



# Clan Chisholm Society NZ

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### Editor's note:

Greetings to the Clan:

The Autumn edition of your Clan Chisholm NZ newsletter contains a nice wide section of subject material. Current affairs- such as Douglas Chisholm's birthday party, the happenings on the Forum, on Facebook, and at Clan Council. Historical- with the publication of part 2 of the resources on family history which Audrey has put together, and a re-cap on the Cadet Families as outlined in McKenzie's *History of the Chisholms*. For light-hearted entertainment there are some kilted offerings on page 3. Down to the serious business, there is the advertisement on page 4 for the annual gathering and AGM to be held next month in Palmerston North. Be there to see John Ross wield his trusty *dirk* and deal to the poor wee beastie of a Haggis, while Barry fills your *quaich* with fine *Uisge* for the toast.

The 62nd AGM for the Clan Council has concluded. Apart from reports and elections, there was some discussion on the topic of membership, showing some decline in North America, while stable in Australasia and UK. With respect to our NZ Branch, our secretary advises that all subs are fully paid up, so well done to you. Although we can describe our membership level as being stable, it would be preferable to see some growth. This may be possible if our existing membership encourages new membership, either amongst kin or amongst other Chisholm families in the area. We will be preparing a flier to assist in this task; it will outline all the good reasons for becoming a member of the society, and will contain the various contact details and administrative information. This flier

should be available by winter, ready for a spurt in the springtime, and I hope our current members can help out with a membership drive.

A big thank you goes to Audrey Barney for her dedicated work in putting together all the family history resources, a mammoth undertaking. And a big birthday congratulation goes to Douglas Chisholm, Life member of the Society, and a leading hand in the establishment of the Clan Chisholm branch in New Zealand.

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### From the President

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Dear Chisholm people,

Greetings for the year 2013 - hoping it's turning out to be a good year for you, despite the problems caused for some by the drought.

It's been my privilege within the last few months to represent the Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand at three Highland Games events, and I do encourage other Society members to get along to them if you can - they're good entertainment, one's showing the flag (well, the banner, see photo of Barry on front page), and there's the hope of enrolling new members.

On 10 November 2012 there were the Upper Hutt Highland Games at Halford Park. Special features of this occasion included a mounted knight with two squires, a medieval combat-enactment group who demonstrated with wooden weapons, and one or two splendid young Highland Cattle. The Clan March was led by a piper, followed by a cowman tugging a reluctant ginger cow. There were the usual competitions for Highland dancing, solo piping, and drumming, a pipe band, and clan tents. Since I didn't have a tent or table of my own I shared one.

On 25 November, as a St Andrew's Day celebration, quite an elaborate Scottish happening took place at the Frank Kitts Park in Wellington, beside the harbour, on a sunny but often rather breezy day. A notable feature of it was the presence of a Shetlands trio, with vividly blue long tunics, helmets with horns or gull-wings, and half-sized wooden battle-axes. A team of marching girls, a series of groups of musos and singers, and a pipe-band to march behind for the clan march, also made the occasion memorable. I shared a tent with the man from Clan Campbell.

On Saturday 26 January Barry Chisholm and I drove across to Turakina, for the Highland Games there. This is an impressively large-scale happening with a long tradition, so there was plenty going on. It was a seriously hot day, and Barry and I had a table but no tent. For a while we had a bit of shade, but having lost it, and carried our banner in the clan march, we decided honour was satisfied and drove home. We did encounter someone seriously interested in joining up, so that was good.

If you have the chance to get to one of these occasions, by all means go along, and if you let me know you're planning to do so I can send you copies of the clan membership leaflet.

Hoping that some of you will be able to come to the annual gathering on Saturday 11 May.

All best wishes, John Ross (President, CCS of NZ)

### Welcome to new member: Gary Sedman Chisholm from Christchurch

*Ceud mìle fàilte dhut.* A hundred thousand welcomes to you. Gary's immigrant ancestor is Duncan Chisholm, who established the very fine bakery at Bridge Street in Nelson. Duncan's father Roderick Chisholm was a baker in Inverness, in the early 1800's. Duncan married Elizabeth Sedman in London in 1841, and the name Sedman has carried through many generations.

### STOP PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT CLAN CHISHOLM INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2014

July 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2014...Includes Tea Party at **Erchless Castle**, Inverness Highland Games.

More detail to follow in next newsletter. If interested please contact Barry, John, Ash, or Robert. We will put you in touch with organisers in UK Branch. Two NZ members have already expressed interest.

# Go Ahead! I Dare You To Call It A Skirt



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# CCS NZ Annual Gathering and AGM

## 17 Phoenix Avenue Palmerston North

### Saturday 11 May 2013

Come all, if ye dare. Just stand well clear of the President when he dons his kilt and wields his dirk, and deals to the wee beastie which has been ordered for your lunch. Haggis, Tatties and Neeps. Barry has arranged one or the other of the beverages shown below, with which to toast the haggis on completion of the address. Both from the Grant distillery in Speyside. On the left in the clear bottle we have the blended "The Family Reserve", and on the right, in the green bottle, is the Glenfiddich single malt, 12 years old. Please help Barry choose, email your vote back to me, the editor, and I will pass it on. You don't have to come to the AGM to vote, you only have to be a member. For those members without email, please get a friend or family member to email your vote back. Though the distilleries are in Speyside, Clan Grant are historically neighbours of Clan Chisholm in Invernesshire, and there has been plenty of intermarriage between the clans. For those who are coming to the gathering, can you please advise Barry or John, we would appreciate knowing the numbers in advance so catering can be more accurately done.

