

SUMMER 2023
NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN GRANT SOCIETY-USA
CRAIGELLACHIE



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



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.

OUR Clan Chief



SIR James Grant of Grant,
Lord Strachspay

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

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.

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.



**A Clan Grant
piper for
the
kids to color!**

Send them to beth (bethscribble@aol.com) when you are done and we'll make our own pipe band next issue!

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating birthdays this summer!

President's Message!
William Sawyer Grant
President, Clan Grant Society - USA

Welcome to the Summer Craigellachie 2023

Dear Friends,

It's time to make plans to attend Scottish Games and Festivals. Get your kilt out and call your friends.

It has been great hearing from many of you.

Thanks Bob and Mary Grant for sharing your pictures of your visit to Scotland.

Your emails are always welcome.(academicdad@yahoo.com)

The Clan Grant Society-USA annual General Meeting will be in October at the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta Georgia.Please plan to attend.

Many thanks to Beth Freeman for editing this newsletter while caring for her husband Tom.

Best wishes to them both.

Dr William Grant, Ph.D.

Stand Fast

IT IS GREAT TO BE A GRANT

Bill Grant of Texas, Ph.D., FSA Scot

Sixth Elected President Clan Grant Society-USA

US Representative of the Chief of Clan Grant

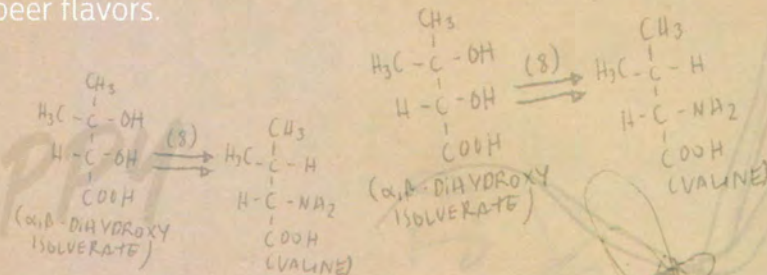
Craigellachie, Summer 2023.



SHOWCASING THE RICH INDIA PALE ALE FLAVORS

- As we experimented, we learned that too much age in our whisky overpowered the flavors imparted by the India Pale Ale finish.
- Marrying whiskies of different ages allowed us to create a vibrant, balanced whisky that better highlights the hoppy notes and unique India Pale Ale craft beer flavors.

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Pour over a ball of ice, rim the glass with a small wedge of blood orange, then squeeze into the whisky for an unexpected twist.

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Twenty Scots words which have no English translation

Daily Record



There'll no doubt be plenty of Scots getting on the randan this weekend.

Anyone who is Scottish, or has spent any time in the country, will know that our language is just as deep as it is colourful.

While we have plenty of words and phrases that are sure to confuse visitors, there is also parts of our vocabulary that more people should use. This is because some of our words don't really have an exact translation into English.

Whether it's that panicked feeling you get when seeing somebody whose name you have forgot, or that one-of-a-kind fog that rolls in from the sea, we really do have a word for everything.

Here are 20 Scottish words with no exact English translation that you are sure to find helpful, as well as their meanings.

Tartled

To hesitate in recognising a person or thing, for example when being introduced to somebody whose name you have forgotten.

Outwith

Outside of something; not within something.

Randan

There'll no doubt be plenty of Scots getting on the randan this weekend .

Boisterous noisy conduct; a bevvie session.

ED Treatments

ED May Becoming A Thing Of The Past For Senior Men.

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Isn't it wonderful for the Clan Grant Society -USA to be GOING BACK TO THE SCOTTISH GAMES!

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George James, Chairman



Scottish Games are most everywhere this time of year! If you haven't been, it is necessary that you go!



We promise you'll have fun and make wonderful new friends!

Words with no translation, *continued from page 5*

Sleekit

Slimy and deceitful; fox or weasel-like.

Midden

A rubbish heap or dunghill; a place where bins are stored.

Bodach

Grumpy old man. Everyone will have known a bodach at one time or another.

A (usually boorish or churlish) old man, often used affectionately.

Nashgab

Particularly caustic or mean-spirited gossip.

Gloaming

The beautiful time of the day when the light has mostly faded but it's not quite dark.

Coorie

Tween sisters snuggled under blanket and watching a movie on digital tablet

To coorie means to cuddle up and get all cosy

To nestle or snuggle up warm; to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

Stravaig

To wander aimlessly or without direction, usually in reference to having a meander around some

Breenge

To confidently push or barge your way in or through a crowd without care for others.

beautiful Scottish scenery.

