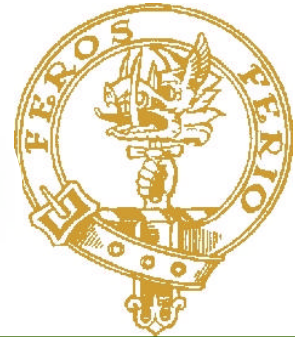




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Editor's note:

Members will have received their glossy print colour copy of the Clan Chisholm journal by now. This year it was edited by Ben

Broomfield-Chisholm, who was recently touring New Zealand. By itself its well worth the rather modest membership subscription fee of \$15.00. But there is much more to your subscription than just the Journal and your local NZ newsletters. In her annual address, Audrey has pointed out the Clan Chisholm Society website, and the Chisholm forum, where you can access information and can interact with other Chisholms throughout the world. There is also the opportunity to meet with your Chisholm kinsfolk and clansfolk at various international gatherings, and that is not only in the Scottish places of ancestral origin, but also closer to home. The President, in his report, will refer to the Canadian gathering this year, and the Australian gathering next year. The Australians actually needed a Clan Banner to march under in the 2009 Celtic Festival, and put out an SOS to the Clan Chisholm Forum for a high resolution digital image of the Clan badge, to use as an embroiderer's template. No such item existed, all digital images in current use are low resolution and blur out when enlarged. However, within hours the Aussies had one, as Forum administrator Bob Chisholm is not only a meticulous genealogist, but also a graphic artist of considerable skill, and he constructed a high resolution badge for this project.

Other successes of the Forum to date include the tracking down the father of Rev George Chisholm of Dorset (refer to page 8), plus helping many correspondents find out a little bit more about their Chisholm ancestors. The Forum also provides links to websites of related interest. For example, for those with Border ancestry, there is a link to a site which has very old photographs of many of the Border towns, such as Melrose and Jedburgh, all strongly associated with Chisholms, and none so greatly associated with Chisholm beginnings as Hawick, just a few miles from the home of the very very first Mr & Mrs Chisholm.

There is also a link to a BBC Radio site which talks about the famous Colin Chisholm of Inverness, former President of the Gaelic Society, and chronicler of Highland and Strathglass lore. This site will allow you to listen to the language spoken by many of your ancestors; its all in Gaelic. Colin was mentioned on page 28 of the Clan Chisholm Journal, in the article where Forum member Alistair Chisholm of Hampshire tries to unravel the complex interrelationships within his ancestral families. While on the topic of Colin Chisholm, one more thing the forum is getting interested in is tracking down the claymore wielded by his great-grandfather at Culloden. This sword was carefully concealed from the Sasenach authorities following the disarming of the Highlanders, and was last seen slicing through a wedding cake in London on 9th Feb 1899. Have you seen it? Hopefully more on this in the next newsletter.

On page 10, Audrey serves notice for an upcoming book, and is canvassing for support. This book would document the contributions which Chisholms have given to New Zealand in times of war. While there may be many of us who can contribute on behalf of a returned parent or grandparent, there are plenty of Chisholms who have not returned, who by virtue of their premature death on active service, do not have descendants to speak for them. It is incumbent upon cousins and nieces and nephews of the fallen to take up the torch on their behalf, to tell their story.

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From the President



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President's Report

Greetings to you all

It was marvellous to have a goodly number of people come together, some of them from a great distance, for the 2008 annual gathering, at the Miramar Uniting Church hall, in Wellington, on Saturday 24 May, and for the dinner in the evening at the Fisherman's Table restaurant at Oriental Bay. Many thanks, on your behalf, to Anne O'Regan, Jan Peleton and others, who made the arrangements.

In the morning, after general socialising, Rebecca Lenihan from the Irish-Scottish Studies Programme unit at the Stout Research Centre, at Victoria University of Wellington, talked about the studies being done of Scottish migration and settlement in this country, and Audrey Barney gave her annual talk, this time about family history research sources. In the afternoon, following the formal business of the AGM, Robert Chisholm brought us up to date with the progress of the Chisholm DNA Project, and Gary Tonks, a distinguished local historian, talked about the preservation of 'Tonks Avenue', as a historical precinct in Wellington. In the late 19th century, there were several Tonks/Chisholm marriages.

It was wonderful to have all the people who came meeting up with each other. Next year our gathering will be in Dunedin, so we can hope to have a quite different mix of you coming together.

Let's hope some NZ members will make it to this year's international Chisholm Gathering at Banff/Canmore in Canada, from August 29th to September 1st.

Next year, apart from our own gathering, we are invited to share in the Australian Clan Chisholm gathering at Glen Innes, northern New South Wales, from Thursday 30 April to Sunday 3 May. It will coincide with the Celtic Festival, at the Standing Stones Park, which will include plenty of activities, of the Highland Games kind, stalls, musical entertainments, and 'traditional wares and fare.'

