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CGS Members Living Near Richmond Should Attend

3rd Annual General Meeting to Convene in Virginia

The 3rd Annual General Meeting for Clan Grant Society-USA is fast approaching, scheduled in conjunction with the Richmond Highland Games on October 23 & 24, 1999, in Richmond, VA.

The AGM meeting, with light refreshments preceding, will be held on Saturday, October 23, at the Holiday Inn North, 801 East Parham Road in Richmond at 5:00 in the evening.

History Leading to This 3rd AGM

The Clan Grant Society-USA was begun, and has existed, largely due to the efforts of its founder, George Grant, *Convenor Emeritus* of Hixson, TN. With the help of dedicated volunteers, George shouldered most of the load for a decade and a half, and kept the workings of this Society moving ahead.

When George decided to retire in the mid-90s, the time had come for the Society to have a constitutional organization. At the 1997 Stone Mountain Games in Georgia, the members of our Society approved a Constitution and By-laws at their first AGM.



In 1998, a slate of officers and board members was elected and took office at the second AGM—again held at Stone Mountain Games in Georgia.

The 1998 election marked monumental change for our Society. In effect, the founder turned the operations and the future of Clan Grant Society over to its members—you.

While officers run the day-to-day administration of Society affairs, they answer to their constituents. Because of this accountability, AGM takes on a great deal of importance. At this meeting, you will hear the accomplishments and shortfalls by the officers over the past year.

Changes to the Constitution and By-laws are both proposed and approved at AGM, and, most important, individual members such as yourselves add vital information for the decision-making process. These are some reasons your presence is requested, even vital, in Richmond for this historic third-year societal gathering.

Since many of our members have travel constraints of distance, health, time, or some combination thereof, we

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Open with Sun, End in Drenching Rains

*FROM STRATHSPEY,
HOME TO THE WATER OF LIFE,
TO THE SHORES OF NOVA SCOTIA
AND WHERE EVER SCOTS ARE FOUND
AND TONIGHT, IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES GRANT MACDONALD,
STAND FAST, CRAIG ELACHIE!
CLAN GRANT IS HERE!*

President Howard Parsons, with this proclamation, announced the arrival of Clan Grant at the annual Torchlight Ceremony held Thursday evenings to open Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games.

At dusk, a runner bearing a torch

descended the slope at the eastern end of MacRae Meadow. Representatives from the participating Clan societies marched onto the field and formed a saltire. The torchbearer lit the first torch on each end of the saltire and the light was then passed up the line of waiting torches. Each Clan's arrival was thus announced, and the flaming torches added to the effect of a blazing mountain-like bonfire at the ceremony's center.

Clan Grant's representative for a number of years, Parsons recounted

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Editor's Forum



by Margaret Shepard MacDonald Morris

Come more shine or rain, fall is here. School classes are resumed, and with one son now in the university of our Seawane hometown and one son a high school sophomore at St. Andrew's, our nest thinned when the summer flew away. Life is settling into its usual, if somewhat restructured, autumn.

For the fall issue, your officers encourage you to make the trip to Richmond, VA, in October. Making the trip will involve you in the decisions-to-be-made for the Clan Grant Society's future. Being present will assure you a voice in that future. Plus, there will be games to attend, good food, refreshment, and a great chance for fun with friends & kin before winter brings us even closer to our own hearths.

In keeping with this invitation, you'll find directions to Richmond. "On the Hot Seat" recaps the first half of President Howard Parsons' term of service. There is an important correction of dates for the millennium gathering of Grants across the Pond in Nethybridge, Scotland. So take your markers and fix the calendar date to its new September 12th start!

Genealogy Corner brings new insights into the Internet's offerings for family research, and *Standfast's* Editor Don Grant reports on a change in the Clan Grant web site. There is a small theme of "castles" in this issue, with Urquhart Castle under excavation and Castle Grant up for sale, yet again.

Notes from Shirley are lively, but light, so please send your newsy letters to our faithful columnist. You'll find summer games highlights in text with a pictorial spread on Grandfather Mountain, and snaps of regional events; reports of new members found; and the challenges of an urgent membership report we hope you'll rise to meet.

A chair fit for a Bonnie Prince Charlie has re-surfaced after a century under wraps, and there is the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage in the United States, which our members are urged to support.

Looking forward a bit to the winter issue, we already have two noteworthy items under wraps for winter publication: a reprint of James H. Grant's wonderful history of the Grants of Strathspey, and a shorter history and news of the Duthil Kirk, with pictures of the proposed remodeling of the Kirk.

Join with me in sending a warm wel-

come to Jean Grant Wilson, FL, who has already begun her ship-shape service as Membership Secretary, relieving our own interim 'volunteer-extraordinaire,' Judi Parsons. Thanks to both of them for making our communications run as smooth as silk. Be sure to contact Judi or Jean to renew your CGS-USA membership today!

