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Lt. Col. James Grant (1753-1824) Connecticut Soldier, Tennessee Frontiersman By James H. Grant, Jr.

When Tennessee achieved statehood in 1796, William Blount was elected to the United States Senate. Blount had previously represented North Carolina in the Continental Congress and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. From 1790 until Tennessee became the 16th state, he was Governor of the Territory South of the River Ohio, commonly known as the Southwest Territory. Blount established his home and headquarters at Knoxville, in East Tennessee.

William Blount was also a prolific land speculator. One of his agents was James Grant, a Revolutionary War soldier, surveyor, and self-trained lawyer who had settled in Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina after the war. Grant had served under Col. Israel Putnam at Bunker Hill in 1775. Later, he was in the Fourth Connecticut Regiment, serving under colonels John Durkee, Giles Russell, and Zebulon Butler at the battles of Germantown, Mud Fort (Fort Mitlin), and Monmouth. He suffered through the terrible winter of 1778 at Valley Forge and was finally discharged at the end of the war on June 1, 1783.

Hillsborough was the capital of North Carolina in the 1780's and the location of the land office which allocated land grants in the territory west of the Appalachian Mountains. The Orange County courthouse was also the headquarters of the Superior Court and an important center of regional legal activity. James Grant was interested in the law and courtroom proceedings. He is mentioned frequently in Orange County records as a witness

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CLAN GRANT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING STONE MOUNTAIN GEORGIA

October 16-17-18-19

Gordon M. Grant, Chairman and our Board of Directors have selected Stone Mountain Georgia as the site of our meeting. All members are encouraged to make every effort to attend and offer your ideas for the Society continuing success. Stone Mountain is part of Atlanta, Georgia metropolitan area. It is easily reached by car, train or plane. This is a beautiful time of the year in Georgia. The tree leaves will have changed color, temperature will be in low 70's, everyone is friendly. If you don't already know, you can learn to say Y'all.

Clan Grant has planned a reception at ~ 6:30 Friday evening at the lovely home of our Georgia commissioners, David & Jane Grant. 1842 Alderbrook Road. Saturday evening @ 6:30, Duane & Margaret Kline will again host our Buffet. More and better food than any of us deserve. Their beautiful home is @ 1902 Alderbrook Road. A token charge of \$3.00 (reception) and \$6.00 (buffet) per person is necessary to cover costs. You have, I'm sure, noticed these two are neighbors. A map, inside, will show you the way from 1-85 & Stone Mountain. From Clairmont Rd NE turn left into Audubon Drive to Alderbrook then left. A block of rooms has been reserved for Clan Grant at the comfortable and commodious HAMPTON INN on Mountain Industrial Blvd at Stone Mountain Freeway (Hwy 78 -- See Map). Call 770-934-0004. When making reservations use code "GRA" for Clan Grant reserved rooms. 10 rooms will be held until October 1, 1997. CALL NOW!!

This is the 25th anniversary of the Stone Mountain Games. They will make every effort for this to be a memorable occasion for everyone. Copy of the Games brochure is reprinted in this issue for your information.

The Stone Mountain TATTOO is unsurpassed. I have seen the Edinburgh tattoo, this one is better. Get your tickets early. You'll be glad you did. Word to the wise. It can become quite chilly in the evening at Stone Mountain, so dress warmly.

If you want more information or help, call George Grant at 1-800-445-2185 or Email--Grant301@aol.com

MEMORIAL CAIRN DEDICATION: FORT TICONDEROGA, NY

On Saturday, July 5th, the new memorial cairn for the Black Watch was dedicated at Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y. The weather was perfect, the clans were gathered and the ceremony was impressive. In a prominent position was the stone donated by Callum Grant from his father's property in the Spey Valley, Scotland.

Part of the Black Watch (42nd Regt.) Band was there on their way back to Scotland after playing in Hong Kong on Monday for the turnover to China. They, along with the Band of the Royal Regt. of Canada, the Fort Ticonderoga Corps of Drums, the Black Watch Color Guard, Black Watch dancers and Compagnie France de la Marine Muskets and Cannons performed a stirring memorial tattoo both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Beryl and I manned a clan tent both days and signed up a new member, Shawn Blair, N.E. Commissioner for Clan Blair.

Clan Grant was well represented at this gathering by Nola and Callum Grant, New Hampshire Commissioner, of Lincoln, N.H. and Mary and Jim Grant, Western N.Y. Commissioner of Syracuse, N.Y. A great weekend to dedicate a lasting memorial.

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NEW MEMBERS

1. BEVIER, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce E. (MI)
2. BLAIR, Mr. Shawn R. (ME)
3. CARLSON, Ms. Williamina Grant (NY)
4. HATCHETT, Mr. Marshall Grant (NC)
5. HUGHES, Mr. Don Troy (UT)
5. KONZ, Ms. Bethany H. (NC)
7. LANTZ, Dr. & Mrs. Winter V. (FL)
8. PALMER, Capt. & Mrs. David J. (PA)
9. PRATT, Mr. Scott (NC)
10. PRATT, Dr. Christopher (NJ)
11. WOOD, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard G. (IL)



**VOLUNTEER!! REPRESENT
OUR CLAN SOCIETY AT A
HIGHLAND GAME**

BY: George H. Grant/Games Commissioner

Probably the most challenging activity available is to operate a tent at Highland Games. You'll meet many people, who have in common with you, an interest in their family and ancestral heritage. Talking about Clan Grant Society as an extended family; Discussing the goals of honoring our ancestors, but more importantly, sharing the successes of contemporary Grants everywhere.

This year Brenda Grant, Salt Lake City Games; Nancy Grant Reid, Chicago, Ill. Games, hosted our Tent for the first time ever. Both report good interest in our Society with a number of people signing our guest book and joining. Nancy had plenty of rain, stayed reasonably dry in the tent.

If you have a game in your area, and would like to be a part of the festivities, here is what you do:

1. Contact me at least 60 days, (if possible) before the event, or have the organizers send me the applications.

2. I will fill out the applications & have everything sent to your address. If there are costs involved, ie; sponsorships, tent & chair rental, Clan Society will write a check. We cannot pay for admission tickets, (unless they are part of the sponsorship), or personal expenses such as meals, rooms or transportation. Generally the sponsorship includes parking, sponsors reception, and other perks. Those are yours.

3. I will send our, "GAMES KIT", in time for the games. We now have two. Inside are flags, banners, books, newsletters, membership brochures & applications, table cloths, name tags, guest book. In short, things needed to have a decent Clan Grant tent. Instructions are enclosed as to next destination for the kit, including addressed shipping label. Send shipping receipt to me for reimbursement. General information on how to run a tent are provided.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. Go to, Lowe's, Home Depot and buy either round 8" 1/2" wood round or 3/4" PVC pipe. Both very cheap, about \$1.00 each. Generally three are enough. If possible drill a 1/4" hole about 2" from one end to hold the flag, using cable ties. (in kit)

Kit also has a roll of McGiver tape (Duct). This is very useful for securing flag poles to tent poles and to keep the names banner from slipping down.

