

THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

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Historian	Dr Margaret Collin
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

This being my first report as President, I reviewed my time in Clan Chisholm Society by perusing various journals since 1996. I take inspiration from "The New Presidents Report" by Forbes Merritt Chisholm, printed in the 2002 Journal. Merritt noted that Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm had a dream that one day a Chisholm from abroad would become President of the Society. And thus it came to pass, with a "colonial" President Merritt, in the 51st year of Clan Chisholm Society. 21 years later in myself we now have the third colonial President, having had President Val Chisholm-Perry in the intervening years. As Merritt pointed out, it was the Internet which made this feasible; our use of internet has expanded with the growth of services available, and we as a society need to continue to adapt to the changes and challenges which technology presents to us. We have made good progress in this direction since the turn of the century, with internet based activities such as the Website, Genealogy Database and the Forum. It remains to be seen how we can harness any potential from social media, What's App and Zoom Meetings; these are things I am hoping we can look at in the coming few years.

I have been a member of the Society since approximately 1996, after responding to a postal flier sent out by Audrey Barney and Fay Chisholm, advertising a gathering in a township not too far from me. I didn't actually know anything of my ancestral Chisholm family, however the CCS NZ Branch had conducted much research, and Audrey could tell me all about them. In short, my great grandfather's family lived in somewhat impoverished circumstances at Breakachy. Further research as to why this family remained in the Chisholm Highlands as late as 1869 indicated that my great grandfather's grandfather, Roderick Chisholm, living near Clachan Comer in 1801, was likely one of the recipients of Lord Lovat's grace, and remained in the area after the first clearances. Without such an intervention, it is probable that my branch of Chisholm would be yet another Nova Scotian Branch. Instead, Allan Chisholm of Breakachy made his own way to Dunedin in the south of New Zealand, and from there edged his way north, until he settled on a Featherston farm, building a house which he named "Beaully".

Within the society, I have been the newsletter editor for NZ for some years after Fay Chisholm retired from the position. My first involvement at the international level came in 2006 when Audrey shared with me some discussion in genealogical circles about the use of DNA; that was the starting point of the Clan Chisholm DNA Project. My other involvement has been as a member of the Forum Research Team, and as co-ordinator for the World War One commemoration Project. In 2019 I was fortunate to take part in the tour of France and Flanders, and meet in person with many of the UK, including Susan Chisholm of Chisholm, her sister Lucy, and also Mairi Angela Foster. In a related activity but not CCS, I am an administrator of Facebook Group "Feros Ferio; Clan Chisholm United", a group with current membership exceeding 1200.

Outside of the Society, I work as a Residential Designer. I am past retirement age but have not quite fully made that step, something I hope to achieve in the not too distant future. I am also heavily engaged in my local Rugby Club, something which keeps me busy during the NZ winter months.

The past year for the Society activity could understandingly be categorised as rather quiet as we emerged from the Covid lockdown era. It is to be hoped that more activity is generated in the coming year(s). One of the perennial issues is declining membership throughout the branches; perhaps a "think tank" at international level needs to be formed to address this problem. Social media may well be part of the problem, with many perhaps feeling that they derive enough feeling of Clanship by simply joining a Facebook Group; we need to see how Facebook groups might be used to help generate membership.

Thanks to all the Project Leaders over the past year. The Genealogy Database is working well, and Alistair is making corrections and adjustments where needed, and an effort is being made to add

more Family Trees. Whether or not the wider Chisholm community can make good use of the database is a question to ask; Outside of the Society there continues to be perpetuated many misconceptions, misunderstandings, and outright falsehoods. Allied to the Database is the Forum, where activity has been in decline for some time, however it is still fulfilling its intended purpose and is being used as a tool to research family history; at the time of writing there are two families being researched.

Browsing through the Journals since 1996, I can see that a lot of good research has taken place, and on several occasions I can also see that there are topics which have come up on the Forum or on other platforms, but the journals have not been used or referenced. I believe this is mainly due to the google habit of research, which of course cannot find the Clan Journals if they don't exist in a digital, semi-searchable format. This is the reason why I put forward the idea of digitisation at the last Council meeting, and I look forward to continuing discussion of this topic at the next Council meeting. I wish to thank members of the Council for their support during the year, especially in getting used to new time schedules for meetings, which are now between 12 and 18 hours ahead of what has occurred in the past. I also thank the Society members for helping out within the various branches, you are so vital in keeping the Society going, and I encourage members who are not currently office holders within their branches to volunteer to help out in whatever way they can.

Robert Chisholm.