See you in Richmond. Until winter fires warm us, and the new millennium looms upon the horizon, I wish you a *great view* for the splendor of the autumn season, health and joy in the holidays to follow, and the ability to *Stand Fast*, fellow Grants, throughout.



President's Term Enters 'Second Half' Action

On The Hot Seat

by Howard Parsons

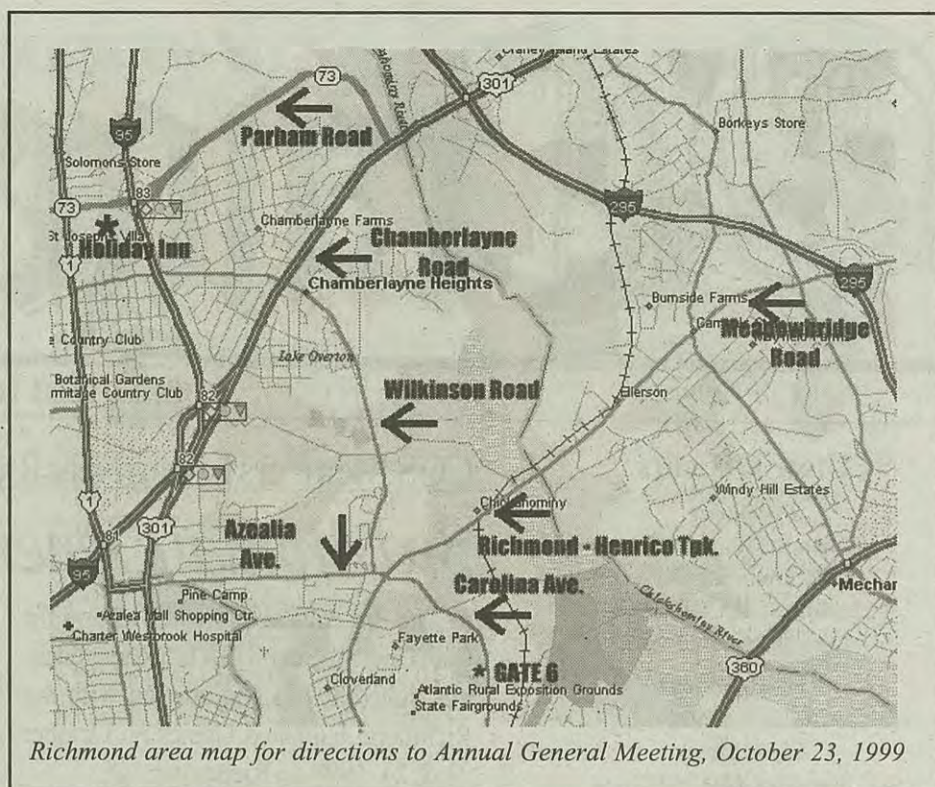
President, Clan Grant Society - USA

I have almost completed my first year in office. The past twelve months have been busy ones for me. Between work-related travel and Clan-related travel, I have been on the go quite a bit. There have been more than a few bumps over the past year; some expected and some not. There are some things that I had hoped to accomplish by this time, but then, there's something left for the second act.

One of the greatest things to happen in the past few months is something I can't even take credit for: our newsletter, *Craigellachie*. Margaret Morris has done a wonderful job of whipping this publication into shape and has demonstrated patience throughout. There are always improvements to be made, and I'm quite sure she'll be hard at work over the coming months. Our publication schedule is improved, and the investment in the necessary software is paying off.

On the subject of the newsletter: Starting with the fall issue, Avery labels designed for ink jet printers will be used, with much better results, we hope. This also increases our publication costs a bit.

Regarding other publications, the Society's subscriptions to *The Highlander* and *Scottish Life* have been restarted. In 1998, our long time Publications Coordinator, Anne Grant-Knapp, retired. With the void of Anne's absence and a lack of centralized record-keeping, the renewal notices did not go out until late October. *The Highlander* "carried" us for a number of issues, so even



Richmond area map for directions to Annual General Meeting, October 23, 1999

though our members mailed their checks in November and December, they were paying for issues that had already been received.