Beflum

To deceive somebody using flattery or nonsensical talk.

Foosty

This bread's looking a bit foosty

Mouldy, smelly, and stale.

Scunnered

A state of revulsion or disgusted irritation.

Taps aff

Weather so warm that you remove your shirt.

Stramash

An uproar or loud commotion that usually ends in trouble.

Haar

The George IV Bridge Rail Bridge from South Queensferry across the water of the Firth of Forth in an Winter day in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, under low visibility due to the snow during a blizzard

Anyone who has been to see the Forth Bridge on a cold morning will be familiar with haar

Cèilidh

A traditional Scottish social event involving lively folk music and dancing.

Please remember to send your news to your *Craigellachie* editor. Send honors and graduations, engagements and weddings, Flowers of the Forest, your stories and tales. The more you send the better our publication! bethscribble@aol.com

YOU!



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Allied Families & Septs of Clan Grant

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Buie • Gilroy • MaccAllan

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McKerran • M(a)cKiaran

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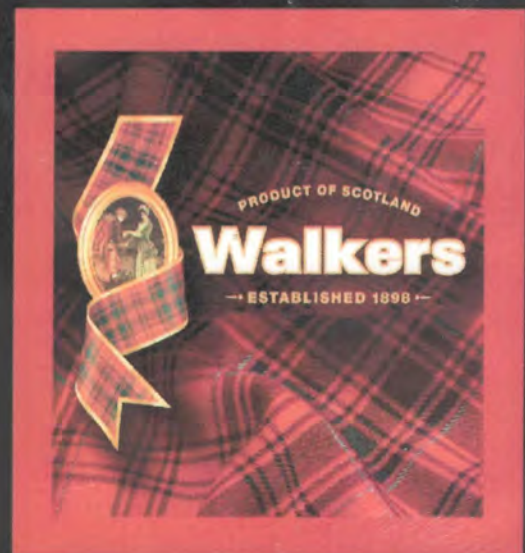
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<https://www.walkersshortbread.com/uk/>

International Grant Gathering set for August 2025

Tim Atkinson, Chair Organising Committee Clan Grant International Gathering 2025

Dear Clan Grant USA,

I am writing to formally confirm that the Chief of Clan Grant has called for an International Gathering to take place between 3 - 10th August 2025.

The Gathering will culminate with the Clan March at Abernethy Highland Games (see photo below) and the Clan Banquet in the evening on 10th August.

By way of introduction, my name is Tim Atkinson, and was the resident Factor at Ballindalloch Castle from 2006 until 2018, before becoming resident Factor on Ben Alder Estate at Dalwhinnie to re-establish a permanent Estate Office there.

I have been a member of the Clan Grant Society UK Council since 2017, and became Vice Chair earlier this year. I am also a Trustee of the Clan Grant Heritage Trust.

I have been asked to Chair the 2025 Organising Committee and to co-ordinate the planning both in terms of events, but also to keep the Clan Grant overseas Societies informed.

I retired earlier this year and have more time to commit to Clan Grant affairs, and, particularly to the organising of the 2025 International Gathering.

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Abernethy Highland Games pipers

Clan Grant Websites

<https://www.clangrant.org/index.aspx> <https://www.scotweb.co.uk/info/grant>

<https://www.clangrant-us.org/>

10 Steps for Abstracting a Deed

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Lee County Library, Florida

Deeds are one of the most important types of land records. Deeds are legal documents that prove the legal transfer of land. Deeds are often the accessible land record available to researchers. To locate a deed, you need to have an idea where the ancestor resided. It can also be helpful to take the time to read a county or regional history of the area.

Most deeds were kept on the county level. Most have been filmed and later digitized in recent years. Deeds can be located online through a variety of sources such as Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, etc. Deeds are normally indexed by the grantee (buyer) and grantor (seller). Deeds provide the name of the grantee and grantor, a description of the land, and the date of sale. As a bonus, besides the description of the land being sold, deeds often include the names of the owners of the adjacent properties. In some cases, deeds may include previous places of residence where your ancestor resided prior to purchasing this land, the name of his spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, or siblings.

As part of the research process, it is highly recommended that once you locate a deed for your ancestor, take the time to make an abstract of it. Abstraction forms are widely available online and in many print sources for copying. Here are the ten steps that should be followed in the abstraction process.

Identify the type of deed, such as gift, trust deed, warrantee deed, and so on.

