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CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY, NORTH AMERICA, LTD.



## BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

KANSAS CITY, JUNE 7 – 9

NOMINATE & VOTE FOR OFFICERS

### Can't travel? Participate on your home computer!



At 5:00 pm, Central Daylight Time, on Saturday, June 8th, Clan Little Society, North America, Ltd, will hold its Biennial General Meeting (BGM). Even if you cannot make the trek to Kansas City, we want you to join in the meeting, get the information, help with decision making, and maybe catch the fever of engagement ... **on your computer!** There is no cost to you to use this link or join your meeting. You just have to register in advance by going to the website mentioned below. Enter a first and last name and an e-mail address, and a link will be e-mailed to you. Sometime before the meeting, download a tiny piece of software to display the meeting and then, when the meeting is about to start, click the link that was sent. You will see and hear the meeting, almost as if you were there! Unfortunately, you will miss out on the Clan dinner that follows. When the meeting is over, you can simply remove the WebEx software, if you prefer. This link is for Clan members only (not all of your friends on Facebook), because it costs money and the number of connections is limited. Go to:

<http://clanlittle2013.eventbrite.com>

### An exciting time to renew!

This is indeed an exciting time to be a Little! So much genealogical information is coalescing that people are literally finding and connecting with unknown relatives across the globe as I write this. In part, this is due to modern DNA analysis, in part due to interactions at the Facebook group "Clan Little," and in large part because of the tireless

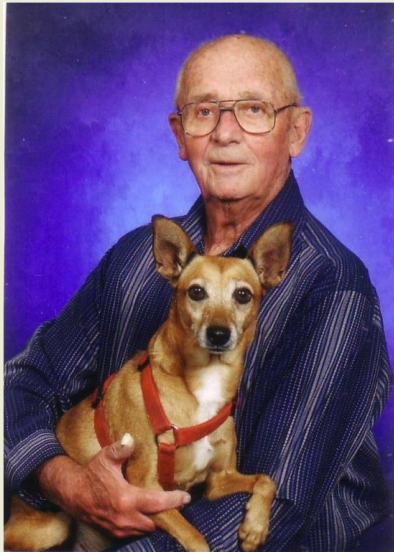
efforts of current Genealogist David Lyttle to gather and publicize the exemplary work of former Genealogist Pat Maddox.

We have contributed to the funding of the Clan Little table at the 700th anniversary of the Battle at Bannockburn and Ian, the proposed Chief of our Clan, arranged to have the gravestone of our latest known ancestor cleaned. It looks beautiful, and visitors to the Ewes Church can now read about the history of our Clan. Some of us are now trying to figure out how to get a little DNA from the Last Laird of Meikledale for comparison purposes. It seems unlikely that we could get *permission* for that, but we are reivers, after all ...

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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



I've heard the lilting, at the yowe-milking,  
Lasses a-lilting before dawn o' day;  
But now they are moaning on ilka green loaning;  
"The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away".

As buchts, in the morning, nae blythe lads are scoring;  
The lasses are lonely and dowie and wae.  
Nae daffin', nae gabbin', but sighing and sobbing,  
Ilk ane lifts her leglen, and hies her away.

In hairst, at the shearing, nae youths now are jeering,  
The Bandsters are lyart, and runkled and grey.  
At fair or at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching,  
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

At e'en, in the gloaming, nae swankies are roaming,  
'Bout stacks wi' the lasses at bogle to play.  
But ilk ane sits drearie, lamenting her dearie,  
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

Dule and wae for the order sent our lads to the Border;  
The English, for ance, by guile wan the day:  
The Flowers of the Forest, that foucht aye the foremost,  
The prime o' our land are cauld in the clay.

We'll hae nae mair lilting, at the yowe-milking,  
Women and bairns are dowie and wae.  
Sighing and moaning, on ilka green loaning,  
The Flowers of the forest are all wede away.

**Murray Reed Little** passed away unexpectedly in Portland, Ore., at the age of 84, on Sunday Sept. 2, 2012. Murray was born in Pueblo, Colo., the son of Murray W. and Anna Faye Harris Little. He grew up on the Butler Ranch, where both his father and his grandfather had been foremen. Murray and Sadie Lee Melton married in 1948. He enlisted in the U.S. Army that year and received an honorable discharge in April 1952, with the rank of master sergeant. Murray proudly worked for the Pueblo Fire Department for more than 20 years, ending his firefighting career as house captain of Station 1 and as an active, award-winning volunteer with the MS Society. Among other mourners, he leaves behind his faithful dog, *Tootsie Roll*, who retains the honorary life membership thoughtfully issued by our Secrateur, Jim Little, last year.

**James Merl Vance**, brother of member Shirley Vance Hoyt, passed away on September 7, 2012 in Oklahoma City. He was a descendant of Archibald Little of Guernsey County Ohio. He was born in Laramie Wyoming on October 23, 1937. He served in the National Guard, the US Air Force, and the US Army as a Chief Warrant Officer. He is survived by his three sons Jeffrey, Sean, and Chad Vance and their families.

**Alan Charles Martin** was born July 29, 1927 in his family home in Chaffee, North Dakota, the second of eight children born to William and Ada (Hacke) Martin. At the Dakota Business College in Fargo, he met **Doris Ann Liddle** (who pre-deceased him) and they were married in 1953. The couple made their home in Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he resided until his passing on April 19, 2013. Alan was a Licensed Public Accountant with Farmers Union Central Exchange for 60 years. He served on several boards, acted as treasurer for his churches, and recently initiated a scholarship at Lake Region State College in business for individuals interested in management of rural co-operatives.

## FROM THE SECRATEUR

Our heritage is a wonderful thing. Whether you have Scottish ancestry or not, being part of a society that celebrates all things Scottish is a lot of fun. In every state of the Union, Scottish games and festivals are observed drawing many hundreds of thousands of visitors. The Scottish influence on the United States/Canada and the world is without parallel by any other society. Of the 100 most influential people in the history of the world, seven percent are Scottish—more than any other society.

The Scottish pioneers of the USA and Canada are fully documented throughout their proud histories. Presidents,

inventors, statesmen, business leaders, teachers, entrepreneurs, military leaders, religious figures and many others are dominated by Scottish influence.

So, to belong to a Scottish clan society is both a privilege and responsibility to carry on the tradition for generations to come.

Yearly, dues are only \$20 and can be paid using PayPal on our website [www.ClanLittleSNA.com](http://www.ClanLittleSNA.com) or by check to the Secrateur—Jim Little, 242 Game Trail, Thomasville, NC 27360. Please remit as soon as possible. The fiscal year begins July 1, so please re-up before June 30.

Every member is important!



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Yes, Folks, it is once again time to elect officers for Clan Little Society NA. Earlier this year each current member was polled for nominations for the offices of Steuart, Marischal, Secrateur, and Mailin. It looks like we now have candidates for each position. Tom Little has agreed to serve another term as Steuart, Jim Little as Secrateur, and Jim Lyttle as Mailin. Pat Little is running as a write-in candidate for Marischal. A third party will tabulate all the ballots and report the results at the BGM on June 8, 2013.

It has been said many times that you get out of something

exactly what you put into it, be it a marriage, work, play, or everyday life. As members of CLSNA you should participate in the activities at least occasionally. It's not a full time job. Over the past two years we have made some exciting advances that have been detailed in this newsletter, on the internet, and worldwide. This alone is demonstration of the fact that new faces bring in new ideas and should encourage the membership to participate more. Won't you consider having your voice heard and your ideas given a fair hearing?



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