



# Clan Chisholm Society NZ

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### Editor's note:

Thanks to our most efficient secretary Barry Chisholm, this edition of the newsletter focuses on the doings at the AGM. It prints off the minutes and the accounts, along with the President's report and the Historian's Report.

Several new members signed on; we dedicate a page to Ashley and Shane, and will do the same for others in the subsequent issue. These others include Derek and Rosalie, who have returned to NZ, and to CCS, after several years in England. By a coincidence, Derek's colonial Chisholm ancestor makes an appearance on page 8. Their daughter Sonia also is a returning member, though a marriage and a change of name, a change of address and email, could not keep her hidden, -don't underestimate the power of Facebook for finding people.

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Visting NZ at the moment is UK Branch Chairman Ben Chisholm-Broomfield. He has been treated to Canterbury's worst start to winter for 23 years, all the while his home in Beaulieu is under intense near-tropical sun. See page 13 for news on Ben's visit to Auckland. Ben is also editor of the Clan Chisholm Journal, which will be arriving with this newsletter. The Journal contains, among other things, news from the DNA project; therefore I have not made a separate report for this newsletter, suffice it to say the project is still growing and now has 120 members. For those interested in joining the project, there is a good discount available up till June 25.

An old historical story has turned up and I have repeated this, virtually as is, commencing on page 9. The events described took place well away from the traditional grounds of Chisholm-dom, Glen Lyon in the Highlands of Perthshire, the valley above Loch Tay.

On the Chisholm Forum over the past months, there has been quite a buzz concerning a famous Chisholm family from Perthshire, and so this beautiful part of Scotland is likely to feature in the next newsletter. There will be stories of a missing silver Quaigh, engraved with the Chiefs Arms and dated 1708; of silver spoons purchased with Waterloo prize money; of the formation of An freiceadan dubh The Black Watch; of the 1832 Canadian Address to the Chief; of one of the greatest ever Chisholm pipers... all these and more, with a vital Chisholm connection to Perth.

Until then, Slán, and happy reading.

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## From the President

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### Dear Chisholm People,

2009-10 has been a quiet but steady year. We can look back to our 2009 annual gathering in Dunedin on 11 April 2009, admirably organised by Lorna Ryder and Rhonda Hansen. With no other office-holders of the CCS able to be present, apart from myself, they were splendidly impersonated by others. Also memorable was taking part in a tour, later in the afternoon, of the Speights Brewery, with its magnificent copper retorts (or whatever you call them), and sampling its various ales, and, in the evening, an excellent meal in the Speights Ale House restaurant. Another place Lorna and Rhonda recommended a visit to was the recently-opened Chinese Garden; and indeed this was good value

During the year Robert Chisholm produced three excellent newsletters, and we had several committee meetings. We now have a membership leaflet, and hope to use it to stimulate the enrolment of new members, as we certainly do need to replenish our membership, with, every year, a few older people passing away, or giving up their membership because of advancing age.

We have all greatly appreciated Audrey Barney's on-going work as Clan Historian and Genealogist. Over the past few years this has included her having to make a sustained effort to get the best-authenticated of her New Zealand Chisholm files copied into the international genealogical database, which has demanded a vast amount of patience, as material had a fearsome tendency to get lost, or jumbled. She has continued to investigate NZ Chisholms, and also has been very generous in responding to enquiries from overseas. She has moreover been working away on a further book, "Lest We Forget", on Chisholms in the two world wars, as her own report will show. I hope she will continue with the book; but circumstances are demanding that she give up the two roles, and it is very urgent to find one or more successors. We welcome the willingness of Fay White to take over some of her work.

For me (as reported in a previous newsletter), the major highlight for 2009 was getting across the ditch at the end of April to attend the Australian Chisholms' gathering, centred on a handsome little town, Glen Innes, in northern New South Wales. It was marvellous to get to see something of an area of Australia that was new to me, and get to know some of the Australian Chisholms. Their 2010 gathering has taken place recently, on 13/14 March, at Goulburn, NSW.

