



# Clan Chisholm Society NZ



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### Editor's note:

Greetings to the Clan:

The winter edition of your Clan Chisholm NZ newsletter comes with the 2013 hard copy edition of the International Journal. You can look forward to reading about two Chisholm airmen with military links, an article on Chisholm mountains, some biographies and the latest developments in the Chisholm DNA project . Plus much more. This little journal on its own is well worth the subscription fee. Thanks to Benjamin Chisholm -Broomfield for another fine production.

In this newsletter we have two 'guest letter", one from A Scottish visitor with family in Christchurch, and another , forwarded by committee member Anne O'Regan, from a specialized Canadian Regiment regarding their adoption of the Chisholm Tartan for formal attire.

Page 3 in this issue is just not pretty faces , we

highlight some young achievers in the Clan, congratulations go to Craig Chisholm and Hannah Chisholm.

A large portion of this newsletter is devoted to the AGM, and includes the Presidents Report, the Financial Report, and of course, Audrey' History Talk.

On pages 10-12 we pop over to the internet and see what's going on in the virtual Chisholm world .

This newsletter was prepared mainly in the weeks following the AGM, and should have been sent out over a month ago. However my other commitments meant I just could not get around to the finishing touches. What would really help the timely production of newsletters would be a co editor. I don't mind producing and coordinating the copy, but its another job again to format it into a newsletter. It's a wonderful opportunity for somebody with Clan Chisholm interest at heart to be able to get involved at the business end of the society. The pay is terrible, but the rewards are intangible. You meet all sorts of interesting characters, often from past lives and in a virtual world. And of course you get to know many of the very much alive people in the real world of Clan Chisholm New Zealand, with the occasional British, Australian or North American variety thrown in. Please consider offering your services, help ensure that the newsletters are produced on time.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM

Our last annual gathering was in Wellington, 5 May 2012, at the Miramar Uniting Church hall, with fifteen members present, and eleven apologies. (Notably, next year's will be rather special, as the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of the Society, and, in its other guise, of the New Zealand Branch of the international Clan Chisholm Society.) The occasion went very well, for which thanks are due to Anne O'Regan, Fay White and Ashley Chisholm, and their family members, for the various efforts they made to make it so

Within the official business of the AGM, existing officers and committee members were re-elected, the committee members now being Anne, Ashley and Robert (Auckland). Fay remained the international delegate to the Clan Council; and she and Michael remain coordinators of the Chisholm Artifacts Register.

Audrey Barney could not be present, for health reasons, and her talk on the findings so far of her on-going work on Chisholms in the First World War was read for her (it is printed in Newsletter #54, for Spring 2012). I talked more briefly about on-going work on those in the Second World War. In the evening a group of us went to dine at the Grand Century Restaurant.

The membership has held up during the year, at around 60 (currently 61 members are paid up), with new members balancing those who have gone because of ill-health, death or resignation. Still, as with other branches, retaining and wherever possible increasing our membership numbers must remain an active preoccupation.

Several committee meetings have been held over the past twelve months using Skype to connect Palmerston North, Auckland and Wellington members. Robert has produced two admirable newsletters last year, and one so far in 2013, with contributions from others. Robert has been most active, as one of the two Vice-Presidents of the Clan Council, and also as co-ordinator of the Chisholm DNA Project, involving a complex field in which he is accumulating impressive expertise. Audrey Barney will be communicating some of his recent findings.

A notable Chisholm occasion, for members of his extended family, in March 2012, had been Brian Chisholm's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, in the Miramar Uniting Church hall. On 12 January this year, an even more momentous occasion was celebrated, his brother Douglas's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, at the Ruapehu Restaurant in Waitara. Through the initiative of Yvonne, the Clan Chief had been contacted, and sent Douglas a couple of framed portraits, and a certificate granting life membership in the international Chisholm Society. Douglas had been hoping to be present at today's gathering, but for health reasons had to send his apologies. However, a copy of his book of poems, "Poems from the Heart", composed between 1996 and 2012, is here for inspection, and people can order a copy for themselves by writing to him at the Radius Healthcare Care Centre, 139 Vivian Street, New Plymouth 4310, with a cheque for \$25 to cover the cost of it, plus postage.

Clan Chisholm was represented recently at three occasions, the Upper Hutt Highland Gathering at Harcourt Park on 10 November 2012, the Scottish Gathering to celebrate Robert Burns's birthday at Frank Kitts Park, Wellington, on 25 November 2012, and the Turakina Highland Games on Saturday 26 January, with the banner carried in the Clan Marches.

In relation to the international Clan Chisholm Society, some minor contributions have been written for and offered to the editor of the "Chisholm Chronicles."

John C. Ross, 10 May 2013.

### CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Dear Reader

I hope you enjoy reading the Clan Chisholm (NZ) newsletters.

If you would like to help us to continue our work in promoting research into clan families and clan matters generally, please consider joining the society. Society members may also access the Clan Chisholm Forum, the International Database, and the Clan Chisholm Society website. The \$15.00 per year subscription represents great value, just the price of 3 or 4 cups of coffee to show your commitment to Clanship.



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Page 3 of this issue is dedicated to emerging talent within the Clan. Two young achievers are featured, a **Dux** and a **Graduate**. A hearty congratulations to them both from the Clan, with all best wishes for your on-going studies.



The Dux

### Craig Sterling Chisholm (*Dux Litterarum*)

Craig is the youngest son of Ivan and Marita Chisholm of Gisborne, and Grandson of Michael and Fay.

In the year 2012 Craig was in his last year at Lytton High School, Gisborne, and his final report read as follows:-

Excellence in year 13 Statistics

1<sup>st</sup> equal in year 13 Calculus

1<sup>st</sup> in year 13 Chemistry

1<sup>st</sup> in year 13 Physics

Top boy in year 13

University of Otago Dux scholarship

**DUX of LYTTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Craig is now studying at Otago University, majoring in Physics

Left :Craig with dux medal

Below: Hannah with academic regalia

### Hannah Chisholm BHSc

Pre capping on May 8 2013, Hannah wears the Clan Tartan in the early morning shadow of the iconic Old Clock Tower at the University of Auckland in Princes Street.

Hannah graduated as Bachelor of Health Science, and has been selected for the Honours programme. Her research project involves research in metabolic, anthropomorphic, psychosocial and economic predictors of metabolic compromise (measured by glucose metabolism) in overweight/obese New Zealanders). This is part of a 3 year multi-national project involving research from selected universities throughout Europe, America, and Australia, For those, who like me, found some of the words too long, lets just say the object is to help reducing the number of at risk people from contracting diabetes

Hannah is the daughter of Robert and Angelika Chisholm of West Auckland.



The Graduate

## CHISHOLM TALK, 2013 AGM by Audrey Barney



Barry tells me, I'm now the Historian Emeritus. So as such, I would like to talk today mostly about some of the highlights (and lowlights) of researching Chisholms over the years, as well as a bit about the system of making up our family trees and for Robert, will lace in a bit of the importance of DNA. So hope not too much you've heard before.

Counting up, I think this is the 19<sup>th</sup> time I've stood in front of an AGM and talked about NZ Chisholms, and know, in the same way as technology has come a long way, in the last 20 years, so has my knowledge of Chisholm family history. When I started I had to be very careful in sorting out, who was who amid the myriad of Chisholms appearing in letters, phone calls, research and very occasionally e mails - details of Chisholm families just poured in after that first meeting.

The easiest way for me as I entered new families on a Family tree programme on the computer was to name each different family file with a name, which had some meaning within the clan in NZ .For instance, Yvonne's family was called ChYvonne and my large family was called ChJoseph. All very well for the NZ Chisholms, but time moved on and computers began to do much more fancy things, and family tree programmes became much more elaborate. Waiting for films at the Mormon Family Centres dropped out and much more material was instant on line- and with this it became much easier to make whacking big mistakes.

So I had to change. The programme I was using did wonderful long family trees, but it wasn't keeping up to date and had become very limiting, so I realised I had to change to another more up to date FT Programme if our material was to be used internationally, which was now a favoured option. After much deliberation I decided on an American programme called Legacy which could in its free version be copied from the internet, and my old English programme could be overwritten onto it. There was not to be any rewriting of all the old material.

So with baited breath and backup from a more computer literate family, I swapped all my Chisholm files to Legacy. Whew - it worked and so today, I have over 8000 Chisholms, mainly NZ based, but with many English, Australian, and North American relations. The Chisholms, I have found, have travelled from the earliest days.

From all sides an international Clan Chisholm database looked a logical development. So the Society opened a database to try and put all Chisholms worldwide on, and asked the Chisholm societies worldwide to send in their families - of course with fool-proof verification- idea was to join up families. I could see immediately having families called, ChTimaru and ChDargaville wouldn't be helpful on the world stage, so after consultation with Bob Chisholm in Worthing who was in charge of the database, I changed most of the NZ naming to places where the original family had lived. This effected 19 of the NZ families I had traced. Only 9 families were not affected in this change.

Looking at this from a New Zealand point of view, I thought it would be interesting to start from a map of Scotland. So I noted just where the earliest ancestors of each NZ Chisholm family came from and placed them on the map. It proved an interesting thing to do. I actually have every NZ family with an earliest ancestor in Scotland or England in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and you can see the clusters that show up where Chisholms lived around 1750. When I checked, I also found that there is room for more detailed research in most families.

