

Message from the Chief

With thanks to *Standfast*, the magazine of the Clan Grant Society, Scotland

Dear Kinsmen,

Here we are again - post Spring and pre - August Games and Gathering.

Grange-over-Sands was most enjoyable. I felt there was a distinct improvement in the hotel and we had a very good meeting chaired by Fiona, who told us the Visitors (Journey Planner) Website was now up and running and we could all see for ourselves by visiting www.clangrantvisitors.org.

Fiona has put an enormous amount of hard work into this project and all credit to her as she continues to guide the Society with a strong hand on the tiller.

A huge THANK YOU must go to the Clan Grant Society - USA for their very generous donation of £1000 to the Clan Grant Centre. It really is going to be a great help.

Standfast Craigellachie, Your kinsman and Chief
Strathspey



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.

Learning about our Grant DNA and what it all means...

Geoff Grant, Administrator Grant DNA Project Contact: gigrant74@gmail.com

The **Grant DNA Project** (<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/grant/about/news>) started in 2004 under the careful leadership of Jon Grant and Allen Grant as a tool for genealogy research.

The goal was to break through brick walls using the yDNA that is passed on from father to son, displayed as **STRs** (a pattern in DNA that is repeated in tandem, displayed in the DNA results as the number of repeats at that marker/allele, called **Short Tandem Repeat**).

As more and more people joined the project, it quickly became an international group representing many different Grant families from many different origins, including descendants of known Clan Grant families.

We have members from Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, England, Ireland, the U.S., Canada, South America, and even from the Pacific Islands. Alastair Grant and I were added to the administration staff as the project grew.

SNPs became an important breakthrough in DNA research, greatly increasing the confidence project administrators had in recognizing DNA matches between individuals.

SNP stands for **Single Nucleotide Polymorphism** and is a change or mutation in the DNA that occurs at a specific point and is passed on to all male descendants that follow.

To best explain how this works, imagine your great-grandfather had 2 brothers and descendants from each of these siblings had their DNA tested, including SNP testing.

Let's say they are identical matches in STR testing, but the descendants of the two younger brothers

carry an SNP that the descendants of the oldest brother do not carry.

This would mean the mutation occurred in the siblings' father's DNA after the birth of the oldest brother, allowing us to date that SNP to a specific period in time.

Imagine how helpful this information can be to a family that doesn't have a reliable family tree!

These SNPs confirm membership of a certain **Haplogroup** (a major branch of the family tree of

mankind, generally associated with migrations and geographical regions).

In our DNA results page (<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/GRANT?iframe=ycolored>) you will find the organization of the various Grant DNA results into

groups and occasional subgroups.

In most cases, these groups are for DNA kits that share an ancestor within the past 500-750 years.

One of the strongest groups we have, Group A, is that of the descendants of the Clan Chiefs.

Lord Strathspey has blessed us with a DNA test as have many other known members of the Clan Grant Chiefly Family Tree, allowing us to map out various mutations and compare these with the historical accounts of the Clan.

Most importantly, we have been able to create affordable tests that can accurately confirm membership to this tree (or others) within a known time frame.

The Septs that have been confirmed to share yDNA ancestry with that of the current Clan Chief include Fruechie, Corriemonie, Shuglie, Glenmoriston,

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President's Message



Greetings All

This has been a very busy summer. Lena and I were lucky enough to visit Dr. Phil and Shirley Smith in Cooksville, Tennessee and travel with them to the Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games. Not only were the games interesting and colorful but the route chosen by me to get there was an interesting adventure through the back roads of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Next on our schedule was attendance at A Taste of Scotland Celtic Festival in

Franklin, North Carolina.

We were happy to see our Games Coordinator, George James, and enjoyed music from his singing group *Jacobites by Name*.

The weather was great and we enjoyed hosting the Clan Grant Tent with Bob and Mary Grant. The parade of Tartans with all the Grants in Franklin was a proud event. Since the Grant tent was located across from the National Tartans Museum we enjoyed visiting this special place again.

Labor Day will find us co-hosting the Clan Grant tent at the Virginia Games in Manassas, Virginia with Games Commissioner Paul Grant. We hope many Grants will visit the Tent and join us in wee taste of Grants Scotch. We applaud Paul Grant stepping up to be the Games Commissioner for the Virginia Games.

