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IT'S GREAT TO BE A GRANT

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Historical Documents Lost and Found

'Dearest Julia': Restorer finds letter from U.S. Grant
BY JOAN LITTLE Of the *Post-Dispatch*

It's a tantalizing half of a letter and it lay forgotten and undisturbed for almost 150 years inside a window at White Haven, the former home in south St. Louis County of Ulysses S. Grant. On Jan. 28, Mike Ward, chief of maintenance at White Haven, pulled an original window frame away from a wall and the long-lost letter fell out, fluttering down to his feet. Ward picked it up and the first words he saw were "Dearest Julia." Those two words electrified Ward, who has been taking part in a four-year restoration of White Haven by the U.S. Park Service. Instantly he realized this could be a never-before-seen letter that Grant wrote to his wife, Julia Dent Grant.

"It's such an incredible find," said Christopher Eckard, chief of interpretation at White Haven. "Of all the things to find here, this is the ultimate." Only about half of the letter remains, but there are enough details to suggest that Grant wrote it to Julia in 1850 or 1851, while he was an army lieutenant with the 4th Infantry Regiment in Detroit. Based on the early type of nails found in the window frame and the paint line on the wall, Ward believes he may have been the first person to remove the frame since it was placed there in the 1800s. "That's one of the few parts of the house that had never been tinkered with over the years," Eckard said.

Ward found what appears to have been a rat's nest inside the window. How the letter got inside is a mystery. Staffers believe a rodent may have carried it in. Or it could have fallen through a crack in the floor from the attic directly above. At the time of the letter, Grant was either a new father or about to become one. He and Julia married in 1848, and the couple lived in Detroit until Julia became pregnant with their first child. Julia then returned to her family at White Haven, where Frederick Dent Grant was born on May 30, 1850.

In the letter, Grant mentions accompanying a Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Bruster, who were apparently officers' wives, on an excursion. Historians know that Grant was a friend in
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BEGINNING OF THE 20TH YEAR CLAN GRANT SOCIETY, USA

by George H. Grant

In July of 1977, George & Lucille Grant attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. They were invited by neighbors, Ivan and Constance MacArthur. Ivan was to be made president of the MacArthur Clan Society.

On Sunday afternoon there is a "Parade of Tartans", with each Clan marching behind their tartan banner around the field. The GRANT Banner was preceded by a piper, Ludovic Grant, the banner was carried by Dorsey McIlroy. There were no clansmen following. After the parade, George asked Dorsey & Ludovic if there was a Clan Grant Society. The answer was no. Neither of them had the time or energy necessary to get it started. They suggested I get in touch with Lord Strathspey, if interested, they would give all the support they could.

After long conversations with Lucille, George wrote Strathspey, requesting permission to form a clan society in America. Patrick responded in the affirmative and gave me the names & addresses of other people who had expressed an interest in a society. He highly recommended I contact John G. Grant of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, CA. I did, John & I talked and agreed to work together to organize. In January, 1978, George flew to California on business and met with John & Barbara Grant. Plans were made and implemented, we were off and running.

The list provided by Patrick became Founding Charter members. Dr. Philip & Shirley Grant Smith were on the list. Probably the most important couple for the society. Shirley was our secretary from the beginning and Phil gave us much needed guidance. Shirley functioned as membership, chief recruiter, news gatherer and general organizer. Couldn't have been done without their efforts. Eugene & Jule Grant, Angwin, CA. organized California and the West coast. For 10 years through the spring and summer they attended every Highland Game in California. Gene made a trailer with a top that folded out to form a counter and tent for the games. Jim and Mary Suttie were their companions and successors.

We decided, if we could get Lord & Lady Strathspey over here, it would be a great help. We contacted the organizers of, Grandfather Mtn., Los Angeles Games, & Arlington, VA. Highland Games, and asked they invite the Strathspey's to be Honored Guests. We would pay their travel and accommodation expenses. They agreed.

In late June 1978, they arrived in Chattanooga, TN with a Pipe Band and the Mayor to meet them at the airport. John & Barbara were there. We had the week designated "Chattanooga's Scottish Heritage". They were given the Keys to the City and were royally entertained at various high profile functions every day. The week culminated with a reception at George & Lucille's home for 250+ people. Strathspey's picture was in the paper every
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SPRING RENEWAL (TIME) IS IN THE AIR

It's that time of year again when the days grow longer and warmer. Our minds begin to fill with thoughts of planting gardens, spring cleaning and a hole-in-one. But this is also the time of year when the Clan Grant Society collects membership renewals and donations to the Duthil Kirk Fund.

On page two of this issue you will find your membership renewal form and brief instructions for completing the form. In an effort to make it as easy as possible for you, we have supplied a return envelope for your use. By placing the renewal slip where it is, the mailing label that we use to get this newsletter to you will contain all the information about your address. However, if your address needs correcting, please use the spaces provided on the renewal slip.

For those members who don't like cutting up their Craigellachie, please be sure to include your name and address when sending in your dues. Also, please note any corrections that we need to make to your address to insure that you receive your newsletters.

Finally, those of you wishing to donate to the Duthil Kirk Fund should include a separate check for this donation. Suggested donations are \$25, \$50 or \$100, but any amount will be accepted and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning renewal, call George at 1-800-445-2185.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Here it is Spring already! I hope that all the membership enjoyed a beautiful winter and are looking forward to the summer (golf) season. Yours truly has been a bit pressed for time and hasn't swung a club since early last October. I'm not sure what it is going to feel like when I finally do. Hopefully not too much pain. When I get some practice in I'll try to get down to Hixson and give George a lesson!

As you hopefully are aware, there is much going on in the Society these days. Our By-laws were adopted at the general meeting and are published on pages 4 & 5 of this edition. Please take the time to read these as they represent the Society's "Constitution." The By-laws were nearly adopted as written and you hopefully received a copy of the draft last fall. The major change came in Article VII, which now requires 2/3 of the members present at the annual meeting to approve any amendment to the By-laws.

I personally feel that the By-laws will serve us well as we transition from the "old-timers" to us "kids" taking on much of the responsibility in running the Society. This brings up another situation that we are experiencing. Our membership secretary, Shirley Smith, is retiring after 20 years of service. If anyone is interested in this position please contact your commissioner. (George will act as interim Secretary for now.)

This is a great way to get involved in the Society. My experience has been that all members are helpful and the Society provides a unique opportunity for personal contacts. Not to mention how fun it is. Nothing quite compares to that feeling of accomplishment I get each time I mail the new issue out. So let's hear from some volunteers out there. This is our Society and it's up to us to keep the ball rolling.

Speaking of the *Craigellachie*. You may notice that this issue appears to be a little different. That is because this is the first issue that I have generated entirely on a computer. That is, all the editing and formatting were done prior to printing, as opposed to the old "cut and paste" method that I employed for the first year. Now I cut and paste electronically, and when it's ready to go, I print an entire 11x17 inch page. I still have to paste these pages to the storyboard prior to taking it to the printer, but I'm investigating that aspect also. My goal is to cut printing costs and editing time. I'm still low on the learning curve so bear with my mistakes over the next couple of issues.

Finally, **membership renewal time is here.** We have tried to simplify matters by providing a renewal slip and a return envelope for your use. If for some reason there is no envelope in your copy of this issue, please send your renewal to George Grant in Hixson, TN. Instructions for completing the renewal slip are posted on this page. And don't forget the Duthill Kirk fund. We still need donations for restoration and maintenance of this historic site.

**SUMMER DEADLINE
MAY 16**

NEW MEMBERS

1. ABELE, Mr. L. John (NV)
2. BARKWILL, Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. (CA)
3. BORSTEL, Mr & Mrs. William F. (LA)
4. BRAMBLE, Ms. Minnie H. (NC)
5. BROWNE, Mr. & Mrs. James A. (FL)
6. CAIRO, Mr. & Mrs. James E. (NH)
7. DAWSON, Mr. Jamie (AZ)
8. DODGE, Mr. Douglas Forrest (VT)
9. DODGE, Mr. Ricardo Segundo Gomez (VT)
10. DODGE, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Charles (VT)
11. GELFAND-GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brennon (MO)
12. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Arthur (OK)
13. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. (Canada)
14. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring (MI)
15. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Cory Andrew (NC)
16. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey (SD)
17. GRANT, Mr. Joel H. (AZ)
18. GRANT, Mr. John C. (OH)
19. GRANT, Mr. Kenneth Craig (CA)
20. GRANT, Dr. Kerry S. (NY)
21. GRANT, Sr., Mr. Robert Tracy (FL)
22. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Scott E. (SC)
23. GRANT, Mr. Thomas Austin (OR)
24. MADDISON, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Robert (FL)
25. MARTIN, Mr. & Mrs. Chester A. (TN)
26. MAUGER, Mr. R. Grant (FL)
27. McDONALD, Mr. & Mrs. John L. (FL)
28. MOORE, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon (OK)
29. NEAL, Mr. David Grant (MA)
30. PODOMINICK, Ms. Corrine Grant (MN)
31. PRICE, Mrs. Adelyn Grant (SC)
32. PRINDLE, Mr. & Mrs. Tim S. (OH)
33. SHANK, Mr. Frances Wren (TX)
34. STEWART, Mrs. Sabrina Lynn Grant (CA)
35. WHITE, Ms. Margaret Bassett Morton (TN)
36. WOLFF, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. (GA)

RENEWALS

1. CAMP, Mr. Milton (FL)
2. CAMPBELL, Mr. Richard (FL)
3. FISHER, Ms. Melinda Grant (NH)
4. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Lysle E. (NH)
5. GRANT, Mr. & Mrs. Stoney (FL)
6. HOLMAN, Mr. & Mrs. Eric M. (TX)
7. KLOSE, Esq., Mrs. Wolf-Dieter (AZ)
8. LOGUE, Mr. Robert L. (TX)
9. LOVIC, Mr. & Mrs. (FL)
10. MOORE, Mr. Christopher Grant (OH-School in MA)
11. PARSONS, Mr. & Mrs. Howard T. (VA)
12. PICKETT, U.S.N., Ret., CWO & Mrs. Gary L.
13. WILSON, U.S.M.C., Ret., Mr. & Mrs. James E.

TRI-STATE COMMISSIONER NAMED

Mr. Michael L. Johnson has been named Clan Grant Commissioner for the tri-state region of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. His duties will include representing the Clan Grant Society at various games and other Scottish events in this area. Please join us in wishing him the very best and in congratulating him on his appointment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. Clip out the renewal slip to the right. Do **NOT** remove the mailing label from the renewal slip. This will let us know who you are and from where you hail.
2. Correct any errors on the mailing label in the spaces provided on the renewal slip. This will keep future issues coming to you.
3. Indicate whether you are renewing for one year (\$20) or for a lifetime (\$400).
4. Insert into the return envelope provided your renewal slip and a check or money order payable to *Clan Grant Society* for the appropriate amount.
5. Include a separate check if you wish to contribute to the Duthill Fund. Frameable certificates are still being issued to contributors. Suggested contributions are \$25, \$50 or \$100. (Any amount is appreciated!)
6. Stamp, seal and Mail return envelope.

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Yes, I wish to renew my membership in Clan Grant Society, USA. Enclosed find my check or money order for \$20, payable to: **Clan Grant Society, USA.**

Please note the following address corrections so that I may continue receiving all the benefits of membership in the Society.

NAME: _____

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No, I am not interested in renewing my membership. ☹️

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST: ROBERT V. MYERS, died on December 6, 1997, in Hendersonville, NC after a lengthy illness. In addition to his wife, Lynn, he leaves 6 sons: Robert H., Peter J., Kenneth B., Thomas B., Richard T. and James W.; 3 daughters, Susan J. Richard, Beverly A., and Jennifer L; and two living brothers, Richard and William. Preceding him in death are two sisters, Louise Shenk and Kay Johnson and a fourth daughter, Nancy E.

Details of the death of Dr. and Mrs. GEORGE ARTHUR GRANT Indianaola, Iowa, are not available but they had been Life members since June, 1988 when their granddaughter, Michelle, gave them a membership.

Eric Marshall informs us that Nancy's father, Don Suydam, died at his home in Galesburg, IL on December 2nd.

Another Life member, JOHN BENJAMIN GRANT passed away recently. He resided in Maine during the summer months and spent the winters in Clearwater, Florida. He joined the Society in 1980 and visited the Stone Mountain Games occasionally.

