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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Dorothy Webb from Houston, TX, has notified the Reiver that her nephew Paul Leroy Crist passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 48. He was an attorney with multiple degrees in Economic law and practiced all over the United States, including the U. S. Supreme Court. Our sympathy goes out to Dorothy.

Fois Shìorruidh Thoir Dha, A Thighearna (Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord)



FROM THE STEUART

Dear Members,

Boy, how times flies. We are already in the 4th Month of the year!!! Whew....

We have a new Convenor (Thomas Little) in Missouri at which he will host his first tent in June. We will be there to support him.

Jim and Pat have done wonderful things with the Reiver and we are looking forward to this next addition.

We have ordered more 13oz Tartan so there should be plenty for all.

Life for all has gotten hectic. Work-home-family have all of us busy. Take a moment, look at all that we have, Thank God, and continue with your day. With that said we are still looking for a Marischal to relieve Jim. I am sure if you have a moment or two you could be who we are looking for to Join our Wonderful Team. As you have seen we don't require all of your time just a smidgen. All kidding aside we ask that you consider the position. It really takes less time than you think. If you are interested or just want to know what is involved, get with Jim Little and he will explain it.

We are also looking for a new location for our next Bi-annual meeting next year. We want to travel and if you have a game that you are already hosting a tent for why not the BGM? We only ask that you supply us with hotel/motel info in your area, we pay for 2 tent spots and we feed ourselves. We ask that you let us know so we can get the word out to all members by the first of the year. This will give everyone a chance to save and plan to visit you in your area. Don't be shy, we have seen some of the wonderful pictures that you have shared. It does not matter if the Game is large or small, just as long as it is a Scottish Game.

By the way, have you forgotten that we have opened the Scholarship? We ask that you visit www.clanlittlesna.com for a form and send it in for someone in your family to be awarded \$250 towards their education in the Scottish Heritage. All the guidelines are on the forum.

Well my friends I really do not have much more to share. Just keep doing what you are doing and stay healthy. Thanks for supporting Clan Little and everything that we are trying to do.

Aye, John E Little-Steuart

DUES ARE DUE

Yes, it's that time of year again. Times are tough for almost everybody, but the heritage of Clan Little needs to be continued. Your \$20 annual dues will help keep alive your Scottish traditions while honoring your family ties to the past. We are not looking backward, but forward, trying to keep the values that made this country great. So, mail your dues to Jim Little, Secrateur. Use the cut-out on page 5 of this newsletter. If you are reading this on line, just print out the form and mail it to Jim with your dues..

THE HIGHLAND GAMES IN GLASGOW...KENTUCKY THAT IS.

The Glasgow, KY Highland Games will be held from June 3 to June 6 in the south central part of the Bluegrass State. This appears to be a pretty big affair since the Kentucky Tourism Council has selected the Glasgow Highland Games as a "Top Ten" Festival Event for the summer. That's a great recommendation.



One of the features of the event will be the competition between the athletes from Canada and the United States. All of the usual heavy competitions including the sheaf toss, stone throw, hammer throw, and, the crowd favorite, the caber turn, will be featured. It should be a very interesting competition. (The editor will refrain from choosing sides since we have members in both countries.)

Kenneth Trist Urquhart of Clan Urquhart will be the chief of the games. For those who have been to Scotland, and especially for those who have not, the ruins Urquhart Castle sits on the banks of Loch Ness, near the visitor center. From there, one assumes, sightings of the Loch Ness monster have been going on for hundreds of years. No word on whether the chief has ever seen "Nessie" though.

Clayton and June Little will represent Clan Little Society at the games and invite all Littles from the surrounding states to visit them there. Bud has some very handsome "trews" in the Little tartan which he wears instead of the kilt. We hope to have pictures in the next Reiver.



THE NAME "URQUHART"

Speaking of Urquhart Castle, how did a name like that end up being Scottish anyway? Well, In 1652, Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty wrote the "True Pedigree and Lineal Descent of the most Ancient and Honourable Family of Urquhart, in the House of Cromarty, from the Creation of the World until the year of God 1652." He solemnly stated that in the 8th century of the Christian era Vocompos, head of the House of Cromarty, "had to his second brother one named Phorbas Urquhart, and Hugh to the third; of whom some few hundred years after that, the names of Forbes and Mackay had their beginning." In his own genealogy, Sir Thomas Urquhart described himself as the 143rd in direct descent from Adam and Eve.

Loch Norman Games

The Loch Norman Highland Games, near Charlotte, NC, was held April 17-19 at Huntersville, NC, with about 12,400 in attendance. The days were highlighted by heavy athletics as well as children's and lassie's games. S.A.M.S. (Scottish American Military Society) properly retired about seventy American flags which had become worn and no longer useful or fitting as the symbol of our country. The retirement ceremony consists of a reading of the retirement liturgy followed by burning of the flags. Clan Little Society life member, Bob Krause, adapted the ceremony and attended of the flames for the duration

Later in the day, there were border collie demonstrations, the parade of tartans, bagpipe competitions and a massed band performance by about 400 participants. That many pipes and drums really stirs the soul of a true Scot.

