## SPRING 2022 Newsletter of the Clan Grant Society-USA AIGELLACEIC

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

Kit Hevron Mahony Watercolour, Springtime Lilacs



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 everyone,

Welcome to the spring *Craigellachie*. I hope you found the Easter holiday pleasant and you had an opportunity to be with your family.

As we approach the summer we are seeing evidence that more of the Scottish festivals and games will be resuming after being closed because of the pandemic. I am checking in with the Games Commissioners to see how things are going, and we'll let you know in the next newsletter which games we believe will have Grant tents.

Walker's Shortbread has agreed to again provide products for the Grants to give away from our tents.

Lena and I are doing well here in South Texas although the weather is starting to become warmer/hot, which is not surprising given that it is April, after all. I hope you and yours are well

Thank you for your continued support of the Clan Grant Society - USA.

Those of you who need to renew your membership please be reminded!

Stand Fast!

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

Sixth Elected President Clan Grant Society-USA US Representative of the Chief of Clan Grant

## Pullet-zer Prizes

These are the members and friends of the Clan Grant Society - USA who have made this publication possible: Dr. William Sawyer Grant, Jeff Click, Carol I. Alexander, Kevin Minoli, Brianna James, Candace L. Coates, James Blake, Bryan L. Mulcahy, Matt Prepost, and Lena Grant.

The next issue will be August 2022.



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### Our Clan Chier



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

### Clan Grant Society Seeking an assistant webmaster!

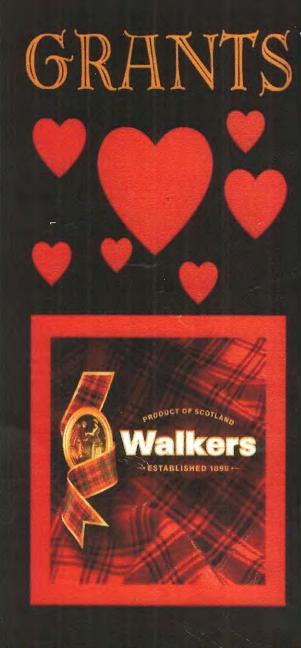
Clan Grant Society - USA is looking for an individual interested in being the Assistant Webmaster to help maintain our society website as well as being a backup for the current webmaster.

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

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

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

Please send an email to admin@clangrant-us.org expressing your interest and listing your experience.



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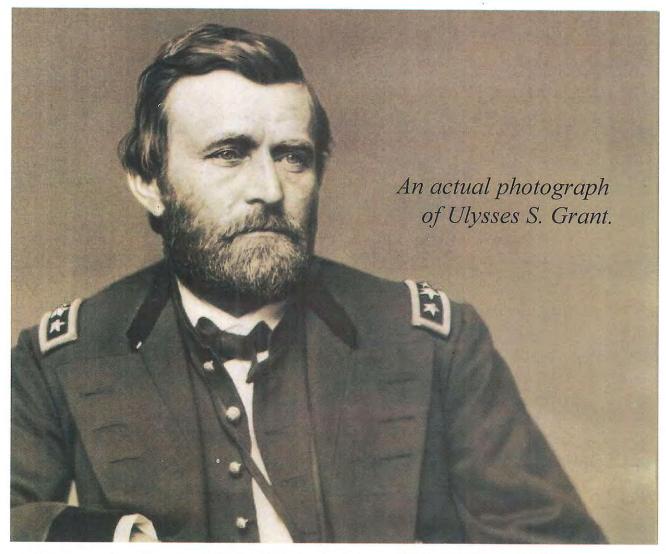
A few new wrinkles, A wee bit less hair A new ache or twa, it's really not fair A waistband that's tighter is just no great. Och we're a'in the same boat. So well, just celebrate!

# It's Great to be 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>



Before becoming the 18<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant led the Union Army during the American Civil War.

He is widely known as one of the greatest generals in history. He was even the Secretary of War for a little while.

One of his most remarkable achievements was becoming the first former President to circumnavigate the world on his post-presidency tour.

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## Ulysses S. Grant's very brief life story

### Mostly from the Internet

Hiram Ulysses Grant was born April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, Ohio, the first child of Jesse and Hannah Grant.

When Ulysses was one year old, his family moved to the nearby town of Georgetown.

Jesse Grant supported the family as a tanner making animal hides into leather.

