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Clan Grant Centre Needs Continued Support

We, the Clan Grant Society of the U.S. as a whole, with a few notable exceptions have been slow to realize the huge need for support required to renovate Duthil Kirk and its grounds. Since October 1986 when the Stone's of Clearwater Florida sent the first check to the newly established Duthil Kirk Fund of the U.S. Clan Grant Society, there have been 102 contributors donating \$6,345. One contributor has given \$1500 over eleven years, another \$700, ten between \$100 and \$300, and the majority below \$100. The vision for the kirk is a Clan Grant Centre of which Grants worldwide can be proud. Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey is the current Chair of the UK Society and of the effort to bring the kirk up to National Historic Trust standards and develop it as a museum and centre for us, for you, for Clan Grant.

The U.S. contributions over the last eleven years have helped to make the kirk a possibility as our Clan Grant Centre. But, it needs continuous support from us, the U.S. Society, as well as all Clan Grant Societies. The UK Society, as hard as they are trying, can not and should not be expected to do it all for all of us. Soon, I hope to see a renewed, coordinated appeal from Sir Patrick to establish a continuing means of support for our centre. But until that time, the U.S.'s Duthil Kirk Fund still needs your contributions. Our U.S. goal must be to provide continuous, substantial support for the centre, if it is to have a future. Please send your contributions to Duthil Kirk Fund Treasurer. And, let's plan to make this an annual event!

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SCOTLAND AND SPAIN

by George & Lucille Grant

We arrived in Edinburg Thursday 10:00AM rented a car and were on our way to Grantown-on-Spey. This time we stayed in "Fearn House", overlooking the Spey river near the General Wade Bridge. Weather was beautiful. Had dinner with George & Inge Turnbull, our very good friends. They are both active in Clan Grant Society & Grantown Heritage Trust. George Grant Turnbull's grandfather & great Grandfather were ministers of Duthil Kirk. This trip we had no Clan Grant duties, so were able to spend quality time with George & Inge. Their daughter, Antonia, unfortunately, arrived on Monday. Sorry we missed her.

The Grantown Trust has acquired a lovely Home, just off the High Street near the Square for their headquarters/museum. We should all consider supporting this effort. Send your check to Ed Grant, (Duthil Fund) marked for Grantown Heritage. He will forward.

Saturday AM we drove to Nethbridge Games & Clan Grant Gathering. Grants had a large tent, on a knoll, overlooking the field. Grants everywhere. Started to drizzle rain just as the opening parade began, but stopped after 15 minutes. Led by Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick Grant, Dalvey, Chairman, Sir Archibald Grant, Monymusk, we marched behind the massed band onto the field. There were over 100 Grants, proudly following the banner.

Phil & Shirley Smith with their tour group, Linda Grant from Salt Lake City, John & Thelma Grant, Loganville, Ga. James Grant from Canada, Gordon K Grant from Houston, John Grant and bride from Derby Kansas, and many more of our members, made up almost half of the marchers.

Saturday evening, thanks to the hard work of Sir Patrick, Sir Archie, and their associates, we all met for the first formal

dinner in Castle Grant in over 100 years. Not an empty seat. 150 people from all over the world jammed the Great Hall. Short speeches, good food, and great camaraderie with all Clan Grant members was the highlight of the evening. We were able to tape a few minutes for our memories.

Sunday noon the Annual General Meeting was convened at Duthil Kirk. The British Branch of the Society is in great condition. Membership is over 400. Plans are under way to petition for museum status in Great Britain. This will enable the Society to participate in financial assistance from British agencies.

Duthil is owned by the Clan Grant Museum Trust, a non profit. Officers and management are the same as the Clan Grant Society of Great Britain. Financial support is largely from Clan Grant Society, British branch. Our Duthil donations are also included. There is no requirement for a public financial report, only one to the British authorities. When necessary, other Clan Grant Branches will be notified of progress toward further development of Duthil. Unfortunately, Sir Patrick forgot to bring the our plaque, so it is not installed on the wall at Duthil. C'est le vie. Maybe next year.

Sunday afternoon we drove to within 25 miles of Edinburgh and stayed in a nice Hotel, Birnam House, near Dunkeld. In August, Edinburgh prices are double normal, especially this year, Tattoo, & Book Fair. Monday we flew BA to Madrid from Edinburgh.

OLE!!!!

We always thought the proper greeting in Spain was, "Buenos Diaz", or "Buenos Noches". The Cab driver in Madrid greeted

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To Phil and Shirley:

We wish to thank you again for the opportunity to return "Home". For having the courage to organize and plan the "Grant Expedition - 1997". The fortitude to "Standfast" throughout the trip. We feel very blessed to have been part of this historical, "extra special" tour, which without you we would not have experienced. We thoroughly enjoyed the companionship and friendship experienced by the group. Thank you from the bottom of our heart for the memories that will endure the shifting sands of time.

John & Helen Grant
Derby, KS

From the Editor...

Here it is time for the next newsletter already. This makes number three for me and though I feel like I know more of what I'm doing than I did for the first one, I still feel like I'm learning. (I still haven't figured out this bulk mailing--Michael, if you're out there!) It seems that bulk mail from Peoria, at least in our case, goes to this mythical place called Carol Stream where I can only assume that the mail elves run rough-shod over the newsletter and generally sit around on it. It took better than three weeks to receive the last issue. I'm sure Christmas time will be different!

I'm just winding up the semester. For those of you who don't know, I when through my mid-life crisis a little early and decided to change careers after ten years in the garbage business. I returned to school to get a degree in Education (my second).

I completed 40 semester hours this year and will student teach this spring. For those of you who are not familiar with college, were I to continue at that pace, I would finish a 4-year program in 3 years. Thankfully, I don't have to go through that, since I already have a B.A. in Zoology.

Hopefully by this time next year I will be employed at the school of my choice and well on my way through this career. I'm sure I will enjoy teaching biology, chemistry, and/or physics. But enough of my rambling. Lets talk about editing the newsletter.

I've had submittals that range from hand written notes on cards to articles that were e-mailed to me via the Internet. Generally, I prefer the latter, although you should still send nice cards to me in the mail. They cheer me up! Because of this variety of submittals, I've decide to post some *guidelines* in this edition. These are by no means hard and fast rules, however, by following these suggestions you will make yours, and mostly my life a lot easier.

First, if you have access to the internet, e-mail your articles to me at jgrant8120@aol.com. I can download these directly into my PC where I can do things like check your spelling and grammar and make the fonts look pretty. Since I don't type very good (sic) or very fast, this saves my fingers from getting worn to the nubbins.

The next best thing to do is send me a floppy disk with your data on it. They make these nice reusable cardboard envelopes especially for mailing disks. I haven't bought one personally, but I'm sure they are not too expensive. If you want your disk back however, please write your name and address on the disk label. I'm notorious for opening mail and getting the envelope and the contents separated. (This usually only becomes a problem at our house when we get an unsigned card. Just don't know who to thank!)

Also, save your article in *text* format. That is, ASCII text or text for windows. I've had a few disks show up that I couldn't access because the programs I use are different than what was sent. By using the text format, I should be able to get the goods, so to speak. The file extensions that you should see (if there are any) are *.txt or *.rtf. I'm sure there are a few others but these I know I can use.

Don't worry about losing any text formatting. In fact don't worry about making the article look pretty. That's my job! Usually, I'm changing fonts and point sizes anyway, so just type out what you want and send it in.

Sometimes there is a nice article in a newspaper that you send me and that is fine. I have had access to a scanner this last year and I can get the article into the newsletter that way. Since I'm graduating in May, I'll be losing access to the scanner, but I almost have my wife talked into buying one. So...