Not too far south of Brisbane, despite being in NSW, Glen Innes is said to be in the midst of grand sight-seeing country, so it would be worthwhile spending a few extra days across the ditch. The Australian Clan newsletter urges people interested in being there to start making arrangements early, especially re booking accommodation. To find out about options, contact the Glen Innes Tourist Information Centre, email:

tourism@gleninnes.nsw.gov.au.

Also, if there's any chance of your being in the Northern Hemisphere in 2009, it has been designated a Homecoming Year by the Scottish Parliament, with a major happening in Edinburgh being The Gathering 2009, on 25th and 26th July at Holyrood Park. If you're possibly interested in being there, it would be worthwhile to buy a 'passport', but you'd need to get in quick and they're not cheap! See the website www.clangathering.org for details.

With every good wish

John C. Ross, President

Do you have anything to share in the newsletter. Some piece of your own Chisholm family history? Something current? A local event which you think may be of interest. Perhaps a theme or a specific topic which you would like to see brought into the next edition of the newsletter. Just phone, write, or e-mail to the editor. Your feedback is most welcome.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR BACKGROUND

HISTORIAN'S AGM ADDRESS

Over the last fourteen years as the NZ Clan Chisholm historian, I have each year covered many topics in giving you a talk about things of Chisholm interest which have been raised in the previous year. It has been interesting as the years go by, to see how talks have changed, and now in 2008 the sort of work I have been involved in, this last year, would have been completely impossible in 1994. Information technology has completely changed researching our families, and what we have been able to find out about them. Much of my early work was involved in building NZ Chisholm family trees and trying to find a Scottish ancestor. Now the work is much deeper and more international and much more focussed on material on websites on the internet.



Audrey Barney

So this morning, I would just like to talk briefly about some websites which are very relevant for Chisholms.

Those of you who have already done a bit of wandering round the hall, will have noted there are quite a few boards with Chisholm tidbits pinned on to them. These are almost entirely printed from a National Library website called Papers Past, which covers more than 40 early NZ newspapers with many indexed with images that are readable and printable. These articles, range in years from the 1840s to around 1915. I know at least a few of you here are as much converts to this site as me, but for those of you who don't know it, it provides many details of social and political events, even advertisements, not easily found elsewhere and which often give interesting glimpses of the life of one of your ancestors. After looking unsuccessfully for years, through what I thought were appropriate papers, for an obituary for my great grand-father Chisholm, was a big surprise this year to find one in an obscure newspaper column, and for the first time to learn that, while his wife was producing their eleventh child at home in Wanganui, he had been up in Taranaki in the thick of the Parihaka Episode in 1881. It has always been a family story that my grandfather had been a bugler at Parihaka, - I remember this bugle from my childhood -- the bugle is still in the family and according to John Ross, used regularly to bring his cousin's children up from the beach on Waiheke island for lunch!! It wasn't until this year, when his obituary was found, that the presence of my grandfather's father, Joseph Wilson Chisholm, surfaced in a training role with the Manaia Rifles at the time of Parihaka. He must have been in the area and away from home, for at least six months, as his name appeared on the Supplementary lists for the local Electoral roll. Once this first piece of evidence was established, there seems a lot of evidence that he may have been there because of his involvement with the Wanganui Volunteers and probably had been working on the building of the Manaia Redoubt. Similarly, Jocelyn, I wonder if any of your present day family knew that Duncan and Elizabeth's son, Alexander, had been an artist who had spent time in Central Otago? At the same time, he, too, would have undoubtedly been in the Hawera Volunteers? The surprises in Papers Past can be many, and illuminating if you just are prepared to spend time "surfing the net".

Another very good site to keep you up with Chisholm news is the official Clan Chisholm Society site.

There are just so many links within this site to all sorts of interesting things, Chisholm. At the top of the home page, and often missed, are links to the places worldwide where the Society flourishes and this is where you will find NZ information. When I looked at this site, recently, I felt we should have much more news of the NZ Chisholms on this site. Something, perhaps, the committee should look at. Robert does well here, keeping his worldwide Chisholm DNA results up to date. It was through reading about Chisholms in Breakachy on this site that John Graham, the only big farmer left in Breakachy, discovered my interest in Breakachy and sent me Iain Thomson's book on display today. And now through a series of e-mails he has given me a good low-down on the people of Breakachy in the 21st century. A summary of these e-mails is also on a display or on the table.

And for those who are interested at this late stage of going to the Chisholm Gathering in Canada in August, there's plenty of material on line on the Clan Chisholm site. Just sorry I can't be there and to my knowledge NZ won't be represented.

The next two sites I want to talk about, are developed, organised, and vetted, by Bob Chisholm, the UK Clan Chisholm genealogist, who lives in southern England. As Robert will tell you, you couldn't have a better chap if you wanted to make sure you can rely on the information you are being given! Bob is very knowledgeable, particularly about the earlier Chisholm years, and insists on verification of records before he will add them onto the Chisholm website. Even 95% verification is not good enough for Bob, Robert and I, as well as others have found out.