Ulysses did not like working at the tannery. Instead, he would take care of the family farm, and care for the animals, especially horses.

He attended several grade schools in Ohio and in Maysville, Kentucky, and thought about becoming a math teacher.

When Grant stated that he would like to go to college, his father got him an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

By mistake, his name was listed on the roster as Ulysses S. Grant, and although he tried to correct it upon

entering the Academy, they informed him it would require a new appointment. Knowing this would upset his father, Ulysses accepted the change.

His classmates soon nicknamed him United States or Uncle Sam Grant, and then called him Sam Grant.

Ulysses graduated from West Point in 1843, 21<sup>st</sup> out of 39 cadets graduating that year.

He was assigned to the 4th U.S. Infantry regiment stationed at Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, Missouri.

Ulysses' roommate his last year at West Point was Fred Dent, who had grown up at a nearby plantation called White Haven.

Grant was invited to visit the home, and during a visit, in February 1844, he met one of Fred's sisters,

Julia Dent Grant. The two fell in love and became engaged before Ulysses was stationed further south.

During the Mexican War, Grant served in nearly every major battle of the war and was twice brevetted for bravery.

Ulysses and Julia married in St. Louis in 1848 after the conclusion of the Mexican-American war.

Grant was assigned to several different posts before resigning from the army in 1854 to try his hand at farming in St. Louis at White Haven.

Grant struggled on the farm, however, and in early 1860 the family moved to Galena, Illinois, where Ulysses worked as a clerk at his father's general store.

With the outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861, Grant offered his services to the U.S. military and quickly rose to fame following his victories at Forts Henry and Donelson, where he earned the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" Grant.

He rose through

the ranks and was appointed by President Lincoln to become commanding general of all Union armies in March 1864.

Grant supported Lincoln's war aims of union and freedom for the nearly 4 million African American enslaved individuals in the South.

Following Lincoln's enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation, Grant made sure that the enslaved men, women, and children who escaped to Union lines were protected and cared for.

After being promoted, Grant worked diligently to bring an end to the war. He accepted Confederate General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of

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Northern Virginia on April 9, 1865, effectively ending the Civil War.

After the Civil War Grant was elected the 18<sup>th</sup> President of the United States in 1868. During his two terms, Grant supported and signed the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, giving African American men the right to vote.

His Native American "peace policy" revised government relations with Native Americans and attempted to protect Indians from people who wanted their land, although the results of these policies were mixed.

He sought free public education for all, regardless of race, gender, or religion.

On March 1, 1872, Grant signed legislation establishing *Yellowstone* as the nation's first national park.

In international affairs, he peacefully settled major disputes with England over its support for the Con-



federacy during the Civil War, setting up a framework for international arbitration.

And, contrary to popular depictions of Grant's administration being one of the most corrupt in U.S. history, President Grant instituted civil service reform in the executive branch to reduce the negative effects of patronage and the spoils system.

The recommendations of the Civil Service Commission would not become law until after President Garfield's assassination in 1881.

Once the Grants left the White House, they embarked on a two-year world tour and settled in New York City.

To offset the loss of his personal fortune to a Wall Street scam, Grant wrote his memoirs of the Civil War, which were completed just a few days before his death from throat cancer on July 23, 1885.

Published posthumously, *The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant is* still considered one of the best military commentaries ever written.



# At Culloden, where was Clan Grant?

The Battle of Culloden was fought by the Scottish clans on the side of Prince Charlie and the British army with the Duke of Cumberland on the other side, Scot's against the English.

This is not quite right. You had clans on both sides, and you had clans that did not come out for either side. Some clans such as Clan Gordon and Clan Grant were represented on both sides.

In the case of Clan Gordon, the chief of Clan Gordon took the side of the English but his brother

Lord Lewis Gordon with many from Clan Gordon joined the Jacobite side. Clan Grant of Glenmorriston came out to fight on the Jacobite side, while Clan Grant of Freuchie opposed them on the English side.

Clan Rose tried to remain neutral, on 14 April 1746 Hugh Rose of Kilravock, chief of Clan Rose entertained Bonnie Prince Charlie. On 15 April Hugh Rose entertained the Duke of Cumberland. You can't get more diplomatic than that.

The chief of Clan MacQuarrie took no side but did not stop his clansmen from doing so. This also happened with a lot of small clan groups.