Our own 2010 gathering, once again at the Miramar Uniting Church hall, went really well, with talks on family history by Fay White and Audrey Barney, and later in the day, briefly, by the local historian Gary Tonks. Jocelyn Chisholm also presented her book "Brind of the Bay of Islands" (1979) and the more recent "Brind Amplified" (2009). On the Sunday, Audrey and I had an adventurous trip across the harbour to Day's Bay, on the East-West ferryboat, for lunch, and a stopover on Matiu/Somes Island, much recommended. Next year's gathering will be in Palmerston North.

John C. Ross, President

16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HISTORIAN'S REPORT  
TO THE NEW ZEALAND CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY,  
1 MAY 2010. AUDREY BARNEY



This year, when time has allowed, there has been more behind the scenes computer work on the NZ Chisholm clan than usual, and less with those who make up the NZ membership. I'm trying to prepare to retire, and to leave things in good order for the next Historian.

This has meant not only getting all the books, articles, odd bits of newspapers into understandable order, but has meant a lot of checking on family trees, and actually, I have had to re-label the twenty seven Chisholm families' files in readiness for their going to England and onto the database. I have tended over the years to label files after society members, so have had a file called ChJessie and another ChLester, which when the files would go to England mean nothing to an international audience. They have become ChGlasgow and ChKirkhill. Hopefully I will get them on to a disc and off to England during the winter.

Again, time has been spent writing. I am very grateful to Margaret Whitford of Invercargill for her help in interviewing Adam Chisholm on his time in World War II, and the production of the small booklet on Adam. This is something that many others could do or copy. Take a bow, Brian Chisholm.

My ambition to write a book on NZ Chisholms in wartime has not progressed as well as I would like. Its coming down to Chisholms in World War I and at present covers 36 Chisholm men who served overseas in the NZEF or the AIF between 1914-1918.

Thanks to Lorraine Salter for her help with the South Canterbury Chisholm family and John Ross for still being prepared to add his editorial expertise.

Time most days also goes into checking the pages on the internet covering the Chisholm Forum and Chisholm database. This sometimes leads to further research, but in comparison with our Robert Chisholm, my role is minute. Robert's knowledge of Chisholms has grown in leaps and bounds over the last few years and we are certainly fortunate to have some one of his calibre covering the history of the Chisholms in the UK and their international migration. As those DNA tested increases, more interesting relationships are appearing.

It is sad for me to be giving all this away, - Chisholms have been an important part of my life ever since the NZ Society began, and hopefully I will still be able to continue to play something of a part. However, looks like David and I are on the path to a Retirement Village and like Margaret Chisholm of Melbourne who I worked with for many years, this means giving up, at least, much of the archival material. Now there must be someone whom would enjoy having a library of Chisholm material?

## Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting which was held at Miramar Uniting Church Hall on 1 May 2010, commencing at 1 p.m.

Report by Barry Chisholm Hon. Sec.

**Present:** John Ross (President), Barry Chisholm, Fay & Malcolm White, Anne & Nikki O'Regan, Sharon Logie, Jan Peleton, Brian Chisholm, Audrey Barney, Robert & Angelika Chisholm, Sonia Dolan, Derek & Rosalie Chisholm, Gary Tonks, Ashley Chisholm and Shane Chisholm

John Ross welcomed those present. He thanked Audrey and Fay for the presentations they had given before the meeting.

**Apologies:** Jeanine Chisholm, David Chisholm, Douglas Chisholm, Allan Chisholm, Anne Stratford, Peg Chisholm, Doreen D'Cruz. Apologies were accepted.

