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Weaving the Tartan of Tomorrow A Note from our President



Dear members and friends of the Clan Grant Society USA,

On behalf of the Board, I write to you on Labor Day to continue "our glorious chant," **past, present and future.**

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the end of summer and the beginning of autumn.

I have said often and publicly how valuable your relationship with the CGS is to all of us. Family and friends are so important in life. And in the life of our clan you are the heartbeat of our continuing history. You are an extraordinary group and we are so lucky to have you as members of the CGS. Thank you.

We were delighted to hear from Helen Grant Schmidt of Iowa about her great state joining our CGS Upper Mid West Region. We are all delighted and thanks for writing to us Helen. We look forward to news from you about the Grants of Iowa!

A wee bit of news from the home front, after six months working in Massachusetts while my wife, Jimmie, has been at our home in beautiful Asheville, NC we decided, not surprisingly, that we prefer an up close and personal relationship to a long distance one. We hope to continue some of the international work with young people we enjoy doing so much together and just being together.

As you may recall Jimmie and I had just returned at Christmas from serving together in Kosovo. We had been renting our 100 year old home in an historic neighborhood here for 10 years and it needed some repairs and updating. I spent a week home at the beginning of August and knew it was time to be here. You might know, Lady Jimmie has a honey do list for me as long as your arm. So we are at home in Asheville in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina.

Carolina Scots have deep roots. North Carolina is full of Scottish American history. It was to North Carolina that Flora MacDonald was sent from her beloved Skye when the English captured her for aiding Bonnie Prince Charlie following Culloden.

Carolina Scots are an active bunch as well. Among the places for Scots to visit in NC are Montreat with its Montreat Scottish Society – <http://www.montreatscottish.org/>.

The Flora Macdonald Legacy Foundation on the Flora Macdonald Campus in Red Springs, NC with its Second Annual Flora Macdonald Ball on Saturday, October 6, 2007 - www.floramacdonaldball.com.

The Mountain Heritage Center at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC hosts the permanent display of the Migration of Scotch Irish People - <http://www.wcu.edu/2397.asp>.

The 53rd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held July 10-13, 2008 at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC - <http://www.gmhg.org/>.

The Center for Appalachian Studies at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC (not far from Linville) offers a new Master of Arts degree in Appalachian Studies concentration Appalachian Music: Roots and Influences which is sure to include some of our music - <http://www.appstudies.appstate.edu/>.

The Tartan Museum in Franklin, NC was formed in 1963 by the Scottish Tartan Society in Scotland "to study the origins history and development of tartans" and keep alive its heritage - <http://www.scottishtartans.org/>.

The North Carolina Scottish Heritage Society was established in 1992 as a non-profit incorporated organization to promote the study, research and publication of materials concerning the ancestry and heritage of the Highland Scots who emigrated to North and South Carolina during the colonial period and immediately afterwards, their lives and migrations within the United States, and their descendants - <http://www.theargyllcolonyplus.org/>.

What about your state or region, what are the Scottish elements of life where you live? Write and tell us about it!

And while we're at it, what do you all know about this lady in the photo to the right, Dr. Isabel Frances Grant? Dr. Grant was the Founder of the Highland Folk Museum <http://www.highlandfolk.museum/>. While not in NC, the "museum was founded by a Grant and it is situated within the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park on two sites: one in Kingussie; the other two and a half miles away (4 Km) at Newtonmore. Kingussie, opened in 1944, is the spiritual home of the Highland Folk Museum. Here visitors may see parts of the core collections as well as the 'Blackhouse', Britain's oldest re-created building. Newtonmore, opened in 1995, is a mile long living history site that includes re-constructed buildings, a 1700s 'Township', a 1940 working farm, live interpretation and a range of visitor facilities. The aims of the Museum include preserving and recording aspects of Highland life from the 1700s onwards, as well as interpreting the people's lives through interactive living history and activities.

Dr. Grant was born in Edinburgh on July 21, 1887. Well versed in Scottish history and Highland folk culture, Grant wrote her first book "Everyday Life of an Old Highland Farm" (Longmans, London,) in 1924, based upon the eighteenth century account books of a distant ancestor, William Mackintosh of Balnespick, near Kingussie" - <http://www.highlandfolk.museum/kingussie-founder.php>

And so who are some of the members of your family, **Allans, Bissets, Bowies, Gilroys, Pratts, Sutties, Grants and others** who are important for us to remember here in the US, in Canada, Australia, and in Scotland? Are some writers, painters, physicians, nurses, teachers, scientists, engineers, explorers, athletes, musicians, dancers, environmentalists, service men and women, veterans, diplomats, politicians, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives,

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U.S. Highland Games & Gatherings



Sept 1-2

Capital District Scottish Games
Altamont, NY
www.scotgames.com

Sept 21-23

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

Oct 19-21

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Atlanta, GA
Contact: C. David Grant

Editor's Note: This will also be an official Board Meeting so make plans today!



To have your upcoming events included in this calendar email:

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Note to Commissioners: please send in what Games you will be attending so that they can be in our Calendar

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Septs of Clan Grant

Reprinted from the UK Clan Grant Society Website

A Sept is much like a subdivision of a Clan -

but needs to be distinguished from a "cadet".

Cadet lines have been established when younger sons of Chiefs or Chieftains who remained in Grant territory, continued their allegiance to the Chief and became important landholders and bulwarks against intrusion from outside. Thus the Chieftains of Glenmoriston are cadets - stemming directly from the line of chiefs. The Grants of Sheuglie were cadets of the Grants of Corriemony - themselves cadets of the Chief.

"Septs", however do not carry the Grant name. In Strathspey the overwhelming majority of ordinary peasant clansmen took the name Grant from 1483, but substantial Grant lands were added after this date (Glenurquhart, Rothiemurchus, much of Abernethy etc.) and in those cases many of the peasants "acquired" already had their own surname. [For example Glenmoriston already had numbers of MacDonalds before it came to the Grants in 1509.] In some cases these names will have been changed to Grant, but in many other cases the existing surname was adhered to. Moreover the population was by no means as static as many people may suppose - so there was a not infrequent influx to Grant territory - even Strathspey - of people with other surnames who would, nevertheless, be required to owe their allegiance etc. to the Chief of Grant. Thus many MacGregors - whose name was proscribed and who were exiled from their lands - came to Strathspey and many of them took the name Grant (some others chose eg "MacAlpin(e)"). The so-called "Trochie Grants" are believed to have been Farquharsons. On the other hand many Stewarts in Strathspey may owe their name to the time when a Stewart was lord of Kincardine etc.

In recent times attempts have been made to codify all this and some "names" have come to be claimed as especially associated with Grant. These have included: Allan, Allen, Bisset(t), Bowie, Buie, Gilroy, MacAllan, M(a)cgilroy, M(a)cllroy, M(a)ckerran, M(a)ckiaran, M(a)ckessock, Pratt and Suttie.

Some of these associations have an explanation which is known. But such an arbitrary list is not true on two counts: (i) it excludes many people carrying different surnames who nevertheless have been resident in Grant territory, often for hundreds of years and (ii) by no means everyone bearing these names have any connection whatsoever with the Clan Grant.

So this list is unreliable and should not be used as a guide.

Membership of the Clan Grant Society is open, of course, to all those with an interest in the Clan and applications are particularly welcomed from those who are not Grants but do have a historical connection in the ways outlined above.

To attempt to remedy this obvious mess, Lord Strathspey issued the following announcement in 2005 (printed in Standfast, Summer 2005).

The Issue of Septs- an announcement from Lord Strathspey The question of "Septs" has been a vexed one for a long time. What do we think that a "sept" actually is? What is the nature of its connection to the "parent" clan?

A few years ago George Way and Romilly Squire had to face these questions head-on when they wrote and edited the "Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia": they chose a minimalist course: a name would only be recognised as a "sept" of another name if there was good positive evidence

for it. Tradition, romanticism and wishful thinking would not be enough. Recent researches into Grant Clan history have confirmed the wisdom of the view these experts took and the recently instituted Clan Grant DNA project (and others) is adding further grist to the mill.



On the other hand we have the natural instinct, to be "inclusive" - not to turn anyone away who wishes to associate - and this seems particularly true over the pond in the Americas. Their experience is further complicated by other factors: (a) there has been a confusion between Scottish and Irish traditions and practices including, in some cases, situations where real Irish associations have been believed to be Scottish; (b) in some places, the clan surname was so prevalent that people used alternatives to identify themselves and each other. Thus we may refer to "Glenmoriston" knowing full well that his surname is Grant. But others hearing us might not know this and so may assume that is his surname.

Let us be clear that there is no name apart from Grant that can be wholly, uniquely and confidently associated only with the Grants. To this extent there are no septs *per se* at all - so there cannot be a list, however small of "Sept names" and no-one with a name other than Grant can claim an association with the Grants by virtue of their name alone.