In the spring of this year, payment for *The Highlander* and *Scottish Life* was consolidated with annual dues notices. Because of mailing delays, your spring *Craigellachies* arrived mid-June. Even though renewals began to roll in shortly thereafter, there has been a lapse of one issue, as I felt

*As we work
to make membership
in the Society
a significant value,
the plea goes out to
the grassroots
to save mailing
a final reminder...
please pay your
dues now.*

we must wait to pay *The Highlander* when we had received payment from *all* the Society subscribers. Hopefully, we will not have this sort of problem in the future. My apologies to one and all for this situation.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see we have some more information concerning the Year 2000 Gathering of Clan Grant in Scotland. Sharp-eyed readers will notice a different date is now in effect for the gathering at Nethybridge. The actual date for the Nethybridge Games is August 12,

2000 (not August 7th, as was published in error in the spring newsletter. I received an e-mail containing the incorrect date among the information for the gathering, which was subsequently published in *Craigellachie*). My apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

We have a new Membership Secretary. Jean Wilson of Jacksonville, FL, has graciously volunteered, and the transition of duties from the Acting Membership Secretary will begin in September. My heartfelt thanks go to Judi Parsons for taking on the duties in the interim and doing such an excellent job. Jean and Judi's duties will overlap for a month or two, and the transition period should be complete by the end of the Society's fiscal year on October 31.

The last item on my agenda is of grave concern to me. As you will read in the Membership Report elsewhere in this issue, over half of the regular membership dues for 1999 remain unpaid.

While we lose a small number of members annually, the thought of losing this many members on January 1, 2000 is most upsetting. Unless we receive these renewals by December 31st, 1999, our membership roles will be trimmed, and as a Society we will all suffer a most egregious loss. As we work to make membership in the Clan Grant Society a significant value, the plea goes out to the grassroots of the Society to save the time, trouble, and expense of mailing a final reminder in the 4th quarter. Please pay your dues *now*, rather than later.

That's it for this issue. I hope that you will enjoy the changes that Autumn always brings. I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM in Richmond, VA, on October 23rd and 24th.

Turn-by-Turn Directions to the Annual General Meeting in Richmond

If you are headed to the hotel and are on I-95:

1. If you are headed either North or South on I-95 use exit 83B (Parham Road — West).
2. At the top of the exit ramp, move to the left lane of Parham Road. (.2 miles)
3. Turn left at the light into the North Park shopping center.
4. Stay in left lane and take 2nd cut-through (Holiday Inn sign).
5. Follow this around and go in front of Denny's. Hotel immediately on right past Denny's. (Be careful to not go back out onto the highway.)

If you are headed to the hotel and are on I-295 (either direction):

1. Stay on I-295 to the I-95 exchange.
2. Take exit 43B to I-95 South.

Attendance Information Requested for 3rd AGM to be Held in Richmond

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will rotate future annual meeting sites to as many different regional locations as possible. Thus, members within the meeting's region will have the opportunity to come and participate in their Society's decision-making.

Conference coordinator Judi Parsons has been busily arranging ample food and comfortable lodging, for a fun and successful Clan Grant gathering. Even if you only plan to attend for the day, please contact Judi with the number in your party. You may call her at 804-973-5409, write her at 414 Carrsbrook Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901-1216, or e-mail her at judi@parsonage.net.

Hotel rooms, at a rate of \$69.00 per night, may be reserved until October 9th. To make your reservations, call 1-804-266-8753 and tell them that you are with the Clan Grant Society. There are a limited number of rooms available, so call right away.

If you live within reasonable distance of Richmond, Virginia, please make every effort to attend, participate, and contribute to the Society's great Grant future.

The Board Members and Officers are counting on a great grassroots showing at the 3rd Annual General Meeting of all Clan Grant members.

3. Go one exit to exit 83B (Parham Road — West).
4. At the top of the exit ramp, move to the left lane of Parham Road. (.2 miles)
5. Turn left at the light into the North Park shopping center.
6. Stay in left lane and take 2nd cut-through (Holiday Inn sign).
7. Follow this around and go in front of Denny's. Hotel immediately on right past Denny's. (Be careful to not go back out onto the highway.)

If you are headed directly to the State Fairgrounds from I-95, either North or South:

1. Take I-295 South/East toward Rocky Mount, N.C. (This will be 1 exit *before* 83B if you are headed South, or 1 exit *after* 83B if you are headed North).
2. Stay on I-295 until you reach exit 38B (Meadowbridge Road West). (You will see signs for the Fairgrounds, Strawberry Hill and the Amphitheater.)

3. Make a right at the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp. (This is Meadowbridge Road.)
4. Stay on Meadowbridge for approximately 2.3 miles. (You will cross Atlee Road and go past Hill Electrical, Inc. on your left. It seems like a long way, but you are doing fine. It should be noted that Meadowbridge changes its name to Richmond-Henrico Turnpike before # 5.)
5. At the next stop light (3 mi. from I-295) you will need to turn left onto Azalea Avenue.
6. Follow Azalea Avenue to Gate 6, approximately 0.75 miles on your right. (There will be an office/warehouse park complex on your left.)

