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# REIVER

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Don Lytle carries the Clan Little Banner  
at the North Arkansas Highland Games  
in Batesville, AR, April 1996



Ross & Phyllis Little  
at Fredericksburg, VA

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Chris & Matt Little  
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We are no longer mentioned in any clan listing on the Word Wide Web but members do post mention of CLS on the newsgroups and bulletin boards on the internet. We are also mentioned in the following site:

<http://www.geocities.com/MotorCity/2824/Little.htm> (all that goes in the address spot) by member Bryan Little of Richmond, VA

### President's Podium:

Over the past year, we have all been looking forward to the Scottish Games in Pleasanton, California and our first west coast AGM. We thought that it would be a good one and we weren't disappointed. Clan Little Society-USA-Ltd took up two tent spaces (plus a Little bit) and had a crowd in, out and around it for both days. One of our attractions was a booth set up by Pat Maddox (Little Genealogist) for COSCA, an organization that provides information on clans and Scottish history. A great deal of credit for the tent setup and the warm reception everyone received at our tent must be extended to our Vice President/Marishal Ross Little. Proper credit should also go to Jim, Phyllis, and Ginny Little and all the many Littles who staffed the tent. I want to thank every one involved for their splendid efforts to insure that all present had a full measure of attention and had comfortable surroundings. The weather was warm, the games colorful and the company was family friendly.

Some of the people attending came from the east coast and farther. A few of our notables were Steuart Emeritus A. Patterson Little and Sally from Georgia, Head Genealogist Pat Maddox and her husband Rex from Virginia, Treasurer Dr. Clary Little and his daughter Alice from Maryland, South West Regional Commissioner Don Lytle and his wife Frances from Louisiana, Dick and Jan Little from Pennsylvania and Capt. Mike Little and his wife Sharon from Italy. Other members came from the states of Washington and Arizona, the rest of the clan were our very loyal and helpful California members. It was wonderful having you all there.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting are included in this issue of the West March Reiver. If you have any questions or comments concerning the minutes, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Our society has a few new items that we are offering for sale. One is a pewter Kilt Pin sporting a Clan Little badge for \$15. Badges and badge necklaces are also \$15. A beautiful Reiver lapel pin is available for \$7 and coffee cups are on order. These and all Clan Little items can be ordered from our Quartermaster, Jim Little at 418 Sturtevant Dr, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, or phone (818) 355-5258. In most cases you may also purchase items at a Clan Little Tent at the Scottish Games. We are also investigating the purchase of the Little tartan on a cotton cloth. If you are interested in this type of material, please let us know how much you might want, so that when ordering we will have a better idea of what we will need.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new Regional Commissioner, Mr. Patrick Little from Saline, MI. Pat will be completing our present positions as Commissioner of the Mid-west Region. The regions have been slightly changed by adding Michigan & Indiana to the Mid-west. Welcome aboard & thanks Pat.

Conveners are a fairly new position and have similar responsibilities as the Commissioners as far as Games and Tents are concerned.



They will be under the direction of the Regional Commissioners and the executive committee. Many of our good folks have been volunteering for the games and now we want to give them more help, direction and responsibility. We are looking for more conveners, so if any one is interested, please contact our Vice President Ross Little. Our first official Convener is Richard Holt from Auburn, Washington, a very talented fellow and a real asset to the clan. What would be an ideal goal is to have at least one convener from each state.....let's work on that!

Clan Little now has three pipers. Chris Lyttle, a world class piper (originally from Scotland now residing in Georgia and our first piper), now is joined by two new pipers on the west coast. Mark Little from Fresno, CA and Robert Burns from Ocean Beach, CA. Hopefully we will get them together with Jim Little (our Quartermaster) on the drums and have a clan concert in the near future. Look for it!

When I last checked with George Little, our membership secretary, we had 125 renewals and new members which rounds off to be approximately 240 actual members. We're growing and we should be proud.....only about 44,760 Littles to go!

