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**A warm spring greeting to one and all.** at least we hope it's getting warmer where you are. We've gotten our year off to a quicker-than-usual start this time with two games in Florida. And we're looking forward to more happy times with many of you as we plan our activities into the summer and fall.

**Sarasota** - Games officials had the good taste to choose the Grants as their honored clan this year, so I arranged to have a mini-reunion with some cousins in Valdosta and a Boy Scout buddy in Tampa on the way, to justify driving to Sarasota. Turned out to be anything but a dull drive, as Tampa had torrential rains that delayed both me and host Bill Grant, who was flying back home from the northeast. Bill very graciously put me up in his beautiful home on the bay.

We set up the tent Saturday morning with a little "heavy dew" that was still around, but mostly kept reasonably dry. We were joined by Murray and Bob Grant and their brides and enjoyed swapping stories and telling games officials about Grant lore, embellishing only a little. The weather improved slowly until the Parade of Tartans, and we recruited several folks to enlarge our contingent, several of whom were attending their first games! We had a great time leading the clans and of course providing a splendid marching example for the others. Couldn't resist several cries of "Stand Fast, Craigellachie!" as we exited the field! Got colder and blowier (?) in the PM, so I finally broke down and borrowed a jacket. This was Florida? Bill and I packed up by mid-afternoon and retreated inside to listen to a wonderful performance by our own Colin Grant-Adams, who was in particularly fine voice, lubricated by some fine Grant product! We enjoyed a brief visit with Colin and Julia, who was there doing her usual fine job of managing the schedule and the money!

Saturday night brought a very enjoyable ceilidh featuring Colin

## Raves & Rants

By C. David Grant, President

again and a really spectacular group of Scottish tenors calling themselves "Caledon." I was impressed enough to spring for a CD and a DVD. Bill and I sampled our liquid refreshment and shared with our neighbors, including some whose heritage was Polish - guess the sound of the pipes travels farther than I thought!

**Northeast Florida (Jacksonville)** - Membership Secretary Jean Grant Wilson, husband Jim, and daughter and Craigellachie Editor Holly Grant-Wilson-Floyd and their extended family hosted another great gathering south of Jacksonville. I managed to sneak off for a whisky tasting Friday night while Jane unpacked, then we joined Nominating Committee Chair John C. and Thelma Grant for dinner.

We visited many friends at the Grant tent, especially enjoying not having to set up! Also saw some gorgeous dogs, cats and raptors as we got a welcome opportunity to walk around and see what was happening away from the Grant tent, as well as seeing several Fraser, Malcolm and MacGregor friends from Atlanta.

Jean and Holly joined John, Thelma, Jane and me for a delicious seafood feast at a local popular spot to put a proper finish to our weekend. We missed seeing Stoney, Ed and Marie, and other regulars at these games this time - hope you return soon!

**2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** - We're delighted to announce that Michelle Poitevin, Washington State Commissioner, and her team have agreed to host our annual meeting this year, to be held July 28-30 at the games in Enumclaw, WA. This will continue our tradition of having our AGM's in different areas of the country, and provide a pleasant excuse for Jane and me to return to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. We hope many of you will be able to join us as we meet Grants who have carried our banner in this area, greet new members, and install three newly-elected officers. And thank you, Michelle, for leading this effort!

**2006 Elections** - Remember we need to fill three offices this year - President, Treasurer, and one at-large Board Member. Send your suggestions and/or nominations to John C. Grant or Jean Grant Wilson. Ballots will be sent out later in the spring to members in good standing, so the election can be completed in time for the new officers can be installed at our AGM.

**Grandfather Mountain** - Clan Grant USA founder George and Lucille Grant have said they can no longer host the Grant tent at this oldest highland game in the southeast. And for the first time in a while, I have a conflict, so I'm grateful to Nominating Committee Chair John C. Grant and Games Commissioner Allan Grant for agreeing to host this year. The games will be held July 6-8 at beautiful MacRae Meadow on Grandfather Mountain, near (and above!) Linville, NC. They celebrated their 50th games last year, and will observe the 50th anniversary this year, getting double duty from their 50th! Also planning to attend are Treasurer Richard Grant and Board Secretary Dr. Philip and Shirley Grant Smith.

As part of their celebration, the Games officials are accepting donations for the construction of their new headquarters building. Clans contributing at least \$500 will be recognized with a plaque on a cairn beside the building. We've decided to ask for voluntary contributions for this effort since this is primarily a regional event, so if you want to help us fund a plaque, please send me your personal check, made out to me, not Clan Grant! We've been an active part of these games for decades, and Sir Patrick, the previous Lord Strathspey, was the honored guest one year.

**Upcoming Games** - My games schedule currently includes Loch Norman, near Charlotte, NC, April 21-23, where NC Commissioner Helen Furr will host, and a new games at Furman University near Greenville, SC, in June.

Jane and I hope to see many friends of long standing and make many new ones this year - see you at the games, and remember to ... **Stand Fast!**



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## Duthil Kirk



The Clan Grant Society Centre at Duthil is a former church with two mausolea in its grounds where some of the past Clan Chiefs are buried.

The church at Duthil was in the diocese of Elgin Cathedral in its early days. The first Presbyterian minister was Andrew Henderson who was ordained in 1625. The present building was erected in 1826. The last sermon in public worship in the church was made by one of our present Members, the Rev. G.V.R. (Jim) Grant MA.

It was a landmark day in 1986 for the Clan Grant Society when the owner, Gerald Brandon-Bravo from Whitebridge, gave the church to the Society.

Duthil Church is owned and managed by the Clan Grant Society and is set in the midst of the Clan territories. It is planned to develop it into a resource centre to hold a collection of objects relating to Clan history and to be open to the public during July and August. Its upkeep and maintenance are provided by donations from the Society.



# U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings



## April 21-23

Loch Norman Highland Games  
Rural Hill Farm  
Huntersville, NC  
Contact: Helen Furr

## May 20th

The Eugene Scottish Festival  
Peace Presbyterian Church  
Eugene, OR  
Contact: William Burton

## May 27-28

The Pomona Games  
Fairplex at Pomona  
Pomona, California  
Contact: Rand Allan

## June 3 - 4

Bellingham/Whatcom County Highland Games  
Hovander Homestead Park  
5299 Nielsen Road  
Ferndale, Washington  
Contact: Michelle Poitevin

## June 24-25

San Diego Games  
Vista, California  
Contact: Rand Allan

## July 8 - 9

Skagit Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival  
Edgewater Park  
600 Behrens Millett Road  
Mount Vernon, Washington  
Contact: Michelle Poitevin

## July 8 - 9

The Caledonian Games  
The City Park  
Athena, OR  
Contact: William Burton

## July 15

Portland Highland Games  
Mount Hood Community College  
Gresham, OR  
Contact: William Burton

## July 29-30

**\*Clan Grant AGM\***  
Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering  
King County Fairgrounds  
45224 - 284th Avenue SE  
Enumclaw, Washington  
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## August 8-10

Kelso Highlander Festival  
Tam O'Shanter Park  
Tam O'Shanter Way  
Kelso, Washington  
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# Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson  
Membership Secretary



Well, spring is about over here in this part of the country, Florida, that is! The humidity and a/c are once again going at full tilt...