If you are going between the Holiday Inn and the Fairgrounds:

1. Make a left out of the Hotel parking lot onto Parham Road.
2. Go straight for 2 miles until you reach a stop light and Parham Road ends. (Signs will indicate U.S. 301 and Virginia 2. This is Chamberlayne Road.)

3. Turn right onto Chamberlayne Road and move to the left lane when you can.
4. Go 1 mile to 2nd light (Wilkinson Road) and turn left.
5. Follow Wilkinson Road for 2 miles to Azalea Avenue. (Wilkinson will end at a stop sign at the intersection of Azalea.)
6. Make a left at the stop sign. (You should see the Azalea Food Market and Deli directly in front of you.)
7. Go straight at light (cross Richmond-Henrico Turnpike).
8. Follow Azalea Avenue to Gate 6, approximately 0.75 miles on your right. (There will be an office/warehouse park complex on your left.)

Editorial Policy

It is the expressed policy of the *Craigellachie* editorial staff to secure appropriate permissions for all information and/or articles drawn from other sources, within the constraint of publication deadlines.

Membership Report: Many Renewals Outstanding

As of mid-August, the Clan Grant Society has 643 members. We have added 73 new members from 33 states since January. We added 4 members to Life Membership, now 65 members, through renewals this year. There are 36 members residing outside the United States. We have received membership renewals from 184 members. Unfortunately, this means that 421 members have not yet paid their 1999 Membership dues.

Without the support of the members, it is impossible for the Society to grow and serve as a vital link to our heritage. Sending reminders is costly. Let me encourage you to forward your renewal today. Our fees are relatively small as most organizations go. \$20.00 brings a one-year membership, 4 issues of the newsletter and a link to the Society. A two-year membership is \$40.00. For the value minded among us, a three-year membership is available at the discounted rate of \$55.00. Life memberships are available for \$400.00 and will eliminate the need to receive yearly due renewals.

Please consider what being a member of the Clan Grant Society means to you. There are many exciting events awaiting over the next year. The first is the Annual General Meeting to be held in Richmond, Virginia on October 23 and 24 in conjunction with the Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival. The meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, following a day

at the games. There are many important issues facing the Society, but only current members will have a voice.

The year 2000 leads us to an adventure in Scotland. The annual gathering of the Clan at Nethybridge, Scotland will be an international gathering of the Clan. Many of us from the United States plan to be there. Activities in Scotland are scheduled to run from August 12 through the 17. Your

participation in this adventure is encouraged.

The 4th CGS-USA Annual General Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the games in Loon Mountain, NH. Details will follow in future issues of your *Craigellachie*.

Any questions, concerns or renewals will be handled promptly by your Membership Secretary Jean Grant Wilson (see Officers' listing page one).

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY Membership Application

I (We) wish to become a member of the Clan Grant Society

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Business): _____

E-mail: _____

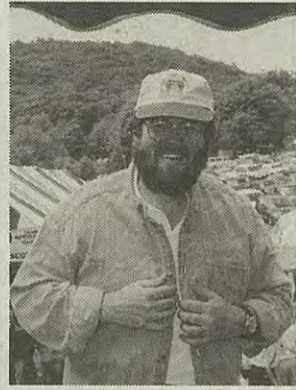
Make all checks or money orders payable to the Clan Grant Society.

Mail to: Ms. Jean Grant Wilson
11249 Irish Moss Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32257-1537

Dues Paid in: Cash Amt. _____ or Check #/Amt. _____

ASSOCIATE DUES 1-YEAR: \$20 2-YEAR DUES: \$40
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$400 3-YEAR DUES: \$55

Tents, Umbrellas Save the Day at Rainy Grandfather Mountain



Clockwise: Top L—Press box view of GM spectators at MacRae Meadow; Top R—Howard Parsons' smile reflects the sunny interlude; Top R (lower)—Thelma Grant, Atlanta, GA, and granddaughter Anna Caroline share a happy moment; Center R—Clan tent is gathering spot; Bottom R—George & Lucille Grant (back facing camera) take a noon break for meat pie; Lower L—Leaders await Parade of Tartans; Center L—Puddles dot Grant path.

Photos/Layout by M. S. Morris

Parsons 'Raises the Clan' with Verse

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his start as Clan torchbearer: "One year, about 45 minutes before I had to leave for MacRae Meadow, George suggested that I handle it. I was panic-stricken because I had no idea what I was going to say. By the time the representatives had lined up, I knew what I would say. . .

"I started with the Grant homeland of Strathspey and gave a nod to the family's production of excellent whisky. The second line comes from our Chief being a Baronet of Nova Scotia, and also because my wife's grandmother was born there. The third line is pretty self-explanatory, and I closed with the Clan's battle cry. The addition of the memorial line started in 1998. I learned of Bill Mathews' May death, and decided to add a line honoring his memory. The result was general approval from all who knew Bill."

