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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

Year 2000 Annual General Meeting to be held July 29th

AGM will be at the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw, WA

PASCO, WA - Clan Society
Steuart Richard L. Holt announced that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2000 will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering held annually at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw, Washington. This year, the Games will be Saturday and Sunday, July 29 & 30. The AGM will be held at the Clan Little Society NA tent at 2 PM on Sunday the 30th.

All members of the Society and their families are invited and urged to attend this years AGM. The AGM offers an opportunity to take part not only in the "nuts and bolts" of Society infrastructure but also to have a hand in the "tone and tenor" of the Society as a whole. Plus, it's a great chance to meet some of the many active volunteers who make the Society function. This year, it will all take place against the spectacular backdrop of Mt. Ranier and the North Cascades.

An added bonus is the "Toast The Haggis" dinner, hosted annually by Society Steuart Richard Holt. This year it will on Friday evening, July 28th. See the Steuart's Herald on page 2 and summary information on page 11 for further details.

See you there!

Officers Vote For New Membership Fees

Dues raised to offset mounting costs

GIG HARBOR, WA - On November 4, 1999, Society Council members voted unanimously by mail (one unreturned vote) to adopt a new dues schedule, to become effective on July 1, 2000. The announcement was made recently by Ellen Conn, Society Secratr, via a mailing to both elected and appointed officers.

The Society Council is made up of the elected officers and commissioners (with two persons currently serving in both capacities) and serves as the Society's board of directors, with the same organizational and fiduciary responsibilities that the board of a nonprofit charitable organization would have.

Other issues agreed upon earlier in the fall were a comprehensive statement of the duties of the Commissioner, a new fund transmittal form, and a new membership application form. In her mailing to officers, Ellen Conn stressed that the above three items "will help keep our Society running smoothly." She also stated that the new fund tranmittal forms "will greatly assist Ellen Little [Society Mailin] in her new job of keeping the Society account books."

A comparison of the old and new dues structures is offered in the sidebar below. Please contact your commissioner or any of the Society officers for more information.

	BEFORE JULY 1	AFTER JULY 1
one time enrollment fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
annual individual (18+ yrs old)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
annual family (children <18)	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
lifetime individual		\$150.00
lifetime family		\$200.00

Note: lifetime dues are payable once and are calculated as ten times the annual dues of appropriate category. Annual dues are due on or before June 30th of each calendar year. Dues become delinquent sixty days thence (August 26th).

Editor's Column...

Sometimes the best things come out of accidents. Last fall, in a scramble to "get out" a Reiver before the membership started thinking it had ceased to exist, I adopted a folded format that used legal-sized paper. The result was what I called a "mini-Reiver." People liked it enough that Richard Holt urged its use for the next couple of issues. It's one great advantage is ease of production. It also allows up to twelve pages (three folded sheets) to be mailed with a single, first class stamp. So we'll call this second issue the "expanded mini-Reiver."

This and the previous issue were produced using Microsoft Publisher. The masthead on page one, the map on page eleven, and all the photos were scanned and modified using Photoshop. The JPG files were then embedded in the text document. Our goal is to eventually be able to zip the final, huge file and then e-mail it to the Clan Society Stewart for editorial review and from there to the Society Secretary for printing and mailing.

The highest quality would result if we would simply print every copy of an issue on a high-resolution color printer. However, the large number of copies would consume too many printer cartridges (\$\$). Making a single, high-resolution print and then making color copies for distribution would also be cost prohibitive. We're left for the present with making simple, black and white photocopies of the final paste-up.

The Society Stewart and Reiver Editor welcome all suggestions for a better publication. Get on the internet and drop us an e-mail.

The Stewart's Herald

To all the Scots that take time to join in with the Games throughout North America: welcome to this millenium year 2000!

As you know, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is going to be at the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering, with the majestic backdrop of Mount Rainer, at the King County Fairground, Enumclaw, Washington.

I have provided the Editor with a locator map, which can be found on page eleven. The Games will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 & 30. Auburn and Kent are the closest cities with motel vacancies at this time. Motels in Enumclaw and the towns nearby are sold out several years in advance because the Games draw as many as 25 pipe bands (and their families) from all over the USA and Canada.

