



Clan Grant is a great clan with a proud history. There are many Grant families in the USA that do not know their Scottish history or that they are part of a Clan. When our society was first formed we said that we would do the following;

- **Literature** – including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;

- **Charitable** – such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;

- **Historical** – especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);

- **Educational** – such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or colleges, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;

- **Cultural** – such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Center in Scotland;

- **Social and Recreation** – promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the Clan.

President's Message

What do we need to be doing in 2017?

Please understand these ideas will need to be discussed with our board of directors. If you have other ideas or suggestions or comments, please share them with the Board members.

1. We need to expand the number of games we have tents at. Games are where folks that are interested in their Scottish heritage go. We need to be more aggressive in helping Grants, recruiting Grants and befriending Grants that live in our local areas. More of you need to step up as Games Commissioners even if it is for only one game a year. We will help you get started and provide you the equipment needed as well as pay for the tent registration and your way into the Games.

2. We need to improve our new member recruitment process. After you join then what happens? You get a letter and a membership card and a name and password for the web site and are placed on the members list for the *Craig*. This is just not enough! The board will be forming a membership support committee to develop an improved approach to staying in touch with new members and supporting them. If you have joined lately join us in this effort. Send me an email: academicdad@yahoo.com or a letter to Dr. Bill Grant, 610



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The Society shall publish a Clan quarterly named *Craigellachie*. *Craigellachie* shall be used to promote the interests of the Clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the Society's members. Further *Craigellachie* shall serve as the official publication of the Society and shall be the primary vehicle for giving the Members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions

Clan Grant Society—USA Annual General Meeting October 16, 2016



Officers present: Dr. Bill Grant, Lena Grant, Bob Grant, Jeniphir Grant, Jim Grant, George James, Janette Kaiser.

The Annual General Meeting of Clan Grant Society—USA was called to order by President Bill Grant at 1:31pm EDT. President Grant determined that there was a quorum present.

Fiona Grant, CEO of Clan Grant UK brought a message from the Chief, a copy of which is attached. The Chief is impressed by how well Clan Grant USA is doing.

President Grant presented a certificate to Colin Grant-Adams recognizing him as the Honorary Clan Minstrel.

Dr. Grant also recognized Tom Freeman for doing graphic illustrations for the Clan.

The committee on the Articles of Incorporation, Dr. Phil Smith, Col. Gordon Grant & Will Grant, was thanked for their work in revising the Clan Articles of Incorporation, to move the Clan from a 501c7 to 501c3 status for the IRS. This change will allow expenses, including dues, to be deducted from taxes. Dr. Phil Smith moved, with Bob Grant seconding, that the revised Articles of Incorporation be accepted by acclamation. There being no negative votes, the motion passed.

President Grant brought a message telling the membership what has been accomplished by the Clan his first year in office, which is also attached. He then outlined what he would like to see done by the Clan in the next year: Expand the number of Games with Grant Tents; Expand the number of Games Commissioners; Recruit new members; Seek sponsors for the *Craig*; Establish an online store; Improve communications.

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3. We need to seek sponsors for *Craigellachie* so we can expand the number of printed pages for each issue. If you have a business or know of a business that would like to advertise in *Craigellachie* so we can provide larger printed copies to our older members please let me know.

4. We need to establish an online store of Clan Grant items available to our members and others. We currently have two vendors interested in working with us in providing our members a source for Grant tartan, clothing and jewelry. More information will be available this year.

5. We need to continue to improve our communications to our members, from our members and among our members. We are working on a membership directory and hopefully will be mailing it out to you before new years.

6. 2017 will be the year for new officer elections: *President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Jim Grant's Member at Large Position, Jeniphir Grant's Member at Large Position.*

If you would like to stand for any of these positions, please contact our Secretary Lena Grant or a to be determined nominating chairman.

If you missed the AGM this year at Stone Mountain Georgia we passed the proposed modifications to our Articles of Incorporation and will be submitting them to the IRS with a request that we be granted a 501(c)3 nonprofit status.

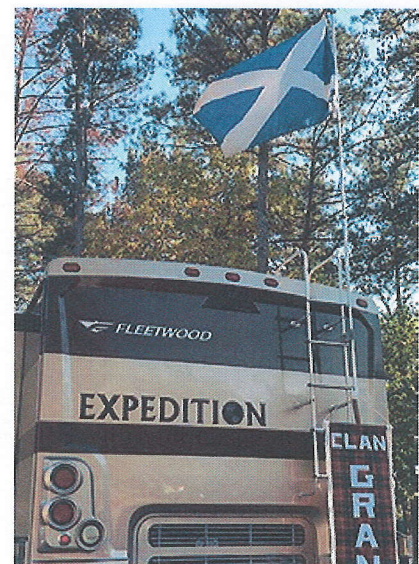
Let me thank you again for the opportunity to serve Clan Grant.

Dr. Bill Grant, President of Clan Grant Society-USA

Elections in 2017 will be held for the following offices: President, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Members at Large.

President Grant closed by thanking the Clan for the honor of serving. The AGM was adjourned at 1:50 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Lena Grant, Secretary



Pine Sprig, Plant Badge of the
Clan Grant Society - USA



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portunity to discover
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ability to pay member-
ship dues online through
our web store using
PayPal.

