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## CHIEF FOR THE CLAN LITTLE

This is a rare opinion piece, in which I will share my thoughts and judgment on a controversial issue of Clan business. These comments are my own, and do not necessarily reflect those of my colleagues in the Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd.

Ian Little, who took over Guardianship of the main (Scottish) Clan a few years ago, is talking about applying to be appointed as the official chief of the Clan Little. Because our clan no longer has a chief, we have had to form "Clan Societies" instead of calling ourselves a Clan. Although a Clan Society can have arms (and thus be armigerous), it cannot be called the Clan Little unless a chief is found and approved by the Lord Lyon.

I am in favor of this move, and I support Ian in his bid to be our chief. He has been a powerful leader for several years, serving as Quartermaster in the early days and receiving mention from Dr. Johnnie himself as a possible replacement back in 2003. He has helped keep the Clan Society alive long after the death of Dr. Johnnie. He appears regularly at social and historical events, always in appropriate dress, and represents the Littles well.

There is a procedure for becoming the chief of a Clan. First, one applies to the Lord Lyon to be appointed *Commander*. Traditionally, this is decided by the vote of a *derbh-fine*, made up of "nine members of the clan, who shall be armigers of Lyon Court." However, given the current Lord Lyon's penchant for modernizing processes, it may be possible to substitute a vote of members to put forth a Commander candidate.

Next, for a period of ten years, that Commander serves as the leader of the Clan Society. In the meantime, a call goes out to see if a blood relative of the original Lairds of Meikledale (not of Dr. Johnnie) can be found. As DNA research continues to improve, it may be possible to find such a person. But, unless such a person is found, Ian will automatically be confirmed by the Lord Lyon as the chief of the Clan, with all its rights, privileges, and obligations. That will be a great day for the Clan Little!

As long as this procedure is followed, I whole-heartedly support Ian Little's application to serve as the Clan Chief.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE STEUART

Failte,

It was just a very short 18 months ago you elected me into the leadership position of our Clan Society. I say short months as time has just flown by as we make progress in making your clan society more robust and functional. Let me share with you our progress.

### **COSCA – Council of Scottish Clan Associations**

We have joined this organization which, from a leadership perspective, allows me to have direct contact with other Clan organizations and their leaders for the purposes of sharing processes, objectives, and lessons.

### **SNALC – Scottish North American Leadership Conference**

This is a conference held each year in Michigan where clan leaders are put in touch with government and organizations in Scotland who want to further their endeavors with the clans in North America. I have attended this for the past two years (see related article in Reiver)

### **Little DNA project**

One of my goals was to bring CLSNA and the Little DNA Project closer together for the purposes of extending our ability to provide our members greater access to the search for our families. David Lyttle, co-administrator of the Worldfamilies.com Little DNA Project, has accepted the position as CLSNA's Genealogist (see related article in Reiver). David is working the pedigree charts submitted by members and digitizing the work of former Genealogist Pat Maddox to make the search for relatives more comprehensive and easier to perform.

### **Clan Little Scotland**

There has been an acrimonious divide between the Clan Little Society in Scotland and its offspring: the Clan Little Society North America and the New Zealand Clan Little Society. This has now been bridged and the relationships between our Societies have fostered a united growth. My communications with Ian Little, Guardian of Clan Little, Scotland have been cordial and fruitful. He is now offering membership in the Scottish Clan to CLSNA members at half price! Scottish Clan members now are eager to communicate with members in North America for the purposes of friendship and would love to show our members around the homeland of the west marches in the Scottish lowlands, where many Littles still reside.

### **Communications**

I realize that we still have members who do not use computers or have access to the internet. For those who do, social networking has allowed us to bridge the vast geographical divide by use of Face Book, Skype and the internet. There is a Clan Little Face Book page in which over 200 people carry on daily communications with other Littles all over the world. The leaders of the societies, Allen Little (new Zealand) Ian Little (Scotland) and myself share information and history on the site daily.

