

Winter 2017

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA

CRAIGELLACHIE



Shown above is the Clan Grant plant badge: the pine sprig.

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

Thank you for all the lovely cards and notes at Christmas. The compliments on our Clan Grant Christmas card were appreciated.

We thank Tom Freeman for the design.

I hope your holidays were as warm and pleasant as ours.

I am so often reminded that a Clan is more than a club. In fact, it is an extension of our family units. Jeniphr Grant, our previous President, was fond of referring to us as cousins. I agree with her. We are related through the Grant Clan.

We begin a new year for The Clan Grant Society-USA. I am happy to report we are off “on a good foot.” Thanks to the work of our Board of Directors we have a projected budget and action plan.

This is our Clan, not my Clan. By saying that I mean we all need

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You'll find, tucked away in this publication several wee bits and pieces of information about The Cairngorms National Park. It's not too far from Grantown...and I'll bet the Grants have footprints all over this lovely place. Enjoy! There's no place else quite like it on earth!

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.



Scots at the Alamo

John A. Duncan of Sketraw,
KCN, FSA Scot

President's Message, *continued from page 1*

to work together to grow and strengthen the Clan Grant Society-USA. Our Board believes these are actions that will help the needed growth and strengthening:

1. Expand the number of games we have tents at and the number of kits for Commissioners.

2. Improve our new member recruitment process

A. 2017 is a Membership Year

B. Games Commissioners membership contest

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new members joining at Games.

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13. Maintain WEB page.

So my question to you, my cousins, is what can you do to help and what will you do to help?

The Board members, both elected and appointed, cannot do this all. **If you are willing to contribute a little we can accomplish a lot.** Review the actions above and ask yourself the question, "can I help the Clan accomplish any of these?" Then give me a call, an email, or a letter.

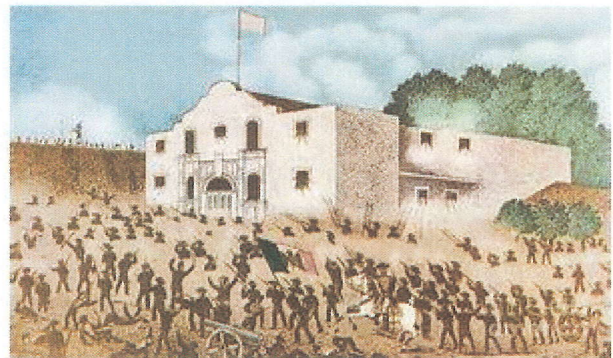
Thank you for your membership and for your hoped for support of our Clan.

Dr. Bill Grant

President The Clan Grant Society-USA.

It is amazing what turns up on *Scottish History Online* and takes your own research off in a tangent you had never thought about.

I had never thought about who was at the Alamo before (Probably because I am Scot and not an American.) Due to an entry in the Guest Book about Colonel William Barrett Travis, one of the two commanders at the Alamo - the other being Jim Bowie, I



thought I would look into it a bit further.

It was interesting that there were four Scots lads who played their part from the 23rd of February to 6th March 1836 in defense of the Alamo and who, along with the other 185 volunteers, gallantly lost their lives.

The Mexican forces were dreadful.

While Santa Anna dictated an announcement of glorious victory, his own Colonel Juan Almonte, privately noted: "One more such glorious victory and we are finished."

Then came April 21 when Sam Houston's Texans routed the Mexican army at the Battle of San Jacinta.

The four Scots at the Alamo were: **Richard W. Ballentine**, (1814-1836) Richard W. Ballentine, Alamo defender, was born in Scotland in 1814. He traveled to Texas from Alabama aboard the *Santiago* and disembarked on December 9, 1835. He and other passengers signed a statement declaring, "We have left every endearment at our respective places of abode in the United States of America, to maintain and defend our brethren, at the peril of

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



**Are you
searching for
your heritage
and your
identity?**

In a globalized world people are becoming less sure about themselves and they want to find connections.

Clan Grant Society-USA offers you the opportunity to discover your clan roots.

Clan Grant Society-USA has now added the ability to pay membership dues online through our web store using PayPal.

Currently this is accessible through a link on the Membership page http://clangrant-us.org/test_site/...

"Remember you don't just have a family, you have a clan."

Dr. Bill Grant

Geoffrey Grant Awarded Honorary Membership

James Grant, Clan Grant Society –USA
standfast@charter.net

Geoff Grant of Wilmington, North Carolina, is the newest honorary member of the Clan Grant Society – USA. Geoff is one of the administrators of the Family Tree DNA Grant Project. Although he is not descended from the Scottish Clan Grant, he has contributed much to the understanding of the various lineages of the clan.

Geoff was born in Cleveland and grew up in north central Ohio. He graduated in 1996 from Bowling Green State University and did graduate work at Kent State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His hobbies – in addition to genealogy and genetic science – are history, travel, playing the guitar, and enjoying fine cheeses.

He moved from Cleveland to Wilmington with his wife, Ana, in 2007. Ana is a native of the Basque Region of Spain.

Geoff's frustrations with his own genealogical 'brick-wall' prompted him to get involved with DNA testing and deeper ancestral research. This quest, coupled with his interest in history, prompted his involvement in the Grant Project.