List the exact names of the grantor/s (sellers) and the grantee/s (buyers). If listed, be sure to include their places of residences and occupations.

Locate the “consideration” or amount paid, or reason for transfer of ownership.

Describe the boundaries of the property and include the names of any adjoining property owners. List the number of acres if mentioned.

Include any distinguishing remarks that would potentially provide new information or clues such as “land I received from my father” or other spe-



Lee County Library

cifically named person or entity.

Pay close attention to the signatures. Record the exact spelling of the name shown on the document even if it is misspelled. Mention if the signature is simply a mark.

Record the names of all witnesses exactly as they appeared on the document.

Record the name of the person who acknowledged the deed in court. Include the dower release, if listed.

Record the date and place where the deed was acknowledged in court. Also include the date of the deed, and the date the deed was recorded.

Document the deed. Include the county, state, volume, page number and so on.

For more information on this topic, I recommend the following sources.

Books

Handybook for Genealogists. 10th Edition. 2002. <<https://libpac.leegov.com/polaris/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&pos=1&cn=325758>>

Genealogy (G) 929.1 *Handybook* by Eicholz, Alice.

Ancestry's Red Book. 2004 <<https://libpac.leegov.com/polaris/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&pos=1&cn=235829>>

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Genealogy (G) 929.1072 Greenwood, Hatcher, Patricia Law.

Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records. Library has 2016 Edition. <<https://libpac.leegov.com/polaris/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&pos=3&cn=346321>>

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Family Search Wiki – *U.S. Land Records* – Class Handout. 2022. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/U.S._Land_Records_Class_Handout>

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Smith, Diana Crisman. *How to Use Land Records for Genealogy Research*. 2014. <<https://familytreemagazine.com/records/land/how-to-use-land-records/>>

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What fun! Bob and Mary Grant on their visit to Scotland!



From all reports, the Clan Grant Chaplain and his lady had a most wonderful time visiting all of the beautiful and exciting places in Scotland!

Clan Grant Board Meetings remaining in 2023 are: July and October

If you have any items you wish the CGS Board to discuss, contact a Board Meeting prior to the meeting.



COCKTAILS

 <p>OLD FASHIONED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part Demerara syrup (1:1)• 2 dashes peach bitters• Grapefruit twist to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: In a double rocks glass, add the Demerara syrup and bitters. Add the Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve, then ice (preferably one large cube) and stir. Garnish with a grapefruit twist.</p> <p>DEMERARA SYRUP (1:1) Combine equal parts hot water and Demerara sugar or brown sugar. Stir and cool.</p>
 <p>MALT JULEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part simple syrup• 2 dashes of Angostura Bitters• Mint leaves to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Traditional Julep Cup</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Pour Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve and simple syrup into a traditional julep cup. Fill with crushed ice and garnish with mint sprigs.</p>
 <p>THE GILLY FIX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 part Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ¼ part Flor de Cana 7 Year Rum• ½ part peach brandy• ¾ part fresh lemon juice• ¾ part simple syrup• Lemon wheel to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Shake all ingredients except the lemon wheel over ice. Strain into a double rocks glass. Fill with crushed ice. Garnish by placing the lemon wheel between the edge of the glass and the ice.</p>
 <p>THE BROON DERBY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• 1 part fresh grapefruit juice• ½ part honey syrup• Grapefruit twist to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Coupe</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Shake Glenfiddich 14 Year Bourbon Barrel Reserve, grapefruit juice and honey syrup over ice. Strain into a coupe. Express a grapefruit twist over the cocktail and drop in.</p> <p>HONEY SYRUP: Combine 2 parts honey and 1 part hot water and stir to combine.</p>
 <p>THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• ½ part Drambuie• ½ part dry vermouth• ¾ part maraschino liqueur• 2 dashes fig bitters• Brandied cherries to garnish	<p>GLASSWARE: Coupe</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Combine ingredients and stir over ice. Strain into a coupe. Garnish with brandied cherries.</p>
 <p>THE LEATHERBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1½ parts Glenfiddich 14 Year Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve• 1 part straight apple brandy• ½ part yellow chartreuse	<p>GLASSWARE: Double Rocks Glass</p> <p>INSTRUCTIONS: Combine all ingredients in a mixing glass over ice and stir. Strain into a double rocks glass over one large ice cube. No garnish.</p>

DISCLAIMER: Cocktail prep and serve for each cocktail is suggested by Glenfiddich Brand Ambassador Allan Roth to ensure the best results. We encourage you to play around with the cocktails and ingredients to create your own versions.

