composed of 175 teams from all over Canada) this coming August! He is anxious to start practicing!

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**YOU CAN'T WIN DEPT.:** Apologies to Charles R. Grant in Tiburon! Yours truly's great typing skills turned his middle name into a K even after he carefully sent me his middle initial. He knows there are many Charles Grants in this world! I still messed it up! We do have a Charles K. Grant in Las Vegas and probably surprised him with the mix-up!

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**MORE LIFE MEMBERS:** Charles MacDonald (KY) reports that his "Uncle Arthur" is still going strong at 102 years! Charlie turned 80 himself last Fall! . . . And Col. David W. Jones says that he has hit that magic age, too! In fact, he and Charlie are just 10 days apart! David's birthday is August 20th and Charlie's is on the 30th.

We'll add Margaret Suttie Bevis' name to this list, also! She joined in 1989! Congratulations to all and thanks for letting us know!

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Wayne, the husband of Elaine Grant Timmons, is in ill health, but hopefully on the mend. Diabetes has been diagnosed positively--and now on to the heart tests. They are looking forward to finishing up a new home for their retirement days!

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Bob Grant (Westbrook, ME) survived the vicious zero-and-below weather this year! He did have to postpone his pursuit of the McIntyres lineage due to a bout with bronchitis, though. He sends a special thanks to our Convener for the work he does. (Appreciated by George and echoed from us all!)

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Several letters arrived from Doris Folejewski. She's had a painful, broken vertebrae but glad she could attend the Altamount games and dinner. Her cousin, Paul Landre and his wife Mary, along with daughters, Suzanne Merkin and Pam Davis made a nice family reunion. She celebrated her twin granddaughter's graduation from college and mentions that she still has two grandsons enrolled!

\*\*\*\*\* See Shirley page 5

## GENEALOGY CORNER

By Beryl Grant

John Olin has sent me his descendancy chart for 12 generations from Matthew Grant, founder of Windsor, CT in 1620. Like so many Scottish families, the family kept moving west. John has about 28,000 names in his data base, about 10,000 of which are in the direct line. Some of the names included, beside Grant and Olin, are Humphrey, Case, Vinining, Barber.

Betty Miner has filed her chart, starting with Joseph Grant, b. 1817, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Her research has been done in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado (1882 to present). Possibility that two brothers, Jeremiah and James Grant, are brothers to Joseph.

Allen Gardiner, of Hayward, CA, who is a writer and genealogist, has sent me his

genealogy starting with a Charles Grant, b. circa 1800 in Edinburgh (?), Scotland, and who married Margaret Calquhoun in Sept. 1822 in Edinburgh. His line also includes Holt, Howat, Kerr and Thom families, all of Edinburgh. It is very well done and most importantly, includes all his sources and interesting family data.

David W. Grant, 4 Forest St., Merrimac, MA 01860, is searching for all descendants of James Grant, the Drummer. He has 124 pages of family groups with over 400 individuals. Members searching this line are encouraged to write to him.

Other Queries: Juanita Kellerman is researching Jno Grant (John or Jonathan?) who enlisted at Fort Pitt, PA in 1776 and served in the VA 8th settling in Beaver Co., OH in

1805 and then Holmes Co., OH. Son Alexander, married daughter of Hugh Montgomery and settled in Ross Co., Butler and Mercer Counties in OH.

Everton's Genealogical Helper (Nov/Dec 1993) lists one of the first settlers of Ellinwood, KS as William H. Grant. A book has been published by the Ellinwood Historical Society, Box 11, Ellinwood, KS 67526, 376 pp. for \$41 postpaid. Other names are: Hulsey, Burlinson and William H. Halsey. The article said the book contains about 250 pages of family history.

Note to descendants of Matthew Grant, Founder of Windsor, CT in 1620, who came to this country from England in the ship "Mary and John". There are at least two societies following descendants of this line. One is the

Descendants of Founders of Ancient Windsor, c/o Donna Siemiakowski, 33 Hillcrest Rd., Windsor, CT 06095. I just received the newsletter from The Mary and John Clearing House, 5602 305th St., Toledo, OH 43611. This group holds world-wide conferences and organizes tours. They are planning two International Heritage Conferences. In 1995, October 4-6 at Farmington, Ct. In 1996, February 29 and March 1 and 2, the second 1630 Mary and John/West Country Worldwide Conference will be held in San Francisco. (These are sponsored by Family Society Tours, 62 Weston Rd., Weston, CT 06883, Attn: Don Bergquist.

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# ALL QUERIES INVITED

Shirley from page 4

On a happier note, Ann Grant Miller reports that her hip replacement surgery has freed her from all pain (she fell over a year ago). She plans to attend the July Miller family reunion in Old Bethel, PA. The Oliver Miller homestead is the site of the Whiskey Rebellion! Ann's late husband, Bob, is descended from Oliver's brother, William.

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Hugh Dunn reminds me that, after threatening our readers with descriptions of my aches and pains if they didn't write, that if we didn't have them we wouldn't know when we were feeling good! (A mind-boggling thought!)