I love to get pictures from our members but have not been good about returning them. This is partly because I would like to build a file of pictures that I can use from time to time, and

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NEW MEMBERS

1. BOZEMAN, Mr. Billy (AL)
2. CALLEN, Mr. & Mrs. James L. (NY)
3. COACHE, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher D. (NH)
4. COLEMAN, Mr. & Mrs. William H. (OK)
5. FORSTER, Ms. Deborah (FL)
6. GAGE, Ms. Barbara (MA)
7. GEURTZ, Lt. Col Peter W. (VA)
8. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur A. (CT)
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10. GRANT, Mr. Jonathan J. (AL)
11. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Keith H. (CA)
12. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Peter A. (NY)
13. GRANT, Mr. Richard (CO)
14. GRANT, Mr. Rodney H. (SD)
15. GRANT, III, O.D., Mr. & Mrs. William H. (MO)
16. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. William L. (OH)
17. HALL, MSgt. & Mrs. David D. (VA)
18. HESS, Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. (FL)
19. JANKOWSKI, Mr. Douglas (AZ)
20. JANKOWSKI, Ms. Renee (AZ)
21. KENNEDY, Mr. Grant Thomas (NC)
22. KNOWLES, Ms. Suellen Grant (VA)
23. KOKANSON, Mr. & Mrs. Gary W. (VA)
24. KUHN, Ms. Jean (CA)
25. MC ELROY, Mr. Gary Lynn (OR)
26. MC LEROY, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis W. (GA)
27. OLIVER, Ms. Susan (CA)
28. PALMER, Mr & Mrs. Gilder (MA)
29. PLOCKI, Mr. Douglas E. (DC)
30. RANSELL, Mrs. D. Nadine Pratt (CA)
31. ROUPE, Mr. Harold E. (GA)
32. SHULL, Ms. Cheryl D. Grant (OH)
33. SMITH, Mr. & Mrs. George T. (CA)
34. SMITH, Mr. & Mrs. H. Richard (OK)
35. SPAIN, Ms. Beverly (CA)
36. SPIRES, Mr. Bob (TN)
37. VASSALLO, Mr. & Mrs. Paul (MA)
38. VERBURG, Mr. & Mrs. Donald (CA)
39. WOLFF, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. (GA)
40. YORK, Mr. Timothy (NY)
41. YUNKER, Ms. Lois J. (NY)

Clan Grant Centre, Duthil Kirk Contributor Certificates Distributed

Back in 1985 the dream of a Clan Grant centre in the Strathspey area became real when the of historic Duthil Kirk in Carrbridge became available. The kirk building was constructed in 1829 and stands amid the centuries old burial place of Grants. One of the mausoleums contains the remains of the six Chiefs of Grant from 1585 until Caroline, Countess of Seafield, directed that it be permanently closed. In August of 1986 the kirk was turned over to the Clan Grant Heritage Trust in the presence of an audience of Grants from around the world.

The United Kingdom (UK) branch of the Clan Grant Society initiated the substantial effort to acquire and renovate the kirk. They have through hard work and dedication achieved this goal for the benefit of the worldwide Clan Grant Societies and indeed for all Grants and septs who look back to Strathspey for their heritage.

George H. Grant, our Convenor-Emeritus, quickly raised the banner here in the U.S., calling us to support the newly acquired kirk. George believed and said that each contributor should receive a memento certificate. On September 3, 1997 certificates of acknowledgment from The U.S. branch of the Clan Grant Society were sent to the contributors who answered George's call. By the time you read this, all contributors who sent donations to the Duthil Kirk Fund Treasurer should have received their certificates.

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1. ALTEVOGT, Mrs. Jean Grant (IN)
2. ARMSTRONG, Mr. & Mrs. William Grant (MO)
3. CLARK, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Lester Clinton (GA)
4. CLARK, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy (TX)
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NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

CLAN GRANT NEWS

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST: A member of the Society is now gone: John Benjamin Grant. He first attended the Dunedin games in Florida and joined in 1980, becoming a Life Member in 1992. Born March 21, 1911, he lived in Chamberlain, Maine during the summer months and returned to Florida to spend the winter ones.

Our sympathy is extended to Gene H. Grant and other family members.

The David Drakes lost his mother during the summer. David piped "Abide With Me" and "Amazing Grace", her favorite tunes. "She shared her love, Scottish heritage and humor with us for 95 years. She was a wonderful mother and a great lady," he writes. They held the funeral in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Syracuse, N.Y.

Jean Grant Walter's mother is 87 and has not been well. On a happier note, her grandson, Frank, graduated with honors from high school and has been accepted in the Liberal Arts Honors program at the University of Texas in Austin!

Sue Myers husband, Robert, has been ill for some time. She attended the Stone Mountain Games but we failed to find out how he was doing. Our apologies, Sue, but it was nice to see you!

NEW LIFERS: Congratulations to our new Life members: Louise (Grant) and her husband, Marvin D. Philipp. They recently moved back to New Jersey to be closer to their families.

AND OTHERS ON THE MOVE: After all their years in a 95 years-old house, the Jim Francis'es moved into a new, carefree condo and they are looking forward to their new lifestyle! Jim is a piper and sold (sells?) pianos and organs. They have four children: Tara, Heather, Robert and Erin. (The change of address came on a notecard that shows Kathy well into computer art work!)

Elizabeth Grant Kenyon is now living in Colorado; and Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Milroy are in new accommodations in South Dakota!

And the "snowbirds" flying south include the Grant V. Thompsons and Vernon Combs!

OVER THE SEA TO GRANTLAND: Annie (Grant) and Dave (Pratt) Palmer and their sons, Brian and Grant, hiked up Craigellachie while there! Dave even bought a Grant tie--finally convinced that the Pratts are a part of the Grants! Watch for some of their pictures on the Web page! (Annie is also trying to trace an Or(r)in Grant born in the Catskills of New York in her spare time!)

Nancy and Stephen Brown's daughter, Hannah, started college in Aberdeen this Fall. Nancy claims she may write a book on "How to Get into School in Scotland" as it certainly was very difficult! The people in Aberdeen, as usual, proved very helpful. (as people in Scotland always are!)

Hannah and her Mom took audio and video courses in Gaelic (Speaking Our Language) to prepare her way! The family visited Scotland earlier in the year to check the school out staying in Grantown on the square for over a week and thoroughly enjoyed it.

When Hannah graduated from high school, she decorated her cap in Grant tartan and sprigs of heather! (Mother notes that hers was really one of the less flamboyant and deserved an "A" for communication skill!)

Mary and David Drake visited his U.S. Navy Base in Edgell (Angus) for the last time as it is being closed down. They enjoyed seeing many former friends and found that the British guard at the gate was an Ian Grant!

Beryl and Hal Grant visited their grandson who is attending the University in Sterling. The three planned to do the "tourist" bit while they were together! (They also attended the Brunswick Games in Maine last summer!) Beryl is now "on-line" so you can reach them both by E-Mail.

(And speaking of E-mail, I can't keep up with all of it! It may be faster and easier but it is also overwhelming! Notes are answered before you can even turn the computer off! I feel like I could turn to stone sitting there so long just trying to keep up with it all!)

GENEALOGY

Pat Somerscales is busy tracking her genealogy! Included in one of her jaunts was a 16th Century Dutch orphanage in Woerden! Most recently, she and her husband plan to travel Rt. 88 and 17 to enjoy the scenery, if nothing else!