This year, the Clan was raised in memory of Charlie MacDonald who passed away in December, 1998, as well as in his wife Betty's memory. Allan Grant has been asked to take over this duty in 2000 and perhaps he'll come up with a wee speech of his own.

Rain was in the forecast for the weekend event. Despite a clear Friday night and a respectable Saturday start of good crowds and exciting events, torrential rains moved in, diminishing the Sunday local crowds. Spirits were not at all daunted in the Grant tent—or outside the tent, for that matter—despite the chill and truly boggy aura of a Scottish moor.

Genealogy Corner

Clan Genealogist Looks at Internet Research Sites and Access Providers

by Beryl N. Grant, CGS Genealogist
e-mail: bgrant3@juno.com

For the fall issue of the newsletter, I'm writing about some more Internet addresses you might be interested in.

For those with Canadian roots, check out <http://www.ingeneas.com/free/main.html> or to connect to the National Archives of Canada's Internet records, try <http://www.archives.ca/www/Genealogy.html>.

You will be able to order a photocopy of a record from the National Archives online if you find a pertinent record. The inGeneas database has 17,286 records and they are adding more all the time. There are quite a

few 1901 census records particularly for Ontario and Quebec. You can search the Ontario 1871 census index, which includes names of heads of household as well as that of any person bearing a different family name, and many more records including Dominion land grants for the western part of Canada, etc.

For a Scottish on-line newsletter, try: <http://www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm>.

The 28 August 1999 (issue #124) included a history of Clan Grant and if it is correct information, what is happening with Castle Grant. For free genealogy products try <http://www.genfree.com>.

www.genfree.com.

From Church of Latter-day Saints (Mormon church) records, you can access the largest online genealogical database in the world: Some 320 million records and nearly 400 million names from their collection at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. By the end of the year, the church plans to have 200 million more names added. You can link to dozens of other genealogy sites, search for vital records and collaborate with other people. Service is free and you do not have to be Mormon to use their records. (I found this information in the June 7th, 1999 issue of *Newsweek*.)

There are also free Internet access providers. E-mail me, and I will tell you about some access sites. I am currently trying Alta Vista. I have free Juno e-mail which can be downloaded at www.juno.com. I do not have to go on the Internet to use Juno access, so this service is much more convenient to me.

Write to me, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, if you need pedigree charts or family record forms: 1063 Leesome Lane, Altamont, N.Y. Please share your research; it may help another member. We have linked some long-lost family branches.

Scottish Editor's Article Tells of Clan Grant Internet Site Changes

by Don Grant, *Standfast* Editor

In the spring issue, I advised you of the introduction of a web site for the Society. It was an exercise in design to see what could be achieved with minimal resources. It was, if I say so myself, a reasonably good amateur effort and presented a good picture of the Clan and the Society.

Steve Grant, now a new member of the Society, was directed to me by our US Society President Howard Parsons to continue a dialogue on the subject of the technology. Steve is "into this form of communication in a big way and runs his own business, which is to provide and support a comprehensive service for some 35 commercial operations in the UK. His ex-

pertise and knowledge far exceeds mine, and he offered to donate his time and service to organize the Society web site. This was an offer too good to miss and having converted the existing material to a new professional format, the Council (members) were convinced and approved the change. The editorial responsibility is still mine, and it works in a similar manner to publishing the magazine. The contributions to the electronic magazine are received from members sorted and edited, electronically transmitted to Steve, whose title is that of Webmaster, and he updates the pages.

The address of the new web site is www.clangrant.org, and in terms of searching is much easier to find than

the present one. It also means that there will be the facility for the Editor and also the Hon. Sec. To have individual mailboxes associated with this site.

While the new web site is currently available, it carries the same information as the old one, but in a better format. Eventually, we will be able to have interactive ordering for Clan articles and also movie clips, for example of the Nethybridge games or functions at Castle Grant for "surfers" to view.

Having completed this edition of the magazine, I will be able to concentrate on preparing the material for the new site.

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Web Pioneer Vint Cerf at Scottish Conference

An international telecommunications conference in Edinburgh was addressed by Vint Cerf, who is said to have invented the word "Internet" in 1974, and was involved in the early development of the system.

The conference was also attended by Scottish First Minister Donald Dewar who spoke about the creation of the Scottish Internet Exchange, ScotiX - a data communications switching service which will provide a faster service for Scottish-based sites. The equipment, located at the Bank of Scotland Information and Technology Centre on the outskirts of Edinburgh, is one of only 150 major Internet switches in the world. There are similar exchanges in London and Manchester.

