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Reminders

- Look for your Clan Grant Elections 2002 ballot in the mail.
- Attend AGM 2002 in beautiful Southern California, May 2-5. For more information, visit the website <http://clangrant-ca.org/AGM/> or call Rand Allen directly at 858-485-0880.
- The deadline for articles for the next issue of The Craigellachie is April 15, 2002.

Grant Clan on Parade

Alexandria, Virginia's 31st Scottish Christmas Walk was held December 2, 2001, with Clan Grant well represented. More than 100 organizations, including clans, pipe and drum corps, and Scottish dogs paraded down the street to show their pride in all-things Scottish, and to raise money for a local charity, the Campagna Center.

While thousands of spectators enjoyed unseasonable temperatures well in the 70's, many kilt-wearers had to comment that wool is not often the best choice for warm weather.

However, Clan Grant would not be deterred, and marched proudly... and directly to a nearby restaurant for post-parade lunch and libations.

While always the high point, in addition to the Walk, festivities included the sale of Christmas greens and heather, whiskey tasting, and tours of historic homes.



Clan Grant's vice-president Allan Grant prepares for the Scottish Walk.



Clan Grant on the march... or walk as the case may be.

CLAN GRANT ELECTIONS COMING UP

Editor's Note: Clan Grant election ballots will soon be arriving in the mail. For your convenience, the Clan bylaws that relate to elections can be

found below. The full text of the bylaws can be found on the Grant website

www.parsonage.net/ClanGrant/.

Article IV, Section 5 - Elections. A Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) Active Members in good standing shall

be named by the President at least 180 days prior to the AGM at which the term of office of any member of the Board is to expire. The Nominating Committee shall transmit to the Secretary not later than three months before the AGM one nomination for each of the Offices expiring at the AGM. The Secretary shall give notice of the nominees by publication in the Craigellachie. The slate of Directors must be Active Members in good standing. Any five Active Members may submit a nomination for any elective office. Such nominations shall be transmitted to the Secretary, in writing, not later than 75 days prior to the AGM. All nominations must show the consent of the nominee. On or before sixty (60) days prior to the AGM the Secretary shall mail to each active member a ballot together with a return envelope containing the names of all candidates and the offices for which nominated. All ballots must be

received by the Secretary in sealed envelopes, not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall indicate on each envelope whether the member is in good standing and shall deliver all envelopes received by him/her unopened to the tellers to be appointed by the President for the particular election. No member shall serve as a teller in any election where he/she served as a member of the nominating

committee in that same election. The results of the election shall be presented to the President by the tellers at least 30 days before the AGM. The President shall inform the candidates of the results of the election at least 25 days prior to the AGM.

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From The Leadership

ON THE HOT SEAT

Howard Parsons, President

One of the most important times in the life of any organization is when there is a change in leadership. So it is for the Clan Grant Society in America. In this issue, you will find information on some of the proposed new officers. Any biographical sketches that were not available at press time will be included with the ballots to be mailed to the membership in March.

You will notice some old and new faces among the candidates. Moreover, several offices will be filled for only two years. This is a one-time-only occurrence to ensure that there will be an ongoing pool of experienced officers and board members in place during future leadership transitions. Two years hence, these positions will be subject to election for standard four year terms and the Society will, hopefully, be able to avoid the growing pains it experienced nearly four years ago when seven new officers and board members took the reins for the first time.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible members in late February or early March. As our by-laws currently operate, there is only one ballot per membership. While all immediate family members are considered part of the Society, we would have no way of validating the ballots if we sent a batch to each address on the roster.

Admittedly, this is not the most satisfactory way of doing things but it is the method that we must use at this point in time. If you have a better idea as to how this can be

handled, please let your officers and board members know.

It is your duty to promptly complete the ballot and return it in the enclosed envelope. A member of the Society other than the current and/or proposed officers and board members will be appointed to serve as teller for this election and will report the final results.

Aside from the election and AGM, we have a new season of Highland Games and activities awaiting us. At the same time, we have lost some regional commissioners. One instance was due to retirement and relocation. Another was due to the commissioner's weariness of being a one-person band. On a regular basis, I receive requests for Clan Grant to participate in this or that Scottish event. At the same time, I also hear complaints that the Society does not "do enough." We cannot be any more active than we are without the support and participation of our members.

