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Weaving the Tartan of Tomorrow A Note from our President



*So proudly let our glorious chant,
still echo through Strathspey,
"A Grant! A Grant! A Grant! A Grant!
Stand fast Craigellachie!"*

Dear members and friends of the Clan Grant Society USA,

On behalf of the Board, I write to you today about "our glorious chant," past, present and future.

For background please see the Presidents message in the last Craigellachie.

Since returning from serving in Kosovo, Jimmie and I have felt a new and indelible spirit of appreciation for the democracy which is our home. The United States along with Canada is and always has been a great and God willing enduring experiment.

We are born into freedom, liberty, justice, truth and access.

Yet, most of us rarely, if ever, think about and even less speak of the freedoms we claim to cherish. We have come to let others do the work of protecting and nurturing our freedoms. We let others tell us what they are, and unless our freedoms are taken away or offended by others we seem to simply expect them.

Freedom is precious.

The great North American experiment is to see if people from all over the world, people like you and me, immigrants all, can live together and nurture that freedom.

Freedom comes with a price - responsibility.

The freedoms we enjoy were crafted largely by the first Scots who came here. When challenged we may reminisce and maybe acknowledge that responsibility, but do we live it, do we teach it?

Do we still teach freedom and democracy?

In the United States we don't have to worry daily about if there will be consistent electricity,

potable water, telephone service, the rule of law, democratic institutions, police protection, clean air, street repair, accessible food, health care and education and jobs, faith, trust, and hope. We have all this and we expect nothing less. We expect everything and take all we can get.

In Kosovo, and in much of the world, these freedoms are not available. In these places people also sometimes do not think of these freedoms, and they don't speak of them because, just as we are accustomed to having them, they are accustomed to not having them. They live with filth, crime, and corruption. They live without trust. People trafficking is a fact of daily life, as is air and water pollution, and a lack of food other than cabbage soup and bread.

**So what does this have to do with the Clan Grant Society and with each of us as members?
What does it have to do with "our glorious chant," past, present and future?**

Ask yourself, what is our glorious chant?"

What is the Clan Grant Society USA? Where is the CGS? Who is the CGS? What are the freedoms and responsibilities of the CGS? What do you enjoy about the CGS? What do we expect of CGS?

Do you contribute to "our glorious chant?"

Are you an active member? Do you participate in Clan Grant Society activities? Are you teaching others about Clan Grant? Have you invited friends and neighbors to your home for some Scottish hospitality, or to a Highland games, a Burns Supper, a Scottish music concert, or dance recital?

How did you celebrate National Tartan Day?

In order to flourish the Clan Grant Society needs to create its own democracy. Above all else democracy requires participation.

How will you sing "our glorious chant," past, present and future?

Please send us your email address so we can keep in touch with you through the CGS listserv, Clan_Grant@topica.com. Will you join the CGS listserv?

We need a quartermaster, chaplains, lawyers, web designers, doctors, teachers, counselors, genealogists, drummers and pipers. Could you serve your Clan Society in these roles? Can you help your Clan Society gain 501 c 3 status?

The CGS is an all volunteer organization striving to make a difference. None of us can do all of this, if each of us do some CGS will accomplish so much together. Without you there is no Clan Grant Society.

Will you celebrate freedom?

We hope to hear from you and to see you, and we hope you will participate in "our glorious chant!"

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**"Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu."
Remember those from whom you are descended.**

Wishing each and everyone the very best,
Chris and Jimmie

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U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings



May 19-20

Pomona Highland Games
Pomona, CA
Contact: Rand Allan

June 2

Southern New Hampshire Games
Silver Ranch
Jaffrey, NH
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June 8-9

Greenville Scottish Festival & Games
Furman University
Greenville, SC
Contact: Fred Wood

June 15-17

Taste of Scotland
Downtown
Franklin, SC
Contact: Rev John C. Grant

June 23-24

San Diego Highland Games
Vista, CA
Contact: Rand Allan

July 12-15

Grandfather Mtn Highland Games
MacRae Meadows
Linville, NC
Contact: Helen Furr

Aug 18

Maine Highland Games
Thomas Pt Beach
Brunswick, ME
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Aug 25

Quechee Highland Games
Polo Fields
Quechee, VT
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Sept 21-23

New Hampshire Highland Games
Loon Mountain
Lincoln, NH
Contact: Lysle Grant

Oct 19-21

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Atlanta, GA
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Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson, Membership Secretary



I hope that you are all enjoying a beautiful spring wherever you are....

