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## Flowers of the Forest

Marguerite Little  
Hamilton, ON

Sad news has reached us that Marguerite Myrtle Little (nee Lowrey) - passed away at her residence in Hamilton, Ontario on Thursday, November 1, 2007. Her husband, John Scott (Jack) Little pre-deceased her on July 11, 2003. She has one daughter, Karen Austin of Hamilton, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild. The Reverend Dr. Phillip M. Wilson officiated at the service November 4, 2007 with family burial at Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton. Expressions of sympathy to the Canadian Bible Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, or Trinity Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

*Note: Just before her death, we received a letter from Marguerite in which she expressed her affection for Clan Little Society of North America. Although we never met, it was evident from that note that she was one sweet lady. Ed..*

## Biography Column

### Richard and Jan Little of Danville, PA

I am sure that my career with the USAF was not much different than many others, in my age bracket. My USAF career was fairly short. I graduated from Penn State in 1955 with a degree in Agriculture and a commission as a second lieutenant in the USAF, through the ROTC program.

Growing up during WWII I was enthralled with the Air Corps . . . knew every plane. . . . on both sides. . . and I wanted to be one of those guys when I grew up. I finally reached that goal in 1957 with those coveted silver wings. Then reality set in!

My first assignment was The 513th Troop Carrier Wing at Stewart AFB, TN, to fly C-123 or C-130 Aircraft. I wound up flying the C-123's for the next four years. Our main duties were to support and deliver the Airborne army troops. They were primari-

ly from Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Benning, GA. We have the greatest respect for the Airborne and Special Ops troops. I know how hard they train!

Being a duty line pilot was a demanding job . . . like most other jobs of any consequence, there was a lot of responsibility. Unlike many other careers, you couldn't afford to make many errors. Lives depended on you not making mistakes.

I really enjoyed those years. The last two years of duty were with the 464th Troop Carrier Wing at Pope AFB, NC, which is adjacent to Fort Bragg. Made some lifelong friends, and we still get together after 47 years. In 1960 I had to make a decision whether to extend active duty or go to inactive reserve status. By this time we had three boys, the oldest was four year old. I

knew, also, that a line pilots duty only lasted so long then you would be assigned many other duties. As a country boy with an Ag degree, there weren't any career fields in the USAF that fit very well.

As much as I loved to fly, and in spite of all the good friends we had, we felt that civilian life with more stability may be the best to raise those boys. Once that decision was made, I went job hunting.

In 1961 I wound up working for Penn State as a staff member in Cooperative Extension, as a County Agent. I really enjoyed my career. I especially enjoyed working with the 4-H Club kids. In 1992 I decided that enough was enough, and that I was too



old a dog to learn all the new hoops to jump through regarding Affirmative Action, Diversity Outreach, Sexual Harassment training, etc. etc. etc.

We have enjoyed retirement. I 1993 we made a journey to the UK visited the Borders and had the privilege of meeting Dr Johnnie Little, in Dumfries, founder of the Clan Little Society. Actually, that was our introduction to the Society and Pat Little of Savannah. In 2001 I developed some health problems. After a couple of major surgeries, and other minor complications, my life style has changed. I have always loved to hunt and target shoot, and that has been cut back a lot.

I feel very fortunate to have been born into a loving family, with five siblings, and then I was very, very fortunate to have won first prize in the marriage lottery. My lovely wife of 52 years has also always been my best friend, and a wonderful mother to our three sons and one daughter! One can't ask for much more!

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### From Ross and Phyllis Little

Greetings from the far west! We both are doing fine, except for getting older and more forgetful.



Our grandson, Jason, was married on September 15, 2007. To Laura Randles. Phyllis welcomed the bride into the Little family by presenting her

with a Little of Morton Rig tartan scarf after the ceremony and these are photographs of the event.

Another of our grandsons, Douglas Little, will be married on June 7, 2008.

