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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mary Jane Anslinger

A note enclosed with payment for the dues this year from CLSNA member Bill Anslinger of Altoona, PA read as follows: "30 May 2011. If you keep records of such things, my precious, precious wife of 70 years--My Mary Jane Anslinger died on 11 March 2011.

William R. Anslinger"

Mary Jane (Snyder) Anslinger, 90, Sinking Valley, died Friday after a lengthy illness. She succumbed peacefully at her home surrounded by her beloved husband, family and friends. She was born in Altoona, daughter of the late John Henry and Olive May (Batton) Snyder. She married William Robert Edward Anslinger on Jan. 16, 1941.



She is survived by five children, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by siblings: Donald Clair Snyder, Grace Mildred Snyder and Ruth Irene Snyder; and nieces, Kathleen Snyder and Nancy Little Love. She and her husband, Bill, recently celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Mary Jane, a homemaker, was a giver who cared for everyone who came into her life: friends, neighbors and strangers. She and Bill opened their home many times to those without a place to live. She was involved in the Blair County Genealogical Society, was a Cub Scout leader and 4-H leader and was an early participant in the Association for Retarded Citizens of Blair County. A parishioner at Faith United Methodist Church, she was formerly a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Off Your Rockers senior citizens group. She was also a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Sinking Valley, where she was a leader of Luther League. She enjoyed sketching and writing poetry and letters, but she

spent most of her days devoting herself to her family. Mary Jane was deeply spiritual, and this pervaded every aspect of her life. She will be forever loved by all those who knew her, especially her "Billy."

(When you think about two people being married and loving each other for over seventy years, it staggers the mind. Bill may be able to take comfort in the happy memories these two created with each other, and we hope that God will bring peace understanding to Bill and his family. -Ed.)

EVELYN LITTLE

Our Sympathy is also extended to Pat Little of Kansas City, MO, in the passing of his wife, Evelyn. She passed away in April, 2011. Pat is not a member of CLSNA, but regularly helps Tom Little at festivals and gatherings..

(We saw Pat, his children and grandchildren at the KC games in June and he seems to be coping with her loss as well as can be expected. We pray that God will also bring him comfort and understanding. -Ed.)

From the Stuart...well, sort of.

Our stuart usually writes an article for this newsletter but was unable to do so this time because he is recovering from an accident in which both his wrists were broken. No details were given, but we look forward to his swift recovery. Take care, John!



These are our hosts for the upcoming Clan Little Society BGM in Wisconsin. L-R Harold & Debbie Hansen, Joe Tuzzio, Laurie & Troy Brooks.

BAD BOY, BAD (LITTLE) BOYS...

History has recorded that at least one Little had a notorious past. Well, at least *this* one is documented. Lorenzo Merrimon Little from Union County, NC apparently rode with the outlaw Jesse James off and on from the beginning of James' criminal career, and survived to tell the tale. Jesse James was and is an outlaw cult figure and has commanded a lot of attention over the past 100 or so years. Frank James, his brother, was the only other regular member of the gang



because the two recruited gang members whenever they wanted to pull some dastardly deed. After the crime the outlaws would melt into the countryside posing as law abiding citizens.

According to a newspaper article last year, Waxhaw (NC) museum director Ralph Ganis has researched and proven that Merrimon was one of James' gang and was probably in on the out-

laws' first bank robbery in Liberty, MO in 1866. In 1876, the James brothers and their cousins, the Younger brothers, led by Cole Younger, staged a raid on Northfield, Minnesota where the townsfolk reacted swiftly, killing three of the Youngers. Frank and Jesse escaped unharmed and returned to Missouri.

Little was not a part of that raid, but, since James could not call on his cousins any longer, re-recruited Little and his friend Andrew Diggs for several more raids. An 1880 photograph of the Jameses at the Nashville Barrel Factory, a front business, clearly shows Jesse, Frank, Little and Diggs among many others.