We plan to have our annual Haggis Dinner and Barbecue at Kevin Campbell's home in Tacoma. His address and phone number are on page eleven. Please let me know if you plan to come to the Dinner. All are welcome!

Also, call me if you cannot find a motel. AAA can provide detailed information on accommodations and travel routes, as can the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce at (360)825-7666.

When available, I will send a brochure to all who request one. Hope to see you there.

Aye... Richard.

A Society is not a clan!

by Peter E. Lytle

At the risk of being repetitious (see last issue's interview with Dr. Johnnie Little), it is important to stress the difference between a clan and a clan society. The Clan Little Society of North America is not a clan!

Ross Little, Western Commissioner, has raised this point in the most recent edition of the Western Region newsletter, The Lantern. His concern is well-founded. To quote directly from Ross:

We must remember this fact whenever we talk about the organization and when we are preparing correspondence or documents for publication. It is much easier to say "Clan" or "The Clan." However, it is not correct. We must always use "Society" or "Clan Society" when referring to the Clan Little Society North America. We should teach ourselves to refrain from using the simple term "Clan." My suggestion is that we all make a conscious effort to use the proper reference: "Society," "Clan Little Society," or "Clan Little Society of North America."

In the same article, Ross brings up the issue of confusion between the Clan Little Society North America and the Clan Little Society Scotland. Again, to quote from Ross:

There is friendship and cooperation between the two Societies, but they are separate and distinct organizations. It has

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Gilbert Little, Pioneer of Whidby Island, Washington

1910 obituary uncovered by Richard Holt provides genealogical information

The following commentary and newspaper text were provided by Richard Holt, Society Steuart.

Gilbert Little was born in Dumfriesshire Scotland in 1827. His father was a coal miner, and he started in the mining trade. In 1852 he married Helen Walker of Irvine, Ayrshire. They immigrated to Peru, where he mined for a time. In 1856, their son Archibald was born, just before they set sail for the Washington Territory. Gilbert Little was one of the first settlers on Whidby Island. The following is an obituary from the December 28, 1910 edition of the Port Townsend Leader.

Well Known Pioneer Dies at Hadlock..

Gilbert Little was a resident of Whidby Island during Indian troubles.

Gilbert Little, a well-known and highly respected resident of Hadlock, died at that place Monday morning at 6:30 from the encroachments of old age. The funeral will be held at Chimacum this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It being the wish of the deceased pioneer that he be beside his wife in the Chimacum cemetery.

Mr. Little was a very old resident of Puget Sound country, having come to this section about fifty years ago. He was a native of Scotland, and first touched the American continent in Peru, where he mined for a time. Tiring of that country, he made his way to Puget Sound, where he was a near neighbor of Col Robert C. Hill (of this city) during the stirring times when the principal dread of the pioneer was the likelihood of Indian outbreaks. Mr. Little and his wife resided on Whidby Is. during the excitement which re-

sulted from the beheading of Col. Ebey by a band of treacherous northern Indians, and they themselves lived in constant fear of their treacherous aboriginal neighbors.

Some years ago Mr. Little disposed of his holdings on Whidby Is., removing to Port Blakely. Nine years ago upon the death of his wife (she was buried at Chimacum at the wish of members of the family living in that section), Mr. Little, from that time on, made his residence in Hadlock, at the home of his son William.

The deceased pioneer was 82 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by three children: William Little, Archie Little, and Isabelle Little Baker. Mrs. John D. Phillips, wife of the county clerk, is a granddaughter.

The family plot in Chimacum shows over twenty descendants, many of whom went to work as marine engineers in the splinter fleet on Puget Sound. (I am the fifth generation of maritime officers from this family.)

Capt. Taylor Anderson

JC Little Tartan Cloth Available Again!!

Fabric will be offered in two weights

SACRAMENTO, CA - Phyllis Little, wife of Society Marischal Ross Little, has announced that a new supply of JC Little tartan yardage has "just come off the mill in Scotland." A supply of both 10 oz (vests and ladies' garments) and 13 oz (kilts) cloth has been ordered and should be available by the time you read this. The price should be about \$45/yard (10 oz) and \$50/yard (13 oz). Reserve your yardage now with Phyllis and avoid being disappointed!