Don't forget when you get your renewal notice for The Highlander magazine; send it to me for the discounted price.... Otherwise you will be paying the full subscription price!

Several members have changed email addresses and not notified me! So for those of you who are on the Listserv and have not been getting any messages lately that is the reason.... If you have changed email addresses, please let me know so that I can keep your database record up to date!

The 2006 elections are coming up and we all need to get involved. Positions that will be open are President, Treasurer and a Board Member-at-large.

Do you know someone that would make a good candidate? Or maybe you yourself have some expertise to give CGS. How about some of you younger members stepping forward?

Just send your nominations to Phil Smith, secretary CGS, before May 15th. His mailing addresses can be found on this page, to the left of this column.

Remember, Membership Matters!

# Notes from the Editor

By Holly Floyd



Spring is here and Clan Grant is poised to flourish and grow as the year continues! As every election comes and goes, the Clan Grant Society goes through changes that only make our future stronger.

As titles change, duties shift, volunteers step forward and new members become involved, the strength and presence of Clan Grant gets better and better. Those that have held office continue to support and the newer candidates carry on and refine what was started many, many years ago when George Grant negotiated with the Chief of Clan Grant and we became a representative society in the United States!

As editor I have had the pleasure of announcing events and sharing the growth that reflects the passion of many of our members. There is still a lot of work to do but I am confident with each passing season that we are true to our heritage and in this age of computers more in touch with our roots than ever! Don't be afraid to reach out and take on a task. There is no right and wrong and the rewards for our children's children could be great!

I encourage everyone to participate in our election and contribute ideas to our board this year. Those of you that are not able to attend our Annual General Meeting this year in the state of Washington will be able to read within this newsletter the progress and needs of our organization. I know we have many talented members and it's important for all to know that our volunteers are our survival.

Stand Fast, Craigellachie!



## Clan Grant Membership Application



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## Grants In The News



Dr. Philip Smith  
Secretary, Clan Grant

Clan Grant Secretary **Dr. Philip Smith** was awarded a "Life-Time Achievement Award" by The Scottish Tartans Authority at the 2005 Annual General Meeting in Perth. This prestigious award was in recognition of Professor Smith's more than fifty years of research and publications in the field of tartan. He is the Past President of the International Association for Tartan Studies and lectures widely on Highland Dress and teaches the Gaelic language.

**Dr. Smith** is Professor Emeritus of Languages and Linguistics at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and one of only eight members world-wide of The Guild of Tartan Scholars. His interest in things Scottish began during his undergraduate years at Pepperdine University in the 1950's.

He has written fourteen books on tartan or name-tartan relationships. *Tartan For Me!*, first published in 1973 with 6,000 entries, is now in the eighth version with almost 30,000.

His latest, *Tartans For The Irish*, will be released in early 2006. **Dr. Smith** has recorded more than twenty previously unknown tartans in Scotland as well as another fifty in North America, many of known Scottish origin. Professor Smith has designed well over one hundred tartans for clans, families, states, universities and corporations.



**Phil** was an early member of the Clan Grant Society, not on his own but through marriage to the first Clan Grant Membership Secretary, **Shirley Grant Smith**, his wife of fifty-two years. Shirley has Nova Scotia "roots" extending back to Glen Urquhart.



**Candace Coates**, member of Clan Grant, wrote and mentioned that the book 'Little Chapel On The River' by Gwendolyn Bounds, is the book that she is a character in. Also a correction must be mentioned in regard to a past article about Candace. (The proper term of what she does.) She is a harper rather than a harpist as there is a difference. Most people don't know that harper is the older term. Harpists play the pedal harps. They are the ones you see on TV in the big orchestras.

**Summer Deadline to submit is June 30th!**



**Robert Grant** early on and offered to have my son, **Dan**, sing for the Clan at the banquet. I told Robert about his qualifications so they wouldn't think he would be an embarrassment. **Rosemarie and Richard Grant** had also contacted me about having **Dan** sing for their ceremony. **Raymond Grant**, the Clan Chaplain contacted me about Dan doing that, but later confessed that he thought Dan was a little kid since he was referred to as "**Carol Grant's son**." Then when Robert's wife became so ill and he handed the majority of the planning over to **Norman Grant** there was more discussion (I guess) as to whether there would be time for Dan to sing during the ceremony at the banquet. Norman thought that Dan might be the kind of guy who liked to sing when he got drunk, so he wasn't terribly enthusiastic about it either. So with the misunderstanding about a drunk man or a kid singing for the banquet or the ceremony, the decision was made for **Dan** to sing when the band took a break from playing at the banquet.

**Dan** just loves to sing and to be able to sing for his clan was enjoyment enough! Norman introduced him and he stood to sing Josh Groban's song "You Raise Me Up"! Forthwith he got a standing ovation and an apology from Norman for not having him sing much sooner in the program. But he got a promise from Dan to sing several times at the Ceilidh the following Friday evening. At the Ceilidh he started the evening by singing "Amazing Grace" and ended the program by singing "You Raise Me Up" again. Upon finishing the song, Norman rose from his chair and explained, as he was the one in charge of the evening, he would like Dan to sing the song again! So **Dan** once again stood and sang! And a proud Mom felt justified in having offered his services to sing for the Clan Gathering.

**Dan** is lead singer with a band called "Creme Tangerine" who perform all Beatles music. He has performed in several stage productions, including "Grease" and as Marley's Ghost in a musical of "A Christmas Carol". He sings regularly as a soloist for his large church and on the Worship Team. This past Christmas season he sang Andre Bocelli's song "The Prayer" and another Josh Groban song "Believe" from the movie "Polar Express" for "The Living Christmas Tree". He has won many contests and has sung the National Anthem for the Seattle Mariner's Games and has also sang for the "Washington Miss Teen USA" pageant. However he hasn't let the accolades go to his head and one of the dearest moments for me was when he sang a love song for an elderly Scottish lady in the gravel parking lot at our Highland Games in Enumclaw Washington one hot summer night. He would love to sing the National Anthem for our local games but as yet has not been asked though he has offered to do so.

Submitted by: **Carol Grant**



**This Spot is for YOU!.....**

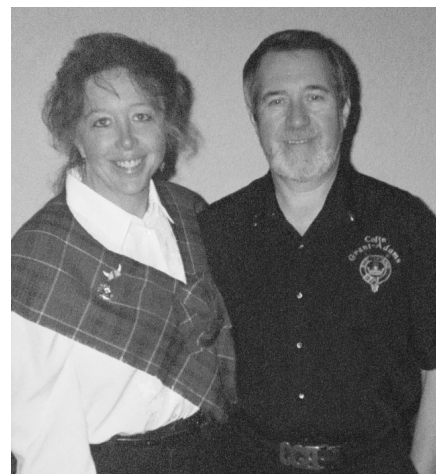
Long time member, **Suzanne Wilson** and **Kenneth Bright** are engaged! Ken is from Tombstone, AZ and they met and have worked together for ten years on the underground campaign against Polygamy. They plan to wed sometime next year and take some time off. They will head to Maine to visit Suzanne's new grandson, go to Wisconsin where all Ken's sisters are and then they also hope to head to Alaska, before returning to their work of breaking up those cults.