## Chisholm Talk AGM (cont)

For me, one of the earliest and most intriguing families researched is Barry's, whose family we have traced back to a Thomas Chisholm, born about 1755. We can verify he married Elizabeth Scott at Alwinton, Northumberland, on 2 Jun 1785, and that they registered at least seven children before the turn of the century. It was his grandson George who set up his tailoring business in Eglington, Alnwick, and it was George's grandson, Albert who set up his tailoring business in New Zealand in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and it's Albert's grandson who has offered us the hospitality today. Where Thomas was born we don't know, but suspect it could have been round Hawick.

This family was not covered in Chisholm Pioneers - Albert's arrival in New Zealand was too late for the 1900 cut off point, but finding who Albert was, took over a year to research and fathom as the area round Alnwick where Albert came from, had a lot of Chisholms to work out who was who? Here, I joined forces with Steve Chisholm of Newcastle on Tyne, who also had family in the area, and we ended up tracing four possibly related but different Chisholm families, back into the seventeenth hundreds. - Thomas, Adam, George and James. Computer websites were still in their infancy so we were often dependent on Steve making trips north to different Record Offices before we got clarity on all four families. But from this research it seemed clear to us that these Chisholms had migrated across the Cheviot Hills south from the Roxburgh area, or simply crossed the Tweed from Berwick to Northumberland. I wonder if any of this has shown up in DNA testing? *(Editor: Yes it has, there is an extremely distinctive group whose ancestry can be traced back to the old Eastern March of the Borders, and my take on this group is that they are a very early offshoot from the Founder line, remember also that the early de chesholmes were in "Berwycke" as well as "Rokeburgh")*

Another family, which is still leading us a merry dance, is that of Robert Chisholm of the Whau (West Auckland) whose earliest ancestor I've found was born in 1737. Our big puzzle here, was that in one of his son's obituaries in 1912 (James Baird Chisholm), nearly 60 years after they arrived in NZ, said that his "father's grandfather was a cousin of Walter Scott, the novelist." Now that's an interesting family story to prove - and I, and others have tried on and off over the last 20 years. Thought I had it a few years ago, and wrote it all up and must have been in a Newsletter or something.

A few weeks' later I had an interesting e mail from someone descended from the Scotts! Oh dear. My mistake and it all hinged on a Jean Scott. - I had found a William Chisholm had married a Jean Scott at St. Boswells in 1756, and then Robert in an 1870 newspaper found a Jean Scott, who had a brother Walter, whose son it stated became Sir Walter Scott, the novelist. So - our Chisholms were related as James Baird's family had said in his obituary. But that was too QED!!! I soon heard from a Scott Family Historian. What my informant told me was that Jean Scott, her relative had married her cousin, another Walter Scott at St. Boswells in 1772 at the age of 35!! -and he wasn't Sir Walter Scott's father! She hadn't married a William Chisholme. There followed a few days of the Scott family working thru their papers with me and we eventually think we have worked out that whoever wrote James Baird Chisholm's obituary should have been talking about his father's grandmother, Nelly Tait, not his grandfather being the link to Sir Walter Scott. The relationship is there thru a Margaret Halliburton, who had a sister who married a brother of Walter Scott's father, and she married a Walter Tait, who had a daughter, Nelly. So looks like a maternal relationship with two Jean Scotts born in 1737 and both baptised at St. Boswells and married there, too - one in 1756 and one in 1772. This family was in the original family tree as ChRobertesq. So of course it has had to be

changed and is now ChMelroseRob.

Another big tree change was Ashley's tree at ChTimaru when a big family up north, with family now working in the Mormon Salt Lake Centre, decided they had the verification that put their family in the same one with the Pleasant Point Chisholms. Lorraine Salter, the person who has done the most work with the Chisholm Timaru family isn't entirely convinced - but joining the two biggest families in New Zealand together makes a tree of at last count just on 2300 individuals. And of course that tree had to be renamed. It's now ChCulduthel where the earliest verified individual, John Chisholm was born round 1680!! Now that's our earliest verified NZ Chisholm link to Auld Scotland.

And lastly, my own family tree is another that had to be changed. No longer ChJoseph, but ChWestYk, indicating the area (West Yorkshire) where we have hit a brick wall and until DNA came along could not find the way ahead. Since the early 1980's, I have known that Hugh Chysam m. Hannah Hattersley in Rotherham in 1795, but despite considerable widespread efforts have not been able to find just how old he was or where he came from. With such a name there has never been any doubt he was Scottish.