Our piper from Fresno, Mark Little, is also very good with computers. As soon as I can get the proper material to him he promised to set us up with a page on the internet. When this happens, we'll let you all know about "The Little Page" so you can tune in.

We are starting to become international as we now have three members from outside the USA. Don Little and Jim Lyttle both from our good neighbor to the north, Canada, and now Jim Little from the UK. Jim Little is an extremely gook genealogist and someone that has much knowledge concerning Little history, lands, and the borders. Jim will eventually be helping us when possible and time permits. We'll be looking forward to new information on some of our ancestors and their local history.

Enough for this time! Thanks for listening.....enjoy your society.....get involved.....and let's hear from you.

Yours aye,

Bob Little

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## *how scotland was created*

At the beginning of time God was discussing the creation of the world with the Angel Gabriel. Leaning back in His golden throne, He told him of His plans for Scotland.

"Gabriel," said God, "I am going to give Scotland towering mountains and magnificent glens resplendent with purple heather. Red deer will roam the countryside, golden eagles will circle in the skies, salmon will leap in the crystal clear rivers and lochs, and the surrounding seas will team with fish. Agriculture will flourish and there will be a glorious coming together of water with barley to be known as whisky. Coal, oil, and gas - all will be there. The Scots will be intelligent, innovative, industrious and....."

"Wait a minute!" interrupted Gabriel. "Are you not being just a wee bit too generous to these Scots?"

But the Almighty replied, "Not really. I haven't told you yet who their neighbors are going to be!"



## annual general meeting minutes

The Annual General Meeting of CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY, USA, Ltd., was called to order at 6:30 PM, August 31, 1996, at the Caledonian Games, Pleasanton, California, by Robert C. Little, President. There were 27 members present:

David & Kathy Little  
Jason David Little  
Ross & Phyllis Little  
Pat L. & Rex Maddox  
Saunie MacGregor & her son, Rob Roy  
Dick & Jan Little & their son, Tom  
Capt. Michael Little & his wife, Sharon  
Mike & Lori Little  
Don Lytle  
Clary Little & his daughter, Alice  
David & Heidi Little  
Jim Little  
Pat & Sally Little  
Richard Holt  
Bob & Ginny Little

President Bob thanked Ross & Phyllis for their excellent tent setup. He then introduced the officers, & the new members.

President Bob asked for the treasurer's report. Treasurer Clary Little began his report by reminding the membership that he had assumed responsibility for this position in January 1996, at which time the checkbook balance was \$2,444.02. He briefly outlined various expenses and reported a current balance of \$2,378.90. A full copy of this report is attached to these minutes and is to be considered a part thereof.

Bob then requested a report from Vice President Ross Little. The first item of his report concerned the Clan Campbell trophy presented at the Spring Highlands Festival, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, to the Clan Little Society, USA, Ltd., for the Best History of all clan societies represented at that Games. This is to be a rotating award, with names of all recipients engraved on the plaque. Clan Little Society, USA, Ltd. is the first recipient of this trophy. It will be returned to Kevin & Maggie Little in Pennsylvania for safekeeping until next year's Festival.

Vice President Ross continued his report with a brief discussion of the Little auto, manufactured in 1913, by the Little Auto Company, which was later absorbed by General Motor and is considered by many to be the predecessor of the modern Chevrolet.

Vice President Ross then discussed the addition of a stamp requesting address corrections that was used on the meeting notifications recently mailed to members. Use of this stamp resulted in the receipt of many address changes. He also felt the response cards were very helpful in planning the meeting.

Activity report for the past year included:

<u>REGION</u>	<u>GAMES AVAILABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>
Northeast	69 Games	35 members
Southeast	23 Games	58 members
Northwest	9 Games	11 members
Southwest	14 Games	7 members
California	47 Games	50 members *

\*Plus those new members signed up today, August 31, 1996

The membership expressed satisfaction with these numbers. It is felt that the Clan Society is growing at a good pace.

