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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Greetings from the President's Podium! It's Summer and the games are in full swing. We're trying to improve our presence at these events and getting a very good response. Much of the effort comes from our Vice President and Commissioner Ross Little and his wife Phyllis, who have expanded our West Coast membership by a considerable amount.... For this we all thank them, and every Commissioner, Convener, and volunteer who has worked so hard.

Please take special notice of the article concerning this year's election of Officers. It looks like we have a good slate this year; however, if you think that you would like to serve and could benefit our organization, don't hesitate to let us know.

At the Costa Mesa Games in Southern California, Jim Little, our Quartermaster, asked me to accept his resignation, and I reluctantly did so. Jim has done an exceptional job, but because of the demands of a new work situation, he felt that he needed extra time to develop and expand his new position. Jim still plans to be involved with CLS as much as his time allows, and we all will appreciate time and efforts he can share. Before he stepped down, Jim donated a supply of Reiver coffee cups to the society, which will be available at all clan tents and from the Quartermaster's supply. Thanks again, Jim, for your generosity and hard work. My wife Ginny has agreed to take over the Quartermaster position until a new replacement can be found, but says to "make it quick!" Because of this change of hands the new merchandise list may be a little late, but it will be available and soon. We'll keep you updated.

In my last letter, I announced that we had a home page on the web, and for those of you who have looked us up, I know you've been pleased. We have now taken the next step and have received a domain name that will be available to anyone inquiring about the Littles, and will be picked up by most major search engines. It's officially listed as <http://www.clittle@clanlittle.com>. This home page should prove to be the way in the future to inform all those interested in their Little heritage, update members on CLS information and events, and persuade potential members to join. Try us out!

Lastly, I would like to address our Membership Directory. It was pretty much a disaster, with many mistakes, enough so that correction labels would not be practical. A new issue will be published for all current members as soon as all the corrections can be made. My error for not following through; I apologize and hope that it has not caused any major inconveniences.

Ginny and I will be putting our house up for sale this Summer and plan to move back to Texas where our daughters and their families call home. We hope to make a long side trip to Scotland between moves, so I have decided to step down at the end of my term in favor of a younger and more energetic generation. I'll probably have one more chance to talk to you after the Annual Meeting at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado (September 5 - 7). By the way, these games have more unique features than any games you have ever attended. Try to make it, and if you are considering going (a great mini-vacation), let me know and we'll send you a brochure with all the details. Hope to see you in the mountains!

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Yours aye,
Bob

CLAN LITTLE GENEALOGIST

Pat Little Maddox

You may wonder whether or not genealogy is an active department of Clan Little. The answer is an emphatic **YES!**

A few years ago A. Pat Little asked me if I would take on the job of Clan Genealogist. Protesting that I am not "certified", I suggested the title of "Genealogy Coordinator" might be a better description and agreed to put the Clan's growing genealogical records in order until an accredited genealogist could assume the duties.

If experience counts, I have been a full time researcher since the late '80's and a part-timer for six to eight years before that... not much of it on my own Little lines, however, as both of my two Little lines were Mormon and long ago published. My personal references include: Noble K. Littell's books; Harriet Little's "Descendants of William Little, Junior"; "Andy Little, Idaho Sheep King"; Genealogical Helper; "Family Tree"; National Genealogical Society; and 17 other genealogical and historical societies with publications. When I can find the time, I also have the National Archives, Daughters of the American Revolution Library, the Library of Congress, National Genealogical Society Library, etc., close at hand.

About half of you have responded to my request for your ancestor charts. Let's hear from the rest! What happens when I receive them? First, the data is transferred to a standard chart to fit into my notebooks, then each name on the chart goes into a master index or database. The index information includes: full name, year of birth/death/marriage, county/state/country of birth and death, parent, spouse and record identification so I can locate the chart. My index had to be something better than one of those frustrating ones which list "Jones 3, 8, 20, 68" etc., sometimes listing 50 or so entries and so I developed one which really works - and is easy to use, too!

