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Scottish Tartans Authority being formed

A new organization, The Scottish Tartans Authority, was announced at a press conference at the Aviemore Highland Trade Show on October 23, 1995. Many dedicated to the tartan believe that in recent history the unique national heritage of Scottish tartans has neither enjoyed the best representation to the public, nor the celebration internationally, that it so richly deserves. As a result, a group of concerned and like minded scholars, researchers, and individuals active in the tartan weaving and distribution industry formed the new Scottish Tartans Authority to bring energy and vision to this important Scottish cultural opportunity.

Objects of the Scottish Tartans Authority (STA) include, "To study, record, stimulate research and educate the public about the origins, history and development of Scottish tartans" and "To develop and manage interpretive museums, exhibitions, libraries, lectures and to carry out research, to arrange and encourage publications, and to encourage a spirit of commitment in others toward these objects." Plans call for the building of an International Tartan Centre which will serve as both a visitor centre and as a focal point for tartan research and education. The STA will record and make available to the public tartan setts and historical information as well as assisting designers of new tartans and providing guidance on protection of new designs through copyright.

Begun with the assistance and support of the International Association of Tartan Studies/Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, the STA plans its first general meeting in Glasgow in January, 1996. The tartan recording and registration carried on by IATS/TECA over the past years will continue.

The STA is accepting new individual and corporate memberships and will automatically incorporate all of the members of the International Association of Tartan Studies with its tartan records, now the most complete in the world, and the Guild of Tartan Scholars. The Guild, with members nominated by other recognized scholars, includes top Scottish, Canadian, and American specialists in the history, design, dyeing, and weaving of tartan as well as experts on historic and modern Highland dress. Dedicated to the dissemination of accurate information on tartan, IATS/TECA-STA encourages new "tartan buffs" to join the group and provides training in dispensing tartan information through day-long seminars and suggested reading lists.

North Americans are encouraged to join IATS/TECA prior to the January, 1996 meeting in order to become Charter Members of the Scottish Tartans Authority.

Speaking for the new Scottish Tartans Authority, Alastair Buchan, managing director of Lochcarron Weavers, pointed out that the STA was intended to replace the Scottish Tartan Society, long in decline and deeply in debt. He stated that most major Scottish tartan manufacturers and scholars had abandoned the Tartans Society after attempts to reform that group were rebuffed and were starting afresh. Pointing out that tartan manufacturers were normally competitors, he stated, "We want to enhance the image of tartan. We are all competitors marketing tartan and working together -- that has to be a good thing."

Canadians and Americans interested in membership to support tartan studies, education, and research can contact the STA through Dr. Philip Smith, IATS Secretary, at 372 Churchtown Road, Narvon, PA 17555; FAX 717-768-3311 or e-mail at 71204.262@compuserve.com.

BY GEORGE !!!

George Grant, Convener

Stone Mountain Games were a great success. David and Jane Grant's arrangements were perfect.

Saturday night, David and son Patrick went to the opening game of the Baseball World Series in Atlanta. The following Saturday, they went to the sixth and last game. The tickets were secured by Patrick's mother, who stood in line all day. She told Patrick, "If you do everything I tell you for the rest of your life, you still won't pay me back." David and Jane were so worn out by the weekend, they flew to Maine for a week.

In 1977, John G. Grant, Los Angeles, and I founded the Clan Grant Society. January of 1978 found Lucille and I manning our first ever tent at the Orlando, FL Games. Elsie Grant French was our first member, and her sister Mary Grant Macdonald, the second. They both said I looked so lonely, they had to join to see if I could smile. In July of 1978, Lord and Lady Strathspey were the Honored Guests at Grandfather Mtn Games. We were off and running. At the conclusion of Lord Strathspey's opening remarks, he said, "It's Great to be a Grant!". The crowd cheered, and we adopted the phrase. From the beginning, it has been one highlight after another. In the March issue, I'll write an article, giving our perspective of Society history.

The Holiday Season is on us, thank goodness. Hope you all have a wonderful, Joyous, Family Celebration.

Lucille and I are very fortunate. All of our children, grandchildren, husbands and soon to be bride and her mother, will be with us. Lucille starts cooking next week. The freezer will be full, she'll be exhausted but happy.

We are planning to be at Sarasota Games Saturday Jan. 27, 1996 with Ed & Elaine Grant. Come see us.

Please contact Ron Grant about operating a Clan tent at Games in your area. He'll make things easy for you. Send him the games application forms filled out to reflect your name and address as the responsible person. He'll send the check and games kit. You will need to provide flag poles for the tent. Go to a lumber yard and buy 2/1" round dowels, or 1" X 1" boards.

Until next time, All our Love.

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Grant Tartan at a Bargain

All of the Muted Grant Tartan is sold. It disappeared faster than a sinner at a Revival Meeting. We do have Ancient Grant Tartan.

1 piece 4 yds 13" and 1 piece 29 yds 33"

Price is still \$40.00 per yard. When this is gone, we do not plan to reorder, unless the Board decides differently. Take advantage of this money saver. We can put you in touch with a kilt maker in the US, the same one who made George Grant's kilt.

Look for the Grant items we offer. Give a shirt - glasses - book to a family member for Christmas or Birthday.

One day soon, Lord Strathspey's book will be out of print from the publisher. The last 10 copies we have come from Lady Strathspey.

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NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

FLOWERS-OF-THE-FOREST: It is with deep regret that Mr. Frederick Dent Sharp, III writes that his wife, Eugenia Callander Sharp died on August 3, 1995. Born in Newburgh, New York, she received her Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked in the field of communication, having her own show on WCSH-TV ("Down East with Genie Van"); and working for NBC in charge of network promotion. Holding a Scottish Country Dancing Teaching Certificate, she and her husband founded a branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in northern Virginia. They lived in Brazil for awhile and traveled to Scotland numerous times for nearly 20 years, retiring in 1985. Eugenia then spent her time writing on Scottish culture and history and gourmet cooking! She leaves a stepson, Alexander, and a step-daughter, Beverly Borger and seven step-grandchildren. We express our condolences to the family.

Our long-time correspondent, Tony Grant (OK), informs us that he lost his oldest daughter last October. Joyce had been terminally ill with cancer and diabetes for nearly a year. She married Harold Heideman in 1974 and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse in both a nursing home and a hospital. They had two sons, Terry and Tony Durham. Other survivors include four brothers: Larry, Michael, Kenneth, and Jerry; and three sisters, Anita Smith, Karol Allen and Cheryl Coyle. A sister, Christina preceded her in death. Our deepest sympathy, Tony, to you and yours.

Mr. James Patrick "Pat" Grant, age 88, died August 7, 1995. He resided in Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square the past few years. He was the widower of Hazel King Grant. James served on a number of newspaper publishing organizations as well as working on both the New York Times and the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Color reproduction, paper testing and newsprint technology became his Specialities while serving as production manager. Although born in Montreal, Quebec, he was raised in Toronto. His father was the late James Alexander and his mother, Isabella Black Grant. James Stuart Grant, a son, and Ann Patricia Grant, a daughter, survive him.

AND-THE-GETTING-BETTER-NEWS : Some Commissioners go to any length to get out of manning a Clan tent! Just ask our New York Deputy Commissioner, Jim Grant! He broke his ankle! Just kidding—we hope it's mended by the time you read this! Henry and Mary Grant in Manhasset, NY helped him out at the Altamont Games. (That New York bunch have had a lot of bad luck this year—read on!).