Agenda; 10.30am; morning tea, meet and greet. 11am-12 noon; Presentation, by Audrey Barney. 12 noon; Address tae the Haggis, Toast tae the Haggis. Lunch: Haggis Tatties & Neeps plus plenty of other food.

1pm; AGM. 2pm; Afternoon Tea. 6.30pm; Restaurant Dinner, to be announced.



## Douglas's Birthday Celebration

By John Ross

On Saturday 12 January 2013, a very happy festivity took place in Waitara, to celebrate the ninety-fifth birthday of Douglas Williams Chisholm, most probably our oldest member. Douglas had been born on 27 December 1917, in Wellington, as the fourth of the five children of Leonard and Hilda Chisholm, and one of the many grandchildren of the pioneers Joseph Wilson Chisholm and his wife Elizabeth. Hence he has an impressively numerous extended family, and quite a few members of it were able to be present, including his brother Brian, whose own ninetieth birthday had been celebrated in Wellington in March 2012 (see Newsletter No. 53, March 2012) .

For the past couple of years he has been living in the Radius Heatherlea Care Centre in New Plymouth, and before that was in the Carrington old people's home in that city, so that he has a great many friends among local older people. With plenty of friends and relatives, quite a good crowd assembled, including some young children.

The venue was the Ralieggh Restaurant, within the Waitara District Service and Citizens' Club, and everything was congenial and well-organised, with the staff providing a splendid midday meal. With everyone seated at tables, Douglas moved around and greeted people. After the meal, David Chisholm took over, as Master of Ceremonies, orchestrating a series of speeches, with one from Douglas himself, as well as from Audrey Barney, myself and others.

Back in 1981, Douglas and his second wife Ola had embarked on a trip to Britain, and toured around Scotland and England, especially visiting places in Yorkshire and Cornwall that were important to his heritage. In 1992-93, by then a widower, he had gone there again, for a five-month stay, and this time he had made contact with the Clan Chisholm Society. He had joined an outing to Chisholme House in the parish of Roberton in Roxburghshire, and attended its Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh. From this came the impulse to launch a New Zealand branch, as recalled in Newsletter 52, December 2011, and he became its first Secretary/Treasurer.



## Douglas Chisholm Birthday (cont)

It was accordingly very fitting that Yvonne Chisholm took the initiative to contact the Clan Chisholm Society in Britain, and the outcome was that Douglas was presented with a certificate awarding him Honorary Life Membership of the Society, and also two framed portrait photographs of the Clan Chief, The Chisholm, Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm. Long may Douglas continue to enjoy this honour.

Other features of the occasion included his cutting a very fine birthday cake, and the foregrounding of his autobiography in a short book generously illustrated with photographs, and also of a ring-bound book with a collection of his poems, *From the Heart*. Len Chisholm took a large number of photographs, of which ,three of which are reproduced here.

The weather was benign, and an added treat for my wife Doreen and I was to stroll around Pukekura Park, back in New Plymouth, and enjoy its “Festival of Light.”



Above:

Douglas receiving his Life Membership Certificate  
Presented by John Ross

Left: The Cake

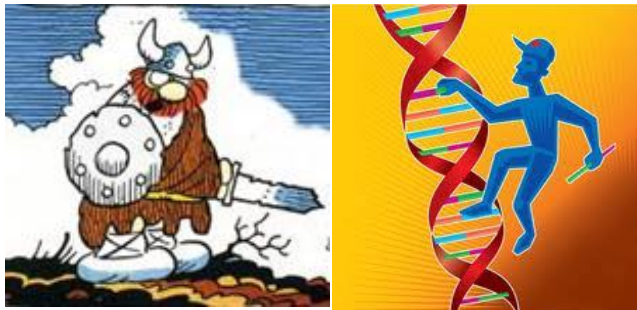
Previous page: Relatives and friends, with Douglas  
and little brother Brian seated in front row, centre.



## Clan Chisholm DNA Project



The Clan Chisholm DNA project continues to grow in a steady rather than spectacular fashion. Membership exceeds 170, and we hope to reach the 200 mark by the end of this year. It's important for every research project to draw from as wide a database as possible. The good news is that the Clan in New Zealand has been contributing to the growth in the project, with two new members over the past two months. This takes the NZ male contingent up to six. Of these, one is brand new and so no result has yet been returned, the other five show the genetic diversity within the Clan. One is from the numerically superior "founder" type, the Norman or Norse Viking, one is representative of the Gaelic "Scots", one is British Celtic, one is another type of Celtic, yet to be determined, and last but not least, yours truly, represents the enigmatic Spanish type. Our new member is predicting that he will be of the Spanish type, on the basis that his father always turned a healthy shade of tan after a day out fishing on the boat. This prediction can be premature, as each individual obtains his genetic makeup from a very diverse range of sources, whereas his Y chromosome, that which is subject to the DNA test, is coming from only one source. Audrey Barney's book "*Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand*" contains over 23 immigrant Chisholm pioneers. That we have only got a handful of these immigrant families into the DNA project is a cause for concern, and we ask descendants of these families to consider adding the DNA aspect to their Chisholm family history. Were your Chisholm ancestors, for instance, descendants of the Chief, were they perhaps *tangata whenua* of the Highlands, occupying Strathglass long before the Romans, the Scots, or the Norman Chisholms ever cast eyes on Loch Ness? Were they later comers, perhaps a wretched shipwreck survivor from the Spanish Armada, receiving a warm welcome from the very Catholic Chisholm Chief, or perhaps a Northumbrian Angle, moving into the Highlands in service of his feudal Chisholme Lord in Roxburgh and Berwick? Roxburgh and Berwick are Lowland sources of many Chisholms including