CGS-USA Board Approves Support for Ulysses S. Grant Cottage in NY

As part of a brief meeting held at the Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games in July, the Board overwhelmingly approved a resolution to participate in the Friends of Grant Cottage as part of the Society's initiative to recognize and promote the accomplishments of the Grant families in the United States.



Located on Mount McGregor, a few miles north of Saratoga Springs, NY, the cottage was the final home to the 18th President of the United States. Ill with throat cancer, Ulysses S. Grant fought pain, weakness and time, as he raced to complete his memoirs on the Civil War, knowing that they could provide financial security for his impoverished family. Grant lost his last battle

on July 23, 1885 as he died in the parlor of the secluded cottage only a few days after completing his memoirs.

The furnishings, decorations, and personal effects all remain where they stood in 1885. Opened to the public in 1890, the cottage has been visited by thousands of people since that time. The Friends of The Ulysses S. Grant Cottage assist the State of New York by providing both volunteer and paid staff to open the Cottage to visitors and to conduct special events.

The Clan Grant Society hopes to increase its level of participation in the coming years. Society members interested in supporting this worthy cause should write:

The Friends of Grant Cottage
P.O. Box 990
Saratoga Springs, NY
12866-0897

Clan Grant Society Millennium Week

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 12-17, 2000

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| DAY 1, SAT. 12TH: | ALL DAY Highland Games & Clan Gathering, Nethybridge
P.M. Dinner & Ceilidh at Castle Grant, Grantown on Spey |
| DAY 2, SUN. 13TH | A.M. Annual General Meeting at Duthil Kirk
P.M. Free time |
| DAY 3, MON. 14TH: | A.M. Rothiemurchus, Estate Tour by Coach, accompanied by Countryside Ranger, a visit to the Doune, and welcome by John Grant of Rothiemurchus.
P.M. Abernethy Nature Reserve, Loch Garten - Ospreys.
EVENING Museum private visit, Grantown on Spey |
| DAY 4, TUES. 15TH: | ALL DAY Cruise on Loch Ness, with Urquhart Castle visit, Loch Ness Monster Exhibition stop at Drumnadrochit, cruise through Caledonian Canal to Muirtown Locks |
| DAY 5, WED. 16TH: | A.M. Visit to Ballindalloch Castle
P.M. Strathspey Steam Railway, Boat of Garten (hour trip) |
| DAY 6-THUR. 17TH: | ALL DAY Visit to the three Distilleries of Wm. Grant Ltd. |
| DAY 7-FRI. 18TH: | A.M. Farewell Address at Castle Grant
P.M. Free time |

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY members will travel to Scotland in August of 2000 for a week of celebrating our common Grant heritage with Games, seeing the sights, and taking part in the international Annual General Meeting. Travel, lodging, and transportation must be arranged by individual members. Lists of accommodations and transportation, with prices, will soon be available on the Clan Grant-UK web page: www.clangrant.org or by contacting a CGS-US Officer (see pg. 1).

Last Ditch Excavation Underway at Urquhart Castle

by John Ross

An archaeological dig which began on August 16 at Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness hopes to uncover further evidence of a medieval settlement at the site.

An excavation team from Glasgow University archaeological research division (GUARD) began the four-week project ahead of work starting on a £4 million visitor centre at the castle, which got the go-ahead this year after a lengthy planning wrangle.

The dig will centre on a ditch, which ground radar tests have indicated contains pottery and other items possibly dating back to the 14th century. The ditch is next to the area where the new visitor centre will be built.

Archaeologists are unclear about the purpose of the ditch but believe it could be associated with some industrial activity such as an iron works. They also hope to find evidence of buildings.

Dr. Stephen Driscoll of GUARD said it was not thought the ditch was for defensive purposes. "There is a possibility it was some kind of enclosure for an extra-mural settlement - a more domestic type of farming settlement on the estate owned by the keeper of the castle—and perhaps there was some kind of light industry such as iron working."

Antique Dealer's Discovery

Oak Chair Once Used by Prince Charlie is Bought for Little, is Worth Bonnie Sum

by John Vincen

An oak armchair in which Bonnie Prince Charlie rested on the way to Culloden in 1746 has been re-discovered after more than a century.

Roger Banfield, an antiques dealer, paid a three-figure sum for the sturdy, heavily engraved panel-back chair at auction earlier this year, intending to keep it at his 15th century home in East Sussex. When he turned it over he found a letter stuck there.

It had been written by Robert Douglas, Provost of Forres, Morayshire, an auctioneer, who sold it in 1895. The letter says that when the Prince stopped to rest at an inn it did not have a chair grand enough for such a visitor. The innkeeper borrowed one from nearby Darnoway Castle and never returned it.