Our genealogist, Beryl Grant, underwent a second operation in November, having had a very serious bout with pancreatitis. Hal reports that she is recovering "as expected" at the time this is written. After a stay in the hospital of several weeks she should be home to complete her recovery. We look forward to the time when she is back in good health! (And we might add, after the first operation, she sounded great!). She thanks us for the get-well card that we sent from the Stone Mountain Games!

Betty and Charles MacDonald send their thanks to all who signed their "Missing You" card, also at the games. They are sorry they didn't have the "courage to manage the trip this year—maybe things will improve enough to tackle it next year!" We hope so, too! Charlie has to stay pretty close to his oxygen supply right now.

Probably Allan Grant is back on his feet again! He underwent back surgery and has been home under Eko's care for a period of time. (You know he's sick when he is off of the word processor!). Allan is our Commissioner for the state of Maryland and surrounding areas.

We should have mentioned Wallace Gage, also quite ill for some time, way up in Maine. He helps Cullum Grant with the games both in Maine and in Vermont. Sorry to hear this—may your health greatly improve in the days to come!

John Kean Smillie and wife, Dorothea are counted among our newest members! John is homebound with arthritis and looks forward to anything Scottish! We understand that he has a harbor master relative at the port of Glasgow in his background! Sorry to hear about the arthritis—but we look forward to hearing from you!

AND-NOW-THE-GOOD-NEWS-DEPT:

Welcome to our new Life Member, Mr. A. T. Grant in Tucson, Arizona! He is 91 this January (1996). Born in Scotland, he is a proficient piper, and father of our Herbert Grant up in Massachusetts!

And speaking of Herb—our lost Highland Cattle Raiser is found! We learned he was moving to Warren and then total silence! On one of my brighter inspirations, I called "operator" and sure enough, the recording gave out the new phone number! So after two years, we made contact again! When he moved, he sold all of his cattle except Ossian and Fingal, who are 9 1/2 years old now! Thought you'd like to see these beautiful animals once again—so see their pictures elsewhere in the newsletter!

Nancy P. Brown, one of our earliest member (1979), dropped us a line to say that she wants to rejoin! Both her mother and her father's mothers were Grants! Her father's Great-Grandmother was Hannah Maria Grant. Nancy and her husband just returned from Grantown-on-Spey where they stayed with an acquaintance whose late husband's mother was a Grant! Nancy reports that they had a lovely visit with her. Welcome back, Nancy!

Dr. and Mrs. James Parke (NC) celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary last August. (These days, that's a very long time!). Congratulations to both of you!

Dr. Parke is tutoring a Literacy student for his SAT's in order to enter Greenville Tech in South Carolina. The student could not read or write past the fourth grade level when the good Dr. began helping him.

Because of this project, he and his wife were unable to attend the games this year but they expect to be back next summer! They did visit family in New York and enjoyed the Fall colors at their peak! (He mentions "no colors in PA!" Sorry about the poor display—our drought hurt us this year! The leaves began falling in August!)

R. Steve Grant, II, writes words of praise for the newsletter that Howard Parsons puts out for the Atlantic area! (We'll add our two cents worth—keep up the good work, Howard!)

A call from Jean Grant Wilson, who is working frantically on the games for the Jacksonville area! Would anyone know where she could get a nutcracker dressed in Scottish dress? She saw one long ago but has been unable to locate one. Give her a call at (904) 268-9049 if you can help her out.

Ted and Myrl Thoren attended their grandson's wedding last July in Oregon and while there the family planned a trip to Scotland next summer. With several golfers in the group, they plan to "hit a few of the courses!" Ireland and England are also on their itinerary.

James and Lisa Grant in West Peoria, IL are excited about expecting their first child! James thinks maybe the Grants can catch up with the Campbells (in numbers!) (At least he's not trying to catch up with the MacDonalds!)

He also asks about the difference between the Grant double-sett and the ancient Grant, Loch Carron Strome samples that he received. For everyone's benefit, they are the same tartan. Each weaver may do it differently—the colors, the size of the weave, etc. may all vary. It is the thread count that is important! An expert can take a black and white photograph and tell what tartan it is in most cases!

William Phillips in Boulder City, Nevada, states that his Grandfather, William McCoy Grant was born in Jeddore-Oyster Ponds in Nova Scotia. His father's prrogenitor was James Filp, a Pict from Elgin, Scotland. We have asked him to send his genealogy to Beryl, of course!

He also sent an article along concerning two hikers who followed the old California trail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sutter's Fort in Sacramento. They began the trip in May, 1991, and planned to take about 3 months for the journey with their pack mules. But the weather played havoc with their plans and they had trouble tracing the old trail so only got to Wyoming's South Pass. In 1994, the duo got to City of Rocks in Idaho! This year they planned to finish the final 685 miles, beginning at the meadow where the Donner party began following Hastings Cutoff. (William will have to let us know if the end of this story is successful!). If any of you adventurers are contemplating a similar trip, it ain't as easy as it seems, even today!



The house at White Haven plantation was the childhood home of Julia Dent and it was here that Ulysses S. Grant proposed to his future wife. They were married in 1848. Grant lived at White Haven for a time and later bought the St. Louis County property during his presidency hoping to retire there. That never happened.

The Missouri estate of U.S. Grant

by Jeff Joiner

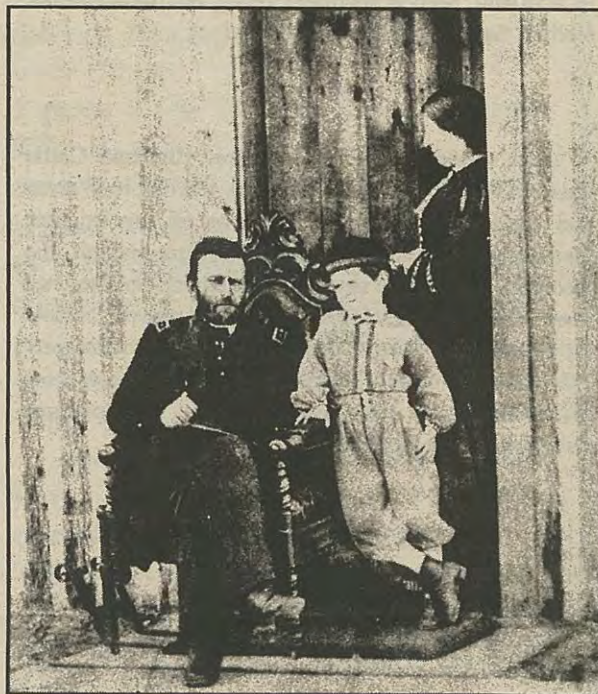
In the midst of south St. Louis County there is a quiet oasis of huge shade trees, shrubbery and flowers. Sitting on a rise in the midst of this 9-acre oasis is a farmhouse which has commanded a view of the property since 1818. This chunk of greenery is all that is left of the 1,000-acre White Haven plantation, owned for a time by a president of the United States.

In 1844 a man on horseback rode up to the two-story farmhouse owned by Frederick Dent. The young Army lieutenant, Ulysses S. Grant, was there to propose to Dent's daughter, Julia. The two were married four years later and for the rest of his life the plantation at White Haven would remain an integral part of Grant's life.

Today, White Haven is surrounded by suburbia near Gravois Road not far from Jefferson Barracks where Grant was stationed for a time before the Civil War. In 1990 the land and several historic buildings were acquired by the National Park Service which is restoring the plantation house and out-buildings back to the period of the 1870s during Grant's presidency. The Park Service owns only one other historic site dedicated to the country's 18th president, Grant's Tomb in New York City.