Geoff is descended from Matthew Grant, an English Puritan, who came to Massachusetts in 1630. Matthew moved with his family to Windsor, Connecticut, where he became the town surveyor, deacon in the church, selectman, and town clerk. His family was documented by Arthur Hastings Grant in *The Grant Family: a Genealogical History of the Descendants of Matthew Grant* (Poughkeepsie, NY, 1898). President Ulysses S. Grant was descended from this family.

In 2016, Geoff was instrumental in convincing the following important representatives of the Clan Grant to participate in the Grant DNA Project:

- Patrick Grant, a computer engineer who divides his time between Edinburgh and his boyhood home at Tomatin, near Inverness. Patrick is the direct lineal descendant and representative (chieftain) of the ancient Grants of Tullochgorm. He also has the distinction of being descended from not one, but two Field Marshals of the British Army, Sir Patrick Grant and Sir Hugh Gough, Lord Gough.

- Dr. Michael Charles Grant de Longueuil, 12th Baron de

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Clan Grant Society-USA 2017 Budget & Plan

Dr. Bill Grant, CGS President

Ending bank balance as of Dec 31, 2016 = \$7132.08

Included in that total

Clan Grant Center donation = \$1144.50

Scholarship fund =\$ 80.00

Total donations =\$1224.50 -\$1224.50

Balance minus donations \$5907.80

Known costs (based on 2016 expenses) for 2017 include:

4 newsletters =\$1466

Reimbursement for games =\$415

Misc. (VA State, Cert., Banners) =\$40 -\$1,921

Balance minus known costs \$3986.80

Projected unknown costs for 2017

Costs associated with 501C3, refiling, etc. -\$275

Projected costs for tent org. is likely higher in 2017

I'll proffer a guess of \$500 total -\$500

Web site hosting and domain name renewal -\$260

Balance minus est. costs \$2,951.80

Estimated income from member dues (83X\$20.00) \$1660.00

Total estimated bank balance as of Dec 31, 2017 \$4611.80

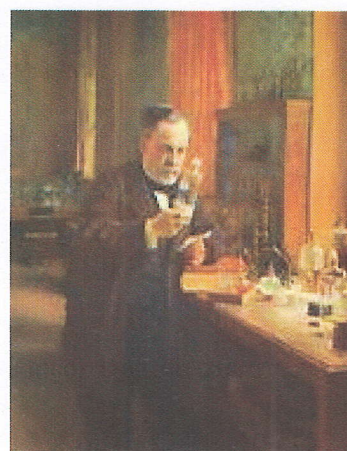
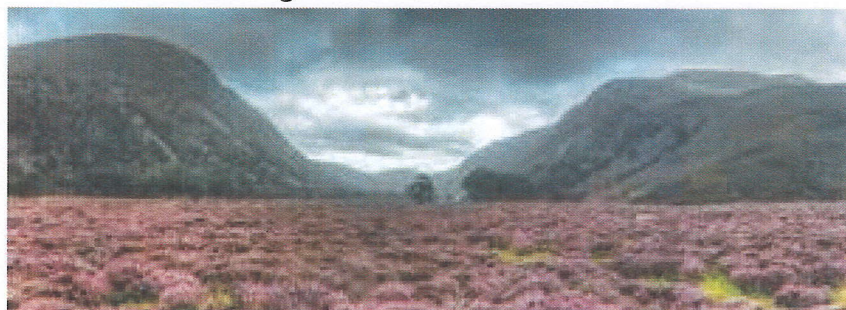
See note below:

Note: We need a daily average balance of \$3000.00 to avoid bank fees. This may change if we gain 501(c)(3) status.

This total does not include any funds for the CGUS online store.

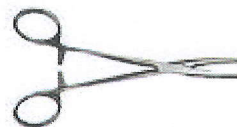
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

- active members - 258
- life members - 85
- complimentary members - 10
- honorary members - 8
- new members since 10/1/2016 - 30
- members needing to renew - 83

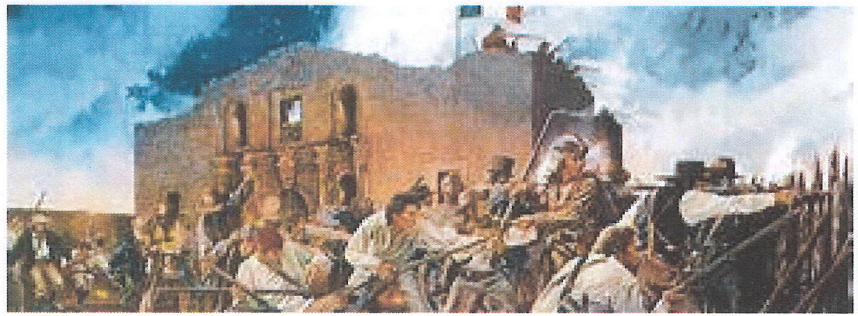


In 1885,
Dr.
William
Grant
performed
the first
successful
appen-
dectomy.

