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Message from the Chief

Dear Kinsmen:

Spring has arrived and I am doubly lucky as Mull is a good month ahead of Strathspey, so I see the buds bursting and all the bulbs flowering twice—lovely. Judy and I have planted over 500 bulbs at Duthil and this year we have really seen the fruits of our labors, although we missed the snowdrops and crocuses in bloom. We shall have to rectify that next year.

Oh! That the house was blooming as well! Still a sorry state, however, things can only get better—I'm told. We are behind schedule as the electricians have let us down in a big way and still they haven't finished. We spent the best part of last year with no heating or light—grim! Still we have random lighting and as the clocks have moved forward it is no longer necessary to bathe by candlelight.

Now to more important matters—the games, do hope that as many of you as possible can make the August Gathering and I look forward to seeing you all at Nethy Bridge and to those of you who are unable to make it this year—I wish you well.

Standfast! Craigellachie!

Your Clansman and Chief

Editors note: Although Lord Strathspey and Jane live in Mull they had purchased the Manse at Duthil. Part I of their restoration project can be read on page 5 of this issue. Reprinted by permission of Standfast.



Greetings All:

I'm delighted to announce that the 2004 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clan Grant Society USA, Inc., will be held in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival at Stone Mountain Park, about 20 miles east of Atlanta, GA. Dates are Friday, October 15 through Sunday, October 17.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Motel 6 (formerly La Quinta, where some of our folks have stayed in the past) across the intersection from our usual location (The Hampton Inn has renovated, raised room rates from \$74 to \$99 per night, and refused to comp us their small meeting room!). I've gotten Jane to bless the selection of the Motel 6, since I've been known to be happy sleeping in a tent! It's one of the nicer ones, and the \$44.99 rate should appeal to your Scottish heritage ... No continental breakfast, but there's a Waffle House just down the road. We also have their large conference room at a reduced rate for both Friday and Saturday nights. The Motel 6 is at 1819 Mountain Industrial Blvd. (at Hwy 78, the Stone Mountain Freeway), Tucker, GA 30084, phone (770) 496-1317 (local) or (800) 466-8365 (national).

Please e-mail or call me at (404) 634-9051 for a confirmation number before you call Motel 6, then call the motel at their local number!

We will probably have our AGM on Saturday night, rather than Friday as originally announced, to allow those who must travel late Friday to attend. Then we can have our usual Friday night reception featuring munchies, our favorite beverages, catching up on goings-on, and swapping lies. Several of us will be checking on having something catered for dinner at the motel and lunch at the games, and the

Raves & Rants

By C. David Grant, President



possibility of some entertainment. Stay tuned.

An alternative is the games host hotel, the Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345, just north of I-85 @ Clairmont Rd. Local phone is (404) 325-0000. Quoted rate for the games is \$83 per night. The Marriott is the location for several genealogy seminars on Friday and (my personal favorite) the 3 PM Friday whisky tasting.

The Motel 6 is just a couple of exits away from Stone Mountain, location of the games, and where we'll have our meetings. The Marriott is just a few blocks from Maggie and Duane Kline's, where we usually have our Saturday night Clan Grant covered dish dinner, and Jane and I live just around the corner from the Klins.

Games information is available at www.smhg.org, or call (770) 521-0228 to leave a message requesting a games brochure with full games activity and ticket info. The \$115 sponsorship includes a parking space closer to the games fields than otherwise (a 1/2 to 1 mile walk) and admission to the hospitality tent (adult beverages, coffee, etc), but the Sponsors' Reception conflicts with our AGM and reception. Game tickets are NOT included with a sponsorship.

Buying a 3-day pass to the park (\$8 per car) with your tickets will save you a little.

(I now have some games brochures to mail out if you'll let me know you want one)

Thanks to John C. Grant, former treasurer and member of the nominating committee, and Don Grant, genealogist, for agreeing to help with the planning and logistics for the AGM and the Games.

Jane and I are looking forward to seeing you in October.

Stand Fast, Craigellachie!

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Photo of 2002 Clan Grant AGM at Loch Prado Games in Southern CA

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Highland Games & Gatherings

Sept 18

Charleston Scottish Games
& Highland Gathering
Mt. Pleasant, SC
www.charlestonscots.com
Contact: Fred W. Wood

Sept 18-19

Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering
Tulsa, OK
www.tulsascottishgames.com
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Oct 15-16

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mountain, GA
www.smhg.org
Contact: C. David Grant

Oct 30

Tallahassee Highland Games
Tallahassee, FL
www.tallahasseehighlandgames.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Jan 15

Central FL Games/Orlando
Wintersprings, FL
www.flcot.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 5

Sarasota Highland Games
Sarasota, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson
www.sarasotagames.com

Feb 11

FL State Fair
Tampa, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 12

Zephyrhills Highland Games
Zephyrhills, FL
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 19 & 20

Queen Mary Scottish Festival and
Games
Long Beach, CA
Contact: Rand Allan

Feb 26

Northeast FL Scottish Highland
Games
Green Cove Springs, FL
www.neflgames.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

Feb 26 & 27

Arizona Scottish Gathering & Highland
Games
Mesa, AZ
Contact: Rand Allan

Mar 5

Southeast FL Highland Games
Pembroke Pines, FL
www.sassf.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

April 2

Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL
www.dunedinhighlandgames.com
Contact: Jean Grant Wilson

April 30-May 2

Aiken Highland Games
Aiken, SC
Contact: Fred W. Wood

May 22

Eugene Scottish Festival
Eugene, OR
www.oregonscottish.org/
Contact: William Burton



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Games Commissioner

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Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson
Membership Secretary



Since the beginning of the year 2004 we have welcomed 33 new members. This sounds great but we need to consider that we had more than that -- not renew their membership! As Membership Secretary for Clan Grant it is my opinion that this is an issue that needs to be addressed and taken very seriously. I don't want anyone to not receive the full benefit of membership. With that said I want to take this opportunity to tell you my concerns and possibly clarify a few things.

As Clan Grant, what can we do to improve these numbers? A Society is only as strong as it's membership! We cannot stress that enough! If we don't interest younger people now and cultivate a "passion" in them it will surely sabotage the progress that we make. A perfect example that I have just become aware of, is about a Highland Games that has recently closed because the workers have gotten too old to carry the baton any longer and no younger people have stepped forward to carry on. As a senior I realize this more and more each day!

Also, as members, are we doing our part for the Society? In the recent election of Officers, out of the entire membership, only a handful responded with a ballot. Some were returned as undeliverable. If changes of addresses aren't sent in we can't get info out to you. Also if you have not been receiving the Craigellachie it could be that your issue has been trashed by the post office. Bulk mail is not forwarded!