(a) On the other hand it is true that there have always been a significant number of people living in Grant territory and owing their allegiance to the Chief of Grant who nevertheless did not bear the name Grant. All these people and their descendants, irrespective of the name they bear, can lay claim to this association if they can prove it.

(b) In principle there is no restriction on who can be a member of any clan. In recent times both **George Way** and **Romilly Squire** - neither particularly Scottish by ancestry - chose (as it happens) to become members of the Clan MacMillan. Of course this was only possible with the agreement of the Chief of Macmillan. It was accomplished by the signing of a Bond of Mutual **A s s i s t a n c e**.

(c) None of this has any bearing at all on membership of the **Clan Grant Societies**.

Lord Strathspey has decided that the best interests of the Clan are served most effectively by facilitating the regularising of the position of people who thought they were "sept" members through the use of such bonds. The bond is between the individual and the chief - so it lasts as long as they both live, unless officially abrogated for good reason. Such has been the interest shown by those to whom the idea has been floated informally that bonds will be made available also (i) for those with no historic connection, but who wish to become members of the clan and (ii) to those Grants who wish to have their membership of the clan overtly endorsed in this way. In olden times the specifics of the Bonds could be quite onerous. On the one hand the chief provided such Social Security / Welfare as there was. On the other hand the

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Grant News



Shirley Grant Smith and Adrian Grant

A Meeting With Adrian Grant

Submitted by Phil Smith, Secretary CGS

Adrian Grant of the Clan Grant Society - U.K. is well known to some American members of Clan Grant - USA through his writings and research. An early retirement from secondary school teaching allows him ample time to trace the origins of Clan Grant and associated topics. Shirley Grant-Smith and husband Dr. Phil Smith had a long and interesting meeting with Adrian in Crieff, Scotland, while they attended the Annual General Meeting of The Scottish Tartans Authority this past May.

The meeting was the outcome of some email correspondence between Adrian and Phil. When Phil mentioned that he and Shirley would be in Crieff, Adrian pointed out that he lived not far from there. A "High Tea" was arranged at the Crieff Hydro Hotel for Saturday afternoon following The Tartans Authority meeting. The "Tea" turned in to a long and interesting conversation culminating in an even more interesting dinner.

Adrian is an outstanding scholar and a gifted conversationalist. Topics ranged from projected plans for Duthil Kirk, the succession to the chieftainship following the death in combat of the Earl of Seafield in 1915, to Adrian's thesis that the chiefs of Clan Grant were originally of Scandinavian origin. This was well researched and quite scholarly even if a less accepted theory. Adrian presents it well and in a quite convincing manner.

Shirley and Phil thoroughly enjoyed the evening with Adrian Grant.



The Church at Duthil was built in 1826. Having ceased to be used for public worship, the church fell into private ownership. In 1986 Gerald Brandon-Bravo donated the Church to the Clan Grant Society. Current Status: New codes and regulations forced by the Council of Govts caused the need for a second exit. The cement plinth was then taken out with a new door, window and flooring being placed.



Duthil Discussion

Submitted by William Burton, Oregon Commissioner

While in Scotland, my wife Mary and I were able to drive to Duthil to see the Kirk/Museum. The first day we went, it was raining fairly heavily, and there was no one around. We went back the next day and found a pickup inside the gate. We ventured in and I spoke to the man who was working on 'mudding' the wall. He said he was just a worker, but would go and get someone for me who could tell me about the Kirk. He came back in a flash, stating that "Jim will be right here." and went back to his work.

We had a good visit with the man, (who by the way never introduced himself) and he told us a good deal of interesting facts about the Church, and the needs for funding to continue the process of bringing it "up to code" to satisfy the Government Council.

I later learned that the man "Jim" who came to speak to Mary and I, was none other than Lord Strathspey himself. What a shock to realize after the fact !!

I tried to be understanding of the lack of display, since the church is under renovation. I learned that donations and support for the Church itself is very low, and at times non-existent. With the unfavorable currency exchange right now, each American dollar donated is realized at just over half value. In other words it takes two American Dollars plus change, to make one Scottish pound sterling.

Although there is great potential for the Church as both Museum for Clan Grant, and a Hall to be used for special occasions, the work progresses at a slug's pace due to lack of findings. Having folk volunteer to do work on the building and grounds is minimal also, which seems an embarrassment for the Clan & Society.

I had opportunity to visit my other Clan roots while in Scotland, and traveled to Newtonmore to see the Clan MacPherson Museum there. The contrast between Duthil and Newtonmore was appalling. I'm going to contact the MacPherson folk and find out just how they manage to have such a magnificent museum.

Editor's Note: I am sure that Charles will share with us any ideas he learned for us to help with the Duthil restoration.



Pictured in line up awaiting the beginning of Parade of Clans are:
L to R Nick Zulaski, Laura Trammell, Nancy Douglas, Jim Entler, Gabrielle Zulaski, and behind the camera..... "Bill" Burton.

61st Annual SSHGA Enumclaw WA

The morning broke in typical Scottish Mist as gates opened to the public at King County Fairgrounds, Enumclaw WA. With a registry of seventy-five Clans, fourteen Pipe & Drum Bands, and an assorted group of "headliner" entertainers, (including our own Colin Grant-Adams, and "The Wicked Tinkers") the area was resplendent with colorful banners, Tartans, and music.

Representatives of Clan Grant Society USA included: Michelle Poitevin, WA Commissioner, Larry & Nancy (Rushton) Douglas, Nancy's daughter Laura Trammell, Carol Grant, with daughter and son, Kristina & Dan Grant, Christina Masters, Jim & Sandy Entler from Portland OR, with Nephew & Niece, Nick & Gabrielle Zulaski, and OR Commissioner Charles William Burton.

The rain ceased around 10 am, allowing the Parade of Clans to be presented under scattered sunshine across the damp lawn. This year the march time was accompanied by the group "Seahawks Blue Thunder" drums & cymbals rhythm band. This group performs for 2 hours prior to the Seattle Seahawks games with drumming and choreography. Their presentation during the Parade of Clans, and later on the South Stage was well received by Clans, Societies, and public.

Sunday's weather was less than cooperative, but the rain held off until the completion of the "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" which was well attended. Twenty one clans presented their Tartans for the annual blessing, and the service was closed by a community singing of Amazing Grace accompanied by bagpipe.

The day brought rainbursts, forcing the noon-time presentations to be moved indoors, while the clan tents, where huddled masses gathered, were continually being 'prodded' with various sticks, sword-hilts, and brooms to shed the persistent water.

Sunday attendance was therefore somewhat decreased, but those used to the rain seemed to enjoy the entertainment and presentations by the various vendors and clans.

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Taste of Scotland 2007

Submitted by Rt. Rev. John C. Grant
Deputy Commissioner, North Carolina

The Taste Of Scotland Festival for 2007 was so beyond "AWESOME"! Indeed the best one celebrated thus far in it's 11 year history!! And next year promises to be ever better!!

Clan Hay was the Honored Clan this year. Honored Guest was Sir Walter Taylor of Clan Stuart. The Festival was hosted by MC's Hal Chapman and Joe Suminski who did an outstanding job!!

Clans represented at the Festival were: Clan Hay, Clan Grant, Clan Young, Clan Burnett and of course lots of Vendors with all kinds of Scottish Delights and Food!

The entertainment this year was "over the top"!! We had The Border Collies ~ Atlanta's hottest Celtic Group!! Wind Dance ~ Celtic Dance Group from Tennessee. This amazing group of 40 young people really wowed the crowd of 3000 with Dancing that just would not quit!! AWESOME!!

The Scottish Highland Dancers of Greenville, Tennessee and Rural Felicity Dancers ~ English set dancing with beautiful floral garlands were two more groups that were crowd pleasers!! Stix in the Mud ~ Brasstown, NC's own Welch Dance Group also performed to the delight of all.

Of course the Parade of Tartans would not have been complete without the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums leading the way!! And they performed throughout the day that had every scottish heart around ready to pack up and head for SCOTLAND!! They were wonderful!!!

If all that was not enough to get your Scottish Blood a'pumping we had our own Jean Hayes, the Official Piper of the Scottish Tartans Museum right here in Franklin, North Carolina who also played throughout the day.

Balladeer Hal Chapman sang those scottish ballads as only he could! What a delight!! Kula and Troen, a young group of musicians also added to the delight of our Scottish entertainment.

There was activities throughout the day to touch the Scottish Heart of all ages and of course one of them for the Lassie's was the famous "Haggis Toss"! Winners will be announced in 20 years from the steps of the Scottish Parliament! (LOL)

We had the Nikwasi Dulcimer Players perform and what would any festival be without the Knobby Knee Contest! That winner will also be announced....you know where!! (LOL)

Bill Coburn and his Border Collies of Windy Knoll Farms gave a wonderful Sheep Herding Demonstration and we also had Children's Highland Games!