Last July 7th, Mike Little of Cohutta, Georgia took all of the files I had home with him to begin the job of computerizing those Clan files. It created some confusion because more charts kept coming my way and they need organization. As a result, I have all the records once again and have been trying to integrate the two groups of data so we can find all you folks some fellow researchers. Incidentally, the index also includes all the non-Little names on your charts, usually the youngest of a surname is listed and this entry includes a "+" sign indicating more people of that surname are on the chart. Some of you have been very lucky in discovering much new data on a non-Little line. I ask that you please include charts which are as complete as possible if you wish this help on your non-Little lines.

Mike discovered that the program he was using would store great quantities of data and records but would not search between records of different persons for common data. That does us no good without an index or database to tell us on which record we will find information such as "William Little, son of George, b. 1893 in New York", etc. My patient and busy husband, Rex, agreed to begin computerizing my database in a program he already had on his computer, but folks, it is slow going! Let me assure you that the paper files are in good order, however, and I am ready for the new season. Please send me your charts, and even though we "worked" eighteen Games and Festivals in 1996, there should be time to put your information into our database as we'll probably be staying at home much of this year. Let us hear from you!

REVIEW BOARD FORMED

A Clan Little Society Product Review Board has been formed to investigate, review, and recommend new and old items that could be authorized by our society. This board will hold in its quite talented hands the responsibility for maintaining the expected quality and appropriate product suitability of all society merchandise. The board is made up of our Quartermaster, Secretary (or designate), and the head of our Graphic Arts Department. The board is now in place and consists of:

Ginny Little
Di Norkus
Laura Lee Bossie

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or product that you would like to have considered; please direct them to Ginny Little, Quartermaster, 16729 Cooper Road, Nevada City, CA 95959. Special recognition will be given to all persons submitting items that are chosen.

Several Items Concerning Changes in Our By-Laws

It seems that during the last Annual Meeting several changes to our By-Laws were proposed and voted on which are invalid. Our By-Laws state that all members should be notified 30 days prior to the meeting concerning changes to those By-Laws. That was not done. The change that was made changed the start of the officers' term from the end of the election meeting (AGM) to the January 1st following the meeting. The reason for the change is that we try to change our Annual Meeting to different Games around the country each year, and the terms of office and Game sites would be restrictive. This year we will revert back to the original rules and all officers will assume office immediately at the close of the Annual Meeting in Estes Park on Saturday, September 6th. If the change to the first of the year seems to be a good idea, we can bring it up again next year and do it properly.

One last housekeeping item that needs to be addressed and voted on concerns an error in Article 4, Section 4.1 that states:

The Council shall consist of the four primary elected officers (Steuart, Marischal, Secretur and Mailin), the immediate Past Steuart, and all commissioners, and the four Incorporators. These Incorporators are to be considered permanent Council members until death or resignation or for some other reason are unable to serve. These four positions will not be refilled after the initial four Incorporators cease to serve.

Note: the Articles of Incorporation list only two (2) Incorporators and four (4) Board of Directors members. The intent was to have the initial Board of Directors serves as permanent members, not the Incorporators.

Therefore, you may cast your ballot for this change by mailing the ballot provided below to:

Mr. Bill Little
946 Tope Street
Port St. John, FL 32927

CLSUSA Ltd. Ballot for correction to the By-Laws

I vote to replace the name Incorporators with initial Board of Directors in all the appropriate places in Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Clan Little Society USA By-Laws.