CHARLES "KEITH" GRANT (Las Vegas, NV) passed away last April and our apologies to his wife, Geraldine, for not acknowledging this earlier. Keith joined Clan Grant in September, 1986 after he had written to Canada's retired Convener, Syd Grant for a contact in the States. He worked for Nevada Power Company and lived in Nevada for 35 years, beginning his work as a substation engineer and later becoming vice president in 1978. He retired 10 years later as a senior vice president. Mr. Grant became a Marine in World War II and married Geraldine Curtis in 1948. He earned his degree in engineering from the University of Utah a year later. He was recalled into the service in 1950 during the Korean conflict. Most recently Keith served as a counselor to the 9th Ward Bishop in his church. In addition to his wife, "Jerry", he is survived by a sister, Jeanne Okland, two sons, Russell and Curtis, four daughters: Jan Huntsman, Leigh Grant, Jennifer Holt and Gayle Anderson and numerous grandchildren.

A charter member of the Society, HOMER LEWIS GRANT, husband of Minnie Cornelia Grant, died last year. "Lewis", as he preferred to be called, became a member in May of 1980. They lived in Baytown, Texas and often attended the Houston Games

Mr. IRVING B. GRANT of Debary, Florida, husband of Margaret Nelson and another Life member, passed away November 9, 1997. Mr. Grant was to be our next, "Another Great Grant" and it is with regret that the article was not finished in time for him to enjoy it. (See his picture elsewhere). Born on October 2, 1910 in Boston Massachusetts, he worked as an Engineer for Westinghouse for several years, retiring in 1975. He served in many organizations including a Past Master of the Quincy Masonic Lodge; a Past Commander of the Quincy Power Squad; and he also belonged to the Boston Naval Club. Irving served as a Deacon in the Orange City Congregational Church and particularly valued his Bible classes. He held an amateur radio license for nearly 70 years! His daughter, Debra DeLong, who lives in Vermont, introduced him to Clan Grant. His son is in the service and Irving and his wife traveled to Italy and Greece for visits with him. (Irving confided that he liked Italy best!) Although he had several interesting experiences he felt that one of the more unusual ones proved to be the time he was stranded on Mount Washington in New Hampshire while doing a TV show for Wide, Wide, World!

ROBERT W. GRANT of San Antonio, Texas died in September at the age of 83. Active in several wildlife organizations, he served as president of the American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society as well as being a long-time member of the Whooping Crane Conservation Association. Surviving him are his wife, Patricia, two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters. Internment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with Military honors.

TAYLOR GRANT, pioneer radio and television broadcaster, died at the age of 85 in Philadelphia, PA. A news analyst, he worked with Chet Huntley and Drew Pearson and was well-known as a champion of free speech. Born with the given name, Grant Taylor Cushman, he graduated with a business degree from Temple University. His wife, Jeannette, survives him.

ROSE GRANT NARDELLA, 89, formerly of Schuylerville, NY, and widow of PATRICK GRANT and John Nardella, died recently. She leaves three daughters: Marlene Reardon, Carol Collins and Patricia Martinovich and one brother Frank Fogerite; three stepdaughters and eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Born in Foggia, Italy, she served as housemother at Skidmore College, and was a member of St. Clement's Roman Catholic Church.

LILLIAN GRANT of Albany, NY passed away at the age of 97. Her husband, JULIUS GRANT, preceded her in death in 1955. Two daughters and a son survive: Eleanor Grant of Albany, Harriet Weisbrod of Van Nuys, CA and a son, Harold Grant of Fairlawn, New Jersey. She also had five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A local teacher in Gloversville, NY, HELEN GRANT, died recently at the age of 85. She graduated from Gloversville High School and then received her teaching degree from Oneonta State Teachers College. She married William Hidde; and after his death, she married WALDO G. GRANT who also predeceased her in 1993. A member of the Fremont Street United Methodist Church Helen also belonged to the Ida McGinnis Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Grant left no immediate survivors.

This year has taken quite a toll on our senior Grants and it brings really a little closer home to the rest of us! We send our condolences to each of the families involved in the loss of their loved ones, even if belated.

STAY TUNED FOR THE WEATHER: A long and most welcomed letter from Gene Grant, one of our Commissioners in California! He writes that in December he ended up in the emergency ward with congestive heart failure! But you can't keep a good man down and Gene is no exception. He's planning to learn to sail! (Probably a wise idea--maybe Noah could give everyone out there some lessons! But we'll blame poor El Nino for giving California all that rain!)

Our news from the West Coast has been rather meager lately! We're not sure if everyone's drowned, slid into the ocean, gone down the earthquake faults, been burned out, or buried in snow! Hello. . . Anybody there?

And while on the subject of the weather, how about Florida? We hope that all of our members came out of those terrible storms all right. If you know of any members who have had trouble let us know. The Dale Garrisons report water up to the steps of their "school" building. They've been

warning about snakes and mosquitoes increasing in large numbers this season.

Lillian Grant Wilson (VT), a transplant from Alabama to Vermont, says that they miss their former home and weather! She enjoys hot weather!

Think Everett Grant, in Calais, Maine is about to agree with her if he hasn't already! He writes that the first three months of winter this year have been "awful"--up until the end of January--then February had lots of sunshine, no storms and seasonable temperatures! (Note: This note was written just before the great Northeastern hit and the electricity was out for several days! Hope he's thawed out by now!)

By the way, I play "Waldo" with Everett--try to keep him guessing which of the many news articles, if any that he sends, I'll print! And where I'll put it! The last issue it took him awhile to discover his name in the Canadian (check the map!) section--but this time he's right "up front"!

AND-GET-WELL-SOON ITEMS: Marianna Hancin's mother (AZ) fell before Christmas and broke her arm so she has been busy helping her out; and then to top it off, Marianna came down with the flu! In addition she's been training her dogs and teaching dog agility classes--enuff to keep one out of trouble! Speaking of Arizona--and we were, weren't we?--really disappointed to miss being there this year! Had plans to set up the Grant tent after all the contacts we had made last year! Truly sorry but the best of plans sometimes get changed! If anyone would volunteer we will D.O.B (Similar to the Scout motto, "Do Your Best"--only this is "Do OUR Best") next year for you!

And speaking of Games--and we were, weren't we?--Jean Wilson has had a lot going on in her life lately with doctor appointments and one thing and another! She says, "That if Stoney and Ruth Grant hadn't come in to help her during the games in Jacksonville, she just couldn't have done it without them!" So take a bow--and we'll add our thanks, too! (This is not to forget Michael Bongertz! Many hands make light work!)

Now back to the Get-Wells (I'm bad at interrupting):

Maggie and Duane Kline (GA) are taking care of Duane's sister, who is ill, in their home for awhile. In the "It's a small world department" Maggie notes that, "Our hospice nurse is a great gal I worked with at the State Health Department!" Keep this family in your prayers and thoughts as they have their share of health problems.

Anne Miller had scar tissue removed from her previous cornea transplant in January. We assume all went well!

Doris Folejewski (NY), in spite of her recent eye problems, spent the day at Loon Mountain enjoying the various Scottish presentations! Daughters Susan Merkin and Pam Davis came with her! Doris is a Life member, joining the Society in 1984! She'll be 83 this year!

A note from Dr. Nancy Oakly Hedeman (HI) states that health matters are precluding her continuing participation in Scottish Activities but she sends her "Very best wishes to you all." (We understand but plan to visit us every now and

then!) We certainly hope that good health returns, Nancy! Thanks for letting us know--stay in touch--and remember, once a Grant always a Grant!

GREETINGS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: Normally our Clan Chief rates top billing but a postcard just in from the Persian Gulf tops the list this time! Read on!: "Greetings from the Persian Gulf. I just thought to drop you a line and tell you that two of your clansmen (while serving in the Naval Reserves) have been called to active duty to serve in the Gulf. Nathan Long and Jerry E. Prater, Jr. are Standing Fast and proud!" (Hey, guys, you didn't send us any addresses! If anyone knows these two let us know--we'll send them letters! And application blanks! And if they by any chance read this, we are proud of you and hope you'll be home safe and sound real soon!)

The Lord Strathspey, our amiable Chief in Scotland sends his annual holiday greetings to all of the Grants in North America, "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!" He expresses his desire to come and visit us in the future and we look forward to the day when he will have that chance! Thanks for remembering us! (Note: His card came on time! It's our issue date that makes it late!)

Lots of other Greetings came in, too--some Xmas, some Not! Ben and Shiree Grant (MS); and all the Gordon Grants (He's our new Commissioner in Southern Texas)--Gordon, Rebecca, Matthew, Aaron, and Gordon, Jr. Also from Caroline Grant Predmore (MD), Ann Miller (IN), Betty and Bob Coleman (VA), Nancy Harper (VA) who marched with her boyfriend in the Alexandria Christmas Walk with the Grant contingent; Cathy Grant and Cloyce in Bend (OR), Carol Sanders (IL), and Shawn Blair (ME), a new member we met at the Ticonderoga Games! Others included Corrine Grant Podominick (MN), Ellie Patrick and Bridget McDonald (IN), Carol Sanders (IL), Nan and Stephen Brown (CT--and who should be on their trip to Scotland to see their daughter, Hannah); Jean Aloe (CT), Helen and Glenn Matthews (NJ), Eric and Nancy Marshall (PA), Nancy Grant Harper, and Sue Lewallen (OR).

Lovely cards and notes also came from Graham and Maureen Keeler and their family, the owners and gracious hosts for a wonderful evening at Castle Grant last year; and of course, Lady Olive Grant, widow of the late Lord Strathspey. Also in today's mail came a delightful letter from Mr. & Mrs. George Turnbull in Grantown-on-Spey. They are active members in the Grantown Museum and Heritage Trust and look forward to working with Bob Grant and the Clan's Duthill plans. Her P.S. says, "Just heard that the Museum's Trust got the grant from the Lottery fund so the Museum in Grantown will go ahead!" (Now the news can't get any newer or better than this!--unless Clan Grant gets their grant!)

Congratulations--we look forward to visiting the Grantown Museum as the group was disappointed to learn that it was closed last August!

HELP! We need your cooperation! Nearly 25 newsletters came back to us this quarter because of expired addresses! The letters go out at bulk rates but they are returned at first class postage + the difference between the two rates! (Usually about 50 cents each). We can redirect the mail to your new address if the forwarding order has not expired but that costs us another first class fee! (Usually 55 cents). This last issue returned postage alone cost us quite a bit! Then we had to remail everything at first class! Our editor, Jim Grant, has helped by putting the return address of the Secretary on the newsletter so they come

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CLAN GRANT SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.

BY LAWS

(Adopted October 18, 1997)

ARTICLE I

Name - The name of the society is Clan Grant Society, U.S.A., Incorporated hereinafter referred to as the Society. It shall be strictly non-political, nonsectarian and nonprofit.

ARTICLE II

Purpose - The purpose of the Society shall be to preserve and promote the customs, traditions, and heritage of Clan Grant. These purposes shall be carried out through the conduct of the following activities:

- A. Literary - including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;
- B. Charitable - such as helping Clansmen dependents of Clansmen in distress;
- C. Historical - especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);
- D. Educational - such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or universities, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;
- E. Cultural - such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Centre in Scotland;
- F. Social Recreational - promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among the members of the Clan; and
- G. Such other activities as the Board of Directors may determine will promote the purposes of the Society.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Members. Membership in the Society shall be open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant" or a recognized Clan Grant surname or who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

- a) The Membership shall comprise:
 - 1) Active Members. All members of the Society who shall pay either the specified annual dues or the specified life time one sum dues. Members over eighty (80) years of age shall be considered life members and shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.
 - 2) Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues and shall have all the rights and privileges of active members, except the right to hold office, and be subject to all other provisions of the by-laws as are applicable to Active Members. Honorary members may be elected from time-to-time by the Board of Directors and shall be confirmed at the very next Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society. The number of honorary members shall be limited to twelve.
- b) Membership Dues. The annual dues to the Society shall be established as those in effect at the time of the adoption of these by-laws and may be changed at any AGM by affirmative vote of the majority of the Active Members present.

Section 2 - Termination of Membership. Active or honorary membership may be revoked for just cause after a hearing and unanimous vote by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Board of Directors. The business and affairs of the Society shall be governed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) directors four who shall be Officers of the Society and three who shall be members at large, to be elected from the active members in good standing for four year staggered terms, to commence and terminate at the time of the respective AGMs in each second year.

The Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM shall elect from among themselves a Chairman of the Board who shall serve in such capacity until a successor shall have been elected by the Board. In the temporary absence of the Chairman, the Directors present at a meeting shall elect a chairman pro-tem.