*From left: Phyllis, Jason, Laura and Ross Little*

*Ross is Steurart Emeritus of Clan Little Society NA. They live in Sacramento, CA. Ed.*



### STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

4 oz (120g) butter, softened  
6 oz (180g) soft brown sugar.  
4 eggs, beaten.  
8 oz (240g) self-fising flour  
1 Teaspoon baking of soda.  
8 oz (240g) stoned (pitted) dates, chopped.  
2 Teaspoons camp coffee. (coffee essence)  
(if not available use 2 teaspoons  
instant coffee mixed with very little boiling water .)  
1/2 (half) Pint (300ml) Boiling Coffee.

Preheat Oven to 80 deg C / 350 deg F

Cream the butter and sugar together thoroughly, Add the beaten egg a little at a time. If it starts to curdle, add some of the flour.

Sieve (sift) the flour and baking soda together, and fold into the creamed mixture. Add the dates, coffee and hot water, and mix thoroughly, it should be a very soft batter. Pour into an 8 inch (20 cm) non-stick cake tin. Bake for 1,5 hours (One and a Half Hours) Turn out and serve with Butterscotch Sauce.

### BUTFERSCOTCH SAUCE.

2 oz (60g) Butter  
5 oz (1 50g) Demerara sugar.  
1 tablespoon golden syrup. (Karo syrup)  
5 oz (150g) evaporated milk.

Melt the butter, then add the sugar and syrup and stir until dissolved. Pour in the milk, turn up the heat, and beat until boiling.  
Serve hot.

*(This recipe is sent by Alan Mitchell, whose is featured on page 3. Ed.)*

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### Dues Reminder

Don't forget that memberships run from July 1 to June 30 each year. For those to whom this is applicable, you will receive notices in late spring. However, if you want to get ahead of the game, you can send your \$20 renewal to:

Jim Little, Secreteur/Marischal  
242 Game Trail

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### WE NEED INPUT

Included in this edition are articles from several members, but we need to hear from the rest of you. Help us to make this newsletter better. Send us something for next time! Ancestry stories would be good. Ed.

## My Wee Corner of Scotland

Alan Mitchell is owner of Ardoch Guides in Scotland. Visit his web site at [www.ardochguides.co.uk](http://www.ardochguides.co.uk)

As a tour guide I am frequently asked where and when I holiday in Scotland.

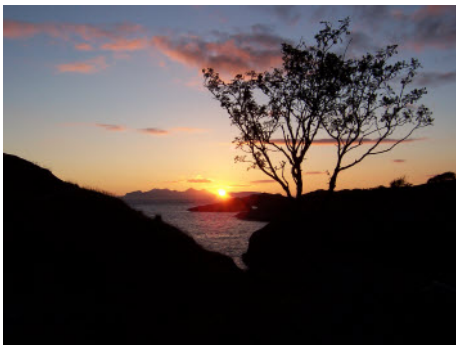
My work generally keeps me busy during the summer months and I have my main holiday in the `off season`. The exception to this is `my week` in June in Moidart. It is the first date in my diary for the year – business bookings have to work round this!

Why June? As a canny Scot I like to get value out of each day and June in the Highlands means very long hours of daylight. In the far northwest, although the sun is below the horizon, you can read a newspaper at mid-night. It is also generally the most settled month with mainly dry sunny days.

Why Moidart? This is the area my maternal grandparents came from and, like the comfort of an old pair of slippers; I can completely relax in the sheer familiarity of the landscape.

Head north by way of Loch Lomond and Glencoe and turn west at the Corran-Ardgour ferry. Our destination is Ardtoe, near Acharacle where we rent a simple caravan (trailer home) for the week and `chill out`. From our window we look west to the islands of Eigg and Rum, sometimes bright in the morning sunlight or hidden behind an occasional rain squall. We do not travel far once we arrive. I may kayak out to Sgeir an Eididh, the wee island about a mile offshore, walk in the mountains, or just sit and read.

Quite often we will drive out to the Point of Ardnamurchan, the most westerly point of the British mainland, occasionally crossing from Kilchoan to Tobermory on the Isle of Mull.



of the `Silver Walk` where in the mid 1800s a quantity of silver was found. This treasure trove may have been hidden

by the Chief of Clanranald when he left the castle to its fate in 1715.