HELLOS FROM: Marianna Hancin (AZ); and Jim Owens (NY) who sez, "Don't count me out yet! With 2 daughters in high school we keep busy!" Carol Grant Riley (FL) reports that brother Bob (Commissioner in HI) attended a school reunion on the mainland. She usually gets to see him on those occasions but rather than visit Hawaii, she's saving pennies to go to Scotland! (Whatta choice!) Susan Riggs sends a note (we met she and her brother and sister at Grandfather Mountain! It's really great to see young people interested in the Society!); Jean and Daniel Grant (brother and sister in IN) will soon find more "cousins" as membership in Indiana is growing! Al- so, Cheryl Grant, who attended the Legonier Games! And last but not least, several former members have joined us this year! The James Callens first contacted the Society in 1991 as had the Roy McIlroys, and then George Smith in 1992! We are always glad to renew friendships!

Thanks go to Marilyn Ross from Clan Ross, who donated a tie in Grant tartan to the Society to sell! In her work, she comes across various Clan items from time-to-time and enjoys passing them along!

SERIOUS THINGS: Jeantette A. Jaeger asks for a good reference on the histories of Clan Grant and their septs. Many are out of print, but watch for, "Rulers of Strathspey", by the Earl of Cossillas, printed in Inverness in 1911. Also: "Grants of Glenmoriston", "Grants of Corriemony", and of course, I.F. Grant's booklet, "Clan Grant". (We have some copies of the latter at cost for \$7.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling fee).

Lililan and Roy McIlroy are looking for Grant tartan ribbon in "red" colors! "Black Watch" can be found easily but she needs the modern red for their son's wedding (Grant Spencer McIlroy). If you know of anyone selling some, please let me know and I'll forward the information to them.

Didja ever wonder why "Grant souvenirs" are so hard to find? We have about 500 members, not counting individuals in a family. Figuring an average of 3 persons to a family, plus all the Grants in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the

Bahamas, England and of course, Scotland, there is a pretty sizeable group of Grants seeking momentos!

The Distilleries in Scotland know a good thing! Quality items can be found there--Glen Fiddich is the only source we know for blankets ("rugs") in Grant red tartan; and Glen Farclas carries nice items, including CD's. We must not omit our own "Grants of Dalvey" for super-nice, hand-crafted, quality gift items! The Grant tent at the Abernethy Bridge Games featured ties, cuff-links and tie tacs.

We've lost track of Evelyn Barrow--a long-time member! Does anyone know what has happened to her?

HELPERS ALL: Sometime we forget to say, "Thank You" to those who assist our Commissioners at games. To mention a few: Brenda Grant (UT), Jean Wilson (FL), Michael Johnson (IN), Michael Bongers (FL), Jean Aloc (CT), Chris Moore (OH).

Nancy Grant Reid (TN), Mairi Grant Young (Long Island, NY), James Grant (ID), and David Grant (MI). Let me know of others who have helped!

MORE NEWS: A long, long letter from Eric Marshall relates his summer spent visiting the More family (they are Grants, too!) members and places. In DC, he and Nancy met with 8 descendants of Jay Gould; then attended a board of director's meeting on Villa Mariana on Jekyll Island (GA)! (With the fee waived when the J.I. Authority discovered that Jay's mother was a grand daughter of John More!)

Then on to Jacksonville, FL to see Capt. Dave More (now deceased) and wife, Becky; then to Palmetto (an aunt and uncle "More"); back to Asheville, NC to visit a cousin (Kathy "More").

The trip ended when they had an emergency water supply problem at home! So Eric spent July patching & fixing up an old water system and then installing several new cement storage tanks, only to find one of them leaking and it had to be replaced, too! To end the summer, the Marshalls with friends decided to sail on Lake Erie!

The first trip out the engine quit--seems there was water in the gas tank! They headed out again, and the engine quit! This time it was a blown head gasket! The second day out, they hit winds "blowing over twenty from the northwest" so they stayed in town. The next day it was "over twenty-five" so Nancy went home! (Eric says, "It's taken me a long time to de-tox her from a wild sail in the Atlantic in 1967 and I didn't want to scare her to death!") The men left for Erie but docked in Ashtabula after a very rough sea! On Friday, with the "seas running about 6 to 8 and wind above 30 knots from the northwest" they set the jib and started a wild ride to Erie! At Presque Isle, "the wind increased to over 40 knots and the waves between 10 and 12!" Upon arrival in Ohio, they found that they did not have enough power to get into the bay with the wind force, so they set about 6 feet of jib and tacked through the channel to the club. Even in the bay they were "hitting over seven knots under just that small amount of jib!" The ladies met them on the pier and they headed home for warm showers and a glass of scotch! Eric adds, "Next time I think we'll just leave the boat and collect it later!"

Now it's back to the classroom for them both! They are also putting in new grapevines which should keep them busy in about 4 years when they begin to produce!

Kay and Richard Stover are enjoying the warmer weather in Oregon as opposed to the State of Washington! However, they had 68" of rain and lots of flooding! They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary by giving each other a sump pump for their basement! (Practical Scots! I remember giving my husband a sledge hammer for Father's Day. It was needed to pound in

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CANADIAN CORNER

The new news is that there will soon be no news because there is big news!

The Society in Canada is being revived! By the time you read this, all Canadian names and addresses will be given to Mr. James Grant, coordinating the efforts with Syd Grant to get things going again! You will be hearing from him soon but if you would like to write to him, his address is: Mr. James M. Grant, R.R. 2, Beeton, Ontario, L0G 1A0, Canada. Or, EMail: Jim Grant, Grantscot@aol.com.

While we will miss you as readers we hope to see you at some of the fames!

A delightful telephone call from Edna Moffat (ON) gave us a chance to get acquainted! A retired school teacher (36 years) she keeps an active interest in everything! She hopes to go to the Victoria and Albert museum in London one of these days but unfortunately is currently handicapped with eye problems. (Somehow we doubt that that will stop her much! Thanks for the call, Edna!)

James Ludlaw sends greetings to all along with a striking picture postcard of an Australian Aboriginal painting.

Everett Grant keeps us informed of many things to do and see when traveling to New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island! His list includes St. Andrews-by-the-Sea and Ministers Island; Prince Edward Island with its College of Piping (a year-round institution), the stage production of the Acadian story, "Gabriel & Evangeline", and the setting for L. M. Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables"!

Everett attended the opening of the new Confederation Bridge between Cape Tormentine (NB) and Borden (PEI) More than 24,000 persons paid for the privilege of walking across the 13-kilometer bridge on the only day opened to pedestrians--2,000 of those being runners who raced across! (The winning time--44 minutes!) One of the world's longest bridges, it crosses the Northumberland Strait with its arches rising to 160 metres so that shipping is not affected.

CLAN GRANT WEBSITE

Thanks to HOWARD PARSONS, we have a very update web site. Howard keeps it current with articles from Craigellachie, pictures of Games and events.

Send him information & he'll put it on the site. Tell other clans about our site. Brag a little.

"http://www.parsonage.net/clangrant" is the address. Put this in your favorite address list on your browser.

If you are interested in your own web full-fledged website for business or any other reason, or wish to rent space on the prestigious parsonage.net domain, email Howard at htp@parsonage.net.

DUTHIL KIRK

Our newer members may not know about Duthil Kirk. We help support the restoration and preservation of Duthil Kirk (the burying place of a number of Chiefs of Grant). Those on the tour of Scotland this summer were able to visit it.

Both Canada and the U.S. have sent money over to help keep it from further deterioration. Canada sent a considerable amount over earlier although the figures were unavailable at the time of this writing; and the U.S. sent \$5,542.00 previously and \$900 recently, collected over a period of several years.

Plans call for the building to be both a museum and a hospitality center for Clan Grant members. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Grant, of Bristol, England just sold their home and they are moving north! They plan to "get things moving" on the museum so we will soon have more information on this project.

