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Flowers of the Forest

In a conversation with Arch Little of Oklahoma he revealed that his wife had passed away in November, 2009. Also in 2007 and 2008, Arch lost a son and a daughter. The rest of Clan Little Society extends their heart-felt sympathy to Arch.

TARTAN DAY APRIL 6

Don't forget that April 6 is Tartan Day. Try to find a group in your area that will be honoring our Scottish Heritage on that day. Also don't forget to send us your news about the events you attend.

EXTENDING THE LITTLE LINE

Alana Maura Little was born at 7:05pm. 5lb 8.5oz, 19 ¾ inches on December 15, 2009. Perfect shape, she scored a 9 out of 10 on the APGAR birth score and is a tiny, cute little thing. The delivery was a long one as she didn't want to engage her head and start her journey. Mom and baby are doing just fine, Alana has a lusty cry and loves chewing her hands when she's not feeding.

Proud parents are Bryan and Lisa Little of Hamden, CT. They are conveners for the Northeast Region. Congratulations to all!



GREETINGS FROM CLAN LITTLE SCOTLAND

(As you know, Dr. Johnnie Little, founder of Clan Little Scotland passed away two years ago. Crawford Little, his son, became the caretaker then, but Ian the other son, was elected to the post recently. Here's a message from him.)

My name is Ian Stewart Little the new Guardian of Clan Little I was voted in at last years A.G.M. by the Clan members. We run the Clan so all members can have a say in how the Clan is run. Lets see if the two Clans can work together again, why not log on to the new web-site at www.clanlittlesociety.co.uk and see what you think.

Regards Ian



DON'T WAIT FOR GAME TIME!

Just because the dead of winter is upon us it doesn't mean we can't find Scottish activities in which to be involved.

Many states have area Scottish Societies. In North Carolina, for example, there are societies spread across the state. A few of the most active are the Scottish Society of the Waxhaws, Triad Highland Games, Catawba Valley Scottish Society, Mint Hill Scottish Society, Montreat Scottish Society, Scottish Society of Eastern NC just to name a few. We'll publish your games if you send the info to us.

If you search your area you will probably find gatherings you can attend. Many areas have Scottish Country dance groups where you can learn the dances of our heritage.

Little's Celebrate Hogmanay

The Double Tree Inn in Greensboro, NC was the setting for a Hogmanay Celebration held by Triad Highland Games. Marischal/Secreteur Jim Little and wife Pat attended.

As in Scotland of old they shared a table with members of Clan Wallace. Friends from Clan McAlister completed the group.

About ninety Tartan-clad members of various clans attended. The evening's entertainment was non-stop.

The band Keltic Kudzu from Atlanta, GA provided the music. For those inclined there was county dancing. Several chose to do the occasional Jig.

An elderly woman from near Fife told about the celebration of Hogmanay there when she was a girl. She kept her audience's interest with her story of family and song. She explained that the new year was not celebrated until after the stroke of twelve. Preparation had been made in advance by cleaning every inch of the house and hearth. The custom of "first footing" was an important one. The first caller after midnight had to be a black-haired man. Any other was most probably foe not friend.

The evening closed with a hearty sing-a-long and of course the holding of hands and singing the traditional Auld Lang Syne.

Several other members of Clan Little attended celebrations in their area. The Reiver would like to know about them.



(The fellow on the right had three helicopters shot from under him in Viet Nam)

Axe Throw

For those with internet access, log on to Wisconsin Highland Games 2009 and click the video of the axe throw. That's Harold Hansen of Clan Little Society who's spot on with the blade.

'Tis the Season...

No, not Christmas, Scottish Festivals and Gatherings. Have you made the commitment yet to attend one or consider setting up a tent for Clan Little Society? As we have written so many times, they are a lot of fun and you meet a lot of good people. There are games all over the North American continent and there is probably one near you. For a listing go to <http://www.asgf.org/>. That's the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals. All you have to do is click on your state or province and you will get a list of what's going on near you.



A day at one of the festivals is good family fun. Usually there are Scottish games such as the sheaf toss, the hammer throw and, everybody's favorite, the caber turn. There are games for lassies as well as children's games and nonsense. There is always lots of good food and many vendors the like of which you will not see anywhere else. You can also stock up on needed items for your Clan Little tartan such as a sporran, a new belt or sgian dubh.

So, why not get involved and have fun doing it? Usually the games have a really low admission fee and parking is often free. Can't beat that! Oh! And when you do go, be sure to send pictures for publication in the Reiver.

-Editor.

Dr Jim Lyttle

Dr. James Bruce Lyttle (Jim Lyttle) is a new life member of the Clan Little Society of North America, having left the Scottish society. He was born in Canada, where he was an entertainer for many years and worked at Electrohome Electronics before returning to school for a bachelor's degree, an MBA, and a doctorate in business. He came to downtown Brooklyn in 2001 to teach at Long Island University and is now at Penn State University, teaching graduate professional studies. As of last November 16, he is also the proud papa of Heather!

