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Reminders

- Nominate a candidate for Clan Grant President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one of three open Board Members At-Large for Clan. For guidelines, contact John C. Grant at jcgrant@cs.com or (770) 466-1814. Nominations must be submitted by January 1, 2002.
- Attend AGM 2002 in beautiful Southern California. (See *Clan Grant AGM 2002*, page 4.)
- Visit the Grant "home" page: www.parsonage.net/ClanGrant
- The deadline for articles for the next issue of The Craigellachie is January 15, 2002.

Scotland Responds

September 15, 2001

Dear American Cousins,

I felt I must write and express my feelings of sympathy to all our American cousins over the devastating catastrophe wrought by the terrorists on your country. The scene unfolding here before our eyes was horrific and unreal and however awful it seemed to us it must have been a million times worse for all of you.

I just wanted you and your fellow clansmen to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

With best wishes to you all.

Your kinsman and Chief,

Lord Strathspey

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13 September, 2001.

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Dear Howard

I would like to say on behalf of the UK Clan Grant Society how shocked and appalled we were by the recent catastrophic terrorist attacks in the US. We would like to express our sympathy to all those American families who have been so tragically affected. This is a time of crisis, not only for America but for all the free, democratic countries of the world. We in the UK have always valued our relationship with our American colleagues and therefore would like to offer our support in these difficult times. We have no doubt that the American spirit will prevail and that terrorism will not succeed.

With best wishes from all of us in the UK Clan Grant Society.

Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Bt. LLB.
Chairman, UK Clan Grant Society

PUBLIC STATEMENT BY FIRST MINISTER HENRY MCLEISH

"The Prime Minister has today spoken for the United Kingdom - and for all Scots - when he expressed his horror at the terrible, shocking events in the United States of America.

"I have today written personally to the Liane Dorsey of the American Consul in Edinburgh to express on behalf of the Scottish executive - and the Scottish people - our condolences.

"Innocent people have lost their lives today and our thoughts and our sympathy are with the people of America and President Bush at this time.

"The Prime Minister has spoken for all of us when he said democrats that we must unite to oppose the evil of terrorism.

"It is difficult to find words to express your feelings in the face of an incident like this. (Continued page 5.)

PATRICK O'BRIEN

Acting President, Bishops' Conference of Scotland

A week has now passed since the appalling events in the United States, yet many of us are still coming to terms with a tremendous variety of emotions, among them: shock, fear, despair, anger and grief.

Sights and scenes we were used to viewing in films or on television became reality. Thousands died in a grotesque and wanton act of terrorism. In the succeeding days, we have slowly come to terms with a catalogue of harrowing and horrific images.

The whole world mourns and is united in grief for those who have suffered most. Yet, we must consider where we stand as we face this appalling act. Careful thought must be given to the way ahead. In the midst of so much evil, good must indeed shine through. (Continued on page 5.)

NO STOPPING THEM

Scottish news sources report that passenger numbers at Scotland's four main airports increased in October, despite the recent terrorist attacks in the US. While London reported sharp falls in passenger numbers in the wake of the suicide attacks, Edinburgh, Prestwick, Glasgow and Aberdeen all recorded increases. Says Alastair McIntyre of the *Electric Scotland* weekly newsletter, "You sure can't stop us Scots!!!"

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On the Hot Seat

Howard Parsons, President

A few of us can still give answer to the question, "Where were you on December 7, 1941?" Rather more can respond to, "Where were you when JFK was shot?" Needless to say, the question to ask in future years will be, "Where were you when the World Trade Center was hit?" The events of September 11th are like the proverbial 500 pound gorilla that intrudes on our lives and sits wherever it wants. Try as we might to put the memories of that Tuesday morning behind us, they still come to the surface... whenever they want.