**Christopher Pratt** and his wife, **Jimmie** recently attended a Burn's Supper in New York City hosted by Clan Currie. They were also asked to respectively do "The Toast to the Lassies" and "The Lassies' Reply." What a perfect couple to deliver a colorful and comical traditional toast!



Photo by Warren Westura, courtesy Clan Currie  
(Inset photo of Jimmie Pratt)



Any members that might be interested in taking a **Tour to Scotland** in Aug. 7-18, can contact a friend of **Colin Grant Adams** and **Julia**. David Eddleston (from Perth) now in Bend, OR, is arranging it. It will be a small group 16-18 people. There is more info on a link from Colin Grant Adams web site. [www.colingrant-adams.com](http://www.colingrant-adams.com)

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Memories of Scotland are always welcome!



## Unexpected Joy

Submitted by William Burton  
Oregon Commissioner and Board Member

**Cindy Michaels** is a Convener of "The House of Gordon" and an artisan in cut glass/leaded windows. My wife, **Mary** and I, met her at the Kelso Highland Games at Kelso WA in September 2005. We assisted her (and other folk) through our reference books to find their Clan roots and Tartans.

Weather was horrid, and many of us huddled in our tents out of the rain, and tried to keep our materials (and our feet) dry. Public turnout was deterred by the weather so many of us visited with other conveners, or caught up on reading, or some handiwork. I was just finishing off the fringe on my handmade Clan Grant throw when **Cindy** came to chat. She was very intrigued by the fact that I was doing the tartan, and asked many questions. I explained to her as best I could, and searched out the thread count for the Clan Gordon Tartan. I hand copied the instructions and thread count for Cindy, as she seemed quite curious.

When the festival was over, and all were "breaking camp", Cindy returned to the Clan Grant tent and asked if I had a picture or drawing of the Clan Badge. She stated that she was delighted with the coloration, and form of the mountain with fire. I gave her a small copy that I'd had on the front of my personal photo album, and thought no more about it. Later, I received a phone call from **Michelle Poitevin, the Washington Clan Grant Commissioner**, stating Cindy was trying to locate me. I telephoned the number, and we spoke briefly. Cindy stated she had made "something" for me as a gift of appreciation for all the help I'd given at Kelso. She told me it was glass, and that she was afraid to ship it, so we made arrangements to meet at Puyallup during the Washington State Tartan Day.

From October 2005 until April 2006, I gave little thought to the phone conversation. Just after the "Opening Ceremonies", **Cindy** came over to the table with this rather large cardboard wrapped item; I had no idea what it was... (old age forgetfulness??) and then she opened the "package" and presented me with the 12" x 14" masterpiece! I was at a loss for words, and admit that I cried a little, because I was so moved to think someone cared that much, and thought that I had helped. It must have taken her hours to get the glass cut, and leaded into place!! **Cindy** used a variegated glass, which makes the flames on the "craig" look almost alive. The color is absolutely vibrant, and I'm going to get it framed in order to hang it for display in my home.

## Flowers of the Forest

No Flowers of the Forest  
reported this quarter



# 2006 Clan Grant Elections



Under the provisions of the Clan Grant Society Bylaws the offices of President, Treasurer and one Board Member-at-Large are to be elected in 2006.

Society members are encouraged to participate in the election by seeking or accepting candidacy or nominating others as allowed by the Society Bylaws and voting.

The Nominating Committee will nominate ONE candidate for each office. In addition, groups of any five active members may submit nominations for each office to the Society Secretary (Dr. Philip D. Smith, 442 Freedom Blvd., West Brandywine, PA 19320-1559) in writing. Submissions must show written consent of nominees who must be active members. May 15, 2006 is the deadline for Dr. Smith to receive nominations from the membership.



Society members are asked to please begin to seriously consider serving in an office and/or joining with other members to nominate candidates as outlined above.

After the close of nominations, Dr. Smith will prepare and mail ballots and voting instructions to members. Installation of the elected officers is planned during the 2006 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in Enumclaw, WA July 28-30. Details of the Games that weekend can be found at <http://www.sshga.org/index.html>.

Please send names and contact information via mail, e-mail or telephone to: John C. Grant, 509 Ashton Manor Dr., Loganville, GA 30052 or [jctegrant@aol.com](mailto:jctegrant@aol.com) or (770) 466-1814. The Committee would follow-up with the recommended persons.

*Pictured from left to right is Secretary: Dr. Philip D. Smith, President: C. David Grant, Treasurer: Richard Grant, Board Member: Dr. Christopher Pratt, Board Member: William Burton, Vice president: Rand Allan and inset picture is Board Member: John Grant, III.*

## Tattoo to the U.S.

Plans to take the Edinburgh Military Tattoo to the United States for the first time were unveiled by the city's Lord Provost during his visit to New York for Tartan Week. Although talks are already underway, it will be a few years before it can be staged at a venue such as Madison Square Garden or the Yankee Stadium, probably at the same time as the annual Tartan Week. The Tattoo has already been staged overseas in recent years in New Zealand and Australia, with great success. The current Tattoo chief executive, Brigadier Melville Jamieson, who retired after this year's performance at Edinburgh Castle, may organize the US project. The Brigadier led the traditional Tartan Day parade down Sixth Avenue in New York City. Source: Scottish Snippets.



## Did You Know?

Scots often named children by following a simple set of rules. Don't use these as a firm guide (there were often variations, for all sorts of reasons) but you may find that some of your ancestors used these too:

- 1st son named after father's father
- 2nd son named after mother's father
- 3rd son named after father
- 1st daughter named after mother's mother
- 2nd daughter named after father's mother
- 3rd daughter named after mother

**Don Grant, editor of *Standfast***, reports that after Clan Grant UK had their recent elections there is an organizational change. The new council composition is on the "contacts page" of their website.

"Whisky to a Scotsman is as innocent as milk to the rest of the human race"  
- Mark Twain

Scotland's Year of Homecoming in 2009 aims to encourage those who have Scottish ancestry, but now live in other parts of the world, to return to their roots. The date of 2009 was selected as it marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's national bard.

The origin of kneeling to gauge the correct length of a kilt dates back to the First World War (1914-1918), when regimental tailors had little time to measure the troops properly. With thousands of Scots joining the British army, fresh-faced recruits were asked to kneel down in rows, so a quick kilt measurement could be taken. Nowadays, the correct length of the kilt is just cutting the top of the knee.



**Feb 4th, 2006  
Sarasota Highland Games  
Honored Clan is Grant!**

Pictured is Betty Grant, C. David Grant, Murray Grant, Bill Grant and Bob Grant

# Grants Games



**Feb 25th, 2006  
Jacksonville Scottish  
Highland Games**

Pictured above: Grants on parade at the Clay County Fair Grounds. Jean Grant Wilson in the early morning after tent is ready for the day! To the left is John C. Grant holding our banner.

# Clan Grant at the Queen Mary

Submitted by: Rand Allan  
Commissioner SW States



On February 18 & 19, the **Clan Grant Society** attended the Queen Mary Scottish Festival in Long Beach, California. We were located right next to Clan Campbell, so we could pretend that they were all wearing the Clan Grant Hunting Tartan. Although we garnered no new members, we did encounter a few good prospects for the near future.