If you would like to read the entire copyright article, just visit: < http://unknownscottishhistory.com/ pdf/Who%20Fought%20on%20What%20Side%20 at%20Culloden.pdf>



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### The Balvenie Caribbean Cask, Aged 14 Years The Most Handcrafted Single Malt

The Balvenie is a unique range of single malts created by David Stewart, The Balvenie Malt Master. Each has its own unique taste, but each is rich, luxuriously smooth and underpinned by the distinctively honeyed character of The Balvenie.

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### **Tasting Notes**

NOSE: Rich, sweet and creamy toffee on the nose combines with fresh fruit notes

TASTE: Rounded with vanilla and sweet oak notes, with a fruity character that develops with time

FINISH: Soft and lingering

### Awards and Accolades

- 2013 Gold, International Wine & Spirit Competition
- 2015 Gold Outstanding, International Wine & Spirit
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### **Product Features**

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- Bottled at 43% ABV.



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## Elected & Appointed Officers Clan Grant Society, USA

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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.





## The whole Grant family going to Scotland at last April 26!

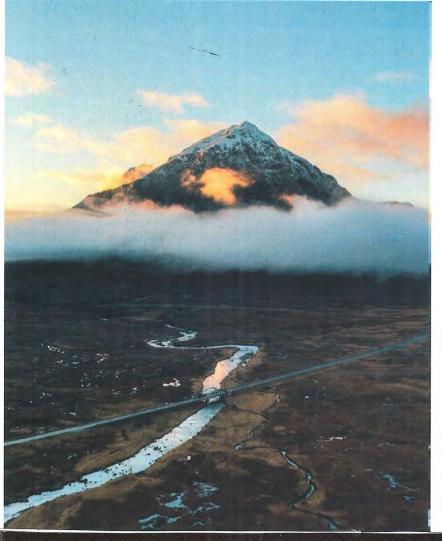
Hi Beth- My name is Kevin Minoli and I am a member of the Clan Grant Society because my grandfather on my mother's side was Albert Grant, and his parents William and Mary (Duncan) Grant immigrated to the US from Aberdeen.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, barring another COVID spike, I am taking my parents to Scotland to see where my grandfather's family lived in Aberdeen and then to see the Inner Hebrides, Isle of Skye, and Orkney.

If there was interest in our trip either as an intergenerational family (I am 46, they are 75) making our first trip to Scotland or as what it is like to travel at this point in the pandemic or any other angle, we could send some pictures and draft something you could include.\*

\* YES, PLEASE! We look forward to photographs and the story of your trip!

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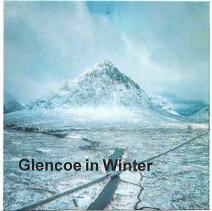
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## Buachaille Etive Mòr, Highlands

One of #Scotland's most loved Munro peaks!

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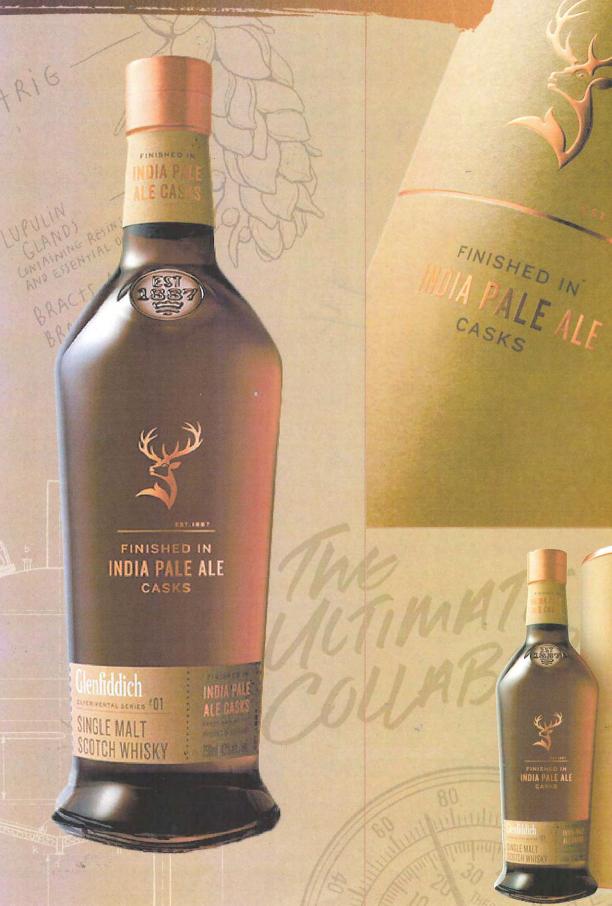


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## **BEAUTY IMAGES**





## New Clan Grant member has sent a combination Query and story about her and her Grants!

### We enthusiastically welcome new CGS member Brianna James

to the Clan Grant Society - USA!