September 23 will find us in Ligonier, Pennsylvania for the Ligonier Scottish Games with William Kenyon our Games Commissioner. Next year Clan Grant will be the Honored Clan at Ligonier and we will be holding our Annual General Meeting there.

Again, Grants are welcome to come and visit the Clan Grant tent and share a wee taste of Grants Scotch with us.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at the Stone Mountain Highland Games at Stone Mountain, Georgia. Our officers will be making their annual reports either in person or by our conference call. The results of our election of new officers will be announced and I will be talking about the future of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

Finally, this is the year we celebrate our 40th year anniversary. Join Dr. Phil Smith and Howard Parsons in toasting our Chief.

Thanks to William Grant and Sons, we will enjoy plenty of scotch for everyone attending in addition to a lunch of chicken chile and corn bread. You might win a ruby door prize and we will be issuing our new membership cards and stickers.

Dr. Bill Grant President Clan Grant Society-USA

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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

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Geoff Grant, *Continued from page 2*

Blairfindy (Longueuil), Tullochgorm, Dalvey, Craskie, and MacRobie of Inverlochie.

We also have members of Clan Chiaran and Clan Allan, and many other groups that would fall under the broad category of “Clansmen,” as well as other Grant families that come from different backgrounds.

The strength of this DNA Project is its members, and the Grant DNA Project is a very well-respected surname project in the DNA community thanks to these members. It is indeed good to be a Grant!

We are always looking for new members of the DNA Project! To be a part of the online project you would have to test with Family Tree DNA (<https://www.familytreedna.com/>) since they are the host site/company of the project. However, another company called YSEQ (www.yseq.net) can also do the same STR and SNP testing and is endorsed as a second option by the

administrators.

You would have to email me your results for comparison with the FTDNA kits once you have them.

The administrators of the Grant DNA Project are unpaid volunteers – I can’t stress this enough!

We’ve dedicated a lot of time and effort into this project and are very proud of what has been accomplished over the past 13 years.

We’ve also donated a lot of our own money towards the research, as have many other Grants around the world.

If you’d like to contribute, please email me at gigrant74@gmail.com for instructions on how to do so.

Most of our donations are used to further research existing kits of known backgrounds to uncover data that is most helpful for current or future testers looking to break-through genealogical brick-walls.

Any donation of any level to our general fund is greatly appreciated.



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The Open Championship, the oldest of the four major golf championships, was first played in 1860 at Prestwick Golf Club, in Ayrshire, and was staged there annually for the first 12 years of its existence.

The only two other golf courses that have hosted the Open Championship, Royal Troon and Turnberry, are also located in Ayrshire.





Greetings,

This message is
to inform you
that a new
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created at the
Clan Grant
website. It is
entitled: August
2017 Annual
Clan Gathering
and Abernethy
Highland
Games

Wander on over
and take a look.

Cheers,

The Clan Grant
Society Website

Clan Grant USA Elections, continued from page 1

It is time for the 2017 Clan Grant-USA elections. By the time you read this article, nominations will have been closed and the ballots will have been prepared. By August 22, every member of Clan Grant-USA will be sent a ballot. If you have an e-mail address on file with your membership, you will receive an electronic ballot and instructions on how to submit your ballot.

If you do not use e-mail, you will receive a paper ballot in the mail with a return envelope for submitting your vote. All ballots must be received by September 6 in order to be counted.

The slate of candidates that has been presented for election by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President - Dr. Bill Grant

Vice-President - Jeff Click

Secretary - Lena Grant

Treasurer - Karen Cook

Member-At-Large (1) - Jeniphr Grant

Member-At-Large (2) - James Grant

The results of the voting will be presented to the President and the candidates will be notified of the election results by September 26.

The election of officers to lead Clan Grant is important. Please know that you are a vital part of this process and be sure to submit your vote.

Remember – It's Great To Be a Grant!

Bob Grant, Chaplain and Chair of the Nominating Committee



The Clan Grant Society - USA is
Celebrating
40 *Years*
and you are invited!

To All Clan Grant Society - USA Members...

You are dordially invited to join us for the 40th Anniversary Celebration
and The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Grant Society - USA.

It will be held October 21st, beginning at 11:30 AM, at the Clan Grant Tent
in the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park, Georgia.