Pat Little Maddox, Genealogical Coordinator, reported that her records need to be computerized. She has been in contact with Mike Little, who has volunteered to transfer her written records to his computer. He will be using the program "Ancestral Quest," which is the choice made by President Bob after researching those programs available. Mike will probably be happy to accept any help offered by other members. It is anticipated that the time frame needed to transfer all these records will be close to a year, if not more.

Pat Little, Steuart Emeritus, was then asked to make a few remarks. He said first that he was having fun at these Games and was very glad he had come. He noted that he had observed everyone doing all those things that Littles do best, i.e., making people feel welcome at the Little tent. He feels we have come further, in a higher quality manner, than any other organization with which he

# *a tribute to the spouse*

By BOB EDGAR

A normal North American  
Stood next to you, hand in hand.  
The preacher led you in your vows,  
Your wedding day was grand.  
You kissed, they cheered, you cut the cake.  
You had finally tied the knot,  
But now be warned about your spouse  
You are married to a Scot.

Though bred and born and reared and  
Schooled in the Western Hemisphere,  
Their mind begins to wander  
and their thoughts begin to veer.  
A book, a scarf, a bagpipe tape  
Really didn't cost a lot.  
Oh, but that's just the beginning  
You are married to a Scot.

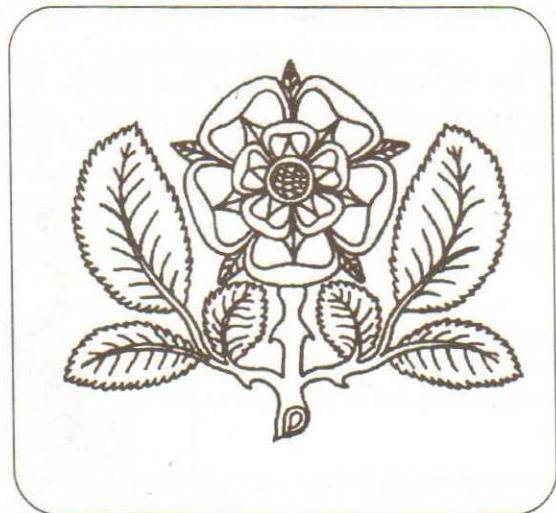
The hope of some vacation calm  
Goes up yet again in flames.  
The next five summers have been booked  
around the Highland Games,  
with coolers, banners, flags, and chairs now  
You wish you'd packed a cot  
'Cause you're stuck staffing the clan tent  
You are married to a Scot.

At least a baseball game is called  
When it's raining cats and dogs.  
But you sit, soaking wet, and watch  
Your kids toss rocks and logs,  
the dancers dance, the pipers pipe,  
And the noise makes your nerves taut,  
But you just grin and bear it all  
You are married to a Scot.

You long for more variety  
In your wardrobe choice and plan.  
Instead your closet overflows  
With colors of the clan.  
In tartan this, and tartan that  
You are always feeling hot  
In woolens clear up to your ears  
You are married to a Scot.

Time for leisure, surf and sun?  
Now at last you're both retired.  
Your spouse thinks ten more Highland  
Games would be a lot more fun.  
You'd love to sit and take a nap,  
Find the peace for which you've sought  
Instead you march in the clan parade.  
You are married to a Scot.

So when all of life is over  
And they rest your mortal bones,  
The sod, at last, will shield you from the  
pipes' infernal drones.  
Then Saint Andrew will reward you  
In that special, quiet spot  
That's reserved for those in heaven  
Who were married to a Scot.





## news Bits & pieces, from us, about us

We want to thank Ted Sheldon for designing and creating the past president medal. The medal was presented to Pat Little at last October's Stone Mountain Game. *-Ed note-this was supposed to be in the last issue. My apologies to Ted. Maggie*

Our vice president (marischal) Ross Little's grandson Douglas Earl Little graduated from high school in Harrisonburg, VA this June. Doug has begun college at Old Dominion in Norfolk VA. His membership was a graduation present from his grandparents. *Hint: memberships make great gifts!*

A Clan History Award was won by CLS at the Edinboro PA games hosted by Kevin & Maggie Little. We are to advise the awarding of next year's winner. Our display book, genealogies, tartan and friendliness seemed to give us the edge.