Please seriously consider representing us at a Scottish event near you. You will be very happy you did.

RENEWALS

1. CAIRNES, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert George (CA)
2. CAMPBELL, Mr. & Mrs. Roland D. (FL)
3. COLE, Mr. James Jay (CA)
4. DE SPAIN, Ms. Marilyn B. (KY)
5. ERICKSON, Mr. Douglas M. (ME)
6. ERICKSON, Mr. Douglas O. (ME)
7. ERICKSON, Mr. Ian C. (ME)
8. FERRIGNO, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William L. (RI)
9. FURR, Mr. & Mrs. Fred (NC)
10. GAMBLE, Mr. Allen E. (NY)
11. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander L. (PA)
12. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Arvilee (TN)
13. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Bill (GA)
14. GRANT, Ms. Brenda (UT)
15. GRANT, Mr & Mrs. Donald E. (CA)
16. GRANT, Mr. Douglas Earl (FL)
17. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Edward John (NY)
18. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Frederic F. (CA)
19. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Gary C. (OH)
20. GRANT, III, Mr. & Mrs. George William (NC)
21. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Ivor McPherson (CA)
22. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. James Richard (OR)
23. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. John E. (MA)
24. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. John Gordon (CA)
25. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. John William (ID)
26. GRANT, Ms. Nancy Gail (MA)
27. GRANT, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Peery (GA)
28. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. (IN)
29. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. (GA)
30. GRANT, Judge & Mrs. William Forrest (GA)
31. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. William Wallace (Scotland)
32. HARVEY, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne H. (NY)
33. LEIDT, Mr. & Mrs. Peter F. (MA)
34. MACLEAN, Rev. Canon & Mrs. Dougal L. (NY)
35. MC ELROY, Mr. & Mrs. George C. (NY)
36. MYER, Mrs. Jean Taylor (NJ)
37. MYERS, Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. (NC)
38. MYERS, Mr. & Mrs. William Grant (GA)
39. MILLER, Mrs. Abigail B. (VA)

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BILL RIGGS RUNS GRANDFATHER MARATHON

BILL RIGGS is one of the few who accomplish the nearly impossible. Grandfather Mountain Marathon is acknowledged to be the most difficult Marathon in the United States. The last 12 miles are **UPHILL!!!**

BILL overcame more than the obstacle of the race. He planned to arrive with his mother, our treasurer **Betsy Riggs** and two sisters **Susan & Margaret** on Thursday evening. This would give him a day to become acclimated to the elevation, rest from the trip and look over the race route.

Under the best laid plans rule. He had to work Thursday so had to fly to Greensboro late Thursday night. Then drive through the mountains to Linville. Not much rest.

The runners entered the gates to the games then up a long rocky incline to the track then 1/4 mile to finish line. **Susan** met **BILL** when he reached the gate, gave him his kilt, while **Maggie** ran ahead to tell the Clan Members; "**BILL IS HERE!!!!**" We all lined up on the track cheering and clapping madly as he entered the field, wearing his **GRANT TARTAN**, to run to the finish line. A great accomplishment for **BILL RIGGS**.

Thanks for letting us share the moment and a feeling of great pride we all have in **BILL'S** achievement.

GRANDFATHER GAMES SUCCESSFUL

This year we booked the Condo's for the complete week. Cost is actually less than 4 days. We played golf, shopped for clothing bargains, and surveyed antique shops.

Only bad thing that happened all week was the heavy rain late Thursday, which rained out the picnic at McRae meadow.

Saturday morning the traffic to the games was so heavy, the roads were blocked from 8:45. Fortunately we know the back roads so we were able to make it to the games early.

We had lots of visitors at our tents, and a goodly number of new members, rediscovered their roots. Honestly there were so many people at the games Saturday, it was hard to walk around.

We all lined up on the track to cheer **BILL RIGGS**, as he finished the marathon, wearing his kilt. You won't believe this. Sunday Capt. Eric Grant talked Bill into running the kilted mile. Eric won. One hour later they were running in the Clan challenge mile. Eric finished third. Bill finished both races. Wish we were all in shape!!

Saturday dinner was well attended at Doris & Bill Matthews home in Linville. Their hospitality is wonderful. If you come next year, please plan to attend the party.

Dick & Kathy Grant, Arrington, TN brought his Dad from Ohio. He sat front row center watching the games, piping contest, track meet. Didn't miss a thing.

If at all possible, plan to come to these games at least once. It is quite an experience.

BANK BALE

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

CLAN GRANT NEWS

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST:

Lillian Hartman Grant, 93 years old, died in Brockton, MA recently. Born and raised in Downsville, NY, she lived in Schenectady for more than 65 years. Widow of James H. Grant, she worked as a telephone operator, clothing store manager and served as a Girl Scout leader. Survivors include her daughter, Darlene Habteh-Yimer and two grandchildren.

Christopher Atkinson, 48, grandson of Edward Grant and Ada Laut Atkinson of Schenectady, led an active life before he died at the age of 48 of cancer. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he taught English in Tunisia for the Peace Corps. He also managed the State College Overseas Teacher Placement Program in Massa-

Massachusetts and became the area manager recruiting for the Peace Corps and the Vista programs. After receiving a Master's degree from the University of Arizona he managed education and agriculture projects in Saudi Arabia and Mauritania and southeast Asia. In 1990 he served as managing director of PAC RIM Group Ltd. of Bangkok and served in many other business organizations as well as being President and owner of Business Assistance International of Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Survivors include his parents, Ralph Massie and Nancy W. Atkinson; a sister, Sydney E. Atkinson; and a brother, Scott E. Atkinson.

REMEMBER THESE:

Doris Folejewski is encountering serious eye problems and has cancelled her trip to a family reunion in Vancouver due to numerous doctor appointments. She still hopes to attend one of her twin granddaughters wedding in August (Becky's). Debbie, the other half, is dating a boy with the same name as Doris' great-great-grandfather, Andrew Moore!

A James Grant and his two brothers, Allan and Donald came from Scotland to Delaware County in the 1700's. They went to Canada as they would not fight against the King, but the rest stayed in the States. Her great-great-grandfather, Andrew Moore and his father, Major Moore, are mentioned in the Broome County history lists. Doris has two Revolutionary War ancestors: Lt. Abel Greene, Sr. and a Major Moore. "Her 'Moore'" came to Binghamton, NY from Connecticut in 1800. After some researching, she finally became eligible to join the D.A.R.!