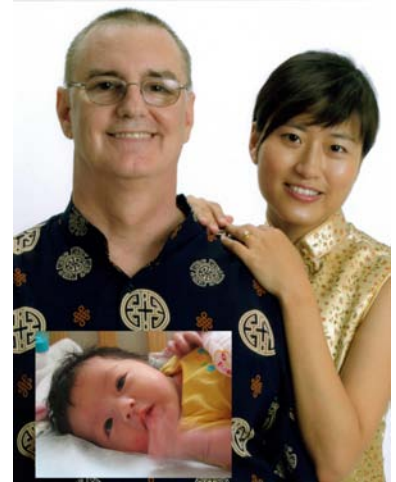
Jim's great-grandfather was known as James Little the 7th. He was a farmer in the townland of Clare, near Craigavon in County Down, Northern Ireland. He is listed as Little in the Griffiths Valuation of 1864 and again on his marriage certificate at Waringstown in 1885, but the spelling of the name had changed from Little to Lyttle before his daughter's birth certificate was registered there in 1898. Apparently, mail delivery had come to the Tullyish parish and there was another Jim Little in nearby Bleary, so a deal was struck for one of them to change the spelling. He died in 1901 and, by the time of the 1911 census, his widow and six children were living at 587 Lisburn Road in Belfast.

Jim's grandfather was Rev. Dr. James A. Lyttle, the eldest child and the one who came to Canada at that time sponsored by his uncle, Sir Crawford McCullagh (Lord Mayor of Belfast). The following year, the rest of the family joined him in Toronto. He worked at Eaton's store in the day and studied at night to become a Presbyterian minister (until most Presbyterians merged with Methodists and Congregationalists to form the United Church of Canada in 1925). When he retired, he was Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions.

There was some controversy about that retirement date, because the only official birth certificate he had was from 1887. At that time, a license had been purchased in the name of the infant James Alexander, who did not survive. When James Andrew came along two years later, his parents did not pay another two dollars for a new birth certificate.

Jim's dad, the Reverend's eldest son, is James Cameron Lyttle who was born in the colorfully named town of South Porcupine, Ontario (Canada). He is a retired electrician and electrical inspector who served as worshipful master of the Lodge in Chatham, Ontario and produced four healthy and intellectually curious offspring. The family was always well aware of its Northern Irish roots, but only discovered the connection to the borders through Family Tree DNA testing. That testing now includes a detailed haplotype and 67 markers, and has confirmed the connection to the Littles of Dumfriesshire, such as Dr. James Crawford (Johnnie C.) Little of Morton Rig.

Jim is a Canadian who now lives in Pottstown, Pennsylvania with his wife, Jing Zhu, and their new baby: Heather Victoria Lyttle. Jing is from Shanghai, China, and her family name traces back to the founder of the Ming Dynasty, but it is unlikely that there is any Reiver DNA in her blood. Heather (born November 16, 2009) is a dual citizen of the United States and Canada, and will proudly carry the name Lyttle into the future: until she is married, at least.



WHA'S LIKE US? DAMN FEW AND THEY A' DEID..

The average Englishman in the home he calls his castle slips into his national costume--a shabby raincoat--patented by a chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow. En route to his office he strides along the English lane surface by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland. He drives an English car fitted with tyres invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Dreghorn, Scotland.

At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by James Chalmers of Dundee, Scotland. During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell born in Edinburg, Scotland. At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, blacksmith of Dumfrees, Scotland. (cont'd page 4)

LITTLE DNA PROJECT HAS NEW CARETAKER

(As most CLSNA members are aware, Leo Little, the administrator of the Little DNA project, passed away over a year ago. Since that time the Family Tree DNA Project has been in search of a new administrator to no avail. Below is quoted a letter received concerning that project. It was sent to all Little DNA project participants.)

Hello Little Surname Project members. I am Terry Barton, new interim administrator of the Little project. Leo Little was my friend and I mourn his passing. I understand that FTDNA has asked several times for volunteers to step in and handle the administration of the Little Project, but has received no volunteer offers. One of the services that I provide through WorldFamilies.net is to serve as Interim Admin and I will do this until family researchers have stepped into the role.

Second, WorldFamilies.net operates a little differently than what you are used to seeing. I have prepared a Results table with all of your results. You can view it at:

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/little/results>. A "Lineage" is a genetic family - with a common ancestor within 100s of years.

Third, we identify you by FTDNA Kit Number and Earliest Known Ancestor (EKA). I see that many of you have not posted an EKA in your Personal Preferences in your Personal Page at FTDNA. If you wish to have your EKA shown on the Results table, please send me your EKA in an email, along with your Kit number and mention that you are in the Little project.