Currently this is ac-
cessible through a link on
the Membership page
[http://clangrant-us.org/
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“Remember you
don’t just have a family,
you have a clan.”

Dr. Bill Grant

Message from the Chief

Sir James Grant of Grant, Lord Strathspey
33rd Chief of Clan Grant



Dear Kinsmen,

I am delighted that Fiona Grant, our UK
Chairman, is able to send you greetings on
my behalf.

I have to tell you that I am most im-
pressed by the amount of hard work and ef-
fort put in by so many of you – the new look
Craigellachie and the excellent website are
just a sample of all the exciting things that are

happening, not to mention the unseen work of just keeping things going!

All of this contributes to enabling you to keep in touch, not only
with your kinsmen (and women!) in the United States, but also with the
other clan members and associates all over the world. Although not
technically minded myself, I am aware that the improvements in modern
communication systems have meant that this is now much more feasible.

Back home in Scotland, we are doing what we can. We have man-
aged to forge some excellent links with the now modernised Grantown
Museum; they are very keen to work with us and in the long term we hope
that they will help us to provide better access to Duthil Kirk our Clan
Centre. The promised online *Journey Planner* is looking good, but needs
a bit more work and we hope that it will enable those of you who would
like to visit your ancestral home to get the most out of your trip.

My very best wishes to you all

Standfast Craigellachie!

Your Kinsman and Chief

Strathspey

*This message was read at the Stone Mountain, GA AGM of The Clan Grant Society-USA
by Fiona Grant UK Clan Grant Chairman via Conference Call*



Clan Grant Genealogy Report to the President 2016

Ann Scherzinger,
Genealogy Coordinator Clan Grant Society U.S.

One of the major purposes of the family tree database was to discover connections among members of the Clan Grant Society U.S. and put them in touch with one another if they wished. (It was not to record the names of every Grant who ever lived in the US and Canada.

Much progress has been made in the re-structuring, re-organizing and general clean-up of the family tree database. The roughly 11,000 names initially in it have been whittled to less than 7500. This has occurred as (sometimes many) multiples of the same people were combined and many, whose lines did not descend to current or former members of Society, were deleted. It should be noted that a copy of the original database, as received by this current genealogy coordinator, has been retained.

Fifty-seven trees for former and current members have been found so far and simple procedures initiated to assure that they are easier to find in the future. While there is still more to be done, connections amongst a few of our members are beginning to appear. These members have been/are being notified.

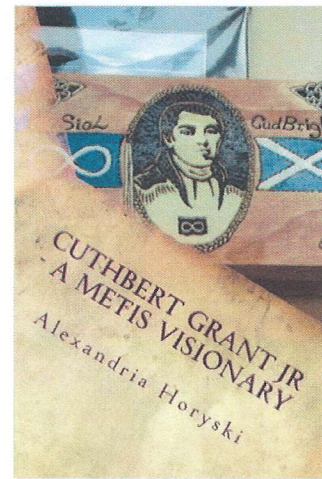
1. Peter Grant (1631-1712) and wife Joanna Ingersoll (1631-1712), whose graves are in Berwick, Maine, are the progenitors of five members of Clan Grant U.S.

2. William Grant (1726-1804) and wife Elizabeth Boone (sister of frontiersman Daniel) are the progenitors of five more members.

I have responded to twenty enquiries regarding genealogy and the family tree this year and had running dialogues with several of these. Five family trees have been added to our database bringing the total to 48 member trees.

The "Genealogy" tab on the website has been updated with an introduction that clarifies what our family tree database entails and links to how to participate as well as general genealogy hints (the former main page of Genealogy.)

Family Tree Maker, owned by Ancestry.com, is the program currently in use for maintaining the family tree database. Ancestry.com announced it was discontinuing support and sales of this program. Some



by Alexandria Horyski
(Author), Nicholas
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(Author), Timothy Mark
(Editor)

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As 2016 as been hailed The Year of Cuthbert Grant Jr. by The Manitoba Metis Federation and the 200th Anniversary of the Seven Oaks Conflict, this is the perfect year to play homage with this book.

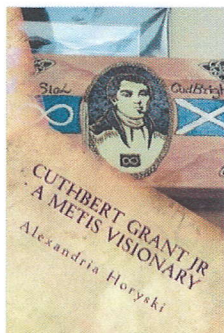
A true Metis Legend who was the first to practice modern medicine on his people and was proud to build his own Metis community known then as Grantown and now known as St. Francois Xavier.

He asserted the rights of his people against the government and instilled great pride and dignity in being a Metis, a proud separate ethnic group of people.

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Cuthbert Grant Jr. and many other Metis people were the building blocks and foundations of early Canadian and Manitoba history.

The backbone of the country. From the Fur trade to Sheriff, Magistrate and Captain General of The Buffalo Hunt Cuthbert Grant Jr. made his mark of his country and his people.