We will be enjoying a lunch of chicken chili and corn bread.

As part of the celebration, Howard Parsons and Dr. Phil Snith will be leading us
in a toast to:

**The Rt. Hon. Sir James Grant of Grant, the 6th Lord Strathspey,
Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Chief of Clan Grant.**

Bring your friends, bag chair and plan to sit awhile
and visit with your cousins Grant.

We will be offering door prizes and issuing our new membership cards
in addition to stickers of membership.

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If you cannot come in person, you may be there by Conference Call!

The Dial in Number is (712) 451-0011

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not be a charge to you]

The access code is : 891541

If you get a busy signal or have any other troubles call Lena at 757-617-0625.

Clan Grant loses a treasure...

C. David Grant

The St. Andrews Society of Atlanta writes, "We are deeply saddened to pass on the shocking news of C. David Grant's passing this morning at the Halcyon Hospice in Atlanta."

David was 73 years of age.

His son, Patrick, called to tell us David suffered a massive stroke last Thursday, struggled, and passed this morning." (June 17, 2017)

David Grant was very active in the Scottish community for many years. Among many other affiliations, David was the 2nd president of the Clan Grant Society - USA and also a past president of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta.

He was an important supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, working with them until shortly before his death.

A memorial service for David was held on July 8th at the Canton First United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim McRae and Rev. Sandra Henry will officiate.

A reception was held immediately after the service at the church.

Piping was performed by George McClellan.

Guests were invited to wear their Scottish attire.

David Grant is survived by his wife, Jane Stalcup Grant of Canton, Georgia; son, Patrick Grant and Tara Strobach of Atlanta; a daughter, Katherine and Todd Boyce of Decatur, Georgia.

His sister, Anne and her husband, Jim Rambo of Conyers, Georgia also survive him.

He leaves one grandchild, Elizabeth MacKinnon Boyce.

Consider a donation to the Boy Scouts of America or charity of your choosing in place of flowers.

A graveside service and interment will take place October 8th at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Please keep Jane, family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.



With thanks to Colin Grant-Adams for the photographs of C. David Grant.

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The Clan Grant Society Celebrating 40 years 1977 - 2017

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

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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: \$ _____

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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.



Members of Clan Grant have owned land in Strathspey at least since 1316, most likely in Stratherrick, to the east of Loch Ness.

In 1316, John Grant of Inverallan sold his land to John le Grant, who was father of Patrick le Grant, Lord of Stratherrick.

The clan's lands in Stratherrick would later become controlled by Clan Fraser.



Fair Hill Scottish Games a real family event for Grants!

Rick Grant

It was a cloudy and breezy event but the rain held off and it worked out well for all in attendance. My son, Ian and I offered to fill in for the regular Commissioner, Steve Grant as he had a family commitment that required his attendance.

We opted for a second booth space and we had a very functional display. I purchased a 10X20 EZ Up and already had the tables and chairs so I was able to keep Clan cost to a minimum.

The books you sent were displayed and the Tartan identification books were well perused. I had a display of Glen Fiddich and Glen Grant paraphernalia that was very popular. Ian and I fielded many questions, my favorite of which was "How do I tell what clan I belong to?"

I have attached several photos for your viewing pleasure. First one is myself and grandson Peter J. Grant (1 above right), second is son Ian with daughter Elizabeth D. Grant, wife Julie Grant with son Peter J. Grant. (Pete and Lizzy just turned one year old on May 8th)



(2 previous page top). Third is Grant tent and fourth is whisky items.

The banners dress things up nicely but are a challenge to find the right place to put them and get them to hang properly. We managed.

Also, we did enlist three new members to the Society. I had hoped for more but it is what it is. I made up a "Recruitment poster" which I know drew attention to the cause. I attached a copy.

I will offer my assistance and equipment to Steve next year.





Hi Everyone,

Our brand new website for
Clan Grant visitors to the
Strathspey area is now LIVE.

Please check it out at:

www.clangrantvisitors.org

The website has been created
for visitors to the Strathspey
area, to help with planning a
trip to the annual Clan
Gathering, visiting Clan Grant
sites of interest, booking
accommodation, searching for
places to eat etc., and also
offers advice to those coming to
research their family history.