### Editor Note:

I want to encourage all commissioners to send me a listing of Games where they will be hosting a Grant tent so that our calendar on page 2 can be updated each issue.....and even if you do not have anyone to man the tent in your absence, please send a listing of those as well, in hope that a member in your state might like to volunteer!

We need to have Clan Grant represented in as many Highland Games and Festivals that we can!

**Stand Fast!**



# The White House Washington March 22, 2006



*"I send greetings to all those celebrating Tartan Day. On this day, we honor the proud heritage and many accomplishments of Scottish Americans.*

*Scotland and the United States are intimately linked through deep historical and cultural ties. For generations, the sons and daughters of Scotland have come to America with a spirit of determination and optimism that has helped shape our Nation's character and enriched our history. Many noteworthy Americans of Scottish descent have made significant contributions to our country, including inventor Alexander Graham Bell, pioneer Daniel Boone, revolutionary Patrick Henry, and Presidents Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Ulysses S. Grant. Through hard work, firm values, and strong faith, Scottish Americans have made our country a better place. We are grateful for the role they have played in defending and renewing the ideals we cherish.*

*Laura and I send our best wishes for a memorable Tartan Day."*

*Signed: George W. Bush*



**Willia Grant** and family assisted my wife, **Christine**, and **I** with the clan table and we had a great time visiting with friends. A high point of our time at the Queen Mary was a reunion with **Christine's** best high school friend and maid of honor at our wedding after a hiatus of 25 years. We always kept in touch through Christmas cards and last year we discovered that her husband is a Piper with the Black Watch and has been attending the same games as we have for the last several years. Small world. **Christine and her friend** sat down to catch up on their lives and didn't come up for air until the end of the day!



# Tartan Day Parade - 8 April -New York

Pipers, drummers and Scottish Groups from around the World gathered to take part in New York's annual Tartan Day Parade. The parade marched along 6th Avenue from 44th Street to 58th Street.

## Clan Grant Badges

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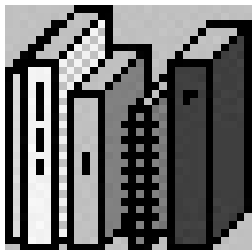
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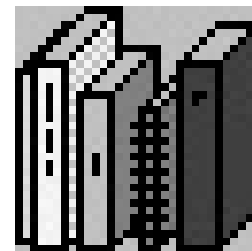
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Make cheque payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY and mail to:  
Jean Grant Wilson  
Membership Secretary  
3815 Millpoint Drive  
Jacksonville FL 32257-8933



## New Highlander Book Due For Publication May 2006



**Editor's Note:** The following letter made it's way to my computer's "inbox" and I thought many of our readers would be interested.

*"By way of introduction, I'm a past Commanding Officer of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada and the former Deputy Director of History & Heritage for the Canadian Armed Forces.*

*I have just completed a two-volume book that should be of interest to some or all of your clan membership who trace their ancestry back to the first Highlanders that came to North America. Entitled Sons of the Mountains: A History of the Highland Regiments in North America during the French & Indian War 1756-67, it will be published next Spring, the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the Black Watch in North America. Numerous Grant officers and soldiers served in all three regiments, many settling in North America after the war. Perhaps two of the best known were Lt Col Francis Grant who commanded the Black Watch and Major James Grant of the 77th Montgomery Highlanders*

*Slainte & Creag Dhub!"*

*Ian Macpherson McCulloch  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer (1993-96)  
The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada  
mcculloch@act.nato.int*

Three proud Highland regiments fought in North America during the Seven Year's War - the 77th Foot (Montgomery's Highlanders), the 78th Foot (Fraser's Highlanders), and the famous Black Watch, more correctly known at the time as the Royal Highland Regiment. Undoubtedly, the exploits of the 42nd, 77th and 78th Highlanders in some of the most bloody and desperate battles on the North American continent were a critical factor in transforming the overall image of Highlanders from Jacobite rebels to Imperial heroes in the latter half of the 18th century. But the everyday story of these regiments - how they trained, worked, played, fought and died from their own point of view - has never been seriously told.

Sons of the Mountains: A History of the Highland regiments in North America during the French & Indian War, 1756-1767, is a two-volume set due to be co-published Spring 2006 by Purple Mountain Press and the Fort Ticonderoga Museum. It chronicles the Highland regiments' fighting performance and experiences from the time they were raised in the Highlands and stepped ashore in North America, to their disbandment in 1763; or, as in the case of the 42nd, reduced in establishment and left on lonely garrison duty in the American wilderness until their recall and return to Ireland in 1767.

Volume One of Sons of the Mountains follows all three regiments on their various campaigns in the different theatres of war. As they range from the wilderness of the Ohio Forks to the wind-swept crags of Signal Hill in Newfoundland, and from the waters of the Great Lakes to the torrid swamps and cane fields of the "Sugar Islands", the reader will be exposed to all the major conflicts and actions of the "Great War for Empire" as seen through the eyes of the Highland soldier.

Cluny, the 27th Hereditary Chief of Clan Macpherson, writes from Blairgowrie, Scotland:

As a direct descendant of a Clansman who was present on the Heights of Carillon and at Fort Ticonderoga in July 1758 I feel that I understand now far better how my forebear and his fellow Highlanders must have felt and lived and fought, and relate much more closely to those "Sons of the Mountains" of long ago. I warmly commend Lt Colonel McCulloch's book to readers across the Atlantic and here in Scotland. He has done a great service to the memory of those who fought and died with these distinguished Regiments.

Volume Two of Sons of the Mountains will appeal to all families of Scottish descent and serious genealogists. It features comprehensive biographical histories of every regimental officer from all the major clans (over 350 entries) who served in North America. For example,

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Alexander Grant\* (1734-1813)  
Ensign: 4 January 1757, 77th Foot;  
Lieut: 15 September 1758, 77th Foot.

Born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, 2nd son of Patrick Grant, the 7th Laird of Glenmoriston and Isobel Grant of Craskie. Brother-in-law to Lt Ewan Cameron, 78th Foot. (see 78th Register).

Served five years with the Royal Navy as a midshipman, but on 4 January 1757 accepted a commission in Montgomery's Highlanders as its senior ensign. He survived Grant's Raid at Fort Duquesne in September 1758 as he was sent back early during the action by Major James Grant to convey the news of the disaster and to request assistance for the survivors. He was promoted lieutenant after the raid "in room of Charles Farquharson" who moved up to the captain-lieutenancy. Amherst placed Grant in command of the Boscawen sloop, 16 guns, on Lake Champlain during the 1759 campaign against Crown Point, and the following year, gave him a command on Lake Ontario for the 1760 campaign. After the war, Grant was one of several 77th officers who decided to remain in North America, taking up a land grant at Grosse Pointe near Detroit and marrying Therese Barthe, (1758-1810) in 1774. In 1776, Grant became Commander of the Provincial Marine on the Great Lakes during the Revolution, though this appointment was reduced to Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan in 1778. He held the appointment until 1812 when he retired with the rank of Commodore. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1786. Grant served on the Land Board of the District of Hesse from 1789 until 1794 and was appointed Lieutenant of Essex County in 1799. As a senior member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Upper Canada, he became Administrator-President for a year upon the death of Lieutenant-Governor Hunter in 1805. A contemporary observer of Grant described him as "a large, stout man, not very polished, but very good tempered, (who) had a great many daughters, all very good looking, all very lively, all very fond of dancing and all very willing to get married as soon as possible." In fact, Grant had 11 daughters and a son with Therese Barthe, his wife of 36 years. He retired as Commodore at the age of 78 but did not long enjoy his retirement, dying on May 8, 1813 at his beloved Castle Grant. Grant is buried in St. John's churchyard, Sandwich, Ontario.