In the same way that one can find bits of greenery in the wake of a devastating forest fire, there were some moments in the days following September 11 that eased the despair a bit. First, there were e-mail messages from friends and even casual acquaintances overseas asking the simple question, "Are you all right?" They were followed by the letters from Sir Patrick Grant and Lord Strathspey expressing their sympathies and support. There were other images. On the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle, workmen had been dismantling the scaffolding from the 2001 Tattoo. At 11:00 AM on the 14th, these plain Scots workmen raised an American Flag. In the weeks that followed, a clan chief and his lady visiting the US wore American Flag pins during their stay. No one asked them to do this... they felt that it was their duty.

Life goes on as it always does though some things are different now. There is economic uncertainty. Though our country has been through much worse, every day that the Dow closes up at least a few points is a cause for celebration. We pay more attention to the world news. Not satisfied with the offerings of the American networks, we tune in to stations that carry the BBC news as well. We eye our mail more carefully, consigning many pieces of questionable

origin to the waste bin. We return to the skies though we are more aware of our fellow passengers.

And we still attend Scottish Festivals. The games at Stone Mountain in October were blessed with fine weather and record numbers. This was reflected on the sign-in sheet at the Grant tent. At the following weekend, the weather in Richmond, VA, was very cool and very windy; hardly the ideal conditions for Scottish games in America. Yet, the public turned out for this event and Clan Grant gained a respectable number of new members.

It is at times like this that our shared heritage and interests in things Scottish stand us in good stead. We put aside our worries to spend a day or two enjoying the sights and sounds of the Scottish Games in America and to pass the time of day with the members of our extended family. Kinship seems even more important than before and this sense of connected-ness gives us an anchor in these uncertain times. Winter is approaching and some tartan balls are starting to report record reservations. We should not be surprised to see Burns Nights and ceilidghs with better than average attendance.

Though some may scoff at all this as escapism, it is indeed no such thing. Our urge to be a part of these events, to do some research on our family history, to contact distant cousins and acquaintances, both in this country and throughout the British Commonwealth, or perhaps to simply wear the tartan a bit more often is an affirmation of our heritage, our roots, ourselves. We are reminding ourselves of where we, both collectively and individually, have come from and of our place in this country. We are Standing Fast against the ill winds that are suddenly blowing our way.

Standing Fast with an eye towards the spring that is surely to come.

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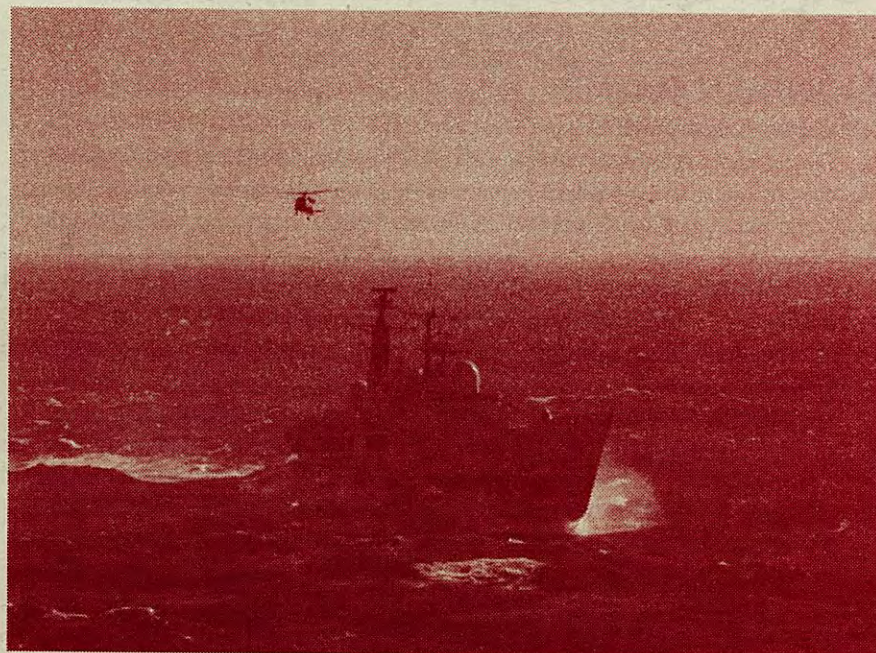
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Grant Photo Album