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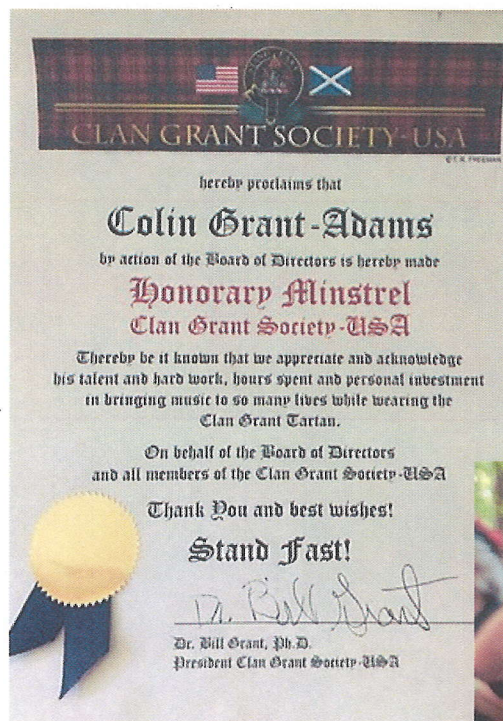
Historian and Sept Stewart of Siol Cudbright representing Clan Grant in Canada.

Representing the family and descendants of Cuthbert Grant Jr.

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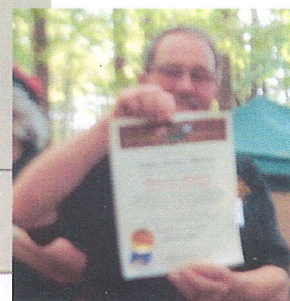
Be a go between to facilitate the exchange of history and culture.

Colin Grant-Adams becomes Honorary Minstrel at AGM



Internationally known entertainer, Colin Grant-Adams officially became the Clan Grant Honourary Minstrel at the Clan Grant Society - USA Annual General Meeting at Stone Mountain!

Here's Colin with his certificate!



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board members informally discussed the problem. A suggestion was made that the database be held as a private tree on Ancestry.com. The advantages would have been:

1. Allowing for training and overseeing for incoming genealogy coordinators
2. Allowing for more than one person to work on the restructuring and clean-up of the database
3. Allowing access to specifically permitted members for purposes of their own family tree research

The idea was vetoed over the concern that the public might somehow gain access to private information. (Note: It is now a moot point for the time being. *Family Tree Maker* has since been taken over by a different company. Support, updates and sales will continue and future genealogy coordinators will be able to purchase copies for a reasonable price.)

Respectfully submitted, Ann Scherzinger, Genealogy Coordinator
 Clan Grant Society U.S.



Hereby proclaims that

MICHAEL JOHNSON

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**REGIONAL GAMES
COMMISSIONER**

Thereby be it known that we appreciate and
acknowledge his faithfulness, hard work, hours spent,
and personal investment for having made the Clan
Grant Society-USA a recognized Clan at many Scottish
Festivals and Games.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLAN WE DECLARE YOU**

**REGIONAL GAMES
COMMISSIONER
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Dr. Bill Grant, President Clan Grant Society-USA

August 20th 2016

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Flowers of the Forest

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There is absolutely no charge for this.

Métis in Canada

*See book review on
pages 5 & 6 of this issue.*



The Métis are one of
Canada's three principal
Aboriginal groups, and are
recognized under section
35 in the 1982 Constitu-
tion. Fiercely independent,
the Métis were instrumen-
tal in the development of
western Canada.

Historically, the word
Métis refers to the children
of European explorers,
settlers, and fur traders
and their First Nation
wives in the "Métis Home-
land" (present-day
Manitoba). Over the years,
many terms have been
used to describe the Métis
: (michif, bois brûlé,
chicot, halfbreed, country-
born, mixed blood).

From the earliest
contact with Europeans,
métissage (racial mixing)
was a common practice.

It's reported that the
explorer Samuel de
Champlain told his First
Nation allies in Nova
Scotia, "Our young men
will marry your daughters
and we shall be one
people."

The Clan Grant Society - USA was founded in 1977 by George & Lucille Grant, by the authority of Sir Patrick Grant of Grant (1912 - 1992). The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant. It continues under authority of Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.

Past Presidents: Howard Parsons, 1998-2002; C. David Grant, 2002-2006; Dr. Christopher Pratt, 2006-2008; Rand Allan, 2008-2013; Jeniphr Grant, 2013-2015.

Elected and Appointed Officers Clan Grant Society - USA

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Clan Grant tent at the Virginia Games at the Plains near Manassas, Va.

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Bet you didn't know, "It's great to be a Grant!" was declared by the previous Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick, at the Grandfather Mountain Games, in the 1980's. George and Lucille had arranged for him to come over

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We need your birthdays too! Just the day and the month...but, please send members' birthdays with your membership application.

Clan Grant Society - USA

Flower of the Forest

Gordon Mitchell Grant, age 86, of Arlington, Virginia, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on September 29, 2016.

Son of Gordon and Beatrice Grant, of Niagara Falls, New York, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mildred; three daughters, Lisa Grant Tillman (Dennis), Laura Grant Welch (Sean) and Barbara Grant Crosby (Rob); five grandchildren, Christine Caviness (Bruce), Sophia and Grant Welch, Alexander and Paul Crosby, and great-grandchild, Victoria Caviness.

Born in Ontario, Canada on December 2, 1929, he was a Korean War veteran, lawyer and above all, a devoted family man and dear friend to many throughout his life.

He received his undergraduate degree at Niagara University, was commissioned at graduation as 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army in 1951.

He received his orders to lead an infantry platoon in the DMZ during the Korean War, where he earned a Purple Heart.