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And last, but not least, my Phil is in the Perth Royal Infirmary (at this writing) with a broken hip, collar bone and shoulder blade and plenty of bruises from an auto accident. He reports that he amazes the Doctors each morning with new appearances of black, blue and purple tones! It will be about 6 months before he can resume normal activities. Ivy Jardine, a Grant, who has visited the States several times, read about the accident in the newspaper and has been in to see him several times--and reports his condition to me faithfully! She says that the nurses are young, pretty, petite and ever so-careing--and not to worry! (Thanks, Ivy!). We appreciate all the prayers and concern our Grant family has shown for his recovery. Thank you, sincerely, from both of us.

**MORE GENEALOGY:** Mrs. Rhonda A. Watson is a MacKerron and her family comes from Aberlour, Scotland. If any other McKerron's are reading this, she would like to hear

from you! (RFD #1, Box 350, Poland Spring, ME 04274-9709.

Don M. Grant in West Covina, CA has a family tree chronology tracing his family back to Matthew Grant. He was delighted to read Beryl Grant's article in the last newsletter.

Carol and Bob Sanderson mention their trip to Scotland last summer as well as a family reunion on Bob's side of the family. They finally put some faces with names! They expect to attend the Loon Mt. games in Sept. and then head back to Florida.

Vernon Combs, Wyandotte, MI writes and asks to say hello to the northern part of our world! He is still trying to track down Ludovic's Cherokee wife and her ancestors. He has three names, Euchidote (Sp. '70), Elizabeth Doody and Mary Pratt. If anyone has anything to add to that, he would appreciate a note (452 Poplar St., Wyandotte, MI 48192).

Phyllis Chamblain, Stockton, California also came from the Mathew Grant line. She seeks information on her GGGGrandfather, Elisha Grant. He was born in North Carolina in 1798. If you have any information, contact her at 1559 W. Sonoma, Stockton, CA 95204.

Edward John Grant is looking at his ancestry. He has his Grandfather's name, James Grant. His parents are Donald Grant and Margaret Gordon. They married in Aberdeen on Oct. 10, 1848.

David W. Grant (MA) researched his family tree at the York historical society there and the librarian showed him Col. Joseph Grant's (MN) genealogical file! Both descend from James Grant, the Drummer. Joseph's Dad was the first member in his family to be born outside of Maine in 272 years! He feels sure that he has many other cousins in New England! (Just proves that all Grants are related! One big happy family!)

## HAWAIIAN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Bob Grant, Hawaii Commissioner

Continuing at the same location, the spacious grounds of the Bishop Museum, for the third consecutive year, the 13th Annual Hawaiian Scottish Festival was held in early April. The two day affair drew large crowds, many of them coming to tour the museum, but treated upon arrival to a Scottish display.

The weather was exceptionally good, even for Hawaii, with just enough Trade breezes to keep everyone comfortable. The museum grounds are situated such that they feature a panoramic view of downtown Honolulu and Waikiki, with Diamond Head in the background.

The Clan Grant Society table, attended by Hawaii Commissioner Bob Grant and his son, Richard, was located in one of two "clan tents". In all, ten Clans were represented at the Festival.

Among those visiting the Grant table were Society members John Murchison and Ron Grant. Estelle Sharp of Honolulu (MacElherron family) became a new member. Others stopping by were: Bill and Lori Grant, Thomas Grant and Nancy Hedemann, all of Honolulu; Brian Grant of Aiea; and Nola Grant, visiting from Van Nuys, California.

As the Scottish festival grows each year in Hawaii, Clan Grant Society representation grows a little with it, helping to further local appreciation of Scottish culture and heritage.

## *Grants, Mackintoshes and MacDonalds Save Campbell*

*Jim Suttie*

MacDonald save Campbell???? Well, not exactly. The Campbell being saved was the Campbell Highland Games in Campbell, CA. For those who do not know, Campbell is part of the greater San Jose area.

The Games were originally put on by the Campbell Chamber of Commerce, but were taken over in 1991 by a locally strong Clan organization (which shall remain nameless), that proceeded to run them into the ground over a two year period.

In April of 1993, a group of San Jose area Scots learned that the un-named Clan was dropping their sponsorship of the Games and, that the Chamber of Commerce was not interested in renewing their affiliation with them. This group consisted of Dick Combie of Clan Mackintosh; Bob and Becky Chessman of Clan Donald; Dave Velie, also of Clan Donald; and my wife Carol and myself.

A meeting was held in mid-April, during which it was decided that the group would take over and put on the Games for 1993, with the members of the group putting up the money to front the Games. It was also decided that the group should be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, which was accomplished in May of that year.

I am happy to report that the Campbell Highland Games Association, put on a very successful and profitable Games on August 21, 1993, with all front monies repaid to the people and a small reserve remaining to front this year's Games. The planning is already underway for the Games, which will be held on Saturday, August 20th, in Campbell.

# GRANT'S



## The Northern Califormum By Jim Suttie

Spring has arrived in Northern California and so has the Scottish Games season. The first of the season was the Sacramento Valley Games, held at Roseville, CA on the Mayday weekend (April 30th and May 1st). Saturday, the weather was sunny and warm. Sunday it was a bit cooler as there was some wind during the day.

Carol and I set up the tent late Friday afternoon; and were joined in the tent on Saturday by John VanWinkle and Larry DeMars. Jeffry Grant and his son Josh came by the tent and signed-in. Although not yet members of the Clan, both were attired in Grant tartan kilts. Also visiting the tent were Martin and Ann Gross. Unfortunately, they did not find the tent until after the Clan March-by, so they had marched with her Clan (Farquharson). They asked if they could come back on Sunday and march with the Grants.