### **2013 Bi-Annual General Meeting**

This year's BGM will be held in connection with the Kansas City Highland Games, in Riverside, Missouri this summer. Game days are June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>. Clan Little will have a clan tent set up and we will hold our bi-annual business meeting. COSCA will assist us by setting the annual meeting up as a web broadcast. This means that, if you are not able to attend, you can tune in on the internet from the comfort of your home and still participate in the business meeting of the Clan. This will be the first time Clan Little has broadcast its business meeting.

### **Merchandising**

I am proud of the work Laurie Brooks, our Quartermaster, has done in marketing our Clan merchandise. The website has been updated with pictures of items available and payment can be made using PayPal, in order to expedite purchases. We have also been able to expand the options of merchandise available.

### **Webpage**

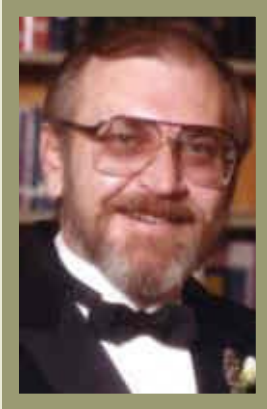
Don Little in Canada is our Webmaster. Don has done an outstanding job of keeping the website updated as we make plans to add tabs for members, adding pictures and new links our members have asked for. The addition of PayPal for membership and purchasing of merchandise has been a great success.

It continues to be challenging for us to gain members. For an initial investment of \$25, I encourage each of you who may know a friend named Little (or some version of such) who has a relative to make sure they know of the CLSNA and our goals and encourage them to join our society. Thank you for allowing me to serve as you Steuart these past 18 months! Slainte!

Thomas L. Little, Steuart  
Clan Little Society NA



## MEMBER PROFILE: A PATTERSON LITTLE III



In the last issue of the Reiver, we profiled Dr. James Crawford Little of Morton Rig (known affectionately as "Dr. Johnnie"). He is the founder and Guardian of our Clan Little Society. However, this society would not exist were it not for the driving energy and commitment of Augustine Patterson Little III. Let me tell you a little of his story.

He was born February 13, 1939 in Fort Benning, GA, the son of Augustine Patterson Little, Jr. "Junior" was a decorated soldier from the WWII, having received the Croix de Guerre "avec Palme" from General de Gaulle on January 29th, 1945. A Patterson Little III's grandfather, "Gus" Little, had been a Director of the Louisville & Wadley (GA) steam railway during the 1910s and was its assistant secretary by the 1920s. So, the first Augustine Patterson Little was A. P. (Gus) Little, an industrialist. The second Augustine Patterson Little was called Junior, and was a decorated war veteran. The third was called A. Patterson Little III, and he is the focus of this profile.

From 1961 to 1967, he served as a Captain in the US army, first in Alaska and later in Viet Nam. After leaving the military, he married Sally Moran Roberts and, from 1970 until the end of his life, lived in the beautiful city of Savannah, Georgia. Not coincidentally, this area is the home of the Clan Little Society, North America.

Pat graduated from "Leadership Savannah" in 1978 and was listed as a tax accountant on his death certificate. But this does not do justice to the breadth of his expertise and professionalism. In fact, he was the 1987/88 President of the Savannah Estate Planning Council, Inc. (affiliated with the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils). This professional association set accreditation standards for college courses, test for membership in the profession, and an ethics code to be followed if one wanted to remain in the profession.

At one point, Pat Little came across an article that mentioned a Scottish gentleman who was doing research on the Clan Little. This was, of course, Dr. Johnnie. Up until this point, Pat had assumed that the Little family background was English (much as I had assumed it was Irish, until sometime in my twenties). He did some research and found out how to contact Dr. Johnnie in Dumfries and present his idea of reviving the Clan as a worldwide club, but Dr. Johnnie firmly expressed his lack of interest in any such club. He reported that he only wanted to look up his genealogy ... period. Several years later, in 1990, Pat found Dr. Johnnie with a change of heart. Perhaps the upcoming Roots '93 gathering of Border Clans had awakened everyone's interest in the Clans of old. In any event, Pat traveled with Sally all the way to Scotland the next year to found the Clan Little Society with Dr. Johnnie and others on November 30, 1991. It was St. Andrew's day,

Dr. Johnnie was elected Guardian, and the first meeting was set for the Roots '93 gathering.