After Korea, he attended the University of Buffalo Law School, married Mildred in 1954, earned his law degree in 1956, then moved to Arlington in 1957 to begin a 25-year career with the federal government in energy law.

Mr. Grant served as Secretary of the Federal Power Comm. (now FERC), then left to set up the regulatory Department of the Postal Rate Comm., served at the Atomic Energy Commission and the State Department before returning to FERC as Assistant General Counsel for gas.

After retiring from government, he worked at Washington Gas Company in the office of the General Counsel until retirement in 1990.

Col. Grant returned to active duty during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

He later worked for the American Gas Association as special counsel, publishing the annual *Regulation of the Natural Gas Industry*.

Proud of his Scottish heritage, he served as president of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC and was a founding member and officer of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

He was our agent with the State of Virginia since our incorporation.

He chaired the original board of the Clan Grant Society-USA and wrote our current articles of incorporation.

Gordon and Mildred hosted the Chief on his first visit to the US.

If you would like to send a sympathy card to His wife, Mildred, she is Mildred Grant, 4506 North 35th Road, Arlington, VA 22207.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Carabao, the American Legion, and Washington Golf and Country Club.

The family received visitors at Murphy Funeral Home, Arlington, Virginia.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.



WeddingDay

Karen & Michael

At last...A hush came over the crowd as they settled into the bleachers in the old arena.

They came not to watch a barrel race or any equestrian event, but made festive with a different look for those who came to celebrate the event of the year.

Yes fellow clansmen, our very own Karen Cook, assistant to the Treasurer, wed Michael Swaim.

This match was meant to be since becoming a couple in 2004.

After the wedding ceremony, there was a party to be envied by even the most elaborate of receptions. Old friends from the arena and from Karen's old horse center joined together to eat, drink and laugh of old times.

The bride and groom showed off their expertise at dancing to their theme song, "YMCA" complete with moves. Did I tell fail to mention Mike is 6'8"? With that reach, he brought a new meaning to those Ys and Ms.

Let's not forget the Mother of the bride, Jacque Grant doing the Cupid Shuffle wearing her Clan Grant kiltie and tam.

Late evening everyone parted with a smile on their faces, a pocket full of memories, and laughter in their hearts. This couple work full time at regular jobs with their early, early mornings and evenings spent on the farm tending cattle and horses. In their spare time they are amateur vintners competing in local and state contests. Any time over is spent experimenting with the making of homemade beers.



Please share your own wedding days with us! Just send jpeg photos and information about your own wedding to [<bethscribble@aol.com>](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)

Tulsa Oklahoma Scotsfest 2016

As we stepped out of the car, once again, the thrill rose in our hearts as the sound of the pipes drifted across the parking lot.

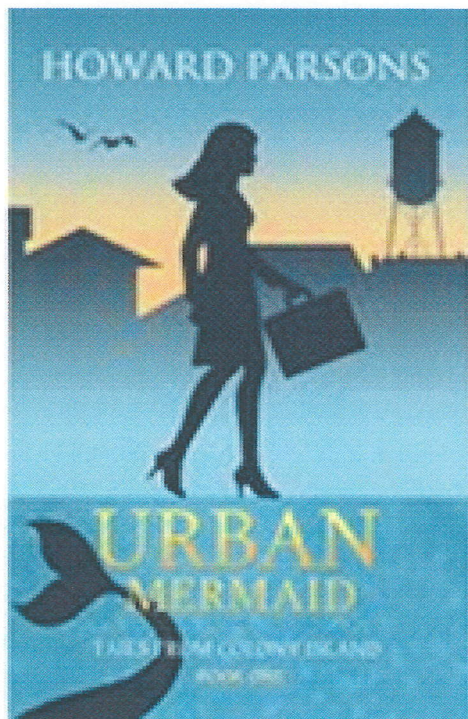
As we hurried through the gates of the 2016 Tulsa Scotsfest, we were treated to pipe and drum bands warming up close by while a few lone pipers were off by themselves practicing a soft tune. Celtic Rock is something else to give a listen. The bands put on a great show with electric guitars, fiddles, didgeridoo, drums, and most of all those bagpipes! Cleghorn is the most energetic group playing much of their original music. Before you know it, your toes will tap and hands will clap. Several great bands rotate their sets so try to catch them all.

We caught up with fellow clansman Colin Grant-Adams as he was bussing around the grounds taking photos. Whether he's singing traditional or original music, it is all a treat to your ears. After hearing our very own Clan Grant Minstrel, we came away with our first two CDs. There is a plan to add more to his new collection. The favorite so far is, "You're Not From Around Here." You have got the hear this one.

So many tartans showing off their heritage. Some folks came in full dress while others just donned a sash or a kilt. It didn't matter as we were all there to see old friends, make new ones and have fun. Every year we come home with plans to attend next year to once again see our fellow Scots come together. We'll look forward to meeting more of our Clan Grant members. We know we can find you by your kilt or sash or whatever we bit of Grant tartan you may own!

Until then,

Jacque Grant and Karen Cook



Urban Mermaid: Tails From Colony Island, Book One

Howard Parsons

Book Review by Lena Grant

Prior to dipping into Howard Parson's first book, I was not aware of the sub-genre of Mer fiction, but certainly enjoyed my first voyage under the sea.

