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TIME TO RENEW!

Many more exciting events and opportunities are planned in the future, including better ways to submit genetic information and search DNA files for our ancestors. We know you don't want to be left out. But we also know that the economy has not yet recovered, so we have kept the annual dues at the low price of just **\$20**.

Of course, if you like to save money, you can make a one time payment of \$300 and become a Life Member, with no further payment ever. It is always great to grab an opportunity like that before prices inevitably go up in the future.

Also, Ian Little (of the Clan Little Society, Scotland and Worldwide) is offering half-price memberships to everyone who is already a member of the CLSNA ... another opportunity that is not likely to last forever.

With PayPal available on the website, it has never been easier: just point and click. But don't worry, we still remember how to deal with checks ... just send them to the Secratrur at the address on the last page.

Just be sure to get all this handled **before June 30th** so that your membership benefits will be uninterrupted.



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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Linda Jones-Little, age 61 of Windfall City, Illinois, passed away Tuesday January 24, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospice Center in Indianapolis following a courageous eight-year battle with cancer. She was former co-owner of The Spoke Bar in nearby Elwood, past president of the American Legion Post 53 there, and co-founder of the Elwood Veterans Helping Veterans program. Linda had operated a bail bonds business in Florida, where she met and married our former South-East Commissioner Richard R. Little, who survives her in Windfall City.



STEUART'S REPORT

It's a little more than half way through the first year of my term as Steuart, which is a good time to provide everyone an update of our activities. Last August at our BGM, I shared with many of you my thoughts if elected as Steuart. I had three goals in mind, to increase our membership rolls, strengthen our ties to the Clan Little in the UK, and make our website more robust as a communications tool for our members.

Regarding membership, it is apparent that our ranks are getting thinner. Our records reflect that in 2003 there were 181 paid members. And there are 36 lifetime members. Last June our roster looked as though we had close to 90 total members. After renewals, and some new memberships today we stand at just over 100 members. As we near the end of our fiscal year (June 30th) and it will be time to renew our membership, I would ask each of you to think of relatives or other Little's you know and ask them to join. Especially valuable is the LIFE-TIME membership option. For a single payment of \$300, you will be a member for life.

Our relationship with the Clan Little Society in the UK has improved immensely. Over the years, under different leadership in the UK, both the Clan Society in North America and the Clan Society in New Zealand chose to be and remain separate from the Clan in the UK. Today, much improved communications has taken place. The Clan Guardian, Ian Little in the UK is a member of CLSNA, as I am a member of Clan Little, UK. Rarely a day goes by that Ian and myself aren't in touch regarding Clan activities. Ian has made a generous offer to CLSNA members. If you are a paid member of CLSNA, then your membership in the Clan Little, UK is half price. I know of several CLSNA members who have taken advantage of this offer.

Finally, it was important that our website be kept current and up to date as a viable communication conduit for our membership. The officers all have e-mail addresses that end with

"@ClanLittleSNA.com" so no matter who holds the office, you can be sure your communications will be sent directly to the current officer. Our membership application process has been digitized for easy submission, and payment directly by PayPal is also available. We continue to work out the bugs, but I am confident this is a tool of the future. Membership renewals as well as Clan merchandise may be purchased using PayPal.

The LITTLE DNA project is under new leadership and the charts grow more every day. The new administrator of the project is anxious to find ways to link our organization with hers making sure our members have the most current access to the DNA of Littles, worldwide. I find this very exciting. DNA is a difficult concept to understand and the Administrator of the LITTLE Project has done a great job in categorizing DNA results, making this a valuable tool for the search of ancestors. Check out the link on our website (www.FamilyTreeDNA.com) for ordering your test kit, to upgrade your test results, or to check out the chart and see what group your findings fall into.