My granny, KATHLEEN ROSS GRANT, was born on July 13, 1922, to parents WILLIAM and JESSIE GRANT of Fload Farm, Dornoch, Sutherland in Scotland.

Fload Farm was located within the estate of Industrialist Andrew Carnegie, west of Dornoch in the Highland county of Sutherland, Scotland overlooking the Dornoch Firth.

Her father, WILLIAM GRANT, was well known for his sheep and cattle, which he raised on leased land in Tain and south Clashmore.

Granny loved helping her dad with the farm.

WILLIAM and JESSE had five children, the second oldest being my granny.

She attended grade school on the Skibo estate. She then attended the West of Scotland Agricultural College in Craibstone and graduated from Aberdeen University while surviving WWII.-

Granny met the love of her life, EDVIN ALLEN HIETANEN, at a local dance.

He was stationed in Scotland from

Canada with the Forestry Corporation during the war.

He proposed to Granny at Skibo Castle and they were married on December 20, 1945, in Dornoch.

In 1946, Granny left Scotland and sailed to Canada aboard the *RMS Aquitania* with all the other war brides to a new world.

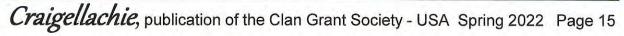
She united with her husband and they settled in the Finnish community of Intola, Thunder Bay,

Ontario.

Skibo Castle

With great perseverance and determination, she adjusted to a new culture and way of life.

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The early years were spent running the family farm and participating in community activities where she brought her love of all things Scottish, especially music and dance.

Granny was part of the Clan Grant Society which was headquartered in Guelph, Ontario.

My grandparents had three children, the youngest of which is my mother, ANNE HIETENAN (now MCDOWELL).

My mom moved to the west coast of British Columbia and also had 3 children.

All of my family still resides in Canada.

I live in Oklahoma with my husband JONATHAN and our five children.

My granny passed away on April 8, 2015, at 93 years old in Gold River, BC.

Granny was the matriarch of our family and had such a strong spirit; one that will never die.

My daughter has studied Highland dancing and my husband is currently training for his first Highland games.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Clan Grant Society, I know it is making my Granny proud.

If you have any information on Brianna's family, or just wish to meet her via email, just use <bri.james.rn@gmail.com> The email address is bri.james.RN(not capitalized)@gmail.com. It's just hard to read.



## Clan Grant has bred a new kind of sheep - the "beginner tartan" sheep!

It is common knowledge that any and all tartan is simply two striped patters with one striped pattern being used vertically and known as "beginner tartan" and the other striped pattern being used horizontally. When combined the two create the more traditional tartan.

MacAdamia Grant, one of the most admired and respected sheep breeders in Scotland, announces that he is developing this new breed of sheep, which will create Scottish tartans right from the shearing of the sheep.

The first of the experimental tartans will, of course, be the Grant tartan!

The sheep for the first year of this new breed are shown above. This is the vertical "beginner" pattern with the horizontal pattern to be developed next year.

Just a wee bit belated APRIL FOOL!

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After the phone call, last night I was still unsure of just how to proceed. Yes, I had always been around horses for most of my life starting as a young child. Even so, being asked to work with a pair of foals under a month old was not something I had any real experience with. My friend was quite confident that I was up to the task otherwise she would not have recommended me to their owner.

It was time to go dig through that vast collection of horse books my mother and I had built over the years to see if there might be something useful that addressed the questions I had about how to proceed. Fortunately for me, I also had friends who were professional horse trainers that I could ask as well if I ran into any problems.

About the worst that

could happen would be getting bitten or kicked. With horses that is to be expected. Why should working with a young foal be much different?

I knew both their mothers and had remembered having met the gray mare, Gracie, years ago when I had first started working at the horse farm. She had come back to the home farm to have her foal. Liddy, the other expectant mother was a beautiful shade of glowing deep brown, what we call a bay. She was a bit on the chubby side but a lot of that was due to her pregnancy.

