

Spring 2018

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA
CRAIGELLACHIE



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

Wear the Clan Grant kilt now!

Greetings Members,

This is our 2nd notification on this sale! This promotion only goes through the end of June!

We have been working with the House of

Tartan on an easy-wear kilt for our members. This is a lower cost option than your normal kilt which should allow many more of us to bag our first kilt! This is also very useful for those of us that already have a wool kilt, but don't want to have to take it to the dry cleaners all



the time, especially after an outdoor Scottish games event.

This kilt is made of a Teflon-treated, washable Polyester/Viscose fabric in our clan tartan. It's an ideal entry-level Kilt for Events, Gatherings and

Kilt Runs. It has a Velcro closing waistband and belt loops for a wide belt.

We are getting a special discount for our members for the Clan Grant Society – USA through the end of June. From the research we've done, we believe that this is the most affordable Scottish-Made Utility Kilt available in the world. The Kilts are priced in 3 size bands and are available by following the link to The House of Tartan on our website store page or using the following link:

Clan Grant WEAR THE KILT 90 Day CLAN SPECIAL offer

If you need to figure out how to measure yourself for a kilt, we have also provided an instruction document at the bottom of the Clan Store page.

If you are interested in more information regarding wearing highland dress, you can read the article on our website at: <https://www.clangrant-us.org/?q=page/wearing-highland-dress>

Stand Fast!

Clan Grant Society - USA

New bylaws adopted by The Clan Grant Society - USA

Clan Grant membership has adopted the new bylaws presented in the February *Craigellachie*.

Thank you all for reviewing the bylaws and voting for the changes. Thanks to the Bylaws Committee (Chairman William Grant II, Rand Allan, Dr. Bill Grant, Judi Parsons, Karen Cook and Dr. Phil

Smith) for several months of work.

Also thanks to our Board of Directors for reviewing several drafts and working revisions over a several hour Board Meeting.

This is an important step toward our filing for a 501(c) 3 status with the IRS.

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

President's Message

Greetings Clan Grant members and kinsmen.

Spring is here and not too soon. Lena and I are back in Virginia after spending a winter in Texas. We were happy to attend the Salado Games in November and the San Antonio Games in April with Carl Allen, our Texas games commissioner.

I am looking forward to attending games in Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia this summer. I hope if you live in these states you will join Lena and me at the games. See the games listing later in *Craigellachie* for the ones I am talking about.

From time to time I write the Chief. I am happy to report he is back home after a short stay in hospital for a blood poisoning problem. I am sure the chief would enjoy hearing from you, his address is:

The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey
The Old Manse
Carrbridge, Highland
PH23 3nd
SCOTLAND

We have negotiated a very good price on the new Grant modern tartan kilt. This sale will end July 1st. We are very happy that House of Tartan is partnering with us to provide a one stop store where we all can order Grant Tartan items. Your orders also help support Clan Grant so go to:

<https://houseoftartan.co.uk/clangrant>

Thanks go out to Fred Grant for coordinating our latest membership survey. We will be publishing the results in the August (Summer) *Craigellachie*. Also thanks to Linda Grant for her excellent work coordinating Clan Grant Society-USA with other Grant Societies worldwide.

Bob Grant, our Chaplin, has agreed to chair the nominating committee this year. The VP, secretary and one Board member at-large position are up for election this year. If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee or would like to nominate a society member for any of these three positions please contact Bob at (770) 380-4537 or rgrant9094@aol.com

Or by mail at 1113 Maple DrGriffinGA30224-4938

I would like you to take a minute to invite your family



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.

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Tom Freeman, of Cockspur Heraldic Services, who has done the Clan Grant crest (above), the Uncle Grant banner and many other designs for the Clan Grant Society, USA, is in the process of creating a Heraldic Standard (4 feet x 12 feet) and a Heraldic Carry Banner (3 feet x 3 feet) for George Alexander Way of Plean, The Much Hon. Baron of Plean in the County of Stirlingshire, who is a Scottish Sheriff and former Procurator Fiscal of the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland.

In November 2015 it was announced that George Way was to be the first Scottish Sheriff to be appointed a member of the Royal Household in Scotland as Falkland Pursuivant at the Court of the Lord Lyon.

He is also the co-author of *The Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* with the late Romilly Squire.

Tom is greatly honored to have been given this commission.



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members to join the Clan Grant Society-USA. Your family's 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.

You can join on line at: <https://www.clangrant-us.org/page/membership> or write to Rand Allan, our membership secretary, at: 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037-6916. Best wishes to you and your family. If you have internet connection visit our web site at: <https://www.clangrant-us.org>. If you have forgotten your id and, or password, contact Jeff Click at: click@msn.com.

You are welcome to call me at: (757) 617-1652 or email me at academicdad@yahoo.com or write me at 1205 Waters Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

STANDFAST Dr. Bill Grant, Ph.D., FSA SCOT
President Clan Grant Society-USA
Official Representative of Clan Grant Chief



Clan Grant *Flower of the Forest* Clan Grant piper, Iain Montgomerie Grant

The Clan Grant piper passed away peacefully in Lincoln County Hospital on Monday, 2nd April, 2018, **Iain Montgomerie Grant**, of 2 Holly House Cottages, Lincoln, Scotland, dear father to Victoria, Andrew, James and Robert and a loving grandad to Isobel, Oliver, Harriet, Wren and Honey Bea.