Some of you have been sending in your dues cheques made out to me but all cheques should be made out to, CGS – US. And, you don't need to send a separate cheque for the Highlander unless you want to for your records...

Please also take a minute to check to see if your label has a RED DOT on it. This signifies that you are in arrears. If you disagree please contact me with dates, etc of when you sent your renewal so that we can correct the situation!

Welcome to the new members for the 1st Qtr of 2007:

- Margaret Whiteker....Mesa AZ
- Theodore & Michele Lockwood...Olathe KS
- David K Grant...Montgomery AL
- Kathleen Poritz...Burlington WI
- Richard & Adele Grant...Camano Island WA
- Francine Patton...Yorba Linda CA
- Kevin & Vickie Grant...Middleburg FL
- John C Allen...Walkertown NC

We hope you will enjoy being part of the family Grant.....Please contact your area commissioner or me if you have any questions or if we can be of some help to you in any way! And don't forget to ask to be added to our listserve on Topica. That way you will be kept in the loop of things Grant.

As some of you already know I have been helping our Genealogist, Don Grant in Atlanta, by keying in all the genealogy info that has been sent in over the years. It is so exciting to tell you that to date, we have 11,416 records on file!

I have a request to make though..... If you have sent in your genealogy, PLEASE email or write me so that I can check to make sure that you are indeed in the genealogy database. This is just a cross check of info.

I am just waiting for these last new members (and a few others) to send in theirs and then I will forward the CD to Don. Remember, it doesn't need to be an elaborate family tree, just start with you, your spouse and children and go back down the Grant line as far as you can remember. Dates of marriages, births and deaths must be included so that connections can be made. Who knows, you may connect with someone you didn't even know existed!

Also, if you have an interest in Genealogy and would like to assist Don, please contact him or one of the Board members and offer your help. Contact info can be found on the page to the left.

Until next issue, remember that, membership does matter!



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 _____

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Grants Games



Above: CGS VP, Rand Allan and new member Francine Patton
To left: Christine Allan, Willa Grant, her daughter and friend

Clan Grant at the Queen Mary Games

By: Rand Allan, Vice President CGS

On February 17th & 18th, Clan Grant was in attendance at the Queen Mary Games at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. We had quite a few members and family come by to visit: our daughter and her husband, our niece and her friend, Willa Grant and her family, Steve & Aina Grant, Joseph Carnes, and new member, Francine Patton, whose mother was a Pratt. Francine was presented with her first piece of Clan Grant attire, namely, a sprig of Scots Pine to wear on her blouse. The Scots Pine is the plant badge of Clan Grant, and it was used to identify members of the clan to each other in the days before we started wearing the traditional belt and buckle badge. It was quite crowded and noisy at the Games (you try fitting a few thousand people into the bowels of a retired luxury liner), and a cruise ship spent the day moored next to the Queen Mary while its passengers enjoyed the Highland Games. A typical Scottish weekend with one big, happy family.

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

By CGS tent host, Keith Mewes

On Saturday, January 20, 2007, I arrived bright and early at the Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, Florida to set up the Clan Grant Tent for the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games.

The day was beautiful and the crowds began to arrive. The event attracted some 20,000 people who were entertained the whole day by the varied activities the Games offered.

