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FROM THE STEUART-THOMAS LITTLE



Greetings from the Steuart!

We find that time often gets away from us. As an all volunteer executive team we are all busy with our everyday lives as well as family and various hobbies. It has exceeded our time frame in producing our newsletters and we will strive to keep on schedule in future. It doesn't mean that the Society and some of it's members haven't been busy. Highland Games, tartan day events and other shows, festivals and recognitions have keep many of our members active. Earlier this year, the CLSNA executive team offered the members of CLSWW in the UK reciprocal membership into

our Clan Society. This included 17 Lifetime and honorary members as well as 65 dues paying members. You can follow this story through another article in The Reiver.

The CLSNA 501(c)(7) tax exempt status remains in place. This is described in detail in an article in The Reiver. (See Page 7)

Merchandise and tartan sales have been steady. Earlier this year our quarter-master ran out of the 10 ounce tartan and we had to re-order. The Tartan comes from a mill in Scotland and it was 4 months in the making. Orders were backed up but I believe we have caught up on the sales.

Our Genealogist, David Lyttle took leave to do some construction work in Virginia on family land. Hugh Little has taken over as Genealogist. Hugh also has administrator ties to the Little DNA project as did David. David continues to keep an eye on our Facebook group and offers insights to family connections when inquired. Please log into our website and check out the tab titled, "GENEALOGY". It requires your password as a member to be able to view and read through many Ancestral Charts submitted by members. David spent many hours reviewing these charts and converting them to PDF for our members use in looking up family history.

Our Marischal (VP) Patrick Little has been traveling to various states and visiting the Highland games seeking out Little's and spreading the word about our Clan Society. Pat sponsored the Clan Little tent in Kansas City last June. Since my move to California last January, I visited the games in Woodland, Calif. and found Littles as well as joining the Lytles in Pleasanton, Calif. at their tent.

Finally, if you have access to a computer, we encourage you to sign up for a Face Book account and join in the Clan Little face Book Group. We have well over 450 participants in this group and it grows daily. Every day there is discussion about heritage, genealogy and local activities that you might be inter-

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GREENVILLE, SC SELECTED AS SITE OF THE 2015 BGM

The site of the 2015 Biennial General Meeting for Clan Little Society NA has just been announced. The beautiful campus of Furman University located northwest of Greenville, SC is the ideal spot for Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival and in 2015 it will be the site of our BGM, a gathering of all of the members of CLSNA. It is just 1 ½ hours south of Charlotte, NC and supports one of the largest concentrations of Scottish descendents in the United States. (Although I would contend that North Carolina has more.-Ed.)

The games there only began in 2006 but have grown to become one of the most respected worldwide. Royalty visits each year and other events keep crowding the venue like a British automobile show, Scottish battle re-enactors, an all Scottish parade downtown on the eve of the games, a ceilidh, Celtic Jam, bagpipe challenge, rappers, traditional Scottish athletic events, enough bagpipers to fill an entire football field, and on and on. Although the website--www.gallabrae.com--has not yet made it official, the games are always held on Memorial Day weekend which allows them to also have one of the best military salutes in the southeast. That would be May 22-23, 2015.

From their website: **The Greenville Scottish Games**...produces an amazing multi-day, multi-event festival now known as Gallabrae...We are now ranked among the top Games worldwide by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and we were singularly honored in 2010 to have as our Most Distinguished Guest HRH The Prince Edward, the first time any member of the British Royal Family had attended a Games outside of Scotland.

(As noted, the games actually begin on Friday evening with a parade through the newly modernized downtown Greenville. From personal experience I can tell you that you need to get your hotel reservations early. RV sites fill up fast, too, but there is room for all. Even if you have been to a lot of Scottish games or none at all, this one will be at the top of your list. Ed.)



NEW TARTAN?

Folks, our cousins, the Wallaces have come up with a new tartan, a normal event in the life of any clan, so is it time to consider something new to shake up our clan society a little bit? I really love the best looking tartan in all of Scottish history, the Morton Rig designed by Dr. Johnnie Little, but wouldn't it be nice to have another one to add to our wardrobe? Something in a blue or green, maybe even black. So I have discussed with our steuart, Thomas Little, a contest in which our members will design a new tartan to co-represent our clan society. Maybe we can have it designed, approved by the Lord Lyon, and on the weaver's desk by next spring so let's get busy. A few rules need to govern your designs:

- 1). It cannot be red;
- 2) It should look fresh and new unlike any other, which will be hard to do;
- 3).It should reflect some of the Reiver history; and
- 4) It must be submitted by paid up members of CLSNA. (We can only speak for ourselves and it would give us some additional identity.)