Our budget will be reviewed when the By-laws are set up and hopefully a specific amount will be sent to Scotland each year so they can better plan a budget. The U.S. contingent at Stone Mountain voted several years ago to take \$1.00 a year out of each membership fee and donating it towards this project. Our game costs, postage, etc. keeps rising so we need to get review the budget before making a commitment). Of course, anyone wishing to donate to this fund independently is welcome to do so. You will receive an acknowledgement. Our Commissioner, Ed Grant, in Minnesota, is working on this project. It will require work on our part to meet our share of the expenses--but as visitors to Scotland we will benefit the most!

A number of artifacts have been promised to the museum as soon as security is set up. We will have more information when we return from Scotland!

NOTICE: IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SUMMER ISSUE OF CRAIGELLACHIE, please let Shirley know right away. We do have extra copies and for some reason several members did not receive their copy! We are trying to track down the problem so it does not happen again!



'97 Summer Busy In Western N.Y.

BY: Jim Grant

Western N.Y. Commissioner

The 1997 Summer Games & Festival Season got off to a great start in early June at Genesee Country Museum in Mumford, N.Y.

We got to meet some new Grant's as well as seeing some familiar ones (photo enclosed). The weather was sunny & warm and everyone had an enjoyable day.

July 5th saw us at Fort Ticonderoga in Ticonderoga, N.Y. for the dedication of a Cairn honoring The Black Watch Regiment (see Hal Grant's article).

August 9th was The Central N.Y. Scottish Games & Celtic Festival. I had double duty coordinating the Clans & Societies and the Tartan Parade as well as the Grant Tent. Mary manned the tent in the morning and I took over in the afternoon.

Amherst Museum in Amherst, N.Y. was our next event. That was on August 23rd for their annual Scottish Festival. My daughter Stacey Horning and grandson Josh accompanied me there. This was Josh's first Scottish event and he really enjoyed it, particularly the athletics. We talked with many Grants that day including Anne Grant-Knapp. It was nice to chat with her.

The Capitol District Scottish Games was the last event of the summer. These games were held in Altamont, N.Y. on Labor Day weekend. It had rained for a few days and the grounds were very muddy; that however did not deter participants or spectators.

And so goes the Summer of '97. I have been representing Clan Grant for around 10 years here in N.Y. State and enjoying it very much. However, very seldom does anyone offer to give us a break so that we can go shopping, have lunch or to just see the different Clans and the other events. I know this is common for many other Clans too.

The next time you are at an event volunteer to man the tent for a while. I'm sure you'll be glad you did. After all, why should we have all the fun.

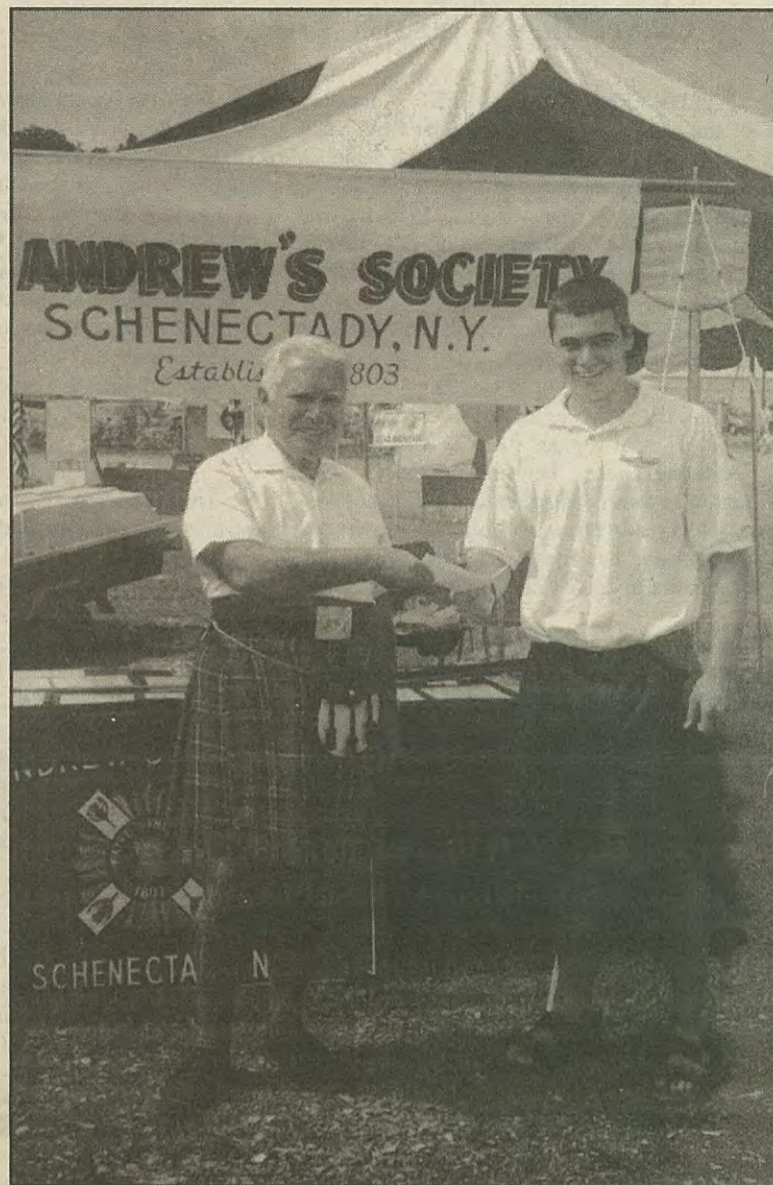
Maine Games

Our Maine Commissioner, Wally Gage, reports a good turn-out for the Maine games! Even his oldest daughter, Barbara, joined, while Keary and Sharon Naughton (his daughter) and Timothy and Janet Clark (another daughter) renewed their memberships! That's keeping it in the family!

At the Tulsa Games: High Plains Commissioner John Grant, with Helen and Carole Richmond. Carole is wearing her Cherokee Ribbon Dress.



Great Grants



Hal and Beryl Grant are proud of their grandson, Scott Grant. He received a check from John Thompson, Pres of Schenectady St Andrews Society for his fall semester at Sterling University in Scotland.

STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES 1997

We gathered for these fine games, many of us on thursday. The Tattoo was, as usual, super. Two mighty rain showers fell during the evening. No one got wet, we're all under roof. Kept the dust down for the weekend.

Friday, Jame and David Grant hosted our reception. This event got it's start when Hank & Linda Grant lived in Atlanta, at their home. We all found out what's been happening since last year and met new babies.

John and Thelma Grant had their family at the games with all the grandchildren. Lucille and George Grant's son George and daughter Susan with her family arrived Friday for the festivities. John and Helen Grant from Derby, KS. graced the affair.

Games Saturday were packed. Lots of interested cousins came by our tent. Some joined, others will wait a while. Our tent was filled with children, all happy. Took lots of video pictures. Gordon Grant held the AGM at a scenic spot in the woods, behind our tent.

Playing Pipe Bands marched by the tent from time to time. Shirley, George, Ed Grant, answered questions from visitors about our Society all day. Here, the clan tents are spread out through the woods, along paved footpaths. There are two large fields, one for athletics, one for ceremony and bands, separate from the tents. Activities, Highland Country Dancing, Piping, Drumming, Dancing are all scattered around the area. In the center are the vendors area. This arrangement allows more movement of the spectators to see whats happening and to visit the clans.

Saturday evening at Duane And Maggie Kline's beautiful home was perfect. George showed some video of Scotland and Spain. Shared experiences and plans. Lots of good food and drinks.

Sunday the parade of Tartans filled the parade field, end to end. Everyone marching proudly with their clan, none more than the Grants. Mercifully, the speeches were short and we made it back to the tent for lunch. Late afternoon farewells as we packed the games kit away. Plan to come next year if you missed the fun this year.

at the Games!