Participation can consist of volunteering to host the Clan tent at the local Scottish games, serving as a regional commissioner or standing for office. All too often, the same people are saddled with the same job, year after year with little or no help. Thus, people like our commissioners get tired of doing it all . . . all of the time. No one person can do it all for our Society, and its success depends not only on the officers and board but on the members as well.

The message is simple: Support Clan Grant Now and Ensure Its Future, Participate. Volunteer.

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From The Leadership

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TO ALL COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Grant, Games Commissioner

As the new games commissioner for the Clan Grant, I am asking for your help. Could you please send me a list of games being held in your areas and their dates? I hope and pray that this will help to speed up things in all areas.

Also if you need the use of "game kits" or Clan brochures, please contact me early enough that we may send you the supplies and kits you need. Right now, supplies and kits – i.e., Craigellachies, Clan brochures, and game kits – are being shipped to me.

When you have used the material, please send the kits back to me. We can restock them and send them off to other Clan members who need them for their events.

Please feel free to contact me by mail, fax, or phone.

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Family News



Eiko Nagasawa Grant

Flowers of the Forest

It is with deep sorrow that we must report the passing of Eiko Nagasawa Grant, the dear wife of Clan Vice President Allan Grant. Allan and Eiko were married for 47 years. She leaves her husband and three grown children. Allan remembers that everybody who met her liked her and thought quite highly of her. We know he will miss her deeply. In expression of our sympathy and support, the Clan sent flowers to the family.

New York Prepares For Tartan Day

"Tartan Day" is held annually on April 6. This year, New York is using its Tartan Day Parade to promote tourism and Scotland's influence on the history and development of New York. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Susan Tills at 917-305-1200, ext 232.

The Origins of Tartan Day

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES November 10, 1997 Mr. Lott submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION Designating April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

Whereas April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish decent, because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320 and the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational document;

Whereas this resolution honors the major role that Scottish Americans played in the founding of this Nation, such as the fact that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13 States were of Scottish ancestry, Scottish Americans successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and guided this Nation through its most troubled times;

Whereas this resolution recognizes the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, media, and visual and performing arts;

Whereas this resolution commends the more than 200 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish heritage, tradition, and culture, representing the hundreds of thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every State, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success; and

Whereas these numerous individuals, clans, societies, clubs, and fraternal organizations do not let the great contributions of the Scottish people go unnoticed;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate designates April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day."

Family Photo Album



Longtime Clan Grant member and past president of Atlanta's St. Andrew's Society John Angus Grant took on the role of a Santa's elf for a Christmas party. (Photo provided by C. David Grant.)

Clan Grant Candidates



David Grant and his wife Jane.

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Clan Grant: Life Member; Commissioner, Mid-Southeast Region, and host for Stone Mountain Highland Games since 1990; Treasurer since 1998.

Profession: Actuary and Employee Benefits Consultant, Towers Perrin (retired)

Education: BS Mathematics, Davidson College, 1965; MA Mathematics, University of Georgia, 1967; Additional graduate studies in Actuarial Science, Georgia State University

Wife: Jane Stalcup

Children: Katherine and Patrick

Memberships: Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta, Clan MacLaren, Boy Scouts of America.

Volunteer: Boy Scouts of America; Troop 18, Asst Scoutmaster (formerly Scoutmaster); District Training Chair; Allatoona Aquatics Base, Vice Chair; BSA Aquatics Instructor; Wood Badge; Silver Beaver Award; District Award of Merit.

Interests: Aquatic sports including Masters' Swimming and SCUBA diving; Single Malt Scotch; Whisky

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT (2 YR. TERM) Allan F. Grant