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Ruth Grant Bryant (MD) spent a month in the hospital fighting cancer, pneumonia and a rare genetic disease. We are sorry to hear she has had so many problems and our hearts and prayers go out to her in these difficult times.

Russel Grant in Florida writes that he is now living in a condo. His wife, Lois, is in a nursing home. We are truly sorry to hear this--Lois often wrote a note--but Russel says he's holding up well.

Both Elizabeth Withnell (CT) and Lois Grant (IA) are not traveling this summer as health problems keep them home. Here's hoping both improve soon!

The mother (92 yrs.) of Wayne Harvey (NY) is recovering from a stroke in June. Wayne and Carol have been driving a number of miles several times a week and trying to take care of her large home. Apologizing for the delay in sending their membership dues in, they also sent a donation for Duthil Kirk. This is appreciated, especially when they have so many things on their minds right now!

AND GREETINGS FROM: Ivor Grant (CA); the Ericksons (Ian, Douglas O. and Douglas M. - ME); Arvillee & Helen Grant (TN); Margaret Wilson (OK); Jean Grant Taylor-Meyers (NJ and mother of Jean Aloe, CT), Dougall Maclean (NY), Lynn Myers (NC); Terry Trimble (TN); Henry & Mary Grant (NJ)

THE TRAVELING CROWN:

Marilyn DeSpain (KY) spent July and the first part of August in Russia! Anne Grant-Knapp also traveled to Russia with a trip planned to the Caribbean later on. (So, no time for Scotland this year! But we hope to hear from both of you--with pictures--for the next newsletter!)

Nancy Harper (VA) hopefully made it to Pennsylvania over the summer! She and her boyfriend brought his mother up for a cruise and if all went as planned, they visited Longwood Gardens on the way home. (This is/was the estate of Henry Dupont--rolling lawns, trees, birds, a large green house, etc. makes a relaxing way to spend a day!) Y'all come!

Candace Coates surprised us with the news of her marriage to Stuart Weissman and now she's surprised us with

a wedding picture! They decided to dress in the early Tudor period, c. 1505 A.D. (Stuart has since had a hair cut--seems he is due for a promotion on his job! (Production department of Zumtokeh Staff Lighting). Trust all went well!

Nancy G. Grant writes to let us know that she and Peery have a home in the mountains of North Carolina now so they spend a lot of time there!

Shy but lovely Bridget (3) and her Grandmother, Eleanor Patrick (IN) attended the Grandfather Games and became separated from Eleanor's niece and her daughter while stopping to visit the Clan Grant tent! Having driven all that way, they also needed to be back on Monday morning for work! After several frantic hours, they were reunited at their car and even made it home by 10 a.m. on Monday! But while waiting at the gate and contacting Security, we had a great time visiting with them--Bridget is a delightful young Grant! When we get "breathing" times like these and can get better acquainted with one another, true friendships develop.

This was brought out at the potluck again that evening at Bill and Helen Matthews' home after the games. We are so grateful for their hospitality and those who could not make it, should have! It is really hard to meet people during the day when there are so many stopping by the tent! We have some really interesting members and it pays to get to know them!

AND THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND VARIOUS GAMES: Loon Mountain: the William Ferrignos (RI). Stone Mountain: Patricia Grant Ironmonger (MI). She plans to meet some cousins she found through Beryl Grant! She did not get to do this last year as her mother passed away. Just two months later, Alexander Grant Ironmonger arrived, weighing in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. on December 14th! Grandma sez he looks like a Grant, too! GEORGEIOUS! Williamsburg, VA: Laurie and Chuck Jones (Hanover, VA). Old Westbury on Long Island: the George McElroys expect to attend in August.

JoAnn and Gary Grant (OH) expected to attend the Fort Wayne, IN games and wrote expressing their hope that the "Grant Exhibit" would be there! (As this goes to press we were working on it! But if not this year, then next!)

Here's why: we need to know 5-6 months in advance as there are applications to fill out and fees to be paid for tent space. Then, we need VOLUNTEERS to man the tent! Your officers often go to a dozen games in a year and there are only so many weekends in a year--and most are scheduled during the "better-weather" months (whenever that is--ask any experienced games person!) If you will man the tent in your locale, then we'll try to not work you too long or hard at other games! We just need a break for an hour or so! Besides, it's

fun and you will find you always miss someone interesting while you're gone! So, get involved--you will enjoy it!

DIDJA KNOW DEPARTMENT:

That Clan Grant is now on the World Wide Web? The U.K branch put its' ad on a couple of years ago--and Howard Parson in Virginia has one on for the North American branch. Be careful though, we've been told that others have put inaccurate information on--check with your Commissioner, when in doubt!

AND WHAT'S UP AMONG MEMBERS?: Wayne Harvey collects postcards and sends us some for our archives. Recently he wrote a story for "Family Tree" and we are happy to condense it for your use! It is advice on using postcards for your genealogy work.

"There are cards picturing towns, places of business, schools, churches, celebrations, disasters and travels that relate to your present family or to your ancestors.

You can find pictures of famous people towns, natural features with your family names!

Visit antique dealers and postcard dealers--they will help you search for cards. Then frame them (uncut) or make collages or montages with them."

Wayne's collection includes pictures of his father's Woolworth store in Tauton, Massachusetts, his grandfather's meat market, and his grandmother's book store in Ticonderoga, NY. (and...he has a picture card showing the same building burning!)

Also, as an avid historian, he explains that he and his wife live in a town named "Glenville" and within the town is an old villae named "Scotia"--originally, "Nova Scotia"--but they all use "Scotia" for a mailing address.

"Camp" is a place with a phone but no mailing address! It is in Berne--28 miles away!

And, small "Helderberg Lake" in the Helderberg Mountains is an escarpment extension to the north of the Catskill Mountains, with Warners and Thompson Lakes nearby! Larger than Helderberg Lake, these two can actually be found on some maps!

Henry Grant (NJ) visited the Historical Society in Ocean County and reports that they have been abstracting deeds and creating a computer database using this information which includes all name references (30 or 40). The names are currently on Index cards with the source listed.

As luck would have it, he made the acquaintance of one Betty Grant, custodian of the records for Grants of New Jersey! He told her about Clan Grant (of course) and she offered to share her findings with him.

Henry also plans to visit the Historical Society in Philadelphia to see if there is anything of interest there!

(see Notes, p. 6)

ARIZONA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND GATHERING

By Michael Bongertz

Prior to my departure for Mesa, Arizona, I was in touch with Mrs. Kay Moreau of the Clan CHATTON. I made inquiries as to whether or not there would be a Clan GRANT tent, but also offered my assistance in whatever manner I could be helpful. She indicated she would check about a Clan GRANT tent and invited me to contact her upon my arrival.

