

SUMMER 2022

NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA
CRAIGELLACHIE



Shown above is the Clan Grant tartan badge: "the pure song."

Ballindalloch Castle
Home of the Macpherson-Grant Clan
since the 1500s



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!

William Sawyer Grant

President, Clan Grant Society - USA



Greetings,

Lena and I hope that you have enjoyed a warm summer; it certainly has been warm here in South Texas.

Many Scottish games and festivals are coming back and I thank our Games Commissioners for stepping up to host Grant tents.

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at Stone Mountain Games in October. The Grant tent will be hosted this year by George James and his singing group, *Jacobites By Name*.

We will be holding elections for the following positions: Vice President, Secretary, and one of the board Members At Large. Thanks to Robert Grant, our chaplain, for handling the logistics of this election.

I know this message is short and my

only excuse is that I have not been feeling well post COVID. My best wishes to you and your families for a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer and look forward to hearing you on the conference call at the Annual General Meeting.

STAND FAST!

Dr. William Grant

President, Clan Grant Society

USA

Bullet-zer Prizes

Go to everyone who has sent along articles, information for this Summer Craigellachie publication.

Many thanks to Bill Grant, Jeff Click, Linda Worley, Star Lakavage, Jenifer Grant, Robert "Bob" Grant, Bryan L. Mulcahy, Colonel Jim Jones, Sean Murphy, Kim Todd, John Grant, James H. Grant, Beth Gay Freeman, Carol Grant.



Our Clan Chief



SIR James Grant of Grant,
Lord Strathspeny

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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.

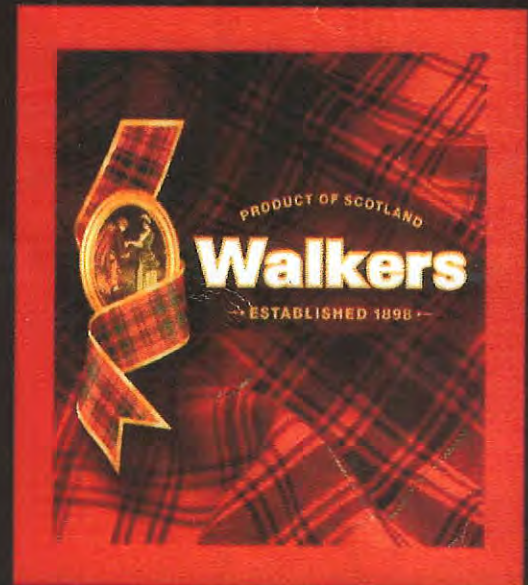
Our website is currently hosted by GoDaddy and is using Drupal open-source software as the basis for our website.

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 expressing your interest and listing your experience.

GRANTS



<https://www.walkersshortbread.com/uk/>

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!



CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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RENEWING MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL (single voting adult) \$20 1-year \$40 2-years \$55 3-years \$400 LIFE MEMBER

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Wanna give a gift of a Clan Grant membership?

Wanna pay your dues?

Use the form above!

The Clan Grant Castle on the Cover!

From the Internet

Ballindalloch Castle, parish of Inveravon, Morayshire, formerly Banffshire, dates to the early 16th century.

The exact year of its origin is not known, but the date '1546' is inscribed on a lintel stone.

The castle was originally held by Patrick Grant, said to be the brother, perhaps a twin, of the Laird of Freuchie.

After a few generations, the family became so financially encumbered that the estate was turned over to creditors.

Ballindalloch was purchased by Colonel William Grant, a younger son of the family of Rothiemurchus.

His son, General James Grant of Ballindalloch, was a noted British Army officer who served many years in America.

He fought in the French and Indian War, served as Governor of East Florida, and fought in the American War of Independence.

Later in life, he served in the British Parliament.

For his lifetime of service to the Crown, General Grant was given full-sized portraits of King George III and his wife, Charlotte, which still adorn the walls of the great hall at Ballindalloch.

The present owner of Ballindalloch is Mrs. Clare Nancy Macpherson-Grant Russell of Ballindalloch, Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire.

She and her husband, Mr. Oliver Russell, preside over a large enterprise that includes one of the oldest herds of black Aberdeen-Angus cattle in the world, a distillery, a golf course, self-catering, and sporting properties, and of course, one of the most beautiful castles in Scotland.



Ballindalloch Castle in Inveravon, Morayshire



Have you ever heard of "North Ronaldsay Sheep?"

If you spend time on the most northerly of the Orkney islands,

then North Ronaldsay sheep kind of make their way into the frame, often quite literally when you are taking pictures.