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General Return, 1757; Officers List, 1757; CBs; SBs; BALs; Stewart, Sketches, I-II, in passim; "Alexander Grant", DCB, V, 363-64; Gilkison Family Papers: 1786-1910, AO MS 497; WO 34/44: f.182;

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Also included in the glossaries are regimental muster rolls and land petitions of discharged Highlanders. Marie Fraser editor of Canadian Explorer, newsletter of the Clan Fraser Society of Canada writes:

Besides being compelling Highland history, SOTM is a valuable genealogical resource for all of Scottish heritage. With over 350 officers' biographies, career details and genealogical notes in the annexes, McCulloch has identified the complex ties of kinship, marriage and friendship that bound the most prominent Scottish families of the day together during the Seven Years War between Britain and France fought in North America, known to some as the French & Indian War.

Lavishly illustrated with artwork by Robert Griffing, Steve Noon, Peter Rindisbacher, Gary Zaboly, Charles Stolz and John Buxton, as well as with contemporary prints, maps and portraits from the collections of the Black Watch Museums of Scotland and Canada, the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, the Fort Ligonier Museum, the William L. Clements Library, the National Army Museum, Chelsea, the David M. Stewart Museum, Montreal, the National Archives of Canada and the Library of Congress, Sons of the Mountains is a visual delight.

Without a doubt, Sons of the Mountains is the most complete and informative work on the history of early Highland regiments of the British army in North America to date and will be published in Spring 2006. For further details on pre-ordering and prices, see Purple Mountain Press website at <http://www.catskill.net/purple/order.htm> or write for details at: Purple Mountain Press, Ltd., PO Box 309, Fleischmann's, NY, 12430-0309. Phone: 1-845-254-4062.





# You might be Scotch-Irish if:

Submitted by: Don Grant, Clan Genealogist  
(With apologies to Mr. Foxworthy)



## *Excuse me?*

First off: technically it should be "Scots-Irish" but after 200-plus years in the American vernacular, "Scotch-Irish" has sort of stuck; just as when you go to the package store you'll need to ask for the "Scotch" section, not "Scots Whisky." In any case, an awfully lot of Scots families (tens of thousands of them) who emigrated to America and Canada in the late 17th through 18th centuries had a temporary layover with their most immediate western neighbor. So if you're feverishly checking those Glasgow shipping manifests for your "auld sod" forebear you might also want to consult the vessels leaving from Belfast.

## *So are they from Ireland or Scotland?*

The Scotch-Irish began, as their name suggests, in Scotland. Generally-speaking the Scots of the 16th century lowlands had a hard life. Most were subsistence farmers scraping out a living on small plots and ardent supporters of the Presbyterian church (or Kirk). The traditional clan system was fading in the south of Scotland. As Stewart courtiers became immersed in English culture during their stays in London, many of the feudal lords began to see greater profit potential in livestock instead of their human tenant farmers. The traditional paternalistic role of the clan chieftain eroded under the pressure of the greater financial means required in maintaining grotesque estates in the style of their southern cousins. The existing landed gentry from Scotland and England already awarded lands in Ireland looked for greater influence and protection from their new Scots protestant monarch. Border "Rievers" were a continual thorn in the side of the Northern English populations. The "riding clans" (Armstrong, Elliott, Irvine, Graham, Nixon, Johnson, etc) made their living by pillaging their southern neighbors. With the King of Scotland also the King of England and thence the head of the Anglican church, staunch Presbyterians were asked to defer to the Bishops of the Church of England. Many referred to as "Dissenters," were unwilling to do so.

## *Who'd want to leave a paradise like that?*

In 1607 the flight of the Irish Earls and the final collapse of the native Irish aristocracy gave King James the answer to many of the problems stemming from his native soil. The confiscation of virtually all non-church lands in Counties Tyrone, Armagh, Fermanagh, Donegal, Cavan and Coleraine meant that much of the Province of Ulster was available for disposal by the Crown. The plan was to grant British landlords vast plantations of land, which they in turn would make available to the settling of loyal British citizens, gradually displacing the native Irish inhabitants.

Thousands of Scots from mainly the lowlands but also the western highlands took their King up on his offer. Many of the Rievers also found themselves subject to transportation to the western Province of Connacht (a preferable option to the gibbet). Largely the attempt to replace the natives from the top down failed. The attempt, however, created a displaced and bitter population of native Gaels, forbidden from even working as a laborer on lands they once owned outright. In 1641, this resentment surfaced in a bloody rebellion, costing the lives of an estimated 12,000-protestant men, women and children. The following year, ten thousand Scottish soldiers, many Catholic Highlanders, arrived to quell the Irish rebellion. Many stayed on in Ireland afterwards when Cromwell offered land in lieu of wages to his troops.

A final major influx of Scots into Northern Ireland happened in the 1690s, when tens of thousands of people fled a famine in Scotland to come to Ulster. Also in the 1690s, the Scottish population of Ulster fought another war against the Irish Catholics - the Williamite war in Ireland. Many of these Protestant victories are still commemorated by the protestant Northern Irish today, much to the chagrin of their Catholic neighbors.

## *It was fun while it lasted*

Political unrest, heavy-handed British economic policy, increasing religious oppression by the Anglican Church, continued friction with their Catholic neighbors eventually caused many to seek greater opportunity and freedom in the American colonies (one quarter million emigrating between 1717 and 1770). In 1767 a writer noted that "10,000 people a year go from

the North of Ireland to America" For the period of 1700-1776 Protestants accounted for 1/3 of the population of Ireland but 3/4 of all emigrants, 70% of those were Presbyterian (This is in contrast to the gradual English and Scottish migrations of the preceding centuries, when Cavaliers and adventurers of a higher social status sought the new world to seek their fortunes). Finding the coastline already heavily settled, many of the Scotch-Irish went into the wild "back country" where they frequently were involved in hostilities with the native Americans who were already there. In fact treaties had been signed by the Crown with the Indians prohibiting colonists from encroaching on the lands beyond the western border of those mountains. One of the eventual causes of the American Revolution was this prohibition of expansion into Indian Territory. The Scotch-Irish flooded into the port of Philadelphia initially. Within a generation sons of immigrants migrated in large multi-family groups south along the Great Wagon Road into Virginia and finally the Carolinas. Others settled in northern New England and north-central Nova Scotia. In the 2000 US Census, 4.3 million Americans (more than 2% of the white population in the USA) were knowledgeable enough about their genealogy to claim Scots-Irish ancestry.

Some historians have suggested that the experiences of being a minority surrounded by hostile groups during their sojourn in Ulster prepared and initiated them for life on the colonial frontier.