On our Stewart Street Stage which was hosted by MC Matthew Ramsey the Franklin Concert was presented. The Appalachian St. Andrew's Pipe and Drum Corps, the Durham Harps and in our Clock Tower Area we had SCA Sword Fighting!! Talk about a FULL Scottish Festival....we had it!!

I would be very remiss if GREAT credit was not given to all the wonderful folks that worked so hard to make this Festival the AWESOME success that it was.....the list would be long and each and everyone is so greatly appreciated!

I hope to see you all at the "Taste Of Scotland Festival" in Franklin, North Carolina.....in 2008! Ceud Mile Failte to all!

Grant Games



Clan Grant Tent at the TOS Festival, NC



New Member, Steven S. Eaffaldano



Rite Rev. John C. Grant on parade (L)



Clan Grant Tent



In preparation for the "Parade of the Clans" during the noon-day Opening Ceremonies, Wayne Grant (left) and David Grant (right) were joined by two of Wayne's Grandsons who assisted in carrying the 'name plate' of Clan Grant.

Portland Highland Games Association Clan Gathering

The CGS-USA was capably represented by former Commissioner, Wayne Grant of Lebanon, Oregon, at the Annual Portland Highland Games Association's Clan Gathering, Heavy Athletic Competitions and Dance, Pipe & Drum Bands Exhibitions.

Weather was warm and dry for a good public turn out, with several folk stopping by the tent to chat, rest and refresh themselves. Among those signing the "Guest Register" were; Jim Entler, Dr. Van Hardison, Athletes Christian and Derek Pullings, Stephen Grant, and David Grant, who annually vacations in Portland from Austin Texas.

Both grandsons of Wayne Grant (pictured above) were enthused to assist, and enjoyed displaying their Tartan kilts, and Basket-hilt sword. One wore "Black Watch" which originally was the Clan Grant Hunting Tartan, while the other wore the Red Grant Modern.



Mr. Matthew Newsome, Curator of the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC, took time to visit "Alastair" in the Grant tent

Books With Grant History

Submitted by Shirley Smith

This list is incomplete—there are many others that readers will want to include—and we look forward to learning about them. Some of these are long out of print—but you might pick up a copy on e-bay or at a garage sale or even in Scotland! Neither does this list include all the tartan and costume books that give thumbnail Grant histories! (Which generally regurgitate the same information). It does include some biographies that tell about the times and ways in Scotland written by earlier generations of current families. There is also a book with General Grant's genealogy listed—so many families think they are related to him that this may (or may not) help!

A non-Grant book, easily read, quite accurate, and giving the beginner an overall view of Scotland's history, is Fitzroy MacLean's, "A Concise History of Scotland." This is published by Viking Press, Inc. SBN 670-23653-5. This book should be read first for a better understanding of how the Grants fit into the scheme of things.

Note: The following books are not in any special order.

Books by I.F. Grant:

1. "The Clan Grant." Johnston & Bacon, Ltd., pub. 1955.
2. "Highland Folkways." Routledge & Kegan Paul, pub. 1961. ISBN 0-7100-1466-X (hard cover); Redwood Burn Limited, pub. 1977. ISBN 0-7100-8064-6 (paperback)
3. "Every-Day Life on an Old Highland Farm." Shephard-Walwyn, pub. 1981, ISBN 0-85683-058-5
4. "Along a Highland Road," Shephard-Walwyn, 1988 ISBN 0-85683-048-8
5. "Periods in Highland History," by I.F. Grant and Hugh Cheape. Shephard-Walwyn, pub. 1987-97. ISBN 0-85683-171-9

Others:

6. "Clan Grant," by Alan McNie. Cascade, pub., 1983. 0-907614-80-9
7. "The Grants of Corrimony," by Frances J. Grant. Privately printed by T. & J. Manson, 1895.
8. "How the Scots Invented the Modern World," by Arthur Herman. Crown, pub. 2001. ISBN 0-609-60635-2
9. "The Rulers of Strathspey," by the Earl of Cassellis. The Northern Counties Newspaper & Printing & Pub. Co., Ltd., 1911.
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"Have you read a good book lately?"

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loved ones, leaders, heroes in any walk of life? Got a story, a photo or a painting? Send us a copy for the Craig and the website. Those who came before us are our roots.



Speaking of Scottish heritage and heroes, Culloden is a national public treasure of Scotland and for us all. "The history of Scotland and the world was changed forever in just one hour on April 16, 1746 at Culloden Battlefield. Your support is urgently sought to preserve this hallowed ground and educate future generations about its historic significance. The defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie and his Jacobite supporters by the Hanoverians at Culloden resulted in a period of major emigration to the New World. The cruel aftermath of the battle is one of the reasons there are almost 14,000,000 Americans of Scottish descent. You can be instrumental in safeguarding this iconic piece of your Scottish heritage.

Thanks to ongoing restoration by the National Trust for Scotland, windswept Drumossie Moor, on which the battle was fought, looks much the same as it did on that fateful day. The site is now a place of somber reflection, the gravesite of over 1,000 partisans on both sides of the battle. It evokes a visceral response in over 250,000 visitors per year. Such is the profound significance of this battle and its aftermath, that the National Trust for Scotland has launched an impassioned international appeal to help fund a new on-site, state of the art Visitor Centre and ongoing archeological research. Now in its final funding phase, just a further \$1 million is necessary for the centres completion and opening in the late autumn of this year. Corporate sponsorships are available from as little as \$5,000. Individual donors can become part of this historic sites very fabric by sponsoring a \$135 engraved paving stone for the new Visitor Centre." Contact RobertTitley@aol.com or call 917-690-8418 for a complete Culloden information kit. To donate and understand this project's global significance, go to www.OwnTheStone.org.

And while we're thinking about Culloden, how many of you have visited the great Fort George in Ardersier, Highland, Scotland? Fort George is "a large 18th century fortress near Inverness with perhaps the mightiest artillery fortifications in Europe. It was built to pacify the Scottish Highlands in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745, replacing an earlier Fort George built with the same aim after the 1715 Jacobite rising. The fortress has never been attacked, and has remained in continuous use as a garrison. It remains virtually unaltered, and nowadays is open to visitors with exhibits and recreations showing use at different periods, while still serving as an active army barracks." There is a wonderful museum there as well, a brilliant tribute to the Blue Hackles. http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/properties_sites_detail?propertyID=PL_136 and <http://www undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/nairn/fortgeorge/index.html> Who can tell us who they are?

Meanwhile, back in the US this fall we are all looking forward to the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia on October 19 – 21, 2007 - <http://www.smhg.org/>. Take a look at the program on the website. Sure you will find it's a great way to spend a fall weekend and enjoy the colors of autumn along with the sights and sounds of Scotland right here in the USA.

The three day Scottish Festival and Highland Games schedule of events includes Genealogy, Whisky Seminar and Tasting, Invitational Piping Contest, Distinguished Guests and Sponsors Reception, a Scottish Musical Evening, and

Atlanta is quite drivable from lots of places and airfares are as low as \$211 and airfare plus a hotel as low as \$323 from Dallas; \$322 and \$405 with hotel from LA; or \$221 and \$333 from Chicago or New York. We will hope to see you there.

Past-President David Grant and his wife, the lovely Lady Jane Grant have promised a fabulous weekend filled with sunshine and cool mountain breezes.

For next year we can also share with you that plans are underway for the Lord Strathspey, Chief of the Clan Grant to visit with us at our 2008 Annual General meeting which will also be held at Stone Mountain. So it might be good to come on down this year and get the lay of the land, see what to expect and join us for the Chief's visit next year as well. Hope to see you soon.

Lastly, just so you don't get the wrong idea, I am still a card carrying member of Red Sox Nation! How about you?

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

Charge your glasses, and raise a toast to them all, Stand Fast!
Slainte,
Chris and Jimmie

Dr. Christopher Pratt and Mrs. Jimmie Cochran Pratt, MPA
President, The Clan Grant Society USA
<http://www.clangrant-us.org/>, president@clangrant-us.org



On Being a Grant

By Nancy Rushton Douglas, member CGS



The sound of bagpipes has always brought me to tears as though the sound was reaching deep into my soul. (I briefly dated a piper years ago. I wonder what happened to him...) I've had an obsession with shortbread for as long as I can remember. I loved the look of Highland dress and longed to wander around in a tartan skirt and shawl.

Not so unusual, you might say. But as an adoptee being raised by a Norwegian mother, it was odd indeed. Imagine my joy as a middle-aged woman when I found my birthmother and learned that her parents were both from Glasgow!

Fast forward fourteen years and I'm at the 2005 Seattle Highland Games. I've heard about these since I was a child, but this is the first time I've actually attended. I've spent a few years working on my genealogy, so I am armed with a mental list of family names running through my head. I've searched the internet and am convinced that I am aligned with Clan Grant. And I'm hoping they will be at the games.