We would welcome any
constructive criticism, and if
you notice any errors please let
us know. We would also
welcome any suggestions of
places to visit for the listings in
case we've missed anywhere
amazing.

Best wishes, Kim Todd

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Thank you

From
Rand Allan



I want to thank everyone on the Board for voting to give me lifetime membership for my service to the Clan Grant Society - USA.

While I am deeply honored for the gift, I never really thought much about the possibility of ever receiving such an honor (just doing my job).

I apologize for not attending the Board meeting, but we were assisting on the 3-day wedding celebration of one of our best friends and were putting all our efforts into that event (it went great, BTW).

I started my association with all things Scottish several years before joining the Clan Grant Society, when my paternal grandmother told me we were Scottish but didn't know where in Scotland we came from, but reciting my lineage four generations into Scotland.

Research indicated four clans, Donald, McKay, MacFarlane, and Grant, that claimed the name Allan as one of their own, which didn't help much as to where I belonged.

Stories from my family pointed me to either Donald or McFarlane, so I parked myself with the Clan McFarlane Society until I had better information.

A subsequent reunion with the Cruickshank branch of my family, which married into the Allan line three generations ago; caused a Cruickshank relative who still lived in Scotland to start searching the grave-

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A site that you may want to view for

Clan Grant

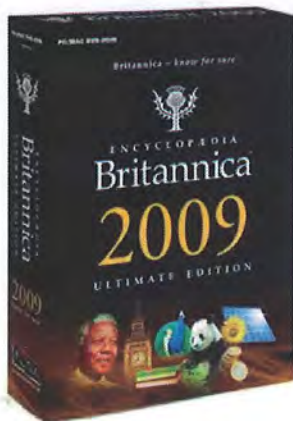
history and symbols is:

<https://www.scotweb.co.uk/info/grant/>

**Here is our new banner
for our games tents!**

Thanks to artist
Tom Freeman





The famous *Encyclopædia Britannica*, the world's oldest surviving encyclopedia and one of the most scholarly of any of the encyclopaedias, was first published between 1768 and 1771 in Edinburgh.

The first nine editions (out of fifteen so far) were all edited in Scotland.

From 1901 it was edited conjointly in New York City and London.



Steven and Aina Grant, with friend,
at the Orange County, California Games this year.

From the **Society of Antiquaries of Scotland**

The second annual **Fellows' Dinner** of the Society in **America** will take place in **Atlanta** at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast hotel during the Stone Mountain Games in Georgia, on **Saturday 21 October 2017**.

The dinner will commence at 6.30pm, hosted by Hope Vere Anderson FSA Scot, along with a guest speaker.

The cost of the dinner is \$45.00 per person (this is the cost the hotel charges for the meal) and payment will be made on arrival.

The address of the Hilton Atlanta Northeast hotel is: 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.

Please contact Martha Hartzog FSA Scot by email (m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu) for more information and to reserve a place by October 13th.



Exhibition of Clan Grant paintings from now until 31 October in Grantown

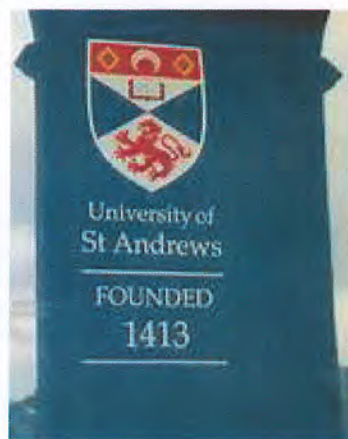
James Grant writes, "Over at Grantown Museum, there's an exhibition featuring the work of 18th century artist, Richard Waitt, which opened in July of 2017. The exhibit will be open until October 31, 2017.

The exhibit is entitled *I, Richard Waitt, Picture Drawer: Portraits of a Highland Clan (1713 - 1733)*.

Waitt was employed in 1713 by the Chief of Clan Grant to paint his family and retinue and over twenty years, he came up with what is recognised as the biggest ever single commission of family portraits in 18th century Europe.

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Yep! It surely is great to be a Grant!

