



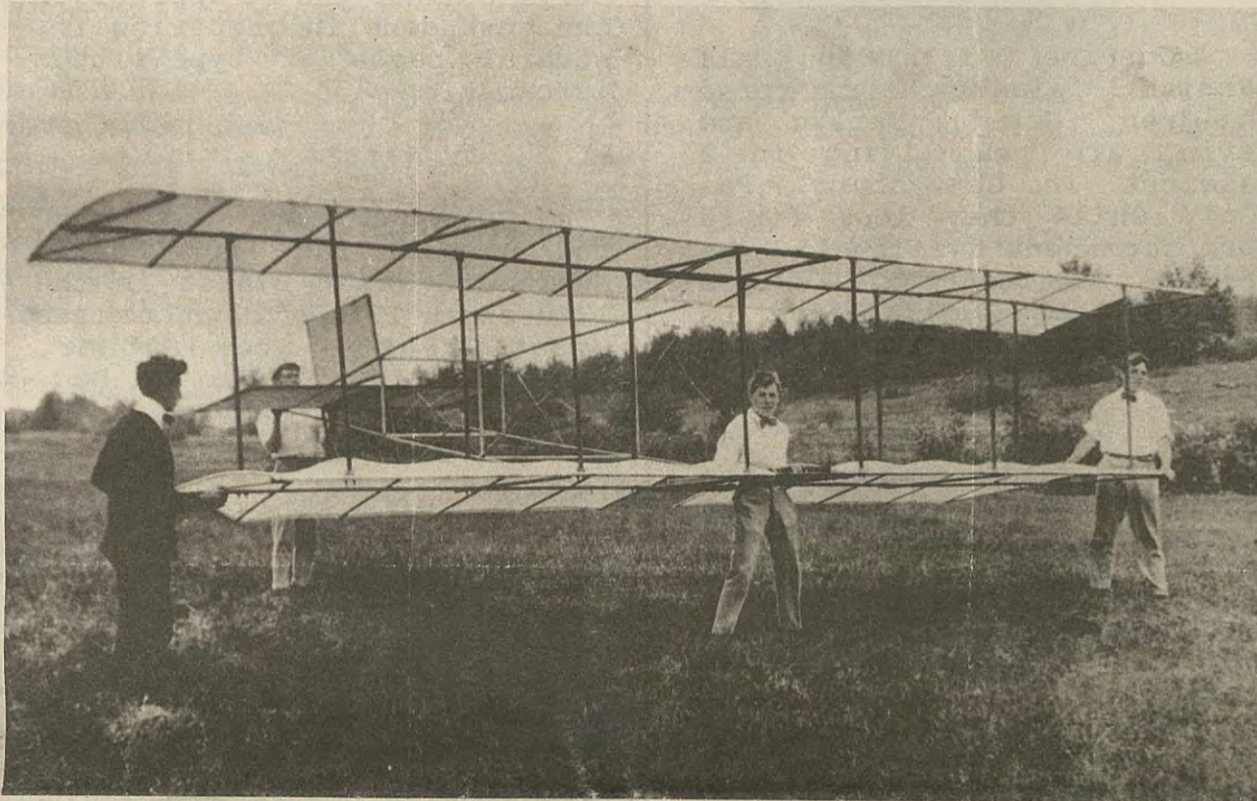
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It's GREAT to be a GRANT

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Out of the Attic

This article and picture appeared in the February 1986 issue of COUNTRY JOURNAL.

In the village of Peru, Vermont, Charles H. Grant was making a bid for aeronautical history. The glider, Grant at the controls with friends Samuel R. Ogden on the right wing, David G. Baird at the tail and Grant's brother, Duncan at left, flew to a height of 15 feet and a total distance of 400 feet. The photo was taken by Charles' father, David C. Grant.

According to the article, Charles "later pioneered the first controllable wing flaps on an airplane and also helped create the prototype of the retractable landing gear."

News from "Home" From the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald

Village name is signed and sealed-- The controversy over the spelling of Carrbridge has been settled. The name will be spelled with a hyphen on the two new signs on the approaches to the village. In a letter from Highland Regional Council's planning department, it was also confirmed, that the Gaelic version of the name will also be included.

Sept. 2, 1993

Squeal alerts family to young visitor on the doorstep.... Rebecca Belleni, eight year old daughter of Bruno and Ann Belleni of Craggan Mill, on the outskirts of Grantown, found a baby otter lying on the patio of her home. It had managed to get out of the stream and crawl to the door, but the trip exhausted it.

Aware of the danger, her parents told her to leave it alone, but Rebecca simply picked it up. The otter didn't protest. It even crawled up around her neck.

The vet, Andrew Rafferty, said he thought the otter was about seven weeks old and possibly abandoned by it's mother.

The Belleni family took the otter home and began feeding it on a mixture of tuna fish and diluted milk through a syringe. The diet was later changed to a more healthy mix of fresh trout and white fish.

The otter, now called Rebecca, was taken to the otter rehabilitation centre near Girvan, in Ayrshire. As explained

by Dr. Gus Jones of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, it is vital that she (Rebecca the otter) have the company of other otters if she was to live freely again in the wild with a chance of having cubs of her own.

Rebecca, who also has a pet guinea pig, and managed to hand-rear a baby duckling abandoned by its mother, has decided to study zoology when she leaves school.

Sept. 2, 1993

Gaelic unit suffers from ongoing success-- Newtonmore Primary School has been looking unsuccessfully for a Gaelic teacher and because of an "explosion in demand" for Gaelic teaching over a relatively short period of time, there is a shortage of teachers. Eight years ago there were no Gaelic Medium units at all except for one in Glasgow and one in Inverness. Today there are more than 40.

Sept. 9, 1993

New chapter in castle's history on the cards--

Castle Grant may be getting another new owner. A spokesman for Frank and Rutley, the Edinburgh agents handling the sale, confirmed the closing date of 12 noon on Thursday, December 16. There is much speculation about who the buyers are, but those who know are not saying.

There is a lot of concern about the deterioration of the building, and although renovations have been started in the past, nothing has been done in over a year. It will take a substantial amount of money to complete the renovations. Meanwhile, the property suffers from vandalism as well as time.

Nov. 25, 1993

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NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

R. Steve Grant, II, took summer classes while holding down a full-time job in Towson, MD and found he barely had time to breathe! Hope he's caught his breathe by now as the holidays are here!

We hadn't heard from the "Anne Grant-Knapp for Quite Awhile Department"--and here's why! She took a long-planned cruise around the Hawaiian Island last Spring. She planned to meet Bob Grant, our Commissioner there, but plans went awry and they missed connections. She then won airline tickets and Eurorail passes to Europe for three weeks! Anne and her daughter, Barbara visited Nice, Lucerne, Venice, Vienna, Luxembourg and Stockholm.

And as if that wasn't enough for one year, she went to Cape Cod in September with some of her family. In between times, she's busy Country Dancing!

The Ronald Grants attended their niece's wedding in Alexandria this past October, which explains their absence from "the" games. We missed them but know that "They shall return!"

Greetings from the Homer Grants, way down in Texas!

Gerry and Chuck Menges enjoyed their trip to the Stone Mountain games so much that they stayed the whole week! (Didn't anyone tell them the games only last two days?)

They attended the Plantation's "Ghost Stories" and Gerry came home with a button that reads, "Boo, Y'all." She explains that they were southern ghost stories!

Tony Grant writes that he is now "down on the farm" in Oklahoma and living in the house that he built three years ago at the age of 79! He intends to catch giant cat fish out of his private, 48-year old lake! He says "Y'all come" to visit and live it up--especially if you like good fishin'!