GREAT COCKTAILS START WITH RESPONSIBLE MEASURING.

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

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

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IT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE LAST PERSON WHO
CALLED IT A SKIRT.



Clan Grant tent at the Virginia Games at the Plaines near Manassas, Va.

YOU!

COULD BE ONE OF US!

Allied Families & Septs of Clan Grant

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Bet you didn't know, "It's great to be a Grant!" was declared by the previous Lord Strathspey, Sir Patrick, at the Grandfather Mountain Games, in the 1980's. George and Lucille had arranged for him to come over

CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[] NEW [] RENEWAL (Membership # _____)

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
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 STREET _____ APT # _____
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To save money, we send out our newsletters by email.

[] Check here if you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter (additional fees may apply)

DUES (please circle):

INDIVIDUAL (single voting adult) \$20 1-year \$40 2-years \$55 3-years \$400 LIFE MEMBER
FAMILY (2 voting adults, same address) \$35 1-year \$70 2-years \$100 3-years \$700 LIFE MEMBER

Note: Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. New members joining after June 30 will pay half of the listed amount for the current year of membership, and the full amount upon renewal the following January.

DONATIONS:

Clan Grant Centre Fund: \$ _____
 Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

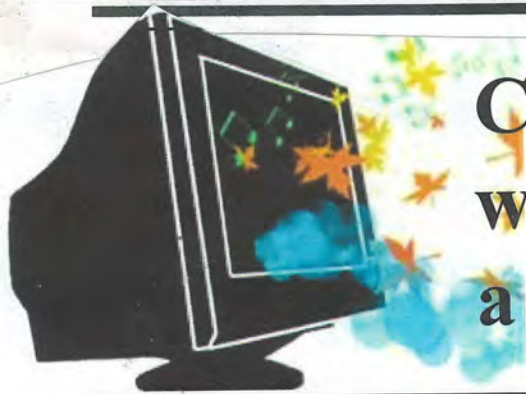
Total: \$ _____ Check # _____
 Make all checks payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY
 Mail to: Rand Allan, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037

We need your birthdays too! Just the day and the month...but, please send members' birthdays with your membership application.

**New
Clan
Grant
Pins
for
sale!**



The two newest Clan Grant pins. One is awarded for outstanding service to the Clan and the other you can buy at our Games tents or through the store. (See order form on page 22.)



**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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The road in Scotland where cars appear to roll uphill...and you haven't had any whisky!

Daily Record 

The strange optical illusion road in Scotland where cars appear to roll uphill

There is a very unique stretch of road in Scotland where cars appear to roll uphill due to an optical illusion—and many Scots have called the spot a "childhood" favourite.

There is a layby on the road so you can try the experiment for yourself.

The Electric Brae, located in South Ayrshire, it is a stretch of



road in which freewheeling vehicles are apparently drawn uphill by a mysterious force - and it definitely needs to be seen to be believed.

For many years, it was unknown what caused the odd occurrence, with some believing it was due to electric or magnetic attraction, hence the name Electric Brae. In reality, the Brae is in fact a gravity hill—a place where the layout of the surrounding land produces an optical illusion.

One end of the road is 17 feet higher than the other, giving it a slight gradient. However, as a result of the way the nearby landscape slopes, the gradient of road appears to go in the opposite di-

rection, which leads to the odd sight of cars rolling 'uphill'.

The illusion is so convincing that it has brought travellers far and wide over the years to see it for themselves. Among these was future US President Dwight D Eisenhower during the Second World War, at which time he was stationed at the nearby Culzean Castle.

One wrote: "Tried it a few times, heard it was an optical illusion but it

seemed real enough. Kids loved it."

A second person posted: "Loved it as a kid. Must take my kids there."

"An integral part of my childhood," commented a third, while a fourth echoed: "Loved this as a kid. It was magic!"

If you want to see the strange phenomenon for yourself, the stretch of road runs the quarter mile from the bend overlooking Croy Railway Viaduct in the west to the wooded Craigenroy Glen in the east. The South Ayrshire Council has helpfully built a layby where travellers can stop and try it for themselves.

Did you know your have family you haven't thought about?

You do!

It's The Clan Grant Society - USA!

2025 International Gathering,

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To this end it will be very helpful to obtain feedback on whether you feel that the Draft Programme meets the needs and aspirations of your members.

We welcome any feedback you may like to give us, and will seek to take on board any proposals you may have for inclusion in the programme.

