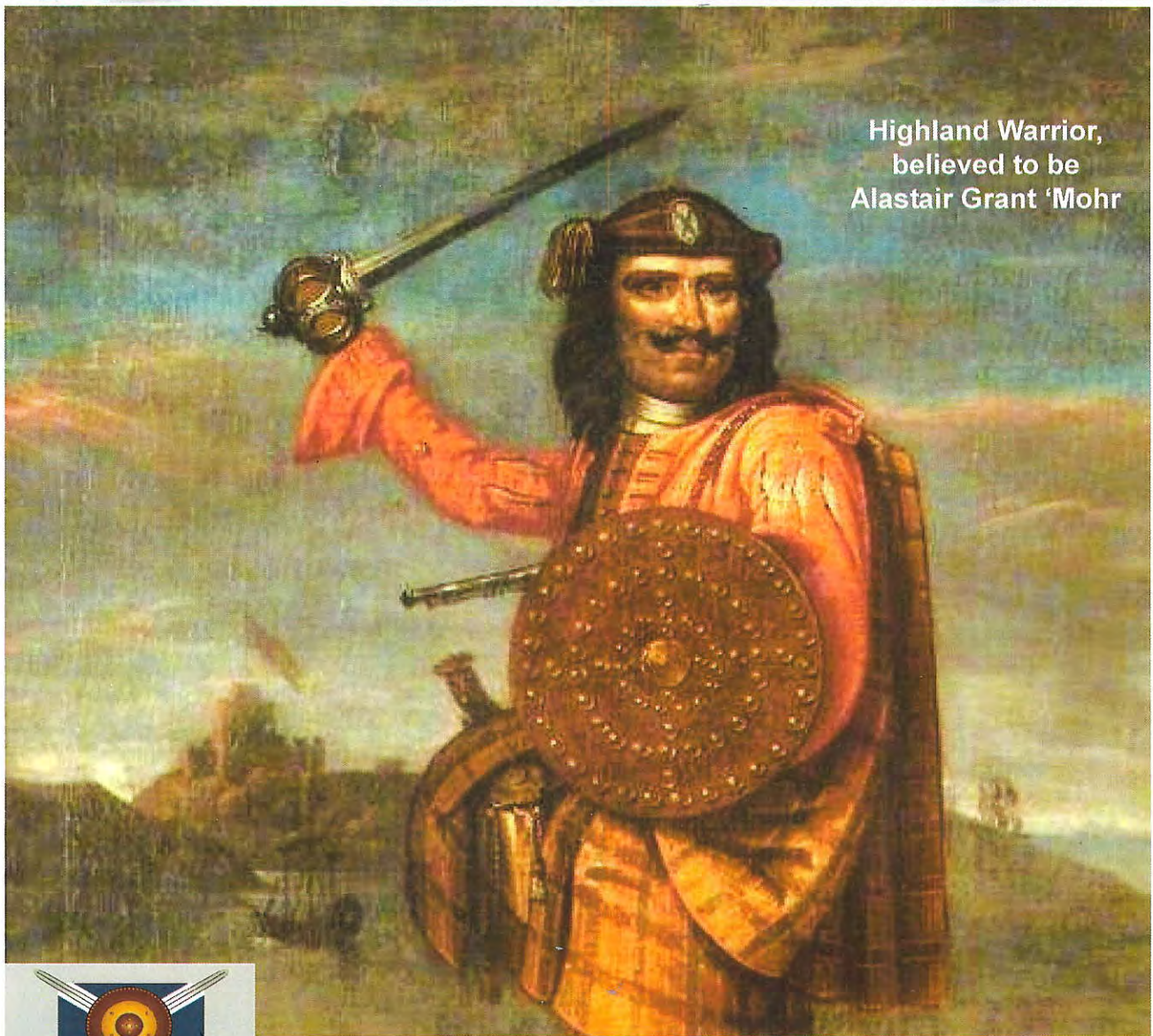


WINTER 2020

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA  
**CRAIGELLACHIE**



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



Highland Warrior,  
believed to be  
Alastair Grant 'Mohr'



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**The Clan Grant Society - USA is a member of  
The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc.**

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.

**President's Message!**  
**Dr. Bill Grant, Ph.D.**  
President, Clan Grant Society - USA



**Everyone in February,  
March and April 2021!**

Greetings to all our members, and Sir James Grant Chief of Clan Grant. Welcome to all our new members.

We are blessed to have had such an awesome group of board members, both elected and appointed. Without their guidance and ideas, hard work and planning, Clan Grant would not be.

To our Games Commissioners, thank you for attending faithfully all the games in your areas the past three years. You are our front line!

Covid 19 has squashed all of the games for the year 2020, and perhaps 2021, a year which none of us shall forget. With lots of prayers and great hope, may we all meet again at the games in the fall of 2021. We might even be able to

give a hug! "Just hoping!"

Many thanks to William Grant and Sons Distillery for again sponsoring *Craigellachie*.

The pandemic has reduced our membership recruiting. When the games begin again we will be asking our members to contribute to help fund Grant Tents.

As an aside, Lena and I are now full time Texans. Our new address is 3102 Santa Lydia St, Mission TX 78572. I can still be reached by phone at 757 617 1652 or email at <academicdad@yahoo.com>.

Until we meet again, I am wishing you health and happiness. Stand Fast! Dr. Bill Grant



## **Pullet-zer Prizes**

for *Craigellachie* Winter 2021

Thank you to the following award-winning folks who came to the *Craigellachie* rescue by sending articles, stories and lots of things for the new issue of the Clan Grant Society - USA publication: Dr. Bill Grant, Jeff Click, Dr. Cara Cowan Watts, Paul Dallas Grant, Sr., Bob Grant, Rand Allen, Dr. Phillip Smith and Karen Cook.



**Remember, you don't just have a family, you have a Clan. Clan Grant!**

## OUR CLAN CHIEF



SIR JAMES GRANT OF GRANT,  
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**It's great  
to be a Grant!**

## Clan Grant Society Seeking an assistant webmaster!

Clan Grant Society - USA is looking for an individual interested in being the Assistant Webmaster to help maintain our society website as well as being a backup for the current webmaster.