On Sunday, Carol and I were again manning the tent, this time with the help of new members Carol Richwine of Vallejo, CA and Alan Grant of Rhonert Park, CA who was there with his wife Debbie and their two children. Again, joining us, were Martin and Ann Gross who did march with the Grants. Also back was Jeffry Grant, this time with his about-to-be bride, Barbara; her son, daughter-in-law, and grand-daughter; and, again, his son Josh. It was great having all these people around the tent helping.

Off, next, to the Marin County Highland Gathering at Corte Madera, CA, on May 21st. This year, we did not set up our tent, due to a required "Hold Harmless" waiver, which I did not feel I should sign in the Clan's name. Clan attendance was down this year, apparently due to this and a rather belated date change. Carol and I spent our day with our friend Stan Anderson of that clan, who did set up their tent. The weather was sunny and warm until the wind came up in the late afternoon.

Had a chance, at Corte Madera, to talk to Linda Grant, our dancer Connie's mother. She informed me that Connie, who is now ranked seventh nationally, took the class trophy in three of four events since November. The fourth event was a Teachers and Judges Competition in Los Angeles where she took all second places. The winner was the current National Champion. She won the trophy at Reno, NV; Phoenix, AZ; and Roseville, CA, where she also won a Trophy Sword in a Sword Dance dance-off.

After talking to Linda, I had the privilege of watching Connie win all four Golds and the Trophy for her class at these Games, as well as a special Gold Medal for a Highland Fling dance-off. By the time you read this article, Connie will have attended the Regional Championships at Costa Mesa, CA (May 28th and 29th), from which she should, if all goes right, be off to the Nationals in New York. We here are all wishing her the best.

Next up are the Modesto Gathering and Games on June, 4th. I shall give a report on them, and more, in my next article.

# AT GAMES

## LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

By: Helen Furr

The first Annual Loch Norman Highland Games was held April the and the. The day was warm but windy. There were between 5000 and 7000 (depending on who you asked) people on the field on Saturday and just slightly under that number on Sunday.

There were the regular activities, dancing, game competitions, pipers, drummers, vendors, but there was also an encampment showing a little pre-Jacobite (pre-1745) Scottish history. The tents, cooking utensils and camping accoutrements were handmade in the style of the period. Your editor was invited to breakfast with the group, but alas didn't make it. She didn't get up early enough, so missed the authentic breakfast, made from stone ground oats, which would have spoiled her for oatmeal forever.

There was also a tent for the children (or the young at heart) with storytelling, crafts and visits from a knight in armor and Mary Queen of Scots. The children had their own small competitions too.

Clan Grant tent was manned by John and Thelma Grant and from Stone Mountain, Jai and Jeff Covington and son Grant (John and Thelma's daughter, son-in-law and grandson) from Matthews, Helen Furr and Patricia Long, from Concord.

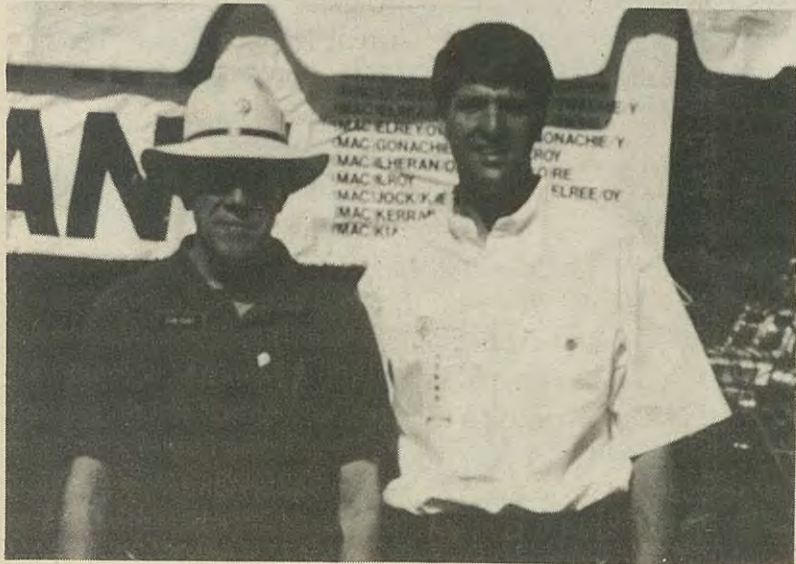
Visitors to the tent included, Chuck and Vickie Hillery from Boone, Charles and Pat Hillery from Slidell, LA., Charles McCarn, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bessette from Concord, Doris Grant and grandson Bradley Shawn Grant from Gastonia, Dorsey McIlroy from Charlotte and many others.

This was only the second year for this gathering, so the participation was still small. But it is probably one of the better organized games. Upon my arrival with the box of games materials, my handbag and my camera case, I was offered help getting it to the tent area. The officials came by the tent to see if there was anything we needed, and staff members were always nearby to assist. They even brought ice around, so those with coolers could replenish their supply without leaving the tent. When it was time to leave on Sunday, the staff was available to take the equipment and passengers to the parking area. These seemingly small courtesies made my experience at this game a pleasure and not a chore. I hope that more of you will be able to attend next year and see for yourselves what a wonderful job these people do.