President - Clan Chisholm Society, West Auckland, New Zealand

BRANCH REPORTS – for the year ending 31st DECEMBER 2022

AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Chairman: **Tony Morrison**

Branch Secretary: **Kim Polley OAM**

Branch Representative on Council: **Kim Polley**

Greetings to all members of the Clan,

Covid seemed to reorganise our Clan in 2022. It dashed our hopes of gathering in Toowoomba and holding our AGM in early 2022. Instead, we had a very successful Zoom conference and met some new faces. This was great! Since joining forces with our neighbouring Clan Chisholm Branch in New Zealand in jointly producing a newsletter, we have been pleasantly surprised by the positive feedback we have received. There seems more enthusiasm amongst members to provide an article and both Robert and I as co-editors really appreciate everything that lands on our editorial desks.

We have also been active in gathering up our archival material from around the country and centralising it in one spot. This ensures that the history of the Clan is continually preserved. We were very grateful to receive from Chis and Belinda Maxwell a copy for our archives of The Clan Chisholm in Australia 1790-1990 which was compiled and edited by Carolyn Chown. We have started to advertise our Clan Chisholm Australia Branch in the Scottish Banner, a monthly newspaper that is distributed throughout Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA. It is also available online. Like every other branch, we are aiming to increase our membership. We will look for new ways to achieve this goal.

We send warm wishes to all members of the Clan.

Kim Polley OAM

International Representative

On behalf of the Australian Branch

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH

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Regrettably, the New Zealand branch has been in a state of hibernation for the past couple of years, due partly to Covid, partly to the hiatus following the retirement of Ashley Chisholm as our secretary/treasurer, with Alun Chisholm now assuming these roles, and partly, simply, to various people ageing. I will endeavour to organise an annual gathering in April or May. The venue we have regularly used for annual meetings in Wellington is no longer available, as it was the church hall of a church that has now closed. We had no gathering in 2021, which was partly due to the country's Covid pandemic restrictions.

Let's hope for better fortunes in 2022.

John C. Ross,

3 February 2023

UNITED STATES BRANCH

2022 US Annual Report



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Secretary - Open

Genealogy - Open

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Acushnet, Massachusetts

Acushnet, Massachusetts

I am grateful for Clan Chisholm and the opportunity to continue to serve as president of the US branch.

I report that the US branch membership numbers continued to grow in 2022 totalling 186 current members.

Executive committee positions remain open for Secretary and Genealogy.

Wishing happiness and health in 2023!

This US Annual Report is respectfully submitted on the 17th day of February 2023.

Joyel C Morris

Joyel Chisholm Morris

CANADA BRANCH

Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

January 11, 2023

The Canada Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society has now completed its twenty-fifth year as a separate entity. The past two years, as we all know, have been a very trying. We can only hope we will see a return to some kind of normalcy in 2023. We now have 57 members (a decrease of a few members since last year) with 6 members from whom we are waiting their annual dues. Those 6 have been sent an initial invoice as well as a second and reminder. It being early in the year, we hope that all 6 come through. We are going to put in a concerted effort to fill the executive positions that have been vacant for a number of years, with the hope that the new blood will generate a renewed interest in the Society. It is also hoped interest will be shown when the next Clan Gathering is planned.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE:

The Executive and Board of Directors for 2022 will continue to be:

President: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Vice-President: George Pyron, Toronto, Ontario

Treasurer: Vacant (acting) - David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Secretary: Vacant

Membership Secretary: Vacant (acting) – David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Clansman Editor: Vacant

Web Master: Vacant

Branch Genealogist: Vacant

Branch Council Representative: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Director at Large: Marlene Chang, Victoria, British Columbia

Director at Large: Sandy Chisholm, Hawksbury, Ontario

CLANSMAN NEWSLETTER:

Dormant. The Editor position is vacant.

WEBSITE:

This portfolio remains dormant as we are unable to find anyone in the membership to assume its responsibilities.

GENEALOGY:

We look to the International Society genealogist for support in this regard.

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Respectfully submitted,

David F. Holmes, President, Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch

UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Submitted by Chairman - **Ben Chisholm-Broomfield**

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UK Branch Committee:-

Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Chisholm of Chisholm.

Genealogist – Acting – Alastair Chisholm (Minstead).

Vice Chairman 1 – Duncan Chisholm.

Vice Chairman 2 – Norman Chisholm.

Historian – Dr Margaret Collin.

Clans Liaison – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield.

Co-opted members – Mairi-Angela Foster, Martin Chisholm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 .

To all Branch Members also to the overseas Branches and their Members.

YET, Again 2022 was a quite year due to Covid restrictions and other problems which occurred due to other allied interruptions particularly caused by these restrictions.

By and large the U.K. Branch was fairly quiet until our Journal and Spring News Letters arrived on our doorsteps to cheer us all and give us interesting reading and articles to rivet the brain.

Although Juliette and I were unable to attend, the Branch did attend The Highland Games in Inverness for July's gathering.