Our website is currently hosted by GoDaddy and is using Drupal open-source software as the basis for our website.

We are looking for a volunteer who has at least some basic knowledge of websites as we do not yet have a manual written containing the information necessary to train someone from scratch.

However, this individual does not require specific knowledge of Drupal or GoDaddy.

Please send an email to [admin@clangrant-us.org](mailto:admin@clangrant-us.org) expressing your interest and listing your experience.



## Seeking a genealogy enthusiast

This is a consultant-type volunteer position for someone with an interest in genealogy and does not require much in the way of experience or expertise although a basic understanding is helpful. The job entails maintaining our members-only Clan database, adding new Clan family trees from members and fielding questions from members looking into their own Grant Clan genealogy. The database, which has been formatted using Family Tree (a genealogy database program), is privately maintained on the Genealogist's personal computer; no public access is currently permitted. Lastly, the Genealogist should submit an article or two to the *Craig* during the year.

The position is not onerous and rarely requires little more than an hour or two here and there throughout the year.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Bill Grant at [academicdad@yahoo.com](mailto:academicdad@yahoo.com).

# Tulsa Pier Drilling CEO and Principal Owner Recognized with National Ely S. Parker Award

Albuquerque, NM., Sept. 29, 2020 — The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) has named Dr. Cara Cowan Watts the 2020 Ely S. Parker Award winner.



Now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, the Ely S. Parker Award recognizes an Indigenous professional who has achieved an exceptional career while support-

ing education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines.

Dr. Cowan Watts joins a distinguished community of leaders who have provided extraordinary, lifelong support, not only in their many different STEM fields, but also in advancing opportunities for others. Dr. Cowan Watts was selected from an impressive national pool of nominees by the AISES Board of Directors.

The Ely S. Parker Award is the highest professional honor that AISES confers. Recipients follow the example of Ely S. Parker, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Seneca Nation Chief who broke multiple racial barriers while establishing an enduring legacy that continues to inspire today's Indigenous leaders.

"We take great pride in selecting Dr. Cara Cowan Watts as this year's Ely S. Parker Award winner," said, Gary Burnette, AISES board chair. "Cara demonstrates sustained contributions and outstanding leadership in STEM that have posi-

tively impacted thousands of Indigenous youth."

Dr. Cowan Watts is CEO and principal owner of Tulsa Pier Drilling (TPD), a privately held small business with operations in Oklahoma and Arkansas. She built the company into an industry leader and today TPD is one of the fastest-growing 100 percent Native American-owned companies. TPD has a skilled workforce specializing in rough terrain, hard rock, and challenging drilling situations.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition from AISES, an organization I deeply admire. AISES helped me to embrace and develop my leadership skills as well as contributed to my personal growth," said Cara. "AISES challenged me to set the bar high for myself and sparked my passion to serve my communities when and where that help is most needed."

Kay Porter, who nominated Dr. Cowan Watts, came to know her when she was a Fellow in the National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Bridge to the Doctorate (BD) program in Oklahoma.

Dr. Cowan Watts was one of 12 fellows in the first cohort of the BD program.

LSAMP Scholars are selected from a national pool of applicants and to be chosen is a distinct honor. Porter said, "Cara has consistently been active in serving Native students in numerous capacities. From Cara's early involvement in STEM programs to today's activities, she has never tired of promoting AISES and other programs to help improve the lives of Native students. Cara is a professional others strive to be like and look up to."

Dr. Cowan Watts has dedicated her life to leading by example in public service. She is a former Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilwoman (2003–2015) who helped start the Cherokee Na-

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Dr. Cara Cown Watts, *continued from page 4*



tion National Science and Engineering Fair to boost excitement about STEM. She supported the annual Cherokee Nation STEM summer camp and the Native Explorers program at the University of Oklahoma. She was involved in bringing the AISES National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair to Oklahoma State University. To get students interested in STEM disciplines, the Cowan Watts family created an annual Excellence in Engineering Award for students in grades five–12.

Dr. Cowan Watts is a ninth-generation resident of Rogers County, Oklahoma, and a direct descendant of Old Settler Cherokee Chief John Rogers, who lived in the Cooweescoowee District of the Cherokee Nation. In her tenure as a tribal councilwoman, Dr. Cowan Watts made significant contributions to the Cherokee Nation in education, economic development, sustainability, tribal sovereignty, health care, water quality, and water rights. Today, she is active in three Cherokee organizations: Rogers County Cherokee Association, Victory Cherokee Organization and Tulsa Cherokee Community Organization.

Dr. Cowan Watts told your editor via email, "I am part of the Cherokee Nation's Siol Sept and descended from Ludovick Grant. I used to be on the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. I attended the Clan Grant International Gathering about ten years ago. My married last name is Cowan Watts."

Dr. Watts is a Lifetime Member of the Clan Grant Society-USA!

*Congratulations!*  
from all of the  
Clan Grant Society - USA!

An advertisement for Walkers Shortbread. The word "GRANTS" is written in large, gold, serif letters at the top. Below it are several red hearts of various sizes. In the center is a square image of a Walkers Shortbread tin, which is red and black plaid with a gold ribbon. The tin features the text "PRODUCT OF SCOTLAND", "Walkers", and "ESTABLISHED 1898". Below the tin image is the URL <https://www.walkersshortbread.com/uk/>.

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It is official and from your Clan.

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Dr Bill Grant,  
Ph.D.,  
FSA Scot

President Clan  
Grant Society-  
USA

# The Marriage of Paul Dallas Grant, Jr., and Jennifer Marie Kirkpatrick

Paul Dallas Grant, Sr., writes my son, his fiancé, Jennifer, and Gilly, their dog, came to visit me in October for a week.

They came from Kansas City, Missouri, to Woodbridge, Virginia, planning to visit for a week.

A month before the drive, they decided to have their wedding at my house.

They wanted to use our family pastor, Pastor Tim, to perform the service at my home. Knowing that my Church and Pastor needed 5-6 counselling sessions before a wedding, I got my son to directly discuss this with Pastor Tim. They had the conversations and agreed to conduct counselling session as a threesome using Zoom.