Most of you will be aware that it has been the aim of the Society for some time to set up an index of all Chisholms with their relationships and years of living. Jimmy Fitzgerald started this with a swing, 2-3 years ago, and got something like 19,000 Chisholm names listed, but the big difficulty with Jimmy's database was that some people were in 5-6 times, and had been put in by people from all over the world, and dates and places just didn't coincide-- there was no easy way to

fix this. Also, to those of us in the know, there were a lot of "family stories" which were far from accurate. The format also wasn't very informative either, being just a bit like a spreadsheet with no link to any other individual in the same family. Maintenance was difficult, for, just to alter one date or add one person, the whole family tree had to be deleted and recreated before being re-entered. It all got too much for Bob, who eventually came up with this new programme, called for short TNG, meaning "The Next Generation of Genealogical Sitebuilding".

Using this software a Master database is once again being assembled from approved family trees based on information gathered at branch level. A few of us worked with Bob, nutting out the weaknesses in this new programme before submitting it to Council for approval. Ian Chisholm of Vancouver Island did a great job of persuading the Council to approve this new scheme, and now Bob is slowly building up the numbers of trees and methods of working the site worldwide, so the responsibility isn't all his. To date there are over 5000 entries on line, and provided you are a member of the Clan Chisholm Society you can use it now. You need to apply to register with Bob through the website and he will give you a password to enter. This site is going to give just so much more information, with the ability to trace generation to generation, has photos and in many cases quite extensive notes. At the moment there are only three NZ families on - the Fortrose Chisholm family, Archie of Invercargill, and my own Joseph Wilson Chisholm family. No, Robert - yours has been removed meanwhile, to be reinstated, incorporating the new NZ branch for your family we found this year. Once the site is properly operational, I will have the permission, to keep the NZ entries up to date and to edit and delete. But development on Chisholm history has been going so fast this year, I've held our records back to allow Bob to catch up.

He is concentrating, firstly, on verifying and getting online the family trees, for those who have been DNA tested. For me, out in New Zealand this has been an interesting process, as the American members form the majority of those getting their DNA tested and they often have at least another two hundred years to find in American records before tracing back to Scotland. My knowledge of American records and history is now greatly increased.

It was soon recognised that it would be necessary for this international database to be a team effort, with each country's genealogists having the ability to add and edit their own family trees. The Council agreed to having a subcommittee which consisted of the genealogists from each country plus three other committed and recognised Chisholm researchers to aid this process and help vet and verify. Well, I have been overwhelmed with the expertise and knowledge of this small team, with the other three on the subcommittee coming from England, Scotland and the States, with great credentials. I definitely feel the junior partner here, able to contribute little in comparison with the others and often beaten by technology. As NZ Chisholms we should be proud of Robert, over there, and his ability to find so much early material that can be verified! He's making a big contribution.

From this new team, Bob has set up what is called The Forum - a discussion website, where all the members of the team can discuss new evidence about the background to a family. The intensity and frequency of the debate and the researching skills have, to me, been incredible. I used to think I knew a lot about the Chisholm family, but recognise now I have a lot more to learn about researching the material which is increasingly becoming available on the net. Many of the areas of this Forum are open for all Clan Chisholm members to have their say. Our basic team consisted of 8 members but I think that now the Forum membership has increased to 28, and Bob expects this to grow quickly when once the next Clan Journal comes out, explaining to members just how they can help in researching the early years of Chisholms. NZ members on The Forum I know of, are Robert, myself and Lorraine Salter who lives in Melbourne, who has been busy researching what happened to the descendants of a well known Chisholm family in Victoria, who maintained they had the right to the chieftainship in 1887. Just like our Archie of Southland.

Again, to join in the Forum, you need only to apply to register to Bob, and he says, in a note I have from him, to tell everyone they have to answer ALL the questions asked in their applications, or they will be rejected. The "reason for joining" is the one most people leave out and the system will not accept the application as a result. On these two sites of Bob's for the researcher applying, Bob would appreciate having a membership list, Barry, of all the current New Zealand members.

For those interested I have some pages printed out, which I will try and explain and those interested can come and look later.

Finally, other than these four websites which are so valuable for verifying Chisholm information, I would like to add one more site, which you may or may not be able to access free at your local library. Just ask! I refer to www.ancestry.com, which is the largest family history site online, with over 4 billion names in worldwide historical records. In little Orewa, our library has it and provided we belong to the library we can browse at will, free. And whenever I go to the library, I can be sure there is one of our members researching away. It's very popular! I'm sure there would be more than one library in the Wellington region which has it, and many other libraries in NZ will be subscribers. Of course you can pay for a subscription to Ancestry and have it on your computer at home, but that's a bit much for most of us! It is American-based and strongest in American records, but - it is very strong in other countries too. Searching thru this wonderful site, I have certainly learnt a lot about American history and records - as well as other countries. And I have recently found on this site that Barry's elusive great grandfather Albert sailed firstly to Australia in 1900. How he turned up in Canada in 1904, before marrying in

Christchurch in 1909, we still have to work out. Who ever said that Chisholms weren't intrepid travellers?!