Well a new tool, DNA, came along and our Brian over there was one of the first NZ Chisholms to try it out. Back came the verification - Our Chisholms were from Viking stock. Brian's results showed he belonged to the group which came down from Norway, raiding and then settling in North eastern France and then in 1066 fighting to take over the Anglo-Saxons in England. If you know your Chisholm history you will know about the first Chisholm verified: - Mr. De Cheseholme who in 1254 appears in a historic record in Roxburghshire, about 200 years after the Norman Conquest.

As more Chisholm folk did the DNA test, a group of Chisholm people, like Brian with Viking ancestry became known as The Founders line (I1a) with between 30 and 40% of all Chisholms tested belonging. Currently 36 Chisholm have tested as I1a and have this Viking Y chromosome, but there is wide variation within them. One small group - 5 strong are known as the modal group where they have 67 markers in common, which brings their common ancestry back to John XVI in the early 1600's. Brian's DNA is five markers away, keeping him close to the modal group—probably descended from a younger sibling of an early chief.

The path back to our Chisholm ancestors often becomes clearer with new DNA results coming in, and recently a Chisholm in the United States has tested one marker different from Brian, which has excited Robert. This American Chisholm, who is only one marker away from Brian, shares with Brian two markers that rarely mutate, and on the balance of probabilities, links Brian very closely to Ken. No one else has those markers which you can see from Robert's diagram.

A Colin Chisholm, who arrived at Long Point, Nova Scotia in 1801, is verified as the earliest Chisholm ancestor on the American continent for this family. Their family historians believe that Colin was the eldest son of a Roderick Rory. This Rod Rory was a young man at Culloden with his father, Colin IV of Lietre, and was wounded in the head. He later married and had a large family, which lived at Breakachy, and it is thought by their family historians that it is his eldest son, Colin, born in 1766 that went to Long Point in 1801.

That the descent of Colin of Long Point is from Roderick Rory, son of Colin IV of Lietre is however still uncertain. It needs more researching to prove that this Colin who went to Nova Scotia at the age of 35, in 1801 was Roderick Rory's son.

However it is known that the only Chisholms who arrived in Nova Scotia that year of 1801 were Chisholms who had been cruelly cleared from Strathglass by their very own Chief, [William XXIV](#). This shows that if the two unique DNA markers which Brian shares with Kenneth are the signs of common

recent ancestry, then Brian's Chisholm ancestor will also be from the Strathglass area of the Highlands.

To sum up what Robert is saying at this time is that by using the DNA matching, we can say with much greater certainty that Brian's Chisholm ancestry is Highland, and the descent is likely to have been in the time frame indicated on the graph.

What of other of our NZ Chisholms who have tested? One other NZ family falls in to this I1a group. Ian Chisholm of Canada tested and falls into the modal group and he has one part of his family that reached New Zealand in the 1880s - that of William Farquharson Chisholm. The person you will all know of, from this family, who is not a Clan Chisholm member is Matt Chisholm of TVNZ. He hasn't tested, but he gets a piggy back on someone who has.

Most of the other NZ Chisholm members who have had their DNA tested so far, fall into various subgroupings of the R1b haplogroup, which is the most common group, in the West European population. Taken together, R1b would easily make up the largest number of Chisholms tested, but it cannot really be taken together as it is a grouping of many distinctly unrelated families. But it covers mostly common Celtic Briton and Pictish ancestors who lived in pre Roman Britain ,plus the post Roman Gaelic Invaders from the Kingdom of Dal Riada in Ireland

The Gaelic group of R1b makes up 7-8% of the Clan based on extrapolation of DNA results, making it the second largest distinct genetic family within the Clan.

New Zealand Chisholms are represented here by a Kilmorack family, known back to the 1700s living round Loch Mullardoch, but particularly known in the 1800s when they lived in a remote area beyond Mullardoch, now a Youth Hostel on the Highland Cross trail (see CCJ 2010, p41) - a yearly charitable trek done one year by a group of Chisholms led by Juliette and Ben Chisholm Broomfield.

Another 5-6% is represented by a Celtic Briton grouping and we have a NZ Chisholm member tested, like our Gaelic man above, they also settled in Southland at Fortrose.

One thing which suggests the DNA project has a lot more yet to discover, is the large number of R1b results which have been returned, with as yet no matching Chisholm named persons, It suggests that the Clan was made up of a large number of smaller family groupings, who may have joined at different periods of history.

Robert's own test turned out to be somewhat of a surprise, as it was not at all a Y chromosome commonly found in Britain, let alone in Scotland. It was more at home in the Mediterranean lands, particularly Spain. Soon other Chisholms around the world turned up with this "Spanish" result, and it has formed into a significant minority number, roughly 5%. An hypothesis for its presence in Clan Chisholm looks directly back to the Spanish Armada, and the possible visitation of survivors.