Section 2 - Officers.

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be elected by the active members and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. There may also be at the discretion of the Board of Directors the following additional officers: Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Regional and State Commissioners.
- b) President. The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Society and shall have general supervision over its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society except meetings of the Board of Directors (unless he/she has also been elected Chairman). He/she shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors such additional officers, including but not limited to the Editor of Craigellachie, Games Coordinator, Historian, Genealogist, Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Liaison to Clan Grant Centre in Duthil, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the President with no limit on the term which may be served. He/she shall also make such delegations as may be necessary to administer the activities and affairs of the Society and shall perform such other duties as he/she may be directed to perform by the Board of Directors or the Society. Further, he/she shall represent the Society at public functions and shall sign and execute in the name of the Society all legal instruments and other papers proper or necessary for the transaction of the Society's affairs except as such duty and authority is otherwise delegated herein.
- c) Vice President. The Vice President shall act under the direction of the President. The duties of the President shall, in his/her absence, devolve on the Vice-President.
- d) Secretary. The Secretary shall act under the direction of the President. He/she shall keep in a proper book fair and correct minutes of all proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Society. He/she shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, as well as elections and official actions of the Board and its Officers.
- e) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall act under the direction of the President. The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies of the Society and shall deposit the same in the name of the Society in one or more Federally insured banks and shall disburse the same due by the Society. No member of the Society shall commit the Clan Grant Society, U.S.A., Inc. to any expenditures, directly or indirectly, without the approval of the President and the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of receipts and disbursement of monies of the Society and shall submit a written report at each AGM showing current balances and other assets in each of the funds of the Society and his/her receipts and disbursement and the acquisition and disposition of assets in detail since his/her last report. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded at the discretion of the membership with the cost thereof being borne by the Society.
- f) Regional Officers. The Board may organize the Society into geographical regions each of which shall have a Regional commissioner and/or a Deputy and/or State Commissioners as maybe necessary for the efficient administration of the Society. Such Officers may be members of the Board of Directors.
- g) The Chief. The Chief of the Clan Grant is the titular, hereditary and traditional head of the Clan Grant and all related societies. However, his position in the Society shall be that of an ex-officio non-voting advisor to the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Terms of Office. The terms of officers and Directors shall be four (4) years. These terms shall begin and end at the time of the respective AGM. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an Officer or Board Member may serve. Officers and Board Members may not hold more than one elected office concurrently. Directors and Officers may resign at any time orally or in writing by notifying the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 4 - Emolument. No elected officer or Board Member shall receive an emolument whatever from the Society. However, the Board of Directors may provide for an emolument for very selective nonelective positions when it unanimously determines that it is in the best interest of the Society to so provide. In such cases the Board of Directors must provide in detail the basis and rationale of such an award. The private property of the Directors, Officers or Contributors to the Society shall not be subject to the payment of Society debt to any extent whatever.

Section 5 - Elections. A Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) Active Members in goodstanding shall be named by the President at least 180 days prior to the AGM at which the term of office of any member of the Board is to expire. The Nominating Committee shall transmit to the Secretary not later than three months before the AGM one nomination for each of the Offices expiring at the AGM. The Secretary shall give notice of the nominees by publication in the Craigellachie. The slate of Directors must be Active Members in good standing. Any five Active Members may submit a nomination for any elective office. Such nominations shall be transmitted to the Secretary, in writing, not later than 75 days prior to the AGM. All nominations must show the consent of the nominee. On or before sixty (60) days prior to the AGM the Secretary shall mail to each active member a ballot together with a return envelope containing the names of all candidates and the offices for which nominated. All ballots must be received by the Secretary in sealed envelopes, not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall indicate on each envelope whether the member is in good standing and shall deliver all envelopes received by him/her unopened to the tellers to be appointed by the President for the particular election. No member shall serve as a teller in any election where he/she served as a member of the nominating committee in that same election. The results of the election shall be presented to the President by the tellers at least 30 days before the AGM. The President shall inform the candidates of the results of the election at least 25 days prior to the AGM.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section (a) - Annual General Meeting. An AGM of the Society shall be held each calendar year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate. When determining the location for the AGM the Board each year shall take into consideration the geographical dispersion of the membership. Special meetings may be held as decided or directed by the Board or by special petition of twelve (12) members in good standing with all twelve signing the requisition. Except in the case of an emergency, the Secretary will give at least ninety (90) days notice of the date, time and place of all members meetings. All notices of meetings will be published in the "Craigellachie. 11 In the case of an emergency meeting a special meeting may be called by the President and Secretary with less than 90 days notice. In such cases the membership shall be notified individually by mail. The President, or Vice-President, if present, shall preside at all AGMs of the Society and in the absence of the President and/or Vice-President the Secretary shall preside or in the absence of all three the Chairman of the Board shall preside. A quorum at all members meetings shall consist of a minimum of twelve members and a majority of the Officers.

Section (b) - Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as often as necessary but not less than twice in each calendar year wherever they determine. The venue and mode is at their discretion. The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. A quorum of a Board of Directors meeting shall consist when a majority of the Board is present.

Section (c) - Votes. At all meetings of the Society each member shall be entitled to one vote. Members may vote by proxy on any subject specifically mentioned in the notice of the meeting but use of proxies shall be limited to the business of which members have been duly and officially advised. All questions shall be determined by a majority vote by the members voting. Any election of the Board of Directors and officers shall be determined by a plurality of those Active Members voting.

ARTICLE VI

Craigellachie. The Society shall publish a Clan quarterly named *Craigellachie*. *Craigellachie* shall be used to promote the interests of the Clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the Society's members. Further *Craigellachie* shall serve as the official publication of the Society and shall be the primary vehicle for giving the Members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the Editor of *Craigellachie* who shall be responsible for its publication.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The membership is authorized and empowered to amend, alter, change or repeal these By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation. Such action requires a proposal in writing and approved by two-thirds of the Board of Directors before being submitted to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting. Such changes will require a two-thirds majority approval by vote of the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the Clan Grant Annual Meeting October 18, 1997 Stone Mountain, Georgia

Chairman Gordon M. Grant convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. by making some opening remarks. These related to the fact that Clan Grant has not had an annual general meeting in several years and the possible need to move the annual meetings around the country so as to enable maximum participation from our clan members. He apologized for the lack of notification regarding the annual meeting, as the By-Laws would be the main topic. There was a problem in getting *Craigellachie* published and the By-Laws were not mailed to members until October 10. Judi Parsons was named as acting secretary for this meeting.

The Treasurer's report, submitted by Betsy Riggs, was read. (Copy attached). Discussion was had relating to Item 4 (expenses for printing the membership brochures) which is a non-recurring expense, but which had been completely expensed in this year. George Grant announced that an inventory would be sent to Betsy within the next few weeks. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. George also addressed Item 3 of the Treasurer's report regarding concern over a previous Board action supposedly directing that \$1 of each members dues be donated to Duthil. George emphatically denied that there was any such previous Board action. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted with the above notation. Report was approved unanimously.

Shirley Grant Smith presented the Secretary's report. We currently have 452 paid members, 24 foreign members and 28 honorary members (mostly in the U.K.). Shirley also informed us that Marianna Hanson had resigned. She was helping Shirley handle the post-games follow-up mailings. At the time of the annual meeting there were 1000 follow-up letters waiting to be sent to new contacts.

A question was raised regarding whether or not Clan Grant had a web-site and home page. It was noted that this is already in place thanks to Nfid-Atlantic Commissioner, Howard Parsons.

Shirley asked for assistance in doing the follow-up letters for which form letters are available. George Grant volunteered to assist.

Shirley also reminded us that after 20 years as Secretary for the Clan she would be retiring

effective January 1, 1998.

George Grant gave the Games Coordinator's report. He reported that the California Games Commissioner has a trailer and travels to games every weekend. What is noteworthy about this is that the games in California are usually free or very inexpensive. George reminded us that the Clan will pay for sponsorship for tents at the games, but no out-of-pocket expenses. There are currently 3 complete Games Kits available and traveling throughout the country, but we were reminded to ship them to their next destination by Monday of the week following the games for which we used them.

George also expressed the Clan's desire to participate in as many games as was possible and reminded us to keep track of the people who visit our tent at the various games.

In order for the Clan to pay for a tent, have the Games Committee mail the form to George. He will complete it and send it back with the appropriate names and fees. All further communication for a game should be directly with the person responsible for the tent at the given event.

George also announced that Gordon K. Grant has been named Commissioner for Southern Texas.

It was also reported that so far we have attended 22 games in California and over 30 games elsewhere in the United States this year.

A request was made by Howard Parsons that Commissioners let him know game dates, times and locations where Clan Grant will be represented so that these may be added to the website.

George requested that we remember to let him know who is manning tents at which games so that we may keep a more accurate picture of the games attended.

Gordon next drew our attention to the By-Laws discussion. The first discussion centered on the wording of the Vice President description. By acclamation it was agreed that the words "The Vice President shall act under the direction of the President" be added to the description as they were apparently omitted in error at the time the By-Laws were prepared.

Gordon then suggested that we consider scattering the duties and officers across the country so that no one region would be over-represented. He also explained that we have established 7 board positions. It was generally agreed that the offices need to be filled by a national contingent.

Questions then were raised regarding the Board and Officers. It was explained that the Board will be composed of the 4 officers, President Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and 3 "at-large" members. Discussion followed regarding the appointment of a Chair for the Board. As the By-Laws are written, the Chair is elected by the board members and is not necessarily the President of the Society. The discussion was led by Phil Smith, Gordon Grant and John Angus Grant. It was agreed that we wish to keep the infrastructure of the Society to a minimum and no change was requested to the By-Laws regarding this issue.

Discussion then followed regarding the size of the Clan and how big we could or should grow. Also, we were reminded that the regional Commissioners are all volunteers. We also discussed that upon adoption of the by-laws we need to apply for Tax-exempt status from the MS.

George Grant moved that the By-Laws be adopted as written. Chris Pratt seconded. A question was called and voting was put on hold.

Phil Smith questioned Amending the By-Laws as it was presented. The By-Laws stated that amendment may be made to the By-Laws on a 2/3 vote of the Board members. It was suggested that this should be changed to be approval by 2/3 of the membership at an Annual General Meeting to bring about a By-Laws change. The concern voiced was a fear that the Board would try to railroad through an agenda which was not necessarily in the best interests of the majority of the membership. Phil then proposed the following amendment:

"The Membership is authorized and empowered to amend, alter, change, or repeal these By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation. Such action requires a proposal in writing and approval by two-thirds of the Board of Directors before being submitted to the Membership at the

next Annual General Meeting. Such changes "I require a two-thirds majority approval by vote of the Members present at the AGM."

Phil Smith then moved that we adopt the amendment as presented. David Grant seconded. Discussion followed to clarify the proposed amendment. The central question concerned who may vote on a proposed amendment to the By-Laws. It was explained that it would be only those members present at the AGM. A two-thirds vote by the Board is still required to bring a proposed amendment before the membership. Edmund M. Grant questioned whether ballots could be mailed to members prior to the annual meeting.

John Angus Grant called for a vote and the motion was carried by a majority of members present. The amendment was approved by majority vote with more than 2/3 present voting yes.

George Grant then moved to vote on the proposed By-Laws as amended. Chris Pratt seconded and the By-Laws were unanimously accepted.

A Nominating Committee was then named. The members are: George Grant, Shirley Smith, Jim Shutte, Howard Parsons and John A. Grant, 111. They have been charged with nominating our first Board of Directors and Officers.

The meeting then moved to old business. We discussed our membership in COSCA and the need to alert people to a nation-wide Tartan Day, April 6, 1998.

Discussion was had regarding our need to find a Secretary as soon as possible. There were no nominations from the floor.

Gordon Grant nominated Edmund M. Grant to make plans and arrangements for our next annual meeting.

A motion was made to acknowledge the hard work that Gordon M. Grant and Shirley Smith have provided the Clan in the past and was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Parsons
Acting Secretary

THE RED AND THE GREEN OF IT

The Laird of Grant specified in the well-known edicts of 1704-5 that his men were to be all dressed in red and green "broad sprunged." As "Hank" Grant pointed out in his fine monograph on the Grant tartans, there was no sett specified. However, "Hank" went on to point out that if Grant expected them to be ready in forty-eight hours, they must have had the clothing on hand. The present "Red Grant" tartan was set at least as early as 1819. In the 1819 Key Pattern Book of Wilson's of Bannockburn, a well-known tartan weaving firm of that era, the following handwritten entry appears alongside the pattern known as "New Bruce". "Note: How this pattern was named Bruce cannot be found out. In 1819 Patrick Grant of Redcastle, Ross-shire, head of a great branch of the Clan Grant ordered 200 yards of this Pattern as the tartan of his own Clan."