I could go on -- but this year, I told the committee I just wanted to give a short talk, so that's it for this morning.

USEFUL CHISHOLM WEBSITES

www.paperspast.co.nz (Early NZ newspapers)

www.clanchisholmsociety.org (The international Society)

<http://clansman.info> (TNG - the international database)

www.clansman.info/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl (The Forum)

The following article by Audrey Barney corrects a conclusion drawn in an article in issue 41 (June 2007) of the newsletter, concerning the relationship of one of NZ's first Chisholms to Sir Walter Scott.

The Trials and Tribulations of Establishing the Truth about Your Family.

When new to this business of "chasing Chisholms" in the mid 1980s, I spent one very profitable afternoon in the Canterbury Museum library in Christchurch. I considered my most interesting "find" to be a statement in an article in the McDonald's Dictionary of Canterbury's Biographies on James Baird Chisholm, a school teacher in Kaiapoi around the turn of the century which said he was "a relative of Sir Walter Scott, being a grandson of his first cousin."

So began the long chase. Over the years, spasmodically I searched through many Chisholm and Scott records to try and trace this relationship, but to no avail. Was it just a colonial boasting which the family thought no one could trace??? But two of his children had Scott names as second names! - Jessie Halliburton Chisholm and Margaret Scott Chisholm. As well he called his home Rosebank - the name of his probable uncle Robert Scott's estate near St. Boswells. Must be something in it.

Came the time to prepare a talk for the 2007 NZ Clan Chisholm Gathering in New Lynn, close to the home of the father of James Baird Chisholm, Robert Chisholm. So this Robert was the obvious Chisholm for me to talk about. I mentioned this interesting relationship with Sir Walter Scott to our newsletter editor, also a Robert Chisholm, who is always an enthusiastic "chaser of things Chisholm", and the hunt was on again. Eventually, between the two of us, we agreed there was only one possibility - that a Chisholm male must have married a Scott female round the 1760s. But all the Scott genealogies we researched for around this time gave the male children's names and then, the comment, plus three daughters - nameless. But one night came the breakthrough - we both came up with the same answer from very different sources. Walter Scott, the father of Sir Walter, the novelist, had a sister Jean, who had married William Chisholm in 1756 in St. Boswell's Roxburghshire. William was the father of Robert Chisholm, James Baird Chisholm's grandfather.

So the piece about James Baird Chisholm was accurate. His grandfather had been a first cousin of Sir Walter. By this time, I also had had a similar story from Mark Jordan, whose wife was a descendant of Robert's youngest daughter, Wilhelmina. He sent me a photo, which had been inscribed on the back by Wilhelmina's son in 1920, saying that "my mother is reported to be related to Sir Walter Scott." After twenty years I was

Cousin to Sir Walter (cont)

definitely glad to have cracked this particular piece of Chisholm family history and to learn this Chisholm family had despite my misgivings been truthful about their Scottish ancestors. Robert Chisholm's father, Robert Chisholm, had been a first cousin of Sir Walter Scott.

My pleasure was short-lived, as an Auckland historian, a non Chisholm who had been at the Gathering, e-mailed me with information, that she had been reading a Scott biography and had come up with material, easily verifiable, that Jean, the sister of Walter, the father of Sir Walter, had married her cousin, another Walter Scott, in 1772! Oh dear! But I felt no immediate inclination to do anything about this, and there the puzzle lay other than my checking my sources and finding there were actually two Jean Scotts whose births had been registered at St. Boswells in 1737!! Obviously one had married William Chisholm and one had married Walter Scott, and Robert and I had picked the wrong Jean Scott to attach to the Auckland family. I let it lie.

But in mid June this year, the mystery over Jean Scott surfaced again, and this time from Australia. Mark Jordan had been contacted by one of his wife's relatives, Anne Stafford, who was a descendant of one of Robert of the Whau's daughters who had married in Australia. She had in her possession notes stating that "My great aunt May (Helen Chisholm's daughter) went to UK for 3 or 4 months and did some searching and one of her notes stated that Helen Tait was a full cousin of Sir Walter Scott!" So this suggests that the relationship was on the maternal side of the family, not the paternal Chisholm side as we had so carefully worked out.

Anne had had contact recently with a descendant of the Jean Scott who had married Walter Scott, that once more showed we definitely had the wrong Jean Scott marrying William Chisholm. So, for the last three weeks, Mark Jordan in Wellington, Anne Stafford in Queensland and myself have been busy on this new trail. There is just nothing obvious, though we are testing one theory that the grandmother of James Baird Chisholm, Helen Tait (who married Robert Chisholm in 1786), was the daughter of Margaret Halliburton and Walter Tait, and the relationship is through the Halliburtons, with Margaret being a daughter of John Holyburton, [sic] who was likely to be a brother of Barbara Halliburton, the grandmother of Sir Walter Scott. As Mark Jordan has said: "This supposition makes sense, but need to be proven."