## *You talking to me?*

They were referred to as "Crackers" by their English neighbors in the new world. A Scots word that meant braggart, liar, or one who was prone to boastful self-aggrandizement. Author, James Webb, in his book *Born Fighting* suggests that the character traits of the Scots Irish, loyalty to kin, mistrust of governmental authority, and military readiness, helped shape the American identity." Many sociologists also regard them as the precursor to the modern redneck. And they most certainly did NOT like being told what they could or could not do. They made up a large portion of the Colonial Militias during the 7 Years War against the French and Native American forces. And in fact, came out heavily in support of Washington in the war for independence, especially harmful to Cornwallis and his officers in their southern campaign in the Carolinas. Known for raw-boned toughness and the multi-generational nurturing of a grudge, many Scotch-Irish saw the American Revolution as a way to even the score. Since that time they've been more than adequately represented in all of America's wars, even the one they fought to divide it. Fierce loyalty to family, home and religion are indeed a hallmark of a group of people who fought so hard and long to decide those questions for themselves.

Many of the leaders of America could and proudly did trace their ancestry to Scotch-Irish origin. Presidents: Andrew Jackson, James Polk, Chester A. Arthur, James Buchanan, Ulysses S. Grant, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton all had Ulster roots. Neil Armstrong, John C. Calhoun, James Coburn, Davy Crockett, Thomas Edison, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, George B. McClellan, Steve McQueen, Robert Mitchum, Audie Murphy, Elvis Presley, Jimmy Stewart, Mark Twain, J.E.B. Stewart and John Wayne also number among notables of Scotch-Irish beginnings.

## *Maybe you are too.*

Some books that might be interesting to the Scotch-Irish researcher are the aforementioned *Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America* by James Webb; *Cracker Culture: Celtic Ways in the Old South* by Grady McWhiney; *Kerby Miller's Emigrants and Exiles: Ireland and the Irish Exodus to North America* and *Journey of Hope: The Story of Irish Immigration to America*; and *Scotch-Irish: A Social History* by James G Leyburn.



Don Grant



## Castle Grant for Sale Again

The current owner has gone bankrupt, as well as landed himself a few times in the local hospital (maybe some sort of a breakdown). It has been reported that he has a very unstable personality, sometimes welcoming people to his property and sometimes chasing them off with a shotgun!

The castle is in foreclosure and will be sold again, but there is a law in Scotland that says people who have declared bankruptcy and have had their homes foreclosed by the banks can live in the home for one year after declaring bankruptcy before they have to leave. Needless to say, because the bank owns the castle now, the castle is going for a song. The last heard, it was selling for 375,000 pounds.

It would be a shame to let the castle slip away from the Clan again! I hope someone from the Clan can buy the place! This is a good time to win the lottery! (Reprint from Clan Grant Australia Newsletter.)



# Black Angus Beef and the Grants

By: Rand Allan, Vice-President

How many of you are aware that the breed of cattle known as the Black Angus owes its existence in large part to Clan Grant? It's true, and here's the story.

The Black Angus herd had its roots in the prehistory of Scotland. In the Aberdeen and Angus regions, there were ancient cave and rock drawings of a hornless breed of cattle. These cattle continued to exist almost unchanged in the region until the mid-1700s, when farmers set about improving the stock. By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, breeders began crossing these early Aberdeenshire and Angus herds with hornless cattle from the Buchan District. By breeding and crossbreeding the herds, and selecting the finest specimens of the cattle for their black color, a uniform dark color and high quality of meat began to take shape in the Aberdeenshire herds. These early Angus herds formed the core of the Black Angus herds ultimately developed by the Grants of Ballindalloch.

These very first herds were likely started by Sir John MacPherson Grant of Ballindalloch, though it wasn't until his son, Sir George, acquired the farm that systematic improvement of the herd began. Sir George drew heavily on the cattle of the Tillyfour herd, a superior herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, to build his original herd. By keeping the original herd in the family for over three generations, the Ballindalloch Grants were able to maintain and improve the purity of the breed, turning it into the most outstanding herd in Scotland.

In the late-1800s, the Grants began to disperse the original herd, furnishing valuable foundation stock to the United States and the rest of the world. In 1873, George Grant transported four Black Angus bulls to the Kansas prairie in the United States. These bulls were bred with Texas longhorn cattle, known for their ability to survive the harsh mid-west winters. The resultant herd of calves was still hornless, but the new crossbreed survived well in the harsh winter of 1873-74 in the Great Plains and actually weighed more the following spring, demonstrating their value to a hungry nation. Over the next ten years, the popularity of the Black Angus grew explosively in the

United States, with thousands of Black Angus cattle exported from Scotland to form new herds. Over the next quarter century, these early owners in turn helped to create other herds by breeding, showing, and selling their registered stock. The Black Angus herd in the United States now numbers in the tens of millions.

The descendants of the original herd of Black Angus still reside at **Ballindalloch Castle in Scotland**, and **Lady Clare MacPherson-Grant Russell, the Laird of Ballindalloch Castle**, proudly maintains her herd as one of the finer examples of the Black Angus breed. The next time you sink your teeth into one of those delicious Black Angus Beef steaks, be sure and remember to thank a Grant after finishing your meal.



## Do You Ken What Ame Sayin'?



Many Scots across the pond will often use a phrase that will leave some Americans with a big question mark over their heads.....that is of course if you didn't grow up surrounded by a family with the endearing brought! For me, a simple word overseas is all it takes to evoke fond memories of my nana and papa. So, when I came upon these phrases posted online on the *Electric Scot*, I thought it would be fun to share:

**"He looks like a half shut knife"** - describing someone who looks depressed.

**"Am Ah right, am Ah wrang"** - literally "Am I right or am I wrong" but usually said in a rhetorical fashion which is really expecting agreement.

**"Punny eccy"** - used by school children to describe a punishment exercise or written piece of work for wrong-doing in class.

**"Hameldaeme"** - at first sight, not a phrase, but pronounce it more slowly and you will see/hear it stands for **"Hame will do me"** - once a popular response to the question "where are you going for your summer holidays?" before half of Scotland went to Spain for their holidays (sorry, "vacation").

**"Mak a kirk or a mill o' it"** - make a kirk/church or a mill of it, or "the choice is yours".

**"Steps and stairs"** - a large family, evenly spaced out, so that when a family photo is taken with the children sequenced by age, they look like a set of stairs.

**"Doon the Dee on a digestive"** - this is the equivalent of "Do you think I came up the River Clyde on a banana boat?" in other words, do you think I'm daft?

**"Auld claes and cauld porritch"** - when you are out of money, particularly after spending a lot on Christmas or a holiday, it's back to basics with "old clothes and cold porridge"

**"Days here and there"** - people who could not afford to go away on their summer holiday/vacation would often have odd days here and there.

**"Dinna droon the miller"** - don't put too much water in the whisky (the miller being the supplier of the grain which went in the whisky).

**"Keep a calm sooch"** - the 'ch' in sooch is pronounced as in 'loch' and the word "sooch" means "wind". So the phrase is used to encourage someone to keep calm or hold their tongue.

**"Away in a dwalm"** - a 'dwalm' is a daydream so someone who is away in a dwalm is certainly not concentrating on the job in hand!

**"He's awa on the ran-dan"** - having a riotous night out on the town.

**"Twa bubbles aff the centre"** - derived from the bubbles on a spirit level, someone who is "twa bubbles aff the centre" is regarded as a bit simple or stupid.