Ever since the current Lord Strathspey asked his clansmen and women to wear the 1860's sett -- and ever since I saw the Lochcarron Mills version of that sett -- I have been scratching my head (that's how the hair disappeared). The relative widths of the red and green are equal in the so-called "1860's" by Lochcarron -- but it wasn't always so, especially in the middle of the last century.

The red "Grant" that Grant of Redcastle purchased had wider green than red stripes: Green 178, Red 156 threads, about fourteen percent larger in the green. The "Grant Kilt" sett in the same book was a "busier" pattern, but green was still larger, Green 76, Red 74 threads. This is about the same ratio as used by some mills today, a 50-50 ratio.

By mid-century, the reverse was true, red was larger, much larger. Illustrations in Keltie's *Scottish Highlands: Highland Clans and Regiments* (1871) and in James Grant's *The Tartans of Scotland* (1886) both in our personal collection clearly show that the red had grown: Red 36 to Green 28. This represents almost thirty percent more Red area than Green.

As late as 1950, the Red still predominated, this time by as much as a third. D. C. Stewart wrote concerning the "Red Grant" in his now classic *The Setts of the Scottish Tartans*, "The usual design [#70] is ... Red 64, Green 48."

What does all this mean? Since tartan is in "color blocks" as defined in the "Red Grant" by the azure stripe, for example, the original 1819 sett has almost twice as many threads within the

azure square as the red beyond it -- i.e. smaller blocks of red. A striking difference at any distance. The 1860's sett is almost the reverse, with more red than green it appears to be "squarer" in design -- especially since the four blue stripes in the center are of equal width. When Shirley Grant-Smith and I stand side by side, others often ask, "We know that Shirley's is a 'Grant' but what tartan is Phil wearing?"

So, how do your garments compare? The "Red Grant" on a targe by our fireplace is Red equals Green. Kilts by different manufacturers are often equal Red and Green. Others have more Red than Green, few the reverse, more Green than Red as it was in the tartan purchased by Grant of Redcastle. In any case, the "1860's sett" of the "Red Grant" isn't the way it was in the "real 1860's." The Lochcarron designers clearly believe that the current version "looks better." But then, it really doesn't matter -- as long as they are all red and green "broad sprunged."

--Phil Smith



J. Russell Grant of Longwood, FL attending the Central Florida Games. Mr. Grant is a Lifetime Member.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH GAMES

By Michael Bongercz

The Central Florida Games, formally known as the Orlando Scottish Highland Games, took place on Saturday 17 Jan 98 at the Dog Track in Casselberry, Seminole County, Florida.

As in the past two years, we had cool and windy weather. However, by noon the sun broke through the clouds and warmed up the crowds. Judging by the car park, there was a good turnout. I hope to get attendance figures in a week or so. Will pass that information on. The new game organizers, this year added some new attractions to the Games. There were mounted Scottish Knights battling English Knights and of course, you know who was victorious!

The costumed characters of Mary, Queen of Scots, William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, made an appearance in period costumes, with a large following of armed foot soldiers.

A combined Honor Guard of Marine and Army Reservists headed the Opening Ceremonies. I was unable to leave the tent to get any pictures this year, but from what I saw of the crowds, I believe the event should be considered "most successful".

One most memorable guest to stop by our tent was J. Russell Grant of Longwood, Florida. We spent a great deal of time talking over his past experiences at the Games. Although time has robbed him of the visual experiences at the games, he is "sharp as a tack" otherwise. He was so looking forward to seeing George G.

We had some fifteen sign-ins, with two individuals paying a year's membership fee. Gave out quite a few copies of the Newsletter, plus all my own back issues of the Scottish Banner and the Highlander. Made good use of the reference books from the tent kit along with 4 or 5 books from my library. Had many folks stopping by who were interested in tracing their family names, trying to match up with a Clan. I stayed busy, but I loved it. It was great fun.

The Guest of Honor at the Games was Mr. Tony Tucker. He is Director of Public Affairs for the Scottish Whisky Association (located in Edinburgh). His tent was next to ours and we spent some time discussing the many distilleries located in and around Speyside. As the Games were winding down, Mr. Tucker sent to each Clan Tent a bottle of Scotch Whiskey. I felt it appropriate, and so presented this free-be to J. Russell Grant on behalf of the Clan Grant.

And for now, I'm looking forward to the Jacksonville, FL games on 21 Feb. 98.

Looking forward to meeting up with our good friends Jean and Jim Wilson and seeing all our old, and new friends in Jacksonville.

Oklahoma Scottish Games

By: John Grant,
High Plains Commissioner

The 18th annual Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering was held at "Chandler Park" in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This year was a special one for the celebration. There were many festivals scheduled for the week and the Scottish Games was just one of those events given special recognition by the city. What began as a cool and rainy morning ended with a beautiful autumn evening in the Tulsa highlands.

The festivities began on Friday the 19th at the Tulsa Sheraton, the official "host hotel" for the Highland Games. The Oklahoma City "Red Lion Pipes & Drums" opened the festivities.

Clan Grant was the honored clan this year at the festival and resided at the honorary Tent on the parade field.

Chinnubble McIntosh, was the honored guest this year. A descendent of an Invernesshire MacIntosh, he is also a descendent of a Chief of the Wind of the Creek Indian Nation of Georgia. Although retired, he has worked most of his adult life serving in many capacities for both the Creek Nation and his former employer.

Athletic competition began promptly at 9:00AM with the Stone Put followed by the Sheaf Toss, Hammer Toss and the celebrated Caber Toss.

At noon the opening ceremonies began with the introduction of special guests and dignitaries.

As always the border collie demonstration was warmly received by the crowd. I made sure to hide my freshly baked turkey leg in a safe place this year. Last year it seemed to distract the young collie and he was removed from the field for begging. I thought it best to remain inconspicuous during this event. The young pup performed very well this year.

There was constant entertainment. The "Outlanders", "Men of Worth", "Roger Graham", the Iain MacPherson Pipes and Drums Competition and individual pipers performed daily for the visitors to the festival.

We especially enjoyed this years festival. My youngest brother was in Tulsa on business that week and he stayed over for the weekend. We appreciated his help in manning the tent. Carol Richmond graced our tent with her presence on Sunday dressed in her Cherokee Ribbon dress. She is one of the many descendents of Ludovic Grant and the Cherokee Princess of the Long haired Clan. She hopes, oneday, to have a complete list of Ludovicks descendents. Her future plans include a rally of Scot/Native Americans in the Tulsa area for next year's opening ceremony. We wish her luck and our assistance in this endeavor.

If any of our readers pass through Tulsa, be sure to stop and visit the "Happy Cricket" on East 110th Street. Paula (Grant) Gorman has recently moved to the area from the Northeast and makes a wonderful Scone among other spendid Scottish treats. We know, we had more than our share. We missed one of our regular visitors "Jack Grant" this year. We'll see him next year I'm sure.

The festival ended with a success. More Clans were represented this year than ever before. The Tulsa games are growing.

Great Grants

Midwest City Scottish Heritage Festival

John Grant
High Plains Commissioner.

The United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma held their annual festival at Joe Barnes Regional Park on March 20th and 21st. Although the official first day of spring, we had departed Derby Kansas on the 20th leaving eleven inches of new fallen snow. It was not your typical Kansas spring day. But thats expected in the Central Plains. We have not had blizzard like this one since 1984. However, it was a welcome one since we have not had much of a winter this year.

Just an hour south of the city, the skies cleared to a magnificent azure blue accompanied by welcomed dry highways. A pleasant journey south to Oklahoma City after all. Oklahoma was cooler than expected. The festival events went off on schedule. As usual Highland Games drew a large crowd. At high noon, the Winnepeg Pipe and Drum Corp piped the Clans around the parade field. An added attraction was the Crowning of Robert the Bruce at the completion of the parade. A local Midwest City re-enactment troupe provided the players and props for the event. It was a very colorful and historical presentation that pleased the attending crowd.

We did meet up with some Grants and descendants thereof, a major objective of our trip to the festivals. There was a strong Clan representation at the festival. Over 35 clans were present. It was the third gathering of the Clans and our first time at the event. We hope to return in the future and participate in the preservation of the history of the Scottish Clans and in particular our Society.

One of our not so treasured moments will be of the Terrier that came by and marked our display as the day was drawing to a close. We were busy at the time and were unable to prevent the territorial event. Our tartan display in no way resembled a fire hydrant. Next year we will be keeping an eye out for that canine. One again we appreciate the opportunity to further extend the Clan Grant beyond the borders of Kansas.

**SUMMER DEADLINE
MAY 16**



A gathering of commissioners at Pleasanton
Left to right: Jim Suttie and his wife, Carol. Jule Grant and husband Gene.



at the Games

PLEASANTON GAMES

By Bob Allan

Last year the Scottish Gathering and Games in Pleasanton (a suburb about 50 miles southeast of San Francisco) were bigger and better than ever. The Clan Grant tent was a busy spot, with Northern California Commissioner Jim Suttie, his wife Carol, and yours truly assisting the large number of folks who dropped by. We handed out literature, answered questions, and even signed up some new members. A couple of former members decided that we were still in business and decided to renew their memberships. West Coast Commissioner Gene Grant and his wife Jule also came by to rest their feet and get out of the sun.

The weather was pleasant, the location easy to reach, and there was more to do and see than ever. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, founded in the mid-1800s, has been sponsoring the Scottish Gathering and Games for longer than anyone remembers. Originally held in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, the Gathering and Games moved to Santa Rosa, about 50 miles north of San Francisco, about 30 years ago. The move to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton took place 5 years ago.

There was plenty to occupy Clan Grant members and the public at large. There was, of course, the athletics-caber toss, weights, and soccer matches. There were pipe band competitions, Scottish dancing, food of all kinds, and concessions featuring Scottish or Celtic wares. Several Scottish entertainers held forth on the stage set up facing the race track grandstand. There was even a group who, for the first time at the Gathering, used electric guitars to accompany their Scottish-style folk music. Now if you can picture a long-haired lad wearing a kilt and playing an electric guitar, he was there. I doubt that electric bagpipes will catch on-the extension cords would have to be too long!



*Aaron and his brother, James Grant, at the Houston, Texas games!
Eve White furnished the pictures.*

Jacksonville Florida Games

Jean Grant Wilson

The 3rd annual Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games got off to a good start on Thursday Night with a concert by Seven Nations. What a great crowd!!

Friday night was the Sponsors Reception at the Host Hotel. Clan Grant was represented by Stoney and Ruth Grant as well as Jim and myself. A good time was had by all!



The parade of Clans at the Jacksonville games

Games day at the UNF Campus dawned crisp but sunny. What a change from the last 2 years! Stoney and Ruth dressed out the tent with the Banners, Flags, etc. Jim and I both wish to say here that we don't know how we could have managed without them. Thanks also to Michael Bongertz who came up from Maitland and Gary Pickett from St Cloud. Without them we wouldn't have had any "colour" in the Parade of Tartan. And a big THANK YOU to the Lovie family for carrying the flags.