We'll try! and hopefully the answer will be established by the time of the next Newsletter.

Will let you know.

A Scottish Student In England.... A student at an English university, by name of Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye, was living in the hall of residence during his first year. After he had been there for a month, his mother came to bring his next month's supply of oats .

"And, how do you find these English students, Donald?" she enquired.

"Mother," he replied, "They're such terribly noisy people! The one on that side keeps banging his head against the wall, and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams and screams away into the night!"

"Oh, Donald! How ever do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them! I just stay here quietly playing my bagpipes!" (From Canada Branch Newsletter)



Forthcoming events:

Napier Caledonian Society Annual Ball Sat 9th August, 7.30pm, Napier Cosmopolitan Club, Hastings.

St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

Sunday 30 November, 7.20pm; St Andrew's Hall, Market St, Hastings



In this edition we are glad to be able to acknowledge the lives of two of our Foundation members who have left us, since the time of the last Newsletter.



Hugh Humbert Chisholm 21.6.1916 – 25.3.2008. Submitted by Barbara Chisholm

Hugh was the youngest of six children of Angus and Jessie Chisholm. He was born in a Chapman St villa in Wakari, Dunedin, on 21 June 1916, and grew up in a world much different to now. His father was a tailor, money wasn't freely available but his life was rich in Scottish heritage, with Angus being an inaugural member of the Dunedin Highland Pipe Band, and Gaelic was spoken when certain visitors came.

Hugh saw the advent of electricity, cars, air travel, telephones and flush toilets, while milk was delivered by horse and cart. Unlike many of his age he was able to attend secondary school, but had to begin his working life at the time of the Depression, by door-knocking to get his first job. He successfully developed and managed his own manufacturers' agency company in Dunedin, H. Chisholm Ltd. During the Second World War he was part of an Ambulance training division of the Home Guard; but on a personal level, he met and married our mother, Ruth Stanton, in 1942. They eventually raised four children, Laurie, Margaret, Barbara and Alison, with our father encouraging his daughters to study at the tertiary level which wasn't the norm at that time.

He was well known for his wit, intelligence and family focus, while he was well respected in business circles for his business ethics. He didn't in his earlier days have a particular interest in family history, and all he could tell his family was that they had originated from the Isle of Skye and that the family had had a lot of money, which was lost during the 1890's depression in Australia. In his last years he was impressed by Audrey Barney's enthusiasm for the Chisholm family, and was keen to help her in her endeavours to explore their history. In 1998 when Roger Chisholm-Batten, the President of the Clan Chisholm Society in Great Britain, visited Dunedin at the time of the 150 year celebrations, Hugh hosted at his superbly located home, in Purakanui, a luncheon for the Chisholm-Battens and other Chisholms attending the Celebrations. As well he arranged for the NZ Chisholms to have a day's Gathering in First Church, the following Saturday.

He wasn't particularly interested in material wealth but really enjoyed modern technology, using his computer up until his 91st year. He outlived his siblings by several decades and to everyone's surprise outlived his wife by ten years. He is survived by his four children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was a great example of a family man.

Wesley Perrin Chisholm (04.08.1915 - 22.06.2008) Submitted by J. Ross.

'Wes', at 92 one of our oldest members, died in Palmerston North on 22 June 2008. Born in Wellington on 4 August 1915, he was the younger son of Horace, the sixth child of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, and Edith, nee Perrin. He grew up in Berhampore in Wellington, trained as an electrician, and worked in this role for the 1940 Centennial Exhibition.

Here he met his future wife, Joyce Berg, who was working as a cashier.

They married in 1942, and settled for the rest of their married life in Palmerston North, where their three children were born, Geoffrey (in 1942), Carole (in 1946) and John (in 1952).

During the war, he was bonded to working for the NZ Electricity Department, but once it was well over, he set up his own business, Chisholm Electrical Services, and was highly regarded as a reliable craftsman and a firm but fair employer. Retiring at 64, he went on doing small electrical jobs part-time for the next 18 years.

He was a keen radio ham, a respected member of the Probus Club and the local Masonic Lodge, and a kindly and much loved father and husband, again, firm but fair. As a practical man, he constructed many things his family needed. He leaves behind his widow, Joyce, his son Geoffrey's family, living in Horsham near Melbourne, his daughter Carole, in Palmerston North, and son John, living mainly in the Bay of Islands.