And just waiting for his results - another new member. *(Editor :Stop the press, its I1a,Norse Viking, The Founder Line, and not too distant from the Y chromosome known to have been carried by 17th Century Chiefs John XVI and Alexander XVII)*

As of now, over 100 Chisholms worldwide have tested for Y- DNA, and the project numbers have been swelled by those joining because of a common pre Chisholm ancestry. About 6 or 7 NZ families are part of the Y chromosome project, and the hope is to ultimately get all NZ families into the project. Will you join, and help map out Chisholm history and genealogy?

## CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC) AGM

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting which was held at the home of Barry Chisholm, Palmerston North, on Saturday 11 May 2013, starting at 1.30 p.m.

Prior to the start of the meeting:

- From 10.30 am there was a social gathering, morning tea, displays of clan family material, speakers, and lunch, including a ceilidh.

Audrey Barney and Gary S. Chisholm spoke about their genealogical research findings.

Roll Call Present: John Ross (chair), Barry Chisholm, Brian Chisholm, Len Chisholm, Ashley Chisholm, Shane Chisholm, Audrey Barney, Yvonne Chisholm, Fay White, Fay and Michael Chisholm, Gary Chisholm & Elinor Chisholm

Apologies: Robert Chisholm (Auckland), Alun Chisholm (Auckland), Allan Chisholm (N.S.W.), John Chisholm (Auckland), Anne Stratford (Dunedin), Anne O'Regan (Wellington), Douglas Chisholm (New Plymouth), Doreen d'Cruz (Palmerston North), Alistair Chisholm (Singapore), Lynley Holdaway (Wellington), Dick Chisholm (Rawene) & Rosemary Cole (Wellington).

Moved that the apologies be accepted. Fay C / Ashley. CARRIED.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 2012 AGM

Barry summarised the minutes and suggested that matters arising, if any, be discussed during General Business.

Moved that the summary be accepted as a true and accurate record. Barry/Fay W. CARRIED.

Presentation of annual reports

President's Report (appendixed)

John referred to business at the previous AGM, the work of office-holders, the 95th birthday of our inaugural secretary, Douglas Chisholm, our attendance at Highland gatherings, and the fact that our membership has kept up.

Moved that the President's Report be accepted. Fay C / Michael. CARRIED.

Financial Report (appendixed)

Barry noted that there was a substantial surplus in the past year as his requests for getting subs up to date were well-received. Fay C suggested that approaches be made to NZ Post, seeking remission of postal charges.

International Delegate's Report (appendixed)

Fay C noted that membership retention was a common problem.

Election of officers

Members of the current committee (John, Barry, Ashley, Robert & Anne) plus Fay W (genealogist) and Shane (IT person) indicated they wished to carry on. There were no other nominations.

Moved that the 2012 office-holders should carry on in their roles. Fay C / Len. CARRIED.

Appointment of New Zealand branch delegate

Moved that Fay C carry on in this role. John / Barry. CARRIED.

Setting of subscriptions

Moved that the current rate be maintained - \$15 per member; \$7.50 for life members. Barry / Fay C. CARRIED.

General Business

- 1: Moved that specific actions be taken by the incoming committee to boost and retain membership. Barry / Ashley. e.g. circulate a letter of introduction about the Society to all Chisholms in the White Pages; ask Society members for the email addresses of family non-members. CARRIED.



- 2: Moved that the 'Red Book' of 19th Chisholm family arrivals and their descendants be scanned and a digital edition be produced. John / Barry. Shane and Len volunteered to carry out this task. CARRIED.
- 3: John asked for support for the Fair Dinkum Press proposal to publish photos of NZ service people involved in World War I.
- 4: It appears that Robert is using Excel to develop a reference index spreadsheet of NZ Chisholm families.
- 5: Venue for the 21st birthday of the NZ Branch and 20th anniversary of the AGM. It was agreed that the gathering would take place in Wellington on Saturday 10 May. Shane suggested that he can book space at the Salvation Army building in Johnsonville.

The AGM finished soon after 3 p.m. Some of those attending agreed to meet for dinner at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Fitzherbert.

### Letter from Cecilia Chisholm

Dear Clan Chisholm NZ members,

I was given your email addresses by Susan Chisholm of Chisholm before I left Scotland almost 4 weeks ago and just wanted to say hello. I have one more week before flying back to Glasgow c/o Emirates.

What a wonderful time it has been!

On 27th June my daughter Caroline and her husband Andrew became the proud parents of their 1st child a lovely healthy boy called Daniel Luke Alexander McKean. He is blue eyed and auburn haired and doing well. I have 2 other grandsons by my son (John Andrew Chisholm Hodgson) in Suffolk, England.

