



Clan Chisholm Society NZ



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Editor's note:

Greetings to the Clan:

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016, somewhat belated as much of 2015 was not covered by the usual round of newsletters. In part, this is a reflection on the small army of volunteers which keeps the society and the newsletter running. From my perspective as editor, 2015 was a very busy year on other Clan related projects, and that is ongoing. So help is very definitely appreciated when it comes to things such as the NZ



newsletter. We are fortunate in that Barry Chisholm has offered to assist with future newsletters, but we still need you, the reader, to provide information, stories, text, photos, on your family matters which may be of wider clan interest. So please keep them coming in.

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We have some answers to queries arising from reader submitted photographs in the last issue, these concern the identification of people at the 1977 Cannich gathering, and also the 1956 fishing trip at Whangaroa. This issue will give brief coverage of the 2015 and 2016 annual gatherings. Alan Chisholm of Wanaka provides 2 articles, thanks very much Alan, and Gary Chisholm provides a Eulogy for his Aunt. I trust you enjoy this newsletter, as we in New Zealand say goodbye to the longer nights of midwinter, and give some thoughts to the coming spring. Up in Auckland I am starting to think about tomato seeds, its still far too early to plant anything, but at least I am thinking about them.

Please consider helping out with the newsletter wherever you can, as without your contributions continuing to arrive, the newsletter would be in danger of lapsing into a very irregular affair.



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From the President

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Dear Chisholm people,
Greetings, once again.

Looking back, I see that Robert Chisholm has been editing our Newsletters since 2005 (at least), with excellent results, and his contribution thereby to CCS of NZ is most warmly appreciated. During the last couple of years his disposable time has been devoted not only to the international Chisholm DNA Project, as its Coordinator, but also to playing a major role in the Clan Chisholm Centenary Project, documenting Chisholms from any country who lost their lives during the First World War. Sadly there were all too many of them, and they went on dying after the war ended, either from wounds or from illness, including among them victims of the Spanish influenza epidemic. One such belated casualty was the intriguingly-named Canadian Gunner Ludwig van Bethvon Chisholm, who died in Belgium on 13 February 1919. Robert is moreover one of the two Vice-Presidents of the international Clan Chisholm Society.

It's not too surprising, then, that recently the Newsletter has been a lower priority, so that this issue has to play catch-up. Let's hope that other individuals will take a larger role in getting these Newsletters together.

From my perspective, we have had two excellent annual gatherings, in May 2015 at Anne Stratford's home in Dunedin, and in May 2016 at the Miramar Uniting Church Hall. The Dunedin event was very valuable, in that some members were present whom we would not see at a North Island gathering. For me, it was very interesting to see some photographs in the Chisholm Collection in the Hocken Library, taken mainly by the Reverend John Chisholm (these can be accessed online through Hocken Snapshot, if you register as a "Reader"). Clearly there are also some good photos of Otago Chisholms in the Early Settlers' Museum.

A highlight of 2015 has been the publication of Audrey Barney's latest book "*Lest We Forget*": *Chisholm Roles in the First N.Z.E.F. World War I, 1914-1918*. It documents the roles of 41 men, of whom four lost their lives. Three served in the Australian army, including one of those who died. Five contracted illnesses in camp sufficiently severe to cause them to be discharged; and another of the dead perished in Featherston Camp of influenza in November 1918. This book has been privately published, and copies can be obtained from myself at \$25.00 a copy.

This book is Volume I of a two-volume work, and the second volume on New Zealand Chisholms' roles in World War II, is well-advanced, to be written largely by myself but with substantial contributions from Audrey Barney, Margaret Whitford and others. I have accessed Defence Force personnel records for basic facts for most of the men, and several women, involved, and in some cases have more in the way of human interest stories about them, but would greatly appreciate further stories about your family members' war-experiences, and maybe relevant photos (to be scanned and returned).

Each year, I've been attending the Turakina Highland Games, on the last Saturday in January, and setting up a gazebo tent (purchased on behalf of CCS by Barry Chisholm), and also the Upper Hutt Highland Games, at Harcourt Park, in early November, and at both parading the Chisholm banner. Company in doing so would be welcome!

Wishing you all an excellent half-year, or whenever, till our next Newsletter.

John C. Ross, President

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. You can pay by cheque to the address below:

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2015 AGM

The 2015 AGM in Dunedin was held at the home of Anne Stratford in St Kilda. The meeting was attended by a small number of Chisholms who enjoyed great conversation and a splendid lunch. President John Ross, as is now the custom, delivered a stirring rendition of Robert Burns' "Ode to the Haggis" and detailed progress on his book about Chisholms in World War Two.

