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Calling All Grants to Scotland

Plans Firming for Travel to Nethybridge in 2000

With August 2000 less than a year away, excitement and interest concerning the Clan Grant gathering in Scotland is naturally starting to mount. First off, please note that the *correct date* for the gathering to begin in Nethybridge is **August 12th, 2000**. The August 7th date that appeared in the summer *Craigellachie* was part of an e-mail sent from the UK Society concerning the proposed schedule of events and was published as it first appeared. Our apologies to anyone inconvenienced by the incorrect date. Now for some details.

Getting from Here to There

The Society has negotiated a very favourable air travel rate with

ICELANDAIR but as with all such travel arrangements, there are some restrictions. The cost of a round-trip fare to Glasgow, Scotland, from Baltimore/Washington International Airport is \$690.00, plus taxes of \$91.00, provided that we travel in groups of 10 or more. In other words, to obtain the discounted fare, ten or more Grant members must depart and return on the same dates. Members who book at this rate and then change their plans to fly on some other date must pay a \$100 penalty. There are, most likely, similar offers from other airlines departing from other cities and the Society has made no commitment to fly via ICELANDAIR at this time. If

anyone knows of a better rate, etc. please contact Allan Grant, the CG-USA's Coordinator for the Year 2000 Gathering.

Whichever airline is chosen, travel dates should be fixed fairly soon and reservations made. A tentative departure date of Thursday, August 10 is being used for working purposes.

The schedule of events shown on page three, (which is still subject to change) lists the final event of the Year 2000 Gathering as taking place on Friday, August 18th in the morning. Since the return date from Glasgow has not been fixed, a working date of August 19th is being used. Of course,

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Chilly Weather, Warm Gathering

Third Annual General Meeting Visits Virginia; Budget Article Passes, Grants Discuss Future

The balmy weather that bathed the eastern seaboard for several weeks had evaporated by the time of the 5th Annual Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Therefore, the 3rd Clan Grant AGM got off to a chilly start on Saturday, October 23rd. Fortunately, the meeting was held in the Pocahontas Room at the nearby Holiday Inn and the indoor venue certainly paid off—especially since David “the enforcer” Grant did not have to evict another Clan squatting in our space, as happened at Stone Mountain in 1998.

The meeting was kicked off with a cash bar and a selection of hors d'oeuvres. Once the bar closed, the

gavel fell and the business meeting began. Attendees were brought up to date on the state of the Society through reports on the 1999 Games season, Membership statistics, and the all-important Treasurer's report. Even though the Society's fiscal year did not end until October 31st, David Grant was able to give a concise picture of the Society's financial health. Other reports included an update on the Clan Grant Centre at Duthil Kirk, plans for the year 2000 gathering in Scotland, and a brief written message from Lord Strathspey, 33rd Chief of Clan Grant.

Richard Grant, chairman of the Society's board made some remarks

concerning the future of the organization and the plans for increasing the membership base. Howard Parsons, Clan Grant president, reviewed the year's accomplishments with regard to overhauling the Society's operating procedures and announced that a survey of the Society's membership would be conducted in 2000.

At its April meeting in California, the CG-USA Board agreed to begin an annual budgeting process. The following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society was brought before the AGM and unanimously ratified:

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Editor's Forum

Craigellachie Puts Wrap on 1999; Looks Forward to Outstanding 2000

by Margaret S. MacDonald Morris

Returning from a trip to Indiana, our family was surprised at the unexpected brilliance of fall foliage on the rises of our Tennessee mountain home. Because of the dry summer, we had expected the leaves to fall without their usual showing of colors. Now, we're busily raking up the last of the players in this annual natural drama, and preparing for the busy holiday season. I know you are too.

The winter issue of *Craigellachie* comes to you with a slight design change on the front page address box and folded letter-like to save a bit on postal costs.

To bring this issue to your home before the holiday mails, "Notes from Shirley" (who, with hubby Phil Smith, is on a three-week cruise) and the "Genealogy Corner" column by Beryl Grant will appear in the spring issue.

In this issue, we have a wrap-up of the 3rd Annual General Meeting in Richmond, where thirty members of the Society ratified an annual fiscal budget amendment, discussed demographics and decided upon a Y2K survey of members, heard a report on Duthil Kirk, and enjoyed the gathering of Grants.

You'll discover breaking news that the games in Loon Mountain, New Hampshire, have been chosen as the site of the 4th Annual General Meeting next September. Mark your calendars now and plan a New England fall trip.

Keep that calendar handy, too, because you will need to write down your plans for attending the Year 2000 Gathering of Grants in Nethybridge, Scotland, **August 12-August 18, 2000**. You'll find in this issue how our fellow Grant-UK Society members are busily making preparations for the millennium event, and Lord Strathspey has issued you his personal invitation to attend. The *Craigellachie* will keep you up-to-date on schedule or event changes as they're made known to us. Our stateside coordinator for the millennium gathering is Allan Grant of Maryland, and he will be happy to try to field answers for those preparing to cross the pond next summer.

We have a few games wrap-ups (apologies for a delay in publication to our northwestern Clan members), and last, but most important, a wonderful history of the Clan by Hank Grant. This piece, in particular, gives historical context to the Grants' place in Scotland, for those of us anticipating the trip across the Atlantic in August of next year to walk the soil of our ancestors.

I hope wherever this issue reaches Clan Grant members—from already-snowy Maine to still-sunny Florida and

from points east to west and across the ocean—you'll find the articles enjoyable, the information helpful.

May your holidays be happy and healthy, and may the new year hold many opportunities for the fellowship of our heritage. Let's take time to remember we're all part of something larger than ourselves and let's celebrate together: *it's great to be a Grant!*

Merry Christmas.



After Short Retrospective, President Looks Forward

On the Hot Seat

by Howard Parsons

President, Clan Grant Society - USA

This is the end of the year and also the end of the century, depending on whom you talk to. Every newspaper, and cable TV channel is doing some sort of retrospective on the 20th century, so I thought I should compile one for the Clan Grant Society.

*For Most
of the Century We Weren't.
Then We Were.
Now We're Even More So.*

Well, enough of that. Let's look ahead into the year 2000. Unfortunately, the "World of Tomorrow" forecasts were a bit off, and we do not have personal gyro-copters sitting in front of our homes nor do we have trans-Atlantic rocket service to take you across the pond in 15 minutes. That means Society members will have to make their plans for travel and lodging in Scotland, and soon. The Year 2000 Gathering of Grants in Scotland is going to be a *fin de siecle* event that you will not want to miss. We have provided the latest updates on travel, lodging and schedules in this issue.

