

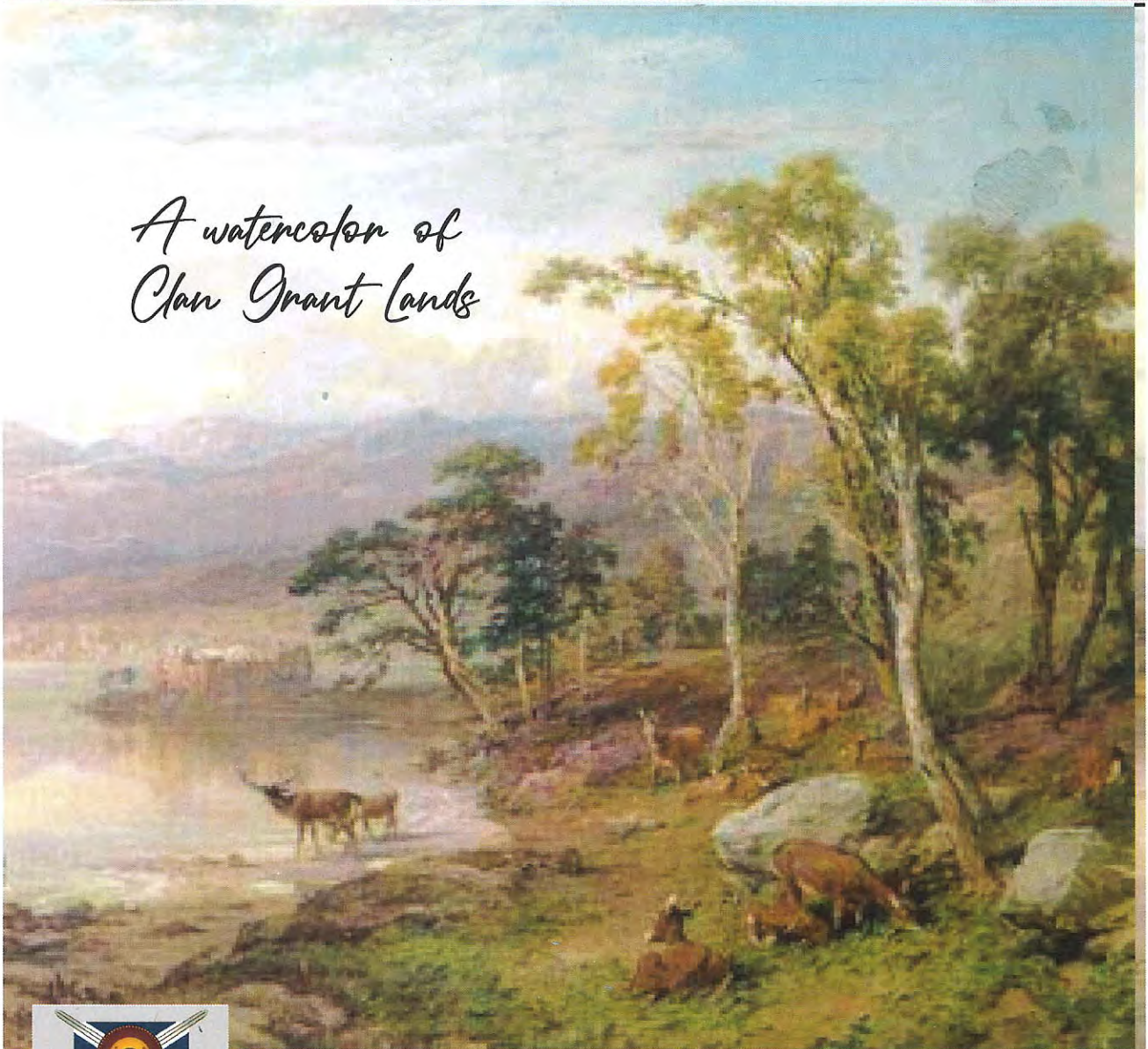
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NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA  
**CRAIGELLACHIE**



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*A watercolor of  
Clan Grant Lands*



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The society shall publish a clan quarterly named *Craigellachie*. *Craigellachie* shall be used to promote the interests of the clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the society's members. Further, *Craigellachie* shall serve as the official publication of the society and shall be the primary vehicle for giving the members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions.