Sadly, that meeting was acrimonious, because the Scottish members thought full membership should be available only to people who could demonstrate a relationship to the Littles of the Scottish Borders. The Americans, being democratic (and capitalist) to the core, wanted to accept any interested parties as full voting members, so long as they had the money. Dr. Johnnie



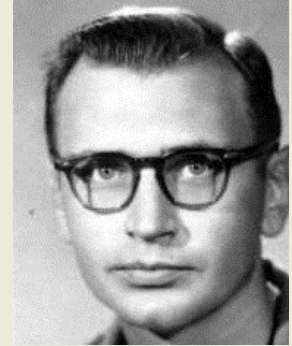
Secratrur Jim Little with Sally R. Little, widow of A. Patterson Little III



Augustine Patterson Little ("Gus")  
15 Apr 1891—13 Jul 1971



Augustine Patterson Little ("Junior")  
17 Nov 1914—29 Aug 1944



Augustine Patterson Little ("III")  
13 Feb 1939—19 Oct 1998

tried to settle the division with the suggestion of a tiered membership (Clan Members, versus Friends of the Clan), but this was not accepted.

Instead, A. Patterson Little III and friends established their own group, "The Clan Little Society, USA Ltd." in Georgia on August 4, 1994. That name was later changed to "Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd." to accommodate Canadians who were interested in the Society. This group is open to family members and relatives of anyone named Little, regardless of their documented background, as well as anyone with an interest in Scottish lore. The group survives and thrives today with around 100 members

and several participants in Highland Games across North America.

On November 30, 1996, the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Clan Little society and the 259th anniversary of the St. Andrew's Society, A Patterson Little III was installed as a Steuart. It turns out that he had been battling ALS since 1990, at which time he had been told to expect another three years of life. In the meantime, he did all the leg work that resulted in our current Clan Society.

Finally, on October 19, 1998, he succumbed to ALS. Since that time, we have tried our best to carry on the legacy of the two great men: Dr. Johnnie in Scotland and our own A. Patterson Little III in America.

## BIANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KANSAS CITY, JUNE 7-9

NOMINATE & VOTE FOR OFFICERS

## FOLLOW-UP ON HAROLD HANSEN

In November, CLSNA member Harold Hansen (who we profiled in the first issue of Volume 22) was to receive the Margaret Hicks Award from the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition of The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. He had three paintings in the exhibition, and two of them sold at a buyer's preview showing!

He and Debbie went out for the ceremony and were fortunate enough to be able to spend a few extra days there. They walked a lot, and one of the things they came across was a shop for the White House Historical Association on Lafayette square. They purchased the 2012 ornament shown on their Christmas card and were able to get a couple of ornaments of years past, including the 1999 of Lincoln. They had a great time in Washington.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, they went to Racine where Harold received the George Frederiksen Purchase Award from the statewide show "Watercolor Wisconsin" at the Racine Art Museum's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts.

A nice way to end a very good year!

## CONCEDO NULLI

The Romans worshiped, in the figure of the god Terminus, the sanctity of boundary stones. According to legend (Livy, 1.55), when king Tarquin began construction of the temple of Jupiter on the Capitol, he ordered the removal of the altars and shrines of all the other gods that were worshiped there, so the area could be devoted exclusively to the king of the gods. All were transferred without problems, except for Terminus, represented as it was by a huge stone that could not be moved. The Romans saw in this fact a manifestation of divine will, and left the rock inside the temple. Hence the expression "I yield to no one," since Terminus had refused to yield to Jupiter himself! This fact was interpreted as an omen, meaning that the dominion of Rome would be everlasting. The prophecy proved valid for centuries (if not forever).