They arrived on Saturday, October 3, to start a wonderful family gathering. We all attended Church on October 4 for a distanced outdoor service.

On Monday, October 5, they had their final counseling session face-to-face in the Church.

The wedding was at my home on Wednesday, October 7 on a gorgeous, bright fall day. It was conducted on my deck.

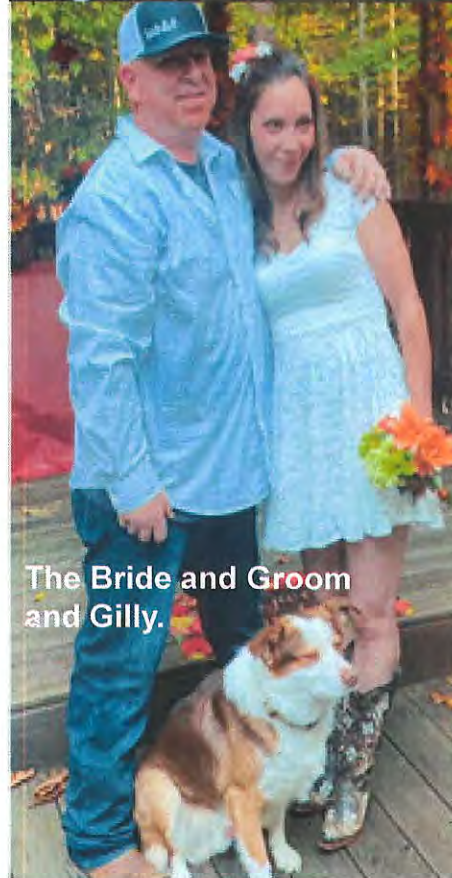
The couple had decorated an area under my wisteria canopy. The participants totaled seven which was a good number for COVID restrictions on a large deck. There were the marriage couple, Pastor Tim, me and three very close family friends.



Later, Gilly found the creek behind the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Junior and Jennifer Marie Grant and Gilly departed October 9 for the drive back to Kansas.

The parents of the groom were myself, Paul Dallas Grant and Sarah Vinyard Jump. The parents of the bride were Gary W. Kirkpatrick, Sr., and Paula Ann Gardner.



**The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Northeast Florida Scottish  
Highland Games  
and Festival  
returns to Clay County, Florida  
Fairgrounds  
on Saturday, February 27, 2021**



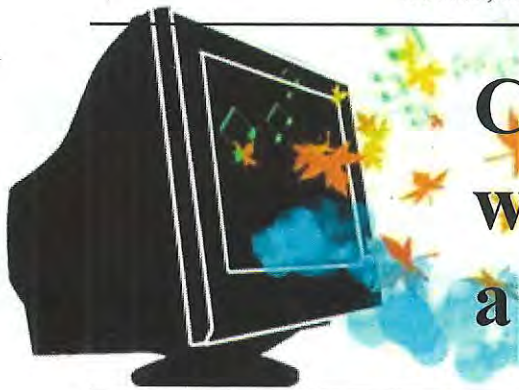
Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the gate the day of the games.  
Children under 10 are admitted free.

**904-725-5744 or <info@neflgames.com>**

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A note from your editor: The above announcement just came in about 2:30 on Monday, February 1.  
The games state that all CDC guidelines will be followed.  
Please, keep a close watch on other announcements.

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**Clan Grant  
website has  
a new node!**

A new node: content type  
has been created on the Clan  
Grant website. It is entitled  
"Ulysses S. Grant."  
Be sure and take a look!

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I finally realized  
people are really

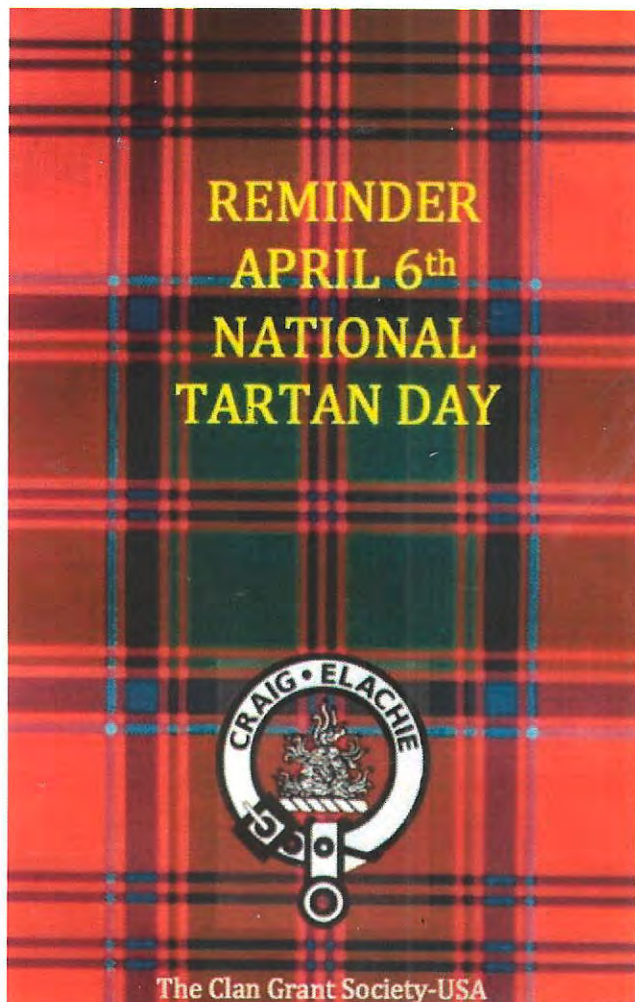
prisoners of  
their phones.  
This is why  
they are  
called  
cell phones.



An old Clan Grant shield.