Fourth, many of you have tested at 37 or 67 markers and have a clear cut comparison to your fellow tested researchers. However, those tested at only 25 markers may be missing some clear indications of your closest dna kin and those at 12 markers don't have enough info to draw a clear conclusion about your relationships.

Fifth, if anyone spots an error, please let me know and I'll take care of it

Sixth, our administration system allows for volunteers to take a partial project leadership role. If one or more of you would like to become involved in a limited (or gradually increasing) role, please let me know and I'll share some ideas with you.

Seventh, I have left the FTDNA project pages online and put a link from our new project home page, but don't plan to continue updating that site. It's at:

www.familytreedna.com/public/Little_Klein_Cline_Kline/default.aspx?/publicwebsite.aspx

Best Regards,
Terry Barton

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He watches the news on TV an invention of John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland, and hears an item about the US Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland. He has by now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation he picks up the Bible only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot—King James VI—who authorised its translation.

Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots.

He could take to drink but the Scots make the best in the world.

He could take a rifle and end it all but he breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Pittfours, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table injected with penicillin, discovered by Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland and given an anaesthetic discovered by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland.

Out of anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England founded by William Paterson of Dumfries, Scotland. Perhaps his only remaining hope would be to get a transfusion of good Scottish blood which would entitle him to ask, "WHA'S LIKE US?"

Information Sharing Among Members

Several members of CLSNA have expressed their desire to share genealogy information and addresses with other members.

Since some members might not want their information made public a permission blank was printed in the last edition of the Reiver. If you missed it or just forgot, please send an OK to Pat Little. You can use e-mail or snail mail for this purpose, both of which can be found below under Jim Little.

We are listing the names and addresses of those who have wish to share. The name of earliest known ancestors are listed in descending order.

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(Edward Alexander, Emma)

Janet Lytle Cathy
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Ivan Barr Little b.1836 Ohio
(Hugh)

Claudia N. Claverie
216 Eaton Court
Benicia, CA 94510-1510
Nicholas Oleslen Little b. 1857 m. Eliza Frances Benson

Craig Hadley
Salt Lake City
Address forthcoming;
John P. Little b. 1827 family in NC and Texas
(John P. Jr., Albert J.)

Lindsey Little Haman
1 Reading Dr. Apt. 245
Wernersville, PA 19565
William Polhemus Little b. 1812 d. 1886 m. Rebecca Rodgers
(Daniel, Theophilus, John)

Barbara Helwick
PO Box 50345
Casper, WY 82605-9345
John Little d. 1755 Anson County, NC m. Janet
(Archibald, M. Reed, W. Beal, S. Beal, L. Garten, L. Miller)

Shirley Hoyt
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Los Gatos, CA 95033-8416
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Archibald Little b. 1761 Ireland d. 1826 Gurnsey, OH
(Francis, George, Margaret)

Duane Little
211 W Elder
Kellogg, ID 83837
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No ancestry information found
George Robert Little
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Lovelock, NV 89419-6402
Thomas Little b. Dumfries, Scotland 1774 d. White County TN
(Bryce, Joseph W., Robert L., James F.)

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d.1946 Toronto, Ontario, Canada m. Jemima "Jenny" McCulloch
(James A., James C.)

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Archibald Little b. NC 1776 d. NC July 30, 1864 m. Ms. Elizabeth Bright
(Robert, Riley, Robert, Robert)

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(John, Alexander E., William E.)

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ANYONE GOING TO BE IN NEW YORK APRIL 10?

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Tartan Day New York Committee to invite your Clan to join us on April 10th 2010, as we celebrate Tartan Day and the many contributions that Scots and Scottish-Americans have made to America and to the world. Now in its twelfth year, New York's Tartan Day Parade continues to be one of the highlights of a week of celebration. This year's parade is to be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 10th 2010, on Sixth Avenue, New York City; starting at 45th Street. We would be honored if you would be able to participate in the parade, and feel sure your clan will also enjoy the warm welcome New York will be giving us. The parade is led by the Grand Marshall, whose name we can release [soon], together with leading dignitaries from Scotland and around the world. As something of a fun extra, The New York Tartan Army will also be carrying the World's Largest Caber, which once stood in Glasgow's George Square as a 60 foot tall Christmas tree. And we are proud to have a contingent of about 50 Scottie and Westie dogs march with us! The core of the parade, though, of course, is the pipers and the clan members. About 3000 march but we want to swell that number and add a greater number of clansmen and clanswomen to the day. We hope you will help us as we build the parade to greater heights with your help. To register to march and to learn more about Tartan Week and the parade please go to www.tartanweek.com and register to be with us on the day. If you have any questions, please reply to info@tartanweek.com or call 212-980-0844.