# President's Message!

## William Sawyer Grant

President, Clan Grant Society - USA



Greetings everyone. I am happy to announce that the Clan Grant Society USA held its Annual General Meeting on October 16th at the Stone Mountain GA Games.

Many thanks to Gary and Barbara Grant for hosting the AGM at the Grant tent.

Their support over the years has meant a great deal to our society and I appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and happy.

This has been a difficult time because



them.

of the pandemic. Many of the Scottish Games and Festivals have been canceled because of concerns about the spread of COVID-19.

I am hoping that 2021 will prove to be a turning point and that the Games and the Festivals will return and the Grants will have tents at

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## Pullet-zer Prizes

for *Craigellachie* Fall 2021

These are the people who have made this publication possible. We are delighted to be sure they are honoured with our Pullet-zer Prizes this issue!

William Sawyer Grant, Helen Bresnahan, Jeff Click, Carol Grant, Diana Yeado, Lysle Grant, Robert E. Grant, Chief Strathspey, Kim Todd, Bryan Mulcahy, Frank Morgan-Grant, Kevin Frye, Beth Gay Freeman.



## OUR CLAN CHIEF



SIR JAMES GRANT OF GRANT,  
LORD STRATHSPENY

**It's great  
to be a Grant!**

## Looking for Marjorie Grant!

*Help, please.*

My grandmother was of Scottish descent. As far as I can go back we are supposedly related to **MARJORIE GRANT** the daughter of **LADY (DUCHESS) GRANT**. Her family arrived in Nova Scotia the latter part of 18<sup>th</sup> century. I need to find more information before I can do a more thorough search. Anybody have suggestions? I have been to the People Library in Edinburgh but I would have had to go through 50 books to find more in the short time I was there. Regards, Helen Bresnahan. Reply, please to: **<sunrisedawn110@aol.com>**

## 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.

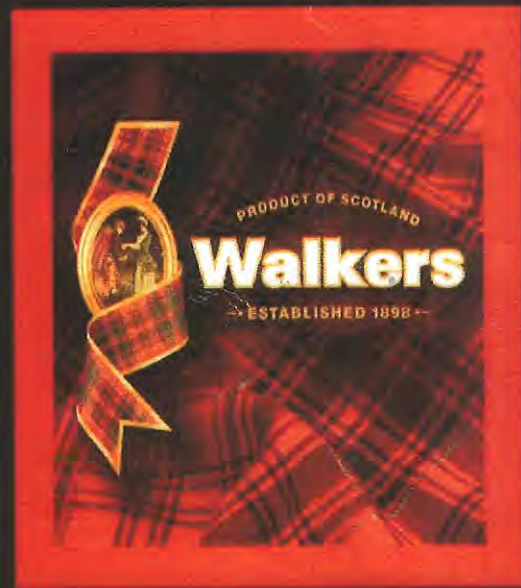
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# GRANTS



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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!

## A letter from Carol Grant about how she is doing....

A few years ago my daughter Kristina, moved from Washington State, with her soon-to-be husband, to Savannah, Georgia.

That was in 2013.

In the meantime, I also left Washington State about a month later for Tyler, Texas.

It was sad to leave that mountainous beautiful state for both of us and our friends and family. We had been avid fans of the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association and all the fun we had attending those games every year camping out over the weekend and being active in our Clan tent where many friends were made there.

My daughter's soon-to-be husband had been a kilt maker for about 20 years but his heart was in the theatrical/acting side of his life and eventually, he had to give up his kilt-making profession for health reasons.

Instead, he concentrated on his love of acting which is very active in Savannah and Atlanta.

My daughter is an artist so she could continue to work in her art and found jobs that would allow her to experiment with that too.

However, she realized eventually, that her introverted personality and his extroverted personality were not working for either of them and this past Spring they divorced amicably.

Missing those mountains in Washington, she decided to head back up there where her brother and sister, niece, and nephews live but stopped here in Tyler to visit me.

Tyler is located in the NE corner of Texas and is quite a green area with rolling hills, trees abundant and not only beautiful here but where some really wonderful people live.

Most people think Washington State is a very wet rainy place, but Tyler actually gets on average 10" more rain per year than Seattle. The largest Southern Baptist church in Texas is also here which is where I attend.