*With thanks to
Dr. Bill Grant*



Greetings,
 This message
 is to inform
 you that a
 new node:
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 has been
 created at the
 Clan Grant
 website.
 It is entitled:
*Anyone else
 related to Colin
 John Grant
 (1773-1846)?*
 Wander on over
 and take a look.
 Cheers,
 The
 Clan Grant
 Society Website



Scots at the Alamo, *continued from page 2*

our lives, liberties and fortunes.” Ballentine died in the Battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836; **John McGregor** (1808-1836), Alamo defender, was born in Scotland in 1808 and lived in 1836 in Nacodoches, Texas. He took part in the siege of Baxar and later served in the Alamo garrison as 2nd Sergeant of Captain William R. Carey’s artillery company. It is said that during the siege of the Alamo, McGregor engaged in musical duels with David Crocket, McGregor playing the bagpipes and Crocket the fiddle. McGregor died in the Battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836; **Isaac Robinson**, (1808-1836), Isaac was born in Scotland in 1808 and came to Texas from Louisiana. He also took part in the siege of Bexar and later served in the Alamo garrison as a fourth sergeant in Captain William R. Carey’s artillery company. He died in the Battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836; **David L. Wilson**, (1807 - 1836), David L. Wilson, Alamo defender, son of James and Susanna (Wesley) Wilson was born in Scotland in 1807. In Texas, he lived with his wife, Ophelia. Wilson was probably one of the volunteers who accompanied Captain Phillip Dimmitt to Bexar and the Alamo in the early months of 1836. He remained at the Alamo after Dimmitt left on the first day of the siege. Wilson died in the Battle of the Alamo, on March 6, 1836.

James Grant, *continued from page 3*

Longueuil (a French-Canadian colonial peerage), who descends from the ancient Grants of Blairfindy, is a retired physician who lives in the south of France and spends part of the year on the Isle of Arran in the Firth of Clyde. In France, Dr. Grant oversees the art gallery founded by his father, Raymond Grant, 11th *Baron de Longueuil*, a well-known artist in his own right and second cousin to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Michael has an energetic family of one son and three attractive and talented daughters.

Sir Patrick A.B. Grant of Dalvey, Baronet, LL.B., is the managing director of Grants of Dalvey, a manufacturer of fine quality stainless steel gentlemen’s accessories and fashion apparel. Sir Patrick is a graduate of the Glasgow University School of Law, an accomplished bagpiper, and the chieftain of the Grants of Clan Donnachie, one of the oldest lineages of the Clan Grant. Sir Patrick has two sons, Duncan and Neil.

I am sure Geoff would join with this reporter in recommending a DNA test as an invaluable tool in your quest for your genealogical roots. For information on the Grant Project, visit – <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/grant/about/background>



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If you have a loss in your family,

please send the

Flowers of the Forest

information to your Craigellachie editor at

<bethscribble@aol.com>

There is absolutely no charge for this.

The Clan Grant Society Membership Directory is done!

Thanks to a lot of hard work by our Secretary, Lena Grant, we now have the promised Clan Grant Society Membership Directory.

Jeff has a pdf version that is posted on our WEBSITE.

If you should discover items that need correcting please let Lena know.
<lenagrانت@gmail.com>

We hope that you find this helpful as a member or elected or appointed officer of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

**IT IS GREAT
TO BE A GRANT !**

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

Elected Officers

* **President - William S. Grant, Ph.D.**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
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* **Vice President - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jclick@msn.com>
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* **Assistant Treasurer, Karen Cook**, 6640 Arena Road., Ozark, AR 77949. <kjc429@gmail.com>
479-667-5045.

* **Games Coordinator, George D. James IV**, 830-460-0628 Email: tubageorge@hotmail.com

* **Genealogist - Ann Scherzinger**, 2604 NE 142nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98686.
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* **Historian - James Grant**, 1043 12th Ave., NW, #2-C, Hickory, NC 28601. <standfast@charter.net>
828-322-2659.

* **Membership Secretary - Rand Allan**, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037.
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* **Quartermaster - VACANT**

* **Webmaster - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jeffclick@msn.com>
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Jessica, Irene, Bill and Olivia at the CGS AGM

YOU!



COULD BE ONE OF US!

Allied Families & Septs of Clan Grant

Allan • Allen • Bisset(t) • Bowie
Buie • Gilroy • MaccAllan
M(a)cgilroy • M(a)cilroy
McKerran • M(a)cKieran
M(a)cKessoch • Pratt • Suttie

IT'S GREAT TO BE A GRANT!

www.clangrant-us.org

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 1980s. George and Lucille had arranged for him to come over.

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL (Membership # _____)

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
2nd ADULT (if family membership) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
STREET _____ APT # _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

2ND ADULT EMAIL (if family membership) _____

To save money, we send out our newsletters by email.

☐ Check here if you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter (additional fees may apply)

DUES (please circle):

INDIVIDUAL (single voting adult) \$20 1-year \$40 2-years \$55 3-years \$400 LIFE MEMBER

FAMILY (2 voting adults, same address) \$35 1-year \$70 2-years \$100 3-years \$700 LIFE MEMBER

Note: Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. New members joining after June 30 will pay half of the listed amount for the current year of membership, and the full amount upon renewal the following January.