Speaking of schedules, keen-eyed readers will notice some changes from the first schedule of events published earlier this year. Needless to say, the schedule by the UK Society

is a work in progress and will probably change some more before August rolls around. We'll keep you posted with the changes as soon as we know of them.

Looking closer to home, the Society will be conducting a survey of its membership in 2000. There are a number of reasons for doing this, and one of the most important is to determine the demographics of our Society. One of the primary responsibilities of the Society is to serve its members. The officers are responsible for determining programs, activities, fee structures, etc. AGM discussion pointed out our need to know whether our Society is made up of young families with children, older "empty-nest" couples, or seniors and in what percentages.

The officers would also like to know what interests the membership. Are we, for example, genealogy enthusiasts, history buffs, fans of Celtic music, or all three. The information gleaned from our survey will be used as a basis for the kinds of articles that appear in *Craigellachie* and the programs offered at future AGMs and gatherings. When your copy of the survey arrives in the mail next year, please take the time to answer the questions and return it promptly.

Speaking of AGMs, I am pleased to announce that the 4th Annual General Meeting of the Clan Grant Society will be held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire. This is a great opportu-

nity for members in the New England/New York area to attend a Grant gathering. We also hope to attract Grants from north of the border. The Loon Mtn. games will be held September 14-17, 2000, and I suggest that you make your plans and reservations soon. Lodging is always dear in the greater Loon Mtn. Metro area and Callum Grant has reserved a block of 40 rooms at the new Comfort Inn in Lincoln. More details about the 2000 AGM will appear in the spring issue of *Craigellachie*. To get the very latest, you can also check the Clan Grant website or give your president a call.

While I'm on the subject of future AGMs, in June of 2001 the Society will go to Glasgow... Kentucky, that is, for their AGM at the Glasgow Highland Games & Gathering of Clans. Glasgow is also hosting the International Gathering of the Clans that year making our AGM a must-attend event! After 2001, our crystal ball is a wee bit hazy but we hope to take the AGM to California as well as the mid-west and Texas.

Finally, I wish to remind you that permanent membership cards will be issued starting next year. If you are renewing your membership for 1999, you will not receive a card with the notice of your renewal, as the permanent ones will be available in a few months. We are sending membership cards only to new members at this time.

To one and all, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2000 is going to be a great year for Clan Grant.

Lord Strathspey
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Dear Kinsmen,

As you know the century is drawing to a close, and we Grants are still here—not as many perhaps, but still a strength to be reckoned with.

You will no doubt have heard by now of our millennium celebration, and I do hope as many of you as possible can see your way to crossing the pond and help us celebrate in style. Our committee here is working hard to produce a programme which I am sure will include something for everyone.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very healthy, happy and prosperous year 2000 and a very merry Christmas.

Standfast Craigellachie,
Your Kinsman and Chief
Strathspey

Y2K Gathering Schedule and Accommodations

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there is always the possibility of extending our stay by a day or two and returning on Saturday or Sunday. Needless to say, we will need to arrive at a consensus rather soon if we are to travel together and take advantage of this or any other discounted rate. Please make your wishes known to Allan Grant as soon as possible.

The council of the UK branch of the Society has assumed responsibility for scheduling the events surrounding the Year 2000 Gathering.

Since last year, the council has been reviewing and discussing ideas on events suitable to celebrate the Millennium. Many events were proposed and some were deemed unfeasible for lack of time or manpower. The list (on right) represents what the UK Society believes is a realistic and fun schedule of events around which to celebrate the turn of the century.

Clan Grant Society Millennium Week

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 12-17, 2000

- DAY 1, SAT. 12TH:** ALL DAY UNTIL 5 P.M. *Highland Games & Clan Gathering, Nethybridge*
7:30 P.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT *Dinner & Ceilidh at Castle Grant, Grantown on Spey*
- DAY 2, SUN. 13TH:** 11:00 A.M. *Annual General Meeting at Duthil Kirk (FREE)*
P.M. *Free time*
- DAY 3, MON. 14TH:** 10:00 A.M. *Rothiemurchus, Estate Tour by Coach, accompanied by Countryside Ranger, a visit to the Doune, and welcome by John Grant of Rothiemurchus.*
2:30 P.M. *Abernethy Nature Reserve, Loch Garten—to see the Ospreys.*
EVENING *Museum private visit, Grantown on Spey*
- DAY 4, TUES. 15TH:** ALL DAY: *Coach trip begins at 9:45 a.m. down Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle, with 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. stop-off at Loch Ness Monster Exhibition at Drumnadrochit and at 12:30 p.m. a visit to Castle Urquhart. Cruise underway at 2:00 p.m. through Caledonian Canal to Muirtown Locks.*
- DAY 5, WED. 16TH:** 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. *Visit to Ballindalloch Castle*
4:00 P.M. *Strathspey Steam Railway, Boat of Garten (one-hour roundtrip)*
- DAY 6-THUR. 17TH:** 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. *Visit to the three Distilleries of Wm. Grant Ltd.*
- DAY 7-FRI. 18TH:** 10:30 A.M. *Farewell Address at Castle Grant*
P.M. *Free time*

Daily pick-up and drop-off by coach will run at two locations only: Grantown on Spey Square and Nethybridge Hotel. Remember this if booking accommodation in the Strathspey area.

Some lunches will be provided and some will be paid for by the individual. The visit and transportation costs will be pre-arranged, and participants charged a per-person fee. All other costs, however, such as entry fees, lunches or other refreshments, will be paid by each individual at point of cost.

For information updates and clarifications check on the world wide web at the Clan Grant-UK web page, www.clangrant.org or the Badenoch and Strathspey home page, www.strathspey.com/welcome.htm or the Automobile Association's Highlands B&B List, www.theaa.co.uk/region18/BedBreak.html.

*Allan Grant, CG-USA Vice President, is serving as stateside coordinator for this event.
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Where To Stay

Below is a list of contact information for Clan Grant members' use in

securing accommodations. The Society is **not** handling reservations. Airfare, lodging and transportation arrangements are the responsibility of each member.

To help members with cost estimates, a number of establishments in the Nethybridge area were contacted and supplied pricing information. However, some prices shown below were

taken from available brochures.