Please check one:

	Member 1	Member 2	
	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Date <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

CLSUSA Merchandise Order Sheet and Price List



Cap Badge



Kilt Pin



Pendant with Chain

The above items are made from beautiful pewter castings

Item	Price	Quantity
Large Cap Badge	\$15.00	_____
Small Badge	\$15.00	_____
Pendant w/Chain	\$15.00	_____
Kilt Pin	\$15.00	_____
Reiver Logo Lapel Pin (Black, Gold & White)	\$7.00	_____
Reiver Coffee Mug (White w/Reiver - both sides)	\$7.00	_____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (____) _____ - _____
 Subtotal \$ _____ + S&H \$ _____ = Total \$ _____

Please add \$1.50 (S&H) for first pewter item and lapel pin. For each additional item, add \$.50. For coffee mugs add \$3.00 (S&H) per mug. Make checks payable to Clan Little Society USA Ltd., send to Ginny Little, Quartermaster, CLSUSA Ltd., 16729 Cooper Road, Nevada City, CL 95959.

ELECTION TIME

According to our By-Laws, it's time for the election of Officers again. A nominating committee has been appointed and their nominations are in. They are committed to select one nominee for each office and present the chosen names to the Society Council for approval. The following persons have been approved by the Council:

- George Little - President: George has been a member since 1992 and has held many offices since that time. He has probably been best known as our very able Membership Secretary. I would imagine that we have all been in touch with George at one time or another.
- Patrick Little - Vice President: Pat is our Commissioner in the Northeast Region and the past mayor of Saline, Michigan. His past experience should prove invaluable to us and help us grow.
- Dr. Clary Little - Treasurer: Clary has also been a member since 1992, one of the Incorporators of this Society, and Treasurer since its formation. Under his capable direction CLS USA has continued to prosper.
- Di Norkus - Secretary: Di is a fairly new member and mother-to-be (October). She has consented to combine the Membership Secretary and Secretary offices into one. Di is Vice President of Marketing for her company and has the enthusiasm and knowledge to do a great job for us.

That is the slate of officers as seen by the Committee and Board. However, if there is anyone not already approached who would like to run for an office, please contact Bill Little (946 Tope Street, Port St. John, FL 32927/407-639-2789/ littleb@tng.net), and we will make sure that your name is placed on the ballot. Ballots will be sent out to all paid-up members in early August.

NEWS BITS & PIECES, FROM US, ABOUT US

DON LYTLE RECOVERING

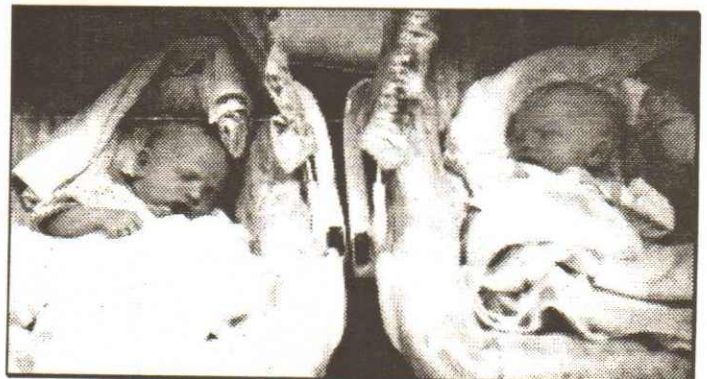
Don Lytle, our Commissioner for the Southwest Region, is recovering from a successful quadruple bypass operation. In May, Don started developing symptoms of acute angina, and soon after it was decided to rectify the problem through corrective surgery. Everything turned out well. His wife Frances says that she is doing everything to keep him healthy and keep off the pounds. Don claims that he is improving by leaps and bounds - sounds like pure poetry! Between the two of them, Don and Frances sound good, and if everything goes as planned, we can expect to see them at the Annual Meeting in September. We'll look forward to it. Best wishes from us all!

If you would care to send a card to Don, write to:

Don Lytle
125 Beta Drive
Lafayette, LA 70506

NEWEST MEMBERS!