Many thanks to Susan, Duncan and his friend Graham, Duncan Junior, John and Dr Margaret Collin who by all account presented a well organised display. This included mannequins dressed in male tartan outfits (although the mannequins were female)!, along with a display of Chisholm Swords, which fascinated the younger visitors)!.
Well done to all (Clap Clap)!.
Plans are already in the pipeline this year (keep looking in the newsletters for forthcoming events).
Thank you Susan for all your efforts with Newsletters, plus all secretary and treasury account which are always impeccable.
Our thanks go to Michael Sayers for kindly auditing our books, we are all extremely grateful for this.
Martin I am amazed at how you produce such excellent Journals year after year, and I hold my hat high to you.

Thank you everybody for your support to the society it is nice to know the Branch is doing well.

Yours Aye,

Ben.

Ben Chisholm-Broomfield. Chairman UK branch Clan Chisholm Society.

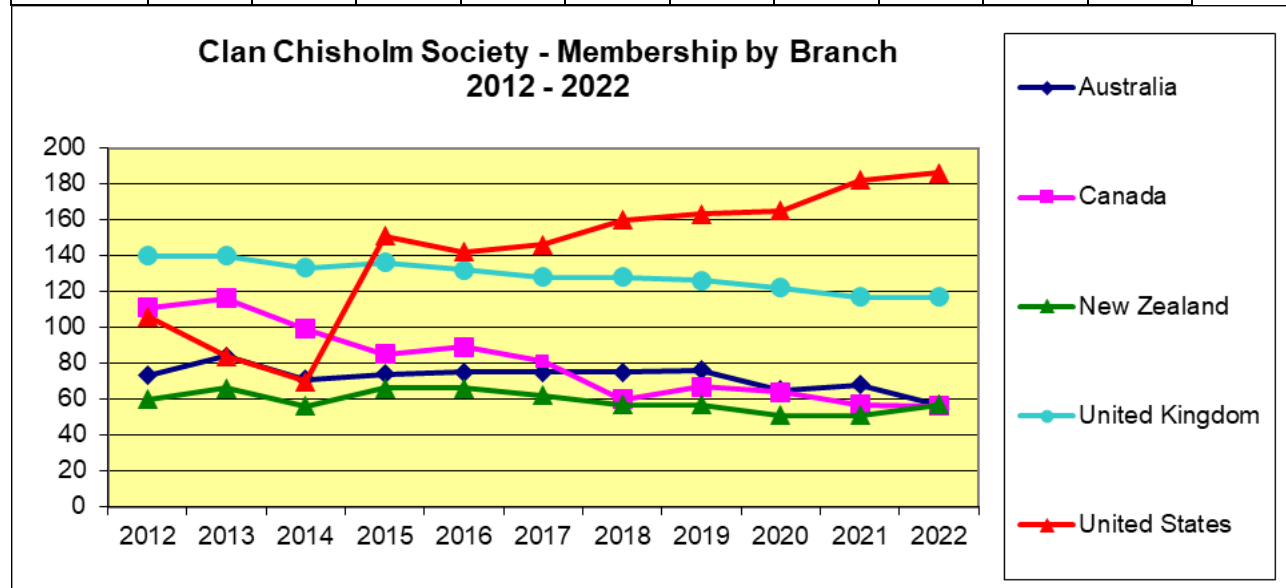
GENERAL REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - compiled 11th January 2023

Membership of the Society in 2022 remains stable overall with drops in number for Australia and UK but encouraging increase in membership in US branch.

The following tables show membership numbers by branch for the past eleven years (at year end)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
73	84	71	74	75	75	75	76	65	68	57
111	116	99	85	89	81	60	67	64	57	56
60	66	56	66	66	62	57	57	51	51	57
140	140	133	136	132	128	128	126	122	117	117
106	84	70	151	142	146	160	163	165	182	186
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CLAN CHISHOLM JOURNAL

In 2022 500 copies were printed at 56 pages plus quality cover of 4 pages at a cost of £1,410. Distribution to branches came to £604.10. The price per copy to branches is currently set at £3.50 and intended to cover all costs. See P&L for details. *Susan Chisholm – Hon Secretary.*

Journal #65, published in 2022 as the sixth of my tenure as editor, managed to maintain the size of the previous five. Priority is always given to articles submitted by clansfolk, however with only three other contributors, over 75% of the publication fell to me. This has increased from the roughly 60% when I started, so I really do encourage ideas or articles from Clan members.

I try to maintain a balance between the branches, though obviously being based in the UK there is a natural tendency for geographical bias creeping in. I also try to have a balance of direct people stories and those of general interest, but with a specific Chisholm connection. With the high percentage of personal input this year, stimulus material came from my own interests being diabetic, leading to the Insulin article, having a grandfather in the Masons (Freemason update) and a great grandfather in the Indian Army (East India Company and India Office).