The annual rounding up of the North Ronaldsay sheep also represents one of the few cooperative farming activities left in Scotland.

Furthermore, the North Ronaldsay sheep are a living link with our ancestors.

Bones of the same kind of sheep found today on North Ronaldsay have been found at Skara Brae, the famous Neolithic village discovered on mainland Orkney and which dates from c. 5000 years ago.

Perhaps as a consequence, with only about 500 breed-

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**October
is the only
Board Meeting
left for 2022.
Don't miss it!**

*Och It's Yer Birthday
Whit's Anither Year?*

If yer celebratong
a birthday in August, September
or October, this is just for you!

A few new wrinkles,
A wee bit less hair
A new ache or twa,
it's really not fair
A waistband that's
tighter
is just no great.
Och we're a'in the same boat.
So well, just celebrate!



**It's Great to be a
GRANT!**

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>

Linda Worley, a brand new Clan Grant member, writes to us...

Hello,

I am a direct descendant of Peter Grant (he is my 9th great grandfather).

My paternal great grandmother was Elizabeth Grant and the name goes back uninterrupted from her to Peter.

I have DNA confirmation (DNA circles and common ancestor of Alexander Grant...the three time great grandson of Peter Grant (born 1631 Inverness, Scotland - died 1712 Berwick, Maine/(Kittery, Massachusetts Colony).

Peter Grant was taken prisoner by Oliver Cromwell at the Battle of Dunbar, imprisoned at Durham Cathedral, and relocated as an indentured servant to the Saugus Iron Works.

In this same family line are connections with Carmack, MacIntosh, Richardson. However, the Grant line has been the strongest in the family lore...with many children named Grant as a given name if the surname was different. My father was R. Grant Chambless...his mother was Susan Arilla Richardson whose mother was Elizabeth Grant.

I have been working on the genealogy of my and my husband's family for over 50 years. We both have large percentages of our DNA identified as from Scotland.

I have been a weaver of cloth for over 35 years. I also spin wool into yarn and dye it with dyes made from plants...many which

I gather from our yard. My grandmother (Susan Arilla) taught me embroidery and herbal medicines that she used.

I am an avid reader. One book which has been extremely helpful is titled *From Kittery to Kansas*. It is an old book..out of print, but I was fortunate to find a copy. It is a genealogy of the Grants who were indentured in Massachusetts and the movement over generations to Kansas.

Prior to DNA, this book confirmed my family's link with Peter Grant.

Also, as a result of reading the book

Lost Lives, New Voices.

I discovered the online group dedicated to Scottish Prisoners of War.

This led me to an online

class offered by the University of Durham on the discovery and excavation of skeletal remains of the Scots imprisoned in Durham Cathedral following capture at the Battle of Dunbar.

The class also traces the lives of the survivor prisoners and their lives in the 'new world'.

All these things make the people in my Grant line come alive.

As I indicated in a post on the discussion forum, we will be attending the Scotsfest at Estes Park, Colorado, in September.

Linda Worley

<louisandlinda@gmail.com>

Welcome, Linda!

North Ronaldsay Sheep, *continued from page 5*

ing female sheep registered in the UK, the breed has official 'endangered' status.

These short-tailed, horned sheep are characteristic of a type found in Scandinavia and were probably brought to the island by the first settlers.

How Many Sheep On North Ronaldsay?

There are, apparently, still 3,700 North Ronaldsay sheep on the actual island itself. Certainly, if you visit North Ronaldsay, that figure can be believed.

Every time you look over the wall you seem to be faced with a sheep, staring balefully back while grimly chewing on some seaweed it has chiseled off the barnacled rocks.

North Ronaldsay sheep are a breed that can flourish eating seaweed.

The North Ronaldsay Sheep Wall goes around the island to keep the sheep where the only food available to them is seaweed.

The wall keeps the sheep on the shore, except where it deviates inland and grudgingly allows them bits of links pasture.

The 13 miles (21 km) of wall dated from the 1830s when it was built so that the pastures of the interior could be preserved for more valuable cattle.

The sheep were 'exiled' and ironically, because of this, the breed has remained true to its origins and not been cross-bred with 'modern' sheep.

North Ronaldsay sheep are often described as primitive.

I expect primitive in this sense must mean unchanged since Neolithic times.

Today, thanks to the installation of a 'mini-mill' - basically, scaled-down spinning equipment for the cottage industry - in the complex of light-



house buildings, visitors can buy North Ronaldsay wool produced on the island.

It comes in a variety of natural shades - just about anything from white to black via fawns and browns.