I have been looking over the Clan Grant Society Listserv roster and noticed that several of the new members that asked to be put on our list have not appeared. This may be because I did not explain fully the procedure so I apologize. This is how it is done:

- You ask to be added to the list.
- I notify the Listserv Administrator and you are sent an invitation by Topica to join the Listserv.
- When you get this invite via email, you need to choose the Clan Grant Listserv and reply as instructed.
- Do not check any other places unless you wish to receive other info not related to Clan Grant!

Clan Grant Membership Application

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

New Renewal Membership # _____

Date of Birth _____

Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PH _____ E-Mail _____

Make all cheques or money orders payable to
Clan Grant Society
Mail to: Jean Grant Wilson - Membership Secretary
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PAYMENT OF DUES: Cheque # _____

Dues: \$20.00 1-year \$40.00 2-years \$55.00 3-years
Life Membership: \$400.00

For those of you who have not yet received anything from Topica but want to be on the Listserv, please contact me again at clngrant@comcast.net so that we can start over properly. You may have gotten something but thought that it was spam or junk mail or your server may have filtered it out. And again, I do apologize for my mistake in not explaining things properly.

Welcome to all our new members...you can become as involved as you like...our Officers, Appointed Officers and Commissioners are a great group of people, so if you have a "yen" to do something, your talent or expertise can always be put to good use.

Congratulations to our two new Commissioners: Michael Struck in the Upper Atlantic Region and William Burton for the state of Oregon! I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at the AGM in October!

Notes from the Editor



By Holly Grant Wilson Floyd

I am so very grateful to Syd Grant from Ontario, Canada. He read my request in the last issue and as his note said to me "I knew there had to be a good reason why I've saved these Thanks for providing it!" The note was tucked inside a box full of Craigellachies- from the very first newsletter on up to the year 2000! Needless to say it has provided me with many hours of reading and has allowed me to follow the history of Clan Grant USA from the very beginning. These issues have much to say about our growth from a few dedicated members to the very far-reaching membership of Clan Grant that we know today. Progress has changed many ways that we do things but our original goal has remained the same—to preserve our heritage.

Our extended family of Grants have become the true extension of our forefathers in Scotland and our clan now provides a unique kinship for which I am very proud. Being a member of Clan Grant affords us the opportunity to continue to enjoy our Scottish heritage and customs. Many have been able to trace their roots back for generations and we can all share in the excitement as some tell of their life abroad and their memories of the beauty of their homeland. We can carry on traditions and continue to support our Chief, Sir James Grant, Lord Strathspey, even though he is very far away. The internet has made it possible for us to hear from those in Clan Grant UK and Canada and it is this generous gesture by Syd Grant that shows me just how far we have all come.

George Grant was quite the journalist in the early years of the Craigellachie and I know he would agree that his vision for Clan Grant USA is indeed a reality. He wrote many articles regarding the "recruitment" of new members and the need for commissioners to represent at Highland Games. Did you know that we had a Grant Pipe Band in years past? There is still work to be done and many volunteers needed as we continue to grow.

And as our membership increases, so do the opportunities! This box full of newsletters is proof of that! Our society is full of talent and all you have to do is speak up and you can become as involved as you like!

It will be my first time attending the AGM in October at the Stone Mountain Games near Atlanta this year. I am very excited to be able to finally meet many of you. Till then, Stand Fast, Craigellachie!
"Slàinte maith, h-uile latha, na chi 'snach fhaic!"
(Good health, every day, whether I see you or not!)



Grant Gathering 2005

Agenda provided by Robert Grant, Vice Chairman and Secretary
Clan Grant Society UK



Information about and timetable of events for the Second International Gathering of Clan Grant taking place from 13th to 20th, August, 2005 (inclusive) in the Clan homelands of Strathspey in the Highlands of Scotland.

The Second International Gathering is being organized by the UK Society's Vice Chairman and Secretary, Robert Grant, whose address is Creg ny Baa, Skye of Curr, Dulnain Bridge, Inverness-shire PH26 3PA, tel no. 01479 851 712, email: robertjgrant2clangrantcentre@tesco.net and its Treasurer Professor Arthur Jones CBE, whose address is Begsdell, Caskieben, Kinellar, Aberdeenshire AB21 0TB, tel no. 01224 790340, email: arthurjones@onetel.net.uk. All payments should be made direct to Professor Jones, for all other information contact Robert Grant.

The year 2005, as well as being the year of our Second International Gathering marks the 125th anniversary of the holding of the first Nethy Bridge Highland Games. It is planned to hold some special events to mark this important anniversary on Games day, Saturday, 13th August 2005, and the UK Society is working with the Nethy Bridge Highland Games organizing committee to arrange these.

The Second International Gathering of Clan Grant will consist of eight days of events. Each day it has been arranged for a coach to take visitors to each event and return at the end of the day. Each day the coach will pick up and deposit at the War Memorial, The Square, Grantown on Spey, and the Nethy Bridge Hotel, Nethy Bridge.

Coach and admission charges for individual venues are shown, with a total charge for each day at the foot of each day's itinerary. Please book the event, the coach and lunch for each day separately.

Coach fares are shown as a rate per person for each trip and are based on a full coach of 50 seats. If coaches are not fully booked fares may have to be increased. Please, whenever possible, use this method of transport to venues to make it economical.

Satisfaction and service enquiries following our First International Gathering in 2000 indicated that visitors to each day's events would like to have stayed together as a group at lunch times instead of making their own arrangements as they were asked to do in August 2000. Consequently, lunch has been arranged for most of the days of the Second International Gathering so that the groups stay together for the day. Reservations for lunch should be made for each day separately together with the event and coach reservations for that day. Payment for lunch can be made direct with lunch provider on the day the lunch is taken, no advanced payment is required.

At the time of preparation of this information the cost of our dinner to be held during the evening of the first day of the Gathering (Saturday, 13th, August, 2005) is not known. However, it is likely to be about £30.00 per person. The actual cost of the dinner will be provided as soon as possible. It is essential that you indicate your interest in attending the dinner as soon as possible. Please note that the cost of dinner must be paid in advance, we will inform you of the exact cost as soon as possible.

To summarize:

Please make a reservation for each day in which you wish to participate. For each day that you make a reservation also make individual reservations for each of the components of the day, that is, the events themselves, the coach and (where applicable) your lunch.

Advance payment is required for all coach reservations and for our dinner in the evening of Saturday, 13th, August, 2005. The payment for entry to the various venues and for lunch can be made on the day they arise.

Please make checks payable to the Clan Grant Society UK and in the case of payments from outside the UK, payment by Sterling Money Order made payable to the Clan Grant Society UK would be appreciated. Payments should be sent to the UK Society Treasurer, Professor Arthur Jones.