Fortunately, the feedback I do receive is positive, so I plan to continue with the same methodology to hopefully fill the gaps with articles that will be of both specific and general interest to members. I believe there is sufficient material available, it is merely the time required to find it that is a constraint.

Martin Chisholm. Clan Chisholm Journal Editor. 5th February 2023.

Webmaster's Report

2022

The annual domain subscription to www.one.com was renewed as usual in mid-year.

Updates to website in 2022

A few updates were made:

Expansion of many of the existing artefact details, including book descriptions.

Following a query from New Zealand, the book “Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand” was added as PDF to the bibliography section. (Audrey Barney, 2001)

An article was added from the WW1 Historical Association periodical, concerning Mairi Chisholm’s work in Flanders.

Newsletters were added from UK and Australia & New Zealand.

Other

As well as the occasional scam message, the website receives some interesting queries.

One of these was concerning a portrait found in a loft in the west coast of Scotland – it referred to a James Chisholm of Kippilaw, NSW – the Australian branch are now following up.

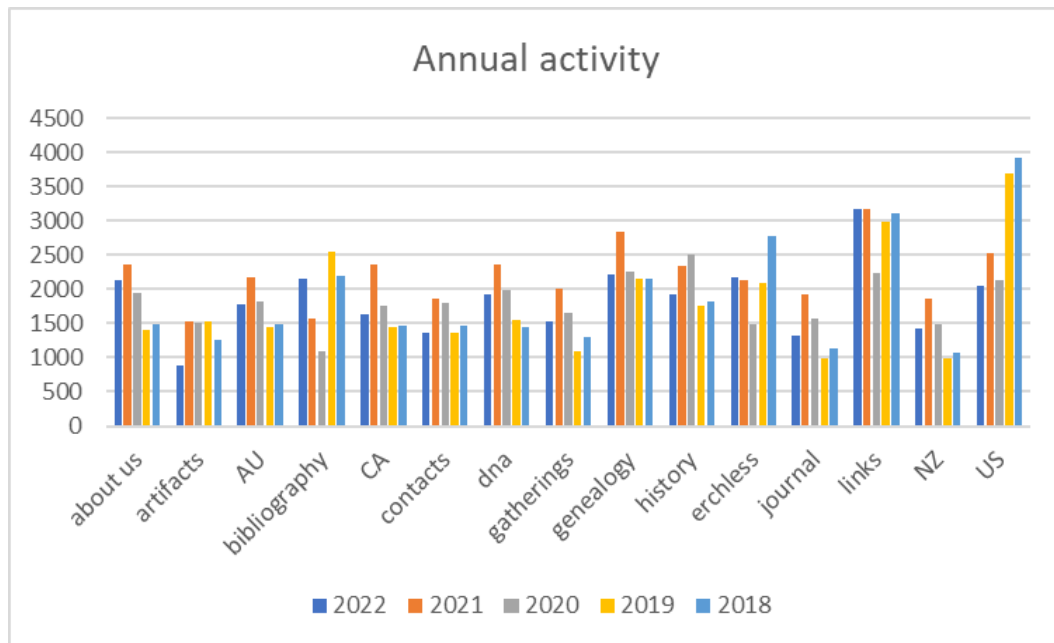
Facebook

The number of friends/followers has gone up from 368 to 398 with most comments from one particular fan in the USA.

Popular pages over the last five years

Accesses to the main pages are down in all areas since last year, with the exception of the bibliography page.

(the UK figures have been removed due to suspected robot access)



Submitted by Alastair Chisholm (Belgium) - Webmaster. 12th January 2023.

[GENEALOGY REPORT](#)

Forum - (<https://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>);

There were **15** new members in 2022 of whom **8** did not post an introductory message and **4** posted an introduction but did not follow up any further.

Of the remaining **3** who did follow up, we had;

1. An enquiry into the family of Adam Chisholm who died 1817 in Union District, South Carolina. This enquiry was pursued in the board "Colonial Virginia" attempting to identify Chisholm families in that State.
2. A Lietre Chisholm researcher looking at the family of his wife, the granddaughter of Archie Chisholm (1859-1933), erstwhile Sheriff Clerk of Inverness and sometime Procurator Fiscal and photographer in Lochmaddy, North Uist.
3. A former member reregistering after some years and trying to unravel some inconclusive data in his family tree which led to establishment of a new tree in the Database "Kirkcudbright Chisholms"

To date the forum has 397 members, most of whom have been inactive for a number of years, 11521 posts covering 1317 topics over 7 categories and 33 boards.

