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## **Little Is Volunteer With Doctors Without Borders**

Jane Little Presented with Society Life Membership

WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA - (by Ross Little) Some time ago, Trevor Little, Society Commissioner North, North East Region, discovered the following article in his local newspaper and passed the information on to Society President Ross Little. The Society Council decided that Jane Little should be awarded an honorary life membership. Trevor's son Andrew happens to be chief pilot for Africa Commuter Air Service in Kenya. Andrew found Jane Little and presented her with the certificate. When Jane returned home to Canada, Trevor invited her to the Furgus Highland Games, where he photographed her with himself and his brother Bruce. Trevor and his wife Pat will be visiting their son Andrew in Africa during November and December of this year...

#### WHAT COURAGE MEANS

If courage is the ability to overcome fear in order to do good, JANE LITTLE of Wiarton

Ontario Canada perfectly epitomizes the word. A nurse and a volunteer with Doctors Without Borders, LITTLE has traded the comforts of southern Ontario for the dangers of Uganda where an outbreak of the Ebola virus has killed at least 54 people, and threatens to kill many more. The virus is one of the deadliest on Earth and possibly the most frightening because 90 per cent of those infected with it will die a protracted and excruciating death that comes as they bleed through every bodily orifice.

No one forced LITTLE to go. She freely chose to journey to a strange land to care for strangers. And she made this choice knowing that she would be risking her life not for a second or minute but for all the time she is treating victims of the virus and for all the time she is trying to stop its spread. There is no other word for this but courage. True, the scientific knowledge that she and her colleagues bring will afford them some safety. But some medical people in the front line of this fight have already died. Because of this, LITTLE's bravery and selflessness are truly astonishing...

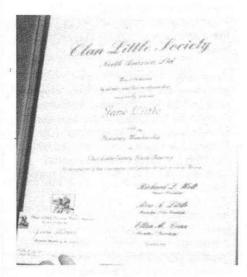
The Doctors without Borders is a French organization, but is big in Quebec and they have a large office in Nairobi.



Bruce, Jane, and Trevor Little (I to r) at the Furgus Highland Games in Ontario, Canada.



Jane Little of Doctors Without Borders displays her Little Clan Society honorary life membership at the Furgus Highland Games in Ontario, Canada.



Close-up view of the life membership certificate, signed by Society Officers. (all photos this page by Trevor Little)

#### **EDITOR'S COLUMN**

WEST LINN, OR – Greetings from the (very) wet Pacific Northwest. In this issue, we depart from our previous fae of pictures taken at various gatherings to focus on the ins and outs of geneatogy, or tracing ones roots. For the front page story, we're indebted to Trevor Little and his son Andrew: Trevor for finding such a newsworthy Little and Andrew for locating her in the wilds of Africa. The indefatigable Dr. Johnnie Little has provided the story to the left of this column.

And finally Edwin Little of Kaysville, Utah provides us with nuts and bolts information on how to get started in the fascinating task of tracing your ancestry back through time. Edwin is a professional genealogist and possesses a wealth of knowledge on the subject of Scottish ancestry. The initial article in his series was first published in *The Lantern*, the newsletter of the Society's Western Region. Because the articles contain much useful information, it was decided to reprint it and the continuing article for the general membership.

Personally, your editor would lke the subject to be a regular feature of The Reiver, having done some traveling in Pennsylvania and Scotland tracing back his branch of the Lytle Family. Athough a rank amateur, I modestly offer some secondary and tertiary resources on page five and a personal adventure on page six.

Please send ideas and comments on the subject of genealogy and The Reiver to any Society officer or to me at the address or e-mail on the back cover.

Our family closed out the season by attending the annual Veterans' Day parade in Albany, Oregon. It is touted in Oregon as the largest Veterans' Day parade west of the Mississippi. Our son Peter played pipes and marched with the 79th NY State Militia Cameron Highlanders in full Civil War era parade dress.

And, as always, The Reiver can only print the photos and stories sent in by the membership. Get out the camera (print or digital) and send prints or JPG files to me or to any Society officer.

Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us: Chuck, Lynn, and Peter Lytle. The Border Study Library at Crichton College, Dumfries, Scotland
Dr. Johnnie Little Donates His Personal Collection as a Seed

(by Ross Little) -

In March 1999 Dr. Johnnie C. Little of Morton Rig Guardian of Clan Little Society Scotland requested that the Crichton College of the University of Glasgow establish a Clan Little Society bequest where books from his personal researchibrary could be placed. Crichton College is in Dumfries, Scotland. As many of you may know, I have been planning to step downfrom the administration of the NA Clan Society in 2003, at the end of this term of office. So also is Dr. Johnnie planning tostep down. Interesting enough, we were born within minutes of each other on the same day of the same year.

You all learned from the February 2001 Reiver that Catherine Little, wife of Dr. Johnnie Little of Morton Rig passed away on December 29, 2000. Assoon as the news was received, our Society officers decided that the Clan Little Society North America would make a show of oursympathy and support for Dr. Johnnie. Therefore on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2001, a \$150.00 check was sent to Dr. Johnnie Little of MortorRig as a bequest to go to Crichton College of the University of Glasgow for the purchase of books for the Library to be placed in the Border Studies section. Included with the check from CLSNA was also a check for \$100.00 from Clan Little Society Scotland US Branch. We feel honored to be a part of this lasting tribute which will be made available to generations to come.

We just got word from Dr. Johnnie that the named University has agreed that the equest will be titled Clan Little Society, and that CLSNA and CLSS will be jointly named in the bequest. Some of the books willbear the Reiver logo to signify a gift from CLSNA.

It was agreed that for reference, browsing or reading on the site the bookshould be available to all Students, Undergraduates, Postgraduates and Teaching staff on the Crichton site. Further, that membes of Clan Little Society (Scotland and Worldwide) and Clan Little Society North America, on showing proof of identity, should kiewise have full rights of reference, browsing or reading on the site.

For the time being most of the Bequest books, though fially destined for housing on the Campus, are still at Dr. Johnnie's home, Fearnhill, on the Bankend Road a mile past the Crichton Campus. Any of these books can be made available at the Campus for a limited period on request to Dr. Johnnie through the cdege Librarian, who will hold a list of the available books.

Now, the next time you are in Scotland we encourage you to go to Dmfries, see the sites, visit Dr. Johnnie and stop by the College and look over the border study books. We are never too old tolearn something new.

# SPECIAL GENEALOGY INSERT – PART I

(The following article is quoted (almost) verbatim from the original by Edwin R. Little as first printed in The Lantern, the newsletter for the Society's Western Region. Thanks go out to both Edwin and Ross Little for the chance to reproduce it for The Reiver.)

#### GENEALOGY IN THE ROUGH by Edwin R. Little, BA, MA, AG

The commencement of this column (if it continues) will subject the reader to my wandering interests, curiosity, and experiences as an accredited genealogist. It seems appropriate to commence with the here and now and as time passes, I'll delve into the past and hopefully also respond to reader request of topic coverage. (Editor: please send requests by mail or e-mail to me or any Society officer for forwarding to Edwin.)

Assuming you have access at home or in your local library to a computer and the Internet, the following net information sites are worth your consideration and possible use. I evaluated only two information requests: (1) CLAN LITTLE; (2) REIVERS.

It isn't necessary to review all the presented listings as some may have no application of interest to us Littles (regardless of spelling). In your searching, be sure to type all lower case request topics.

#### **CLAN LITTLE:**

#5 Symbols

#11 Clan Little Society, Scotland and World Wide

#17 Clan Little Society, North America

#139 Rampant Scotland Culture Links

#### **REIVERS:**

#7 Border Reivers of Scotland and England

#101 Clan Little Links Page

#198 Haltwhistle, The Heart of Hadrians Wall

A few recommendations: (1) you should take the time to look at all the web pages of interest for Clan Little and Reivers. What may be of use to me may not fit your needs, and without looking at the other sites, you just might miss your "crown jewel;" (2) don't be afraid of a computer. It is an ally of great use in finding your ancestors. The...sites I've recommended aren't difficult to find, nor is it difficult to evaluate their contents for your own interests; (3) once you have done this [a few times], search repeats are easy; (4) ...the only limitation to finding information is your own imagination of how to ask for a topic and often how to spell it, i.e. Litl, Lytl, Litle, etc.