Saturday, 13th, August, 2005 Day 1:

All day will be the Nethybridge Highland Games and Clan Grant Gathering. The private marquee provided by the UK Society will be at the trackside and will be open house to all members, visitors and friends. (10.15) Coach departs Grantown on Spey. (10.30) Arrive Nethybridge. Short walk to Games field. (13.00) Clan Grant marches behind the massed pipes and drums around the Games arena. Everyone can join the march but please remember this is the Clan on parade. It would therefore be appreciated if you wore the tartan if you can and dressed appropriately (no dogs, waving to the crowd, umbrellas, etc.!) A light lunch can be obtained on the Games field or at neighboring hotels. (17.00) Depart Nethybridge. (17.15) Arrive Grantown on Spey. Costs: Coach- TBA. Entry to Games: £5.00 per person. In the evening will be the Inaugural dinner and ceilidh. An evening of Highland entertainment, music dancing and convivial company. At this writing no venue had been arranged for this event. (19.15) Depart Grantown. (19.30) Depart Nethybridge. (24.15) Depart Inaugural dinner. The times are approximate, as the venue is not arranged by this date. Costs: Coach-TBA. Dinner/Ceilidh: approximately £35.00 per person.

Sunday, 14th, August 2005 Day 2:

Morning: AGM of the UK Clan Grant Society at the Clan Centre, Duthil. Cost: Coach-only £4.00 per person. Free afternoon. Total cost for the day £4.00 per person

Monday, 15th, August, 2005 Day 3

Morning: Visit to Rothiemurchus Estate. Welcome by John Grant. Coach Tour of Estate with Estate Ranger to explain ecology, estate management, etc. Cost: Coach-TBA. Estate tour- £2.50 per person. Afternoon: Lunch at Funicular Railway Base Station. Travel on Funicular Railway to Cairngorm Summit. Exhibit and video presentation. Cost: Coach-TBA. Lunch: £12.00 per person. Return ticket Funicular Railway: £6.00 per person. Total Cost (?)

Tuesday, 16th, August, 2005 Day 4:

All day visit to Highland Life Theme Park involving two locations-Museum at Newtonmore and a Highland Village in the 18th century at Kingussie. Lunch at Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie. Costs: Coach- £4.75 per person. Entry at Newtonmore: £2.40 per person. Entry at Kingussie: £1.50 per person. Lunch: £9.50 per person. Total Cost for day: £18.15 per person

Wednesday, 17th, August, 2005 Day 5:

All day Cruise on Loch Ness starting and finishing at Inverness, including a visit to Urquhart Castle. Arrangements not yet finalized.

Thursday, 18th, August, 2005 Day 6:

Morning to visit Ballindalloch Castle, the home of Mrs. Russell (McPherson Grant). Tour of house. Video/film presentation. Access to gardens, etc. Lunch at Ballindalloch Castle. Costs: Coach- £4.25 per person. Castle Entry Fee- £4.00 per person. Lunch- TBA. Afternoon for visit to Grantown Museum. Clan Grant Exhibit. Costs: Coach- £4.25 to include Museum fee. (Museum entry is £1.00). Evening with film of "My Journeys In Scotland" by Austrian member Ernest V. Holtenberg at Revack Suite, Nethybridge Hotel. Cost is for Coach- £3.25 per person.

Friday, 19th, August, 2005 Day 7:

All day with a visit to Glenfarclas distillery. Buffet lunch at Glenfarclas. Cost: Coach-TBA. Buffet- TBA.

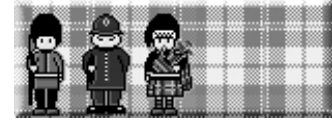
Saturday, 20th, August, 2005 Day 8:

Morning visit to Castle Grant with Historian George Dixon. Farewell lunch at Craiglyne Hotel, Grantown on Spey. Cost: Coach- £3.50 per person. Lunch- £9.00 per person. Total for day- £12.50 per person

Start your planning now to attend!



News from Home



Restoration of the Manse

Part I

An Account by Lord Strathspey

As many of you know Judy and I purchased the Old Manse at Duthil in September 2001.

I thought that perhaps you might be interested in an update, as so many people keep asking why we haven't moved in yet.

We were aware that the building needed attention but how much was only slowly revealed over the following year. We knew that we had to re-wire and re-plumb but hadn't actually thought of gutting. Our first step was to strip out all the hotel fixtures and fittings. We had purchased the house as a "going concern" yes, going to the dogs! Our lawyer had warned that there was no current "fire certificate"; therefore we could not operate until we had one. Re-assuring him on that point, telling the estate agent what we thought of his description of "walk-in condition", we set to work with a will. That did not last long as we became more and more dismayed at the disgusting state of the place. Stripping beds of their linen (I use the term lightly) and we were amazed to find sometimes that three layers had been required to cover stains of the mattresses etc. So we started a week of bonfires, starting at dusk, it would need a gentle re-ignite only to get it going again and of course, endless trips to the council tip. We decided to have a sale of what was left and thought Easter the following year might be a good time.

In the meantime, trees needed to be felled. This took around about a week and then the wood stored—back breaking work, but at last, light was getting in along with fresh air as we opened doors and windows every day—weather permitting.

Well, we had our sale, which was somewhat disappointing and the rest of the junk went off to the saleroom at Forres after which we sighed with relief. Now we could really get going. Our first job was to pull down the extensions front and back, which had been added in the early 70's. We had several quotes, the first of which was so high that my comment on reading it was "I said pull them down, not rebuild them!" The second from a firm in Grantown who said, "I built them" and the lastly a local chap who came highly recommended but required my help as a laborer. I settled for the last option and within three and a half days, they were down and the site cleared.

Windows then had to be ordered to replace the ones that were removed to make doors into the extensions. After several disappointing searches we found the company we were looking for and we ordered our lovely new windows.

Meanwhile all the horrid little shower enclosures, which had been put into every bedroom, had to be removed—this was harder and more time consuming than we had originally thought!

Back to our little treasure from Nethy (the highly recommended contractor) Judy and I were acting as laborers with the former muttering that she had imagined a little light painting and a few interior-decorating ideas!

After that we had to dispose of fire screens, doors, unblock fireplaces and open up over painted shutters which were very satisfying when we found them to be intact. So now we were ready for the plumbers and electricians. We had to vacate the building while this work was going on as we had no water, no light, no heating—but that is another story... (to be continued)

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Scotland Is The Place

A new campaign has been launched by the Scottish Executive to promote Scotland abroad and to encourage people with talent to move to Scotland to stay and work. Research has shown that while Scotland and its people are viewed with great affection across the world, the country is not seen as a place to do business, nor to live and work. The aim is to change that and new promotional material has been developed including striking new images of Scotland and the development of the website www.Scotlandistheplace.com as the main portal for promoting the country. There will be a program of familiarization visits for the international media, with visits from 10 priority countries by October. The First Minister is also undertaking a programme of overseas trips to promote Scotland, starting with a visit to China in October. Material will be provided to overseas partners to help them celebrate St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

Nethy Games

From the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald
Grantown-on-spey, UK

Brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies drew out a near record crowd of over 3,300 people to the 124th Abernethy Highland Games in August.