**Minutes of the 2009 AGM:** Moved that they be taken as read. John / Barry. Carried.

**Matters Arising:** N/A

**Secretary's Report:** Barry commented that nearly all inward and outward correspondence dealt with administrative matters such as subs. He expressed concern about the decline in membership. Moved that the report be accepted. John / Anne. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barry presented this report. He pointed out that the Society ran up another deficit as subs declined and the costs of the International Journal rose. There were no questions. Moved that the report be accepted. Barry / Brian. Carried.

Moved that the 2010 annual sub remain the same, as recommended by the committee. Barry / John. Carried.

**Historian's Report:** Audrey read her Report. Moved that the Report be accepted. Robert / Jan. Carried.

**President's Report:** John distributed the Report and commented on several aspects. Moved that the Report be accepted. John / Barry. Carried.

**International Clan Delegate:** In the absence of any communication from Delegate Fay, John brought the meeting up to date on international clan business.

**Election of Officers:**

**President:** John indicated his willingness to continue. There were no further nominations. John was declared President.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Barry indicated that he would be prepared to carry on. There were no other nominations. Barry accepted the position.

**Clan Historian:** Audrey's resignation was accepted with regret by all present, except Robert who refused to accept it, on the grounds that Audrey was irreplaceable. She received acclamation for the brilliant work she has doing for many years. At this stage the position has not been filled but Fay White now looks after the New Zealand Chisholm families' archive.

**Committee members:** Robert was re-elected, Anne O'Regan was elected, and, pending confirmation in person, Marj Fox was provisionally elected.

**General Business**

1. Audrey asked if some of her archives could be stored by a member. Barry agreed to do this. Audrey also noted that although she had been wanting to carry out a full survey of the military roles of New Zealand Chisholms, her personal situation is such that this will no longer be possible. However, she intends to complete her research on the 92 Chisholms who took part in WW1. She asked if someone could store or even write up some of the material she has on WW2. John agreed to deal with this material.
2. Robert spoke about the Chisholm DNA Project. Of the 115 Chisholms tested so far, 5 are New Zealanders including three members present : Anne, Brian and Robert. Robert has written an article shortly to appear in the International Journal which refers to clan origins .

3. Promotion of membership: John spoke on this issue. Suggestions were made that a St Andrews Day stall be personed, and that the magazine of the NZ Society of Genealogists could be utilized.
4. Next International Gathering: John noted that this will be held in Duluth, Minnesota in July 2011, and clan members are invited to attend.
5. Name of Newsletter: Robert recently suggested that a suitable name be selected - possibilities so far are Clanlink, The Clansman, Clanship and ClanConnect. No decision was made.
6. A vote of thanks was moved to Anne, Nikki and Sharon for organising this year's AGM and gathering. Carried with acclamation.
7. Next year's AGM venue: After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Palmerston North host the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

### An 80-year-old Scotschisholm goes to the doctor for a check-up.

The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?"

"I'm Scottish and I am a golfer," says the old guy, "and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a wee glass of whisky, and all is well."

"Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Dad when he died?"

"Who said my Dad's dead?"

The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your Dad's still alive. How old is he?"

"He's 100 years old," says the old Scottish golfer. "In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had another wee dram and that's why he's still alive. He's Scottish and he's a golfer, too."

"Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

"Who said my grandad's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living!"

Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old," says the old Scottish golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

"Nae. Grandad couldnae go this mornin' 'cause he's getting married today."

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married?? Why would a 118 year-old guy want to get married?"

"Who said he wanted to?"



Website of the Month: [The Highland Council of Scotland](http://www.ambaile.org.uk) operates a website full of items to view, read, or print. Lots of Chisholm items to search for, plus everything else which may be associated with the Highlands. Your visit to this website is highly recommended. [www:ambaile.org.uk](http://www.ambaile.org.uk)

Do you have anything to share in the newsletter. Some piece of your own news or 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.

Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand Inc.  
Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 January 2010

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions (*1)	\$ 840.00	Affiliation Fees	\$602.46
Sale of items	\$ -	Associated draft charges	\$18.00
Donations	\$ 5.00	AGM expenses	\$140.51
Interest Earned	\$ 39.78	Postage, envelopes, tolls	\$338.91
Tax refund	\$ 2.84	Interest paid (RWT)	\$15.32
Clan Historian cash fund	\$ 128.08	Honorarium to auditor	\$30.00
DEFICIT	\$ 294.82	Misc. charge	
		Photocopying	\$165.32
		Purchase of items for sale	\$0.00
Total Income	\$ 1,310.52	Total expenditure	\$1,310.52

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2010

Accumulated Fund - Clan Chisholm

Balance at 1 Feb 2009	\$3,089.47
less DEFICIT	\$294.82
Balance at 31 Jan 2010	\$2,794.65
Total Funds	\$2,794.65

This is represented by:

Assets	Cash in Clan a/c Nat 0134415-00	\$2,937.15	
			Total Assets
			\$2,937.15
less Liabilities	Clan subs in advance for 2010		\$142.50
			Net Assets
			\$2,794.65

(\*1) includes \$15 received in advance for 2009 and excludes \$142.50 for future years:  
\$97.50 (2010); 30.00 (2011); 15.00 (2012)

I have examined the books of Clan Chisholm Society NZ Inc. for the year ended 31 Jan 2009. 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 2009.

H.Hatch B.Ag.Econ. Hon. Auditor

## Ceud Mile Failte New Members, Ashley Chisholm & Shane Chisholm



Introducing two new "Chisholm Clan" members.

Ashley and Shane Chisholm. (Ashley is Shane's Uncle.)

Both Ashley and Shane, as it happens, live just round the corner from one another in Woodridge, Wellington. Ashley is a business consultant and Shane, a manager in Housing NZ.



Not just because they are family, but they have similar interests.

Both were brought up in Timaru, are married to fantastic wives Lynda and Megan, both have two children (a boy and a girl each), both are actively involved in their church, and both are good looking!

Their Chisholm line comes from William Chisholm b: 1710 Culduthel/Croy/Daviot. He married Anne Bain and they had 8 children. Eventually in early 1870s William b: 1848 Davit, and another brother emigrated to NZ to a farm at Sutherlands (Pleasant Point -South Canterbury) and he married Isabella Sinclair (a 3rd cousin) in 1874 and they had 11 children. The eldest of these - Archie had three children, the youngest Eric Sinclair being Ashley's Dad and Shane's Grandad.

Ash and Lynda in 2008 at Duncan Chisholm's World Famous Store, Castle Street, Inverness. See the advert on the back cover of your Clan Journal [www.kilts.co.uk](http://www.kilts.co.uk)



Kylie's Wedding  
(Ashley and Lynda's daughter)

Ashley 1st Left,  
Shane 4th from Right.

## Chisholm's Butcher, Avondale

Local Historian Lisa Truttman of Avondale has some interesting news on her blogsite:

<http://timespanner.blogspot.com/2010/05/robert-chisholm-of-whau-remembered.html>.

In short, businessman and PR consultant Tony Edmonds has opened a butcher's shop in Avondale, right across the road from the Rosebank Estate owned once by New Zealand's first Chisholm family. This family was very much connected with the meat trade, so Tony decided to name the store in honour of this pioneer family. Hence the name on the store: It is tucked right beside the Rosebank Fruit and Vegetable Markets, also owned by Tony, corner of Rosebank Road and Elm Street. Tony might be putting a little bit of history into the shop, and possibly some Chisholmobilia. I suggested that a boar's head impaled on a knife would not be out of place in such an establishment, though traditionally for Edinburgh Robert, the stock would have been cattle and sheep. Audrey has written the short piece of history below .



Robert Chisholm was one of the earliest owners of land on the Whau peninsula, first buying 200 acres of land in 1855, within a few months of his arrival in Auckland. At the time of his death in 1877 his landholdings had increased to round 400 acres which straddled the Great North Road from near today's Heron Park, where he built his home round 1870, down to and along the northern side of Rosebank Road.