Members are asked to *correspond directly with the hotel/guesthouse of their choice and confirm the correct price.*

HOTELS / B&Bs (with dinners)

Grantown on Spey

Ardconnel House , Woodlands Road Tel/Fax: 44 0 1479 872104 e-mail: ardconnel.grantown@virgin.net	Single (from) £ 25.00	Dinner +£ 18.00
Ardlarig , Woodlands Terrace Tel/Fax: 44 0 1479 873245 e-mail: ardlarig~@globalnet.co.uk	£ 25.50	+£ 18.50
Bank House , I The Square	£ 17.00	
Brooklynn , Grantown, Grant Road	£ 19.00	+£ 11.00
Coppice Hotel , Grant Road	£ 20.00	
Craiglynn Hotel	£ 30.00	
Crann-Tara Guest House , High Street	£ 17.00	+£ 10.00
Culdearn House , Woodlands Terrace Tel: 44 0 1479 872106 Fax: 44 0 1479 873641 e-mail: culdearn@globalnet.co.uk	DBB £ 65.00	
Dunvegan Hotel , Heathfield Road	£ 22.00	
Firhall Guest House , Grant Road	£ 17.00	+£ 10.00
Garden Park , Woodside Avenue Tel: 44 0 1479 873235	£ 24.00	+£ 12.00
Kinross Hotel , Woodside Avenue	£ 21.00	
Parkburn Guest House , High Street	£ 20.00	
Pines Guest House , Woodside Avenue Tel/Fax: 44 0 1479 872092 e-mail: the.pines@scotsweb.com	£ 17.00	
Ravenscourt House , Seafield Avenue	£ 31.50	+£ 15.00
Rossmor Guest House , Woodlands Terr. Tel/Fax: 44 0 1479 872201 e-mail: dennis.day@virgin.net	£ 22.00	
Tyree House Hotel , The Square, Dulnain Bridge	£ 28.00	
Auchendean Lodge Hotel , Tel/fax: 44 0 1479 851347 e-mail: auchendean@btinternet.com	£ 42.00	DBB £ 43.50
Balnacrive Guest House	£ 15.00	

HOTELS / B&BS (with dinners) cont.

Muckrach Lodge Hotel Tel: 44 0 1479 851257 Fax: 44 0 1479 851325 e-mail: muckrach.lodge@sol.co.uk	Single (from) £ 30.00	Dinner +£ 26.50
Rosegrove Guest House , Skye of Curr	£ 18.00	+£ 10.00
Skye of Curr Hotel , Nethybridge	£ 20.00	
Mount View Hotel , Nethybridge Tel: 44 0 1479 821248 e-mail: mviewhotel@aol.com	£ 15.00	
Nethybridge Hotel , Nethybridge Tel: 44 0 1479 821203 Fax: 44 0 1479 821686 e-mail: reception@nethybridgehotel.freeserve.co.uk	£ 32.00	DBB £ 45.00

BED & BREAKFAST

Grantown on Spey

Mrs. Ivy Gall , Cumbrae, South Street	£ 14.00
Mrs. Helen Hunter , Bank House, I The Square	£ 16.00
Mrs. M. Lawson , 2 Mossie Road	£ 16.00
Mrs. O. Milne , Dalnahaven, Forest Road	£ 14.00
Mrs. F. Palmer , Fearn House, Old Spey Bridge, Dulnain Bridge	£ 17.00
Mrs. E. McInnes , Tigh na Leitir, Dulnain Bridge, Nethybridge	£ 18.00
Ms. Linda Renton , Aspen Lodge, Nethybridge	£ 18.00

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

Dunallen House , Woodside Avenue, Grantown on Spey, Morayshire Tel: 44 0 1479 872140 e-mail: dunallen@cwcom.net Prices range from £ 24 per person per night to £ 245/person/week
Parkburn Guest House , High Street, Grantown on Spey Tel: 44 0 1479 873116 Prices range from £ 19/person/night to £ 125/person/week
Heatherbrae Hotel Tel: 44 0 1479 821345 e-mail: heatherbraehotel@nethybridge.com

Just What Do We Really Know About Our Ancestors, From Their

by James H. Grant

The latter half of the 18th century was a time of transition in the Highlands. Many Grants from Strathspey emigrated to America, Canada and the other colonies of the British Empire. Many more from the areas of Glenmoriston and Glen Urquhart on the north side of Loch Ness were transported by the Government to the West Indies because they fought for Prince Charles Edward Stuart during the 1745 Rebellion. Although there is little evidence to suggest that the tenantry of Strathspey was "cleared" as was the case on many Highland estates, significant numbers of our ancestors made the decision to leave Scotland.

Life was difficult in the central Highlands. In pure economic terms, the means of production were simply not expanding in proportion to the needs of the people. There were periods when there just wasn't enough to eat. Sir James Grant of Grant was a progressive agricultural reformer and worked diligently to improve the crop yields on his vast holdings. He planned and built several towns to stimulate industry and trade. He frequently had to give relief to his tenants who could not pay their rents and subsidized them during times of famine. Even still, "the Good Sir James" could not significantly better the lot of his loyal clansmen and tenants.

Many young men joined the army. Toward the end of the 18th century, Britain was at war with France. There was an ever-growing need for new enlistees, both for expeditionary forces and for home defense. Sir James Grant raised two regiments. The 1st or Strathspey Fencible Regiment was organized in 1793 and was recruited primarily from his own estates. The following year, the 97th Regiment of Foot (Inverness-shire Highlanders) was mobilized and included men from other districts.

The Highlanders made good soldiers. They were already accustomed to hardships and adapted well to diverse climatic conditions. They possessed many traits that served them well in the military—inherently adept at hunting and stalking, skilled in the use of firearms and other weaponry, physically dexterous, and singularly suited to the life of the *bivouac*. Perhaps their most relevant attribute was their ingrained willingness to submit to the discipline of a clan-like hierarchy led by NCO's and Officers from their own straths and glens who understood how to lead and motivate the men. The Highland regiments also wore tartan, which surely appealed to their pride and clannish instincts.

Many younger sons of the gentry

also sought careers in military service. Sir James Grant used his great influence on many occasions to help secure commissions for the sons of his cadets. And many of these young men had brilliant military careers, as did *their* sons in succeeding generations. The number of Generals and Admirals named Grant during the 19th century is truly amazing and certainly disproportionate to other clans and families.

Other sons of the principal landed families of the Clan "went out" to the colonies as colonial administrators, judges, planters, and merchants. Sir John Peter Grant, later Laird of Rothiemurchus (1774-1848) was a Supreme Court Judge and afterwards a Chief Justice in India. His son was Lt. Governor of Bengal and later Governor of Jamaica. General James Grant of Ballindalloch was Governor of Florida. The last Laird of Corriemoney emigrated to Canada. Charles Grant of Sheuglie was a distinguished Director of the East India Company. One of his sons became Secretary of State for the Colonial Department and was created Lord Glenelg. His brother was Sir Robert Grant, Governor of Bombay. Sir Patrick Grant of Tullochgorm became a Field Marshall, but along the way served as Governor of Malta. Alexander Grant, a younger son of the Laird of Glenmoriston, came to Canada and America and was for many years Commodore of the fleet on Lake Erie and died at his home at Gross Point (Michigan). Sir Alexander Grant of Dalvey had business interests in Jamaica. John Grant, Baron Elchies, was a wealthy planter in Granada. Two Grants of Kilgraston owned large estates in Jamaica before returning to Scotland.¹ Others joined the Honourable East India Company or the Hudson Bay Company in Canada. Many Grants went to the West Indies, purchased plantations, and made large sums of money. Many others failed.