In closing, our organization can only be as strong as our membership. If you have an event you are attending, if you will let us know, we can get the word out and find other Little's who may also attend or may now choose to attend because of your involvement. Send us updates of what you or your families are doing. Marriages, deaths, graduations, and other accomplishments are of keen interest to our members. Send us ideas of merchandise you would like to see our store carry. Keep the faith of our ancestors and their messages to us by sharing. There are several Little's who have authored books. These can also be found on our website. Remember to spread the word far and wide, Clan Little is HERE! Concedo Nulli!

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MISSOURI TARTAN DAY

Clan Little was represented at the Missouri Tartan Day festival in St. Louis, Missouri. The primary mission of the Missouri Tartan Day festivities is to educate the public about Scottish-American culture with a variety of performers, skilled artisans, musicians, and animal experts. This year, there was an outstanding collection of individuals and groups that made the festival enjoyable and educational. There were a total of thirteen Clans represented in Clan Row this year.

Tartan Day celebrates the existing and historical links between Scotland and Scottish descendants in North America. In the United States, it is estimated that there are 6 million people who claim Scottish descent. Tartan Day is held on April 6, the anniversary of the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was created in 1320.

Thomas Little, Steuart of CLSNA, established a Clan tent on Clan Row next to Clans Logan and MacGregors. The wind currents off the Missouri River and spring storms presented interesting challenges to keeping tents upright. Clan Buchanan camped on Clan row and kept order amongst the other clans.

Traditional Pipes and Drums entertainment was provided regularly by the 42nd Highlanders and the St. Louis Caledonian Bands. Lori Little-Johnson also joined in as a vendor for Scentsy and visited the Clan tent regularly. Gord Little and his wife Jacki from Ontario manned the tent and joined as new members of CLSNA.

Despite inclement weather, ankle deep mud, and puddles the size of Loch Shin, a good time was had by all until the threat of high winds closed activities early Sunday.



LOCH NORMAN REPORT

Rain clouds hung in the sky all day Friday and Saturday, April 19 & 20, at the Loch Norman Highland Games festival held just north of Charlotte near Lake Norman. Jim and Pat Little attend every year and have set up a tent several times in the past. Despite the possibility of rain, the weather could not have been better on Saturday with moderate temperatures and just enough sun to stay warm.

Tens of thousands attend the games every year, this being the 19th annual event. It is held on the ancestral grounds of Rural Hill home of the Davidsons who hold their AGM at the games. Many Littles in North Carolina married Davidsons. The Catawba Valley Scottish Society sponsors the annual event on the shores of the Catawba River which was dammed to form Lake Norman and Mountain Island Lake. It's a beautiful setting for Scottish games.

On Friday, the salute to the haggis was read followed by the calling of the clans. Over thirty clans and clan societies answered the call. A ceilidh was held following the opening events.

Eric Frasure was the star athlete for the day. Although he had some difficulty in caber turn event, he did well in the hammer throw, sheaf toss, and the rest to finish first over all. Frasure is the world record holder in the sheaf toss. Jim and Pat witnessed the historic toss three years ago in Waxhaw,

NC. Frasure currently lives in Charlotte.

Twenty-one pipe bands with over 450 members thrilled the crowds early in the afternoon. Wild applause greeted the bands as they marched in three columns onto the field. You cannot imagine it, you just have to be there.

After the bands, the Scottish American Military Society (S.A.M.S.) properly retired old and worn our American flags. This is a very patriotic and moving service where the flags, which have been flown over ships and buildings but have become tattered and worn, are properly burned while the members of the military salute and the crowds stand at attention.

Several huge tents housed Scottish musicians during the day; others covered Scottish dance competition by young lads and lassies; and still others sheltered vendors from as far away as Scotland. Kilts, swords, jewellery, turkey legs, pottery, bag pipes, and all kinds of Scottish goods were on sale, although at a pretty penny.

It was great day, fit for all Scottish folk. Sunday, though, saw a bit of rain...well a lot of rain and some of the events were shortened but not canceled. So, if you are in the area in the third weekend of April, why not come on down for the 20th Loch Norman Highland Games?