New member Alan Chisholm explained how he had heard about the clan society and decided that he and his wife Morag should attend. AGM business was attended to quite quickly: clan finances seemed to be in good shape and all members of the current committee had already agreed to stand again for office.



Alan Chisholm, Wanaka

In late April this year a notice arrived in the mail announcing that the Clan Chisholm Society were going to hold a Clan Gathering & AGM in Dunedin on Saturday May 16 2015.

It was to be hosted at Anne Stratford's St Kilda residence. Anne and her husband Trevor had farmed near Milton. I had been stationed as a livestock agent with my young family in Milton in the 70s/80s, so I knew them.

I had not done any research into my Chisholm family ancestry. While my sister Pamela and my father Malcolm had attended a get-together organised by Yvonne Kerin in Oamaru, any information disappeared when Pamela died aged 57 (1999) and Dad died aged 86 (2001). Dad had suffered from dementia in his last few years, and while he could still play his beloved trombone, his memory was nil.

I had migrated to Australia in 1996, having been made redundant by Wrightsons, along with 330 outside Staff and 27 Branch Managers. In partnership with another Kiwi from Oamaru, we purchased a small mechanical garage in Eumundi, inland from Noosa. A small group of males associated with farming had gone across to watch the All Blacks play the Wallabies in Brisbane. Three of us stayed on longer and went to Eumundi to have a look at the famous markets. We had a beer with some Aussies (strangers until that day) at Eumundi Motors and three months later Tony Stafford and I had bought the business and were living in Noosa.

It was in Noosa I met and married Morag Campbell Forsyth nee Neill. Morag was born in



Alan Chisholm with sons Aaron, Matt, and Nick .Missing from pic is son Dean in Perth

Gourock, on the coast south-west of Glasgow on the River Clyde.

Morag and I had a two month holiday in the U.K. including spending time in Scotland. When I drove over The Border I instantly had the same feeling of being at home as Morag had when she returned for a holiday years before. The difference was I had never been there. However, the place names, family names and the quality of the livestock were the same as at home, particularly in Otago/ Southland. Since then we have hosted Scottish cousins of Morag's here in Wanaka. There is something about the accent.

We discussed 'the weekend' in Dunedin, the Edinburgh of the South, and decided to travel down and attend.

This stimulated the desire of finding out some ancestral history prior to May 16. With the help of Audrey Barney, John Ross, and Ian Chisholm from Vancouver Island, Canada, information quickly arrived.

My great-grandfather, William Farquharson Chisholm, was Ian Chisholm's great-uncle. William and Martha set off from Scotland in 1884. He worked in Tasmania for several years on farms and they had four sons and one daughter. In 1897 they arrived in Dunedin. William took up the lease of the St Clair Salt Water Pool from the council and the children attended St Clair School. My father taught for many years there, and my sister and I also attended, so we have quite an association there.

One of William and Martha's sons, Malcolm Allan, was my grandfather. He lived and worked all his life in Dunedin as a milkman.

My father, Malcolm, married Margaret Scott. Mum's grandfather purchased a farm below Larnach's Castle on the Otago Peninsula. He had left Scotland and shortened his surname from Scotland to Scott. He had married a Catholic girl, so the family ostracised him.

While there was only a small attendance at Anne Stratford's, it was a very enjoyable get-together. A second cousin of mine, Maureen Buchan, arrived. Even though, as a boy and girl, we had only lived five kms apart and both attended Kaikorai Valley H.S., I did not know her. However, after a few hours at the gathering Maureen and I both felt we had known each other. Is it in the D.N.A. ?

I have spoken to Maureen since and we are endeavouring to gauge the enthusiasm for a social gathering of our extended family in the near future. The town and venue will depend on the support and where the majority of participants are domiciled.

From the historical records it is obvious why my family has always enjoyed an association with the land, because all my ancestors have been involved in some way for hundreds of years.

Further note from Alan:

Morag & I received an invitation to attend a Chisholm Clan AGM May 16 2015 to be held at Anne Stratford's home at St Kilda Dunedin.

In the 1990s my sister Pamela & father Malcolm, had been to a gathering at Yvonne Kerin's in Oamaru, & started to get some background information on Chisholms. I was living & working in The Sunshine Coast for 12 years so I was not privy to what they achieved.

Pamela died very young at age 57 & Dad had Dementia, and so when I returned to live in NZ any information had disappeared.

The meeting in Dunedin introduced me to some contacts within The Clan, e.g. Audrey Barney, John Ross & Robert Chisholm.

They have an amazing historical knowledge & love of The Chisholm Clan. It stimulated me to find out some more.

I completed a DNA test which traced my male line back a thousand or so years & they had obviously & surprisingly behaved themselves!!!

