



Greetings from your Society's Elected Officers for years 2003 - 2005

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It is time for a yearly report and a greeting from your Past and Interim Steuart to wish you all the best for this year 2004. We really did have a good year with a lot of exciting happenings - - even some ups and downs. I thought I had retired from the administration of the Society and could turn it all over to others. That didn't work out and now we are going ahead with the "show". We have a new Marischal, in John Little who is really interested in the Society and is working hard to encourage more members to step forward to represent the Society right in their own areas. Our new Secratrur, Bud (Clayton) Little will help carry the load of correspondence nicely to keep members up to date. Stanley Lewinski has volunteered to be our interim editor to get this issue published. We always need lots of help! How about you, wouldn't it be fun to represent the CLSNA at the next Scottish Games in your area? It really can be rewarding and a fun experience. It is really thrilling when someone finds they are part of a large clan/family!

Our tartan distributor reports that she has tartan yardage, both 10-oz and 13-oz and items made from the tartan on hand which you can order. You folks who can sew can order yardage and possibly make your own scarves and sashes and save a little money. The scarves made from the 13-oz yardage have been a good seller in colder areas. Phyllis has included a tartan order form for your use. You can also get an order form from the web page. If you don't see listed what you want or would like - ASK! www.clanlittlesna.com

We have a new quartermaster who has a fresh supply of jewelry items for you to purchase. All this reminds me that you can view the tartan and jewelry items on the web page. Just call up www.clanlittlesna.com and take a look. I believe you will be pleasantly pleased at what you find. We have Don Little to thank for all of this work. Also on the web page is a complete list of Society officers along with address, phone and email numbers. Surprise your Society representatives by dropping a note, I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from any of you!

Have a great year and attend a Scottish gathering or two and consider carrying a banner or passing out literature or better yet hosting a tent at your local games. Thank you for all your support and encouragement.

Aye, Ross, Steuart

John E Little, Marischal (VP)

Thank you for electing me Marischal for the next two years. My big responsibility is to enlist new Commissioners and

Conveners to represent Clan Little Society NA in areas where we have no representation.

We welcome David J Little, our newest Commissioner for the North Central Region. He is very excited to be part of the leadership of the Society. He and his family are located at 303 Saratoga St South, Saint Paul MN 55105. Phone is 651-690-2719. It would be a great boost if you folks in that Region would contact him, visit their tent at one of the Scottish Games and even offer to lend a hand, it's always a help. You may also email him at dave.little@lfhi.com

We are still in need of filling Commissioner vacancies in seven vacant regions shown on the map and in the list of all thirteen Commissioners. If anyone is interested in obtaining information regarding the duties and obligations of a Commissioner or Convener please do not hesitate to contact me by letter at 209 W. Durham St., Broken Arrow, OK 74011, by email at jellen@valornet.com or by telephone at 918-902-3688. I am sure we can work something out!

Hope your year is filled with prosperity and good heath.

John E Little, Marischal

"Bud" Clayton Little, Secratrur, cjlittle@bellsouth.net

It has been my privilege to serve you for several months now, ever since the meeting at Denver last summer. When June and I loaded our car with all the "stuff" that Ellen Conn had carted to Denver from Seattle Washington, I began to wonder what I'd gotten myself into! But after working out some of the kinks, I find that there is a certain routine that brings more satisfaction than frustration.

Being your Secratrur brings me into contact with names, addresses, and possible connections with my Little heritage. This makes me realize that we have at least the perception of family-- a perception that may be more important than any possible blood kinship. Besides meeting a small group of you at the Denver gathering, I have the joy of communicating with many more through email, letters, and phone. I hope I get to meet many more of you during my term.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as I continue to balance the responsibilities of membership secretary and Society secretary. Don't hesitate to contact me about prospective members who share the various forms of our name.

Bud Little, Secratrur

Ellen Little, Mailin (Treasurer)

Dear Littles: Happy New Year to everyone.

This is an exciting year with all the new elected officers. Clayton is doing a great job in keeping the records straight with new and

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existing names of our members. John Little is doing a great job in contacting members and recruiting new Commissioners.

This has also been a trying time for the Society in the form of finances but that has been resolved with more members renewing their membership. Keep up the good work. In order to use my time efficiently, when I receive your checks for membership dues I do not always go to the bank that day. I wait until I have a fair amount of money and make one deposit. This should explain the lapse in time regarding your checks clearing your bank. This process is much easier to handle, reduces the number of deposits made, and this helps a lot in balancing the account.

We are always in the need of people to step up to the plate and become Conveners at their local Scottish Games and Gatherings in their areas. If you are interested in becoming a Convener please contact John at jellen@yalornet.com and we will get the information out to you.