You could spend time watching the contests of the athletes. These games included hurling the hammer, flipping the caber and tossing the sheaf. You might wander over to watch the Border Collies herd the sheep and ducks. The bands are playing, pipers piping, drummers drumming, dancers dancing and the medieval knights are jousting and fighting.

The honored band is the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band from Vancouver, B.C. Other music is provided by the bands Enter the Hagis, The Tinkers Dam, Glengarry Bhoys, The Wyndbreakers, Black Rose, The Angels Shave, Keltic Fire and Juniper Trio. Eric Duncan is on hand to sing some great old Scottish tunes.

The Clan tents, children's games, vendors and food tents were kept busy the whole day long. Many people stopped by to look at the display of Scottish memorabilia and to sign the Clan Grant Guest Register.

A great day was had by all!

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Museum Celebrates

Tartan Day

By: Cathy Marshall James

The Tartans Museum and Heritage Center in Franklin, North Carolina served a Scottish Lunch on April 6th, the anniversary of the "Treaty of Arbroath" signed in 1320. Guests were visitors to the Museum from a number of Southern States and Ohio and the 25 businesses along Main Street who support the Museum during their street festival, "Taste of Scotland," during Father's Day Weekend each year.

Members of the Friends of the Scottish Museum served Scotch Broth, haggis tea sandwiches, shortbread, scones with homemade preserves, Imperial biscuits and hot tea. Piper Jean Hays from Clan Hay performed a piping concert, and the Museum offered tours free of charge.

Tartan Day became a National Holiday, on which Americans can honor the commercial and idealistic concepts brought to the United States during the Colonial Period. April 6 was selected to commemorate the signing of the "Treaty of Arbroath" at Arbroath Abbey by the lords and chieftains of Scotland during the fourteenth century, announcing Independence from England. It was sent to the Pope who then declared Scotland an independent country. Many of the unique points made in the Treaty were written into our Constitution by the Founding Fathers, the majority of whom were educated either in Scotland or by Scottish-born scholars.

National Tartan Day was passed by the Senate in 1999 and by the House of Representatives in 2005.



12th Annual NE FL Scottish Highland Games & Festival Feb. 24th 2007

Above: Three generations of Grants at the FL games: CGS Membership Secretary, Jean Grant Wilson, granddaughters, Rebecca and Tessa, daughter Holly (your editor) and other daughter Lorri Newbill is seated

Below: Edmund & Marie Grant attend the Ceilidh the night before the FL Games, along with Holly and Jeniphr Grant

Below: Treasurer CGS, Jeniphr Grant, and Jean Wilson's granddaughters, Becky & Tessa, carry the flags in the parade.



Get A Taste of Scotland

By: Cathy Marshall James

We are making our last minute plans now for our 11th Annual Taste of Scotland here in Franklin, NC. It is a free, downtown festival filled with music, dancing, great food, lectures and more, June 15-17th! Many vendors plan to be there. We normally have little clan booth participation, but the clan representation in the parade downtown is usually tremendous! John C. Grant is planning to be there "on the square" with the clan booth however, so we should have a grand, Grant time!! John is a very active member of the Friends as well. And, the Museum is just 1/2 a block away from town square and right across the street from where the children's games, border collies and lectures will be. Our hours and entertainment venues have been extended this year. So, we hope you all can come spend a WONDERFUL Father's Day Weekend in the mountains of Western NC with us! Tickets for the Friday night Ceilidh at the Big Bear shelter are available by calling the Museum. Here's a link to the tentative activities from the Scottish Tartans Museum website! Hope to see you all there!

<http://www.scottishtartans.org/tasteofscotland.html>

America and Scotland: peoples linked from the start

By: Will Springer

Reprint from Scotsman.com

IT'S TIME for Scotland to swagger like its American cousins. Many of us look up to the United States as the icon of democracy and everything cool and creative. But were it not for Scotland and the hundreds of thousands of its people who planted their feet on its soil, America would have been a much different place – a country craving character.