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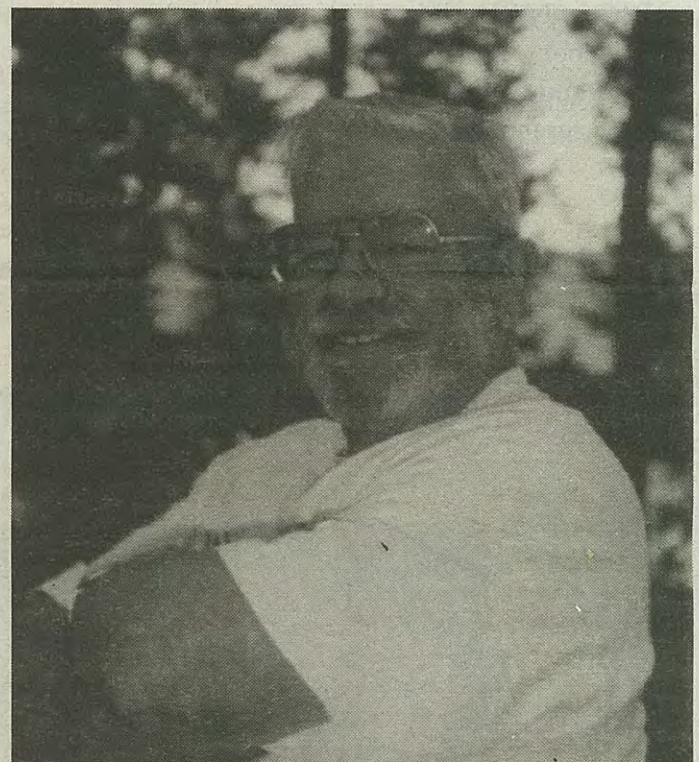
Born: Warren Township, Michigan, June 23, 1929

Employment background: Retired from the US Army as a Master Sergeant after 21 years of active service. Worked for the US Army Reserve as a Supervisory Staff Administrative Assistant to the Commanding General, a civil service position. The Commander was a reservist; therefore, under his supervision I was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the command. Within the headquarters, I supervised approximately 60 full time people, both military and civilian. As the supervisor, I was involved in all functions of the headquarters to include personnel, intelligence, operations, training, logistics, and finance. Retired from civil service as a General Manager, grade 13, with 18 1/2 years service.

Education: My family moved to Toronto, Canada, when I was two years old. I attended public school there. After retiring from the military I attended night classes at the Anne Arundel Community College and the University Of Maryland. Have not yet earned a degree.

Personal: Married to Eiko Nagasawa who passed away recently, and have three grown children.

Current Status: I work as a volunteer with the Anne Arundel Police Department. I am the treasurer for my World War II reunion group. Currently vice president for the Clan Grant Society.



Allan F. Grant

Editor's Note:

The photos and biographies of the following two candidates did not arrive in time to go to press. The information on all candidates will be included with the official ballots.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY (2 YR. TERM)

Philip D. Smith

West Brandywine, PA

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER (4 YR. TERM)

Richard L. Grant

Arrington, TN

2002 Elections

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER (2 YR. TERM) RAND B. ALLAN



Wife: Christine Ann

Residence: Poway,
San Diego County,
CA, past 12 years

Children: Jennifer
Lynn, Junior at
Claremont McKenna
College in Claremont,
CA

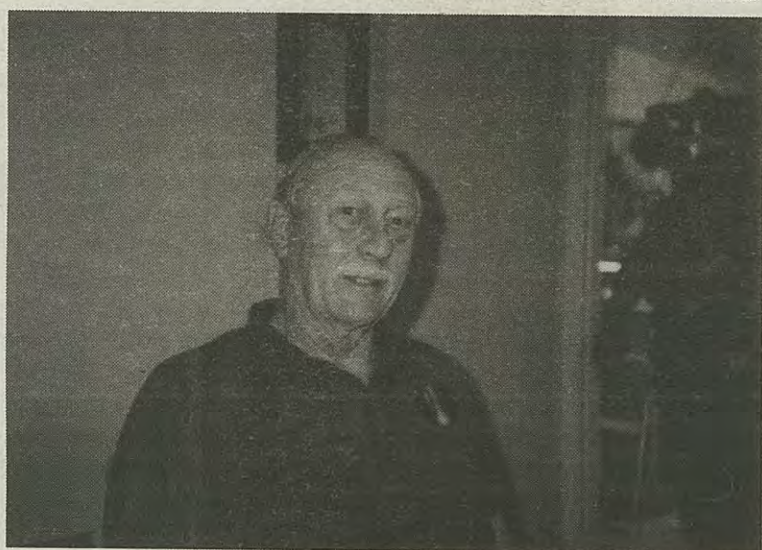
Occupation: Manager
- Flood Warning,
County of San Diego,
Flood Control

Genealogy: My
ancestors lived in the
Elgin District of
Scotland, east of
Inverness. My family
records in Scotland go
back to the early
1700s. My Great-
Grandfather, George
Allan, immigrated to
the Americas in 1890.
He brought his family
to America in 1895. I
am a third-generation
American, though my

mother's side has lived in the United States for 11 generations.