Altamont Games

Hal Grant, Regional Commissioner

Our All-Clan dinner Friday night before the games was a flill house of 130. Sixteen attending were Clan Grant members. It was good to see Anne Grant-Knapp and daughter Barbara again. Stephen, Nan and Hannah Brown were also here from Ct. Also, George Grant, Maureen and daughter Lorna from Poughkeepsie; Fred and Allison (Grant)

Rickard and Patricia and Ewan Somerscales from the Troy area; our daughter, Kathi, son, Larry and Beryl and I completed the roster of Clan Grant members at this dinner.

Connecticut Games

BY: Jean Aloe

CT Commissioner

On Sat. October 4, my husband, Ed, and I manned the Clan Grant tent at the Goshen, CT games, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of CT. It was a beautiful day with a record number of clans in attendance: 46. We invited friends of ours, James and Joan McPherson, to attend the clan dinner the night before and to attend the games. As Clan MacPherson was the honored clan at both events and they had never attended any Scottish activities before, they were overwhelmed. It really was a lot of flin to see them parade into dinner behind the Haggis, etc.

Hal and Beryl Grant, (He is the New York Commissioner and she is, of course, our clan's genealogist) drove down from Altamont to lend moral support to this, my second "manning" of the tent. Hal and I marched in the parade of the clans and shouted a hearty "Stand Fast Craigellachie!" There were games, sheep dog and broad sword demonstrations, dancing, piping, etc. 14 people signed the guest book and one, Arthur A. Grant (Ted), from Guilford, CT, joined the society! He has done considerable research on his William Grant ancestors in Nova Scotia. Another Grant who signed our book was Douglas Honychurch, from Trumbull, CT, whose Grant ancestors emigrated to Barbados and are still there!

Next year I hope to add the Scotland, CT games to the Round Hill games in Norwalk, CT and the Goshen games, both of which I manned this year.

CHICAGO HIGHLAND GAMES

Nancy Grant Reid, Kingsport, Tn. went to a family reunion in her hometown of Glen Ellen, Illinois in June. She heard about Highland Games in Oakbrook, almost next door, the same weekend. Her idea was to have a Grant Tent at the games as a highlight of the weekend. Here is her story.

"Games kit arrived from Brenda Grant, Utah Thursday. I ran around getting a banner & flag poles. I used 8' 3/4" PVC which worked out well. Got to the Polo field about 3:30 Friday to set up the tent. Nothing was ready. The lady running the Games said to return at 6:30AM Saturday. So, in pouring rain we got there.

Wind was up to 33MPH. It was hard to do anything. We had the biggest tent 20'x20'. if I stayed toward the center of the tent, I didn't get wet. By 8:00AM it died down & we got things set up."

"All the table things had cans of soda pop holding them down. Had to use mega amounts of duct tape (miracle tape). Everything was taped down, even sign up book & Brochures."

"Weather started off miserable, By 11:00 it was sunny, muggy, but the breeze helped."

"I tried to get people to sign up for membership, but everyone said they'd take an application. Hopefully, they will send it in. They were pleased to see a Grant tent at the games. 16 members of my family were there. None of my family had ever been to a festival and were very impressed."

"The organizers should do more to publicize the event. No one in Glen Ellyn ever heard of Oakbrook Games."

"We had a great time, maybe next year we can do it again and the weather will be better."

Thanks to Clan Grant for the support and opportunity to represent the Society."

New Commissioner Named

Mr. Gordon K. Grant was recently named commissioner for South Texas. His region will include the Houston, San Antonio, Galveston and Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange areas of Texas. His duties will include representing the Clan Society at various games and other Scottish events in the described area.

We all wish him the best in his new position and look forward to hearing about his area's games.



A good showing in Mumford, NY. Those posing are: (back, l-r) Barbara McCulloch, Allan McMillan, Harold Grant, David Grant, Mary & Jim Grant. (middle, l-r) Jeff McCulloch, Claire Urbanski, Anne Knapp-Grant, Vicki Grant-Feghey, Evangeline & Molly Grant. (front, l-r, Linda, Brandon & Shayna Feghey, Tara & Caellin Grant.

McPherson Scottish Festival & Highland Games

BY: John Grant, High Plains Commissioner

The fourth annual McPherson Scottish Festival was held Sept. 25-27 at Lakeside Park in McPherson, KS. Again this year the festival began on Friday at the Red Coach Convention Center with a tartan seminar presented by Dr. Philip Smith. His presentation reviewed the history and evolution of Scottish apparel as well as the Tartan over the centuries. I found out I am still learning about Scotland and the Tartan. I have learned that it is truly an "artistic expression or art form". I certainly enjoyed the seminar. We hope that he will continue his presentations at future festivals around the country.

We were able to borrow Shirley for a few minutes during the weekend to answer questions for us at the Clan tent. We appreciate the time she could assist us. At high noon on both days of the festival, the city of McPherson Pipe Band led the "Parade of Tartans" around the parade ground. It was a colorful site as over 32 Clans were represented. Throughout the festival, Alex Beaton, the Outlanders, Bonnie Rideout and Debbie O'Carroll entertained the crowds with their music and comedy. Irish Curragh rides were available again this year on Lakeside. A "Harp Tent" was open for both days during the festival. This was a new addition to the weekend events and demonstrations were given on a regular basis by a local musician.

We enjoyed our time in McPherson assisting visitors of Scottish origin discovering their heritage and renewing old acquaintances. As this was our last festival for 1997, we wish to thank the Clan Grant Society for their support.



L to R: Hal Grant, Reg Comm, Hannah Brown, and Scott Grant.
Hannah's skirt is made with ancient Grant tartan.

GENEALOGY CORNER

Beryl N. Grant, Clan Grant Genealogist

For the past two months I have been exploring the Internet. I have found our Grant Society web page, the associated Grant query list and Grant-L RootsWeb. Have answered some queries and find that when Grants find out about our society, they are interested in membership. The Clan Grant Society in Canada seems to be in the process of renewal and I will be happy to share Canadian research when they appoint their genealogist.

Deborah Boyd has sent me her Grant family history starting with William N. Grant and Sallie Henry of Mississippi. Barbara Brandon has sent in more information on the Ludovic Grant line.

Wallace Gage, Maine Commissioner, sent in more research on the Peter Grant of Berwick, ME line and the Grant family of North Haven, Maine.

A new member, Susan Grant-Vassallo sent me info on her Grant/Pratt line, her Grant line descended from Donald Grant of Abernathy, Scotland married to Marjorie Grant, daughter of the Earl of Seafield and their son John Grant b. in Cordova, Spain and later removed to Nova Scotia.

A Delores Cain has sent me genealogy on John Grant Sr. b.c. 1700, Monmouth Co., N.J., married to Mabel Burdsal. Family history continues through PA and Cincinnati, OR.

We now have a Pratt genealogist, John MacLaughlin, who will try to help our Pratts. I will be providing him with our Pratt family research. We still need someone who would assume the same role for Suttie, Cairns, MacKerron and MacLroy. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

My E-mail address is BGrant03@juno.com. What a quick way to communicate!

Grant Ladies Sash

If you are interested in a Grant Tartan Silk Sash for your lady. Contact: Ann Stewart, Kiltmaker--384 Main Street--Catskill, NY 12414. Phone 518-943-0975 FAX 518-943-6605 or email--Kiltmaker@aol.com.

We called and ordered one and in three weeks it was delivered. Good workmanship and quality. Price \$135.00.

CROSS STITCH CLAN PLANT BADGES

A Cross Stitch kit from Inverness, 4" x 6" is available with the design of the Grant crest, a pine branch with cones and "Grant" printed across the bottom. The actual size is 4" x 6". The kit includes 18 hpi AIDS, stranded cotton, needle, chart, instructions, parchment card and matching envelope. Call Lady Britainnia, 0 Box 1684, Delaware, OH 43015 for further information. Visa/Master card orders taken, (Call 1-800-887-2850).

