

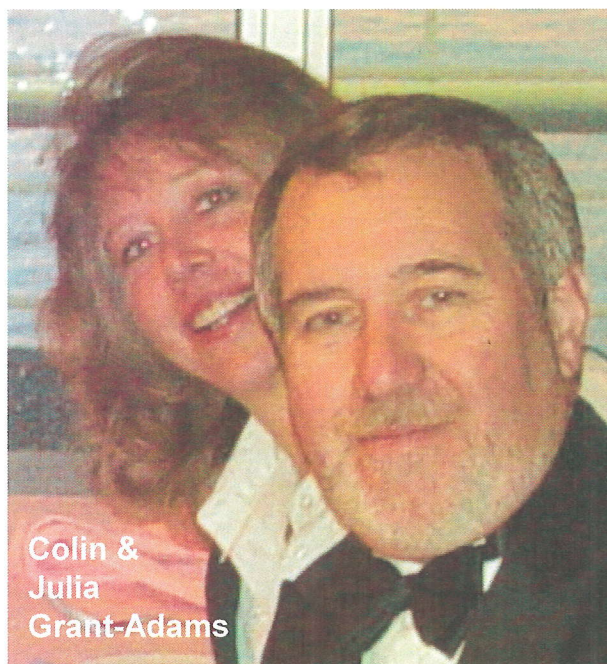


We're all invited by the Chief to Scotland August 2020

The Chief has announced at the 2017 AGM in Scotland that there will be an **International Clan Grant Gathering in 2020.**

The Clan Grant Society-USA has responded by naming our own Honored Minstrel, Colin Grant-Adams, as our travel planner, guide and coordinator. More information will be forthcoming over 2018.

Time to mark your Calendars to join Colin, Dr. Bill & Lena Grant and others as we travel to the International Gathering in 2020.



Colin &
Julia
Grant-Adams

New online store for the CGS society website

We are pleased to bring to you an online store and partnership with the House of Tartan. The House of Tartan is an internationally recognized company specializing in Scottish apparel and other items intended to provide a one stop shopping experience for those of you looking to show your pride in being a Grant! You will now find a

"Store" main menu item on our website that will take you to a page where two options will be provided.

The **first option** is our own Society store, which will allow you to donate to our causes, as well as

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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

Clan Grant Society USA

Games, Festivals Commissioners and Emails for 2018

Scottish Games and Festivals	Date	Games Commissioner	Email Address
San Antonio TX	4/7-8	Carl Allen	pastorcarl07@gmail.com
Celtic Gathering of Southern MD	4/28	R Steven Grant	odengrant@msn.com
North Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games Decatur, TX.	5/12-13	Carl Allen	pastorcarl07@gmail.com
Fair Hill Scottish Games Elkton MD	5/19	Richard Grant	richardpgrant@comcast.net
Greenville SC	5/26-27	Fred Wood	luftlaufen@charter.net
Scottish Fest Costa Mesa CA	5/26-27	Rand Allan	rballan@san.rr.com
*Quechee Scottish Festival, VT	5/26	Lysle Grant	603-330-9155
Glasgow KY	6/1-3	George James	tubageorge@hotmail.com
*Garrett County Highland Fest, MD	6/2	R Steven Grant	odengrant@msn.com
*Blairsville GA	6/9-10	Gary Grant	garym_grant@yahoo.com
Taste of Scotland Franklin NC	6/16	Robert C Grant	rgrant9094@aol.com
Mid Maryland Celtic Festival, MD	6/16-18	R Steven Grant	odengrant@msn.com
Tacoma Highland Games, WA	6/23	Jeniphr Grant	jeniphr@yahoo.com
San Diego Scottish Highland Games	6/23-24	Rand Allan	rballan@san.rr.com
*Grandfather Mountain, NC	7/6-9	Pruitt Young Allen	pruittallen@hotmail.com
Pacific Northwest Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA	7/29-30	Jeniphr Grant	jeniphr@yahoo.com
Topsham Maine	8/19	Lysle Grant	603-330-9155
Virginia Scottish Games	9/2-3	Paul D. Grant	paulwhenhome@gmail.com
Loon Mt New Hampshire	9/17	Lysle Grant	603-330-9155
Ligonier PA (Grant Honored Clan)	9/23	Will Kenyon	willkenyon@aol.com
Upper East Tennessee Celtic Soc.	9/22-23	George James	tubageorge@hotmail.com
Seaside Games Ventura CA	10/14-15	Rand Allan	rballan@san.rr.com
Stone Mt Georgia (AGM)	10/20-22	Gary Grant	garym_grant@yahoo.com
*Central Virginia	10/28-29	Howard Parsons	htp@parsonage.ne
Salado TX	11/10-12	Carl Allen	pastorcarl07@gmail.com

* New Games for 2018



More photos from last year's Stone Mountain Highland Games and Clan Grant Society USA's 40th Anniversary. (Left) Family of Gary and Barbara Grant and (R) Dr. Phil Smith and his wife, Shirley. The Smith's are founding members of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

President's Message

Greetings! We begin a new Year: 2018. It appears it will be a busy one. We are adding 7 additional Highland Games with Clan Grant Tents. The Board has set a goal for us to raise \$1,000 for the Clan Grant Centre in Scotland. We will prepare an application to IRS that will result in our non-profit status changing to 501(c)3, making contributions to the Society tax deductible for members.

Your membership in our Clan Grant Society helps us accomplish the following goals stated in our new bylaws:

The Society is organized to promote the general interest in Clan Grant and to cultivate a spirit of kinship, fellowship, and friendship among Grants, their descendants, and their septs and supporters throughout the world. Further, the Society's purpose is to inspire among members the pride and spirit of Scottish ancestors embodied in their history and ideals, and in athletics, music and dance, to honor our Scottish heritage, and to preserve and perpetuate the customs and ethics of our forebearers. Additionally, the Society proposes to collect and preserve literary, historical, and genealogical records and documents and relics relating to the history of Clan Grant, and to sponsor Clan tents and other presence at Scottish Highland Games, supporting the Clan Grant Centre in Scotland, gatherings, and festivals for education, and the promotion of public awareness of Clan history and culture.

But, to accomplish these goals I need a little of your time. Currently we have two appointed positions open: Quartermaster and Historian. The Quartermaster supports Games Commissioners and the online store. The Historian records Society happenings for posterity.

If you can help with either of these positions, email me at: academicdad@yahoo.com or call me at 757 617 1652.

I want you to attend at least one Highland Games or Festival and visit or help with the Clan Grant tent. If we all work together, like I know we can, we will continue to accomplish great things.

Stand Fast! Bill Grant, Ph.D., FSA Scot
President of the Clan Grant Society-USA



Uncle Grant wants YOU to know...

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;

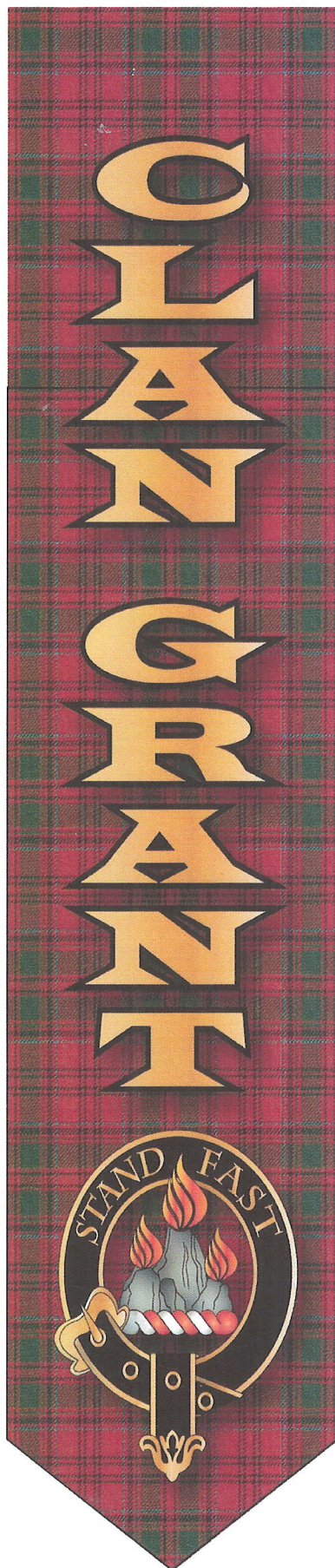
- **Charitable** – such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;

- **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.



Clan Grant Society-USA 2018 Action Plan

1. Add seven new games: Quechee Scottish Festival, VT; Blairsville, GA; Grandfather Mountain, NC; Garrett County Highland Festival, MD, Central Virginia; Pacific Northwest Highland Games; and Tacoma Highland Games, WA.

