



DR. JOHNNIE LITTLE

Flowers of the Forrest

While preparing to attend the Clan Little Scotland annual meeting on April 27, 2007, **Dr. Johnnie C. Little** passed away at his home in Dumfries, Scotland. His interest in ancient Little history and genealogy led to what would become Clan Little Scotland.



After several years urging by the late **A. Patterson Little, III** of Savannah, Georgia, and several others, Dr. Little was receptive to the idea of regaining clan status for the ancient clan of Little. On St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1991, Clan Little was reborn. Dr. Johnnie Little was elected Guardian (International President). A short time

later Clan Little Scotland and Clan Little, NA became separate entities. It was Dr. Johnnie who was responsible for the design and copyright of our beautiful and unique tartan.

The sincere sympathy of Clan Little Society NA is extended to Dr. Little's son **Crawford** and indeed his entire family.

Biennial General Meeting

The Biennial General Meeting of Clan Little Society, NA was held on April 21 at the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, NC. There were six members present and fifty-two others by proxy. **John Little**, Steuart, called the meeting to order. The first item of business was confirmation of **Jim Little** as Marischal. He will assume these duties immediately but will maintain the Secrateur responsibilities until a replacement can be found. **Ellen Little** gave the Mailin's report which stated that after income and expenses the clan society is in good shape with \$8002.62 in all accounts broken down as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Savings	4869.52
<input type="checkbox"/> CLSNA	1800.79
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund	550.14
<input type="checkbox"/> Tartan	<u>782.17</u>
Total	8002.62

(A complete financial statement, may be requested from Ellen Little, 209 W. Durham St., Broken Arrow, OK 74011.)

James Kleparek, will remain Quartermaster and he was commended for the excellent job he is doing. (James is recovering from serious medical problems, which prevented his attendance at the BGM. We pray for his continued recovery.)

There was a general discussion as to where to hold the next BGM, but no site was chosen. The extended time would cost less to individual members, but it was pointed out that less time together would not be in the clan's best interest. No decision was reached.

After the meeting it was discovered that our copyrighted tartan now appears in a tartan book. That's good and bad—good because it lets people know about us; bad because, with the thread count also shown, anyone can pirate the material.

(Look for other BGM points throughout this REIVER.)

CAUSE TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Clan



Little's Connecticut Convener **Bryan Little** of Roanoke, Virginia and his lovely bride **Dr. Lisa Frantsve** of Chicago. Bryan and Lisa were married at the Redfield Estate in Glenview, Illinois on July 2, 2006. It was a festive event with family and friends. Both bride and groom wore the Little tartan.

The bride is currently Director of health Psychology at the West Haven VA and Assistant Professor of Psychology at Yale University. The groom currently works as IT Manager for Yale University Health Services. The newlyweds now live in Hamden, Connecticut. They plan to convene as many games as possible there.

BORDER REIVER CHALLENGE

Not all Scots were highlanders. In fact, they were only a small percentage of the population. There were many more groups just as colorful and one of those was the Borderers. Some became Border Reivers like Clan Little, Moffitt, Beat-



tie, etc. Recently **Joey Moffitt**, Clan Moffitt, started recognition of the Border Reivers as a group in Scotland. At the 2006 Triad Highland Games in Greensboro, NC, Moffitt, issued the following challenge:

Let it be known that on this field of Honor, one year from this day, a contest of skills will be held in the pursuit of the coveted "Reiver's Cup." I hereby challenge all riding clans and, aye, all clans, be

they men enough, to set forth a champion to strive for the Reiver Cup, their names to be inscribed thereon for all time. As in olden days, a plate of silver shall be the victor's to do with as he will. The lists will be open to any honorably registered clan of the Triad Highland Games, they being the only honorable clans in existence. To learn the privileges & obligations of this quest and to set your clans name down on the list see the challenge factor at the Border History Tent.



2007 was the first year of the Reiver's Cup challenge with men and women competing in six events--bowmanship, dirk throwing, lancing, swordsmanship,

battle axe and border reiver trivia. The lists were full, both men and women competing on the field of honor. After the dust had settled and the blood had run, our own **Jim Little**, Marischal/Secrateur of Clan Little Society, NA had vanquished all foes and was the last man standing., possessor of the field of honor and winner of the coveted silver plate. All hail the victor!

The first picture is Jim shown competing and the second is Jim accepting, unscathed, the silver plate suitably inscribed. Presenting the award is Joey Moffitt in Reiver attire. Next year Jim will take on all comers as he defends his domain on the field of honor. Let the Littles, and lesser clans, cheer him on for the honor of Clan Little Society, NA.