The funeral service was held at Inverallan Parish Church, Grantown on Spey on Thursday, 12th April at 10.30 AM and thereafter to Grantown Cemetery.

All friends were respectfully invited. Donations, if desired, to benefit Kidney Research UK, can be made via the funeral directors John Ross Funeral Services, Grantown on Spey - <<https://johnrossfuneralservices.com/>>



With thanks to Kim Todd, who notified the Clan Grant Society, USA of Mr. Grant's passing on behalf of the Clan Grant Society, UK.



On this day in 1320, April 6, the Declaration of Arbroath, in the form of a letter, was submitted to Pope John XXII by the Abbot of Arbroath and dozens of other nobles. In the letter, the gentlemen assert the right of Scotland to declare itself independent of Norman-ruled England, that it has always been independent and its community distinct, and that Scotland reserves the right to defend itself against attacks from foreign kings, most notably those of Edward I of England.

The Declaration also sought to lift the excommunication of Robert the Bruce and to recognize him as the true king of Scotland. The Pope was swayed by the arguments in the letter, and by Scotland's promise to participate in his Crusade, if they no longer had to defend against an English invasion. In March of 1328 King Edward III of England finally signed a peace treaty with Scotland, and 5 months later the excommunication of King Robert I was revoked.

From the very first *Craigellachie* ~ 40 years ago!

With thanks to Dr. Bill Grant.



CRAIGELLACHIE

Clan Grant Society

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April 1978

This is the first ever issue of Clan Grant newsletter.

The effort to found our Clan Society began December 15, 1977 when John G. Grant and George H. Grant received permission from our Chief, The Lord Strathspey.

Since then it has been hectic. We secured an invitation for our Laird and Lady to be the Honored guest at Grandfather Mountain this July 7, 8, and 9. That was followed by an invitation from Alexandria Virginia games July 21 and 22 for the same thing. Also in Virginia The Clan Grant Trophy will be awarded to the American Strathspey Fiddling Contest Winner.

While in this country our Chief and Lady will travel to California to visit with clansmen from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

We have sponsored and had a Clan tent at Orlando and Jacksonville Florida games meeting and recruiting clansmen. We will also have a tent in Savannah Georgia May 6.

State Commissioners have been appointed and accepted in several states. (See listing) We do need a commissioner for each state to assist in co-ordinating this effort and signing up clansmen.

We finally have a complete archive of the Clan Grant Society-USA *Craigellachie* Newsletters on our Clan Grant website! Visit <<https://www.clangrant-us.org/>>

Welcome to the *Clan Grant Society Newsletter Repository*. Select the year in which you are interested to see available issues.

Many thanks to Jeff Click, Jean Grant Wilson, Holly Floyd and Dr. Phil and Shirley Smith for their help in assembling this archive for you.

This is an accomplishment I was hoping we could achieve this year. These archived copies make for some interesting reading and insights as to our societies' history. Enjoy. *Dr. Bill Grant*

A letter from our New Member Coordinator, Mary Grant

Dear fellow Clan Grant members,

I hope 2018 is turning out to be a good year for all of you. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Clan Grant tents at as many Highland Games and Festivals as you can attend. Remember that when you joined Clan Grant you greatly increased the size of your family. Come visit with us.

Let me take a moment to clarify information on your membership renewals. If you joined Clan Grant between January 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017, your membership renewal is due in 2018. If you joined Clan Grant between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, your membership renewal date will be January 2019.

Please remember to check out the sale on kilts through the Clan Grant page at House of Tartans. There are some especially great deals on light-weight kilts.

There are Highland Games and Scottish Festivals all over the country throughout the year. Our Annual General Meeting will be held again at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, near Atlanta, Georgia. We hope to see you there.

If I can be of service to you in any way, please let me know. Always remember: IT IS GREAT TO BE A GRANT!



Sincerely, Mary

Mary Grant, New Member Coordinator
Clan Grant Society - US
1113 Maple Drive
Griffin, GA 30224



It's GREAT to be a Grant!



Clan
Grant tent
at the
2018
San
Antonio
Scottish
Highland
Games

Let's come to the Games!

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

2018 is a growth year for Grant tents at Scottish games across America. But, can we count on you to show up at our Grant tent?

Our tents will be in Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Utah, California, Vermont, Oregon, North Carolina, Tennessee, Washington State, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

If you live in any of these states, please plan to attend the games listed in *Craigellachie*.

Clan Grant will be the Honored Clan at the Ligonier, Pennsylvania games in September.



Our AGM will again be at the Stone Mountain games in Stone Mountain Georgia in October.