"That tells about Grant's death. This place tells about his life," says Alan O'Bright, the Park Service historical architect in charge of restoring the 170-year-old house and other buildings at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site.

The restoration of the wood frame farmhouse is revealing a wealth of information about White Haven and the lives of the people who lived there.



State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia

General Ulysses S. Grant sits with one of his sons and his wife, Julia Dent Grant, sometime during the Civil War.

In preparation for the restoration work, the Park Service brought in University of Missouri archaeologist Jim Price to search for artifacts in and around the house which might be destroyed by the project. The thousands of items Price and his staff unearthed have been astounding.

"When Jim Price began putting in test pits he found artifacts galore and some architectural features that just blew us away," says O'Bright. "His work defined what was going on there prior to the

Civil War. It's been pretty exciting."

Much of Price's work is concentrated in the basement of a wing attached to the house. The room was used as a kitchen by slaves owned by the Dents from about 1838 until they were freed at the end of the Civil War in 1865. The thousands of items found there include household utensils, buttons, children's toys, and animal bones. Price believes a slave family probably lived in the kitchen and lost many of these objects in the spaces in a board floor.

"The artifacts reflect domestic household activities. These things give us a glimpse at daily life in the most intimate details," says Price.

Objects found include brass and iron spoons, bone handled forks, broken pieces of fine European porcelain plates and bowls, glass bottles, the stem from a tobacco pipe and animal bones which tell much about the family's diet.

Price was particularly fascinated by what he believes was a stash of playthings. He found pieces of slate used by children to write on and marbles. He also found glass knobs from a dresser and even a prehistoric scraper and spear points.

"These are children's playthings. They probably hid them under the wooden floor and forgot them."

Finding these artifacts is a tedious task. Excavated dirt is sifted through fine wire screens, hopefully leaving behind historic objects. But not everything is caught in the screens. After a pile of sifted dirt from the kitchen sat outside for several weeks, the staff noticed a plant growing from it. The plant turned out to be tobacco which was grown on the plantation in the mid-1800s. It's possible the seed lay dormant for more than a century and then sprouted, says Price.

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"I believe it's a living thing from the 1800s."

Park Service staff are now growing the plant indoors and hope to identify its variety and prove if it's indeed a plant from the past.

Perhaps the most interesting object found was a uniform button from the United States Military Academy at West Point. The brass button is stamped, "Cadet U.S.M.A." Price believes the button most likely came from the uniform of either Grant or his West Point roommate Fred Dent, the son of White Haven owner Frederick Dent. The mystery is why it was in the slave kitchen. It was common for families to hand down old clothing to their slaves and that either Dent or Grant did just that with their West Point uniform, Price says.

Both Dent and Grant graduated from West Point in 1843. Grant was stationed at Jefferson Barracks and frequently visited White Haven, only five miles away. At first he came to visit his old roommate, but Grant spent more and more time with Dent's sister, Julia. They were married in St. Louis in 1848.

Julia remained at White Haven when her husband was transferred to the West Coast in 1852. It was while serving in California that the rumors of Grant's excessive drinking began to surface. Lonely and missing his family, Grant resigned from the Army in 1854 and rejoined Julia in Missouri.

Grant then tried his hand at farming. He worked a portion of the plantation and built a log cabin known as Hardscrabble. But before long he and Julia had moved back into the main house. There they remained until 1858 when Ulysses abandoned farming. By 1861 and the outbreak of the Civil War the Grants were living in Galena, Ill. There Ulysses rejoined the Army while Julia returned to White Haven where she spent most of the war years.

Thought to be the savior of the Union following the war, Grant was elected president in 1868. He and Julia made occasional trips to White Haven and in the 1870s he began to buy the plantation from his father-in-law. Grant hoped to retire there after his second term as president. But retirement at White Haven never happened. Grant lost the estate in a failed business venture in 1885, just a few months before his death from throat cancer.

Over time the plantation was divided and much of it developed into residential neighborhoods. Some 200 acres of the original plantation were purchased by the Busch family who built a farm to raise their Clydesdale draft horses, calling it Grant's Farm.

In the 1980s a developer attempted to buy the last remaining piece of White Haven to build condominiums. Plans called for converting the historic home into a club house. A group calling itself Save Grant's White Haven was organized to stop the development. The group succeeded and continued to work to preserve White Haven and saw it become a national historic site.

Park Service architect Alan O'Bright says if funding is available the restoration project will be completed in two to three years.

For now the archaeological dig at White Haven is nearly finished. Standing in the excavated slave kitchen, Price holds a tiny piece of what looks like pencil lead. He identifies it as a slate pencil children used to scratch lessons on slate boards.

"That's the kind of things that make this so fascinating," Price says of his find. "We're able to reconstruct a lot of the activity that took place here. One man's trash from the past is a treasure for us today."



Top: University of Missouri archaeologist Jim Price and a member of his staff, Renata Coleman, carefully excavate and examine an area of the winter kitchen in the basement of the house at White Haven, located in south St. Louis County. Price was brought in by the National Park Service to search for artifacts which might be lost or destroyed during the restoration of the house. The excavation revealed a wealth of information about the slaves who lived in the kitchen in the mid-1800s. **Left:** Price maps out the floor of the kitchen and marks where artifacts are found. **Above:** One of the nearly 200 buttons found in the kitchen is a brass button with inlaid pieces of glass. Price also found a button from the West Point military academy that he believes may have belonged to Ulysses S. Grant. The Park Service acquired White Haven in 1990, naming it the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic site.

White Haven's mysterious missing French log house

Those familiar with the farmhouse at White Haven, which was built in 1818, often tell the story of the much older west wing of the house. That portion of the house was added on sometime in the early 1830s. The interesting thing about the wing is it is actually a vertical log structure built in the French colonial style common in Ste. Genevieve in the 1700s.

"This portion (the vertical log structure) of the house was literally sawed off another building and brought to this site and joined to the two-story section of the house," says Park Service historical architect Alan O'Bright.

The mystery is how old the log structure is and where did it come from? Because the log structure was thought to be from the French colonial period, it was believed to predate the 1818 construction date of the original house. But a tree-ring study of the logs determined they were actually cut down around 1833 while a newspaper clipping found in the original plaster walls of the log portion was dated

1838. It appears the vertical log structure came from a two-room cabin somewhere on the plantation, O'Bright says, but no one knows where or what happened to the rest of it. But it is known that the log portion is not nearly as old as originally thought.

"It's a very interesting house architecturally because it had so many different types of construction technologies," says O'Bright. "There's practically the whole history of wood technology in one building."

The Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site is located in south St. Louis County on Grant Road near the intersection of Grant and Gravois roads. While restoration work continues on the house, the site, and a visitor's center, is open to the public. For information call (314) 842-1867.

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FAIRHILL HIGHLAND GAMES

Allan F. Grant

On May 21, we represented Clan Grant Society at the Fairhill Games at Fairhill, MD. From these games comes good news and bad news. The good news first.

It was a beautiful day and we were set up early, ready to greet one and all who should come by our tent. We had lots of visitors and signed up three new members. A couple more are expected to sign up, just couldn't get it done that day. Betsy Riggs, one of our clan officers, and her daughter, Suzie, both frequent attendees at the games showed up and kept us company for a good part of the day. It was a thoroughly pleasant day right up to the end.