Just send a \$\$\$ contribution to Treasurer, Karen Cook, 6640 Arena Road, Ozark, AR 77949  
 <kjc429@gmail.com>

# Scottish goodies translated for us!



It is sometimes a puzzle to pull out your favourite Scottish cookbook and find ingredients that you can't figure out. Here are British/Scottish ingredients and their American equivalents

- \* Single Cream- light cream
- \* Blaeberrries - raspberries
- \* Double Cream - whipping cream
- \* Bicarbonate of Soda - baking soda
- \* Lyle's Golden Syrup - light Karo Syrup
- \* Blind pie case - baked pie shell
- \* Tracle - molasses
- \* Blood heat - lukewarm
- \* Castor sugar - super fine granulated sugar
- \* Demerara sugar - brown sugar
- \* Broad beans - lima beans or fava beans
- \* Mixed Spice - Allspice
- \* Cake mixture - cake batter
- \* Dark cooking chocolate - semi-sweet chocolate
- \* Digestive biscuits - Graham Crackers
- \* Case - pie shell
- \* Plain flour - all purpose flour
- \* Chili - chili pepper
- \* Strong Flour - bread flour
- \* Cornflour - cornstarch
- \* Sultanas - seedless white grapes or golden raisins
- \* Salt Beef - corned beef brisket
- \* Crisps - potato chips
- \* Tomato puree - tomato paste
- \* Essence - extract
- \* Courgettes - zucchini
- \* Fats - shortening
- \* Aubergines - eggplant
- \* Girdle - griddle
- \* haricot beans - navy beans
- \* Greeseproof paper - parchment or wax paper
- \* Swedes - turnips
- \* Icing Sugar - powdered sugar
- \* Gammon - ham
- \* Joint - roast of meat
- \* Bacon rasher - bacon slice
- \* Kitchen paper - paper towels
- \* Streaky bacon - regular bacon
- \* Bacon - Canadian bacon
- \* Liquidizer/mixer - mixer/blender
- \* Baking tray - cookie sheets
- \* Mince - ground beef
- \* Nut of butter - pat of butter
- \* Polyetheline - plastic wrap
- \* Preserving sugar - white sugar
- \* Pudding cloth - cheesecloth
- \* To sieve - sift
- \* Soft brown sugar - light brown sugar
- \* Spring onion - scallion or green onion
- \* Tartlet tin - muffin pan
- \* Wholemeal - wholewheat
- \* Strong plain flour - unbleached white flour
- \* Spurtle - wooden spoon
- \* Pudding basin - ovenproof bowl
- \* Ratafia biscuit - almond flavored cookies or dried mushrooms
- \* Beetroot - beet
- \* Anchovy essence - anchovy paste

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PS Though you can use Graham Crackers for digestive biscuits, my grannie used arrowroot cookies found in the baby section of the grocery store. These are cookies you can give a baby because they melt so easily.

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## Tartan Day Parade 2021: Iconic New York celebration cancelled ...

[www.scotsman.com/health/coronavirus/tartan-day...](http://www.scotsman.com/health/coronavirus/tartan-day...)

The iconic New York celebration of Scottish heritage, the Tartan Day Parade, has been cancelled again due to coronavirus. By Rachel Mackie. Wednesday, 27th January 2021, 6:17 pm. Updated 10 hours...

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA INVITES YOU TO  
CELEBRATE APRIL 6TH



NATIONAL TARTAN DAY

Celebrate your heritage and join your clansmen and clanswomen in celebrating National Tartan Day. Wear your tartan out to eat, to work, to the old ball game or anywhere else. Enjoy tatties and neeps, scones, shortbread or even haggis or whatever else puts you in the mood. Listen to Scottish music on your Ipad, tablet or stereo or over Muzak at work.

No matter what you do or how you do it, celebrate it!

IT'S GREAT TO BE A GRANT!

Dr. Bill Grant, Ph.D.  
president of the Clan Grant Society - USA  
and the Clan Grant Society -USA Board



# Clan Grant Society - USA

## Festival Commissioners

| Month | First Day | Second Day | Size of Games | Scottish Games and Festivals                           | Games Commissioner   |
|-------|-----------|------------|---------------|--|----------------------|
| 4     | 4         | 5          | large         | San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival   | Carl Allen           |
| 4     | 27        |            | medium        | Celtic Gathering of Southern MD:                       | R Steven Grant       |
| 5     | 11        | 12         | medium        | Arlington TX: TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES | Carl Allen           |
| 5     | 18        |            | large         | Fair Hill Scottish Games Elkton MD:                    |                      |
| 5     | 25        | 26         | Large         | Greenville SC Gallabre Scottish Games                  |                      |
| 5     | 25        | 26         | Large         | Scottish Fest Costa Mesa CA                            |                      |
| 6     | 1         | 2          | medium        | Glasgow KY Highland Games                              |                      |
| 6     | 1         |            | medium        | Garrett County Highland Fest                           |                      |
| 6     | 1         |            | Large         | Utah Scottish Festival                                 |                      |
| 6     | 8         | 9          | small         | Blairsville GA   |                      |
| 6     | 15        | 16         | small         | Texas Scottish Festival                                |                      |
| 6     | 16        |            | medium        | Scottish Games   | Bob Grant            |
| 6     | 22        |            | large         | Scottish Games   | Jeniph Grant         |
| 6     | 22        |            | large         | Scottish Games   | Rand Allan           |
| 7     |           |            |               | Scottish Games, WA                                     | Jeniph Grant         |
| 7     |           |            |               | Highland Games   | Pruitt Young Allen   |
|       |           |            |               | Scottish Festival                                      | Bob Grant            |
|       |           |            |               | Highland Games   | Jeff Click           |
|       |           |            |               | Monterey CA  | Amanda Hazan-Sanchez |
|       |           |            |               | Topsham Maine  | Lysle Grant          |
|       |           |            | medium        | Quechee Scottish Festival, VT                          | Lysle Grant          |
|       |           | 1-Sep      | large         | Virginia Scottish Games                                | Paul D. Grant        |
|       |           | 1-Sep      | large         | Pleasanton CA: Highland Games                          | Amanda Hazan-Sanchez |
|       |           |            | medium        | Ligonier PA  | Will Kenyon          |
|       |           | 3          | 9 small       | McMinnville Scottish Games                             | Jeff Click           |
|       | 13        | 14         | small         | Upper East Tennessee Celtic Soc                        | George James         |
| 9     | 21        | 22         | medium        | Loon Mt New Hampshire                                  | Lysle Grant          |
| 10    | 5         |            | medium        | Felton CA  | Amanda Hazan-Sanchez |
| 10    | 12        | 13         | large         | Seaside Games Ventura CA                               | Rand Allan           |
| 10    | 13        | 13         | small         | Kitfest  | Phoebe Pennypacker   |
| 10    | 19        | 20         | large         | Stone Mt Georgia Highland games                        | Gary Grant           |
| 10    | 26        |            | medium        | Central Virginia                                       | Howard Parsons       |
| 10    |           |            | medium        | Tyler Scottish Festival                                | Carl Allen           |
| 11    | 1         | 2          | large         | Charleston SC Highland Games                           | Fred Wood            |
| 11    | 2         | 3          | medium        | Mohab Celtic Festival, Scots on the Rocks              | Bob Grant            |
| 11    | 9         | 10         | medium        | Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games           | Carl Allen           |

When will we see ye again...

