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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Word has reached the editor that John C. Little of Abilene, Texas passed away in 2008. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Ann Little, his wife, and to his family.

## BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The biennial general meeting of Clan Little Society North America was held on September 26, 2009, in McPherson, Kansas. The meeting was called to order by John Little, Steuart. Jim Little, Secrateur, read the minutes of the last meeting (April 21, 2007). The minutes were approved as read.

Ellen Little, Mailin, gave a report on the financial status of the clan society. Financially, the CLSNA is in very good shape. Here is the breakdown.

Yearly Dues Received	\$910.00
Yearly Expenses	(465.71)
Total Checking Account Balance	4,624.71
Total Tartan Savings	3,848.99
Total Scholarship Savings	696.61
Total Life Membership Savings	<u>6,317.71</u>
Balance	\$15,022.31

Ellen gave a general report on the possibility of setting up a pay pal or other account so that members could pay online directly to the clan account so that checks would not be necessary. This is an ongoing project and no conclusions were reached at this time.

The next order of business was election of officers for 2009-11. The mail-in ballots were tallied by Richard Little of Pennsylvania and reported by the secrateur. After the members present voted, John Little was re-elected Steuart, Jim Little, Marischal, Ellen Little, Mailin; and Jim Little Secrateur.

Once again, an appeal to the membership has been extended to someone to assume either the marischal or secrateur duties since the by-laws prohibit **(Continued on page 3)**



First Row: Pat Maddox, Virginia Russell, Pat Little, John Little, Ellen Little and June Little. Back Row: Jim Little, Thomas Little, Jodi Little and Clayton (Bud) Little

## PAT LITTLE MADDOX, Genealogist

Pat Little Maddox who has been Genealogist for our clan for many years has decided to retire from that job. On behalf of all of the members of Clan Little Society NA the Reiver would like to say thank you to Pat for the wonderful job she has done.

A trained genealogist, Pat has set up an amazing system for cross-referencing our clan and collateral family information. Surely she has spent untold hours keeping everything organized. Her shoes are going to be hard to fill.

The job of Genealogist is not to do research for clan members but to keep records as members provide information. If there are two or more clan members who have the connecting information they will be put in touch with each other and may exchange information if they wish.

You may add to your information at any time. Please remember to work backward beginning with yourself.

For the time being and until another clan genealogist can be found, Reiver editor Pat Little is custodian of the Clan Little genealogy files.



# The Little's of Mission Creek, Kansas

## Submitted by Thomas Little of Kansas City, MO

In or about the year of 1750, three Littles, Joseph, John and Mary arrived at an unknown port by ship from Scotland. Their parents perishing while at sea, the ships captain took the three teenagers in to his household and raised them. Eventually, they all moved on to different parts of America. Mary's whereabouts was uncharted while John moved to the Virginias, and Joseph settled in Vermont. This is the story of the lineage of the Joseph Little family from arrival in America to modern day. The accounts represent a decade of geneology work performed by Merle W. Little. The following represents the best information discoverable.

Let's look at the lineage from 1750 to present. Families back in the late 1700's and 1800's were fairly large. In later editions, I can go into more extensive detail of each family member and their offspring, etc., as I have doc-

Joseph Little (b) 1732 in Scotland. (d) 1817  
Susannah Wetherbee (b) 1739 (d) 1832

Rufus Marshall Little (b) 1771 in Sudbury VT (d) 1855  
Eunice Goodell (m) ? (b) ? (d) 1805  
Eunice Torrey (Brown) (m) ? (b) 1788 (d) 1848

Fought in the war of 1812  
Moved to Crawford County, PA in 1823

Samuel W. Little (b) 1810 in Rutland, Vermont (d) 1847  
Laura B. Gleason (m) 1832 (b) 1812 in Vermont (d) 1896 (Irish Descent)

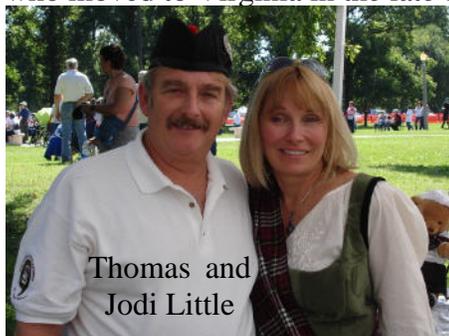
James Rufus Little (twin) (b) 1836 in Crawford County, PA (d) 1917  
Unknown wife (m) 1860  
Minnie Maybee (Wright) (m) 1892 (b) 1867 in Hubbardston, MI (d) 1921  
Moved to Mission Creek, Kansas in 1866

James Watson Little (b) 1894 in Eskridge, Ks (d) 1985  
Faye E. Beard (m) 1917 in Carthage, Mo (b) 1898 (d) 1985

Merle Watson Little (b) 1922 in Independence, Ks (d) 2009  
Wilma Jean Smashey (m) 1949 in Little Rock, AR (b) 1924 Still living

Thomas Lee Little (b) 1953 in Kansas City, MO. This branch of the Little's represent a colorful life from farmers to publishers, doctors to owning their own businesses. Many records exist from wills to land transactions, military records denoting heroism and wives who raised lots of children. I will spend the next year exploring the lives of several of these very interesting Little's.

