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### In Memorium

## A. Patterson Little III

1939 - 1998

It is with great sadness and some small sense of irony that we lead off this edition of *The Reiver* with the announcement of the passing of A. Patterson Little III, President Emeritus and cofounder of the Clan Little Society, on Monday, October 19, 1998. Sad because we all lose a fine friend and fierce ally; ironic because he leaves us at a time when changes within the Society bring the promise of new strength and vitality to our ranks.

A resident of Savannah, Georgia, Pat attended the University of Georgia, where he was awarded Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's degree in Business Administration. After graduation from UGA, Pat joined the U.S. Army, where he served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, with stations in Alaska, Fort Bragg, the Dominican Republic, and Viet Nam. Pat returned to civilian life in 1967, accepting a job with C&S National Bank in Atlanta, and transferred back to Savannah in 1970. He formed the accounting firm Little and Black, Inc. in 1973, sold it in 1998, and joined Hancock, Askew and Company as a tax accountant. He retired in 1994.

Pat's record of accomplishments in the area of Historical and Scottish Clan societies is no less impressive. At the time of his passing, he was treasurer of the St. Andrews Society of Savannah, past President of the Coastal Scottish Heritage Society, and founding member of Post #7 of the Scottish American Military Society. He was a Trustee of the Council of Scottish Clans Association, and, besides being a cofounder of our Society, was also a cofounder of the Clan MacLaren and Clan Skene Societies. Pat was also past President of the Savannah Scottish Games, the Sons of the Revolution in Georgia, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Military Order of the World Wars, and the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Center. His civic accomplishments would fill the rest of this page.

Pat was diagnosed in 1990 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. As was characteristic of his life, Pat turned his attention to ALS, becoming a crusader in the cause of finding a cure, participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He had been interviewed for the Jerry Lewis Telethon last September, and had planned to represent MDA at the Savannah Firefighter's Association Fire Ball when the end came. It is a testament to his personal strength, drive, and energy that he battled ALS for eight years, when the disease is known to claim its victims in an average of three to five years.

A personal note: Being relative latecomers to the Society, Susan and I didn't get the opportunity to meet Pat and Sally until the Jacksonville Games in early 1996. By that time, the disease had left him highly dependent on Sally's unflagging attention. All we could do was listen to the "Ah, you should've known him when..." stories that friends and family told with a wistful smile. I regret having missed those days. I share with Sally, Lyn and Whip, David and Jenni, and Laura Lee and Patrick, as I hope all do, the emotional pain of his loss. Yet, I hope that we can all take some comfort from the knowledge that the physical pain that accompanied him in the last years of his earthwalk are now gone; that, wherever he is now, he walks with a steady gait and a clear eye. Hail and farewell, good friend.

## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

As with any organization, the first year of a President's term is devoted to establishing and implementing goals. Some goals are attained; others are not.

One goal was the change of our name from Clan Little Society, U.S.A., Ltd., to Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd. The purpose of this proposed change was to make our Society more inclusive and give us a greater potential for growth by opening our membership to those who reside in the Canadian region.

On September 7, 1998, Membership Secretary William Little notified us the proposed name change received a majority vote to enact the change as of the close of balloting on September 1, 1998. The Clan can now begin an extended recruitment program.

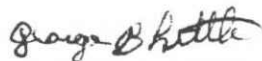
Increased membership remains a constant goal combined with the purpose to expand the Clan's service to its members. The Clan plans to distribute membership rosters, new membership cards, and certificates to the members during the coming year.

One objective we have not achieved this year was the revision of the Clan Bylaws. Bylaws are a constant "work in progress". As an organization grows and develops, the bylaws must be modified to keep pace with the changes. We look to the coming year to reach this goal.

Debby and I had planned to attend this year's AGM, but due to circumstances beyond our control, our plans changed. I would like to emphasize the fact that unless we have positive feedback from the Clan Officers, Commissioners, and members alike, it is very difficult to plan the future of the organization. While everyone may want something different from our organization, it is the molding of many ideas into a solid strategic design by the leadership that will determine our future. We encourage each of you to participate in your Clan.

I thank those who are actively involved for their participation over the past year, and look forward to working with many more Clan members over the coming year.