Spectators were treated to some excellent competition with three games records being broken, as well as a vast array of other entertainment and stalls.

Six pipe bands marched on to the field for the opening parade followed by the Clan Grant with their Chieftain, Lord Strathspey, in the vanguard.

Games Chieftain Andrew Thin, Convener of the Cairngorms National Park Authority, was then invited to officially open the event at 1.30pm by the President of the Abernethy Highland Games Association, Stuart Pountney. In his speech, Mr Thin drew attention to the importance of local, community run events like Abernethy Games to the life of communities in the Cairngorms National Park.

Unlike most chieftains before him, he announced that he would be shortly shedding his kilt to take part in the Abernethy Forest 10 mile Road Race.

He encouraged the crowds to get actively involved and so continue the spirit and rich tradition of Highland Games.

Nethy Bridge Highlands Games Association Secretary Neil Sutherland said: "With all the bad weather earlier in the week, we were quite worried about the prospects for the weekend, although we never had the rain that other places nearby did.

"Everyone, whether competitor, visitor or trader seems to have really enjoyed themselves and that is what the games are all about.

Robert Grant, secretary of the Clan Grant Society, was delighted with the turnout of members who had travelled from near and far. He said: "The society's marquee was busy with visitors all afternoon from Scotland and south of the border. Grants from New Zealand, the United States and Canada were all in attendance and made new friends.

"All the Grants I spoke to expressed their great enjoyment of all the events and activities.

"We can now look forward to the second international gathering of Clan Grant at the games next year, when all members of the Clan Grant Society will be specifically invited to Scotland to attend the games.

"There will be eight days of visits and events relating to their homeland arranged, with the games, of course, being one of the highlights."

The Abernethy Highland Games first took place in 1880 and are the oldest traditional games in Strathspey.

Black Watch Issue

On July 21 2004 there was an announcement from Tony Blair UK Prime Minister, that there is a Defense Dept. act afoot to dissolve the BLACK WATCH REGIMENT in mid-October, and amalgamate several other Scottish Regiments into one unit. This new unit will be assigned a UK name, without recognition of the Scottish ties to history.

Public outcry has already begun, and we seek as many folk as possible to go to the URL listed below and "sign" the petition to stay the course of these Historic Regiments. There is much information on the site about the Regiments, the sponsors, etc. Of course they ask for donations, and if it is in your capabilities please help fund the project as you can. But AT LEAST, PLEASE go to the site and sign the petition.

These are Regiments of OUR HISTORY, not only of family, but also of Scotland. Please help keep them alive.

Save the Black Watch and Other Scots Regiments:
<http://www.savethescottishregiments.co.uk>

Sign the petition:
<http://www.petitiononline.com/STSR/petition.html>

"Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'hainning thu."
Remember those from whom you are descended





Clan Grant DNA Project

By Scott Grant
Webmaster, West Coast Historian, and
Northern California Commissioner



The last few years have seen amazing advances in the application of genetic testing in the genealogy arena. A number of Internet companies have popped up offering genealogy DNA testing, providing both the laboratory testing services as well as hosting of the results in large databases to help participants find close genetic matches.

The largest and most popular company providing these services is Family Tree DNA of Houston, Texas (<http://www.familytreedna.com>). This company already has hundreds of surname projects and hosts a genetic database of thousands of results.

Many of the Scottish Clans have projects underway at Family Tree DNA, and some already have hundreds of participants and have made fascinating discoveries about their clan's origins. The MacDonalds recently discovered that their chiefly line from Somerled was not Celtic, but that Somerled was, in fact, of Norwegian Viking origin, which came as quite a shock to the MacDonalds.

Recently, Clan Grant began a DNA project using the Family Tree DNA service (this project has no association with the Clan Grant Society USA). We currently have about 17 participants (as of this writing) and seem to be adding one or two participants a week. The project is administered by Jon Grant (govols@carolina.rr.com) of North Carolina, and is structured to host the results for Grants, as well as any of the accepted Sept surnames.

How It Works

The DNA test consists of a simple kit sent to a participant, by Family Tree DNA, containing two "cheek scrapers" and two small vials with preservative solution. I did the test, myself, in less than two minutes, including packaging up the vials for shipping back to Family Tree DNA's laboratory. The test involves no needles, is painless, and about as easy as something like this could be expected to be.

The testing itself utilizes a few "loci" markers on the Y-Chromosome, thus the test is restricted to males as only males carry the Y-Chromosome, which is passed from father to son with little or no mutation over many generations (thousands of years). Women wishing to participate should find a male relative (brother, father, uncle, cousin, etc) of the surname, and ask for their participation. The basic test runs about \$100.00 and tests

12 markers on the Y-Chromosome. However, the project as it stands encourages participants to upgrade to the 25 marker test or better, the 37 marker test, as partial matches at 12 markers can lead to ambiguous results/conclusions.

Privacy

Some members have expressed concerns about the "security" of the project and privacy; that their DNA not be available to anyone for exploitation, such as insurance companies that might find genetic defects and use this to deny (or drop) coverage, etc. These concerns are baseless where Family Tree DNA is concerned. You are assigned an ID number, by Family Tree DNA, which is tied to the testing kit they send you. The laboratory that does the testing never sees, or has access, to your name, address, etc. The results returned to Family Tree DNA by the lab are identified only by your unique ID, no personal information is tied to the ID. Your personal information and ID are only associated in a separate database, which is not tied to the Internet or any other network. The markers being tested have no use so far as identifying any genetic illnesses, etc, and thus are useless to insurance companies, the government, etc. For further concerns about security you can access Family Tree DNA's web site at "www.familytreedna.com", which contains a detailed page addressing privacy/security concerns in regards to Genealogy DNA testing.

Results So Far

The Clan Grant project has already turned up two distinct Grant lines as exact matches, including a line that had a member in Tennessee and the other from New Brunswick, Canada! There have been a number of other startling discoveries based on the DNA results, including one that may have a radical impact on the Clan's history/origins, of which no more can be said at present. Details will be forthcoming in the not so distant future and will be published within the pages of Craiggellachie after they appear in "Stand Fast", the U.K. Society's newsletter.