While activity remains slow there is still some interest and it remains a useful platform for focussed discussion of Chisholm genealogical matters.

Genealogy Database

As well as a few amendments/corrections there were three significant family tree additions to the database in 2022.

1. External communications with a contributor led to additions to the descendants of Alexander Chisholm and Margaret Fisher in the "Fodderty" tree, including a delightful photograph of the contributor's grandmother, Janet Rennie Chisholm on a motorcycle in 1920s Ayr.



2. Forum discussions, as indicated above, led to the creation of a new tree "Kirkcudbright Chisholms", descending from John Chisholm, Stone Dyker c.1813-1870 and Mary Riddick Howat, c.1815-1861 in Rerrick, Kirkcudbright. Some members of this branch moved across to Whitehaven in Cumberland in the second half of the 19th century.
3. Another external communication led to creation of a tree of four generations - "Teandalloch Chisholms", descending from Kenneth Chisholm and Isabella MacRae in Muir of Ord, Urray.

Efforts are currently underway to document the family of Lt Col. Thomas Chisolm, Georgia in a further attempt to establish his Scottish origins. He is widely believed, with no evidence and despite indications to the contrary, to be a son of Rev Thomas Chisholm of the Teawigg family. Investigations should at least lead to an addition of his descendant tree during the course of the current year.

The database is still referenced from time to time by members and I have opened access to perhaps 5-6 members during 2022 who did not previously have access.

There are 166 registered users, 90 trees and 17,722 individuals on the database although some of these are no doubt duplicates. Ridding the database of the inevitable errors and inconsistencies remains a slow process. Meanwhile members are encouraged to offer family tree data of their own for inclusion (once verified) in the database.

Alastair Chisholm, Minstead, Hampshire
08 Feb 2023

[CHISHOLM HISTORICAL RESEARCH / \(Chisholm Chronicles Project\)](#)

Border Chisholmes Research:

Although progress has been slower throughout 2022 a great many documents, including land charters, have now been researched and they add more detail to the story of the origins of the Chisholmes in the borders and their early land acquisition. I hope to progress this research more swiftly during 2023. More details have come to light on the last Chisholme to live in Chisholme House at Roberton. I now have the location of several more of the Chisholme burial vaults, not previously mentioned in Mackenzie's book, and I hope to visit these and photograph them later this year. This is a fascinating story to research connected to many important historical events. It takes us from the Scottish/English borders, to Jamaica, India and South Africa.

Dr Margaret Collin, Chisholm Chronicles/Chisholm Historical Research. 10/02/2023

[ARTEFACTS REGISTER](#)

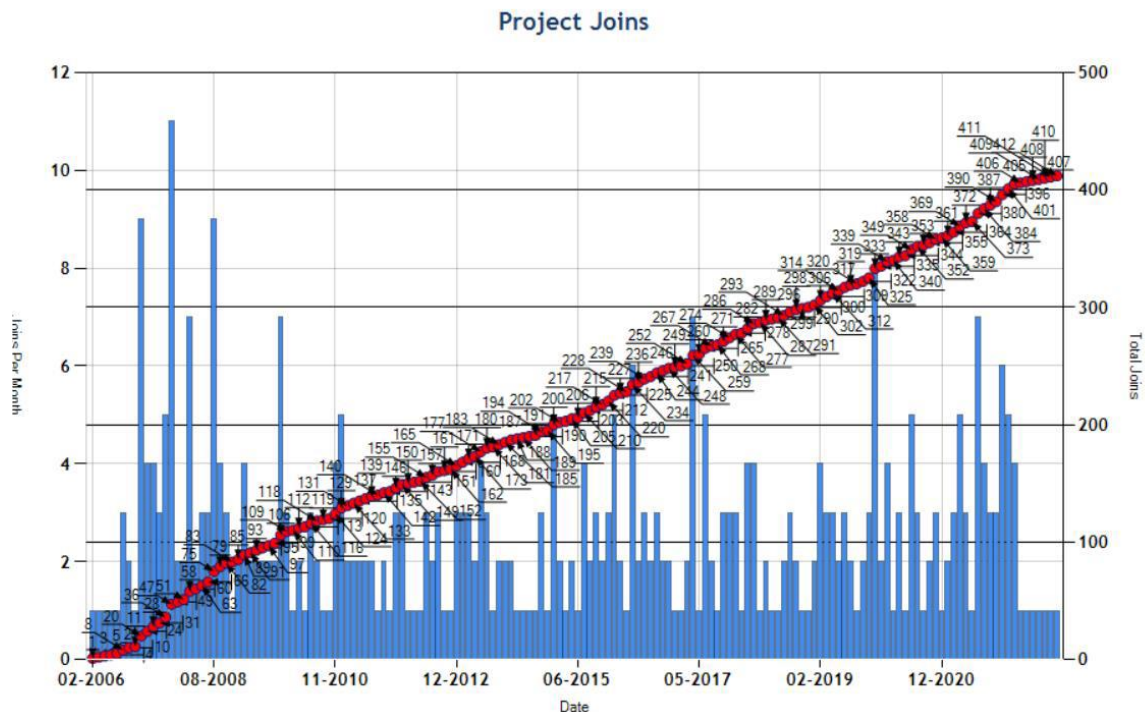
Members are encouraged to contact Fay Chisholm in New Zealand mj.fd.chisholm@xtra.co.nz and / or their branch Chairman regarding items of Chisholm interest which could be added to the register. The items may not be in the possession of the Clan Chisholm Society but are of interest to Chisholm's and are held around the world. Some are in private ownership and others in museums, public buildings or established collections. To read about and view some of the items in the register follow the links on the Clan Chisholm Society website from the clan history tab. A report with description and image of each item has been compiled and sent to the secretary for retention in the Society archive. There are currently 37 items recorded.