Don & Frances Lytle and George and Debby Little made trips to Scotland this year.

Laura Lee Little, Pat & Sally's daughter, was married September 28 to Albert Patrick Thomas Bossie in Savannah, GA in a Celtic/Scottish themed wedding. The couple will reside in New Mexico.

Member SueAnn Forgatch is searching for a book titled Fragmentary Memories..., an account of the Clan Little, and Ancestry of James Little, 8 vol., illus., 1913. The above information was copied from a reference list of a book on clans. If any of you know of this book, please send the information to The Reiver & it will be forwarded.

On July 6, 1996, the City of Saline Michigan held the first annual Saline Celtic Festival. As Mayor of Saline, new commissioner Patrick J Little had the privilege of presiding over the event. He represented Clan Little by wearing his kilt in the Tartan and his clan badge. Plans are already underway for next year's Festival. The 1997 date is set for July 5. More information will be provided as the date draws nearer.

## clan little game schedule

Clan Little Society USA Ltd members hosted tents at various Highland Games and Scottish Festivals throughout the fall. This was a chance to meet fellow Littles and get to know who we are.

Please let us know if you are planning on hosting a tent in 1997. Notify your regional commissioner or your editor at the phone numbers on page 2 so we can help you in any way needed.





has been associated.

Jim Little, quartermaster, announced to all members those items offered for sale by the Clan Society, and urged all members to pass on all ideas and suggestions for other items to him.

President Bob told the members that the Clan Piper for this region, Mark Little, of Fresno, California, was unable to attend these games due to requirements of his job. He has offered to institute an advertisement on the Internet for the Clan Society. In the discussion following, Jim noted that he had originally found us through a note on the Internet, placed there by David Little of Acworth, Georgia; he feels strongly that this is a good move for the Clan Society to make. Pat Maddox noted that COSCA (Council of Scottish Clans Association) had tracked the growth of various clan societies and found that those groups advertising on the Internet had grown at a much faster pace than those not doing so.

President Bob mentioned that we always need volunteers, specifically at this time, he is looking for an historian and someone interested in promotion. There is also talk of producing a cookbook, which would require a chairman and assistants.

President Bob then presented a new wrinkle - Little Border Bucks. These are small bogus dollar bills, printed under the auspices of the Clan Society, and are to be used as legal tender within the Clan Society. Submission of items to the Reiver, such as stories, recipes, "Little-isms", etc., will earn Little Border Bucks, which can then be spent on dues, clan jewelry, etc. All members are encouraged to earn and spend Little Border Bucks.

All new members get a membership packet, which includes, among other things, a brief clan history, a letter from the president, a list of all items for sale, and a copy of the latest edition of the Reiver. There will be issued, by the end of this calendar year, a nationwide directory of all members. If a member's address label on the Reiver carries a red dot, that will indicate that member's dues need to be renewed. After the first of the year, the Clan Society will publish a list of all "Lost" members; all current members will be asked to review this list and contact those who can perhaps be renewed.

Maggie Little has sent a copy of the poem "A Tribute to the Spouse," by Bill Edgar. President Bob asked Sally Little to read the poem to the group. We all suspected that the author had been peeking over our shoulders! He was very perceptive in his thoughts.

President Bob then mentioned that we had gone a long time with no representation in the UK and announced that Jim Little, of Ascot, England, had agreed to become an honorary member in our society. He has served the Littles well for a long time, having done a great deal of work on the Little genealogies and history. We are grateful for his work in the past and look forward to a continued association with him in the future.

