



Clan Graham

### The Clan Graham Badge

The Clan Graham Badge (above) is the crest from the arms of the Duke of Montrose - Chief of Clan Graham. The crest depicts an eagle attacking a heron and is surrounded by a buckled belt. *Clan Motto: NE OUBLIE - Never Forget*

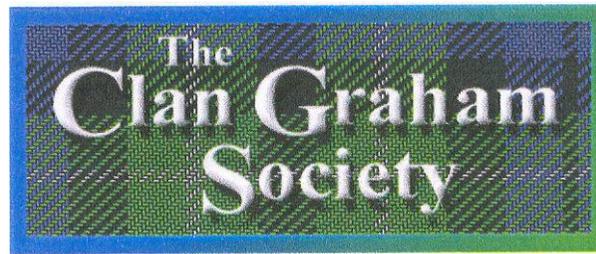
### Society Purpose

To promote the general interests of the Clan and to cultivate the spirit of kinship, fellowship and sociability among Clan members throughout the United States and Canada, with those of the Graham Family of Scotland and their Septs and descendants in Scotland and throughout the world. To inspire among members and descendants the pride and spirit of Scottish ancestors embodied in their history and ideals.

**Clan Chief: His Grace, the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose**  
**Society Chieftain: Richard Graham**  
**Society President: Jim Nethery**

**Central Canada Commissioner: Don Graham**  
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**Canadian Membership Chair: Alan Graham**  
**Canadian Newsletter Editor: Ann Belanger**

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### The Graham Clan

The clan system arose in Scotland around the 11th century and was a complex society. The clan family was headed by a chief who was owed allegiance by all members of the clan. Each clan was made up of the descendants of one man and his children but the clan was also accompanied by an added number of dependent and associated families called Septs and cadets. Others often sought the protection of the clan at some point in history or were tenants or vassals of its chief. Today a clan is a social group whose core comprises a number of families derived from a common ancestor.

### The Graham Tartan

The official tartan of the Clan Graham Society is the modern Montrose Graham (shown above). There is an alternative tartan - the Mentieth Graham. This provision is made as a courtesy to the descendants of the Mentieth Grahams (peerage line extinct). There is also an Ancient Montrose and Mentieth that use colours that represent the older traditional vegetable dyes.

### Clan Graham Society

#### Armorial Bearings

The Clan Graham Society was founded in 1975 and in 1994 was granted our own armorial bearings by Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland. The shield of gold has three joined pellets in black with a gold scallop on each pellet. The crest is a falcon from our Chief's Arms grasping a chain to indicate "drawing and keeping clansmen together."

Our Society motto is  
*Riaghail Agus Maraon – Loyal and United.*

## An Invitation



"Loyal and United"

## The Clan Graham Society

Invites all Grahams in Canada to join  
our Clan Society.



We are a volunteer group whose main goal is  
to cultivate a spirit of family kinship and  
inspire among all Grahams the pride of their  
Graham heritage.

# The Origin of the Grahams

Scholars have long debated the origin of the people and the name, *Graham*. Some say the Grahams are descendants of the Graeme who commanded the armies of Fergus II in 404 AD. Others are equally convinced that they are of Norman descent, while yet others claim a Flemish or even Danish descent. Which is correct? For a complete examination of the subject read The Origins of the Grahams by Nellie Graham Lowry, Society Genealogist.

# Early Grahams in Scotland

"It is remarkable that the early Grahams were one and all exceedingly capable men. In an age when the reputation of many great public figures, alas, that of most of the Scottish nobility, were sullied by deeds of violence, and often deeds of blackest treachery, it is refreshing to find that the Grahams stand out as loyal and true to the causes they espoused. Their story is not one of rapid rise to power through royal favor, or even at the expense of their peers, but rather a gradual steady rise based on their undoubted ability and worthiness which seems to have endured from one generation to another."

Historian John Stewart

**My hope would be that those associated with the name of Graham would be a repository of the best of traditions that we are asked not to forget, some of which are contained in the concept of chivalry, bravery, and Christian service to your fellow man."**  
- His Grace, the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose

# Grahams Today

In addition to there being an estimated 100,000 Grahams in Canada, they are also scattered all over the world - especially in former British colonies. In every land they have distinguished themselves as statesmen, writers, clergymen, scientists, - in fact, in every honourable occupation and career. Many are still living today and carrying on the traditions of the "Gallant Grahams" of old.

# The Advantages of Membership

**As a member of the Clan Graham Society in Canada you will enjoy these benefits:**

- Opportunity to network with other Grahams in Canada and beyond
- Receive the informative international Clan Graham Newsletter quarterly.
- Opportunity to wear Scottish attire at meetings, games and other events
- Learn more about famous Grahams and the pride of our unique culture
- Keep up to date on local happenings with the Canadian Newsletter - The Laurel
- Enjoy the camaraderie in meeting other Grahams with similar interests
- Opportunity to learn more about Scottish history and culture
- Receive assistance and support when researching family history
- Opportunity to travel with other Grahams and tour Scotland together
- Satisfaction of belonging to a Clan Society.

# Names of the Graham Descendants

In Scotland the families of Graham are listed as Graham, Grahame, Graeme, Grim (Grimes), Menteith and Montrose.

There are many branches of the major families, some of which include: Airth, Allardyce, Blair, Bonar, Bonnar, Bonner, Bontein, Bontine, Buntain, Bunting, Hadden, Haldane, MacGibbon, MacGilvernock, Menteith, Monteath, Pye, Pyott, Pitcairn, Graeme and Grahame.

**All Grahams of any spelling as well as Sept and Cadet families are invited to join our Society.**

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Canadian Membership Application

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on Membership Card (max. 26 characters including spaces) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name on membership card \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is \$35 CDN per year for Regular (one person) or Regular with Spouse. Associate Memberships available for \$35 for those without direct Graham lineage. If you wish to receive the Clan Graham Newsletter by e-mail membership is only \$20.

Membership Type: (X one) Regular .....Regular & Spouse.....Associate.....Associate & Spouse..... Ck enclosed \$ .....  
Please make cheque payable to Clan Graham Society and mail to:

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