DONATIONS:

Clan Grant Centre Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

We also offer subscriptions through the Clan Grant Society at discounted rates to THE HIGHLANDER Magazine \$15.50/year (3 years max): \$ _____

Total: \$ _____ Check # _____

Make all checks payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY

Mail to: Rand Allan, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037

We need your birthdays too! The day and the month and the year. Please send the complete birthday with your membership application.

Flowers of the Forest

Richard Lewis Grant, College Grove, Tennessee, born November 20, 1931 in Knoxville, Illinois, was restored to peace and dignity on October 12, 2016.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Kathy, and his sisters Dorothy and Libby. He is also survived by his brother, Dean.

His children are Ashley, Linda, Sheryl, Dave, Dick, Barbara and Marrene along with 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Richard served four years in the USAF.

After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1961, he spent 30 years with the Boeing Company as an aerospace engineer.

Prior to retiring as vice president in 1993, his proudest achievements were leading the uranium enrichment project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; the V-22 Osprey in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the International Space Station in Huntsville, Alabama.

In his retirement, Richard enjoyed his Scottish heritage, becoming vice president of the Clan Grant Society and attending Scottish Games across the United States and Scotland.

In addition, he enjoyed restoring antique cars on his farm in Arrington, Tennessee where he was devoted to their rotating family of dogs, cats and horses.

His other great love was the cabin he and Kathy owned on Flathead Lake in Montana. It was there that

he fell in love with the local history and often donated to the surrounding schools, animal shelters and the protection of Flathead Lake.

His common saying, "Leave the world a little better place than you found it," lives on through those contributions.

Private service will be determined. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter (<http://missionvalleyanimalshelter.org>) or the charity of your choice.

Online, you may sign the guest book at www.callNFC.com



One of our newer members passed away on December 1st at the age of 85 years. She had joined in March of this year.

Her name was **Ruth Ingham**. She was a resident of Keizer, Oregon.

**If you lose a member
of your family, please
send your
Flowers of the Forest
information to
<bethscribble@aol.com>
There is no charge.**



Meet George James, our new CGS Games Coordinator

My name is George James, and I am a musician and a music educator and the new Clan Grant Society Games Coordinator.

I was a Band Director in Texas for 10 years before moving back to western North Carolina.

I have been the Entertainment Chair for the Taste of Scotland and Celtic Festival in Franklin, NC (always Father's Day weekend!) for the past two years, and play in a Celtic band with my cousin, Nathan James.

Our group is called *The Jacobites - By Name*, and we specialize in traditional Scots and Irish music. I play guitar and sing.

I am also an avid motorcyclist, and ride my sportbike as often as I can. I have ridden my current bike for over 50,000 miles in Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

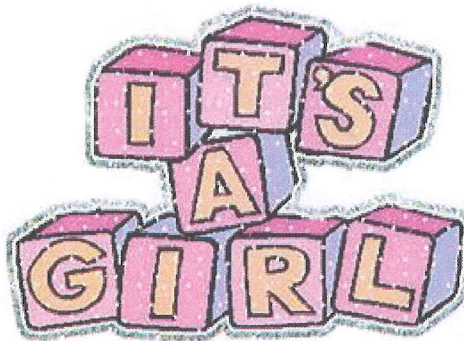
I work at a small musical instrument factory that makes Pennywhistles. You can find out more about those at www.susato.com. Cousin Nathan plays Susato whistles on our album!

Clan Grant Society Quartermaster resigns

Dr. Bill Grant, CGS president wrote: "I regret to receive your resignation as Quartermaster of Clan Grant Society-USA. It is apparent that your current job responsibilities and support for Kristy's Director of Music at your Church would preclude additional duties supporting our on-line store.

Your taking the position of Quartermaster in a time before you had such demands on your time, and before the multiple resignations of much of the officers has helped maintain and continue our Society.

Your support and loyalty is much appreciated."



Welcome to Emily Giddens!

Emily is the newest member of the Clan Grant Society, born October 27, 2016 to our newest members and proud parents, S. Ryan and Amanda Giddens of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Thanks to CGS Membership Chairman, Rand Allan.



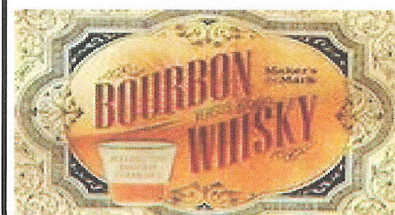
"History credits the Rev. Elijah Craig, a Baptist minister, with being the first in 1789 to make bourbon."

He was a Scotsman.

Kentucky is the place for bourbon because of the limestone which makes the water almost iron-free.

"The first bourbon recognized by brand outside of Kentucky probably was produced by Dr. James Crow...a Scotsman who settled near the Rev. Craig's place."

He was known by the locals as Jim Crow.



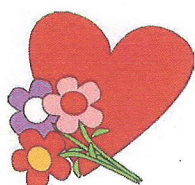


I want
YOU

to have
a wonderful
and

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

However
rare
true love
may be,
it is less so
than true
friendship.



Albert
Einstein



**Everybody
loves
Walkers
Shortbread!**

Thanks to CGS Membership
Chairman, Rand Allan.

Did you know that the historic Clan Grant lands are home to the Walker Shortbread Factory, makers of some of the finest commercial shortbread in the world?