LITTLE DNA PROJECT

Even though Clan Little Society NA is not affiliated with the Little DNA Project, it might just be of interest to Clan Little members.

Descendants of emigrant Littles are now trying to find their roots back in the British Isles. The task, however, can be difficult due to the lack of records in early years and the tendency of the Littles to use common given names such as John, William, James, Elizabeth, and Janet in different branches of the family in different generations.

One modern tool at the disposal of genealogy researchers is Y-Chromosome DNA Testing. "Y-DNA" is a special type of DNA that is only carried by males, and is passed down virtually unchanged from father to son in each new generation. This means that Little cousins who share a common Little ancestor will have virtually the same Y-DNA, thus making Y-DNA a powerful tool for sorting out major family lines.

The Little DNA Project at www.littledna.com is attempting to connect the Littles of the world through Y-DNA testing. The project now has over 80 members from different parts of the world, with Scottish, English, German, African, and Mediterranean ancestry.

The largest group in the Little DNA project has a distinct set of similar DNA results. Statistical analysis of this group's results indicates a common Little ancestor in the 1300s.

Twelve of this Little group were born in different parts of the United States; one Little and one Lytle were born in Canada; the grandfather of one Little was born in Dumfriesshire, and Dr. Johnnie Little of Morton Rig, the founder of the Clan Little Society, Scotland participated in the project before his death.

FROM JANET LYTLE CATHEY

California: Last June, 12-year old **Geoffrey Little** found a dropped wallet With \$19,000 in \$100 bills in a parking lot at Los Angeles International Airport. Instead of going on a shopping spree, he and his mom, **Lisa**, tracked down the owner and turned in the cash to authorities. For his honesty, Little, who was visiting from Baltimore, received a certificate, police T-shirts, a standing ovation from the city council of Hermosa Beach and a reward from the wallet's owner.

ELECTRONIC REIVER

One of the items discussed at the BGM was having the REIVER sent via e-mail. As the annual dues notices were sent, each member was able to choose e-mail or snail mail. E-mail is much faster and more economical, but it is the members' choice.

A slight revision to the e-mail option was added after discussion with our web master. The Reiver will be uploaded to the web page and each member who so chooses can then read it on line or print it out to read and share at their leisure. This will prevent clogging of e-mail boxes while still providing a full Reiver for each member in a timely manner. For those who chose mail and who have access to the web, you might want to try this option. Currently we have about twenty members to receive the REIVER electronically. If you wish to choose this option, contact **Pat Little** at jnpoct23@triad.rr.com.

THANK YOU CHARLIE ROSS!

As most of you know, Reiver Editor “Charlie Ross”, AKA **Ross Little** has decided to take a well earned retirement. It will be very hard for this new editor to fill his shoes.



As an original member of Clan Little Society NA and also a Past Steuart, Ross has brought his special brand of enthusiasm to the editor’s job. He has also volunteered for and occupied every position the clan has offered and has done each with great zeal. A mere thank you seems inadequate.

We can not thank Ross without also thanking his wife and help-mate **Phyllis**. She has surely been an invaluable help to him.

So, for all the articles, photos, history lessons, hard work, guidance and for giving us a sense of family, thank you Ross and Phyllis!

P.K.Little

FROM THE STEUART

Dear Members,

Another year has come and gone. Thank you for voting me back in as Steuart. As you know we have several things that have happened for the Clan Society. We are now Tax Exempt for the membership dues and donations that we receive.

Please remember to check the Web Site for upcoming Clan Events, news articles and Clan Little items you would like to purchase. There is also a link to check if you decide you would like to receive the Riever via E-Mail.

We have established a Scholarship Fund for current members and their immediate family to apply for \$250.00 towards their Scottish Heritage Classes. This is only available to those who send in a Scholarship request form and then the Board votes on who the recipient would be for the Year. Unfortunately we are only able to award one Scholarship a year. We are still **in need of additional donations** towards the Scholarship Fund. We would like to see the Scholarship Fund grow with your support and then we could offer it for the next year 2008. At this time we are not able to accept applications for the scholarship until we receive more funds. Please remember, this is a tax write-off for the year.