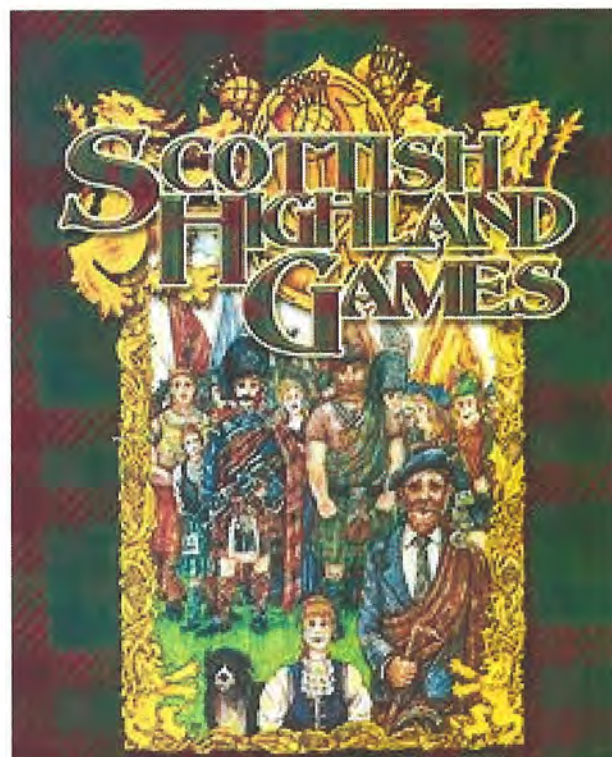
Plan to spend some time tent sitting with our games commissioners and fellow Grants.

Remember we are having a kilt sale with the House of Tartan. There is not a better time than now to get that Grant modern kilt and wear it at the games.

Your dues go to supporting Grant tents with banners, flags, tartan books, and tent space rental. Join us. Take a few pictures and share them with Beth Freeman, <bethscribble@aol.com> we will publish your selfies in *Craigellachie*.

Come visit the games and perhaps you will run into Clan President, Dr. Bill and Clan Secretary, Lena Grant. We will be attending 7 games this year. You will meet or revisit with our games commissioners. They are great Grants. We appreciate their support - and yours - for our Clan Grant Society-USA.

STAND FAST!



Let's come to the Games!
Clan Grant needs YOU



Oor national animal's a unicorn
And oor sausages are square
We have scenery that'll make ye greet
And a rich history that fills the air
Oor lassies are fiery and clever
Oor men are loyal and tough
No' saying that we're perfect
But Being Scottish is close enough

Being
Scottish

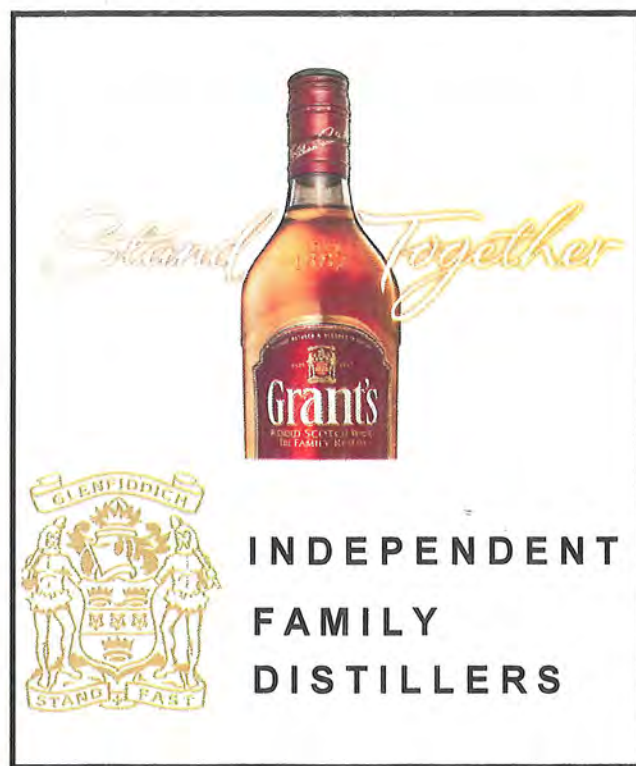
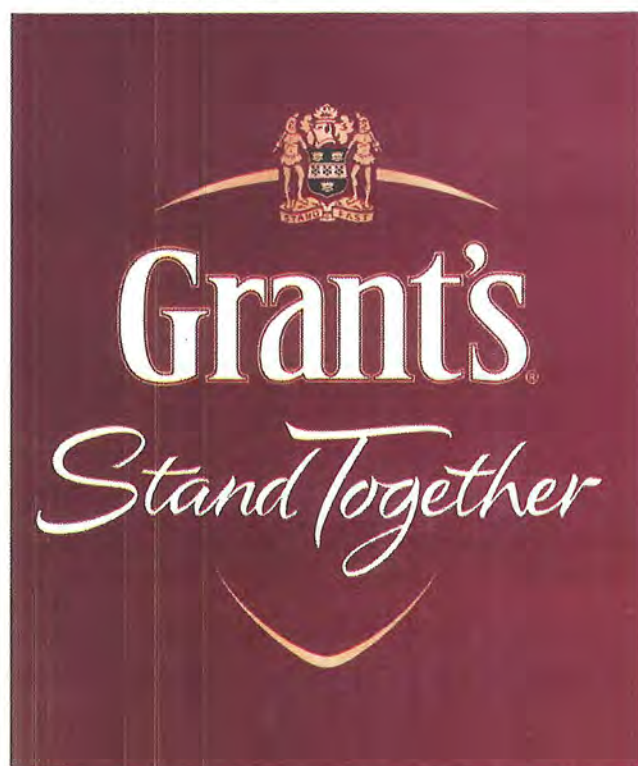