Scots are proud because the very first production car to be fitted with four-wheel brakes was the Scottish Argyll 15/30, exhibited at London's Olympics in 1911.



*Clan Grant Society - USA Chaplain Bob Grant inside the Burns Memorial in Alloway*



**Bob Grant,**  
Chaplain Clan Grant Society -USA

*Auld Lang Syne* was sung with more than usual fervor this year, and, of course, even more so by those of us of Scottish descent.

One of the highlights of our trip to Scotland my wife and I made in 2014 was a stop in Alloway to see the Burns Museum, birthplace and church.

Robert Burns was the collector, author and composer of *Auld Lang Syne*. The custom of singing this song to usher in the new year has traveled the world.

On Jan. 25, we attended a virtual Burns Night Celebration broadcast from Scotland so we could hear songs and poems written by the bard.

The museum held many items of interest, such as Robert Burns' manuscripts, portraits, personal items and collectors' items themed on *Auld Lang Syne*.

Because he was a great wordsmith, several of his turns of a phrase were incorporated into the decor and landscaping. You can investigate the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum website. It is a great way to see what is available until COVID-19 will let us visit in person.

These accompanying photographs are from our time there. Enjoy!

## *Auld Lang Syne*

“Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and old lang syne?”

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup!  
and surely I'll buy mine!  
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.

CHORUS:

We two have run about the slopes,  
and picked the daisies fine;

*Song, continued on page 18*

*Pictures, continued on page 18*

# Grant's Ale Cask

Finishing our whisky  
in barrels that have  
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# Ulysses S. Grant War Memorial Plaque in California

Rand Allen, Clan Grant Society - USA Membership Secretary

By our home in La Jolla, California, there is a nearby war memorial on Mt. Soledad, owned and managed by the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association.

In existence since 1954 as a war memorial to the soldiers of WWI, WWII and the Korean War, the war memorial underwent a major reconstruction in 1988. Several walls were erected around the central cross. People were invited to purchase plaques containing records of family members that served in all branches of the military and were veterans of any military ac-

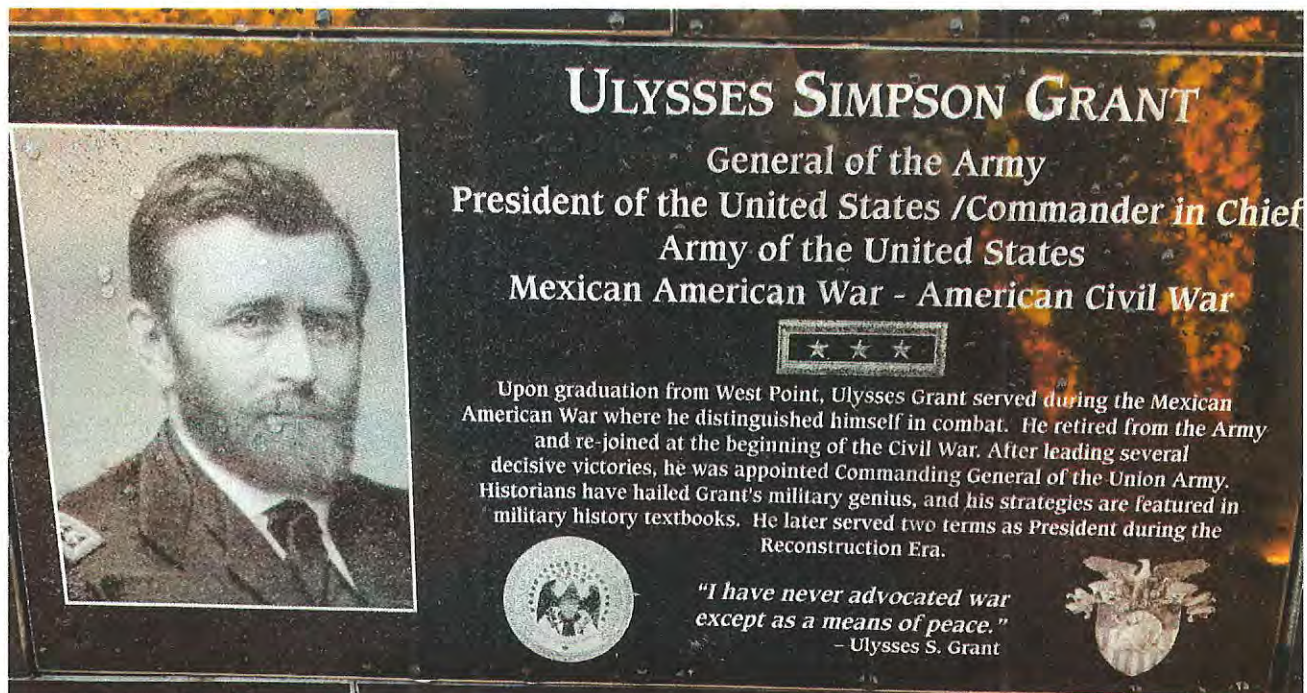
tion. These plaques were mounted on the walls for all people to view.

There are now over 5,000 plaques honoring servicemen from all branches of the service and battlefields.

My wife's father, Walter Winters, was a WWII Bombardier Instructor. We purchased a plaque for him several years ago.

Recently, while visiting my father-in-law's plaque, we came across a plaque honoring Ulysses S. Grant. He is one of six presidents honored at the site.