2. Continue the Games Commissioner membership contest.

3. Formalize the new member follow up process as part of the proposed Society manual

4. Membership vote on revised bylaws

5. Complete and submit 501(c)3 application to IRS

6. AGM at Stone Mountain, GA

7. Honored Clan at Ligonier, PA

8. Hold 2018 officer elections (VP, Sec, MAL)

9. Advertise in *Highlander Magazine* and *Beth's New-fangled Family Tree*

10. Utilize Mail Chimp to improve communications; promote and expand web store

11. Maintain Web site

12. Recruit Historian and Quartermaster

13. Proposal to WM Grant and Sons to sponsor Craigellachie

14. Conduct membership survey

15. Contribute \$1000 to the Clan Grant Centre Trust

Col.
John Eric
Grant with
his mother,
Thelma
Grant



Clan Grant Society-USA 2018 Budget

Ending bank balance as of 12/31/2017 \$6382.07

Included in that total

Clan Grant Center \$180.00

Scholarship fund \$405.00

Highlander Mag Subs \$77.50

Total donations \$662.50

Balance minus donations

\$5719.07

Known costs (based on 2017 exp) for 2018 include:

4 newsletters and postage \$1500

Games expenses (25 games) \$800

Misc (Va State, Banners & Books) \$80

Subtotal \$2380

Balance minus known costs

\$3417.07

Projected costs

Costs assoc with 501(c)3 refiling \$450

Projected material for clan tents \$300

Subtotal \$750

Balance minus est costs

\$2967.07

Est income from member dues \$1700

Online store royalties \$650

Subtotal income \$2350

Ending bank balance as of 12/31/2018 \$5317.07

Note: there are no projections for contributions

House of Tartan, continued from page 1

a few additional items for purchase over time.

The **second option** is a button that will take you to our own Grant subsection of the House of Tartan website.

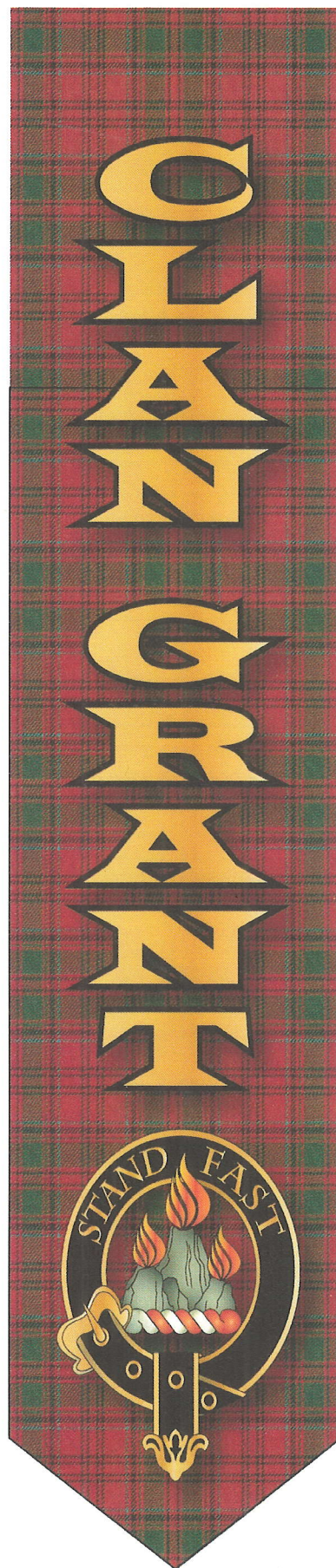
New items will continue to be listed on the site as House of Tartan brings their full catalog to the store. Please drop us a line and let us know how the Society and House of Tartan are doing in supplying items of interest.

Stand Fast!

Dr. Bill Grant, President Clan Grant Society-USA

CGSU PARTNER

**House of Tartan - Quality Scottish
Tartan Products**



Attention Clan Grant Society-USA Members!

As you may remember your board has been working to prepare the Society to apply to IRS as a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

We recently modified the Articles of Incorporation. Now our bylaws committee submitted a revised set of bylaws to the Board. After considerable discussions and modifications the Board passed unanimously the following set of bylaws.

These bylaws are now subject to a vote by you, our membership.

If you agree with these changes you do not need to respond. We will assume yours is a YES vote.

If you object to these bylaw changes you may vote NO by emailing our teller at hk661dsp@yahoo.com placing "NO VOTE on CGS-USA Bylaws" in the subject line of your email.

Or, you may mail
Robert E Grant
828 Lipton Dr.
Newport News, VA 23608



The following : (feel free to cut this out)

I _____ vote NO on the bylaws printed in the February
Craigellachie.

Date _____

My address is _____

You have until February 28, to respond with a NO vote.

**BYLAWS OF
CLAN GRANT SOCIETY, USA, INC.**

Adopted October 18, 1997

Modified:

October 23, 1999, September 17, 2000, October 12, 2013, August 9, 2014, January 20, 2018

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1.1 The name of the society is Clan Grant Society, USA, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Society. It shall be strictly non-political, nonsectarian, and nonprofit.

ARTICLE II OFFICES

Section 2.1 Principal Office. The principal office of the Clan Grant Society, USA, Inc. ("Society") is in the Commonwealth of Virginia and shall be located in the city of Charlottesville, county of Albemarle. The corporation may have other offices, either within or outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require.

Section 2.2 Registered office. The corporation shall maintain in the Commonwealth of Virginia a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with the registered office, as required by the Virginia Secretary of State. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the state of Virginia, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Classes of Members. Membership in the Society shall be open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant" or a recognized Clan Grant sept or who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society. A member shall be a person of any age with the exception that only persons eighteen years of age or older may vote on matters brought before the Society's membership. The Society shall have two (2) classes of voting members. The designation of the classes and the qualification and rights of the members of the classes shall be as follows:

3.1.1 Active Member – a voting member who may hold office or serve on the Board of Directors. An individual member listed on the rolls as an individual member.

3.1.1.1 Life Member – an Active individual member or Active Family Member who has paid the necessary dues for lifetime membership or an Active individual member who has attained the age of eighty (80) years shall be considered life members and shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues. Members joining at age 80 or later shall pay at least one year of standard dues before attaining lifetime status.

3.1.1.2 Family Member – a spouse or partner of an individual member will have all the rights of an individual member to also include the ability to vote and to hold office.

3.1.2 Honored Member – an honored membership may be given to a person who is eligible for individual membership, or is currently a member, who has given outstanding service to the Society, or who has distinguished himself/herself by his/her contributions to the Society. An honored member will be listed on the rolls as an honored member. The honored member will have all privileges of an individual member, but will be exempt from dues;

Any member of the Society may nominate an individual for honored membership by written recommendation to the Secretary; Honored membership shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

3.1.3 Complimentary Member – complimentary members are individuals who are heads of the various worldwide sister societies of the Clan Grant, or are heads of the cadet branches of the Clan Grant. They can also be libraries and organizations dedicated to disseminating information about the Clan Grant Society USA. Complimentary members have no voting privileges or other rights enjoyed by active members of the Clan Grant Society, but are only entitled to electronic copies of the *Craigellachie* newsletter.

Section 3.2 Admission as a Member – Approval of membership for a voting member/s is ultimately dependent upon payment of the requisite membership fee.

Section 3.3 Dues and Assessments. Dues for each class of paying membership, and the date of payment thereof shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Statements covering dues or assessments owed by the members shall be due and payable when received. Accounts that become "past due" will be automatically denied access to the Society website members' area and access to voting privileges, pending payment of membership dues.

Section 3.4 Setting of Dues. The annual dues to the Society shall be established as those in effect at the time of the adoption of these Bylaws.

Section 3.5 Voting Rights. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Family memberships provide one vote per spouse or partner.

Section 3.6 Termination of Membership. A member may resign at any time. The Board of Directors shall have the full authority and discretion to suspend or expel any member for the violation of these Bylaws or any rules and regulations duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Society, or by reason of any conduct deemed by the Society to be prejudicial to its best interest. Prior to suspending or expelling a member, the Board of Directors shall give not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of such suspension or expulsion to the member and the reasons therefore and provide to such member a hearing not less than five (5) days before the effective date of such suspension or termination by the Board of Directors. As a safeguard, the

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member may request a review of facts and member rebuttal by a random anonymous committee of five (5) members selected by lottery with majority vote with their recommendations submitted to the Board of Directors for final determination.

ARTICLE IV PURPOSE, MISSION, AND USE OF FUNDS

Section 4.1 Purpose and Goals. The purpose of the Society is set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, and from time to time amended or restated. The Society is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, the Society is organized to promote the general interest in Clan Grant and to cultivate a spirit of kinship, fellowship, and friendship among Grants, their descendants, and their septs and supporters throughout the world. Further, the Society's purpose is to inspire among members the pride and spirit of Scottish ancestors embodied in their history and ideals, and in athletics, music and dance, to honor our Scottish heritage, and to preserve and perpetuate the customs and ethics of our forebearers. Additionally, the Society proposes to collect and preserve literary, historical, and genealogical records and documents and relics relating to the history of Clan Grant, and to sponsor Clan tents and other presence at Scottish Highland Games, supporting the Clan Grant Centre in Scotland, gatherings, and festivals for education, and the promotion of public awareness of Clan history and culture.

Section 4.2 Mission. The Society shall develop a mission statement and goals to express its purposes, directions, and objectives, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and reviewed from time to time as circumstances dictate. It shall disseminate its statement of mission and goals in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 4.3 Use of Funds. The Society is not formed for financial or pecuniary gain; and no part of the assets, income, or profits of the Society is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its directors or officers or any other private person, except to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of the Society, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these bylaws.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 General Powers. The business and affairs of the Society shall be supervised by its Board of Directors, which shall exercise in the name and on behalf of the Society all the rights and privileges legally exercisable by the Society as a corporate entity, except as may otherwise be provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. The Board of Directors, as the governing body of the Society, shall have the authority to receive, administer, and distribute property on behalf of the Society in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article IV of these Bylaws.