Located in Aberlour, just southwest of the town of Craigellachie, their factory cranks out some of the finest shortbread cookies, oat cakes, and other goodies in Scotland.

The company wanted, as part of their logo, something that symbolized the local land and its people.

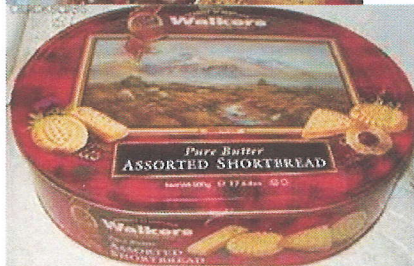
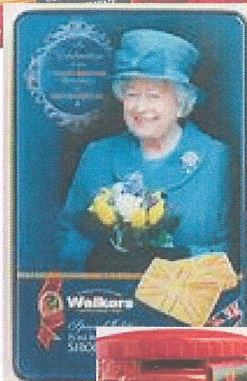
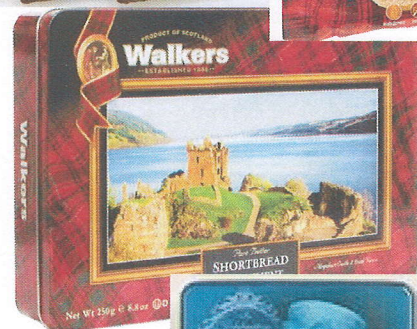
They observed a common fabric pattern worn by many of the people in the region, and selected the Clan Grant dress tartan as their official background for their tins and boxes.

Every so often, their oat cake boxes also display the Clan Grant Hunting Tartan as its background.

On their tins, they often display pictures of the castles and structures of Scotland, many of them associated with the historic lands of Clan Grant.

This Christmas, they featured, on the top of their 2.1kg tins, Ballindalloch Castle, home of the

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Visit the Honours of Scotland

Becoming a king or queen means a big lavish celebration with lots of fancy traditions. Scottish ceremonies were no different - monarchs here wore a jewel encrusted crown, while holding an elaborate sword and a sceptre.

The Honours of Scotland were used throughout history in the crowning of Scottish, English and British monarchs. They might date back hundreds of years, but they've been well looked after and you can still see them on display today at Edinburgh Castle.

These are Scotland's crown jewels. (*Your editor cried when she saw them.*)

It's the collective name for a jewel encrusted crown, an elaborate sword and a sceptre which date from the 15th and 16th centuries.

They are the oldest regalia in the British Isles (the emblems of royalty). They were first used together to crown the infant Mary Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle in 1543. They were then also used at the coronations of James VI in 1567, Charles I in 1633 and, for the last time, Charles II in 1651.

They were hidden in the mid-17th century to keep them safe from Oliver Cromwell. Firstly they were hidden at Dunnottar Castle in Aberdeenshire, then were smuggled out during a siege and buried a few miles away in Kinneff parish church for nine years - until the monarchy was restored in 1660.

They were then used at sittings of the first Scottish Parliament to represent the monarch.

Walker Shortbread,

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McPherson-Grants since the 1500s.

Also displayed on the tin is Craigellachie Bridge near the town of Craigellachie.

The tins are currently being sold at Costco stores around the nation. Get yours before they are gone.

After the Treaty of Union in 1707, they weren't needed so, just like in a fairytale, they were locked away in a chest in Edinburgh Castle and forgotten about for over 100 years.

It wasn't until 1818 when pressure from Sir Walter Scott brought about a search for them in the castle that they were found behind a bricked up doorway.

They were hidden again during the Second World War for fear of a Nazi invasion.

In total, they've been hidden away three times.



47% of the Cairngorms National Park is considered Wild Land and 49% of the Park is of International Importance for Nature (ie protected by European Law).

The high plateau is more like the Arctic than Scotland and snow can last all year, as illustrated by 'Corrie an Sneachda', the Gaelic for Corrie of the snow.



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A Few Tips for Your Trip to Scotland

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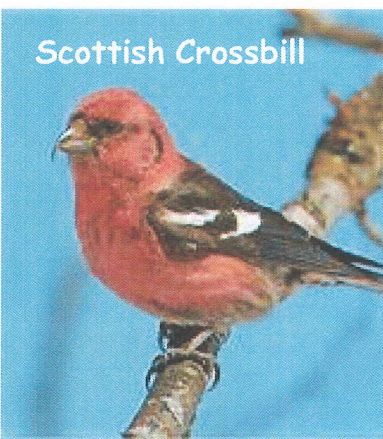
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The National Park is home to 25% of the UK's threatened bird, animal and plant species.

The Cairngorms is the best place in the UK for the Scottish Crossbill, the only bird unique to Britain. Golden Eagle, Osprey, Dotterell, Capercaillie, and Crested Tit are just a few of the bird species also found here.

The National Park is home to a wide variety of animals - including pine marten, red squirrels, badgers, wildcats, water vole, and otters.

The rivers are home to a rising population of the globally endangered freshwater pearl mussel, as well as salmon, trout, and rare lampreys.