Upon my arrival, I called Mrs. Moreau. She indicated that no one had reserved a tent for the Clan GRANT. She also indicated that any assistance would be most appreciated on Thursday and Friday, as Clan tents were raised as well as for all the other preparations for the Games. I assured her that I'd be there, along with my host and two of his sons.

On both Thursday and Friday mornings, I, along with my host and his two sons, was there bright and early. We helped raise Clan tents, event tents, dispersed tables and chairs to the Clan tents, erected guide ropes and placed information signs for the general public. We helped position portable toilets, place refuge receptacles, etc. I, indeed, got great insight as regards all the efforts that go on before the Games in order to insure a successful event. We were there on Thursday for a good nine hours, and on Friday, we didn't finish up until almost 9 p.m. - tired, but proud to have helped, to have been a part of it. That's what we of Scottish origins are all about.

The one impression that stands out about all this is that of the 100 people or so that were there, all working toward the same goal, was that everyone was a volunteer. No one gets paid; they do it because of the pride; they do it to be a part of a successful event.

A number of the volunteers, were whole families. Even the kids were involved as they inserted trash can liners, a small detail but very important. The youngsters felt like they were important; they felt like they were needed. Sparking their young interests at this young age will ensure that in the future there will always be a new upcoming group to take over from us somewhat older folks - when our "walkers" would be in the way.

THE GAMES, THE GROUNDS AND LAYOUT:

The Mesa Games are held on the local Mesa Community College grounds. They use a split-plan in that the Clan tents and vendors are in one location and the March of the Clans plus the Massing of the Pipe Bands are held in another area. The athletic events, the Scottish Border Collies demonstration are held in yet another area.

Spreading things out like this has both positive and negative results. With a split-plan like this, from a public safety stance, it eliminates crowd congestion as visitors are constantly on the move from one location to another.

The Track Field with its extensive bleachers allows everyone to observe the March of the Clans and the Massing of the Pipe Bands. With its built-in public address system, everyone is able to hear and understand the events as they are happening.

Additionally, the large parking lot afforded close-up parking for the crowd. They also had a couple of shuttle buses

running back and forth. Because this was a permanent public facility, handicap parking and other facilities were available.

As we all know, when using this type of split-plan, there are always some folks who man the Clan tents and can't get a way to watch and partake of the goings on.

The use of a single large field, where the Clan tents are set up around the perimeter with all events taking place in plain view for everyone, is the most desirable set-up. Many times, however, open areas like these are just not available.

The Jacksonville Florida Games were excellent at their new location this past February. Overlooking the overnight downpour and the somewhat soggy ground on the low side of the field, everyone had a clear line-of-sight to the events. The drawback with such a large field area is, of course, the public address system.

The Orlando Florida Games are currently using the split-plan, not out of choice, but because the facilities, the Dog Track, has many permanent buildings. This allows the merchandise vendors to set up inside, where they are not subject to the weather. The bleachers allow for a full viewing of the March of the Clans plus the Massing of the Bands. However, again with the split-plan, some folks must stay behind to man the Clan tents, while the opening or closing ceremonies take place.

It is my opinion that a large field with the Clan tents around its perimeter is the best choice, with the food and merchandise vendors set up around and behind the Clan tents.

One observation from the different Games I've attended is that there are never sufficient food vendors. I've not tried to eat simply because of the long lines. While it is true we try to attract ethnic food vendors (Scottish, English, Irish), I believe Game organizers should consider having other food vendors (i.e., McDonalds, Burger King, Pizza Hut) to join in. We must remember many visitors to the Games are not ready to try "Shepherds Pie," "Haggis," or a "Meat Pie."

Another thing I observed/overheard a number of times at Mesa Games was, "Where is the beer tent?" Games organizers must keep in mind that whenever municipal facilities are used (i.e., community colleges, etc.), no spirit vendors are permitted. At the Orlando Games, which take place on private property, the Budweiser cups were everywhere. And while we don't want any "loaded Southern good-ole-boys" starting a ruckus, many visitors consider a lack of "suds" reason enough not to attend. Then there are those visitors who look forward to tasting - of the "Scottish Waters." The bottom line is, Game organizers have to work out what is best, what is permissible, at their locations. It's no easy job!

**WINTER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 14**

Great Grants



*The Gordon Grant Clan with Helen and John (High Plains Commissioner)-Arlington.
Back (l to r): Gordon, his wife, Rebecca, Helen and John Grant.
Front (l to r): Gordon's sons Aaron and Gordon, Jr.*

Round Hill Games Experience

by Jean Aloe, Conn. Commissioner

As the new CT Commissioner for Clan Grant, I manned my first tent at the Round Hill Games in Norwalk, CT, July 5. Fortunately, we had beautiful weather. My husband, Ed, and I counted all the pieces to our new tent the day before, but did not attempt to assemble it until the day of the games. Of course, 45 pieces later, one section would not fit and after forcing it and splitting it and taping it, we were up and running. At which point, Ed asked how we were going to get the tent down, and I said, "We're not. We're going to leave it here for next year!"

I will say our display of Grant memorabilia was pretty impressive. I framed three samples of the Grant tartan: modern, ancient, and weathered, obtained from Ann Stewart, the kiltmaker. This was an eye-catcher and many people came to look. I had a book about Ulysses S. Grant, the Maclan print of Grant, a list of all the names affiliated with Grant, photos of Grant castles, and a map of the clan territories. We looked up many Scottish names in the "Tartan for Me" book by Phil Smith and found many families on the map.

All together, 10 people who are Grants or are affiliated with the clan signed the guest book. Clan brochures, newsletters, and membership applications were handed out to them. The highlight was having Ed and Sarah Smith and their three children stop by the tent. He is Phil and Shirley Smith's son. The youngest was Hannah, 1 week old and dressed in a plaid romper suit! I wish I had a picture of them to include with this article, but my husband was so enthusiastic about our tent that he used all of our film up before the Smiths arrived!

One new Grant was Caroline Stafford, from Old Greenwich, who brought with her a picture of her grandfather in full Grant regalia, standing on a bear rug! This

Kentucky Scottish Weekend

The 15th annual Games and Celebration was pure delight this time. After several years of cold, rainy, soggy underfoot occasions with smallish gatherings, the sun came out fully and brought warm weather and many, many folks to join the festivities.

The events came off well as usual with the pipe bands, highland dancers, athletes, country dancers, and of course, the lads. Alex Beaton was here as always, and we had a Celtic-Scottish Seminar series as ever. Folks stayed over to Sunday for the Kirking of the Tartans, the Parade, the Welly Toss and more.

While we didn't have a Clan Grant Booth this time, we did meet up with our faithful members who come. Chuck and Lydia West of Centralia, Ill., who always appear. He's a piper who has gathered several friends to work out together, while they persuaded Lydia to take up the drums to round it out.

Also met Ms. Carolyn DeSpain of Louisville who was here this time after missing a few years--another faithful Clan member.