I attach the Draft Programme, together with details of the initial Gathering planning committee. The personnel may change to meet changing requirements as we move forward. (Please email <bethscribble@aol.com>)

I have copied in all Office Bearers (BEC) listed on the website and in *Craigellachie*.

I apologise if you have received this twice, but I have used the email addresses listed in both locations, which are different.

Please let me have your thoughts as soon as possible in order to enable us to start planning and to work out costs for the Gathering events.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Tim Atkinson, Chair Organising Committee
Clan Grant International Gathering 2025.

What to do if your genealogy hits a brick wall. (If you do genealogy long enough, it will happen to you, too!)

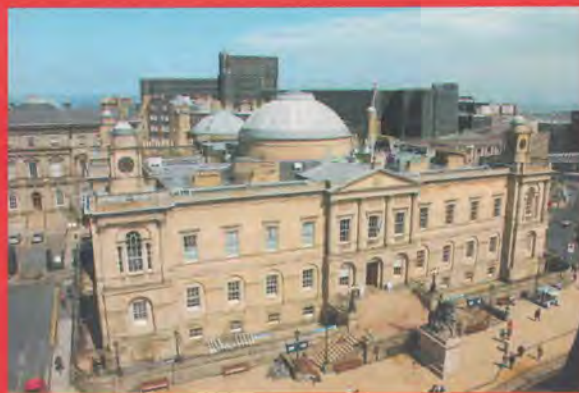
If you hit a brick wall in your own genealogy, here are a few things you can do to get you through to the other side!

Don't give up. Write queries and send them everywhere you can think of. There are places where FREE queries are accepted (including this publication). Just send to <bethscribble@aol.com.>

Join genealogical societies where your family lived. Look them up on the Internet. Send those societies your queries.

Take advantage of genealogical classes anywhere you may get to.

Never give up.



Visiting Edinburgh? Don't miss this!

Hundreds of thousands of books in a magnificent domed archive tell the tales of nearly 200 years of Scottish lives, loves, and deaths.

The early years of Scotland's archives were almost as turbulent as the country's own history, with records taken back and forth across the English border. Many were lost and stolen, while still more are incomplete. But as things grew more settled from about the Middle Ages, the country began to maintain a centralized national archives where its stories and histories could be stored.








The present-day headquarters were completed in 1863, at a cost of nearly £35,000 (£4 million in today's pounds). But their crowning jewel is a central chamber: the fireproof Dome. Measuring around 90 feet in height, it has shelves that stretch a total of four miles.

No matter how glorious the building might be from an architectural or engineering perspective, however, its real treasure lies in the half a million volumes on the shelves. From 1855, registrars have patiently recorded the births, deaths, and marriages in Scotland—as they do to this very day. Births go in the red books of the first tier; deaths are in funereal black on the second; and marriages in the green books at the top.



From Clan Grant kinsmen and women in Australia comes Scottish Names for landscape features!

Thank You

<p>BURN (a stream) [from Old Eng burna]</p>  <p>e.g. Burn of Boyndie</p>	<p>KNOCK (isolated hill) [from Gael cnoc]</p>  <p>e.g. Knock Hill, Cornhill e.g. Knock Head, Whitehills</p>	<p>BRAE (hillside, slope) [from Old Norse brá, Old Eng brū, Gael bràighe]</p>  <p>e.g. Braemar</p>
<p>KNOWE (small hillock) [from OE cnoll]</p>  <p>e.g. Golden Knowes, Banff.</p>	<p>BEN (peak) and smaller BIN [from gael beinn]</p>  <p>e.g. Ben Nevis, Bin of Cullen</p>	<p>GLEN (Steep valley) [from gael gleann]</p>  <p>e.g. Glen More (big Glen)</p>
<p>STRATH (wide valley) [from gael srath]</p>  <p>e.g. Loch of Strathbeg</p>	<p>NESS (a headland of rock) [from Old Norse nes]</p>  <p>e.g. Stake Ness, Whitehills</p>	<p>MIRE (boggy ground) [from Old Norse mjǫrr]</p>  <p>e.g. Bloodymire, MacDuff</p>
<p>HAUGH (floodplain) [from Old Eng healh]</p>  <p>e.g. Haughs of Cromdale</p>	<p>SHANK (spur or ridge) [from Old Eng scanca]</p>  <p>e.g. Shank of Barry, Cornhill.</p>	<p>HEUGH / HEUCH (crag, cliff) [from Old Eng hūh]</p>  <p>e.g. Slack Heugh Bay, Dumfries and Galloway.</p>

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Do you know how many ancestors you have? Of course not. Let's simplify the question: How many ancestors do you have in the past one thousand years? Many people do not know the answer to that question. Care to guess? (The answer is given below but please don't peek just yet.)