- Do your homework before you go! Plan your itinerary. Know where you want to go and what you want to see. Don't wait until you get there and say, "Well, honey, what shall we do today?" Try to organize as many activities as possible. Remember, you can rest when you get home. And, whatever you do, don't sit around your hotel room or the lobby or bar of your hotel and expect to learn much about Scotland. If you are going to the highlands, *Ordnance Survey* maps and *GoogleEarth* are great for planning your day-excursions. You can purchase the maps at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

- Take plenty of money. Plan to spend 25-50% more on accommodations, meals, ticket prices, and car rentals than you would in the USA – even with the Brexit adjustment. The price of petrol (gasoline) is even more expensive. But remember this! A week after you are back in the United States, you will have forgotten about all the money you spent and just remember the wonderful times and interesting experiences you had!

- Self-catering is a great way to economize on hotel bills, food and drink. If you are going to explore Grant country, you can book a self-catering accommodation for a week in a central location and make day-trips to see what you want to see. For example, if you stay near Grantown, you will be able to tour Strathspey, visit Glenurquhart, Glenmoriston, Inverness, Culloden, Moray, Glenlivet, Cullen, Forres, Elgin and Monymusk on one-day excursions.

- If you go to Edinburgh, don't miss the National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, and the National Museum of Scotland. If you are a Presbyterian, be sure to go to St. Giles kirk on the Royal Mile. In Glasgow, be sure to visit the Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery. (The Kelvingrove has an organ recital at 1:00 each day.)

- In Edinburgh and Glasgow taxis are expensive, but they will save you a lot of time and take you right where you want to go. If you enjoy walking, be sure to take comfortable shoes.

- If you want to meet someone or visit a private property, it is very important that you make an appointment. Always ask permission and phone ahead! Don't just show up and expect them to roll out the red carpet. If you make an appointment to meet someone, be on time and dress appropriately. Generally speaking, the Scottish people are a little

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Hidden Genealogical Resources: State & Local Censuses



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Census records are the most popular research tool used by most genealogists. Most genealogists concentrate their searches on federal or national censuses taken in the United States or foreign countries such as Canada, Ireland, England, and throughout Europe. Federal censuses in the United States have been taken every ten years since 1790.

Many people fail to initially realize the potential value of using censuses taken by state and local authorities. Several states in America took their own censuses throughout the 1800s and continue this practice today. While some were only statistical in nature, many also contained questions requiring personal information from each resident. Many of these censuses were taken at the halfway mark between the federal censuses. State censuses can be useful for tracking people who moved frequently. Sometimes the information found included questions that are not found in federal censuses.

The New York state censuses from 1855 to 1875 asked for each individual's county of birth, if born in New York. The 1865 census included multiple questions pertaining to military service. Many state censuses also included questions pertaining to personal possessions and the value and use of property such as real estate, cattle, ma-

chinery, tools, etc.

Many local jurisdictions such as towns, villages, townships, counties, provinces, and school districts took their own version of censuses. Many questions were worded based on the social, economic, or educational makeup of the area. Some good sources for locating additional information on this topic include the following:

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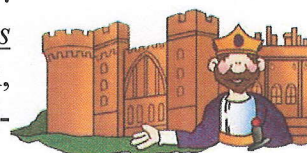
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Joan of Arc's ring has finally gone home to France after 600 years!

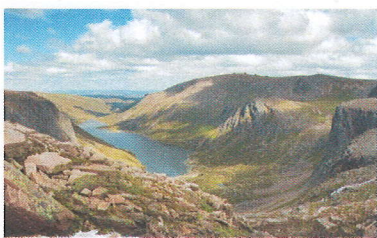


The Cairngorms is part of that international family and is the largest in the UK, at 4528 sq km. It is twice the size of the Lake District National Park and bigger than the whole of Luxembourg.

If you want to find out more about the Cairngorms National Park, we have a series of factsheets below to help you find out more.

A view of Loch Avon in the Cairngorms National Park in August
 Glen Avon

The Cairngorms has four of the five highest mountains in the UK- Ben Macdui (1309m), Braeriach (1296m), Cairn Toul (1291m), Cairn Gorm (1244m)



On the Black Isle, A ring that belonged to medieval heroine Joan of Arc has been returned to France after 600 years in the UK. The ring was bought by the Puy du Fou foundation, which runs a historical theme park, for nearly £300,000 (€386,000), and was handed over to French representatives in London on Friday evening.

It was not an easy thing to accomplish: Introduction: If the old adage that possession is nine tenths of the law is indeed correct, then Mr. Philippe de Villiers, founder of the Puy du Fou historical theme park near Nantes, has clearly won his case for a small silver-gilt ring taken from Joan of Arc by the English Cardinal Henry Beaufort during her 1430-31 imprisonment. The Cardinal was present, and instrumental, in the trial and execution of the Maid of Orleans in 1431, and the ring has remained in private hands in England since that time.

The British government claimed that the ring is an object of English national patrimony and thus is subject to an export license in which an English buyer will have the option to block the transfer of the ring to another country.

A 2015 law states that any object worth more than £150,000 requires an export permit. This type of art-related law case is not unusual; they appear in the media quite regularly.

What makes this case special is the importance of the historical figure whose possession of the ring is in question.

Visually, the object in question is quite modest. It is a simple silver-gilt ring (now silver) without any stones. The only embellishment are some niello filled lozenges and triangles appearing to be three crosses and, on the two rectangular fields of the bezel the abbreviations "IHS" and "MAR", standing for the names Jesus and Maria. There is some wear to the ring. It resides in a simple wooden casket surmounted by a wooden cross and lined with red velvet that may have been made specifically to hold the ring.