Scotland was more than a pinch of salt when America was being kneaded into a nation – many of the main ingredients were derived from the Saltire State. Young and old, man and woman, Scots came to the New World in search of greater freedom and opportunity. They brought with them not only hope and desire, but brains and leadership. They were a philanthropist and a naturalist. They were leaders in military and political arenas. They put their name to the Declaration of Independence, they pursued religious freedoms, they shared cultural traditions and brought ideas and innovation to bear.

Woodrow Wilson, America's 28th president and son of a Scottish Presbyterian minister, said it best of his native people: "Every line of strength in American history is a line coloured with Scottish blood." An exaggeration? Perhaps, but not by much. Wilson is one of 23 US presidents with Scottish extraction. Nearly half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence – including Princeton University founder John Witherspoon and Supreme Court associate justice James Wilson – were of Scottish descent. The governors in nine of the original 13 colonies were of Scottish ancestry. From the start America may have been wrapped in the cloth of red, white and blue, but its inner lining was tartan.

From the archive:

The first Scottish president in America was James Monroe, the great-grandson of a Scots Covenanter who had arrived in the US in chains. Monroe threw the Spanish out of Florida and established the Monroe Doctrine that excluded European powers from the Americas.

In 1927, the head of the American consulate to Scotland addressed members of the Rotary Club in Edinburgh. In his speech, Wilbert Bonney paid tribute to the untold number of Scots immigrants who made contributions to America's development. Bonney's list of heroes and heroines went on and on.

Flora MacDonald, best known for protecting Bonnie Prince Charlie from bounty-hunters after the failed Jacobite Rising, lived in North Carolina for ten years with husband Alexander. She, like many of her fellow Scots, saw the opportunity "to begin the world again, anew, in a new corner of it."

Among the many others to make significant contributions in the States were John Muir, creator of the National Parks Service; John Paul Jones, founder of the US Navy; and Alexander Hamilton, a trusted friend of George Washington and Treasury secretary.

The person with Scottish heritage who arguably made the greatest contribution to America was Andrew Carnegie. Making his fortune in steel, the Fife-born Carnegie retired as the world's richest man before proceeding to become the world's greatest philanthropist. Adopting the motto "the man who dies rich dies disgraced", he left an indelible mark on a young nation through his generous contributions to foundations, trusts and charities. In his 1889 book *The Gospel of Wealth*, Carnegie wrote of his belief in philanthropy and asserted that that all personal wealth beyond that required to supply the needs of one's family should be regarded as a trust fund to be administered for the benefit of the community. He enthusiastically set about his philanthropic endeavours, providing money for over 2,500 libraries throughout the English-speaking world and more than 7,600 pipe organs for churches. He established a variety of trust funds and foundations that still operate to this day. By the time of his death in 1919 he had given away \$350 million to good causes.

And these are only some of the names and some of their accomplishments. It would require thousands of words more to convey the impact made by others of Scots descent, whose theories and theorems, decisions and designs helped mould America into what it is today.



The Legacy of Ludovic Grant



A non-fiction biography about Ludovic Grant, Gent, born near Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1688. As a Jacobite warrior in 1715, he was captured along with 1,500 other Scotch Highlanders at Preston, England, and imprisoned at Chester Castle for six months. His trial resulted in banishment to Charles Town, SC in 1716. After serving as an indentured servant for seven years, he became a licensed trader with the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee and married a full-blood Cherokee woman. His letters to Gov. Glenn of South Carolina from 1751 to 1756 preserved in South Carolina archives served to alert colonial authorities of affairs in the Cherokee nation and French aggression in the colonies. As the ancestor of thousands of mixed-blood Cherokees, his legacy has continued to this day throughout the Cherokee Nation and America. Through his marriage and marriages of his three mixed-blood granddaughters to English and Scotch colonists his legacy has resulted in a heritage to those who trace their roots to a man who left his country for a new life in America three hundred years ago.

About the Author

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If you are interested in this book it should be available about June 4th of this year. You can order direct from Author House (888) 280-7715 or at www.authorhouse.com.