Morag & I decided to invite any of the Chisholms who had been born & brought up in Dunedin, to attend a gathering at Our home in Wanaka.

Labour weekend 2015 was the date settled on and a total of 16 people enjoyed a bbq drinks & chatter.

Alan & Win Chisholm & brother Colin & Joan from Chch (Sons of Angus, Dunedin)

Gordon & Margaret Chisholm from Cromwell (Son of Ron, Dunedin)

Yvonne & Brian Kerin, & sister Judy & Roger Meikle & their daughter Donna from Oamaru (daughters of Bill Chisholm Dn)

Maureen Buchan from Dunedin (daughter of Frank, Dunedin)

Liz Herrick from Wanaka (Dr Bill Chisholm Oamaru)

Wendy van Rensburg from Cromwell (daughter of Stewart Milton)

Hosts Alan & Morag Chisholm from Wanaka (Son of Malcolm, Dunedin)

Morag was the only person born in Scotland.



Note from Yvonne Kerin,
nee Chisholm.

October 2015 Alan & Morag opened their home to a small gathering of Chisholm family. It was a really enjoyable get together of cousins and extended family members. It was great having an informal bbq lunch and general catch up. We talked of grand parents and of those passed on.

There are also lots of grand children being added to the family.

Thanks to Alan and Morag and hope this may be an on-going event.



Editors note, re Alan's contributions to the newsletter.

Thanks for the written articles and photographs Alan, this makes it so much better for the newsletter when clansfolk can help out and provide copy. A very interesting read as well, and I am sure that many people will recognise several of your sons, world famous in NZ.

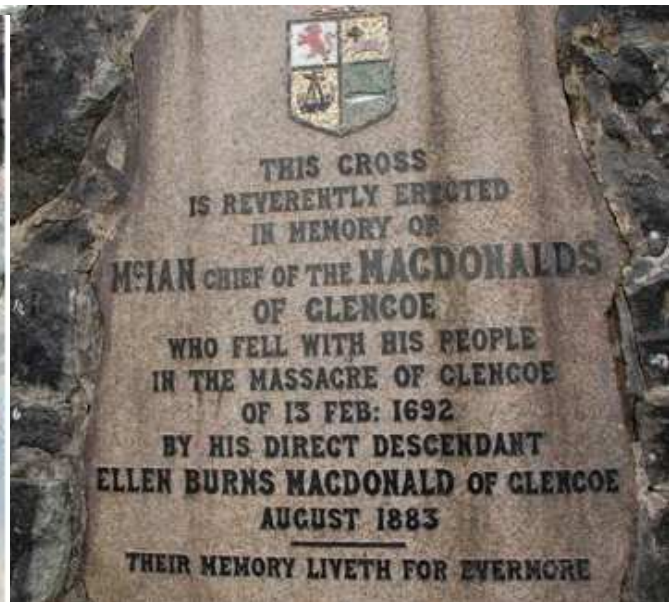
Back to the history, "*I completed a DNA test which traced my male line back a thousand or so years & they had obviously & surprisingly behaved themselves!!!*". The DNA test did confirm your relationship to Roderick Rory and his father Colin IV of Lietre who fought at Culloden, and that you descended from the Highland Clan Chief John XVI and all those prior, including the early Chisholms who were the first name bearers, in Berwick and Roxburghshire. As far as good behaviour goes, that was probably not a requirement for becoming and remaining a Highland Chief in pre 1600 Scotland, in fact it may have been a hindrance

Regarding your marriage to Morag. Well, thanks for sharing that she's a Campbell.

Scotland is so small that every family has one (including mine). It's an old Highland traditional saying, never trust a Campbell, and to be fair, Highland Chisholms were much closer to McDonald's than they ever were to Campbell's. So perhaps your marriage has helped to bury the old hatchet regarding the massacre at Glencoe. Who am I to debunk a perfectly traditional Highland story, but just quietly, I think the Campbell's may have got a bad rap over that dreadful event in 1692. We could update things, "never trust a Dalrymple".

Its just good we can jest and make a little fun, but still respect the past.

Copy this into your browser and listen to The Corries
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cPitxk4m0>



The Y-DNA result from Alan shows quite remarkably, an unchanged Y chromosome since the time of Chief John , our 16th Chief, who was born in the late 1500's. There are about 6 Chisholms in the DNA project who share this exact same chromosome, matching perfectly on 67 locations. There are many others descended from John XVI or his son Chief Alexander XVII, which are close matches, but not perfectly 67/67, as its quite normal to have "mutations". There is no hard and fast rule but it can average at one mutation per 250 years.