In researching his genealogy these past 42 years he has accumulated a lot of data! He hopes to have it ready to print in the newsletter soon.

His parents were raised in Smith and Trousdale counties

near Nashville. His grandfather came to Tennessee from North Carolina; his grandmother a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. (McIntoshes, we're with you!). Currently he has 8 living children: 4 boys and 4 girls; 23 Grandchildren and 25 Great-Grandchildren!

Tony insists that this is why the Grants took over Richmond!

Corrine (Smith) and Dale Garrison plus their three children, Grant, Katlyn and Kevin, are now living in a basement in Gettysburg, Pa. (Only while they look for a more permanent dwelling!). We failed to mention Kevin's arrival last August--hate to keep a pregnancy lasting longer than necessary!

Our good members, the Frederick R. Grants, keep moving around! Originally they hailed from Georgia; next we find them in Palos Verdes, California; now a note that they are settled in New York! Or, almost!

We met Fred at the games in Atlanta in October and a wee note from him states that he is still there!

And speaking of moving, Ed and Sara Smith purchased a new (well, at least to them) home up in Meriden, Connecticut. It looks like they will be using their degrees in "Interior Decorating" and "Historic Preservation" to the utmost! (Along with "Babysitting Techniques").

Believe It or Not news: Our illustrious Covener, George, and his good wife, Lucille, really DO do things other than Clan Grant activities in their lives! Over the Thanksgiving weekend they visited their children and grandchildren in Florida; then attended their nephew's wedding on Saturday. On their way home, they visited college friends who supposedly had died! (Now only George can come up with a story like that!)

As you can see, we don't have much news to pass along this time! So, keep those cards and letters rolling in! (Otherwise you will have to read about all our aches and pains and that's not too exciting!)

NOW FOR THE GENEALOGY SECTION: Beverly Keene, a new member, sends in her history of the Grant family descending from John Grant, Elder, of Nova Scotia, who emigrated from Inverness-shire in 1819. Her grandfather, Duncan Grant (m. Anne Hudson) had two children, Elizabeth and Hudson (Beverly's father).

This research is in Beryl's hands and we appreciate the work done in preparing it, several pages of typewritten information.

Ronald G. Munro is tracing the Bisset line from Donald Munro and Janet Bisset in the 1760-s to 1770's down to his Great-Great Grandfather, Alexander Bisset Munro (b. Dec. 25, 1773, in Inverness). He had a sister who died in Inverness on March 10, 1869.

Ronald needs proof of the Janet/Donald marriage and/or her parents. Any takers?

Carol A. Stilphen-Burke's Grandfather (maternal), John Cairns, 1858/9-1940, is the son of George Cairns and Mina Scoon (m. June 17, 1856) from Roxburgh, Scotland. William Cairns and Margaret Douglas are George's parents.

Richard H. Merritt is also seeking Cairns. His maternal Grandparents are Cairns and lived in Hartford, Connecticut. He adds, "A rather numerous Cairns family!". Originally, he has been told, they came from the Montreal-Sherbrook, Quebec area.

Tracing his lineage from the Cuthbert Grants in Strathspey, Philip Moody says this Grant line goes beyond the 1745 and 1715 Jacobite rebellions. He sent his family tree to Beryl, too, and we look forward to reading this.

An 11th generation of Grants is Shirley Leidt, residing in Russell, Massachusetts. She traces back to Samuael Grant in 1620 where he settled in Windsor, Connecticut.

THE ENGLISH GRANTS

Beryl N. Grant, Clan Grant Genealogist

Research on two early lines of Grants who came to America in the early 1600's, trace them to Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, England. I refer to the Matthew Grant born 1601 in Dorset and who with his wife Priscilla emigrated from Plymouth to Dorchester, MA on the ship, Mary and John, and who was one of the founders of Windsor, CT. His father, John Grant, b. 1574 (Wife Alice Turberville of Woolbridge, Dorset) was the son of George Grant, son of John Grant and Jane Belford who married in Roxby in 1570. This information was reported at the 6th Reunion of the Grant Family Association in NY City in 1914. This family traces back in Roxby, Yorkshire to one William Graunt living in the middle of the 15th century. There is question as to the location of Roxby, whether in Yorkshire or Lincolnshire. There is a Roxby, Lincolnshire located nine miles SW of Barton-on-Humber, Yorkshire which would place the family with the second family below.

The second family settled in Rowley, Mass. and is documented in the Hazen family history. Hannah Grant, born 1631 in Rowley and who married Edward Hazen of Cadney, Lincolnshire, England in Rowley traces her line to Thomas Grant b. 1601 in Hassle, Yorkshire (wife Jane Haburne); his father is John Grant b. 1567 in Cottingham, Yorkshire, England, (wife Jane Watson).

The location of both these families is very close, near Barton-on-Humber and Kingston-upon-Hull and it is my belief that these lines are collateral lines.

Lord Strathspey's book on the History of Clan Grant traces the Chiefs of the Clan back to Sir Laurence le Grant (1258-1266), son of William and Aldreda, who was Sheriff of Inverness in 1263. A history of the Grants by Archie McKerracher published in The Highlander traces the surname of Grant to a Norman knight, LeGrant, who came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066. His descendant, William le Grant, held lands in Nottinghamshire (near Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, England) through his wife Aldreda who was a member of the Bissett family who had been granted land around Stratherick and Beaully in the Moray Firth area of Scotland. An article by Maran McCormick also states the Anglo-Norman origin and that William and Alfreda Bissett Grant held manor of East Bridgeford in Nottinghamshire, England. This account also states that there is claim to descent from Kenneth MacAlpine, King of Scotland in the 9th century. I have been told that many of the Scottish clans can trace their beginnings to the Norman invasion.

Many of our clan members who trace their families back to England are wondering about their ties to Scotland. In many cases Scots moved down to England, particularly Yorkshire, for economic reasons as this was one of the centers for the woolen trade. It might also be that this family might be descended from the leGrants who settled in this corner of the Midlands of England and would be related very distantly to the Grants in Scotland. In either case I feel that if one were able to trace far enough on the Yorkshire Grants (which I feel has already been done to the best of anyone's ability) they would find that either of the above reasons would be valid.



ANOTHER GREAT GRANT!

Everett Frank Grant, our prolific correspondent from Calais, Maine, must come by his talent professionally! He worked 30 years for a daily newspaper in Fredericton, New Brunswick, before retiring in 1990. Born "over the river" in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, he calls Calais "home". His first name came from the Doctor who delivered him and the name, "Frank" honors his Grandfather. Two weeks after his birth, his father traveled to Washington, D.C., to register his birth there, making him a U.S. citizen.

Everett remembers the depression years well. He and his brother handled a variety of jobs in order to earn spending money: splitting kindling, collecting and selling beverage bottles, setting up pins at the bowling alley (2 cents a string), cleaning the movie theater after the last show, and walking a blind man up town every Saturday to buy a box of cigars. The fellow then blew smoke in his face all the way home! Everett's father did not want to let him in the house because he "stunk too much!" The one time he did decide to try to smoke a cigar stopped all further thoughts along this line! He and a friend climbed into an empty boxcar on a freight

train. While there, an engine hooked onto the car and hauled them 35 miles down the track! Both boys felt so sick they could not jump out when the trip began!. They had a long walk home and smoking no longer interested him!

At the age of eight years, Everett lost his mother to tuberculosis. His grandfather raised him, his brother and sister while his father traveled to Hartford, CT, to work as a machinist. His father managed to come home for occasional visits with the family but suffered a stroke and died in the V.A. hospital. Due to their Grandfather's advanced age, the children were separated and Everett went to live with Raymond and Bess Russell, good neighbors of the family.