To the Rescue

Rand Allen

Clansman Lieutenant Commander Michael Jackson from San Diego proves our freedoms are well protected worldwide -- especially when a Grant is on duty. The following pictures were taken from a ship in the Pacific on its way to Norfolk for maintenance. God bless all our service personnel worldwide, and stand fast!



Left to right: Frank and Candace Grant, Ian Bailey Scudmore, Ann and Robert (Bob) Grant.

NEW OWNER WELCOMES GRANTS

Frank Grant

Castle Grant's new owner, Ian Bailey Scudmore, welcomes US Clan Grant members. Frank and his wife Candace live in Wilmington, NC, and Bob and Ann hail from Dallas, TX. Frank and Bob Grant are brothers.



Parade of Tartans left to right: Ed Grant (And YES, I AM smiling), Aaron and Sam White, Liani Grant, Susie Grant. Not visible: Rev. Allan Grant.

SPRING IN MINNESOTA

Edward Grant

The MacAlester Scottish Fair: Wet... Drizzle all day until 3:30... Then rain. Wind: 10-15mph steady. 50 degrees. All in all, a bone chilling experience. (Editor's Note: Maybe the wet weather explains the grainy photo...)

Most interesting occurrence of the day: Most of the food vendors were selling -- or attempting to sell -- iced coffee. The few who sold *hot* coffee did very well at \$1 a cup.



DAVID GRANT WINS AWARD

Leigh Haines

Clan member David Grant is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's National Council's prestigious Silver Beaver Award.

As a unit Scouter, David Grant has served as Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and Scoutmaster. On the District level, he has served as Boy Scout Training Chairman, Camporee staff, and Cub Scout Day Camp staff. As a Council volunteer, he has served as a Vice-Chairman of the Allatoona Aquatics Base.

Mr. Grant has received the Scouter's Training Award, is Woodbadge-trained, and is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the Cross and Flame Religious Award, District Award of Merit, and Arrow of Light. He is a BSA Aquatics Instructor and a BSA Lifeguard.

Mr. Grant is a member of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church where he has served as Finance Committee Chairman and as a member of the administrative board.

Mr. Grant and his wife Jane have two children, Katherine and Patrick.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award given on the Council level to recognize volunteers for outstanding service to youth. It is presented to those individuals who have consistently given generously and effectively to the service of young people.

This Quarter's Games

LIGONIER GAMES

Shirley Grant Smith

Undoubtedly the nicest day in years (and just plain hot!) at Ligonier brought the crowds out to these western Pennsylvania games the second week in September—and although Clan Grant had less in attendance than usual, we agreed the quality was the best!

Laird T. Grant assisted Shirley Grant throughout the day at the Clan tent—and she in turn was able to take lunch to Phil and some of his workers at the Clan Information tent! What a difference extra helping hands make! Many thanks go to Laird for this assistance!

We are trying to get someone to be in charge of the tent permanently—the Clan pays the admission and tent fee with free parking close by. The Games' folks even furnish a truck to haul your things to your site! (And you'll have two to spell you—Laird and Shirley! What more can you ask?)

This "twosome" marched proudly in the Clan Parade at noon – most of our Grants did not show up until afternoon! They proudly held the beautiful banner that John and Helen Grant (KS) furnished. (Unfortunately Shirley forgot to bring the large plastic Grant sign so those in the back rows had to have good eyesight to figure out what Clan was represented!)