In preparation for this article, I went to the Little web site and found the arms of the former chiefs of the Little Clan (now used as a clan badge). The major part of that insignia is the demi-lion (in other words, a half-lion). The picture was in color, and I noticed for the first time that the lion's claws were red. I assume that the red stood for blood. This seemed obvious to me because of the Border Harriers' reputation for marauding and the fact that they were the most feared cavalry fighting unit in Europe. I also observed the small white x's called "saltaires" that are sprinkled on the lion's body. Two books on heraldry explain that this symbol represents the Cross of St. Andrew, a Scottish saint (*The Pageant of Heraldry* by Col. H.C.B. Rogers, Pitman Publishing, NY and *The Manual of Heraldry* edited by Francis J. Grant, John Grant Booksellers Ltd., Edinburgh).

Question for today: What was the origin and meaning of the saltaires? [The answer is found at the end of my next article on the following page.]

[Editor's note: When Edwin searched on "CLAN LITTLE" and "REIVERS," the search engine's responses were numer cally tabulated by probability of matching what he was searching for, with the lowest numbers being the most likely ones he wanted. In his example, the first one HE was interested in when searching CLAN LITTLE was actually the fifth one chosen by the search engine. Because the search engines (and there are dozens of them) aren't mind readers, it is best to follow Edwin's advice and quickly look at all the sites picked by the search.]

# SPECIAL GENEALOGY INSERT – PART II

(This second installment of Edwin Little's continuing series of articles was originally sent to Society President Ross Little for inclusion in his Western Region newsletter, The Lantern. Ross forwarded it to The Reiver so that this valuable information could be disseminated to the membership at large. Again, thanks go out to Edwin and Ross for making all of this possible.)

#### **GENEALOGY IN THE ROUGH - PART 2**

(Genealogical Preparations for a Trip to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT) by Edwin R. Little, BA, MA, AG

At the Library, be prepared to be exhilarated, dismayed, confused, distracted, lost, and, perhaps most of all after two to three days, tired and wondering 'why did I come here?' Well, obviously, you came to Salt Lake to get all the information that the Library must have that you don't have! Therefore, I highly recommend the following as suggestions and hints for survival.

- (1) Get to know your local LDS Family History Library and become familiar with the materials there: Ancestral File, IGI, AIS, PERSI, and especially the Family History Library catalog. If these names and letters mean nothing, then you need to learn about them, or much of your preparation will be wasted
- (2) Ask to see the Library Research Outline for Scotland and any other country or states in which you are interested. These outlines were compiled by library staff experts. The topics are in alphabetical order and cover all available genealogical materials for a given area. The materials at Salt Lake have library call numbers, and if the resource isn't at Salt Lake, the guide will tell you where it is.
- (3) Make a research log of materials, books, films, fiches, etc. by call number so that when you arrive you can begin immediately on research of interest to you. [An example research log might be as follows]

#### RESEARCH LOG FOR....

Call Number	Title	Results
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etc.

(4) A little over a year ago, the Library holdings relating to specific family histories were moved one long block east to the Joseph Smith Bldg. All books with 929 beginning call numbers are at this building and should be put on a separate log so you don't get confused. Also at this building are the 1920 census records and materials called The Archives. Also, on the building's lower level are many computers that you may use. The only cost is five cents per printed sheet. All computers at the Joseph Smith Bldg. And the Family History Library are connected, which means you will not have to shuttle CD's in and out of the computer to obtain connected materials. This is nice!

The primary things you <u>must</u> do before arrival (aside from the above) are to organize what you have and put the information on pedigree sheets and family group sheets. This eliminates bringing a mass of materials. Prepare a Research Log of materials that you want to look up, and be sure to separate the 929 call numbers for the Joseph Smith Building. Above all, get to know how to use the Family History Library Catalogue disk at your local LDS library. Look up topics by surname and location. Be inventive. Use keywords to refine your search (ask for help). Things aren't necessarily cross referenced, so mix up your searches. For example, group Little:SC:NC, Little:NC:SC, Spence:Little:SC, SC:Little:Spence, etc. In other words, any and every way you can, combine names, places, spelling varieties...countries first, states second, and reverse them, etc. Print out everything of interest, organize everything by call numbers, put this information on your Log Sh eets, and your preparation has begun.

The Family History Library phone number for information is (801)240-2331. You are also welcome to call me at (801)544-5453. However, due to expense, I will not be able to return calls. Evenings are best between 6 and 8 PM.

You can buy the Library research outline(s) in which you're interested by calling the Library, getting the cost, and then sending them a check for the item plus postage. Also, request a copy of an informative and small booklet entitled "Family History Library and Family His tory Centers" Publication #32957. Again, I highly recommend that you use a Research Outline and the Library Catalog disk to prepare a Research Log in advance of your trip.