The second weekend in July, the largest highland games in the world will be held at Grandfather Mountain, NC.

Loey Krause & Dessie at Loch Norman



BIOGRAPHY COLUMN

Archibald Little (1761-1826)

From County Fermanagh, Ireland to Guernsey County, Ohio

By Glenn Ramsey, Winnetka, Illinois

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I proudly inherited my Clan Little eligibility from my mother Jean (Little) Ramsey. Mom and her sister Mary (Little) Gault still live in the Licking and Coshocton Counties, Ohio, area where they grew up.

Our branch of Clan Little goes back to County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland, and Pubble townland, near Tempo in Enniskillen Parish. St. Patrick reputedly preached at Pubble in the 5th century, after which one of the monasteries of Fermanagh ("Fear Managh," Region of the Monks) was located there until around 1600. The Littles arrived by the 1690's, and Mary Little was renting the east half of Pubble in 1730. Her son William was probably the father of Archibald Little (1761-1826), the ancestral immigrant to Ohio (gt-gt-gt-grandfather of Jean and Mary Little). Archibald married Isabella Potters (1768-1853) in 1788 and they farmed near her family in Drumcullion townland, Magheracross Parish, north of Enniskillen, in a then-strongly Methodist area. Archibald was briefly enlisted in the United Irishmen rebellion in 1797, and found out by the British, but apparently let off. Little is still a common surname in Fermanagh.



Archibald, Isabella, and ten children sailed for America in 1816 with both luck and good timing. They had sold their land lease for \$50,000 in today's dollars, just before the post-Napoleonic-War economic recession, and just as "The Year Without A Summer" of 1816 was unfolding, causing a premonitory famine. And legend has it their ship sprang a leak, but this proto-Titanic was saved by a ham to plug the hole.

They became the first settlers of "Irish Ridge" in Monroe Twp, Guernsey Co., Ohio. John Little, probably Archibald's brother, joined them in 1817. Archibald's children helped found today's Irish Ridge Methodist Church in 1830. Archibald's sons William, John, Joseph, Francis, and Edward all lived in Guernsey Co. and at one time owned over 1000 acres. Archibald Jr. (1800-1878) moved on west to Fallsbury Twp, Licking Co., in the 1850's.

Archibald Jr's son Potters Little (1822-1896), named for his grandmother, enlisted in the Civil War in 1864. Many of his Co. F, 135th OH Infantry were captured in West Virginia and taken to the infamous Andersonville, GA POW camp. Potters evaded capture and later became a locksmith and gunsmith. In 1910 his son acquired the Fallsbury Twp farm, still in the Little family after 100 years, where my mother and Aunt Mary grew up.

Other descendants of Archibald Little spread across the country. In 2002 John Little (Abilene, TX, 1936-2008), his brother Gerald Little (Newcomerstown, OH), Vicki Fenton (Aberdeen, WA), Jean (Little) Ramsey, Mary (Little) Gault and other relatives returned to Guernsey Co. to proudly place new markers on the graves of Archibald and Isabella Little, in commemoration of their pioneer Irish-American legacy.

Armed with John Little's advice to look near Enniskillen, and with some of the Little transatlantic luck in reverse, I located Archibald and Isabella Little in parish records at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast in 2006. With their townland finally in hand, more information was found back home via the Irish Registry of Deeds on LDS Family History Library microfilms.

Today anyone who visits both Counties Fermanagh and Guernsey will notice how similar their rolling glacial hills must have seemed to Archibald and Isabella Little, nearly 200 years ago. Shared appearance, shared heritage. We look forward to discovering more about our branch of Clan Little in America and Ireland.

Glenn Ramesey



Mary (Little) Gault, Jean (Little) Ramsey, and my brothers Keith and Richard Ramsey.

Little family gathering, Irish Ridge, Guernsey Co., Ohio. Photo from John Little.



More Genealogy to Share

A couple more clan society members have given the Reiver permission to share their ancestry.

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WHERE WILL YOU BE ON MEMORIAL DAY?

On May 31, 2010 American service men and women will be serving our country in a variety of places around the world. Not only in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also in other countries like South Korea and Germany, on and under the sea and in the air. They are there so that we can be here enjoying the freedoms we cherish.

And they have always been there. In World War I, the United States sent service men to "save the world for democracy;" in World War II to save the world from the sadistic dictatorship of Adolph Hitler and other nations; in Korea, to stem the tide of communist aggression; in Viet Nam, to save a country that ultimately did not want to be saved; and in the Gulf Wars and Afghanistan, to save the world from terrorism.