DNA PROJECT REPORT

Presented to Clan Chisholm Society - Clan Council Meeting 7 Jan 2023.

Agenda item 5: Projects update and discussion.

DNA Project DNA project still ticks along. 126 test results were returned in 2022, although in many instances they are batches of five, relating to one person. Total Project membership is currently 412, with the graph showing that over the past six months there has been one person joining per month.



One of the significant results over the past year concerns a Chisholm from Nova Scotia who has done the Y chromosome test, but has not joined the Chisholm Project. This does not prevent us from seeing the matching and the proximity of the matching, though it prevents us from seeing the specific results. The match is to my own slightly weird group which has ancient origins in Sardinia, more recent but still distant matching in Iberia. The significance is that the Nova Scotia Chisholm descends from renowned Bard of Strathglass Donald Gobha. So far as Scotland is concerned, this Y chromosome is, based on FTDNA database, most predominant in Chisholm. There is a matching to nearby Grant, and also to MacAulay. An interesting etymological puzzle arises also with matching to the late Charles Gow, a US citizen with Scottish antecedents. The puzzle is that "Gow", so I am told, is the how "Gobha" is pronounced. Scottish Lore has it that Donald Gobha's ancestors were blacksmiths and that they came 10 generations prior to Donald, from Farquharson in Braemar. So Charles Gow's surname could simply be a Gaelic rendering of a vocation, when the time came to change from Patronyms to surnames. Despite a lot of searching, I have yet to find a DNA match to Farquharson, nor anything suggested of Braemar. However the timing, 10 generations prior to Donald Gobha is consistent with the distribution of the chromosome within Clan Chisholm.

Over the past few years, the DNA project has helped crack a family origin puzzle in Kentucky. In a related situation, the DNA results are being used to try and determine the origins of the Colonial Virginia Chissums (James of Caroline Co, John of Little Fork) and the Georgia Chisolms descended from Lt.Col Thomas Chisolm). Y chromosome matching indicates that these two groups are likely to come from the same source. Prime suspect is Alexander Chissum, a headright in Virginia in 1691. The genealogy of Lt Col Thomas Chisolm has, since the 1990's been mingled into the Teawig family, and Clan Chisholm Society has played a part in this mingling, despite the lack of any factual evidence to support such a claim. As part of an effort to sort this out, a family member has been recruited to come on to the forum and help provide data to build a verifiable

Family Tree to place onto the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database. This won't be a subject of controversy, as the intention is to construct the tree from Thomas, going forward in time. There are ample internet trees going backwards in time, the first one I saw on Family Search leads to Rev Thomas of Kilmorack, and miraculously solves a riddle the Forum has been trying to solve for many years. It places Alexander I of Teawig as the son of Chief Angus, who appears in the McKenzie History, but I believe has been established as non-existent by Clan Historian Jean Dunlop. In the battle against disinformation, the DNA Project can provide some measure of resistance.

Kim is a co-administrator of the DNA Project; I will leave it to her if she has anything to add with respect to the mtDNA or Family Finder aspects.

CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY – WWI CENTENARY MEMORIAL PROJECT

WW1 Centenary Project. This project is more or less completed. It remains only for some editing of existing publications, and a decision on whether to make a combined single file. The 5 part "geographical" method was used initially to manage the process. A single file could be created based on alphabetical order of Christian names, or on chronological order based on date of death. Comments on this idea and any other matter relating to the project will be welcomed. The WW1 project I feel has worked well in conjunction with the Genealogical database, either placing detail into existing Trees, or helping to create new trees. One positive spinoff was contact with Michael Cope, who provided an excellent photo of Lt Alexander Chisholm, son of AA Chisholm Procurator Fiscal of Uist and at the time of the war was in high office in Inverness. Michael has been in contact with Fay regarding an item in the Artefact register, and we are all looking forward to the publication of his book on Lietre Chisholm's. As a Society we should be doing whatever we can to assist Michael in this latest work, and that my also mean promoting the book once it's published.