Too young to enlist during WWII, he joined the Army Cadets and Boy Scouts in high school and enjoyed the summer camp activities offered by both.

MUSIC, too, played an important role in his life. His adopted mother taught both piano and voice and managed to get Everett involved in many musical productions in the community as well as singing in the church choir.

Working 48 hours a week at very low wages, Everett decided that he preferred to join the Air Force! Sent to Cheyenne, Wyoming, after basic training, he became a Chaplain's

Everett Grant & Betsy Markee and friends



Assistant. He enjoyed the work in the Chapel in spite of a few mishaps, such as using the Holy Water to water the plants and hiding his friends' dirty laundry for them during Saturday post inspections. Fortunately (for him) he was on leave when the latest Elvis Presley hit, "You Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog" came over the Chapel's outdoor public address system!

Upon being discharged, Everett learned the printing trade, working hot type and three linotypes. When other employees retired he became the only operator which meant long hours, lots of deadlines to meet and no vacations! He soon tired of this and moved to the newspaper work which became his lifelong niche.

Although he did not participate in many sports in school, he is an avid Lawn (summers) and Carpet (winters) Bowler. (See articles on this elsewhere in the newsletter). He belongs to Kiawanis' "Golden K" Club, and is a member of the Stiles Family of America as well as Clan Grant. He serves as Vice-President of a senior citizen's group and does volunteer hospital work--in his spare time! A Mason for 34 years, he also is a member of Eastern Star and Post Chancellor of the Knights of Pytheas. He still loves to sing and is a member of the Barbershoppers!

Our hats off to Everett, another GREAT GRANT!



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*This
and
That...*

Helen Furr



I hope that each of you have had a joy filled season and that the New Year brings you happiness and prosperity.

This issue will probably be much later than I like. It has been plagued with problems that have been as minor as Christmas shopping to hard drive glitches.

My home is now the home for two of my four grandchildren. Being a full time Grandma-ma is a lot different from being a week-end one. Aaron is almost two and Bethany is almost five. We are still in the "getting use to new rules and schedules" stage. Not an easy thing, but we are working on it. Time, that most precious commodity, is the hardest to manage. When I think I have it under control, BLAM!! it goes out of control. Oh well, I'll get it right soon (I hope!).

I hope you all enjoy this issue. Because of the above, this issue is the Winter/Spring issue. I can hardly wait for spring. So far, we have had a few nice days that just make me want to throw open the windows and let the breeze blow all the germs out. Maybe then I can put the cold medicines away and put the thermometer in the cabinet. Children don't like to have their temps taken and I don't like fevers. We have a standoff every now and then.

This issue does have a couple of things that I particularly like. The Indian poem is one of them. I don't make New Year's resolutions. Every time I have done so in the past, I break them within the first few days of the new year. Now I just think of things that I would like to see happen and work toward that goal. There is no pressure that way. Also, if I don't accomplish the goal, I have not broken anything.

Well, I'll stop this meandering and get this issue finished so the printer can do his job and I can get it out to you. Again, I want to wish each of you the best for the New Year and may your goals (and mine) be reached.

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SUMMER DEADLINE MAY 20, 1994

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By George

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Another year and our Society continues to grow and prosper. We have, because of this newsletter and our great commissioners, become closer as an extended family.

Lucille and I have been, it seems on a steady diet of weddings, this year. We have attended four out of town, and three here at home.

November 13, we drove to Atlanta for Donald Grant's marriage to Danuta. Beautiful service at a picturesque church in suburban Atlanta. On the way down we stopped for gas and bought a Georgia Lotto chance. Sunday morning we found out that we had 4 of the 6 numbers, worth \$64.00. This week we bought 4 more chances and guess what? We only had 2 numbers, no money.

Ed and Elaine Grant have offered to redesign our membership brochure. It will be patterned after the United Kingdom's pamphlet. It contains more modern information and focus. This will be done in the next few months, we are almost out of the present one.

Thanks again for your kind letters and support. Lucille and I are most appreciative.

We are planning to go to Scotland next year in mid August. The Nethybridge Games and Clan Grant Gathering will be held on August 20, 1994. So if you want to be there with us, make your plans. Get in touch, if you are going, so we can help you with names of B&B's.

Bob and Vivien Grant are planning to go over in June with twenty family members. That'll be fun. Sorry they can't go later, with us.

Hopefully, we'll have news of the progress of Duthil as a museum by the next issue.

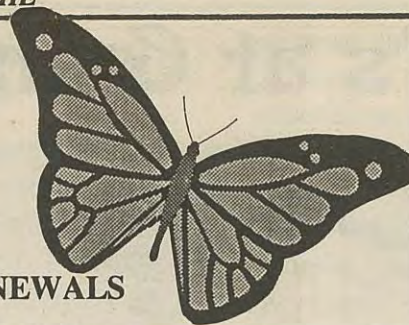
To Be Yourself

*And let the lesson be - to be yersel's,
Ye needna fash gin it's to be ocht else.
To be yersel's - and to mak' that worth bein'.
Nae harder job to mortals has been gi'en.*

Hugh MacDiarmid
'A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle'



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Grant's at Games



Left to right: Joe & Chris Grant, Jim Grant, Beryl Grant, Mary Grant, Kathi Phelps, George & Maureen Grant

CAPITAL DISTRICT GAMES

Hal Grant, NYS Commissioner

Labor Day weekend was the usual busy and interesting weekend for New York Grants.

Festivities started Friday night at the All-Clan dinner and Ceidlh, with 130 attending. Clan Grant was well represented, with 16 members.

Saturday morning started with mist on the mountain, with a slight drizzle reaching the Games field. By 9 AM, the sun was making brief appearances and the rain stayed away for the rest of the day.

The picture of some of the Grants in front of the tent, taken late afternoon, shows we were still having a good time. With us, but not in the picture, were members Mary and Paul Landry, of Bainbridge, NY, Herb Grant, of Rensselaer, Doris Folejewski, of Binghamton, Suzanne Merkin, of RI, and Pam Davies, of Fairfield, CT. The tent was staffed by Jim and Mary Grant, who are also actively involved in the Central New York Games at Liverpool, NY.

September 26th was a similar cloudy but dry day at the "Celtic Day in the Park" at Staatsburg, NY. New member, Margaret Vetter, joined at these games, which are growing each year. The official count was approximately 7000 this year.

The Old Westbury Games in Long Island were covered by Mary and Henry Grant. A number of clan member candidates visited the tent.

As well as the above games, there are two large Tartan Balls held in Syracuse and Albany, NY, and Burns nights in several locations. We look forward to these activities and hope other Clan Grant members can join us in the fun and fellowship.

ANNE ARUNDEL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Allan F. Grant

The Anne Arundel Scottish Festival held on Oct. 9th was a great success again this year. The day started off cool, but just right for "setting up". By the time the gates opened the weather was perfect and remained that way all day. This was only the "2nd Annual" for these games, but they are so well run, you would think they had been in operation for years. This years attendance was up and there was more clan, vendor and band participation. The Clan Grant tent had many visitors and was crowded all day. I must admit a good many of the visitors were parts of my family visiting from Canada. Two of my sisters and their husbands were in attendance. Also, those old faithfuls, Betsy Riggs and her daughter Susie graced our tent. Jack Grant, that brave soul who set up his first Clan Grant tent at the Alexandria games, came by with his brother-in-law. I do believe we have a convert to the games in Jack. And then there were the Grant brothers, William and Robert, whom we signed up at the games last year. It's good to see these young people taking an interest in the Clan Grant activities. A lot of people signed our visitors book, hopefully when Shirley contacts them they will all decide to become Clan Grant members.

