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FLASH! – FLASH! – FLASH!

Breaking news from our Steuart, John Little:

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS:

Clan Little Society North America is incorporated under the laws of Georgia as a Non-Profit Corporation, however, the Society has never had a tax-exempt status from the IRS--until now. After setting up a Scholarship fund and many contacts and many hours of work we have obtained from the IRS Tax- Exempt Status for membership dues and all contributions made to the Scholarship Fund.

Starting in January 1, 2007 all membership dues, which are due and payable before June 1, 2007, and any monetary donation to Clan Little Society North America Scholarship Fund can be written off our taxes. Upon receipt of your money a form will be returned giving the information to use on your tax form.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship fund has been established to offer a small amount of cash to a qualifying Society member or child of a member to further their studies in Scottish culture studies. Such as, Bagpipes, Country Dance, Celtic Dance and other like subjects. The Scholarship Request Form can be copied from the Society's web page, (www.clanlittlesna.com) and on Page 5 of this Reiver. We encourage members or children of members to send in a letter to the Society Secatur, Jim Little, CLSNA Secatur, 242 Game Trail, Thomasville, NC 27360, outlining your studies and give the name of the school and or the instructor and an outline of the study program.

The letter will constitute an application and be presented to the Board of Directors to consider if the person qualifies for the Scholarship award. If more information is needed a letter will be sent out requesting more information.(Also see Page 4) All of this is exciting news and we all have been looking forward to it since the inception of the Clan

Little Society.

MORE GOOD NEWS

This year, 2007, is the year for our Biennial General Meeting which will be held this year in North Carolina on April 20, 2007 at the Huntersville, NC Games. Jim and Pat Little will host the meeting. Also new officers will be elected, and we need candidates for positions of all officers particularly, Secatur/Membership. We are asking for each member to consider volunteering for one of the positions and/or returning the enclosed nomination form completed with the suggested name of a member who is willing and able to do the required work These are the four positions plus the Immediate Past Steuart which make up the Board Of Directors. The bylaws require these officers to be elected or reelected every two years. Therefore, these are the positions we need you folks to provide for us to place on the ballot for election.

Primary Elected Officers Present Officers

Steuart (President)	John Little
Marischal (Vice President)	Catherine Litel
Secatur (Secretary)	Jim Little
Mailin (Treasurer)	Ellen Little

There are also a number of appointed positions vacant and we would like you to serve the Society in one of these positions. The Commissioners and Conveners are the most fun and where you get to meet a lot of people

**Appointed Officers Commissioners,
Conveners,
Genealogist,
Membership Secretary,
Publications Editor, Quartermaster,**

Your help is needed to keep your Society going strong, so let us hear from you!!!

Note from the Editor:

We have received several news articles from members these past few months, which your editor really appreciates. It is nice to have news on hand to pass on, THANKS, please keep it up! Please send your news items to Jim Little, CLSNA Secratu, 242 Game Trail, Thomasville, NC 27360

Charley Ross, Editor

Update Report from our long distance bicyclist, our Quartermaster James Kieparek.

The bicycle ride was from Washington State to Washington DC. The ride was to raise money for The American Lung Assn. and it raised \$280,000.00 James alone raised \$5905.00. Congratulations James!



News Items from members:

Donald McEdward, of Phoenix:

My third great grandfather was William Cooper Little born abt 1758 in Carlyse England and died about 1835 in New Brunswick. He was a noted local doctor that studied in Edinburgh, Scotland. His son William Bell Little was a doctor also. Having studied in Edinburgh as his father did. He was born in England in 1798 and died in 1863 in New Brunswick, Canada. They both worked at the Cambridge Narrows, NB and at one time had a small hospital that was blown down during the famous Saxby Gale in the latter part of the 1800's.

The enclosed photographs show just a sketch of the elder Little. The original painting is now being shown in art galleries around the province of New Brunswick. Unfortunately I can't find the large picture, but his son William Bell is shown in the other picture. You will note that he has a white lock (so called by the family)

over his forehead. This is supposed to be handed down through the family from a Lord Percy who was killed in a battle in the 1300's and when his pregnant wife heard about it she put her hand to her forehead and (no kidding) swooned. Some members of the family are being born with it. Makes a good story but I wouldn't bet the farm on it.