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TO BE GRAND MARSHAL OF
19TH ANNUAL NEW YORK
TARTAN DAY PARADE
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New York, NY, January 20th, 2017

Today, the National Tartan Day New York Committee President, Kyle Dawson, announced that acclaimed actor Tommy Flanagan, born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland, will be the Grand Marshal of the 19th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade, which will take place on Saturday April 8th.

"It is an honor to celebrate my culture," said Mr. Flanagan about his appointment to Grand Marshal. "I have great pride in my heritage. Although I now live in Malibu, I visit Scotland regularly with my family. I'll have my daughter flying her flag forever."

The parade steps off at 2:00 PM and marches up Sixth Avenue from 44th Street to 55th Street. Bands, Pipers, Dancers and Clans from Scotland and throughout the United States and Canada are joining the Parade, along with dozens of Scottish and West Highland Terriers.

The 19th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade will take place on Saturday April 8th, 2017

Flanagan stars in the upcoming movie *Guardians of the Galaxy, Volume 2*, scheduled for release in May 2017.

His acting career spans 25 years, from *Braveheart*, *Gladiator*, and *Alien vs Predator*, to seven seasons on FX Network's drama, *Sons of Anarchy*, one of the network's highest-rated shows, where he plays fan-favorite 'Chibs,' a loyal member of a motorcycle gang.

The Parade is organized by The National Tartan Day New York Committee, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit registered charity.

The NTDNYC is comprised of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, the New York Caledonian Club, the American-Scottish Foundation and Clan Campbell.

The New York Tartan Day Parade began 19 years ago with a handful of Scots and Scottish-Americans walking down a sidewalk, and now includes thousands marching through the heart of Manhattan.

It is the culminating event of Tartan Week, the annual Scottish festival that has grown up around April 6, Tartan Day, the national holiday to recognize the contributions of Scots and Scottish-American to the United States.

Celebrations will run from April 2nd to 9th, and include a diverse

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More folks at the CGS AGM at Stone Mountain - this photo is of the Richard Cornwell family.



The Cairngorms are well known as a geologist's paradise "Granite defines the landscape" Rachel Wignall, geologist

The Cairngorms National Park, near Grantown-on-Spey, has the largest area of native woodland in Britain which includes Caledonian Pine, Juniper, Birch, Rowan, Aspen, Alder and Willow.

There are three mighty rivers in the Park- The Dee, the Don and the Spey.

The Park is owned by lots of people ie 75% private, 15% charities and 10% public bodies and around 18,000 people live and work here. 90% of British people think National Parks are important places.



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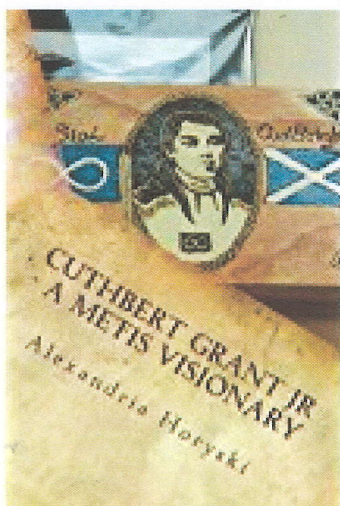
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Tommy Flanagan, Grand Marshall of the 2017 New York Tartan Day Parade.

range of events throughout New York City, from concerts, business seminars, a Pre-Parade Ceilidh, and much more. For further information regarding the New York Tartan Day Parade Events Calendar, go to nyctartanweek.org For further information regarding the New York Tartan Day Parade: Email : info@nyctartanweek.org

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more reticent and reserved than Americans, but they are genuinely helpful and courteous.

Take pre-printed address labels for your post cards. If you are going to need cash, make sure you know when the bank holidays are. Travel as lightly as possible. Be sure to take a sweater or light jacket – even in the summertime. If you rent a car, stop by a grocery store and buy bread, cheese, ham, fruit, biscuits (crackers), and soft drinks for lunch. (We always carry plastic utensils and a jar of peanut butter when we travel.)

If you rent a car, be sure to get one with an automatic transmission! Shifting gears with the left hand is not only an adventure, but probably dangerous. And remember! DRIVE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD, and when you come to an intersection, LOOK TO THE RIGHT FIRST! If you miss your turn in a roundabout, just be patient, you can always make it the next time around.

The Clan Grant Society AGM

at Stone Mountain, GA Scottish Games, October 2016

On the top right side, with red hair and sunglasses are Tracy and Derek Grant. Bottom right with blue shirt and Grant sash are Price and Emily Laird. On the bottom left are Gordon Grant with Maxwell and Joe.