### ATLANTIC REPORT

Howard T. Parsons, Virginia Commissioner, reports that his household was visited by the "BUG". Both Howard and his wife are better now, but I have to share with you, in Howards words, just what happened. You see..."The second week in October, of '93, The Parsonage was graced by a visit from my sister-in-law, her husband, niece and ... my nephew; the "Typhoid Mary" of the toddler set. By the time everyone left, a week later, my nephew had bestowed upon your Commissioner (and his lovely wife) an infection so potent that it could only have come from a biological warfare laboratory. The worst of it was over in a week but you commissioner was so thoroughly washed out that he had no enthusiasm for newsletters (or anything else) for another week." Howard goes on to say that although the Fall newsletter that he usually sends to the Virginia members didn't go out, Clan Grant was finally registered for the Christmas Walk, and that a number of regular members turned out. "The down side was that it rained on our parade."



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## "WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

By- James H. Grant, Jr.

Since the establishment of our society, there has been some confusion about the various surnames associated with the Clan Grant. In order to explain why certain names are related to our clan, it is first necessary to have a basic understanding of patronymics and septs.

Surnames were not used extensively in Scotland until the 17th century. Men were generally named after their fathers and the patronymic was used as a surname substitute. Patronymics were derived by placing "Mac" (meaning the son of) in front of some variation of the father's name, or simply by adding "son" to the end of the father's name. For example, Aeneas Mohr MacAlistair Ranaldson would mean Big Angus, the son of Alexander, the son of Ranald. As the use of Gaelic began to decline, surnames such as Grant, became a matter of course. However, in regions where Gaelic was still the prevalent language, such as the Western Highlands and Islands, patronymics were being used extensively into the 18th century. Obviously, in some instances, patronymics became surnames.

A sept is a family within a greater clan whose surname is not necessarily the same as the rest of the clan's. Although sephood is a little more complicated than this brief definition, for our purposes in the discussion, this definition will suffice. Many septs originated when patronymics were adopted as surnames.

The name ALLAN became associated with our clan perhaps as early as the 13th century, but not necessarily as a surname. There is a tradition that Gregor Le Grant, the undocumented father of Sir Lawrence le Grant (Sheriff of Inverness in 1258), had three other sons, Robert, Lucas, and Allan. Lucas was called Ciar because of his grey or dusky appearance and is the traditional progenitor of the Clan Chiaran Grants, who originally inhabited Auchnarrow and later became known as the Grants of Dellachapple, in Cromdale Parish. Allan was the ancestor of the Grants of Auchernach (au KHER nick), or the Clan Allan Grants. Although I have found no evidence to support the existence of Grant septs named MacALLAN or MacKIARAN, it is possible that descendants of these branches of Clan Grant have born these or similar names. Of course, by the same token, the names MacPhadrig (Patrick), MacQueen (Suene or Sween), MacRobie (Robert), and MacConnachie or MacDonnachie (Duncan), could be just as valid. These are all patronymics derived from early popular Grant family names.

One of the most interesting names which appears to be a legitimate sept of the clan is MacIlroy. This patronymic is a diminutive form of Mac-Gillie-Roy, meaning the son of the red-haired Gillie. This is a reference to Seumas an Tuim (James of the Hill), the son of John Roy Grant of Carron. Seumas was the infamous Strathspey freebooter who terrorized the country during the early part of the 17th century. Dr. William Fraser, in his three volume history, The Chiefs of

Grant, refers to him as GILDEROY. Like most patronymics, there are variant spellings of the name, such as Gilroy, MacGilroy, and MacElroy.

Another sept of the Clan Grant is the Strathspey family of McCOOK, formerly known as the McJockies "in Tulloch". According to Rev. Forsyth, in his book, In The Shadow of Cairngorm, the McJockies were John Grant in Tulloch and his two sons, Patrick Grant McJockie and John Grant McJockie. The three were hanged in 1637, for harboring outlawed MacGregors and killing two of the king's officers attempting to capture them. Although the name McCOOK is most frequently listed among the septs of the Clan Donald, there are six listings for the name in the 1979 Highlands and Islands, and Aberdeen and Northeast, telephone directories. All six families live in Strathspey.

The surname PRONTACH has been documented as a sept of Grant in the county of Sutherland. Although now extinct in the Highlands, the name was gleaned from parish records from the period 1750-1770, by Miss Margaret Grant, a writer and historian from Golspie, Sutherland. The only logical explanation of the origin of the name is that English educated clerical recorders of the period misunderstood the Gaelic GRANTACH to be Prontach. This information was furnished to the editor by the Convener of the New Zealand Society, Frederick Grant-Burgess.

The BISSET family descends from a very old and once-powerful baronial family in Inverness-shire. Dr. Fraser documents the alliance between the Grants and Sir John and Walter Byset and suggests that the Grants might have originally come to Scotland in the train of the Bysets during the 13th century. The family of Bisset is not a sept of Grant, but has a well-documented historical affiliation with our clan dating to 1258. Several other names deserve mention as having been associated with the clan during this early period. They are not septs, but are documented as relatives by marriage. These names are SERES, PYLCHE and PRAT.