Section 5.2 Number, Tenure, and Qualifications. Board of Directors will be elected for designated terms. Upon the first meeting of the Society, October 18, 1997, seven (7) Board members will be elected, four (4) who shall be Officers of the Society and three (3) who shall be Members at Large, to be elected from the active members in good standing for four (4) year staggered terms, to commence and terminate at the AGM each second year. If necessary to meet the staggered term requirements, selected positions may be shortened to appropriate terms, followed by elections for the full terms. At the Society AGM, or at any other appropriate time, the voting members shall elect individuals to serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 5.3 Limited Personal Liability of Directors. No person who is or was a director of the Society, nor such person's heirs, executors or administrators, shall be personally liable to the Society for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided, however, that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of any such person: (1) for any breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the Society; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or as amended from time to time. No repeal or modification of the provisions of this Section 5.3, either directly or by the adoption of a provision inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, shall adversely affect any right or protection, as set forth herein, existing in favor of a particular individual at the time of such repeal or modification.

Section 5.4 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each calendar year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate.

Section 5.5 Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or at the request of any director with the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board. The President shall fix the place, either within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the place for holding any special meeting and Directors may attend via conference call.

Section 5.6 Notices. Notice of each annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) months prior thereto, and a notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least ten (10) business days prior thereto. The notices provided for in this Section shall be by electronic mail (email), telegram, or written notice delivered personally or by facsimile or mailed or sent by delivery service to each director at his or her business or home address. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by email, telegram, facsimile, or delivery service, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when said communication is delivered. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the sole and express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. The business to be transacted at, or for the purpose of, any special meeting of the Board of Directors must be specified in the notice of such meeting.

Section 5.7 Quorum and Participation in a Meeting. A majority of the total number of directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors, or any committee designated by the Board, may participate in a meeting of the Board or of such committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear one another; and participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision shall constitute presence in person at such meeting. Promptly after each respective meeting of the Board of Directors, each director shall be furnished a copy of the minutes of such meeting.

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Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the interpretation of parliamentary matters at a meeting of the Board, or any committee designated by the Board.

Section 5.8 Manner of Acting at a Meeting. Each director shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon any matter properly submitted for a vote to the Board of Directors. The act of a majority of the directors present and who vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may otherwise be specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws. Members of the Board of Directors absent from any meeting shall not be permitted to vote at such meeting by written proxies.

Section 5.9 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors at any time for any reason may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, so long as the requirements of Section 6.2 are met. An individual designated to fill a director position shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

Section 5.10 Removal. Any or all of the directors may be removed for cause or without cause as follows: (i) "for cause," by vote of two-thirds of the total number of the directors of the Society; or (ii) "without cause," by vote of six-sevenths of the total number of the directors of the Society. For purposes of this provision, "cause" shall mean final conviction of a felony, declaration of unsound mind by court order, adjudication of bankruptcy, non-acceptance of office, conduct prejudicial to the interest of the Society, a vote of "no confidence," or absence from three (3) or more consecutive meetings of the Board. Removal of a director shall also constitute removal as an officer of the Society and as a member of all committees of the Board. Voting members may also request removal of a director by presenting a signed petition of 30 current voting members to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Section 5.11 Resignation. A director may resign his or her membership at any time by tendering his or her resignation orally or in writing to the President. A resignation shall become effective upon the date specified in such notice or, if no date is specified, upon receipt of the resignation by the Society at its principal place of business.

ARTICLE VI BOARD POSITIONS

Section 6.1 Number. There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Members at Large. Each of whom shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 6.2 Election and Term of Office. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Members at Large shall hold office for a term of four (4) years or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal from office in the manner hereinafter provided. The terms shall begin and end at the AGM. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Board Member may serve. Board Members may not hold more than one elected position concurrently. Directors may resign by following the procedure in section 5.11.

Section 6.3 Non-profit Status. No elected or appointed official shall use his position in the Society for personal, or monetary gain.

Section 6.4 Duty to Report to Members. Each elected position may submit to the Secretary, an annual written report for the members to be included into the minutes at the AGM. These reports will be subsequently published for the membership on the website and in newsletter that directly follows conclusion of the AGM.

Section 6.5 President. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Society and shall, in general, perform all the duties, and have all of the authority, specified in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The President is to serve as the official representative of the Society, or designate his/her substitute. He/she shall represent the Society in all activities with other clans, clan societies, and associations. The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, and other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors of these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The President shall encourage the Directors of the corporation, as well as other volunteers to use their energies and abilities to advance the purposes of the Society. The President shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors special administrators including but not limited to the Editor of *Craigellachie*, Games Coordinator, Historian, Genealogy Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Webmaster and Liaison to the Clan Grant Centre in Duthil, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the President with no limit on the term which may be served.

Section 6.6 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall act under the direction of the President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his or her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. Any Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.7 Secretary. The Secretary shall act under the direction of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceeding of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal, if any, of the Society and see that the seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which is duly authorized on behalf of the Society under its seal; keep a register of the post office address of each member of the Board of Directors, which address shall be furnished to the Secretary by each director; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall serve ex-officio as a member of the Bylaws Committee as it is constituted from time to time.

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Section 6.8 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall act under the direction of the President. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the Society; oversee the receipt of monies due or payable to the Society from any source whatsoever, and assure the deposit of all such monies in the name of the Society in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as selected and approved by the Board of Directors; oversee the disbursement of funds of the Society in accordance with the directives of the Board of Directors, assuring proper vouchers for such disbursements; and render to the Board of Directors, at its annual meeting and at such other times as may be requested by the Board of Directors, an account of all the transactions of the Treasurer and of financial condition of the Society. The Treasurer shall assure compliance with: (i) financial standards applicable to non-profit organizations, and (ii) applicable federal requirements incident to the Society's tax-exempt status. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 6.9 Members at Large in general, perform all duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 6.10 The Chief. The Chief of the Clan Grant is the titular, hereditary and traditional head of the Clan Grant and all related societies. However, his position in the Society shall be that of an ex-officio non-voting advisor to the Board of Directors.

Section 6.11 Emolument. No Board Member shall receive an emolument whatever from the Society. However, the Board of Directors may provide for an emolument for very selective non-elective positions when it unanimously determines that it is in the best interest of the Society to so provide. In such cases the Board of Directors must provide in detail the basis and rationale of such an award. The private property of the Directors, officers or contributors to the Society shall not be subject to the payment of Society debt to any extent whatever.

Section 6.12 Removal. The Board of Directors may remove any board member, with or without cause, when, in its judgment, the best interests of the Society will be served thereby.

Section 6.13 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office for any reason may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.14 Resignation. A board member may resign his or her position by following procedures in 5.1.1 or, in the case of the resignation of the President, to the Secretary. A resignation shall become effective upon the date specified in such notice, or, if no date is specified, upon receipt of the resignation.

ARTICLE VII STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Section 7.1 Standards of Conduct. A Board of Director of the Society shall discharge his or her duties as a director, including duties as a member of a committee: In good faith with the view that good faith must not only be done, but must be manifestly seen to be done; As fiduciaries to the Society where they may not put themselves in a position where their interests and duties conflict with the duties that they owe to the Society; With the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and In a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Society.

Section 7.2 Reliance on Third Parties. In discharging his or her duties, a director is entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: One or more directors of the Society who the director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; Legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the director reasonably believes are within the person's professional or expert competence; or a committee of the Board of Directors of which the director is not a member, as to matters within its jurisdiction, if the director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

Section 7.3 Bad Faith. A director is not acting in good faith if he or she has knowledge concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted by Section 7.2 unwarranted.

Section 7.4 No liability. A director is not liable for any action taken, or any failure to take action, as a director, if he or she performs the duties of his or her office in compliance with the provisions of these Bylaws, or if he or she is immune from suit under the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Section 7.5 Fiduciary. No director shall be deemed to be a fiduciary with respect to the Society or with respect to any property held or administered by the Society, including, without limitation, property that may be subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or transferor of such property.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 8.1 Committees. The Society will have, but is not limited to, the following named committees: Nominating; Membership; and Bylaws. All committees shall consist of three (3) or more members as designated by the President and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The committees shall have charge of such duties as may be assigned to them by the Board or these Bylaws, shall maintain a permanent record of their actions and proceedings, and shall regularly submit a report of their actions to the Board, and to the quarterly newsletter as well as the website for members' review. Interested members may serve on various committees at the Board's discretion. Committees are further tasked with communicating with other committees to satisfy the daily function of the Society.

Section 8.1.1 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall: Have no more than five (5) Active Members in good standing shall be named by the President at least 180 days prior to the AGM at which the term of office of any member of the Board is to expire. Transmit to the Secretary not later than three (3) months before the AGM one nomination for each of the Offices expiring at the AGM of the current year.

Section 8.1.2 Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall: Be comprised of a Chairman and/or such additional committee members as may be appointed by the President. Establish, maintain, and revise the Bylaws to adequately comply

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with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Consider amendments proposed by the Bylaws Committee, or the Board of Directors. Submit to the Board of Directors for its approval, prior to circulation, only the amendments it deems to be in the best interest of the Society. An amendment should be considered only after carefully checking to see if the project or problem can be handled under the existing Bylaws or Society Policies. Proposed amendments received will be submitted to the Board of Directors as directed by the President. Proposed amendments are to be prepared in their final form by the Bylaws Chairman and circulated to the Board of Directors at the proper time. Copy correspondence to the President.