Emma Jean and Hugh Dunn were sorely missed this year! They have attended the games ever since the early 1980's (see Notes for details). Others signing in included: Marilyn Jennings, Kelly Allison Kalus, Wiletta Pratt Crider, Diane Johnston, James Grant, Ginger Weave, Sharon Pratt Rowe, Lorie Thomas, Jean W. Miller, John Kelman, Virginia Carns, and Anita Wigfield.

P.S. If anyone knows of a Chemical Engineering position open, let us know—we'd hate to lose our "old faithful" Laird!

GAMES TIME

Shirley Grant Smith

Doris Matthews hosted everyone after the games at Grandfather Mountain on Saturday night. Although the "crowd" was small, we had a lovely evening eating all of her delicious food—especially good after a long day manning the tents! Next year, plan on being with the Clan on Saturday night—it's a great time to really get to know one another and everyone is invited. Money is put into the pot to help pay for the meal—and worth twice what anyone puts in! 'Tis a good bargain! Many thanks, Doris (and her family) for all the work you put into a most enjoyable event!

STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES

Thanks to Allen Grant for providing the following photos:



Grants gathering in front of their tent at Stone Mountain.

Family News

SHORTBREAD SUCCESS

Steve Grant reports that business.scotsman.com recently ran an article about the Walker family shortbread business. The Walkers have kindly hosted many US society members during our Scottish tours of clan grant territory.

The article notes that the family has sold shortbread for almost 40 years. The Walkers have grown the business from a village bakery to a major employer with 850 staff during the current peak production times. The £50m-a-year company produces 10,000 tons of "shortie" annually and exports 45% of its produce.

NOTES FROM SHIRLEY

Shirley Grant Smith

GOOD HEALTH TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Emma Jean and Hugh Dunn write that Hugh had a seizure while driving their car last March, hitting a tree and totaling the car. The accident put them both in the hospital and then nursing homes until the end of July. They hope to make it on their own soon with the help of their two daughters. Members since 1981, they faithfully attend the Ligonier Games! (And they were missed this year!)

CONGRATULATIONS TO

...Our newest bride and groom, Edmund and Marie Grant, on the first of September! Edmund introduced Marie to us at the Jacksonville Games and she received everyone's approval! They will continue to

reside on Amelia Island in Florida and we look forward to seeing them often!

...Leigh Haines, our new editor—

May we always appreciate the time and effort this job takes! The Editor and The Secretary (Jean Wilson) are the "glue" that holds us together! Leigh's husband, Allen, is an Army Major and they reside in the great state of Virginia!

...Margery Woodruff, who has taken on our genealogical services! And thanks to all of our "Volunteers!" There is no pay—just the glory!

...Former editor Margaret MacDonald Morrison who is now attending Purdue University to earn her doctoral degree. She is enrolled in the Rhetoric and Composition program. She finished her Masters program being voted as the outstanding graduate student for her department! For this honor she received a city cash award, the highest honor given to a graduate student at the University. She was also chosen to be a candidate for the honor of "top graduate" of the Humanities College! What a year for someone returning back to school! (And Margaret, if you are reading this, please let us know your new address!)

...Our President, Howard Parsons, for designing our web page and a Topica list for use by Clan Grant Commissioners and officials responsible for the Clan's presence at Highland Games around the country! This will aid in getting information out to all of our officers promptly, as well as saving postage! (Now if I could just learn how to use it...!) (Continued on page 6.)

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Ivor McPherson Grant, of Huntington Beach, CA, passed away on December 21, 2000, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Ivor was born in London, England, on December 12, 1921, and was educated at Cal Tech. He was an officer in the Royal Air Force and later enjoyed a busy career as an insurance broker. Ivor was a member of several Scottish societies. He will be missed by many.

Sue Barker writes to let us know that her husband **Jack Barker** passed away last year. He had been ill for several years and we are sorry to learn this so belatedly. Sue is the daughter of John Bisset, (one of our original members), who introduced Clan Grant to all of his family. Our longer-term members will remember the fun we've had with Sue and Jack in past years. Sue resides in Huntsville, AL, with their children.