**"He wis fairly gaun his dinger"** - he lost his temper

**"Ahm spewin' feathers"** - I'm very thirsty

**"He's goat mair degrees than a thermometer"** - he's very clever (and has the "varsity" or university degrees to prove it)

**"You're at yer auntie's hoose"** - help yourself and tuck in

**"Whit are ye mollachin aboot"** - why are you wandering about aimlessly? Said to derive in the North-East of Scotland from the mole, the animal whose mole-hills pop up in random places.

**"Haud up yer heid like a thistle"** - hold up your head like a thistle - and be a proud Scot!

**"Ah couldnae care a docken"** - although a docken (a broad-leaved weed) is useful for reducing the effect of stinging nettles, anything which is **"nae worth a docken"** is said to be worthless.

**"It's not worth a tinker's curse"** is another phrase describing something which is of no value.

**"A tongue that would clip clouts"** - literally speech which would leave a cloth in tatters, describes someone who is very abrasive and gives a good account of themselves in an argument.

**"Awa ye go"** - not really telling someone to go away but used to register disbelief.

**"Hale jing bang"** - everything, the whole lot.

**"A fly cup of tea"** - in this case "fly" means illicit or surreptitious. On the other hand, if you are "fly for" someone, you are too wise to be taken in by them. Occasionally, the word reverts to its meaning as an insect as in **"Let that fly stick tae the wa'"** - say no more about a topic.

**"There's aye a something"** - a phrase which is frequently used in the North-East and indicates an acceptance of adversity. Recount a catalogue of disasters and tragedy to someone in that part of Scotland and a response of "There's aye a something" is quite likely.

**"Help ma boob"** - an exclamation of astonishment or exasperation.

**"Losh!"** - an exclamation derived from "Lord!"

**"Michty me"** - another phrase indicating surprise or impatience as in **"Michty me, have ye no' finished that yet?"**

# Scotlands gift: A brave new world

Written by Arthur Henman who is the author of *The Scottish Enlightenment: The Scots' Invention of the Modern World*  
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Sir Walter Scott, that once exalted but now despised figure, said it best. "I am a Scot," he wrote, "and therefore had to fight my way into the world." That fight led the Scots to change our world as no other people in modern times have done. Now Scots face a fight of a different kind: a struggle with their own desires for the future while coming to terms with the legacy they have left. If they flinch at this one, if they ignore or try to forget what Scotland and the Scots have accomplished and given to the world over the last 300 years, then they will not be the only ones poorer for it. The rest of the world will as well.

More than any other society the Scots of the 18th century thought about what they were doing, what was being done to them, and why. This is the whole point of the Scottish Enlightenment: all those great minds engaged in a single great project of explaining what happens when a society becomes part of a global capitalist economy, and how it changes forever.

From 1745 on, Scots proceeded to alter nearly every aspect of Western civilization for the better - from education, theology, and medicine, to law, economics, engineering, and literature. David Hume reshaped modern thought; Adam Smith gave birth to economics, while Adam Ferguson laid the foundations for sociology. James Boswell became the most famous biographer in the English language. James Watt developed the steam engine, Thomas Telford and John Macadam revolutionized communication and transport, and Scottish doctors and teachers turned modern medicine from an amalgam of prejudice and guesswork into a systematic scientific study whose primary focus was the welfare of the patient.

Other nations would play a part in the making of the modern world - the French, the Germans, the Americans, the Russians, the Irish and, yes, even the English - but it was the Scots who drew up the blueprints the rest would follow.

Without the Scots there would have been no American Revolution, no American constitution and no American frontier spirit or myth of the self-made man - an extension on American soil of Scottish Presbyterianism's validation of individual self-worth and a direct cousin of Scotland's own myth of the "lad o' pairs".

Without Scottish liberal politicians, the direct heirs to the Scottish Enlightenment, there probably would not have been a Reform Bill of 1832, just as without Scottish soldiers, missionaries, and statesmen, the British Empire would simply have been an apparatus for exploitation instead of a blueprint for a future Commonwealth and Dominion. Without James McPherson's "translations" of Ossian, there would have been no European Romantic movement; without Sir Walter Scott, no modern novel; without Adam Ferguson's *Essay on the History of Civil Society*, no Karl Marx.

It's an amazing record - but how typical of Scots of today to downplay this history, to turn their own accomplishments into a tea-towel joke with its sardonic but still proud motto, "Wha's Like Us?" Others ask the well-intentioned question: intellectuals and inventors are all very well and good, but what about the poor, the women, the Clearances? Yes, precisely. What about them? What other society would have cared or made sacrifices for those whom the forces of history had left behind? In what other culture could those whom history had cast aside rise up to create a world of their own?

From 1790 until the First World War, perhaps two million Scots left their homeland to make a life in the greater world. They

were men and women who brought their energy, skills, and traditions to recast the planet in the modern mould their predecessors in the Scottish Enlightenment had foretold. They transformed every place they touched, from America and Canada to Australia and South Africa, from the icy shores of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to the rain forests of Ceylon and New Guinea.

They included ordinary Scots as well as middle-class politicians and intellectuals. They worked as dockhands, sea captains, merchants, farmers, soldiers, missionaries, doctors, nurses, and teachers. They left a legacy that endures today: the idea that humanity can tackle its own implacable difficulties and dilemmas, and somehow overcome them. It is the promise of modern life. But it also includes an obligation. For Scots, it was not enough just to fight their way into the world. They also found ways to reshape that world so that those who came after them would not have to fight so much.

So does Scotland have a future as part of Britain? Before answering that question, we need to acknowledge a basic truth. The great dynamic force in British history since 1707 has been Scotland and the Scots. It was only after the Great War that Scots began to realize that they had attached themselves to what was in fact a dying empire. The feeling began to creep in that, having given so much, including their own national identity; they were getting little in return.

The rise of Scottish nationalism that this led to has, on balance, been a good thing. After all, it was Americans who first took to heart the first lesson of the Scottish Enlightenment, that in "the pursuit of happiness" people must not only be free as individuals, but independent as a community. But mastering that lesson also requires a sense of historical perspective, which some Scots, in their rage for Anglophobia, seem to have forgotten.

The philosopher Hannah Arendt once said if we are going to be truly free, we need to think literally about what we are doing. That kind of perspective comes bidden or unbidden, either the result of careful deliberate self-reflection - or it can be thrust upon us by events. This is what has happened to America as a result of 11 September. Everyone, both in the United States and abroad, has noticed the sudden change that has come over Americans. Some are even frightened by it. But it is not the result of American arrogance or the frontier cowboy spirit - a spirit, by the way, passed on to us by Ulster Scottish immigrants in the 18th century. It is the result of moral clarity, which is perspective's final fruit.

Since 11 September, there has been a proliferation of tartans and plaids across America, on scarves, skirts, hats, handbags, and decorations, with even the occasional kilt. This is, the *New York Times* informs us, the result of Americans reaching for "the security of tradition" and the strength of timeless values, which the Scottish plaid signifies and symbolizes.