As we enter the gates, I feel like a six-year-old on Christmas morning. We've arrived just in time for Opening Ceremonies and we hurry to the stands where we quickly fill two of the few remaining seats. I'm literally bouncing in my seat and my partner (showing an amazing amount of patience) takes my hand and keeps me from levitating—or at least falling off the bench. As the ceremony progresses, I'm still bouncing. The bagpipes begin to play and I reach for my tissue, trying to discretely wipe away the trickle of tears slipping down my cheeks. My wonderful partner, ever the strong one, just smiles and squeezes my hand. Little did I know what was coming. As the Parade of Clans begins, I quickly realize that one tissue is not enough. My husband's clan enters and he smiles. I watch the steady stream of tartans move past me, and soon I see them! The Grants! They're here! Of course, I can barely see them. I'm crying far too hard to even begin to make out anything more than a blur of tartan colors. But I know they are there. The sound of the name being announced resonates somewhere deep inside me.

Soon the ceremonies are over and I try to collect myself, grateful for sunglasses and an understanding companion. I dispose of my pile of drenched tissue and we make our way past vendors selling clothing I've only dreamed of. I search for anything with the Grant tartan on it and slowly slide my fingertips along a beautiful scarf, fingering the fringe as though it were gold.

Somewhere past the smell of fried zucchini and bangers, we find the entrance to the area where Clan Grant has their tent. I'm immobilized, unable to actually take those final steps. Will they like me? Will I fit in? Do I even have the right clan? Maybe I'm not a Grant. No, the names and locations fall into place too closely to be anything else. Maybe I would be content just being a "Douglas by association". No, there's no Douglas blood running through my veins, although they do have a nice tartan. My rock, my partner, urges me forward.

As I approach, I see a list of names posted at the front of the tent. The sign tells me that if my family names are on the list, I'm likely a Grant. Oh yes—there are the surnames of both grandparents. I can barely breathe as I see a table filled with books and pictures.

I think for a moment of leaving, content for the time being to have a small acknowledgment of a connection to those who came before me. But then I heard someone welcoming me to the tent and asking if I'm a Grant. I sputter and mumble something quite unintelligible about family names on the list and researching on the internet and this angel smiles at me and says "Then you're a Grant! Welcome!" (I believe that was Carol Grant and I thank you from the bottom of my tartan heart for those words that remain music to my ears.)

I didn't stay long at the tent. The emotions of that moment were too strong. We made our way to the Clan Douglas tent where I listened to my partner and the tent host share family names and locations that seemed to be merging the farther back they went. I longed for that moment for myself.

Since that day, I've joined the Clan Grant Society (thank you, William Burton!) and attended a few games. Each time, that same feeling of wonder comes over me. Attending the AGM in Seattle in 2006 was a surreal experience and I am grateful for the warm welcome and generous spirit there. Marching in the Parade of Clans was as amazing as it was wet (as things often are in Washington) and I look forward to more opportunities to gather with the Grants.



I continue to bang my head against the wall trying to fill in the blanks in my genealogy and long for the day when I can get farther back in my lineage. I grew up feeling a connection to things that I knew nothing about. I still crave shortbread and I still wonder if I could successfully play the bagpipes. But now I know why!
(Photo of Nancy and Larry on their wedding day)

Grant Guidies



Skirlie

Reprint from The Electric Scot



In by-gone days before the turnip was introduced as winter food for animals, Martinmas, 11 November, was the time of year for killing the animals that Scots could not afford to keep during the winter. It was a busy time of year as families strove to ensure that nothing was wasted. Meat was salted down and the innards made into black and white mealie puddings.

Most people now-a-days buy puddings at the butcher but Skirlie is still made at home. Skirlie-i-the-pan is made with the same ingredients as mealie puddings but is fried in a pan rather than boiled in a skin. Also known as Poor Man's Haggis, Skirlie is splendid with neeps and tatties and also can be used as stuffing for any kind of poultry or game. Here is the Aberdeenshire and North-East Scotland method of cooking:-

Take oatmeal, suet, onion, salt and pepper. Chop two ounces of suet finely. Heat a pan very hot and put in the suet. When it is melted add one or two finely chopped onions and brown them well. Now add enough oatmeal (about four ounces) to absorb the fat - a fairly thick mixture. Season to taste. Stir well till thoroughly cooked (a few minutes). Serve with potatoes.



- Scotch Mist

Reprint From the Snippets



Here's a great dessert! You can vary the amount of whisky to taste, of course, but don't overdo it! The quantities should be sufficient for six people.

Ingredients:

Three quarters of a pint/15 fluid ounces / 450 ml / two cups (scant) or one US pint of double cream
3 tablespoons whisky (50ml - note that US tablespoons are smaller than those in the UK)
3 ounces / 75g meringues, coarsely crushed
One pound / 450g fresh strawberries, chopped. Keep some strawberry halves back for decoration.
6 leaves of mint

Method:

Mix the whisky into the cream and whip until it just holds its shape. Fold in the crushed pieces of meringue and chopped strawberries. Spoon the mixture into six glasses, cover and chill for about 15/20 minutes.

Decorate each glass with strawberry halves and the mint leaves before serving.

Sweet Marmalade

Reprint from The Electric Scot



- Microwave Recipe (650W)

Ingredients: 1 grapefruit; 2 lemons; 1 orange; 1 pt (600 ml) water; 1 ½ lb (680 g) sugar



Method: Wash fruit, cut in half and squeeze out juice. Remove pips and pith. Cut rind into thin strips. Put rind, juice and water in a large ovenproof bowl (not metallic). Tie pips and pith into muslin and add to bowl. Cover bowl with cling film and cook on full power for 17 minutes, until rind is soft. Remove muslin. Measure fruit and juice, allow 1 lb (0.5 kg) sugar to each 1 pt (600 ml) juice mixture. Add sugar, stir well and cook on full power for approx 25 minutes - until setting point is reached. Test for setting after 20 minutes. Leave to cool, then fill clean, warm jars and cover.

Flowers of the Forest

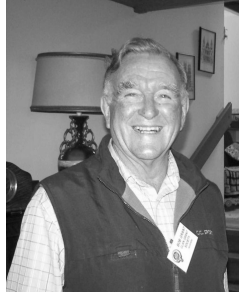


*"Cuimhnich air na daoine on tàinig thu."
Remember those from whom you are descended.*



In Memory of Bob (Robert J.) Grant

On June 25th 2007, our founder and recent Convenor of the Clan Grant Association Australia lost his battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. We have all enjoyed knowing Bob, his smiling face and easy welcoming manner, over our all too short a time. His dedication to re-forming the Clan Grant Association Australia has allowed us to make and enjoy new friendships and his classy newsletter informed us all. A large gathering of friends and relatives, including many Clan members, farewelled Bob at the Ocean Grove Church of England, on Friday 29th June. We heard of a young man with a prodigious sporting talent, especially in field events, and a desire to involve everyone in sport. Bob participated in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics as a javelin thrower and has made a huge contribution to sport at every level in Victoria over his lifetime. Bob had a great zest for life and many interests and we are fortunate to have been the beneficiaries of this zest. Bob's casket was piped from the church to the lament, Flowers of the Forest, and Scotland the Brave. Our thoughts and sympathies go to Judy and their family. Thanks for the memories Bob. We will miss you. Stand Fast. *A donation from The Clan Grant Society has been made in Bob's memory to The Australian Lung Foundation.*



In Memory of Ralph Mosely

Ralph Mosely, member of CGS, passed away on May 28, 2007, four days after his 10th wedding anniversary to his wife Sonya. Ralph left behind three children, Kirstin 9, Seth 7, and Joe who just turned 5 on June 21st. Ralph Mosely would have been 37 on June 11th. Ralph never did want anyone to say how good he was. He always wanted to give the credit to the Lord. He said that without the Lord he would not be the person he grew to be. Ralph's ancestry meant so much to him that he had put together several books. His wife, Sonya Mosely is keeping these for when their children are old enough to appreciate them.

Clan Grant Badges

PRICE IS \$10.00 EACH (Includes US postage)

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

Badge # 1 _____
name

line 2 optional (Title or Office or City/State)

Badge # 2 _____
name

line 2 optional

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Membership # _____

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

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

Wanted – Commissioners for the Clan Grant Society

The Clan Grant Society is looking for commissioners to represent the Society in several states throughout the country. At present, we only have 24 commissioners to represent our 50 states. Many of those commissioners are representing more than one state, which stretches them pretty thin.

I would encourage anyone who is interested in representing Clan Grant at their local Games and wishes to bring more Grants back into the family of the Clan Grant to please contact Vice President Rand Allan at (858) 454-3846 or e-mail at rballan@san.rr.com.

If you live in a state where there is no Clan Grant representation at the Games or the commissioner for that state is unable to attend a particular game, seriously consider volunteering.