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**It's always great to be a grant!**

The "new" section of the Mt. Soledad War Memorial where there is a plaque for Walter Winters, Mrs. Allen's father and that of Ulysses S. Grant.



*U.S. Grant and members of his family. The Old Print Gallery.*



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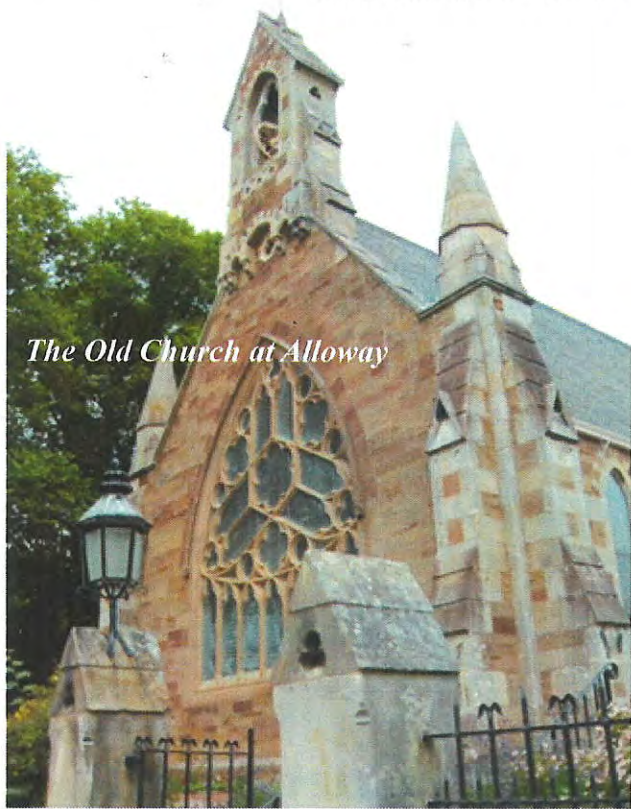
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**Burns Museum photos,**

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*The Old Church at Alloway*



*Robert Burns' writing desk and chair.*

**Song, continued from page 13**

But we've wandered many a weary foot,  
since auld lang syne.

**CHORUS:**

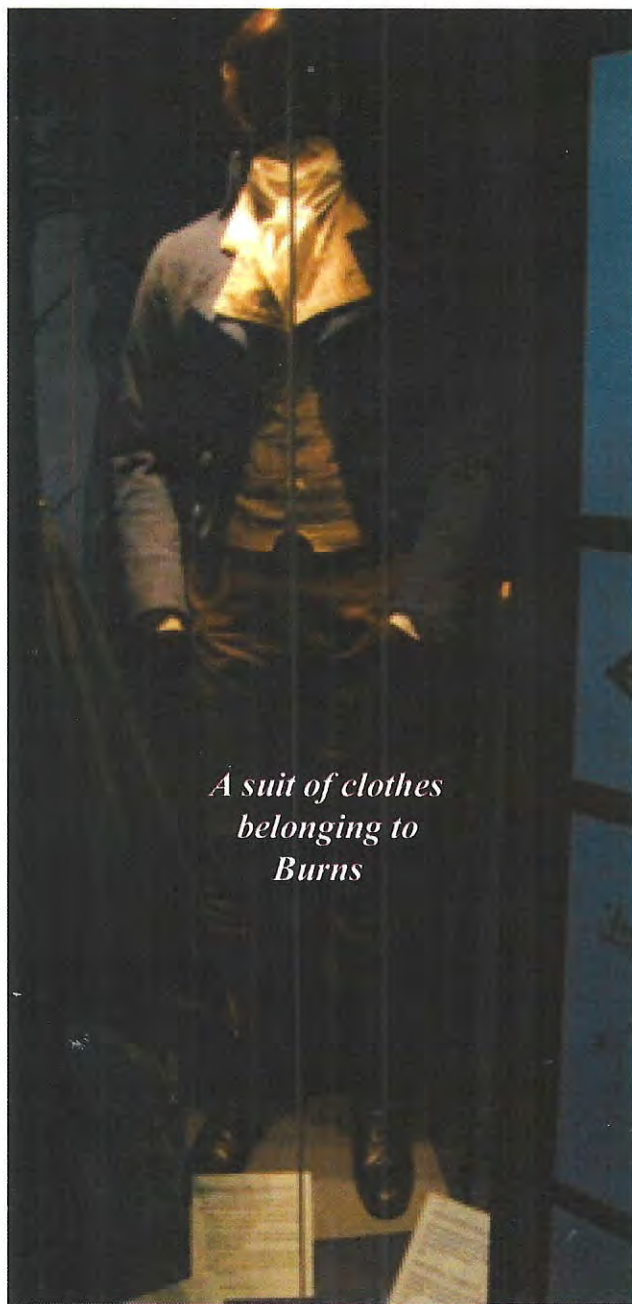
We two have paddled in the stream,  
from morning sun till dine;  
But seas between us broad have roared  
since auld lang syne.

**CHORUS:**

And there's a hand my trusty friend!  
And give us a hand o' thine!  
And we'll take a right good-will draught,  
for auld lang syne.

**CHORUS:**

**Read More:** [Why Do We Sing "Auld Lang Syne" At Midnight New Year's Eve?](https://961theeagle.com/why-do-we-sing-auld-lang-syne-at-midnight-on-new-years-eve/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral) | [https://961theeagle.com/why-do-we-sing-auld-lang-syne-at-midnight-on-new-years-eve/?utm\\_source=tsmclip&utm\\_medium=referral](https://961theeagle.com/why-do-we-sing-auld-lang-syne-at-midnight-on-new-years-eve/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral)



*A suit of clothes  
belonging to  
Burns*



# A SCOTTISH BLESSING

THESE THINGS I WARMLY WISH FOR YOU:  
 SOMEONE TO LOVE, SOME WORK TO DO,  
 A BIT O'SUN, A BIT O'CHEER,  
 AND A GUARDIAN ANGEL ALWAYS NEAR.

Given to your editor by Angus McBryde



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February is not too late for New Year's Resolutions...  
and if you are a genealogist, you will moan and groan  
over the ones listed here!

A letter from  
your editor...

