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Duthil Feasibility Study Received

Consultants have completed their study. The study includes economic practicality of the Clan Grant Museum & Clan Center, cost estimates for operating, expected annual income and attendance, architectural layouts of building and displays, security considerations, and cost estimates for construction.

The report finds the Center to be a viable entity in the Strathspey, Carrbridge, Grantown area. For some reason the report ignores the LANDMARK CENTRE at Carrbridge, just 2 miles from Duthil, influence on the success of the venture. I believe, if handled right we should benefit from this very successful attraction. When we were there in late August the LANDMARK parking lot was packed.

Operating costs based on one full time and some part time help during the season, ie; April through September.

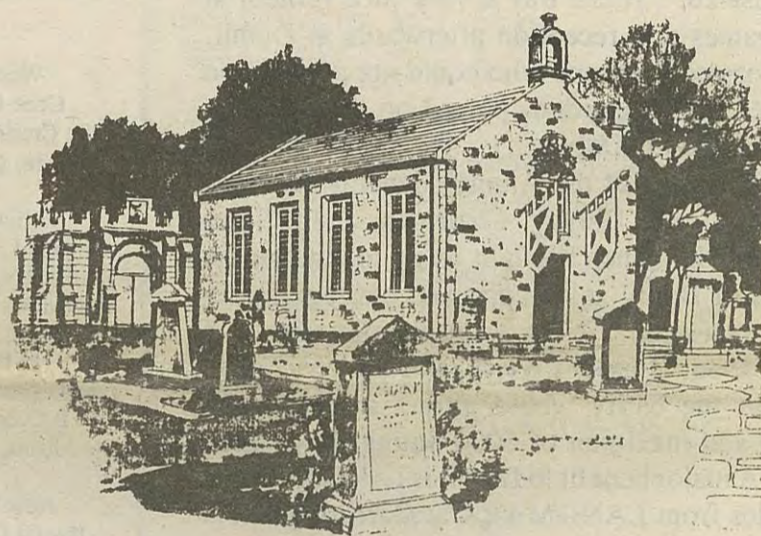
27,000 #. Estimate conservative income is 28,500 #. This figure includes overhead items, Telephone, Insurance, repairs etc.; Attendance estimate is 5000.

Cost estimates for construction including parking area, paving, Toilets, internal construction, lighting, heating, fire and intruder alarms systems, display cabinets, etc. Total 98000 #. I believe this is inflated. The job should be done for significantly less money. The important details of the displays, presentations, including audio visual, has not been addressed by the Society.

Sir Patrick Grant, Chairman of the U K Society believes as do I hat the Clan Center will need to plan on a subsidy of about 10000 # annually. The plan is to have the money in the bank, before proceeding with any work.

These drawing will help you see what is proposed. More information as it develops.

CLAN GRANT CENTRE: FEASIBILITY STUDY



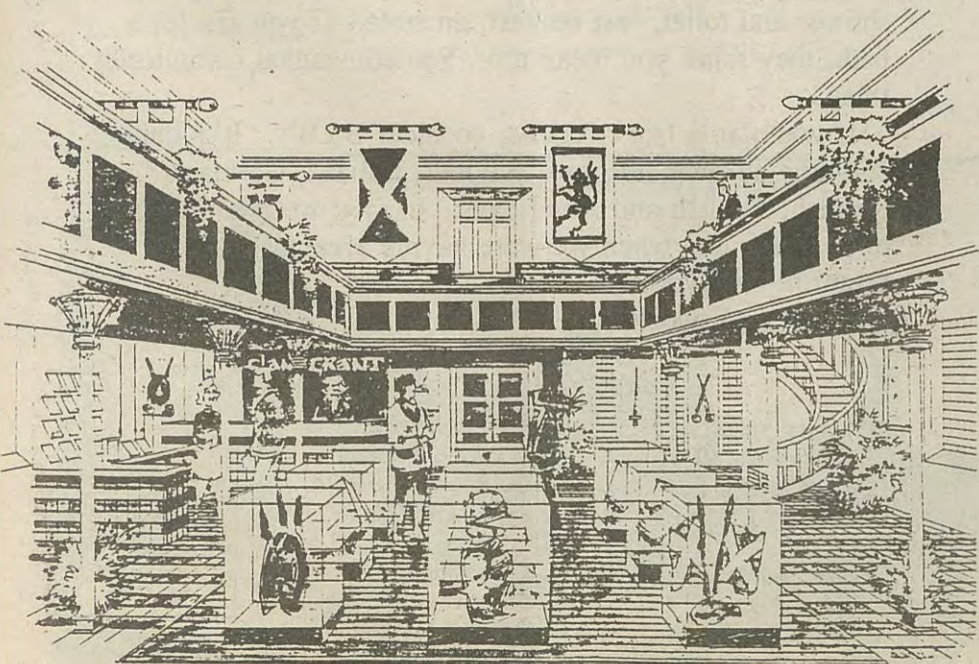
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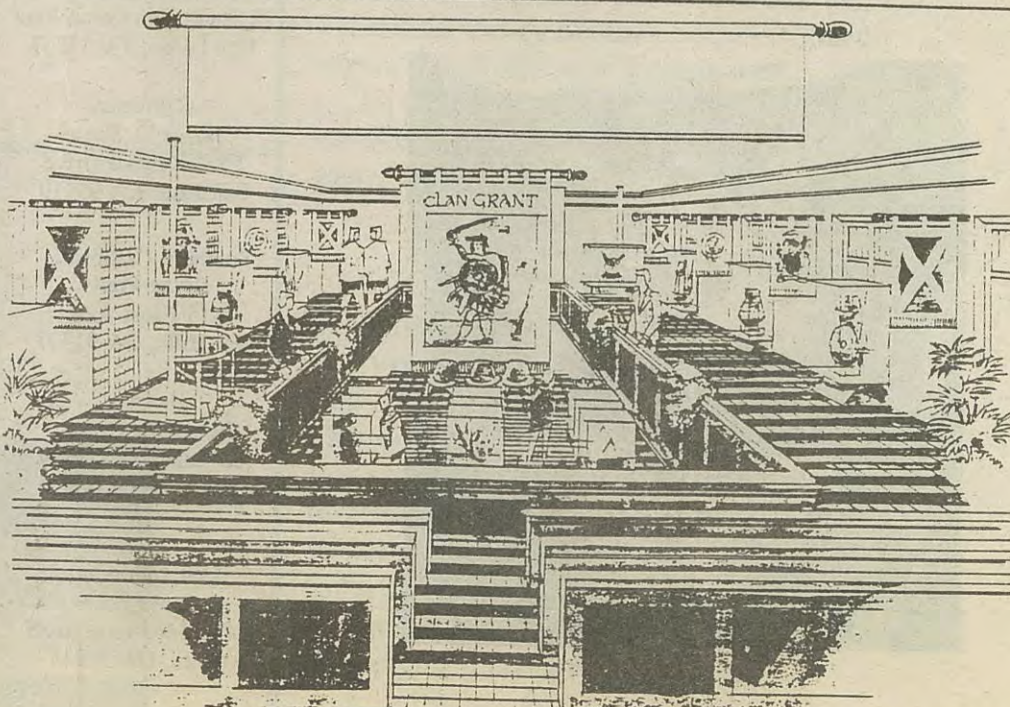
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View from main floor



View from balcony

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BY GEORGE !!!

What a great summer for our Society !

Our new membership brochure is reality. Copies are being used to recruit lost cousins to join with us. You were all sent a copy with the last newsletter. You'll notice that the actual membership application is a separate sheet. This enables us to change addresses and the form without massive printing costs. If you would like additional copies of the brochure and application, please contact me or your commissioner. Help us grow by sending one to another GRANT.

Gordon Grant has incorporated us in Virginia as a tax exempt entity. This is necessary before he proceeded to the next step, filing for Federal Tax exempt status. This is in the works and should be completed soon.

Lucille and I, along with David and Jane Grant, from Atlanta, GA. went to Scotland for the Clan Grant Gathering at Nethybridge on August 20. There was a very nice turnout at the games and reception afterwards at Duthil. We toasted everyone who could not attend, and danced a Gay Gordon, played on the Pipes by Patrick Grant, Dalvey.

Next day at the Annual General Meeting, Patrick Grant, Dalvey, Chairman, and officers of the U K branch brought us up to date on the status of Duthil as an approved heritage center and museum. The consultants report is completed, (I have a copy), and the conclusion is that the entity would attract a minimum of 3000 and maximum of 6000 during the season.

A major benefit to Duthil is its location, just 2 miles from LANDMARK at Carrbridge. It is one the area's top attractions, offering a Highland heritage, nature trails, Adventure Playground, etc. We should be able to achieve some synergism with them, if we do it right.