Little had left North Carolina before the Civil War to live in California where he met Cole Younger and, through him, Jesse James. The outlaws habit of recruiting gang members on the fly proved to be a bad policy when Bob Ford, similarly recruited like Little, shot Jesse in the head in 1882 and "laid poor Jesse in his grave."

Merrimon Little returned to North Carolina and lived until 1903 and died at age 76. He was never prosecuted for any crimes, but he reportedly was a man to be feared even into his seventies. Diggs was convicted of murder, served six years until pardoned, then was put in charge of guarding payrolls (huh?) before his own demise outside a Monroe, NC bar room in 1897.

(Next issue: More bad boys--the Little Gang of Breathitt County Ky)

The Zangls

We are so excited to host the upcoming big meeting and meet all of you! I'm sure you will love our Games and Wisconsin!

Just a little about my family- consists of myself, husband Gregg (Rock) and 11yr old son Ford. We live on a 6 acre mini farm with a horse, donkey, Doberman, 4 cats and a leopard gecko!! Gregg and I are both powerlifters and have competed at the World Bench press Competitions. Gregg at his best benched 475lbs in the 181 lb. class. He has also done very well in Bodybuilding competitions and even tried a Strongman competition! He still trains more than I do but I have been doing walk marathons instead.



We also have Model T's and belong to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies Model T club. We take tours around the state with the group- it's a relaxing time! We own a 1913 Depot Hack, 1914 Speedster, 1923 TT truck and a 1914 Model T tractor.!

I also enjoy part time work giving massages and teaching Dhanda and Longi yoga! Ford enjoys playing the piano, karate, escrima, Pokemon, swimming and reading!!

We like to keep busy! See you all soon!

Pam Zangl

(Pam and Gregory Zangl have been members since March 2007, and live in Germantown, Wisconsin. They will be at the BGM set for Labor Day weekend.-Ed.)

WANTED:

SCOTTISH HISTORY ARTICLES FOR THE REVER.

REWARD: GUARANTEED PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

ALL SUSPICIOUS ARTICLES ARE TO BE ROUNDED UP AND POSTED.

The Kansas City, Mo. Scottish Games

The 34th Annual Kansas City Scottish games were held this year on June 10 – 12, 2011. E. H Young Park in Riverside, Mo. again hosted the games. Thomas Little, Convenor for the Clan Little, NA hosted a clan tent for the third year. Unlike last year when severe weather stormed the event unmercifully like the continuous Battle of Flodden, the weather this year was true of Scottish Meikledale. The mornings were foggish which burned off to a pleasant sunny day. Sunday produced a wee bit of rain but passed quickly.

Thomas was assisted by Pat Little (Kansas City, KS) and his clan of 7 throughout the event. Jim Little (Marischal of Clan Little, NA) and his wife Pat drove in from North Carolina to join the activities. Both John Little (Steuart of Clan Little, NA) and Ian Little (Guardian of Clan Little, Scotland) provided lots of pictures, cards and other materials to provide information on the Clan. Pat is a wonderful historian and talked about our history and past.

Friday opened with the Scottish Clan's Torchlight Ceremony. Each clan was able to carry their crests and announce themselves as being present for the event. Sixty-five clans in all were present, one of Kansas City's largest gatherings. Clan Davidson was the event host and held their international AGM which resulted in over 250 Davidson attendees from all over the world.

Saturday opened with a huge crowd. Many stopping by the clan tents exploring what their names meant, how they could get involved, and wanting to absorb some history. Pipers continuously marched and played tunes. Scottish dance competitions were held as well as caber and stone tossing. The massed band event was spectacular. At noon, everyone prepared for the Clan Parade of Tartans. Clan Davidson led the Parade and picked up the various clans as they strolled through Clan Village. Clan Little sported 12 members in our march.