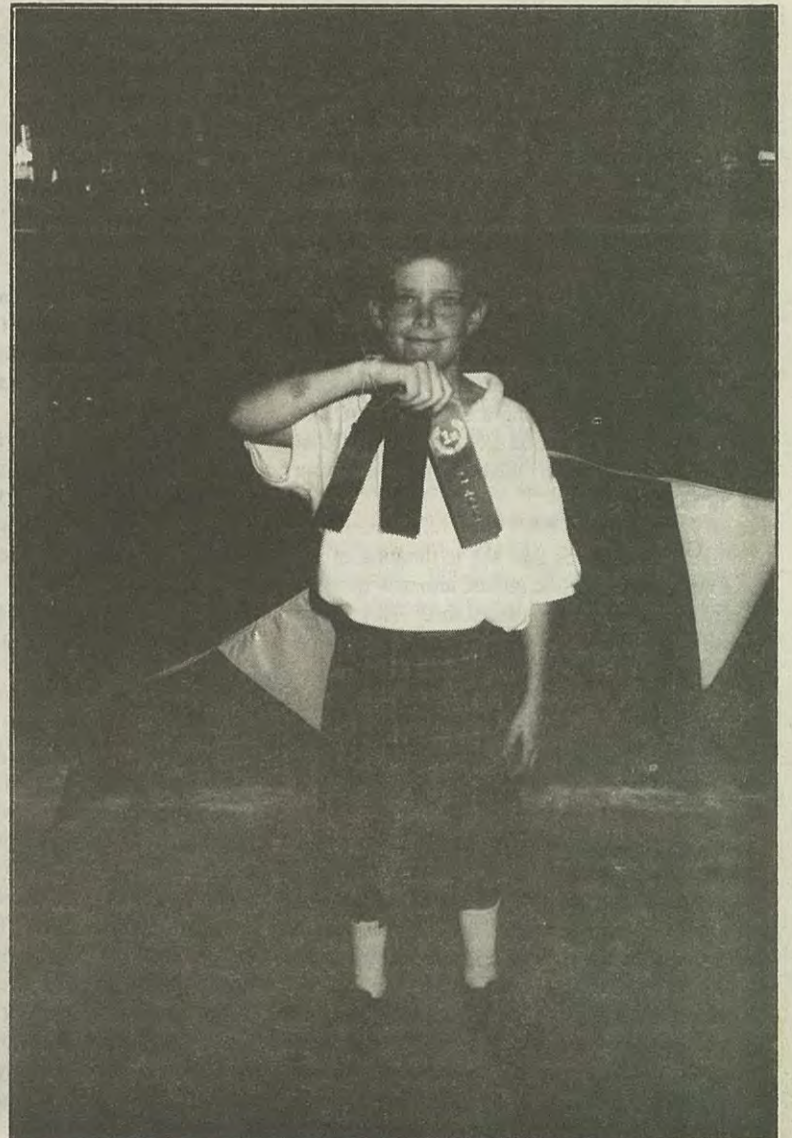
Our tent was situated at a better site this year. Right in the middle of the East side of the field. This allowed a great view of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Children's Games and the Band competition were on the field during the afternoon. Athletics, vendors and Entertainment were to the south of the field.

More "Grants" than usual passed through the tent this year. Some new faces and some old ones. And the ones that didn't show up were missed! It is always nice to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Next year we hope that more of the "local Grants" will come forward and support the Games and Clan Grant. No one could have asked for a better day and everyone was in great spirits.

Seven Nations, Bonnie Rideout and Susan Boyer Haley took turns playing throughout the day. We had never met Bonnie Rideout before and what a surprise to find out that she and my sisters son graduated together in Saline, MI. You never know who you may run into at a Games!

Our thanks to Clan Grant for their support and the opportunity to represent Clan Grant Society.

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Aaron Grant (11 yrs) with his ribbons: First place in the 3-legged race and 2nd place for caber toss and kilted mile.

(SHIRLEY, from p. 3)

advance of your address it will (1) keep your newsletter coming; (2) save the Society a considerable sum and (3) retain members who often drop out when they don't receive their newsletter!

P.S. We appreciate (and envy?) our readers who spend summers in one place and winters in another! However to change your address for a short period of time is difficult since we only publish quarterly. If you are gone in the summer months of June, July or August, we need to be reminded of your address change in March--and again by August in order for you to receive the Summer and Fall issues of the newsletter at the correct address! While it's preferable that you just use one address, we will be glad to change it for you but it is up to individual members to remind the secretary in advance of each change. Thanks!

LOST: A number of Clan Grant members! If anyone knows where these "cousins" are, please let us know! We hate to lose track of our members when they either move away and forget to let us know or something happened and we did not know about it!

7. **John J. Grant, III**, formerly of Clearwater, FL
8. **Beverly Keene**, was moving to Denver, CO from Memphis, TN
9. **Donna Liller** left Houston and then to Tomball, TX
10. **Iain Grant** in San Francisco and then to Mill Valley, CA
11. **Ida Dean Cabalzar** in Yuba City but we need her apt. #.

AND FOUND: A new address for Tony Grant's missing cousin, U.S. Grant! It seems that he had a stroke along with a few other problems and is now in a nursing home (with less responsibilities. See his picture elsewhere.)

He is a retired pastor of the First Assembly Church in Kansas City and remembers attending his first church council meeting in San Francisco in 1931. He traveled to many other places since then, most notable in his memory being Memphis, TN, Long Beach, CA, and Denver, CO.

We wish him well in his 86 years and trust he's on the road to recovery and good health!

Also, we have found Evelyn Barrow thanks to her relatives that read it here first! (They didn't know she was lost!) A couple of phone calls to California helped us to find her "at home" in Idaho!

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: Tony Grant (AR) celebrated his 85th birthday by visiting his family in Arkansas! He enclosed a picture of a cowboy riding a GIANT rabbit and warns that they had a good crop last year and that anyone driving through Oklahoma should beware of the rabbits!

Eunice Keddy writes that she is thinking of us! (As we are of her!) She moved into new quarters where she will have some assistance! This retired nurse is now 97 years old and she will be 98 on May 22nd! Best Wishes!

Congratulations to our latest "Lifer", Richard McElroy who turned 81 on October 25th. He and his wife, Charity, run Char Ric Enterprises in Clyde, Ohio.

They sell handcrafted gifts, leather gifts, bears, candles and ceramics! Richard says, If people over 80 don't pay dues we'll eventually have a lot of non-dues paying members! Well, true, but we try to keep the list cleaned up; some drop out for health reasons such as poor eyesight, etc. So far, it's been manageable! A few have wanted a senior discount--but by not giving a discount we have been able to give the newsletter free to those over 80 who enjoy it.

Each year General Grant's birthday, April 27, 1822, is celebrated at his tomb in New York City. This year's celebration is scheduled for the weekend of April 25th and 26th. Plans include laying a wreath at the tomb by a color guard from West Point (traditional), an induction of the Union Veterans on Sunday, and a soldier re-enactment. The Park Service is sending us a schedule but it will be too late for publication. If you are interested and will be in New York on that date, call 1-212-666-1640 and they will give you the events and time for the two days.

AND OTHER CONGRATULATIONS: Our good friend, Carol Sanders, is officially a Registered Nurse! Yes, she passed her Boards! Congratulations--it been worth three years! Not only that but she has been taking computer lessons and knows about spread sheets so should be plenty busy right now preparing her tax papers. In her spare (?) time she continues to cross stitch! Carol plans to be with us at Stone Mountain this Fall so we'll finally meet this "cousin" from Illinois!

Chrisanne Michalski married James Joseph Grant last summer at the Gazebo at the Western Turnpike Gold Course in Guilderland. The Rev. Carolyn Wilson officiated. James is the son of Edward and Shirley Grant of Schenectady, NY.

NOW FOR OUR HISTORY LESSONS: Wayne Grant, of Scotia, NY, sends a couple of "curiosities": a church bulletin with the sermon entitled, "Stand Fast for Freedom", taken from Galatians 5:1 and an envelope that his mother had received from a Rev. Robert G. Grant in Washington, D.C. (We'll send him an application!). He also sent a donation to the Dutil Kirk fund!

Wayne has been taking care of his mother who lives 70 miles away and cleaning out the old farm house and out-buildings that she had lived in for over 50 years! He notes that his mother seems rather "frail and tired" but we detect that with his responsibilities, he is "feeling it", too!

His postcard collection has been mentioned previously, but he is also an impersonator! He visits schools (404 at last count!) and becomes Mr. Thomas Edison! His love of history led to extensive research on the life of Edison and his achievements and that led to a performance for the centennial celebration of the Edison Machine Works which eventually became the General Electric Company. Mr. Harvey especially enjoys working with fourth and fifth graders as that is when they begin to study inventors! He offers 36 different programs and lectures to schools and organizations.

Wayne retired from General Electric in 1986 but is a member of a number of organizations including the Schenectady County Historical Society and holds an advisory position on the Park Advisory Council to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He taught local history at the Community College and has an extensive library on architectural history.

And from Nevada comes our letter-writer, Bill Phillips with more Nevada historical news! He mentions, "That his Grandmother Elizabeth (Beaulac) Phillips of Quebec, Canada was the Postmaster at the town of "Aurum", Nevada from 1907 to 1920 (approx.) for the Muncie and Pierrmont mining communities. The mail came from Salt Lake to Cherry Creek, then across the valley, and over Shelborne Pass to Aurum in Northern Spring Valley. From my mother, I heard a few bandit stories about Aurum, and Cherry Creek. Both Cherry Creek and Aurum have been ghost towns for many, many years now. I lived at Cherry Creek during the summer of 1937, and

really liked it there. A half-a-dozen small gold mines were very active in that area at that time. My dad was in charge of the electrical installations at the near-by Star Gold mine for the Ely Gold Co. that was owned by Kennecott Copper Corporation."

(If calculations are correct, Bill is Brenda Grant's Uncle! At least he said that his sister's daughter was coming over to tell him about their trip to Scotland last August!)

Phil and I lived in Nevada from 1956-1964! In fact, we lived in Lander County for four years and we know about Aurum! Phil did his Master's Degree at the Un. of Nevada in Reno in Nevada history!

A TRIPPING WE WILL GO: Beryl and Hal Grant finally got to Scotland last Fall! (Beryl became quite ill several years ago and that trip had to be cancelled!) This year their daughter was married on September 20th while their Grandson enrolled at Stirling University so they made up for lost time! They even covered a number of games they had not attended before, including Blandford, Massachusetts. (And it's about that time for those games again! Hal's looking for someone to handle the games up there--so if interested, let him know!)

A note from Phoebe Pennypacker in New Jersey tells us that she is well now and how often she thinks of her first trip to Europe--Scotland! She and her mother, Helen Matthews, proved to be delightful companions for the rest of the group on our tour!

Another member of the "Big 13" (the Grant tour group), Christopher Moore (OH) is now enrolled at Berklee College of Music, 150 Massachusetts Ave., Mailbox #1909, Boston, MA 02115 and would love hearing from any of you! He called to say that all was well and seems to be excited about school! (Couldn't resist asking if he remembered to take a small suitcase and an alarm clock! We're counting on you, Chris!)

EXTRA GENEALOGY NOTES: We did hear from Sue Lewallen in Oregon! She's been working on her Grant ancestors and is in touch with a distant cousin in Kentucky. She plans to visit him in June as he knows where some of her ancestors lived and are buried!

Lynn Myers visited the Clan tent at Stone Mountain and mentioned that she is still seeking her GGGrandparents: Charles Burns and Alice Gilroy, along with her GGrandfather Patrick Joseph Burns. (Now that we have a few Gilroy members, maybe some leads will come!)

Edna (Cairns) and Roderick O'Connor from Rhode Island visited with us just about a year ago. (And that truly is how far behind things are at the time of this writing!). They came to see a friend in Harrisburg who was ill and decided to come on down and meet us! We had a delightful visit and plan to see them again. While visiting with us, Edna related this story:

"My husband, Rod, called me to come to the computer as he had someone asking what clan he would belong to with the name Cairns. So we told Rod Cairns of Australia that he belonged to Clan Grant! (Edna had seen the name Cairns included in the Highlander's Clan Grant ad.)

Then just two lines down on the computer came a request from a man asking for information on my own uncle and father who were from Australia! What a coincidence! How how nice to meet relatives in Australia!"

See? It is not only a small world, but we are also "family!"

Two of our newest members, William and Marion Coleman in Tulsa, Oklahoma have memberships cards dated March, 2,000! (Hard to believe we're nearly to that turn-of-a-century date!). Another tidbit: William is a "Pratt" and Marion is a "Grant"! Now how's that for those who aren't sure Pratts are Grants! (or vice versa?)

Mark Barber (MO), sent us a report written by his father in 1984 on a trip he took to Scotland. He also included some genealogy which will be forwarded to Beryl Grant, our Genealogist. (We will try to reproduce the report in a forthcoming issue--as I read through it, it seemed to capture a lot of our feelings for Scotland!) Our thanks to Mark for sharing this with us.

Mark is a high school science teacher and is in his fifth year of bagpipes. He plays every year at the school's graduation exercise because much to his "surprise and enjoyment, the kids continue to ask him back!" He proudly wears his kilt (Grant Hunting tartan), shows his clan card and tells what he knows of his family. His grandmother on his father's side was a Grant!

His wife, Sarah, is in her junior year at the Kansas City Art Institute. They have two grown children, Gina and Zachary with one Granddaughter and another due in February! (Keep us posted!). Son Zachary is busy pursuing music.