Our tent was situated so that all the main activities went on just down the hill and behind us. All we had to do was turn our chairs around and we could see everything. It was great. I think these games will continue to get bigger and better in the future, so come on out next year and enjoy a great day. If you need more information feel free to contact me.

STONE MOUNTAIN BRINGS RAIN

George Grant,
Convenor

Friday night's reception was well attended, even though we had rain and cold weather. David and his bride, Jane Grant hosted. David and George took the leftover snacks and drink for use Saturday evening at our buffet, and loaded them in David's car. Somehow, George got David's car keys in his coat pocket. We thought the keys were lost in the car. We unloaded and searched, no keys. Luckily Jane had another set. When George put on his coat the following Wednesday, the keys were discovered and mailed back.

Saturday morning, at 7:00 AM, it was raining pretty hard. George drove to the games field and unloaded the tent displays, etc., and returned to have breakfast with the gang. We returned at 9:00 to the games field. The rain had stopped for the rest of the weekend.

We had a very successful games. Several new members and a bunch of our Georgia cousins were there.

Emily Caroline, of Spanish Fort, AL, brought her parents, Jennifer and Arston Grant. Cousin, Grant MacDonald from Charlotte, NC was there with his parents, Jai and Jeff Covington. Jai and Jeff moved into a new home Monday after the games.

Ed and Elaine Grant, from Key Largo, enjoyed the activities with the Ronald Grants from Roanoke Rapids, NC. Phil and Shirley Smith helped at the tent. Phil conducted a workshop Thursday on things Scottish.

A little bit of golf was played Friday morning. I know it was only a little bit, I was there.

Lucille Grant left early Sunday with Ed & Elaine, to go to Tallahassee and take care of Grandchildren. Their parents had an emergency in Ft. Meyers.

Plan to come to these games next year. Everyone does a great job putting them on and we have lots of cousins to visit.



OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAMES AND GATHERING

John Grant
Southwest Commissioner

The 1993 Oklahoma Scottish games and Gathering was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 18th, at Manion Park. It was a cool and windy autumn weekend in eastern Oklahoma. Perfect weather for a Highland gathering.

The festivities began on Friday the 17th, at the Tulsa Marriott, the official "host hotel" for the Highland Games. The Host Band, 402(City of Winnipeg)Squad, R.A.C.F., started off the evening events with the "Best Retreat Ceremony", followed by the Patrons Reception at the hotel. Saturday officially opened the Clan and Vendor displays. All athletic competition began promptly at 9:00am with the Stone Put, followed by the Sheaf Toss, Hammer Toss and the celebrated Caber Toss. Concurrently, in the center of the parade field, one event drew a large crowd of participants. Many of the patrons and guests competed in the Haggis Toss. It appeared that many of the ladies had practiced in preparation for this event. They were quite accurate with their tosses at the target.

At high noon, the welcoming ceremonies and introduction of special guest and dignitaries began. Clan Grant was well represented in the Clan Parade, joined with over 20 other Scottish Clans. As the parade field filled to capacity, "Robert the Bruce", along with his Knights, circled the parade ground and officially opened the days events. Along with the "Host Band", the 78th Fraser Highlanders, The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, and U.S.A.F. Band directed the participants around the parade field.

Clan Grant had many visitors interested in Scottish history and their relationship to Clan Grant or other Scottish families. We were especially appreciative of the gathering. Unknown to the patrons, secretly three judges were visiting the various Clan tents and rating them on their Clan tent display, Historical presentation and congeniality. At days end, Clan Grant was awarded the first annual "**Best Clan Tent**" trophy by a unanimous decision. This being our first trip to Tulsa, we were excited to have been presented the award. We assured the festival committee that we were planning to return to next years gathering anyway. The trophy was well received and appreciated.

The closing ceremonies ended a triumphant day in Oklahoma. The evening ended with the Host Band and "The McIlroys" performing at the Ceilidh.

The Northern Califorum

By Jim Suttie

The season is over, here in Northern California. Since my last column, the Grants have set up at three Games and one Celtic Faire; and, Carol and I attended another Celtic event. On Saturday and Sunday of the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4th and 5th) the Clan was set up at the 128th annual Calie Club of San Francisco Games at Santa Rosa. Why the long title instead of "The Santa Rosa Games"? Because this is the last year they will be held there. After 32 years in Santa Rosa, the Games are being moved to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA (East Bay Area). Why? Motels in Santa Rosa were gouging people attending the Games--raising rates and three night booking required.

As we did the last few years, Clan Grant took a double space at Santa Rosa. Gene Grant and I set up our tents, side by side, to have plenty of room for both the people manning the tent and our guests. On Saturday the tent was manned by Gene, his wife Jule, Larry DeMars, John VanWinkle, Carol and myself. On Sunday we were joined by John's wife, Patty. A total of 76 people stopped and signed-in at the tent during the weekend, including 30 members of The John More Association who came by on Sunday. We were informed that they were holding a mini reunion in conjunction with the Games and had a tent set up in the Associations area. Maybe we will pick up a few members from this group.

Next on our busy schedule was Fresno on Saturday, September 18th. Again, John was there to help at the tent. Joining us for a short time was Joe Suttie, of Fresno, and his wife Carol (another Carol Suttie!). Joe has gotten involved with these Games, so he was unable to spend much time at the tent.

Two weeks later (October 2nd) we were at it again. This time we were at Marysville for Yuba-Sutter Games. This is a new date for this event, making it the last Games of the season. Again, John was there to help man the tent. Thank you John, Patty and all the others who helped man the tent at the various Games during the year.

On the weekend of October 23rd/ 24th, a Celtic Faire was held at a shopping center in Cupertino (part of the greater San Jose area). Carol and I set up a table to be shared with our friends, Bob and Becky Chessman, our local Clan Donald people. Unfortunately, Becky came down with the flu, so she and Bob were unable to be there and we had to carry on by ourselves.

The last event of the year was a Celtic New Year celebration in Reno, Nevada, starting Friday evening, November 5th and running through Sunday, the 7th. For this event, they shut off 3 blocks of the main street through the Casino area and set up a huge tent pavilion in a parking lot. Booths

were set up in the street for vendors. More vendors, the Clans and a stage for entertainment were in the tent. Although we were not setting up, Carol and I flew up to attend. We were fortunate to be allowed to share the Clan Anderson and Nevada Clan Donald spaces. We ran into many people we knew from our California Games and had a very good time.

Well, that's it from here for now. Carol and I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season.

NEWS FROM OREGON

Wayne R. Grant, Oregon Commissioner

1993 has been a very busy year. My wife, Karen, and I enjoyed attending four different Games and Festivals this summer.

On June 26th, we traveled to Washington State to attend the Tacoma Highland Games. John W. and Linda Grant from Seattle, WA joined us for the day. It was a very beautiful and enjoyable day, with much Highland dancing, athletic events, Scottish food and festivities.

On July 10th, we traveled to the Eastern side of Oregon to a very small, friendly town of Athena for the Caledonian Days. This was by far our most favorite. The festivities began with a parade through main street, then followed with sheepdog trials, athletic events, musical entertainment, dancing and plenty of Scottish and traditional food. The Clan tents were set up in the most beautiful park, with plenty of shade trees and lush green grass. The people were so very warm and friendly, which made for a very busy and good day. We were surprised to see so many people bring their Scotty Dogs (all sizes and colors) with them for the day.

The following Saturday, July 17th, we set up the Clan Grant tent at the 41st Annual Portland Scottish Highland Games, the largest event in the State of Oregon. Jim and Susan Grant and son Nathan, from Springfield, OR joined us for the day. The weather was nice (even though it threatened to rain a little). We enjoyed all the traditional events as well as the Scottish folk singer, Alex Beaton (the most popular and successful Scottish folk singer in North America). Of the many people who stopped by the tent, we had five Grants sign in and enjoyed their visit.