Clan Association: After I became fully aware of my Scottish heritage, I began a search to find my clan. In the year 2000, my niece visited the last surviving Allan of my line living in Scotland, and she verified that my ancestors were indeed active with Clan Grant. Later that year, I joined the Clan Grant Society and subsequently became an Assistant Commissioner in Southern California. Last year, Dick Grant, Commissioner of Southern California, moved to Texas, and I became the Commissioner of Southern California. I also represent the State of Arizona.

I hope to continue to be active in Clan Grant for many years to come. My goal will be not only to keep the memory and heritage of the clan alive in its members, but to work to make the clan relevant to our daily lives.



Jim Suttie

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER (2 YR. TERM) JAMES T. SUTTIE

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Birth date: December 4, 1927 Birthplace: Petaluma, CA

Family: Married to wife Carol for 33 years. Have three sons (one deceased) and two daughters from first marriage; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Occupation: Retired after 37 years in Electronics. Worked my way up from Electronics Technician to Senior Manufacturing Engineer, first in Federal Civil Service, and then with the Government Systems Division of GTE.

Activities: Northern California Commission and Board of Directors Member for the Clan Grant Society; Member of the Board of Directors for the Campbell Highland Games Association; former Treasurer of the Scottish Information Society, a western states inter-clan organization, for eight years; Member of the South Bay Scottish Society in San Jose.



John Grant with display of shields and tartans, Clan Grant tent, Kansas City Scottish Highland Games, June 11, 1994.

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER (4 YR. TERM) John A. Grant

Derby, KS

My wife Helen and I joined the CGS, USA, in July of 1992. Our genealogy research encouraged us to look beyond the libraries for possible clues to our Grant heritage. We decided to attend several Scottish Festivals in the surrounding area to see what they had to offer. In the late 80s, while attending the Texas Scottish festival in Arlington, I came across a book about the history of Clan Grant, written by I.F. Grant. After reading her book, I became increasingly interested in my genealogy and the Clan. I inquired about representing "Siol Alpin," which included Clan Grant, at the festival. One of the participants recommended that I might want to call George Grant and sign up. I made the call. During that phone conversation with George, I found out about the Clan Grant Society, USA. Somewhere in that conversation for a membership application, I volunteered to represent Clan Grant in the Great Plains. After hanging up the phone I thought to myself, "What happened? I called to inquire about a membership application and now I am the High Plains Commissioner." We are still chuckling over that one.

We took on the challenge and sought out a schedule of festivals in our area. After some careful planning, we decided to attend as many of them as we could, searching for those lost "Grants and septs of Grant." Each year we travel a little over 3500 miles from our home base in Derby, KS, to "man the tent"; driving north to Nebraska, south to Oklahoma and Texas, east to Kansas City and west to the Colorado Rockies.

We learned more about our history and the USA Society along the way, informing new prospects of Clan Grant and of our "Great" Scottish heritage. Of course we encourage them to join CG-USA at each and every opportunity. Our intent was to spark an interest in the locals and pass the baton to anyone willing to "man the tent." In 1997, we traveled to Scotland and enjoyed a wonderful and enlightening tour of the "Lands of Grant." We have fond memories of our visit to Castle Grant in Strathspey, Fort George, Loch Ness, Ballindalloch and Monymusk and the fellowship we shared with our traveling companions.

As our Society evolves, we have been called upon to assist the selection committee in the nomination of officers. At other times, we have been called upon to review and consult on issues concerning our current by-laws. Our involvement in CG-USA has been and remains a truly enjoyable experience for us, as well as our family. The enthusiasm grows with every event. We have successfully encouraged family members in their states to take on the duties of commissioner and support our Clan.

We have met a lot of interesting people over the years and many of them became good friends. We have George and Lucille to thank for this adventure, as they were very supportive of our needs here in the Central Plains. Our thanks must also go out to Phil and Shirley - Phil for further enlightenment of "all things Scottish, including Clan Grant" and Shirley's instructions on advanced techniques for "manning the tent" - "We'll adopt you, eh Shirley!" Their support has made our efforts and travels a more enjoyable and rewarding experience.

From The Members

NOTES ON THE ORIGIN OF THE CLAN GRANT

James H. Grant

There has been considerable speculation during the past several years regarding the origin of the Clan – much of this flurry of interest prompted, no doubt, by Steve Grant's website, "On the Origin of Grant," and the British Clan Grant Society's own www.clangrant.org. At least one article entitled "Cromdal Text Plows New Ground to Unearth Grant Origins" appeared in *Craigellachie*.