With this feasibility study in hand, we can apply for private and public grants to help us achieve our goal. USA will be a part of the planning and implementation of the center. Thank you for your support.

Soon we will have elections for officers of our corporation. Please consider volunteering to serve. Let me hear from you.



CLAN GRANT NOMINATIONS

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO serve YOUR Clan Society. Now that we have a corporation, we need to elect Officers to run the Society. The election will be held in March of next year when you send in your annual dues renewal.

Our constitution requires that NINE (9) members of the Board of Directors be elected by the membership. Three are elected to serve 2 years; 3 -4 years and 3 -6 years. The board will elect the officers, ie; President---Vice President---Treasurer---Secretary. Election of officers is for a three year term, with no terms limits.

A copy of our Constitution and By-Laws will be sent to each member, with the December newsletter.

All of our members are qualified to serve the Society. These jobs are not time consuming, (4 hours a month), so it will not change your life, except in the satisfaction you will receive from guiding our Society. Board meetings will be held by Telephone conference calls, with the Society paying the bill. The Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Games until the Board decides otherwise. There is no real reason not to rotate the meeting around the U S if the members wish.

Please give this request serious consideration. The society is in place and operating. Please call George Grant @ 800-445-2185 and offer your name for a seat on the Board. Lucille and I have served since 1978. It's time for new ideas and new leadership.

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B & B's The Way to Go

By George Grant

Planning our trip to U K and Ireland, Lucille & I decided early we needed to prepay for as much of the trip as possible, and also help us stay within a budget. Our travel agent showed us several brochures that included a rental car and staying in B & B's. We selected a package from C. I. E. that included 3 days in Ireland and 3 days in England.

We were supplied with books describing B&B's in Ireland cities and villages, plus farm homes. Same for U K. They supplied roads maps, a tape giving us information on driving, places to see, money exchange and other helpful hints. C.I.E collects about 15% more for providing the service and making the car rental reservations, but we felt it was worth it. We had the peace of mind knowing the B&B's were qualified and where to find them.

We would call ahead, after deciding where we wished to stay, make a reservation, tell them about when we would arrive and hit the road. Everything worked out fine. The people who owned the homes were most helpful and friendly. They gave us information on the area, advice on where to eat, and what was worthwhile to see. Breakfast was plentiful and served on time. If you wish a room with shower and toilet, just request, en suite. If you ask for a bath, they think you mean tub. Sometimes that complicates things.

If you plan a trip overseas, consider B&B's. It is quite common all over Europe. We met, Italians, Germans, Spanish, English and Americans. In fact, we met the sister of an old friend when we were having breakfast in Stratford-on-Avon.

It's a small world.

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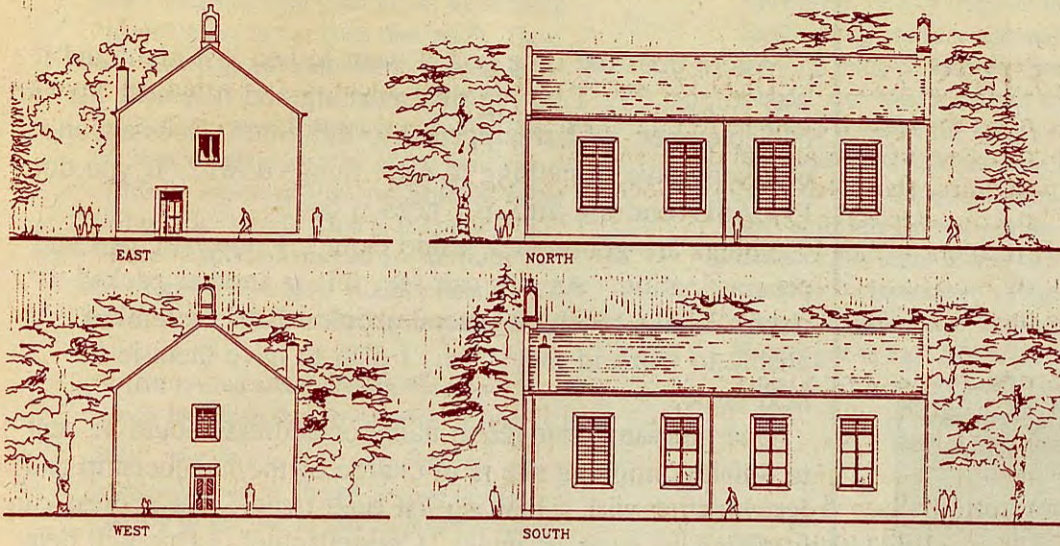
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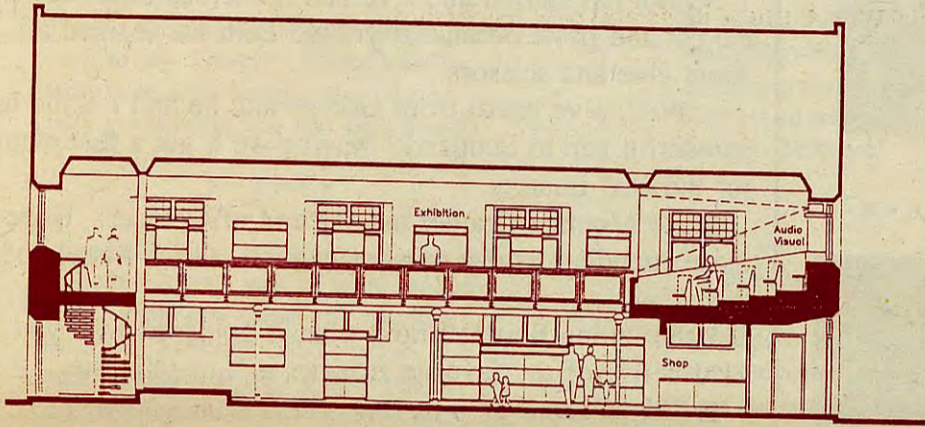
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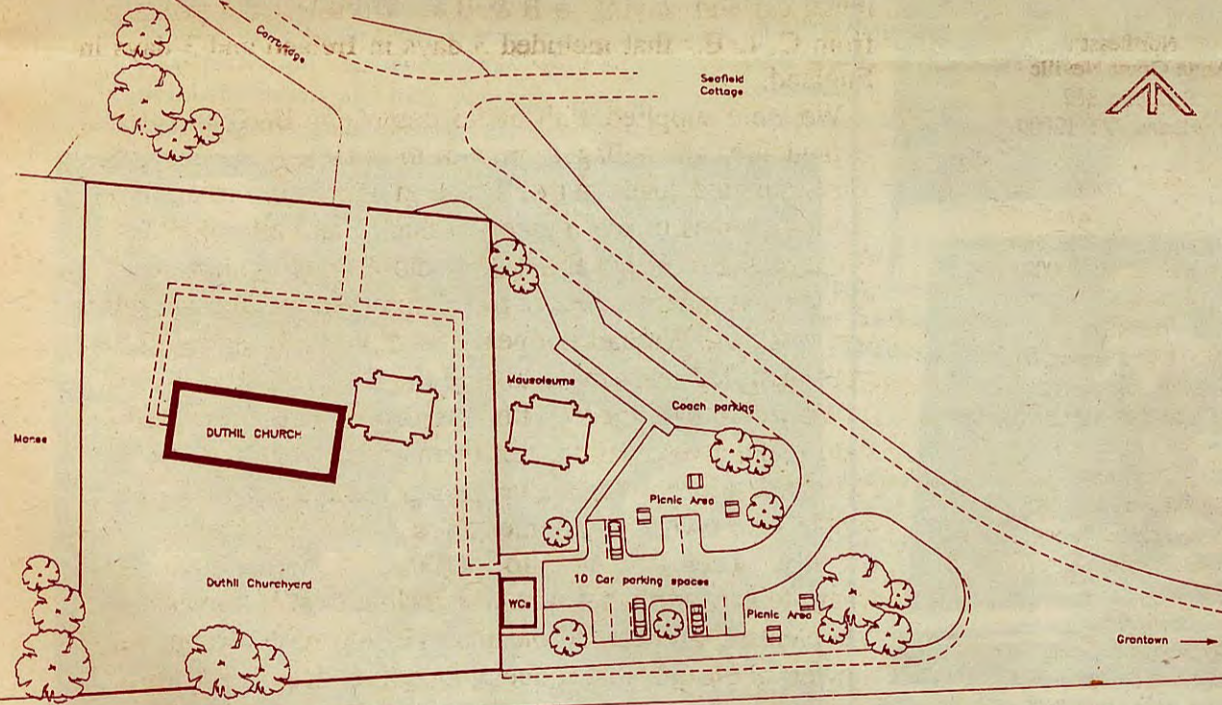
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ELEVATIONS



LONGITUDINAL SECTION



SITE PLAN

In the shade of Grandfather Mountain



Notes from Shirley

Marte and Laura MacElroy sent a note of thanks for all of the work that goes into a newsletter that does not get thanked! Their thanks should be shared with all those who work so hard; our Commissioners, Lucille and George, Helen Furr, those individuals who write various articles -- and to each of you who write and keep us posted on what is going on in your lives! (Sort of overdid it this time, you guys, didn't you? Let's spread it out beyond renewal time! Just kidding! You keep writing!) It is especially great to have MacElroy's who write! They often get overlooked since their last name is not Grant! But they are a vital part of Clan Grant so keep sending in the material and we will keep mentioning McIlroys, MacElroys, etc.!