A local painter, Anthony Flowers, painted pictures in 1835 and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery Fredericton, New Brunswick is having a showing of his works and I borrowed these pictures. They will be on loan for the next year to be shown at other galleries Canada. I hope they are of interest.



William Cooper Little



William Bell Little

From Jim & Pat Little, CLSNA Secrateur Thomasville, NC

The season for Scottish games this year began North Carolina April 21 with the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville. (This will be the site our BGM in 2007.) The LNHG is a three day event beginning with the address to the haggis on Friday night in the main tent. The call of the clans begins just after sunset. In Scotland of old, a chieftan who needed help of nearby clans or kinsmen sent out an urgent call. Upon their arrival, each of the chiefs of the clans would shout their arrival and intent to help. This tradition has become a colorful beginning to most of the games in the southeast. (It may be tradition elsewhere, too.) This is followed by a **ceilidh** (party).

The LNHG are the only games outside Scotland to have been awarded a coat of arms by the Lord Lyon. Saturday is dedicated to amateur and professional events, sheep dog demonstrations, children's races bagpipe competition and other things Scottish. The parade of tartans officially opens the games at 10.

There is a church service on Sunday morning followed by a moving ceremony where U.S. flags are properly retired. More games follow until the winners of all events are announced at 4:00 p.m.

From Jim & Pat Little, Continued from Page -2-

We enjoyed these games a great deal even though Saturday was rainy and Sunday was soggy. Some consider these games to be the best in the world. Others think that the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games held in Linville for the past fifty years over the fourth of July are the best. They attract over 250,000 people to the four day event each year and the mountain setting is gorgeous. We were unable to attend this year.

In May we attended the Bethabra Celtic Festival in Winston-Salem. This celebrates the Scottish tradition as a result of the help given by German settlers in the 1700's to Scots who were being attacked by Indians. This is a small festival which Pat and I enjoyed very much.

Greenville, SC held its inaugural Scottish games on June 9-10, beginning with the parade of tartans downtown Friday night viewed by several thousand people. The games next day were attended by large crowds including the governor of South Carolina and the Earl of Cathiness, Malcolm Ian Sinclair.



Our nearest games were the Triad Highland Games held in Greensboro, NC August 18-19. Although we had signed up for these games, we did not

set up a tent because we had returned from a three week trip to Scotland Friday night and were suffering from jet lag. We did make it until about noon before the time differential overtook us.

These games are very important to Littles because there was a special celebration of the border Reiver. Finally, the Reiver clans are being recognized at a Scottish event. Next year the games will be held May 4, and will have special events dedicated to the border reiver clans.



The Flora MacDonald games were held at the college of their namesake on September 29-30. It was cold this day, but we were entertained by

wonderful games and Canadian group called the Glengarry Bhoys. (Check out their website.)

Waxhaw, on the NC/SC border, purportedly the birthplace of Andrew Jackson, was cold and windy on September 28, (perfect Scottish weather) but the game went on. Eric Fraser, the world amateur record holder in the sheaf toss and heavy hammer throw was in fine form this day.

This ended the season for us. We always want to go to the Foothills Highland Games in Hendersonville, but it coincides with our only granddaughter's birthday. We had a wonderful time this year and are looking forward to 2007 because there are even more games to attend, Mint Hill and Albemarle to name just two more.

One other important event took place last Memorial Day. Our home town, Thomasville, NC, is the site of the only Memorial Day parade in our state. We have dignitaries from all over, military



personnel, and lots of equipment. A wreath is laid at the nearby Vietnam Memorial and fallen heroes are honored. This year, for the first time, the Scottish American Military Society, featuring Bob Krause and Alan Burke of Clan Little, marched in the parade along with two local pipers. This was a real highlight of the day.