However, the popularity of the phrase *concedo nulli* is due to Erasmus, who took it as a personal motto in 1509 when adopting the old god Terminus as its emblem. The young Erasmus was then in Italy, and began to enjoy international recognition for his work and abilities. Apparently, Erasmus received from his pupil a Carnelian signet ring with a gem thought to depict the god Terminus (the Roman deity of boundaries), and this is what inspired him to take the image of the god and the Latin quotation as personal emblems. His student was Alexander Stewart, the elder of two natural sons of King James IV of Scotland, who had both been sent to study under Erasmus. Alexander had already been invested as



Archbishop of St. Andrews at the age of eleven and would die with his father at the field of Flodden in 1513.

Images of Terminus, and the phrase *Concedo Nulli* (sometimes written as *Cedo Nulli*) appear in several pieces of art, including a commemorative medal minted for Erasmus (left) and a drawing by Hans Holbein the Younger (above), done in the year 1525.

Of course, Erasmus' enemies saw this motto as a sign of intolerable arrogance. In 1528, he wrote a letter (*epistola apologetica de Termini sui inscriptione concedo nulli*) stating that the term did not represent his own words, but those of Death, the only one that yields to nobody.

We Littles can be proud to be associated with this great Dutch humanist ... and perhaps less so the "death-metal-band" from Rotterdam called Concedo Nulli ([www.concedonulli.nl](http://www.concedonulli.nl)), whose demo song is entitled "Critique of Pure Treason."

Rowlands, J. (1980). Terminus, the device of Erasmus of Rotterdam: A painting by Holbein.

*The Bulletin of the Cleveland Museum of Art*, 67(2), 50-54



## 2013 SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



The 2013 Scottish North American Leadership Conference was held in Troy, Michigan at the Kilgore Scottish Center operated by the Detroit St. Andrews organization. This is the second year I have attended this conference. The theme this year, was, "Engaging the next Generation."

The audience increased from last year by 25%. There were more clan leaders present than in prior years, including : Little, Young, Moffat, McCleod, Scott, MacVay, McKinnon, and Kennedy. Also present were representatives of the Council of Scottish Clan Organizations, The American-Scottish Foundation, Alma College, The Scottish Studies Foundation, Illinois St Andrews Society, VisitScotland, and Event Scotland. The organization website is [www.scottishleadershipconference.org](http://www.scottishleadershipconference.org)

This year's conference focused on how to engage and develop the next generation of leaders in the Scottish -North American community. The conference examined technology, education, heritage, sports, arts and culture. Panel discussions were lead by specialists in each area.

Here are a few take-aways from the conference:

- 1) Youth should be engaged in planning their own events
- 2) We should support a Museum of the American People
- 3) People join clans to find past and current connections
- 4) People join for networking, they stay for service
- 5) Learn from history, learn from our mistakes
- 6) Education is the core in engaging the youth

Specific points retained from the conference included the value of being a Scot; being inspired by entrepreneurship, the value of education, and the importance of fine arts such as Robert Burns' great works. Scotland is expecting over \$50 million of tourism infusion from Homecoming Scotland 2014. There should be two types of visitors: cultural explorers and ancestral explorers. However, Scottish industries have had difficulty embracing both types of traveler as a common client.

The website Ancestral Scotland.com is a good travel site to explore options in traveling in Scotland. Presently the Search "your Surname" has incorrect information regarding Clan Little, but contacts were made to begin updating that material.

The first panel of experts discussed the use of social media such as Facebook, KILTR and Twitter. The second panel discussed education. The Centers for Scottish Studies in Canada was introduced as well as Alma College. Robert Lawson, a recent Fulbright Scholar discussed how to apply for educational

funding. Claire Johnston, from Scotland, was an intern assigned through the Saltire Foundation in Glasgow. Both foundations offer educational opportunities for investing in future leaders. These foundations pay for studies in Scotland.

The third panel focused on connecting to our arts and culture. Representatives from Monmouth College, Alma College, and VisitScotland discussed opportunities that included bag piping, Scottish dance, and other cultural topics. The fourth group panel discussed creating youth-friendly Scottish activities. Representatives of the Ontario Highland Games, Team Scotland Lacrosse, Saltire Foundation, and Event Scotland challenged us in encouraging youth to participate in planning various types of events.