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Everett Grant will know how his lawn bowling team did in the national championship held in Moncton by the time you read this! The team has been preparing for the event for a year! They won the the Provincial Championship which qualified them for the Nationals, one hundred and seventy-five teams from all over Canada!

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Sue Barker updates us on hubby, Jack: "The doctors have put him on a new drug, 'Vasenorinon', and he is feeling much better after a long bout in the hospital."

The Barkers bought an RV camper and a pontoon boat and spend their weekends on Lake Guntersville fishing! They take, "One day at a time--and live it to the fullest each day, turning it over to God."

Sue mentions that Huntsville (AL) now has a small Highland Games and that the Tennessee Valley Scottish Society formed several years ago is still doing well.

"Give our best to all the Clan members--and hoping we'll be seeing you soon," Sue signs.

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Stay-at-homes-but-not-for-longtypes Bob and Vivian Grant faced a challenge when Bob fell and broke his hip last March. This did slow them down some but they managed to help out with Bob's favorite project, doubling the size of the Dunedin Historical Society's museum! Plans call for it to be finished this Fall. Bob and Vivian have also managed to get back out on the golf links! (No surprise!).

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News from "HOME" from the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald

Estate opens its doors for private preview

Lady Pauline Ogilvie-Grant, daughter of the late Countess of Seafield and descendant of the Clan Grant invited local residents to Revack Estate near Grantown as a preview to its official opening as a major new tourist attraction.

The estate stretches over 15,000 acres with a mixture of landscaped gardens, woods and farmland. The main aim is to provide visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a glimpse of life on a traditional working Highland estate.

There is a new restaurant and coffee shop and an adjoining gift shop. Other attractions include a ride around the estate grounds in a traditional trap pulled by a Highland pony, and an adventure playground with an aerial cableway, climbing nets, swing suspension bridge, balancing beams and stepping logs.

August 7, 1994

Vote of confidence in estate's new owners

Paul Hunter reports that Glenfeshie Estate has been bought by Will Woodlands, a conservation trust, for an undisclosed sum believed to be in the region of £5 million.

Mr. Angus Crow, of John Clegg and Co, the Edinburgh agents acting for Will Woodlands explained the reason the trust bid for the 42,000 acres. "The international importance of the estate from a conservation point of view is the principal reason behind the decision to acquire the property, particularly with regard to the regeneration of the native pinewood remnants," he said.

The sale is being greeted by both delight and caution.

August 7, 1994



The new restaurant and shop building at Revack Lodge is sure to prove popular with visitors.



Proudly showing off her 50p bargain painting which could fetch up to £15,000 is Grantown lollipop lady Mrs Linda Stone.

Car boot sale painting proves a real treasure

Just picture this... pay 50p for an oil painting at a car boot sale and then discover that it is worth at least £15,000. Mrs. Linda Stone, of Stonefield Cottage, The Square did just that.

Mrs. Stone, the lollipop lady at Grantown Primary did just that when she bought the picture almost three years ago in Inverness.

August 14, 1994

This and That from the Editor

Where does the time go? I went to bed last night and it was August 25. I got up this morning and it is near the end of September. What happened to the time? Does anyone out there have something to slow things down? If you do, PLEASE send the info as I need it bad!!!

Things are going well, aside from my normal chaos and procrastination. As you can see, this is another packed issue. I have received several articles that I have been unable to work in this issue. I plan to have them in the next issue.

One note-any changes in name or address should be sent to Shirley Smith as she is in charge of the membership and provides me with a mailing list each issue. Her address can be found on page 12 under "Craigellachie". This will help both of us. Thank you.

School has started and I've had numerous offers to "help" me cut and paste because 5 yr. old Beth has learned all about glue and scissors.

Well, I've heard from George and he and Lucille had a wonderful trip to Scotland. Maybe we'll get a few pictures for the next issue.

Stone Mountain games are the end of October. Hope those attending have a wonderful time. Wish I could be there, but...

Keep letting Shirley know what is going on with you. That is one of my favorite features in Craigellachie.

Holidays coming.

Stand Fast



Thistle and Heather

SHIRLEY from pg. 3

Eric More Marshall serves as President of the John More family and hopes to get more involved with Clan Grant by sending "More" news to us! (Get that one?) They are traveling this summer to Canada and to Scotland to visit the "Grant stomping grounds." (For those of you new to the Society, this particular More family is officially recognized by our Chief as being part of Clan Grant. This is the only "More" name so honored and is well documented through a computerized genealogy.) 1995 is their quinquennial reunion!

As a retired naval officer, Eric and Nancy launched their own boat, "Piper's Due", last April. Eric says that he practically had to "break the ice in Erie Harbor to get her in and then the weather was so awful in May with rain and freezing ice that we didn't get much use out of her!"

Eric's been trying to teach his grandson, Josef, to say "Navy!" (Since Josef's father is an army captain, this should really get exciting in a few more years!)

Candace Coates is taking the Celtic harp seriously! After a year of study she may have a whole new career (as opposed to nursing!). A flutist, cellist, and an acoustical guitarist have joined with her to play traditional Irish and Scottish music. She plays by ear, unable to read music. Her first wedding successfully completed, Candace is working up a school program and has performed with several area bands, both country and rock. Nursing homes, hospitals, grand openings for various stores also require her talent! (See her picture elsewhere in this newsletter).

Daniel Grant has accepted a position as President and Chief Operating Officer of DXI, a Pittsburg based company. He and Gaynor now have three children: Andrew Douglas (7), Alexander Daniel (5) and Megan Louise (16 mos.). They left New Jersey for western Pennsylvania in August.

David Grant and wife Jane have been busy juggling two death estates, careers, and children this year! They take care of the Atlanta Grant's Friday evening reception just before the Stone Mountain Games and do a great job! David adds, "Without 'my' Jane, things would have been really impossible."

Apologies to Sarah J. Grant from Clarksville, TN. She tried to surprise her husband, Martin Dale, on Father's Day with a gift membership in Clan Grant! Her application came as I left for Scotland and it was long after Father's Day before even reading her request. But we welcome both of you into our membership and look forward to meeting you soon!

Also apologies to Marianna Hancin, our new Games Follow-up person! An "awesome" job of deciphering handwriting, names, and addresses, keeping track of who has been at what games, and which letter to send them! And to make it easier for her, Yours Truly wrote to the Commissioners and asked them to send the information directly to her--and then I never got the disk off to her--nor the letter telling her that she was about to be inundated! Thanks to George's persistence, the information finally got to her! (Thought you'd like to know what goes on behind the scenes!)

Donald Grant Windsor is "into" Safety Management Consulting now: "The Windsor Grant, Ltd." He says that he still works "but is no longer a steward." He admits that not much time is spent in consulting--but a lot of time is spent in catching crabs in Indian River (DE, not FL)! And when January rolls around he heads to Barbados!

The Klines report that their house seems empty since their daughter, Betsy, left! Duane and Maggie flew to Vermont to celebrate Anna Neville's 70th birthday! Anna has opened a Bed-and-Breakfast in her newly renovated house! Her daughter, Jennifer, is attending the University of Arizona while working on her Master's Degree and Jennifer's husband, Tom, continues at the Thunderbird School, which specializes in International Business.

Major surgery this past year for the Schrodgers--Jeanette and Henry--but they say that the future looks brighter! Good health to both in the coming months!

Think-on-this-one: Zane Grant, upon being congratulated for 15 years membership in Clan Grant, states, "15 years and still growing. . . in spite of 'Standing Fast!'"

Loyal Osterlund, III, Sherry Springer's son and a former member, is still piping for funerals, weddings, and local events in New Bern, NC. Loyal also attended a clock repair school in Columbia, PA, and now has hung out his shingle! Sherry's daughter Dawn, is Vice-President of her company!