The name Suttie has a remote and isolated association with the Monymusk branch of the clan, but cannot in any way be construed as a Grant sept or family name. In the 18th century, Sir Francis Grant of Monymusk, the eminent Lord of Session, known as Lord Cullen, had three sons. His second son, William, also became a Lord of Session under the title Lord Prestongrange. This famous advocate had three daughters, but no male heir. His second daughter, Agnes, married Sir George Suttie of Balgone, Baronet. From this union descended Sir James Grant Suttie of Prestongrange.

During his visit to the United States in 1978, Lord Strathspey extended an invitation to the members of the John More Association to become members of the Clan Grant Society. This organization, the largest of its kind, is made up of the descendants of John and Betty More, Scottish emigrants who once inhabited the farm of Drumchork,

at Coylum Bridge, Rothiemurchus, in Strathspey.

Naturally, other names have been associated with Strathspey and the Grants without being either septs or related to the clan, save by the indisputable bond of tenant to landlord. For hundreds of years Strathspey has been inhabited by Camerons, Cummings, McDonalds, McGregors, Rosses, and Stewarts, to name a few. Other lesser known names which occur regularly in the annals of the strath and upon its tombstones are Burgess, Clark, Carmichael, Cruikshank, Forsyth, Lawson, and of course Smith.

This clarification of these Clan Grant names is not in any way an attempt to limit the membership of our society, or to stimulate its growth. It is merely an explanation of how these naaaaaames became associated with our clan family and to clear up some areas of confusion. I think our conveners would agree that we welcome anyone into the society who has a sincere and genuine interest in our clan's history and the fellowship of our organization.



## "STAND FAST" TRUE TALES!

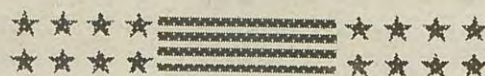
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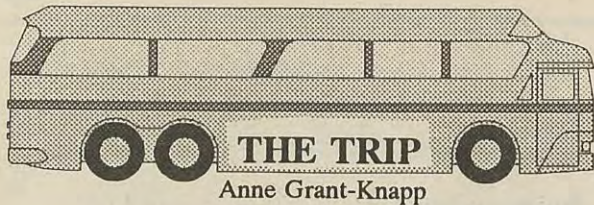
A new member of Clan Grant, Floyd Dean Grant, tells two true stories to share with you. These happened before he and his sister, Stella Stout, became members.

In 1983, they were taking care of a 3 year-old laddie and walked close to a nest of geese. The mother goose charged them, flapping her wings and hissing and snapping! Rather than picking the boy up, they told him to, "Stand Fast!" He did! And the mother goose came to within a foot of the lad, stopped, decided against it, turned around and went back to her nest!

Then, in 1991, on a quiet Sunday morning, Floyd and Stella decided to walk down the street and buy a morning paper. An uncontrolled pit bulldog came charging towards them! They had several choices to make--and decided to turn and face the charge! They yelled, "Stand Fast, Deano!" That pooch stopped right in front of both of them. Several other people jumped into their cars for protection but watched as the pit bull and Floyd looked eyeball to eyeball. The dog backed off about 20 feet, changed his mind and charged again! "Stand Fast!" the two of them repeated! Two more minutes passed, eye to eye! Suddenly, the dog gave up and left! The neighbors were amazed!

Floyd says, "In 1992 we learned the family motto, "Stand Fast!"--and we understood! (Editor's note: That is the secret Ed Smith needed a few years ago. That pit bull didn't stop!)





George, By George, has accused me in print of being bitten by the travel bug. In my defense I say - YES YES YES. I may be limited in by travels by time and money but every minute spent exploring the world is wonderfully rewarding.

In April 11111994, I realized a long-time dream and travelled to New Zealand. Such a beautiful country! While the US was struggling through a rainy spring, NZ was into their fall season. The natives claimed that the flower gardens were past their peak, but I found them to be lovely and can only marvel at what visual treats they must be in summer. We landed in Auckland on the North Island and spent some time there, then our motorcoach took us through the Canterbury Plains to Waitomo and Rotorua. From there, we flew to Christchurch and later travelled by coach to Wanakah and Queenstown. We returned to Christchurch, flew to Auckland, and then to Honolulu for a two day stop en route to Los Angeles.

There were so many highlights. Kelly Tarleton Aquarium at Auckland, the Glowworm Cave at Waitomo, thermal springs at Rotorua, boat trip from Milton Sound through the fiord to the Tasman Sea, jetboat ride on the Shotover River, flight over Mt. Cook, eating at the Boaters Restaurant in Christchurch while the punts went past on the Avon River-perhaps they all sound "touristy" but I loved them all. I learned that "capsicum" means green, red and /or yellow peppers and is often used as an accompaniment for fish. Deer farming is much in evidence and one of my more adventurous dinners was based on uncooked marinated venison. Delicious! And a truly low cholesterol count! I also enjoyed salmon, kaputa, baby rack of lamb, and gorgeous desserts and baked goods.

On the debit side, being with a group meant that we adhered to the schedule and I did not search out any New Zealand Grants. Also, while I carried my dance shoes with me, I failed to connect with any local Royal Scottish Country Dance Society group. So these are saved for another time and give an added incentive to return to that beautiful land.



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## ANOTHER GREAT GRANT!

Born in Kansas City, Missouri on February 10, 1917, William D. Grant, a graduate of the University of Kansas and the Wharton Graduate School of Finance (University of Pennsylvania), has indelibly left his business career imprint upon the state of Missouri, and especially Kansas City!