Kiwi Chisholms. The DNA project has got a remarkable representation from the Berwick branch, and all indications are that it's an early offshoot from the original Chisholme founder, who was a Lord of both Roxburgh and Berwick. But the heartland was always Roxburgh, specifically in the south west of the shire, near Hawick. We do have Kiwi Chisholm families whose ancestors came from Hobkirk, very close to Hawick, and

from Melrose, further downstream where the Teviot joins the Tweed. Descendants from these families would be especially welcome in the project. In addition to throwing light on their own families' ancestral background, they could be of great assistance in helping to work through the somewhat murky history of the Chisholmes in the Borders since the late 1500's. It's rather unfortunate that the family believed to be inheritors of the foundation de Chesholmes, the Chisholmes of Stirches, have died out in terms of male successors. The last of the Border Chiefs, Col. J.J Scott-Chisholme, was killed in the charge at Elandsgaate, in the Boer War, in 1899. The related family from Selkirk who took over the original Chisholme property, had died out in terms of male successors some 70 years earlier. This hang up with male successors has nothing to do with male chauvinism; it's just that when it comes to Y chromosomes, then females are very deficient, with the possible exception of the odd East European shot putter.

Some interesting news is that FTDNA, the testing company, now offers basic grade 12 marker testing at a very cheap price, just \$39.00 US dollars. While I can say that the 12 marker test is not enough to do detailed analysis, it is a start, and can always be upgraded, without new samples being needed. So come on Kiwi Chisholms, mark your ancestral family on the DNA map. From the pre-1900 immigrant families, 6 down, about 8 to go.



Chisholm Genealogies  
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## On the Chisholm Forum:

[www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl](http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl)



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**Border Chisholms**  
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Moderator: Paul K

The Forum was saddened by news from Canada on the passing of Duncan J. Chisholm QC. He made a huge contribution to Chisholm Genealogy and Chisholm History, in particular that of Nova Scotia, that is the place where you can find more Chisholms per square metre than anywhere else on the planet.

The Tylden Chisholms have re-surfaced as a topic; this is a family that came from humble beginnings in rural Scotland to be part of London High Society. It was said that one of the descendants, who went to Vic AUS, was the rightful chief, after the death, without issue, of the XXXVIIIth chief in 1887. Descendants still reside in Victoria and NSW. There is another branch of the family in Wisconsin, which has generated the current forum activity. The Forum has been actively engaged in trying to work out just why this family would have been offered the Chiefship, allegedly by Chief Duncan MacDonnell Chisholm who died in 1858, without heir.

The Heir to Knockfin is a topic which just refuses to go away, and the Forum has been discussing research work by the (sadly) late Andrew Way, who believes he had found the heir. (Just a saying, to describe the feudal "heir male" of a family, there is absolutely nothing to inherit.)

On the "Borders" thread, there is comment on references to the first recorded use of the Chisholm name (de Chese-holm) somewhere in Lincolnshire, in a Papal Bull by Innocent II dated 1137. This is at odds with our current historical knowledge of the name first entering the historical record in a Bull of 1254, and in Roxburghshire in Scotland, not Lincolnshire in England. I can't see too many Chisholms from down under being enamoured with the idea of substituting England for Scotland as an ancestral beginning point. Luckily therefore, in spite of searching, no evidence of this Lincolnshire person has yet emerged, and so it remains hearsay, though some might rather call it heresy.



# facebook

Feros Ferio: Chisholm's Of The World Unite

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This is a page for the younger Chisholms in your family. When they want a dose of Feros Ferio just log into the Facebook group "Chisholms of the World Unite" and hook up with Chisholm's from Scotland, US, England, Canada, the Caribbean, and Australia. Normally light and light hearted, showing off tattoos or hats, or perhaps music, sometimes a bit of current events or of history, and family history questions or requests. Recently something more serious was posted to the page. A mother has posted a request to help find the biological father of her daughter (born 1982). She knows his name, it's J.... Chisholm, but needs to find him. Her daughter is suffering from heart-related maladies, and a full genetic history is going to give her medical team the best chances of helping her. Hence the biological father is being sought to see if he is willing to assist. The whole Facebook Chisholm group are hoping he is willing, and are putting their collective heads together to track him down. He disappeared from their lives over 30 years ago, but that's nothing when the Chisholm Army is on the trail.