Now the bad news. As we were folding our tent and putting away our equipment, we were handed a couple of letters which indicated the people in charge were not happy with the clans and their use of tartans in their flags and banners. These letters were not directed to us, but the implication was clear. A letter has been sent to the people in charge asking direct questions and looking for direct answers. We made it clear that their answers would determine if we would continue to participate in these games. We the clans have had problems with these people before and clan attendance has steadily declined. It's a shame because they are good games overall. Hopefully we can iron out the differences and continue to have Clan Grant Society represented at Fairhill.

KANSAS CITY SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

John Grant, Commissioner

Clan Grant attended the 18th annual Kansas City Scottish Highland Games in Kansas City, MO. Although we had several previous days of continuous downpours, the fields had drained enough as not to dampen the spirits of the patrons as well as the visitors. The games were held at Barstow School grounds on Saturday, June 10. Although a one day affair, it was a larger gathering of the clans than any previous year. Could it be that we are "catching on" in the Midwest? I hope so. There were a variety of Celtic entertainment and Scottish foods available. All athletic events began promptly at 9 am. Thank goodness for "Tartan For Me" reference. There were many inquires about family names and if they were of Scottish origin. Visitors abound with amazement and appreciation of this valued

Great Grants

MCHENRY HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Allan F. Grant

As usual, on the first Saturday in June, we were off to the McHenry Highland Festival held in the mountains of western Maryland. It started out as a beautiful day although an early one. To be there on time we had to leave at 4:30 am. Anyway, we made it and got all set up by the time games officially opened. I was accompanied by my wife Eiko and my sister from Toronto, Canada, Vivian Ross. Henry and Ann Dagenais and Henry's brother Lester and wife Judy joined us early in the day, so had lots of company. Later, Bill Grant, who originally comes from

the area, and his wife Florence showed up and we had a very enjoyable time until the clan march. Just as we got on the field and lined up a big thunderstorm came through, so we ran to the tent and grabbed our display items and threw them into the van. 30 minutes later the sun came out and we had to set up all over again. Clan Grant down well at these games. Bill Grant, former pilot, former lawyer and currently scholar now living in Edinburgh, Scotland won the bonnie knee contest. Florence, his wife, took first place in her category in the kilted mile race. So the Grants were standing out.

Unfortunately, as they were announcing the winner of the bonnie knee contest another thunderstorm rolled through. Since it was getting towards the end of the day we went ahead and packed up, called the games a success and prepared for the evenings entertainment at the Ceilidh. The same group showed up and we had a good evening. All in all it was a good day all around. These games, in the mountain setting, with the wild weather really remind one of the highlands. Come join us next year. The games are small but have their own charm.



Dr. Phil Smith and wife Shirley at Stone Mountain Games.

source of Scottish family names. Their second request is "What does my tartan look like?" Our tartan source is somewhat lacking in quantity at this time but we are working on upgrading its contents for next year. We are happy to report that there were a few new Grants, descendants of, or Seats of the Clan that attended this year's event. We were elated to pass on our Clan heritage and information about how to become a member of our society. At high noon, the welcoming ceremonies and introduction of special guests and dignitaries began. Clan Grant was well represented in the Clan Parade as the Kansas City Saint Andrews Pipes and Drums led the participating bands in the opening ceremony. We had a great time in Kansas City. Helen, the better half, has made a remarkable recovery for the first hip joint replacement and was able to support us at the festivities. After September's operation, she claims she will be bionic and able to out run me! HA! That will be the day. The gathering closed successfully with the evening "Ceilidh" in the Barstow School Gymnasium. We wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for their continued support.



George Grant and wife Lucille at Stone Mountain Games.

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At Games

TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

John Grant, Commissioner

The 9th Annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held on June 2 - 3 at Maverick Stadium in Arlington, Texas. We, as always, enjoyed our representation of the Clan Grant Society. It was a great festival. We renewed old acquaintances and made a few new ones. It was a large gathering of the Clans at the 1995 games. Clan Burneth, The House of Burneth, was the honored Clan this year with their current Laird, James C. A. Burneth of Leys attending. The festival opened with the Ceilidh Club reception at the Host Hotel on Friday the 1st. On Saturday the ceremonies opened with the Hamilton Pipes and Drums, Highland Dancing, Dog Racing, Sheep Dog demonstrations. At mid-day, we participated in the spectacular Parade of Clans with all the banners, piping and drumming. Throughout the festival were the many Scottish athletic events. Again this year we refrained from participating in the athletic events. As expected for this time of year, it was as the usual hot and humid Texas afternoon. However, it did not seem to affect the crowd or festivities. Many new local Grants and Seats of the Clan came by to learn more about the Clans origin or their association with it. Our added display of Siol Alpin attracted the interest of many visitors who were descendants or seats of the noted Clans and familiar with their history. I found one visitor interesting as they pointed out to their companion that we Grants were a Sept of Clan MacGregor. Hmmmm, I did not know that. I guess we must see the movie "Rob Roy" and clear this up. HA! Again this year the 93rd Sutherland Living History Highland Regiment, also known as "The Thin Red Line", re-enacted for the crowd, a soldier's daily activities and military duties. The festival closed on July 3rd with the conclusion of the Scottish Dancing, athletic and piping competition. We wish to again thank the Clan Grant Society for their sponsorship and the materials for the Clan Grant tent.



OKLAHOMA SCOTTISH GAMES AND GATHERING

John Grant, Commissioner

The 1995 Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering was held in Tulsa, OK on September 16th at Chandler Park, the new location. It was a rather wet and balmy day as the remnants of hurricane Ismael swept through eastern Oklahoma. And there we were, in the highlands of Tulsa. As one patron put it "It is very much like Inverrary (Scotland) this time of year". Ideal weather for a Highland Gathering.

The festivities began on Friday the 15th at the Tulsa Marriott, the official "host hotel" for the Highland Games. The Host Band, 402 (City of Winnipeg) Squad, R.C.A.F., started off the evening events with the "Beat Retreat Ceremony" followed by the Patrons Reception at the Hotel. Saturday officially opened the Clan festival. Athletic competition began promptly at 9 am with the Stone Put followed by the Sheaf Toss, Hammer Toss and the celebrated Caber Toss. At noon the opening ceremonies began with the introduction of special guests and dignitaries. Clan Grant was well represented in the Clan Parade of 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 day's events. The massed bands led the parade which included the 402 Squadron Pipes and Drums, the Red Lyon Pipe Band, the Ozark Highlanders Pipe Band, Houston Highlanders Pipe Band, the Wichita Kansas Midian Pipes and Drum and the City of McPherson Pipe Band.

A border collie demonstration throughout the day was certainly a crowd pleaser. During each session, all attention was on the parade field as the senior herder demonstrated his ability with sheep, duck and even a rabbit. Occasionally an understudy would be allowed to complete and display the inherent qualities in herding the larger sheep which they did very well.

Clan Grant had many visitors interested in Scottish history and their relationship to Clan Grant or other Scottish families.

The closing ceremonies ended the day in Tulsa. The evening ended with the Host Band and "The McIlroy's" performing at the Ceilidh.

McPHERSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

John Grant, Commissioner

The second annual McPherson Scottish Festival was held Sept. 23 - 24 at Lakeside Park, in McPherson, KS. What began as a cool, muggy morning ended with a lovely Kansas fall afternoon.

Promptly at 10 am began the athletic events that continued throughout the afternoon. There was also continuous musical performances with Alex Beaton, the internationally known Scottish folk singer, as the featured entertainer. Other performers included the Mac Hi-Steppers, Midian Shrine Pipes and Drums, Swedish Folk dancers, Laughing Matters, guitarist Bret Boyer and Scots-Irish folk musician Allen MacFarlane.