Thanks to the FamilyTree Little DNA project, identical DNA matches have revealed the lineage of John Little who moved to Virginia in the late 1700's.



The above article was written by Thomas and Jodi Little who are recent life members from Kansas City, MO and have decided to become convenors. They attended all the functions related to the BGM and games over the last weekend in September in McPherson, KS. On Saturday afternoon, Tom serenaded the gathering with several tunes on the bagpipes. They will convene their first games in June, 2010 at E.H. Young Park in Riverside, Missouri.

## From the Quartermaster

It has been a year since that Teresa and I assumed the position of Quartermaster and I just wanted to give all of you some back ground on our families. I guess the first thing is that I am married to Teresa who maiden name is Brezler. Brezler is an old German name transformed from Bressler/Pressler. The difference comes from, literally, what side of town a person was born in. They are also part of the Webster family and in Maine that is an old name as well. My side is varied but family members claim they have traced the family records back to before the Revolutionary War from Ireland. After that it does get harder to trace because of lack of written records.

Teresa and I were married May 19 2007 and have three children, Arnold age 13, Connie age 10 and Serenity age 9. So yes we have our hands full at any given moment with a blended family. This year we have bought a new house and are now planning to take the long awaited honeymoon to Ireland and Scotland, of course with out the kids. I am the eldest of three. (Jason and Ann) Teresa is the youngest of 4.(Andre, Dana, Jason) Of course the web grows and grows and grows from there.

We would like to thank all the Veterans that are associated with Clan Little Society of North America, for their courage and sacrifice through the years. Presently serving from our family Maj. Leo Devine NY Air National Guard. Staff Sargent Jason Little US Army Reserve 812 MP Co. Specialist Mark Powell US Army 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary (sorry do not have specifics with in the Division). Past service members would be about 20 from different family groups going back three or four generations.

The last part of this short letter, we wanted to thank all of you for your support. We have never had the honor of meeting James [Kleparek], but from different indications he was well respected. We will do our best to uphold the standard of how he operated the Quartermaster post. The best way to contact us is through snail mail or a phone call. Maine is not known to be totally up to speed with technology service at a reasonable cost.

Leroy Little

**BGM (from page one)**...one person holding two offices. Accordingly, and until the situation can be resolved, the by-laws governing this situation were set aside temporarily.

It was suggested by Jim Little and approved by the members present, that the clan society would encourage participation in Scottish festivals by reimbursing up to \$75 for the first time someone sets up a tent at a festival. Proper receipts will be required, of course. This may encourage members to promote Clan Little by becoming part of a very enjoyable past time.

A general discussion was led by the steuart concerning the scholarship fund available to members and their families. Up to \$250 is available for the study of anything Scottish such as learning the bagpipes, highland dance, etc. However, no one has applied for the scholarship which has been available for two years. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this fund.

Another discussion concerned the possibility of providing a list of members and their contact information so that we can keep better touch and become a closer knit society. (See poll elsewhere in this edition.)

Finally, the members present extended their thanks to Pat Little Maddox, who has been the genealogy chairperson since the society's inception in the early '90's. The genealogy materials were turned over to Pat Little, editor of the Reiver, until another genealogist can be found and installed. (See related stories elsewhere in this edition.)



The Raptor exhibit at McPhershon Scottish games.

Here are some Pictures from Labor Day weekend. That is when we had our Waukesha [Wisconsin] Highland Games. Troy & Laurie Brooks, Convenors.



Troy & Laurie Brooks, Joseph Tuzzio, Harold & Debbie Hansen, and Harold's Grandson AJ.



Troy & Laurie Brooks, Joseph Tuzzio, Harold Hansen, AJ, and Renee.



Calling of the Clans on Friday night- Joseph Tuzzio called out Clan Little.

We are waiting for more pictures to come in from the Clan Challenge- Axe and Knife Throw. We didn't take first place this year, but we did however beat the biggest Clan we have--Clan Young! But we can still brag--we did win last year!