Henry Lee Grant, III, died last October at the age of 81. "Hank" served Clan Grant well, taking care of the Old Westbury games in New York. He was an editor for U.S. Tool & Manufacturing Society and ran his own photo business for 15 years. Serving as a Navy Commander in World War II, he received the Bronze and Silver Stars along with the Submarine Combat Insignia. He graduated from Annapolis in 1942. Henry was very active in a number of organizations, particularly fish and game clubs. He and his wife, Mary, lived in Port Washington and Manhasset, NY, before moving to Tom's River, NJ. Our thoughts are with his family: his wife; a son, Henry Allison Grant; a daughter, Victoria

Grant Axelrod; and three grandchildren.

Laird T. Grant, III, lost two family members this past year: **William Malcolm Grant** and **Malcolm Sinclair Grant**.

Jean Aloe's mother passed away a year ago and her brother died in August. But life has its blessings as it goes on: a new grandchild, Ava Jean Kaiser, arrived a week later after her mother's death.

Jean Grant Wilson reports that Grant Clanswoman Susan G. Vassallo has suffered a double tragedy. In less than three months, she lost her father and her nephew.

On June 29, her teenage nephew **Brendan Grant** died after a tragic baseball accident. His family writes, "(Brendan) was truly an exceptional human being. We have lost a wonderful young man whose dreams and good nature has been an inspiration to all who knew him..."

On September 14, her father **John E. Grant** succumbed to a lengthy illness. John Grant served in World War II and was decorated several times. It was while serving that he met his future wife Yvonne Pratt, who survives him. They were married for over fifty years, and had two sons in addition to their daughter.

Our sympathy and love goes out to all who have lost dear ones.



Edmund Grant and wife Marie -- Newlyweds as of September 2001.



Another view of the Grant tent at Stone Mountain.

NEW GAMES

Shirley Grant Smith

The first Foothills Highland Games opened on November 2 and 3 in Tryon, NC. The Games were sponsored by SCOTS (Scottish Clans of the South). A bonfire and torch-lighting ceremony with Scottish entertainment kicked off the event on Friday, followed by a Patrons and Sponsors Reception. General events took place on Saturday and a Ceilidh was held that evening.

Upcoming Games

CLAN GRANT AGM 2002

Rand Allen

The 2002 AGM will be held at the Clans of the Highlands' Loch Prado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games in Chino Hills, CA, from May 2-5. At the AGM, there will be general elections for all elected officers of the US Clan Society: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Board Members at Large. This will be a good opportunity to direct the future course of the Clan in the United States, so all men and women interested in running for office are encouraged to apply. Please send your responses to the Nominating Committee at clngrant@mediaone.net or contact Jean Grant Wilson at 904-268-9049.

We are still open to suggestions as to the content of the AGM and general activities during the multi-day event. Topping the list of suggestions is an all-kilts golf tournament, master classes on the day of the AGM, and a Cailidh and luncheon or dinner. Other suggestions and offers for help will be gratefully accepted.

You can keep track of the latest developments of the 2002 AGM by logging on to <http://clangrant-ca.org/AGM/> or by contacting Commissioner Rand Allan directly via e-mail: rballan@clangrant-ca.org or phone: 858-485-0880.

Children's Clan Grant

Information for Grant Children of All Ages

What is a Sept of Clan Grant?

Rand Allen

During all the hundreds of years that Clan Grant has existed, small families from outside the Clan would come into the lands where the clan lived, looking for a place to live and for protection from other people who might hurt them. They would go to the leader of the clan, called the Clan Chief, and ask him for land and protection from other people. If the Chief agreed to this, he would say to the head of that family, "I will give you land to live on and will protect you from our enemies. If you are hurt and unable to take care of your family, or if you are killed in a fight, the clan will take care of your family for you. In return, you must give me your complete loyalty. Whenever we fight to protect our people and our lands, you and your first-born son will make yourself available to protect the clan." If the family agreed to these conditions, the Chief would then accept the family into the clan, much as you or one of the people you know might be adopted into a family. Those people would be considered family members, even though they had different last names and weren't related by blood. Their last names would be listed among the names of people considered to be part of Clan Grant.