Wales beckons to Dr. and Mrs. Parkes this summer! He will also attend his fiftieth medical school reunion. They have been on the "go" from Chataqua, NY, to Georgia where they attended their daughter's fiftieth wedding anniversary! He has traced his genealogy back two more generations--Adam Grant married to Elizabeth who baptised Richard Grant in 1759!

A busy schedule kept Bill and Grace Crawford from attending some of the games this year but Grace promises to "Stand Fast" there in Western New York (Olean). She and her husband visited Scotland last fall, staying on Mull and taking the trip out to Iona. "It would be a joy to return and spend more time in those lovely isles."

Edmund and Elaine Grant (and George and Lucille) should receive credit for the work on our beautiful new brochures! If you did not receive a copy, let us know. Everyone can have one to "keep"!

Ruth Bryant (our traveling gal) attended her youngest son's graduation from Calvalry Chapel School of Ministry in California. He plans to start a mission near Durango, CO.

A letter from the Hansbergers (L.E. and Billie) fills us in on their family of six!

Their children are married and scattered across the U.S. (Oregon, Arkansas, Missouri, and Florida). They especially miss Billie's mother, Clara Grant, who died last winter at the age of 97! She kept their family reunions going! Billie says they attended the Dunedin Games and heard the "sounds of the bagpipes from all corners of the park" along with the games and contests and were dutifully impressed!

This past summer a group of Society members toured Scotland, specifically Grant country. If you have never gone, plan to go some August with a group from the U.S. or Canada or even Australia or New Zealand! The games at Nethy Bridge hosts the Grants and it is a great way to meet other Grants!

Jane Todd, Ramona, OK is looking for other Grants in her area. If you would like to have the names of others in your locality, either drop me a line or get in touch with your Commissioner. He will have a list of current members and will be glad to help you out.

"Greetings from the deep south (Mississippi). It's hot, hot, hot!", writes Capt. Russell Grant! He will be moving to Kentucky next! (Boy, do we have news for him! Kentucky can be hot, hot, hot!) Kentucky games, here he comes!

Lois Grant plans to spend more time in Iowa Falls, IA now. Can anyone clue her in on Scottish activities? There should be some in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. . .

31st Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games

John Grant
Central States Commissioner

"CLAN GRANT" was climbing to new heights at the 31st Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Highland Games. On August 13 and 14, the St Andrew Society of Colorado hosted the Scottish Festival at Highland Heritage Park in Highland Ranch, Colorado. You could not have wished for a more spectacular location for the festival, resting in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It was a magnificent view. The day began with a cool, crisp wind out of the north as the solo Pipers began their competition. Concurrently the athletic events began with the sheaf toss. Scottish country dancers, Scottish Fiddlers and Irish Step Dancers entertained the crowds throughout the day. After the Drum Major competition, the MIDDAY ceremonies began with Massed pipes and drums, the parade of clans and special ceremonies in memory of recently departed members of the Colorado Society. Clan Grant was again very busy with prospective new members and assisting patrons searching for their Scottish heritage. More often than not, we were successful in finding an ancestral name that the patron could identify with. We owe our thanks to "Tartan for Me" by Dr. Smith. It has proven to be a ready and reliable resource. Throughout the day, perilous cloud formations swept the foothills as we enjoyed the autumn like weather. Suddenly at days end the winds came sweeping from the north without warning. Tornadic weather was upon us. I read somewhere that a Scottish victory in battle was as glorious as a wise and hasty retreat. And believe me, this was a modern example of the latter. We haven't packed and moved that fast in fond memory. "It's raining wee cats and wee doggies" my wife exclaimed as we cleared the parade field. I don't remember any cats or dogs about, just a lot of rain, terrific winds, and bodies scrambling for shelter. I also learned of an additional benefit when wearing the kilt. In spite of the weather, we still enjoyed the festival and our time in the rockies. And yes, we avoided the oysters! We wish again to thank the Clan Grant Society for their sponsorship and the materials for the "Clan Grant" tent.

Grant's at Games

Kansas City Scottish Highland Games

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

John Grant
Central States Commissioner

The Clan Grant is plowing new fields in 1994. For the first time, we were in attendance at the Barstow School Grounds in Kansas City. The occasion was the 17th Annual Kansas City Scottish Highland Games. This event was held on Saturday, June 11. Although a one day affair, it was the largest gathering of Clans to date.

At high noon, the welcoming ceremonies and introduction of special guests and dignitaries began. Clan Grant was well represented in the Clan Parade.

We were one of the 23 families represented. There were a variety of Celtic entertainment and Scottish foods available. All Athletic competitions promptly began at 9 am with the Stone Put followed by the Sheaf Toss, Hammer Toss and the celebrated Caber Toss. A Scottish version of rugby, called Highland Sevens was an added attraction.

There was an enormous interest in our Clan tent and the Scottish history that we had available. Many Grants and septs of the Clan attended the event. They were not a bashful bunch. They asked a lot of questions and I will have to be even more informed next year.

We were very impressed with the Pipes and Drums at the festival. The Kansas City Saint Andrews Pipes and Drums displayed their talents to a receptive audience. It was understandable when the announcer proclaimed how they set the standard for the midwest in tradition, proficiency, and fine music. But just as impressive was the corp that followed. The city band of Macpherson, Kansas. Clad in their dress red, this Pipe and Drum Corp "cut a rug" for the patrons and guests. This day was Clan Macphersons. We will have more about this corp, as the City of Macpherson is hosting their first Highland Games on September 24th, 1994. Our hopes are that we will be able to attend.

We had a great time in Kansas City at the games. The festivities culminated at days end, with the Ceilidh in the school cafeteria with more music, dancing and conversation.

Once again we wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for their continued support in our expansion into the "High Plains" and attendance at the Highland Gatherings.

Helen Furr

MacRae Meadow in the shadow of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina was the scene of the Thirty Ninth Annual Highland Games, held July 7-10, 1994.

The Clans were called together on Thursday night by a torch light ceremony. Representatives of all the clans and families in attendance carrying torches made a living cross of light. The Saltire Cross, recognized as Scotland's ancient symbol, was made a living cross of light.

There were two Ceilidh nights, Friday and Saturday and Saturday also was the night of Hogmanay in July.

Clan Grant tent stayed busy throughout the two days, with people looking for their Scottish connection and sometimes just to renew friendships and acquaintances. The tent was manned and womaned by George and Lucille Grant, with son Bill making a stop on his way to Russia, Ed and Elaine Grant from FL, Bill and Doris Matthews with their grandchildren Lindsey, Mathew, and Laura Jones and William and Luke Raidle. Also, Hank and Linda Grant with daughter Betsy, from NC, Allen and Eiko Grant, Henry and Ann Dagenais, all from MD., Bob and Cindi Grant with son's Colin and Brian, From TN, David and Jane Grant from Atlanta (they take care of the Stone Mt. Games for Clan Grant), Gordon and Mildred Grant with granddaughter Christine and her friend Corey, Patricia Long and Helen Furr. There were many others that came by the tent and signed the book.

The weather for the two days was beautiful, and the entertainment lively. The children's tent stayed busy and the Scottish folk singers had a constant crowd.



Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games Arlington Texas

John Grant
Central States Commissioner

The 7th Annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held on June 4th - 5th at Maverick Stadium in Arlington, TX. We were fortunate to represent the Clan Grant Society again in this great gathering of the Clans. Our location at the entrance to the parade grounds gave us the advantage in welcoming the crowd to the event. It kept us quite busy answering questions about our Clan and directing the curious to their prospective Clan tent.

On Friday the 3rd, the festival opened with the "Ceilidh Club" reception at the Host Hotel. Saturday, the ceremonies began with the traditional "Scottish 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 usual Scottish athletic competitions. Although we did not participate, it is always exciting to observe the Caber Toss, the Hammer Throw, Sheaf Toss and Putting the Stone. It was the usual "hot and humid" Texas weather. However, it did not seem to affect the crowd or festivities. We met many new "Grant's" and Septs of the Clan who stopped by to view the display. We were delighted that some of the visitors signed up as potential members of the Society. Making new friends and acquaintances was worth the time and effort spent.

Our personal 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", entertained the crowds with their military performances. Alex Beaton, renowned Scottish/American entertainer spellbound the crowd with renditions of his Highland folk songs. The festival closed on June 5th with completion of the Highland Dancing, athletic events and piping competition.

We wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for their sponsorship and the materials for the "Clan Grant" tent. In particular we again express our appreciation to 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.