You can use virtually any computer program or drawing apparatus to come up with your design but please submit it to me **by the end of the year**. Then we'll put it to a vote of the membership and pick the winner. A written description submitted with the picture will ensure color clarity. You can find printers colors on line.

Jim Little--Secrateur

CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY, SCOTLAND AND WORLDWIDE IS NOW DORMANT
Says Clan Guardian

The modern Clan Little Society, Scotland and Worldwide, was inaugurated on St. Andrew's Day, 1991, in Dumfries, Scotland under the leadership of Dr. Johnnie C. Little. The majority of the Scottish Littles, Lytles and Lyttles in Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand have their family roots deep in the old West March of the Scottish Border. Although Dr. Johnnie was reluctant at first to form anything other than a historical society, he eventually embraced the idea of a clan society in North America and Australia/New Zealand.

CLSWW were the roots from which CLSNA & CLSNZA were formed. The organizations worked hand in hand, yet as separate organizations sharing folklore, tartan and heraldry as one. Both CLSNA and CLSWW collected modest membership fees and offered merchandise to its members celebrating the heritage of our past.

Just about two years ago, the CLSWW organization leaders experienced internal unrest and the leadership resigned leaving CLSWW without anyone to conduct their day to day activities or carry on the business of the organization. Dr. Johnnie's son Crawford stepped up to re-organize Clan Little in the UK. However, after a tumultuous year attempting to reorganize CLSWW, Crawford has recently decided not to continue efforts to keep the society viable. He is still the Clan Guardian and any search for a clan chief must refer through him to the Lord Lyon, but for now he has decided to retire CLSWW.

CLSNA has developed close ties to many of the members of the CLSWW membership. Those members continue to stay in touch with our members, offering local pictures, personal historical stories of family members and recently have shared DNA results helping to bridge the oceanic gap in many family trees. In the interim, the executive team of CLSNA found it important to keep the membership of CLSWW engaged and participating with our membership.

In October, 2014 the executive team offered Lifetime members of CLSWW reciprocal Lifetime membership in CLSNA. There were 17 of them. Further, we offered the 65 annual dues paying members, reciprocal memberships in CLSNA for the balance of 2014-2015. When our annual membership drive begins in the spring, we will actively recruit those members to continue their membership by remaining dues paying members. CLSNA has received no money or funds from CLSWW to facilitate this action.

The connection between the organizations demanded that we try to keep those who were interested in the Society, engaged in the Society and offering them membership with CLSNA seemed the best way to do this. Hopefully we will be able to engage them with their submission of their family trees for inclusion into our genealogy library. Welcome to all of the members of CLSWW to CLSNA!

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

Pat Little, Marischal



Pat Little, Marischal, at St. Charles.

This past summer was quite eventful for me. I got to do a lot of traveling to different Scottish festivals and the Renaissance Festival. I started my trips at St Charles Tartan Days last April. The festival was held in a park adjacent the Missouri River. The river was up due to the wet spring we had. The unique about the river by St Charles is that flows to the north. The weather was great and it warmed up in the afternoon. Janice and I set a tent to represent CLSNA, we had a great view of the river and the morning sun shining on us to warm us up. The festival started off with Calling of the Clans Friday evening followed by music and socializing. Saturday was bright and cheery as we opened up our tent. It was nice and we had a continuous flow of interested

people and several Littles, like Lori. The great thing about the festivals is the opportunity to share with people the Little's history and learn more about Scottish and clan histories.

In June it was the Kansas City Highland Games. It was great this year, the weather was so nice and there was a great turn-out. Since Kansas City is home festival I had some of my children and grandchildren visit and help. Friday night, the Calling of the Clans started the festival off. They are a little ceremony, they gave a torch, I walked onto the stage and proclaimed that Clan Little answered the call, afterwards the torch was put on a board. There was a torch to represent every clan present. On Saturday and Sunday there was the parade of the tartans. Overall a very good time was had by all.

In August during the Labor Day weekend we went up to Wisconsin to the Wisconsin Highland games at Waukesha. I went there visit our friends there. The group there have been sponsoring a tent at the games since the games started and that's been more than ten years. If the Clan Little needed an armorer that would be Troy [Brooks]. He has an extensive collection of medieval weapons and is a subject matter expert--and his wife Laurie plays Queen Mary of Scots. We have connections in high places.