Although his family origins were in the Melrose area of the Scottish Borders, Robert lived in Edinburgh for most of his adult years, where over a thirty year period he carried on a small business as a flesher - a cutter up of meat or, in today's language, a butcher. His staff consisted of just one man and two boys, while his wife had but one house servant to help her with their nine children, who all came to New Zealand with their parents.

It is most fitting that there is once again a butcher's shop called Chisholm's, so close to where he lived in his last years.

Tough little 16 year old: It's a big congratulations to Jessica Watson, who spent 210 days and nights all alone at sea, guiding her little boat "Ella's Pink Lady" all around the globe, becoming the youngest ever circumnavigator. Apart from the sailing and navigational skills required, just think of the mental toughness needed to achieve this feat!



Jessica is daughter of Julie Chisholm, b. Ohaupo, near Te Awamutu

Julie is daughter of Gordon Chisholm, b. Dunedin

Gordon is son of Ronald Angus b. Dunedin

Ronald Angus is son of Angus b. Dunedin and brother of Hugh Chisholm of Purakanui (nr. Dunedin)\*\*

Angus is son of Angus b. Dunedin

Angus is son of Farquhar, b. in Bracadale, Skye, who brought his family to Victoria under the Highland Island scheme . \*\*See Chisholm Pioneers by Audrey Barney p.92.



## Clan an t-siosalach - Chisholm Stone. (In Glen Lyon not Strathglass)

What follows is a near-direct transcription from this website, including some archaic words, and with a fair dose of Gaelic thrown into it.

<http://www.commentonline.co.uk/sub-history/glenlyon/GrimShoemaker.htm>

It is an old story, whether fact, myth or fable cannot be currently determined. It concerns the death of The Chisholm, seeking vengeance for a wrong done to the Clan. The tale seems to be so ancient that it is not part of the old clan fables. Perhaps because of the failure and loss, and the location distant from Strathglass, it was deliberately forgotten. The bottom line is that, below or near the Chisholm Stone at Innerwick, Perthshire, there may lie the remains of a Chisholm Chief, and nearby perhaps many other Chisholm clansmen. All in all it seems like a good script for a movie. Even better, a good subject for a "Time Team" archaeological style dig. If a body was unearthed, if an intact tooth was found, the enamel encapsulated dentine providing a DNA time capsule, we would now be in a position to verify if there is a match to the ancient Chisholm chief's line. So there's a challenge for a Scottish Chisholm with a metal detector. Give the place a buzz and see if there is the prospect of a body below. Here are the co-ordinates of Clan an t-siosalach: 56.593259N, 4.294114W, Success can be celebrated, or failure commiserated in truly delightful way... It's not a long distance back to "The Famous Grouse" distillery. Here a canny Scot can get a taste of Islay for a fraction of the price by sampling the "Black Grouse" blend.

### Tales from Glen Lyon - The Grim Shoemaker

When David Stewart of Garth was collecting material for his book 'Sketches of the Highlanders' in the early 19th century, Archibald Macdiarmid of Roro, Glen Lyon sent him two traditional tales which had been told up the Glen. One Stewart used in the book in a truncated form & that was the tale of the battle between the Stewarts of Garth and the MacIvors. The other, The Grim Shoemaker, he did not use. It does not seem to appear in print anywhere and so this will be the first time that it has been published. It is probable that this is the first time it has been related for 150 years.

The writing is obscure in places and so some of the place names may not be correctly transcribed.

Unto the Honourable Colonel David Stewart, Gairth

Tradition says that Ioin dubh nan Launn (a title he got for having built his first house at or on the Launnidichean a little west of Kencknock) was married twice. His first wife was a daughter of Chisholm of Chisholm, whom he enticed to follow him, at the same time he was driving her country's black cattle before him, for her future maintenance. (a strong proof that open robbery was counted honourable, when committed beyond their own district). The rest of this young lady's story is buried in oblivion; one thing we know, that they were but a short time together, whether their separation was owing to death, or to other domestic disagreements, tradition is silent. It seems that she left no issue and that cause drew a veil over her memory.