Clan Grant Society - USA

(admin@clangrant-us.org)

Greetings,

*This message is to inform you
that a new node:content-type
has been created at the Clan
Grant website. It is entitled:*

*Estes Park Scotsfest
September 2022*

*Wander on over
and take a look.*

Cheers,

The Clan Grant Society Website



GLENFIDDICH PROJECT XX

The Clan Grant Society - USA wishes for Grant and Sons LTD Distillery to know how much their support of Criagellachie, the publication of the Clan Grant Society - USA is appreciated. We thank you for your sponsorship!



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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, 32nd 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, 33rd Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.

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

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Flower of the Forest

Rebecca “Becca” Lynn Grant Holthusen

Rebecca (Becca) Lynn (Grant) Holthusen, 56, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on 2 April 2022, of natural causes while surrounded by the love of her family.

She was predeceased by her mother (Susan), and her grandparents (Clarence and Florence Jordan, and Robert and Dorothy Grant).

Left to cherish her memory are her father (Dick), her husband (Larry), her three siblings (Jeniphr, Evan, and Rachael), her four daughters (Jessica, Molli, Katie, and Olivia), a grandson (Alden), as well as their family members and significant others.

She was born to Richard and Susan Grant in Portland, Oregon, and grew up in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Her young life centered around play with neighborhood friends, her mother’s folk singing, dance lessons in the living room, participation in dog shows and field trials with the family pets, branding parties in Idaho, skiing at Mount Hood, camping trips, caroling parties at Christmas, and summer travels, including Vermont, Colorado, and, closer to home, Camp Fire camp (Camp Numanu) and Cannon Beach.

Becca attended Lakeridge High School, where she was an athlete and cheerleader, and is listed in the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame for her skills with the javelin; graduating in 1983.

Becca was our family fashionista, and dress-up play as a youngster turned into a love of trendy and fashionable clothing that she sported at every conceivable opportunity.

She was fun-loving, and the life of the party, and would have agreed with the quote by e. e. cummings that “the most wasted of days is the one with-

out laughter.”

What Becca wanted most out of life was to be a wife and mother, it was her prime motivation, and she was so in deliriously love with her children – they have always been her heart.

She raised her daughters mostly in Eugene, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, and was a big supporter of the University of Oregon Ducks in all sports, but most especially football.

However, the sports teams were always second to her pride in the accomplishments her girls enjoyed.

Becca shared her love of the activities she grew up with by taking her daughters on family camping trips, and surrounding them with singing, dancing, over-the-top celebrations, boating, and the love of animals through multiple pets.

She was a keeper of family traditions, holding them close to her heart, and ensuring that holidays and birthdays were always special for her family and the people around her.

Becca was an inordinately good cook and baker, and could always be counted upon to lavish her love on her family and friends through the products of her kitchen and culinary skills.

We are so grateful for the time, laughter, and love we’ve shared with Becca. We will all greatly miss her smile and adventuresome spirit.

But now, we are grateful that she knows what it’s like to be genuinely unbound without disease or pain.

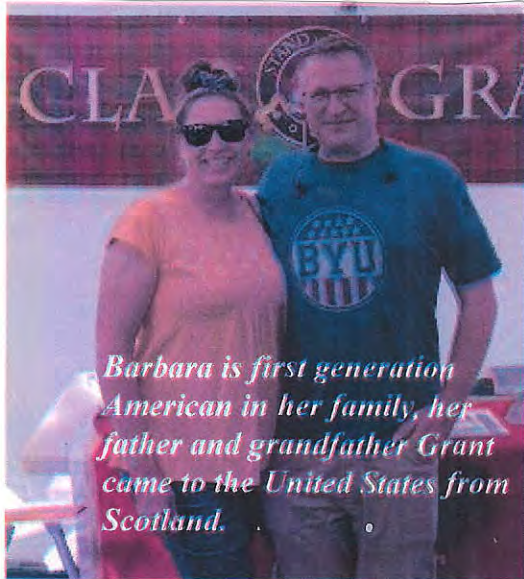
In her memory, and in celebration of the joy she brought to others, we gathered together in Portland, Oregon, on 21 May, to tell her stories, laugh and love about the memories we have of her, and see her life in photos.



Clan Grant went to the 2022 Payson City Scottish Festival and brought home three new CGS members!



Robert "Bob" Grant,
Utah Game Commissioner



Barbara is first generation American in her family, her father and grandfather Grant came to the United States from Scotland.



Barbara Grant Lepinski and Jody Lepinski

Camilla Neilsen

Mitchell Pratt

Welcome to our brand new Clan Grant Society - USA members!

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SPECIAL EDITION

The 1950 Post

WEATHER
Mauna Loa
in Hawaii erupts

United States of America

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YEAR IN REVIEW The world welcomes Sally!