Another prominent case which also involved a missing link between a Chisholm father and daughter has recently reached a new development. This is not a case which was tracked through Chisholm's on Facebook, as the Facebook Group did not exist at the time. This story is the reverse of the previous, here we had the father seeking the daughter; a very sad and tragic tale where the daughter, aged 1 year was kidnapped by her mother. For 18 years Joe Chisholm has searched for his daughter, he has finally found her. She has grown up under an alias given by her mother, unaware that her father was desperately trying to find her, unaware of her true name. The search is over, there is now a lot of healing which needs to begin. One thing the daughter can take a lot of comfort from is the extraordinary devotion shown by her father. Further information will be easily available on internet by using Google. For our esteemed members who do not use the internet, but wish to read more, just call your local CCS committee member, and an internet print out page can be sent to you.

Hat Pics Below: Left, The Chizard of Oz; Right, New Hampshire Man.

Centre, CD Cover for Zdany Chisholm, musician and great saxophonist, Georgia, USA.



## Chisholm Cadet Families

Some Clan members wonder just what is meant when various “Cadet Families” are mentioned. These are families which have descended from various younger sons of the chief, the oldest surviving son inevitably becoming the next Chief.

The Cadet families have been handed down to us by historians such as Alexander McKenzie, and we continue with them as it makes it more convenient to break a large family into smaller sub-units. All of the cadet families mentioned in the McKenzie *History* are descended from a younger son of a chief.

**Senior Cadet Family: Lietre.** This is only the senior cadet family because it is the oldest one written about in our Chisholm historical records. There may be others, and there certainly were oral records. The oral records for the most part have been sadly lost to us.

The name is given as Lietre, as the location up in Glen Cannich where later generations of the branch resided. This location is now either underwater (Loch Mullardoch), or close to being underwater, as our famed Highland Valley was flooded and dammed in the interests of Hydro electricity generation. Do I hear some Chisholms putting out their hands for a cut of the profits?

The Lietre cadet family is descended from Chief John XVI, who lived in the late 1500's, early 1600's. His oldest son was Alexander, who became Chief Alexander XVII. His second son was Thomas, who settled on the east bank of the River Glass, at Kinneries.

Thomas Chisholm's only recorded son, Thomas Og, became the second in this family line; he was famous for his hunting skills, and his red rifle, *Gunna Dearg*.

Next we have son Archibald, and after Archibald, his son, known as Colin IV, who became a significant character in Chisholm histories. He fought not only at Sherrifmuir in 1716, but also at Culloden in 1746.

In the years between these events, he moved his family into Lietrie up in Cannich, and it's from here that the cadet family gets its name. This word is spelled in a variety of ways, it's a Gaelic word that seems to be not so easy to render into easy English, for convenience we use the spelling Lietre.

Colin IV's oldest son was Roderick, also a fighter at Culloden; there he was wounded in the head, but otherwise escaped with his life. For some reason he did not inherit at Lietrie (maybe the mother-in-law), that honour went to the oldest son of the second marriage, Colin V of Lietre. Roderick himself settled up at Breakachy, and he had many children, and his offspring and their multitudinous descendants are categorised under the sub grouping name “*Clann ic Ruaridh*”.

Following on from Colin V are many sons, the oldest being also named Colin. Thus we have Colin VI, and Colin VII. Colin the seventh of Lietre deserves extra special mention. He lived from the early 1800's to the turn of the next century. He worked for many a year in England for HM Customs, and returned in his retirement to his native glens. He became an encyclopaedia of all things Gaelic and all things Chisholm. Alexander McKenzie, writer of the *History of the Chisholms*, leaned heavily on Colin Chisholm. He was born when the diaspora was in its infancy; when he died, it was all over, and scarcely a Chisholm remained in the glens of our ancestors. Colin's son (named Colin) sadly died aged 6, thereafter survived 2 daughters. The end of the line for Lietre, but descendants live on; mostly they don't even know their distinguished line of descent. Audrey believes we have Lietre descendants in New Zealand.

### Knockfin

In the previous section we heard that the sixteenth Clan Chief John had a son Alexander who became the 17th chief. Now this Chief Alexander XVII had an oldest son named Alexander who became the next chief. He also had a younger son named Colin, a very enterprising lad, who established himself in the cattle droving business. It is thought by some, that perhaps through the cattle business, which permeated many highland areas, particularly west of Strathglass, we came to have the

Chisholms of Skye. Colin became relatively wealthy, and was able to purchase by wadset the lands of Knockfin (Upper Strathglass) from his brother the Chief, for 12,000 marks in 1678. This became quite significant 43 years later.

Colin of Knockfin was also an able military leader, and he defeated Camerons and McMillans of Lochaber at Fasnakyle, a dangerous foray where the invaders sought not only to lift cattle, but to take the land as well. Colin had two younger sons, Archibald of Fasnakyle, and Alexander of Buntait, whose many descendants fill up pages of Clan History. His first son was John, who became John II of Knockfin. He was also handy with weapons and a leader of men. It was he who effectively led the Clan into battle at Sheriffmuir in 1715, chief Roderick at age 18 being too inexperienced for this job. A consequence of defeat was the confiscation of all the estate belonging to the Chief. When the commissioners of the forfeited estates tried to obtain the rents for the Knockin land, there was blood spilt in Glen Affric. Ultimately the matter went to court and John II of Knockfin produced the wadset deed, which showed that the Knockfin lands were NOT part of The Chisholm's estate, and were therefore not subject to confiscation. Just as well the commissioners and the courts never knew exactly how closely John II Knockfin was involved in the rebellion.