At the end of the 18th century a number of surveys or "statistical accounts" were conducted in the Highlands. Most of the respondents were parish ministers who reported on the general conditions and characteristics of their locality. The veracity of these accounts, human nature being what it is, varies from one to another, but generally speaking they give the reader an overview of the life and times.

Describing the characteristics of the people, the ministers estimated the average height of men to be 5'6" to 5'8" which is basically in agreement with the typical height of a soldier at Culloden Moor which was 5'7". However, one respondent was quick to remark that it was not uncommon for

a man to be over six feet tall. Longevity of life was also another noteworthy topic. There is no general comment on mortality, but it was not unusual for a Highlander to live past ninety. In the parishes of Abernethy & Kincardine, Rev. John Grant offers the following note:

"Donald Cameron is 98, Marjory Grant is 101. It is to be regretted, that such persons are obliged to beg or be supported in their quarters by the neighbours. A James Stuart, keeper of the Duke of Gordon's forests and game, is 93, a blooming, correct fensible man, and comes to church the coldest day in winter. The last incumbent, Mr. William Grant, who was 60 years minister of the parish *died in 1764, aged 96; and Robert Grant of Lurgg in 1772, 97 years old.*"²

The language of the people was Gaelic and nearly all the names of places were of Gaelic origin. In Strathspey, the use of patronymics was gradually discontinued in the 16th and 17th centuries, although they continued to be used quite extensively in some districts during the 18th century, notably in the glens north of Loch Ness and to a certain extent in Glenlivet and Stratha'on.

A patronymic, as the word implies, is a name or description of a person

Grant; Seumas Baillie; James, the Bailiff; Ian Broustir; John, the Brewer; and Alister Grant Miller; Alexander Grant, who works at the mill.

The Rev. Grant, who incidentally was called the "minister of the Gazette" because of his habit of reading the newspaper to his congregation following his sermons during the war with France, adds further insight into his parish and parishioners.

The primary product and occupation of the district, other than subsistence agriculture, was the production of wood. He lamented the lack of other "manufactures" such as spinning and weaving of "...Scots serges, stuffs, tartans, &"—cottage industries that had flourished earlier in the century, but had obviously lost out to the rapidly expanding textile mills in the south. Rev. Grant describes the people as "...handy and active in their persons; generally sagacious and well informed according to their station; frugal and economical, and in general very sober. There is no whisky still in the parish, because there is no grain for it. None have been condemned for a capital crime, since the days of the regality jurisdiction.

"The people here are loyal to a degree that cannot be surpassed; amazingly attached to their King,

POPULATIONS* OF STRATHSPEY AND GLENLIVET PARISHES IN 1755 & 1797

Parish	Population in 1755	Population in 1797
Duthil and Rothiemurchus	1,785	1,110
Abernethy	1,670	1,769
Cromdale	3,063	3,000
Kirkmichael	1,288	1,276
Knockando	1,267	1,550
Aberlour	1,010	920

*the populations are approximate, including parishes "between the two Craigellachies" at the end of the 18th century.⁵

based on a paternal ancestor. For example Ian MacDonald simply means "John, son of Donald." Alister Allanson means "Alexander, son of Allan."

Some are more challenging:

Finla MacArcher mor Finlay, the son of Big Farquhar;

Phadruig M'Conquhy VicEan Patrick, the son of Duncan, grandson of John;

Ian buy MacJockie Fair-haired John, the son of Jock (John); and

Katerin nighean McKomas beg Katherine, the daughter of small Thomas.

Occupations were also used as names:

Duncan Tailzeor alias Grant; Duncan the Tailor whose surname is

because they like his character and his virtues, and that he is a good man. Political or religious fanaticism have got no footing here; of course it is very easy to live in peace among them. There are no religious *sectaries here, the people being all of the Established Church.*³ *Their language, their garb, their social situation, their climate and modes of husbandry, have kept them hitherto a people different in character and manners, from the inhabitants of the low country, and from being misled by the doctrines of those itinerant fanatics that infest the coast. The poisonous doctrines of political pamphlet writers have made no progress among them ...*"

Reporting on the parish of Kirkmichael in Stratha'on, Rev. John

Humble Beginnings in the Central Highlands of Scotland?

Grant gives the population as 1276 with 384 being Roman Catholic. In a rather long footnote, he reviews the career of the infamous Highland freebooter, James Grant of Carron, known as Seumas an Tuim (James of the Hill). Although Seumas was a murderer, thief, and leader of a band of desperados, the good Reverend gives him the benefit of the doubt and describes how an unfortunate set of circumstances contributed to his decline and how the local population looked upon him as something of a folk hero.

Rev. Grant describes the dress of the people in his parish at the end of the 18th century. He is referring to the ban on the wearing of tartan and the kilt in the aftermath of the 1745 Jacobite rebellion and the subsequent repeal of the law championed by Lord Lovat.

"Since the year 1745, there is a considerable change on the dress of the people of this district. By a singular kind of policy, as if rebellion lurked in the shape and colour of a coat, at the above period, the ancient dress was proscribed and none durst wear it without running the risk of rigorous prosecution. It was consequently superseded by the Low Country dress. To the ancient braccas, or truisk⁴ and belted plaid, succeeded strait breeches, and an awkward coat of a uniform colour; sometimes a long surcoat dangling down to the heels, encumbering the freedom of motion..."

He further describes how Lord Lovat was able to get the act of proscription repealed but laments the fact that the Highlanders did not embrace the legalization of the tartan and the kilt, preferring to wear long pants and coats like Lowlanders.

"But, though this respectable gentleman (Lovat), with a view of making them good subjects, procured liberty to the Highlanders of exposing their naked posteriors to the north wind, on their bleak mountains, few have availed themselves of the privilege. Habit reconciles them to the present, and they seem to have no desire of resuming their ancient garb."

(Now this is a Presbyterian minister talking—*You've got to love it!*)

In the next parish of Inveravon in Glenlivet, another minister, the Rev. James Grant, could not resist the opportunity to rail against the "Papists" for their failure to enter the baptisms and "clandestine" marriages into the parish register.