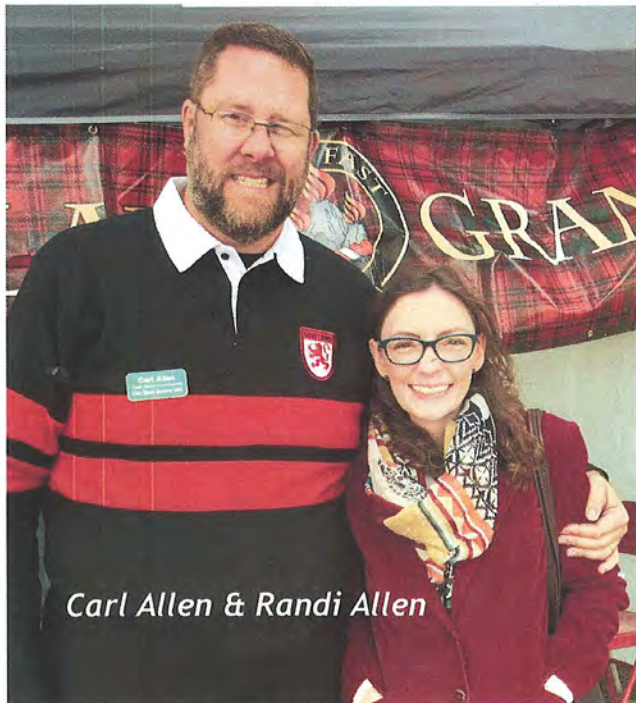
Clan Grant Society USA

Games, Festival Commissioners and emails for 2018

Scottish Games and Festivals	Date	Games Commissioner	Email Address
*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	pruitytallen@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





Carl Allen & Randi Allen

San Antonio, Texas Scottish Games and Festival 2018 GREAT event for Clan Grant!

Carl Allen, Texas Commissioner

San Antonio was again a great event for bringing in new members to the clan, along with educating many on their Scottish ancestry.

Saturday started off really cold, with temps in the high 30s, but it did not stop the proud Clan Grant members from coming out to well represent the Clan.

We had a chili and corn bread lunch on Sat-

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Scott Allen, Dr. Bill Grant, Lena Grant, Carl Allen, Games Commish and Allison Rowland.



More photos of the San Antonio, Texas, Scottish Games on page 20

Fairy Pools you can visit!

These fantastically named natural pools look like something out of Scottish myth.

Scottish culture is chock full of naturalistic Celtic myths and legends, talking of magical beings living under hills, and waters filled with beasts large and small. The Fairy Pools near Carbost, Scotland embody that sense of magic in their unbelievably blue waters.

Accessible only by a foot hike through the Glen Brittle forest, the series of small waterfalls that make up the so-called Fairy Pools are some of the most pristine swimming holes in the world.

On a sunny day, the turquoise waters of the natural pools are so clear, one can readily see each moss-covered stone at the bottom. Located at the foot of the Cuillin Mountains, the crystal-clear water flows between pools with waterfalls of various shapes and sizes. On wet, cloudy days after a good rain, torrents of water rush and whirl in thunderous cascades.

There does not seem to be any one legend at-



tributed to the site, other than for the fact they look like part of a J.R.R. Tolkien set piece, but their name has endured since their discovery. The waters of the Fairy Pools might be bone-chillingly cold, but their near supernatural atmosphere has made them one of Scotland's most enduring natural wonders.

Know Before You Go

From Portree on the Isle of Skye, head North
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urday and had about 14 members eat with us, along with some other clans and vendors who were locate nearby.

On Sunday, the temperatures warmed up icely to the mid 50s. The crowds doubled in size.

We had a total of seven new members who joined the Clan Grant Society USA at the games - and quite a few more went home with membership applications in hand.

Dr. Bill Grant and Lena Grant were with us for the weekend.

Please remember to send your anniversaries, honors, Flowers of the Forest to <bethscribble@aol.com>



I'm glad we don't have to have birthday candles for Lewisian Gneiss!

The oldest rock in Britain is Lewisian Gneiss. It forms the bedrock of much of the northern coastal regions of mainland Scotland, along with the islands of the Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland.

Lewisian Gneiss is a hard metamorphic rock, formed from igneous rocks subjected to extremely high pressure and intense heat, before life developed on earth, and is more than 3,000 MILLION years old!



Father's Day and Genealogy this year, June 17, 2018

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and the influence of fathers in society.

In Catholic areas of Europe, it has been celebrated traditionally on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. The tradition was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to South America and the Caribbean, where March 19 is usually the official date, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June.