In the news...

The Cold War continues. The development of the hydrogen bomb is ordered by President Harry S. Truman in response to the USSR's detonation of an atomic bomb the previous year.

A warning that nuclear war could lead to mutual destruction is given by Albert Einstein.

More than \$2,000,000 is stolen from an armored car in Boston.

Walk Disney's Cinderella is released in cinemas.

And the Great Appalachian Storm dumps up to 50 inches of snow in the northeastern U.S.

Historical Prices

House	\$7,354.00
Car	\$1,510.00
Milk/gallon	\$0.82
Bread/loaf	\$0.14
Income/avg.	\$3,216.00

FAMOUS PEOPLE

Born in This Year

Bill Murray
Stevie Wonder
Karen Carpenter
Richard Branson
Steve Wozniak

HIGHLIGHT

ON OCTOBER 12, 1950
Sally Grant
~ IS BORN ~

Sport News

The first 'Southern 500' 500-mile NASCAR race is held in Darlington Raceway.

In tennis, the French Open is won by Budge Patty. It's his first grand slam title.

And baseball star Joe DiMaggio makes his 2,000th hit.

Sporting Champions

-  National Football League
Cleveland Browns
-  World Series
New York Yankees
-  U.S. Open Tennis
Art Larsen - Men's
Margaret Osborne duPont - Women's

BOX OFFICE HITS

- King Solomon's Mines
- All About Eve
- Cinderella

WORLD POPULATION REACHES 2.5 Billion

OSCARS

All the King's Men wins the Academy Award for Best Picture

TOP BABY NAMES

- John
- Linda

Popular Songs

"Goodnight Irene"
Gordon Jenkins & The Weavers

"Mona Lisa"
Nat King Cole

"Third Man Theme"
Anton Karas

INVENTIONS

The comic strip Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz is first published.

The first television remote is invented. Called "Lazy Bones," the device is connected to the TV with a wire.

Three US engineers create the "snow cannon" - the world's first snow-making machine. Antihistamine drugs are discovered. And the first cadaveric internal kidney transplantation takes place.

1950 Census – Research Highlights

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The 1950 census was released into the public domain on Friday, April 1, 2022. The official census day was Saturday, April 1, 1950. Because of the 72-year privacy rule, that means the 1950 census data will be released by NARA on Friday, April 1, 2022. Aggregated data has been previously released, but this is the first time that individual data will be made public.

The term aggregate data refers to numerical or non-numerical information that is:

1. Collected from multiple sources and/or on multiple measures, variables, or individuals

2. Compiled into data summaries or summary reports, typically for the purposes of public reporting or statistical analysis—i.e., examining trends, making comparisons, or revealing information and insights that would not be observable when data elements are viewed in isolation.

3. For example, information about whether individual students graduated from high school can be aggregated—that is, compiled and summarized—into a single graduation rate for a graduating class or school, and annual school graduation rates can then be aggregated into graduation rates for districts, states, and countries.

Here are some highlights concerning questions asked and some differences from the 1940 census.

1. The 1950 Census had 20 questions for all persons, so it was shorter than the 1940 Census, but otherwise, changes were minimal.

2. Additional questions at the bottom of the schedule (Nos. 21-33c) were asked of six

persons whose name fell on a highlighted line labeled “Sample.” (There were five versions of the form to vary the sample lines.) The person on the last sample line was also asked additional questions, starting from 34.

3. In 1940, every person age 14 or over was asked questions about their income in 1939; in 1950, only persons on sample lines who were age 14 or over were asked income questions.

4. In both 1940 and 1950, the respondent could answer income questions by either providing information to the enumerator or completing a form and mailing it to the Census Bureau in Washington.

5. The Census Bureau made special efforts to ensure that the 1950 census was as complete and accurate as possible by taking multiple steps:

- a. Enumerators were given improved training, which included being given additional instruction in the use and availability of detailed enumeration district maps.

- b. Conducted radio and newspaper advertising campaigns throughout the country.

- c. Specific nights were set aside to conduct enumerations of persons in hotels, campgrounds, YMCAs, and other places frequented by travelers and transients.

- d. Extra efforts were made to ensure all infants born from January to March 1950 were counted.