It remained in the innkeeper's family for generations before being sold to a forester, who in turn sold it through Provost Douglas. Now, following the

Items which are unearthed will be displayed in the new centre along with a collection of items found at the castle more than 70 years ago but which have never been exhibited locally.

Excavations in the 1920s and 1930s uncovered one of Scotland's most important medieval artefacts. But because of the lack of space at the castle, most of the collection of 13th to 17th century pieces has been kept at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh where only part has been displayed.

The collection contains coins said to belong to John Balliol, Edward I, Robert II, James V, James VI and Charles I, as well as decorated brooches, a bronze water jug, spurs, cannon balls, arrowheads and other weapons and tools. The new visitor centre will have exhibition space offering the correct conditions and security needed to house the items.

The collection is seen as a way of throwing further light on the fascinating history of Urquhart Castle. The earliest record of a castle is in the 13th century, although in the sixth century the promontory is said to have been the home of a Pictish nobleman, Emchath, who was converted to Christianity by Saint Columba.

The castle has had a turbulent his-

tory, falling into English hands and recaptured on three occasions, and being besieged and plundered frequently in the 15th and 16th centuries. It was last inhabited by government troops during the Jacobite troubles in the 1690s when part of the building was blown up. In 1912 it was handed over to the Ancient Monuments Department, now Historic Scotland.

The ruin is Scotland's third most popular castle, attracting 250,000 visitors a year. However, it is estimated that a further 25,000 a year are turned away because of a lack of space in the car park, and in 1996 Historic Scotland submitted plans to build the visitor centre and extend the parking area.

The plans have twice been turned down by Highland councillors amid fears over the number of tourists the new centre would attract and the effect it would have on businesses in the village of Drumnadrochit.

A public inquiry was held last summer and Donald Dewar, the then Scottish Secretary, gave the go-ahead in February to a revised plan. The work will take more than two years to complete.

Bob McIlwraith, History Scotland's director of properties in care (North region), said: "The new excavation aims to establish a clearer picture of what appear to be late medieval remains on a section of the site."

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Castle Grant For Sale...Again

Robert Grant, Vice Chairman of the UK Society, reports that the present owners of Castle Grant have put the Castle up for sale at a price of £390,000. The Clan Grant Societies cannot afford to buy it, complete its restoration and then maintain it in the future, as our responsibilities are to the Clan Centre at Duthil.

An ideal situation would be for a public funded body to buy the Castle and open it to the public enabling the Castle's history, heritage and architecture to be shared and appreciated by everyone. That situation would complement our Clan Centre and the new Grantown museum and provide a

very strong Grant representation in the Clan homelands.

Robert is co-operating with historians who have a detailed knowledge of the history of Castle Grant and who are working to produce as strong a case as possible to arouse the interest of public funded bodies in acquiring the Castle. His part is to organize and demonstrate the support of the community and other influential organizations to this approach. An important part of that is the support of the Clan Grant Societies. It is possible, of course, that the approach being made may not succeed and the Castle is sold to owners not sympathetic to its history and heritage.

Duplicate Stone of Destiny Won't Go on Display Soon

When the Scottish Stone of Destiny was removed by nationalists in 1951, a duplicate was made to create confusion as to the whereabouts of the original they had removed to their possession.

Under lock and key in Arbroath Ab-

bey ever since, local people now want the "second" stone to be put on display in the abbey's new visitor centre, next year. Historic Scotland has turned the request down, saying that it would damage the image of the "real" stone now in Edinburgh Castle.



Glasgow Gaelic Harp Trophy

L to R: Cynthia Shelhart—Harp Judge; Patty Meacham—Intermediate Sr. Winner; Jo Pennington—Pennington-Grey Harp Foundation; and Richard Grant presenting, on behalf of Clan Grant, the trophy underwritten by an anonymous donor for the annual award.

*From the Electronic Telegraph
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>*

Summer Games Wrap-up

Ed and Susie Grant reported "the best weather conditions in 15 years" for the Macalester Scottish Country Fair way up in St. Paul, MN. A life-size photo cut-out of ale maker Bert Grant helped garner the "best tent" award. [Top R picture]

Helen Grant Schmidt wrote of a family reunion during her town's Sesquicentennial Day in Decorah, IA. Fourth, fifth and sixth generation descendants of Rev. Henry and Lucy Adams Grant rode & walked in (or watched) the Parade; explored old haunts; consumed great good and lots of film; and even

made new family friends. [Middle R picture]

Ohioan Jim Francis sent clips of his activities: piping "Amazing Grace" at an honor service for slain police officers; wearing formal Scots attire to the Zenobia Shrine Highlanders' Tartan Ball; featured piping in the glossy, 4-color Michigan *Living* magazine. [Lower R pictures shows Jim—2nd from R in Lucas Co. Sheriff's Pipes & Drums,—Toledo, OH]

In Houston, TX, Gordon Grant dons a spud sack and races to a 2nd-place finish. He and a bevy of young Grant members took lots of ribbons home. Congratulations to all! [Bottom picture]

Thanks to all who wrote up their summer games and sent them in to me, with all those great Grant photos! Space was limited this issue; please forgive the necessary abridgements. Stand Fast—Ed.