## New Year's Resolutions from 1852 by my <sup>maybe</sup> several times great grandfather...



If you work with genealogy, it doesn't take long for you to realize that your ancestors were just like us. They were not perfect. They were human beings, mostly doing the best they could.

In my own papers, my three-great grandfather Cone wrote to one of his cousins, "Why in the world won't you take time to take pen in hand and write to me about your family?" He grumpily writes for several paragraphs about how his Cone relations just won't help him with the genealogy he is trying to create.

I really howled with laughter when I first received my copy of his letter. I had - not thirty minutes before - written a letter pretty much like the one that was written long ago. My letter was grumpy, too.

So in addition to my own Resolutions to "get skinny," "be more mindful of keeping good records," "dust more often," will be the ones I found from a fella back in 1852. I don't know for sure if we are kin. I hope we are as he must have had a vision of the frustrations all of his New Year's Resolutions would cause down through the years. I think that he had a marvellous and wicked sense of humour.

He is surely laughing at me as I try to wade through my own family who did about all he suggested for folks to do.

**Resolution Number One:** No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name in at least three different ways within the same docu-

ment. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year. I will write my own name in as many different ways as I can think of.

**Resolution Number Two:** I resolve to see to it that all my children will be named the same names that my ancestors have used for more than six generations in a row. I will rely heavily on John, James and William for the boys and Mary, Ann and Elizabeth for the girls.

**Resolution Number Three:** My age is nobody's business but my own. I hereby resolve never to list the same age or birth year twice on any document. I resolve to get younger as time passes.

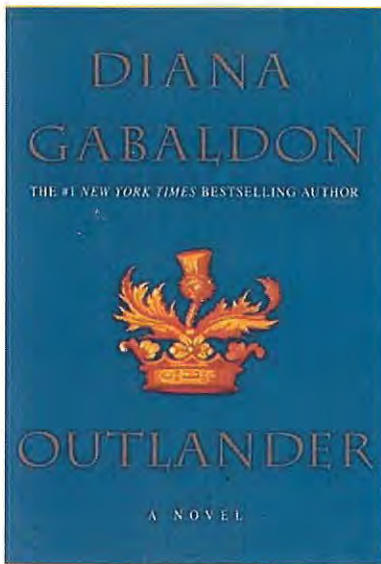
**Resolution Number Four:** I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.

**Resolution Number Five:** I resolve to move to a new town, new county or new state at least once in every ten years - just before those pesky enumerators from the Census come around asking silly questions.

**Resolution Number Six.** I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.

**Resolution Number Seven:** I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in

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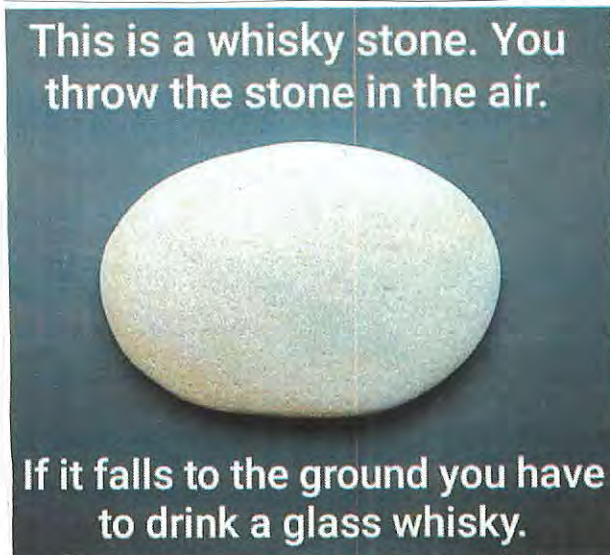
**Outlander (Outlander 1/9)** If you have not read this series of books, you have missed a real treat!

**Diana Gabaldon, 1991**

The year is 1945. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an “outlander”—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of Our Lord... 1743.

Hurled back in time by forces she cannot understand, Claire is

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**A letter from your editor,**

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record-keeping or in participating in military service.

**Resolution Number Eight:** When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in ink that fades away in a few weeks.

**Resolution Number Nine:** I resolve that if my beloved wife, Mary, should die, I will marry another lady called “Mary.” If she should die, I will continue with “Mary” so long as I live.

**Resolution Number Ten:** I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

Now that you've read this, ask yourself if your own ancestors did the same as this? I'll bet that some of them did!

I dreamed of this fellow last night and he was laughing very hard!

*Clan Grant Society -  
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*January, April,  
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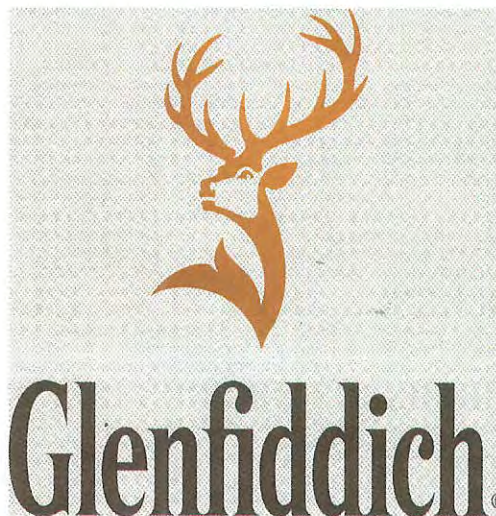


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# Let's all go to this auction!