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**Carol Grant**, *continued from page 4* —————

We also have a fairly new (within the last 9 years) representation of Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering as well. Carl Allen is our Representative here in Tyler. It was growing every year until Covid hit but happily, we will be re-gathering again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

It didn't take long for Kristina to fall in love with this little city and so once her fiance also visited here, they are now in the process of both moving down here

to keep an eye on me, now known as Crazy Carol Grant, here in Tyler, Texas.

I'll be 83 in August and actually still very active in my neighborhood, and at my church where I sing in two choirs, and attend Women's Ministry groups and Bible Studies. Thus the story is ongoing with my son Dan making a visit down here soon too. We'll see what happens.

Carol Grant, Tyler Texas.



**Remember, you always have a family. It's Scottish and it is Grant!**



Just send a \$\$\$ contribution to Treasurer, **Karen Cook**, 6640 Arena Road, Ozark, AR 72949.  
<kjc429@gmail.com>

# *The Gospel Reach of Peter Grant*

Diana Yeado

When Peter Grant, the Poet of the Highlands, founded the first Baptist church in Grantown, Scotland in the late 1700s, he could hardly have guessed the future and the far-reaching effects of the Gospel he had preached and the seeds that he had sown.

Peter himself was never drawn overseas to dreams in America. He stayed in Ye Auld Country and spread the Word to the citizens of Grantown-on-Spey and the surrounding areas.

However, the call of adventure and free land pulled the dreams and imaginations of his descendants westward, including that of his granddaughter, Christina Grant who went first to Canada then to Beaulieu in Dakota Territory in 1881 with her new husband Albert Hamilton-Smith, also a devout Baptist. Emerson, Manitoba, was the Canadian starting point for their journey to Dakota. This long and arduous trip was taken by wagon, pulled by slowly plodding oxen. Christina remarked as they came over the rise of the



Peter Grant, Poet of the Highlands

second Pembina Mountain, "There are wildflowers as far as you can see!" She knew she had reached her final and lasting home.

Christina was one of the first white women to settle in this land empty of people, but full of promise. New neighbors gradually moved into the Beaulieu section, taking advantage of the offer of the US government of 160 acres of free land. In Scotland, that amount of land would have marked you as a very rich person indeed!

Staying loyal all her life to the tenets and strong principles of her Grandfather's church as it took firm roots in America as it had in Scotland, Christina ministered to neighbors and gave comfort wherever she had the opportunity. Neighbors held her in high esteem for her kindness and generosity as well as her strong Christian heart.

It would have made Peter the Poet very pleased to know that a small Baptist church took its roots on the farm of Albert and Christina Smith.

Christina Grant Smith came from a long line of Baptist ancestors, some of whom had lived and worshipped amidst persecution in Scotland but pressed



*Peter the Poet's granddaughter, Christina Grant (on left) with her husband, Albert Hamilton Smith next to her. Their children, Anna Smith in the front row and Albert Arthur Smith and standing in the back, Peter Smith.*

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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, 32<sup>nd</sup> Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant. It continues under the authority of Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorary Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**It's great to  
be a Grant!**







*Grantown on Spey Baptist Church, Grantown, Scotland.*

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**Peter the Poet, continued from page 7**

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on nonetheless, and through determination and dedication, started the Grantown Baptist church.

In Christina's immediate family were many Baptist preachers, including Peter Grant as well as her father Peter Grant, called Peter the second, an uncle, and all of her four brothers.

They preached from Canada to California, continuing Peter the Poet's legacy.

If only Peter could have seen into that far off horizon 238 years ago, the way in which his words and beliefs had flown across the ocean like so many seeds, growing and prospering in America, following his descendants into the New World, full of hope for his dream to continue on for generations.

We new world Scots would like to think he would be proud.



## **Clan Grant Board Meetings for 2022**

**January, April,  
July and October**

**No more Board Meetings in 2021**

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# Hi from Lysle Grant and family!

We attended both the Maine (Thomas Pointe Beach, Brunswick, Maine and also the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

We, unfortunately, lost a member of Clan Grant. Her name was Marilyn Emmons and she passed in 2019.

Clan Grant gained a new baby in 2020. Allister Lysle Dillon was born!

This year's New Hampshire games were a challenge but we got through it, hopefully, next year will be better.