ARTICLE IX NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 9.1 Nominations. Candidates for nomination must be current voting members for at least one year. Any current voting member and 4 others may nominate a candidate.

Section 9.1.2 Elections.

9.1.2.1 President: Appoints a Nominating Committee from members in good standing and provides them a list of positions that are expiring. Appoints election Teller(s) from members in good standing that were not on the Nominating Committee for the current election. Informs the candidates of the results of the election at least 25 days prior to the AGM.

9.1.2.2 Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) Active Members in good standing shall be named by the President at least 180 days prior to the AGM at which the term of office of any member of the Board is to expire. The Nominating Committee shall transmit to the Secretary not later than three (3) months before the AGM one nomination for each of the Offices expiring at the AGM of the current year.

9.1.2.3 Secretary: The Secretary shall give notice of the nominees by publication in *Craigellachie* and/or by mail, or electronically. On or before sixty (60) days prior to the AGM the Secretary shall provide to each active member a ballot containing the names of all candidates and the offices for which nominated (family membership receive two (2) ballots, separately). For members without email the ballot shall be mailed together with a return envelope. The Secretary shall indicate on each email or envelope whether the member is in good standing and shall deliver all ballots received by him/her unopened to the Tellers to be appointed by the President for the particular election.

9.1.2.4 Nominees: The slate of Nominees must be Active Members in good standing. Any five (5) Active Members may submit a nomination for any elective office. Such nominations shall be transmitted to the Secretary, in writing, not later than 75 days prior to the AGM. All nominations must show the consent of the nominee.

9.1.2.5 Ballots: Ballots will be sent to members by the Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the AGM for completion and return to the Secretary. All Ballots must be received by the Secretary in sealed envelopes or by email, not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the AGM.

9.1.2.6 Teller(s): Appointed by the President. No member shall serve as a Teller in any election where he/she served as a member of the nominating committee in that same election. Tabulate the results of the election, keeping record of the number of votes for each candidate. Present the results of the election to the President at least thirty (30) days before the AGM.

Section 9.1.3 Special Elections. In the case of an elected position becoming vacated for any reason, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may call for a special election by a two-thirds vote. Elections under this Section should use a ninety (90) day timeline to fill critical positions – such as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, but a one hundred eighty (180) day timeline for Vice-President or any Director-at-Large.

ARTICLE X MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION

Section 10.1 Annual General Meeting.

10.1.1 Regular AGM Sessions: An AGM of the Society shall be held each calendar year at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate. The purpose will be to transact business including annual reports of all officers and the Board of Directors on the activities and financial condition of the Society, and other matters specified in the notice of the meeting and other business as shall be properly brought before the meeting.

10.1.2 Special/Emergency AGM Sessions: Special meetings may be held as decided or directed by the Board of Directors or by special petition of twelve (12) members in good standing with all twelve signing the requisition. In the case of an emergency meeting a special meeting may be called by the President and Secretary with less than ninety (90) days notice.

10.1.3 Meeting Notifications: Except in the case of an emergency, the Secretary will give at least ninety (90) days notice of the date, time, and place of membership meetings. All notices of meetings will be published in *Craigellachie* and/or by mail, or electronically. In the case of an emergency meeting, the membership shall be notified individually by mail or email.

10.1.4 Attendance: The President, or Vice-President, if present, shall preside at all AGMs of the Society and in the absence of the President and/or Vice-President the Secretary shall preside. A quorum at all membership meetings shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) members and a majority of the Board of Directors. Attendance may be by electronic means.

Section 10.2 Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as often as necessary but not less than twice in each calendar year wherever they determine. The venue and mode is at their discretion. The President

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shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall exist when a majority is present.

Section 10.3 Votes. At all meetings of the Society each member shall be entitled to one vote. All questions shall be determined by a majority vote by the members voting. Any election of the Board of Directors shall be determined by a plurality of those Active Members voting. All questions requiring a majority vote are subject to notice, subject and content notification requirements. The Board of Directors shall act on the subjects proposed by the AGM according to the requirements of these Bylaws.

Section 10.4 Quorum: A quorum will be twelve (12) members present at the AGM and a majority of the Board of Directors, whether in person, or by electronic participation. A majority of the total number of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors as stated in Article 5.7.

ARTICLE XI CRAIGELLACHIE

Section 11.1 The Society shall publish a Clan quarterly newsletter 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 of Directors actions. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the Editor of *Craigellachie* who shall be responsible for its publication

ARTICLE XII BUDGET

Section 12.1 The Board of Directors shall approve an annual budget for the effective conduct of the Society's financial transactions and the President shall carry out these transactions as directed by the approved budget. The Treasurer shall oversee these transactions.

ARTICLE XIII THE WEBSITE

Section 13.1 The Official Website. The official website for the Society shall be <https://www.clangrant-us.org>.

Section 13.2 The Website Communication. The official website will be a venue for communicating Society activities with the membership and include, but not limited to: The quarterly publication; Minutes of the AGM and any Special Meetings; Educating the membership and the general public about Society, Scottish heritage and culture, the Scottish Clans, Genealogy of Grants, legends and lore, celebrating our famous Grant athletes, musicians, dancers, authors, and other appropriate topics; and The webpage will be a site for merchandise sales and renewal of membership.

Section 13.3 Additions and Changes to the Website. The responsibility of the website will be up to the Webmaster. At no time will the website be out of date as to the current newsletter, upcoming elections, upcoming Clan activities, current officers, directors, committees and chairs and commissioners. The Webmaster may enlist the help of assistants to maintain the web site.

ARTICLE XIV HIGHLAND GAMES AND CLAN TENTS

Section 14.1 Representation of the Society at Clan Tents. Representation of Clan Grant with tents at Highland Games, gatherings and festivals is highly encouraged. The President or the Board of Directors may designate interested current voting members to man a Clan tent; The Society will budget monies to help finance Clan tents; The Society will provide guidance for running a Clan tent via the website; The Society will provide all necessary forms for enrolling new members; and There shall be no commercial or business activity at Clan tents wherein any member, officer, director inures a personal monetary benefit.

ARTICLE XV DISSOLUTION

Section 15.1 Archiving of Society Records. The Board of Directors shall provide for the archiving of the records and papers of the corporation in case of dissolution. Proprietorship shall be established with any organization chosen to archive the documents.

Section 15.2 Remaining Assets. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes to a Scottish Society or other educational organization whose aims or purposes are in keeping with those of the Society, as the Board of Directors sees fit, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 16.1 The membership is authorized and empowered to amend, alter, change or repeal these By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation. Such action requires a proposal in writing and approval by two-thirds of the Board of Directors before being submitted to the membership at the next Annual General Meeting or through *Craigellachie* and/or by mail, or electronically. Such changes will require a two-thirds majority approval by vote of the members responding.



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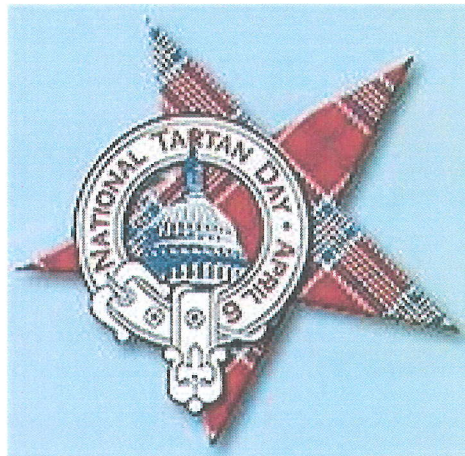
There are an estimated 6 million people in the US who claim Scottish descent. A Coalition of Scottish Americans with the support of Senator Trent Lott, successfully lobbied the Senate for the designation of 6 April as National Tartan Day “to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States”.^[30] Senate Resolution 155, passed on 20 March 1998, referred to the predominance of Scots among the Founding Fathers and claimed that the American Declaration of Independence was “modeled on” the Declaration of Arbroath. Thomas Jefferson’s education was heavily influenced by Scottish thought.

Meeting in 1997 in Sarasota Florida, **The Scottish Coalition USA** looked to see Tartan Day recognized in the USA as it was being observed in Canada. The Scottish Coalition USA comprises **The American-Scottish Foundation®**, **Scottish Heritage, USA**, **The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc.**, **The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals**, **Scottish American Military Society**, **Council of Scottish Clans and Association (COSCA)**

On 9 March 2005, the United States House of Representatives unanimously adopted House Resolution 41, which designates 6 April of each year as “National Tartan Day.” H.Res.41 Chief

Sponsors were Congressmen Mike McIntyre from North Carolina and John Duncan from Tennessee, who are the founding co-chairs of the **Friends of Scotland Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives**.