Nice shady spot in Kansas City

In September it was back to Missouri for the Southwest Missouri Celtic heritage Festival and Games. The festival was in Buffalo, a small town in the Ozarks. It was a one day event with a lot of local charm. As I began to set up the tent on Friday afternoon I was met with quite a challenge--strong winds began to blow. I was still staking the tent down when the thunder storm hit. We had straight line winds that were at sixty miles per hour (around 96 kph). It took all I could do to keep tent from blowing away. As it was I ended up with two broken frame poles, bent tent pegs and a twisted frame. Not to be beaten I twisted the frame back into something usable and got one last festival with it. **Concedo Nulli.** In spite of that I had a successful and great time.



Harold Hansen, Pat Little Joe Tuzzio, Pam Zangl, Laurie Brooks, Troy Brooks

Back in Kansas on the last weekend in September. I went to the McPherson Scottish Festival and Games. McPherson is a small town on the plains in southwestern Kansas. It was great little fes



Hello. My name is Hugh Little, and I recently became Genealogist for the Clan Little Society of North America. I have just succeeded David Lyttle (I say 'succeeded', rather than 'replaced' because I'm not at all sure yet if I'll manage to actually replace the quality of work he brought to this role...) in this position for the Society – and as you read this, I am unpacking the records, and working to try and get my arms around continuing this

work for us all.

As it happens – I'm also one of the co-administrators (with David, and Jane Lindsey) of the Little DNA project at FtDNA. We're working to apply what we can of genetic genealogy to Littles. The role of genealogist for the CLSNA blends very well with that role.

Genetic genealogy can't identify the name of your missing GGGGrandfather Little, or where he lived – but it can do some interesting things. There is a genetic marker that is almost unique in a few groups who descended from the (infamous) Border Rievers (Littles among them) – we've been able to find that marker in a lot of members of the Society. So even though we may not know the name or birthplace of our common ancestor – some of us are able to determine whether or not we were descended from those Littles. Further – with enough of the right testing (and the willingness to spend a bit of money) we are also able to identify groups of Littles who are more closely related to each other than other groups – and in some cases, estimate how far back the group's common Little ancestor would be. We are hopeful that in some of these cases – that estimate may be able to guide or drive more traditional genealogical research, allowing branches of the Little line to trace their ancestry further back than they may have otherwise been able to.

I'm very excited to be able to participate in these projects with the CLSNA and with FtDNA – but yet am still employed full time. My greatest goal is to manage my time and the interest society members may show in these projects – and try to help us all better understand our lineages.

My contact information is on the front cover. Please let me hear from you about your ancestry.



The Scotland County (NC) Highland Games feature re-enactors from the War of 1812, which is forgotten by most, but the war did produce one of the most colorful and influential American Presidents, Andrew Jackson. His ancestors hail from just north of Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland, sturdy Scots-Irish stock.



Ahhh! Home Sweet Home

Pat Little (cont'd From Page four).

tival where we had great crowds and good weather. I even met several Littles, which made the trip worthwhile.

It may sound like all the festivals are the same but that's not case. Each of the festivals have their own unique venues. They each have different events, music and displays. I have enjoyed, learned something new, or met someone interesting at all the events. Of course there is the food and treats that go along with festivals. And there is also something new every year. You don't have to sponsor a tent to go, it's just as much fun to go and enjoy.



My poor tent after sixty mph wind in Buffalo.

IRS 501(C)(7) Non-Profit Status

Clan Little society of North America is organized as an IRS approved non-profit organization, organized under the laws of the State of Georgia in the U.S.A. As a 501-C-7 organization, dues paid CLSNA are NOT tax deductible. Only the revenue generated by services provided are considered tax exempt. The following describes what a 501-C-7 organization is and what they can do.

Internal Revenue Code ("IRC" or the "Code") § 501(c)(7) provides social and recreational clubs with an exemption from federal taxation of income derived from providing services related to its tax-exempt mission. Generally, the Code and Treasury Regulations (the "Regs") provide that entities organized and operated for pleasure, recreation, and other similar nonprofit purposes may be exempt from federal income tax. The nature of the activity, pastime, or hobby is not material so long as an organization exhibits the requisite social character. As one court noted:

"There are doubtless more different kinds of clubs than there are clubs in a deck of cards... Some clubs feature exclusively the intellectual, or artistic; some amateur athletics and sports; and other epicurean, terpsichorean, or social side: all falling clearly within the exemption."