Robert Chisholm, New Zealand. 7th January 2023.

MINUTES OF 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 23rd April 2022

10:00 GMT. 11 Croyard Drive, Beauly, Inverness, Inverness, Scotland IV4 7EE - by Electronic means.

The President, Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield, opened the meeting at 10.00 a.m. Juliette thanked all for their support and kind words as she relinquishes her role as President. She gave special mention to Susan Chisholm, Secretary, who had supported her in that position. Juliette then handed the Presidency to Robert Chisholm (New Zealand) and asked that all members support him in his new position. She acknowledged David Holmes and Kim Polley as Vice Presidents one and two.

Present at the Annual General Meeting:

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield – UK (retiring President)

Susan Chisholm – UK (Secretary/Treasurer)

Val Chisholm Perry – US (Immediate Past President of CCS)

Robert Chisholm - NZ (Vice President, DNA project, Acting Secretary New Zealand Branch)

David Holmes – Canada (Vice President and Canada Branch representative,)

Kim Polley – Australia (Secretary Australia Branch and Australia Branch representative)

Ben Chisholm-Broomfield – UK (Chairman UK Branch and Branch representative)

Joyel Chisholm Morris – US (Chairwoman US Branch and Branch representative)

Fay Chisholm – NZ (New Zealand Branch representative)

Martin Chisholm – England (Clan Chisholm Journal Editor and UK Branch representative)

Alastair Chisholm – Belgium (Webmaster and UK Branch member)

Alastair Chisholm – England (Database Administrator/CGI Forum administrator and UK branch member)

Margaret Collin – Scotland (Historian and UK Branch member)

Duncan F Chisholm – Scotland (Clan Council, UK Branch member and past CCS President)

Forbes Merritt Chisholm – Canada (Canada Branch member and Past President)

Many greetings were received from around the world:

Ben Chisholm-Broomfield welcomed Robert, David and Kim to their new roles.

Fay signed in from New Zealand, welcomed Robert as the new President and expressed her confidence that the Clan will be in good hands. She thanked David and Kim for stepping up to Vice Presidents and Juliette for a job well done.

Duncan thanked Juliette for her dedication to the role of President over a long number of years and was pleased to know that she would be participating in the Clan Council as Immediate Past President. He welcomed Robert, David and Kim to their new roles. He looked forward to the Society growing from strength to strength.

Martin signed in and stated he would observe from SW England and Cornwall in the evenings when possible.

Kim signed in and thanked Juliette for her competent and professional leadership. She mentioned the gracious and warm manner in which she had welcomed Chisholms from around the globe when they had visited Scotland.

Alastair Chisholm (Belgium), Clan Webmaster, thanked Juliette for her long-standing stewardship.

Val Chisholm Perry thanked Juliette for her years of service and welcomed the new officers and wished them well.

Margaret Collin checked in from Melrose in the Scottish Borders.

David Holmes signed in from Calgary and looked forward to working with Robert as the new President. He thanked Juliette for all her endeavours over her term as President.

Merritt Chisholm congratulated Juliette on her fine efforts and hoped that she will continue to be active in the Society. He reminisced how they had rewritten the Society's constitution and therefore enabling electronic participation by members of all branches.

Alastair Chisholm (Genealogy and Forum Manager) sent his best wishes to the new President and Vice Presidents.

Robert thanked everyone for their kind words of support. He felt honoured and privileged to be entrusted with the President's role. He looks forward to working with David and Kim. Robert thanked Juliette and Ben and Susan for their support over many years. He shared a lovely photo of new wee Chisholm bairn snugly wrapped in a Highland scarf which he received in Ypres in 2019 from Susan.

Joyel Chisholm Morris thanked Juliette for her sterling efforts and welcomed Robert, David and Kim to their new roles.

Susan reminded members that as it was a general meeting, anyone present may vote and comment. Susan thanked Juliette for her long years of service to the Clan Chisholm Society, and especially as President. She looks forward to working with Robert and the new executive team. Susan also thanked Kim for offering to help with writing minutes of electronic international meetings and Clan Council meetings which are held several times a year. Susan explained that she will continue to send out the agenda and other supporting documents as required and would also continue in her role as Treasurer. She thanked Martin for producing another excellent Journal.

President Robert Chisholm chaired the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1

- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held electronically 27 March 2021, 11, Croyard Drive, Beaulieu, IV4 7EE, United Kingdom.