# Clan Grant at the Payson, Utah, Scottish Festival



*Robert E. Grant, Jesse Grant, Katie Grant, Barbara Grant Den Boer, Michelle Grant Bertuzzi, Jenna Bertuzzi, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Foye and Jenna Bertuzzi.*

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## Robert E. Grant

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This last July 9, 2021, Robert E. Grant manned the tent at the Payson, Utah, Scottish Festival.

Those who stopped at the Clan Grant tent included Allida Cunningham of Selah, Washington; Hannah Grant of San Diego, California; Cindy Fredrick of Ivins, Utah; Lynne Straw of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Jessie and Katie Grant of Centerville, Utah; Barbara Den Boer of Clam Gulch, Alaska;



Michelle and Jenna Bertuzzi of Moab, Utah; Dallan Gruiey-Hardy of Payson, Utah; Mary Kohl of Payson, Utah, and Karen McDowell of Magna, Utah.



## President's Message,

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I appreciate the patience and support of the games commissioners in keeping us informed about the Scottish Games that they have hosted in the past and look forward to getting our tents set up across the country.

This is an important activity for the Clan Grant to inform people about our Can and to help others identify tartans for other clans with which they believe they are associated.

Our best wishes to Phil Smith who had some heart surgery. We're told he is doing well!

Doctor Smith's books on tartan are the ones that we use in every Grant tent across the country. Phil, please get well soon. Our best wishes to you and Shirley.

Because of the lack of games and the resulting lack of recruiting of new members the society finds itself in somewhat a difficult financial situation.

I hope you will consider making a contribution to the Society which will be used to help fund the tents at Scottish Games and Festivals in 20 22.

Please contact Karen Cook, 6640 Arena Road, Ozark AR 72949.

Again best wishes from Lena and me for you and your family and as usual our motto, "Stand Fast!"

*William S Grant, Ph.D.,  
President of the  
Can Grant Society - USA*



This rider was a national hero.

## How many feet mean what?

When you see an equestrian statue with a historical figure mounted? Did you know that the horse's position will tell you much about the rider?

If you see a statue where the horse is either rearing or cantering - with two feet on the ground - you'll know immediately that the rider was killed in battle.

If you see a statue where the horse has three feet on the ground, this signifies that the rider survived the battle, but later died of his wounds.

If the horse has all four hooves flat on the ground, this means the rider was declared a national hero - and proved his mettle.

If the soldier is standing on the ground, the horse was killed in battle.



The horse was killed in battle.



# Message from the Chief

...from STANDFAST

The Magazine of the Clan Grant Society UK

Dear Kinsmen,

I would never have thought when I wrote to you all in 2019 after the last "Nethy Games" that it would be two years of cancellations and of course the huge postponement of our intended International Gathering in 2020.

In fact, if someone had told me of the impending pandemic and all its consequences I would have assumed they had a vivid imagination, but here we are with some restrictions still in place.

At the time of writing, face masks are still mandatory in Scotland when entering shops, but let's be optimistic. Let us all believe that there will be a Clan Grant Society Meeting or should I say 'Reunion' in 2022.

I hope you and your loved ones remain safe and well during these fraught times, and I look forward to seeing you all again face to face in the not too distant future.

Your Kinsman and Chief, Strathspey  
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The Membership Secretary in Scotland writes...

# Welcome

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Michael Lewis from Gainsborough in Lincolnshire

**USA:** Carl Allen from Grand Prairie, Texas

Kirk Williams from Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Katherine Jones from Brighton, Massachusetts

**Canada:** Jennifer Samson from North Vancouver, British Columbia

Thomas Keith Grant, from Ottawa, Ontario

Ken Duff from Airdrie, Alberta

**Europe:** John Blackford from Sevelen in Switzerland

Kim Todd, Membership Secretary  
Monymusk, Aberdeenshire



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\* What do you throw a drowning bagpipe player? His bagpipes....

\* When someone tells a guitarist joke, people laugh. When someone tells a bagpipe joke, people nod in solemn agreement.

\* Then there was the piper who remembered that he had left his pipes in his unlocked car. Rushing back, he opened his car door to find two more sets of pipes in the back seat.

# Be careful what you throw away!

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

One of our genealogy patrons recently discussed a situation she heard about at a yard sale up north. I have eliminated names and specific references to places in the interest of privacy issues. I think the circumstances and their implications for everyone, especially those interested in genealogy, speak for themselves.

The yard sale was like most common sales.