Currently he is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Seafield Capital Corporation, an insurance investment-centered business. He became a Chartered Life Underwriter in 1949.

His career began as a member of the Business Men's Assurance Company of America in 1940, and he rose from Vice President in 1951 to President in 1960. He faithfully discharged many Board duties along the way and continues to do so today.

An amazing range of activities extend from social and civic organizations to professional associations. This includes working as Chair of the UMKC Conservatory of Music and the Heart of America United Campaign along with its Council, as President of the Boy Scouts of America representative, and later as Chairman of the Board. He also served as Trustee for the University of Kansas City and the Kansas University Endowment Association.

Nationally, Mr. Grant has served on the President's Commission on Financial Structure and Regulation; the American Field Service as Trustee; and as a member and on the President's Council of the well-known Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Professionally, his leadership qualities benefit the American Life Convention, the American Council on Life Insurance, the ACLI Political Action Committee, The American College, and the Health Insurance Medical Research Fund.

He has also worked with and directed KMBA Channel 41, the Kansas City Power and Light Company, the Union Pacific Corporation, Boatman's First National Bank of Kansas City, and The Home Office Reference Laboratory. He is a member of Assicurazioni Generali, Trieste and Lloyds of London.

Three significant awards honor this man: The University of Kansas Distinguished Service Citation; an honorary LLD from Westminster College; and Sigma Chi's, "Significant Sig".

For relaxation he belongs to four country clubs, scattered across the nation from Missouri to New York City and San Diego, California!

During the war years of 1940-45, William served in the U.S. Navy as a Destroyer Officer and Naval Aviator in the Atlantic Fleet, holding the rank of Lt. Commander. In 1941 he married his sweetheart, Mary Noel of Lee's Summit, also a Missourian. They have two children from this union, Laura Grant Gamble and W. T. Grant, II.

In case this whirlwind of a figure overwhelms the reader, we first met this dynamo at the Grandfather Mountain Games in 1987, two years after he joined Clan Grant! He efficiently surveyed the games as a United Armed Forces General night, (undoubtedly his military training) leaving his secretary panting for breath! He predictably saw more of the the games than anyone else! It's no wonder this businessman from the Midwest has accomplished so much in his lifetime! It is an honor to know him and consider him--Another Great Grant!



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## Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk

By Cecil J. O'Neill

The changing face of Scotland would be a good description of the country in the 18th Century since it was a period that saw a series of radical changes that transformed the whole structure of life. This was due to the Agricultural Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, the growth of Glasgow made rich by the tobacco and cotton trade, the explosion of Edinburgh into the beautiful New Town and the rise of the Literati, the demand for political reform, the Jacobite Risings with the partial destruction of the Highland way of life. It was against this background that Sir Archibald lived out his long life particularly in the field of agriculture.

Sir Archibald was born on September 25, 1696, the son of Sir Francis Grant better known as Lord Cullen. He was educated for the law and was admitted advocate in 1711. He was soon after this elected Member of Parliament for Aberdeen. He entered into many speculative enterprises including the Charitable Corporation which was reckless and less respectable and ended in his expulsion for corruption from the House of Commons and almost bankruptcy which led to his permanent return to Monymusk in 1734.

Lord Cullen had bought the estate at Monymusk from Sir William Forbes and was very dissatisfied with his purchase and gave over its management to his son who as a young man of 17 wrote the following account of the land he was now in control of:

"The house was an old castle with battlements and six different roofs of various heights and directions, confusedly and inconveniently combined, and all rotten, with two wings more modern, of two stories only, the half of windows of the higher rising above the roofs, with granaries, stables and house for cattle and of the vermine attending them, close adjoining, with the heath and muire reaching in angles or goushets to the gate, and much heath near, and what land near was in culture belonging to the farmes, by which their cattle and dung were always at the door. The whole land raised and uneven, full of stones, many of them very large, of hard iron quality, and all the ridges crooked in the shape of an S, and very high and full of noxious weeds and poor, being worn out by culture, without proper manure or tillage. Much of the land and muire near the house, poor and boggy; the rivulet that runs before the house in pits and shallow streams, often varying channel with banks, always ragged and broken. The people poor and ignorant and slothful; and ingrained enemies to planting, inclosing or any improvements or cleanness; no keeping of sheep or cattle or roads but four months when oats and bear, which was the only sorts of their grain, was on the ground. The farme houses, and even the corne millns and mans and scool, all poor dirty huts, pulled in pieces for manure or fell of themselves almost each alternate year."

This is a picture of the Scottish system called runrig or rundale which existed at the time when Sir Archibald took over the Monymusk Estate. The arable land was divided into outfield where patches of land carried crops for



Sir Archibald Grant.

four or five years, without receiving any manure and then allowed to lie fallow for the same period. The infield near the farm was under continual cultivation. Much of the low lying land was left uncultivated because it was too damp from lack of proper drainage. The infield and outfield was divided into strips called rigs about 18 to 20 feet wide and about 200 to 500 yards long in the shape of a large S. The soil was heaped up on these rigs and in between there were balks covered in weeds. Rigs were re-allotted each year or every two or three years, thus there was no encouragement for a farmer to improve his land. This system did not lead to good farming and it was what Sir Archibald had to contend with and it took him a very long time to bring in the reforms that he needed.