It was a bonnie time with lots of Scots!

is now part of my pictorial presentation. In addition, Joshua Grant, a Mount Kisco pipe and drum member (piper), appeared in a modern Grant kilt.

It was a successful day for Clan Grant! I look forward to representing the clan at the Goshen games in October, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of CT, of which I am a member, and possibly at the Scotland, CT games the following weekend.

How I love my heritage--thank you for the opportunity to be involved!

at the Games!

KANSAS CITY SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES by John Grant, High Plains Commissioner

"Clan Grant" attended the 20th annual Kansas City Scottish Highland Games In Kansas City, Missouri. Once again 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 14th. Although a one day affair, the Scottish Clans were well represented.

There were a variety of Celtic entertainers and Scottish foods available for the patrons. All athletic events began promptly at 9:00 am. As always, our "Tarten For Me" and "District Tartans" references were invaluable for the varied interests that were expressed by the visitors at the Clan tent. We were also pleased to see new "Grants" at this years festival. Could be the word is getting out after all.

Greg Grant of Paola, Kansas, 40 miles south of Kansas City, took time off to drive up to the festival to learn more about his heritage and the Society. He heard about us from a co-worker, who represents the Clan McDonald.

We were also glad to see our friend Mark Barber. You may remember last year that Mark came to the festival to visit with us and "we weren't there". Our conflict in schedule with the Texas Games prevented us from being both places at the same time. He graciously accepted our apology. More significantly, Mark came to the festival wearing his new kilt of the "Grant Hunting Tartan," which we all know was made famous by the 42th Royal Highland Regiment. Hopefully by next year's event, he will be available to "man the tent". We extend our support and hope his activities moderate to a point that will allow him the time to participate in the "Clan Grant" endeavors.

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. The honored Clan this year was "Guthrie". Clan Guthrie held its annual meeting this year at the Highland Games. Although they have been without a Chief since 1964, they are in the process of appointing Alexander of Guthrie to this title.

We had a great time in Kansas City renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. The gathering closed successfully with the evening "Ceildih" in the Barstow School gymnasium. I wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for their continued support and my devoted spouse for her indulgence with my passion "In Search of Grants".



Aaron Grant with his ribbons from the Houston Games.



Sunday afternoon Clan Grant Tent--Grandfather Mountain
Front (l to r): Elaine Grant, Thelma Grant, Maggie Riggs, Tessa Grant, Susie Riggs, Betsy Riggs
Back (l to r): Ed Grant, John Grant, Kyle Bowie, Marie Bowie, Bill Riggs, Eric Grant, Shirley Smith, Lucille and George Grant

TEXAS FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES by John Grant, High Plains Commissioner

The 11th Annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held on June 6th - 8th 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 1997 Games. This year one of the oldest clans in Scotland, Clan MacDuff, was the honored Clan at the festival. The games opened with the "Lone Star Ceildih" reception at the Host Hotel on Friday the 6th with the likes of Brian MacNeill, Alasdair Fraser, Ed Miller, Margaret Gravitt and other special entertainers.

On Saturday the ceremonies opened with the "402nd Squadron Pipes and Drums", Highland Dancing, Dog Racing, and Sheep Dog Demonstrations. At Mid-day, we participated in the spectacular "Parade of Clans" with all the banners, piping and drumming. The "Dress Red" was well represented this year. We had the good fortune to have the families of Doug Wilcox of Greenville, Texas and Gordon Grant of Houston, supporting the Clan in the parade. The comradaray was exhilarating. We can only hope for a larger showing in the future. It is "Great to be a Grant".

Throughout the festival were the many Scottish athletic and entertainment events. We wish to thank Frank Strong, of Fort Worth, for his participation. His manning of the tent allowed us to tour the stadium and witness the athletic events as well as the special entertainers present. As expected for this time of year, it was the usual hot and humid Texas afternoon. However, it did not seem to affect the crowd or festivities. Many new local "Grants" and Septs of the Clan came by to learn more about the Clans origin or their association with it. Again this year the 93rd Sutherland Living History Highland Regiment, also known as "The Thin Red Line", re-enacted for the crowd, a soldiers daily activities and military duties.

The festival closed on July 6th with the conclusion of the Scottish Dancing, athletic, and pipeing competition. We wish to again thank the Clan Grant Society for their sponsorship and support.



Jean Aloe (wo)mans the tent at in Connecticut.

GENEALOGY CORNER

Beryl N. Grant, Clan Grant Genealogist

I have access to a list of historians and historical societies in the USA and on receipt of a self-addressed envelope and where you are searching, may be able to advise you who to write. When you write these historical libraries or societies, be sure to enclose a SASE and I find it doesn't hurt to enclose a small check - \$5 or \$10 for a quicker reply. These organizations usually operate on minimal budgets so contributions can certainly help them.

Do not overlook the LDS (Mormon Church) Library. All branches have access to the microfilms in Salt Lake City - you pay approx. \$3, wait a couple of weeks for the film to arrive and then view it at the branch library. Do not be discouraged if your ancestor does not appear in the I.G.I. (International Genealogical Index). It depends on whether the LDS was able to copy certain records. I believe in all branches you will find the OPR (Old Parochial Records of Scotland) available. People at these branches are more than willing to help - at no cost except renting films - and you are under no obligation whatsoever. If you search their library index on CD-ROM you may find some book or manuscript to help you in your research.

I have received a "Grant Family History" starting with William N. Grant m. Sallie Henry. He was a private in the calvary of the Confederacy during the Civil War and I believe all 23 pages of descendants were all located in Mississippi.

Grants who are searching pioneers who went from Kansas to Colorado might be interested in a book by Clarence G. Grant, 1902- titled "The covered wagon rests on the hill."

If persons tracing William B. Grant/Sarah Wofford would contact me, I have had some information filed with me on this line.

I was delighted to receive from Jim Grant in Springfield, OH a Grant family history. Steven Grant, Ozark Clan Grant Comm. his cousin, gave talk at an annual reunion held there. Jim publishes the 'Grape Jelly Society' newsletter which keeps

members of this family in touch. The history starts with William Grant b;VA, m. Mary Morris, and d. in NC. It is filled with personal anecdotes and is fascinating to read. This is what we strive for - not just names and dates.

Did you know that the 1872 Republican rallying slogan for President U.S. Grant was "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party?"

If you need check in pounds sterling, Reusch International (800) 424-2923 will provide you with one for a charge of \$3 plus your amount at the current rate.

If when you finish your research you wish to save it for posterity at the Library of Congress write them at the Exchange and Gifts Div., 10 First St. S.E., Washington, DC 20540. Also remember the local historical society where your ancestors were from -- by filing there you may be contacted by someone researching the same line!