Items for sale included decorative plates, light fixtures, Christmas lights, old clothes, tools, and a variety of computer and automotive parts. As her friend was browsing, she noticed a slim, colored leather book, its border framed in gold.

This was clearly something personal in nature that was likely discarded either by accident or by a family member cleaning up a home or apartment after the death of an elderly family member. This unfortunate occurrence often happens when the significance of an old treasure

is not apparent to the person who is getting the house or apartment ready for a sale or new occupant.

The frontispiece read: "In Memoriam." It was a funeral book for a gentleman who was born, according to the information typed on the next page, on 1 March 1856 in Buffalo, New York, and passed away on 30 October 1943 in Peoria, Illinois.

Other information in the book included the name of the woman who played the organ at the funeral, the name and address of the Presbyterian Church where the funeral was held, detailed descriptions of the various flower arrangements, and a register containing the signatures of the mourners that attended.

The book also contained a variety of other important personal documents.

Carefully folded inside the front section of the book were two copies of the deceased individual's death certificate. There was a letter dated 1881 from

an employee of the Western Electric Company recommending

that the deceased be admitted to Rutgers University.

Other items included old photographs from a company-sponsored event on New Year's Day in 1930, a customs declaration for one of his sons, and a newspaper clipping for an award received by a daughter.

The back section of the book held a folder containing a variety of personal correspondence and legal

papers showing specific dates and places of residence, employment, churches and schools attended, and other family information.

The gentlemen conducting the yard sale had no idea of how, when, or where the book had come from.

Our shopper was just starting to get involved in genealogy. She was in the early stages of learning how to gather family information, organize data, and learning the importance of old documents.

She appreciated how grateful she would have been to stumble across this type of information in her own research.

The classes at the local genealogical society made her determined to try and find out as many clues as possible to find someone in the family and return the book to them.

Using the skills developed in genealogy classes, and advice from the local genealogy society, our shopper searched online phone directories, census records for the state and counties mentioned, Googled the family names, posted messages on various message boards, and any other strategy she could think of.

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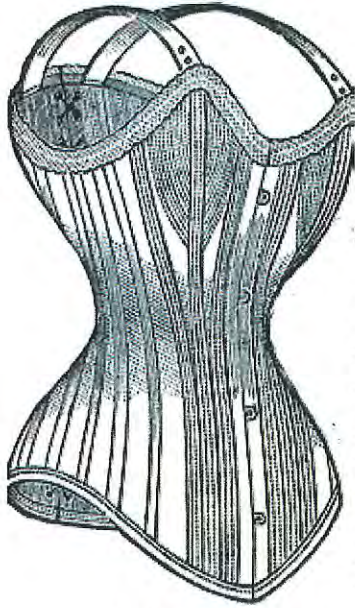
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## Old Scottish trades offer interesting insights...

In “auld Scotland” a bondager was a female farm servant, usually employed by a farm tenant or

to comply with his contract to supply

extra labor.

If you find that an ancestor was a cordiner or cordwainer or a Srispinite - they were shoemakers! The former was because Saint Crispin was the patron saint of shoemakers!

A hammerman was a worker of metal.

If your great-great-great-grandmother was a howdie you will know after reading this that she was a midwife.

If you find the term hynd or hind in your family papers, you’ll know that ancestor was a male farm worker, employed for the term of one year.

Your ancestor was a lamplighter if his occupation is listed as a leerie.

Staymaker was the term used for one who made corsets for a living.

If you find a tacksman in your genealogical charts, you’ll know that he was the holder of a lease - normally of fishing rights, but could be the rights to a farm or mill. This vocation could also be used to describe one who collected taxes or tolls.

A (my favorite) tattie-howker was someone who harvested potatoes!

If you were a teenie - that meant you were a young girl who was a maidservant.

A whitesmith meant someone who worked with tin.

And finally, if you were a writer, you were a lawyer.



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### Be careful, *continued from page 16*

The process is now going on five years and counting.

This story should make you think about all the items of genealogical value that may be sitting around your home or the home of a sibling who has no idea of their importance. The items could include report cards, family heirlooms, class photos, old legal papers, year-books, diaries, tax returns, or various insurance papers.

Thirty years from now someone might find these items interesting.



# Pipe Major Colour Sergeant Peter Grant plays at funeral of HRH Duke of Edinburgh

Pipe Major Colour Sergeant Peter Grant played the lament, *Flowers of the Forest* at the funeral of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle in April 2021, and said it was “the greatest honour of his military career.”