Tiffany's, the famous jewellery store on Fifth Avenue in New York, has even decorated its Christmas windows with a complete Scottish theme. When my wife and I were in New York last week, we met the man responsible for it, Tiffany's vice-president in charge of visual creative services, Robert Rufino. Rufino is a spare man, impeccably dressed with a ramrod carriage. He is no more a Scot than I am, but for the unveiling of his Scottish windows he wore a kilt and even brought a piper to Fifth Avenue. It was the first time in a very long time that New Yorkers have heard bagpipes being played not for the funeral of another World Trade Centre victim, but to celebrate something - something of beauty and strength.

Rufino reminds me in many ways of the best Scottish virtues: a profound pride in his work, meticulous attention to detail, a no-nonsense efficiency and practical know-how combined with a sense of vision and broad cultural horizons. These virtues are embedded deep in American culture. They are the virtues that make modern society, and modern capitalism, work. They are part of what Scotland has given us as a society and a people.

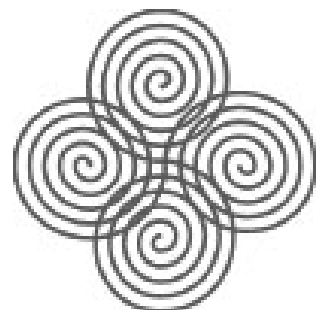
But the contribution of Scotland is not limited to making Americans the star pupils of Adam Smith. That kilt is the crucial clue. Why else has William Wallace become such a cult figure in this country?

At first glance, the myth of "Braveheart" Wallace, medieval warrior and rebel, seems to cancel out the legacy of the Scottish Enlightenment. Sometimes he is even presented that way, as the virile antidote to what the 18th-century Scots called "the refined virtues" of commercial society. But in fact it was those same Scots who understood that a healthy society needs both. The myth of Wallace, like the myth of the Highlander, rebalances the cultural bias of modern progress. The intellectual virtues that drive modernity forward need the support of moral virtues of an earlier time.

Americans can sometimes be unreflective, but in their own way they have come to understand this. And if Americans can, then so can the Scots. For it is the Scots who made that synthesis of the modern and the pre-modern possible. They defeated their own past in 1745 and accepted its stark conclusion: that Scotland must move forward to the future not backwards to the past. But they did not bury that past - they resurrected it, even sentimentalized it in their own modern image - with Scott leading the way.

But by doing that, they did something crucially important - they universalized Scotland's past and made it available to all. That 19th-century image of the brave and intrepid Highlander may have been a fiction - but precisely because it was a fiction it served to balance the self-interested energies of modern progress with an icon of courage, loyalty, and honour. It was an icon, which inspired not just Scots but anyone with imagination - and imagination, as Adam Smith showed, is the basis of modern society itself.

The 19th century Scots taught the world that the past does not have to die or vanish: it can live on and help to nourish posterity - in a nation's memory or even in Tiffany's window. So the Scots have given us not one gift, but two. They remade the modern world and made it better than it had been before. Then they gave us a way to save our sanity in the midst of the mill-race that is modern life.





In November 2005, Rand Alan, VP of Clan Grant, ran into Beth Gay at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA. Beth can usually be sited at any Highland Game or Gathering, promoting "The Family Tree" which is presently an Internet publication of The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, Georgia.

The Family Tree published in print for almost 15 years and it was the largest print genealogical publication in the world and the largest Scottish publication in the world outside Scotland. Today, it furnishes information and articles and photographs to genealogists of most every ethnicity, with a definite "Scottish accent" online.

The Odom Library is archival and genealogical home to almost 130 of the Scottish Clan (family) organizations active today in the United States. The library invites everyone to come to Moultrie and utilize the amazing information housed there. There is information at The Odom Library not to be found at any other library anywhere else in the world - as the Scottish Clan organizations share their genealogical research with the library and its patrons.

Rand thought it important to pass on the information that Beth relayed to him in regard to items that Clan Grant members have been collecting there over the years.

A list of these items is as follows:

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*An T-Ogla Mor*  
*Call Na h-iolair*

## Bringing Back Boars

Wild boars being released back into the Caledonian forests. **Rand Allan, Clan Grant VP**, heard about this project while he was in Scotland. The project is being carried out on the Rothiemurchas Estate. They had discovered that the reason the Scots Pine forests around the Cairgorms started dying out about 300 years ago was that when the last of the wild boars were killed, and the seeds of the pine trees would not germinate unless they were turned into the soil by the rooting that the pigs did as they were looking for food. The Boars have been farm-reared and are not aggressive to humans. They will be allowed to roam near Inverness in an attempt to restore part of the ancient Caledonian pine forest.



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## Grant Guidies

### Scottish Hors Douvres

Reprint from the Electric Scot

Cook 4 potato scones in extra virgin olive oil and dry on paper towel and cut into small triangles. Place triangles on a heated platter and keep warm in oven. Cook haggis slice in extra virgin olive oil and dry on paper towel. Part cook link sausage, slice into thin rounds and finish cooking. Spoon haggis on to triangles. Place sausage onto triangles.

### Scotch Pie

Reprint from The Electric Scot

Large numbers of Scotch Pies are sold in Scotland every day - they are an original "fast food" and are often sold at the half-time interval at football (soccer) matches. The pies are made in special straight-sided moulds, roughly 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter and about 1½ inches (4cm) deep. A pastry lid, inside the pie, covers the meat about ½ inch (1cm) below the rim. This leaves a space at the top of the pie which can be filled, if required - with hot gravy, baked beans, mashed (creamed) potatoes etc. The meat is usually mutton (sometimes of varying quality). Many bakers have their own recipes and add spices to give additional flavour - there is now an annual competition for the best Scotch Pie. The quantities below should make roughly 8/10 pies.

Ingredients for the Meat Filling:

1 pound (500g or two cups) lean lamb, minced (ground)  
 Pinch of mace or nutmeg  
 Salt and pepper

Quarter pint (150ml) gravy

Ingredients for the Hot Water Pastry:

1 pound (500g or four cups) plain flour  
 6 ounces (175g or ¾ cup) lard  
 6 fluid ounces (225ml or ¾ cup) approximately of water  
 Pinch of salt  
 Milk for glazing

You will also need glasses or jars, approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter to shape the pie.

Method:

Create the filling by mixing the minced (ground) lamb, spice and seasoning.

Make the pastry by sifting the flour and salt into a warm bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Melt the lard in a scant measure of water and, when it is bubbling, add to the flour and mix thoroughly. Take a small amount (remember the mixture should make 8/10 pies, with their tops) and form into a ball and keep the rest warm while making each pastry case. This is done by rolling a suitable amount for each pie and shaping the crust round the base of a glass or jar approximately 3-3½ inches (7.5-8.5cm) in diameter. Make sure there are no cracks in the pastry - you can trim round the top of the case to make it even. As the pastry cools and gets cool, remove the glass and continue until you have about a quarter of the pastry left to make the lids.

Fill the cases with the meat and add the gravy to make the meat moist.

Roll the remaining pastry and use the glass to cut the lids. Wet the edges of the lids, place over the meat and press down lightly over the filling. Pinch the edges and trim. Cut a small hole or vent in the centre of the lid (to allow the steam to escape).

Glaze with milk and bake for about 45 minutes at 275F/140C/ Gas mark 1. If the pies are not eaten immediately, they can be stored in the 'fridge but always ensure they are properly reheated before being eaten.



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