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e. College students were enumerated where they lived while attending school, rather than where their parental homes were located.

f. Members of the Armed Forces who slept off post were counted where they slept rather than where they were stationed. Hence there were no military installations appearing on the schedules.

g. Lodging houses, hotels, and similar places usually contained multiple dwelling units and multiple households. The enumerator was instructed that "Each group occupying separate living quarters that meet the definition of a dwelling unit should be assigned a separate serial number" while "roomers who rent sleeping quarters only should be listed with the members of the household's family." A dwelling unit was defined as "a group of rooms or a single room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, by a family or other group of persons living together or by a person living alone." In general, quarters that did "not have separate cooking equipment" or a separate entrance from the landlord's quarters were to be enumerated as part of the landlord's household.

h. A supplemental schedule, Form P8, Indian Reservation Schedule, was used to obtain additional information on Native Americans who resided on reservations. In addition to entering each person's name as it appeared on the regular schedule, Form P1, 1950 Census of Population and Housing, the enumerator recorded other name(s) by which that person was known, along with his or her tribe, clan, degree of Indian blood, ability to read, write, or speak English or any other language, and participation in any Native Indian ceremonies in 1949.

For more information on this topic, please visit the following links listed below.

Ancestry.com – Indexing Process – 1950 Census <<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/ancestry-apply-handwriting-recognition-artificial-intelligence-create-searchable-index-1950-us>>
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*As I watch
this generation try
and rewrite our his-
tory. I'm sure of
two things: It will
be misspelled and
have no punctuation.*

*There is no editor in the universe who
could resist printing the above.*



Can anyone help Colonel Jones?

First, A genealogical query:

My name is **Jim Jones** and my great grandmother was **DELILAH CLEMENTINE GRANT**, from Georgia. Her father was **ELZA CORNELIUS GRANT** (1826-1906), from Chester County, S.C. His father was **JAMES BUTLER BISHOP GRANT, JR.** (1787-1867) from Armenia Sec., Chester County S.C. His father was (1755-1820) from the same County.

Now, a plea for assistance:

Do we have anyone that can flesh out the genealogy from and including the Chester County information?

When did they come from Scotland and how?

Any military history?

I am willing to pay a reputable genealogy person for the research.

My personal e-mail is **<coloneljones@aol.com>**. If you would like to help my search for my family, please email me at the above email address.

Any assistance would be appreciated.

Family



Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed?

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 great-grandparents

16 second great-grandparents

32 third great-grandparents

64 fourth great-grandparents

128 fifth great-grandparents

256 sixth great-grandparents

512 seventh great-grandparents

1,024 eighth great-grandparents

2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from only 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors just over the last 400 years.

Think about it. How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future?

Your ancestors had to undergo all of these things and so many more for you to exist now.



Steve Barker from Nottingham poses with the sign for Twatt.

Scotland's top strangest place names from *Twat & Assloss to Brokenwind*

Sean Murphy Tourism Writer

Twatt, Dull and Purgatory might seem like places you wouldn't want to visit.

However, you'll actually find that thankfully, they are picturesque villages, towns or farmsteads in Scotland that have plenty to offer any visitor.

Though their names seem a bit strange, they often derive from Scots or Gaelic and usually have perfectly reasonable explanations behind their odd monikers.

From the town with the shortest name in the UK to a place called Lost in Aberdeenshire, here are some of the most bizarrely named and where those titles may have originated from.

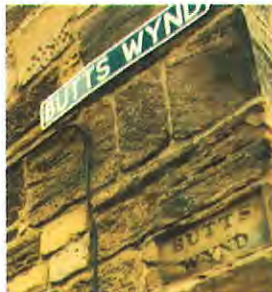
Brokenwind, Aberdeenshire

A place located near to the village of Newmachar in Aberdeenshire, it is thought the name is likely to have originally been Brokenwynd - with wynd a Scots word for a narrow curving path or lane leading off a main thoroughfare.

Speaking of wynds...

The butt (pun intended) of a joke for many students and tourists can be found in the Fife town, St Andrews.

Butts Wynd is a narrow street between the university town's North Street and the Scores, with the



word 'Butts' reportedly a reference to a place where archery would have been practiced.

Assloss, Ayrshire

Assloss lends its name to an area in Ayrshire, and also a street name.

The reason for such an obscure name seems to have been lost, though it has also been known as Aslois, Sloss or Asloace in the past.

D u l l , Perthshire

This village in Perthshire famously joined with Boring in Oregon and Bland in New South Wales, Australia to form the "Trinity of Tedium".

There are a few arguments over where the name originated from however it is most likely to be derived from 'dol', a Pictish word meaning water meadow, or 'dail' - the Gaelic word for meadow.



*A lifetime of
loving, caring, and sharing...*

*Congratulations
and Best Wishes to
Al and Kristina*



Alfred (Al) Racey, son of Marvin and Helen Racey and Kristina Catherine Grant, daughter of Clarence (Dick) R. and Carol Grant, were married in the home garden of their dear friend, their Sunday School teacher, in Tyler, Texas on April 23, 2002.