We are also going to host the next biennial meeting at the Tulsa games in September 2005. We are in the process of obtaining all the information needed for hotels, motels and getting a list of places to eat and visit and during your stay. Please plan on attending the games in Tulsa for 2005. It will be a two day and one night event and we are very excited about seeing you there. Times and Dates will be published later.

Please check out our new Web site, you never know - you may run across something very interesting. www.clanlittlesna.com

Take care, *Ellen M. Little*, Treasure



Faithful games participant

As always we love to have members stop by and visit the Little Tent when they visit any of the Scottish Games. If you don't find a Little tent, give your Marischal, John Little a call and help fill the gap. You will have lots of fun meeting new people, making new friends. It's fun to carry the LITTLE banner and march in the parades, even Papa Bear enjoys it!

The following article has been extracted from an original story "A Little Story: 200 years of American Tradition" written by Ken Levy and published as an article in the Yucaipa News Mirror. Mr. Levy also took the accompanying photo.

Eight generations of Littles in America have culminated in a return to early roots. **Robert Little** is of Scottish and Irish decent. David and Sarah Little came to Virginia from Ireland in 1772. The family moved to Ohio and Indiana and thereafter to Missouri and Nebraska. They settled there until Robert's father brought his branch of the family to California in 1936. David and Sarah Little fed American Revolutionary troops by way of milling their own flour. Robert, our subject, spent much of his career as a finish carpenter. He served as a California State Guardsman from his high school days, thereafter serving in the U.S. Army during World War II with tours of duty in New Guinea and the Philippines. Robert worked for the Federal Government at Norton Air Force Base from 1951 until his retirement when he moved his family back to Yucaipa, CA.

Robert Little has taken a strong approach to reliving the days of America's fur trading mountain men. Robert, as the photo vividly shows, certainly looks and acts the part. As often as possible he lives it too, from the handcrafting of early American tools, clothing and accessories, to the twice yearly re-enactment of the mountain man's way of life in Oak Glen, CA. Mountain-man organizations meet all across America bringing together reenactors to the lifestyle of their ancestors. A mixture of eras reenacted is called free trappers. They meet in Holcomb Valley, CA where they set up tents, prepare small fires, and live life as it would have been in that era. Contests are set up to test skills in shooting and ax and knife throwing. Reenactors make all their own period tools, clothing and accessories, or carry those made for them. In emulation of that, Robert Little has made an impressive assortment of mountain-man gear, all as authentic as possible to that era, about 1780.

There's a great deal more that can be said about mountain-man life. Robert Little discourses at length about how clothing was made and the significance of various and sundry accessories worn by these men: leather neck chokers worn to protect a person from a surprise attack from the rear to cut one's throat and to keep a man from nodding asleep when watchfulness was critical, and rabbit skins and tails hanging from hats to act as fly

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NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Long time member and faithful helper, Michelle Umland, returns from special studies during a stay in Scotland with a husband and new name, meet:

John and Michelle Pickle.
2210 N. Schnoor Ave #220
Madera, CA 93637

They plan to be helping out with the Scottish games in their area. Stop and visit with them at the Fresno Games with Carla & Brad Little.

The big event of the year besides the many Games for the SW Region was the Kirkin o' th' tartan on October



26, 2003 at Sacramento's Fremont Presbyterian Church. Thanks



Clan Representatives for 2003 Kirkin.

to the Sacramento Grade 1 pipe band, 70 voice choir, twenty clans representatives and all of you who help make this occasion (attended by 2,000 people) a great success.

Robert Little Story Continued:

swatters -with a shake of the head when hands are otherwise occupied. He also talks about food preparation, guns, knives, smoking implements, and the fur trade industry. The photo,



Robert R. Little
Yucaipa California

taken in 1994, shows Robert Little during a free trapper event held at Snowline Apple Ranch, Oak Glen, California.

Since this photograph was taken in 1994 Robert's health has deteriorated so he can't attend the Mountain Men gatherings or the Scottish gatherings, which he enjoyed very much.

We wish the best for him and his family Perhaps a Little shot of that old mountain dew would cheer him up a bit!