At 12 noon, the City of McPherson Pipe Band led the parade of Tartans around the square. It was a grand parade with over 20 clans in attendance. As always it was a colorful affair with flags, pennants, and the various Clan family colors basking in the midday sunlight. It was a time to renew old friendships and discover new ones.

We enjoyed our time in McPherson, assisting visitors of Scottish origins in discovering their heritage and heightening their Scottish awareness. We left the festival, as we always do, hoping that we have left some small memory with the younger visitors that they might appreciate and expand their knowledge of their own cultural heritage.

We wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for its assistance in attending and representing such a Great Clan.

Special note:

We wish to extend a personal thanks to **Mr. Warren Andrews of Clan Douglas (also a Clan Grant member)** for his willingness to pass out Clan Grant literature at the first annual Scottish Festival in Vail, Colorado, 1995. Our travel has been limited this year with Helens restrictions. Hopefully next year will be a better one.

As I write (September 25), my spouse is preparing for her second trip to the osteopathic Clinic here in Wichita, Kansas. Her first total hip joint replacement has been a 100% success. After tomorrow the doctor has promised her that both legs will be the same length and the pain will be gone. Thank Goodness for modern medicine.

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OBERLIN, OHIO GAMES

Shirley Smith

Five guests visited the Grant tent in Oberlin, Ohio: Chris Moore, Elizabeth Grant Spedeker, Diana Combs, William L. Grant and Andrew and Sue Grant. Catherine and Clinton Grant, a brother and sister team "manned" the tent at these games.

DELCO GAMES

Shirley Smith

Shirley missed Alan and Eiko's yearly stint to help out at the Delco games this year--but she managed to do her duties without getting sick or having her calendar too full! Even husband, Phil, worked at the Tartan information tent without mishap!

The Delco Games events started at noon instead of the usual morning time. A "Tattoo" type of program began in the cooler evening hours! Most of the clan tents came down at 5 p.m. but the clans enjoyed setting up their tents in the morning without having to rush around! (And the days' ticket admission covered the evening events!)

Those stopping by the Grant tent to chat included Bill and Catherine McCall; Chris Pratt, Bob Grant, Donald Grant, Bonie McLean, Phoebe Pennypacker, Jim and Helen Matthews, Dale, Corri, Grant, Katelyn and Kevin Garrison, Michael, Charles and Samantha Palin, David Waldman and James Davies. We missed the Potters, Kinkas and Mary Donohue, our "faithful" attendees!

OLD WESTBURY GARDENS, LONG ISLAND GAMES

By Henry L. Grant

August 26th, Scottish games at Old Westbury Gardens, Long Island, New York, produced the largest attendance ever at the Clan Grant tent manned by Henry and Mary Grant of Manhasset, NY. Among the many visitors were the Cairns/Irvine families, Henry Allison Grant family, Richard Sayler (member) of Smithtown with daughter Heather, Teresa Grant Tartaglia and sister Wendy Grant Humphries, Josh Grant Marks, a Korean adoptee, Mairi Grant Young of Grantown-on-Spey, now of Long Island and

ALTAMONT, NY GAMES

By Henry L. Grant

On Friday, September 1, 1995, Henry and Mary Grant attended a general meeting of the Clans at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall in Altamont, NY. This meeting was very ably organized by Harold Grant, NY State Clan Grant Commissioner, who had set up dinner and entertainment arrangements for about 120 people, most of whom he knew and greeted personally.

We had a great AAT (Attitude Adjustment Time) followed by what is probably the most authentic address to the Haggis, delivered with great good burr by the robust and picturesque Ron Stewart who is a legend in his own time. After we sampled the Haggis, a delicious roast beef meal was served most graciously by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

One of the officers of the Games reported that the attendance of 52 clans, 40 pipe bands, over 30 professional athletes and a great number of entertainers and vendors led to the expectation that this year's attendance would set a number of records.

The next day, at the Altamont Fair Grounds, about 12 miles west of Albany, we were efficiently guided to an insider parking arrangement for participants. There we discovered a large number of campers and tents, pipers practicing, and a huge column of smoke from BBQ pits where chickens were being roasted en masse. Thank goodness the weather was partially cloudy, in the 70s with a cool breeze for this vigorous event. In the distance we could see hang gliders looking like large hawks over the Altamont.

The Clan Grant tent was shared with the Clan Societies tent where we were kept very busy for the better part of Saturday

the Smillie family of Glasgow, now also of Long Island.

We had a lot of questions about things Scottish--name/clan relationships, tartans, towns--and referred many to our neighbors Clan Buchanan and Clan MacLeod who were better organized with tartan books, clan indexes, maps and back issues of several Scottish periodicals. We took pointers from them and will be better able to cope next time.

Dave Cairns played his pipes with the Gordon Highlanders while his son Scott, a Ph.D. candidate at the London School of Economics, helped his sister Jane and her husband Herbie Irvine sell unique Scottish imports and their T-shirt printing of the Robert de Bruce seal at their vendor tent.

answering questions like "How do I know I'm Scottish?" or "What qualifications do you need to join a Scottish Society?" or "Where is High Bagley?" Many of the visitors to Clan Grant said they had family history to share and we tried to interest them in finding a forum in our quarterly publication "Craigellachie".

At noon, the clans and bands started forming for a grand review. The line of Clans stretched out of sight around the fairgrounds with much shuffling to get in alphabetical order. I was honored to carry the flag for Clan Grant and Harold Grant acted as MC for the review. His daughter Cathy and her daughter Jessie, accompanied by George and Maureen Grant of Poughkeepsie, filled out the Grant troop.

Later in the afternoon, George acted as judge for the best Clan tent. I think Cameron won because it had high educational value, but I thought we should have gotten a prize because we rendered public service to a huge number of visitors, many whom may become members of our Clan society. Finally we said our goodbyes and took off with the sunset, remembering the most impressive gathering of Scots we have ever seen!

LEGONIER GAMES

By: Henry L. Grant

A brief, heavy rain shower started our September morning off in a dismaying way--but those who stayed enjoyed the rest of a lovely day! Clinton and Catherine Grant, from Akron, Ohio, once again set up the tent and kept things going throughout the day.

Clinton had his picture taken often--as he was dressed in buckskin from head to toe, and carrying his Kentucky rifle. It did attract visitors!

Members returning this year included Cecily and Robert Carmichael, Vince and Phyllis O'Hare and son, Patrick; Laird T. Grant and Alexander Laird Grant, Phil and Shirley Smith (who mostly stayed with the Tartan Information tent handing out clan information--the people were lined up 3 and 4 deep!).

Those signing in as new contacts included: Thomas Bailey, Mary Hileman, Christina Maley, Sharon Pratt, Larry & Barbara Nelson, Andria Trenk, Ron and Mary Zourawski, Richard Knight, John and Jan Peoples, Tim Thompson, Kathleen Grant and Sally Grant Pietrandkey.

The O'Hares and Robert Knight get the honors for coming the longest distances! They traveled from New York and Idaho, respectively!

Shirley from page 3

Tony Grant (OK) is excited about his book, "Reach Out to the World for the Bible Quiz Book" being published soon--and a record firm in Nashville, Tennessee is publishing his songs on Hawaiian tapes and records. His book contains 855 questions and answers arranged in 57 sections. There is also a three-page summary of the books of the Bible and 75 old time gospel hymns included. A second book furnishes the answers. It is geared to all ages except the very young!

Tony also sent a newspaper article concerning the restoration of the Custom House in Cairo, Illinois. General Grant's desk is there, along with a restored federal courtroom on the third floor. During the renovation the door to the safe in the Custom's House was uncovered -- and is now reconstructed!