PRATT GENEALOGY

During the time I have been Grant Society genealogist, I have accumulated much information on Grants. When I visit a library I copy everything I have time for on the Grants. However, time has not allowed me to do this for the septes of Clan Grant. This is why I have been asking for volunteers to help with this research.

I am happy to say that we now have a PRATT genealogist. John F. McLaughlin of 334 Glen Ave., Scotia, N.Y. 12302-1710 has kindly consented to receive genealogies and accumulate information on the Pratts. His mother's mother was a Pratt and from what I have been at the NYS Library there were a lot of them in the northeast.

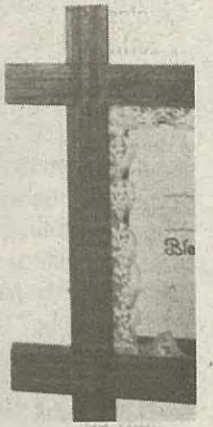
John works for the State of New York, is very familiar with genealogy and the NYS Library, and knows his history! Please contact him if you are searching for Pratts!



The parents of Carol Sanders (shown in a 1947 picture) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!



The Grant Crest and Tartan border that Carol Sanders designed and cross-stitched for her parent's 50th wedding anniversary celebration!



Notes (from p. 3)

Tom Grant (A Georgian "into" the decorating trade) found his job was being eliminated in April--so he bought a business in March and the bank finally finished the closing paperwork on June 13th. He just knows it has to be luck after that long a wait!

Frank and Sherry Springer share their good news! They now live in New Bern, North Carolina! And just in time, for they just became Grandparents! Daughter Dawn gave birth to Alexandra Grant Martin, weighing in at 7 lbs. and measuring 20" long. ("The prettiest girl around" according to you-know-who!). Dawn is doing fine--we forgot to ask about Dad but assume he survived! And Uncle Loyal is enjoying his new title. So with everyone "down south" we expect to see them at some of the games! (And Loyal set a precedent by showing up at GFM! What a surprise and delight to see him once again. He's still piping!) Congratulations to all!

And...Robert Henderson Grant in Portland, ME says Samuel Grant Becker is his pride and joy! A new great-grandson! Samuel is the son of Timothy and Jennifer Becker, living in Gretna, LA. Peter Allan Grant and his wife, Sandra, in Hernando, FL are the proud Grandparents. (See picture elsewhere!)

Carol Sanders (IL), while waiting for her Board Exams, is learning about computers! Writing on her self-designed-by-computer-stationery and headed with the letters, "G R A N T" encircled in green, the design appears to be purple but when you look at it closely, they are tiny red and blue squares! (or checked!). Two colorful flags are at the end of the letter--British and U.S. (Seems she's doing okay!)

Nancy Grant Reid enjoyed a family reunion last June in Oak Brook, IL. (Details forthcoming!). Although they live in Glen Ellyn they discovered the Oak Brook festival just a few miles away--so 44 Grants from California to Florida descended on the pre-planned entertainment!

Daughter Lauren is looking for a kilt--she is 12 years old--so if you have one please get in touch with your Commissioner.

A Life member since 1990, we just heard from Mr. Stanley B. Allan! He's still in Philadelphia and seems to be fine! (We're always glad to hear from our long-term members!)

Stoney & Ruth Grant moved but are still in Jacksonville, Florida! They recently celebrated his mother's 96th birthday! She expects to make 100! They now have six generations represented in their family!

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL--Remember the note in Craigellachie from a Bill Suttie who knew a Capt. Grant of Company "K", 278th Infantry, Tennessee National Guard in 1951 and he wondered if anyone might know where he was? Well our historian, Hank Grant, sent a note and then reminded me later at GFM--that it was his father, James H. Grant!

Hank writes, "We were stationed at Fort Devens, (Ayer) Massachusetts, Pine Camp (Camp Drum), near Watertown, New York, and Fort Benning, Georgia. My father was discharged in July 1952 and returned to Rockwood, Tennessee." Hank continues, "We moved to Abingdon, Virginia in 1955 where my father lived until his death in 1981. My uncle, Lowell Jakes, was a Private in the same company."

AND STILL MORE GENEALOGY: We now have 3 active Pratts--and if you remember, Beryl recently

(see Notes, p. 8)

THE CANADIAN CORNER

(My apologies to Syd Grant. He gave us permission to use his articles on Cuthbert Grant and I simply have not had time to pull them together. We will try to have it ready for the next issue of the newsletter!)

David Grant of Calgary and Dr. Raymond Grant of Edmonton attended the Nethy Bridge Highland Games last year--in fact, David help set up tables and chairs and even took them back at the end of the day!

James Grant (Beeton, Ontario) spent a few days in Scotland and found the croft where his ancestor, Alexander Grant was born. (1780-1862, Braes of Glenlivet). He reports that, "It is now a converted holiday cottage in a remote idyllic setting. . .(but) originally the croft was a traditional stopping point on the whiskey smuggling trail over over over the Ladder Hills during the time of the illicit stills in the late 1700 and early 1800's. He and his wife will be in Scotland for the dinner at Castle Grant this August!

Charlie MacDonald writes of the death of his cousin, Arnold MacDonald in Nova Scotia. He was nearly 86 years old.

Raymond Grant of Edmonton, Alberta has offered his assistance to the Clan in Canada. Several persons are hoping to get the Society back on track so if interested, let us hear from you!

David Grant, his wife, Kate and children, Torcuil, Fionn and Elidh are on their way to Nova Scotia! They hope to reach their goal by October, barring any mishaps!

We received a letter from David the first of June, thanking the Society for making the family Honorary members of Clan Grant. They did have to replace their good horse, Traceur, who died in December with a brain tumor. They should be into Canada by now.

Their big news is that they have been accepted for the 1998 Guinness Book of World Records! (See, all you need to do is to head around the world with a horse-drawn caravan!--but it's too late now--it's been done!)

They are seeking a firm who would like the publicity and would be willing to help sponsor their trip across the Atlantic and home! (Scotland, of course!) If anyone is interested in this aspect of the journey, you may write to David Grant, P.O. Box 347, Bolinas, CA 94924. Grants of Dalvey have been helping sponsor them as well as several other firms. They would grateful to individuals, too, who would like to help them with their expenses--a severe winter in the Dakotas and having to purchase another horse has left their resources meager! (Please note--they have not asked for money. We've taken on the task of letting others know of their needs, realizing they would appreciate any help our readers care to give.)

P.S. They are headed east on Canada Highway 17 towards Ottawa. They may cut through Maine--and then Nova Scotia by October.

David notes, "Clan Alanach "Stand Sure". Most were ". . .of Auchernach," a farm on the back road past Nethy Bridge church on the way to Grantown."