I am sure many others of you have hobbies and interests and could provide us with good stories for future Reivers! Your Editor

News from South Central Commissioner Don Lytle, Lafayette, LA:

Don and wife Frances had a fairly routine 2003 for about half the year. Then in Don's words, things started getting complicated, (to put it mildly. Ed.). They visited a friend in beautiful Guadalajara, Mexico, staying in a condo near Lake Chapala. Both of them did some heavy breathing due to the 5,000 ft altitude. Upon arriving home, Frances required hospitalization for a heart condition requiring angioplasty with 2 stents. In the following weeks she was treated for an ulcerated esophagus and another angioplasty and set of stents. In the interim Don had two hernias repaired but being a rugged Lytle, he only needed one night in the hospital and was at full operational ability shortly thereafter. Fortunately Don's family also cooperated with post hospital requirements and their holidays were successfully spent with family and friends. For our members' information, Don plays string bass for the Acadiana Symphony in Lafayette. He teaches at the conservatory and enjoys training younger players for the next generation in the symphony.

Don and Francis, you deserve a banner year in 2004!

News from Pat Maddox, our Genealogist.

Pat and her husband Rex, President of Clan Henderson Clan, have quite a schedule with their "game plan" again this year. They plan to begin in Florida - Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami and Panama City and travel to many other games throughout North America this season. Be sure and look them up and say "hello" when you see them at any of the games in your area. Incidentally - - In case anyone asks - - Pat and most of her Clan Genealogists friends do not do research for the members beyond our own files. It is an organizational job, the object being to connect members "cousins" with each other so they may gain help that way.

Thanks Pat for the many hours you donate to CLSNA genealogy for us all.

Progress report:

John and Ellen Little have been members of the Society for many years and they decided to represent the Society in their area, Oklahoma as Conveners.



Ellen Little at their first games they became conveners and now are Commissioners.

Later they became Commissioners and the borders for the Central Regions were redrawn and they are now Commissioners for the Mid Central Region.

The following few photographs are four of the twenty or so available;



John, Ellen, Jessika, Sherrill & Brandi,. It is nice to have a lot of help!



Christine, & Josh in 2000 They visited again in 2002 after their marriage with their son.



Pat Maddox Center with Ellen & John



You can tell, you are always welcome at the Little Tent

Besides raising a family of four children and being Commissioner, John is the Society's Marischal, (VP) and Ellen is our gifted

Society Mailin (Treasurer). They are key players in the Management Team of the Society, besides being pillars of their community. We are all proud to be associated with them.

Clan Little Society Regions with Commissioners names, listed from west to east:

North, N West Region, [British Columbia.]	Vacant
North West Region, [Washington etc.]	Vacant
South West Region, [California, etc.]	William Litel
Rocky Mountain, [Colorado, etc.]	Vacant
North, N Central Region, [Saskatchewan, etc]	Vacant
North Central Region, [Dakotas, etc.]	David J. Little
Md Central Region, [Oklahoma, etc.]	John E. Little
South Central Region, [Louisiana, etc.]	Don L. Lytle
North, N East Region, [Ontario.]	Trevor Little
Eastern Central Region, [Illinois, etc]	Vacant
North, N Atlantic Region, [Quebec, etc]	Vacant
North East Region, [New York, etc.]	David Liddel
Central East Region, [Virginia, etc.]	Vacant
South East Region, [Georgia, Florida etc.]	Richard R. Little

NOTE:

Alaska is included in the N. West Region.

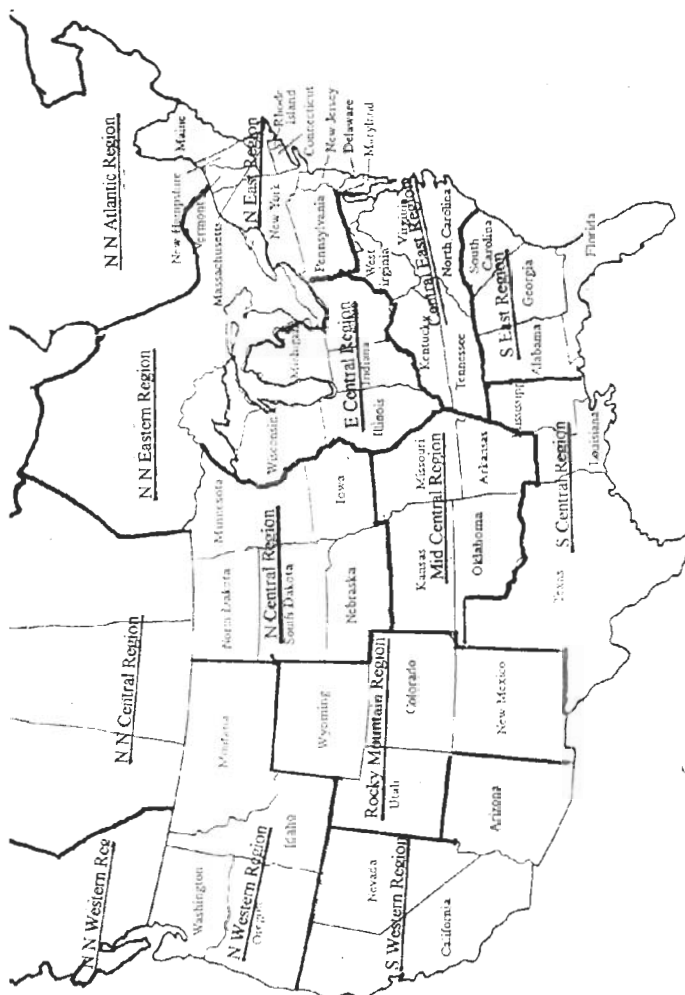
Hawaii is included in the S. West Region.