Bill Litel Commissioner S. Western Region and Catherine Litel, Marischal, setup at several games this year and the following photographs are from the Game at Pleasanton CA.



Catherine Litel

Bill Litel, Commissioner

Jim Litel, Convener in Tucson Arizona, has recovered from a serious illness and is back doing a great job for the Society. The Games now have found a good location and Jim is doing a good job. Here Jim is with his granddaughter Lisa. It is nice to have grandkids around!



Additional Scholarship Program information:

Dear Members:

The Management team of the Society has been working on the procedure and mechanism of setting up a scholarship fund so we will be able to offer a small scholarship to deserving members or their children to further their studies in Scottish Heritage. While working this program up we were also able to obtain a tax exemption for membership renewal fees as well as contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

We are proud to send out this request for additional funds to be designated for the Scholarship Fund. The amounts below are the dollar amounts that you may send and they are tax deductible.

1. [] \$25.00 2. [] \$50.00 3. [] \$100.00 4. [] \$150.00
 5. [] \$200.00 6. [] \$250.00 7. [] Other amount \$ _____


As you know we are a small Clan Society and at present are able to offer only one scholarship of \$250.00 per year.

We have received our EIN number from the IRS to provide for tax purposes only. Now the donation to the Scholarship fund and your yearly membership dues are tax deductible. We will supply you with a form to be used for this purpose. Please put in the Memo line of your check that the funds are for the Scholarship fund.

The student who is accepted for the scholarship will be required to complete a course in Scottish dance, bagpipes, Scottish music, Celtic language or other appropriate Scottish Heritage studies prior to the end of May of the following year.

We have talked about this for the last three years and I feel now is the time to act upon our intentions. Depending upon the response from our members and the amounts in the fund we could offer this by May 2007.

Thank You,


 John E. Little, Steuart
 Clan Little Society North America

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 Broken Arrow, OK 74011-3410

From Barbara Helwick

P0 Box 50345 Casper, WY 82605-0345.

I need information on the following people so assist in my family search:

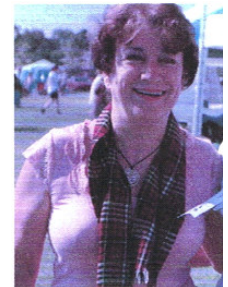
John LITTLE died 1755 in Anson Co, N.C. He married Jannet ??? They were the parents of Thomas, William, John who married Jane ??? Archibald who married Sarah; he died 1814 Lincoln Co. N.C. James, Alexander. Margaret & Martha who married John Reed/Reid.

Archibald & Sarah LITTLE were the parents of the following: John, Archibald, Sherard, Thomas, George, William, Margaret born 1779; married 1805 Lincoln Co. N.C. & died in Cape Girardeau Co. Mo. Sarah who married ??? Haker.

Martha LITTLE born 1783 in N.C. married Alexander REID/REED 1798 in Lincoln Co. N.C. Alexander was born 1775 in Rowan Co. N.C. he died 1833 in Cape Girardeau Co. Mo. They were the parents of James, born 1843 died 1864 in Mo. Archibald Born 1830 in Mo married Feba DUNN. Henderson, John Scott born 1817 in N.C. married in Mo. to Rebecca COLYER & died 1870 in Mo. Elza, Keziah born 1823 died 1892 married Hugh COLYER, Sarah born 1801 Lincoln Co. N.C. married William BEAL & died Cape Girardeau Co. Mo.

If You have any information that might help Barbara, please contact her at the address above.

We have just heard from Sharon Young. You remember Sharon, our expert photographer at the 2005 Tulsa BGM! Sharon has been searching for lost ancient relatives and now tells us she has found a Richard Liddle amongst her ancestors. Good job Sharon!!



DON'T FORGET...THE 2007 BGM WILL BE HELD AT THE LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES NEAR CHARLOTTE, NC, APRIL 20-22. Visit www.ruralhillfarm.org and follow the links for all the information you need. In a few days you will receive your PROXY which you should complete in case you cannot attend. (North Carolina was the port of entry for many Littles and you may have a cousin here.)