Finally, Tony captured a black diamond rattle snake this summer. It was 5'9" long and weighed 8 lbs.! This "small" creature had 16 rattlers and one button! "And," he adds, "It is dangerous to walk most anywhere this year here in Oklahoma!"

MOVEES: A beautifully handwritten letter from Hugh and Emma Jean Dunn informs us that after living in Belle Vernon (PA) ever since they were married 54 years ago, they have decided to move closer to their two daughters and four grand-daughters! Hugh was born in the town 77 years ago and his wife, nearby. He says, "It's rough to get old but it's better than the alternative!" (We agree!)

Our roving student, Trevor Grant, in New York has "roved" again! (No wonder we don't see him at the games--he's too busy moving!) His sister thinks he needs a pager so the family can have a dependable phone number to call!

Henry Grant, and his wife, Mary, our good representatives in the Long Island, NY area, are moving to central New Jersey and should be well settled in by now. We will miss his ready help at the Westbury Games but expect we'll find some games in New Jersey! (Good help is hard to find--so if all else fails, welcome to the Delco games in PA!)

Shiela Ruth has moved from Glen Burnie, MD to Severn, MD.; and the Robert L. Grants made the leap from Tennessee to Massachusetts. Thanks for letting us know!

Just in from Stone Mountain: Bob and Cyndi Grant are no longer in Tennessee but in Cape Cod! Guess they moved over a year ago! They have been receiving their newsletter so guess "yours truly" is the only one who didn't know!

No! Hal and Beryl Grant have not moved after all of these years! But they do have a new address! They are required to use their 9-1-1 number so--please make a note of it and address your inquiries and genealogical information to: 1063 Leesome Lane, Altamont, NY 12009! Thanks!

Be sure and send your address changes to me (Shirley) as I print out the mailing labels and send them to our editor, Helen. Keeps things current easier!

Robert and Caroly Grant have relocated their Law offices in Indianapolis according to an announcement we received. We wish them well in their new site!

THE-SADDEST-NEWS-WE'VE-HAD-FOR-AWHILE: Doris Folejewsky, her two daughters and son-in-law attended the Loon Mountain games--and failed to find the Grant tent! She mentioned she saw one lady in a Grant scarf taking pictures of the musicians! (The Grants were there! The tent was either the first one or the last one depending on which direction you were traveling! We preferred thinking we were numero uno!) Glad you plan to return next year--we'll be looking for you!

AND-THANKS-GO-TO: Alison Grant (NY) for telling her daughter, Israel A. DeBeaupres about Clan Grant! Welcome her out there in California! Santa Clara is her abode.

Jeanette Allen Jaeger sent some postage stamps and Myrl Thoren sent a \$3.00 donation for stamps--and we appreciate it! Others have sent stamps in the past and this is always welcomed!

Brief hellos from Irving B. Grant, a new member in DeBary, FL and James and Kathy Francis, long-time members in Toledo, OH.

One of our new members, Mairi Young, still has a home in Grantown-on-Spey and she goes back for a month's vacation each year! Her husband, Christopher owns an injection molding plant on Long Island. They have three children.

MORE GENEALOGY:

A long note from Doris Folejewski, our recent "Great Grant," expressed her surprise at being selected for this as her daughters, Suzanne and Pam, had not told her about it! She has done other things that we failed to mention: such as her church work in which she's served in various offices--and she still sews once a week with the missionary group!

She has also been working on her genealogy. Her Great-Great-Great Grand- father was Major Moore who served in the Continental Army! His son, Andrew Moore, came to Binghamton from CT in 1800. Her Great-Grandfather studied to be a doctor but found he didn't like surgery so became a teacher and start Sabbath Schools!

On the Grant side of the family, Doris has a book entitled, "Grants and Their Relatives," given to her aunt by the author, a Judge John P. Grant of Stamford, New York. Names listed in the family bible includes Barbara Cummings and James Grant, supposedly her mother's Grandparents. However, James Grant's will in 1820 lists names that Doris recognizes as her family names rather than Lonera and John. Can some of our readers help her untangle this puzzle?

Frederick Dent Sharp, III, gives us a peek at his genealogy. He is a Great-Grandnephew of General Grant! The General's father-in-law is Col. Frederick Dent of Whitehaven (now owned by the Busch family of Budweiser fame). Grant's brother-in-law, also a Frederick Dent, was his roommate and classmate (1843) at West Point. Grant married Julia Dent; Alexander Sharp married Ellen Weenshall Dent. The first-born of both sisters were named for father and brother: F. D. Grant and F. D. Sharp (who was Frederick's Grandfather!)

And last, but not least, Everett Grant sent us what he has on his family, the Stiles and the Grants. His Great-Great-Grandfather, Charles A. Grant begins the chart; and Martin Nelson Grant, his Great-Grandfather married Sarah Searl in 1860; then Frank Lesford Grant (his Grandfather) had Earl Lincoln Grant, Everett's father, born in 1894. His father married Nellie Farrell in 1929. This has been sent on to Beryl to enter in the computer for our records! Thanks, Everett! (You thought you wouldn't make this issue, right? I saved it from your last letter!)

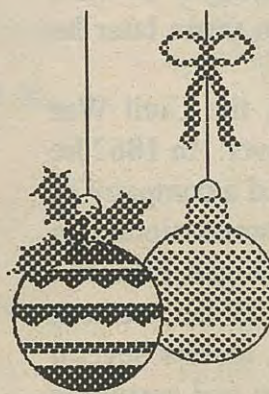
DIDJA-KNOW-DEPT.?: That we have 70 members in California, 44 in New York; 38 in Florida, 36 in Georgia; 29 in Pennsylvania, 20 in Virginia, 19 in Maryland, 15 in Texas and North Carolina, and 10 in Maine and Ohio.?

The rest of the states are as follows: MI & HI (9); TN & MA (8); NH, SC, IN, MN, (7); OK, OR & WA (6); AZ, IA, IL (5); NJ, KY, CO (4); VT, CT, DE, AL, MO, UT (3); MS, KS, ID, NV, LA (2); RI, DC, SD, and AK each have 1!

43 out of the 50 states are now represented!

We also have representatives in France, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, Mexico, England and Canada!

The U. S. Post Office has a Civil War Series out. Presidents Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant are honored by the artist Mark Hess. The stamps and post cards in the series honors generals, antislavery leaders, nurses and includes some battle scenes. If interested, contact your local post office or write to: Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, U. S. Postal Service, P.O. Box 419219, Kansas City, MO 64179-0998.



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

**SPRING DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 20, 1996**

GENEALOGY CORNER

By: Beryl Grant

Glad to be back doing the column. If anyone is still waiting for a response from me, please drop me a line. I think I am caught up, but don't want to neglect anyone.

We regret to report the passing of two of our Clan Grant Members. Mrs. Eugenia Callander Sharp, wife of Frederick Dent Sharp, III died in October. Both were very interested in their Scottish antecedents and traveled to Scotland every year from 1965 to 1983. Both she and her husband were active in Scottish country dancing.

James Paul Landre of Bainbridge, N. Y. also died in October. Paul was an active Clan Grant member at the Capital District Scottish games and the annual Clan dinner, and only missed these activities when his health did not permit his attending. He will be missed. His cousin, Doris Folejewski was featured in the Fall 1995 *Craigellachie*.

Anyone have any information on Ephraim Grant living in North Carolina in the 1700's?