Join the fun and excitement of representing the Society in your location as there are a lot of games with no CLSNA representation. The boundaries of the regions can be redrawn to encompass less or even more territory to suit your need. Give us a call and we will help you get started!

John C. Little, Marischal, (918) 449-8541

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Map of Clan Little Society North America Regions



Society items for sale

TARTAN ORDER FORM for JC Little tartan yardage and custom items made from the tartan.

ITEM	COST	Quantity	Value
Yardage 10-oz	\$30.00	_____	_____
Yardage 13-oz	\$40.00	_____	_____
Custom-made items			
Sash 11 x 990	\$30.00	_____	_____
Sash 9 x 58	\$15.00	_____	_____
Sash 7 x 42	\$12.00	_____	_____
Scarf 11 x 58*	\$25.00	_____	_____
Man's tie	\$25.00	_____	_____
Bow tie	\$12.00	_____	_____
Rosettes	\$ 5.00	_____	_____

Add Shipping & Handling charges:
 Tartan Yardage 1 to 3 yards = \$4.00 _____
 4 + yards = \$8.00 _____
 Custom-made items \$1.00 each item _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

* Scarf is made from 13-oz material TOTAL _____

Make Checks out to Clan Little Society NA

Send your check and the completed order form to:

Mrs. Phyllis M.J. Little, CLSNA
 4819 S. Land Pk. Drive
 Sacramento, CA 95822-1643

Tel. (916) 446-3909

Address where you want the items shipped:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip ____ | _____ | _____

Telephone # (____) _____ - _____

Please! Send US funds only!

We try to keep a supply of the custom-made items listed above on hand. If you have a desire for a special item, please call or drop us a note and we will see if it can be made and what the charge will be. Our seamstress, Ruby Spannaus has made some very nice special items requested by some of our members.

JEWELRY ORDER FORM

ITEM	COST	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Cap Badge	\$15.00	_____	_____
Pendant/chain	\$15.00	_____	_____
Kilt Pin	\$15.00	_____	_____

Add Shipping & Handling Charge

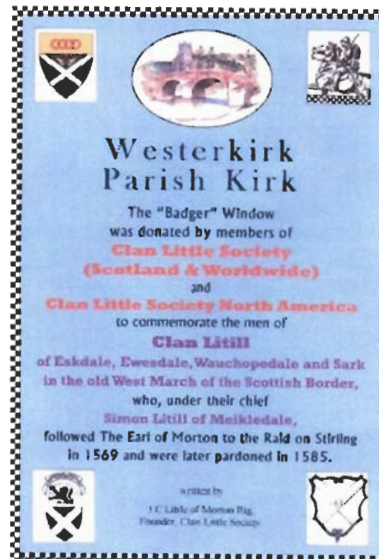
1 - 4 Items \$2.00
 5 + Items \$0.50 for each additional item

TOTAL _____

Include the name and address where you want the items shipped (See Tartan Order Form) and Send your order to:
 James A. Kleparek, Quartermaster, CLSNA

P.O. Box 451,
 Freeland, WA 98249-0451
 Tel. (360) 730-1762, Email. -- kleparek@whidbey.com

NOTE: The tartan and jewelry items can be viewed on the web page. www.clanlittlesna.com



This delightful booklet is still available for \$7.27 and can be ordered from:
 Ross A. Little,
 4819 S. Land Pk. Dr.,
 Sacramento, CA, 95822.

Please enclose your check in the amount of \$7.27 for each booklet and we will mail your order right out.

There are a number of other pamphlets available at no charge

from the Commissioners and Conveners containing information about the Society. So next time you are at a Scottish Games go to the Glen of the Clans and visit the Little Tent. If you don't find one drop your Commissioner or John Little, the Marischal a note and offer to fill the gap! They will be delighted to hear from you, if not to volunteer, just to receive your greeting.

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