John's oldest son succeeded as Colin III Knockfin, who had several sons whom we don't know a lot about, but one of them may be tied up in the Canadian mystery when we come to a search for the heir of Knockfin. Colin's youngest son warrants mention, Valentine of Inchully, who lived until the age of 96, and had two bishops amongst his many children. Colin's oldest son was named Colin, and he inherited and became Colin IV of Knockfin, *Cailean Og* in Gaelic. The eldest son in the next generation was also named Colin, and he was distinguished as Colin 'a boige'.

Colin *a boige* served in Fraser's Highlanders during the American Revolution. He was killed at the Battle of the Cowpens in South Carolina, a rebel victory in the south which greatly helped the cause of victory for the revolutionaries. This left, as the heir of Knockfin, Alexander Chisholm, the second son of *Cailean Og*. The search for Alexander, and his descendants, has occupied many people for a long time, and is on-going. He is reported as having led the Chisholm emigration from Strathglass to Glengarry County in Canada in the 1780's. Meanwhile back in Scotland, a younger son, John, succeeded at Knockfin as John V. He was the last of this family to live at Knockfin. His heir is known to us as John VI; he was a long serving member of the East India Company Army, and resided in Cheltenham when in Britain; and there is a similar story for his son, known as John VII in the history books. John VI had two brothers who were also officers in the East India Army. Brother William was killed on New Year's Day in 1818. Brother Archibald became a Captain in the Madras Army, and it was he who married Caroline Jones, famed and feted in both Australia and in her native Northampton for her deeds. Descendants of Archibald and Caroline live on in Australia today. Indeed descendants of both the Lietre and the Knockfin families reside through the Chisholm world, and while many are aware of their descent via one of these Cadet families, others have not yet been able to connect the dots or fill in the gaps.

### Theodore Cadet Family.

Theodore (I) was the second son of Chief Alexander XIX, brother to Chief John XX, *An Siosalach Ruadh*, or "the Red Chisholm". Theodore lived at Invercannich. His son John II lived and died at Wester Knockfin. In the next generation, Theodore III lived and died at Comar, and in the following generation, the eldest son John became John IV, and though he resided for most of his time at Comar, he was at Struy when he died. The next generation sees Theodore Chisholm (V), who resides at Struy. In 1887 he is 81 years old, unmarried and without issue; he possesses not an inch of land and has no visible means of sustenance. Chief Roderick XXVIII has just died, and under the feudal system he would now be Chief of the Clan and proprietor of the Chisholm Estates. But the Chisholm estates no longer exist; they had been privatised in 1883. Whoever the new Chief will be, he will have a title, but no estates to go with it. It won't be Theodore at Struy, and his descent is outside

of the entail, so the Courts will decide the merits of the claimants from the female line. The Goodens via Mary, daughter of Alexander the 23rd chief, or the Battens, via Jemima, daughter of Alexander's younger half-brother William 24th chief.

The Theodore Chisholm Family, sometimes called somewhat erroneously "of Struy", is devoid of any direct male line descendants. There are plenty of descendants via the various maternal lines. Many of the daughters over several generations of this line married other Chisholms, so there is some apparent continuity there.

### Muckerach

Red John, the 20th Chief, had Roderick as his heir, Roderick who was the chief during both the 1715 and 1745 Jacobite uprisings. The second son of Red John was Alexander, who lived at Muckerach up in Glen Cannich. This Alexander married into the Knockfin branch, and had several children, one being Archibald, his eldest son and heir; but that was not his claim to fame. Where Alexander of Muckerach was important was in the wheeling and dealing behind the scenes, whereby the forfeited Chisholm estate was largely restored to the family, through a complex series of manoeuvres. This deed was not forgotten by the next generation. Chief Roderick's heir, Chief Alexander XXII, in 1777, made a strict entail of all the family inheritance. This went right down through the heirs male from his line, included all the generations and possible heirs not yet born. If all possible male heirs were ever exhausted, then the inheritors of the Chiefship and Chisholm estate would be the heirs male of his cousin Archibald of Muckerach. If the Muckerach line failed, then the Estates and chiefship would fall to heirs female. Alexander the Entailer's male line of heirs expired just two generations and 81 years later with



**Erchless Burial Ground**

the death of his grandson Duncan MacDonnell, the 26th chief, in 1858; and so the Muckerach clause of the Entail was invoked. The three sons of Archibald II of Muckerach had long since moved to Canada. The heir male was grandson James Sutherland Chisholm, who became 27th Chief of the Clan; his son Roderick survived him by only two years. I don't know if there is any truth to the rumour that a curse was uttered on The Chisholm when the clansmen were pushed out of their highland homes during the clearances, but within 57 years, the line was extinguished. Less than 30 years later the closely related Muckerach line was also gone, and while the Muckerachs had no part in the clearances, they certainly did not help the cause of a strong and vibrant Clan Chisholm emerging to face the 20th century, by flogging off all the family wealth, lock, stock, and barrel. It was left to

the courts to work through the Entail, deciding the merits of the claimants from the heirs female, and as karma would have it, the decision was in favour of the Alexander the Entailer's granddaughter, Mary Gooden, the one who in conjunction with her mother resisted ongoing attempts to clear the clansfolk from Strathglass.