Notes from Shirley:

Slow News Quarter; Please Send in Your News

ALOE'S NEWS: Jean and Ed Aloe (CT) have been busy this year. Their daughter chose a June wedding (and Jean did everything). Jean also found a retirement home for her mother and went through surgery. She and Ed "recovered" with a trip to Hawaii. The 'rest' plans included island hikes, snorkeling at deserted beaches, B&B's, and flora and fauna sightings. Jean noted, "If we survive the hikes, we should see spectacular scenery!"

FEW SIGNED CERTIFICATES REMAIN: Notes from Lee Grant (MI) and others asking for membership certificates signed by Lord Strathspey have been answered. A few remain. Write soon, if you would like one.

HELP REQUESTED: Richard Grant, Chino (CA) is working on his genealogy—he's hoping to get a number of resident Grants active in the Clan. If interested, e-mail him at: Rgrant 8281@aol.com or contact

web site <http://hometown.aol.com>.

PIPER/SHEET MUSIC NEEDED: Alfred Pratt, III (RI) plays the pipes and is looking for sheet music to "Highland Cathedral" and "Stand Fast Craigellachie." With no outlet for bagpipe music in RI, he would appreciate any help. Wedding plans are set for Oct. 9th, and he's also looking for a local "Grant" piper to play at his wedding. Please e-mail him at aprattiii@yahoo.com.

We wish Alfred and his fiance the very best. Send us pictures!

READY TO SWIM: Philip, Abigail and Hannah Smith (MI) took swimming lessons most of the summer, as did their cousins, Grant, Katelyn and Kevin Garrison (FL).

SEND YOUR NEWS: The rest is old news! But it's all I have to report until someone writes in with news.

THE MORE ASSOCIATION: Eric Marshall, President of the John More

Association, mentions that the Mores were featured in "Ancestors" on PBS. They are also on the Internet and the web site has been very popular, with cousins getting in touch with cousins, very rapidly. Eventually their family record will be transferable via disk directly to family members for updating.

SCOUT AWARDS: Congratulations go to Clan Grant member seventeen-year-old Daniel Holman of San Antonio, TX, who earned the Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Scouting's highest award.

Evan Holman, fellow Grant and seven-year-old brother to Daniel, earned the "God and Me" award, a religious award offered by the BSA. This award was earned through a program of study and demonstrations of his beliefs. Keep up the progress.

Walkway Links Scotland-France

A new section of the St. Cuthbert's Way, linking to the Pennine Way, was opened this week. Now, walkers can ramble through countryside from the Scottish Borders down through the center of England to the English Channel. The network of pathways continues through France as far as the Mediterranean via the Vosges mountains—or northwards as far as Stockholm. The new route in the UK has been designated "E2" and stretches for 885 miles.

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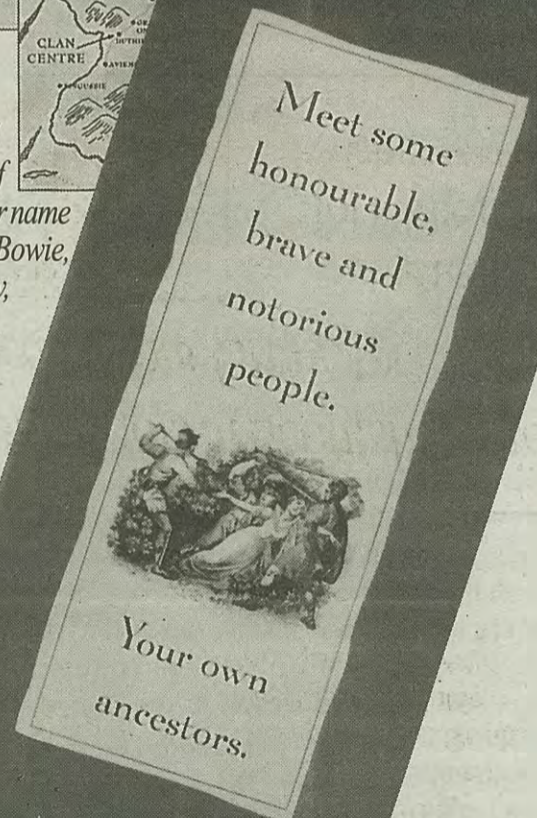
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