Rev. Grant's righteous indignation notwithstanding, the Roman Church maintained a school at Scalan in Glenlivet and many of its students went on to distinguish themselves, both in Scotland and abroad. The Grants of Blairfindy are prime examples. Five

of the Blairfindies were officers in Prince Charles's army and at least three fought at Culloden. Two brothers of this family became *Abbe*' Robert and *Abbe*' Peter Grant. One spent his career in the Vatican and the other was Principal of the Scots College at Douay in Flanders. A nephew of the *Abbe*'s became Baron *de Blairfindy*, a Colonel in the French army. Still another emigrated to Canada, married into a noble family and his son and their

This Respectable Gentleman (Lovat) Procured Liberty to the Highlanders of Exposing Their Naked Posteriors to the North Wind, on Their Bleak Mountains, (but) Few Have Availed Themselves of the Privilege.

descendants became the Barons *Longueuil*.

The various families of the Clan had traditionally been divided into branches and cadets. Genealogy was an important facet of the Clan system and great oral traditions abounded regarding the origins of the various families. A number of manuscript histories were written during the 17th and 18th centuries, but much of the information in these documents is apocryphal and of limited historical value.

Old Press Release Reveals Listing of Grant's Armoury

THE CASTLE GRANT ARMOURY
Press Release date 29th May - Press
conference will be held in the
Library of the National Museum
at 11 a.m., 31st May 1977.

The National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland had been allocated the earlier Scottish weapons from the Seafield Collection, which has been accepted by the Treasury in lieu of Estate Duty.

This is one of the most important acquisitions the museum has ever had. The number of items is large: five 15th and 16th century bronze and iron small-bore cannons; thirteen of the 17th century long guns with curving, fluted butts peculiar to the Highlands of Scotland, some of outstanding quality; sixteen

Principal Branches, several of whom originated before written records were kept, are:

The **Clan Allan**, said to be descended from Allan Grant, a younger son of an early Chief, and according to tradition came to Strathspey when the Grants gained a foothold there, making their home at Dunan near Castle Grant, and later at Auchernach, Abernethy. Their principal cadet was Grant of Burnside.

The **Clan Chiaran**, traditionally descended from Lucas Ciar (gray haired or ashen in complexion), also a younger son of an early Chief. They held Auchnarrow near Castle Grant and later Dellachapple in Cromdale parish. The principal cadet of the Clan Chiaran was Grant of Glenbeg. Documentation about this family ends in the early 19th century.

The **Clan Donnachie** descends from John M'Conquhy Grant who held the lands of Gartinbeg in 1537. The precise origin of the family is unknown but the name of the family indicates a descent from an ancestor named Duncan and it is possible that the branch is of great antiquity. The present Chieftain of this branch of the Clan is Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Baronet, LLB, the Chairman of the British Clan Grant Society.

The original family of **Ballindalloch** is another branch family whose precise origins are unknown. They descended from Patrick Grant of Ballindalloch, c. 1520, who according to tradition was a twin brother of one of the Chiefs of Grant. The principal cadet of the Grants of Ballindalloch was Grant of Dalvey, later of Dunlugas in Banffshire. This family held Dalvey at an earlier date and should not be confused with Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey.

The **Clan Phadruig**, the Grants of Tullochgorm, is also an old Grant family, the first known ancestor be-

ing Patrick Grant in Tullochgorm, c. 1530. The Tullochgorm wadset was redeemed by Sir James Grant in the 18th century and the Chieftains since that day were primarily military officers, the most famous being Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant who was "gold stick" to H.M. Queen Victoria. Dr. I.F. Grant and Brigadier Eneas H.G. Grant were also descended from this family. The present representative is Patrick Hugh Mackintosh-Grant who lives at Balnespick, Tomatin, Inverness-shire.

The Grants of **Glenloch**, later of Kilgraston, in Perthshire, is another ancient family whose precise origins cannot be determined. This family produced a number of eminent men including General Sir James Hope Grant, a distinguished army officer in India and China, and Sir Francis Grant, President of the Royal Academy during the Victorian era.

The Grants of **Blairfindy**, an ancient but somewhat obscure family due to their remote location in Glenlivet, are said to descend from William Grant, a younger son of one of the early Chiefs. The senior line of Blairfindy evidently died out in the 19th century, but the family has survived to the present day through the female line. Mr. George Grant and his sons, the proprietors of the famous Glenfarclas Distillery near Ballindalloch for many generations, are in this family line.

There are also a number of important Cadet families of the Clan whose origins can be documented to the line of the Chiefs of Grant or to another branch or cadet. Principal among these are the following:

The **Grants of Glenmoriston**, the *Sliochd Ian Vore* (the descendants of Ian Mor), descend from a natural son of John Grant of Freuchie (1485-1528). Ian F.H. Grant of Glenmoriston

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all of these have vanished, in Scotland as elsewhere. The Castle Grant armoury is the most important surviving here, and is for the 17th century unique. The Grants of Freuchie (Inverness-shire) made Castle Grant (also called 'Ballachastel') in Moray their principal seat in 1694, when they were leading supporters of the Government, as they were throughout the 18th century. There is among their papers (now in the Scottish Record Office) a document dated 1720 entitled "Ane list of Grant's Guns within the family. Ane Accompt of all the Guns, Blunderbushes, Pistoles, Swords and Targes that stands in

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'Small Developmental Steps' Needed in Duthil Kirk Repairs

by Howard Parsons

Over the past months, I have been in an ongoing discussion with Robert Grant, Vice Chairman of the UK Society as well as several other officers and members in the UK concerning the present state of Duthil Kirk and the role, if any, that the US Society will play in its future. We have covered such topics as repairs and improvements, fund-raising, responsibility and accountability.

While we have made strides towards a mutual understanding, the discussion continues. Needless to say, I

have not made any commitments, nor am I permitted to do so by our Constitution and By-laws, on behalf of the US society concerning financial support. That is a decision which will be made at the when our discussions are complete. I can, however, report on the current state of the Clan grant Centre at Duthil.

The wind and waterproofing work carried out in 1987 following Duthil coming into the ownership of the worldwide Clan Grant Societies is still holding good. Similarly, the work carried out on the building's interior

(decorative and repairs) is also holding up. The building is in a satisfactory state, although the exterior stone walls and woodwork are in need of attention.

Since assuming ownership of Duthil in 1986 the major expenses have been:

1. Initial cost of making the building wind & waterproof, mentioned above.
2. Cost of internal repairs & decoration, mentioned above.
3. Professional fees relating to fund-raising feasibility studies.
4. Annual administrative costs including audit fees, insurances, etc.
5. Cost of replacing downpipes & guttering as necessary.
6. Reconstitution of soakaways.