In the afternoon there was more dancing, more pipers and more competitions. This was a good opportunity to renew acquaintances with the Scotts, Davidsons, Elliotts, Donalds and MacGregors. The Campbells kept to themselves at the far end of the Village. Bands Flatfoot 56 and Needfire closed Saturday night. Sunday opened with the Kirkin' of the Tartans. A wee bit of rain dropped around noon and the day was an example of another early Scottish Lowlands summer day.

The Clan Little, NA will conduct their BGM over Labor Day in September (2nd – 4th) in Waukesha, Wisconsin. A special "Thanks" to Pat Little and his little clan of Littles (Kathleen, Pat, et al) for their help and to Jim & Pat Little who drove across the country from North Carolina to attend.



Tom Little announcing the arrival of Clan Little Society NA to the KC games. Pat Little holds the banner.



There are three Pat Littles in this picture, far left, in the green (Pat, Sr.) and seated with the striped shirt (Pat, Jr.) Jim Little, Tom Little and Pat Jr.'s family round out the group.



Littles, front and center, with the Missouri River as a backdrop.

Apple Butterscotch Pie

Butterscotch is a brittle sweet (candy) made from sugar and butter which has long been popular. This pie is not brittle - but it's just as tasty and has meringue on top!

Ingredients:

A 22cm/9" pastry lined flan case and eating apples to fill the flan case completely

3 ounces (100g or scant ½ cup) demerara (light brown) sugar

4 ounces (125g or two-thirds cup) granulated sugar

2 tablespoons plum jam

2 level tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons cream

3 eggs (one complete and two egg whites)

Small pinch of salt

Method: You can use a ready-prepared pastry flan case or make your own (see the Flan Case recipe page). Thinly slice the apples and fill the case completely. Beat together one egg and one tablespoon of cream. Mix this with the brown sugar, flour and pinch of salt. Spread this mixture over the apples and bake in a preheated oven at 220C/425F/Gas mark 7 for ten minutes. Then reduce the heat to 180C/350F/Gas mark 4 for a further 20 minutes or so, until the apples are soft. Make a meringue topping by placing two egg whites in a dry bowl and beat with an electric whisk until firm peaks form. Add the white sugar gradually, beating constantly until the mixture is thick and glossy and all the sugar has dissolved. Spread the plum jam over the apple and then spoon the meringue over the filling. Swirl into peaks with a fork or flat-bladed knife. Bake for a further 20 minutes or so until the meringue is lightly golden. Serve cold.

IT IS TIME FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT TERM.

The by-laws of Clan Little Society NA call for election of officers every two years, the results of which will be announced at the Bi-ennial General Meeting. The new officers will take their posts at the end of the BGM. Anyone in the Clan Society is eligible to become an officer. Right now, three people hold four offices. John Little is the Steuart, Ellen Little, his wife, is Mailin (treasurer) and Jim Little holds the posts of Secrateur and Marischal. Pat, Jim's wife is the guardian of the genealogical records as well as the editor of the Reiver. That means that all offices and positions except one are concentrated in two families. (Leroy Little holds the Quartermaster job, not an elected post.) It is really time that someone else steps up take the load off some of these people. After all, the clan society is for the benefit of every member and therefore every member owes it to the clan society to give their expertise to the betterment of the whole.

As stated above anyone can run for office as long as they are a paid-up member of CLSNA. Members can nominate other members or themselves. Before ballots can be cast we have to have a slate of officers so every member is urged to consider a person or persons for nomination and notify the Secrateur immediately so that the voting can take place in a timely manner. Therefore, anyone who wishes to run for office or would like to nominate someone to run for office should notify me on or before July 15, 2011. This will allow barely enough time to get the ballots and proxies sent and returned in time for the BGM in September. You can reach Jim at jnpoct23@triad.rr.com or (336)476-7607.

Please take this matter seriously. It is important to have the best slate of officers in order to have the best clan society. If you need descriptions of the various positions, I will be happy to provide them for you if you will let me know.