Near the southern end of Loch Shiel lies the ancient burial island of Eilean Finnan where many of my Macdonald ancestors lie buried. There are few formal graves here, merely areas where the Macdonalds or the Macphersons or the Stewarts



lie... The scent of the azaleas, which cover the island, can be almost overpowering on a bright June day.

All too soon we have to leave and go back to the “real world”, although I am fortunate in being able to take pleasure in sharing my homeland with guests from overseas.

*We toured this area with Alan in '06. One of our favorite stops was at a little cafe where the specialty was a bacon and banana “toastie.” Mmmm, good! Ed.*

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### FROM THE STEUART

Hello all,

Well we have made it through another year. We will start seeing activities soon about Clan Games and Gatherings. Ellen and I have decided to host a tent at the Kansas City Games the weekend of Fathers Day in June this year, so all those who are in or around that area, please pop in and say, “Hey.”

If you would like to post a schedule of the Clan Game events you will be hosting and would like to have it in the Reiver or on the Web Site please let Jim or I know and we will do what we can to have it added.

Please remember that the membership renewals are due by the end of June.

We are still in need of donations for the scholarship fund. We do not have enough funds available to offer the scholarship at this time.

Please have a Wonderful and Eventful Festival Season.

Aye,  
John E Little-Stewart

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### Clan Little Member Trivia

James Kleparek, quartermaster, and his wife Camille now have five family as members of CLSNA. Included with themselves there are Kyle, David, Sarah and Jakob. He’s working on his son Anton.



### Bonnie Prince Charlie

Who was Bonnie Prince Charlie? Before answering that you must understand a little bit about British history starting with Mary Queen of Scots. Even though she was executed by Elizabeth I, Mary's son became king of England as James I. After several more generations, England wanted no more Scottish kings and they were exiled to France in favor of a German king on the English throne.

In 1707, Scotland, meanwhile, had finally settled with England and was now part of the British Empire. But James III still thought of himself as king of Britain. His son Charles Edward Louis Philippe Casimir Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, of course, was his heir. ("Bonnie" just means handsome or good looking.) With French help, such as it was, Charlie sailed for Scotland in 1745 and immediately started raising an army to take over the throne of England for his father. His followers were called Jacobites. Many of them tried to dissuade him from his adventure, but being young and impetuous, he trudged on. He almost succeeded. In fact, he captured Edinburgh and invaded the north of England, but Jacobite support on which he depended, was weak in England. He returned to Scotland.

On 16 April 1746, against the advice of his army commander, he decided to confront the government (English) army at Culloden. The field was flat and swampy as Charlie had his men stand and wait for the government to attack. Instead, the English used their artillery to great advantage, raking the Scots with grape and cannister. Finally, after half an hour, Charlie ordered his tired and hungry men to charge. Across an open field, with the heather tearing at their exposed legs, the Scots tried in



vain to break the English lines. It was a disaster. After only a half hour, most of the Scots were dead or in full retreat. Charlie's distant cousin, the Duke of Cumberland led the victors and the aftermath of the battle earned him the title of "The Butcher" giving survivors no quarter.



The English offered a reward of £30,000 for his capture. Almost all of Charlie's followers were killed, but he escaped to the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides.

Many people help him avoid the authorities the most famous being Flora McDonald. She helped Charlie escape by disguising him as her Irish maid and taking him to more help on Skye, sort of an underground railroad.

Charlie lived in exile for forty years. While imprisoned for eight months in the Tower of London Flora became a celebrity and was released. She eventually made her way to the American colonies, but being a loyalist was forced back to Scotland. She died in 1797 and is buried on the Isle of Skye.

Bonnie Prince Charlie was the last of that particular line of Stuarts, meaning that, today, there are no direct descendants of Mary Queen of Scots.

After the battle, the British dealt harshly with the Highland Scots, making the wearing of kilts illegal and even declaring the bagpipes a weapon. Highland names were also forbidden.

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

### Add Shipping & Handling charges:

1 - 4 Items add \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
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