During the years Sir Archibald spent in London he never lost his desire to bring in his ideas on farming and afforestation.

His plan was to reform the economic and social life of the estate and he never gave up his obligation of being an enlightened landowner.

For a time Alexander Jaffray of Kingswells acted for him but Sir Archibald insisted that his factors, gardeners and other principal estate employees send him comprehensive weekly accounts of what was being achieved and he encouraged and managed their work by writing to them.

In 1734 dispirited by his bankruptcy, he returned to Monymusk to work to clear off his debts and he devoted the next twenty years of his life to the improvement of the estate.

The House of Monymusk is on the river Don and about a quarter of mile from the village of Monymusk. It was very run down when the Grants took it over in 1713 and its reconstruction was the first task facing the young Sir Archibald. By 1731 the house consisted of a drawing room, dining room, six principal bedrooms, several smaller bedrooms, a kitchen, brewhouse, cellar, wardrobe, maid's room, cook's room, Servants' rooms, servants' hall and woman house. The control of the domestic arrangements in the house were in the hands of the housekeeper, Mrs. Ramsay. It is interesting to note that tea was being introduced and drink was mainly ale but there was also claret, sherry and French wines and Sir Archibald favored Sherry, Claret, Malaga and Madeira.

Sir Archibald dressed in a long skirted coat with sleeves ending in wide cuffs with deep lace ruffles. Waistcoats, elaborately embroidered were also very long and had sleeves. There were knee breeches and stockings, the finest made of silk. Sir Archibald's wardrobe consisted of 6 wigs, 3 hats, several suits, 2 great coats, shoes, boots with steel spurs, silver mounted pistols and 2 broad swords.

During his long life he married four times, first in 1717 to Anne, daughter of James Hamilton of Pencaitland; second, Anne, daughter of Charles Potts of Castleton, of Derbyshire; third, in 1751, Elizabeth Clark, widow of Dr. James Callander of Jamaica, fourth, Jane, widow of Andrew Millar of London, she survived Sir Archibald by ten years.

The task of improving the estate was to make the people turn away from their

traditional farming methods and Sir Archibald started the process at the home farm where with the aid of an overseer he supervised the improvements. He gradually cleared the tenants who did not reach the standards he demanded and he used the Baron Court. The fields had to be cleared of stones and proper drainage installed to make them fertile and the new crops were introduced especially clover and grasses which could provide winter feed for the animals. Turnips were grown which also provided winter feed. The next problem was to stop the broadcast method of sowing and introduce the use of seed drilling and allowing clean farming and greater yields. There was an old saying: "Ane to sow, ane to gnaw, ane to pay the lord with'al". A three fold yield but under this method it increased up to a seven fold yield.

Sir Archibald kept a strict eye on the work of his tenants to see that the improvements were carried out according to his instructions. Another feature introduced by Sir Archibald was the planting of trees, which would not only beautify the estate but would give shelter to the growing crops and create a supply of wood much needed on the estate. He was a pioneer in this work and he soon had a large number of people engaged in his newly established nurseries, tending the seed beds, digging pots for the young plants and weeding and pruning the new plantations. Seeds and plants were imported from England and Holland, and before many years had passed a great variety of young trees were to be seen at Monymusk. The most famous plantation was called Paradise, close by the Don and a couple of miles from the house. Visitors from all over the country came to see this plantation. By 1731 there were over a million trees planted.

Another project undertaken was the introduction of the growing of flax and the manufacture of linen. Seeds were brought from Holland and Sir Archibald at his own expense had one of his tenants, Alexander Allan, "well instructed in all parts of raising and managing of flax", and he sent Ann Grant to Aberdeen and elsewhere "to be instructed in spinning with both hands, both wet and dry yarn." He also erected a lint mill for the scutching of the flax. All this was very expensive and Sir Archibald went to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures for financial aid. As a result the Board appointed Agnes Grant spinning mistress at a salary of £10 per year. Later Sir Archibald laid out a bleachfield near the lint mill. Grant in this enterprise had become a capitalist merchant.

He built two villages and a school for the welfare of his people. His work as an improver certainly benefited the tenant farmers who became wealthier, better housed, and healthier but the cottars who had previously had their own little plots tended either to leave or become farm laborers.

Sir Archibald Grant died on September 17, 1778 and the best memorial to him is how he improved the estate of Monymusk. He was one of the outstanding improvers of the Agricultural Revolution.



# COMING EVENTS

	JUNE
THE GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES Barren River Lake State Resort Park Lucas, KY	2-5
TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Arlington, TX	3-5
MCHENRY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL Garrett County Fairgrounds McHenry, MD	4
BELLINGHAM HIGHLAND GAMES Ferndale, WA	4
MILWAUKEE HIGHLAND GAMES Milwaukee, WI	4
3RD ANNUAL CELTIC FESTIVAL University of Rio Grande Rio Grande, OH	4-5
BLAIR SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CONVENTION Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Madison, WI	9-10
KANSAS CITY HIGHLAND GAMES Barstow School Kansas City, MO	11
SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Rancho Santa Fe Park San Marcos, CA	18
DELCO SCOTTISH GAMES Devon, PA	18
1ST ANNUAL CELTIC FESTIVAL Oatlands Plantation Leesburg, VA	18-19
OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES Oberlin College Oberlin, OH	23-25
OHIO SCOTTISH ARTS SCHOOL Oberlin College Oberlin, OH	25 to July 1
TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES Frontier Park Graham, WA	25