Welcome to Dodge City! (Well, almost!) Rick Dodge gave memberships to his brother, Forrest, and to his father, Richard and his wife, Marcia, Dodge. He explains that their family had an oral tradition that they were Grants but with a name like Dodge it was not a likely starting place! Eventually they found lots of Scots in their past: McBean, Sinclair, Sutherland, Taggart, Harris and others, including Grant!

Then both of his parents became interested in his work and wanted to see which Clan affiliation to declare! After reviewing his work and buoyed by the fact that Grant is the Clan which their family tradition supports, Rick chose Clan Grant!

So welcome--we think you've made an excellent choice!

OH, THOSE KIDS! It was "Grandparent's Pride and Joy" days in Atlanta last Fall! Allan and Eiko Grant (MD) announced that they are new grandparents! James Allan Grant arrived on October 5, 1997, weighing in at 9 lbs.13 oz. Proud parents are the Russel Grants in Kentucky. While telling us this, Patricia Grant Ironmonger whipped out a picture of her Grandson, Alexander (Alessandro) Grant Ironmonger! He weighed in at 8 lbs.5 oz. and "Grandma Ironmonger" thinks he's the only one! Then "Yours Truly" pulled out her pictures (#6 arrived in July--Hannah Smith by name!). Not to be outdone, a picture of Trey Michael Morgan, son of Michael and Karen Morgan turned up! (I remember I promised I'd return the picture but I forget who loaned it to me! Please remind me! Jim has it right now but I'll keep reminding him!)

No, we didn't forget Thelma and John Grant, nor Lucille and George Grant! It's just that they weren't around at the moment--and besides, they usually bring the real things!

Eve White Dunn (TX) sent the pictures of Aaron and James Grant at the Houston, Texas, games! Aaron took first place in the three-legged race and second in both the caber toss and the kilted race! From the looks of things, James will soon be giving his brother competition! Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing you both in the years ahead!

AND ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Betsy Markee (FL), Everett Grant's sister who recently
(more SHIRLEY, p. 9)

GENEALOGY CORNER

Beryl N Grant, Clan Grant Genealogist

Correction on my E-mail address: bgrant3@juno.com. I do so enjoy Howard Parson's website for Clan Grant at <http://www.parsonage.net/clangrant>. I have put information about this on one of my favorite Grant meeting places on RootsWeb. You can subscribe very easily on your E-mail: Grant-L@Rootsweb.com. All sorts of Grants looking for information and posting their family trees.

I have contacted some when I have information for them and can connect them to our members doing similar research. There is a site on the Internet where you can download forms, pedigree charts and family group sheets, but if you care to send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, I will send you copy of each, which I suggest you make many copies of, before using.

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CANADIAN CORNER

Fay Grant-Reed is working on her Grant family history starting with James Grant and his wife Janet MacDonald who arrived in Hamilton, Ontario in 1836. She will glad share the information she has if any of our readers are connected to this family!

A note from Charles B. Grant in Calgary mentions that he and his family were in Scotland last summer attending a Rotary International Convention in Glasgow! He even managed to do a bit of touring before, during and after the meeting!

And the good news comes in the form of a nice note from Jim Grant in Beeton, Ontario! He lets us know that membership in the Canadian society is increasing daily! We are excited to know that our neighbors to the north are re-grouping--we have missed the comraderie!

Jim is working with Syd Grant--and would gladly accept a helping hand from fellow Grants in Canada! Faye Grant-Reed has even offered to work as Secretary again! If you can help or if you know of any former members that might be interested be sure to get in touch with these fine folks! Write to: Mr. James Grant, 6919 Concession 9, Rural Route 2, Beeton, Ontario, Canada L0G 1A0. E-mail: grantscot@aol.com; Fax: (905) 850-9244. Keep those lines busy!

David and Kate Grant, our "Round-the-World" travelers sent us a postcard from Halifax, Nova Scotia (dated Nov. 22nd, it just missed our deadline for the Winter edition--but thought you would want to know!) saying, "Just to let you know we arrived here on the 9th Nov. and are now seeking transport home. Will let you have a U.K. address once we know it!!! All best wishes meantime. Sincerely, David Grant and family."

We could give them the assistance they needed but by the time they left the populated parts of Canada our knowledge of members up there became rather meager! They also needed money to take them from Nova Scotia to Scotland. We were surprised one night to see them on T.V.!

So ends an odyssey that captured the attention of many persons! And especially Clan Grant! It takes time to keep everyone informed and the family certainly did a fine job of answering cards and letters.

David intends to write a book about their travels. We shall keep you informed--and be first in line to order a copy!

(This is not strictly Canadian news but since David wrote from Nova Scotia and we didn't have much other news, we placed it here! Until a newsletter gets started, we'll be glad to print news be of interest to Canadians! Just send it along!)

Upcoming Canadian dates: (Note: This does not mean that the Grants will be represented at these games! Check with Jim Grant first!)

- ▶ April 10-12: Newcastle, NSW: Festival of Tartans, Australian Pipe Band Championships and Champion of Champions Highland Dancing Championships. (Whoops! How did Australia get in here? This column is more international than planned!)
- ▶ June 26-28: The Yukon Scottish Club's Gathering of Clans and Celtic Festival in Whitehorse, Yukon
- ▶ July 11: The Haliburton, Ontario Highland Games at Head Lake Park
- ▶ July 11: The Chatham Supreme Highland Games in Tecumseh Park
- ▶ July 17-19: The 21st Annual Scottish Festival in Orilla, Ontario
- ▶ July 18: The Cambridge Highland Games at Churchill Park
- ▶ July 25: The Barrie Highland Games (Championship Supreme) at Burl's Creek Park in Barrie, Ontario
- ▶ July 31-Aug 1: The Glengarry Highland Games including the North American Pipe Band Championships at the fairgrounds in Maxwell, Ontario
- ▶ Aug. 2: The Montreal Highland Games at the Douglas Hospital Grounds in Verdun, Quebec.

(SHIRLEY, from p.8) lost her husband, received a letter from the city manager in Zephyr Hills, Florida thanking her for the donation of two printing presses and the types and typeset drawers. They will be placed in the recently restored Zephyrhills Railroad depot! The City plans to use them to print a variety of materials for the depot in conjunction with scheduled activities there and will exhibit them as representative of those used by local businesses in Zephyr hills.

Harpist Candice Coates writes that she kept out of trouble over the holidays--a very busy time for harps! Her band is now reviewing music for their Spring concert programs. Candice is also doing background music for a puppet theatre company and is currently working at a local recording studio on her first album! It should be ready for release in September.

Meanwhile her husband, Stewart, is supervising some extremely large kilns that are being placed in a large big new structure!

We had a nice note from Steve Millart, former editor of "U.S. Scots" magazine. He sold his interest to his former partner, Jim Davenport. We exchanged publications for awhile and he expresses his thanks to the Society for doing that!

Mr. Craig Anderson stopped by the Clan Grant tent at the Stone Mountain Games and donated two Grant ties that he had had in stock! He is closing out his business and freely gave selected items to the specific clans involved. One of the ties sold immediately and we want to thank him for thinking of us.

Another time someone sent us a tie that she (I've mislaid her name for the moment) had picked up in a thrift shop where she works--she finds Scottish Clan items every once in awhile and donates them to the designated clan! It is thoughtful persons like these that makes life so enjoyable for having met them! There is a lot of "good" still left in this world!

Our Commissioner in the Ozarks has asked us to reprint the discount offer to subscribe to Scottish Life magazine as only 3 responses came in. So, here goes:

This is a very nice glossy-finish magazine published in Massachusetts which comes out four times a year. It is \$13.00 a year if 10 members sign up for it (regularly \$14.95). If you are interested contact Mrs. Anne Grant-Knapp, at 4177 Circle Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Several ladies (and Brenda in Utah) have expressed a desire to have the red Grant tartan made up in cotton for hot, summer days. Steve McCallum (U.S.) now has cloth available in a combination 80% cotton and 20% rayon. If we need to order 300 yards at approximately \$12.95 per yard the bill will come to nearly \$3,000, but if we could order 100 yards it would be closer to \$2,000. (I will ask Steve about that--but often the price goes up with less yardage. (This would include postage and handling--and any money leftover would go to the Society). It is 52 inches wide. A dress would take approximately 4 yards, a table cloth or curtains would take more.

Attempts to order the pattern in wool failed but if we get enough members wanting the cotton fabric we will try again! Payment and yardage amount would need to be made in advance. If even slightly interested give me a call (717) 768-3714 and I will send you the details if enough interest is expressed!

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS TO: Mr. and Mrs. George H. Grant, 301 Masters Road, Hixson, TN 37343! They have volunteered

to do this for this year only! (If you've already put your money in the mail, don't worry! It will be forwarded!)

I resigned as Secretary on December 31st, 1997, after nearly 20 years! It seems like I just started yesterday! Thanks to your overwhelming response, I am months behind in answering your good letters and so I will still be winding things up for awhile! Please forgive me for missed deadlines, unanswered letters, etc. I've been overwhelmed with everything this past six months. (Getting old?)

George and Lucille have carried the ball for many years and once again they are caught trying to help me out and to help our editor, Jim, out as he will have a new baby in the house as well as trying to finish his Master's Degree. They have carried the ball for so many years and while we love them dearly, it's really unfair to expect them to keep carrying the load! None of us want to see our Society fall apart. Our Canadian friends had this happen when no one volunteered to help Syd and Eileen and it is a good lesson for us! Fortunately, a few are pulling them together again and we wish them the very best!

With our new By-Laws in place and yet untried, we may find we need to make some changes but at least we've started! The Secretary will have probably two assistants, one to manage the memberships and the other to send out the game follow-up letters. This worked well in the past but we may find better ways to handle these things. I still hope to write for the newsletter--I've held back on several items because I haven't had time to work on them!

A number of our leaders would like to retire soon but their service shows their love for the Society and I'm sure they will continue to contribute in many ways, and especially if they are asked! Even with over 500 members we still need volunteers--and we need young people! We already have some who are willing to "learn the ropes!" (Chris, Brenda, and others come to mind). They have fresh ideas and the enthusiasm we began with! We need them to keep the Society alive! It is exciting to think of the plans that Scotland has for the Grant museum!

We all have a stake in our heritage--and if the Grants in Scotland are willing to manage things, then we need to help them financially in that endeavor. Our deceased Chief wanted a united society and we need to keep that our goal! Forget the petty, individual desires--learn to cooperate with others and their ideas! You may not get the recognition due you--but there will always be a few who know what you have done and appreciate it--and the world will be better for it!

Well, that's my soapbox. Probably will think of more next time--but now it's time to quit. (There may not be any "notes" in the summer issue as we will be close to moving time as well as a number of games we hope to attend--but we should be back by the Fall newsletter!)

Phil and I are moving into a life-care community in July so we will be quite busy "downsizing" between now and then. In fact, we are already swamped! We think our house is sold, and we're beginning to sort and pack. Our address will be made known as soon as we know! We will be in Chester County--right next door to Lancaster--we love both and will be in the middle of them! We'll have room for company and we'll show you a good time! As our kids already know, first ones there get the bed! So y'all come!



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SCOTTISH SUPPLIES IN KANSAS

For those readers who live in the mid-west and are looking for a place to buy Scottish apparel or books, tapes and discs, we received a letter from J. Higgins, Inc., P.O. Box 14341, Lenexa, KS 66285-4341 announcing that they are tailors specializing in Highland attire and having "in-stock" merchandise. Call toll free (1-800-426-7268) or Fax (913) 894-0217 to order a free catalogue.

TAPESTRY KITS

Josephine Cameron came by the Stone Mountain tent, showing us tapestry kits she has designed. There are celtic designs and clan crests meant to be upholstered on a round Victorian style bun footstool or made into a cushion or framed for a wall display. Minimum orders are 5 each. If interested write to her at Ardmore, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland DG7 2DA or Web site: <http://www.made-in-scotland.co.uk/celtictapestries> or, Tel/Fax (01557) 814675.

HIGHLAND EMBROIDERY

Allan Grant sent us the address of a company in South Carolina that embroiders clan crest badges onto 100% preshrunk cotton--Golf shirts, T-shirts, caps and sweaters. (If you've seen Allan's, you'll remember how nice they look!) There are other designs for some items: Thistle & Heather, Rampant Lion, Scottie Dog, Scottish Flag (St. Andrew's) while the deluxe sweatshirts include Drum Major, Bag Piper, Drummer or Highland Dancer and even Rampant Lions around a swatch of Grant tartan (which you supply). Phone Orders: 1-800-852-2492; Fax Orders: 1-800-547-4877 or Mail: Highland Embroidery, 9588 Black Horse Run Road, Ft. Mill, SC 29715.