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Clan Grant Society AGM Stone Mountain 2016

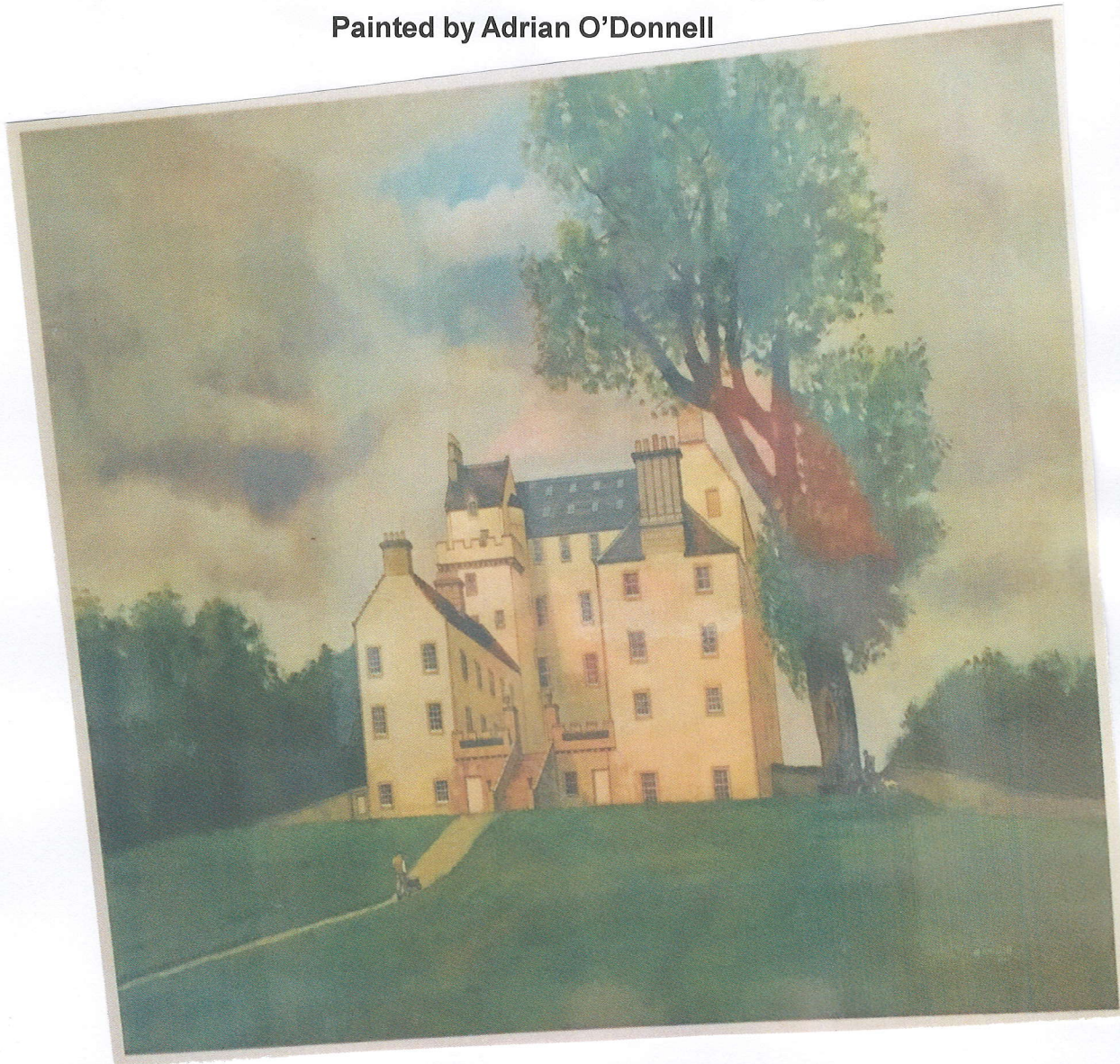
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Castle Grant, Granttown on Spey

Painted by Adrian O'Donnell



Castle Grant stands a mile north of Granttown-on-Spey and was the former seat of the Clan Grant chiefs of Strathspey in Highlands, Scotland.[1] It was originally named Freuchie Castle but was renamed Grant in 1694.

15th - 16th centuries: The castle is a Z-plan tower house that dates from the fifteenth century.[1] The lands had been held by the Clan Comyn but passed to the Grants in the fifteenth century and it became their main stronghold.

The castle was originally named Freuchie Castle and James Grant of Freuchie supported James V of Scotland.

17th - 18th centuries: Although the Grants were Protestants they joined James Graham, 1st Marquess of Montrose during the Scottish Civil War in the 1640s.[1] The name of the castle changed from Freuchie Castle to Castle Grant in 1694 when the lands were made into the regality of Grant.

Ludovick Grant, the eighth laird supported the Hanoverians against the Stewarts and fought against the Jacobites in both the Jacobite rising of 1715 and the Jacobite rising of 1745. However Castle Grant was occupied by the Jacobites.

In 1787 Robert Burns visited Castle Grant.

Modern history: It later became derelict, but was restored in the 1990s. The property was purchased for £720,000 by businessman Craig Whyte in 2006.

Castle Grant was seized by the Bank of Scotland after Whyte, who had led Rangers F.C. into its administration and liquidation in 2012, refused to make mortgage payments. It was sold to foreign buyers in September 2014.

Castle Grant is allegedly haunted by the ghost of Lady Barbara Grant, daughter of a sixteenth century laird.

Her apparition is said to be sad rather than terrifying. She is said to have died of a broken heart after being imprisoned in a dark closet for falling in love with the wrong man.