The minutes were accepted as read
Unanimously approved

AGENDA ITEM 2

- Presidents Report

The Presidents Report for 2021 had previously been circulated and presented at the Clan Council Meeting. The Annual Report contains the Presidents report, branch reports, membership report and project reports as well as financial accounts for the preceding year.

There were no comments, and the report was accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3

- Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statement for Year 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 was prepared by the Treasurer and audited by Mr Michael Sayers, Clan Chisholm Society Honorary Auditor. The Treasurer's report including profit and loss statement and the balance sheet had been circulated to the Clan Council and approved. There were no questions relating to the financial reports.

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4

- Election of officers outlined on the agenda

President Robert Chisholm

Vice President David Holmes

Vice President Kim Polley

Secretary/Treasurer Susan Chisholm

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield, having stood down, becomes Immediate Past President and remains on Clan Council.

The nominations for officers as proposed were accepted.

Approved unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 5

- Honorary appointments:

Standing Appointments

- a. Webmaster - Alastair Chisholm (Belgium)
- b. Editor of Clan Chisholm Journal - Martin Chisholm (UK)
- c. Genealogy Co-ordinator - Alastair Chisholm (Hampshire, UK)
- d. Honorary Counsel - Marc Chisholm (Canada)
- e. Clan Historian - Dr Jean Munro (UK)
- f. Co-opted member of Clan Council - Duncan Chisholm (UK)
- g. Honorary Auditor - Michael Sayers (UK)

Clan Council Projects

- h. New History/Chisholm Researches - Dr Margaret Collin (UK)
- i. Artefacts Register - Chairman, Fay Chisholm (NZ)
- j. Clan Chisholm DNA Project Chairman - Robert Chisholm (NZ)
- k. WW1 Centenary Memorial Project - Robert Chisholm (NZ)
- l. Database Administrator/CGI Forum admin - Alastair Chisholm (Hampshire, UK)

Discussion:

Susan thanked Martin for producing another excellent Journal. Kim congratulated all office bearers and those who have been reappointed to their standing positions. She thanked them all for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the Clan. She looks forward to working with all to ensure the Clan's success in 2022 and beyond. David thanked Martin for his tireless work in putting together the Journal each year. He had already distributed copies of the latest Journal to his Canadian members! He also thanked Susan for her work with the Society and hoped that she enjoyed her recent well-earned holiday in the Highlands. David also thanked Juliette for her dedication to the Society and expects the Executive Team will look to her if the need arises. Juliette expressed her thanks to Martin for an interesting Journal. She also thanked all officer bearers for their input and keeping the Society active.

Approval of all Appointments and Project Leaders as listed was sought.

Carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 6

6a. Support for Secretary – minute writing

Susan requested assistance with minute taking of electronic international meetings such the Annual General Meeting and the Clan Council group meetings held several times per annum. Kim Polley from the Australia Branch offered to support the Secretary in this task.

Discussion:

Susan thanked Kim for her offer of assistance. David thanked Kim for volunteering to assist in the duties of Secretary. Juliette thanked Kim for assisting Susan in taking the minutes of international meetings. Juliette stated that she was grateful to Wilfrid Medlam and Ruari Chisholm (Mairi-Angela's father) for the introduction to the relevance of having a computer and encouraging her to use it! She advised that she is happy to have input if asked to do so. Ben welcomed Robert to the Chair. Ben suggested that Juliette must be one of the Clan's oldest members by membership, if not, she must be one of the original members. He thanked Susan, Robert, Martin, Kim and also Duncan who does good work, often unseen. Duncan assists Chisholm's from around the world either in person or through written communication. Duncan fondly recalled 93-year-old Merritt and his family in the hills at Glen Affric and playing the bagpipes with his son. That is true enduring Chisholm friendship across the globe!

At this stage President Robert advised that it had gone 10.00 a.m. in New Zealand so the meeting should be closing. He stated that as this is the first meeting with a closing time 12 hours ahead of GMT that he would like to keep the meeting open for another 24 hours just to ensure that members are not caught out with the time change. He explained that he had previously checked in with Vice President David in Calgary, the furthest Council member behind NZT and that David is quite happy to operate to NZT in future meetings. Robert believed that sufficient votes of approval for items 1-5 had been cast to ensure their validity however if any votes remain outstanding, could they please be sent before the meeting closes.

The following day Robert closed the meeting reminding all that those meetings are due to start at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning in the local time of the Chairperson and finish twelve hours earlier than what members have experienced in the past. He reiterated Susan's words that the meeting is open to all attendees to vote and comment. He hopes that there will be more observers next time. He thanked Kim for assisting with the minutes, Martin for the production of the annual Journal and to Susan for packaging the Journals and shipping them around the world to the various branches.

The meeting closed at 6:15 a.m. on Sunday, 1 May 2022.