Even if there are no Games in your state, you can still represent the Society by fielding questions from other members in your state and organizing local gatherings. One of the responsibilities of your membership is trying to give back to the Society in order to make it into something that people will want to be part of.

The following is a list of States with little or no representation plus the minimum number of known games in that state:

No representation:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Alabama (3) | Alaska (1) | Colorado (7) | Hawaii (1) |
| Idaho (1) | Iowa (3) | Kansas (2) | Louisiana (3) |
| Minnesota (2) | Mississippi (3) | Montana (2) | Nevada (2) |
| New Jersey (3) | New Mexico (2) | North Dakota (0) | |
| Pennsylvania (13) | | | |
| South Dakota (2) | Utah (2) | Wisconsin (2) | |
| Wyoming (2) | | | |

Partial Representation (Commissioner does not reside in that state):

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| Connecticut (3) | Delaware (0) | Illinois (2) | Kentucky (2) |
| Maine (1) | Michigan (2) | Ohio (4) | Rhode Island (1) |
| Tennessee (5) | Vermont (2) | Virginia (8) | |
| Washington DC (0) | | | |

If you are interested in your heritage but hesitate to volunteer because you figure someone more dedicated than you might want to do it, consider that you have no commissioners in your state because of that very reason. Sign up today!

The Commissioner's duties include representing the Clan Grant Society at as many of the games in your region that you can comfortably attend, fielding questions for members in your region, and coordinating Clan Grant Society related activities in your region.

Again, if you are interested in being a commissioner, please contact Vice President Rand Allan at (858) 454-3846 or e-mail at rballan@san.rr.com.

Editors Note: Let's make it a goal to have Grants represented in all 50 states!
I know we have "kin" all over America!

Clan Chatter

By vote of the Board of the Clan Grant Society USA, Gordon Grant was appointed Assistant Secretary of the the CGS until such time as he no longer wishes to continue in this role or is unable to do so, or that the CGS Board is in a position to add other members who may be able to serve in this important capacity. With Gordon Grant's assistance, we were successful this year in completing the paperwork to update and renew our Clan Grant Society Incorporation in the state of Virginia. We are also looking for assistance in upgrading our status to 501 c 3. Volunteers, Nominations?

Kathleen Poritz, Clan Grant member of Burlington, Wisconsin recently had her scotty terriers in the Celtic Canine Exhibit at the Wisconsin Highland Games and Celtic Fling Labor Day Weekend at the Waukesha County Expo Center. Her Scotties, named Hamish Macbeth, Tartan Trouble and MacDon Henley licked faces young and old. Hamish was even on FOX TV 6 in a promo for the Highland Games. There were quite a few men in kilts that had their hands crossed over their animal fur sporrans. Scotties are bred "to go to ground". Hamish was very polite when he wanted to make sure the fox, rabbit and other furry sporrans were dead and harmless. Henley (named MacDon Henley as his grandparents were Rod Stewart and Maggie May), hence the name Henley and Trouble (who she says just plain earned the name) weren't quite so polite!

Adrian Grant confirmed by email that our chief Lord Strathspey is excited to hear about the ideas in regard to the relationships of many Grants to the Cherokee Indians. Adrian described it as having a real "domino effect" in regard to Clan membership worldwide. You may remember the piece published in the Spring issue of our Craigellachie about Jerry Maddox's book on Ludovick Grant and the Cherokees. Adrian feels sure that many Cherokees - especially Ludovick's descendants - are going to be delighted that his background has been set out definitively. Adrian has hopes that CGS-US will be able to use the opportunity of the publication of this book to mount a substantial recruitment campaign amongst the Cherokees. I.e: organizing an official meeting with relevant Cherokee leaders when the Chief comes to Stone Mountain in 2008 - would that not be an opportunity for spectacular publicity? ... Such a liaison between an essentially "European" group and a "Native American" group could be a trailblazer for others and could have a major impact on inter-group relations within the USA, including visits by CGS-US to a relevant Cherokee reservation etc... Editor's Note: Hasn't Christopher Pratt been asking us to start dreaming big about our Clan's future?

What is SCTV? It is Scotland on TV Very simply, it's a 24/7 TV channel on the internet, where you can watch programs about Scotland when you want to watch them - for free! All it takes is a broadband connection and the web address: <http://www.scotlandontv.tv>. Over 40% of the audience is from the USA and Canada and the production team produces made-for-web videos especially for the global audience.

There has been a lot of interest in tracing family roots recently and Clan Grant's connection to the DNA project is Jon Grant. His e-mail is govols@carolina.rr.com. You can research more on how this could help you search using the DNA project at <http://www.familyreedna.com>

Jim Grant, Convenor for Clan Grant Canada, has been trying these past couple of years to find someone in the Canadian membership to take over the role of Editor of their newsletter, 'AnDul.' Happily Robert Grant of Osoyoos, British Columbia, who has recently retired stepped up to the plate and volunteered to take him up on it. He hopes to put out his first issue in the near future. Robert is also the one who is responsible for Clan Grant Canada's new website.

Scottish Proverb: Money is flat and was meant to be piled up.

Sue Hateley, from Melbourne, Australia has recently become the new Convenor for Clan Grant Australia due to the passing of Bob Grant. She recently shared that she is involved with Genealogy and found that George Grant, Convenor Emeritus of Clan Grant USA, has very recently been shown to have a 12 marker DNA match with her and therefore is a "cousin". (About 400 years ago, at least, that she can figure out!) Her ancestors came to Australia in the 1850's and she has been able to trace her Scottish roots fairly easily.

Recently a long standing clan member lovingly offered up a family kilt to any Grant male that would wear it with pride and it was received with wondrous gratitude by another member to be worn straight away to many Scottish affairs.....what a generous gesture! If this is something you would like to participate in, please let the editor know as this idea of finding new owners and sharing unused or outgrown CGS clothing or items is a beautiful thing! Wouldn't it be nice to have a place in the newsletter for people that would like to share a cherished Grant kilt from a donor that is not being passed down (because it would not fit anyone in the immediate family?) There might be any number of reasons to pass Grant items within the Clan and the newsletter would be a great place to advertise these "random acts of kindness".

Many members who signed up to use the online communication tool known as "Topica" are feeling overwhelmed by all the email that comes to them. Clan members, officers, and board members are encouraged to "discuss" things. This method of communication has become very helpful as of late keeping everyone "in the know" but there are still some members that just don't want to receive all this online. Members can either just choose the "delete key" or choose their receipt of the topics under discussion very simply. Just go to the Topica site: http://lists.topica.com/lists/clan_grant/read. You will find a blue banner with a yellow bar in which "Options" is listed. 'Click' on that, and select on the next page that comes up, your choice of how to receive the discussions: Individual Messages - sent by Email Message Digests - sent by Email Use of Site only - no email Once the choice is made just click "save changes" and YOUR options are recorded. Hope this helps assuage some of the frustrations over the many emails of late

The Clan Grant Commissioners's Handbook has been brought up and discussed on Topica and further discussion is suspected to occur at the Board Meeting in Stone Mountain GA in Oct. to perhaps make these handbooks available soon as we continue to enlist new commissioners all across America.

If you would like to have something included in our Clan Chatter next issue please email it to me at: Craigellachie@comcast.net

Or drop it in the regular mail to:
Holly Floyd
10620 Casa Grande Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32257

As our By-Laws (Artlice IV) indicate we have staggered four year terms for our Elections. In 2006 we elected Dr. Christopher Pratt, as President. LTC Jeniph Grant was elected Treasurer, Kelly Grant, was elected At-Large Board Member and Arston Grant stepped in to fill the remaining two years that was held by Christopher Pratt as At-Large Board Member. Looks like with staggered terms that would mean that in 2008 we elect a Vice President, Secretary and 1 or 2 At-Large members.....

Letter to the Editor

"In the early 1970s my late husband Lord Strathspey, 32nd Chief of Grant, and I were invited to stay with George and Lucille at their comfortable residence in Hixson TN.

George had been appointed Convenor of the newly formed Clan Grant Society USA. We were warmly welcomed at the airport by the founder members and pipe music I remember. We were thrilled; it was our first visit to America!

The Chief had arrived to help George with the general organization of the new Society and we had been invited to attend various Highland Games and Gatherings as honoured guests. It was very exciting.

Lucille was a great hostess and soon became my guide and mentor. She was also a wonderful organizer and we enjoyed every minute of our stay. We had a wonderful time.

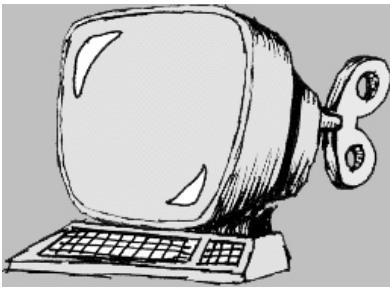
This visit was followed by many others over the years. Always blessed with Lucille's warm welcomes and kindness. We had much to be grateful for...Dear Lucille will not be forgotten.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me "Craigellachie" which I much enjoy."