Generally, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS" or the "Service") imposes the following requirements on organizations exempt from federal income tax under IRC § 501(c)(7):

1. The organization must be a club composed of individuals;
2. The club must be organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes;
3. Substantially all of the organization's activities must be for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes;
4. No part of the organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of a private shareholder; and
5. The organization is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or religion

From the steuart (cont'd from page one)

ested in. This is a closed group and you must be admitted, however it is easy to request admission and several of us are monitoring it daily so admission is easily and readily granted.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your membership, your interest in our family heritage and your participation, whether it is on-line, attending a community event or through the purchase of Clan Little merchandise. Your fellowship and friendship is reciprocal and appreciated.

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Thomas L. Little, Steuart



Find these items and more on our website at www.clanlittlesna.com.

Keek and Blether - From Scotland to America

Have you ever observed the way one area's people will make fun of the way another areas people speaks? Well, this might surprise you. There are words that came directly from Scotland with early settlers to the USA that are still very much in use today.

Ye-You
Yer-Your
Neep-turnip
Poke-paper bag
Naw-no
Hunner-hundred
Keek-peek

Maw-Mother
Yella-yellow
Feart- afeart, afraid
Blether-chat
Ijit- ijit , idiot
Scots*-the peoples of Scotland. Scottish-having to do with the country or its people.
Scotch-Whisky.

So, we should not make "blethering ijits" of ourselves by making fun of the way another speaks. Our ancestors all spoke that way.

*This is a modern evolution of words. Until the mid-20th century the people were referred to as 'Scotch' or 'Scotch-Irish' as well.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

By Pat Little, (NC)

You haven't had the full experience until you've been sitting in a sanctuary half filled with Scots singing A MIGHTY FORTRESS at the top of their lungs. November 2, Christ Community Church in Pfafftown, NC held a "Kirking of the Tartans." It's strange to think of such a thing happening in a little Moravian town in the Piedmont of North Carolina, but the German Moravians and Scots/Scots Irish have a relationship steeped in local history there. The pastor of Christ Church is named Stephen Monroe, need I say more?

The Kirking service started with a processional up the hill from the cemetery to the front door of the church. The group is led a clansman carrying a huge Holy Bible and by the pipes of course. At the door we were stopped by a Clergyman who asked why we were there. We declared our wish to enter and Worship. We were told to lay our arms aside and were given permission to enter. As we entered the Kirk the piper played "Highland Cathedral". Those with Tartan clan flags proceeded to the alter where the carrier took one knee, bowed his head, then rose and placed the flag in a station by the alter. The Clan Little tartan flag was the first on the right hand.

We sang our National Anthem and then sang "The Flower of Scotland" to the accompaniment of the pipes.

After prayers of confession and a reading from the Psalms, Rev. Monroe (Clan Monroe) gave a brief history of Kirking and its origin in the United States during WWII when Rev. Peter Marshall native Scotsman and Chaplain of the United States Senate held the first Kirking in America. Rev. Monroe also explained the Act of Proscription in 1746 which forbade a expressions of all things Scottish. Diana Marshall-Shoaf of Clan Campbell read a portion of the act. The act was repealed in 1782. Jim Little of Clan Little read the Repeal of the Act Prescribing the Wearing of Highland Dress.

Next came the Blessing of the Tartans. Each clan or family who brought tartan placed it upon the alter for blessing. The blessing was said by Col. Chaplain Bryant Wilbourne USAF (Ret) of Clan McIntosh. Col. Wilbourne then gave the lesson which was about how love held clans and families together in the past and today. It was a spiritual lesson wrapped in a Scottish history lesson. He left us wanting more.

It was also All Saints Sunday so members of the congregation and clans were called to light candles for their loved ones who had passed on during the last year. A bell was tolled after each candle was lit. It was quite emotional. The piper, David Thomas of Clan MacThomas then played "Flowers of the Forest".

After the choir sang a Celtic Blessing. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" as both pipes and organ played. While singing we exited the church and finished the hymn to the sound of the pipes and the wind blowing though the golden leaves of fall. We couldn't help but notice a little beagle dog who had stopped dead in his tracks to watch and listen. He did not run away but stood and watched with rapt attention.

It was a beautiful experience and we truly felt a connection to our roots. Oh, and about those Moravians in the congregation, they took us back into their fellowship hall and fed us the world's best Moravian chicken pie and other scrumptious goodies.



David Thomas plays "Amazing Grace."



First tartan admitted to the church--Clan Little Society flag carried by Jim Little

WHO?

Rutherford B. Hayes was the nineteenth President of the United States succeeding Ulysses S. Grant in 1877. He was a controversial candidate, so controversial that his election was not assured until long after the polls closed in November 1876, and until some backroom deals were made in the House of Representatives over Reconstruction.