As in all wars, someone must do the tough jobs and Americans from all walks of life, all professions, all faiths, all backgrounds all races have always been where they are most needed in order to protect our American way of life. They will be away from their families, their friends and their homes; they will give up video games; outdoor fun with family, baseball games and movies with spouses and children, a ride in the country, a Sunday lunch with mom and dad, a day at church and countless other activities which we take for granted.

They do all these things willingly through love of country and the American ideal. Their time in the military continues a tradition of honor by all service men and women in the glorious history of our nation. Several thousand of us will be honoring those men and women, living and dead on May 31.



So...where will you be on Memorial Day?

FROM LAURIE BROOKS

Hope all is well. Great job on the Newsletter! I wanted to share with you the information on the two Highland Games we have here in Wisconsin. The first will be held on June 5th, 2010 <http://milwaukee-scottish-fest.com/> Troy and I always have a the family tent here. and then there's our Big one Held Every Labor Day weekend www.wisconsin-scottish.org Where again we have the family tent.



I attached a few more pictures from last year's (2009) games in September. This picture in which you can't see all of us, is a picture from the Clan Parade. Troy Brooks, Harold Hanson, Joseph Tuzzio, Laurie Brooks, Debbie Hanson and AJ. Debbie and Harold's Grandson. Can't wait for our first Scottish Games this June.

Laurie & Troy Brooks
Commissioner N. Central

Jacobites

You might have noticed a white ribbon behind the clan pin on some lads bonnets. The ribbon is not just a fashion choice. It is a sign that the wearer sympathized with the Stewart kings. The term used to describe these supporters is Jacobite. Clan LITTLE supported the Stewart kings.

The Jacobite movement took its name from the Latin *Jacobus* for James referring to King James II of Scotland who was also James VII of England. His father was James I and VI, who ruled England in the years following the death of Queen Elizabeth I. Having no husband or children Elizabeth had died with no heir to the throne, opening the way for the Scottish king. James I and VI was a good king but James II and VII was not as well liked. His son and heir, Charles II was eventually beheaded opening the way for the Hanoverian King George who allegedly only spoke German. Irritated by the German king on the British throne, many Scots turned their allegiance to the true British heir Charles Edward Stewart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Jacobite.

George I was succeeded by George II who was also German. Emboldened by the uproar, Charlie, with the tacit help of the French, landed in Scotland in 1745 at the head of a small entourage expecting the Scots to flock to him. Some did, but others, whether from fear or retribution or other reasons, stayed loyal to the British crown. After a series of battles by which Charlie actually had a chance to take back the throne, he was finally defeated at the Battle of Culloden on April 16, 1746. Thus ended the last true hope of the Jacobites.

The aftermath of the battle was that kilts and bagpipes were outlawed and anything Scottish was forbidden. The purge was a bloody affair with the Duke of Cumberland attempting to execute anyone who had helped Charlie. The Prince, however, eventually escaped back to France, then to Italy where he died many years later at the age of 67.

Jacobites had their own material culture and an underground society. They wore secret symbols to illustrate their allegiance to the Stuarts and often met in Jacobite taverns to sing seditious songs or to drink to the king then in exile in France. Many songs were popular among the Jacobites and some have survived through to the modern day, 'The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond' for example

Jacobite symbols were not just secular. Roman Catholic liturgical books were often decorated with Jacobite floral imagery, and the texts had coded Jacobite meanings. The *Faithful* in the Christmas Carol Oh Come All Ye Faithful is reported to be a hidden reference to followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

T-shirt seen at Clan McBubba tent: **JACOBUBBITE**

Stewart or Stuart...Which is correct?

Actually both are. Mary, Queen of Scots a cousin to Elizabeth I, lived a not so quiet life in Scotland for many years. When Henry VIII died, Elizabeth eventually assumed the British crown. This naturally made things quite uncomfortable for Mary, who also had a claim to the throne. Mary ended up in France and married an heir to that throne, but he died only a short while after becoming king there. Mary returned to Scotland, married again, this time to Henry Stewart. Thoroughly obsessed with French culture she changed the spelling of Stewart to Stuart, there being no "w" in the French alphabet. The union with Henry was an unhappy one so, allegedly, Mary had him murdered, then married his executioner.

Mary met with Elizabeth and swore that she was not plotting to overthrow her, but the latter's cabinet insisted she was doing just that. Mary was imprisoned. The cabinet had wanted the Scottish queen executed forthwith, but Elizabeth, correctly assuming her half cousin was on the level kept them at bay for many years. Finally, with documents purporting to prove that Mary was indeed seditious, Elizabeth agreed to have Mary beheaded on February 8, 1587.

PLEASE CUT OUT THIS COUPON AND RETURN WITH ANNUAL DUES OF \$20.00

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