MYSTERY IN THE CATHEDRAL

In the last newsletter, we carried an article about a memorial in Canterbury Cathedral to Doctor Robert Chisholm who died in 1838. The inscription made it quite clear that he was a gentleman held in the greatest esteem. The facts that the memorial was in Canterbury cathedral, and that it used the armorial bearings of The Chisholm Chief, made it more intriguing. The intrepid team of international genealogical detectives gathered together on the Chisholm Forum by Clan Genealogist Bob Chisholm, of Sussex, set to work to try and unravel the mystery.

Robert's brothers were ministers in the Church of England, brother George at Hammersmith, and oldest brother Charles at various places around London and Kent, Eastwell in particular. Charles was known both to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to The Chisholm, Duncan Macdonnel Chisholm, who resided in Belgravia at that time.

Towards the end of the 19th century, following the extinguishment of the Chiefly male line, a court case decided upon which maternal line the Chieftainship should devolve. Outside of the courts, in the news media, another case was conducted and a suggestion was made that the son of Rev Charles Chisholm, older brother to Doctor Robert, was the rightful heir.

The Forum detectives have investigated this suggestion, and here is a brief update of the findings.

Rev Charles's father was Rev George Chisholm, rector at Ashmore in Dorset. From Church records it was found that George received his MA from Marischal College, Aberdeen. The University of Aberdeen kindly dug up its dusty archives, and we found that George started there in 1767, and graduated MA in 1771. Importantly, the name and residence of George's father was revealed. The hunt shifted west from Aberdeen, along the road towards Elgin, to the town of Fordyce in Banffshire. Here the parish registers showed that George, born 1753, was one of several children born to John Chisholm and Christen MacIntosh. John's address was given as "Mill of Towie", a property near Fordyce which operates a water-driven mill. Nothing was found to connect this John Chisholm to the Chief's family in Strathglass. There may be a connection in an earlier generation; this could be established via DNA testing. However, looking at the documentation of the Chiefs family around the 1720's-30's, there does not appear to be any family member unaccounted for. Therefore the suggestion that this family could provide a claim to the chieftainship is not supported by any evidence we have been unable to recover. Perhaps it is one of those remarkable rags to riches stories: we have John Chisholm grinding oats in the back hills of Scotland, and his grandsons taking tea with The Chisholm and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Such a rapid rise may be explained by the exploits of John's son George Chisholm. Was he a person of great intellectual power, a child prodigy perhaps, plucked from the Mill of Towie and sent to University at age 14, graduating at age 18. As a footnote to this story, a correspondent in South Carolina has sent in a lithograph image of the Robert Chisholm who is commemorated in Canterbury cathedral.



To the memory of Robert Chisholm esq. MD formerly of Ashmore in the county of Dorset, but late of Canterbury, where he practiced many years as a physician generally, and in the Kent and Canterbury hospital. In this field of usefulness, his professional skill, and his general benevolence of heart, diffusing their effects through a large circle of rich and poor, have caused his loss to be felt as a public calamity. This tablet is erected by his friends and fellow citizens who are desirous of recording their sense of his worth. Died 29th August 1838. Aged 52.

If you or any of your ancestors have the name Tylden, or Tylden Chisholm, then you are probably descended from this family. Descendants are known to have been in Australia in the late 1800's. Please contact Clan Chisholm Society if this is your family.

Genealogy: Scottish Naming Patterns mostly by Marcey Hunter(USA)

What's in a name? For a Scot, it can be lineage, a place of origin, a profession, a personal trait, a common nickname, or a mixture of all these things. In your genealogy research, have you noticed that the names of your ancestors were often repeated? It can be very difficult to keep track of who was who. An understanding of Scottish naming patterns may prove useful in trying to connect individuals in a family or to help determine the names of ancestors. Here are a few tips to help you sort out the details. The Scots, particularly Highland Scots, often followed a specific naming pattern in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Eldest son - named for his paternal grandfather

Second son - named for his maternal grandfather

Third son - named for his father

Fourth son - named for his father's eldest brother

Fifth son - named for his father's second oldest brother or mother's oldest brother

Eldest daughter - named for her maternal grandmother

Second daughter - named for her paternal grandmother

Third daughter - named for her mother

Fourth daughter - named for her mother's eldest sister

Fifth daughter - named for her mother's 2nd oldest sister or father's oldest sister

A family could have two or more children with the same name for many reasons. 1st: if both grandparents had the same name(s). 2nd: if a parent remarried, the pattern started over again. And 3rd: because of the high child mortality rate, many parents often reused the name of a deceased child for the next child born. This naming pattern was not always used, but it can provide possible clues to the names of ancestors.

Scottish Nicknames In Scotland, and in areas where immigrant Highlanders settled, where a specific clan occupied a particular geographic area, it would be common for everyone to have the same surname. And if the above naming pattern were followed, it was inevitable that there could be dozens of children with the same name living in a small area. Therefore, it was common to assume "nick names" when referring to a particular child, as in "The tall John MacRae" or "The freckled Mary Chisholm" to help differentiate. Here are some examples of nicknames based on physical traits. The nicknames are in both Gaelic and English.