Date and place set for 2001 Annual General Meeting

PASCO, WA - Society Steuart Richard Holt and Marischal Ross Little have announced that the year 2001 AGM will be held in Pleasanton, CA on the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend in conjunction with the Pleasanton Scottish Games.

The 2001 AGM is important because election of officers will be held. Ross Little reminds us that other business important for the Society will be on the agenda.

Both Richard and Ross urge all Society members to make plans now to attend the Games and this important meeting.

"Society" or "clan?"

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come to our attention that some members are uncertain as to which Society they belong.

Clan Little Society North America membership is open to all with accessory with the name Little and the various spellings and to anyone interested in Scottish heritage and who would like to work for the good of the Society.

The Scottish Society, however, has a different philosophy, and their membership is much more restrictive. For more information on the Scottish Society, contact Ken Little, E 2600 Mason Lake Drive W, Grapeview, WA 98546.

Again, Ross' comments and observations are timely and pertinent. The Reiver appreciates Ross allowing us to quote at length from his original article. Please see the accompanying story and photo about Ross on page 4.

Marischal Ross Little Announces Plans to Retire from Society Duties

Vice President is also Commissioner for the Western United States

SACRAMENTO, CA - In the March 2000 edition of The Lantern, Newsletter of the Society Western Region, Ross Little, Society Marischal and Western USA Commissioner, announced that he is retiring from active involvement in Society affairs.

Ross stated that he "will be stepping down as Marischal" when his current term expires at the 2001 AGM and will not seek re-election. He also stated "in 2002 I plan to step down from [the] Western Regional Commissioner's position."

Ross does not expect his retirement to be too abrupt. "I will be around for consultation; however, I will be retiring from my duties in CLSNA. **We will need someone to step forward to fill the gap in the hedge [and] to keep the machinery running smoothly!**"

It was Ross Little and Richard Holt who first introduced your Reiver Editor to the Society. Ross and his wife Phyllis were and are enthusiastic and very articulate spokespersons for the Society. Their intelligent interest in Little history in particular and Scottish history in general is infectious in their representation of the Society to the general public. Their hard work in promoting the Society has resulted in increased and retained membership where ever their travels might take them. Truly, the Society has no better ambassadors to promote everything that is good, worthwhile, and fulfilling in becoming part of a society dedicated to preserving the heritage of our Scottish past and of the Little surname.

It has been said that fraternal organizations succeed only through the dedication of its members. Ross and Phyllis Little are living testaments to the veracity of that statement.



Reiver Editor Chuck Lytle poses with Ross and Phyllis Little at the Clan Little Society tent at the Portland Highland Games in July 1997.

(photo by Lynn C. Fox-Lytle)



Ross Little, Dr. Johnnie Little, and Peter E. Lytle at lunch during the Theophilus Little 100th Reunion at Nordmont, PA in August 1999.

(photo by C.R. Lytle)

A Clan Little Society Photographic Miscellany



Pat Maddox, Clan Little Society Genealogist, at the Pleasanton, CA Games in 1996.
(photo by Richard Holt)



Don Lytle at Pleasanton, CA 1996.
(photo by Richard Holt)



Dailey Marie Lytle (b. 11/17/99) granddaughter
of Don & Francis Lytle

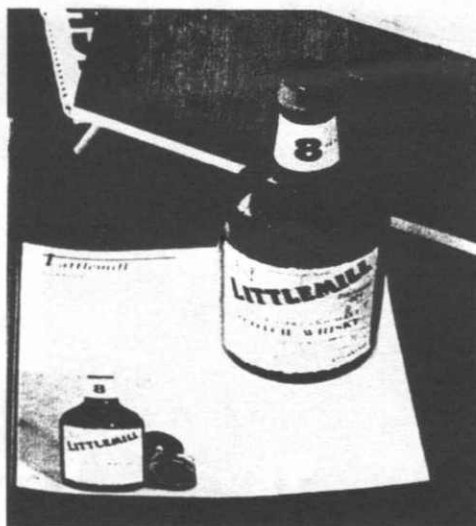
A Clan Little Society Photographic Miscellany (continued)