The number of ancestors is simple to calculate as it is a simple mathematical progression: every person has two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so on. The number doubles with each generation. As you go back in years, the numbers soon become very large.

For this example, I have assumed that a new generation appears on an average of every twenty-five years:

Answer to the earlier question: If we assume that there is a new generation every twenty-five years, an ancestor born 1,000 years before you would be 40 generations removed from you. You would have 2,199,023,255,550 (that's 2 trillion, 199 billion, 23 million, 255 thousand, 550) unique ancestors born in the previous 40 generations, assuming no overlap (that is, none of your ancestors were cousins to other ancestors).

1,000 years doesn't even take you back to the years in which Charlemagne lived! (April 2, 742 AD to January 28, 814 AD)

Now, how many ancestors have you had in the past 10,000 years? 100,000 years? I'll leave it to you to figure out the mathematics involved.

However, the answers obviously are huge numbers!

There is but one problem: all of these numbers are far more than the total number of people who ever lived on the face of the earth.

The reality is that all families can find lots of cousins somewhere in the limbs of the family tree, resulting in the same ancestor(s) showing up in multiple places in the pedigree charts. Ask anyone who has done French-Canadian genealogy or has researched any families that lived for generations in one small village almost anyplace on earth.

Obviously, you and everyone else have cousin marriages in your ancestry, resulting in individual ancestors showing up in multiple places in your family tree.

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Scottish Chief at the recent coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla

Sylvia Gaillard, Clan Lindsay

If you missed the coronation use the following link to view our chief. Lord Crawford is wearing the Ancient Lindsay tartan which tends toward pink.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1Wj0gouWG0>

The video is about twelve minutes long and Lord Crawford appears for a split second (or 2) at the position 4:30/12:25 just in front of the Sword of State bearer. Don't blink or you will miss him.

My thanks to Diarmid Lindsay in Scotland for the video and David Lindsey, Clan Lindsay Councillor, for the photos.



In photo #1 Lord Crawford is at the bottom left. Look between the two white robed men in the second photo. There he is.



If you say “sleep tight” every night to your family, think about what it really means

If you could travel back in time to the Scottish Highlands you would find this typical sleeping arrangement. You would find box beds taking up precious space in the Scottish cottages.

The country cottages and urban tenement houses were being designed with box beds until the 1900s.

By the 16th century, examples of box beds could be found across Europe, including France, Scotland, Wales, Northern England, Orkney and the Shetland Islands.

Some early American homes included the box beds.

These beds were semi private, especially when curtains were drawn across them or they were fully enclosed with door panels.

The 19th century brought concern for hygiene alongside a belief in fresh air. They were filled with stale air and were a breeding ground for bed bugs, germs and dirt.

In some areas they were just a fact of life in some places. They were wonderful for keeping warm in frigid winters.

Believe it or not, the box bed is starting to make appearances in homes across the world again. They are every bit as practical as they once were.

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

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

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Stone of Scone leaves Scotland for the King's & Queen's coronation



The COSCA newsletter, *The Claymore*

The Stone of Scone will return to England for the first time in more than a quarter of century as it journeys to Westminster Abbey to play a role in the coronation of King Charles. At Edinburgh Castle a special ceremony was held to mark the legendary stone - which has become a symbol of Scottish nationhood - starting its journey south.

The procession was led by the Lord Lyon King of Arms - the monarch's representative in Scotland - and attended by First Minister Humza Yousaf in his capacity of Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland and one of the commissioners for safeguarding of the regalia.

Mr Yousaf said after the service, which saw the historic stone piped out: "It was a very significant, historical moment. I'm delighted to be a part of it." The stone also known as the Stone of Destiny will now make its way to Westminster Abbey and will be transported in a special oak carrier constructed largely from Scottish oak, made by carpenters at Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

When it reaches Westminster Abbey, it will be placed in the Coronation Chair for the enthronement of Charles, before returning to Scotland and put on display in the Crown Room at Edinburgh Castle in the weeks that follow.

Colin Muir, senior stone conservator at HES, has the task of helping to ensure that the stone gets

to London safely and is installed into the Coronation Chair. "We've assembled a team that's involved in the transportation and installation of the stone and as part of today's events we were carrying it as a symbolic gesture through Edinburgh on its departure," he said.