Four years later, a joint effort by the **National Capital Tartan Day Committee** and the **American-Scottish Foundation** promoted a campaign for a Presidential Proclamation, which resulted in thousands of letters and petition signers to the President of the United States. On 4 April 2008, President George W. Bush signed a Presidential Proclamation making April 6 National Tartan Day. Here is the content of the Presiden-



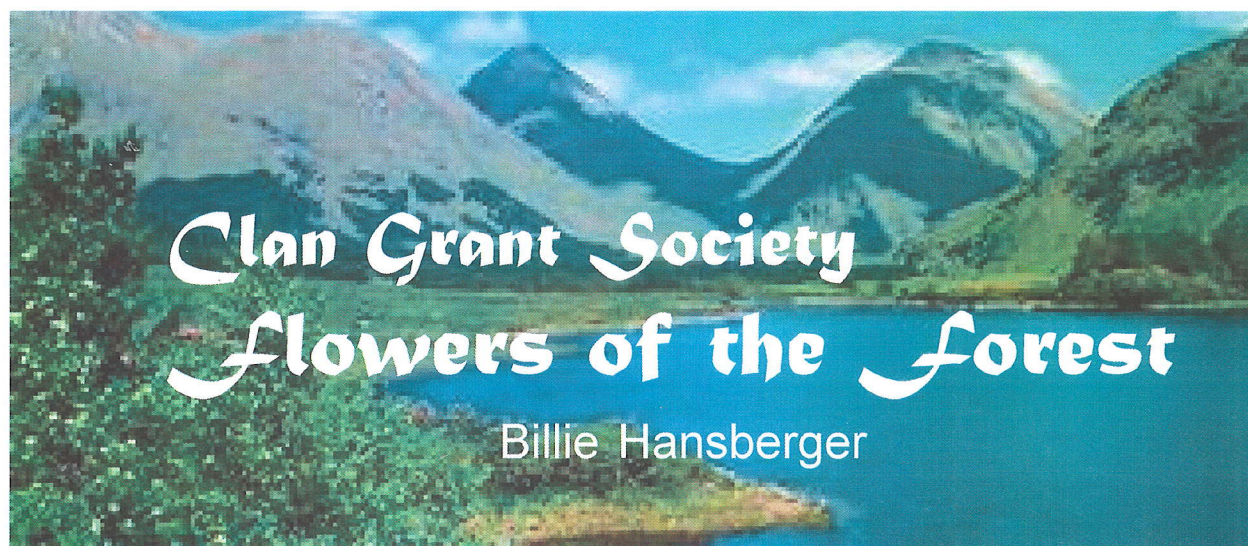
tial Proclamation:

President George Bush today signed on April 4th 2008 a Presidential Proclamation making April 6th National Tartan Day! Proclamation signed by the President of the United States:

Americans of Scottish descent have made enduring contributions to our Nation with their hard work, faith, and values. On National Tartan Day, we celebrate the spirit and character of Scottish Americans and recognize their many contributions to our culture and our way of life.

Scotland and the United States have long

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Alice (Billie) Hansberger passed away this January.

She was born Oct. 17, 1920 in Oblong, Illinois, to Ted and Clara Lavena Connett Grant.

The couple had two daughters and expected a boy, so she was nicknamed "Billie".

Billie and her three sisters formed a quartet that performed in eastern Illinois. She continued singing most of her life in choirs and stage productions.

She taught for over twenty years in public schools, first in elementary grades and later home economics.

Billie and her future husband, Lawrence Eugene Hansberger, eloped to St. Charles, Missouri in November of 1942, a month before Hans left for military service. He passed away on Nov. 17, 2005 after 63 years of marriage and the raising of three children.

As her family grew, Billie made her daughters' clothes, taught her children to sew and to cook, and was active in the United Methodist Church as a choir member, festival organizer, MYF leader, and trustee. She led Girl Scouts, bowled, played golf, knitted and crocheted, and took the family on yearly vacations.

She was a longtime member of the Clan Grant Society USA.

Once retired, she took up quilting and made over a hundred pieced quilts, most quilted by hand. She and Hans traveled widely in the U. S. and were glad to spend winters in Florida near

Hans's oldest child and his family.

In 2005 Billie and Hans moved to Saxony Village in Cape Girardeau from their longtime home in Cuba, Illinois. Billie continued at The Lutheran Home after Hans's death.

Loving survivors include an older sister Geneva McGannon of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Dennis Moulton, and wife, Connie, of Sarasota, Florida; son, Ted Hansberger of Hood River, Oregon; daughters, Jane Clayberg and husband James of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Ida Domazlicky and husband Bruce of Cape Girardeau. She is survived, as well, by nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, and nine nieces and nephews. She will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Lawrence, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held at a later date

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shared ties of family and friendship, and many of our country's most cherished customs and ideals first grew to maturity on Scotland's soil. The Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence signed in 1320, embodied the Scots' strong dedication to liberty, and the Scots brought that tradition of freedom with them to the New World. Sons and daughters of many Scottish clans were among the first immigrants to settle in America, and their determination and optimism helped build our Nation's character. Several of our Founding Fathers were of Scottish descent, as have been many Presidents and Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Many Scottish Americans, such as Andrew Carnegie, were great philanthropists, founding and supporting numerous scientific, educational, and civic institutions. From the evocative sounds of the bagpipes to the great sport of golf, the Scots have also left an indelible mark on American culture.

National Tartan Day is an opportunity to celebrate all Americans who claim Scottish ancestry, and we are especially grateful for the service in our Armed Forces of Scottish Americans who have answered the call to protect our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2008, as National Tartan Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day by celebrating the continued friendship between the people of Scotland and the United States and by recognizing the contributions of Scottish Americans to our Nation.

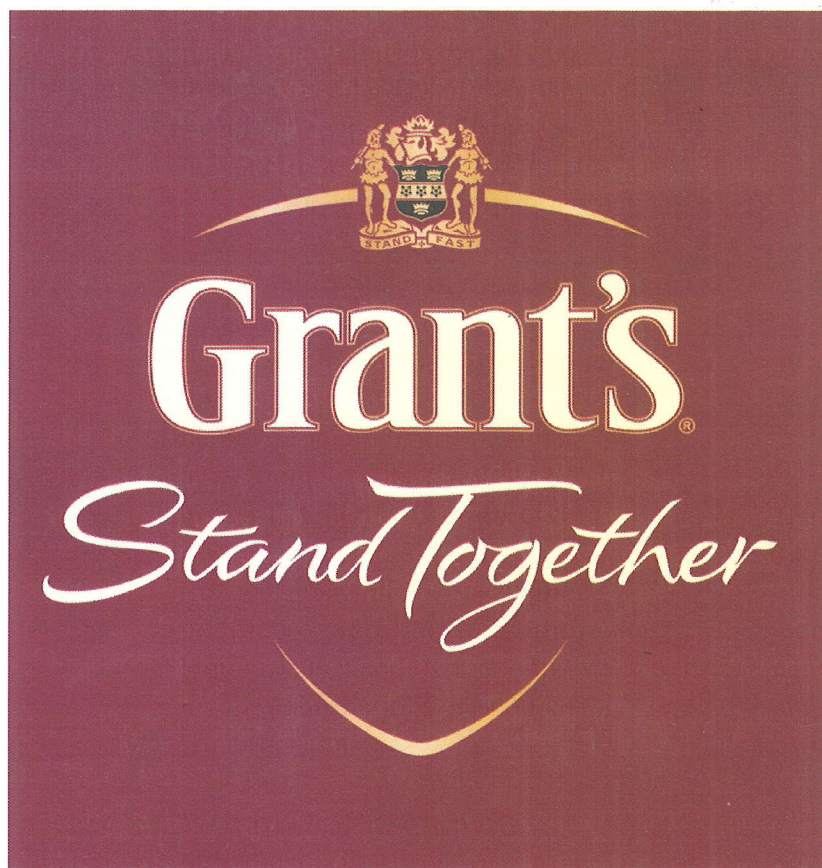
IN WITNESS
WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this fourth day of April,

in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Grants are encouraged to wear our tartan on this special day 6 April 2018.

STAND FAST



*Wanna be a Games Commissioner for the Clan Grant Society - USA?
Call Dr. Bill Grant (See contact information on Officers page)*

Clan Grant Society - USA Games Commissioners

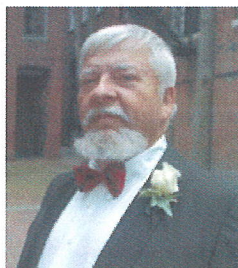


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Membership Contest

The Board of Directors has again authorized a membership contest for the Games Commissioners.

The Commissioner who records the most new members at a Highland Games or Festival for which they are the convener will receive a Clan Grant kilt belt buckle.

The second most new members recorded by a Games Commissioner at a Highland Games or Festival for which they are the convener will receive a Clan Grant dirk.

The contest time period begins with the 2017 AGM and ends before the 2018 AGM. Prizes will be awarded at the 2018 AGM.



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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Dues? What do I get?

Someone recently asked me what do I get for my dues in the Clan Grant Society-USA?

There are several obvious benefits associated with your membership: access to the members only section of our web site, receipt of four quarterly newsletters informing you of Clan Grant happenings and Society news, help with family genealogy, and comradery with Clan Grant members.

Just as importantly your dues dollars allow us to pay registrations to some twenty-five Highland Games and Festivals.

Craigellachie is printed and mailed to members without Internet access. Banners and flags made for Clan tents as well as our web site fees are paid by your dues.

I can assure you the Board works to accomplish the Society's goals as inexpensively as possible. Some of us contribute monies toward Society expenses beyond our dues.