New York Report

Hal Grant

Beryl and I recently returned from a trip across the U.S. and Canada with our motor home. We were at Brandon Manitoba, attending our Airstream International Rally and enjoyed hearing Scottish singer Peter Glen from Toronto. The West-Man Pipe Band played for our group of approximately 5000. It helps to have a Scot as Airstream President to get a good lineup of Scottish entertainment.

The Butchard Gardens of Vancouver Island lived up to everything we had been told and Victoria proved to be a lovely city.

A must stop was at Grant's Brewery in Yakima, WA. Bert Grant's Pub, located in the former railroad station in Yakima, serves traditional pub fare and excellent brew from Birt's Micro-Brewery. If you like Scottish beer and ale of various types, check your local distributors -- a number around the U.S. have it. Better yet, if in or near Yakima, WA, look up Grant's Pub -- you will find Bert a genial host.

We are getting ready for the upcoming games in NY. Central NY Games in Liverpool, August 13 and 14 and Capital District Games in Latamont, September 3 and 4 with our Clan Dinner on September 2. We look forward to seeing many of our clan members at these events.

MACALESTER WEATHER FINE!

Edward A. Grant
Midwest Commissioner

It had to happen sooner or later. 1994 was the year that brought wonderful weather to the Macalester College Scottish Country Faire in St. Paul, Minnesota. Not to imply that Grants are fair weather participants, but it was the largest turnout in ten years. TWELVE gaggles of Grants signed in at the tent! Scott Grant (formerly of Arizona) grandson of Fred and Hazel of Iowa brought his family. Unfortunately for them, fortunate for us, they were supposed to be hundreds of miles to the west, but a stubborn car decided otherwise. As always Gretchen Schampel was there helping in the Grant tent and the Genealogical Society booth, very much appreciated.

We welcome a new member, Robert Dubuque, who visited for the first time and joined the Clan Grant Society after the faire. Robert traces his line back to the Scottish-Canadian trappers and traders; such as Cuthbert Grant., ancestor of Phil Moody of Tulsa, Oklahoma. And we must express our appreciation to (Mrs.) Bobbie Hietonen who came down from Thunder Bay (Ontario, Canada) to share and enhance a marvelous day at Macalester. Bobbie said her friends thought she was crazy to make the trip. But Bobbie understands that Grants stand fast when they want to, not because others decide we're too old. Mac faire was all we could have hoped for, and we hope to repeat the affair and see everyone there next year!

16th Maine Highland Games

Wallace M. Gage

The 16th Maine Highland Games were held on August 20, 1994 at Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick, Maine. The evening before, the customary Clan Dinner was held at Orion's Landing, Brunswick Naval Air Station with the Grant contingent holding down a table.

The Grants manned a tent at the games for the first time in several years, and with good results. (There were approximately 50 clans there). The day turned out beautifully after some early morning rain and a forecast for more during the rest of the day.

Previously, the best attendance at the Maine Games was about 4700 last year, and while figures aren't available yet. I am sure this was exceeded by a goodly number.

The Grants manning the tent were Wallace Gage and daughter Nancy Pratt. Assisting them were Lynn Gage, Barbara Gage and Sharon Naughton.

The delegation took part in the Clan Parade at the opening ceremonies with small fry joining, including Brianna Naughton (age 8), Caitlin Naughton (age 7), Devon Pratt (age 3), and Ethan Pratt (age 1). When the Clan roster was called "Craigellachie" came out loud and clear!

In the Highland dance competition, Brianna Naughton won first place and three third places in the Novice class.

The tent was busy most of the day. We had 44 entries in our visitor's book, and at times, things were so hectic we had little time to talk with some of the visitors.

I never realized how prolific my ancestor Peter Grant must have been. During the day, at least half a dozen of his other descendants stopped by, and have run across a number of others elsewhere in Maine.

All in all, a good day for the Grants.

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THE NORTHERN CALIFORUM

By Jim Suttie

Onward and upward! Since my last article, the NorCal Grants have set up at three Games; and Carol and I have attended one day of another one. First up was Modesto on Sat., June 4th. Weather was warm but the tent was in the shade of a tree. Gene and Jule Grant set up for this one, with the help of Carol and myself. Also attending to the tent were John and Patty VanWinkle; Martin and Ann Gross; and Carol Richwine and her daughter, Becky. Regretfully, we did not enjoy the company of Evelyn Grant Simmons and her four generations of descendants, due to the serious illness of one of her sons.

Next up was the Games at Dunsmuir House in Oakland on July 9th and 10th. Carol and I did the set up for this one. Again helping to run the tent were John and Patty. With them on Saturday was their daughter Linda, and on Sunday, their daughter Barbie. Also in attendance on Saturday was Carol Richwine and her daughter.

Onward to the Monterey Games held on August 6th and 7th. Due to an ongoing dispute between the Clans and the organizers of the Games, many of the Clans, that set up last year, declined to set up this year. Clan Grant was one of these. Carol and I made a day trip to Monterey on Saturday to check out the results of the boycott. Less than 50% of last years Clans were there. Hope this brings about some needed changes in the management of the Games.

And now, upward to Campbell. As you should know by now, Carol and I are involved in putting on these Games. Carol does the Glen of the Clans; and I do Publicity and am Staff Electrician. The Games were held on Saturday, Aug 20th so, Friday found Carol and I out at the site, laying out the Clan and Vendor areas; and setting up power distribution. Joining us was Ann Simmons, who had volunteered to help. We also set up the tent for the next day.

Saturday found a swarm of Grants descending on Campbell to man and woman the tent: Ann Simmons with her son Brent and his cousin's girlfriend Kris; John and Patty VanWinkle; Martin and Ann Gross; and, Jeff and Barbara Grant with son Josh. Weather was warm (mid 80's) with a nice breeze coming up in the afternoon. Carol and I were not as busy with the Games this year as we were last year, so we had more time to enjoy the help and company of these Great Grants.

Next up, the Pleasanton (formerly Santa Rosa) Games on Sept. 3rd and 4th. Also on this weekend, Connie Grant of Modesto will be competing at the Inter-Regional (National) Highland Dance Championships at Albany, New York. Best wishes from the Clan.

Stand Fast.



Clan Grant at Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games



Clan Grant Records to Moultrie, GA

By Beryl Grant

Plans are underway to have Clan Grant records filed in the Odom Library, 204 fifth St., S. E., Moultrie, GA 31776. George Grant and I both felt that duplicates of existing references should be made, just in case, and that these records should be more widely available.

Over 50 Scottish Clans have filed records in this library, which was made possible by the bequest of Ellen Odom of Moultrie, GA. When she died in 1987, almost one million dollars was available to open a genealogy library wing of the Moultrie/Colquitt County library. Clan Donald was one of the first clans designating the Odom Library the repository of their genealogical and archival collection. With so many clans depositing reference material, this library is a very valuable research source for Scots of all clans.

I am busy duplicating and collecting our material. At the moment we do not plan to file copies of members' pedigree charts, but may do so in the future. If any of our members do not wish this done, please write me and I'll be sure they are not filed. If any of our members have printed family histories they want filed there, please do so. Be sure I also have a copy.

These records to be filed will consist of material members have either sent me, or that I have copied from other sources. We also have books which I will be keeping in my possession and a list of these follow. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy for their own records, I will be happy to tell you where to obtain them.

Tentative plans are to file these materials around the time of the Stone Mt. Games.

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY LIBRARY COLLECTION

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Along A highland Road, I.F. Grant, Shepheard-Walwyn, pub. 1980.

The Grant Family, A Genealogical History of Descendants of Matthew Grant of Windsor, CT 1601-1898. Arthur Hastings Grant, pub. 1898.

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Peter Grant, Scotch Exile, Kittery and Berwick, Maine, by Leola Grant Bushman. Copyright 1976.

GENEALOGY CORNER

Bill Grant, of Kansas City, sent me his published book, "From Kittery to Kansas, One Line of Grant's Traced Through 350 Years." Bill is in the process of revising this book and adding more photographs, etc. I was most impressed. The cover is Grant Tartan! Bill is descended from Peter Grant of Inverness, Scotland who came to Berwick, ME as a Royalist refugee about 1651. Quite a few of our members trace from this line. One of the reasons this family history is so interesting is that it contains recollections and documented conversations with family members. Each generation's chapter has family as well as general, history. This is the type of information that lifts family research from a list of dry dates to meaningful family history.

President U.S. Grant's tomb in New York City continues to deteriorate. The National Park Service took over the site 34 years ago from the private Grant Memorial Association. The tomb had been opened in April 1897, funded by \$600,000 in donations from 90,000 Americans and was dedicated on the 75th anniversary of Grant's death.