David W. Grant of Merrimac, MA sent in 12 pages of information on the James Grant, the Drummer, line. This corrects information in NH001. Joseph Grant, native of Scotland, came to Lebanon, Maine before the

Rev. War. A History of Carroll County, 1889, clarifies that "Scotland" refers to a part of York, York Co., Maine and was called that because that is where the Scottish immigrants sent by Oliver Cromwell to New England settled - all descendants of James Grant, the Drummer.

Edgar Lorey of Castleton, NY sent me information on the Loyalist, John Grant, 1729-1790. He was born in Scotland in 1729 and joined the Black Watch regiment at the age of twelve. He married Sarah Bergen and they had eight children. At the time of the American Revolution, Sarah's father tried to persuade Captain Grant to command a regiment for the Revolution, but he remained loyal to the Crown. He escaped to the West Indies, but did return to Long Island, NY, losing his property by confiscation. The Grants went to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Please note a change of address and write me at:

Beryl Grant
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FOR SALE

Edward A. Grant, our Commissioner from Shoreview, MN found this ad in a local newsletter and asked if the seller would allow us to post it in *CRAIGELLACHIE* so one of our members might have an opportunity to purchase it. Give it a try if this is something you can use.

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GREAT GRANTS

Claudius Buchanan Grant

James Grant, who settled in Berwick, Maine, in 1645 was the progenitor of many Grants, several of whom are active in the Clan Grant Society. Among his descendants was the Michigan jurist Claudius Buchanan Grant, born in Lebanon, ME, in 1835, the son of Joseph Grant and Mary Merrill.

Following his graduation from Lebanon Academy, young Claudius went west and entered the (then new) University of Michigan, graduating with honors in 1859 just as the nation began to fall apart. His first position was as a teacher of classical languages at Ann Arbor High School. Two years later he was appointed Principal.

Like other Grants, the Civil War changed Claudius' life forever. In 1862 he left teaching and organized a company of volunteers and was commissioned a captain in the 20th Michigan Infantry. Serving with distinction in the western theater under U.S. Grant, he saw several battles including the siege and surrender of Vicksburg. In 1863, Grant married

Miss Caroline Felch, daughter of a former governor of Michigan, and became a member of a family heavily engaged in Michigan politics.

Claudius Grant was promoted to major in 1864 and to colonel commanding the 20th Michigan in December of that year. The unit was transferred to the east and served again under General U.S. Grant until the close of the war.

With peace, Grant decided to become a lawyer and attended the Law School of the University of Michigan, entering practice with his father-in-law. He entered politics at a low level, County Recorder in 1866, and was from 1867-70 the Postmaster of Ann Arbor -- then a political patronage position. From 1870-74 Claudius Grant was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Continuing his interest in Education, he also served on the Ann Arbor School Board and, from 1872-80 was a regent of the University of Michigan. During this time Grant moved to Houghton County where he served briefly as the prosecuting attorney for the county.

Grant was elected a judge of the Circuit Court in 1881, serving for eight years. He was then elected to the

Michigan Supreme Court where he served with much distinction for twenty years. In 1898-99 and again in 1908, Claudius was Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Grant retired to private practice in 1910. In 1913 he moved to Florida. He died in St. Petersburg in 1921.

Claudius Grant is remembered in Michigan for his long public service and for being a champion of law and order at a time of vast change and much labor unrest. He was truly "A Great Grant."

THIS AND THAT

Because of the space restrictions this issue, This and That will be short and sweet.

Patricia and I are already preparing for the Loch Norman games in April. If you get the chance, drop by and see us.

We all wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a very good New Year. May all those with hurts be healed. May Peace be the state of the world.

STAND FAST

SPRING DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 20, 1996

Happy New Year

SETTING UP A CLAN TENT

By: Henry L. Grant

For the last 10 or 12 years Mary and I have been manning a Grant Clan tent for a one-day stand of the Long Island Scottish Clans Games at Old Westbury Gardens, Westbury, NY. Recently, we have attended Scottish Games at other locations and have observed some outstanding efforts in this regard. What seems to come through mostly is the warm and friendly approach of visitors who would like to talk about their relationship to something Scottish.

After having participated in a number of interactions with visitors, I have developed some topics for conversation like how to become a member of Clan Grant Society, what clans are represented at the games and what family names are related to these clans. We keep a number of reference works handy like Dr. Philip D. Smith's *Tartan For Me!* that is now in it's 7th edition. This authoritative book is a listing of particular tartans suggested as appropriate for a person with a given surname. By this association, it would be reasonable to assume that membership in that clan would also be appropriate, so when the question arises we refer the inquirer to the Clan representative, or to the St. Andrew's Society representative, if present. This business of family/clan relationship is covered in more detail by Dr. Smith and is quite interesting as to how the relationships originated.

Since the Westbury Games are held in the heat of August, most of the visitors are pretty casual and so are we. This summer we had a rather good breeze and a good tent location for shade so we could wear our tartan wool with comfort. Applying for the tent a month in advance helped secure the good location. In previous years we have had stormy weather that blew the tents down. We have also had it hot enough to melt your igloo, so we go prepared with a variety of survival equipment in addition to supplies for record keeping and diversion.

Past copies of *Craigellachie*, our quarterly journal have been useful as handouts, but I notice that I have to watch out for my other books about Scotland, particularly anything in color tends to grow legs. At the games in Bethlehem, PA, Clan MacMillan had a number of handouts: price list for Clan products, a brochure describing the clan foundation, a brochure on tracing you ancestors with highland roots, a palm card for the Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center in Franklin, NC, one-pagers on clan tartans, clan history, clan genealogy, the clan center in Scotland, and the topper was a full color post card depicting the personal arms of the Chief! That impressed me no end.

At the games in Altamont, NY on Sept. 2, what we saw was impressive: 40 pipe bands and 52 clans stretching in a parade line that went out of sight around the fair grounds. Many of the clan tents were colorful as well as educational. Clan Cameron was outstanding with its display of armor, Scottish dress, art work, posters, scarves, banners, flags, and literature of every description. That took some investment of time and talent!

There is a great diversity in the kinds of people who attend Scottish games and this we find very entertaining. In the past, I have taken pictures of some of the people I know, like individual pipers, vendors, clan representatives, athletes, and dancers. These pictures and the events surrounding the games have provided Mary and me with some very good memories. We have also taken some very special trips in tracing out family roots and will probably continue to keep up in our new location in New Jersey. We wish the best of luck to our successors on Long Island.

Stand Fast!

PIPES

By: Rod Grant
Hanover, MD

You've probably seen the bumper sticker, I know I'd seen it before: "ON THE EIGHTH DAY GOD CREATED BAGPIPES." A funny saying....yet it got me thinking, why did the Almighty wait so long? Of course there were other things to do, lots of things that were of great import and lasting significance. Would the mountains or the seas have appreciated the Pipes? Or the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air? Would Man and Woman have been ready to appreciate them at first?

After all, so youngsters really appreciate great music? Perhaps things had to settle down a little. Perhaps the Lord wanted to have "real" music to help Him relax and enjoy the stillness of the dawn or the quiet of the evening after all that work.

Perhaps humankind needed the gift of the Pipes to carry on and face the newness of the world, the joys and the sorrows. When would be a better time than after all creation was "complete" to add that gift of magic that stirs the soul and soothes the troubled heart?

So perhaps the timing was proper in the great scheme of creation. So we could hear in the beauty of true music the rhythm of eternity.

On the Eighth Day God Created Bagpipes. For which we are eternally grateful.