JULY	
CANADIAN INTERPROVINCIAL HIGHLAND DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS Calgary Open Centennial Championship & Highland Games Calgary, Alberta, Canada	5-9
CLAN MACNEIL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Holiday Inn Banner, Elk, NC	8
PAYSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL City Park Payson, UT	9
CALEDONIAN GAMES City Park Athena, OR	9-10
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES Linville, NC	9-10
SOUTHERN VERMONT HIGHLAND GAMES Mount Snow Resort Wilmington, VT	15-16
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF VERMONT Kirkin' O' The Tartan & Picnic Walter Harvey Meeting House West Barnet, VT	17
NEW BRUNSWICK HIGHLAND GAMES Old Government House Grounds Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada	22-24
QUABOAG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Warren, MA	23
21ST ANNUAL VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Episcopal High School Grounds Alexandria, VA	23-24
GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES Kenyon Agricultural Grounds Maxville, Ontario, Canada	29-30
SCOTTISH FESTIVAL GLASGOW Blandford, MA	30

AUGUST	
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Victoria Park Fergus, Ontario, Canada	11-14
CENTRAL NEW YORK SCOTTISH GAMES Long Branch Park Liverpool, NY	13
COLORADO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Highlands Heritage Park Highlands Ranch, CO	13-14
COLUMBUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Clifty Park Columbus, IN	13-14
EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL Edinburgh, Scotland	14 to September 3
16TH ANNUAL MAINE HIGHLAND GAMES Thomas Point Beach Brunswick, ME	20
QUECHEE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Quechee Polo Field Quechee, VT	27



SEPTEMBER	
SCOTTISH CLANS HERITAGE FESTIVAL Bethel, MO	3-5
LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL Estes, Park, CO	8-11
LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES Idlewild Park Ligonier, PA	10
2ND ANNUAL CHARLESTON SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT Charleston, SC	16
23RD ANNUAL CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Boone Hall Plantation Mt. Pleasant, SC	17
FRESNO HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES Fresno, CA	17
AMHERST MUSEUM SCOTTISH FESTIVAL East Amherst, NY	17
OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Manion Park Tulsa, OK	17
CLAN MACPHERSON 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Days Inn/Days Suites Savannah, GA	22-25
DAYS OF THE SCOTS Mo-Ranch Conference Center Hunt, TX	23-25
CELTIC CLASSIC HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL Bethlehem, PA	30 to October 2

OCTOBER	
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Agricultural Fairgrounds Goshen, CT	1
GLENDALE INVITATIONAL CELTIC GATHERING Verdugo Park Glendale, CA	1
NASHVILLE HIGHLAND GAMES Grassmere Wildlife Park Nashville, TN	1-2
HIGHLAND FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND CEILIDH Plainfield Yankee Motor Inn Plainfield, CT	8
SCOTLAND'S SEVENTH ANNUAL HIGHLAND FESTIVAL Waldo Homestead Scotland, CT	9

NOVEMBER	
33RD ANNUAL SALADO SCOTTISH GAMES Central Texas Area Museum Salado, TX	11-13
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF VERMONT Tartan Ball Sheraton Hotel Burlington, VT	12
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA 247th Annual Dinner Union League Philadelphia, PA	30

*This and That*  
from the editor

Summer has finally arrived and I am glad. Although the temperatures are already above normal, and the humidity is high, I prefer it to freezing. Summer also brings a lot of activity both in the Furr household and for Clan Grant. There are a lot of clan gatherings all around the country so everyone has the opportunity to meet new people and bring in new members. My first experience at helping with the clan tent was wonderful. I am looking forward to doing it again next year. Maybe I'll get more experience at Grandfather Mountain in July. Maybe not, because there are so many people there that know so much more than I do about the family I feel like a real dunce. But I try, and that counts for something. I have fun and that's important too.

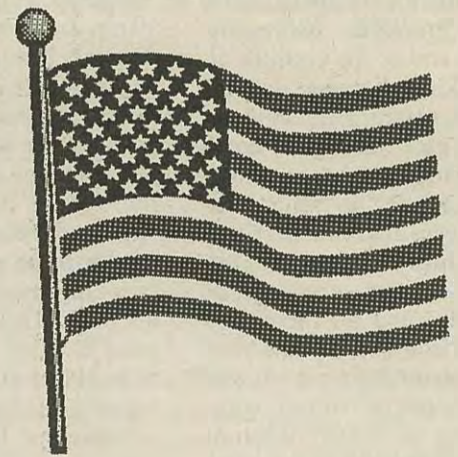
The paper has taken shape over the last several weeks. I hope you enjoy reading the interesting articles and the news from Shirley. We all wish Phil a speedy recovery.

Well, guess it's time to get this printed out so the paper can go to the printer.

Remember to send any family news or interesting notes that you find. Those of you going to Scotland, don't forget those of us left behind. Oh, how I wish I could go too! The September deadline for articles is August 25th. But don't let that hold you up. Send any articles whenever you get them. I have a box...!

See you at Grandfather Mtn!

*Stand Fast*



# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