The total annual budget to maintain the tomb at the present time is \$323,000 which includes salaries for 3 rangers and 2 maintenance workers and operating costs. This has not kept vandals from desecrating the tomb with graffiti and rubbish. Outside the 40 hours a week the tomb is open to the public, there is no supervision of the site. Fortunately there is a recently formed advocacy group, Friends of Grant's Tomb, who are seeking to have these conditions rectified.

Richard Whiteoak sent me a four page genealogy of the family of Glenmoriston, the original of which is in the possession of the Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. I am sending a copy along to our editor in the hope that it can be reproduced in an issue of our newsletter.

QUERIES

Does anyone have any information re Samuel V. Grant b. 31 Dec 1817 in VT; d. 24 June 1857 in W. Fairlee, VT. Wife Melissa Lyon b. 1816, Stafford, VT and d. 20 July 1891 in Chelsea, MA? Please write me.

Can anyone help a new member, Charles McCarn, 408 Holt St., Lexington, NC 27292. He is tracing a William McCarn b. 1789 in Rowan Co., NC and m. Nov. 1812 to Mary Garn; d. c. 1868 in Davidson Co., NC. His father, Michael McKern came to this country from Scotland and d. 1823 in Rowan Co., NC.

David W. Grant of 4 Forest St., Merrimac, MA 01860, is searching for descendants of Joshua and Sally Annette (Sawyer) Grant. Joshua is a Civil War veteran who moved from Amesburg, MA to Chicago in 1878 and was living at 578 W 19th St. on 25 June 1888 when he applied for disabled veterans pension. Three children born Amesburg: Eugene Floyd Grant, b. 28 Aug 1855; Edward Melvin Grant, b. 7 Sept. 1857 and Cora I. Grant, b. 1866. Sally Annette d. 19 Mar. 1914 in Chicago, at 1849 S. Harding Ave. which may be the home of her daughter, Cora I. Northrop.

Please send any queries to me at:

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Candace L. Coates
Highland Harper



Identified as "Another Great Grant" in the last issue of "Craigellachie" William D. Grant serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Seaford Capital Corp. in Kansas City, MO.

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

ELSIE GRANT FRENCH MALLY

The first member to join the Clan Grant Society, our beloved Elsie has died. This was reported by our second member, her sister Mary McDonald. Elsie passed away at her home in Orange Park, Florida in July, after a long illness, at the age of 82.

Elsie and her sister Mary (Mamie) McDonald attended the first game the Clan Grant attended in Jacksonville, Florida. George Grant, Convenor was alone in the tent and Elsie, being single, joined immediately. Mamie paused to ask her husbands permission and therefore was the second member.

Elsie and her two sisters were born in Stone Mountain. Their father was the stone mason brought from Aberdeen to Stone Mountain, Georgia, to oversee the carvings on the mountain.

The first time that Lord and Lady Olive Strathspey visited the United States, Elsie came to welcome them, and enjoy the parties in Tennessee. She also continued on to Grandfather Mountain where she was one of the honored guest. It was the beginning of a long, mutual friendship. She and her sisters, for many years, came to Stone Mountain Games in October, and on their final Games visit were installed as Life Members, for all their aid with the Clan beginnings.

George and I again with sadness say Good-Bye to another of our wonderful and interesting Grant friends.

Lucille Grant



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Confusion Over The Grant Tartan

by: Phil Smith

Recent articles in *Craigellachie* and *The Scottish Banner* concerning the Grant tartan have led to some confusion and a number of letters to Phil Smith (Clan Grant member and a Member of the Guild of Tartan Scholars and a Fellow of the Scottish Tartans Society). Members are concerned about the current status of the Grant tartan. Clan Grant members should be assured that they don't have to immediately burn their kilts and buy new ones. The tartan remains the same -- what is now preferred is that the tartan should be woven in a larger size and use the less garish "ancient" colours.

"Ancient" colours, as you know, has absolutely nothing to do with how "ancient" or "old" the tartan is, but refers to the shades of red, blue, and green threads used by the weavers. Actually, "Modern Colours" are more "ancient" than the "Ancient" shades. In the 1860's, German scientists developed bright dyes derived from coal tar and these became popular. Therefore, they were called "modern" from an 1860 viewpoint. Remember, the basic need of the tartan and kilt manufacturers is to sell everyone a kilt--and then everyone who already has a kilt, a second and a third. The trend toward the softer colours, supposedly reminiscent of the natural dyes used before the 1860's, began in the 1930's, was interrupted by World War II, and "took off" in the 1960's. "Ancient" colours and the allied "reproduction" and "weathered" colours are creations of the tartan manufacturers. They have little to do with the reality of age.

Actual museum specimens of tartans from the 1700's show that the red (as in the "Grant") was derived from the cochineal bug and are still as bright and clear a red as in any "modern" Grant tartan woven today.

A request for clarification by the Scottish Tartans Society of the recent statements from The Lord Strathspey concerning his preferences reveals that his statements may have been misconstrued. He suggests two things which may have been combined to create confusion.

First, the size of the pattern or sett should be more robust, the way that men's kilts were traditionally worn in the last century (hence the reference to 1860's style). As shown below, most modern Grant tartan is woven in a pattern (sett) width of from five to six inches--ladies' style. Men traditionally wore the sett in a much larger nine to eleven inch width, twice the modern style. Look at the MacLan print of the Grant lad with the ducks over his shoulder, the picture of the late Lord Strathspey in the old brochure, or the photo of Grant of Rothiemurchas (grandfather of the present laird) in the recent *Piping Times*. All show the sett much larger than as is now worn. Several American members of Clan Grant (Phil Smith, Ed Smith, the late Betty Bowie) wear Grant kilts and skirts in the 1886 sett size.

The second preference of the Chief is that the so-called "ancient" shades be used. This tones down the bright red, makes the green softer, and can result in the dark blue stripes becoming a navy blue or black. As noted below, some tartan manufacturers scrimp by making the traditional azure stripe of the Grant into a "light blue".

The Chief's Preference

The present preference for a new kilt or skirt is for the traditional Grant sett to be woven in (1) double size (2) in "ancient colours." If your kilt maker cannot handle such a request, Phil Smith can arrange for the special weaving and custom kilt making in either the (very old) box pleating, the traditional knife pleating or, for ladies' full length skirts, the "Kingussie" style (box pleat at the center, knife pleats to right and left). Most "over the counter" kilt makers will still prefer to sell the bright red, small sett in knife pleats. This is not wrong, just not the current style. The Chief prefers that we return to the larger sett and softer colours.

The "New Bruce"

Neither should Clan Grant members be thrown off by the news that the Grant tartan was once referred to as the "New Bruce." A number of tartans have changed names over the years, the "MacPherson" (Red) was called the "Kidd" and the "Grant" was for a generation used by the "Drummonds." Actually, the "New Bruce" was never used by the Bruces at all. It was the "Grant" with purple in place of the Grant's dark blue stripes. Remember that the modern "Campbell" tartan is the Hunting Grant" in soft colours. Actually, the Campbells now wear as their "clan" tartan the "Government" or "Black Watch" tartan in the so-called "ancient" colours. We Grants know (and we have the receipts) that this tartan was actually woven for the "Independent Companies" that were later regimented the by hand weavers on the Grant estates at Ballindalloch.

The "Hunting Grant"

In 1978 I was asked to meet the late Chief and Lady Strathspey at the Philadelphia train station. Although I had earlier met Sir Patrick, I was not sure I would know him on sight. His instructions were that he would be wearing trousers in the "Hunting Grant." The **Hunting Grant**, a secondary tartan, has been since the 1740's called the "Black Watch" tartan. Grant of Ballindalloch captained one of the "super" (114 men) Independent Companies (there were three of 114, four of 70 men) that were later reorganized into the 43rd (now 42nd) Regiment. The current Duke of Argyle has decreed that this old tartan is the tartan of Clan Campbell.

Want to really "pull a Campbell's chain?" Just compliment him/her for having the good taste to wear the "Hunting Grant!" Unfortunately, there are more of "them" than "us" and if you want to buy a "Hunting Grant in ancient colours" you have to order "Campbell, Ancient colours." Nevertheless, we all know that quantity (the Duke of Argyle claims fourteen million Campbells world-wide), does not make up for quality (the Grants).

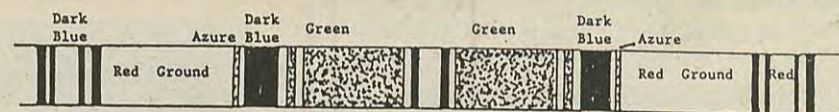
Other Grant Tartans

There are several other lesser known Grant tartans. For a brief period the Grants of Glen Morriston wore a slightly different sett (from the *Vestiarium Scoticum*), which is the same as the "red Grant" less the azure stripe. "Hank" Grant often wears this sett. There are recorded "Grant of Monymusk" and "Grant of Rothiemurchas" tartans not now worn by those cadets. Today they wear the standard "red" Grant in shades of their choice. In 1986, visitors from Clan Grant-USA gave, through Shirley Grant, a sash, hand-woven by Peter MacDonald of Crieff, in the exact shades and pattern of the "Grant of Monymusk" to Sir Archibald.