There have been questions concerning the differences between, and the connections between, our Clan Little Society, USA, Ltd., and the Clan Little Society in Scotland. President Bob explained to the group that we are not competing societies - we are simply aiming toward different goals, although we are still trying to work with the group in Scotland. At Roots '93, there was held a general membership meeting and several decisions were made and bylaws ratified. After Roots, members went home and soon discovered that those decisions had been changed, modified, and in some cases, ignored. Because of some of these changes, several clan societies in other countries dropped out, i.e., Canada and Australia soon ceased to exist, the Society in the UK was almost non-functioning when their Stuart position was eliminated, and our Society in the US, through general agreement of all members, was completely reorganized into a brand new entity. Our Society is not now, nor has ever been, a rival of the Society in Scotland - we simply feel it necessary to follow our own agenda under the laws of our nation. We feel there is much knowledge of our heritage in Scotland and hope someday to all be one society again; but that is impossible now.

A copy of the current bylaws of Clan Little Society, USA, Ltd., was given to all members present and a discussion led of several proposed changes:

1. It is proposed that the titles of our officers be changed from the Scottish terms (i.e., Stuart) to the more commonly-known American terms (i.e., President), with the exception of Stuart Emeritus. The Scottish forms will be used only in ceremonial occasions. Jim Little moved that this proposed change be accepted; it was seconded and duly approved unanimously.

2. It is proposed that the title of Stuart Emeritus be added to the bylaws. Jim Little moved that this change be accepted; it was seconded and duly approved unanimously.

3. It is proposed that the title of "convener" be added to our list of society positions. The convener would have the duty of putting up and organizing a tent at a gathering. It is not considered to be a full-time job; it is to be the society representative at a specific gathering. This position will be filled at the discretion of the regional commissioner involved and the vice president. A motion was made to accept this proposal, seconded and duly approved.

4. It is proposed that the term of office for all officers will begin on the first day of the year following election to office. This is felt to be necessary due to the variances in timing of the annual general meetings, since these meetings are rotated among various gatherings. A motion to accept this proposal was made, seconded and duly approved.

The question was then asked if the title of "commissioner" needs to be changed, in that other terms seem to be used on occasion.



The general consensus was that the present title was satisfactory and the use of any other terms were simply inadvertent slips of the tongue and should be considered incorrect.

President Bob displayed an inlaid wood plaque designed and executed by Capt. Michael Little; this plaque can be produced at a cost of \$45.00. A sign up sheet was passed through the assembled group.

The time and date of the next annual general meeting will be announced in the next edition of the Reiver. Investigations are currently being made as to available facilities at several different Games and gatherings; a decision will be made when these investigations are complete.

The meeting was then duly adjourned, with thanks to President Bob and his lady Ginny for all the preparations they had accomplished. Haste ye back!

Sally R Little  
Acting Recording Secretary

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### Treasurer's Report, July 31, 1996

Balance as of 01/01/96:	\$ 2,044.02
Add:	
Total cash receipts	<u>\$ 1,065.00</u>
Less:	
Total cash disbursements	<u>\$ (730.12)</u>
Cash balance as of 07/31/96:	<u>\$ 2,378.90</u>

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### Recommendations

Many of us are furthering our interests in our Scottish heritage by taking classes, independent reading, collecting music, and exploring the internet. Please send us your recommendations for any such items. Here are some suggestions from other members:

Movie: *Rob Roy* - even if it isn't exactly accurate...(like *Braveheart* wasn't) but the scenery is fabulous.

Musical Group: *Tannahill Weavers* - great battle ballads make history fun.

Internet site: *Virtual Celt Page -- Links to the Internet's Celtic offerings:*  
<http://www.underbridge.com/vcelt/index.htm>.

Book: *The Historical Families of Dumfriesshire and the Border Wars* by C. L. Johnstone - recommended by Bob & Florence Little.