There are two versions about the origin of Father's Day in American history. The first version centers around the aftermath of a 1907 mining disaster in Monongahela, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton spearheaded an effort to have a memorial service for the 362 men killed, 250 of which were fathers, including her own.

A second version, which appears to be the most widely accepted, centers around a Mother's Day sermon held in 1909 in Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd was struck by the fact that there wasn't a special day set aside for fathers. In 1910, inspired by her own father, who had to raise six children when their mother died during childbirth, Mrs. Dodd encouraged local and regional churches and civic organizations to push for the establishment of a day honoring fathers.

The effort was publicized and began to spread throughout the country. By 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this

HAPPY
FATHERS DAY



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effort and the day began to be celebrated unofficially.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s there were calls to put an end to both Father's Day and Mother's Day. Pro-Parents Day groups wanted a single holiday, Parents Day, to celebrate both parents on just one day. Their momentum, though, gave way due to the depression that hit America in 1929.

Retailers and advertisers resisted combining the dates so they could sell their goods, thus enabling their businesses to survive the lean years.

Later, at the beginning of the Second World War, advertisers also wanted to use Father's Day to celebrate and honor American troops.

It wasn't until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation to declare the third Sunday of June as a day to celebrate fathers.



A Pear in a brandy bottle?

How do brandy purveyors fit a whole pear inside a tapered bottleneck? They trap the young fruit when it's still a bud.

Producers in France, Switzerland, and

Germany sell their signature *Poire Williams eau de vie* (Williams pear-flavored clear brandy) with full-sized fruit accompanying the alcohol inside each bottle.

Farmers simply surround a blossom in glass and adhere the container to the tree. As the fruit continues to develop and mature, attendants pump

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A recommendation from Clan Grant...

with thanks to Dr. Bill Grant

In 1660, James Grant of Auchernich said, 'the McPhersons are a downright honest people, hate tricks and cheats, [and are] the best and firmest friends can be, but where they have a just prejudice, fierce and implacable enemies.' No clan can have a better reference than this, particularly from a neighbour. John Murray of Broughton added another in 1746, 'This clan is looked upon as one of the most civilised in the Highlands.' Amazingly, the clan's reputation has not slipped since then. Its museum at Newtonmore, in the ancient clan lands of Badenoch, is exceptional; its clan association thrives; and it has been graced by Sir William Macpherson, 26th of Cluny, as its chief since 1969.

Fairy pools, continued from page 10

and then West towards the town of Carbost. Just before reaching the town, head South towards Glenbrittle. A small fairy pools sign can be seen at the crossroad. While driving towards Glenbrittle, the Fairy



Pear in a brandy bottle, continued from page 12

in fresh air and nip other pears from the branch in order to ensure maximal nutrients reach the enclosed targets.

The old-fashioned drink is expectedly sweet and fruity, which makes it an ideal palate cleanser or pairing for cheese. Europeans craft this iconic beverage from the fruit North Americans know as the Bartlett pear, which often stars in cans of fruit cocktail.

When a bottle of Poire Williams is empty, a preserved, juicy pear remains at the bottom. How to free it from its glass prison once the brandy's gone? One pear-in-a-bottle grower had this tip from her grandfather: Use a thin-bladed knife to slice pieces of the pear and then retrieve them with its point.

pools car park will be found on your right.

From the parking lot, called (and signed) Glumagan Na Sithichean, cross the public road to find the path labeled "Sligaghan," take the path in front of you.

The return walk takes 2 hours without any places to protect from the sun, wind or rain.

Several small river crossings are required (with large rocks to help) and ground can be slippery when wet.

YOU!

COULD BE ONE OF US!

Allied Families & Septs of Clan Grant

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

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More of Drumcork, Grant Septs

William S. Grant, Ph.D., FSA Scot, President of the Clan Grant Society-USA

Recognized Septs

Currently these are the Sept families which have had their status formally recognized by the Chief. The *Mores of Rhyngairn* were recognized in 2008 by Sir Patrick, the late Chief of Clan Grant.

The *Siol Lewis* - Cherokee descendants of Ludovick Grant, younger of Crichtie (none of whom bear the surname Grant) have now been recognized officially (since the International Gathering in 2010). The *Siol Cudbright* - Métis descendants of Cuthbert Grant, Sr., of Cromdale.

(From an article in the Winter 2018 *Craigellachie*.)

Recently I have communicated with David Gray the President of the John More Association (Mores of Drumcork). We were wondering just when the previous Chief recognized this Sept. The following articles can be found in previous *Craigellachies* that answer this question.

More of Drumcork

We welcome this new family name to our clan. Remember it is only the Mores of Drumcock that are clansmen. Other Mores belong to other clans. In addition to the two mentioned above, our Society is proud to have J. Bolard More as a member.

(1978 *Craigellachie* Volume I Number 2 page 3 of 12)

During the Alexandria games an event took place the was another first for our clan. Lord Strathspey (Sir Patrick) recognized and officially adopted the *Mores of Drumcock*. Eric More Marshall and Steve Pohl represented the Mores.