Their foals had been born several weeks apart. Gracie had a boy, referred to as a colt. Liddy had a little girl referred to as a filly. Gracie's colt is a halfbrother to Maggy. The colt was quite a bit more delicate looking due to being that much younger.

## The Bay Filly

Candace L. Coates, Clan Grant Society-USA member

It was hard to really get a good look at him at first as his mother Gracie did everything she could to keep me from getting too close. I had a few horse treats with me and offered one to his mother. She was quite happy to get a treat. While Gracie was contented to munch on her treat she was distracted just enough to allow me to see her foal. The colt was a miniature of his mother in coal black with a tiny white star on his



forehead perfectly centered between his eyes. When he is five years old he will eventually become pure white just like his mother. The owner named him D'arcy

Considering how overprotective Gracie was, I knew it just wasn't worth getting kicked as the colt was barely a week old it would take another two

weeks before I got safely within touching range of her foal. Eventually, D'arcy followed close behind me and would prove to be more of a challenge to work with than his sister Maggy.

D'arcy and his mother were sent to their new home in the fall. By then Darcy had changed from jet black to a beautiful shade of Stirling silver-gray with a bit of white on both back feet. Their new owners hope to keep Darcy as a stallion and he continues his advanced lessons with a new trainer. From me, he learned good ground manners and after much hard work, he has become a joy to be around.

The morning I was to start with the foals was one of those typical spring days so common here in

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#### life.

Liddy, the mother of the filly had gotten used to me as I had spent time with her before her foal had been born, by giving her the sort of attention all horses love. Having gained the mother's trust, I knew that it would be more likely that I would be able to get close to the little filly without a problem. A few horse cookies always help. It's all about the quality of the bribe.

As expected Liddy was quite happy to see me and came up to me to get her treat. Meanwhile, her foal was close by but was not too sure about me or

my intentions. After giving Liddy a good scratching behind her ears and a pat on her neck, I crossed the modest size paddock and sat down on a bale of straw. I knew that eventually the little one would be bursting with curiosity and would eventually come over to me. All I needed to do was to be silent and not move.

After twenty minutes passed, my patience was rewarded and the filly

slowly walked over and stretched out her nose to gently breathe on my hand. Slowly I reached out to the foal and touched her nose. Then Maggy went back to her mother for reassurance. I stayed where I was and did not move. It must have taken about an hour before being able to finally touch the filly's neck.

Not bad for a start I thought. I then left the paddock to go do some other things around the barn.

The horse trainers I knew all said to keep the sessions short, about fifteen minutes is the average attention span of a young horse and this one was no exception. Over the course of the summer, I would spend an average of an hour's worth of time broken into these short fifteen-minute sessions.

By the autumn Maggy had progressed in her training sessions so that she would come when I called

her and was quite content to get brushed follow where I would lead her. Getting her to the point where she could be brought into a stall in the main barn to be fed her grain was another step in the training process. It sometimes would take two people to convince her that stepping down into a stall was expected and that it was just as routine as being outdoors. Bringing in another horse Maggy knew into the stall next door helped as well. There are times she can still be a bit stubborn but for the most part, she has started settling into a routine. –

After weeks of work, I could bring little Maggy



out on her own to start learning about the world beyond the back paddock. I had been working with her in the indoor riding ring to get her accustomed to seeing things like construction cones. This next session dealt with more common things found around a farm. The two large green plastic garbage cans that were parked out in front of the barn

looked like a great way to start. I had led her past those in the earlier session but had not gone near them. Now was the time to show her that these were harmless. I walked with her to the first can and let her see me tap the side of the can. She was not so sure about the noise. Maggy being curious came up closer to the can and touched it with her nose. Satisfied that it wasn't moving she tried nipping the side of the can. I don't think she liked the taste!

The next goal for this session was for her to see what we called the pony house. This was a structure that wasn't that much bigger than the run-in shed she was already familiar with except that the pony house was completely enclosed except for a front Dutchstyle door and of course a back gate that would be *Continued on page 19* 

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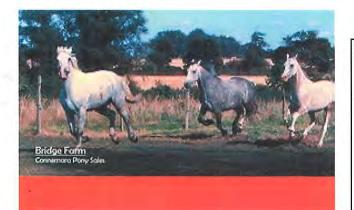


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left open during the day giving access to a small paddock area which was occupied by a pair of miniature ponies.

