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## Flowers of the Forest

It is with great sadness that I inform you of my mother's passing. Virginia Vera Lytle Hammett, 88, died Tuesday, February 3, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Noah Hampton Lytle and Emma Davis Lytle and the wife of the late Charlie Wilton Hammett.

She was the last member of her immediate family of 6 brothers and 4 sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Hammett Carter, Granddaughters Jordan Cain Johnson Jamie and Denison Harvey and two great-grandchildren Emma, 8 years and Noah 6 years

My mother was buried in her Lytle Tartan and we had a man come to play Amazing Grace on the bag pipes. Our circle goes unbroken. Long live the Littles/Lytles, on earth and in heaven. Jan

[Jan Carter is a life member from Drayton, SC.]

## From the Steuart

Once again it is time to Re-elect or elect members to the board. We will continue with the same Board Members: John Little-Steuart, Jim Little-Marischal-Sectur, Ellen Little-Mailin. Due to the economy our Society has not had much response from our Members. We have elected to add the ballot to the Reiver and request you respond with your vote. We are all feeling the pinch but I am sure this will pass before the next election year. We are still recruiting for Commissioner, Conveners, and officers for the Clan Little Society. If you have any interest in helping Please get with Jim or myself and we will assist in any way we can to get you involved. Remember, We can not do this without your assistance and willingness to help.

If you have anything to share in the Reiver, please get it to Pat Little, she is always looking for something new to add.

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Summer,

Aye,  
John Little-Steuart  
Clan Little Society NA

## Scots Invade North Carolina...Again

On April 8, 2009, the North Carolina General Assembly celebrated Scottish heritage in Raleigh, the state capitol. The Presiding Speaker of the Scottish Parliament, Alexander Ferguson, the Minister of Enterprise, Energy & Tourism Jim Mather, along with four other MSP's all were feted at the state legislative building. This was the celebration of Tartan Day in North Carolina.

Later, at a reception given by the Scots, the speaker referred to North Carolina as "the Scottish state" and cited the strong historical ties between Scotland and North Carolinians. In attendance were the speaker of the NC house Joe Hackney and President Pro Tempore of the Senate Marc Basnight.



Jim Mather, Alexander Ferguson, and other MSP's in Raleigh, NC.

Also in attendance were many North Carolina Scots including Clan Little Society members Jim and Pat Little.

Jim Mather noted that this is the year of Homecoming Scotland which calls all Scots home for a year long celebration. It is the 250th anniversary of the great poet Robert Burns who was celebrated in January. In July, there will be a gathering of the clans in Edinburgh. The month of May was dedicated to Scotch Whisky. July will be the time of the actual big gathering.

The Scots are over here promoting the events and to promote a permanent Scottish Heritage month. Mark McIntyre from Lauringburg, NC, also in attendance, is the leading advocate for Scottish heritage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## Greyfriars Kirk

Of course, everyone knows that the Scottish word for church is “Kirk.” Just off the Royal Mile in old Edinburgh, near Edinburgh Castle is Greyfriar’s Kirk. As is the case with all churches in Scotland (and all the British Isles) the church is unlocked and open to visitors. Exploring the inside of this ancient church is a good way to discover the flavor of ancient and modern Scotland. The interior is very modern but with all the accoutrements of the ancient Presbyterian religion.

There are guides inside to answer all your questions. To American visitors it is a little strange to see a gift shop near the rear of the main sanctuary where courteous men and women tell you about the kirk and sell souvenirs. This, however, is very common at all of the more famous or historic kirks in Scotland, Ireland and England.

A visit to this famous church is essential for any visitor to Scotland and especially to many Littles, for within the graveyard there is the ancient sarcophagus of one Clement Littill (d.-1580) founder of Edinburgh University Library and William (d.-1601). An unusual reclining figure as in musing, not in death, is the center piece. A plaque place there in 2001 by Clan Little Society Scotland reads:



What Clement Was, how great that Little were  
This citizens, that Bibliothek declare.  
This noble pair of brethren did contend  
In merits great, each other to transcend.  
For both did good: This to the mother town  
That to the muses; whence came their renown



## Greyfriars Bobby

Greyfriars Bobby was a Skye Terrier who became known in 19th-century Edinburgh, Scotland, after reportedly spending fourteen years guarding his owner's grave, until his own death on 14 January 1872. Bobby belonged to John Gray, who worked for the Edinburgh City Police as a night watchman, and the two were inseparable for approximately two years. On 15 February 1858 Gray died of tuberculosis. He was buried in Greyfriars Kirkyard, the graveyard surrounding Greyfriars Kirk in the Old Town of Edinburgh.

Bobby, who survived Gray by fourteen years, is said to have spent the rest of his life sitting by his master's grave. Legend has it that he left only once per day for meals nearby at a restaurant where kindly owners fed him at the back door. As his legend grew, citizens came regularly to watch as the dog kept vigil at his master's grave. In 1867 when it was pointed out that an ordinance proclaiming that all ownerless dogs should be destroyed, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir William Chambers (who was also a director of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), paid for a renewal of Bobby's licence, making him the responsibility of the city council. Bobby died in 1872 and could not be buried within the cemetery itself, since it was consecrated ground; instead, he was buried just inside the gate of Greyfriars Kirkyard, not far from John Gray's grave. A year after the dog died, the philanthropist Lady Burdett-Coutts had a statue and fountain erected to commemorate him.