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

CLAN MacLEOD COUNSEL MEETING
Alexandria, VA 1

2ND ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Episcopal Chapel of St. Andrew
Boca Raton, FL 2

SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK
Alexandria, VA 2

NEW YORK CALEDONIAN CLUB
St. Andrew's Day Kirking of the Tartan
Second Presbyterian Church
New York, NY 3

RSCDS DANCE WORKSHOP & GALA
EVENING
Grace Presbyterian Church
Panama City, FL 9

MOTHER LODE SCOTS CHRISTMAS WALK
& FAIRE
Volcano, CA 9

NEW YORK CALEDONIAN CLUB
Hogmanay Celebration
Carnegie Library
New York, NY 31

JANUARY 1996

ORLANDO HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL
Seminole Greyhound Park
Casselberry, FL 19-21

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT
Maryville College
Maryville, TN 20

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SARASOTA
ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION
Michaels on East
Sarasota, FL 21

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA
COUNTY
Burns Night Dinner
Hurlburt AFB Officers Club
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 26

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE
Robert Burns Night
Seelbach Hotel
Louisville, KY 27

ELGIN SCOTTISH SOCIETY
Robert Burns Dinner
St. Andrews Country Club
West Chicago, IL 27

SCOTTISH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF
SARASOTA HIGHLAND GAMES
Sarasota Polo Grounds
Sarasota, FL 27

SCOTS AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BREVARD
ROBERT BURNS DINNER
Melbourne Beach Hilton
Indialantic, FL 27

FEBRUARY

G.S. McLENNAN MEMORIAL
INVITATIONAL PIPING COMPETITION
JUDGES RECITAL
U.S. Grant Hotel
San Diego, CA 9

SCOTS OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY
Burns Night Dinner
Inn of the Hills
Kerville, TX 10

THIRD ANNUAL SCOTTISH HERITAGE
FESTIVAL
First Presbyterian Church
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 10

G.S. McLENNAN MEMORIAL
INVITATIONAL PIPING, PIOBAIREACHD &
MSR COMPETITION
U.S. Grant Hotel
San Diego, CA 10

KIRKING OF THE TARTANS
First Presbyterian Church
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 11

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SARASOTA
KIRKING OF THE TARTAN
Pine Shores Presbyterian Church
Sarasota, FL 16

QUEEN MARY SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Queen Mary Seaport
Long Beach, CA 17-18

OUTDOOR CELTIC CONCERT
Mesa Community College
Mesa, AZ 23

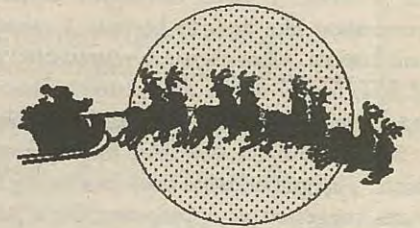
ARIZONA SCOTTISH GAMES
Mesa Community College
Mesa, AZ 24

MARCH

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Grace Presbyterian Church
Panama City, FL 9

KIRKING OF THE TARTAN
Grace Presbyterian Church
Panama City, FL 10

These dates are compiled from sources believed to be reliable but plans change, so check first. There is no charge for listing in the Coming Events column. Closing date for the January/February Issue, November 15.



**SPRING DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 20, 1996**

GAMES AND THINGS

East of the Hebrides announces entertainment dates as follows: A "Scotland Goes to Sea" cruise to the Caribbean (Jan. 6-13, 1996); a Robert Burns Supper (Jan. 20, 1996); A Mid-Winter Scottish and Irish Music Festival in the outer Philadelphia area (Feb. 10, 11, 1996); another Irish/Scottish Fest (May 25, 1996) in Ocean Grove, NJ; and the Bonnie Brae Games (June 8, 1996) in Millington, NJ. For further information call or write: East of the Hebrides Entertainments, P.O. Box 102, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. (610) 825-7268.

For those living in the Northeast, the Rosenbach Museum and Library announces a special exhibit on Robert Burns, "The Poet's Progress" from Nov. 21, 1995 through April 14, 1996. This exhibition commemorates the bicentennial of Burns's death--and includes manuscripts of some of Burns's best-known poems, and the rare and cherished first edition of "Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect." Also featured is Burns's correspondence with friends, family members, and lovers, providing unique insights into his sometimes tortured--but always fascinating--personal life. The hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. There are tours for groups but these must be scheduled in advance. The museum and library is housed in a Civil War period mansion, the former home of Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach (1876-1952), often called the greatest dealer in rare books and

manuscripts the world has ever known. The museum includes collections of English and American furniture, silver, paintings and decorative arts. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As announced earlier, the Jacksonville, FL games are scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 1996 at the Morocco Temple from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advanced tickets must be purchased by January 30th. Contact: Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games, Inc., P.O. Box 16253, Jacksonville, FL 32245. *Note: If you are interested in manning a Grant tent at these games, contact our Games Commissioner, Mr. Ronald J. Grant, 809 Jackson Street, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 right away!

The Nova Scotia International Tattoo is scheduled for July 1-7, 1996 in the Halifax Metro Centre. With a cast of over 2,000 performers, it is one of the world's largest indoor shows. This event is held annually and always during the first week in July. For further information, contact: The Nova Scotia International Tattoo, P.O. Box 3233 South, Halifax, NS, Canada B3J 3H5. Phone (902) 420-1114.

Wondering about tapes for learning Scottish Gaelic? Our "scholar", Phil Smith says that "Speaking Our Language" put out by Canan on the Isle of Skye, is the best available course (at least until his comes out!).

There is a beginner's pack which has a 72 page book in full color, easy-to-use language lessons, exercises and games, phonetic guidelines and tips on how the language works. Also included are a children's section, background information about the Gaelic culture and a free Gaelic poster and stickers.

Payment can be made by using an international credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by providing checks in sterling. (Note: They cannot process dollar checks, vouchers or cash payments). Send or Fax: Canan, P.O. Box 345, Isle of Skye, Scotland, UK IV44 8XA. Tel.: 01471 844345; Fax 0147844322; Email: Canan @ smo.uhi.ac.uk.

A new school is opening in Kincaid. It is called, "Scotland's Highland School of Piping." For further information, contact Ms. Kay Stewart, Scotland's Highland School of Piping, Meadowside, Kincaid, Highland Region PH21 1LX, Scotland, U.K. Tel./Fax +44 (0) 1540 651353.

Rel Records, Ltd. sent their current Video and Audio Catalogues. They have the "Castles of Scotland" on 6 videos (2 per video), traditional music, etc. for ceilidhs as well as cassette recordings. They will be glad to send you a catalogue or answer any requests. R.E.L. Records, Ltd., 40 Sciennes, Edinburgh EH9 1NH, Scotland, U.S. Phone: +44 (0) 131 668-3366; Fax +44 (0) 131 662-4463.

A small bookshop, "Buth Leabhraichean" in the north-west Highlands now has a mail order service. The owner specializes in Scottish History and Culture as well as Scottish related subjects--including traditional music. For a catalogue write to: Ms. Irene Duffy, Strath, Gairloch, Wester Ross, Scotland IV21 2BT. Telephone/Fax (01445) 712181.

Also, a letter arrived from Marion Falconer and Jennifer Farquharson announcing the opening of their shop filled with Scottish goods. The new catalogue will be out the first of the year ('96) and if you would like to be put on their mailing list, send them a note at: Lyonesse Arts, 3 Wellington Street, Edinburgh EH7 5EE, Scotland, U.K. Phone: 0131-556 7189 or 01560-410979.



Merry Christmas