On August 28th, Jim and Susan Grant set up the clan tent at a gathering in Myrtle Creek, OR. The first annual event for them and it went very well. A lot of people traveling through to the Santa Rosa, CA games stopped by. Jim reported a good time was had.

We are looking forward to 1994 being bigger and better.

**SUMMER DEADLINE
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STAND FAST

Flowers of the Forest

by George H. Grant

BRIGADIER ENEAS GRANT

Brigadier Eneas Grant has gone awa. He died in early February. Eneas was the brother of Dr. I.F. Grant, Scottish Historian and founder of the Highland Museum at Newtonmore. Eneas is survived by his son, Col. Donald Grant, Ret. and grandchildren.

Brigadier Grant served with distinction with the Seaforth Highlanders during World War II. His family is the last of the Grants of Tullochgorm, a cadet branch of the Grant Clan. The Tullochgorm Grants have for the past 200 years have a military tradition of serving their country.

Lucille and I first met Eneas during our visit to Grant country in 1981. Since that time we have exchanged Christmas cards and correspondence. He was a true Highlander, a very thoughtful, gentle person, with great insight. I last saw him personally when he showed us around the Highland Museum in 1985. We will all miss him. When we are next in Scotland, I'll pay him a visit.

REFLECTIONS ON FRIENDSHIP

by George and Lucille Grant

BETTY BOWIE

Betty Bowie passed away last October. Her husband, Kyle, called to tell us. Her heart failed Sunday morning, before church. As the initial shock subsided, we began to remember the good times we had with Kyle and Betty.

Our first meeting came at a Highland Game when she and Kyle joined our clan society. Shortly after that, Lucille and I drove to their retirement farm near Brookneal, Va. to spend a long weekend. We got along great. We rode horses, attended an oyster roast and met their friends. Betty was the perfect hostess, a skill honed to perfection as the wife of a career army officer and daughter of a general.

We teased her about talking fast, almost as if she was afraid of being interrupted. Actually, her mind worked so fast, it was hard to verbalize her thoughts. Her intelligence, goodwill, and practical, yet cheerful outlook was infectious.

A couple of years later we made plans to put our relationship to the most severe test. We rented a motor home and spent six weeks touring New England, Canadian Maritimes, driving from Richmond, Va. to Prince Edward Island and back. It turned out Kyle was the navigator and George the driver. We were joined by Lord and Lady Strathspey, Matt and Anne Grant Knapp and John Bissett. Betty coined the phrase, "Wheresma ma?" This was the most used expression during the trip. With luggage for several people jammed into the motor home and constantly being moved around, it was difficult to find anything.

Betty was always looking for the good side of everyone she met. It was a joy being around her. Just a few weeks before her death, we stopped for a few days visit and play some golf. Betty had been busy cleaning up their new home in Halifax, Va. We had a wonderful time with them and made plans for our next visit.

We miss her. We are better people for having known her. It is difficult for us to write this without becoming maudlin. Good-by Betty.

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This poem was sent to us by A. Thompson Palmer. It was a part of a Christmas card sent to friends.

An Indian Prayer

O' Great Spirit,
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
hear me! I am small and weak, I need your
strength and wisdom.

Let Me Walk In Beauty, and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make My Hands respect the things you have
made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make Me Wise so that I may understand the
things you have taught my people.

Let Me Learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.

I Seek Strength, not to be greater than my
brother, but to fight my greatest
enemy--myself.

STAND FAST MINISTRIES

Stand Fast Ministries, a "Para-Church Christian Organization and Ministry Outreach" was begun last year in Laguna Beach, CA. Jay Grant is the founder and he has sent me a copy of the Ministry's pamphlet titled "Lifting the Veil". This pamphlet is a compilation of weekly newspaper articles that have appeared in the Laguna Beach Coast Line. The purpose stated in the introduction is "to help remove that unseen veil which shrouds and obscures the holiness and majesty of God." Anyone interested in receiving a copy should contact Jay at **STAND FAST MINISTRIES, P. O. BOX 391, LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92652.**



"HOME" continued from page one

Estate owners plan to turn lodge into varied tourist attraction

The final plans for Revack Lodge, the traditional seat of the Grant family for many years, to be developed into an exciting tourist area for Strathspey, are now being drawn up.

The divisional planning committee will be studying plans for the development which will include walks through the 500 acres of woodland, the formal and informal lodge gardens, natural picnic areas, a children's play area, and a farm with pony-drawn rides. There will also be a gift shop, managed by Lady Pauline Nicholson, sister of Lord of Seafield, catering for both tourists and locals, and a multi-use restaurant serving snacks during the day and a more formal meal in the evening. Future plans also include a heritage centre within the old lodge outbuildings.

Mr. David Nicholson, speaking of the project says, "We want to create a balance between the working of a Highland estate and the increasing public awareness of the environment and conservation." There are plans to introduce lochans and to actively encourage wildlife by placing nesting boxes, constructing blinds, and to encourage regeneration of the woodlands, new areas will be planted. They have been working with several groups, such as the Scottish Natural Heritage and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, on this project.

There is also the hope that colleges and the schools will use the area for studying botany or the environment.

It is also hoped that local tradesmen will be used for the work on the development, as well as utilizing the produce of the 10,000 acres of farmland for the restaurant.

This project has been under consideration for a long time. "The estate needs to diversify and tourism was the obvious direction to go in", said Mr. Nicholson.

January 27, 1994

Castle Grant set for new lease of life through conversion plan

by Ken Smith

Castle Grant will have a new owner by the end of the month, unless a last minute hitch prevents it.

The new owners will be Keith-based Grouse Property Services and two unnamed backers. Their bid has had a qualified acceptance.

Mr. Philip Blount of Grouse Property Services, an Aberdeen man and a partner from overseas, has made an offer of £110,000, and plan to invest an additional £700,000 converting the castle into five homes and 10 flats.

They are awaiting letters of confirmation from the Kingussie planning office and the Listed Buildings arm of Historic Scotland. There has already been a verbal go-ahead from those involved as well as backing from the Estate. The money is in place but the partners are unwilling to move further until they have the letters of confirmation.

Mr. Blount said his company hopes to have the first house ready by July of this year. The first house will be built in the courtyard area which will be known as Courtyard Mews. The houses will be priced around £70,000. Local tradesmen will be used wherever possible.

The flats, probably priced from £45,000 upward, should be in the range that will make them available to local people.

Future plans include turning the old tower into a tower house.

February 17, 1994

MAILING A LETTER IN OLD STRATHSPEY

Philip Smith

Few of us today, as we speed over Drumochter Pass at seventy miles an hour on a dual carriage way, realize how isolated Strathspey was until only a hundred and fifty years ago. The valley of the Spey was cut off from the south by the high barren Cairngorms and even the modern thirty minute trip from Inverness was a then a difficult climb up the long slopes of the Monadhliath mountains, "The Stair Steps of the Gael." No symbol of passage from isolated farms to emerging communities is as important as the simple story of bringing the mail.

Prior to 1700 there really was no need for a mail service to Strathspey. The valley was, until that time, populated solely by Gaelic speaking farmers who had little external business. The Laird of Grant could, if he had need, simply send a special messenger to a neighboring chief or to Inverness. The Laird, a member of the Scottish Parliament, took over a week to make the journey south to Edinburgh. The trip over Drumochter Pass was often not possible in winter.