As this project has such tremendous potential both for individuals looking to discover their own long separated family lines, and for the Clan as a whole to determine individual lines making up the greater Clan, I would encourage every member to investigate this project.

Notes from Shirley

By Shirley Smith



Wishing these better health: Allan Grant and Micheline ((MD) left right after the Alexandria Games for Canada to spend time with his sister who is undergoing cancer treatment.

degeneration—but otherwise doing well. You could not prove it by her handwriting! It is so sharp and clear and beautifully written!

A long note from Margie Garza (CA) reveals she and her sisters are still reading Scottish historical romances "religiously"! (But they get homesick for Scotland when they do!) Unfortunately, she relates that sisters, Chez and Patty, have been fighting cancer for some time now—but both have the fighting spirit it takes to overcome! "Way to go!"

And Clan Grant "Special Merit" awards go to: Doris Matthews (NC)! For her annual Saturday-night-after-the-games dinner! We missed those who missed the GFM games but those who attended this event know what they really missed! A bountiful table always awaits the tired but famished crowd! This year we had quite a few "new" guests which made for an interesting evening!

Edmund Grant (FL) happily reports that Marie is walking with her cane (remember, she was hit by a car) although still stiff and in some pain. Therapy is helping her make great progress! She and Ed were able to take in the show, "Brigadoon" at Jekyll Island although they missed Grandfather Mountain Games. Ed says, "Hill climbing isn't in her ken yet!" But they hope to attend Stone Mountain in October.

And thanks to David and Jane Grant (GA) for their "Opening Weekend" event on Friday night before the Stone Mountain Games—and especially finding a suitable motel at rates that get the old Scottish blood a pumpin'.

Margaret and Duane Kline who hosted a potluck dinner in their home after the S.M.G. on Saturday night! They furnished TV so we can all watch the Atlanta Braves play and

Maggie updates us on the latest additions to the large doll house she created, based on her childhood home in Vermont.

And we'll never forget the feast that John and Helen gave in Texas nor the spread that all those Californians gave us! You are all absolutely marvelous and "Thank You" barely covers the appreciation we have for your time, talent and hospitality! You are usually left with a mess to clean as a parting gift. You are our unsung heroes. Thanks again from all of us!

George and Maureen Grant who are once again taking care of the Clan dinner the night before the Altamont Games over the Labor Day weekend. Harold and Beryl are enjoying being "guests" after their many years of "taking charge!" Our hats are off to you!

A special notice should be given to Kathryn and Clinton Grant from Ohio. Members since 1991, they try to represent Clan Grant at the games in the Akron area. They report attendance runs about 2,000 and they are hoping to get a banner to advertise the Clan better. If anyone lives in the area and would like to help them at these games, contact David Grant for details.

Myrl Thoren (FL) sent an envelope filled with notes and pictures that she and her husband, Ted, had collected over the years! She finished writing some of their family history for their three sons and has sent us a copy. We will share bits and pieces of this in future editions of Craiggellachie. And our McElroys will be glad to know that there is finally something for them!

George Grant, fearless leader that he is, suggests that officers can maintain membership discipline by insisting on DNA proof before any member votes! The motto to go with it: "Sentence of a year and a day. . . or provide DNA!"

Our great correspondent, Everett Grant, (way up in New Brunswick, Canada) knew that I desperately needed news for the column this month and as always, graciously furnished some! He and some friends are enjoying a new boat that even has a canopy for rainy weather! (Why, after a summer like we've had in the N.E., would anyone think they would need a canopy for rain???) He also says, "As per usual it rained the Saturday of the Highland Games!" And then adds, "The water pump broke down at the camp." (We are left wondering if it was due to too much rain?)

Myrl Thoren (FL) is experiencing macular

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Grants In The News



Thank You Howard For A Job Well Done!

The photo to the left shows out-going Clan Grant Society Vice-president Allan Grant, 2d from the right, presenting a plaque to past president Howard Parsons. Observing on the left is Gordon Grant, legal adviser to the Clan, and on the right is Nevin (Mick) Pratt, our host and Mid-Atlantic Commissioner.

The presentation was made at the Clan Grant tent at the Alexandria, VA Highland Games on 24 July. The plaque was presented to Howard for his outstanding service and dedication for 4 years as the first President of Clan Grant Society after it was formally incorporated. The plaque incorporates a tartan that was commissioned for Lady Russell, the laird of Castle Ballinalloch, which is the McPherson-Grant homestead. This was felt to be especially appropriate for Howard, as he has ties to both clans.

Clan Grant has been in existence for many years and was managed and operated by George and Lucille Grant, who were the original Conveners. After many years of dedicated and hard work George and Lucille decided the organization should be formalized and to pass the torch and take it easy for a while. Howard was elected as the first president. This was a difficult time in that the formal Society had to be organized, rules established, and duties assigned to the other elected members (the Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and the other 3 at-large board members). Howard was able to accomplish all these tasks and passed on a basically smooth operation to his successor.

Submitted by Allan F. Grant

Stand Fast Suzanne!

Clan Grant member and author Suzanne Wilson has recently finished participating in a documentary about her work in an underground railroad rescuing women and children from the polygamous enclaves in Arizona and Utah. The documentary, *Hidden In The Heartland*, reveals Ms. Wilson's six year investigation into these secretive clans and the struggles her and others face trying to end this practice that includes, child rape, forced marriages, incest, welfare fraud and racketeering. You might get the chance to view it on the "Oprah" show. "This is not about religious freedom," says Ms. Wilson. "It is about power and control and it's a perfect environment for pedophiles. Ms. Wilson chose recently to come forward revealing her identity in the underground and speak out about the practice putting herself in danger from these polygamous clans. Suzanne works closely with Flora Jessop, herself an escapee from Colorado City and spokesperson for Help The Child Brides and Protect the Children, www.helpthechildbrides.com. The documentary will be released worldwide and Ms. Wilson is encouraged by the response she is already getting. "My neighbors have been wonderful," she says. "When I was hiding a family in my home, my neighbors delivered boxes and boxes of clothes and food for them. These women and children get out with nothing but what they are wearing and we can use all the help we can get." www.hiddenintheheartland.com



Edmund and Marie Grant of Amelia Island, FL

Susan Johnson Grant Speaks

On February 26th 2004, Susan Johnson Grant, nominee to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy spoke before the Committee of Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Her full transcript can be viewed online at: http://energy.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.cfm?id=1046&wit_id=3033 Her support group that attended included her father-in-law, Edmund Grant, and his wife Marie from Florida, her siblings Charles Johnson and wife Betty, Faye Johnson, Brenda Johnson King, and Richard Johnson, her Aunt Annette and Uncle Billy Benefield, and good friends, Melody Robinson, Hyesuk Bellino and Richard Aiken.