The song is the funeral tune of the Royal Regiment of Scotland and is usually heard on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Here is a photo of Pipe Major Peter Grant, 4K Scots The Highlanders, Royal Regiment of Scotland.



With thanks to the *Standfast*, UK Clan Grant publication.



## Was your Grant family affiliated with the Jacobite cause?

Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite flag. (Left)  
Bonnie Prince Charlie (Right)

Francis (Frank) Morgan-Grant of Hexham, Northumberland emailed to say: As an active member of both the Fifteen - Northumbrian Jacobite Society and the 1745 Association, I am currently compiling a chronological list of those known Grants who were involved in the Jacobite cause - those executed; those transported; those killed in action; those who escaped any retribution; those who died in custody; and those who were on the fringes but did not take up arms.

The list will contain as much relevant information of each individual as can be gleaned.

As such a venture may be of interest to some members, I would be happy to hear from them if they have any relevant information they may wish to contribute.

You can email Frank at: <jacobite15hex@gmail.com>



With thanks to the *Standfast*, UK Clan Grant publication.

# Tracking Down the Jacobites in Western Glenmoriston

Kevin Frye, <kfrye@pacbell.net>

Originally printed in *Standfast*, Summer 2021, Issue M.

Fifty years ago my grandmother, Mary Margaret McDonald, died. She was strongly conservative, fiercely Catholic, and a gentle music teacher. Only after digging deep into her family roots for the last 15 years could I understand what fired her heart.

Along with MacDonalDs, her tree is comprised of Frasers, Grants, and Camerons, all the basic building blocks of the Highlands. These families share the common experience of the post-Culloden Highland Clearances with several of them coming to America in 1773 on the ship the *Pearl*.

They found ready-to-rent lands in mid-state New York on Sir John Johnsons' huge holdings, with some assembly required (mainly the clearing of 100 acres of woodlands and building whatever home you could from the wood).

In a strange twist of fate, these immigrants found themselves swept up in the American Revolutionary war. Though no friend of the Crown, they found themselves surrounded by neighbors that were no friends of Gaelic-speaking Catholics, so they banded together under Sir John Johnson and against the rebels as part of the Greencoats fighting with the Kings Royal Regiment of New York.

One 5th great grandfather, William Bui Cameron, operated as a spy and was captured, then taken to prison to be beaten and put up for execution, but by the skin of his teeth, he was granted a pardon by Governor Clinton.

Another 5th great grandfather, Donald Grant, was a member of a raiding party, making frequent trips into their former lands dressed as Indians, marauding, killing, and even scalping the rebels while smuggling out their hastily deserted families.

Eventually, they all safely retired to a patch of land, with many of their countrymen, in Glengarry, Ontario, Canada....after clearing another 100 acres of forested "waste" land. This Donald Grant was a weaver from Craskie in western Glenmoriston.

We know from his paternal DNA signature that

he descends from the Chiefly line of Grants. Down from the Grants of Freuchie, through John Mor "of the castle" the 3rd of Glenmoriston and from his 2nd son, John "the Tutor" Grant.

From him descend the Craskie Grants and my 5th



great grandfather.

He was born a year before Culloden in what was a fairly typical corner of the Highlands. In all likelihood, his father was taken prisoner, post-Culloden, after being coaxed from his hiding place in Glenmoriston by the promise of a pardon from the Crown, only to have been lied to by the twisted mind of the butcher Cumberland.

No doubt, a one-year-old fatherless child isn't able to defend himself much against the Cumberland

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## Tracking down Jacobites,

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raids as anyone they came across in the Glen was turned out into the freezing cold with their homes and clothes burned and mothers raped.

Of the 70 plus Glenmoriston prisoners, many died on filthy prison ships awaiting trial and the rest died en route to and on the plantations of Barbados, where they were known as “red-boots” by the other slaves because of their severe sunburned, unclad feet.

Only two were ever to return to Glenmoriston. One Grant avoided the lie, the infamous Black Peter of Craskie who had been of great help along with 6 other men from Glenmoriston in securely hiding and ensuring safe passage to the west coast for the “Imposter” Bonnie Prince Charles.