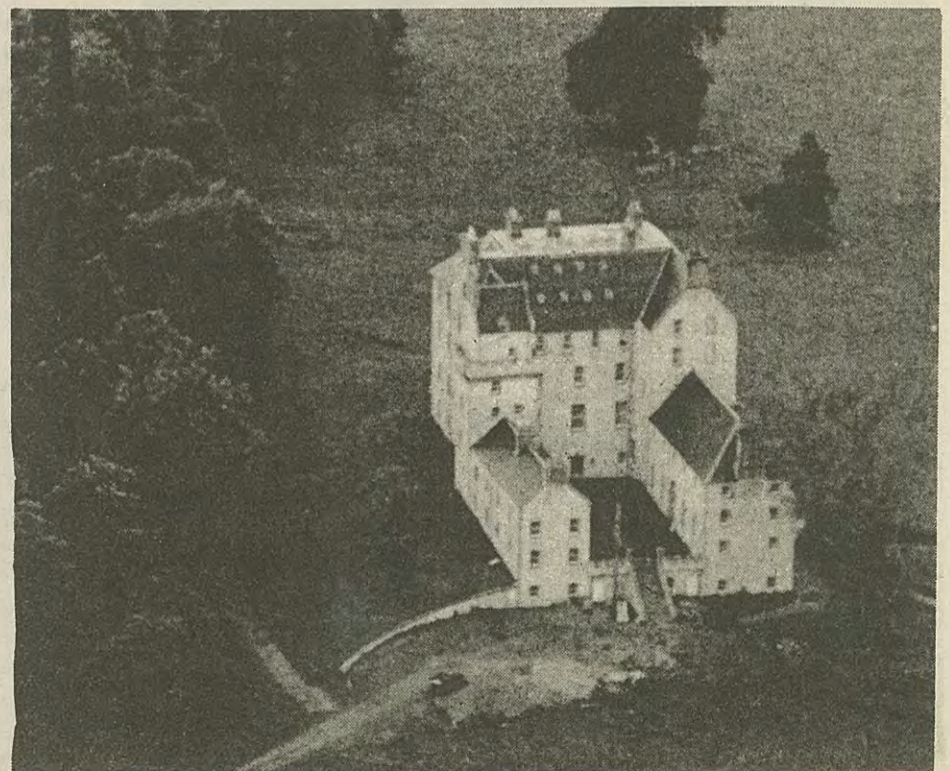
Travel was far easier and faster, although longer in miles, along the coastal plain that stretches from Aberdeen to Inverness. Communication with the south was both by ship and carriage. The first mail deliveries in Strathspey came from Inverness as early as 1713, carried by footrunners. Following the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715, the British government decided to control the Highlands by establishing garrisons connected by the first real roads in the area. A fine system of hard surfaced roads and stone bridges, many still standing and some still in use, were built by General Wade. The local inn at Aviemore served as a post office for a once a week delivery. The main route continued to be from Aberdeen up the coast to Elgin and Forres and on the Inverness.

The Laird of Grant used this service and a servant from Castle Grant regularly made the twenty-two mile trip to Forres to bring back the mail. This was not always possible. In 1766 the snow was so bad that the courier could not make the trip alone. The establishment of the planned village of Grantown in the 1770's necessitated regular and improved mail service. In 1780 the Laird of Grant petitioned for a post office in Grantown. One was approved and regular mail delivery from Forres began on January 4, 1781. The service was continued on up the strath to Badenoch with the post office at Pitmain.

Delivery was speeded up. It took three days from mail to come from Edinburgh to Strathspey via Aberdeen and Forres. At the same time, mail could come from Edinburgh to Badenoch via Blair Atholl and Drumochter Pass in only twenty-six hours -- when the snow permitted. The Pitmain post office was transferred to Kingussie in 1802. Mail was sometimes brought by coach from Perth but it was not until July, 1830, that the improvement of the road from Inverness via Sliochd made direct mail service to Strathspey worthwhile.

Now there were two mail deliveries in Grantown. The first, from the south, arrived about 9 am. The mail from the north still went from Inverness to Forres to Grantown, arriving about nine pm. Postmaster John Grant dispatched mail from Grantown at 10 am.

Ten years later the coming of both the railway and the penny stamp made mail service both dependable and affordable. "Civilization" had come to Strathspey.



Castle Grant, photographed from the air a number of years ago... now facing changes

CLAN TRAVEL NOTES

by: Steve Grant

Speyside was never lovelier, but how it has changed. Clan Grant territory is more touristy than ever. The roads are better. Probably in hopes more of us will travel there. (Especially with a roadside relief station in every town where there's a tourist information center.)

Castle Grant stands stripped out and abandoned. No one is quite sure who owns it. The renovation is unfinished, left as is. The great rooms and halls still in decay. Pink, green, blue and yellow paint fading and mildewing. Flooring torn out, never replaced. One can only imagine what the huge, hulking house must've been like in happier days and times. (Had I won that \$110 million Powerball lottery jackpot, I'd be the owner now. Promise!).

Duthil Church stands ready to become Clan Grant Museum. Lord Strathspey is waiting on results of a feasibility study to qualify the old kirk for a new security system and its viability as a point of

interest that would add to travelers' interest in the Spey Valley.

Strathspey himself resides in a summer house on the Isle of Mull, where he's happy to give the visiting clan members a whirlwind tour of the geography, history, landmarks and places to avoid. Prepare to receive a large welcome from "Highlander" who has to be the biggest deerhound in Scotland!

Visit Ballindalloch Castle and enjoy the gracious hospitality of Claire and Oliver Russell. The home of the McPherson-GRANTS is open from Easter through October. A true treasure of our heritage.

Rothiemurchus Estate is busier than ever catering to Travelers. The Duone house can be seen only during a special tour, offered only on Monday mornings. Call ahead. We just missed it, and learned the staff is very protective of the Laird and his Lady's time and privacy at Aviemore's most popular Scottish attraction.

The home of the Grants is over-grown with Bed and Breakfasts and Hotels competing for customers. You couldn't tell by the prices. Stephanie and I paid from \$60 to \$160 a night for private bathrooms and a standard Scots breakfast the next morning. Comfortable beds are scarce, as is food beyond the standard fare and prices.

We do recommend the "Dairy Barn" down the road from Lord Strathspey on Mull, Glen Mohr hotel in Inverness (along the River), and "Sunnybank" in Perth (wonderful). The "Lodge", in West Edinburgh, is also nice and a short bus ride to Princes Street.

Also, if you rent a car, check with Kennington and save a bundle. Their lot is a mile from Glasgow airport and wouldn't you rather have \$200 extra in your pocket than giving it to a more famous name?

Look for articles about the Walkers Shortbread Bakery (their packaging features the Grant Tartan): a profile of Lord Strathspey; and a visit to Ballindalloch in upcoming issues of the Scottish Banner.

As a journalist, I believe the wider exposure of that national publication, could increase our Society's membership in the U.S. and in Scotland. The editors said they'd print more Clan Grant articles, if they get them. I'm happy to fulfill that assignment! No one has before.

STAND FAST!



Clan crest on gatehouse to Castle Grant

THE CAIRNS CONNECTION Philip D. Smith, FSA Scot.

Are the "Cairns" a sept of Clan Grant? The question comes up at almost every Scottish gathering where people are searching for their clan/family connection. In TARTAN FOR ME! the Grant tartan is suggested for the surname "Cairns" it is not a name or spelling variation of a name traditionally associated with the Grants. Are the "Cairns" Grants? "No, they are 'Cairns.'" Are the "Cairns" an important part of the Clan Grant Society? "Yes, indeed."