Thanks,

Jim Little, Secrateur/Marischal

Member Profile Donald McEdward

Usually we edit profiles solicited from members of CLSNA, but this time we decided to just include the whole e-mail for its humor. -Ed

Jim and Pat, received your nice note and will give it another try and you asked for a little bio on me so included a recent picture of me with one of the little people that I claim as a descendant.

I was born the 18th of March 1920 in the little town of Strong, Maine where my father ran a creamery. My mother, Vera Perry, came from New Brunswick,, Canada a descendant of United Empire Loyalist stock exiled to Canada after the revolution. She is a descendant of William Cooper Little. The pictures were painted in 1835 by a rural painter named Anthony Flower and I have the originals. A few years ago they were exhibited at historical societies around New Brunswick to honor the painter who is quite famous in his own right.



The story I get, if true, was that Flower's father had boats plying the channel between England and France and young Anthony was hauling supplies to the British army at the battle of Waterloo. His father told him that he did such a good job that he could have the boat and go where he wanted to. He sailed for St. John, New Brunswick and went up the river to a place called McDonald's Corner and built himself a house in 1818. I have been in it and it was full of old paintings. I belong to the Queens County Historical Society and donated some money to have the house moved and refurbished with some of his paintings. The head of the Society desperately

wants these paintings of mine to hang in the house. I have resisted so far but they will probably end up there, better than going to the dump after my time runs out.

William Cooper Little was born abt 1758 in Carlisle, England and died about 1835 in New Brunswick, C anada. He was a doctor educated in Edinburgh, Scotland as was his son, William Bell Little, the picture with the side view, who was born in 1798 in England and died February 1 1863 in New Brunswick. If it comes through in the picture he was born with a white lock. William Cooper Little married SaraAgnes Bell and she had the white lock and passed it down to following generations. Among mother's siblings, a family of 11 children, about half had the



white lock and my mother said she tried seven times to have a child with the white lock and had to give up.

The White lock came through the Bell family, it seems that there was an ancestor named Harry (hot spur) Percy died in a famous battle in the 1300's and when they told his pregnant widow about it she touched her forehead and swooned. I always liked that word ,swooned, it is so graphic. Anyway, ever since her descendants have had it, except my mother's children.

Now let this be a lesson to you folks. When you request articles to put in the Reiver this is a sample of what you can expect. Drivel comes to mind, to be taken with a sense of humor.

When consorting with the Perry and Jenkins families in New Brunswick all they do is have fits of laughter. It's hard to get any appreciation for my story telling efforts. I visualize that you will be caught up in the same way.

Meanwhile keep letting me read the Reiver, good luck and Merry Christmas.

Don



IS THIS A GREAT COUNTRY...OR WHAT?

For those of you who have never driven across country, don't wait until you are too old to do so. Since joining Clan Little, Pat and I have had many wonderful adventures, several attributable to the clan. Our first cross country excursion was to Tulsa, OK in 2005 where we met Ross and Phyllis, John and Ellen, Archie, Pat Maddox and several others. In 2009, we went to McPherson, KS, where Clan Little was the honored clan at their games. Bud and June Little were there as well as John and Ellen and a few others. This year we drove to Kansas City, MO, to participate in the KC games with Tom Little. On each of these journeys we stopped at as many places of interest as we could. This year was the best so far.



We left North Carolina and headed to the beautiful state of Kentucky for the first night. Now, since we are from the Tar Heel state (also home of Duke U.) that term "beautiful" may surprise a lot of basketball fans, but it is accurate in our minds. Next day we drove out to Hodgenville, KY to see the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and his home at Knob Creek when he was a boy. Awesome! We then drove north to see the Patton museum at Ft. Knox. History fanatics such as us will enjoy this side trip. Ft. Knox is just as it appears in the photos, but it was great to see it up close.