Lynn Fox-Lytle and Society Steuart Richard Holt at the Clan Little Society of NA tent at the Portland, OR Highland Games, July 1999. The Portland Games have doubled in attendance each year since 1995, and Richard's display attracts wide attention. (photo by C.R. Lytle)



Society Steuart Richard Holt answers a genealogical question, Portland 1999. (photo by C.R. Lytle)



The famous travelling bottle of Littlemill Scotch. This now-closed lowland distillery is said to be for sale. Any takers? (photo by C.R. Lytle)

Scenes from the 1999 Annual Pacific NW Haggis Feed and Barbecue

Stuart Richard Holt and other volunteers put on a spectacular dinner steeped in the traditions of old Scotland. Always held to coincide with the Pacific NW Highland Games, this past year the dinner had a record attendance with Society members coming from all over the West Coast and Canada. Good food, fellowship, and the annual reading of Robert Burns' *To A Haggis* make a memorable event that you won't want to miss this year when the annual dinner will be a part of the 2000 Annual General Meeting. See page 11 for details. (all photos by C.R. Lytle)



Society Secretary Ellen Conn pours a *wee dram* of excellent single-malt Scotch for Kevin Campbell. The Scotch was for toasting, but less fiery potables were available for those who didn't imbibe. Kevin read Robert Burns' famous poem *To A Haggis* as the dinner invocation.



The solemn moment has arrived. Haggis, steak, and all the fixings you could ever want are on the sideboard. Glasses are *held on high* for Robert Burns. The spirit of auld Scotland is in the air!

One final scene from the 1999 Haggis Feed and Barbecue

Society Steuart Richard Holt makes the first cut in preparation for serving haggis to one and all. Your Reiver editor found haggis to be an acquired taste, being a hybrid of liver pate, scrapple, and one or two other lively but not quite identifiable palate twisters. Being too many generations removed from auld Scotland, I had to lean heavily on my maternal, Pennsylvania Dutch heritage to smoothly make the jump to culinary Caledonia. For those faint of heart but determined to show their Scottish pride, may I suggest TWO *wee drams* during Robert Burns?



Two destroyers named for Captain George Little, famous Revolutionary War naval officer

The first USS Little (ADP-4) was launched in 1918, saw limited action in WWI, and was lost during the fighting for Guadalcanal in Sept. 1942. The ship was awarded two battle stars.

The second USS Little (DD-803) was launched in May 1944, saw action at Iwo Jima, and was lost during the fighting at Okinawa in May 1945. The second ship was also awarded two battle stars.

Captain Little was born July 22, 1754 in Marshfield, MA. He was appointed First Lieutenant on the *Protector* in 1779 and became Captain of the frigate *Boston* in 1799. Captain Little died at Wymouth, MA on July 22, 1809.

Thanks to Ken Little for this fascinating story, which had to be abridged for this edition of the Reiver. E-mail Ken at irkwl@nwrain.com.

Clan Little History???

Margaret Stuart in her *Scottish Family History* (1930, reprinted by Gen. Pub. Co.) lists the following: *Fragmentary Memories: An Account of the Clan Little and the Ancestry of James Little* in 8 volumes w/ illustrations, privately printed in 1913.

Has anyone ever heard or seen or have possession of this work? Please contact The Reiver Editor if you have any information. Thanks.

Scenes from the Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA July 1999



After the March of the Clans. Seated, left-to-right: Phyllis Little, Ross Little, Richard Holt, Ken Little.



The March of the Clans, Enumclaw, July 1999.



History in the making! Seated, left-to-right: Richard L. Lytle films, Reiver Editor Charles Lytle interviews, and Dr. Johnnie Little expounds; all during a 90-minute interview at the 100th reunion of the descendants of Theophilus Little at Nordmont, PA, August 1999. (photo by P.E. Lytle)



Dr. Johnnie at Nordmont, PA, August 1999
(photo by C.R. Lytle)



Richard Holt at Nordmont, PA, August 1999
(photo by C.R. Lytle)

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