The latest additions to the CLSUSA family, Michael William and Melinda Elizabeth Little of 946 Tope Street, Port St. John, Florida, arrived on July 17, 1997. Dad Bill (your new Reiver editor) and mom Susan are adoptive parents, and took custody on Tuesday, July 22. The kids are doing just fine; mom and dad, on the other hand, haven't had a good night's sleep since. Michael (on the right) is the vocal one, loudly letting the world know of all the things that upset him, like having his diaper changed. Melinda, on the other hand, quietly dreams of new ways to make her new parents see to her every whim. But that's okay; we're glad they're both here, and love them just the way they are!



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THE EDITOR'S DESK

Bill Little

By now, you may have noticed a few slight changes in The Reiver. There's a good reason for that. There has been a handoff of editorial duties from Maggie Little to me, Bill Little. I'd like to thank Maggie for relinquishing the reins so gracefully, and promise you all that that I won't let you down. I will make every effort to continue bringing you all the Clan news that's fit to print in as timely and expeditious a manner as possible. Thanks also to Bob Little, our president, for giving me the opportunity to take over this job.

By way of introduction, let me tell you a few things about myself. I'm 44 years old, a native

Floridian and lifelong resident of the Sunshine State. I'm married to Susan, and the proud daddy of twins, Michael and Melinda (see the News Bits & Pieces column for more details on that piece of happy news). I work for NASA at Kennedy Space Center as a computer scientist. I consider myself extremely lucky in that I have a job that I love, one that pays well, and is actually fun. I don't know of any other place where one could enjoy his work, get paid for it, and get to walk outside the office every so often and watch the world's largest flame thrower get lit! Believe me, you haven't lived until you've seen a shuttle launch up close and personal.

My involvement with the Clan Little Society began in 1994 as I was going through my late father's personal papers. A cousin of mine had sent him a clipping from a Scottish newspaper about the society, and it piqued my interest. I wrote several letters to various papers in England and Scotland in an effort to contact Aileen Little, the author of the article. The response I got was from none other than the venerable Dr. Johnnie himself, and I've been a member ever since. My association with CLSUSA began when I responded to an ad in The Highlander. Susan and I have met some really fine folks through both the U.S. and Scottish societies, and we look forward to making more friends as our involvement grows.

Being a new dad, I've found that a lot of my old hobbies and pastimes have suddenly taken a back seat to higher priorities, like changing diapers. I'm afraid my SCUBA diving days are over for a while, as are the occasional trips to Games any further away than Orlando. I do, however, enjoy the opportunity to go to the local libraries to track down my ancestors, which has been a rewarding, albeit sometimes frustrating, endeavor. I'm hoping that, with a little help from you, The Reiver can be a good place to share genealogical information among society members. Perhaps between Pat Maddox and myself, we could put together a regular column on Little family histories. Whaddya say, Pat? Call me.

Once again, let me express my thanks to Maggie and Bob for their confidence in me. Also, thanks to George Little and Laura Lee Bossie-Little in Savannah for their help with the graphics. Of course, I expect to hear from all of you with news and information on CLS happenings. Please write! My home and email addresses are listed in several places throughout this edition. I promise to give you the best newsletter I can possibly produce, but I can't do it without you. Send me stories, announcements, photos, what have you, and I'll do my best to get them in print.

DUES

If you haven't renewed your 1997-98 membership yet, now's your chance! We've included a renewal form on the back page of this bulletin, so please take the time to read it, fill it out, and send it in. Also note there is space for contributions to the society, such as our "Search for our Clan Chief" effort. New members will receive a package with information on CLSUSA Ltd., a suitable-for-framing certificate, and a membership card.

CLSUSA Renewal Form

The society's fiscal year runs from 1 July to 30 June each year. New members joining between 1 April and 30 June pay full rates, but their dues cover membership until 30 June the following year.

Enclosed are my dues for 1997/1998:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____
 email: _____

Full/Associate Member - Single (age 18+) \$10.00 \$ _____
 Full/Associate Member - Family (Parents and children under 18) \$15.00 \$ _____

OPTIONAL

Contribution toward the search for our Clan Chief \$ _____
 Other funds (Please enter description: _____) \$ _____

Please send this form to:

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