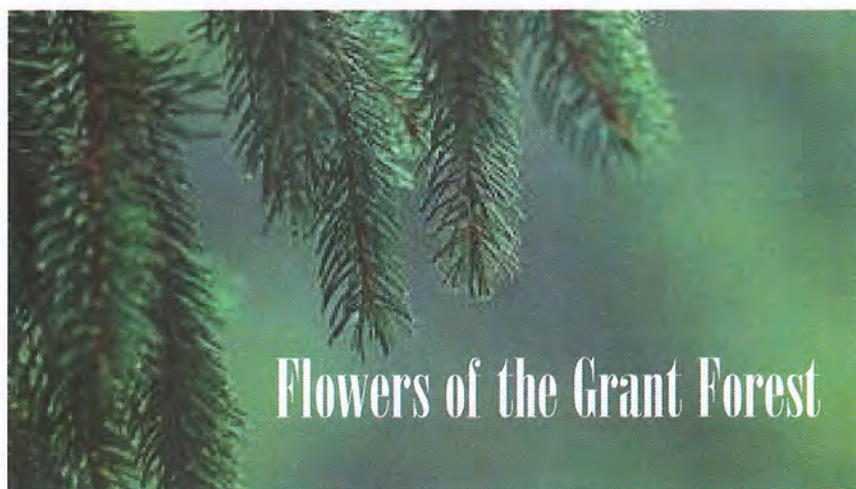


The University of St Andrews, founded in 1413, is the third oldest university in the UK after Oxford and Cambridge.

It welcomed Britain's first female student in 1862.

It is also here that the world's first students' union came into existence in 1882, while the world's oldest students' union building was the purpose-built Teviot Row at Edinburgh University, built in 1889





We were saddened to receive a message from the daughter of Alexander and Dorothy Grant of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that both of her parents have passed away.

Alexander Grant died fourteen months ago and his wife, **Dorothy Grant**, passed away about two years ago.

We extend our sympathies and prayers for the family of two of our members.

If you would like to send a sympathy card, just send it to "The Grant Family, 1516 Vallimont Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1029."

Clan Grant paintings, continued from page 12

The portraits include not only the Laird and his familh, but also servants, bards and ministers, providing a unique snapshot of life three hundred years ago.

The portraits have been hanging in Scotland's most prestigious galleries and properties, but are now being brought home to Granttown for the first time.

It is worth a trip to see such a culturally and artiscally significant collection."

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Scotland was an independent country until 1603.

Then the king of Scotland became king of England (not the other way round), but the two countries didn't merge their governments until 1707, to form the Kingdom of Great Britain.



Current Highland Games that will have a Clan Grant Society-USA Tent in 2017

■ **The New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival** Loon Mountain, NH September 15-17, 2017

■ **Virginia Games** in Manassas, VA September 2 and 3

■ **Ligonier Scottish Games** Ligonier, PA September 23, 2017

■ **Seaside Games** Seaside, Ventura, CA October 14-15, 2017

■ **Stone Mountain Highland Games** Stone Mountain, GA October 20-22, 2017 & Clan Grant Society - USA 40th Anniversary and Annual General Meeting

■ **Scots on the Rocks**, Moab, UT November 3 through November 5, 2017

■ **Salado Texas Central Texas Highland Games** Salado Texas November 11-12, 2017



Established in 1908, **RAF Leuchars** in Fife is the oldest continuously operating military air base in the world.

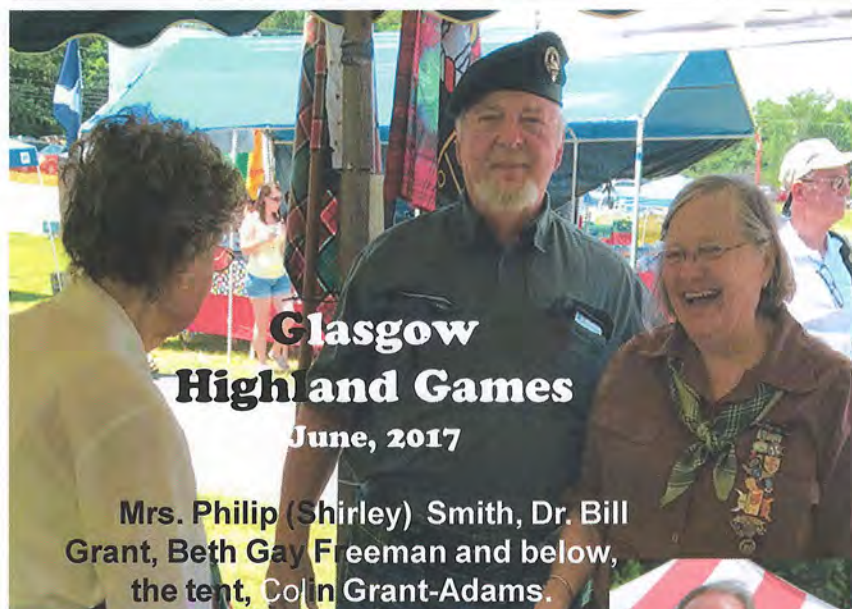
Henry Duncan founded the world's first commercial savings bank at Ruthwell, near Dumfries, in 1810.