Physical Nicknames:

Ban - fair, Beag - little, Breac - freckled, Buidhe - yellow or blonde, Caol - thin, Donn - brown, Dubh - black, Glas - gray, Maol - bald, Mor/mhor - big, tall, Odhar - dung colored, Og - young
Ruadh - red haired/

Often whole families were given nicknames as well. They may be nicknamed for their geographic location, for example "Chisholms of the South Meadow," or for the occupation of the father and sons, eg "Chisholms Gobha" (blacksmith Chisholms).

Geographic nicknames: abhainn - river, baile - town, beinn / ben - mountain, clach - stone, cnoc - hillock, creag - pointed rock, dail - meadow, eilean - island, lochan - little loch, sgire - parish strath - valley

Occupational Nicknames: Clachair - stonemason, Clarsair - harpist, Gobha - blacksmith,

Gaelic names (cont)

Piobaire - piper, Sagart - priest, Taillear - tailor, Tuathanach - farmer.

A selection of Chisholms with Gaelic names:

An Siosal Og -The Young Chisholm, Chief Alexander XIX

An Siosal Ban The fair-haired Chisholm, Chief Alexander XXIII (ancestor of Chief Hamish)

Ruari Og -Young Roderick, youngest son of Chief Roderick XXI, killed at Culloden

Ian Ruadh- Red haired John of Knockfin, who led the clan at Sheriffmuir

Seoc Buidhe-Jock the fair haired, John Chisholm, post clearance settler in Nova Scotia.

Donald Mor- Big Donald, Alexander Breac-Freckled Alex, Domhnull Gobha-Donald the Blacksmith, all settlers to Canada. Domhnull Gobha has the added distinction of being Bard of Strathglass, and it was a sad and bitter day when he was forced out of his native valley at an advanced age.



Ceud Mile Failte .

A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members

Sonia Chisholm: Wellington (From the family of

Robert Chisholm, colonial settler in early Auckland) Sonia has kindly offered to assist in the production of the newsletter. It's great to have some fresh and youthful energy on the team.

Allan Chisholm: Sydney (refer last newsletter)



WEDDING BELLS

Vanessa White, the younger daughter of Malcolm and Fay White, married Jonathan Franks at Ohario Farm, Johnsonville on the 3rd May this year. Her newly married elder sister Shannon was out from Germany for the occasion. Typical Wellington wind and rain, could not spoil such an occasion.

What a year for our Viking, Brian from Miramar. He had just the previous month attended in Feilding, the marriage of his great-niece, Bronwyn Chisholm, to Eliot Wilkes. Bronwyn is the eldest daughter of John and Susan Chisholm of Palmerston North, and grand-daughter of the late Norman Chisholm, Brian's elder brother.

ANOTHER CHISHOLM BOOK? By Audrey Barney

The interesting story John produced for this year's Clan Chisholm Journal, about excavating his Uncle Robert, made me think there were many other interesting Chisholm exploits in war waiting to be told. I talked it through with John and Robert who agreed, and so we are now floating this idea in the Newsletter, to see just what our membership think. Would there be people out there who would help us by writing up stories of their Chisholm husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, nursing aunts, etc.? Have we enough for a book? Do they deserve to have their stories told. If you don't want to write, would you be prepared to help an editorial committee with your family member's story. After all, Chisholm Pioneers only took the NZ Chisholms up to those around in 1900. There's been a lot of time since then. We have had brief articles in previous newsletters including Don Kennedy taking it to the Japs in the Solomons, Wilf Rutherford in the air over the Solomons, Reg Chisholm at Gallipoli, Gunner Bruce Chisholm with the 8th Army in Africa, Jack Chisholm on HMS Achilles, Flt Sgt. Allan Chisholm in the Spitfire. We know there are plenty more stories out there.

Lest we forget!

John, Robert and Audrey are waiting to hear from you.

Chisholm DNA project

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Vikings and Picts
Angles and Gaels
Britons and Normans
Romans and Spaniards too!



You name it, whoever has lived in or has invaded Britain over the past thousands of years, has contributed to the genetic melting pots in Roxburgh & Strathglass. Clan Chisholm has got all of those mentioned above, plus more! Advances in science have enabled genetics to combine with genealogy, and allow you to track down family groupings within the Clan, and to learn more of the origin of your Chisholm ancestry. Join other Clan Chisholm members at the sharp end of genealogy, family history, and science, join the Chisholm DNA project!