Visitors to Erchless burial ground will find the grave of Chief Alexander William XXIV, and all the other graves and monuments are those belonging the Muckerach descendant family. (see photo, previous page)

Teawig: This is not a cadet family which is mentioned in McKenzie's *History*, but it was an influential family, especially in the early 18th century. The origin of this branch is lost in the mists of time, although there is a strong hypothesis that they descend from the youngest son of Chief John XIV.

The border Chisholms have no known cadet families as such, but some observations can be made.

The Eastern Borders has a Chisholme branch which appears (by DNA) to be descended from a very early branch off the main tree, remembering that the first de Chesholmes had strong interests in Berwick.

An early Chisholm family was noted at Harehope and at Peebles, we are talking 1500's.

A branch formed at Cromlix, north of the Forth, became famous for producing several bishops

The main Chisholme Border family was in great trouble in the early 1600's, and an element of testosterone should not be ruled out as part of the cause.

A descendant branch of this main family is believed to have been established as Chisholmes of Stirches (becoming extinct in 1899). At the same time as Chisholme of Stirches was being established, there was, in Hawick itself, one James Chisholme, styled as "Laird", in my opinion it cannot be taken for granted that the Stirches Chisholmes were inheritors of the title of Border Chief for the Chisholme.

### Clan Council 62nd AGM , 30th March 2013. Election of Officers for the coming year

#### Executive

President - Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (Scotland)

Vice President - Ian Chisholm (Canada)

Vice President - Robert Chisholm (New Zealand)

Secretary/Treasurer - Susan Chisholm (England)

Immediate Past President- Val Chisholm Perry (USA)

Plus Branch Delegates from UK, USA, Canada, Australia, & NZ (Fay Chisholm)

After many years of great service to the Clan, including a term as President, Merritt Chisholm is retiring from the Clan Council.

#### Appointments:

(a) Auditor - Michael Sayers                      (b) Honorary Counsel - Marc Chisholm

(c) Webmaster - Alastair Chisholm (Belgium) (d) Clan Historian - Dr Jean Munro (Scotland)

(e) Editor of The Clan Chisholm Journal - Ben Chisholm-Broomfield (UK)

(f) Genealogy Co-ordinator - Ian Chisholm (Canada)

(g) Co-opted member of Clan Council - Duncan Chisholm (Scotland)

#### Clan Council Projects

h) New History 'Chisholm Chronicles' - Editor, Dr Margaret Collin (Scotland)

i) Artefacts Registrar - Fay Chisholm (NZ)

j) Clan Chisholm DNA project Chairman - Robert Chisholm (NZ)

# NEW ZEALAND CHISHOLM FAMILIES IN BOOKS, FOLDERS, RINGBINDERS ETC. (Part 2 of the Clan Chisholm resource catalogue)



Audrey Barney

The following material is held by John Ross at his home and will be available at the AGM in Palmerston in May, or is borrowable for the cost of postage.

It is arranged in alphabetical order by name of the area in Scotland where a Chisholm family who migrated to New Zealand lived. Family files arranged alphabetically so all material on each extended family mainly in the same carton. The number of the carton or box, books, files, photos etc. is in, is noted against the entry.

- (ChAberdeen)** ABERDEENSHIRE, Turriff **ALEXANDER** of Turriff, and his descendants. (Not on computer)  
In Ringbinder marked POTPOURRI (**Carton 4**)
- (ChAberdeen)** JOHN CHISHOLM from Cruinassie, Breakachy researched by Ian Chisholm of Victoria Island, Canada whose Aberdeen ancestor John Chisholm was born in Breakachy Represented in NZ. in Ring binder, **ChBreakachy** (**Carton 5**)
- (ChAberdeen)** WILLIAM FARQUARSON CHISHOLM- the NZ part of family (**Carton 5**) in same ring binder:
- (ChAlnwick)** ALBERT CHISHOLM of Alnwick, Northumberland. (**Carton 5**)
- (ChAlnwick)** NORTHUMBERLAND. Efforts made with Steve Chisholm of Newcastle, UK to trace the early history of Albert Chisholm, with much material as well on the families of Adam, George, Thomas and James Chisholm— all related but eventually not to Albert -all living within 20 km of Alnwick, Northumberland, in 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century. (**Carton 5**)
- (ChAngus)** DAVID HILL CHISHOLM from Glamis, Angus, in Ringbinder POT POURRI (**Carton 4**)
- (ChArgyll)** RODERICK CHISHOLM of Bulls in Ringbinder marked **Non Clan Members** : Miscellaneous and Mysteries. (**Carton 3**)
- (ChBerwick)** ANDREW CHISHOLM/MARGARET BLAIR: a Lowlands Chisholm family history by Yvonne Chisholm. Ringbinder (**Carton 5**)
- (ChBerwick)** BENJAMIN CHISHOLM/MARY DARLING (Andrew's son) (**Carton 5**)
- (ChBorthwick)** CATHERINE CHISHOLM,/JOHN LUNN from Borthwick, Midlothian, Scotland; Ringbinder. (**Carton 5**)
- (ChBorthwick)** LUNN/CHISHOLM FAMILY of Dunedin by John Lunn (has details of Catherine's family in USA, Ringbinder (**Carton 5**))
- (ChBreakachy)** BREAKACHY'S: ALLAN CHISHOLM and SIMON CHISHOLM Also includes material on Breakachy, and on the Cruinassie Chisholms researched by Ian Chisholm of Victoria Island, Canada (**Carton 5**)