As we walked toward the pony house, the smaller of the two minis quietly walked into the pony house. Just as the filly and I were passing in front of the pony house, the mini put his head over the top of the door and called out unexpectedly to Maggy. At that point, she was so startled by the sudden appearance of the very vocal mini that Maggy planted all four feet to the ground and gave a series of bucks then jumped sideways in a violent shy. I had to let go of the lead rope by that point to avoid the serious risk of being kicked or dragged. As soon as she stopped bucking and kicking I walked up quietly up to her and reassured her. Then I lead her back to her paddock behind the main barn. She had done very well with her first real scary experience.

Horses are social herd animals and need a leader that they can trust to guide them. Little Maggy continues to learn more of the world outside of her paddock and is learning to trust my guidance and directions. When she is fully grown, she will become someone's favorite riding pony.





Hi, Beth and Clan Grant,

Not sure I have much to contribute, but I can say farewell to the US - some ten years after arriving -- as a shy, reserved Scotsman -- can't quite say I have been transformed into an American, but I do enjoy the beer, and some of the beautiful places I have visited.

I am not quite sure how to describe the move in bagpipe terms: probably not a lament, probably not a reel, probably not a slow march,more of a strathspey - the analogy being that some parts move quickly with a dash, then you have to hold some other notes -- in my case -- plans for longer.

When I was younger, I played in various competitions - and indeed was placed as part of a team -- that came third in the Scottish pipe band school event; the Strathspey was *Caledonian Canal!* 

In any case, enough rambling, wishing you success and let me know if you're ever in Scotland.

Cheers, James

James Blake (jmblake1personal@gmail.com)

The Bay Filly was published in the American Connemara . That is the official publication of the American Connemara Society. July/August 2017. The Mares and Foals Issue.

## The 1950 Census has been released!



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 was released by NARA on Friday, April 1, 2022.

Aggregated data has been previously been 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 sum-

maries 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



### Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

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.

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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.

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 installation appear 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 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.



### Scotland's largest known Pictish fort reconstructed in stunning image

Three-dimensional images of Burghead in Moray have been created by the Universities of Dundee and Aberdeen.



Scots have been given a rare glimpse of the past thanks to teams at two Scottish universities, who have managed to create stunning images of how Scotland's largest known Pictish fort may have looked over one thousand years ago.

The incredible recreation shows how Burghead in Moray would have once looked using three-dimensional images.

It was created by a University of Dundee professor based on archaeological excavations by the University of Aberdeen.

Part of a wider project to reveal more about Scotland's Pictish past, the images were funded by Historic Environment Scotland and show the enormous defensive ramparts, which were once thought to be eight meters thick and six meters high.

The recreation shows how the Pictish fort would have been laid out.

It has long been known that Burghead was home to a large Pictish settlement, though historians believe the 19th-century development of the town it has since become had eroded most traces of this important period of its history.

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## The FREE Press Scottish clan chief's visit unites Grant descendants

#### This article originally published in 2012

### Matt Preprost

Dancers perform a traditional folk dance at the start of the Union National Métisse of St Joseph of Manitoba's 125<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration at St. Boniface Cathedral on Saturday. Across the city, Métis descendants of Cuthbert Grant gathered to celebrate their Celtic connections.

FOUR cities, three countries, two continents, and one man at the center of it all.

The park at Grant's Old Mill in St. James cracked open like a history book Saturday as a throng of hundreds braved the heat to celebrate 18<sup>th</sup> century Métis leader Cuthbert Grant.

Grant descendants as far away as Montana and the Yukon found themselves in Winnipeg for the first

time as Sir James Grant of Scotland, known as Lord Strathspey, marked his official visit to the city.

Strathspey will declare Cuthbert a clan member today, making his descendants an official sept (branch) of the Grant clan.

"I think it's neat we're able to come to-



### Cuthbert Grant

gether, meet one another and make some new friends," said Emerald Grant, who traveled more than 1,000

kilometers from Browning, Montana, to attend the event.

"A lot of the people here are my relatives, but if I would have walked in front of them in Wal-Mart, I wouldn't know who they are until today."