HOUSE OF URQUHART

Thinking of a honeymoon in Scotland? The House of Urquhart is a British company that assists overseas visitors to marry in the United Kingdom. They take an active interest in clan history and are willing to try to assist you in marrying in a castle connected with a clan or associated castles. They are not limited to castles, however-they will help with honeymoon destinations, rehearsal dinners, etc. If you know of someone that might be interested have them Tel/Fax +44 (0) 118-950-4084 for rates, etc. They are also on the Website.

RAISING MONEY FOR FILM WITH BONNIE RIDEOUT

Greg Brophy Films in Ann Arbor, MI 48104 is raising money to launch Bonnie Rideout, three-time U.S. Scottish Fiddling Champion, to the silver screen in "O'er the Waters", described as a cinematic journey through Scottish music and heritage.

The Film Arts Foundation in San Francisco is sponsoring the film and Greg Brophy is producing it. The film is shot on location in Scotland and all contributions are tax deductible. Further information may be had by calling (313) 761-5888 or djbrophy@umich.edu.

JULY SCOTTISH WORKSHOPS

A series of Scottish hour-long workshops will be held on Friday afternoon, July 12, 1998 at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. prior to the Grandfather Mountain Games.

Choices for the 1st hour session include "Tartan Redskins: Similarities Between the Celtic Scots and Native Americans in the 17th and 18th Centuries," by Donald F. MacDonald; "Tartans and Tartan Design," by Marjorie Warren; or, "Clan Concerns," with Mary Jane Gibbons.

The second hour choices are: "Behind the Tartan Curtain: Fact and Fiction," with Dr. Jamie R. MacDonald; "Scottish Life in the 18th Century," by Karen Becker; "Newsletters: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly," with Beth Gay.

Topics for the third session: "More Scottish Than We think: Folk Customs from Caledonia," by Donald MacDonald; "Beginning Gaelic Continued," with Dr. Jamie MacDonald; and "Prince Henry Sinclair: America's Scottish Discoverer," by Beth Gay.

These events are sponsored by COSCA and the total cost for 1 to 3 workshops is \$20. Checks should be payable to COSCA WORKSHOP and sent to 3220 Frederick Place, Charlotte, NC 28210. The registration deadline is June 15, 1998 but classes fill early.

SEATTLE GAELIC SOCIETY

Our members in the Seattle area might be interested in knowing that a branch of The American Gaelic Society (An Commun Gaidhlig America) meets regularly and offers private Scottish Gaelic classes as well as public immersion classes on history and culture several times during the year.

The group also formed a Gaelic singing ensemble with nearly 40 members

participating this year in the Vancouver Mod and the Royal National Mod in Inverness, Scotland. They plan to compete in Mod '98 on the Isle of Skye.

Pam Nation will answer any questions about joining the Society by calling

(253) 939-3304 or e-mail: psnation@aol.com.

ODOM LIBRARY

The Ellen Odom Library in Moultrie, GA is the repository for Clan Genealogy and over 100 Clans have donated their collections on family information to the Library, including Clan Grant. Their bi-monthly newsletter, "The Family Tree," accepts inquiries and publishes current information on the various clans pertaining to genealogy and is supported by donations from its readers. (To give you an idea of how much you should contribute, individual back copies are sold for \$3.50 each). Call (912) 985-6540; write: P.O. Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776; Fax (912) 985-0936 or E-Mail: hugh.waters@lost.com.

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE SEEKS RESEARCH DATA

Ms. Joanne M. Bowman in Gainesville, Florida is doing research on employment and ancestral experiences of Scottish born women living in the United States. If you are interested in helping her, you should be Scottish born and living in America for at least five years although it is not imperative that you be employed.

Joanne sent a copy of her questionnaire--it is mostly "yes" or "no" answers required with some explanations needed but is basically a simple form to fill out. If you are interested in helping her, please write to her at 1515 NW 34th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605-2542. Or: 74151.1357@Compuserve.com; Fax (352) 377-2612 or phone (352) 377-0619. She will send you a copy of the questionnaire, release form, and self-addressed envelope. There is no risk involved and responses will remain confidential and women will not be identified by name.

GRANT TARTAN IN PILLOWS & THROWS

Linda Clifford in Mendon, Vermont, makes pillows and throws in six varieties of the Grant tartans. Her catalogue explains the various shades of colors and shows the finished product. If you would like a catalogue, write to Ms. Linda Clifford, The Knockomie Collection, 2 Millways, Mendon, VT 05701. Ph/Fax: 802-773-0304 or tartan@lindaclifford.com

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day for the entire week.

Next week it was Grandfather Mtn. We signed up 25 new members. 28 charter members came from around the eastern U.S. Monday the Strathspeys' flew to Los Angeles for another grand week. Saturday they were the Honored guests at the games. Monday they flew to Washington, DC. They were met at the airport by The St. Andrews Pipe Band. Gordon & Mildred Grant arranged for a loong limousine for the week as transportation. They visited the "White House", Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian, everywhere in great style. At the Games we met "Cluny" MacPherson and his wife.

The trip was a success. We now had over a hundred member around the country. All enthusiastic. We were on our way.

In 1980, we decided to try and start a Canadian Branch. Mathew & Anne Grant-Knapp, one of our Charter members, began hosting a tent at Canadian Games, across the border, from their home in Buffalo, NY. They found plenty of interest. Ian & JoAnne Grant of Missasauga, (Toronto), agreed to be the conveners. Canadian Membership flourished. U.S. sent newsletters for a time until they found a news editor. Ian & Joanne had a job transfer to France and Syd & Eileen Grant successfully took over. In the mid 1980's a Canadian Maritime Branch was established.

1981 was designated, "The Year of the Scot", in Edinburgh. James "Hank" Grant, our Historian, had been to Scotland several times, especially to Grant Country. He arranged to rent, "Kinveachy Lodge", for 36 of us from the U.S. We planned to visit important Grant Castles and locations in Speyside. We felt it very important to have an active Clan Society in Scotland, especially Speyside.

We all, 36 of us, arrived in Edinburgh the week before going to Kinveachy. Grants from Australia joined us. We took the evening salute at Edinburgh Castle. Strathspey was one of the Honored Guests of the Edinburgh City. We went everywhere in our kilts. George, Lucille & Strathspey's walked down the royal mile. Patrick was wearing trousers. George was asked to pose for pictures every few steps. Patrick acted as his agent, asking for 1 pound 50 P, per picture.

One day, visiting exhibits in one of the buildings, we came across, David Grant-Blythe. He was manning a Burns exhibit. I introduced Strathspey to David. David was quite impressed, and indicated an interest in forming a Clan Society in the U.K. He asked us over to his home for a drink that night. We were all going to "Usher Hall", for a concert by the Scottish Fiddlers Society & Capt. Angus MacDonald, Pipe Major of the Royal Scots Greys and Piper to the Queen. He insisted we come after the concert. We agreed and 20 of us descended upon David and his wife. She poured the drinks and I knew something was wrong. The glasses were all filled to the brim with Scotch, just like a glass of milk. She knew nothing about drinking. Lucille and I collected the glasses and repoured wee drams.

We invited David and his wife to come to Kinveachy the following Saturday. We were having a reception for everyone who was anyone in Speyside.

The week in Speyside was spent being very visible. We were cordially welcomed and visited, Monymusk, Ballindalloch, Glenfarclas, Rothiemurchus, Highland Folk Museum, Castle Grant, Cullen House, Glen Moriston, Glen Urquart, and Revack Lodge. We had dinner on the train from Boat of Garten to Aviemore. Guests were George Grant, Glenfarclas, Russell's of Ballindalloch. Friday evening we held a street dance for the people of Grantown-on-Spey, in the square. The goal was to stir up interest in Clan Grant and introduce Lord Strathspey to Speyside. Most people thought the Earl of Seafield was Chief.

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GRANT'S TOMB RESTORED

General U.S. Grant fans will appreciate the following article dated April 28, 1997 and written by Jeanne King (Unfortunately the name of the paper is missing) marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of Grant's tomb. (Each year a celebration is held on his birthday, April 27, 1922.)

New York: Exactly a century after one million spectators witnessed the dedication of the granite monument to Ulysses S. Grant, thousands gathered yesterday to celebrate the completion of its renovation.

Ulysses Grant Dietz, great-great-grandson of the Civil War hero, was among those taking part in a two-day centennial celebration commemorating the renovation of the towering monument where the body of the 18th U.S. President rests, in an imposing tomb on the upper West Side of Manhattan just east of the Hudson River.

"The National Park Service has spent upwards of \$1.8 million on construction, new ceilings, new roofs, waterproofing the building, painting, masonry as well as a new plaza," Manny Strump, a spokesman for the Park Service said.

The granite structure erected in Grant's memory on April 27, 1897 became a National Monument in 1959. At one time the monument drew about 100,000 visitors annually to the rotunda and to view its 150 foot dome and three murals, including Robert E. Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox.

But as government money and interest in the tomb slipped, the structure became a haven for homeless, graffiti artists and vandals.

By the early 1990's, a "crisis" developed when a Park Service volunteer who worked at the monument blew the whistle and alerted the media to its deteriorating condition.

The volunteer, Frank Scaturro, was fired for exposing the mess and it was not until Grant's descendants threatened to remove the bodies of Grant and his wife Julia and rebury them in the Midwest, that the government launched the renovation project.

For his role in spearheading the drive to compel the government to restore Grant's Tomb, Scaturro and the Grant Monument Association, a private group he formed, was banned from taking part in Sunday's celebration.

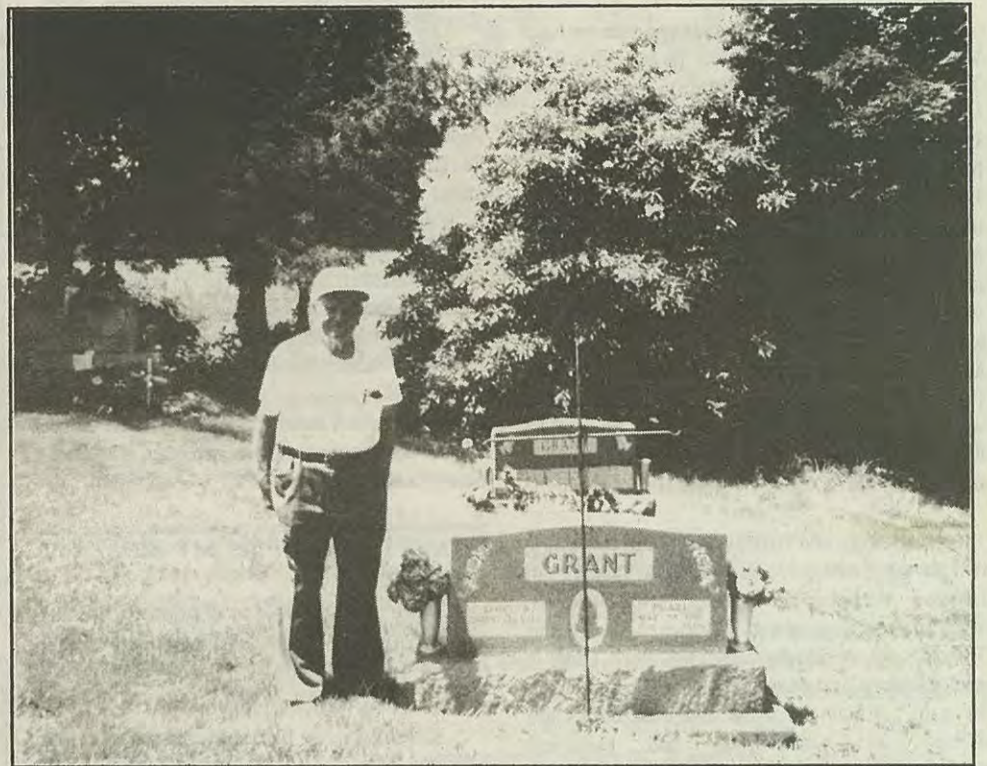
According to Mr. Scaturro, who was barred by the Park Service from placing a wreath in tribute to Grant, the snub was in retaliation for his going public over the tomb's condition.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the tomb and the 175th anniversary of Grant's birth on April 27, 1822 in Point Pleasant, Ohio, hundreds of bands were brought in to play, including the marching band from the U.S. Military Academy, cadets firing a 21-gun salute, and Grant's high school bands from Portland, Oregon and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Grant, a Republican who served two terms as president, had been regarded as a failure until he became a soldier.