## (Part 2 of the Clan Chisholm resource catalogue cont.)

- (ChCulduthel)** THE FORSYTHE SAGA by Robin Byles. (Robert Forsythe/  
Margaret Chisholm of the Kaurihore Chisholms. Ringbinder.  
([Carton 6](#))
- ChCulduthel)** WILLIAM CHISHOLM/ISABELLA SINCLAIR (Pleasant Point  
family) Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChCulduthel)** WILLIAM CHISHOLM/ MARGARET TOLMIE File 1  
Scottish background, trip out, at Kaurihore and correspondence.  
File 2 Their children. Ringbinders. ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChCulduthel)** THOMAS FINLAYSON/LAURA GOING family tree in cardboard cylinder,  
done by Lesley Allen ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChDores)** DONALD CHISHOLM m MARY MACDONALD 3 Jan 1843.  
Urquhart in NON CLAN Members, miscellaneous and mysteries  
Ringbinder ([Carton 3](#))
- (ChEssex)** JAMES CHISHOLM/ REBECCA ALLEN Research mainly  
on Tompkins. Ringbinder ([Carton 5](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** The adventures of a traveling musician in Australia, China and  
Japan, by James Marquis Chisholm comp. by Marjory Fox. Reprinted  
from the *Glasgow Herald*, 1865. Ringbinder. ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** “Ellen entertains.” A cassette recording of Ellen McKinlay  
(Marion’s great grand-daughter) playing a selection of J.M.’s  
music, played on the piano not long before she died in 1998.  
([Box 3](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** FOX, Marjory Family history of William and Marion Chisholm,  
who arrived in NZ Sept 1875. Ringbinder ([BOX 3 – 2 C D’s](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** “A fine healthy country” by Jessie Small: the story of William  
and Marian Chisholm of Glasgow [1973] In same cover: *The  
Organ*, by Jessie Small 1987. 103 p. Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** JAMES MARQUIS CHISHOLM. Book of music composed by  
James Marquis Chisholm, compiled by Margaret Chisholm of  
Glasgow.. ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** JAMES MARQUIS CHISHOLM The life and times of James  
Chisholm compiled by Marjory Fox. Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** WILLIAM CHISHOLM and MARION MILLER - RESEARCH  
Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlasgow)** WILLIAM CHISHOLM and MARION MILLER Contains  
much original material and photos handed on for safe keeping  
by Jessie Small. Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))
- (ChGlenurquhart)** GLENURQUHART CHISHOLMS – seven cousins who came to  
NZ in the 1860’s from Glenurquhart Ringbinder ([Carton 5](#))  
Duncan, Duncan Edward, John, William, (2) Margaret and  
Mary
- (ChHobkirk)** WALTER CHISHOLM from Hobkirk, of Roxburghshire.  
Through Australia to NZ. Ringbinder ([Carton 6](#))

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- (ChInverness)** *Brind of the Bay of islands; also Brind amplified*, by Jocelyn Chisholm, Wellington, Trupress Ltd., 2009. 236 p (**Carton 6**)
- (ChInverness)** DUNCAN CHISHOLM and ELIZABETH SEDMAN of Nelson Ringbinder (**Carton 6**)
- (ChKilmorackA)** ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM of Springhills, and [brother] JOHN CHISHOLM of Longburn. Ringbinder (**Carton 6**)
- (ChKilmorackA)** *Chisholm: Murchison, McRae* by Margaret Whitford.. Invercargill, Privately published, 2000.135p. (**Carton 6**)
- (ChKilmorackJ)** CHISHOLM WALK, 2002 (**BOX 4**) (Has photos of Aultbeath Lodge, John's last home in Kilmorack, now a Youth Hostel)
- (ChKilmorackJ)** JOHN CHISHOLM of Longburn in ringbinder placed after Archibald's material..(**Carton 6**)
- ChKilmorackJ)** *Chisholm, Murchison, McRae*, by Margaret Whitford. Invercargill, Privately published, 2000. 135 p. (**Carton 6**)
- (ChKiltearn)** DICK and TRACEY CHISHOLM through Australia to Dargaville/Rawene. Ringbinder (**Carton 7**)
- (ChKirkcudbright)** JOHN AND BARBARA CHISHOLM from Hunterville in ringbinder marked NON CLAN Members, miscellaneous and mysteries (**Carton 3**)
- (ChKirkhill)** *The Chisholm family of Fortrose*, by John and Edna Chisholm, Wyndham, Southland, 1989, 125pp. (Hardbound) (**Carton 7**)  
(copy 2) Photocopied and in ringbinder) (**Carton 7**)
- (ChKirkhill)** FORTROSE CHISHOLMS (Hugh and John Chisholm's family), compiled and presented to Clan Chisholm by Jess Larsen, April 1998. Ringbinder (**Carton 7**)
- (ChKirkhill)** HUGH CHISHOLM/JANET BLAIR – Fortrose and Middlemarch. Compiled by Jess Larsen and presented April 1998. (Also contains research material by AJB.) Ringbinder (**Carton 8**)
- (ChKirkhill)** Linda Mackie on the Fortrose Chisholms. c1994 (**Cassette. Box 3**)
- (ChLochLeven)** "Growing up in West Taieri" by Alex Chisholm 1977. 70p. (Separate copy, photocopied from book) Ringbinder (**Carton 7**)
- (ChLochLeven)** JOHN CHISHOLM / JEAN FISHER, Binder includes "From Loch Leven to West Taieri," by Alex Chisholm, and The Chisholms of Scotlandwell". n.d.[c1980] 34p. photocopied. *also* "Growing up in West Taieri". Handwritten, 1977 (**Carton 8**)
- ChLochLeven** (Family not on Society's computer but information can be obtained from Michael and Fay Chisholm, Gisborne).
- (ChLochLeven)** Round the round world on a church mission: diary. 1892. By the Rev. James Chisholm. 62p.Ringbinder (**Carton 7**)
- ChMelroseJim)** *Jim Chisholm: Blacksmith, Gum digger, Soldier, Orchardist and Poet 1877-1954* comp. by Audrey Barney. Orewa, Privately printed. 2003. 80p (**Carton 7**)