# a little fun

## BORDER FAMILIES

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ARMSTRONG

BEATTIE

BELL

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DOUGLAS

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IRVINE

JOHNSTONE

KERR

LITTLE

MAXWELL

NIXON

ROBSON

RUTHERFORD

SCOTT

TURNBULL

WALLACE

YOUNG



## this issue's recipe:

SHORTBREAD - FROM SCONE PALACE  
TOURBOOK

8 oz. butter  
4 oz. castor sugar  
8 oz. plain flour  
4oz. rice flour

Cream the butter and sugar together and slowly add the flours until the mixture forms a smooth dough. Roll it on a lightly floured surface to about the thickness of half an inch. Using a biscuit cutter, cut out the biscuits and place on a greased baking sheet. Prick them with a fork and bake at 325 F for about twenty to thirty minutes. Allow to cool before transferring to a wire rack.



## *Braveheart* - a review By James A. McDonald

*Braveheart* is an absolutely excellent movie which I can recommend to anyone. Having said that, it must next be said that many of the details are at odds with what little we know of actual history.

William Wallace was from southwest Scotland and was not a Highland Gael living on what looks to be the slopes of Ben Nevis. If he spoke Celtic at all, it would have been the P. Celtic of his area, which had formerly been part of the kingdom of Strathclyde...in other words, his racial background would have been as a Briton or Welshman. It is highly doubtful that he would have known how to put on a belted plaid.

As a professional forester, I was particularly happy with one scene (Wallace deer hunting) which showed that Sitka Spruce was being planted at least by c. 1270. As this is a North American west coast species, we must leave the seed collection up to your imagination.

Wallace is first heard of in 1297 as a young knight who got into a brawl with some English soldiers at Lanark. With the help of a girl - possibly his wife - he escapes. The sheriff kills the girl, and Wallace kills the sheriff. Pretty close to the movie!

The battle scenes at Stirling Castle and Falkirk are magnificently done, although the details get mixed up and even include some of Bannockburn - as in the light cavalry decimating the English archers.

It is wonderful to contemplate Wallace as being the ancestor of the English royal family, but it just ain't so. He was executed in 1305, and the "child in my womb" with which Isabella taunts the old King, was not born until 1310. The old King, the English nobility and, last but not least, Isabella his wife and queen, were certainly disgusted with Edward II's rather unusual romantic entanglements, but there is nothing to suggest that he was not the father of Edward III. However, in 1324, Isabella, who was not without reason known as "The She-Wolf of France", and her latest lover, Roger Mortimer, effectively dispatched Edward II in a particularly gruesome fashion. For exact details of his fate, see page 319 of *Volume I, The Birth of Britain* of Churchill's *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*.

Wallace's execution was handled about as well as a "hanging, drawing and quartering" could be done without emptying the theater; however, the rack was no part of this execution which Edward I had designed as a proper fate for people he considered to be rebels.

To me, the worst corruption of history was just at the end, when it was suggested that Bruce's army had gathered at Bannockburn to submit to Edward II. No such thing! They were there to fight, and that they did, making us independent until 1707, when English gold bought the Scottish Parliament.

The great thing about the movie is that Wallace is most properly portrayed as being the first to raise the banner of nationalism in Scotland...in fact, the first in the Western world...over a century before Joan of Arc did the same in France.

Prior to Wallace, the feudal system was dominant and it promoted land ownership across national boundaries; this in turn caused the divided loyalties which Edward I used so successfully against the Scots nobility.



In turn, Wallace taught nationalism to Robert Bruce, and Bruce himself taught it to the world when, in 1320, he caused to be written and affirmed by the whole Scots nation, the Declaration of Arbroath, the most pertinent part of which is:

*Our nation lived in freedom and peace until the mighty Prince, Edward, King of England, the father of the present king, aggressively attacked our kingdom, while it was without a head, and our people, who were both guiltless of any wrongdoing or perfidy and at that time unaccustomed to wars or invasions. No one who did not know them from experience could describe or fully appreciate all his outrages, massacres, violence, plunder and burning...sparing neither age, nor sex, religion or order,,.But we have been liberated from these countless evils by our valiant Prince and Sovereign Lord Robert (Bruce)...To him as the author of our people's deliverance we are bound. ...and are determined to be loyal to him in everything. But if he were to abandon our cause by being ready to make us or our kingdom subject to the king of England or the English we should at once do our utmost to expel him as our enemy...and should choose some other man to be our king, who would be ready to defend us. For so long as a hundred of us remain alive we are resolved never to submit to the domination of the English. It is not for glory, wealth or honour we are fighting, but for freedom, and freedom only, which no true man ever surrenders except with his life.*

This is Wallace's true bequest to the world.