His second wife is said to be of the Stewart name, and a widow, she had a younger brother of the Campbell's of Glen Urchey (afterwards of Glenlyon) first husband by whom she had one child namely a son who as we observed already was the ancestor of the Campbells of Glenlyon and successor to Ioin dubh na Lann. But whether he acquired the estate by virtue of his mother's rights to the same, or that his step father had the power to enfeoff him, I cannot say, but we are told that Ioin dubh had a numerous offspring by his second wife, to wit seven sons and one daughter, but that they all dyed before himself. Upon his second marriage he removed from his first place of abode and settled upon a height above Craigelick called Druimnaforguill and there he built a more commodious house, some vestiges of it is seen to this day. Mrs Campbell (sometime ago in Fortingall and recently gone to America) when a young girl found a key of an extraordinary size in the ruins of it, and notwithstanding it being worn by rust, a spade of the highland kind was manufactured of it.

It seems when he made his first excursion to Straglaish from whence he took his first spouse that Chisholm of Chisholm (her brother) was then only a child, but on coming to manhood and to understand

his sister's fate, he determined to retaliate the affront done to his country and family, and in order to accomplish this design, he marched to Glen Lyon with as many men as he thought necessary for his purpose, fully resolved to kill his sister's seducer, and also to take compensation for the booty taken along with her. It seems a considerable time had elapsed since the first transaction before this took place, for Ioin Dubh was living (as is said already) at Druimnaforquill with a numerous family when the Chisholm arrived. When a messenger came in and told him that the Lissalach and his men were at Innerwick (which place is right opposite to where he was) whether it was from consciousness of guilt or the fear of so formidable an enemy we cannot say, but true it is that his former courage forsook him and instead of giving the alarm to his vassals, he ran out and hid himself and left his wife and family to the mercy of his inveterate enemies. There happened to be in the house at the time one of the name of McCallum, a shoemaker by trade and the expertest bowman of his time, he was better known by the appellation of Greasiche-rioch, or the Grim Shoemaker, the last of his descendants that I knew was a tenant in Slatich, he was his great great grandson, and only died in my own time. As I said the Greasiche-rioch being in the house at the time and working at his trade, when Ioin dubh's wife began to lament her hard dealing, a cruel justly incensed foe approaching and no one to defend her or her helpless infants from his fury; her dolorific complaints had wrought so powerfully upon the grim hero that he resolved on the arduous attempt of guarding the house against so superior an enemy in number, be the consequence what it will; he therefore encouraged the mistress of the house by saying (Gaelic) or 'if I see the breadth of an arrow's point of him in a mortal part he shall fall by me'.

Having accoutred himself with a bow and quiver, he set out to watch the enemy's motion; who was by this time fording the river below Innerwick, the Shoemaker descended down by a hollow that a small burn had made in order to gain advantage from a copse of wood that lay between them, and there he climbed up in one of the trees that had the thickest foliage, and there he remained concealed until the Chisholms had advanced within two hundred yards of where he was. There they halted, their Chief being armed cap-a-pie had a coat of mail on and leaned against a big stone when he put his hand to lift his helmet a little higher that he might view Druimnaforquill house, the Greasiche-rioch with the certainty that attends death's shaft only let fly an arrow at him which nailed his hand to his forehead and there he fell lifeless, his followers did not wait the second arrow much less their Chief's interment but ran back the same way they came with the disagreeable news of their disgrace.