As we crossed into southern Indiana, Lincoln's home as a teenager was just a little too far to travel and still reach our intended lodgings near St. Louis. We toured the arch last trip and we were late getting in so we headed to our hotel. The next day was the last leg of our trip out and we stopped at Independence, MO to tour the Truman Library. Our 33rd President was a very interesting character and one of my favorites. In the museum is an exact replica of the oval office when he was president. Truman's own voice narrates the five minute mini-tour of the historic room. After a few hours there we headed for Kansas City and lunch at the downtown farmers market. We saw a few BBQ joints, but, being from North Carolina and the world's best barbecue, we passed on that for the time being.



After checking in at the Argosy Casino and Hotel at Kansas City, we had some time to kill so we decided to tour the National Aviation Museum at the Downtown Airport. There are several large aircraft on site including a Lockheed "Super G"

Constellation--"Connie" as it's called. It is still in flying condition and will take to the skies again later this year. A DC-3, also known as a C-47, was there and may fly again one day.

The games which Tom Little describes elsewhere in this newsletter were wonderful. Set beside the swollen Missouri River, the venue was among the best I have ever seen. (Grandfather Mountain is top of the list.) We spent all day there and had a wonderful meal with the Davidsons that night. Sunday was threatening rain all day but it never did materialize as we spent the morning at the games and the afternoon in the room.

Our journey home began Monday, June 13, under threatening skies all the way to our lodgings in southern Illinois, but no rain to speak of. I used to think of Illinois as all concrete and steel, but the southern part is just like the prairie states to its west and south. We were hoping to make it to Chattanooga the next night but we started out early in a torrential downpour. I guess it had been saving up for those past days when it didn't rain, because this storm lasted until we were almost to Kentucky again.

As we finally left the storm behind us we were just cruising along and Pat was taking a nap. She awoke when I exited the highway unexpectedly. "Where are we going," she asked as she was aware of the changing road. "Just a little side trip," I said. "We're going to Metropolis!" "Do what?" "We're going to Metropolis where they have a twenty foot statue of Superman!" And sure enough, three miles later, there he stood right in the courthouse traffic circle--The Man of Steel. I had my picture made with him and we bought a few things for our sons and grandchildren at the museum. However, the storm was catching up with us again, so we hit the road to avoid driving through another deluge



We did make it to Chattanooga late and had dinner with Bud and June Little. Next day we set out for the trip over the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains and home without our digital camera and all the pictures of the trip. We had missed it as we left that morning but a search of the room and the restaurant turned up nothing. Leaving our address with the hotel clerk we finally got away about noon and arrived home by supper time. Next day, our camera arrived via overnight mail!

So, get off your duff, go out there and explore this beautiful and historic fruited plain that we call home--The United States of America.

Jim Little

Good Day ,

I wanted to share with you and Clan Little, those that will be joining us for our annual meeting here in Wisconsin. We just got word that we won't be having Rugby. Instead we are working on hurling and Quidditch <http://www.internationalquidditch.org/> to be at our games. Also, as a reminder on the website you will find hotel information.

We like staying at
Comfort Suites Lake Country N14 W24121 Tower Place
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Friday night is our opening ceremonies/ calling of the Clans and live Music only, and dinner (Usually a fish fry) to be purchased as well from 5-10pm. If we don't get to meet on Friday we look forward to see everyone on Saturday. The gate opens at 9am on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. Here is the website; www.wisconsinscottish.org

Also, If you are interested in checking on the weather as we get closer to the games the zip code is 53186 Waukesha, WI.

I also, wanted to share a bit of information, This years T-Shirts as well as last years were designed by our very own Clan Little member Harold Hanson, they both look great!

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Laurie Brooks

DON'T FORGET THE
CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY BI-ENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Labor Day Weekend – September 2 - 4, 2011
Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha, WI



All Clan Little Society Little NA members are urged to attend. We will all meet for dinner on Friday evening at a place to be determined. Next day we will hold the BGM at the Clan Little tent on the grounds. Being located in the central part of the United States, it is convenient to all members including those from Canada. Hope to see you there!