With very best wishes,
Lady Olive Strathspey

VP of CGS, Rand Allan, has been looking at servers and new programmers to upgrade our capabilities on the web site. This was prompted when Scott Grant indicated that he was no longer able to keep up with his duties as Webmaster for the Clan. This will be a definite topic at the Board meeting at Stone Mountain, as decisions will have to be made.

Very recently Edmund Grant of Amelia Island, FL tripped over the cat and broke his ankle and twisted his knee. After several surgeries he recouped a few days in Jacksonville and he was in good spirits when Jean Wilson and Holly Floyd visited him. Marie was by his side through it all. What a sweet couple. They are both back home now but it will be awhile before Edmund will be doing the highland fling!



Membership Matters

By Jean Grant Wilson, Membership Secretary

Here we are starting into the fall season. Down here in Florida we have begun to get cooler mornings and evenings which make it lovely for doing some gardening chores. The hot dry summer has really taken a toll on the plants. So far, we have

been without any hurricanes or bad storms but we could sure use some rain!

You will have noticed that there has been a difference in the folding of the Craigellachie for mailing. This is to accommodate the new postal regulations.

And again as a reminder – if there is a RED dot on your label, it means that your membership dues are in arrears.

I would also like to suggest that if you are planning to attend the 2008 AGM at Stone Mountain, GA when our Chief, Lord Strathspey, will be in attendance, that you think about ordering nametags now, if you haven't already done so. When I picked up the last order I was told that the prices would be increasing in January. By ordering now this will alleviate the last minute scramble come next fall and save some you some money. The order form can be found on page three of this newsletter.

It has been brought to my attention that the email address on the genealogy sheets for Don Grant, our genealogist, sent out in the Welcome Packets, is incorrect. It should be the same as is listed in the Craigellachie. grant.donald@comcast.net Please make the appropriate changes to your records.

The following is a recap of the activity of our membership since the last Craigellachie..

Awarded Life Membership as per our Bylaws:

Robert W Blakeley.....Lansdowne VA
Lois Grant Briggs.....Phoenix AZ



And a big welcome to the new members since the last issue:

John F SuttieLong Beach CA
Thaddeus R Arnold.....Anderson SC
Nanette Walsh.....Manchester NJ
Eddie C Cox.....Belton SC
Anthony H Cairns.....Salem VA
Wm E Grant Jr.....Apollo Beach FL
Pruitt Young Allen.....Alexandria VA
Christopher Grant.....Bellevue WA

And Holly Floyd.....Jacksonville FL renewed with a life membership!

Wishing you all a spooky Halloween, a thankful Thanksgiving and then remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

And as always, remember that Membership does matter!

Clan Grant Directory

One of the discussions that has been bandied about lately includes the idea of a Members' Directory (fashioned after what you might think of when you see a church directory).

This could serve as a useful start for discounted services, help for people in need, and a networking tool for people looking to get a head start in a certain profession within our Clan. (Not to mention an ideal way for us to all share our talents or advertise our businesses).



Nancy Douglas and Carol Grant, have volunteered on Topica (our on-line communication) that they would get this project rolling! Anyone else that would be interested in this is of course welcome to help in getting this started.

Whether this is a printed pamphlet or posted with private password on our website is still to be determined, however the more members that contribute their own little bio would be brilliant!

We could include family photos, professions, interests, hobbies, genealogy, etc, if you like. Who knows what folks might like to say about themselves as CGS members or would want to read about other CGS members? It will be a good way for folks with mutual interests to connect.

Please email the editor at Craigellachie@comcast.net or drop a note to Holly Floyd at 10620 Casa Grande Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32257 and I will make sure it gets to the appropriate committee.

I think the point is to welcome the beginning of an exciting new project for our Clan Grant Society!

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clansman had to pay his rent, work on the Chief's land and turn out to fight at his command. These new bonds, however, will be fitted for the 21st Century.

For the would-be clansman it should be appreciated that one requirement, for example, will be a basic knowledge and understanding of Clan History and Lore. Other requirements have yet to be decided - but they will be made clear in due course. Regarding the details of the "Letters Patent" of the Bond, it is envisaged that the crest will be there, the bond will be signed by both parties and it is intended that a seal will be applied. In the case of "sept" members, it is expected that the nature of the claim of historic association will be specified (and will have had to be demonstrated, of course). Other details - of the wording, the style etc. on the letters patent of the bond - have also yet to be finalised, but to give a flavour of the way thinking is going, we append here two examples of the sort of text which is being considered.

Despite this fluid state of thinking, it is considered useful to give non-Grant clansmen and would-be clansmen now the assurance that their position will be fully regularised just as soon as possible and that there is no intention to be in any way arbitrarily exclusive.

Glenlivet Smugglers' Trails

Glenlivet Distillery and the Crown Estate have combined to launch three historic walks in Speyside, using trails used to smuggle illicit whisky in days gone by. Each trail is being sign-posted and information leaflets are being provided at the distillery's visitor centre. Of course, many walkers will use the trails just to get closer to the picturesque landscape of wide open spaces and rolling hills.



**Winter Deadline to
submit is Dec 1st**



The Grant Tartans

By Phillip D. Smith, Jr. PhD. GTS, FSA Scot
Secretary Clan Grant Society



Iain Zaczek in his book *World Tartans* makes this preposterous claim about the Clan Grant. "The diffuse nature of the Grant Clan is emphasized by the diversity of its tartans. The regimental sett is well established but apart from that it is hard to say that which of the many designs (16 at present) is best suited for use by the entire clan." (p. 121). Nothing could be farther from the truth. True, there are many branches of the clan, as there are of most large clans, but Grant of Monymusk, Grant of Dalvey, Grant of Rothiemurchas and all others wear the "Red Grant" tartan designated by the chief of the clan The Lord Strathspey.

The "regimental sett Zaczek referred to is the "Black Watch" or "Government" tartan, worn as a "Hunting" tartan by the Grants. Of the seven companies of the original "Watches", two were led by Grants. Most modern scholars agree that the regimental sett was an original design and not an earl "Campbell" one. This last position was held by the late Duke of Argyll who insisted that his clansmen wear the "Black Watch" in slightly different shades of colors. The tartan distributed to the original "Watch" companies was woven on the Grant's Ballindalloch estate.

The "Red Grant" tartan was earliest alluded to in the famous directive of the Laird of Grant in 1704 that upon seeing the "fire on the mountain", all males from sixteen to sixty were to rendezvous at Ballintomb Farm (near modern Dullnain Bridge) within 48 hours fully equipped and dressed in "red and green, broad springed." He farther specified "jackets and trousers" as well as a reminder to the MacDonald brothers, tenants in Laggan, that they were not exempt. While no definite sett is described other than "red and green", the Clan Historian James H. Grant points out that to meet the deadline of forty-eight hours, the men must have had the clothing on hand. The young Grant Laird had recently returned from service on the Continent where uniforms were just coming into vogue. Ostensibly his directive was for "hunting" but English officers were concerned that he could put six hundred men in the field, fully armed, in forty-eight hours. This far out numbered the regulars stationed in the Highlands.

The "Red Grant" tartan in its current form dates from at least 1819 when Grant of Redcastle ordered two hundred yards from Wilson's of Bannockburn to outfit his followers. This is well before the famous "staged by Sir Walter Scott" 1822 visit of George IV to Edinburgh. There was a great clamor from chiefs who did not know "their" tartan.

D.C. Stewart states that the earliest portrait of some one dressed in the "red" tartan is one of Robert Grant of Lurg (1678-1777) which has been adopted by the Frasers as their tartan based upon its appearing in the *Vestiarius Scoticum* and an old plaid worn by Fraser of Bobliny. Regrettably, the portrait in question of Robert Grant has disappeared.

The "Red Grant" worn today is recorded not only in the 1819 Wilson's Pattern Book but also in books by Logan (1845), Smibert (1850) and the Smiths (1850). In the earliest recording (1819), the proportion of green to red favored green by fourteen percent (178 ends to 156). By the last quarter of the nineteenth century, red predominated over green by twenty percent (Grant, 1886). The narrow dark blue stripes on the red field were of unequal size in 1819; in 1886 they were equal. In the twentieth century they again became unequal and the red and green became equal. This is how many mills weave it today although Shirley Grant-Smith has a kilt skirt purchased at the Glenfarclas Distillery Shop in which the red predominates. The current Chief, Sir James Grant, Lord Strathspey, wishes all clansmen to wear what he styles "The 1860 Sett". It is woven by Lochcarron in "Ancient Colors" and is close to the 1886 illustrations of James Grant except for the red and green being equal.