The couple were introduced to each other by Kristina's brother, Daniel, at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games in Seattle in 2011. After the introduction, they went their own separate ways until about three years ago when they reconnected via the Internet.

At that time, Kristina was living in Savannah, Georgia and he was living in Sequim, Washington. They had a long distance relationship until September of 2021 when Kristina decided to move back to Washington to further their relationship.

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Vale Barry Grant. It is with deep sadness that we announce the recent passing of Barry Grant, the Society's Clan Tent and Social Events Coordinator.

Barry was one of the Clan Grant Society (Australia)'s earliest founding members back in the early 2000's and was very active during his time with our Society fulfilling the roles of Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, as well as manning our Clan tent at many Scottish Gatherings around Victoria over a long period.

Barry was very proud of his Scottish heritage and was also involved with several Scottish Associations including the Victorian Scottish Union culminating in him becoming the 'Chief of the VSU' in September 2019 for the following twelve months, a role he was immensely proud to hold.

In August 2017 Barry finally managed to return to Glasgow where he grew up as a child before his family emigrated to Australia in 1952. It was obvious from his report in our December 2017 Newsletter that Barry thoroughly enjoyed revisiting the area where he initially grew up as well as meeting his locally based family members.

Our sincere condolences go to his remaining family and all who knew him personally – he will be greatly missed.

From *The Clan Grant Society (Australia) Newsletter*, July 2022



Jim Grant - 1935 - 2022. It is regret that we have to report the death of Jim Grant of Sutton Coldfield in April 2022 after a short illness. Jim and his sister, Pat, became members of the Clan Society after contact with John Grant of Sheffield resulting from family research. This was reported in *Standfast*, "John and Jim Meet Up", when Jim and his wife Kathleen visited Sheffield. Jim's great grandfather and John's grandfather were brothers.

Jim never made the Gathering but he and sister Pat had spent many years touring Scotland on the family trail, tracing the family back from the borders, to Edinburgh, the farm Nevie in Glenlivet, and Duffus.

Jim was a proud Grant and will be missed by those who knew him.

John Grant, Sheffield

Jim Grant - 1935 - 2022. James 'Jim' Grant of Birmingham passed away on April 20, 2022, after a short battle with lung cancer.

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I received the sad news in an email from Jim's granddaughter, Bethany. I have no idea when Jim and I commenced our email correspondence. Our initial contact was occasioned by an article I wrote for *Standfast*. It must have been six or seven years ago. Jim always signed off 'Jim and Kath,' which suggested that his wife was also involved in the composition of his emails.

Jim was proud of his Scottish roots. His ancestors hailed from the vicinity of Deskie in Glenlivet.

According to family tradition, his family was descended from the original Ballindallochs.

Jim was retired from the RAF. At one stage of his career, he was a member of a flight crew that demonstrated various aircraft and their enhanced technologies.

He particularly enjoyed a long trip to air bases in Australia. After retiring from the air force, he established a clock repair business in Birmingham.

Jim enjoyed watching sports on television. He was an avid Aston Villa fan. Our emails were filled with accounts of our holiday trips, Jim's gardening projects, current world events, and our families. Jim was particularly proud of his granddaughter, Bethany, who was an avid swimmer and an excellent student at the University of Bristol.

Jim had not been well in recent years and suffered from some of the ailments we all experience as we grow older. Even still, Bethany's email with news of her grandfather's death was a surprise. Jim was a 'good guy' and a dependable and interesting correspondent. And he was a proud Grant clansman!

Hank - James H. Grant, Hickory, North Carolina



A Virtual Tour of Duthil

Adrian Moar, web-designer at Moar Web Designs is in the process of making a new website for the Clan Grant Society, and will be creating a virtual tour for us of the Clan Centre at Duthil.

He is currently creating a Virtual Tour for the Grantown Museum which will also be available on our website.

Another of Adrian's virtual tours and websites was made for the Grantown East Heritage Centre, café and shop which can be seen at:

<https://grantowneast.com/virtual-tour/>

Thanks to *Standfast, The Magazine of the Clan Grant Society UK*.

It's hard to believe, but, I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

When I was a kid, there were five of us at home. We had one phone that was hooked to the wall with a wire. It always worked.

When we called a business, someone answered the phone promptly and we talked to a person.



Marymass

15th August

The 15th of August is Marymass in Scotland

It is a festival marking the start of the harvest.

The first grains harvested or first loaf of bread made from them are offered at the mass at church. A special bread called "Marymas bannock" may be made.