KILT CARRIER

Interested in a kilt carrier? "For the Highlander who has everything", this is "ideal for travel, prevents creasing, easy storage, rainproof", etc. It is even advertised as ideal for wool skirts when traveling and it fits inside most suitcases. It comes in two sizes, 27" or 30" (for 6 ft. tall or more). It rolls up. For further information write to: Carnegie Carriers, 17 Summerfield Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Fax: (518) 584-5551.

QUERIES!!

Anyone working on William B. Grant/Sarah Wofford line? If so, I would like to hear from you and view your research.

Anyone have information on Rachel Grant, m. John Sperling in New Brunswick, NJ. Is this line connected to Thomas Grant and Elizabeth Grover??

Grants in Frederick Co., MD/upper SC/Warren Co. TN - 1760 until after 1832. Rev. War veteran, Alexander Grant - is he son of Alexander Grant Sr. and Sarah Lee Grant, born in Frederick Co., MD in 1760/61. Moved to Camden area of SC before Rev. War and moved to Warren Co. TN by 1832. Correspondent has data on Sarah Lee Grant and is willing to share.

GRANT DATA BASE

The Grant data base has been started. I am entering members' research up to 1900. Names of ancestors, spouses, etc. will be able to be sorted by date and location. The same information dealing with the following defined lines of research will have separate data bases.

- ▶ Jeremiah Grant/Catherine Hemp, VA
- ▶ Ludovic Grant, NC/SC
- ▶ John Grant/Sallie Morris, NC
- ▶ James the Drummer, ME
- ▶ William Grant/Catherine Tankersley, VA/SC
- ▶ William Grant-Lizabeh Mott, VA
- ▶ Christopher Grant, MA
- ▶ Elizabeth Grant/William Henry Ridenour
- ▶ Matthew Grant, founder of Windsor, CT, 1630 and direct ancestor of president U.S. Grant
- ▶ The Grant Family, Stamford, New York.

If you have not sent in your line of research I urge you to do so. Pedigree charts and family group sheets are available if you will send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope. When you receive these charts, make several copies of the blank forms, you will need them. When you have entered what you have, please send a copy to me. I hope to have this all done over the winter months.

If you have sent data by name only without locations, I can't put it into the data base. Location is most important as that is where the records are!

CROSS-STITCHING

For all the ladies who enjoy cross-stitching, Carol Sanders (IL) sends some information on the Grant crest and tartan border that she did for her folks' 50th wedding anniversary!

She previously did one for her brother, using an 18-count off white material. Carol says that his turned out better in white but the stitch was smaller and really showed up the colors well. The one in the picture was done on a 14-count. She feels she should have used more thread on the tartan (3 strands of floss instead of 2 for the bottom cross of the tartan and then 2 strands instead of 1 for the top cross. She plans to make one for herself on Linen, with a 32 count. When it is worked you cross over 2 threads so it will be like a 16-count.

The picture of her folks was graphed for cross stitch and this is the result! She feels pleased with her results! (And well she should!)

(Editor's Note: See last issue for pictures of her work.)

Spring Deadline March 1st



Member Buys Piece of Scotland!

Recently my wife and I accompanied Phil and Shirley Smith to the Grant Lands of Stratspey. This was our second trip to Scotland. We took our children to visit our Scottish relatives in '93, I being the first born in the United States.

Before we decided to take this '97 Grant Tour and Ceilidh, we saw an advertisement in Scottish Life Magazine for A piece of Scotland to call your own~ Anyway, I bought a piece and mentioned it to Phil Smith, and he suggested I go there and take a few pictures which you might find worthy of publication.

Please understand, this is not an advertisement or an endorsement, though the land is beautiful and the view is breathtaking. It is meant only to be a human interest story of a transplanted Highlander returning home to reclaim a piece of his true homeland.

Mr. Trevor Rogers, my "factor" to this land holding says that even though I only own a small square, I still have the right to title of esquire after my surname. I don't plan to use it much but I thought it would be appropriate here.

Craigellachie,
Gordon K. Grant, Esq.

THE GRANT FAMILY OF DELLACHAPLE/LETHENDRY

Peter Dowling in Greenacre, N.S.W., Australia sent an interesting letter and we are reproducing it:

I have located your address on the INTERNET. In June this year I was able to spend a day at Cromdale, near Grant-town-on-Spey. I made a number of enquiries in Grant-town, including the local information centre local telephone book without succeeding in anyone knowledgeable about the Grant family, except for Mr. George Smith of Cromdale.

I have a copy of a pedigree prepared by Mr. George Dixon of Stirling some years ago of the Clan Chiaran, but it does not indicate any connection with my ancestor, Dr. David Grant, b. c. 1755, d. 29-6-1817.

Visiting the Cromdale Parish church/cemetery I was surprised to find a Granite Monument for a Robert Grant of Kinkerth (3-3-1752 - 10-8-1801), a son of a David Grant of Lethendry and a descendant of Clan Chiaran. Upon investigation, I found that Delachaple and Lethendry are adjoining properties, and have always had a historical link, in that the land was and still is part of the Grant family estate. According to George Smith there was an underground passage from Lethendry Castle (which still exists as a ruin now part of a farm building) and Delachaple which was used as an escape route from the castle. From the monument above there appears to be a link with Forres House. Robert Grant (1752-1801) had a son Lewis Grant, and the same name as Lewis (Grant of Freuchie), son of a James Grant of Glenbeg. This may also confirm a family relationship.

The dates of birth of Robert (3-3-1752) and David below (1755), are related in some way. Unfortunately, I was not able to investigate the Parish registers for Cromdale, which may have shed some light on the subject.

My ancestor, Dr. David Grant received the Degree of M.D. from Kings College, Aberdeen from 1791-3. According to a brief extract from a book called "Dwarris of Jamaica", p. 21, a Dr. David Grant married Janet Dwarris (d. Oct. 1796) their son, Dr. David Grant also had a son David Grant, Jr. living 1789. I have been able to confirm property ownership in Jamaica by Dr. David Grant.

Family Tree of Dr. David Grant follows,

Dr. David Grant m Janet Dwarris
=Dr. David lm Mary Ann McLean
b. c1755 - d. 19-6-1817
==David Grant, Jr. m ??
2m Ann Hitchman
=== (12 children - 4 survived to adulthood)
1) Amelia Sophia Grant m. (Oct. 1816) Sir Frances Forbes-1st. Chief Justice of New South Wales
2) Francis Eliza Grant m.(Oct. 1816) John Milbourne
3) Charlotte Grant m. (26-1-1821) Philip Pinnock
4) Lt. Samuel Grant b. c1793 d. 1-5-1817

I am descended from Charlotte Grant, whose daughter Charlotte Pinnock and son Philip Pinnock, both came to New South Wales in the 1840's. I would be interested in what you may have in regard to the Clan Chiaran and if you have any information on the aforesaid Robert Grant and David Grant.

Please contact Shirley to obtain where to write.

(SPAIN, from p.1)

us with, "Mucho Calore". (Very Hot); as did almost everyone else. The temperature in Spain in Augusto is mostly in the high 90's and low 100. One day in Sevilla it was 41C, (105F).

We rented a car in Madrid and headed south to Toledo. We visited three provinces of Spain. La Mancha, (Valley without water), Ciudad Real, Royal City, & Andalusia.

Toledo, capital of La Mancha, was originally fortified by the Romans. They built a fort on the site of the present day Alcazar. The Visigoths made Toledo their capital, in the 6th century.