Jim Little, Secratrur

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2014

Two years from this summer (July 11-13, 2014), there will be an International Gathering of the Clans at Stirling in Scotland. That is quite near the Wallace monument, Albert Halls, and the Church of the Holy Rude. It is about 40 miles North-West of Edinburgh and about 30 miles NorthEast of Glasgow. The return trip from America can easily run \$1500, so now is the time to commit to the trip and start saving up the money.

Although Stirling is about two and a half hours NorthEast of the old clan lands, we might be able to organize some sort of trip. That might begin at Glasgow, bus down to Dumfries and Langholm, perhaps even stay at Meikledale Lodge, and end up in Stirling for the International Gathering. There is sure to be a chance to learn more about the Littles through Ian and the Scottish group. Updated information will be on the web page.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

June 9-10 <http://www.kcscottishgames.org>

The Kansas City Scottish Highland Games has world-class bagpiping, sanctioned highland dancing and Scottish heavy athletics competitions. Bring the family to a wee bit of Scotland in America's heartland. Join us on the grassy fields of E.H. Young Park in Riverside, Missouri, our beautiful home along the Missouri River. Come experience the color, sounds and traditions of Scotland, here in greater Kansas City, Missouri! Listen to the Great Highland Bagpipe playing over the fields, see world class athletes toss the ancient Scottish caber, and watch our sanctioned Highland Dance competitions showcase the best dancers from across the country. Two stages of live Celtic Music continue throughout the Games, featuring favorite regional entertainers and national headliners. Find many Scottish Clans on Clan Village and discover your genealogy, or simply share the special company of clansfolk from around the region and the world. The Games offer a full venue of sanctioned Scottish Heavy Athletics. Enjoy authentic Scottish and favorite local foods, Celtic merchandise vendors and our colorful Scottish livestock display with sheepdogs in action and picturesque Highland coo's (cattle). See Pipe and Drum performances and the Parade of Tartans, live-steel swordfights, Children's Games and more at the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

June 15-16 <http://www.chicagoscotts.org>

Chicago Scots and the Illinois St. Andrews Society are hosting Highland Games at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois. The festival kicks off Friday at 4:00 pm with Highland Dance competition, Heavy Athletics, Friday Night Fling, crowning of the Heather Queen and Court and a Ceilidh, and a lively celebration of traditional and contemporary Celtic music

until 10:00 pm. All day Saturday (8:00 am - 9:00 pm), there will be Champion Supreme Piping and Drumming competition; Heavy Athletics U.S. Open Championship featuring traditional Scottish contests including the Caber Toss, Hammer Throw, Sheaf Toss and Clachnert; Highland Dance competition; Rugby Sevens Highland Challenge; Coerver Cup 3v3 youth soccer tournament; Dogs of Scotland and other animal presentations; Genealogy and cultural exhibits; Parade of Clan Tartans; Children's activities including mini golf, crafts and carnival attractions; and attendee competitions including the Kilted Mile Fun Run/Walk, British Car Show, Haggis Hurling Contest for women, Knobbly Knees contest for men, Haggis Eating Contest and Shortbread Contest. Attendees will also enjoy musical performances, Whisky tastings and seminars, traditional Scottish cuisine, and shopping in the Celtic Marketplace.

July 12-15 <http://gmhg.org>

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (July 12-15) are the biggest gathering in the world. Venues are set among the rocks and trees where all kinds of music and other entertainment can be experienced.

The main grounds are active over the four days of the games, beginning Thursday night with the calling of the clans. On Thursday and Friday people can drive and park, but on the weekend they take a shuttle bus from Linville at the bottom of the mountain. Don't worry, though, it is run very efficiently and there is never a wait of more than a couple of minutes. Last time, it was around \$6 to ride both ways and \$25 admission at the gate. The games are great, owing to the fabulous mountains and cool weather in the middle of summer.