There are displays of flowers, decorated wells, and candlelight processions.

In Irvine, Ayrshire, a girl is crowned Queen of Marymass. Four ladies-in-waiting are also chosen, along with two page boys. Some people think this shows a blending of association with Mary Queen of Scots.

Irvine also holds a parade, a pole climbing contest (the prize is a ham), and horse racing.

Bundles of herbs such as periwinkle, thyme and verbena are brought into church to be blessed.

More southerly parts of the Celtic world, where the harvest starts a few weeks earlier, would celebrate the harvest with Lughnasadh on the 1st of August.

The start of harvesting falls a few weeks later further north, and thus became intertwined with the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, which falls on the 15th of August.

Thus, Marymass became a harvest festival for more northerly parts of the Celtic world.

As the festival actually started as celebrations for Celtic harvest goddesses, pictures of Mary for this time of year often show her with ears of corn, etc.

Page 22 **CRAIGELLACHIE**, publication of the Clan Grant Society - USA Summer 2022



From your editor: We only have 28 pages here in *Craigellachie*. That means we simply cannot bring to you in depth articles and stories.

I found a complete publication from 1925 called *The Grain Growers Guide* from Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada.

Alastair McIntyre put it on his weekly newsletter where he sends various gems and jewels of things he has in his massive collection to a list of editors and those who search for good things to use in the publications they produce.

All you have to do is go to: <http://www.electriccanadian.com/transport/agriculture/farmer.pdf> It's free. No charge.

Unbelievably, this is a complete magazine from Christmastime in 1925, complete with articles, ads - everything.

Alastair said in his newsletter that *The Scot and his Draft Horse* is an article not to be missed. Dean Rutherford claims for Scottish breeders the discovery of the relationship between form and function in the draft horse. He says in all breeding undertakings Scottish breeders have combined beauty and utility in rare degree.

There's 24 pages of a fascinating look at a way of life that is long gone. There are advertisements for patent medicines, contests and articles on so many of Canada's agricultural life back then.

I hope you will take time to enjoy this publication. Aye, beth

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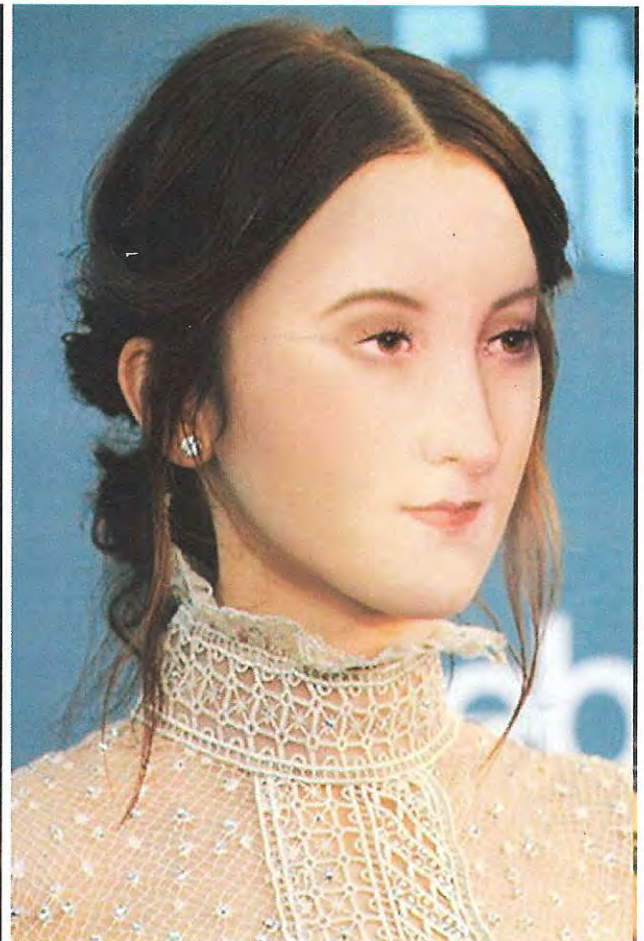
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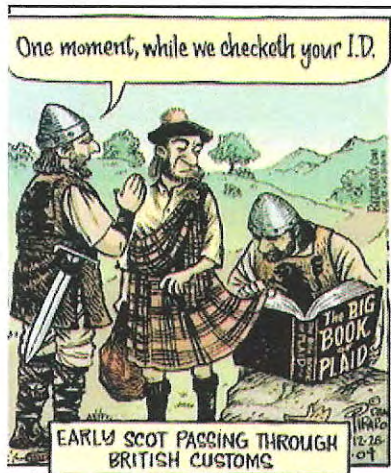
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The Scottish Membership Secretary Writes

Since the last edition of Standfast we warmly welcome the following new members to the Society: Gilles Coppin and family, from Toulon in France; Stephen Goodall and family, from Boat of Garten, Scotland ...and from the USA; Neal Blanchett and family, Edina, Minnesota; Camille Frye DeYong, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Sarah DeYong, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; Shannon DeYong, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Lyn McManus, Chelsea, Massachusetts; Lewis Grant, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania; Alexander James Grant and family, Burke, Virginia.