Moving stone is 'high-security operation' The stone weighs 125kg but the team of six who carried it were lifting around 164kg given the equipment needed to transport it out of the Great Hall. The Coronation Chair was specially built with the stone underneath, and getting it back in will be a challenge. "It's extremely tight. In fact it will not go in straight. It's got bare millimetres to spare," Mr Muir said.

The stone is more fragile than it appears after it was repaired in the 1950s, and HES experts built a 3D print of the stone and chair to better work out how to reunite them.

Kathy Richmond, head of Collections and Applied Conservation at HES, said: "We've been working together with the collections team at Westminster Abbey to make sure that that's all done really carefully. "We've got to look after both objects because you've got to remember that the chair is also a very historic object that dates to around about 1300.

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So the teams have been working to come up with a plan, and they've done all sorts of testing just to make sure that it's going to go smoothly."

'Fitting return to Westminster Abbey'

It is a high-security operation, with the stone a polarising object for many.

In 1950, it was taken from the Abbey in a daring raid by Ian Hamilton, Gavin Vernon, Kay Matheson and Alan Stuart, with it eventually being found at Arbroath Abbey. Ms Richmond said: "We've been working very closely with Police Scotland to ensure that the transportation of the stone happens smoothly".

The Lord Lyon said: "This occasion is not only historic but underpins the traditions and values of Scottish life.

The stone has played its role in many royal occasions, and it is fitting it returns to Westminster Abbey to have its rightful position in the coronation of their majesties. It will be in safekeeping and returned to Scotland for future events."

The Stone of Destiny has been used for centuries in the coronations of monarchs and the inauguration of Scottish kings. The earliest use of the stone and exactly how and when it became associated with king-making remains unknown, but legends around its origin strongly link it with kingship and the emergence of Scotland as a nation.

The last Scottish King to be inaugurated using the Stone at Scone was John Balliol in 1292. Since then it has been used by English monarchs, and then British ones when James VI of Scotland ascended to the English throne upon the death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603.

The last time it featured in a ceremony was for Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It was officially returned to Scotland in November 1996 and put on display at Edinburgh Castle on St Andrew's Day that year.



When the stone was recovered after being stolen.

A quote from American President Woodrow Wilson...

"Every line of strength in American history is a line colored with Scottish blood."



61% of American Presidents are of Scots or Scots-Irish descent (including Woodrow Wilson!).



A loving tribute to the late Shirley Grant Smith from her grandson,

Philip Smith

“And, as Raggety Ann and Raggety Andy with an arm about each other walked towards their home, the same pleasant thoughts ran through their little cotton stuffed heads, and while they said never a word to each other, each knew and felt the other shared the same joyousness.

And, as you surly must know, there is no feeling which brings as much true sunshine to our hearts as the happiness of honest, loving friendship.”

Those are the last lines in “Raggety Ann’s Wishing Pebble”, given to my grandma Shirley Grant Smith in 1941 from her aunt. When I was a child she would pat the sofa at bedtime and have me and the girls crawl up and she would read us Raggety Ann and Andy stories from her own childhood. My favorite was the Wishing pebble.

And the funny part about it was she almost without fail would read herself to sleep, her glasses cocking off to the side as she began snoring halfway through a chapter that was meant to put US to sleep.

At 10:00 PM last night we got a text from dad saying grandma was now on oxygen and morphine. Cassie and I loaded up the car within an hour and made it to Tennessee at around 3:00 this morning. Everyone but mom was asleep so we crashed for a couple hours exhausted.

At 8:15 this morning mom came into my old room and woke me up to let me know grandma had gone home ten minutes earlier. At not even quite a week after her 91st birthday.

I didn’t get to talk to her last night but I was here last week when she was still talking and told her I’d be back to see her soon. She smiled and looked at my mom and told her “That’s my baby boy!”

This morning when I walked in to say goodbye in my pajamas grandad was crying and when I gave him a big hug he told me “You were her little boy”. And that wrecked me. But I got to sit beside the earthly shackles she had finally gotten to exchange for her long awaited

crowns. Even if just for a few minutes.

My grandma was very dear to all of us. I know it’s cliché to say if a dear one that has passed on to the next life, but I mean with all sincerity that when I tell you Grandma was the kindest person I’ve ever known in this life, I mean it with the highest amount of fortitude I can muster. I only ever remember her raising her voice once in 31 years I knew her and that was only because Abigail and I had run too far ahead of her when she took us to the Botanical Gardens in Philadelphia I believe. Simply because she wanted to keep us safe. Aside from that, the woman never had a cross word to say about anyone. Ever.