In the 1930's-40's, Grant of Rothiemurchas, then Sheriff (judge) of Invernesshire, wore a green tartan with yellow stripes known as the "Sheriff Grant" or "Grant of Rothiemurchas, Hunting" tartan. This and the "Grant of Rothiemurchas" setts are given in **Tartan. The Highland Textile** by James Scarlett. Very recently, the MacPherson-Grants of Ballindalloch, represented by Mrs. Oliver Russell, heiress, who have traditionally worn the "Hunting MacPherson", have registered a new "Grant of Ballindalloch" tartan designed and woven by a firm in Nairn. It is essentially the same as the traditional "red" Grant tartan but in a still more compact design.

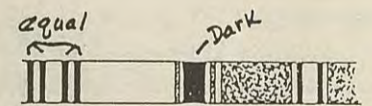
The "Grant of Achnarrow" is a ladies white or "arisaid" tartan. Phil Smith and Hank Grant have recorded two setts of this tartan, clearly from two different garments. A few Clan Grant ladies wear this lovely tartan for evening or informal wear although the late Lord Strathspey requested that it not be worn in "official" parades representing the Clan Grant. He wanted to insure that the "red" Grant was the true tartan of the clan. Look at the drawings below to gain a perspective of the trends in Grant tartan over the past years.

THE GRANT TARTAN



The "red" Grant tartan sett (pattern) is basically two broad green stripes on a red background flanked by narrower dark blue stripes and with thin dark blue stripes in the center and at the center of the red field. The thin dark blue stripes on the red ground are not quite equal in size. The main group of green and dark blue stripes is flanked by a distinctive azure stripe, rare among Scottish tartans. Azure was a difficult color to obtain with early dyes and is a distinguishing feature of only four or five old tartans, the Grant among them. Some weaving mills substitute a "light blue" for the distinctive azure (more aquamarine) line. This makes the Grant tartan less distinctive and detracts from the overall beauty of the design.

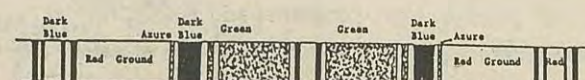
In the mid-19th century, the Grant tartan was woven in a much larger size and the four thin stripes were often of equal size while all of the dark blue stripes were sometimes a navy blue or black. This makes the same basic pattern look quite different at first glance.



The new "Grant of Ballindalloch" tartan maintains the basic Grant pattern but expands the size of the thin dark blue and azure strips at the expense of the red ground. This makes the tartan appear much more crowded but maintains the traditional Grant pattern.



One major difference over the years has been the "shrinkage" of the width of the pattern, not only in the "Grant" tartan but for many setts. This trend is entirely due to the weaving mills and tailors with a desire to "show more of the sett." Measure the width of a pattern of any commercially woven Grant tartan you have and compare.



1960-90, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 inches

1860-90, 9 to 11 inches

SHIRLEY from pg 5

Special thanks to Bob and Vivian Grant (FL) and Dr. M. Arthur Grant (IN) for their recent donations to Duthil Kirk. Ed Grant reports that these are the first donations he's had for awhile! Help us preserve Duthil Kirk--the burying grounds for a number of Grant Chiefs! And, Clan Grant's reception center!

Talk-about-setting priorities: Dr. R.G.M. Philips (quote), "It's St. Andrews for the 'Open' next year!" and then says, "Hope to make it to Stone Mountain one of these years!" (True golfer!)

Robert and Ada Allan, in Oakland, CA divide their time between their daughters in Seattle and Florida! And rather than take their planned trip to Europe, they are remodeling their kitchen!

Wallace Gage asks, "What is the proper tartan for us to wear?" (And he isn't alone! See article elsewhere in this newsletter!)

Charles Grant wants to know what happened to the car badges? Does anyone know?

TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE-DEPT.: Ed Grant, Regional Commissioner for the Mid-West reports that the MacAlister games were "marvelous this year." He reports, "We saw at least 6 new Grants!" And then, he says, "The weather was marvelous, too!" (Oh, C'mon, Ed!)

AND-IT-DOESN'T-PAY-TO-BE-NICE-DEPT.: Ed went out at lunch time last May to pick up a get-well card for Phil Smith and was rear-ended! He missed lunch, did not get the card, had an ambulance ride instead and spent 3 hours in a hospital emergency room and X-ray laboratory! The car became 12" shorter, and if repairable, should be done by the time you read this! (We owe you one, Ed! By the way, a card did arrive--a 3-D view of St. Paul. We pinpointed the accident location on it for insurance purposes in case you need it!) P.S. Ed escaped serious injury--a few cuts and bruises--thank goodness! We can't afford to lose such an optimistic Commish!

Speaking of Phil, thanks to all for your concern and cards! He's graduated from crutches to a cane for the most part. He has broken 2 out of 4 screws that hold the rod in place in his thigh bone--and the Dr. took one out so he has one good one left. (No comments about have a "screw loose" please--that's his wife's privilege!) He's doing very well, really!

From those who don't write long letters Louis Belleville quit his exercise class and no longer sees Maggie Kline much but is looking forward to seeing everyone at Stone Mountain!...

...Jane and Robert Smith note that "Life is just too full these days and weeks go by like minutes!" (How true!).

...JenOra Miller, writing from North Carolina, is glad to be back in the lovely, cool high country after a busy winter in Clewiston, FL. ...

"Stand Fast!" from the Horneffer Grants in Longwood, FL. .

...We note that Dr. Arthur Grant's daughter, Martha May is now Mrs. Henry L. Hart.

...Steven Grant Jahncke notes that they have moved to Covington, LA.

...The T. W. Warrens spent part of July and August on Sapelo Island, GA, below Savannah and accessible only by ferry.

...Greetings from Donald and Barbara Grant, Jean Reid, Ian and Joan Grant, Wolf-Dieter Klose, Mary Donohoe, Mary Maclean, Alison Grant and George E. McElroy! Also Barbara Grant Wright and Donald Lawrence writing for Pat Chociecz.

...Vincent O'Hare plans to attend the Legonier Games.

...The Henry Grants are traveling (but forgot to say where!).

...Wilma Hipps is counting on getting to the Stone Mountain Games this year.

...Charles Keith Grant mentions how much he enjoys the newsletter (take a bow, Helen).

...Charles and Gerry Minges spent the summer traveling in Canada and Michigan.

...The Douglas Rickers spent two weeks in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset for a really super holiday! They are talking about retiring and going back to Canada.

...and let's not leave out Ronald Grant in Hawaii! He says the games continue and the Grant contingent is growing out there!

Philosophical Thought for Today: Jule Grant writes, "Are Scottish activities on the East Coast as quarrelsome as here on the West Coast?"

Yes, Jule, Yes! Yes! Yes! In fact, a recent letter received says, "Sorry to hear the Clans are in rebellion--when weren't they, come to think of it!" And this refers to an East Coast game!

Have you ever put a roomful of Scots together and get them to agree on anything except maybe to disagree? That strong, independent spirit that made America free still survives today! (Sometimes unfortunately!) But note! We still have our sense of humor. The Scots are some of the few remaining ethnic groups that

can still tell jokes on themselves!

The moral of this story is, tell more jokes and temper the quarrels with courtesy toward each other.

Above all, don't give up! There are still a lot of good people out there!

Alan MacIlroy tells us that while on a tour of Scotland in 1992, he and Mary Grant Cowling, both widowed, were married by the tour leader Rev. Richard Boyd in the Rock Garden by St. Margaret's Chapel in Edinburgh Castle. How beautiful!

Alan also related that while at Nairn he asked about the legend "Grant of the Nile" in front of one of the municipal buildings. On inquiry, no one knew (nor cared) who "Grant of the Nile" was.

Phil Smith comments that when Allan reports that his family came to the 'States via Bayy Mac Ilroy in Ireland that "bally" and "bal" in Celtic placenames are from Gaelic "baille" -- "town." There is a little cluster of huts above Milton in Glen Urquhart called "Bal na Granndach" -- "Grant's village."

Edward Smith is now piping with and coaching the new Waterbury, CT, Police Pipe Band. Ed, minister for the Wallingford church of Christ, says that while other preachers enjoy "the other Scottish pastime, golf, nothing compares with the music of the pipes."