Sometimes families with a last name other than Grant had always been part of Clan Grant, but for various reasons they decided to take the first name of the father of their family as their last name. An example of this would be those people with the last name of Allan or MacAllan. Several hundred years ago, there was a chief of Clan Grant who had a son with the name of Allan Grant. Allan decided that he wanted to start a family group of his own, but still wanted to belong to Clan Grant. One of Allan's sons decided to take the last name of MacAllan, which means *Son of Allan*. All of his sons and daughters kept the last name from that time on. Other sons of Allan Grant simply took the last name of Allan. There are several family names of Clan Grant that formed that way.

The name that is given to a group of people in a clan with a last name that is different from the name of the clan is a *Sept*. Another word for the septs of a clan is the *families* of a clan. Clan Grant has several recognized septs.

(McLeish Statement continued from page 1.)

"The Scottish cabinet met today but it was a brief meeting and the thoughts of all those around the table were with the people of America.

"This is a terrible act of wanton destruction by people who have no regard whatsoever for the sanctity of life. This is a black day for democracy. These horrific events will unite the world in the fight against terrorism."

(O'Brien Statement continued from page 1.)

It is incumbent on us as Christians to realize that there are so many "missing" from what we might call the ordinary civilized forms of behavior. In the Gospels, Jesus speaks of leaving ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness to go after the one that was missing.

We must seek those who have perpetrated these acts and ensure they are dealt with justly. We must seek those whose standards are not ours' and confront them with Christ like standards. We must never submit to evil and as Christians we must remain a people of hope.

We join in supporting our Government in the pursuit of those who were responsible for last week's terrorist acts, always mindful of the moral imperative to act with restraint and respect for civilian lives. It is in pursuing justice not vengeance, that we assert our own humanity.

We appeal to the Scotland's Catholics to show solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, who may be the target of hate crimes. We call on politicians of all parties and all people of good will to work for tolerance and understanding throughout our country.

Christmas in Scotland

Alastair McIntyre of the Electric Scotland, with permission

Although Christmas and its customs were in disfavor for only a short time in England during the reign of Cromwell, Scotland ignored the holiday far longer. Bear in mind that "Christmas" is "Christ's Mass," and mass was banned in Scotland. There are records of charges being brought against people for keeping "Yule" as it was called in Scotland.

Amazingly, this dour, joy-crushing attitude lasted for 400 years. It has only been in recent years that the Scots observed December 25 as a special day at all. Until the 1960s, Christmas Day was a normal working day for most people in Scotland.

Christmas in Scotland is now a time for going to church, food, presents, parties, holidays, and all sorts of other good things. It's a time for celebration.

Planning for Christmas starts weeks before the events. Children are busy writing their Christmas lists for Santa Claus, parents are busy buying presents, cleaning the house and organising food for the great day.

Houses are decorated with tinsel, holly, wreaths, candles, and other decorations. Mistletoe is hung to catch a kiss from anyone who stands under it. The Christmas tree, decorated with baubles, takes pride of place in any household.

On Christmas eve, children prepare for Santa Claus by hanging up their stockings in anticipation of their being filled with presents while they sleep. They leave out a small glass of whisky or milk for Santa along with a mince pie. They also leave out carrots for the reindeer - particularly Rudolph - the red nosed reindeer that guides his sleigh through the dark skies. Then the children are ready to go to bed. In all the excitement, children find it difficult to get to sleep. Some waken up VERY early in the morning.

Christmas day finally arrives and is marked by screams of delight at the surprises Santa has left. Once the presents are opened, many people get ready to go to church. Christmas carols are sung during the hour long service.