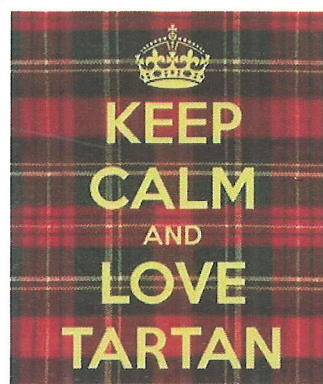
As an incentive to those who join the Society at Highland Games and Festivals we have cut the annual dues in half for their first membership year.

Your dues are not so much a charge for your membership as a contribution to support all of the things the Clan Grant Society-USA does.

IT IS GREAT TO BE A GRANT

Bill Grant, Ph.D., FSA Scot

President Clan Grant Society-USA



**This year, there are
Tartan Day
Celebrations
all over
the United States.**

Especially wonderful,
elaborate and just fun, are
the Tartan Day
Celebrations in
and near New York City.

The Tartan Day
Parade on April 7, 2018
is filled with
Clans a'marching,
Pipers a'piping
Dancers a'dancing
and tartan galore!

Tartan Day
on Ellis Island
is a great place
to celebrate the
day with
dancers, pipers,
educational talks and
so much more!



Septs & Clan Grant

The Rt. Hon. Sir James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant,
Bt., Lord Strathespey, 33rd Chief of Grant

Lord Strathspey issued the following announcement in 2005 - printed in Standfast Magazine, Summer 2005 and in Craigellachie (magazine of the Clan Grant Society of the USA), in the Fall 2005 issue.

Introduction

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 be-

tween 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.

The Bottom Line

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.

The Good News

(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

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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 Assistance.

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

The Way Forward

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 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 demon-

strated, of course).

[Other details - of the wording, the style, etc. on the letters patent of the bond - have also yet to be finalised - and in any case each one will be unique to the particular circumstance. 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.]

Recognised Septs

Currently these are the Sept families which have had their status formally recognised by the Chief.

The Mores of Drumcork were recognised by Sir Patrick, the late Chief.

The Allans of Rhynagairn were recognised in 2008 by Sir James, our current chief. (They who bear the surname Grant have now been recognised officially since the International Gathering in the year 2010.)

The Siol Cudbright - Métis descendants of Cuthbert Grant, Sr. of Cromdale.

Siol Lewis - Cherokee descendants of Ludovick Grant, younger of Crichtie (Currently, none of these are the Sept families which have had their status formally recognised.)

With thanks to the web site of Clan Grant UK.



If you've been to Scotland, bet you've walked right by these statues...without even noticing them. Wallace & Bruce!

Hordes of tourists pour through the gates at Edinburgh Castle every day. Most gaze ahead, their eyes fixed on the massive fortress looming before them as the stream of pedestrian traffic pushes forward. As they arrive at the gates, far too few stop to notice the statues positioned on either side of the main entryway.



Sir William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, two of Scotland's most celebrated historical figures, stand guard outside the castle. Tinted a greenish-gray with age, the bronze men stare down upon the millions of tourists who enter Edinburgh's famous attraction each year.

The statues were erected outside the castle in 1929, though the men had been celebrated for centuries before. Both were prominent leaders during the First War of Scottish Independence, which began in 1296 and lasted for roughly three decades.

Sir William Wallace (the statue on the right), famously depicted in the movie *Braveheart*, was among the first Scottish leaders to revolt against King Edward I of England. After winning the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297, he was knighted and named a Guardian of the Kingdom of Scotland. He continued fighting against the English reign until his capture and brutal execution in 1305.

Robert the Bruce declared himself King of Scots in 1306. He, like Wallace, fought valiantly during the war. However, unlike Wallace, Bruce had royal ambitions fueling his desire to free the Scots from English rule.

After years of successful guerilla warfare, his battles and raids eventually led to the signing of the Treaty of Edinburgh–Northampton in 1328, which recognized Scottish independence under his rule—at least, until his death a few years later.





Scottish horses of our ancestors

The Highland pony or garron (English) and gearran (Gaelic) is a hearty pony bred in the Scottish Highlands. The pony is one of the oldest breeds in Great Britain. Some maintain the Highland Pony is descended from the ancient wild horses that migrated from Asia in the Ice Age. The breed is known for its great strength and docility. The garron is traditionally used as an all-purpose pony by the Crofters, tenant farmers. It is also used by deer hunters as a sure-footed carrier of game from the steep, rugged mountains.

Most Highlanders in the 16th century rode garrons. The Highland ponies were used for war and work during the Highland clan period. Some of the nobility and clan chiefs may have imported horses from continental Europe, but at great expense. Many times the imported horses were bred with the garrons to introduce various bloodlines into the breed.

Scots have always been known as premier horsemen.

The Highland Pony (Gearran), Barra Pony, Clydesdale, Eriskay Pony, Galloway Pony and Shetland Pony are the most common of the Scottish equines.

Please let your editor know if you would like to explore a bit about them all.
(bethscribble@aol.com)



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**Allied Families & Septs
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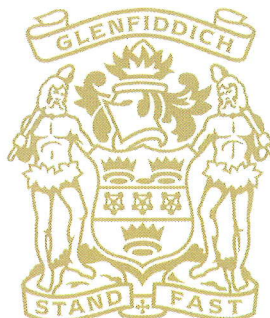
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Grant Genealogy

With thanks to the
Clan Grant UK website

Notes for those who might wish for help:

We do not have a professional genealogist, so we cannot "do" any genealogy for anyone. Nevertheless there have been several people who have made enquiries and whom we have been able to help to a substantial extent by examining what they have done so far and by pointing them in the right direction(s) and so in recent years, we have had a significant number of successes. We also have extensive contacts and can often find the right person to get in touch with, often cutting through what appears to be an intractable problem very quickly.

When you have completed the tasks below and still want some help or advice, please:

email us using the contact form with "genealogy" in the subject header.

Make sure that you give a full resume of (a) what you have done as well as (b) background family lore etc.

Please advise us whether you are a member of any of the Clan Grant Societies.

Some enquiries have betrayed a very fundamental lack of understanding about clans in general, other enquirers seem to assume that we know personally every single Grant family which ever lived and so often it is quite hard to pitch a response in the right tone and so we hope that this page will provide an outline of the basics. The obverse side of this is that while we will take

seriously any enquirer who tells us at the beginning that they have indeed read and heeded the contents of this page, it is not fair to expect us to take seriously those who do not.

"The Grant DNA Project"

The first thing to be recommended to anyone seeking to trace their Grant ancestry is to arrange for a male-line Grant relative to join the Grant DNA project. This will establish from the outset whether or not you are a member of either of the chiefly lines or "mere" clansman, like the majority. It may also throw up relatives you did not know about and they may be able to fill in portions of your trees which you did not know existed.

For an introduction see Adrian Grant's Brief History of the DNA Project or visit The Grant DNA Project Website and follow the links

to read all about what has been established so far and to join the project. If at any stage you do write in, please let them know where you stand viz a viz this project.

Second, you should purchase family tree software which is GEDCOM compatible. It is hard to make specific recommendations here, as different packages offer different freebies which may or may not be relevant to yourself, but one good package is Family Historian. It is helpful to have your family tree set up in GEDCOM format



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because then you can email copies easily. Several people have sent images or .pdf files or even reports generated by a *Family Tree* package, but frankly these are a real pain, as too often, it is very difficult to isolate the section one wants to study, etc.

If for whatever reason you cannot send a GEDCOM file with your query, then it really is vital that you include full details of many family members - not just a few telegraphic details of the line you think you are researching.

See also Grant Family Trees to download Grant GEDCOM files.

Third, there are several elementary things to do exhaustively:

(a) Check through all the census records available. In the UK this means every ten years back from 1901 to 1841 and there are also many censuses available in former dominions etc. Some of these are available online and others you can purchase on CD.

(b) Check through the civil registration records of births, marriages and deaths for all relevant details back to 1855.

For Scottish records you can do this online via www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

For other UK records check the national Archives at Kew: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. This may involve writing in.

(c) For records prior to the development of Civil Registration it is necessary to consult the Old Parish Registers (OPR). These are available parish by parish so it is often helpful to use parish references from the earliest civil registration documents you have. These are available from the same sources.

(d) For those whose ancestors emigrated, there are now extensive passenger lists available online. Try sites such as www.findmypast.com

Fourth, you will probably want to exhaust anything else in local archives:

Many Grants will have ancestry in Strathspey or Glenurquhart or Glenmoriston. The Local Authority officers for Highland Council and for Moray Council are very helpful and knowledgeable, but they do have many requests for their help. However they will be able to offer a list of charges and an estimate of when work can be done. Better still you can arrange to visit and do the work yourself under their tutelage.

So that is the basic groundwork you should be able to do without our intervention. But there is more!

(1) If you want to know about the chiefly family line, the complete family trees listed in Sir William Fraser's 1883 *Chiefs of Grant* and is available in GEDCOM format and can be downloaded from the history sub-site via this link: TREES.

The associated biographical details are not yet attached.

(2) For local knowledge it would not be wise to overlook the famous Aberdeen and North East Scotland Family History Society - if only to get good advice. < <http://www.anesfhs.org.uk/> >

This will be of especial relevance to the descendants of several Grant families who settled within their bailliwick.

(3) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has been very helpful. They have established the International Genealogical Index (IGI). Their volunteers at their Family History Centres are very helpful - and knowledgeable - and you can access their online presence at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

These records may not be error free, but they are very useful none the less. If a problem did

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seem to emerge from it, it seems likely that this might be fairly easily resolved.