### PISTOL PACKIN' MAMA

Pat Little won second place in sporting clays competition at the Triad Highland Games this summer.

## STATE TARTANS

Does your state have a Tartan?

As most of you know our Tartan is representative of whom we are. Did you know that many of our states have their own Tartan?

The state of Maine was the first to adopt an official Tartan. The Texas Bluebonnet Tartan was second. The Bluebonnet Tartan was commissioned by June McRoberts and adopted in 1989. It was patterned on the colors and symmetry of that state's official flower.

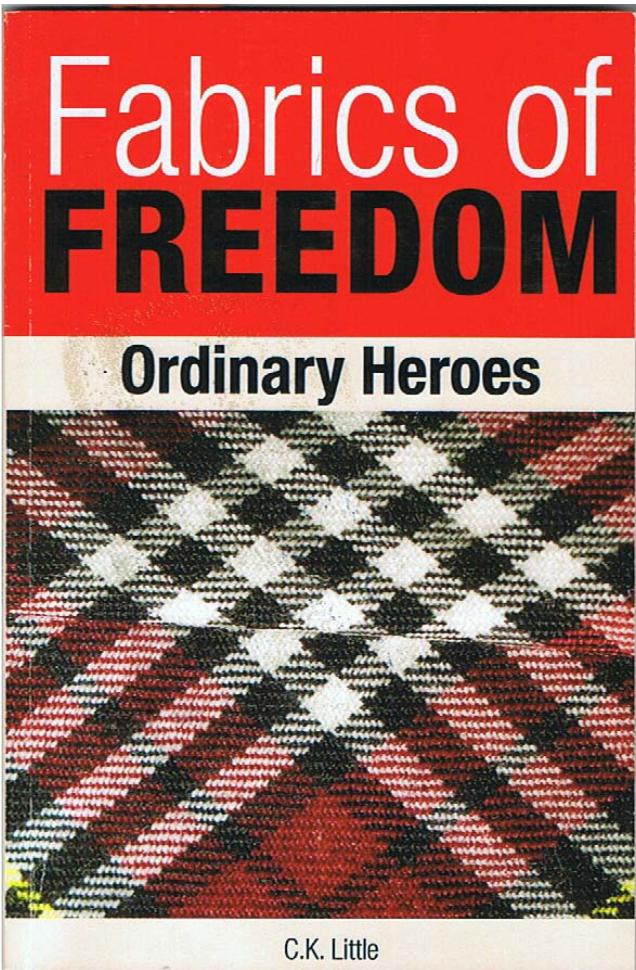
States that have official Tartans and years of adoption are:

Arizona	1995
Arkansas	2001
California	2001
Colorado	1997
Connecticut	1995
Georgia	1997
Hawaii	2001
Iowa	2004
Louisiana	2005
Maine	1964
Massachusetts	2003
Minnesota	2002
Nevada	2001
New Hampshire	1995
North Carolina	1991
Oklahoma	2008
South Carolina	2002
Texas	1989
Utah	1996
Washington	1991
West Virginia	2008

(Thanks to Dorothy Webb for this information.)

It is hard to believe Highland Games season is almost over for another year. This year has been a scaled-down season in many states. Hopefully the economy will improve for the 2010 season and our games will be full-tilt again.

Meanwhile let us as a Clan not forget the reason we became interested in Clan membership in the first place. Let us continue to celebrate, teach and relate our Scottish heritage to others. Editor



Clayton "Bud" Little of Hixson, Tennessee, has written an excellent book on the history of his family of Littles. The time frame begins in the early 1700's and brings it through to the present day. Included are many stories and anecdotes from the history he has uncovered about his family. If you want more information or want to purchase the book, contact Bud at [cjlittle@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjlittle@bellsouth.net) or call him at (423) 847-9980.



Bud Little autographs books for members.



Now that's a dog! If her car breaks down she can ride the dog to work! (Seen in Kentucky on the way to the games in Kansas)

More scenes from the BGM. On left the group stands for the call of the tartans in which Clan Little was one of three honored clans. On the right some of the group on Friday night dinner. More Littles arrived next day.



## POLL

Would you like to share your contact information with other members of Clan Little Society, NA? If so please indicate your willingness by checking the appropriate block below. What this means is that other members may receive your name, address, phone number and e-mail address if you so desire.

Yes, you may share my contact information with other members of Clan Little Society, NA.

No. Do not share my contact information.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
(Needed since there are several duplicate names)

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Or e-mail to [jnpoct23@triad.rr.com](mailto:jnpoct23@triad.rr.com)