The "Red Grant" was adopted by the Drummonds in the nineteenth century and is still being sold, sometimes with minor modifications, as the "Drummond". To avoid this confusion "Tartan for Me!" suggests the "Drummond of Perth" tartan for all of that clan. Other Grant tartans do exist but they are generally historic curiosities except for one. The "Grant of Rothiemurchas" is from a wedding dress as is the "Grant of Archnarrow". It is inappropriate to refer to the latter as "The Lady Grant" tartan since the designation "Lady Grant" is reserved for the wife of the chief or

cadets. The "Grant of Monymusk" is from the Cockburn Collection (c. 1801) and today exists outside that collection in only two or three sashes, all woven by Peter MacDonald. One is in my personal collection, the other presented to Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk. The "Grant of Glenmorrison" is the same sett as the "Red Grant" without the light blue stripe and is worn today by James H. "Hank" Grant who hand wove the material. The "Grant of Ballindalloch" was designed in 1993 for that estate and is woven by Johnson's of Elgin. It is a more crowded version of the "Red Grant" where the narrow blue stripes on red have been expanded at the expense of the red ground.

The Faunce family have two plaids which they say date from the 1740's. One approximates the "Grant of Glenmorrison", the second is also green and red but with a white over stripe. James Scarlett dates these from the 1840's. There is also a fragment found in a cave in Glenmorrison, a busy sett never seen except in a book (Johnson & Smith, p. 22).

The one exception to the "curiosity" is the "Grant, Hunting" or "The Sheriff Grant" in the parlance of the late John Dalgety. He referred to it as the "Sheriff" due to its being habitually worn in the thirties to fifties by John Grant of Rothiemurchas, Sheriff of Inverness-shire and grandfather of the present Laird. He was a great specialist in pibroch and much in demand as a judge in piping competitions. This sett is recorded in the 1819 "Wilson's Key Pattern Book" as "Hunting Grant". It is an attractive sett, "Black Watch B" with red and yellow over stripes on the green field. James Scarlett conjectures that this may have been a military sett (Scarlett, p99).

The "Black Watch" or "Government" tartan has alternating pairs of two and four narrow stripes, often referred to as "tram lines", on the blue field. The "Black Watch A" has only the two while the "Black Watch B" has only the four "tram lines". These three tartans form the basis for many "clan" tartans.

The present Lord Strathspey, Chief of Clan Grant, can sometimes be seen wearing the "Strathspey District" tartan. This design was recovered from the lining of an officer's waist coat of the late eighteenth century Strathspey Fencible Regiment* raised by "The Good" Sir James Grant to repel Napoleonic invasion. It is at first glance by a layman similar to the "Black Watch" but distinctive in that it has a set of three "tram" lines in place of the two-four alternating combination of the "Government" sett. It is featured today in The House of Edgar's line of "District Tartans". It is appropriate for all Grants and those who love Strathspey.

For a good view of most of the Grant tartans with thread counts see Johnston and Smith's "Tartans: Frederickton to MacNichol", pages 1 and 20 to 22.

Fencible Regiments were intended for the "defense" of Great Britain, not for overseas duty.

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The Clan Grant Society – The First Five Years: A Retrospective

By James H. Grant, *Seanachaidh*

Since the year 2007 is the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Clan Grant Society in North America, I thought it might be appropriate to revisit some of the events from the early years.

The Clan Grant Society of North America¹ was conceived in 1977, when John Grant, an attorney in Los Angeles, got in touch with the 32nd Chief of the Clan Grant, the Right Honourable Lord Strathspey, Sir Donald Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Bt., to inquire about the possibility of establishing a branch of the clan in America.

Almost simultaneously and providentially, George H. Grant of Hixson, Tennessee, also initiated contact with Baron Strathspey. George's close friend and neighbor, Ivan MacArthur, Convener of the Clan MacArthur Society, had encouraged him to make inquiries regarding the establishment of a society in the United States.

It has always been my opinion that the Clan Grant Society would never have gotten off the ground without George Grant as its driving force. Anyone who knows George is aware that our Convener *Emeritus* doesn't do anything half way. His determination, enthusiasm, and unbridled optimism insured from the first day of his involvement that the society would survive, and at times flourish.

George was intrepid; he was indefatigable. His glass was never half empty; it was always half full. He was the embodiment of "Damn the torpedoes; full speed ahead!" George was exactly what the society needed during those fledgling years.

No one knows the countless hours and how many tens of thousands of dollars of his own money George spent to get the society up and running. Of course, he was sustained 100% by Lucille, who accompanied him to games and clan activities on both sides of the Atlantic. He also had great support from his "From Chaos, Order" staff, led by John Grant of Stone Mountain, Georgia, who served as treasurer, and Shirley Smith of West Chester, Pennsylvania, the clan secretary.

My father, James H. Grant, who was also a friend of Ivan MacArthur's, became a charter member of the society. He suggested that I join, which I did in early 1978. As a young man, ten years before, I had been stationed at RAF Chicksands, in Bedfordshire, England. During a brief visit to Strathspey, I had climbed a fence and knowingly trespassed on the Countess of Seafield's² property in order to see Castle Grant. I had read Dr. Isabel Frances Grant's concise history of the clan and was somewhat interested in exploring the heritage of my ancestors.

On that trip, I remember driving north up the old A9 Highway – at that time, the only direct route to the highlands from Edinburgh – and having to stop several times to wait as farmers drove their sheep down the main highway.



During the first five years of the society's existence, the clan hosted Lord and Lady Strathspey in America on two occasions, firstly as honored guests of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1978, and secondly at Stone Mountain, Georgia, in 1981. Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Bt., also attended the Stone Mountain Games, and brought his friend, the renowned Pipe Major John Burgess. These were crowning achievements for the fledgling society, but the best was yet to come.

Perhaps the seminal event of this early period took place in the spring of 1981 when eighteen members and friends of the society traveled to Strathspey during the International Gathering of the Clans. We leased the Earl of Seafield's³ hunting lodge at Kinveachy, a late Victorian Era manor house in a wooded setting between Aviemore and Carrbridge. In addition to a large number of bedrooms, the lodge had a huge dining room with a Regency table and eighteen centennial⁴ Chippen-



dale chairs. The walls were adorned with life-sized portraits of the 7th and 8th Earls of Seafield. The spacious den or smoking room was paneled with rough-hewn pine logs and the floor was covered in Grant tartan carpet. Muskets from the 1st Strathspey Fencible Regiment were on display in the halls. The famous portrait of "The Laird's Champion" by Richard Waitt, 1714, greeted the guests as they entered through the front door.

My wife Linda and I – since we were the main planners of the week's activities, and since my signature was on the lease, and since we arrived earlier than the other guests – selfishly claimed the master bedroom for ourselves, which happened to be the Earl and Countess of Seafield's bedroom when they were in residence at Kinveachy. Being in the furniture business, I was more than casually interested in the furnishings at Kinveachy. Out of curiosity, I pulled back the bed linens to see what kind of mattress was on the Earl's bed. To my amusement, it was a Simmons *Beautyrest* – the same mattress I slept on at home in Atlanta.

During our stay at Kinveachy, we toured the "country of the Grants" for the better part of a week, visiting Ballindalloch Castle, Castle Grant, Cullen House, Duthil Kirk, Glenmoriston, Glenurquhart, Monymusk, and Rothiemurchus. We toured distilleries, visitor's centers, and fisheries. We visited the battlefield at Culloden Moor and several manor house restoration projects. We were treated to an interesting lecture on tartan. We were feted at drinks parties and dinners. The Grantown Society laid on a wonderful historical exhibit in our honor at our friend Nigel Grant's Seafield Lodge Hotel. It was just a remarkable week. And the weather was beautiful!

As the week progressed, we had occasion to visit the Scotch whisky centre at Coylum Bridge, Rothiemurchus. The tour guide mentioned during his presentation that sales



of Scotch had actually been declining for several years worldwide. Upon hearing that, George Grant promptly remarked, "Is that a fact? Well, believe me, we are doing all we can to help!"

On our final night at Kinveachy Lodge, our group hosted a reception for Lord and Lady Strathspey. In addition to special guests from the Clan Grant, the *soiree* was attended by the Chief of Clan MacKenzie, *Caberfeidh*, the Rt. Hon. Lord Cromartie, and Lady Cromartie.

Members of the Grantown Royal British Legion Pipe Band, and our own piper, Ed Smith, performed during the festivities. George Grant's introductory remarks were uncharacteristically brief. Lord Strathspey also made a wonderfully gracious speech.

The significance of this celebratory event was probably lost on most of those who attended. And frankly, its true magnitude only occurred to me as I lay awake on that *Beautyrest* mattress in the quiet hours of the night – long after the last *hors d'oeuvre* had been served and the last dram savored, after the last skirl of the pipes had faded from my ears, and after all those who had attended had made their way back to their respective Strathspey parishes, and beyond, as was the case of Lord and Lady Cromartie. (It was only later that I learned that they had missed the last ferry from Inverness and had to drive a considerable distance out of their way to get back to Castle Leod in Strathpeffer.)