I am very pleased that the couple have Alexander in the wee lad's name.....It links him to our Clan chiefs and esp. to my late father (Alexander Roderick Chisholm)

The couple was married at Loss church, Loch Lomond in 2008 but live permanently in Christchurch. My daughter was granted NZ citizenship in April 2013. Like her the baby will have dual citizenship.



I love NZ, this is my 5th visit over the last 10+ years...but there is no time this visit to travel outside Christchurch.....Daniel is the centre of attention!!!! Over the years Caroline has taken me round North and South islands and my son and his wife spent 3 months in a camper van before they had children, on a grand tour of NZ.

In Sept I plan to attend the Clan Society AGM in Bury St. Edmunds as I can combine it with a visit to my son and family. I believe there is another International Clan Gathering in UK next year. Perhaps we shall meet then. Somehow I have not been outside of Inverness for the big gatherings.

Apart from the first few days from 20th June, I have enjoyed the weather here in Christchurch. Apparently it is very hot now in UK, so I am not looking forward to going home on 23rd July.

I hope your weather is reasonable for your winter. You may be on a winter holiday right now?

With all good wishes from Cecilia Jan Chisholm (Helensburgh, Scotland)



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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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The forum is made up of a number of “boards.” Within these boards, there are “threads”, which are the individual topics which are being discussed , or where a member or visitor has asked a specific question. In this issue of the newsletter we take a small peek at a recent thread on the “Armorial Bearings” Board.



Some of the recent discussion concerned the earliest known surviving exemplars of Chisholm arms. In the days of the knights of olde, symbols on shield were used as identification, and from what the record tells us, a boars head was used by the early Chisholm knights. One of the first evidential indicators of is in 1296; Sir Ricardi de Cheiselm of Roxburgh paid homage to King Edward I of England by placing his seal into melted green wax on the ragman’s roll. Obviously colours cannot be discerned, but a clear description is given: *A heater shield, A boar’s head couped, contourné, dropping blood.* Coupé means the head is cut clean and straight, and *contourné* means the head is, unusually, facing to the right. While there is a dearth of documents to connect the family of Sir Ricardi de Cheiselm in Roxburgh, to the Highland family of Chesholm near Inverness some 100 years later, this heraldic device does serve as a very good clue for ancestral descent.

Two early examples of the boars head can be found in the North. Neither are devices used by a Chisholm chief, but they are heraldic symbols which have been incorporated into other family arms, as a result of marriage with a daughter to the Chisholm chief. Quite logically some sort of quid pro quo, for with the daughters came a nice selection of real estate as dowry.

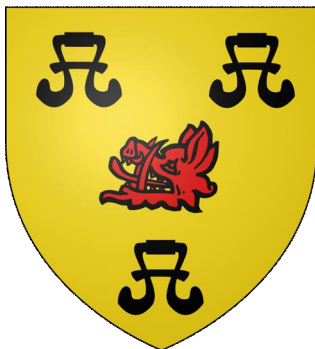
In 1364, the daughter Sir Robert de Chesholm, Constable of Urquhart Castle, was married to Hugh Rose, the 4th Laird of Kilravock. Son of this marriage, the 5th Laird, and descendants since that time, have had the Boars Head of Janet Chisholm impaled on their arms. The Fresco of the Chisholm boars head is from Kilravock Castle, which was constructed some 100 years after the marriage.

Sir Robert’s oldest son John inherited the Chiefship and the properties, but he died leaving an only daughter, Morella. She married Alexander Sutherland of Duffus around 1420, taking with her into the marriage a nice portion of the Chisholm lands, notably Quarellwood. As a consequence, the Sutherland branch at Duffus family, who already had the Cheyne family arms impaled on their own, added the Chisholm’s boar head. This

is shown etched into stone in a Duffus churchyard, and also in the modern rendition devised for the tourist trade.

A 16th century example can be shown woven onto a book cover by William Chisholm, Bishop of Dunblane. In this example, ca. 1560, the boar's head takes on an odd appearance, not aided by the addition of a neck. The bishop's mitre was evident at the top. The registered version shows a book at the base of the shield. It is not established at the moment whether the registered version belongs to the older William Chisholm Bishop of Dunblane, or his nephew of the same name who was also Bishop of Dunblane, and later Bishop in the south of France. It is the nephew to whom the book cover can be attributed.

Official registered versions of Chisholm Arms do not start appearing until the 17th and 18th centuries. These will keep for another newsletter.



Right, fresco from Kilravock Castle, after 1460.