John and Betty More worked on a farm located at Drumcork in Rothiemurchus. They claim to be members of the Grant Clan. John and Betty immigrated to New York where they raised eight children. In 1890 a group of their descendants met and decided to keep track of the family. The result is that today they are the largest documented family in the world. They have complete genealogical records of all of the decendents of John and Betty, numbering 10,000. Approximately 6,000 are still alive.



I (George H. Grant) had the privilege of reading our Chief's Proclamation during the ceremony and Eric More Marshall responded for the More family.

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The Mores of Drumcock

(Editor's note: In our last newsletter, you probably saw the article entitled "More of Drumcock". In an attempt to give you more information about this interesting family we contacted Eric More Marshall, Executive Vice President of the John More Association and Commissioner of the Clan Grant in Pennsylvania, and asked him to do an article on the More Family.

At the present time (1978) this family constitutes the largest organized group of Grants in the United States. We extend our thanks to Eric for this informative synopsis of the history of his family.)

John and Betty Taylor More were Scottish Highlanders who came to the new world in 1772 and settled near Roxbury, New York.

John was born in Forres and Betty at nearby

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Elgin in Morayshire.

Once in America the Mores raised their family of seven sons and one daughter, enjoying a bountiful life and died peacefully in old age.

Seven or eight generations of their descendants, organized as the John More Association and numbering many thousands, are widely scattered throughout the United States. Probably no American family of comparable size has kept in touch with its members so well, or paralleled its quinquennial reunions and its family directory.

John More fought in the War of Independence, and his descendants helped in the conquest of the interior of the new continent. Many of them have been recognized for their accomplishments and they all reflect the Scottish beliefs and the ideal of freedom founded upon law.

A monument was erected to John and Betty More at Roxbury in 1890.

The history of the More family in Scotland cannot be traced with a great deal of certainty more than four generations prior to John.

Part of the problem is the name. "More," "Moir," "Moor," "Muir," and "Mure" are variant spellings of the same name.

John wrote to his brother, David, and addressed the letter to David Moir while John spelled his last name as More. At any rate, there had been a very definite connection between the Mores and the Grants for several centuries prior to John coming to America.

History records that there were Moirs serving Sir John Grant, sixth Laird of Freuchie and later William Moir was, from 1622 to 1632, Chamberlain of the Laird's estate at Mulben.

Other mention occurs when, in 1552, John Grant Moir paid John Grant of Ballindalloch for "the mail (rent) of "ane hous" in Elgin.

In 1618 Robert Moir of Pitcory was, with about 100 others, including Patrick Grant of Ballindalloch and many other Grants, were charged before the King's advocate in Edinburgh, with some kind of riot in Elgin.

Judging from the party the Mores and Grants had at Alexandria (Virginia) last summer things have not changed much since then.

Romance played an important part in the More-Grant relationship. Gregor More and Isabel Grant who lived in Cromdale parish had a son they



named John. He was named for John Grant of Burnside.

Burnside lies a mile south of the village of Cromdale and two miles east of Inverallen Church on Spey. This entire area was dominated by Clan Grant. It may not be significant that the founder of the Grants of Glenmoriston was Iain Mor, but it demonstrates that the name existed and was carried by an influential person.

John More's father, also a John who spelled his last name Moir, was, at the time of his marriage in June 1770, employed by the Grants at a farm called Drumcock (properly spelled Drumchock) in Rothiemurchus parish.

Later John More's brother David married Helen Grant and continued to reside at Drumcork for a number of years.

The present use of the name "More of Drumcork" was assigned by our Chief, The Lord Strathspey, to designate the decedents of John More from other Mores desiring to affiliate with the Clan.

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Happy Anniversary



Celebrating their 51st Anniversary on May 4, 2018 are Bill and Lena Grant.

Wishing you both all the joy and happiness of the world and many congratulations on this wedding anniversary.



Top: Dr. Bill Grant and his wife, Lena at Stone Mountain Highland Games.. Bottom: Beth and Tom Freeman in Jeri Martin's garden.



Celebrating their 11th combined 2 years Handfasted and 9 years m-m-m-arried anniversary, are Beth and Tom Freeman.

Their Handfasting Ceremony was at the Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, Kentucky, with about 350-400 of their closest friends attending. That was June 2nd.

On May 28, two years later, they were married in the garden of the late Jeri Daniel Martin in Lebanon, Tennessee. Jeri, an Ordained Minister, performed both ceremonies.

Joy and happiness reign at their home.





The Hish family in Scotland. Second from the right is Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.



The Hish family in Scotland

Anjelica Hish

Our small family of four recently discovered deep roots in Scotland, UK. On my mother's side, we traced our heritage back to Europe and eventually to the Grant Clan.

After reaching out to the clan, we journeyed to Scotland to meet the current Chief and to learn more of our ancestors. We stayed in Scotland for almost five months, exploring Edinburgh and the Highlands.

Among the many historical places we visited, our favorite was Castle Grant in Grantown-On-Spey. The rich history of the Grants displayed in the Grantown Museum there held our interest greatly during this time as well.

We learned about the history of the Grants at the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, Urquhart Castle, at Monymusk where Archibald and Fiona Grant reside, and Fort George.