(4) Some background knowledge about the local area where the ancestors came from can often be useful. In Scotland there were two "Statistical Accounts for Scotland" drawn up by parish ministers, one in the later 1700s and the other in the middle 1800s. These are available online. Use this link <http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home> and choose "Browse Scanned Pages"

(5) If, having done all this, you are faced with a problem, the best thing to do is to formulate a hypothesis with a feasible timescale attached.

Bear in mind also traditional naming patterns. It was normal for many generations to name:

(a) the Eldest son after the paternal Grandfather (b) the second son after the maternal Grandfather (c) the third son after the father (d) the eldest daughter after the mother (e) the second daughter after the paternal grandmother (f) the third daughter after the maternal grandmother.

There are also exceptions:

- On the death of a child, the next one of the same sex might often be named after the dead one.

- Many high born children were named after illustrious godparents - and many Grants were named after the chief of the day or his heir apparent

- It is not unknown for two siblings to be given the same name!!

(6) For those in Australia and the Americas our sister societies have deep wells of expertise and if your search is about ancestors in those countries you are best joining the local society and consulting them.

(7) It is, of course, possible to engage professional genealogists/researchers. One or two such have been in touch with us touting their services. Unfortunately we do not have any basis for knowing how reliable any of these people are and so we cannot make specific recommendations. The following links are, therefore, no more than a starting suggestion

<http://www.scottishroots.com/>

<http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/>

<http://www.sog.org.uk/index.shtml>

Good Luck with your ancestor hunting. We hope you will share and we look forward to helping where we can.

Notes for those who might be willing to contribute and/or offer help:

Please get in touch via our contact form.

GEDCOM Files are always welcome - though they may sit for quite some time before being used.

We are particularly anxious to develop family trees for

(a) Canadian Métis and other descendants of Cuthbert Grant

(b) Black and other Caribbean Grant families whether of pure African stock or interbred with planters, surgeons etc.

(c) In the case of the Siol Lewis (Cherokee descendants of Ludovick Grant) we look forward to working with the Cherokee Nation to add to the substantial work they have undertaken already and to try to complete the link back to the chiefly line.

Please let us know if you have any special knowledge or background or even just enthusiasm you can offer. In particular if you would like to suggest improvements or extensions to the advice offered below please let us know.

The Clan Grant Centre Trust





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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



The Society is the oldest antiquarian society in Scotland, and the second-oldest in Britain after the Society of Antiquaries of London.

Founded by David Steuart Erskine, 11th Earl of Buchan on 18 December 1780, John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute, the former prime minister, was elected the first President. (See his photo upper right.)

It was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1783, in the same year as the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and in their early years both societies shared accommodation on George Street and in the Royal Institution building on The Mound.

Members of the Society collected artefacts of interest to Scottish history and culture from its foundation, and soon the Society developed a sizeable collection.

In November 1851 the signing of a Deed of Conveyance with the Board

of Manufactures on behalf of Parliament made the Society collections National Property.

In 1891 the antiquaries moved into the purpose-built Scottish National Portrait Gallery and National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, located on Queen Street.

The National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Act 1954 transferred the powers and duties relating to the Museum, previously vested in the Society of Antiquaries and the National Galleries, to a new Board.

Alexander Rhind left a bequest to the Society to fund a lecture series, the Rhind Lectures are still hosted by the Society; an online recording of these prestigious lectures has been made available to the public since 2009.

The Society today is concerned with every aspect of the human past in Scotland. It draws on a wide range of experience through the Fellowship, and provides a voice for Scotland's heritage independent of the opinions of Government, University, or Agency. The Society is consulted by a wide range of organisations from central government to academic funding bodies such as the Arts & Humanities Research Council. The Society makes written responses to numerous consultations, some jointly with Archaeology Scotland (formerly CSA) and the Scottish Group of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

The Society worked closely with the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS was abolished by the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as part of the Scottish Government's policy to simplify the landscape of public bodies), and gave evidence to their working groups on heritage protection legislation and properties in care. The Society has also

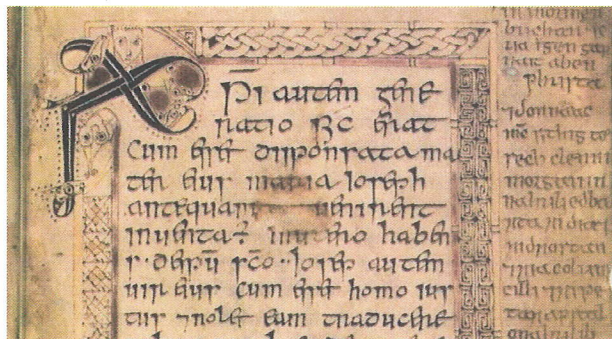


George James, performing wonderfully for us at the Stone Mountain Games last year!

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Archaeologists locate site of ancient Scottish monastery where *Book of Deer* was written



The Book of Deer with Gaelic in the margins

Society of Antiquaries,

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been actively involved in the Built Environment Forum Scotland, an umbrella body for NGOs in the built and historic environment sectors.

Fellowship

Members of the Society have, since 1823, been known as Fellows of the Society, and there are now thousands of Fellows spread across the globe, including Honorary Fellows elected for their outstanding scholarship.

Fellowship recognises a persons support and contributions to the purpose and mission of the Society, and Fellows are permitted to use the post-nominals FSA Scot (NB Not FSA (Scot) or similar).

The Society has an international membership of around 3000 Fellows and a maximum of 25 Honorary Fellows.

Admission to the Society is by election, and candidates must be supported by existing Fellows.

The names of those seeking admission are then circulated to the whole Fellowship. Elections are held annually at the Anniversary Meeting (AGM) on St Andrews Day, 30 November.

Fundamental to being a candidate for election to the Fellowship is an interest or involvement in Scotland's past.

Candidates are advised of the outcome of the election shortly after the ballot.

Your editor has been a FSA Scot for more than 20 years and is glad to help YOU with your own FSA Scot membership. Just email.

Archaeologists in Scotland believe they have located the site of a monastery where a renowned manuscript may have been written in the 10th century.

The manuscript known as the *Book of Deer*, or *Leabhar Dhèir*, contains the oldest examples of written Gaelic in Scotland.

The manuscript belongs to the same Irish monastic tradition as the *Book of Kells*. It contains the *Gospel of St John* in full, as well as extracts from the other gospels.

It is written primarily in Latin with notes in Gaelic in the margins. The Gaelic notes are believed to have been written in the 12th century.

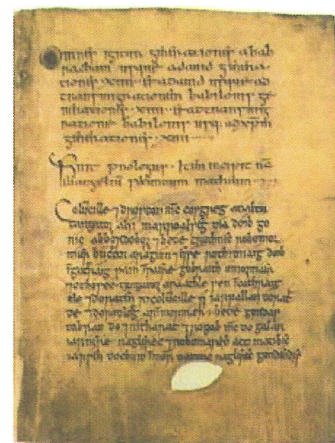
The remains of the monastery are located 45km to the northeast of Aberdeen. Artefacts found at the site include a stone hearth, charcoal and pottery fragments.

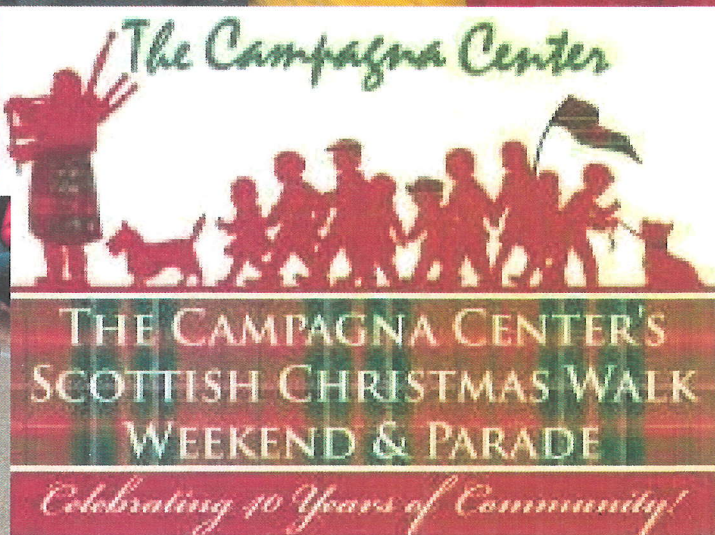
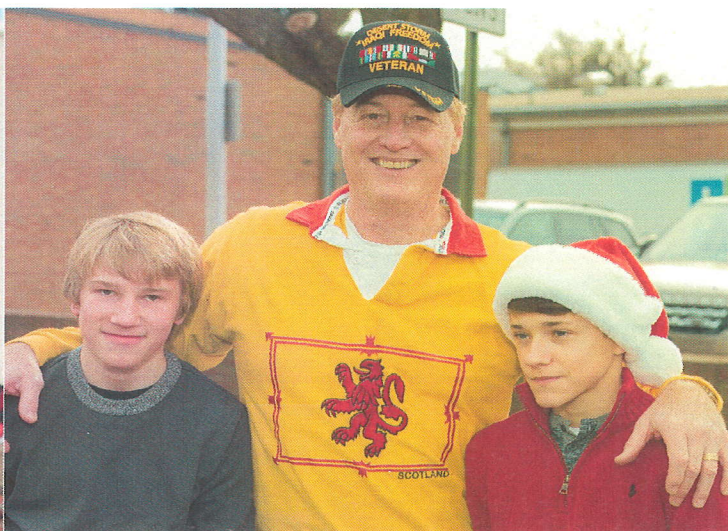
Máirín Ní Dhonnchadha, Professor of Old and Middle Irish in NUI Galway, said the Gaelic notes contain information on land grants made to the religious community.