Eric Grant, now promoted to 1st Lt., writes from Germany that he is enjoying his assignment there as platoon leader in a Military Intelligence Battalion [There are many of us vets who see an oxymoron here -- Phil]. Eric is in Wurtzburg and reports that he has seen a lot of Europe--Ireland, London, Paris, Normandy, Prague, the Netherlands, Barcelona and now, Denmark. What happened to Scotland, Eric?

Robert Barker of Rowley, MA, is beginning to trace his family. He has his grandmother Hatt's line through Chester. Nova Scotia, to Switzerland in the 1600's and is working on the Waite family. He is thankful to Beryl for help and looks forward to seeing other Grants at Loon Mountain this Fall.

New member Charles R. McCarn asks if the name "McCardn" is from "MacKerron." Phil Smith answered that he believed that is was from "Cairns".

Gordon Allison includes information that his father was John Allison whose mother was Caroline Gordon, born in Aberdeen in the 1870's. John was born in Ediburgh and Gordon lived in Saltcoats in the 1920's.

Jean Grant Wilson also offers to share her research. Jean came to America at the age of ten and comments that since she had lost her accent, local Grants were not too friendly while they lived in Aberdeen from 1980-86.

Jean, please send a copy of your genealogy to Beryl so we can all share it!

Jean is actively looking for a cousin, Hamish Grant. She last saw him in South Africa in the early 1940's. She has heard that Hamish is now in the United States. Please check our local telephone book. We have loads of Johns, Georges, and James Grants but Hamish will really stand out!

Donald E. Grant writes to Shirley to see if they have a common link through the Smith's. Donald's roots go to Glengarry County, Ontario. Donald lives only eight miles from the San Francisco Games which will be held in Pleasanton, CA, and hopes to see the Smiths there.

Phil answers: Sorry. Donald, the Smiths are a descendent of one "John Smith" who shows up in Watertown, MA, in 1632 and then became one of the original settlers of Martha's Vineyard. Efforts to trace him back to England fail--his name may not have been "John Smith" before he hurriedly got on the ship. I do have other Smiths in my tree, my great-grandmother's (b. IL 1850) parents were Smiths from New Brunswick.

Shirley is close to 100% Scottish-Grants, McCrackens, Hunters, Lynches. I'm adopted.

Nessie, is that you?



COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
CLAN GUNN OF NORTH AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING Double Tree Club Hotel Pleasanton, CA	2	CELTIc DAY IN THE PARK Mills State Park Staatsburg, NY	25
INNES CLAN SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING Innes House Elgin, Scotland	3	SETTLERS DAY Manville Sportsman Club Manville, RI	25
CLAN MACKENZIE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING Caledonian Games at Pleasanton Pleasanton, CA	3	CELTIc CLASSIC HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL Bethlehem, PA	30 to Oct. 2
SCOTS SETTLEMENT FESTIVAL Highlandtown Fireman's Park Highlandtown, OH	3	ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT SCOTTISH FESTIVAL Agricultural Fairgrounds Goshen, CT	1
CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOTTISH GAMES Albany, NY	3-4	GLENDALe INVITATIONAL CELTIc GATHERING Verdugo Park Glendale, CA	1
CALEDONIAN GAMES AT PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA Alameda County Fairgrounds Pleasanton, CA	3-4	FLORA MACDONALD HIGHLAND GAMES Singleton Meadows Red Springs, NC	1
SCOTTISH CLANS HERITAGE FESTIVAL Bethel, MO	3-5	BILOXI HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIc GATHERING Coliseum on the Beach Biloxi, MS	1
McCOSH CLAN REUNION Abilene Civic Center Abilene, KS	4	NASHVILLE HIGHLAND GAMES Grassmere Wildlife Park Nashville, TN	1-2
LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL Estes Park, CO	8-11	5TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH EXPO Fairgrounds Frederick, MD	1-2
LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES Idlewild Park Ligonier, PA	10	HIGHLAND FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND CEILIDH Plainfield Yankee Motor Inn Plainfield, CT	8
ACGA NATIONAL MOD LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES Ligonier, PA	10	ANNE ARUNDEL SCOTTISH GAMES Anne Arundel Fairgrounds Annapolis, MD	8
NEW YORK CALEDONIAN CLUB SUPPER CRUISE & CEILIDH Pier 11, Wall & South Streets New York, NY	16	3RD ANNUAL CELTIc HERITAGE FESTIVAL Bedford Boys Ranch Park Bedford, TX	8
2ND ANNUAL CHARLESTON SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT Charleston, SC	16	BAR HARBOR SCOTTISH ARTS WORKSHOPS St. Saviour's Church Bar Harbor, ME	8-9
23RD ANNUAL CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Boone Hall Plantation Mt. Pleasant, SC	17	SCOTLAND'S SEVENTH ANNUAL HIGHLAND FESTIVAL Waldo Homestead Scotland, CT	9
FRESNO HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES Fresno, CA	17	BAILLIE/BAILLIE FAMILY GATHERING Stone Mountain Highland Games Stone Mountain, GA	14-16
AMHERST MUSEUM SCOTTISH FESTIVAL East Amherst, NY	17	STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES Stone Mountain, GA	14-16
OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAMES & GATHERING Mansion Park Tulsa, OK	17	FESTIVAL OF THE SCOTS Tyndall Park Benton, AR	21-22
ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH HERITAGE FAIR Fort Ward Park Alexandria, VA	17	SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE American Polish Hall Lake Worth, FL	22
CLAN MACPHERSON 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Days Inn/Days Suites Savannah, GA	22-25	SCOTTISH CULTURAL SOCIETY SCOTTISH FAIR Medina Temple Chicago, IL	22
DAYS OF THE SCOTS MO-RANCH CONFERENCE CENTER HUNT, TX	23-25	BELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION GATHERING Cabot Lodge Ridgeland, MS	28-30
SCOTTISH ELDERHOSTEL Mo-Ranch Conference Center Hunt, TX	23-25	TUCSON CELTIc FESTIVAL Reid Park Tucson, AZ	29
CLAN SKENE ANNUAL MEETING Heritage Inn Williamsburg, VA	24	WAXHAW SCOTTISH GATHERING OF THE CLANS Waxhaw, NC	29
MILLS STATE PARK CEILIDH Mills State Park Staatsburg, NY	24	FT. WORTH CEILIDH COUNTRY DANCERS AUTUMN BALL Lockheed Recreational Center Ft. Worth, TX	29
MCPHERSON SCOTTISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL Lakeside Park McPherson, KS	24-25	KIRKIN' OF THE TARTAN First Presbyterian Church Sioux Falls, SD	30
		AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY ANNUAL GATHERING Hyatt Hotel Sarasota, FL	3-5
		NOVEMBER	
		SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI Ross Agriculture & Forestry Museum Jackson, MS	5
		HOUStON HIGHLAND GAMES Farm & Ranch Club Houston, TX	5
		ST. ANDREW'S DINNER Radisson Hotel Fargo, ND	5
		INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL Veteran's Memorial Columbus, OH	5-6
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		MACCULLUM HIGHLANDER TWELFTH TARTAN BALL Thomastown Party Center Akron, OH	12
		ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF SARASOTA TARTAN BALL Bird Key Yacht Club Sarasota, FL	12
		MID-OHIO SCOTTISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ST. ANDREW'S DINNER Monte Carlo Restaurant Columbus, OH	19
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		SARASOTA SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL Twin Lakes Park Sarasota, FL	14
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		SOUTHERN ARIZONA SCOTTISH SOCIETY ROBERT BURNS DINNER Tucson, AZ	28
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		MARCH	
		NATIONAL WINTER GAMES Sarasota County Fairgrounds Sarasota, FL	3-5
		SCOTTISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF PANAMA CITY Grace Presbyterian Church Panama City, FL	11-12

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DONALD GRANT RETIRES

NEW GAMES COMMISSIONER SOUGHT

Donald Grant has served for the past several years as our games commissioner, making sure we are represented at various Highland Games around the U S has decided to retire from the position. Don has organized several "Games" kits containing the materials necessary for us to have a Clan tent at games. Thank you Don for all you have done for us.

We are now looking for volunteer to carry on this valuable activity. The duties are: Maintain the games kits with appropriate supplies, ie; flags books Clan Brochures and membership applications; Have demo shirts and other items for sale in the kits; Contact members in the area of games to see if they want to man a tent; pay whatever fees are required and have documents mailed to interested member. The Society provides expenses and money for the fees. You will need to ship boxes UPS to the member manning the tents.

Actually, the job brings you in touch with members all over the country. Please give George Grant a call @ 800-445-2185 to talk about this opportunity to become more active in the Society.