Other places that were of interest to us on our family trip were the Battlefield at Culloden, Stirling Castle (Which housed an ornate Grant artifact), Duffus Castle ruin, the ancient Cairns.

Duffus Castle was an especially interesting historical landmark. The castle was in use from the 1100s to 1705. The fortress was initially built out of wood until it was upgraded to stone in the 1300s. Now a ruin, the castle still dominates the landscape, boasting a several foot-thick stone wall surrounding the stronghold.

Beyond the wall is a deep moat circumventing the area. The castle itself stands divided into half, with one side slowly migrating down the hill from erosion. The inside is complete with arrow slits, a dungeon, as

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Stand Together

Grant's
BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY
THE FAMILY RESERVE

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**INDEPENDENT
FAMILY
DISTILLERS**

STAND FAST

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.

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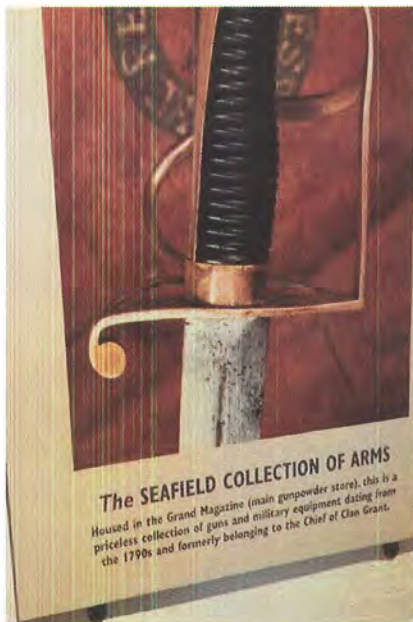


Photo by Ellie Coughlin Barna

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival... The Grant's were there!

Dr. Bill Grant wrote: I would like to thank Steve Grant for his kind hospitality at the Clan Grant tent at yesterday's Southern Maryland Celtic Festival!

It was a beautifully sunny day, but a bit breezy, as you can see from the above photo.



The SEAFIELD COLLECTION OF ARMS
Housed in the Grand Magazine (main gunpowder store), this is a priceless collection of guns and military equipment dating from the 1790s and formerly belonging to the Chief of Clan Grant.



To the left: The Seafield Collection of Arms now in a museum, but once owned by the Chief of the Clan Grant Society - USA. Above: The ruins of Grant Tower on Loch Lomond.

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well as the lord's hall.

While touring this ancient site, we experienced modern technology at the same time. Being within close proximity of an airbase, jets constantly flew over the area doing exercises.

Walking inside and around a castle that has withstood the sands of time (for the most part) was very educational and eye-opening.

We wish to continue learning and being involved with the Grants. Another visit to Scotland is already planned and we can't wait to return.

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San Antonio, Texas Scottish Games and Festival 2018



Carl Allen & Branden Martinez



Carl Allen & Kelsey Cancienne



Guests, The Terry Ghiselli Family



Scott Allen & Carl Allen



Dr. Bill Grant, Patrick Bales, Carl Allen

Can you spend one Saturday or a Saturday and Sunday once a year at a Scottish Games? You'll have fun!

If your answer is YES. Then Clan Grant wants to send you to a local Scottish Games or Celtic Festival. We will help you to get tickets, register a tent and help you through the simple tasks of setting up and hosting a Clan Grant Tent.

We will provide a popup tent, banners, flags, books and material. In addition, we can connect you with an experienced Games Commissioner to ensure that your Scottish Festival experience is a positive one.

To learn more about this way to support your Clan and to have a great excuse to attend your local festival, contact George James our Games Coordinator by email tubageorge@yahoo.com or Dr. Bill Grant, our President, academicdad@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Games.



An invitation to all Grants from Monymusk in Scotland

Dear All,

This year's annual UK Clan Grant Gathering Dinner and Ceilidh 2018 will be held at the Grant Arms Hotel in Granttown-on-Spey, on Saturday 11 August 2018, from 7:30pm – 12:00 midnight.

I just wanted to let you know that it is now possible to reserve and pay for tickets to the dinner and ceilidh via our clan grant visitors website at: <http://clangrantvisitors.org/product/annual-clan-grant-gathering-dinner-ceilidh/>

There is a complimentary glass of wine on arrival, and the buffet consists of three main courses and a selection of puddings, followed by tea or coffee, and traditional ceilidh dancing until midnight. The dress code for the evening is preferably formal highland dress, but 'smart casual' is also acceptable.

The cost of the event this year is £35.00 per person. On receipt of your online payment, you will receive an email to confirm your booking. Please note that actual tickets will not be sent out to keep our costs down.

Alternatively, you can still order your tickets in the 'old' way via cheque payable to "Clan Grant

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As of
1 March 2018,
The Clan Grant
Society - USA
has grown to

342
members!

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Society" - sent to Judy Lewis at: The Old Manse, Duthil, Carrbridge, The Highlands, PH23 3ND.