Cervantes is from La Mancha. He is still a hero in Spain, statues everywhere. We found some windmills, but Lucille refused to play Pacco, even if I found a horse and lance.

Toledo was home to El Greco. His paintings are in almost every Iglesia, (Church) and museum in town. A famous painting "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz, an El Greco masterpiece is in the Iglesia de Santo Tome. El Greco and his son are in the painting, looking out at the viewer, as is Goya.

We drove into the old city, winding, narrow cobblestone streets, Found the Cathedral & Alcazar, but no place to park. We then adopted our method of exploring. We drove to a cab stand, parked our car, and told the driver where to take us. When we arrived, I said, "Esperar por nosotros, Aqui, por favor. (Wait for us here, please) We used one cab in Sevilla for 4 hours. Cost was 2500 pesetas, (\$18.00).

In Toledo, we stopped in a shop to look at & buy a gold bracelet for Lucille. While she was looking I bought an "Excaliber" sword, just pulled it out of the stone. I showed it to Lucille. She asked how much it cost, then told the man waiting on her to show her bracelets that cost more than the sword. He did and she now has a beautiful silver inlaid, gold bracelet.

Cordoba. Our Hotel, "Conquistadore" was across the street from the "Mezquita", in the old part of the city. Little has changed since the 10th Century, when Cordoba was one of the greatest cities in the western world.

Mezquita. "The Great Mosque". Beautiful arched columns, pillars, and a dazzling mihrab. The Catholic Monarchs, after defeating the Moors, built a church in the center of Mezquita.

In the evening, after a dinner of "Bulls Tail", we attended a "Flamenco". Very interesting. There is a male singer, telling tales of pathos, love, broken families, etc; while the dancers with facial expression, graceful hand and body movement, act out the story.

The temperature at 10:30 PM was 85F. The dancers performed for two hours, mucho calore. I recommend everyone see Flamenco!!

Sevilla is the capital of Andalusia. A very large and prosperous city. Spanish economy has tripled in the past 6 years. In Spain the major Hotels have street side signs, showing the way. Our reservations were at the, "Macarena". We followed the signs but they ended at the Melia Confort Hotel. We paid a cab to take us to, "Macarena". He took us the Melia Confort. Seems 45 days ago the Hotel changed names. It is not possible to see all of Sevilla

in three days. We did go to the, Instituto de Indias. There, all the records of Spanish colonization of the Americas, north & south. We were looking for information on immigration to Cuba, where George's mothers family came from in 1870. It is hard to believe, but we found no one fluent in English. Did find a lady who spoke French and some English.

In Andalusia, while you are looking at the dinner menu, they bring a dish of all kinds of olives. Some we hadn't tasted before. Large, plump very tasty, and some quite small. We decided to buy some & bring them back. Looked in our Spanish/English dictionary for olive. It is pronounced, ah che TOON ah. At the "El Corte Englise", we asked a young man. Donde es ah che TOON ah, he said, cinco (5). We walked to aisle 5 and there they were. Young man followed us and standing behind George, he said, "we also call them Olivas, in perfect english.

Driving to Sevilla from Cordoba, we drove for 60 kilometers along a road on top of a mountain ridge. Along both sides were groves of olives, beautifully kept. Occasionally we would see a "Hacienda". In southern Spain the land is basically poor. Either they grow olives, sunflowers, sheep or goats. We did see some cattle and some crops near Cadiz.

Bull fighting is Spain's national pastime, much like our baseball. In every town, no matter how small, there was a bull ring. Spanish television, between 4 & 5 shows highlights of bull fights.

From 1:00PM to 4 or 5, every shop in Spain is closed, except for bars. They reopen until 7 or 8. Restaurants open at 9 or 9:30PM for dinner.

Jerez de la Frontera is the source of "Sherry Wine". There are many large Bodegas, including, Gonzalez Bias, Bristol, & Tio Pepe. We watched practice at the Spanish Equestrian School. One of the horses trained here won the Gold Medal in Atlanta Olympics.

Puerto de la Santa Maria, is the shipping port for Sherry. Very pretty town with one of Spains oldest Bull Rings.

Gibraltar is one of the most English places in the world. Even more than England. We bought petrol there and offered a 10# note from the Bank of Scotland. He offered 9# for the note. I told him to take the gas out of the car. After he made a phone call, he took the 10#. We drove to Europa Point, overlooking, the straight of Gibraltar, Algeria, & Spain. It was here Hercules stood to separate Europe from Africa. We saw the apes, so the Brits will stay around.

On the way to Malaga we stopped at "Valderrama", where the Ryder Cup was played. Very upscale. The low cost homes are 2 million. Built in a Cork Grove.

We arrived in Malaga during festival week. Everyone wearing colorful costumes, riding in antique carriages, street dancing, strolling bands. Mucho fun. Our Hotel was the "Paradore Gilbralfaro", on top of Gilbralfaro Mountain, next to the ancient fortress. At 7:30PM we were sitting on our balcony, video taping the Costa del Sol and Malaga, when we heard, OLE!-OLE!. We looked over the balcony rail and straight down into a Bull Ring. There was a Corrida taking place. George zoom lensed and taped two bull fights. The OLE's continued until about 11:30PM.

(See SPAIN, p.8)

(SHIRLEY, from p.3)

stakes for the Games!)

Kay's sister, Ginger, in Arizona is working on their Grant genealogy, using some Grant books Kay gave her to help out!

Somehow, yours truly has ended up on the mailing list for the American Highland Cattle Association in Denver, Colorado. The pictures they send of these beautiful animals really makes you want to own some! It also brings back memories of Jean Aloe trying to take some pictures of this Highland breed in Scotland, but when the bus stopped and everyone poured out, it frightened our "models" and off they ran!

Although promising that we'd see lots more, the trip was drawing to a close with nary a Highland cow to be seen close enough to "shoot." You can imagine the excitement when on next to the last day as we drove to Castle Grant, our original "herd" (two cows and a calf) appeared once again! By this time the search had reached a feverish pitch--and the whole tour group let Jean know that here was her chance! And although our demeanor was "quieter and silenter"-- we've yet to see the results!

Clan Grant is now on World Wide Web! The U.K. branch put its' ad on a couple of years ago--and look for Howard Parsons' (VA) page with the red Grant tartan at the top! The Yahoo Search Results lists Society contacts and a color brochure is available for U.K. contacts. DISCscribe Ltd. also runs an ad with other search categories included.

Lila Peterson (Mrs. Charles H. Peterson) is seeking information on her family. Her mother, Florence Henderson, daughter of Sarah Matilda Grant: daughter of Robert Grant, (b. NJ, 1856, lived in Hackettstown, Warren County, NJ, d. July 7, 1927) a blacksmith by trade and Susan Elizabeth Kutz, his wife. (b. PA). His father, also Robert, was born in Scotland and his wife, Sarah Hand in New Jersey.

A letter from Middlesex, England and a Mrs. Jeanne Whitby who is looking for an officer, last name Grant, who was killed in the American War of Independence in Charleston, South Carolina around 1776-1780. He had 5 children, the eldest being James Grant born at Strathspey in the Highlands of Scotland in 1768. James married Frances Carmichael in Dublin in 1792. They had 2 sons and 4 daughters.

She has a lot of information on James and his family but it is his father who is the elusive one. Unfortunately, she does not have his Christian name. Can anyone help her?

Bruce Edward BeVier is looking for information on his great-great-grandfather, James Grant and his son. He descends from Alexander Grant, born in Ypsilanti, MI in 1838 and died in 1911. He had at least one brother. His Grandfather, James A. Grant, married Estelle Lochwood (born in Utica, MI and died June 7, 1940). Bruce's mother, Florence Edith Grant, the second of four daughters, was born July 23, 1887 and she died May 30, 1996 in Utica.