Penelope is a mermaid who, like many of her generation, works on land, and has learned to live out of the water for long periods. Enjoying a weekend nap under a dock in a deserted cove, Pen meets Peter and immediately identifies herself as a mermaid, going so far as to kiss this human knowing full well that she will never see this man again. Imagine her consternation when

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An antique oil painting of Scottish cattle, sheep and a Scottish sheep dog by William Garland.

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she is assigned to a cubicle next to him the following Monday during an office renovation. Pen & Peter begin seeing each other and eventually Pen takes Peter home to her parents on Colony Island.

Many merfolk customs are very different from human, and the narrative explains these while moving the story along nicely. Will Peter be able to acclimate to mer life as he and Pen move closer to love?

Author Howard Parsons has immersed himself in mermaid lore and writes in detail of life under the sea and mer-human interactions and relationships. A second book is planned, according to the subtitle of this first book.

Enjoy this book by one of your clansmen, **the first elected president of Clan Grant-USA**

Lena Grant

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* Rulers/politicians such as William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots, John A. Macdonald (the first Prime Minister of Canada) Tony Blair (previous UK Prime Minister)

*A quote from
American
President
Woodrow Wil-
son...*

*"Every line
of strength in
American his-
tory is a line
colored with
Scottish blood."*



*61% of Ameri-
can Presidents
are of Scots or
Scots-Irish de-
scent (includ-
ing Woodrow
Wilson!).*



GRANTS!

Clan Grant Society- USA has two projects supported by the donations of its members: The Clan Grant Heritage Center donations and the Clan Grant Scholarship Fund.

Rand Allan, Membership Chairman reports these donations since the inception of these programs: In 2014, James "Hank" Grant, Coleen Hardin, Kathy Robinson and Richard Welch.

In 2015, donations were received from Karen Cook, Kathy Robinson, Susan White, Susan Turpin, George William Grant, III, Patricia Grant Binette,

Elizabeth M. Grant, Samonia Byford, Mary Ellen Meredith, Lee Grant and Ed Grant.

In 2016, Clan Grant members Keely Grant, Toby Hurley, Bobette Orr (who made two donations), Barbara Gressel, Pamela Davies, Kathy Robinson, David Reynolds, Michael C. Grant, Susan A. White (who also made two donations), Lawrence Coogan and Rebecca Grant Sexton all made generous contributions.

If you would like to become a part of this elite group, just contact Rand Allan via his email at <rballan@san.rr.com>

In genealogy, collateral lines are very, very important!

**Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS, Reference Librarian,
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When genealogists run into the inevitable brickwalls in their research, one of the most common strategies they turn to is to research the ancestor's siblings, or another collateral ancestor, such as aunts, uncles, or in-laws. By searching "sideways", you can often stumble upon some previously unknown information that might lead you to your most elusive ancestors.

When completing a family tree, researchers tend to spend most of their efforts compiling information on their direct lineage as in parents, grandparents, great parents, etc. This strategy is the best way to begin since in most cases, researchers usually know more personal information and specific details about these ancestors. Direct family trees won't show those collateral lines, but they are still very important in the family history.

Everyone has collateral lines in genealogical research. These lines consist of relatives who are not part of direct lineage, but of the same ancestral line. Such ancestors would be the uncles, aunts, granduncles, second cousins and in-laws of the family. By doing research on those collateral lines it can open up new areas or sources previously not examined about the direct lineage. For example, if a great-granduncle was found to have served in the military during World War One, his brother, which would be your great-grandfather might have served as well.

Doing detailed research on a relative in the collateral line is very important for not only assisting on the direct lineage, but to provide an overall historical story of the family. You may have learned that it was an older brother of your grandmother who first immigrated to the United States and encouraged his siblings, espe-

cially your grandmother to move permanently. It could have been that brother of your grandmother, a great uncle, who even paid for her passage. So many lives were interwoven with their extended family that these collateral lines cannot be overlooked.

There may be a family heirloom that was treasured by everyone over the years. It might have a mark of a date or location and nothing more. If you then found a second cousin of your mother had actually lived in that location around that period, it could have originated from that relative.

What is generally not realized is that all the diverse collateral families eventually merge to share a common ancestor. It may be 2 to 5 generations back, but then the common third great grandparents will be the same for both ancestral lines.

Use the U. S. Federal and the state censuses to see the names of siblings and other relatives in a household at a given time. The more recent censuses placed the relationship to the head of household. If it stated sister-in-law, then the woman listed was more than likely the wife's sister. If the sister-in-law was unmarried, then there becomes a clue to the wife's maiden name.

When researching collateral lines, the process will take time and patience. Researchers should remember that it is a mistake to think of our ancestors as having lived their lives in isolation. You may focus on one person, family or line, but the reality is that our ancestors, especially those that initially arrived as immigrants, often settled in enclaves within cities

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The Old Calton Burial Ground, in Scotland, is the last resting place of many well known Scottish figures including philosopher David Hume and publisher William Blackwood.

Also, a statue of which American president lies among the tombstones?

Answer: Abraham Lincoln.

The statue of Lincoln, which many consider to be the finest ever sculpted of him, is atop a memorial to a group of Scottish soldiers who died in the American Civil War. It is inscribed with a quotation from Lincoln himself: "To preserve the jewel of liberty in the framework of freedom."



100,000 Welcomes!