I remember when I was a kid she would get all embarrassed when my grandad would look at me and my sisters with a wink and say “You know what I do to your grandma when we get in the elevator? I KISS HER!” And she would turn all red and say “Oh Phil, stop it!”

She used to always buy us those little variety packs of Kellogg’s cereal boxes and we and the cousins would argue over who got the Lucky Charms this time until she would broker a deal and we could eat breakfast in peace.

She taught me how to play chess. For a couple years I had a chess board set up in the living room and she would write me post cards in the mail with her move and we would each move the chess pieces on our board even though we were hundreds of miles apart. I’m ashamed to say my attention span was very short at that point in my life... ok it still is, but even if I’d forget to write her back she never missed a chance to send me her next move.

She knew I loved history and any time she saw a news clipping in the paper or a magazine at a store about the Revolution or the Civil War, she would bundle them up and mail them to me, even after the internet became a thing.

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She used to set me up on her electric typewriter, her pride and joy, and I'd hammer out a half a page of gibberish before needing her to come unjam the paper and load me a new one. She was so proud when I published my novel and demanded a signed copy.

It's because of her we are proud to be members of Clan Grant. She would always take us to the clan tent at the games and introduce us to our distant relatives, and growing up whether it was Highland dancing, piping, or drumming, she would always light up when we'd tell her about our latest Highland Games competition. She always wanted to take us home to Grantown on Spey in the old country, and see the ground where our ancestors fought over cattle and for (and against lol) the Bonnie Prince in '45. She would show us pictures of Castle Grant when she's visited and spent time with her personal friend, the Clan Chief. She taught us the true meaning of the motto "Stand Fast", right up till today. And had I a mountain of purple heather at my disposal, I'd light the fires in her memory and scream "Craig Elachie" for all to hear and remember how much she loved her people and their history.

Her clan wasn't the only thing I inherited from her. She taught me how to tell a story, how to laugh at even the silliest of things. She taught me how to be sweet to everyone, she passed on her genetic love for shrimp and would be mortified any time dad told the story about how she had all you can eat shrimp at a restaurant once and the chair just happened to break under her that night, even though she weighed maybe 50 pounds soaking wet. She was a Master Gardener and when she found out I had a farm and was growing tomatoes tried to get mom to wheel her into her room so she could find all her master gardener books to let me take them home and read them. My earliest memory with them was being in Their garden next to the tire swing they had out back, and for the rest of my life be it short or as long as hers, I will think of her laughing face when that sour smell of a healthy tomato plant wafts through our little holler.

But most importantly, she never ever lost sight of what was truly important. For such a small woman, her faith was as strong as an old oak constantly reaching for

the heavens and the savior she put her trust in. She missed being able to come to worship her King when the years took took their toll on her and she couldn't get out of the house anymore. But that woman was crawling to the van every Sunday and every Wednesday she could until she simply didn't have the strength to get out of the house. And at the end she wasn't concerned with what came next for herself because she knew where she was going; it was with Grandad and those she was leaving behind because she had that assurance and confidence that her Savior keeps His promises to those that love Him with their whole heart, soul, and mind. Like she did.

The last four years have been a roller coaster with her health since they moved in with mom and dad. Yet every time we got to visit I cherished it thinking over and over this would be the last time I got to kiss my grandma, and then she would rally, have a few good days, and eventually the good days became fewer and farther between.

But she went peacefully, holding grandads hand and without pain. When my Granny passed it wrecked me because I had to say goodbye on the phone from Florida and never got to say a proper goodbye. I'm so glad she held on long enough for me to say as many goodbyes as I could. And it's just surreal that this last time was the last time.

I'd be lying to say I havnt been crying all day. I'd be lying to say I'm glad she went home, because selfishly even though I know she's gone where she can walk sing and laugh again, I'm gonna miss her laughter here something fierce. I'm sorry she won't get to meet my baby, but I can't wait to tell my child all about her. I'm glad she was such a big part of my life. I'm glad I got to say goodbye. I'm glad I got 31 years getting to spend on the same planet as Shirley Smith. She was one of my best friends.

And though I'm sad today, I'm so thankful for the time I had with her. And now she and Granny can save me a seat together because the next time I see her there will be no more tears.

After all, as you surly must know, there is no feeling which brings as much true sunshine to our hearts as the happiness of honest, loving friendship.

See you soon Grandma.
Thagaolagam ort gubràth.
I love you Forever.



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