He ultimately captured the nation's attention when a Confederate commander asked for the terms upon which to surrender Fort Donelson in Tennessee. Grant replied, "An unconditional and immediate surrender." After that he became "U.S. Grant-Unconditional Surrender Grant."

Grant, the nation's most beloved General since George Washington, died on July 23, 1885.



Member Tony R. Grant visits the Grant family plot in the Kerley Cemetery (near Simpson) in southern Illinois. He and his cousin, Rev. U.S. Grant, located both Tony's wife's and Rev. Grant's grandfather's gravesites. Another cousin resides in California and visited two years ago.

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Detroit to an army officer named John H. Gore. Gore died in 1852 while crossing through Panama with Grant while the regiment was on its way to the Pacific Coast. After seeing a copy of the letter this week, a Grant historian says he has no doubt that the handwriting is Grant's.

"I think everybody likes the idea that a pack rat stole a Grant letter and carried it off to a little recess at White Haven," said John Y. Simon, a professor of history at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Since the 1960s, Simon has edited 20 volumes of Grant correspondence.

There are aspects about the letter that are definitely in Grant's style, said Simon. "Grant did do that crisscross writing," said Simon, where he would write in one direction on a page and then in another direction to save space. Paper was precious in those days, and it was also common to fold a letter and write the address on the back, as Grant did here, rather than use an envelope. On the back of the letter is a partial address, with the word, "Grant," and "Mo."

Grant frequently began his letters to Julia by referring to her last letter or the fact that he had not received a letter. "He's always saying either she doesn't write him enough or it takes a long time to get her letters," said Simon. "He really misses her. There's a real love story there." In his letter, Grant talks about a Nelly. Simon and staffers at White Haven have different theories on who Nelly is. Some think he was referring to his horse. Simon believes Grant may have been talking about his sister-in-law, named Ellen, whom Grant called Nellie.

Newly discovered letters from U.S. presidents to their wives are pretty rare, said Simon. "We don't get letters that often from this pre-Civil War period," he added. And Julia Dent Grant carefully saved her letters from Grant. That's one reason there are so many of them. "She would have kept this one if the mouse hadn't run off with it," he said.

The last newly discovered Grant letter came to light at a public auction about six years ago in New York. Written by Grant to Julia during the Civil War, it was a gem to Simon and other historians. In it, Grant speaks of his confidence in eventually defeating Robert E. Lee. "It was just a magnificent letter," said Simon.

Well before Grant's letter was found at White Haven, staffers were planning a presentation exploring the relationship between Ulysses and Julia. Historians say the couple had

a deep and affectionate partnership that sustained them through a lifetime. Eckard said the letter will probably end up on display at White Haven. To celebrate the completion of the home's exterior renovation, the Park Service plans to hold a ribbon cutting at White Haven on April 26.

"I have carefully searched the military records of both ancient and modern history, and have never found Grant's superior as a general. I doubt that his superior can be found in all history."

Robert E. Lee



Irving B. Grant (1910-1997). An engineer for Westinghouse, Irving retired in 1975. He was active in the Masonic Lodge and held a meritorious service award from the USPS.

GAMES AND THINGS:

News Flash: As this is being typed we learn that the Delco Games will not be held this year! Two years ago, the Devon Horse Show Corporation gave the date usually reserved for the Delco Games to someone else and the Delco Board had to change the site. They expected to have the Devon site back this year but the third party involved is still in litigation and it is not expected to be resolved until June--too late to hold the games. So instead of attending the Delco games, why not plan on going to the Fair Hill, Maryland games (Saturday, May 16th) OR to the Bonnie Brae Games at the Bonnie Brae School in Liberty Corners in New Jersey? (June 6th). We will see if we can get someone to represent Clan Grant at the NJ site and Allan Grant will try to have someone for the Fair Hill Games. Volunteers are needed!

A Genealogy and History Book Fair is coming to Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, in Lansing Michigan on Sunday, April 5, 1998. Over 300 genealogical and historical societies and 32 exhibitors are represented at this fair! There is a slight admission charge and the hours are from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. New and used books are offered by genealogical and historical organizations as well as commercial dealers. Subjects include: Foreign and Military Histories, Biographies, Travel Guides, Research Material, Reference Guides, Genealogies, Family Histories, Crests, "How to" Guides, Charts, Forms, Ethnic Studies and Cookbooks, Atlases, Maps, Foreign Language Dictionaries, Stationery and Bibliographies. (A few Grant applications are on their way as requested!)

May 14-17 is the 1998 Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games in Mills Park, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Entertainers for the weekend will be Alex Beaton joined by Margret Gravitt and the Scottish duet of Ralph and Roy.

The usual events on Saturday will also have a Clan Challenge for newcomers wishing to try Scottish athletics. There will be a Haggis Hurl for women and the Bonniest Knees contest for men on Sunday along with a Scottish Heritage Seminar and an Invitational tournament for top amateur Scottish athletes.

June 20-21 are the dates for the 5th Potomac Celtic Festival in Leesburg, Virginia. Formerly known as the Oatlands Celtic Festival the site has moved to the Morven Park International Equestrian Center (Just one mile north of Leesburg, and off of U.S. 15).

Jean Redpath, Marin Hayes & Dennis Cahill, Emma Christian, The Poor Clares, Iona, Nolwenn Monjarret and Andourina are scheduled to entertain for the two day games. Information may be obtained by calling 1-800-752-6118.

Blandford, MA. hosts the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival July 18th at the Blandford Fair Grounds. The musical groups, Seven Nations, The Brigadoons and Whisky Before Breakfast will perform along with Carl Peterson, Maggie Carchie and Charlie Zahm. Pre-paid tickets are available at discount rates. For further information call (413) 848-2052 or write: Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 65, Blandford, MA 01008.

Las Vegas, Nevada is the site for a combination Renaissance Festival and Clans Gathering on October 9-11th. The two festivals are sponsored by the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for children that are economically challenged. The money raised is used to provide scholarships to allow children entry into fee-based recreation programs.

If any of our members in Nevada would like to "man a tent" please let George Grant know right away!

New Zealand is planning an International Scottish Gathering on November 14-22, 1998! The City of Dunedin is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Otago settlement, the southernmost Scottish settlement in the world and the most distant from Scotland. The Province of Otago originally included the Province of Southland, too, so this, too, is a joint effort.

If you are planning to be in New Zealand at this time, write to Mr. Trevor Lewis, c/o Box 5045, Dunedin, New Zealand for an accommodation booking form and information about obtaining discounted air travel within New Zealand! Phone: 64-3-474-3577; Fax 64-3-474-3458.

(We have not heard yet whether Clan Grant will be represented. If you are interested let Shirley know and we will try to find out!)

GRANT COTTAGE AT MT. MC GREGOR

Note: This article is condensed from an article in the Sunday Gazette Supplement (dated July 20, 1997) by Gail Shufelt and sent to us by Wayne Harvey.

Located near Sarasota Springs, on Mt. McGregor, is the cottage where President Grant spent his last days writing his memoirs. He had completed them only a few days before and had taken a walk to the Mt. McGregor overlook that gives a view of the upper Hudson River valley.

Upon returning to his retreat, and feeling exhausted, he requested a bed from the adjacent hotel be set up in the living room--where it still stands today. The chair that he had been sleeping in due to the advanced cancer remains in the adjacent bedroom. A fan from the Emperor of Japan is on the table next to the chair and a bookcase nearby contains some of his personal items used during his illness. All the furnishings in this room, the living room and the dining room were used by the Grants during their six-week stay here. There is also a clock on the mantal stopped at 8:08 by his eldest son, Fred Grant--the exact time the president died; it has never run again.

Funeral wreaths and elaborate sprays remain from his Mt. McGregor funeral--dried and waxed everlasting, a native New York strawflower, and somewhat faded now, are held tightly in a wire frame.

Grant spent his time trying to finish his memoirs so that his wife would be assured of financial resources. Ferdinand Ward absconded with the money from his son's brokerage firm and left him nearly penniless, so the retired President of the U.S. wrote articles for Century magazine and then began his memoirs. His friend, Samuel Clemens offered to publish his book. In time, Julia Dent Grant received "close to a half-million dollars" from the publication according to Grant biographer, William S. McFeely.

The cottage was so revered that it was closed right after Mrs. Grant vacated the premises. Within four years, the Grand Army of the Republic was conducting tours.

Today, the property, a New York State Historic Site, is operated by the Friends of Grant Cottage. They conduct 30-minute guided tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Memorial Day to Labor Day. After that, it is open the same hours on Saturdays and Sundays through Columbus Day, and then closes for the rest of the season. There is an admission fee.

GRANT ITEMS FOR SALE

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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

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The Saturday afternoon reception at Kinveachy Lodge was the highlight of the week.

We had the Grantown Pipe band playing in the Kinveachy car park as people arrived. Everyone was piped to the front door to a receiving line of The Strathspey's, George, Lucille, John, Barbara, Hank & Linda Grant. Waiters moved through the crowd with whiskey, wine, beer, & cokes. Long tables of hors d'oeuvres were available.

It was the largest gathering of Grants since the funeral of the Countess of Seafield. The Grants of Rothiemurchus and Chief of the Grants met and spoke for the first time in 200 years. All of the Grant families we visited earlier in the week were there. Chief of the MacKenzies and "Lochiel" Cameron attended. A short welcome speech by George Grant and Strathspey was the only interruption. All the Americans and Strathspey felt we had been successful in rekindling interest in Clan Grant in Speyside.

Patrick gave David permission to start a clan society in Scotland. We Americans agreed to support his efforts, financially and by sending our newsletter if requested to members. In the first few years we sent money to David to pay attorneys and other costs. After about 2 years the effort became self supporting. We did send money to pay an architect, hired by David, for drawings making Duthil into an apartment for James. We did not think this was a good idea and did not agree to pay for the apartment.

The United States Branch of the Society continues to support activities in Scotland. We sent over \$7000.00 to help pay for Duthil renovation. Within 24 hours of a request by Sir Patrick Grant, Dalvey, we sent \$1500.00 to help pay for the feasibility study for Duthil. We maintain a Duthil Fund for contributions from members year round. We sent over \$800.00 this year. It is our hope we can continue to co-operate toward sustaining and improving our Worldwide Society.

THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF PRESIDENT GRANT
(Submitted by Beryl Grant)

1. Samuel Simpson GRANT, of Galena, Illinois, merchant, b at Georgetown, Ohio 23 Sept. 1825; dunn at St. Paul, Minnesota 13 Sept 1861.
2. Clara Rachel GRANT, b at Georgetown 11 Dec 1828; dunn at Covington, Kentucky 6 March 1865.
3. Virginia Paine GRANT, b at Georgetown 20 Feb 1832, m at Covington, Kentucky 13 May 1869, as his 2nd wife Hon Abel Rathbone Corbin of New York (b at Otsego, New York 24 March 1808; d 1881), son of Eliakim Lyon Corbin, by his wife Lodama, and had issue, one dau (who d an inf).
4. Orvil Lynch GRANT, b at Georgetown 15 May 1835, m at Bethel, Ohio April 1857, Mary (b 1835; d 10 April 1894), dau of Asher Medary, by his wife Elizabeth Thornton, and d at Elizabeth, New Jersey 4 Aug 1881, leaving issue, three sons and one dau.
5. Mary Frances GRANT, b at Georgetown 28 July 1839, m at Covington, Kentucky 27 Oct 1863, Rev Michael John Cramer, DD, US Min to Denmark 1871-81, Res US Min and Consul-Gen at Berne 1881-85 (b at Schaffhausen, Switzerland 6 Feb 1835; d at Carlisle, Pennsylvania 23 Jan 1898), son of John Jacob Cramer, by his wife Magdalene Bowman, and had issue, one son and one dau.

Note: Although christened Hiram Ulysses, Grant was always known by the second name. When nominated for West Point by his father's friend Congressman Thomas L. Hamer his name was entered in error as "U.S. Grant" (the "S" probably being taken from his mother's maiden name of Simpson). He had already reversed his first two names and usually signed himself as "Ulysses H. Grant" or "U.H. Grant". On graduation he finally adopted the name of Ulysses S. Grant, but never expanded the middle initial.