Left, modern image of the arms for Rose of Kilravock



Right, Stone from Duffus

Left, reproduction of Duffus Arms held in Lord Lyon's Office,

From a carved stone at Duffus



Per fess, and in chief per pale; three stars (for Sutherland); three cross crosslets fitchée (for Cheyne); a boar's head erased (for Chisholm).



Right, Bishop William's seal embroidered on a book cover, 1560

GVILLEMVS CHEISOLME  
EPISCOPVS DVNBLANENSIS

Left, registered Arms for one of the Bishops William Chisholm





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Write something...

On the Facebook Group, Chisholms of the World Unite, membership stands at 499, that's quite a sizeable group, just awaiting one more member to become half a thousand strong. Could that be you or one of your younger ones? Just posted onto the page, a group members shows video's of his recent trip up and down Loch Ness and around Urquhart Castle. No sign of Nessie I am afraid, but take a look and see if you can spot something. Here are a couple of still shots, but go to the Facebook page for the videos



Left: Urquhart Castle on the Chisholm side of Loch Ness.

Right: Looking down the Loch  
(John Chisolm on Facebook)



Moving from Loch Ness to the Caribbean Sea, if you go to the Cayman Islands, you will notice a large number of Chisholms in the phone book. Many of course leave, and Florida is the closest port of call, and there has been a discussion about one Chisholm family who came from Grand Cayman to Florida in 1942. If you check out the phonebook in Grand Cayman, you will notice a good portion of Chisholms. Just how did they come to be there? Here is a copy of a post made by Alistair.

*John Wallace Chisholm was born in Strathdon, Aberdeenshire, Scotland on November 23, 1823. When John was 12 years old he apprenticed himself to one Captain Grigg and served with him as a seaman for four years, becoming a good navigator. Early in 1846 he left Liverpool on a brig bound for Mexico and was shipwrecked on the South side of Cuba. The Captain swam ashore for help, leaving John and 3 other men on board. Before the captain returned, a storm from the Northeast broke up the vessel. Some small Caymanian Schooner, anchored inside the reef, saw their distress and made an effort in a canoe to rescue them but being unable to approach the wreckage, made signs for the men to swim to the canoe. In a terribly exhausted state the men made it to the canoe - John was picked up unconscious at 8am and did not recover consciousness until 2pm. They were brought to Grand Cayman, and left for Jamaica on the Schooner Lavinia, owned by the late William Eden. Eden, who upon learning that John was a good navigator, persuaded him to return to Grand Cayman where he captained vessels belonging to Eden, Parsons and Coe until 1859 when he gave up the seas. From 1846 to 1859 he lived at Prospect, then moved to Forest Glen on the North Side - he called the place Forest Glen after a place he lived near as a boy in Scotland. In 1846 (the same year he arrived) he married Elizabeth Susannah Jackson, daughter of John Tharp Jackson. In May 1876 his wife died leaving four sons and five daughters. In 1878 he married Catherine Letitia Eden, daughter of Thomas Knowles Eden of Savannah, who gave him one daughter and two sons. He died on June 17, 1899 at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 26 days, and was buried at Forest Glen beside his wife Elizabeth. (These notes were taken from "Notes on the History of the Cayman Islands" by George Hirst who claims the information was supplied to him by John's son Edwin Chisholm)*



## Ceud Mille Failte New Members

**Gary Sedman Chisholm** from Christchurch. Gary arrived at the AGM and made a valuable contribution. His ancestral Chisholm is from Inverness, (Roderick the baker) and the family is well covered in Audrey's big Red Book "Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial NZ" being one of the first Chisholm families in NZ (1858).

**Raymond John Chisholm** from Auckland. John is a great grandson of Allan Chisholm, who left Breakachy near Beaulieu in 1869, and arrived in Dunedin in 1871, making his way northwards and ultimately settling at Featherston.

**Shannon Lee Chisholm**. Shannon is grandson to our Northland stalwart, Dick Chisholm. Along with Tracey, this makes 3 generations of one family in the Clan Society, great commitment. Shannon's great grandfather arrived from Australia.

**Beverley Anne Chisholm**, welcome back Beverley!

**Alistair Simon Chisholm**, Congratulations on your impending marriage to Charlotte in Croatia, čestitam, sretan dan vjenčanja!

### Do you know why the proud Scots use the thorny, humble thistle as a national symbol?

There is a legend which relates how a sleeping party of Scots warriors were almost set upon by an invading band of Vikings and were only saved when one of the attackers trod on a

wild thistle with his bare feet. His cries raised the alarm and the roused Scots duly defeated the Danes. In gratitude, the plant became known as the Guardian Thistle and was adopted as the symbol of Scotland. Sadly, there is no historical evidence to back up the tale. But whatever its origins, the thistle has been an important Scottish symbol for more than 500



years. Perhaps its first recognisable use was on silver coins issued in 1470 during the reign of James III, and from the early 16th century, it was incorporated into the Royal Arms of Scotland.