Rand Allan,
Clan Grant Society - USA Membership Chairman

The Clan Grant Society-USA is proud to welcome the following folks as brand new members! Traditionally, "Ceud Mile Failte" is the Gaelic expression of delight at such as this! It means, in English, 100,000 welcomes! All of these new Grants have joined in 2016.

So, Ceud Mile Failte to Ruth Ingram of Keizer, Oregon; Charles Anthony from Lisbon, Maine; Rob Orcholski from Westminster, California; George James, Rebecca Sexton and Helen Gentry - all from Franklin, North Carolina. Welcome to Carl Allen of Grand Prairie, Texas; Nathan James of Rural Hill, Tennessee; Terry Durst of Sarver, Pennsylvania.

Ceud Mile Failte to Patrice Grant-Northeimer of Coudersport, Pennsylvania; Russell Grant from Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jennifer Bailey from Charleston, South Carolina; Calland Carnes from Reston, Virginia and Charles Reynolds of Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

Michelle DeLapp of Lexington, North Carolina; Bill Palmer of Baraboo, Wisconsin; Laura Welch of Arlington, Virginia; Melissa Berry of Dacula, Georgia and Doug Johnston of Windsor, Colorado also receive 100,000 welcomes!

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and towns and tended to cluster in specific regions. It was common for immigrants, particularly those who did not speak English, to travel together and put down roots among relatives, friends or neighbors from their native land.

These so-called "cluster communities" offered a place where the immigrants could transplant and preserve their culture, lifestyle and traditions as best they could in their new surroundings. Seeking to keep their culture as it existed at home, immigrant groups founded their own churches, schools, boarding houses, and fraternal and social organizations. This "clustering" is a plus for genealogists because it gives a wider range of people and records to explore.

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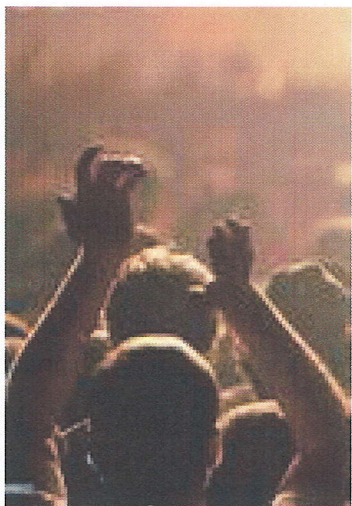
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We're so glad to have John Grant of San Francisco, California; Karen Hovey of Santa Clara, California; Dennis McLeroy of Roswell, Georgia; and Glenn Grant of Atlanta, Georgia as new Clan Grant family members!

Brand new Clan Grant members include Derek Grant of Carrollton, Georgia; Terry Saucier of Pascagoula, Mississippi; Edward Smith of Paris, Tennessee; Jay Cornwell of Blairsville, Georgia; William Grant of Cornwall, New York; and Jessica Shaughness of Marietta, Georgia. 100,000 welcomes to you all!

We are so delighted to have as Clan Grant members Glori Burrell of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Ann Barbare of Fort Pierce, Florida; Irvin Grant of Clarks Hill, South Carolina; Frederick Grant of Dacula, Georgia; Megan Westcoti of Avondale Estates, Georgia. Welcome times 100,000!

Ceud Mile Failte to Lucinda Keller of Los Angeles, California; Karen LaBelle of Saugus, California; Penny Herring of Ojai, California; Oliver Pratt of Eastport, Maine; Keely Grant of St. Louis, Missouri; and Paul Grant of Woodbridge, Virginia!



**You're gonna learn something
here! Don't be afraid!**

1. Actress Reese Witherspoon's ancestor John D. Witherspoon was not only Scottish but he signed the American *Declaration of Independence*.

2. Scots invented elephant polo. The game was dreamt up in a bar in St. Moritz by James Manclarke, a Scottish landowner and former Olympic tobogganer.

3. In 2005, 100 athletes performing in a Scottish triathlon were each insured £1 million against bites from the Loch Ness Monster.

4. Although the Scots comprise less than 0.5 percent of the world's population, 11 percent of all Nobel prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen.

5. Dundee is Scotland's only south facing city.

WHAT IS HOGMANAY?

Come to Edinburgh, Scotland and find out!



Scotland is special in every sense. While the rest of the world celebrates New Year, Scots celebrate Hogmanay. While the rest of the world see Christmas Day as the biggest festive day in the year, Scots always prefer Hogmanay.

But why is Hogmanay such a big deal to Scottish people? The answer dates back to the 16th century, when Parliament, under Oliver Cromwell, banned any Christmas celebrations in 1647. Even though the ban was uplifted 13 years later, celebrating Christmas wasn't seen with good eyes in Scotland and so Christmas day remained a normal working day until as late as 1958.