Flowers of the Forest



No Flowers of the Forest to Report

"Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu." Remember those from whom you are descended.



Notes from the Editor

Holly Grant Wilson Floyd

Spring sprung up pretty quickly for me this year as I scrambled to meet deadlines to get this issue out to you folks!

I have been very excited with the members that have sent things in to be included and also about the chatter within the clan on Topica with suggestions, plans, comments and concerns!

Getting feedback is not always positive however it proved to me that our newsletter is read and that is a good thing! So I must begin by stating a correction to the "Special Thanks" printed in the last issue to James E. Grant and his wife Barbara for sending photos from when they visited from Canada. The photos were of Stone Mountain not Grandfather Mountain! I could have said I was just trying to keep the clan on their toes *smile

Lots of Games, Festivals and Events are coming up this quarter so please send me your thoughts, photos or whatever. I would also like to run a family memiore in the near future so help me out if you can.

And speaking of family, I am happy to announce that one of my dear relatives, Hamish Grant, received our DNA results this past month. We are now part of the Clan Grant project and the genealogist in me is trying to be patient as we wait for matches.

Part of the clan chatter that I was referring to above is in regard to the Commissioner Handbook that has been missing in action since first being introduced at the Stone Mountain AGM. Board members are proofing it now so it will be a wonderful tool for our Commissioners around the country. Stay tuned.

Another bit of news is that with our fast growing Grant database, our Clan Genealogist is going to need an assistant to help with keeping the integrity of the data. What a great asset this will be to our new members and others within the clan!

In closing, I want to remind you that the officers, board members and commissioners' contact info is on page 2 of every issue, so if there are any questions, comments, concerns or you just want to volunteer for something let someone know!

Leis Gach Deagh Dhùrachd // With Kind Regards,
Holly

Dear C.G.S.~ USA

Did you know that this year is the most auspicious 250th anniversary of the Saint Andrews Society of the State of New York?



Please take a minute to read this and think about the Clan Grant Society USA.

The Saint Andrews Society of the State of New York's primary purpose is for "...the relief of natives of Scotland and their descendants who may be in want or distress...". To this day the Society continues this laudable tradition by giving emergency aid and stipendiary assistance to needy Scots and their descendants.

Over the years this mission has evolved and expanded to include many activities. Some of these include:

The Scholarship Program

In recognition of the benefits of higher education, the Society provides significant funding for two Scottish graduate students to study in the United States and two Scottish-American students to study in Scotland. Initiated by the Society at its 200th anniversary, in the past fifty years the program has consistently attracted the top students from the most competitive institutions of learning

The Almoners Program

The Society continues, after quarter of a millennium, to provide monthly allowances to Scots in need, who are infirm, or have pressing pecuniary requirements. The Almoners Committee of the Board of Managers urges the membership to refer eligible candidates for assistance.

The Cemetery Program

The Society maintains a large plot at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn and provides all funeral costs and a final resting place for clients and members in need.

Recent Efforts of the Society

Efforts include significant grants to outstanding charitable and cultural organizations in Scotland and the United States including:

- The Museum of Scotland to assist in its recent expansion.
- New York City Parks Department to refurbish and endow the statues of Sir Walter Scott and Robert Burns at the Literary Walk in Central Park.
- A joint effort with other Saint Andrew's societies to commission and recreate the ceremonial Collar for the Lord Lion which had gone missing for many years.
- The Society supports the efforts of the New York Tartan Day Committee to perpetuate the Tartan Day Parade in New York every April.
- The society has provided support to the British Memorial Garden Trust at Hanover Square.

These are admirable and most exemplary purposes.

However, the Saint Andrews Society of the State of New York also appears to be 250 years young as it has emerged in this momentous year as engaging its members and families in so many new and traditional activities. See the website at <http://www.standrewsny.org/>.