Grants Honored in Missouri

Lord Strathspey has graciously accepted an invitation to be the Honorary Patron of the newly formed Scottish St. Andrew's Society of Springfield, Missouri. The SSAS is an affiliate member of the Celtic Society of the Ozarks, a "pan-Celtic" organization based in the Ozarks, as well as an affiliated member of the World Burns Federation Ltd. of Kilmarnock, Scotland. Our Chief's picture will appear on the new group's website as well as a link to Clan Grant on-line.

The Society's officers have asked Steve Grant (Clan Grant's Ozarks Commissioner) to serve as "society liaison" for Lord Strathspey. Steve has been named "Chieftain" to represent Clan Grant, and has been invited as an honorary guest, at the Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival and Highland Games in Buffalo, Missouri, north of Springfield to be held on September 11th.

Clan Grant Badges

PRICE IS \$8.00 EACH (Includes US postage)

Please PRINT CLEARLY as you wish the name tag to read. Second line is optional!

Badge # 1 _____
name

_____ line 2 optional (Title or Office or City/State)
Badge # 2 _____
name

_____ line 2 optional
Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Membership _____

[Please note: To take advantage of bulk pricing, there may be a delay in placing this order.]

Make cheque payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY and mail to:

Jean Grant Wilson
Membership Secretary
3815 Millpoint Drive
Jacksonville FL 32257-8933

Grants Gather at Grandfather Mt. Games

Submitted by George Grant

These games began on a Thursday evening with a picnic at MacRae Meadow on Grandfather Mountain- the site of the games. After the picnic, the sun went down and there was a ceremony involving one representative from each clan. They formed a saltire cross on the field, carrying a small torch. There was a small fire burning in the center of the field, and each line moved forward to announce his clan in attendance, then they threw their torch on the fire.

Clan Grant declared, "From Speyside, Loch Ness, all the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, The prime producers of Scotch Whisky, The GRANTS are here"!!

Friday there were golf tournaments, whisky tasting, seminars on everything Scottish, and a nice reception held in Boone, NC at 6:00PM. There, all the attending clans meet, the honored guests gathered- all dressed in Kilts and Bonnie Prince Charlie's.

Saturday at 7:00AM the field opened for the games. A marathon race began at Boone that ended at the track in front of the grandstand about 10:00AM. This race is the most difficult marathon in US. From start to finish the elevation changes 2400 feet, with the last 5 miles uphill 1200 feet. Several years ago Bill Riggs, son of our former treasurer, Betsy Riggs, ran and finished this grueling race. His sisters met him at the gate coming into McRae meadow where he put on his Grant kilt. He ran the final 500 yards to the cheers of not only Grants, but also all the Scots. Amazingly that afternoon that he and Eric Grant ran in the Kilted mile Eric finished first and Bill third. Fantastic conditioning!

Clan Grant had two tents- one on the track, used to watch the games taking place on the infield and another across the walkway, used to familiarize interested cousins with Clan Grant.

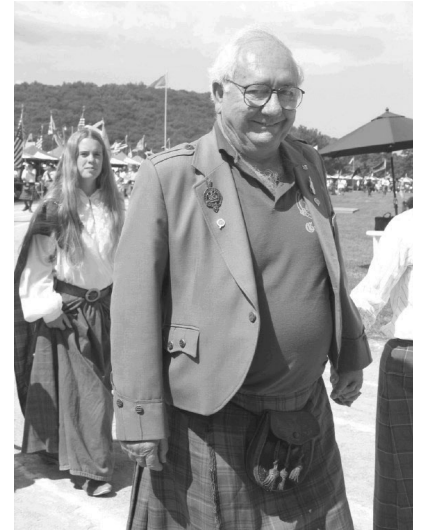
Saturday evening we had a buffet at the Matthews' home in Linville. Doris Matthews (Bill is now deceased) is a life member and have a beautiful place. This year we had the largest gathering in several years- over 40! We enjoyed getting to know each other better.

Sunday opened with outdoor church services culminating in blessing the Tartans. "Flowers of the Forest" was played for those who were not with us. The names were read by the minister. Clan Grant honored Robert Grant, Dunedin, FL and Bill Lewis, Atlanta, GA this year.

Promptly at noon the Parade of Tartans began, led by the honored guests and other dignitaries. The massed bands, (8) lead the way followed by the clan of the honored guests, after that it was alphabetical. For the first 25 years only men marched, but constant pressure from MacPherson women finally caused surrender. The parade of clans around the field took about 45 minutes- such is the size of attendance!

This year Clan Grant was quite successful, finding new members, putting clan shirts on cousins and providing clan glasses to surround liquid refreshment.

If at all possible one year, you need to allow yourself the pleasant experience of these games!



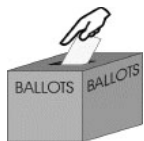
George Grant



It was "Great to be a Grant" at the Grandfather Mt. Games!



Clan Grant Election



The results of the 2004 Clan Grant Elections are in! The swearing in ceremony will take place at our AGM in October at the Stone Mt. Games.



Rand B. Allan
Vice President



Dr. Phil Smith
Secretary



Charles William Burton
Board Member at Large



Dr. Christopher Pratt
Board Member at Large

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Notes from Shirley

Rumor has it that our talented newsletter editor and our "holds-the-society-together-membership Secretary" will be attending the AGM this year, so be sure to meet them!

Laird Grant (PA) reveals the engagement of his daughter, Laurie Christina Grant to Mr. Ronald Omlor. The young couple made their announcement on Laurie's 24th birthday! His father, Alexander, celebrated his 80th birthday in August. Mr. Grant has been a member since 1992 and enjoys both the "Craigellachie" and "The Highlander."

And to finish with a smile: Ed Grant, former Commish, is idling his days away in Hawaii under the sun! It's such a tough life. He's laying flagstones on the new lanai and claims he works every day from dawn to dusk, only getting a half day off on Saturdays. (That's when he's not eating, sleeping, or surfing, of course). He particularly enjoys, "Improving my maintenance/construction abilities, working with my hands and solving the problems that arise in the course of the day, without buying every convenient, expensive tool for one-time use." As an after-thought he suggests that if he survives the spousal abuse cloaked in disguise as installing flagstones, there is a waterfall, a stream and . . . a pond to add to the back yard—after the sprinkler/drip watering system is installed, of course. Meanwhile he plans to work on the "protection and integrity of the exterior walls and window frames, as weather permits." And he signs off, "Gotta go check out the surf. Aloha nui..." (So in his spare time he is working on his Hawaiian vocabulary!)

That's all, folks! If you want more you're going to have to write me! Address is located under PA Commissioner in Craigellachie! (I might even try to answer!)