For your information, it is also possible to make one off donations or other misc. contributions to the Society at: <http://clangrantvisitors.org/product/contributions-donations/>

Kind regards, Kim Todd

On behalf of the Clan Grant Society UK, Monymusk Estate
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Clan Centre Trust

The Clan Grant Centre Trust is now a Charity registered in Scotland (Charity Number SC021615 Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).



The Earl of Seafield's Mausoleum at Duthil

Our Aims

are set out in section 6 of its constitution - namely:

The organisation is established for charitable purposes and its primary function is to manage the present Centre (previously Duthil Kirk, sold to the Society for the benefit of the Trust) with the purpose and intention of the purposes recognised by OSCR as charitable:

- 1. b. The advancement of education** with regard to the history and geography of the Clan Grant and its lands
- 2. g. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science** with regard, inter alia, to Clan Grant related literature, oral tradition, music, traditional sports etc.
- 3. i. The provision of recreational facilities....** In this regard its primary purpose is to make the facilities available to (i) members of the Society and (ii) the general public in pursuit of other objectives noted in this section
- 4. k. The promotion of religious or racial harmony** with particular regard, inter alia, to the promotion of religious or racial harmony throughout the world with which the Clan Grant has had particular contact in the past.

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

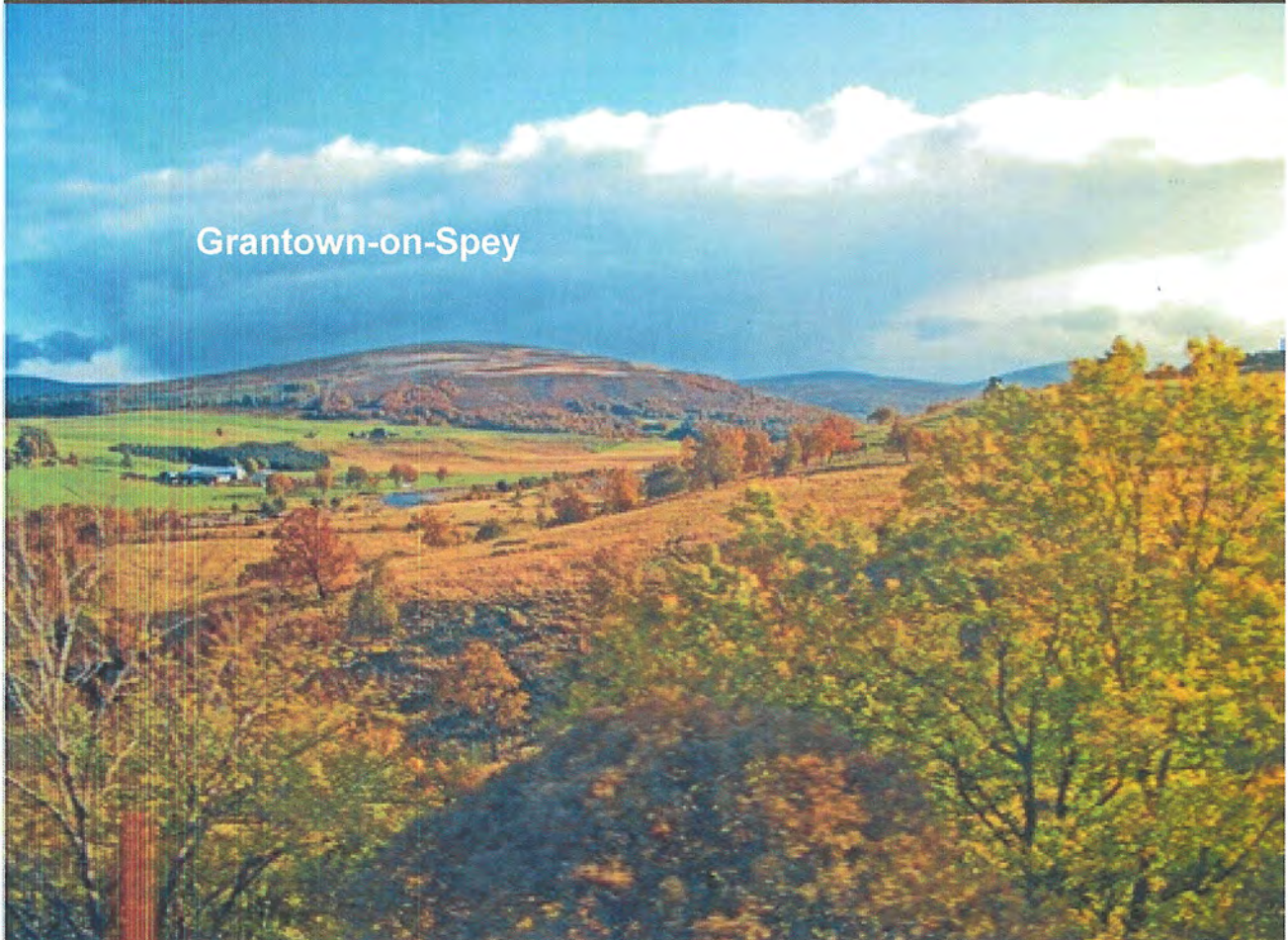
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