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From your Editor:

Well, I survived another newsletter. I got many nice notes about the last issue. Thanks to all who wrote or called. Special thanks to my husband, Kevin, who helped so much this year. Thanks to all who have contributed. If I didn't use your article in this issue, I will in a future one. Anyone who wants to contribute ideas or articles is more than welcome. I apologize for the delay in publication.

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**red sticker newsletters**

Next issue REALLY will be marked with a red sticker on all of the memberships that have lapsed or are not paid up for the previous year. That issue will be your last until your dues are made current. This will apply to those owing dues for 1995, not the current renewal period. Membership runs from July 1 to June 30.

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**IT'S DUES TIME**

Please send your renewal dues of \$15 per family membership, \$10 individual membership to George Little, 113 Seminole Street, Savannah, GA 31406 as soon as possible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Full/Associate member - single subscription \_\_\_\_\_ \$10  
Full/Associate member - family subscription \_\_\_\_\_ \$15



This question has often been asked by those who are unfamiliar with Border history and believe the Scottish clans were confined to the Highlands. The answer is that the Littles were undoubtedly a clan, and moreover a rather special sort of clan like many of their neighbours on the Scottish Border in Liddesdale, Eskdale and Annandale and a fair number of the clans of the Highlands and Islands.

The position was clearly stated long ago in an Act of the Scots Parliament sitting in Edinburgh in the reign of James VI, King of Scots, designed hopefully to impose some order and obedience on the unruly subjects of the King dwelling in the Borders, Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

The Act contains two rolls of names, clearly distinguishing between landowners and their followers on the one hand, and chiefs and the clansmen on the other. The first roll names 22 such landlords in the Middle and West Marches of the Border, and 105 in the Highlands and Islands. This roll is the list of the names of all the landowners and land stewards dwelling on the Borders and in the Highlands where men lived and still live who are neither answerable to, nor under the protection of, any chief.

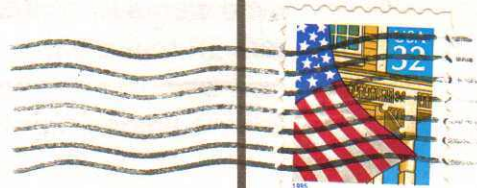
In complete contrast is The Roll of the clans on the Border as well as in the Highlands that have captains, chiefs and chieftains (and special individuals

heading branches of the said clans) on whom the clan depends, and who they will follow, even though quite often this be against the wishes of the landowner whose tenants they are.

This second roll lists 34 such clans in the Highlands and Islands and 17 in the Middle and West Marches of the Border. The Border seventeen are: in the Middle March—Elliotts, Armstrongs, Nixons and Crosars, and in the West March—Scotts of Ewesdale, Batesons (Beatties), Littles, Thomsons, Glendinnings, Irvings, Bells, Carruthers, Grahams and Johnstones, Jardines, Moffats and Latimers.

From this Act it can be seen that in Scotland whereas many "surnames" had no chief to acknowledge and were thus members of Families rather than clans, those that acknowledged a chief to be followed independently of the wishes of a mere landowner were in a different category altogether and considered to be the true Clans. The Border Littles are not one of Scotland's many, many Lowland Families, nor are they one of the clans so-called, for **Clan Little of the West March of the Scottish Border is one of Scotland's true clans, of which there are only fifty-one in all of Scotland.** That some of the chiefships are vacant or dormant does not alter the principle that these fifty-one are Scotland's only clans in the proper sense.

## Are the Border Littles really a clan?



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