He was buried near the big stone where he fell, that bears his name to this day, it stood on the road side about a quarter mile to the west from Craidelic but was partly broken up to furnish stones for the new dyke that was built there lately, parts of it are still standing. He was called Lissalach uaine I suppose on account of his having a habit of green colour on when he fell; a little eminence near to the fore-mentioned stone is called Druimuainen in allusion to the transaction. For this doughty deed MacCallum got his choice of all the farms in Glenlyon and he judiciously pitched upon Dericambus a place remote from the inroads of thieves on either hand, the Lyon river formed a barrier on the north and there is not an opening to it on the south from which there was no danger to be apprehended; he likewise has Caslhie for summer grass which advantages must have given the preferance to Dericambus of any farm in the Country both for bread and beef.

We are not told how long Ioin dubh ban Lann lived afterwards but MacCallum continued a favourite under his successor (Campbell). We are told that he had the exclusive honour of rearing



Clach an t-Siosolach. Is this the final resting place of one of our early Chiefs?

all his Campbell children successively from the time of their weaning until they came to eight years of age and fit to attend school at which time they were sent home from Dericambus with a cow and calf for every year they had passed with their God-father as a present a sure token that the MacCallum was not rack-rented at the time.

But the Chisholms were not ignorant of the person who killed their chief and the place of his abode; one night in November a band of them came and surprised his two herds who had fallen asleep in the watching hut on the froachan rioch, east from his house, killed them both, and took all his cattle with them, they forded the river at Buine dubh below Dericambus. MacCallum's wife happened to be at the mill, and had stayed late out; on her way home she met her own cattle, she concealed herself in a bush until they went by, and heard the robbers regret that their vengeance was not more compleat. On her arrival at the watch-hut, she found her herds reeking in gore; then she hastened to the house, and found MacCallum (ignorant of what was passing) playing on his Trump to pass the time. The wife exclaimed is it thus, that you pass your time, when your herds are slain and your cattle driven away by strangers; your conduct betrays your cowardice: MacCallum did not wait any more of her clamour, he fastened on his Quiver, and took his trusty yew bow in his hand, and passing by them, he lay in ambush for them, at several convenient places, dispatching one after another as opportunity occurred, until they were very near in sight of lochrannoch where he killed the last of them, returning home with his cattle, he met his neighbours, who had been alarmed by his wife, but all the honour they got was permission to bury the dead.

This last carnage so exaspered the Chisholms, that a certain number of desperadoes were sent next year to make a sure end of MacCallum. Accordingly they were directed to wait for him at a fair that was then held on the south side of Lochtay, called Feil mhic Cormhic but now transferred to Kenmore, being the principal mart for Perthshire they were sure to meet him there. Matters turned out to their wishes, some person had shewn the Gresiche to the strangers, without consideration or suspicion, and when he had left the fair they followed him but offered him no violence until he was half way across the hill between Lawers and Glenlyon.

There they began to attack with keen arrows, no doubt but he plyed them with no less vigor & from his uncommon talents we may infer that some of them perished by his hands, but a number of them had followed him even within sight of his own house, which when he had entered he had no less than four and twenty arrows sticking in his body; which was no sooner drawn than he expired. Thus we see a bloody man ending in a bloody fray.

A strong notion prevailed in those days that if a murderer was to do homage to the manes of the murdered person at his grave that he would thereby obtain pardon from the deceased's angry spirit, and of course run no risk of being annoyed with him afterwards. The Chisholms were of this persuasion, they loitered concealed in the hill waiting the burial, that they might make thus their peace before they would go home. But when his friends had proceeded as far as Innerinan with the funeral the corpse began to bleed, which was a sure signal that the murderers were in sight of the coffin, they therefore looked about and discovered the guilty party crossing the burn in an opening above them in the foresaid place. A party was immediately dispatched, with his patron (Campbell) at their head to take them dead or alive; it is said that the corpse bled twice more to wit at the opening of Glencaire, and that of Glendatheug, in both places the Chisholms could not conceal themselves.