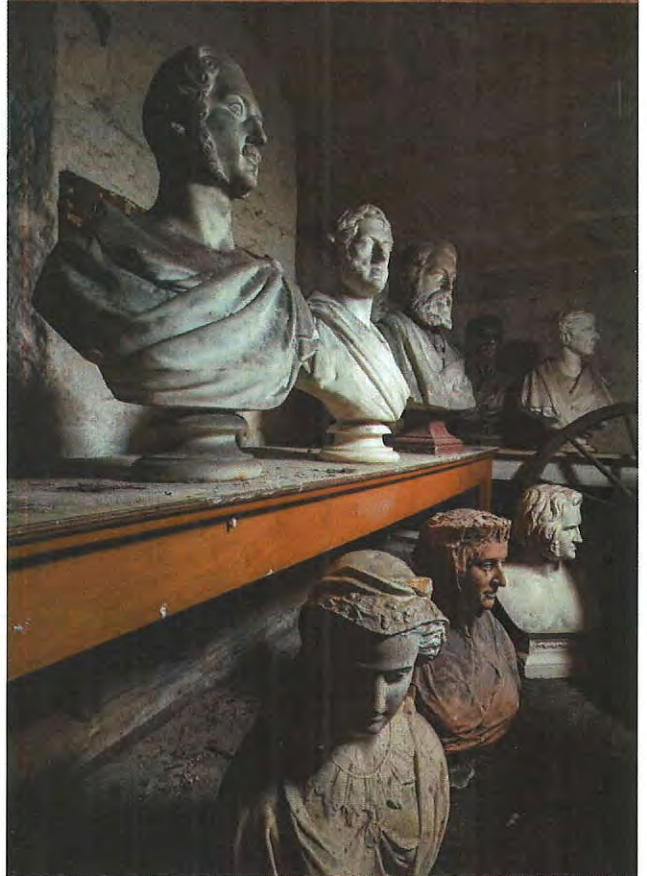
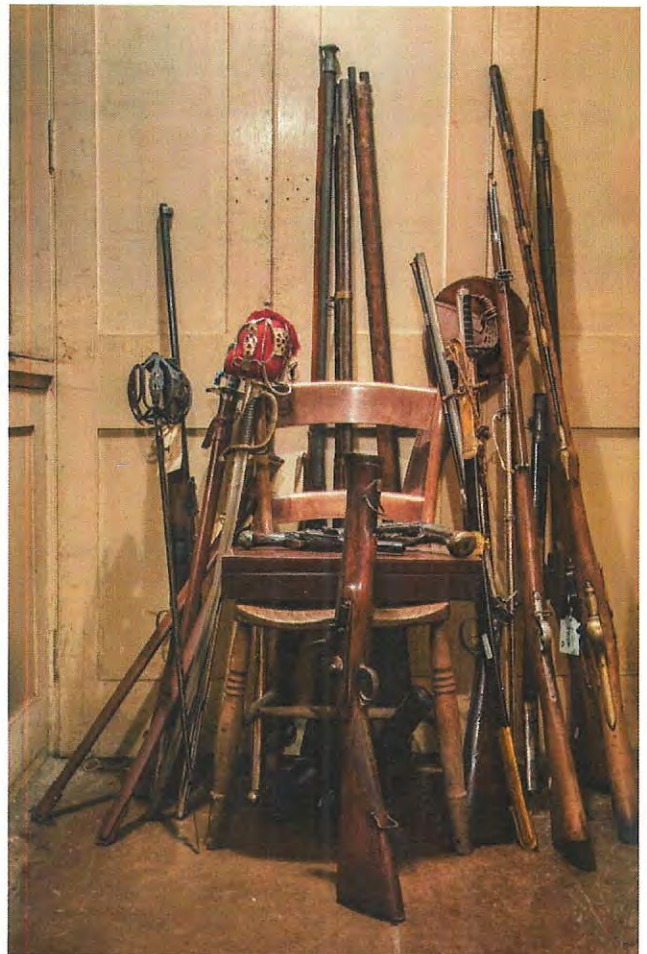
More than 2,000 individual items will go up for sale at Bonhams auction in April after the attics and cellars of Dunrobin Castle in Sutherland were opened up for the first time in many years.

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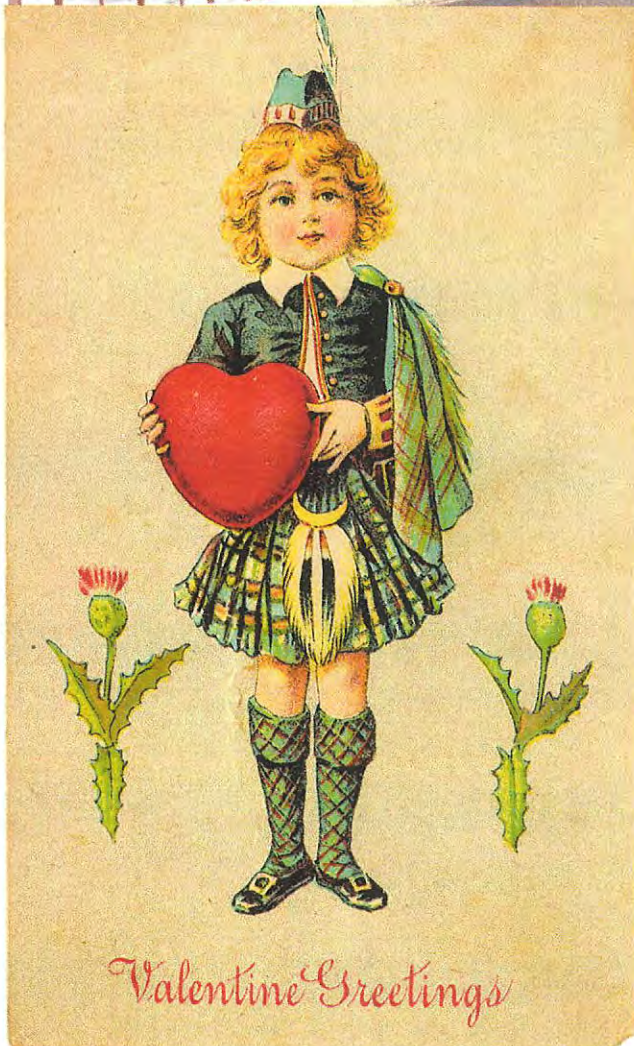


**Dunrobin Castle in Sutherland**



## Craigellachie in the snow

With thanks to Dr. Phillip Smith.



**Outlander**, continued from page 21 —————

catapulted into the intrigues of lairds and spies that may threaten her life and shatter her heart. For here James Fraser, a gallant young Scots warrior, shows her a love so absolute that Claire becomes a woman torn between fidelity and desire—and between two vastly different men in two irreconcilable lives.

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**There is an error in the recent Craig.** I live in Arkansas not Kansas as you mentioned in the mask article. Karen Cook.  
*Sorry, your editor.*



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