The members of Scotland's premier Order of Chivalry, The Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle, wear a collar chain whose links are made of golden thistles. The Knights and

Ladies of the Thistle also wear a breast star which bears the thistle emblem and a motto which is regularly associated with it, Nemo Me Impune Lacessit

"no one provokes me with impunity". (The same, motto and thistles, are used by the Black Watch) <http://celticanamcara.blogspot.co.nz/2011/09/ceud-mile-failte-not-cead.html>



**Trivia:** Clan Chisholm has a very good thistle story; reality, not myth! It involves a Scotsman, an Englishman, The Black Watch, some whisky, and of course, a thistle. Know the story? If not, watch this space in the next issue!



Thanks Ann O'Regan for sharing this letter with us,  
from her friends in the Canadian Branch of Clan  
Chisholm Society

PERSONNEL SELECTION BRANCH ♦ BRANCHE DE SÉLECTION DU PERSONNEL

The Canadian Armed Forces Personnel Selection Branch

3 May 2013

David Holmes  
President, Clan Chisholm Society  
Canada Branch

Mr Holmes,

As you are aware the Personnel Selection Officers' Association (PSOA), Personnel Selection Branch of the Canadian Armed Forces, has adopted the Chisholm Hunting Modern Tartan as the PSOA Tartan. This decision stems from the Branches first Director Major General G. Brock Chisholm, CBE, MC, ED, MD. At the request of Lieutenant-General A. G. L. McNaughton (GOC Army Corps), a Personnel Selection service was established in the Canadian Army with the formation of the Directorate of Personnel Selection on 18 September 1941 and the appointment of Dr. Brock Chisholm (Colonel) as the first Director.

The raison d'être of adopting Chisholm Hunting Modern Tartan is from an earlier part in Brock Chisholm's life. As an 18-year-old at the start of the First World War, Brock Chisholm joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force, serving in the 48th Highlanders CEF as a cook, sniper, machine gunner and scout. Snipers and Scouts are masters of guile and stealth. It is because of this we have chosen the Chisholm Hunting Modern Tartan. This decision was also made based on allegiances and not just kinship. One does not need to be related to a clan by birth in order to use a tartan, if one has a connection to a surname that has a tartan; it is exciting to be able to own a visual tribute to one's personal heritage and ancestry. Major General Chisholm, and the Chisholm Clan name, are an integral part of the PSOA's heritage and ancestry. During the 2013 PSOA Annual General Meeting the PSOA unanimously decided to adopt the Chisholm Hunting Modern Tartan as its tartan.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch for allowing the PSOA to adopt one of your Clans Tartans. I can assure you that every Officer who belongs to the PSOA, serving and retired, who wishes to wear the Tartan will do so with distinction and pride.

LCol L.E. Noonan  
Personnel Selection Branch  
Branch Advisor

Pictures Left: Chisholm Modern Hunting Tartan, and Brock Chisholm. Note that Brock, from the famous Oakville family of Ontario, was much more than a soldier. He was a doctor, he rose to the rank of Major General, He was Director General of the World Health Organisation, and was an inaugural recipient in 1967 of what may be Canada's highest honour, Companion of the Order of Canada(CC)



**Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand Inc.**  
**Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 January 2013**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Subscriptions (*1)	\$ 1,215.00	UK affiliation Fees	\$ 408.29
Sale of items	\$ -	Historian's expenses	\$ -
Donations	\$ 17.50	AGM expenses	\$ 215.80
Interest Earned	\$ 26.52	Secretarial expenses	\$ 284.79
Tax refund	\$ -	Withholding Tax Paid	\$ 8.75
		Honorarium to auditor	\$ -
		Misc. charges and sundries	\$ 5.50
		<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 335.89</b>
<i>Total Income</i>	<b>\$ 1,259.02</b>	<i>Total expenditure</i>	<b>\$1,259.02</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2013**

**Accumulated Fund - Clan Chisholm**

Balance at 31 Jan 2012	\$ 2,755.29		
plus surplus	\$ 335.89		
Balance at 31 Jan 2013			<b>\$3,091.18</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>\$3,091.18</b>

**This is represented by:**

<b>Assets</b>	Cash in Clan a/c Nat 0134415-00	\$ 3,151.18	
		Total Assets	<b>\$3,151.18</b>
<b>less Liabilities</b>	(*2) Clan subs in advance		\$ 60.00
		Net Assets	<b>\$3,091.18</b>

(\*1) includes \$45.00 received in advance for 2012 and excludes \$60.00 for future years

(\*2) includes \$60.00 received in advance