The name "Cairns" is an old one in Scotland. It is believed to have originated from the lands of Cairns in Mid-Lothian, near Edinburgh. No one knows where the land got the name "Cairns." The original Gaelic meaning, "a pile of stones" usually meant a memorial for the dead, and might give a clue that there was some type of prehistoric tomb thereabouts. 'Cairn', pronounced /KARH-un/ means "of a carn". A cairn was so associated with the place of execution of criminals that "fear nam charn", literally "man of the cairn", was slang for an outlaw. Any execution or unsanctified burying place was marked with a cairn. Passersby were expected to add a rock as they said a prayer for the soul of the deceased. The great mountains to the south and west of Strathspey are called the Cairngorms, mountains of the "blue stones", from the quartz crystals once found there.

The name "Cairns" appears in Scottish records as early as 1349, mostly in the Lothians, later spreading both south and north. The name had--and still has--several spelling variations: Carnes, Carnis, Karnes, Karnis, Kairnes, and Kerns among them. "Cairns" is a two-syllable word in Scotland since Gaelic requires an extra vowel sound between all "r" and "n" combinations, /KERH-uns/.

Why do the "Cairns" wear the Grant tartan? No one knows. At some point in the 1800's several families adopted the practice of wearing the tartan of a Highland clan they admired or viewed as close friends. The "Lockharts" wore the "MacDonald" tartan; the "Flemings" to this day wear the "Murray of Atholl" out of a centuries old friendship. At some unknown time, the "Cairns", through friendship, adopted the practice of wearing the "Grant" tartan. The "Cairns" are a welcome addition to the Clan Grant Societies worldwide and contribute to many Clan activities.

The "Cairns" are good friends and companions who have elected to show their friendship by wearing the Grant tartan. Welcome them aboard.

GENEALOGY CORNER

One of our former editors, Dick Heller, Jr., Mission, Tx., has sent me his history of William Grant of Virginia (54 pages) which documents his professional research on this family. He is able to trace his descent with all sorts of documentation and what is always more interesting besides dry vital records, stories about his ancestor's military service, local history and family anecdotes. He has been kind enough to send this same copy to those Clan Grant members he knows are researching this line. Dick has also filed copies of his research with many repositories, thus enabling others researching this line to benefit from it, a truly generous sharing of his time and resources.

I am waiting for a book on the Virginia Grants that Dianne Hirschi is publishing. As my check has been cashed, I hope to have this book in hand shortly and will report on it in a future newsletter.

I have copy of "French-Canadians, Vol. 2, 1600-1900. The earliest listed Grant seems to be in the late 1700's, but there are some records past 1900. Send SASE with name if interested.

Bill Grant of Woodinville, WA sent me copy of the Grants listed in the "People of Ontario, Canada", edited by Noel Elliot. Sent SASE with name and I will extract info and source. Bill is also tracing the origin of Christopher Grant, of Watertown, MA, born c. 1610, as are a few of our members.

Phil Moody, Tulsa, OK sent me excellent information on Cuthbert Grant, fur trader of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, who was born in Lechendry, Cromdale, Inverness, Scotland. If anyone else has info on this line, please let me know.

Gretchen Grant Schempel, of St. Paul, MN, one of our best Grant genealogists, sent me a large packet of correspondence, etc. all relating to Grant research. Thank you, Gretchen, so much. The more information we can accumulate on Grants, the more assistance we may be able to give our members. Gretchen's response to my request for research on ANY Grants is gratefully acknowledged!

ScotVision Distributors have a video out on the Grants, advertised in **THE SCOTTISH BANNER**. I ordered it and it is a wonderful travelogue of England and how to do research in England. Grants are alluded to very briefly and the focus is on England, not Scotland. I have another of their video's on an English name, and it is about 99% identical to this video. Order it if you want an English travelogue, but not for any serious Grant Research.

*****SEND YOUR QUERIES IN!*****

Please send me your written queries on your research. There is no cost for this and perhaps someone reading this newsletter will have information for you. Be as brief as possible, but location is of first importance; if you are not sure of dates, just list as circa (about). Mention precisely what information you are looking for, such as descendants of someone. Send to **BERYL N. GRANT, LEESOME LANE, BOX 4D, ALTAMONT, NY 12009** with SASE if you want an answer. I will send the queries in for the newsletter.

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*****QUERIES RECEIVED*****

QUERY from Sharon Clark, Essex, CT who is researching **Susannah and Jane Grant** (mother) in Kentucky prior to 1790. Jane Grant may have been the wife of Adam Grant. Susannah married William Keeling of Nelson, KY 18 April 1790. Sharon has a lot of info on the Keelings and if any of our members are researching this line, please let me know.

VISIT THE LAND OF GRANT IN SOUTHERN OHIO

Did you know that Southern Ohio is featured as "The Land of Grant Tours"? A brochure published by the Clermont Convention and Visitor Bureau locates the historical sites where Hiram Ulysses Grant lived with his parents, Jesse and Hannah Grant.

Grant's father worked as a foreman in a Point Pleasant tannery. This later became the foundation for the Grant Memorial Methodist Church in 1930. The now-famous General was born here and the original house is still standing.

Thirty-five miles east of Point Pleasant is Georgetown, Ohio, Jesse built a two-story house in Brown County. One of the schools Grant attended is owned by the State of Ohio--the other is still in private hands. Ulysses Grant went to the Whitmore School in Ripley, Ohio for one year, boarding at the Kirker family home.

The Rankin House, connected with the underground railroad and freedom, is also located here. Grant left in 1939 to go to West Point.

Six years later, the family moved to Bethel, Ohio where his father became the first Mayor of the village. Julia Grant, Ulysses' wife stayed here when Grant went to the West Coast. She bore one son during this time. Two houses here are of interest: Grant visited the Thomas Morris house often during his vacations from West Point and the Grant Memorial Building houses an exhibit from the mid-1800's. Both are open to the public.

Call for time schedules and day openings and closings if you plan to be in the area. (Phone: (513) 753-7141.)

Scotland 94 Trip

At the Grandfather Mountain Games, Lucille and I said we hoped to go to Scotland for the Nethybridge Games and Clan Grant Gathering. We are still planning to go.

The Gathering is August 20. We are not going to make all the arrangements, as in previous trips. This time, we are going to play tourist, like everyone else. We will provide, upon request, the names and addresses of places to stay in Grantown-on-Spey, Hotels and B&B's. Previous issues of "CRAIGELLACHIE" have given specifics on what to do and see in Grant Country. If you don't have a copy handy, we'll send it to you.

Let us know if you plan to go during this period. We will plan to be together on many of the places to see, and evening adventures, such as dinner on the Boat -of Garten to Aviemore Railroad.

Going back to your roots is great fun. Try and be in Scotland this year. Remember to make your reservations to the Edinburgh Tattoo. It is held every night during August, rain or shine.



LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

Nina Wallace
News Bureau Volunteer

SCOTTISH SINGALONG

Alex Beaton, internationally famous folk singer and musician will be the host and emcee for a traditional CEILIDH, April 15, 1994, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Charlotte.

The Adam's Mark Hotel is sponsoring the CEILIDH, pronounced "Kay-lee" as part of the Loch Norman Highland Games, scheduled for April 15-17, 1994 at Rural Hill near Latta Plantation.

In Scotland, groups would gather in people's homes for informal music and sing-a-longs. Scots would gather to play and sing old songs, learn new songs, exchange messages and gossip. These CEILIDH's were unplanned, spontaneous celebrations of scottish life.

On Friday night, April 15th, at 8:30 p.m., a modern version of the CEILIDH will feature Alex Beaton and other Celtic musicians for a lively musical review. Guest groups include MAGPYE, WICKLOTHIAN, BEN & BECKY, THE RUFFIANS, FREY KNOT AND SEYMOUR & REYNOLDS.