On return, parents prepare the Christmas lunch while children play with their toys. Christmas dinner is a time when families get together - grannies, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins. Once it is finished and the clearing up done, there is generally a party. People sing songs, dance, or play games. All the preparation has been worth it. People go to bed happy yet exhausted. Christmas is over for another year!

A traditional Christmas lunch will include - Starter: Scotch Broth. Main course - Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Chippolata Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts. Dessert - Christmas Pudding and Brandy custard.

(Notes from Shirley, continued from page 4.)

NEWS IN GENERAL

Eric and Nancy Marshall (two Charter members) write that they are still teaching but are only a couple of years away from retirement! Eric spends his time putting "several thousand feet of drain tile in for his new hybrid wine vineyard" and "playing the pipes and organ for weddings and funerals." Eric notes that he played for 9 weddings from the last week in August to the last week in September. (Figures he'll retire and just play!) His most recent activity was playing at a dedication ceremony for the new Paul Weitz Stadium. (Paul Weitz served as Commander for the sixth space station shuttle and Deputy Director for the Johnson Space Center.) Eric is also serving as president for his fifth five-year term for the More Family Association. (To our newer members: the Mores are part of Clan Grant from the Drumcork Farm on the Rothiemurchus Estate. They have documented their genealogy since their original family arrived in the U.S.)

Wife Nancy is teaching Biology after going through the thralls of moving her classroom in June for renovations this summer. In September, at the start of school, she discovered that things stored in a trailer ended up missing or destroyed!

Steve Grant (Commissioner in MO) sent a "Christmas" letter (Yes, I'm behind as usual, but HE was catching us up on the past EIGHT years since he married Stephanie!) She is now the director of a Springfield nursing home and recently received the "Nursing Director of the Year" award for her work. Steve anchors a morning and noon newscast (2 1/2 hours) on KY3-TV as well as writing special reports for evening programs, some carried nationally. They still travel a lot and particularly enjoy weeklong stays in Ixtapa, Mexico and "get-away

weekends" in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Our faithful correspondent, Everett Grant is alive and well up in Frederickton, New Brunswick! In spite of being buried in snow most of this past winter! He's still lawn bowling in the summer, chauffeurs vision-impaired people around for their appointments, tries to "keep ahead of diabetes" and enjoys his men's club with 94 active members! (This was written some time ago—now he's cleaning out flowerbeds and celebrating "Thanksgiving," which in Canada is Oct. 8th!)

Everett's sister, Betsy, in Zephyr Hills, FL is busy "cruising"—and his nephew, Dr. Darrell Grant from St. Catharines, Ontario, paid a visit on his way through Frederickton.

"Chief Doer of the Miscellaneous Items" is the title David Grant, our Georgia Commissioner, gives himself for the Boy Scout Lifeguard training session he attends in August. As he explains, "Since I'm retired and, of course, have nothing else to do!"

Hal and Beryl, up in New York, kept a German exchange student with them this Spring and a younger brother joined him for a visit at the end of the school year. They organized a few bus trips so the boys could do some sightseeing!

Sharon Atkins (OR) traces her family back to 1808 in Scotland and plans to "go over" next year to continue her search. She would like to know if anyone is acquainted with a good tour group that she might contact. (Beware—some advertise well but cover very little of "Grant" territory!)

ADDITIONAL BITS AND PIECES

Jean Aloe (CT) visited China in May and later took a poetry-writing workshop at the University of Iowa "just for fun!" Their eldest daughter became engaged New Year's Eve received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in Scotland in August, Jean traveled over to attend the

ceremony and then they both went hiking on the Isle of Skye and visited friends in Durnain Bridge.

The Dunns' return address label has their picture on it. They both look great for all the troubles they've had!

Dick Grant resigned as Commissioner for Southern California as he's moved to Bridgeport, TX! Rand Allan, the new Commissioner, assures us that Dick intends to keep active in Clan Grant!