It is indeed encouraging to see the members of the Society taking an interest in the history and lore of the Clan; however I am somewhat concerned that some readers might be confused and misled that there are no other theories on the origins of Clan Grant than those contained in the article and on the two websites.

It is my considered opinion that the precise origins of the Clan cannot now and probably never will be documented.

The Clan Grant that emerged as a powerful entity in Scotland beginning in the 15th Century and flourished until its decline during the 18th Century probably evolved from the indigenous tribes of North Britain: the Picts, the Scots, the Celts and Scandinavian marauders.

Some principal families of the Clan probably descended from ambitious Anglo-Norman barons that ventured north in the 13th Century. Sir William Fraser's explanation of this feudal expansion is simply too compelling and well documented to ignore.

The descendants of the early denizens of the North who eventually coalesced to form the Clan Grant were most likely influenced more by their own economic survival and political expediency than by genealogy. As in most societies, leaders emerged who became the chief and chieftains of the Clan. Some chieftains descended lineally from the eponymous, titular head of the Clan, the Laird of Grant. Others were probably heads of families who aligned themselves with the Chief and eventually assumed his name.

Historically, several theories have been advanced that attempt to describe the origins of the Clan Grant. The theory in vogue today seems to be the account included in MacFarlane's *Genealogical Collections* (printed by the Scottish History Society, 1900). This manuscript, entitled "The Genealogy of The Grants said to be written by Mr. James Chapman Minister of Cromdall &c. in Anno 1729," is also the source cited in the *Craigellachie* article "Cromdal Text Plows New Ground..."

To subscribe to the notion, however, that the Clan Grant descends exclusively from Scandinavians who came to Scotland from Norway (or from Iceland after a huge volcanic eruption) just because this tenuous theory is described in Rev. Chapman's manuscript or because it is posted on a website is somewhat naïve.

Genealogical Collections, the book cited in the *Craigellachie*

article, might have been gathering dust in a Minnesota library, but was certainly not *discovered* by Mr. Phil Moody. The Rosetta Stone, a monolith that facilitated the translation of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, was *discovered* near Cairo in 1799. The Dead Sea Scrolls were *discovered* in a cave in Qumran in 1947. Dinosaur skeletons and mastodon tusks are *discovered*. MacFarlane's *Genealogical Collections* has been a standard source used by genealogists and historians for a century. These volumes are in most large British and American libraries and can be found in many private collections. This reporter has had a copy of the Grant-related portions of Volume I for at least twenty-five years.

The particular memoir referred to as the "Cromdal Text" was obviously an attempt by Rev. Chapman to assign a noble lineage to his wealthy and powerful benefactor, the Chief of Grant. His manuscript also attempted to establish plausible genealogical links between the Chief's line and other Grant branch families whose origins could not (and still cannot) be documented.

Rev. Chapman's account, although mildly interesting as an historical curiosity, does not stand up to scholarly scrutiny and has been dismissed by historians since at least the fourth quarter of the 19th century. The time lines and events proposed by Chapman simply do not coincide with actual historical facts. Sir William Fraser, in his monumental three-volume history, *The Chiefs of Grant*, Edinburgh, 1883, describes Chapman's manuscript as a "...strange production, a record quite unworthy of the race of Grant."

By the same token, we should not categorically buy into Fraser's Anglo-Norman theory. It must be remembered that Sir William was also a "commissioned historian" whose massive genealogy, although remarkable and comprehensive, was bought and paid for by the then Chief of Grant, Sir John Charles Ogilvie-Grant, the Earl of Seafield and first Lord Strathspey.

The facts remain. The precise origins and lineages of a number of the principal families of the Clan Grant, including the line of our Chief, the Clan Allan, the Clan Chiaran, the Clan Donnachie, the original Ballindallochs, the Blairfindies, Tullochgorms, and Glenlochies, simply cannot be documented. It would be my guess that we will never know their true origins.

To jump on this cyber-bandwagon – to proclaim an exclusive Scandinavian origin for our Clan – and to present this theory in our newsletter and on the Internet as if it were the only true and accepted version of our Clan's origin is, in my opinion, intellectually irresponsible.