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- (ChMelroseJim) Poetry reprinted from the *St. Dunstan's Review*, by Jim Chisholm 1918-24. Also an essay on St. Dunstan's days.  
Ringbinder (Carton 7)
- ChMelroseJim) WALTER CHISHOLM from Houhora (Blind Jim's family)  
Family research. Ringbinder (Carton 8)
- (ChMelroseRob) ADAM CHISHOLM arrived in Auckland 1841. Said but not verified to be brother to Robert below. In Ringbinder: *The three earliest Chisholms to come to New Zealand* (Carton 4)
- (ChMelroseRob) ADAM CHISHOLM *The trials of Adam Chisholm* by Lloyd Walker. Auckland [1990] 33p. (2 copies) (Carton 7)
- (ChMelroseRob) The demon butcher of Okahuiti (in one copy of "The trials of Adam Chisholm only). (Carton 7)
- (ChMelroseRob) ROBERT CHISHOLM, esq. of the Whau, Auckland. Research. Ringbinder (Carton 8)
- (ChMelroseRob) ROSEBANK ESTATE AUCTION, 1882. Map on CD. (BOX 3)
- (ChNairn) ALEXANDER CHISHOLM of Nairn, in Ringbinder marked POT POURRI (Carton 4)
- \*(ChSelkirk) On computer. No filed material. From Elliott Chisholm, Auckland.
- (ChSkye) ANGUS CHISHOLM, through Australia to Dunedin in Ringbinder, marked POT POURRI (Carton 4)
- (ChStirlingDD) THOMAS HENRY AND DAVID CHISHOLM who came to the West coast from Australia and descended from convict David Duncan Chisholm. In Non Clan Members Miscellaneous and mysteries. (Carton 3) On Australian FT files.
- ChWestYk *Chisholm Cameos: Joseph Wilson Chisholm's Yorkshire Ancestors and New Zealand's descendants*, by Audrey Barney. Albany. Privately printed, 2004. 212 p.(Carton 7)
- (ChWestYk) Extra Chisholm family research on this family, please contact, Audrey Barney, e mail address [dabarney@ihug.co.nz](mailto:dabarney@ihug.co.nz) On computer.
- (ChWestYk) *Tonks and the bypass, 1847-2007* by Gary H. Tonks. Wellington, 94 p. (Carton 7)
- (ChWestYk) *Tonks of early Wellington: historical events of a pioneering family*. 2007. 277p (Carton 7)
- WILLIAM KING CHISHOLM** (Not on NZ computer but NZ family (just William King himself!) on Australian computer files. The main family comes from well researched family in Ontario, Canada. In Ringbinder. (Carton 5) (On international database.)
- (ChWiltonRx) Hugh Marshall Chisholm from Wilton in Ringbinder marked POT POURRI (Carton 4)
- ChLochLeven** Have given this designation for the Gisborne Chisholms, but have no material on the computer, only in files for them. Their family tree material is held as personal material by Michael and Fay Chisholm of Gisborne.



<http://www.kilts.co.uk>



Duncan Chisholm, official Kiltsmaker to Clan Chisholm Society has announced the opening of his re-vamped website. Well worth a visit, as of course is his retail premise in Castle Street, Inverness.

From a Facebook Chisholm in Ontario

An Easter Tale, the old Priest on his deathbed.

An old Canadian priest lay dying. He sent a message for a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Supervisor and his lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the Canada Revenue Supervisor, and the lawyer, were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the priest had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally the Lawyer asked, *“Father, why did you ask the two of us to come here?”*

The old priest mustered all his strength, and then said weakly, *“Jesus died between two thieves, and that’s how I would like to go.”*

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