And... John A. Grant, our Kansas Commissioner, has been located down in Texas! (Question: Are ALL our Commissioners moving to Texas?) In the meantime, back at the ranch (Kansas) John met up with Eric and his dad, John C. Grant, at the McPherson Games! Seems they left Tessa and his Mother, Thelma, at home to paint the living area. John feels that that was a big mistake; he figures they painted a couple of hours and then went shopping in Kansas City! (Wonder if the gals will ever tell?)

AND NOW THE COMMERCIALS

Bob Thomson, who made a 52-minute movie on video of the Clan Grant Re-union in Scotland, still has a few VHS copies left (on NTSC). Several versions are available: the program itself and also hours of "rushes"—your choice! (Or both.) Each tape is \$15.00, postpaid. If you would like to order one, contact him at: Mr. Bob Thomson, Braemar AB35 5YW, Scotland, (Phone): 013397 41214

A letter arrived from Winifred A. Drever, daughter of William Simpson-Bell, who sold reproductions of the McIan prints. She still has on hand about 1000 copies of her father's stock (both Grants: the barefoot boy with game in his hand and the one of Grant of Glenmorrison) and is anxious to sell them. A minimum order size is 10 prints. For orders under 100 prints, the cost is \$6.00 each; over 100 prints

is \$5.00 each. These are large prints (about 10 1/4" x 14 1/8"). If interested, contact your Commissioner.

An interesting letter arrived from Polmailly House Hotel in Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire, along with a beautiful brochure inviting couples and families wishing to take a break in the Scottish Highlands, to stay with them! Children are well provided for with a wide range of activities. The letter points out that Grants were the major landowners of Glenurquhart and were and still are from the House of Grant, Rothiemurchus, Speyside. Drumnadrochit has an exclusive Grant burial grounds with graves dating back as far as the fifteen hundreds. For reservations, prices and other information write to: John and Sonia Whittington-Davis, Polmailly House Hotel, Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire IV3 6XT. Phone: (01456) 450343 or Fax: (01456) 450813.

AND FINALLY

I'd love to hear from new and old correspondents! Just write to: Shirley Grant Smith, 442 Freedom Blvd., West Brandywine, PA 19320-1559.

Heritage Hunter

Genealogical News and Resources

Marge Woodruff, Keeper of Records

Why genealogy? Genealogy is one of the top most popular hobbies around the world. Hundreds of millions of people are actively engaged in some form of research.

People get involved in researching their family histories for any number of reasons, such as:

- To satisfy their own curiosity about their ancestors;
- To provide their children with a sense of who their ancestors were and where they come from. Many schools encourage students to complete a chart of their ancestors;
- To preserve family cultural and ethnic traditions;
- To compile a medical history to give family members an advantage in the battle of inherited diseases.

Most people begin with a pedigree chart. Make a copy of the chart on this page (or I will be happy to send you a copy) and try to complete some of the data.

Start by placing yourself as "person number one" on the left center of the chart. The chart then branches in two and shows your parents, then grandparents, then so-on. Your father and his ancestors will be placed at the top of the chart. Your mother and her ancestors are placed at the bottom of the chart. In other

words, #2 is your father, #4 and #5 are your paternal grandparents, etc.; #3 is your mother, #6 and #7 are your maternal grandparents, etc.

Complete as many spaces as you can. Naturally you won't know exactly everything to fill in each space. This is where it all begins; this is genealogy - the art of researching what you don't already know. Ask your parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, cousins, anyone with family information who can help you. Then look in old Bibles, wills, birth and death certificates for information. (Editor's Note: And of course there is always Clan Grant's own "Keeper of the Records.") At the bottom of the pedigree chart, document how and where you found that particular data.

Happy Hunting,

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Next Issue: Family Group Sheets: How to Record Names, Dates, and Places

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