It effectively founded what would become the Trustee Savings Bank (TSB), now part of Lloyds TSB Bank.

The world's first infant school was opened by philosopher and pedagogue **Robert Owen** in New Lanark in 1816.

Edinburgh was the first city in the world with its own fire brigade, in 1824.

Forbes Magazine was founded in 1917 in New York by Scottish-born journalist Bertie Charles Forbes.



Mrs. Philip (Shirley) Smith, Dr. Bill Grant, Beth Gay Freeman and below, the tent, Colin Grant-Adams.





Why Americans should thank Scotland (and William Wallace) for their freedom...

Thanks to *Heirloom Audio* and submitted to the Clan Wallace publication, *The Guardian*, by **Bob Wallace**.

“When freedom is hard fought to obtain, it becomes a most precious commodity to maintain.”

The Scottish knew this to be true in the 14th century when they were struggling to overcome the rule of England. In fact, the impact of their struggle has a direct relation to the struggle and ultimate victory of the colonists in the American Revolution.

The parallel can be seen in America’s *Declaration of Independence* and that of the *Declaration of Arbroath* of 1320.

Let’s look at the corollary points.

According to Linda McDonald-Lewis, author of *Warriors and Wordsmiths of Freedom: The Birth and Growth of Democracy*, much of the mindset for the forming of this country’s declaration document has considerable influence from the Scottish concept of independence and freedom.

“If Americans want to understand their history, they need to look to Scotland, because that is where their ideals come from,” she says. “And Scots should look across the Atlantic to see where their homegrown doctrines and ideas have been most fully embraced.”

About half of the signers of the *Declaration of Independence* were of Scottish descent, including Thomas Jefferson himself; in fact a few of the signers were former ex-patriates of the Jacobite rebellions (uprisings intended to re-install James II of Scotland as king of England.)

Among the colonists that fought in the Revolutionary War and gave the ultimate sacrifice, a large number were of Scottish ancestry.

The Declaration of Arbroath was presented to the pope in 1320 to affirm Scottish independence from England.

“A lot of Scots who had to leave Scotland after the failed Jacobite rebellion ended up dying on Ameri-

can battlefields, fighting the same enemy on a different field,” McDonald-Lewis says. “The research I have done tracing these stories really joined up a lot of dots in the intertwining histories of these two great nations.”

Among the most curious connections: George Washington owned a wood “snuff” box supposedly made from the same tree where Scottish hero William Wallace hid from his pursuers.

But, it is the fight for freedom – and the respective founding documents – that carries the strongest ties.

With roughly half the signers being of Scottish descent, including Jefferson, who wrote the first *Declaration of Independence* drafts, it isn’t difficult to imagine the *Declaration of Arbroath* playing a key role, particularly in inspiration.

It reads in part: “As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honors that we are fighting, but for freedom – for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.”

The Declaration of Independence reads, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

No, Jefferson didn’t lift out entire sentences or phrases, but the basic concept – freedom from English rule – is identical.

So, the next time you sing the National Anthem at a ballgame or watch fireworks explode on a warm Fourth of July night, say a prayer of thanksgiving not only for the Founders, but for the 14th-century Scots as well.

Coming to the 2017 Stone Mountain Games?

Your *Craigellachie* editor, Beth Gay Freeman, will be presenting FREE Scottish genealogical talks at the Host Hotel Friday before the games. Usually, they are at 11 AM and 1 PM. There will be signs in the lobby giving you full information that day.

Beth has been giving talks for many, many years at Stone Mountain. This year, a larger room has been reserved so that it will not be crowded.