Kim Todd, Membership Secretary Clan Grant Scotland.

Welcome everyone!



The flag of Scotland originated in 832 AD, during a battle fought in the Dark Ages. It is known as the World's Oldest Flag still in use.

Often referred to as: The Scotland Saltire, Saltire or St. Andrew's Cross, the flag of Scotland uses an azure background.

It's design is bold and unique with a simple blue field and white saltire.

Edinburgh has Festivals for you!



- Edinburgh Art Festival - Now until - 28 August 2022*
- Edinburgh International Festival - 5 - 28 August 2022*
- Edinburgh Festival Fringe - 5 - 29 August 2022*
- Edinburgh International Film Festival - 12 - 20 August 2022*
- Edinburgh International Book Festival - 13 - 29 August 2022*
- Edinburgh International Science Festival - 1 - 16 April 2023*
- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will return from 5 - 27 August 2022.*

17th-century replica turf and creel house now at Glencoe

A new National Trust for Scotland re-creation has officially opened after an experimental project to keep alive heritage building skills and share the story of Glencoe's lost homes.

The Glencoe turf and creel house has been inspired by years of archaeological investigation and historical research into long-vanished settlements, once home to hundreds of people in the heart of the glen.

The turf, wattle and thatch structure was erected using traditional materials, tools and techniques by a team of skilled craftspeople in 2021. It has the same footprint as one of the late 17th-century dwellings excavated by the conservation charity's archaeologists and volunteers at the former township of Achtriachtan, near the famous 'Three Sisters' of Glencoe.

Visitors to Glencoe National Nature Reserve can now explore the turf and creel house for themselves at the National Trust for Scotland's Glencoe Visitor Centre, where its



heather-thatched roof and earth walls blend into their mountain backdrop.

While stepping inside to discover the workmanship that has gone into the building, visitors will also be immersed in the sounds of history, thanks to an installation that conjures up the sounds, speech and songs of life here in the glen 300 years ago.

Developed with the involvement of historians, musicians, local Gaelic speakers and school children, the soundscape comprises over 200 different sound elements that were carefully chosen to give the interior an authentic and evocative atmosphere, with each representing a different local story.

Listeners will hear the cry of wildlife and livestock, the commotion of construction and daily toil, the chatter of domestic life, and the sounds of socialising at a traditional evening 'ceilidh'. Together they create a subtle backdrop of universally recognisable noises alongside overheard Gaelic voices.

The audio installation was designed by creative producer and sound artist Guy Veale, who has worked on numerous National Trust for Scotland projects.

Renowned local Gaelic musicians, Iain MacFarlane, Ingrid Henderson and Ewen Henderson, as well as the conservation charity's own Fiona Mackenzie, curator of the Canna House Gaelic archive, are among those who contributed their voices and instrumental pieces to the soundscape. Young Gaelic speakers at Acharacle Primary School were also recorded to give the babble of children at play.

Historic Environment Scotland has been a key partner in the Glencoe turf and creel house project. It funded two trainees to support the project team while developing their own skills – one has been focused on traditional building crafts, while the other has focused on heritage engagement and interpretation.

Lucy Doogan, one of the HES trainees, grew up in Glencoe and can trace her family back to those who lived here at the time of the Massacre of 1692.

Lucy said: "It has been fantastic to have the opportunity to be part of this. Our creel house really helps visitors visualise a time when the glen itself would have looked very different to how it does today, home to a bustling community living in wee townships with a rich Gaelic culture. I hope we can rekindle this past while creating new stories here in the future."

Al & Kristina's wedding,

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As Kristina was getting ready to move, an incident with her Mom, Carol, occurred. She consulted with Al and her brother and sister in Washington and made the decision to move back to Tyler, Texas to be there for her mother.

Al decided to return to Tyler, Texas as well.

By that time, the couple was engaged.

They live about two minutes from her Mom's home.

Kristina is employed at Barrow Shaver Independent Oil Company and Al works as a medical assistant at Integrated Health Matters.

Now, they not only love each other, but the church they joined there and also Tyler, Texas.

Best wishes to Al and Kristina!

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