IT IS TIME ONCE AGAIN TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR CLAN LITTLE SOCIETY NA.  
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF OFFICERS BELOW AND RETURN THE BAL-  
LOT TO: Richard Little  
245 McCracken Rd  
Danville, PA 17821-9413

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**OFFICERS FOR 2009 THROUGH 2011**

- For STEUART**             **John Little, Broken Arrow, OK**  
                                  **Other**\_\_\_\_\_
- For MARISCHAL**         **Jim Little, Thomasville, NC**  
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                                  **Other**\_\_\_\_\_
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                                  **Other**\_\_\_\_\_
- For COMMISSIONER**     **(Write-in)**\_\_\_\_\_
- For CONVENOR**         **(Write-in)**\_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioners and Convenors represent CLSNA at festivals at least one time per year. C'mon, Folks, get in the game!**

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**It's That Time of Year Again!**

Clan Little Society NA continues to maintain its place among other clans and societies. We have kept our renewal membership dues at \$20 per year and will maintain that for the foreseeable future. Please support Clan Little by sending your annual dues to Jim Little, Secrateur; 242 Game Trail; Thomasville, NC 27360. Don't forget to correct any changes of address, etc. Thank you.

(If you are unsure about your current status, please check the mailing label for this newsletter. Opposite your name are two characters representing the year to which you are paid. If it is 09 or less then please send your dues of \$20.)

-----Cut here, return with payment-----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Scottish Vocabulary

This is a short quiz on your knowledge of Scottish terms. How well can you do. If you get half or more, you should be wearing a kilt. (Answers at the bottom of this page.)

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Puddock    | A. A ghost.                       |
| 2 March:     | B. Quiet, pleasant, neat and tidy |
| 3 Hunker:    | C. To repair.                     |
| 4 Douce:     | D. Extremely tired.               |
| 5 Dreich:    | E. Boundary                       |
| 6 Bogle:     | F. Afraid.                        |
| 7 Feart:     | G. To her.                        |
| 8 Forfochen: | H. To him.                        |
| 9 Sort:      | I. Dreary, unpleasant.            |
| 10 Dha:      | J. To me.                         |
| 11 Dhi:      | K. To squat.                      |
| 12 Dhomh:    | L. A toad.                        |



### Genealogists -- Let's Get Something Started

Hey, Genealogists. One of the best ways to find out about your ancestry is to compare notes. Countless discoveries have been made by just looking over someone else's shoulder, so to speak. So why not put yours on our website? It's easy. All you have to do is get a password for the forum, if you don't already have one, then post your notes, and see if anyone responds. Stranger things have happened. Give it a try.

## Another Good Recipe

(Member Recipes are solicited for this column. If you have a favorite Scottish recipe you want to share please send it to the editors.)

### Islay Loaf

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 oz. butter
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup currents
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs beaten

Put fruits, sugar, water, butter and soda in a pan. Simmer slowly for 15 minutes. Cool. Then add flour and eggs. Pour mixture into large loaf tins that have been well greased and floured. (Works best when also lined with waxed paper on the bottom.)

Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Cool for a few minutes in pan before moving to a wire rack.

Answers  
1 Puddock, LA toad; 2 March, E. Boundary; (The Littles were part of the West March); 3 Hunker; K. To squat; 4 Douce (Doos); B. Quiet, pleasant, neat and tidy; 5 Dreich; I. Dreary, unpleasant; 6. Bogle; A. A ghost; 7 Feart; F. Afraid.; 8 Forfochen; D. Extremely tired; 9 Sort; C. To repair; 10 Dha; H. To him; 11 Dhi; G. To her.; 12 Dhomh; J. To me.

The Scottish festival season is just around the corner and it's a good time to put in your orders for our attractive Clan Little Society jewelry. We are not trying to make a lot of money on these items, but wouldn't it be a great way to show your heritage and promote CLSNA at the same time. Jewelry is not available anywhere but through the society. You can also order the tartan through the quartermaster also available only through the society. For that form, just visit our website at [www.clanlittlesna.com](http://www.clanlittlesna.com)

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## JEWELRY ORDER FORM

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

### Add Shipping & Handling charges:

1 - 4 Items \$2.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 + Items \$0.50 for each additional item \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Completed Order Form  
 AND  
 Your Payment To:**

Leroy Little, Quartermaster  
 Clan Little Society N.A.  
 63 Amy Circle  
 Dresden, ME 04342  
 Tel. (207) 443-3136  
 Leelittle70@yahoo.com

Make Check or Money Order Payable To : **Clan Little Society NA**

Address where you want the items shipped:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Telephone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Send US Funds Only!**

The bi-annual general meeting (BGM) of Clan Little Society NA will be held in conjunction with the McPherson Highland Games in McPherson, Kansas on September 27, 2009. These games have been voted one of the nation's 100 top attractions by the American Bus Association. (They should know.) So mark your calendars and meet us there. Watch the website for more information.

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