Hogmanay is longer than any other New Year's celebrations, with the 2nd January also being a public holiday in Scotland. It's celebrated with passion and revelry, as Scots consider Hogmanay an opportunity to bring friends and strangers together to welcome the New Year with good cheer. There are also

other quirks and traditions that make Hogmanay so unique:

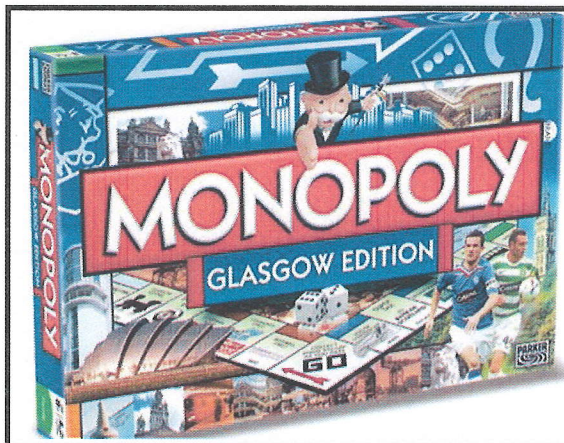
First footings – neighbours traditionally visited each other's houses and brought symbolic gifts, such as shortbread and black bun (fruit cake) and of course, whisky to bring good luck into a household.

Cleaning the house (specially the ashes of the fireplace) before the celebrations was a necessity if you wanted to be ready for a fresh start.

Fires and Hogmanay have tight links. With pagan or Vikings origins, fire was used to purify and get rid of the evil.

When the bells ring the New Year, people clasp hands together while singing Robert Burns' Poem *Auld Lang Syne*. With the last verse, arms are supposed to cross each other's chests, reaching your neighbour, as the song remembers old friends and new.

What are you waiting for? Come and enjoy Edinburgh's Hogmanay and experience this important Scottish celebration!



When Santa asks what YOU want for Christmas....tell him, Scottish Monopoly!

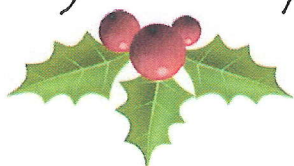
This is on Amazon.com, but they only have a few and they are quite pricey. You can order from the Amazon UK website. There are several editions available.

The cards are great Scottish fun! Creative and uniquely Scottish!



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&
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Uncle
Grant
wishes
you
a very
Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
Hogmanay!



Scottish Millionaire's Shortbread for the holidays!

This bakes millionaire's shortbread, with caramel and chocolate layers.

Ingredients

Shortbread:

2 sticks butter, cut into small pieces, plus more for preparing pans

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for preparing pans

2/3 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

Caramel Layer:

2 (14-ounce) cans sweetened condensed milk

2 tablespoons butter

Chocolate Topping:

3/4 pound good-quality milk chocolate

Shortbread:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Butter 2 (8-inch) square nonstick pans and coat with flour, tapping off excess. Place the flour, sugar and salt in a food processor and pulse once. Add butter and pulse until mixture resembles peas. Press the shortbread mixture into prepared pans and bake until golden brown around the edges, about 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool completely.

Caramel Layer:

In a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the condensed milk and 2 tablespoons of butter. Slowly bring the mixture to a boil, stirring continuously. Continue stirring over the heat until mixture becomes thick and amber in color, about 15 minutes. Pour the caramel over the cooked shortbread and spread evenly using an offset spatula. Cool to room temperature.

Chocolate Topping:

In a glass bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water, melt the chocolate. Once chocolate has melted, pour it over the cooled caramel layer. Cool at room temperature for about 10 minutes, and then place in the refrigerator to cool completely, allowing chocolate to slightly harden but not get hard. Cut into 2-inch squares and enjoy, or store in an airtight container, at room temperature, or my favorite - keep in the refrigerator for a yummy sweet and cool treat!

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DELICIOUS!



Jean Grant Wilson's cousin Hamish Grant

Your editor was going through some old copies of the original *Family Tree* the other day and found in the February/March issue of 2006, something very interesting. I knew I had known Mrs. Wilson for a long time.

The article began: *Jean Grant Wilson, 11249 Irish Moss Dr., North, Jacksonville, FL 32237* (Mrs. Grant has moved and no longer lives there.) *writes that she was born in the UK to Scottish parents who took her to South Africa to visit her father's brother and family. The visit lasted almost 10 years.*

The family spent the war years in Scotland and came to the US in 1947. Her father did not keep in touch with his brother.

A cousin of the family is Hamish Grant. He is the only Grant relative of Mrs. Grant's known yet living. The last time he was known of he was in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1942. He would be about 60 years old (In 2006) now.

At one time he was thought to be living in the US.

Does anyone know Hamish Grant? How would someone go about finding someone in South Africa.

Please write Jean Grant Wilson at the above address if you have any information regarding Hamish Grant or ideas on how he might be found.

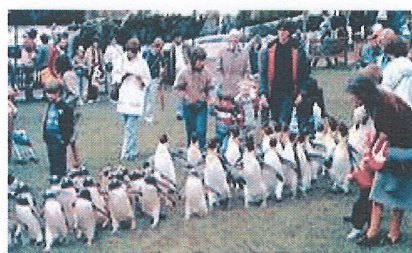
I sent the article to Dr. Bill Grant, who talked with Mrs. Wilson. He wrote that she reported her cousin, Hamish Grant, was found (*I hope as a result of our article!*), but has since sadly passed away. He was living in Edinburgh, Scotland when found by Mrs. Wilson.

Hamish Grant was a painter! Mrs. Wilson had given Dr. Grant a copy of one of his paintings...and we will reproduce that copy as soon as Dr. and Mrs. Grant are in the same zip code as the copy.

Your holiday yummy treat!