The UK Society, largest contributor to Duthill, has given approximately £18,000 to the work. Valuable contributions have been received from the US and Canada branches. The Clan Grant Centre Trust administers the contributions received from the three Societies and from individual donations.

Robert Grant has opened the Duthil Centre to the public during the past two

summers (1998 & 1999) although there are not many items to display to visitors. Despite this there has been a steady flow of visitors. The display material currently in place includes five framed portraits, Clan information which Robert has prepared for display, historic Monymusk estate management information, graphics showing the plans for the development of the Centre, etc. Clan related products are, of course, on display for sale.

The total cost of conversion of the building—about £180,000—in one operation is beyond the resources of the three Societies. In the absence of outside funding to date we are left to develop the Centre from the resources of the three Societies, keeping a close watch for any outside funding opportunity which may arise.

This means taking small developmental steps that we can afford over time. The next step forward, which the three Societies can likely afford, may be the connection of the building to the electricity supply—cost about £2000—Duthil has never, since built, been connected to any electricity supply.

Venue for Annual General Meeting Enables At-leisure Discussions

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Article VIII Budget

The Board of directors shall approve an annual budget for the effective conduct of the Society's financial transactions and the President shall carry out these transactions as directed by the approved budget. The Treasurer shall oversee these transactions.

The meeting concluded with an open forum on ways to retain membership. At the time of the AGM, 299 members had yet to pay their dues for 1999 with only 10 weeks remaining in the year. A number of good ideas came from the attendees, and the discussion continued well after the closing gavel.

The 1999 AGM marked something of a change for the Society with a meeting held away from the host games field. While Stone Mountain's facilities offered meeting places away from the main center of activities, such a set-up was not available at Richmond. Holding the meeting at the Holiday Inn afforded the opportunity to get away from the noise and bustle that accompanies any Highland Games. The off-site location enabled the officers to meet and talk with individual members until after 10:00 p.m. While the Society is rather new at conducting formal AGMs, the venue and format for the 1999 gathering proved successful and well worth the investment.

Grant Publishes Book About Unusual Seven-year Journey

Author David Grant, trans-Atlantic *Craigellachie* reader, wrote to inform CG-USA members of the June publication of "The Seven Year Hitch" by Simon & Schuster UK Ltd.

David and wife Kate, along with children Torcuil (19), Eilidh (18), and

Fionn (15) took a seven-year horse and caravan journey around the world and have spent two years re-settling in Scotland, where they hope to visit with many Grants at Nethybridge in 2000. Look at their book's cover at www.amazon.co.uk on the web!

CG-USA 98-99 Budget

Submitted by C. David Grant

Balance forward 9/30/98 (from Betsy Riggs)	\$10,452.22
RECEIPTS	
Sale item inventory	\$ 463.18
Memberships	7,748.00
Sales of Clan items	
Books	\$200.00
Picture	20.00
Tartan	43.20
Shirts	230.50
Unspecified	205.60
Total	699.30
Subscriptions	
Highlander	\$420.00
ScotLife	215.20
Total	635.20
Return of game fee	100.00
Richmond AGM	83.00
Duthill Kirk	100.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,828.68
EXPENDITURES	
Craigellachie	\$ 5,836.98
Games	2,791.36
Member Svcs/ sec'y/postage	783.98
Shirts	606.42
Subscriptions	592.35
Non-profit filing	25.00
Returned ck. fee	25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,661.09
Ending balance 10/31/99	\$ 9,619.81

Good Crowd Turns Out at 'Hot' Virginia Highland Games

Report by Allan Grant

Hot describes the games this year in Alexandria, Virginia. Both days exceeded the heat index 100% and made great days for sitting under the tent, greeting visitors, and sipping on an ice cold drink. This year we had plenty of help in our tent. President Howard Parsons and Judi Parsons were there both days. Our mid-Atlantic Commissioner Bruce Grant and wife Gigi and two sons worked the

tent on Saturday. My wife Eiko and I jumped in here and there. Gordon Grant, who framed our constitution and by-laws, spent a good bit of Saturday with us.

We signed up two new members and several others indicated they were going to send in their applications, so we considered the weekend a successful gathering.

The Napier family from Grantown on Spey—Marie-Louise and Peter,

and son Hamish—visited our tent on Saturday. Marie-Louise comes to Alexandria to give seminars and judge harp competition. She is also a fine singer-entertainer and will sing after the Abernethy games in Nethybridge at the millennium gathering of Grants (at the Ceilidh, I think). Hamish also dances and coaches, and took time to march with us in the parade of the clans. We look forward to seeing them in their neighborhood next year.

John Grant Takes Single-Month Tour of Games in Four States

One Busy High Plains Commissioner, John Grant attended four games in four states in less than the four weeks of September.

First stop was the League of Celtic Nations, with its 2nd festival in Amarillo, TX, under "normal Texas scorcher" conditions. A large number of Clans participated, "quite a change" from last year's five Clan tents. An early October date for next year's event may draw more crowds.

Next Grant traveled to the Colo-

rado Rockies and the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park. A nine-hour drive from Derby, KS, Grant called the event "unbelievable" They logged three pages of visitors at the scenic mountain venue and plan to return for next year's games.

At the Oklahoma Scottish Games and Gathering, Grant learned of an interesting connection between the Cherokee descendents and Ludovic Grant who married the daughter of a Cherokee Princess and William

Emory. A crowd ten thousand strong enjoyed the good weather games.

McPherson, KS, was the last post for Grant at the McPherson Scottish and Heritage Festival. Their largest ever group of Pipe Bands played. Alex Beaton provided music. Scottish dancing was demonstrated and athletics were a big draw. Several people from the mostly German and Scandinavian area stopped by the tent to see if there were any Scots in their line. Adoption papers were offered.

Family Relishes Attending Northwest Pacific Scottish Highland Games

Report by Carol Grant

Our games always happen the last weekend of July at King Co. Fairgrounds in Enumclaw, WA. When the big weekend arrives, my son Dan, my daughter Kim and her husband Scott, my youngest daughter Kristina, the grandkids, and myself all take the Friday off, pack our 25-year-old French tent, and head for camp. As old as the tent is, it has held up quite well, and once the Swiss cowbell is hung in the door, we are ready for company at the 53rd annual gathering.

This was our third year at the games (although my late husband and I spent a day at them before he passed away), and boxes of leftover fresh fruit from a bicycle race were a surprise greeting for anyone who wanted them. We awoke Saturday morning to the yap of Scottie dogs in a nearby camper and the hum of a motor home, but soon things quieted down and we heard the drums and the plaintive skirl of the bagpipes. Our days at the games had begun. We were eager to take in the booths, the dance and game competitions.