In point of fact, the election was not decided until two days before the inauguration on March 4, 1877. He was a civil war general and fought in several close battles but the battle for the end of Reconstruction was the deciding factor in his finally getting the nod for the highest office in the land. The deal between the political parties meant that the northern troops were recalled from the conquered south allowing the seceded states to finally return to full partnership in the union of states.

His predecessor, Grant, although an honest man, had so weakened the office of President that future presidents suffered greatly from that legacy. Grant was no match for the professional politicians in Congress at that time. Hayes' presidency suffered from this same legacy. In the rough-and-tumble political climate immediately after the Civil War (nothing civil about it according to renowned historian Shelby Foote) tensions had not eased and the jostling with Congress was too much for the heroes of the war who were out of their element in the political arena.

Hayes was also an honest and forthright man. His legacy was one of fairness and integrity, but nothing glamorous. One of his greatest achievements may have been on foreign soil for he is considered a hero in the little South American country of Paraguay. National Public Radio reported recently: "Hayes took office in 1877 in the aftermath of the Triple Alliance War, a conflict that nearly destroyed Paraguay. The country lost huge chunks of territory to victorious Brazil and Argentina. Later, Argentina tried to claim the Chaco, the vast wilderness region of northern Paraguay. At the time there was no United Nations or World Court. So the two sides asked the United States to settle the dispute — and President Hayes sided with Paraguay. The decision gave Paraguay 60 percent of its present territory and helped guarantee its survival as a nation... There is... a Paraguayan soccer team named after Hayes, while a postage stamp bears his likeness. Hayes is such a big deal that people here find it a little disappointing that most Americans are clueless about him. Ricardo Nuñez, mayor of Villa Hayes, recalls a recent trip to Washington, D.C., and how people responded when he asked them if they knew about his city's namesake. 'They say, 'Who?' he says, laughing. 'Hayes? Who is Hayes?'"

Oh, and by the way, Rutherford B. Hayes' ancestors came from Scotland in 1652, settling in Connecticut, thence to Ohio.

**Money is flat and was meant to be piled up. -
Scottish Proverb**

AND THE WINNER IS...

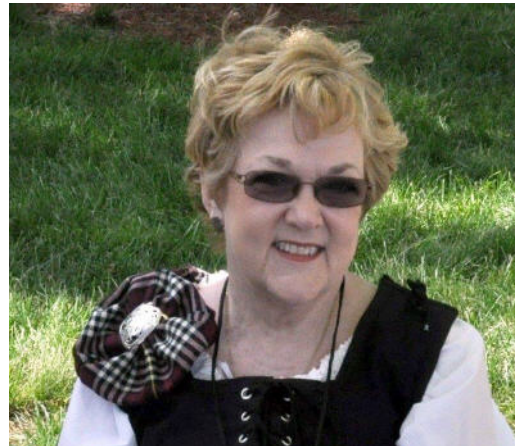
The Triad Highland Games are held annually in Greensboro, NC. Jim Little is a board member of the games, but the work of his wife Pat there should not be overlooked. Although not an official of the games themselves she works hard to support them.

One of Jim's favorite stories is as follows: "Years ago, at another festival set in very early November, we were unprepared for the cold and were shivering in our kilts. Our warm sweaters and jackets were hanging neatly in our hall closet back in Thomasville. It was so cold that the bologna sandwiches we brought for lunch did not need refrigeration.

The McLean Clan was set up next to us and were all prepared to enjoy the festival despite the cold weather. Pat McLean, matriarch of their clan in North Carolina, was preparing a large pot of hot cock-a-leekee soup on a butane burner and had other goodies as well. Too polite to ask, I stood outside the back of our tent trying not to be obviously envious of the warmth coming from the McLeans. Momentarily, Pat came over and asked if we would like to have some hot soup. My normally shy, genteel Southern upbringing dictated that I politely refuse the first offer then reluctantly give in on the second. To heck with tradition, I was cold! The hot soup warmed me down to my gillie brogues and we stayed warm the rest of the day.

Pat also made the best traditional and non-traditional short bread anywhere. In fact, she took first place for both in the taste contest that day, as she did every time she entered. Everybody else was just vying for second."

In 2013, Pat McLean died, but the McLeans, Betsy, Connie, Robert and Fr. Patrick carry on. Her legacy was such that the short bread tasting contest was named for her at the Triad Highland games in 2014 and beyond. Her clan are the judges of this event.



The first winner of the Pat McLean Short Bread Competition was Pat Little, first place for non-traditional (a raspberry filling) and second for traditional. In fact, she fell just one vote shy of winning both, on her first attempt!

**Co-gháirdeachas!
(Congratulations)**