Jean Aloe sent an article to us from the June 2nd Christian Science Monitor and comments, "We Grants certainly 'Stand Fast!'" Condensed, it is as follows:

Office worker Gillian Grant, gets up at dawn in Edinburgh and unfurls Scot- land's blue-and-white flag in front of a granite building and stands under a sign de- manding a parliament for Scotland! She expects Scots to vote to have their own legislature and to begin meeting in September in the large gray building.

Ms. Grant is not asking for full independence, although she expects that may come eventually; but like so many others, she wants the chance to have Scotland's own legislature. There are currently 72 seats out of 659 in the British House of Commons.

The recent May election with the Labour Party's promise of a referendum on Scotland has even made the Scottish Tories take a second look at devolution. The Scottish National Party wants a lot more, however. They want independence but only won a few seats in the election. Eighteen years ago a referendum in Scotland rejected devolution but now the Scots want more control over their own affairs.

Gaelic is still spoken in the west of Scotland as well as listening to radio broadcasts in the native tongue. There is a resurgence of Scottish national identity. Professor Lindsay Paterson, in the Education Department at Edinburgh's Herriot Watt University, explains that, "The efforts of the Basque people of Spain to find political self-expression in line with their own culture and history is an example," and, he adds, "They are succeeding and Scots will, too!"



William Henry MacElroy
(1923 - 1996)

We ran an obituary on Mr. William Henry MacElroy earlier but did not have a photograph. Mark, his son, kindly sent one for us. He also pointed out that his parents researched the MacElroys extensively, in Ireland, Scotland and U.S. They visited libraries, cemeteries, nursing homes, churches, etc. and located some 250 relatives.

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Renewals (from p. 2)

- 40. PAINTER, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis W. (TN)
- 41. PARSONS, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Parsons (VA)
- 42. PATRICK, Ms. Eleanor C. (IN)
- 43. TRIMBLE, Mr. Terry Joe (TN)
- 44. WILSON, Mr. & Mrs. Glinn C. (VT)
- 45. WILSON, Mr. & Mrs. James E. (FL)
- 46. WILSON, Mrs. Margaret Grant (OK)

OCTOBER 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, & 19TH, 1997

25th ANNUAL SILVER ANNIVERSARY STONE MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND STONE MOUNTAIN PARK

CLAN ACTIVITIES: Many Clan Societies will hold social functions and other activities. You will need to check with your Clan organization for details concerning their events.

TATTOO: One of the finest events of the Games, the Tattoo, is presented on Thursday evening, October 16th, at the Stone Mountain Coliseum. It involves both military and civilian participants in a 2-1/2 hour program combining music, dancing and other special features. This is one of the largest Tattoos held in the United States with Pipes and Drums, Brass Bands and Highland and Country Dancers from Scotland, Canada and the United States. Dress: Daywear or Informal.

INVITATIONAL PIOBAIREACHD COMPETITION: This special event is an unparalleled opportunity for all piping enthusiasts to hear the finest pipers in North America. Winners of the invitational competition receive a generous cash prize and a handsome trophy. The judging for this event is performed by a panel sanctioned by the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS RECEPTION: The Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc. will host a formal reception for the distinguished guests, patrons, and sponsors on Friday evening October 17th at the Atlanta Marriott North Central Hotel. Admission by invitation only. Dress: Highland Evening or Suit.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WORKSHOP: Dance instruction and workshop. Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For tickets and information contact Lisa Miner, Atlanta RSCDS, 1831 McJenkins Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345, (404) 329-5459.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GALA: A full evening of Scottish Country Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 17th, 1997. Contact: Lisa Miner, Atlanta RSCDS, 1831 McJenkins Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345, (404) 329-5459.

A SCOTTISH EVENING: Saturday evening for 1997 will continue to be a great evening of entertainment. There will be two adjacent ballrooms and each will have a full evening's entertainment for one low price. This year, we're happy to welcome back "Local Hero," who will present a fine Scottish Country Dance evening; while right next door, Alex Beaton is the headliner for an evening of music and songs of Scottish heritage. Returning also with Alex will be master fiddler Alasdair Fraser and singer Margaret Gravit.

For just one ticket you can get the best of both musical entertainment and dancing. Make your plans now and join us for "A SCOTTISH EVENING."

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES:

Come to the meadow at beautiful Stone Mountain for two full days of Scottish fun. Thrill to the Highland Athletic events, Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Scottish Harping. Participate in the Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations, Kirking of the Tartans, Clan Challenge Athletic events and the Parade of Tartans. See Clan and Tartan information tents, as well as the many colorful Scottish shops.

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. NO REFUNDS. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For additional information contact Stone Mountain Highland Games
SMHG, Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324-1023 (770) 521-0228

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 16TH, 1997
8:00 p.m. - Tattoo, Stone Mountain Coliseum

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 17TH, 1997
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Scottish Country Dancing
2:00 p.m. - Piping Concert
The Atlanta Marriott North Central
3:00 p.m. - Whisky Tasting & Seminar
The Atlanta Marriott North Central
6:00 p.m. - Piobaireachd Competition
The Atlanta Marriott North Central
8:00 p.m. - Distinguished Guests Reception
The Atlanta Marriott North Central
8:00 p.m. - RSCDS Gala

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 18TH, 1997
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - 25th Annual Stone Mountain
Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park
7:30 p.m. - A Scottish Evening Entertainment
The Atlanta Marriott North Central
9:00 p.m. - A Scottish Evening Country Dancing
The Atlanta Marriott North Central

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19TH, 1997
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - 25th Annual Stone Mountain
Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park

25th ANNUAL GAMES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Games Committee takes pride in presenting this year's 25th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Here in an area with a close historical connection to Scotland, a special four-day event has been planned. Those attending enjoy a time of tradition and fun. Many honored guests and dignitaries will be arriving from Scotland. However our most important guests are you! We look forward to seeing you at the Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival. "The Friendly Games."



RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATIONS

1. The Atlanta Marriott North Central (Games Host Hotel)
Location for: Sponsors Reception, Whisky Tasting, SMHG Invitational Piobaireachd Competition, and "A Scottish Evening."
1-85 at Clairmont Rd. 2000 Century Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30345 (404) 325-0000
2. Ramada Inn
2180 Northlake Parkway Atlanta, GA 30084 (770) 939-1000
3. Days Inn - Clairmont
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4. Stone Mountain Inn
Stone Mountain Park Stone Mountain, GA 30087 (770) 469-3311
5. Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain Park
1 Lakeview Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30086 (770) 879-9900
6. Campground
Stone Mountain Park Stone Mountain, GA 30087 (404) 498-5710

For additional Hotel accommodation information, reservations, or for group rate quotations contact:
Travel World
12960 Highway 9
Alpharetta, GA 30201
(770) 751-1226

NO PETS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS. NO FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR PETS.

Frontier (from p. 1)

and juror. He probably apprenticed himself to an attorney and became proficient at writing deeds and other legal documents.