Clan Grant can also be more than a historical society. CGS can be a *living society* whose members see themselves and each other as an extended family, kin who together keep our heritage alive through participation and communication in the many gatherings and events around the country.

BUT we can only do this if we communicate. We have to share our interests, ideas, concerns, problems, dreams, sorrows, questions, advice, jokes, and just plain fun. There has to be conversation, discussion, we have to talk to each other.

I invite you to use the CGS listserv. We can keep in touch with each other, share stories and have useful discussion, please. Contact our membership secretary, Jean Grant Wilson.

Please ask each member, new and old to give us their email address, join the CGS listserv, use it and encourage every member to do the same.

WILL YOU HELP?

"Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu."* Remember those from whom you are descended.

STAND FAST in your work, with your family and your home.

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1509 - 2009 Let's Help Reforest Dundreggan

by Adrian Grant, CGS-UK Treasurer



One of the more well known bits of Grant history is that in 1509 King James IV gave Glenmoriston and Glenurquhart to John "Bard Roy" Grant. While Glenurquhart devolved upon John's third son, also John, founder of the Grants of Corriemony and Sheuglie, Glenmoriston became the fiefdom of the powerful Grant of Glenmoriston, descendants of Bard Roy's eldest (illegitimate) son John Mor. So the year 2009 will mark the quinqucentenary of

the Grants' acquisition of this area.

In recent times even the last vestiges of the Glenmoriston estate have been disposed of, but even before that time, estates within the estate had been sold. One such was Dundreggan.

Since the mid 1800's Dundreggan had been run as a traditional sporting estate. The main attraction at Dundreggan was the old Dundreggan Lodge. It was an impressive structure; typical of its time, complete with 23 bedrooms, 3 public rooms and adjoining stables. It had all the usual refinements, including a country garden growing fruit, vegetables and herbs. It even had a large croquet lawn, part of which is still visible today.

Shortly after returning from action in the Second World War, a local man, Donnie Campbell, took over the farm tenancy of Dundreggan Lower Ground from his parents who stayed in Dundreggan Cottage. A short while later he had the opportunity to buy the farm at Dundreggan, which included The Old Lodge, whilst Glenmoriston Estate retained ownership of the hill ground. By this time (the late 1960's) Dundreggan Lodge had fallen in to such a state of disrepair that it had to be demolished. Donnie built the present keeper's house on the site of the old Lodge and Donnie's sister Alice continued to live in the cottage. In 1969, Donnie and Alma sold a small corner of a field on the west side of the original lodge to a family from Aberdeenshire, who built a house there. It is this house that is now referred to as Dundreggan

Lodge.

Mr & Mrs Campbell worked the farm until the late 1970's when Donnie sold it, because of ill health. Over the next few years the Italian businessman who had bought the farm purchased Dundreggan Hill Ground from Glenmoriston Estate and also the new Lodge house when it came up for sale. Dundreggan Land was then set up as a company in Liechtenstein. The owner enjoyed his sporting pursuits at Dundreggan until 1991, when he sold the estate to the Amos family, also from Italy. They changed the company name to Dundreggan Estate Ltd.,

but it was still registered in Liechtenstein.

In the mid 1990's the upper Dalchreichart Hill Ground was acquired, and in 2001 the Dalchreichart Plantation was purchased, thus bringing together an area of approximately 10,000 acres. It is

this expanse of land that is now called Dundreggan Estate.

This estate is currently being purchased by a Charity called "Trees for Life" based in Findhorn - for full details see their website at <http://www.treesforlife.org.uk>

All the money is now in place for the purchase to go through and then their plan is to restore the whole area to ancient Caledonain Forest. But of course they need funds to do this.

Global Warming and Carbon Offset in high profile at the moment, so this is a particularly good time to be helping to restore such a woodland. In this case the plan is that the trees will NEVER be cut down - so the carbon sequestration will be permanent. Not only that but restoring the forest to its natural state will maximize the opportunity for re-establishing biodiversity - the most number of different species of plant and animal.