May 11-13 Kentucky Scottish Weekend Carrollton (Cincinnati & Louisville). <http://www.kyscottishweekend.org> (800) 325-0078

May 26-27 United Scottish Society Highland Gathering & Festival (Costa Mesa, CA). <http://www.scotsfest.com/> (310) 397-3555

June 9 Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival (Richmond, RI). <http://www.riscot.org> (860) 535-3851

June 23-24 San Diego Highland Games (Californai). <http://www.sdhIGHLANDGAMES.org> (760)726-3691

July 8-15 Antigonish Highland Games (Nova Scotia, Canada). <http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.com> (902) 863-4275

MEMBER PROFILE: HAROLD E. HANSEN



Our kin are fascinating people, and Harold Hansen is no exception. He is a stone lithographer and painter. His Little connection is on his mother's side and their ancestry has been traced back as far as David Little in the area that would soon become America.

By the time Harold was 15, he had already developed the stylized initials that he still uses to sign all of his artwork. At 18, he started his studies at the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, Indiana. There were about 300 students there, at the same school that produced Bill Peet (Disney animator of *101 Dalmatians* and *The Sword and the Stone*), Norman Bridwell (*Clifford the Big Red Dog*), and Rob Day (illustrator for *Rolling Stone*, *Business Week*, the *Smithsonian*, and *Sports Illustrated*). ... already in good company.

As he entered adulthood, he came to Wisconsin to work as a key line artist for Philipp Lithographing in Grafton. He stayed there for twelve years, working his way up to the position of Art Director. However, about the time that he won the 1976 Watercolor Wisconsin Award in Racine, he left the company to focus full time on his *Ringsted Studio Gallery* in the adjacent town of Cedarburg.

At the beginning of 1985, he published "Sketches of Cedarburg: Celebrating 100 years" of architecture in that town. Five years later, he was asked to establish an in-house art department for legendary software developer ICOM, which

was later bought out by Milwaukee's Allen-Bradley company, making it part of the Rockwell International family of companies. There he continued to learn new techniques.

About twenty years ago, he purchased an 1847 farmhouse near West Bend, WI. Five years later, he collaborated with John Gruenwald of Milwaukee to produce the largest stone lithograph to date, which depicts one of the lions in front of the Art Institute of Chicago. Three years after that, he left the ICOM company and converted his three-car garage into the customized 550 square foot art studio that he uses today.

The studio is a work of art, itself, built around a historic lithograph press and the

many heavy stones that are used in the process of doing lithography. Custom built cabinets hold supplies and earlier works of art, as easels and other custom pieces of furniture populate the L-shaped room that wraps around the remaining two-car garage area.

Since 1968, Harold has produced over 1600 paintings, about two-thirds of which are watercolors and most of the rest of which are small oil paintings. He has received awards in miniature competitions around the country, including Rocky Mountain Juried Miniature Show and South Carolina's Annual National Miniature Show. He has produced more than 80 lithographs, each one a massively complex undertaking of drawing on stone and printing from that stone.

Besides being a long time member of the Clan Little Society of North America, he belongs to Wisconsin Scottish and serves on the Board of Managers of Milwaukee's St. Andrew's Society. That organization is a 501(c)(3) benevolent society distributing money to groups that maintain Scottish heritage and to individuals in need through organizations like the Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald House.

He hosted their 2008 gathering at his home, and featured a Scotch tasting event. This might be the first time his peers noticed it, but it was no idle interest on his part. He has already tasted and cataloged well over 850 Scotches and says that he probably has more than 1000 left to try. He recom-