She said the discovery of the site of the monastery will lead to a greater understanding of its founding, possibly by St. Columba, centuries before the manuscript was written.

The Book of Deer can be viewed on the website of Cambridge University Library, where it has been preserved since the 18th century.

In the medieval period, Gaelic was the dominant common language of Ireland and Scotland. Irish, Manx and Scots Gaelic diverged into different dialects of this common language in the 13th century.





Alexandria Christmas Walk



The Clan Centre at Duthil - The Home of the Clan Grant Worldwide...



...is the old Church at Duthil, close to Grantown-on-Spey.

Support for the further development of the centre is urgently needed.

History of Duthil Kirk

In its early days the church was in the diocese of Elgin Cathedral. The first Presbyterian minister was Andrew Henderson who was ordained in 1625.

The present building was erected in 1826. The last sermon in public worship in the church was made by one of our Past Members, the Rev. G.V.R. (Jim) Grant MA.

In the church grounds are two mausolea where some of the Clan Chiefs are buried.

The building is set in the midst of the Clan Grant territories and there is some reason to suppose it may have been founded by our Patriarch, Olav Hemingsson, himself, probably shortly after 1060.

The original dedication is to St. Peter and the name Duthil for the area may well refer to "St. Dubhthac" (to whom also the chapel at Rothiemurchus is dedicated).

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

The Clan Grant Centre Trust

In 1993 the building was handed over to a Trust which had been established both as a registered charity and as a company limited by guarantee (Scottish Company Number: SC144748).

It is now officially known as: Clan Grant Centre Trust [SCIO] with Scottish Charity number: SC021615

Development of the Centre

This imposing listed building is being renovated by the Society and is used as a Clan Centre and Museum.

There are several projects still ongoing to improve both the fabric and interior of the centre further- but progress is, and will continue to be, dependent on funds becoming available.

Support Needed!

A stronger Society membership will help to ensure that these pieces of our heritage can be viewed by everybody. Donations will be received gratefully.

The Board of the Clan Grant Society-USA has set a \$1,000 goal for 2018 in support of The Centre. You can contribute by going to our web site at <<https://clangrant-us.org/?q=catalog/donations-0>> or contact Jeff Click <jclick@msn.com>

*The Cherokee
Display Cabinet
at The Clan
Centre at
Duthil*



How Many Ancestors Do You Have?

With many thanks to *Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*



Do you know how many ancestors you have? Of course not. Let's simplify the question: How many ancestors do you have in the past one thousand years? Many people do not know the answer to that question. Care to guess? (The answer is given below but please don't peek just yet.)

The number of ancestors is simple to calculate as it is a simple mathematical progression: every person has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so on. The number doubles with each generation. As you go back in years, the numbers soon become very large.

For this example, I have assumed that a new generation appears on an average of every twenty-five years:

Answer to the earlier question: If we assume that there is a new generation every twenty-five years, an ancestor born 1,000 years before you would be 40 generations removed from you. You would have 2,199,023,255,550 (that's 2 trillion, 199 billion, 23 million, 255 thousand, 550) unique ancestors born in the previous 40 generations, assuming no overlap (that is, none of your ancestors were cousins to other ancestors).

1,000 years doesn't even take you back to the years in which Charlemagne lived! (April 2, 742 AD to January 28, 814 AD)

Now, how many ancestors have you had in the past 10,000 years? 100,000 years? I'll leave it to you to figure out the mathematics involved.

However, the answers obviously are huge numbers!

There is but one problem: all of these numbers are far more than the total number of people who ever lived on the face of the earth.

The reality is that all families can find lots of cousins somewhere in the limbs of the family tree, resulting in the same ancestor(s) showing up in multiple places in the pedigree charts.

Ask anyone who has done French-Canadian genealogy or has researched any families that lived for generations in one small village almost anyplace on earth.

Obviously, you and everyone else have cousin marriages in your ancestry, resulting in individual ancestors showing up in multiple places in your family tree.

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Sheep come to town!

The Isle of Wight off Britain's southern coast, is known mostly as a popular destination for vacationers.

And, apparently, some sheep.

Police on the island reported yesterday that 60 sheep mysteriously appeared near the hamlets of Hale Common and Horringford, according to the Isle of Wight County Press.

"We are fairly sure there's around sixty," the police wrote on Twitter. "They are a little too quick to count fully though."

The police kept tweeting, appealing to the public for any information. No solid leads came, even if they did get some jokes.



But today, the police reported that the sheep were gone, having left just as quickly as they appeared. This time, the police came armed with hashtags.

Scottish dog and cats aboard the SS Strathgarry

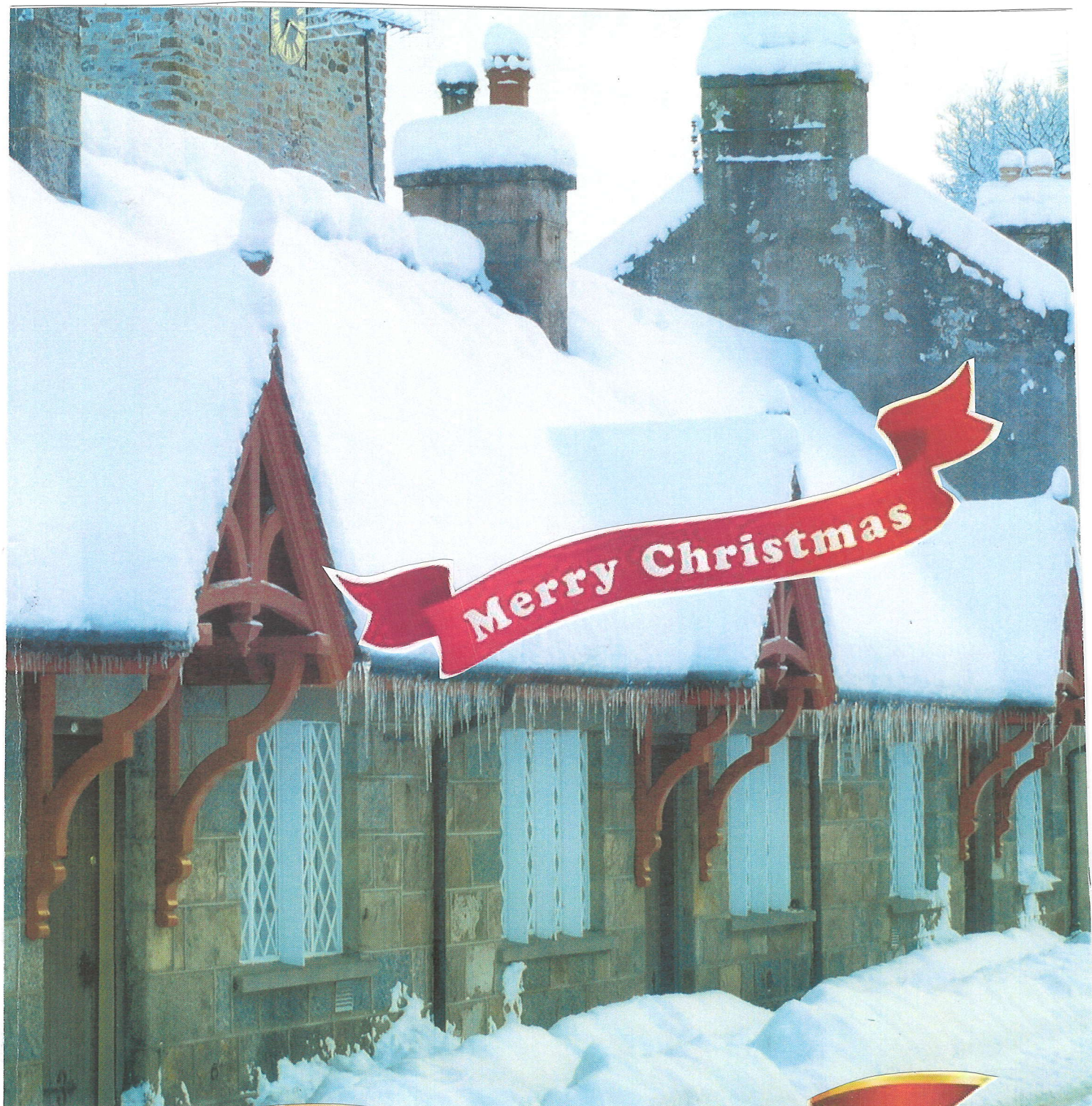
In maritime history, many ships during times of peace and of war, had dogs and cats as mascots. The dogs, it is said, served as hunters when in port and the cats were the 'Pest Control' aboard ship, keeping the populations of rats and mice controlled.



The crew of Scottish steamer *SS Strathgarry*, with the captain's terrier and two cats. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM COLLECTION, SAMUEL J. HOOD STUDIO

Christmastime at Grantown, Scotland

on a greeting card from the Clan Grant Society Scotland



Happy New Year