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yards in the region where her ancestors lived. It resulted in the discovery of all of the graves of all my ancestors.

Information from this discovery led to the discovery by Adrian Grant, Seannachie of the Clan Grant, that my ancestors came under the authority of the Chief of Clan Grant.

His presentation of my genealogy of Lord Strathspey led to the creation of the Sept of Allan of Rhynagairn, with me assigned as Steward of the Sept. (This is how septs are created in the modern clan system, and is a reason I always encourage people of the associated family names to do their family tree homework. You never know where it will lead you.)

I joined the Clan Grant Society in 2000, have been active in many positions within the society ever since, and hope to be active in some form for many more years.

Again, thank you for the honor of lifetime membership in the Clan Grant Society.

Rand Allan rballan@san.rr.com

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visit leeds-castle.com or call **01622 765 400**

Clan Grant - USA

**2017 Mid-Maryland Scottish Games
having a great time!**



Here's (top photo) Paul Grant, R. Steven Grant and Dr. Bill Grant at the Mid-Maryland Scottish Games this year.

To the right, that's R. Steven Grant and his mother, Anna Grant.



'TIS THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA 2017 AGM & AYE WE WANT YE THERE!

It is never too early to plan to attend the Clan Grant Society - USA Annual General Meeting at the 45th Stone Mountain Highland Games October 20-22, 2017.



We will be holding the AGM on Saturday, 21 October at 1:30 pm. All Grants are welcome to attend.

Come meet Dr. Bill Grant, our President, Lena Grant, our secretary and many other fine Grants.

It is especially important this year, as we celebrate Clan Grant's 40th Anniversary.

SEE YOU THERE!

**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER, 1:30
AT THE 45TH ANNUAL
STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**



Craigellachie 31 Year whisky Judged the "World's Best"

This category easily has the most contenders, with nearly two dozen countries competing for the top spot in the single malt competition.

Distilleries from the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, Ireland, Holland, Denmark, India, Japan, South Africa - and even more - vied for the top place, with each country also competing to be their own domestic best.

With that many c o n t e n d e r s, Craigellachie is a truly impressive whiskey.

The judges thought the 31 year aging had a lot to do with it!

Colin Grant-Adams writes a song for the Clan Grant Society - USA to commemorate their 40th



Julia and Colin Grant-Adams leaving New York Harbor on the Kilts in the Wind Cruise a few years ago, to benefit the original The Family Tree.

Allied Families/Septs of Clan Grant- USA

Allan * Allen * Bisset(t) * Bowie
Bule * Gilroy * MacAllan
M(a)cgilroy * M(a)cilroy
McKerran - M (a)cKieran
M(a)cKessock * Pratt * Suttle
Allan of Rhynagairn
More of Drumkirk
Siol Lewis

I have been taught that being a sept of a clan or an allied family simply means that in the past, your family with a name other than the clan who was in charge of that particular place lived on that land. It was common in times of danger to go to the chief's castle and ask for asylum and to be allowed to stay in his "place of safety."

In return, your family swore your oath of "fealty" and promised to fight with that particular clan. (*Fealty* means a loving oath.) Those vows are as good today as they were hundreds of years ago. *Your editor.*

Favorite Scottish singer, guitarist and entertainer, Colin Grant-Adams has written *The Great Clan Grant*, a song to celebrate the Clan Grant Society - USA during their fortieth anniversary. Colin wrote both the lyrics and the music for the composition.

Here are the words to the brand new song:

The Great Clan Grant

Stand fast "Craigellachie" rally cry
of Clan Grant

With a fire burning deep within their heart
Stand fast "Craigellachie" calling the great
Clan Grant

To come from near and far never more
will part.

From Craigellachie on high where
peregrine falcons fly
Lies the valley of the Spey home lands of
the Clan Grant
Rivers flowing down, were the tall pines
reach the sky
Keeping watch castle Grant standing
guard evermore.

At Highland games, they gather honoring
their great name
Marching with pride and passion the
banner flying high
Now the spirit of Clan Grant lives on
within their hearts
Here the cry stand fast Craigellachie,
heads held up high.

Rumor has it that the song will be sung at the Stone Mountain Highland Games next October during the Clan Grant Society - USA Annual General Meeting!