Be that as it may, the Lyoners encountered them behind Craigelic, and the meeting was fatal to the strangers, they were all without exception killed on the spot to pacify the Greasiche-rioch's manes.

If this traditional story should happen to throw light upon the more important history of Glenlyon or contribute in the smallest degree to your Honour's amusement I shall be very happy even proud. Hoping that your candours and open temper will forgive the freedom I shall conclude with the old adage 'Is fearr caride sa churt na bo an buailidh'

Your Honour's most Humble and Devoted Servant

Archd Macdiarmid. Glenlyon, Feb 16 1817

Editor's note: A Robert Campbell of Glenlyon achieved eternal infamy as military leader of the Glencoe massacre of MacDonalds in 1692. To be fair, he was carrying out Government orders, but it was the method of his attack which received unanimous opprobrium in the Highlands.



A rare breed is to be found in the hills of Perthshire.

"The Black Grouse"

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## Ceud Mile Fàilte!

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes to the official website for the descendants of the Scottish Clan Chisholm!



### Current News

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Below: Pewter flask presented to Bard



### Webmaster Retires

After 4 years of fantastic service as webmaster for Clan Chisholm Society, [Bard Higgins](#) of Denver, Colorado, has now retired from this most important job. In recognition of his service, the Clan Council has presented Bard with a suitably engraved pewter whisky flask. President of the US Branch of Clan Chisholm Society, David Chisholm Higgins, aka Bard's Dad, has filled it up with a very fine single malt. Thanks Bard, for a great job well done.

David and Bard descend from the famous Canadian-American mining-banking magnate Archibald Mark Chisholm, after whom the city of Chisholm in Minnesota is named. Archibald made plenty of money in the mining business, but he never forgot his ancestral home and clansfolk, returning to Beaulieu and Strathglass on philanthropic missions. Archibald lived in Duluth, location of the next Clan Chisholm international gathering.

So it's now a big welcome to our new webmaster, Alistair James Chisholm, who coincidentally shares this exact name with the Clan Chisholm Forum master. Webmaster Alistair lives in Belgium, Forum master Alistair lives in Hampshire.

### CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND: SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010

Clan Chisholm members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year are due. The sub is \$15-00 for ordinary members. A cheque for this amount may be sent to The Treasurer Clan Chisholm, 17 Phoenix Avenue, Palmerston North 4401. You can also pay online via our Bank account: Clan Chisholm Society (New Zealand) Incorporated

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## B C-B ..... Droughtbuster

Ben Chisholm-Broomfield, President of UK Branch, Clan Chisholm Society

A month ago Ben Chisholm-Broomfield sidestepped the volcanic ash from Mount Eyjafjallajökull, and made his way from Inverness to Christchurch. When he touched down, this country from top to bottom was gripped by drought, but it was not long before everybody in the north was thoroughly drenched, and the south was covered with snow. Though some townies in low lying areas have unfortunately suffered flooding, most people, especially the farmers, are happy the drought has been officially declared over. As if Ben did not want to believe me, I took him on a tiki tour around the Waitakere Ranges in West Auckland. Here he could see first hand the strange coincidence of his time in the country, the Nihotupu dam almost dry a month ago, now overflowing. Here is a pot pourri of pics of Ben on his mid winter tiki tour of the Waitakeres.



Left: Ben demonstrating his rain-dance at Arataki, just above Nihotupu Dam, which is slightly visible behind, with Manukau Harbour in the Distance.

Below, at the head of the Hillary Trail. Time did not permit an attempt on the full 50km, but he made a good fist of the first 50m.



Left: Checking out the dark side of the Rock, Lion Rock at Piha. Unfortunately Ben left his surfboard back in Beaulieu. Right: Too much green and blue on this page, so here's a pic of the red and black of Ben's former regiment, the Grenadier Guards, marching on parade. The colour of his old uniform is not the sole reason for his visit to Canterbury, his brother has been a resident of the garden City for over 50 years.