P.S. Major Eric Grant, KS, is now Major Eric Grant, VA! He and his wife, Tessa, and daughter, Katura are in Suffolk where Eric is assigned to the Joint Forces Command at Norfolk Naval Base. (Now doesn't that sound like the government? He's with the Army Signal Corps! This reminds me of Navy personnel being sent to the middle of the desert in Nevada!) But the extended "family" of four horses, including a six months old beautiful filly began the two-day move when Dad (John C. Grant, GA), Eric, and a friend who was also being transferred, left Ft. Leavenworth, spent the night at Ft. Campbell (KY) and then travelled on to Washington, GA! The horses have been "guests" on cousin Bill Grant's farm, where his daughters, Elizabeth, and Anna Grant care for them. (We've heard of guest horse ranches before but it's usually for people, not horses!) But all good things must come to an end and Eric and Tessa moved them over the Labor Day weekend to Suffolk, VA. (Well, not all of them—a couple stayed behind! Guess that southern hospitality got to them!)

The Convener's Table

By William Burton

If you are planning to convene a tent for your clan at the next Festival, Games, and/or Gathering, there are a few fundamentals that you should have.

The very first, is an attitude of willingness to help those who visit find their roots. They may not be of Clan Grant lineage, but the help they receive from you will long be remembered.

The first book to consider having for reference is "Tartan For Me!" by Philip D. Smith (Expanded Seventh Edition) by Heritage Books, Inc. (ISBN 0-7884-1011-3) This book has been an invaluable aid to locate a person's tartan, whether it be Family, Clan or District. Many a person has walked away from me, smiling broadly as they have learned they DO have Scottish roots.

Your next need will be a book which displays color plates of various Tartans. There are several available, and it will be to your advantage to have more than one available on your table. You will learn which is easiest for you to reference and handle. "World Tartans" by Iain Zaczek is ideal in size, with lists of over 500 Tartans alphabetically arranged & includes Ireland, Canada, United States, and many other countries. A short history of each Tartan and the major Clans is included to assist you in 'teaching' the enquirers about their Tartan.

"Collins Guide to Scots Kith & Kin" (Harper Collins Publishers) has a unique fold-out map, upon which one may coordinate the area of Scotland from whence a particular Clan began.

(We took the map out of the book, had it laminated, & display it on the table as a point of interest.)

"The Handbook of Clans & Tartans of Scotland" by Maria Costantino, (Barnes & Noble Books) ISBN 0-7607-4000-3, is a

wealth of information for the novice. An introduction to Tartan History is followed by explanation of the design, weave, types, color sequences, and recording of the fabric. Included next is an "A to Z" listing of Clans, with much information on the Clan Motto and Crest, the thread count of the Tartan's sett, and a short history of the particular Clan.

"Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia" authored by George Way of Plean, and Romilly Squire, aids us further with Clan history, tartan, standard, and even plant badge.

It is ideal to have these books on display for ready use by both enquirer and convener. A small rack in which the books can be displayed, leaves room on the table for a note pad or two, and some pens with which the enquirer may copy the information from the books, for their personal use.

The convener needs to read the books on display. Handle them to familiarize yourself with their content, practice pronunciations of names, and learn the differences between Clan, District, and Family Tartans.

Other helpful books are "The Book of Scottish Clans", Iain Zaczek, (2001 Barnes & Noble Books), ISBN 0-7607-2590-X (which includes a guide to pronunciation) and "The Scottish Tartans", Geoffrey Chapman Ltd., Lowe & Brydone Printers, SBN 7179-4502-2.

All of these books do not need to be purchased prior to convening a Clan tent. One or two can be on display and useful in answering several questions of passers-by. If you convene at the same locale in following years, change the display of books, so you have something "new" for the folk to look at.

Don't be afraid to add some personal interest items. Such as a Novel "Scottish Highlanders" by Charles MacKinnon, or "How the Scots Invented the Modern World" by Arthur Herman.



Jean Grant Hatleli and her husband, Milton, were the hosts of a Grant reunion held July 12th through July 16th at the Four Winds Resort in Bloomington, Indiana. Seventy Six attended! They came from California, Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Nova Scotia and Indiana. They had an 85% attendance and a great time was had by all at a banquet with Haggis Pipers and a full week of Scottish traditions.

This branch of Grants gets together every four years and in 2008 they plan to meet in California!



Grant Reunion In Indiana

Grant Games

Portland Highland Games Association held the Portland Highland Games on Saturday July 10th 2004, at the Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon.

Clan Grant Society USA was represented by a tent supplied and manned by C. William Burton. The Clan Badge was proudly displayed along with two large pieces of yardage of the "Red Grant Tartan" which drew the curious into conversations. Formal Invitations had been mailed out earlier in the week, (as has become custom for the Northwest area) with moderate response. Two members attended, presenting the invitations when renewing memberships, to receive their swatch of tartan. One new member signed up was Eric Danskine of Portland, whose Grandmother had been a Grant.

A surprise at the tent was a visit by Colin Grant-Adams, guitarist & soloist whom we had met at Enumclaw WA gathering in 2003. When it came time for the "Parade of the Clans" Colin joined Oregon Commissioner Wayne Grant and convener William Burton to represent Clan Grant. The march was not without benefit, as Christian Pullings of Vancouver WA saw the small contingent of Grants, hailed us from the infield where he was competing in the athletics, and then visited with us at the tent later in the day. Christian and Colin both attended the Enumclaw WA gathering, and visited the Grant tent there also.



As Granny would have said... "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

A van containing tent, table, chairs, books and display articles for two clans, plus bedding for the overnight stay is carefully packed and ready to roll to the Portland Highland Gathering and Games.

Photos and article submitted by William Burton.



Colin Grant-Adams & William Burton preparing for the Parade of Clans at Portland Highland Games

Don't Forget-Do It Now!

If you have an article or photos of interest please submit for publication by November 15th, 2004. "Our *Craigellachie* is your Clan" so share a wee bit of your experience at Games or your event!

Arlington Texas Scottish Highland Games and Festival

By John Grant, High Plains Commissioner

For those of you fortunate enough to have missed "June in Texas" this year, we are here to tell you it was another blistering weekend at Maverick Stadium. The 22nd annual Highland Games and Festival was held once again at the University of Texas, Arlington Campus. After being without electricity for four days, who would have thought that the heat would have mattered much to us? The big storm blew through the area in the early hours of June 1st and left over 330,000 families without air-conditioning. Our temporary abode being one of those unfortunate locations without electricity. We have often wondered what these folks did around here before air-conditioning? We have experienced their pain. Misery, just plain misery!