After the musical review, the same groups will join in an improvisational Celtic jam session which should keep the audience entertained and the house rocking until the "witching hour".

For more information on the CEILIDH or the Loch Norman Highland Games, please contact the Loch Norman Highland Games office, Box 1009, Huntersville, NC 28078-1009, or call 704-875-3113.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The first Sarasota Southwest Florida Scottish Heritage Festival is to be held in Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, on January 14-16, 1994.

There is a dinner/dance on Friday evening. The festival includes Bands, Drums and Pipes, Singers, Dancing, Sheep Herding, Weaving, Historical Reenactment, Whiskey Tasting, Athletic Events, Kilted Mile, Children's Games and Kiddie Carnival. A Ceilidh begins after the Saturday events at 7:00 p.m. A Kirking of the Tartan is scheduled for Sunday.

Additional information may be obtained from the Sarasota Scottish Heritage Society, P.O. Box 14065, Sarasota, FL 34278. (Phone: (813) 953-6707.

An Annual Scottish Night in Boone, NC in December might be of interested to those of you living nearby: Contact Bob Brown (704) 963-7489 for information on future programs.

And, on April 15th-17th, 1994, the St. Andrews College Pipe Band calls the Clans to the Games. The Loch Norman Highland Games are held at the Davidson Homestead on the third full weekend in April, 15 miles north of Charlotte, North Carolina. Write to: Loch Norman Highland Games, P.O. Box 1009, Huntersville, NC 28078 or call: 1-800-822-2420 (The Celtic Trader).

Calendar of Events

Dec. 4: El Segundo, CA: St. Andrew Society of Southern California's Feast of St. Andrew Holiday Celebration. Dinner, entertainment and group singing. Contact: Allene Buchanan at (818) 243-0133.

Dec. 5-31: Phoenix, AZ: International Christmas XIII at Bank One Center, Indoor Concourse, 201 North Central Avenue. Free admission. Featuring 39 ethnically decorated Christmas trees, choral concerts, ethnic food and more. Contact: (602) 221-1005.

Dec. 27-30: North York, ON: Hogmanay Preparations at The Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Discover the traditions of Scottish New Year Celebrations. Contact: (416) 395-7432.

Dec. 31: North York, ON: Hogmanay at The Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Featuring songs and recitations, Hogmanay foods to taste and the First Footing Ceremony. Contact: (416) 395-7432.

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Jan. 14-16: Sarasota, FL: Sarasota SW Florida Scottish Highland Games and Heritage Festival at Twin Lakes Park. Contact: (813) 953-6707.

Jan. 21: Sun City, AZ: Robert Burns Night at The Lakes Club. Contact: The Sun Cities Scots, D. Thirey at (602) 584-0293.

Jan. 22: Long Beach, CA: St. Andrew Society of Southern California/United Scottish Society's Robbie Burns Dinner. Pipers, Scottish country dancing, singers, step dancers and dance music. Contact: Allene Buchanan at (818) 243-0133.

Jan. 22: Indialantic, FL: Scots-American Society of Brevard's Robert Burns banquet at the Melbourne Beach Hilton, 3003 N. Highway A1A. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact: President Richard Shader at (407) 254-9752 or write P.O. Box 1815, Melbourne, FL 32902-1815.

Jan. 22: Tempe, AZ: The Caledonian Society of Arizona's Robert Burns Birthday Celebration at Embassy Suites Hotel, 4400 S. Rural Road. Tickets are \$26 per person. Piping, highland dancing and more. Contact: (602) 431-0095.

Jan. 22: Louisville, KY: Scottish Society of Louisville Burns Night Dinner at the Seelbach Hotel. Contact: 6904 Chartwell Court, Louisville, KY 40241 or call (502) 327-8222.

Jan. 29: Greenville, SC: Annual Clan Cameron Burns Supper at the Embassy Suites Hotel Golf and Conference Center on Verdae Boulevard.

Jan. 29: Findlay, OH: Robert Burns Dinner at the IOOF Hall, Main Street. Tickets \$15.00 per person. Contact: Dan McDonald at (419) 423-8917 or Kevin McDonald at (419) 963-2941.

Jan. 29: Lake Havasu City, AZ: Lake Havasu City Scottish Society's Robert Burns Banquet. Featuring pipers, dancers, singers, poems, haggis and prizes. Contact: Ida Grossi at (602) 855-1775.

Jan. 29-30: Orlando, FL: Orlando Scottish Games at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

Feb. 2-3: Honolulu, HI: Hawaiian Scottish Festival & Games at Bishop Museum Great Lawn.

Feb. 5: Mission Valley, CA: The 17th Annual Robert Burns Supper and Festivities at the Town & Country Hotel and Convention Center. Featuring Alex Beaton. Tickets \$34 per person. Contact: Robert Millar at (619) 232-3404 or Robert Burns at (619) 223-0441.

Feb. 11-13: Toronto, ON: The British Show at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place. British consumer show, live entertainment, Coronation Street star, food and more. Contact: Banner Promotions at 1-800-729-8951.

Feb. 12-13: Long Beach, CA: Queen Mary Scottish Festival at Queen Mary Seaport.

Feb. 15: Qualicum Beach, BC: Tommy Scott in concert with his Pipes & Dixie Banjo Band featuring Bill Garden on the piano and accordionist Stuart Anderson. Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Tickets \$15.00. Contact: (604) 754-1513 or (604) 752-9722.

Feb. 17-18: Vancouver, BC: Tommy Scott in concert with his Pipes & Dixie Banjo Band featuring Bill Garden on the piano and accordionist Stuart Anderson. Scottish Cultural Centre. "Ceilidh" style evening with Pie & Peas included in price of ticket. Tickets \$18.00. Contact: (604) 263-9911, (604) 936-8548 or (604) 681-5442.

Feb. 19: Arlington, TX: Alex Beaton and the North Texas Highlanders Pipe Band at Arlington Community Center. Contact: (817) 654-2293.

Feb. 19: Indiana, PA: St. Andrew's Society of Indiana, Pennsylvania Annual Burns Supper: "Like a Red, Red Rose ... A Burns Supper Valentine" featuring Carl Peterson, at the Rustic Lodge, Route 286 West. Contact: Linda McPherson at (412) 463-3031.

Feb. 25: Mesa, AZ: Celtic Concert at Mesa Community College, Southern & Dobson Road. Featuring singers, dancers, pipers and bands. Admission \$4. Contact: (602) 431-0095.

Feb. 26: Mesa, AZ: Arizona Highland Games at Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Road. Featuring heavy athletics, piping competitions, highland dancing, and much more. Admission \$6. Contact: (602) 431-0095.

March 5: Key Biscayne, FL: Southeast Florida Scottish Festival & Games at Crandon Gardens.

March 6-7: Sonora, CA: Sonora Celtic Cultural Celebration at the Sonora Fairgrounds.

March 20: Sun City West, AZ: Kirkin' of the Tartans at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. Contact: Sun Cities Scots, D. Thirey at (602) 584-0293.

March 26: Salem, OR: Mid-Willamette Scottish Heritage Festival at Chemeketa Community College, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE. Contact: Melvin McKinnon at (503) 259-2160.

April 15-17: Charlotte, NC: Loch Norman Highland Games. Featuring: heavy athletics, piping, highland and country dancing, vendors, clans and more. Contact: Loch Norman Highland Games, 200 S. College St., Suite 2070, Charlotte, NC 28202 or (704) 756-7284.

April 16: Dunedin, FL: Dunedin Highland Games.

April 22-24: Vancouver, BC: The British Show at the Forum & Food Buildings at the Pacific National Exhibition. British consumer show, live entertainment, Coronation Street star, food and more. Contact: Banner Promotions at 1-800-729-8951.

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