The Grant clan dates back 1,000 years, with bloodstock from the Vikings. There are about half a

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### Scotland's largest Pictish Fort,

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The landward ramparts were leveled and part of the seaward defenses was destroyed in order to build the modern harbor.

More than 30 Pictish carved stones were discovered during this destruction of the fort but just six carved bulls have survived along with fragments of early Christian sculpture.

When University of Aberdeen archaeologists first began excavations there in 2015, they expected little to have survived such extensive building work close by.

But over the last five years, a very different picture has emerged and the digs, led by the University's Professor Gordon Noble, have yielded some of the most significant Pictish items and building remains ever uncovered.

It is this work that has enabled such a detailed reconstruction of how the site may have looked.

Professor Noble said: "The scale of houses and buildings we have discovered evidence of show that this was a densely populated and important Pictish site.

"We have found many objects which have helped us to learn more about the everyday lives of Burghead's inhabitants between the  $6^{th}$  and  $10^{th}$  centuries AD.

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SCOTLAND

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million Grants worldwide and 142 clan chiefs in Scotland, Strathspey said.

"I wanted to make the ties between ourselves at home in Scotland and here," said Strathspey, who was carried into the park on a Red River Cart.

"I feel it's important to reconnect with people from all over the world. There are not many clan chiefs that are doing this."

On Saturday, guides in historical costume led visitors on tours of the mill and re-enacted scenes from the fur trade by Sturgeon Creek. Manitoba Historical Society members spun wool, while volunteers grilled hot dogs, and the Norman Chief Métis dancers mesmerized the crowd with the rhythmic stomps of a Red River jig.

"It's a uniting of the old and new world and the sharing of information," said Sandra Horyski, a Grant descendant and organizer with the St. James-Assiniboia Pioneer Association, which operates the mill and invited Strathspey to Winnipeg. "It's the recognition we're part of a whole and linking together people culturally."

Grant played a pivotal role in the development of the Red River Colony.

As a Métis captain, he led the North West Company forces at the massacre at Seven Oaks in 1816. In 1828, the Hudson's Bay Co. named him Warden of the Plains, tasking him to marshal the Métis in defence of the Red River Settlement.

Grant later became councilor, sheriff, and magistrate of the District of Assiniboia, and is considered one of the founding fathers of St. Francois Xavier.

Aside from inheriting the Grant clan nose, Cuthbert embodied the smart, hardworking, and determined grit that runs through the clan's blood, which filtered down to his company, Strathspey said.

"They were strong, they knew how to deal with horses, they knew how to drink, and they knew how to rally the troops," he laughed.

## Scottish Highland Games in Scotland for May and June 2022

https://scotlandwelcomesyou.com/scottish-highland-games/ Games for May and June 2022 are here. For the complete schedule, please visit the URL above.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Possible cancellations or postponements. Please check with the venue/event organiser for updates.

Highland Games are held in many countries throughout the world where there are Scottish connections, but this page is dedicated solely to Games Events in Scotland.

\*For most of the Gatherings, you just need to turn up on the day and pay for entry.

If tickets are required, full details will be available on the official Games' websites.

#### SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES CALENDAR 2022....

These are must-see events, combining a cultural treat and a fun day for all the family. You'll find them in most parts of Scotland, so wherever you are, you won't be far away.

#### **MAY 2022**

Gourock Highland Games 8th May 2022, Battery Park, Greenock

Gordon Castle Highland Games 15th May 2022, Gordon Castle Estate Carmunnock Highland Games TBC, Glasgow

Blackford Highland Games 28th May, 2022

Atholl Gathering and Highland Games 28th – 29th May 2022

#### **JUNE 2022**

Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games 4th June 2022

Strathmore Highland Games 12th June, 2022

Ardrossan Highland Games 12th June 2022

Cupar Highland Games 19th June 2022

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This is from the new issue of Costco Connection magazine: Great Scot! Thanks to Lena Grant for sending it in!

### It was

### Time for Tartan Day on April 6, 2022.

The day recognized the Declaration of Arbroath, a document signed on April 6, 1320, that was sent to the Pope to declare Scotland's Independence from England. It is particularly relevant to Americans: with many of our Founding Fathers being of Scottish descent, Scotland's declaration was used as a model for our own Declaration of Independence.



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> Drumtochty Highland Games 25th June 2022, Drumtochty Glen

Aberdeen Highland Games 19th June 2022

Ceres Highland Games 25th June 2022



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