It was only then that I realized that the Clan Grant Society of North America had probably hosted the first gathering of the Chief and Chieftains of the principal families of the Clan Grant since the 3rd Lord Strathspey, 11th Earl of Seafield, Sir James Ogilvie-Grant, Bt., went off to fight in the Great War, in 1915.

Or, perhaps it was the first major gathering since the funeral of Sir John Charles Grant-Ogilvie, 1st Baron Strathspey, 7th Earl of Seafield, in 1881. Or, perhaps even the momentous gathering nine years earlier in 1872 to celebrate the coming of age of his son, Viscount Reidhaven, Ian Charles Grant-Ogilvie. On that occasion, the young Laird's twenty-first birthday celebration, General Sir Patrick Grant, representing the ancient family of Tullochgorm and the tenantry of Strathspey, presented the Master of Grant with a large portrait of himself painted by the eminent President of the Royal Academy, Sir Francis Grant.

Among the special guests who attended our 1981 reception for Lord and Lady Strathspey at Kinveachy were the following Chieftains and representatives of the clan:

- Representing the ancient family of Grant of *Freuchie* and Grant of Grant,
 - The Right Honourable Lord Strathspey, 32nd *Ceann Cinnidh an Grantach*, and Lady Strathspey
 - The Hon. James Patrick Trevor Grant, the present Lord Strathspey, 33rd Chief of Grant
 - The Hon. Michael Patrick Francis Grant
 - The Hon. Amanda Caroline Grant
- Representing the family of Ogilvie-Grant, the Earls of Seafield
 - Lady Pauline Ogilvie-Grant Sykes, daughter of the late Nina Caroline Countess of Seafield
- Representing the ancient family of Grant of Glenmoriston, the Clan *Phadruig*,
 - James Ewen Grant, Laird of Glenmoriston
 - Ian F.H. Grant, Managing Director, Glenmoriston Estates, nephew of the Laird
- Representing the ancient family of Grant of Tullochgorm,
 - Brigadier Eneas H.G. Grant, DSO
 - Maj. Patrick Hugh MacKintosh-Grant, MC
- Representing the ancient Clan Donnachie,
 - Sir Patrick Grant of Dalvey, Baronet,
- Representing the Grants of Monymusk and Cullen, Cadet of Grant of Grant
 - Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk and Cullen, Baronet
 - Jean, Lady Tweedsmuir, the former Lady Grant of Monymusk and mother of Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk, Bt.
- Representing the Grants of Rothiemurchus, Cadet of Grant of Grant
 - John P. Grant, Younger of Rothiemurchus, who later became Lord Huntingtower, heir apparent to the Earldom of Dysart
 - Gregor James Grant, the uncle of Lt. Col. J.P. Grant of Rothiemurchus
 - Major James MacAlpine Gregor Grant, TD
- Representing the MacPherson-Grants of Ballindalloch, *Slioch Gillies*, Cadet of Rothiemurchus
 - Sir Ewan George MacPherson-Grant of Ballindalloch, Bt.
- Representing the ancient family of Grant of Blairfindie
 - George Grant, Glenfarclas, Managing Director of the Glenfarclas Distillery

As the Clan Grant Society–USA nears the onset of its fourth decade I thought some of the newer members might be interested to learn something of the early history of the society. During the first five years of the society's existence, we didn't have many members. We didn't have a constitution or by-laws. We didn't have much of anything, but we did have George Grant and a few core members whose motto was and is "Stand Fast!"

¹ When established in 1977, and for a few years thereafter, the society was known as

the Clan Grant Society of North American. This name was used until a sister association was formed in Canada, at which time the name was revised to the Clan Grant Society – USA.

² Nina Caroline Ogilvie-Grant, 12th Countess of Seafield, who at that time owned the Grant estates in Strathspey.

³ Ian Derek Francis Ogilvie-Grant, 13th Earl of Seafield, son of Nina Countess of Seafield who died in 1969.

⁴ Reproduction chairs produced during the Victorian period in the exact style of chairs produced one hundred years earlier during the Chippendale period.

Photos shared through article. First photo: Sir Donald Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, The Rt. Hon. Lord Strathspey, June 1981

Second Photo: Group picture of some of the attendees at the Reception at Kinveachy Lodge, June 6, 1981.

Third Photo: Ian Derek Francis Ogilvie-Grant, The Rt. Hon. Earl of Seafield, June 1981

Fourth Photo: (Left to Right) Ed Smith, Piper to the Lord Strathspey, The Lord Strathspey, Lady Strathspey, and George Grant, Convener of the Clan Grant Society.

Below: The Invitation

The Clan Grant Society of North America
requests
the pleasure of your company at a reception honouring
The Right Honourable the Lord Strathspey,
32nd Hereditary Chief of the Clan Grant,
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Canadian Clan Grant Convener, Jim and Kathy Grant's family recently hosted a Clan Grant table at a Burns Club function in Toronto which was a fund raiser for the Scottish Studies Foundation of Canada. Here is a photo of his family. (Left to right) Kathy Grant, Ron Grant of Toronto, Jim Grant and his nephew Kyle Grant, sister Elizabeth Grant, son Brian and daughter, Erin.

Have You Made Plans?

Stone Mountain 2007

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Stone Mtn games again this year. We will be holding a Board Meeting at this gathering as well. For all you new to these huge games, and a reminder to the rest of us "experienced" folk (we don't say "old" anymore ...), here's a list of our activities:



Fri, Oct 19 - Clan Grant reception at Best Western motel. See address below. We'll be in their rather small meeting room starting about 7 PM or as soon as we can get there through the considerable Atlanta Fri PM traffic.

Sat, Oct 20 - Games from about 8 AM when we set up until 5 or 5:30. Then our usual covered dish dinner and fellowship at the home of Maggie Kline, 1902 Alderbrook Rd, Atlanta, 30345. Directions will be available at the games tent. Bring a dish to share ...Honey Baked ham and beverages provided.

Sun, Oct 21 - Games all day. Highlight is parade of tartans sometime around lunchtime, 12 noon - 1 PM. Come and show off our tartan(s)!

Reserve your room(s) now - 6 available, first come, first served. Talk to Sam Patel at Best Western Stone Mtn, 1595 East Park Place, Stone Mtn, GA 30087, (770) 465-1022. Rooms are booked for Thurs - Sun nights -just identify yourself as Clan Grant and choose your own nights. Clan rate \$82/night. Contact C. David Grant for additional info (404) 550-6674

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When Abe Lincoln Was Lost for Words

US President Abraham Lincoln was introduced to the poetry of Robert Burns as a child and could recite a number of works by heart, including Tam O' Shanter.

His official biography reported: "When practicing law before his election to Congress, a copy of Burns was his inseparable companion on the circuit; and this he pursued so constantly, that it is said he now has by heart every line of his favorite poet." But when he was asked by the Burns Club in Washington in 1865 for "the honour of your recognition of the genius of Scotland's bard, by either a toast, a sentiment, or in any other way you may deem proper" - he was lost for words. His reply reads "I can not frame a toast to Burns. I can say nothing worthy of his generous heart and transcending genius. Thinking of what he has said, I can not say anything which seems worth saying. A. Lincoln."

Now that note is going on sale in New York on 22 May - and is expected to fetch over £6,000 (\$12,000).



Age Old Custom Hard to Break

Reprint From the Electric Scot

May 21, 1891 at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/canada/scotscan/issue26.htm>

Scotland is noted for the simplicity of its marriage ceremony; but, however simple, people always recognize that by its forms husband and wife are firmly bound together for life. There was once prevalent in Scotland, however, a marital tie of a considerably easier description - one which we are afraid would not universally commend itself nowadays, though it might be much use to those unhappy individuals of both sexes who are constrained to invite the assistance of the Divorce Court in loosening their bonds.

By this custom the two persons were not united for life, but only for a twelve month. This peculiar usage prevailed chiefly in the remote district of Eskdalemuir, where there was little communication with other places. A fair was held every year at a spot at the foot of the parish, close to the junction of the Black and White Esks, at which it was the custom for unmarried persons of both sexes to choose a companion according to their liking till the same period next year. This was called handfasting, or hand-in-fist. If both were pleased with each other by the time the next fair came round they continued together for life; if not they separated, and were free to make another choice, as at the first. The children born under this engagement were reckoned lawful children though the parents did afterwards resile. It is not known when the custom commenced, but it seems to have continued for a long period. In the end of last century an old man was living near Langholm who had been acquainted with an individual named Beaton, and this man was grandson to a couple married in that fashion. This primitive kind of union was entered into on occasion by the higher classes, for it is related in some Scottish histories that Robert II. was thus wedded to Elizabeth More.



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- Athletes
- Scholarships/Charities
- DNA Project Administrator

Remarkable Obituary

(Author not known)

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr Common Sense.

Mr Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable Parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only to worsened his condition.

Mr Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge financial settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter Responsibility and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

**Isn't it Common Sense to get your family involved ?
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