Concedo nulli,



Stuart

## THE EDITOR'S DESK

As George mentioned in the President's Podium, the vote to change the Society name passed this time. Good job, all! The text of the letter I sent to him and the Commissioners at the conclusion of the balloting is

included on the next page. Now let's get out an recruit some of our Canadian brethren!

Now, I would like for you to take a look at the mailing label on the cover of this Reiver. You will note a date at the bottom. That date is when I received your latest membership renewal. If that date is before April 1, 1998, it means that I haven't received your renewal for the 1998 - 1999 membership year. It also means that, unless I receive your renewal in the *very near future*, this will be the last Reiver you'll ever receive! Most of you are paid up; only a handful of folks have, for whatever reason, not sent in their renewals for this year. Our current roster stands at 228 members in good standing; *don't* fall off the list! I've included a renewal form on the back cover, and will extend amnesty until no later than January 15. After that, I pull out the Delete key, and you're history!

Speaking of the roster, I am currently planning to publish it in the next edition of The Reiver, which will come out in March (providing a certain pair of twins give their daddy a moment's time to put it together). I know it's something many of you have been asking for, and want to see. Watch for it.

I'm also looking for any stories and reports anyone may wish to submit from this year's AGM at the Williamsburg Games. As you can see below, I've received some pictures; I've also received a report on the meeting itself, and I will include more in March. If you have any more photos or stories from the event, please send them to me.

Even though you could never tell it here in the sunny South, Yuletide is rapidly approaching, so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the Merriest Christmas, and the Happiest and Safest New Year. Party like 1999 (because it is), and we'll see you next year!



THE SOCIETY TENT AT WILLIAMSBURG  
Harry and Dorothy Fiske, a friend, and Bryan Little

September 7, 1998

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Subject: Society Name Change

Mr. President:

As you are aware, a ballot to change the name of the Clan Little Society, U.S.A., Ltd. (hereafter referred to as the Society) to the Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd. was distributed to the members of the Society in the June, 1998 edition of The Reiver, the quarterly publication of the Society. It was my duty to collect and tabulate the votes returned, and to report the results of the vote to you and the Society upon conclusion of the voting period, which closed September 1, 1998. The following is my final report on that vote.

At the close of balloting, I found that the Society roster contained the names of 134 members in good standing who had renewed their memberships from the previous year. I excluded the names of new members who had joined after June, 1998 from the count, as they were not on the membership roster at the time of the ballot distribution, and did not receive ballots. Of the 134 members in good standing, I excluded five names, as those individuals were Junior members of the Society by definition given in Article 2, Section 2.1.3 of the Clan Little Society By-Laws, and were therefore ineligible to vote by Article 2, Section 2.2. I was thus left with 129 names of members in good standing in the Society who were eligible to vote on the aforementioned ballot.

Upon final tally, I found that 95 ballots had been returned to me. Of those ballots, I counted a total of 93 approval votes for the name change, and two disapproval votes. The vote therefore was 72% in favor of the Society name change, and 2% opposing. In my opinion, this approval ratio is in accordance and compliance with the rules of Georgia Code Sections 14-3-1003(2)(A) and 14-3-1003(6), and exceeds the required two-thirds (67%) majority approval vote to enact said name change.

It is therefore my proud duty to inform you that, effective immediately, we shall be known as the Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd. Congratulations on a job well done!

Concedo Nulli,  
(signed)  
William Little  
Membership Secretary

## CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY, U.S.A. LTD. Membership Renewal Form

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

Enclosed are my dues for 1998/99:

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| Name:    |      | Home Phone: |  |
| Address: |      | Fax:        |  |
| City:    |      | email:      |  |
| State:   | Zip: | Birthdate:  |  |

Family members living at the same address:

|                       |  |            |  |
|-----------------------|--|------------|--|
| Spouse's name:        |  | Birthdate: |  |
| First Family Member:  |  | Birthdate: |  |
| Second Family Member: |  | Birthdate: |  |
| Third Family Member:  |  | Birthdate: |  |

If there are more family members to be included, please attach a separate sheet.

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

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| Contribution toward the search for our Clan Chief | \$        |  |
| Other funds (please enter description: _____)     | \$        |  |
| <b>Total:</b>                                     | <b>\$</b> |  |

Do not write below this line. Membership Committee use only.

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