Black Peter survived to bear witness to the many atrocities committed by Cumberland men in the rape, murder, and pillage of the people and belongings of Glenmoriston including his Craskie home and that of his cousins in Duldreggan and Lairds in Invermoriston.

These horrifying accounts are recorded in some detail from interviews with Black Peter in *The Lyon in Mourning* by Forbes.

In yet another ironic twist, Black Peter was muscled into service on behalf of the crown against the French, in the 1759 Seige of Quebec, for which he enjoyed a Chelsea Pension upon return to Glenmoriston.

It is not known how my 5th great grandfather, Donald Grant of Craskie, is related to Black Peter of Craskie, most likely a nephew, or to others that make up the gap of generations to John “the Tutor” Grant, but this sure goes a long way towards explaining the fire-in-the-belly Catholicism my grandmother Mary used to shine forth before she died in sunny California. She was a true Jacobite to the end.

She did leave me with one indelible Scottish inheritance, that ever-sunburned Scottish skin, red boots, red arms, red back, and even a little red neck.

I hope you enjoyed my little slice of Scottish history inheritance and if any reader is knowledgeable of the family history of this, outback corner of Glenmoriston from the 1650s through the late 1700s, or know where I might find such a person/history, I would enjoy hearing from you.



Women's and men's clothing in the 1700s.

# Who were the Picts?

- The Picts were the people who lived in most of Scotland. They lived there before, during and after the Romans ruled Britain. They are thought to have been a type of Celtic people.

- The Romans did not get very far into Scotland. They never ruled over the Picts.

- They were called 'Picts' because they painted their bodies with 'pictures': like tattoos today.

- They spoke a language called Pictish. Noone speaks Pictish today. We know almost nothing about it.

- The Picts are famous for their 'Symbol Stones'. The symbols may have been a type of name tag writing.



- The Picts liked to attack the Romano-Britons.

- During the Dark Ages, Scotland was not called 'Scotland'. It was called 'Pictland'.

- The Scots eventually took over Pictland. The Scots of today are partly descended from the Picts.

**I only drink  
whisky  
on two occasions**



**When it's my  
birthday  
and when it's not.**



**Can YOU  
read  
this?**

**Only great minds can read this.....**

This is weird, but interesting! fi yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgrane mnid too!!

Cna yuo raed tihs? Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can.

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## Just because it's fun to know these things! **The Chiefs of the Clan Grant!**

### ◆ Clan Chiefs

- ◆ 1174 1215 Amhlaim (Aulay) Grant
- ◆ 1215 1249 Gregory Grant, 1st (Grant) Lord of Stratherrick (after Bisset forfeiture)
- ◆ 1249 1275 Sir Lawrence Grant 2nd Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1275 1295 John Grant 3rd Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1295 1320 Sir John Grant 4th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1320 1335 Andrew (Stewart) Grant 5th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1335 1362 Sir Patrick Grant 6th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1362 1370 Sir John Grant 7th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1370 1394 Robert Grant 8th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1394 1410 Sir Patrick Grant 9th Lord of Stratherrick
- ◆ 1410 1434 Sir John Roy Grant 10th Lord of Stratherrick (disposed of 1420)
- ◆ 1434 1485 Sir Duncan Grant 1st of Freuchie
- ◆ 1485 1528 John "Bard" Roy Grant 2nd of Freuchie
- ◆ 1528 1553 James Grant 3rd of Freuchie
- ◆ 1553 1585 John Grant 4th of Freuchie
- ◆ 1585 1622 John Grant 5th of Freuchie
- ◆ 1622 1637 Sir John Grant of Mulben 6th of Freuchie
- ◆ 1637 1663 James Grant 7th of Freuchie
- ◆ 1663 1716 Ludovick Grant 8th of Freuchie, 1st of Grant
- ◆ 1716 1719 Brigadier-General Alexander Grant 2nd of Grant
- ◆ 1719 1747 Sir James Grant of Pluscardine 3rd of Grant, Baronet.
- ◆ 1747 1773 Sir Ludovick Grant 4th of Grant, Bt.
- ◆ 1773 1811 "The Good" Sir James Grant 5th of Grant, Bt.
- ◆ 1811 1840 Sir Lewis Alexander Grant-Ogilvie 6th of Grant, Bt., 5th Earl of Seafield
- ◆ 1840 1853 Col. Sir Francis William Ogilvie-Grant 7th of Grant, Bt., 6th Earl of Seafield
- ◆ 1853 1881 Sir John Charles Ogilvie-Grant 8th of Grant, Bt, 7th Earl.of Seafield, Baron