My next article (or two) will deal with other Library materials and the nitty-gritty of planning arrival, where to stay, eat, etc.

Answer to the meaning and origin of the word saltaire: Saltaire means "to jump" in Latin, and sa lire also means "to jump" in Old French. According to tradition, the first warrior to jump or leap over a castle wall or rampart was recognized by the use of this emblem to show his bravery in battle. Nest issue's question: what does the expression "to be stumped" mean???

# SPECIAL GENEALOGY INSERT - PART III

For those interested in starting an adventure into the genealogy of their family, your Reiver editor has assembled the following short bibliography. These are all books known and used me in my own searches of my particular branch of the Lytle family in the United States. All are readily available in mass-market stores or specialty shops.

The first classification of books are general and can be used by anybody interested in their family tree:

Unpuzzling Your Past: A basic Guide to Genealogy (3rd Edition). Emily Anne Croom. Betterway Books: Cincinnati, OH (PB \$14.99).

The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook: Essential Forms and Letters for all Genealogists. Emily Anne Croom. Betterway Books: Cincinnati, OH (PB \$15.99).

Tracing Your Ancestry: A Step-by-Step Guide to Researching Your Family History. F. Wilbur Helmbold. Oxmoor House: Birmingham, AL (PB \$9.95).

Genealogy On Line: Researching Your Roots (2nd Edition). Elizabeth Powell Crowe. McGraw Hill: New York, NY (PB \$24.95).

The second classification are background books concerning the Scots and Scotch-Irish in the Americas. These books, although not geared to genealogical research, provide a wealth of information about the major migrations, dates, places settled, etc. Several have many, many surnames connected with early-day events:

The Scotch-Irish: A Social History. James G. Leyburn. Univ. of North Carolina Press: Chapel Hill, NC (PB). The Scotch-Irish in Northern Ireland and the American Colonies. Maude Glasgow, MD. Heritage Press reprint (PB \$27.00)

Scotch-Irish Pioneers in Ulster and America. Charles Knowles Bolton. Heritage Press reprint (PB). The Scotch-Irish (2 volumes). Charles A. Hanna. Genealogical Publishing reprint (HB \$75.00).

Finally, the only book I have that deals with searching for Scottish ancestors who migrated directly from Scotland to the USA:

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry. Kathleen B. Cory. Genealogical Publishing reprint (PB).

If you have family that goes back quite a ways in the USA, you can learn much by reading other types of secondary sources. Although these sources are not as focused as surname searching in large data bases (such as the LDS Library), they often provide wonderful background history as to who your ancestors really WERE rather than just a listing of their names. For example, almost every county in the Eastern United States had a comprehensive history written in the late 1800's. The usual format was two volumes: the first being a history, and the second containing illustrated biographies of prominent citizens who paid to have their stories published. The subscriptions gathered for this second volume paid for the whole project. In my particular case, there were two histories written this way about Lancaster County, PA, and both contained many paragraphs about my family from about 1730 to 1880.

Once you've located the county or counties where your ancestors lived, contact the respective historical societies. Many are on the web. During the Depression, the WPA sponsored a project in which EVERY cemetery in the eastern states was mapped and cataloged. The reports of these surveys were deposited in local libraries and historical societies. In addition, EVERY historical society I've visited in PA contains privately published surveys of pioneer families prominent in the counties. (In my case, Dr. Joseph A. Meiser and his wife privately published a 17-volume work entitled *Northumberland County, PA Pioneer Families*, which I never would've found if I hadn't personally visited the county historical society.) Many libraries and historical societies also contain one or more volumes from the series *Area Keys* written and privately published by Florence Clint. I found my copy for Pennsylvania in the library in Lake Oswego, Oregon!!! My 130-page xerox copy contains a wealth of information on sources to contact for just about any type of information you can imagine, PLUS detailed county-by-county lists of every conceivable document and data bank available to genealogical researchers.

And don't forget to visit the churches. Many, many that existed BEFORE the Revolutionary War still exist and are still active. A visit to the Donegal Springs Presbyterian Church in PA resulted in our meeting the church historian and led to the purchase of a hardback church history. In it, I found several missing pieces to the puzzle of my own Lytle family. We also got to examine and photograph plat maps dating back to 1720! So get out and get into it. I've never met a volunteer out there who wasn't willing to go the extra mile to help me in my searches. Good luck!