### Homecoming 2014

Presently there is a lot of confusion and misinformation being circulated regarding the Homecoming Events. Originally, the event was to be planned around Stirling and there would be a Clan Village established, but with a change of council members, the Clan Village option disappeared. There will be numerous activities expatriates can participate in through out the year. Scotland is developing a Homecoming 2014 Tool Kit that clans and visitors can use to pre-plan their journey Organizations such as COSCA (of which the Clan Little Society is a member), VisitScotland, and the American-Scottish Foundation are very capable of pulling off some great activities around the re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn.

### National Museum of American People

Sam Eskenazi, the Director, presented information on the development of a new museum to be located in Washington, DC called the National Museum of American People. This museum will be a celebration how ALL origins of people came to America and what they did. There are no tax dollars involved in the creation of this museum. It will represent several periods in time. The pre-historic period to around 1600, 1600 to 1820 and 1820 to present. It is expected to open around 2020.

This is the second year of Clan Little's participation in the leadership conference and we have benefited greatly by the discussions and networking with other Clan leaders. The 2013 Conference theme will be "Partnership Across the Generations" and will be held in Chicago, Illinois around the middle to end of October, 2013.

## NEW PRICES FOR CLAN PRODUCTS?

We are currently selling clan items at a price that lets us almost break even. This is a service to our members, and we want to continue to provide it. However, when non-members buy our products, we feel that we should be making some money on them. My suggestion is that we put together a new price list with generous discounts for clan members. In this way, our members can continue to receive

products more-or-less at cost, while visitors to our site will pay their fair share. Of course, there is nothing in our constitution to prevent those visitors from joining our clan and taking advantage of member prices, if they so desire. You will not be able to order items at the member price unless you have signed in as a member with your current password.

## EXCITING NEW GENEALOGIST!

We are thrilled to add **David Lyttle** to our team of specialists. It is another great member benefit to have the services of David on board. He enlisted in the US Navy right out of high school (1968) and trained in radio, cryptography and cryptanalysis, and electronics. He worked his way up to lead radioman and cryptographer on a destroyer based out of Mayport, Florida. Who better to try and figure out the connections amongst our members and their ancestors?

He went on to have another career at National Cash Register (NCR), learning computer languages and repair., ending up as Group Leader for Electronic Data Processing field teams and Zone Manager for South Georgia ... yes, right there in the heartland of our Clan Society's founding.

He spent his last decade of salaried work as the manager of Optical Scanning for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida,

responsible for the processing of two million Medicare claims per month. Now, he spends time building custom furniture and cabinetry in his home. After a long and successful career of getting to the root of complex questions, and ensuring the details are thoroughly mastered, he brings his passion and craft to our Clan Society.

We are fortunate to have many friends in the genealogical community, including Ann Stansbarger and Jane Murtishaw. Now that we have David on board as our genealogist, watch for great initiatives on that front. Building on the careful and laborious work of our own Pat Maddox, David will update and computerize the data we have so that we may be able to find distant cousins who are already in the Clan Society... or who might want to join the Clan Society to learn more about their backgrounds.

## "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN"

One of the many initiatives of your new executive team (besides strengthening ties with the Scottish group, carefully researching our history, and modernizing our web presence) is to accentuate the exciting wing of the Clan Society that operates in the West. We have had Biannual General Meetings (BGMs) in California (Pleasanton, Sacramento, and Mariposa) as well as Portland, Oregon and Enumclaw, Washington. This year, we are planning to hold the meeting at Kansas City, but perhaps the next one should be held in Colorado! It is time to celebrate and appreciate our enthusiastic cousins out West and make

sure we are working closely with them on the future of the Clan Little Society.

As a result, we are looking seriously at holding the next BGM at the Estes Park (Longs Peak) Games just North West of Denver. They are held just **after** Labor Day, and would take place in 2015. It is a bit of a challenge to get there, heading 75 miles NorthWest from the Denver airport (about 90 minutes in a rental car or shuttle bus), but the grounds and the games are truly beautiful and it might be easier for our Western contingent to get there. What do you all think of this? Please let us know.



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