These aren't your typical bar-food nachos. The decadent tortilla chips at Brennan's of Houston will set you back \$100, and are topped with fire roasted corn, queso made from St. Andre triple cream cheese, avocado, pico de gallo, lime crema. The finishing touches? Chunks of blue crab and an entire ounce of caviar. (*Your editor would rather have a Reese's cup!*)



The daily penguin parade at Edinburgh Zoo began in 1951 when a keeper accidentally left a gate open.

The father of American jazz legend, Gil Scott-Heron, was the first black player to sign for Glasgow Celtic in 1951.

In 1824, Edinburgh was the first city in the world to form its own fire brigade.

A Scotsman invented basketball. Dr James Naismith was the son of two Canadian immigrants. He invented the game in 1891 when teaching PE in Massachusetts.

Scotland has a waterfall that's over three times taller than Niagara. Eas a' Chual Aluinn, is 658 feet high and is in Sutherland.

Riddle of the Red Deer



For a long time it's been wondered how the majestic red deer of Scotland's Orkneys and Outer Hebrides came to be there. Recent studies have only deepened the puzzle.

Deer, not being marathon swimmers, can only have come to these islands by human introduction, but when, and from where?

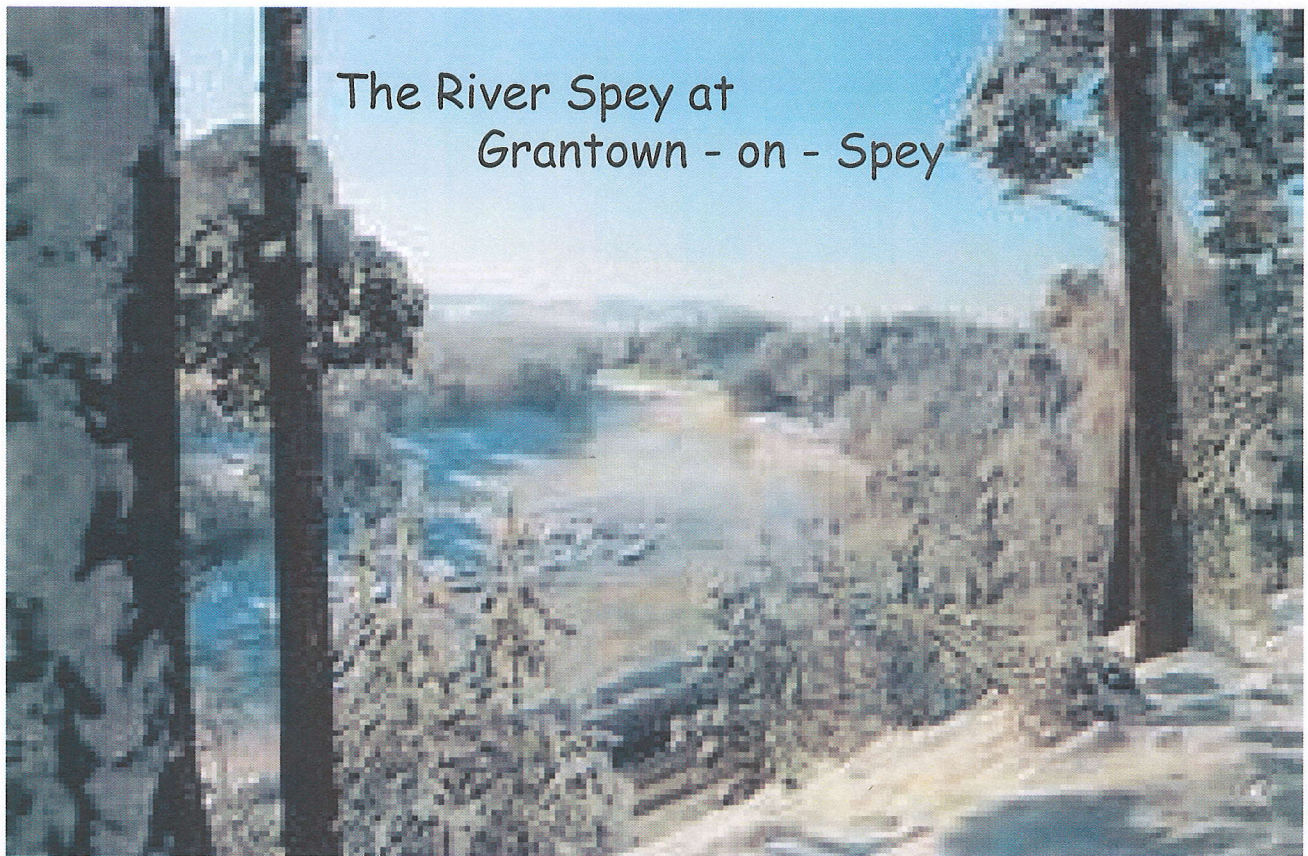
The results of a DNA study published recently indicates that the Orcadian and Hebridean deer (*Cervus elephus*) posses a genetic lineage distinct from the red deer of the British or Scandinavian mainland, indicating that Neolithic people not only had domesticated red deer, but developed the maritime capability to transport them from somewhere else to colonize the Orkneys and Outer Hebrides in the wake of the last ice age.

Perhaps from as far away as Iberia - one of their lineages matched that of deer fiber found on the 5,000 year old Otzi, the Iceman.

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