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

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

Elected and Appointed Officers Clan Grant Society - USA

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Clan Grant's 40th Anniversary Celebration at Stone Mountain Games this year!



World's Champion Sheaf Toss at Glasgow, KY 2017.

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(right) the au-
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popular *Tartan
for Me* books
and a long time
member of the
Clan Grant So-
ciety.



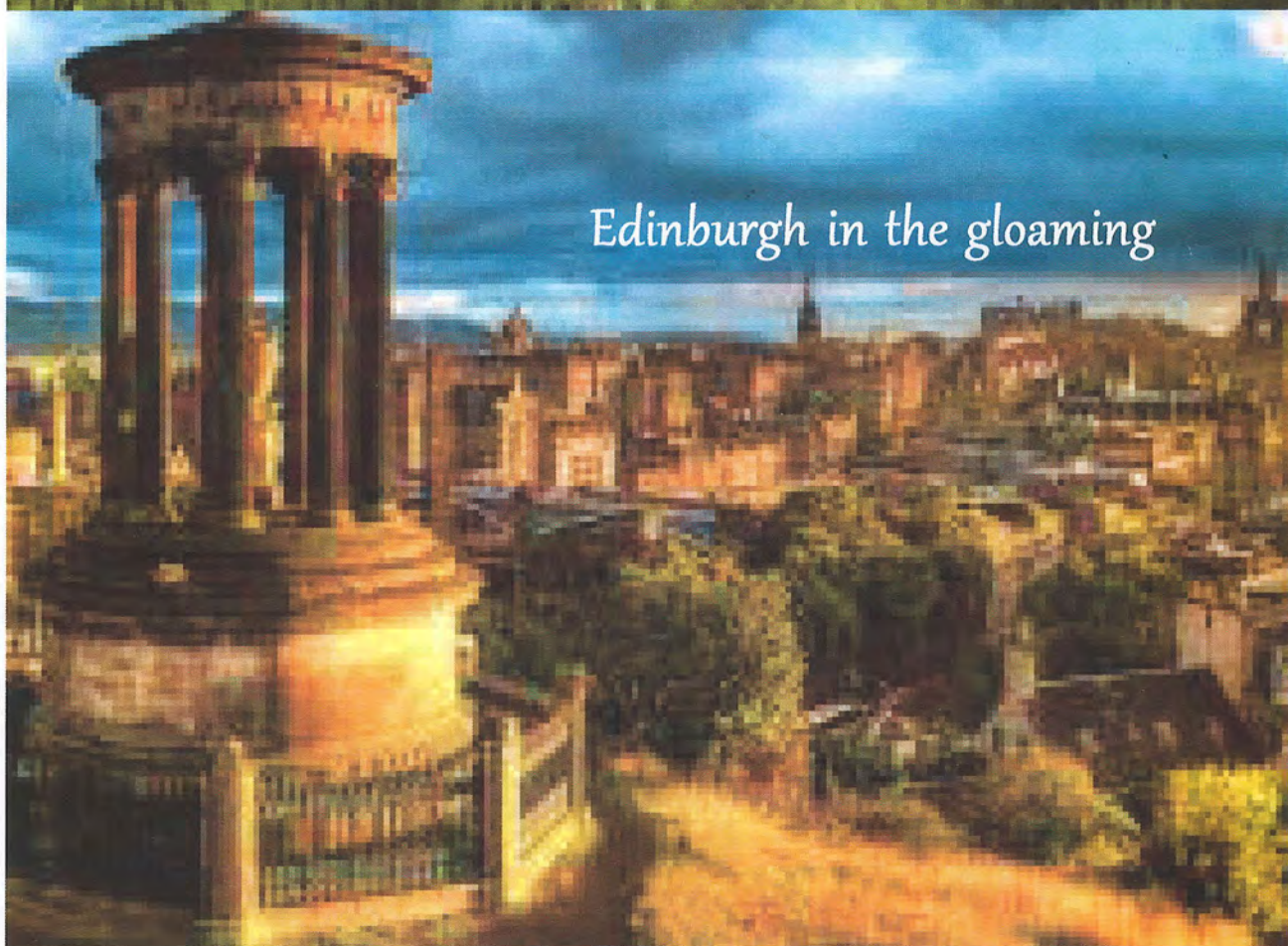
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Edinburgh in the gloaming