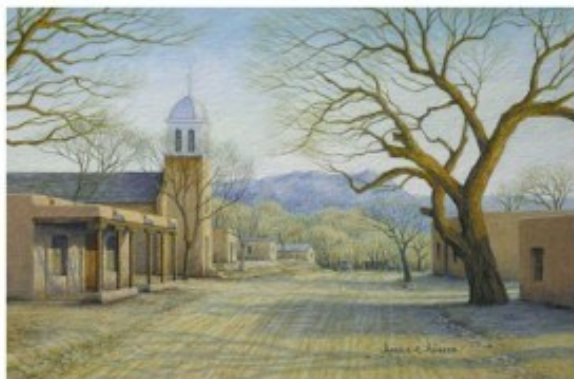
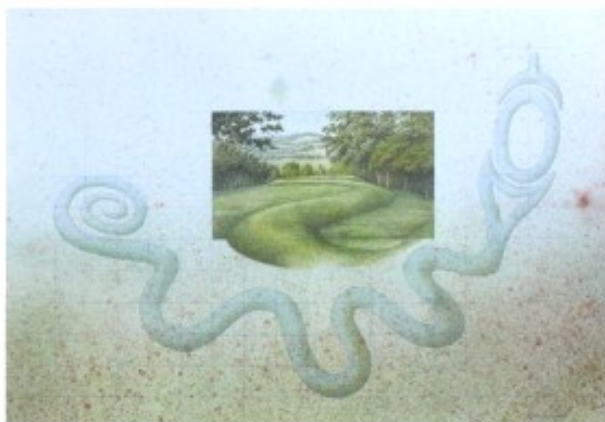
mends “The Union House” (in Genesee Depot, about a half hour West-Southwest of Milwaukee) and WhiskyFest Chicago as great places to try some exotic brands and meet distillery representatives.

Perhaps we can look forward to a book about different types and brands of Scotch with accompanying artwork of

the distilleries and Scottish landscapes.

Here are some diverse examples of Harold’s work, which really have to be seen in person to be appreciated for their painstaking detail.

Also, the art on our front page was prepared by the hand of our cousin, Harold E. Hansen.



LIKE GENEALOGY? WE NEED YOU

There are so many exciting things going on in DNA research, and with our own large collection of data, that we need to find a genealogist! We know some of you love to think about links to our ancestors, speculation that many of us have descended from the Littles of the Scottish Border, and evidence for the historical events that have been largely anecdotal until now. Contact our Stuart and see what we can arrange.

The Little Project at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) is alive and well, thanks to the tireless efforts of Jane Murtishaw Lindsey. We need a genealogist to work with her, gather the family trees that members have submitted, and catalog everything using GEDCOM or similar software. It is not expected that you would do any original research, but you would certainly be welcome to use this information to do so if you wanted to.

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SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Goal of attending this conference was to identify and understand the necessary leadership traits seen in Scottish Clan leadership and to identify and network with organizations or individuals that may provide information or benefits necessary for Clan Little to grow and become a premier Clan Society. Here are the goals we established when elected.

Leadership goals

- 1) to enhance the CLSNA website to become more robust and user friendly for members and to provide timely information making it a useful tool for our members.
- 2) to perform a membership drive to double the membership within a two year window.
- 3) to strengthen Clan ties and relationships between the North American Society and the UK Society.

This was a small two day conference, sponsored by the Saint Andrews Societies in both Illinois (Chicago) and Detroit. This is the tenth year of producing the conference and the first time it was held in dedicated facilities at Troy, Michigan instead of Chicago. The program began with a Royal Color Guard, pipe band, and an opening night banquet at which most of the 50 or so attendees wore tartan. A nice

Robert Burns haggis meal was served, which was well prepared and very tasty. A program of speakers and entertainment was presented featuring, among others, several government officials from Scotland.

Presenters included *Darren Burgess*, Second Secretary for Scottish Affairs, *Melanie Angus*, VisitScotland, Edinburgh, *Lord Jamie Sempill*, Member of the Executive of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, *Brian Wilton*, Scottish Tartans Authority, *Elliott MacFarlane*, Living History through re-enactors, *Graeme Morton*, University of Guelph Centre for Scottish Studies, *Camille Hellman*, MBE, Public catalogue Program.

Topics for workshops included *Producing Successful Games & Events*, *Marketing to Millennials*, *Mastering Grant Writing*, and *Discovering and using Scottish Research Libraries*.

We learned about many new resources, including Caber-Dancer.com (vendor of games materials), NASGAWeb.com (listing upcoming games), and Bruce Durie's must-read book for genealogists, called *Scottish Genealogy*.

The conference was very informative and worth the time and money. I had the opportunity for some good one-on-one conversations with association officials and Scottish Government representatives.

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