Well, we got past the summer heat to "man the tent" and enjoy the festival once again. We had a quite a showing of new visitors this year; Burton Grant, John Karnes, Victoria Prescott, Ron Sperry, David Alcock, Jenny Pratt-Berger, Sandra Turner, Mike and Cheryl Place, and Amy Hale. All of them were local first time visitors. Pat Logan from Albuquerque, New Mexico also took the time to stop by and sign in on our visitors log. Clan member Glen Ledingham, of Fort Worth, joined in this year by coming by the tent to show us his new kilt in the "Grant Hunting Tartan". Our assistant commissioner, Sharon Carnes Friend, husband Dan once again braved the heat to bring the grandchildren, Danielle and Ivan Friend, to march with us in the opening ceremony. Also joining us this year were Kelly Grant, Shannon Grant Gosney and their family from Oklahoma. They are taking on the Clan Grant commissioner duties in Oklahoma this year with their first festival this September in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The musical entertainers from around the country once again returned to entertain the crowds.

With the Glengarry Tent close by we were able to enjoy the music of many of the performers. Alex Beaton, Alasdair Fraser, the Glengarry Bohys and the Scottish Rogues were just a few of the several performances we were able to view from our tent site. We were not able to view the athletic events going on to the east of us but the cheers of the crowd alerted us when an old record was broken or an athlete set a

new record. This years children's event involved the "wee bairns" of Clan Grant for the first time at the Arlington festival. They returned with happy faces and a handful of ribbons to show off their success.

I am afraid I was caught with my kilt down on Sunday. The kirking services had ended and we were back at our tent, casually sitting back in our lawn chair. When suddenly we were set upon by Clans MacLaren and Innis lead by a fine piper from Clan Gunn. We thought we were going to have to march on Elgin again, HA! Much to our surprise, and we were surprised, they had marched over to award us with this years "Best Clan Tent" trophy. There I was, standing amongst kilts and mine still on the line drying out from the humid day before. I must admit I was humbled to have been honored by our fellow Clansmen, somewhat embarrassed, but delighted to have received such an honor from this years Clan representative. I hope to regain my self-esteem back next year, as it will be my turn to surprise the winner. I will be wearing a kilt and maybe they won't!



Displaying their Ribbons from the Childrens Games. Granddaughter Brittany Ratts Grandson Christian Grant



Presentation of the "Best Clan Tent Trophy"

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Grant Guidies

Oatmeal was once described as "the backbone of many a sturdy Scotsman". Porridge was one of the main ways of eating oats, in days gone by. There is a lot of mystique about making porridge and lots of traditions associated with cooking and eating it (most of which can be ignored). The important thing is to obtain good quality medium-ground oats (rather than rolled oats) and to keep stirring it to avoid solid lumps.

Porridge

Ingredients (sufficient for two people):

- One pint (half litre) water; some people use half water and half milk
- 2.5 ounces (2.5 rounded tablespoons) medium-ground oats
- Pinch of salt

Bring the water (or water and milk) to a good rolling boil, preferably in a non-stick pan. Slowly pour the oatmeal into the boiling liquid, stirring vigorously with a wooden spoon all the time. Keep stirring until it has returned to the boil again, reduce the heat, cover the pan and simmer very gently for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the salt at this point and simmer and stir for a further 5/10 minutes (time depends on the quality of the oats). It should be a thick but pourable consistency. Serve hot in wooden bowls if you have them.

Traditions:

Stirring the porridge should always be clockwise (though going in different directions probably mixes more efficiently).

Porridge used to be served with separate bowls of double cream. A spoonful of porridge (in a horn spoon) was dipped into a communal bowl of cream before eating.

Porridge is eaten standing up. While some people have suggested that this is out of respect for the noble dish, it probably arose from busy farmers doing other things while eating their morning porridge - or as an aid to digestion.

While some people frown at the idea of sugar on porridge others not only approve but suggest a tot of whisky. Each to their own!

Porridge used to be poured into a "porridge drawer" and, once it had cooled, it could be cut up into slices. These were easier to carry than brittle oatcakes.

(Re-printed from the Scottish Snippets)

Grant Loaf

This is bread recipe re-printed from the November 1979 *Craigellachie*. It is a quick 20th century version of an original recipe submitted by Lady Strathspey and was adapted for American measure by Linda Grant.

- 4 cups whole-wheat flour
- ½ cup cracked wheat (Optional, but used traditionally)
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1 and ¼ cups of hot water
- 1/3-cup brown sugar
- Salt to taste

Mix package of yeast in ¼ cup of hot water along with 1/3-cup brown sugar. Place in a warm spot for the yeast to grow until there is a good inch high head. Put the flour in a previously warmed bowl, and then pour the above yeast mixture into a well in the center of the flour. Add the rest of the water as needed and mix well with a wooden fork. Knead with hands on a lightly floured surface for 8-10 minutes. Shape into a ball.

Put dough in a greased two-pound loaf tin and then put in a warm place to rise. Bake for 35 minutes in a hot oven at 400 degrees. Turn out immediately and cool on a wire tray.

Scotch Pancakes

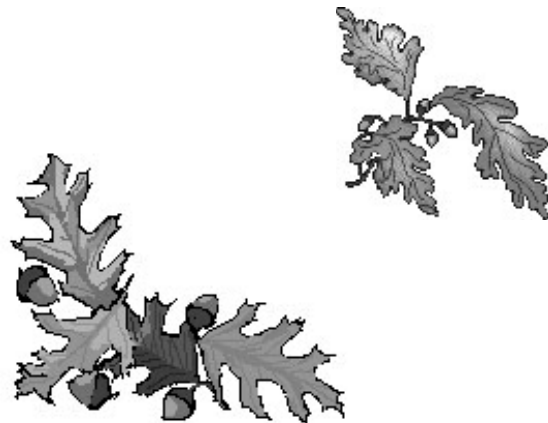
There are many traditional Scottish recipes that are well worth trying out. Here is one, which even children can make!

Ingredients: 8 oz plain flour, salt, level teaspoon of cream of tartar, level teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda, 5 teaspoons of caster sugar, standard egg and a quarter pint of milk.

Method: Heat a girdle or heavy based frying pan and lightly grease. Sift flour, salt, cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda together and mix in the caster sugar. Create a well in the centre and add the egg and some of the milk. Slowly mix the flour into the egg and milk, adding more milk as you go, until you have a mixture that has the consistency of thick batter.

Drop a small amount of batter onto the greased girdle or pan - bubbles should rise to the top in a few seconds, if it is the right temperature. Drop in enough mixture to make individual small scones. When the underside is brown (and bubbles are bursting on the top) turn over and cook the other side. You may need to regrease the pan after each batch.

Serve warm with butter and honey or jam/jelly. Or try buttering them and sprinkling with light brown sugar!



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