How it works:

It's simple! You receive your surname from your father. But wait, that's not all, if you are a boy, then you get his Y chromosome as well! This chromosome has but one primary function, a switching device to tell a newly fertilized egg to develop into a male foetus. Brilliant, its perfect, and doesn't need to change. So this chromosome skips the messy part of reproduction, the mixing and blending of all the genes so that the baby becomes a random genetic mix up of its parents. What it means is that little Johnny has exactly the same Y chromosome as his Dad, it's not a blend of his Dad's Y chromosome and something from his Mum's family, this is strictly a male thing. Sorry girls, its just plain maths. $X+Y=$ Johnny or $X+X=$ Jenny, now Jenny has not got a Y chromosome to study family history with, and she has got only X chromosomes to pass on to her sons. There's even more, Johnny's Y chromosome is not only the same as his Dad's, it's the same as his Granddad's, and great granddad's, and great great granddad's, and just keep going as far back as you feel like. This means that cousins and second cousins and third cousins, etc., also share the same Y chromosome, and this is how the Y-DNA project can help you out with the study of your own family history; whether your Family Tree goes back 3 generations, or 30 generations, it allows you to hook up with other families who have the same Y chromosome. Girls, don't worry, you can still participate, you just borrow the chromosome from your brother, its easy, just a cheeky little cheek swab! (Cousins, Dads and Uncles also OK)

Some Results so far:

A large Pict Family, not surprising given the archeological evidence in Strathglass; An equally large group of ancient Britons from the south, perhaps forced northwards in olden days; A number of paternally unrelated people with Gaelic ancestry, and an equal number of unrelated Angles. A Viking, remnant from the coastal raids. A big group with a surprising heritage, "Sardinian", perhaps genetic evidence that a few Spanish Armada survivors did wash ashore at Avoch on the Black Isle, as rumoured. The standout result so far in the project is the one accounting for 36% of Chisholms in the project. This group has Norse Viking ancestry, and appears to have a migration pattern from Scandanavia to England, (possibly via Normandy), thence to the Scottish Borders, and to the Highlands.

New Zealand Results:

So far, 4 Kiwi Chisholm men have joined the project, and all are from different iwi: Joseph Wilson Chisholm descendants, your paternal Chisholm ancestry is from that big Norse Viking tribe. Descendants of Allan Chisholm of Breakachy in Strathglass, who came to Dunedin but settled in the Wairarapa, it's the Sardinian whanau. Archibald Chisholm, Southland farmer, he brought the ancient Pict gene to NZ. The Fortrose Chisholms, Blacksmiths, you have Celtic ancestors in the southern part of Britain, who would have left before that land became known as England. Another NZ family is needed to join the project, we have to keep ahead of the Australians, it may be the only thing we can beat them at. Kia Kaha!

Further Information:

www.clanchisholmsociety.org

www.familytreedna

(search for Chisholm)

Contact Robert Chisholm Project Administrator: nikaudesign@clear.net.nz phone 09 917 7131



Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand Inc.
Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 January 2008

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions (*1)	\$ 1,072.50	Affiliation Fees	\$ 492.44
Sale of items	\$ 35.00	Associated draft charges	\$ 18.00
Donations	\$ 12.50	AGM expenses	\$ 68.40
Interest Earned	\$ 41.38	Postage, envelopes, toils	\$ 130.98
Tax refund	\$ 2.64	Interest paid (RWT)	\$ 16.14
		Honorarium to auditor	\$ 30.00
		Photocopying	\$ 102.41
Deficit	\$ 82.47	DNA test	\$ 365.12
		Purchase of items for sale	\$ 35.00
Total Income	\$ 1,246.49	Total expenditure	\$ 1,246.49

Clan Historian Income		Expenditure	
Printouts	\$ 4.00	Postage	\$ 1.80
Deficit	\$ 4.25	Photocopying	\$ 4.70
		Stationary	\$ 1.75
Total Income	\$ 8.25	Total expenditure	\$ 8.25

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2008

Accumulated Fund - Clan Chisholm	
Balance at 1 Feb 2007	\$ 2,649.59
Less deficit	-
Balance at 31 Jan 2008	\$ 2,767.12
Accumulated Fund - Clan Historian	
Balance at 1 Feb 2007	\$ 139.12
Plus deficit of income over expenditure	-
Balance as at 31 Jan 2008	\$ 134.87
Total Funds	\$ 2,901.99

This is represented by:


Assets	Cash in Clan a/c Nat 0134415-00 (*2)	\$ 2,797.12
	Cash in Clan Historian account	\$ 134.87
	Total Assets	\$ 2,931.99
less Liabilities	Clan subs in advance for 2009 (*3)	\$ 30.00
	Net Assets	\$ 2,901.99

*1 Includes \$45 subs in advance received in 2006 & deducts \$30 received in advance for 2006.

*2 Bank statement 111 shows a balance of \$3385.63. Cheque 95 of \$588.51 had not been presented

*3 A refund of \$300, a prepayment shown in the Balance Sheet of 2006, was made into the account

I have examined the books of Clan Chisholm Society NZ Inc. for the year ended 31 Jan 2008. In common with similar organisations internal controls are limited to practical needs, which include recording and independent audit of accounts. I have sighted all accounts and source documents and have been given explanations where needed. Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the the Statement of Income and Expenditure, and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 January 2008.

 Date 5/5/08
H. Hatch B. Ag. Econ. Hon. Auditor

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