Bruce and Bette Coleman did not receive many replies to their inquiries--and so are still looking!

Mary and Jim (Commissioner in Western New York) Grant claimed perfect weather for the Genesee County Museum Highland Gathering! He mentions an article in the July '97 issue of Golf magazine that refers to the Malt Whisky Trail of Scotland. It tells about distilleries and areas around Grantown-on-Spey. (And he adds a P.S. "Of course, it also mentions golf in the area!")

Speaking of "perfect weather" do you remember the floods that swept over us at the

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**Spring Deadline
March 1st**

(EDITOR, from p. 2)

partly because of that envelope/contents thing I mentioned earlier. If you want to send pictures, and please do, I suggest that you send a copy that I can keep. If you have to have it back, please be sure to tell me in no uncertain terms. (A post-it attached to the back may be a good idea.)

As I stated earlier, these are not rules but merely suggestions. I understand that some of us have more access than others to computers, etc., and I sincerely do not want to discourage anyone from submitting an article. So keep your cards and letters coming (electronically if you can) and as always, STAND FAST!

(SHIRLEY, from p. 7)

Legonier games last year? Hugh and Emma Dunn sent us the good news that on May 18th it rained so much that the stream overflowed its bank! (That was predicted last year but it didn't happen!) So, clean-up time at the park once again! Keep your fingers crossed!

AND A WORD FROM SCOTLAND: 11,500 Grant households in the U.K. received recruitment literature from Clan Grant in an effort to take in more members! Grants of Dalvey underwrote the expense for doing such a large mailing!

Historic Scotland is trying to develop a visitor/shopping center at Urquhart Castle but the planning department rejected the proposal and sent the application back for further consideration and consultation. Increased parking facilities are needed but plans call for the visitor's center to be right beside the castle and many people would rather see a center a short distance away--not visible from the Castle but within walking distance of the car park.

I. F. GRANT BOOKS

John Grant (KS) discovered a publishing company wanting to "clear its shelves" of a number of I.F. Grant's booklet, "The Clan Grant." The company does not plan to reprint them. We bought 43 and several are already sold--if interested, we are selling them at cost--\$7.00 plus \$1.00 postage & handling.

We need to tell you that these are reprints. There are no pictures in them, the cover is yellow instead of red, and the tartan pictured on the cover is poorly done! But...if you can abide all of that, the history is word for word as in the original and it is a good concise history of the Clan! If you are interested in having a copy please contact your Commissioner.

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We received a sample of a Clan Grant note card sold by the House of Edgar in Pitlochry. We will try to pick some up when the group tours the area and bring them back with us. They come in a package of 12 and will probably run around \$12 per pkg. They have the "modern" Grant tartan on the left side (although they call it "ancient" colors) and the Clan Badge is shown on the right side. The inside is blank for messages and a brief history of the Clan is on the back with a tartan border.

New Magazines

There are several new Scottish magazines out that you might be interested in:

(1) Scottish Life published by Neill Kennedy Ray. A special discount is offered for Clan Grant members. Steven Grant, Commissioner in Missouri is working this out.

(2) Scottish Journal published by Angus John Ray. (This is the same editor for the Highlander Magazine). They will send you a free copy if you send them your name and address. Write to: Scottish Journal, P.O. Box 3165, Barrington, IL 60011.

(3) The Scottish Banner no longer gives discounts to groups but they will send 3 free issues to all new members joining Clan Grant. Your name is automatically sent to them whenever a new list is sent out to the Commissioners.

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE

Make checks payable to
Clan Grant. Mail to:
George H. Grant
301 Masters Road
Hixson, TN 37343

BOOKS

TRADITIONS OF SCOTLAND
by Gilber Summers
\$25.00

HISTORY OF CLAN GRANT
by Lord Strathspey
\$35.00

THIS & THAT

CLAN KNIT SHIRTS (made in USA)
Specify S-M-L-XL
Teal Blue w/Gold Badge \$17.50

GRANT COAT OF ARMS, BRONZE
Plaque 6"x4" Tartan Mtd \$40.00
Key Ring w/leather fob \$30.00

GRANT PEWTER KILT PIN \$15.00*

GRANT WALL PLAQUES WOOD
LARGE 10"x12" \$65.00*
SMALL 7"x8" \$50.00*

*Do not add for postage

GRANT ANCIENT TARTAN MATERIAL
WORSTED 5YDS MENS KILT
1 TO 1 1/2YDS LADIES SKIRT \$40.00YD

Clan Badge Rubber Stamp \$10.00

McIan Color Print-Grant Gillie \$10.00

Please add \$3.00 each order and give street address for UPS shipment.
Clan Grant Society only sells items that are Clan Related.
NOTE: SHIPMENT TO CANADA IS INVOICED AT COST

(SPAIN, from p. 7)

Parador San Francisco, located in the "La Alhambra", was our next stop for two days.

This was for 600 years a convent. It is now an upscale hotel of 35 rooms. La Alhambra is a very large Moorish Castle on a hill. The caliphs, rulers of Granada lived here. There is a large formal garden, "Generalife" adjacent. The caliphs created their idea of heaven on earth. On another hill opposite La Alhambra is the Albaicin. This is the old part of Granada, populated by moors, spanish & jews. Once there were over 30 mosques in Albaicin.

In the La Alhambra is the Patio de los Leones. In the center is a fountain resting on 12 carved marble lions. It was a gift of the Jews to the caliph. Examples of beautiful ceramic artwork and tiles are everywhere.

"Harim" means private in Arabic and is what they called their living quarters. All of the Moorish palaces had fountains, running water and large rectangular pools, called Banos, or baths. The water flowed by gravity, through the area. Evaporation helped keep it livable in hot temperatures.

Valdepenas, is in the center of the largest wine grape growing area in the world. The town of about 7,000 has 32 Bodegas. Large, 20 feet high, clay wine jars, used to ferment the wine, line the Avenida de Vino. We bought 6 bottles of Tinto, (1st place in

1991) and 3 of 3rd place blush, for \$24.00, from "Espinosa Bodega". Wine has a nice fruity taste.

Our recommendation is to go to Spain. Everyone we met is very friendly & helpful. It would be nice to speak fluent Spanish, but not necessary. Important words are, Donde, (where), por favor, (please), gracias, (thanks), hiello, (YEH lo), ICE.

This time we traveled south, next time we'll go north. We'll see and experience a different Spain, I'm sure.

Madrid to London, Gatwick. Drove through lots of roundabouts down to West Wittering, through Chichester, to visit with Olive, Lady Strathspey. She is in fine fettle, looking great. She served us a nice light lunch. Went to dinner at "Lambs Inn", just down the road from West Wittering. Ollie stays busy with her gardens. Sent me out to pick tomatoes from the greenhouse for lunch. Says next year she'll cut back on the garden. Don't bet on it. Ollie drove us down to the beach for her twice daily walk with "Prudence", her doggie. She out walked Lucille, and had me wondering when we'd turn around. Son, Michael has another year on his contract in the U A E. Daughter, Amanda, commercial artist, visits frequently.

Drop Ollie a note. She would be happy to hear from you. Address is: Olive, Lady Strathspey--111 Elms Ride--West Wittering--Sussex--England.

If anyone would like information on Spain, contact the Spanish Tourist Board, or call us. We made all of our Hotel reservations via FAX. We collected information from the internet & Tourist Board. We stayed in 4 & 5 star Hotels. The average cost per day for double room including breakfast & dinner was \$185.00. for both of us. We use travel agents for planes & car rentals, not for hotels. They look for high cost--high commission. The Ritz in Madrid is \$525.00 per day.

ADIOS! MIS AMIGOS.

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