I looked for a special silver, with a purple gem, thistle pin and at Celtic rings; Dan wore his specially tailored ancient plaid kilt so proudly he could have burst the strings on his billowy shirt; Kristina wore her kilted skirt she had saved for and had tailored last year; and I wore my scarf. We shopped and watched and planned the Clan Grant booth for next year's gathering.

Our mutt Timon was well-behaved on his third visit to the games.

At parade time, we met up with Christine Masters and her sisters for the march in—our first march as the Clan Grant. Dan worked the Rampant Lion Pub during the march, so we felt a bit smaller than the Gregor Clan behind us and the Donald Clan in front. The challenge was clear: grow enough to match or surpass those clans at parade time! Christina and her group are a fun bunch and we marched proudly in the parade.

Ralph Munro, WA Secretary of State, announced us as a fine old American Clan with a lot of history behind our name (referring, I guess, to U.S. President Ulysses Grant). Carl Peterson, Men of Worth, Alex Beaton, and the Royal Stuarts performed this year.

I was supposed to meet an Anderson friend who was attending the games for the first time, and though we missed each other all day, Dan found her wandering in the parking lot and we finally visited at the end of the day. That night at the Ceilidh, Dan sang "Danny Boy" for the talent contest. Last year his *a cappella* rendition of "Amazing Grace" won first prize. My feet itched to dance the Scottish Highland Dance after the contest ended, but a bad ankle made me wait for next year.

Sunday morning dawned misty, but nothing to require the hated umbrella. After breakfast, we wandered and



L-R: Christine Masters, Kristina Grant, Michelle Poitevin, 2nd Row L-R: Robin Berg, and son Jason Berg and Carol Grant in parade of tartans.



L-R: Sisters Christine Masters and Michelle Poitevin, and brother/sister pair Dan Grant and Kristina Grant hold the Grant standard proudly.

watched. At the "farm," my friend found out the cattle she'd seen in southern Oregon are Belted Galloway Cattle. We saw the dog trials and listened to bands practice, gathering to watch the massed band parade. I chuckled over the few bandsmen that always come running to catch up after the march has already begun.

This time, Dan was able to march. After we rounded the first corner, another Grant in kilted skirt and her husband asked to join us. Then another

lady jumped in the line-up and we had nearly doubled in size from the day before. After the parade other Grants came and expressed their interest in having a booth next year, so we're off and running for 2000.

The sun came out, we packed the tent for another year, and said goodbye to friends. My single son and daughter went home with lists of prospective dates. We knew we'd all hear bagpipes in our ears the weeks following. I would. I bought tapes and CDs of them!

Stone Mountain Highland Games Fun for New Visitors, Old Friends

The Games got off to a Wednesday start, earlier than usual this year with the arrival of Mrs. Inge Turnbull, resident of Grantown-on-Spey as honored guest of Lucille and George Grant, our *Convenor-emeritus*. Jane and David Grant joined the trio for dinner at a local steak house, where Inge could not resist the salmon.

The visit was a rekindling of old ties, dating back to hospitality given in Scotland in 1994, when Inge and her late husband George provided a send-off brunch for their stateside kinsmen.

A major disappointment this year was the cancellation of the Tattoo. The arena that holds the event was found to have structural problems that could not be repaired in time for the Games.

We gathered at Jane and David's for our usual Friday night reception. Everyone feasted on an array of munchies and potables, including Bert Grant ales for the second year, plus Richard Grant's offering of a couple of fine single malts (there's another kind?). Added to David's stash, an assortment of six malts made up the

first tasting for Grant cousins and guests.

Several of our usual Stone Mountain visitors were absent, holding off for the Richmond AGM held the next weekend. John C. and Thelma Grant filled the void, arriving with daughter Jai, and sons Eric and Arston, and spouses. We wound up with about 30 guests, half were Grants and the other half MacGregors, MacRaes, MacFarlands, Buchanans, and neighbors.

The alarm went off much too early Saturday morning, but David somehow made his way to the "Big Rock" in time to unload beside the Grant tent. George had verified the site Friday afternoon, next door to St. Andrews as usual, possibly so their staff could keep up with outgoing president John Angus Grant.

George and David managed to put up a proper Grant display, ably directed by Lucille and Inge. What did we do before duct tape? David added a laminated map of Scotland showing traditional clan landholdings in hope of attracting a few more visitors to the tent

(armed with checkbooks, of course!).

Richard Grant upheld the honor of the Clan as our representative at the opening ceremonies. Shirley Smith and Lucille proved once again their champion recruiter status, and Inge joined George, Richard, David, and others in engaging visitors in conversations covering history, genealogy, tartans, and family and the activities of old friends.

Dr. Phil Smith showed off copies of his new tartan book with its three volumes of gorgeous color plates. He managed to visit awhile despite his official tartan/clan/linguistic duties. The sponsors' badges kept getting passed around and by late afternoon there was a definite path between the tent and the sponsors' booth.

Mary Jane Warren took time out from her Burns Society duties to visit with her Grant kinsfolk and restock our supply of stories and jokes.

Several bridies and visits to the vendors and games fields and it was time to take a break before changing venues to Maggie and Duane Kline's.

The Klines hosted their traditional covered dish dinner Saturday night, with the regulars and some new faces from the Games. Children were much more in evidence, several wearing kilts and all sporting more vertical dimension than last year. Some of us were doing more than our share to add inches in another direction, but courtesy prevailed and ridicule was avoided.

Sunday was a little more relaxed, with kirking and a slow buildup to the Parade of Tartans. Grants seemed to be as well-represented on the field as ever, with some fill-ins for the folks preparing for Richmond.

One welcome visitor to the tent was renowned local woodcarver Jim Anderson, who has done a presentation walking staff for the honored guest for the last several years.

George, Lucille and Inge departed for a visit with the Kyle Bowies and on to Richmond, but not until we all lunched on Saturday night's leftovers, and repacked for the road to AGM.

Plan now to attend Stone Mountain the middle of October, 2000.

Principal Grant Families Originated Before Paper Records Kept

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ber of cadets in Glenmoriston, including Craskie, Blairy, Duldreggan, Dalchreichart, and others. In Strathspey, they also founded the families of Carron whose descendants include *Seumas an Tuim*, the infamous freebooter, and the first family of Wester Elchies, both of which have been extinct for centuries.

The Grants of Corriemony descended from John Grant, another son of John Grant of Freuchie (1485-1509). The Corriemonies fostered the important family of Sheuglie. Both were ardent Jacobites and supported Prince Charles at Culloden. The last known Chieftain of Corriemony was James Alexander Grant, a physician in Ottawa, Canada, in the late 19th century. The last representative of Sheuglie was a Catholic monk who died within the last fifteen years.