### Strathspey

- ◆ 1881 1884 Sir Ian Charles Ogilvie-Grant 9th of Grant, Bt. 8th Earl of Seafield, 2nd Baron

### Strathspey

- ◆ 1884 1888 Sir James Ogilvie-Grant 10th of Grant, Bt. 9th Earl of Seafield, 1st Baron

### Strathspey (2nd Creation)

- ◆ 1888 1888 Sir Francis William Ogilvie-Grant 11th of Grant, Bt.10th Earl of Seafield,

### 2nd Baron Strathspey

- ◆ 1888 1915 Capt. Sir James Ogilvie-Grant 12th of Grant, Bt. 11th Earl of Seafield, 3rd

### Baron Strathspey

- ◆ 1915 1948 Sir Trevor Ogilvie-Grant 13th of Grant Bt. 4th Baron Strathspey
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*Too many thank you's  
and too many blessings  
to even begin to count!*

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Beth Gay Freeman, your editor

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At this time of year, I always think of all the things of which I am thankful.

Nowadays, my list is too long to put on paper, I think.

Just a few years ago, I would not have believed that my life would be so filled with joy and love, laughter and peace. I lived for thirty-four years thinking that my life would always be filled with fear and sadness and loneliness.

I love the thing that I hear all the time: "If you want to hear God laugh - tell him your plans."

Every once in awhile, there is a wonderful and glorious surprise from Him too. I am proof.

If you watch television at all and see programs made in other parts of the world, you have to know what a great place we live in here in the United States even during something as horrifying as the pandemic.

As Americans, we no longer eat much beef tripe or pig's ears or pig's feet. We no longer eat chitlins or kidneys which are things that my grandmother loved and fixed regularly at our house when my brothers and I were growing up.

I am embarrassed to say I "turned up my nose" except for the wonderful liver and onions that granny would make sometimes. For the rest, I just wasn't hungry enough.

In other parts of the world, most everyone is hungry enough to eat most anything that is available.

So, first I am thankful for fresh, delicious food that is available here in the USA.

I am thankful that we have medical care available.

It wasn't so long ago that medicine was much different from today. When Tom's mother arrived in South Carolina in the 1930s, as a Registered Nurse, she was given a Model T Ford and told to drive up into the mountains and help those mountain women "birth their babies."

I am thankful that we have the freedom to disagree mightily with our government and leaders.

I am so thankful that we are able to be cool in the summer and warm during the winter.

Most of us have plenty of clothes to wear and plenty of blankets to keep us cuddled and snuggled up warm.

My Tom is the "Thanksgiving Turkey" of my life each and every day.

Oh, how thankful I am that both of us survived the Covid that Tom found in the X-ray department of the local hospital.

Tom is so filled with kindness, love, understanding, compassion and such fun. I won't embarrass him further, but please know that he has given me an entirely new and wonderful life! Thank you, HuhHuh!

I am thankful for the publications that I so enjoy creating and which are such a joy for me to do.

Our friends are now our families and I am so filled with awe at how wonderful they all are. Thank you for being our friends!

I'll hush now, although I could go on for days and days. Please know that I wish for each and every one of you in the Clan Grant, a Thanksgiving filled with all the good things for you and for your loved ones.

With much love,

beth *Beth*

# The Twelve Days of Christmas has meaning beyond what you thought!



The songs and poetry of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries were usually a satire or parody of the politics or religions of the times. Each word or phrase usually had a hidden meaning. Here is an explanation of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* taken from the Internet.

What in the world do “leaping lords, French Hens, swimming swans and, especially, the partridge who won’t come out of the pear tree” have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning—the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church.

Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

- Two turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments.

- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

- Four Colly birds (today “calling”) were the four · gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

- Five gold rings recalled the Torah or Law, the Pentateuch, the first five books of the · Old Testament.

- Six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. (He rested on the seventh.)

- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy,

Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

- Eight maids a-milking were the eight Be-attitudes.

- Nine Ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the · Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

- Ten Lords a-leaping were the Ten Com-mandments.

- Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples (remember-Judas betrayed Him).

- Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

Well, a history lesson (whether it has basis in fact, or not) and a wonderful carol to boot .



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