The BGM meeting was held in North Carolina this year and the weather could not have been more perfect. We are looking at hosting the next BGM meeting in Tennessee in 2009. That has not been finalized yet so be looking in the Riever in your mailbox or on the web site when time approaches for the next meeting site. We are also hoping that **our members would step up and host the Meeting in their area**. This would be a good opportunity for the Board Members to travel to your location and check out the sites in your area along with meeting you and the other members in that area. If you are interested please contact me and I will give the details of what would be needed to host the meeting. The BGM meetings are intended to include all members. So we are asking that our members look at hosting a meeting in their area for the next BGM meeting. These meetings are held every two years and we would like to have a future meeting place already pre-scheduled when we have our next meeting. This would give everyone the opportunity to save for the traveling expenses that are involved. We the Board want to meet you on your home turf (so to speak) and to have the opportunity to get to know you better.

I want to welcome Pat Little as the new Riever Editor. We are looking forward to the articles and items that she will add to the Riever. Also, we are excited that Jim Little was voted in as Marischal. He now holds two positions until we can find a replacement for the Secatur position. If you are interested in becoming a part of our team and willing to be our Secatur, please contact Jim Little at jnpoct23@triad.rr.com to find out more details. Also, James Kleparek is still our Quarter Master and doing a wonderful job. He has had some illness and we the Board of the Clan

Little Society are glad he is doing better. He is a valuable part of our Society and we just need him to know how much we appreciate all he does.

Please remember, if you have any comments, concerns or want to share something with us please contact us. Our contact information is at the end of each Riever and on the Web Site.

As always, I hope you are having a prosperous year. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to serving as your Steuart for the next two years.

Yours Aye,



John E Little-Steuart
Clan Little Society NA

WHO'S WHO

(This is a new column. Each issue will feature someone from CLSNA submitted by its members. If you wish to have someone featured here, send the article along with a picture to Pat Little.)

John E Little-Steuart



Born in Sioux City Iowa 1963
He is a father of 4. 1 boy and 3 girls
He has 2 Granddaughters, 2 years and 5 months old
He has 1 Brother and 1 sister.
He is a Stationary Engineer for First Baptist Church Tulsa
He married Ellen M Little July 15, 1982
He enjoys Race Car Driving. (has a race car number 44 since 1999), fishing, and playing with his Grandchildren.

He is a no nonsense type of guy. He likes to have fun but takes no crap from anyone

He loves his family and will do anything to protect them.

He is passionate about Clan Little Society and enjoys being the Steuart. He continues to try to improve the Society and what the Society can offer the members.

By: Ellen M Little

NORTH CAROLINA ROOTS

Talk about confusing--My wife and I have been tracing my ancestry for several years now and have come across many facts which we need to pass along for future clarification. There are also many inaccuracies even in the reference section of some libraries. It was said that in colonial times, one in every thousand resi-

dents of the colonies was a Little, Lytle... Let me demonstrate:

- Archibald Little was born around 1776. He was married to a "Mrs. Bright"
- Archibald had four sons—Robert, Green and James D.(uncan?), and John
- Robert was born in 1809 and lived until 1894 He married Elizabeth Davidson. Their graves are at Level Cross United Methodist Church in Level Cross NC.
- Green was born in 1810 in Chatham County. He died July 1, 1863 during the first day's battle at Gettysburg. He was 53 and had enlisted as a substitute. His family eventually moved to Indiana after the War. He married Jemima Davidson and his descendents include Tony Little of Port Angeles WA.
- James D. was born in 1823 and went to Indiana before the Civil War. His descendents include Wanda Little of West Terre Haute, IN as well as Keith, Sr., Keith, Jr. and Warren Ray of Vermillion County IL..
- Robert and Elizabeth's children included Riley (possibly William Riley) Little born about 1835. He married Mary A. ??? By 1880 he was not on the federal census with his family.
- Riley's son was named Robert Edward Little and he was born in 1863 at the height of the Civil War. He married Martha J. Burrow and had at least three children, of which the only survivor was Robert Orlando Little. Robert E. died about this time and his mother later married Jackson Wright. Robert O. died in 1947. We have a letter from Mary A to Mattie about "Boby."

The surname **LYTLE**

Many Littles in North Carolina erroneously trace their ancestry to Colonel Archibald Lytle of Orange County (Hillsborough). Col. Archibald fought in the Revolutionary War and was wounded at Stono Ferry, captured and released. When the noted Tory, David Fanning, captured the governor of North Carolina and several others, Col. Archibald was among those held for ransom. After the governor was released he tried also to win the release of the others.