# SPECIAL GENEALOGY INSERT - PART IV

Personal Reminiscences.....by C.R. Lytle (Editor, The Reiver)

It took the birth of my son Peter in 1985 to kindle any interest in genealogy. I was 38 years old and knew nothing about my paternal ancestors past the name of my grandfather, Clarence Lytle, who died when I was seven. I was trying to fill out a family tree in a baby book and realized I knew next to nothing about "who I was." My own father had passed away in 1971, and there were only two of his siblings still living. So I began my search by peppering them with questions by mail. I think their responses may be typical: both seemed relieved that ANYONE in my generation was interested in family history (myself and twelve cousins).

I got back in various letters the names of my grandfather's brothers and sisters and the name of my great-grandfather. I learned that my aunt (who was now in her early eighties) had possessed a large repository of family letters and photos that had been accidentally thrown in the trash only a year or two before. (I mention this to encourage you to not waste a MINUTE in contacting elderly members of your family. You might be able intervene before it's too late. I was not so lucky.) However, I learned that my great-grandmother had gone to live with her youngest daughter (my grandfather's youngest sister) after my great-grandfather had died. This daughter had married a Culp, and their eldest daughter, who had married a Shipman, might have some things handed down from my great-grandfather. I would NEVER have found this person on my own. What my aunt suspected was correct, and it led to my being given the only existing portrait of my great-grandparents. (My distant "cousin," Mildred Shipman, was also in her eighties and was wondering what was going to happen with her "Lytle" things because her immediate family was two families removed from any Lytles and had no interest in them.) In this case, I WAS lucky.

A visit to this same aunt in 1988 started the ball rolling. She took me to the rural cemetery where my great-grandfather was buried. Amazingly, the cemetery contained the headstones for dozens and dozens of Lytles. My aunt had no idea who they were. So I visited the county historical society, and there the pieces of the puzzle started fitting together. They introduced me to the WPA cemetery surveys and the several indices produced locally. The indices allowed the surveys to be logically searched. They then introduced me to two privately published works that actually connected all the people in the surveys (sort of wide-open cross references). I found out the names of my gg- and ggg-grandfathers and where they were buried. The adventure was definitely ON.

Back in Oregon, we joined the local genealogical society. I went to the shelves on Pennsylvania and immediately found two huge old books on Lancaster County and one on Northumberland County. A simple search of the indices led to paragraphs on my family. I was able to then work my way from the earliest Lytle mentioned two generations forward and connect with the line that I had worked backwards from the historical society information. I also now knew the names of seven generations of Lytles past me, and most importantly, I knew where they were buried.

In 1999, my son and I went back to PA to interview Dr. Johnnie Little for The Reiver. We spent a week visiting the cemeteries I had identified in my searching, including the Donegal Springs Presbyterian Church where my gggggrandfather is buried. It was quite a thrill finding tangible evidence of an ancestor who died in 1775! We met the church historian, and a church history book purchased from her contained much valuable information on my family, including the fact that my ggg-grandfather had been in the Revolutionary War and that the brother of my gggg-grandfather had fought in the French & Indian War and had been killed in the Rev. War. Using the reference in the church history, we returned to the Northumberland County Historical Society and found the muster records for both of them. This documentation will enable both Peter and me to join the Sons of the American Revolution, a secondary compulsion for all our searching.

But as in all quests, discovering one "secret" leads to other mysteries. In my case, it was a reference in Bolton's book (see previous page) that an Ephraim Lytle had signed a petition in 1722 to establish Donegal Township. My gggggrandfather would only have been eight years old at the time. This had to be his father, my ggggg-grandfather! But why wasn't he buried with his son, whose tombstone we found? The answer may lay buried in an obscure discussion in the church history book explaining that a schism broke out in the Donegal Presbyterian Church. In the 1750's a group, including the brother of my gggg-grandfather, had split away from the church and formed a new church several miles away. This church is still standing and has its own cemetery. Unfortunately, I read about this on the plane returning from Pennsylvania. So now Peter and I have a new quest: to return to PA, find this "rogue" church, and search for physical evidence of the person in my Lytle family who first set foot on American soil: my ggggggrandfather, said by Bolton to be a Scot whose family had migrated first from Scotland to the Ulster "Plantation" in Ireland and from there to America.



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A. Pat Little, founder of the Clan Little Society, NA, taken at the 1996 Pleasanton (CA) Games (photo by Ross Little)



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