It was during this time that Grant met Judge Richard Henderson who had negotiated a treaty with the Indians in 1775 on behalf of a group of North Carolina businessmen. The treaty established the Transylvania Company and provided for the establishment of a new colony in what is now the state of Kentucky, a huge property that Henderson and Company purchased from the Indians for ten thousand pounds. Although the treaty was nullified by the British crown and the colonial governors of North Carolina and Virginia, Henderson, his partners, and their heirs were eventually rewarded with a 200,000 acre tract of land in what is now the Tennessee counties of Anderson, Claiborne, and Campbell.

During the decade of the 1790's, Grant served as William Blount's agent and courier and was referred to in correspondence as "Major Grant" although he had only been a sergeant in the army. Grant traveled frequently between Knoxville, North Carolina, and the seat of government in Philadelphia. He delivered letters, land surveys, and generally kept Blount apprised of the political situation in Tennessee.

Blount's land speculation activities had gotten him into serious financial difficulties. In 1797, he was implicated in a plot to aid the British take over the Spanish territory of western Florida. In return for a large sum of money, Blount was to enlist the support of frontiersmen and native Americans to help the British. A confidential letter outlining the scheme was delivered by James Grant to James Carcy, the Indian agent at Tellico, near Knoxville. Carcy was instructed to read the letter several times and destroy it. Unfortunately for Blount, Carcy allowed the letter to be stolen by

Blount's political enemies and taken to Philadelphia. When it was read to the Senate, Blount was expelled. His troubles notwithstanding, Blount remained popular in Tennessee and James Grant's reputation was not diminished by his affiliation with the ousted Senator.

Major Grant also knew Stockley Donelson, probably the most aggressive land speculator in the western territories. He was the son of Col. John Donelson, one of the founders of Nashville, and the brother in law of Andrew Jackson. Donelson was closely aligned with Richard Henderson and Company, as well as James Glasgow, the Secretary of State for North Carolina who also happened to be his brother in law. James Grant was given power of attorney by Donelson, and as his agent, was authorized to sell large tracts of land in Tennessee. On one occasion in 1795, Grant and Andrew Jackson served as attorneys for John Overton, an influential Nashville speculator, consummating the transfer of a large parcel of land in Hawkins County Court.

By the end of the 18th century, James Grant was spending all his time in the new state of Tennessee, working with Donelson and surveyor Walter Evans on the Henderson and Company survey. He filed claims, wrote indentures (deeds), got them notarized, and registered them in court. It was probably during this great survey that he first went to the confluence of the Clinch and Powell rivers in Grainger, later Campbell County, and subsequently secured a claim there for himself. In 1798, he and several other men founded a town on the banks of the Clinch and Powell rivers and called it Grantsborough.

In 1801, James Grant was one of the charter members of the Knoxville Polk Lodge Nr. 2, F. & A.M. He was elected Senior Warden and Col. John Sevier, first Governor of

Tennessee and hero of the battle of King's Mountain, was Worshipful Master. Other influential east Tennesseans in the lodge were Archibald Roane, the state's second Governor, Jenkin Whiteside who later became a U.S. Senator, and George W. Campbell, a Knoxville attorney who also became a U.S. Senator, as well as Secretary of the Treasury and Minister to Russia.

James Grant was one of the "Esquires" or magistrates of the Grainger County Court. When Anderson County was established in 1801, he was elected the chairman of that court, and in 1806, he became the first Clerk of the newly formed Campbell County Court, a position he held until 1810.

Also during this period, Grant served as agent for James Hogg and his son, Walter Hogg Alves. They owned large tracts of land in the new state of Tennessee. Hogg was a Scotsman who lived in Hillsborough, North Carolina, and had come to America before the revolution. He was one of the original partners of Henderson and Company and later helped found the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Grant was the friend, agent, and "attorney in fact" for John Umstead, another partner of Henderson and Company who served as Councilor of State in the North Carolina General Assembly during the period 1807-1820.

During the first decade of the 19th century, James Grant practiced law, served on numerous commissions to lay out roads, served on the Grand Jury of the Superior Court, and took the tax rolls.

Under early Tennessee law, each county was required to maintain a regiment of militia. In 1807, James Grant was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Campbell County 33rd Regiment (Militia).

During the early 1800's other members of James Grant's extended

family came to Campbell County. In 1810, his brother John Grant purchased a "plantation" of 250 acres from John Umstead for \$150.00. John farmed and kept the ferry on the Clinch and Powell rivers. He had a son named John, Jr., from whom most of the Grants of Campbell County descend. A daughter, Elizabeth, married William Henry Ridenour, a son of another prolific early Campbell County family. The Grants who settled in Campbell County came from Massachusetts and Connecticut. Although the early genealogy of this family is not precisely documented, other descendants include the following:

Ensign James Grant, Jr., of the Campbell County 33rd Regiment, 1807

Stephen Grant
Hamilton Grant
James Hamilton (Hamp) Grant who was born Ca. 1810 and served as postmaster in Grantsborough, Jonathan Grant who was born Ca. 1803 and died after 1870, David Grant who had a large family, left Campbell County and died in Kentucky after 1840,

Cynthia Grant, born Ca. 1785 in Connecticut,

Abigail Grant, probably the mother of James Hamilton Grant, born Ca. 1790 in Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, the town of Grantsborough never flourished. Similarly, James Grant's fortunes waned considerably after 1810. He was forced to sell his property and in 1818 was, according to his army pension application, "...old and infirm and unable to labor for a living..." An inventory of his personal belongings included only a shotgun and powder horn, a large Bible and two hymn books, an old trunk, and a few books. The schedule of his goods was valued

at \$27.50.

Lt. Col. James Grant, soldier, surveyor, lawyer, politician, Freeman, and confidant of the rich and powerful, died on January 21st, 1824. He was buried at Mount Moriah church near Grantsborough. In the 1930's, this portion of Campbell County was inundated by the Norris Lake created by the Norris Dam, a public works project constructed by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Much of the labor on the dam was done by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Ironically, two young men who worked on this project to supplement their family's meager income during the Great Depression were Aaron Thomas Grant, Jr., and James H. Grant, the uncle and father of this reporter.

If any reader would like more information about this Grant family or thinks he or she might be related to this family, please contact: James H. Grant, Jr., 1257 Ninth Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601, Telephone 704-322-2659, FAX 704-322-3565, or E-mail: grantjh@twave.net.

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asked for members who would be willing to take the name and do just the genealogy accumulation on that. Would any of you volunteer? Beryl will offer all kinds of help if you'd be willing to give it a go! (And I have a lot of addresses!)

Finally, Peter Dowling in Greenache, Australia is seeking help in regards to the Grant family of Dellachaple/Lethendry in Scotland, Dr. David Grant (b. 1755, d. 1817) particularly. His letter is very interesting and will be reprinted in whole in the next newsletter.