The Grants of Rothiemurchus descend from Patrick Grant of Muckrach, a younger son of John Grant of Freuchie (1553-1585). The principal cadet of Rothiemurchus is the 2nd family of Ballindalloch. Today, the family of Rothiemurchus is represented by John P. Grant of Rothiemurchus. The line of Ballindalloch survived in the 18th century when there was no male heir and a daughter, Grace Grant, married the Chieftain of the *Sliochd Gillies*, the MacPhersons of Invereshie. Their grandson became Sir George MacPherson-Grant, 1st Baronet of Ballindalloch. Today the representative of this line is Guy Russell MacPherson-Grant, a young man

whose grandfather was Sir Ewan MacPherson-Grant of Ballindalloch.

The Grants of Monymusk, in Aberdeenshire, descend from Archibald Grant in Ballintomb, parish of Knockando, youngest son of James Grant of Freuchie (1528-1553).

The present Chieftain of Monymusk is Sir Archibald Grant, Baronet. The principal cadet of Monymusk were the Grants of Arndilly who survived into the late 19th century in the person of Marjory-Alexandrina M'Dowall Grant whose only son succeeded to the estates of his father Ranald Steuart Menzies of Culdres.

Other principal cadet branches of the Chiefs of Grant include:

The Grants of Wester Elchies who descended from a younger son of James Grant, Laird of Freuchie (1637-1663). The last descendant of this line died in 1783.

The Grants of Kinchirdie, a large family descended from Mungo Grant, a brother of the above-mentioned James Grant. Kinchirdie had a number of cadets including Tomdow, Gellovie, Knockando, and Grantsfield (Aberdeenshire). This family should have living descendants but none are known to this reporter at this time.

The Grants of Easter Elchies descended from Duncan Grant, a son of James Grant (1528-1553). A noted member of this family was Patrick Grant, Lord Elchies, one of the Senators of the College of Justice. The line died out in the early 19th century.

The Grants of Lurg descended from Duncan Grant, younger of Freuchie (1566-1582). The last known de-

scendant of this family was John Grant of Lurg, c. 1777.

¹ Fraser, Sir William, *The Chiefs of Grant*, Vol. I, Edinburgh, pp. 501-529.

² Sinclair, Sir John, Editor, *The Statistical Account of Scotland*, Vol. XVI, reprinted 1982, East Ardsley, Wakefield, England, pp 429-445, 517-520, 272-307.

³ The Presbyterian Church (Rev. Grant does not succumb to the rampant Catholic-bashing practiced by most of the other survey respondents. In fact he readily admits to allowing the local priest to baptize and marry people in his parish citing the "golden rule" as his guide in such matters.)

⁴ *braccae* or *truish* - Large plaids of tartan or tartan trews (trousers)

⁵ Forsyth, Isaac, Editor, *A Survey of the Province of Moray*, Elgin, 1798.

Editor's Note: This survey of the Clan of two hundred years ago was written by James "Hank" Grant, the first historian for Clan Grant-US.

Armoury Exhibit Includes Artwork

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Grants Guncase."

With the selection of the Armoury now on exhibition there is the remarkable portrait of the Laird of Grant's piper, one of several clan portraits painted in 1714 by Richard Waitt. It was bought by the Museum in 1975.

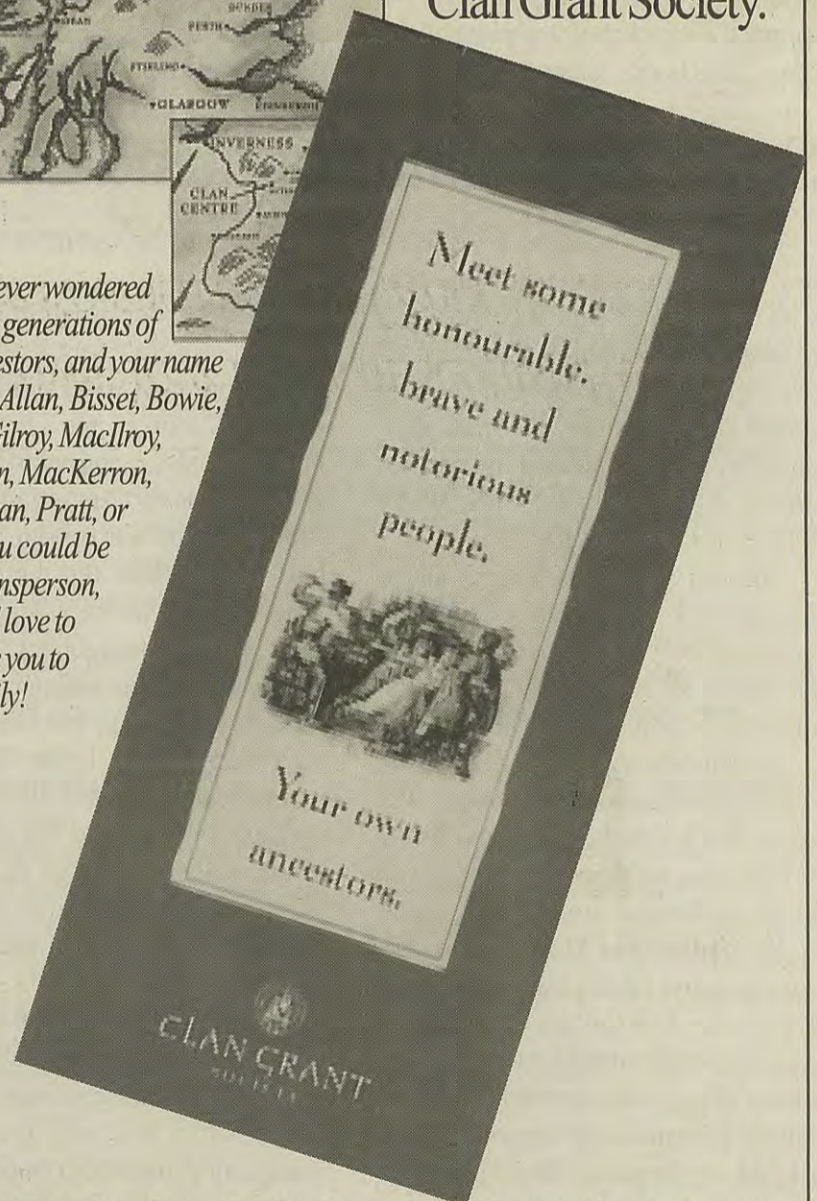
Editor's Note: We will print the details of the armoury collection from this press release in the spring issue of *Craigellachie*, as it was abridged for space consideration.

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