Heritage Hunter

Genealogical News and Resources

CALLING FOR ALL GRANT PEDIGREE AND FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

Marge Woodruff, Keeper of the Records

If you have any pedigree and family group sheets that have not been sent in to me, please do so. When I receive your sheets, I will place the data on a computer program that will then generate information that may answer genealogical questions from your fellow clansmen. I am only collecting ancestral information from those sheets; although you may have additional history and family stories, I will not be collecting or keeping that type of record. I realize that in the past twenty years or so, you have generously provided such additional data to Beryl Grant, but until more storage space is found, this type of documentation will no longer be collected.

HOW TO RECORD NAMES: Record names in their natural order: first, middle, last (surname). Last name is preferred in capital letters but is not necessary. Enter women by their first names and maiden names. If the maiden name is unknown, then insert only her first name on the chart. If there is a nickname that was commonly used for an ancestor, enter that name in quotation marks. Example: Mary "Polly" GRANT. If a person is known by another name due to adoption or name change, then include the alternate name in parentheses after the surname, preceded by "a.k.a." Example: Thomas George GRANT (a.k.a. GIBBS). If the person's last name has changed spellings over the years, record the earlier usage of the surname first, followed by later usages. Example: Thomas George GRANT/GANT/GAUNT.

HOW TO RECORD DATES: Use the accepted European standard of DAY, MONTH (spelled out), and four digit YEAR. Example: 30 June 1993. If you do not have the exact date but do have an approximate one, use "about" prior to the approximate date. Example: about December 1850. If you know an event happened before or after a certain date, then use the abbreviation "bef." or "aft." prior to the date. If you only know that an event happened between certain dates, use "bet." Example: bet. 13 April 1789 - 3 May 1880.

HOW TO RECORD PLACES: The general rule of thumb when entering places is to record from smallest to largest location, i.e., town/locality, county/parish/district, state/province, country. Example: Bayville, Ocean, New Jersey, USA. I have added the USA in all my records due to the fact that my records include other countries. At times I have information on a location but I have no idea if the place is in England or Scotland. If people from another country want some information from the Grant files, at least they will know where the location is, if USA is used. If you aren't sure of the complete location, use what you have. Example: Mercer County, New Jersey.

The next chart you will be using is called a FAMILY GROUP SHEET. (See page 7.) Looking at your pedigree chart from the last issue, make a family sheet for each male. Enter as much information that you have, but now include all the know children and their data. This type of information is used when you have gaps in your data. Sometimes you will have to go into research sideways instead of straight into it. In other words, you might be able to use a sibling or a child to find your missing information. It can also be used to find more relatives.

Don't forget to send your charts. Remember to keep a record of where you located our information on your charts.

Happy Hunting,

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Next issue: *Document, Document, Document, and Where to Get Genealogy Lessons.*

Children's Clan Grant

What is a Tartan?

Rand Allen

Tartans are a kind of clothing pattern that tells where a person comes from. The pattern is made up of colored lines and stripes that run up and down and left and right. Look at the pattern for Clan Grant's dress tartan. There are black lines, red lines, green lines, and blue lines that repeat a pattern over and over again. No other clan has this unique pattern. Any time you see people wearing this tartan, you know that they belongs to Clan Grant and they are part of your clan family, even if you have never met them before.

Clan Grant has other tartans too. There is a tartan called Grant Hunting. It is made up of large blue and green stripes with thin black lines. It is called a hunting tartan because it is made up of the colors of the most common plants and trees of the lands of Clan Grant. Where someone wore this tartan while hunting in the woods and mountains, it would make it difficult for animals and other people to see the hunter.

The Grant Hunting Tartan is also called the Black Watch Tartan. Many, many years ago, a

military unit called the Black Watch was formed to keep order in Scotland. Because so many of the soldiers came from Clan Grant, the Black Watch adopted the Grant Hunting Tartan as its own.

In the year 1704, Clan Grant became the first of the Scottish clans to require its people to wear a tartan that uniquely identified them as members of the clan. Before clans used tartans to identify themselves to others, the tartans would represent the land where the people lived. Nowadays, these tartans are called district tartans. In the land where Clan Grant comes from, there is a district called Strathspey and it has its own tartan. There are tartans from several other districts that make up the lands of Clan Grant. If you wear one of these district tartans, people will know that you or your ancestors came from that region. Scotland also has several national tartans that anyone who lives in Scotland or has ancestors who lived in Scotland can wear.

There are also district tartans in the United States. The United States has a national tartan and many of the states and branches of the military have their own unique tartans too.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

See Heritage Hunter, page 6, for directions.

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