This happy coincidence means that this is an ideal time for you to help set the world to rights!

Wouldn't it be great to see a large Clan Grant Society grove (or groves) planted in 2009 to celebrate our quinqucentary? The trees would be in place for anyone coming to the International Gathering in 2010 to visit "our" trees. As the Website shows each tree costs just £5. So if members wish to send the money to the Clan Grant Society it can be held in trust, separately identified - to mount up for onward transmission in January 2009.

Dear Clan Grant Society-US

I very much hope that CGS-US would also take the view that this is a worthwhile project and that you might like to make a parallel appeal amongst your members.

By now you will be aware of the huge difficulties the banks place in the way of international money transfers, so the best thing to do would be for you to collect your own money separately (and I think it can even be transferred to Trees for Life directly by credit card). In the end we could decide together whether we should have just one grove or two (contiguous?). Perhaps the Canadians and the Ozzies may want to join in also...

Best wishes

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Castle Grant, Badenoch and Strathspey

Reprint from the Electric Scot

A Nottinghamshire land-owner named Le Grand obtained land in Strathspey in the 13th century, founding the powerful clan which spread over Strathspey and the Grampian mountains into Aberdeenshire. The Grants supported Robert the Bruce in the 14th century and John and Randolph de Grant were captured at the Battle of Dunbar in 1296. Around the time when they were released, the family obtained lands at Glenmoriston and Glen Urquhart, which is still in the clan ownership.

The first authenticated chief of the Highland clan was Sir Ian Grant who was Sheriff of Inverness in 1434. In 1493 the Grant lands became the barony of Freuchie and Sir James Grant built a castle there in 1536. Originally called Castle Freuchie it was renamed Castle Grant at the end of the 17th century. The original Z-plan tower house was enlarged considerably in 1750 and later, creating the projecting lower wings and paved courtyard.

Like most clans, the Grants had occasional feuds with their neighbours and they joined the Campbells against the Gordons of Huntly in 1594. The Grants were loyal to the crown in the Civil War in the mid-17th century and joined the Marquis of Montrose on his campaign after the Battle of Inverlochy. Grants also gave shelter to the MacGregors during the persecution of that clan as there had been a long history of alliance between the two. Later, the Laird of Grant supported William and Mary and their government and did not get involved in the Jacobite Uprisings of 1715 and 1745 although the Grants of Glenmoriston and others in the clan supported the Stewarts. In 1766 Sir James Grant established Granttown-on-Spey, building mills and factories there.

Robert Burns visited Castle Grant in 1787. The Grants were elevated to the title of Earls of Seafield in 1811.

In the 19th century the 27th chief of Clan Grant had a serious dispute with his brothers and the estates were split up, the Seafield Earldom was lost to the chief of the clan but the line continued with the title Lord Strathspey of Strathspey.



Duthil Update



By: Judy Lewis, Secretary of the Duthil Trust
Clan Grant Centre Trust Ltd

Wearing my other hat as Secretary of the Trust, I thought that you all might like an update on the work taking place at the Centre.

Just to recap briefly, you will remember that Sir Archie after quite a tussle with the planning department, managed to secure permission for work to go ahead at the kirk.

The first job was to remove the rostrum – easier said than done – solid concrete. It took three men a week, as every bit of spoil had to be wheel barrowed out to the gate and transported to the landfill site at Aviemore.

After that the opening for the new door was made – actually we are only replacing the original door, although some people find this difficult to believe but there is photographic evidence. This took a long while as well as repeating the process with the wheelbarrows. The next step was to replace the floorboards where the rostrum had been- and not off the shelf of course.

Finally we had to locate a joiner good enough to make a replica door to the one at the front – this took a lot longer than anticipated. But the wait was worth it – the chap finally chosen is a real craftsman and the doors are superb, matching the front in every way.

So that's the update, but funds are short and very soon we hope to start fundraising, so is there anyone out there with fundraising experience of this kind, please come forward –help!

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