After the war, Col. Archibald Lytle returned to Hillsborough where he apparently settled into civilian life comfortably. He was a delegate to the state legislature and held other civic offices. He was also a delegate to the Society of the Cincinnati, an obscure group which still

survives to this day. Archibald's brother, William, was quite active in local politics in the area, serving on many juries and as sheriff at one time. In 1779, their brother, Andrew, died leaving at least two minor sons, coincidentally, were named William and Archibald.. As was the tradition in many European homes these sons were named after their forebears and, The reason they appear in the court records at all is that it was tradition to bind minor children of deceased fathers to someone, usually a relative, who would care for them. This occurred even though the mother was still living.

In the Orange County Courts records for 1790, there is notation that Colonel Archibald Lytle is deceased. Some biographical sketches of North Carolinians state that he died in 1797 in Robeson County, but these court records are clear proof that he was dead before May of 1790. In his will, which is also in the Orange County records (but, oddly, not in the state archives) There is no reference to any sons or daughters, only his brother William and "step mother Sarah and her children."

William, In 1797, sold everything he owned and moved to Tennessee, where his history is well documented, to land granted him (and Archibald) by the U.S. government for war service. Later he donated land for the town of Murfreesboro, TN and his grave is there. He had children born in North Carolina and Tennessee.

In 1801, Archibald Lytle, (the nephew) graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then moved to Tennessee was known as the "Tennessee lawyer." Again, this is well documented in Tennessee historical records and the history of the University of North Carolina.

This is the end of this line of those Lytles in the state of North Carolina.

Archibald and William Little of Eastern NC

Two or more very distinct lines of Littles lived in eastern North Carolina. There was an Archibald who was married to Elizabeth ????. Possibly a relation, William was a justice of the state supreme court in colonial times and had sons named George and William. The descendents of the former are well documented, George Person Little gaining fame. A famous family associated with these Littles is that of Miles Gale. Another Archibald also lived and died there.

According to one experienced researcher, there is also another line of Littles in this area linked to Virginia, with some of the same Christian names, plus Benjamin, Francis and John.

William Little of Anson County

This William Little was from near Carlisle, England and his line is well documented. He landed at Charleston and settled in Anson County in south central NC. He became famous as a furniture maker in Wadesboro. He arrived in the US in 1790 and is not to be confused with another William, already there before that time

Some of the Littles of **Rowan County** were German, originally Klein, but at least one source says they were Scottish. The Daniel Little, Esq. descendency is well documented so I will not go into any detail here. Check on line for this.

About the same time as cited above there was an Archibald Little of Lincoln county in the west central part of the state. That makes five Archibald Littles or Lytles in North Carolina about the time of the American Revolution.

(This article is meant to be a challenge to members. We would like to have articles about Littles, Lytles, etc., from other states. Anyone who can help sort out this confusion will have our eternal gratitude. Maybe someone will get information to help them in their search for ancestors this way. Jim Little)

HOW TO BECOME A CONVENER

We often write about conveners in our articles and show pictures from the games, but there may have never been a guide on how to become one. I think Nike says it best: Just Do It!

Before we started, it was really something I would never have considered at all, it being wholly against my nature to do so. I went to several games and was impressed, but kept putting off setting up a tent on my own. My wife and I talked many times about how we would do things IF we decided to convene.



After a year or so, we finally took the plunge. We had received our LITTLE marching banner from the society, and with little else, except a table, a few books and some pamphlets, we set up our first tent late in 2005. I figured that we would do just one or two and, if we didn't like it, we wouldn't do any more. I also wore my new kilt in public for the first time.

We met some really nice and fun people, all wearing kilts, I might add. A few people came by and we had a good time. A few weeks later we hosted another tent and we have

enjoyed all games ever since. Here in North Carolina, we have about sixteen games per year within driving distance. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (pictured above) are the largest in the world, drawing almost a quarter million people over four days in July and the Loch Norman Games in April are the only ones granted a coat of arms by the Lord Lyon.

So why is convening important? Well, it is a good way to grow our Little Clan and honor our heritage. Most Littles do not realize they could be Scottish. (It is not a requirement for membership in CLSNA, but it is all about being Scottish and celebrating Scottish heritage.) It's also just the fun of doing it, like fishing or swimming. So if you are adventurous, like meeting new friends and having a good time, why not set up a tent at a Scottish festival in your area?

Below are Pictured Troy and Laurie Brooks along with Joseph Tuzzio, CLSNA members, at the Milwaukee games June 2. They plan to host another tent on Labor Day. (We will forgive them for wearing the Stewart Black Watch tartan this time.)