The descendants of Fred Chisholm (id Melrose)
commemorate 100 years of Browns Lime ,near Winton

By Derek Chisholm



Fred Hewlings Chisholm was the grandson of Robert Alexander Chisholm who in 1854 immigrated to New Zealand in 1854 who with Isabella brought all of their nine children with them (6 daughters and 3 sons) on the Hurricane (1100 tonnes) to Australia and thence the S.S William Denny (595 tonnes) on to New Zealand. Robert and Isabella and their family were the first Chisholm family known to come to New Zealand. Robert was quite a character and spent no time amassing property. Soon after arriving he bought a 441 acre estate which is commonly now known as the Whau Peninsular near Avondale in Auckland.



In 1863 Robert then moved from the Whau and built a house at 4 Burrows Avenue, Parnell which is a current Category 1 Historic House.

Robert Alexander (Fred's father who accompanied his parents from Scotland) lived most of his life in the South Island.

Frederick Hewlings was born in 1875 in Timaru. He went to Timaru Boys High and then Christ's College in Christchurch. He married Alice Russell in 1904 in Invercargill and had three sons, Russell,

John, and Michael (My father) and a daughter, Ethel.

Around 1908 - 1916, Fred was appointed Southland Manager Wright Stephenson & Co, Invercargill where he also was a co-founder of Browns Lime Company on 17 March 1915, just over a century ago. Following this he was appointed manager of Wright Stephenson's Auckland branch in 1916 aged 41.

As part of the commemoration of 100 years of Browns Lime, a reunion was held of Fred's 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation descendants. The reunion long table was complete with Chisholm *Feros Ferio* place mats. The Reunion was renowned for the kinship of the 4th generation children most of whom had not met before.

In recent times *Browns Lime* has become a third part of *AB Lime*

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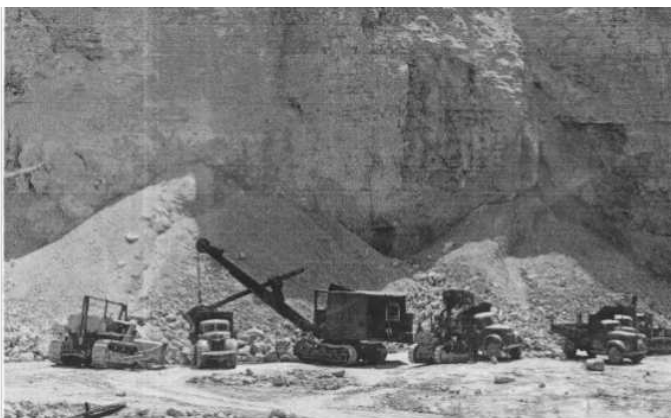


as a larger conglomerate. A week after the reunion there was an open day at *AB Lime* in Southland. Fred's descendants and *AB Lime* customers were invited, and were bussed around the facilities. Browns has been a key part of the expansion of dairying into Southland. Surplus land where lime has been extracted has been re-grassed and is now grazed for dairying. An integral part of the lime operation is soil testing and the integration of trace elements linked to natural nutrients in particular soil. The third enterprise is the development of retired lime pits to take refuse in a solid waste management facility. Refuse is collected from Invercargill and surrounding areas with Dunedin a likely source in the future.



With the dairy downturn lime sales have been affected, however the growth of the refuse facility demonstrates the value of diversification.

The reunion and visit to Browns is the first in over a generation and was appreciated by the family, many of whom came from Australia for the occasion.



Lorries and face shovels were used to remove blasted limestone rock at Browns Lime prior to 1957.

The power of modern equipment means rock is ripped from the ground using a 60 tonne excavator.

Further info on Browns Lime Centenary refer to Southland Times

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/67458943/a-sublime-century>



Photo Quiz "Blast from the Past", from previous newsletter.

Prue & Anne, daughters of Dr Russell Chisholm taken at Tutukaka, Northland where Russell had a batch c. 1950's. (3rd person unknown). Russell appeared in the NZ doctors article in latest international Clan Chisholm journal and, and was the son of Fred Chisholm, co-founder of *Brown's Lime*. Anne attended the centenary reunion for *Brown's Lime* in the deep south, 59 years after her epic fishing trip to the far north.



Shirley Parsons nee Chisholm- Eulogy

It was a privilege to be asked by Bill and Mary to speak about their mother on behalf of her family this morning. I'm Julian Jensen, Shirley's eldest niece, and daughter of her middle sister, Lesly. Shirley has always been a very special person in the lives of me and my sisters, Elizabeth and Vicki, and we will miss her.

Our thoughts today are especially with Bill, Mary and Bob, and Roger who is in Pittsburg, USA, and their families. Shirley was devoted to her family, her children, her 8 grandchildren – Angela, Daniel and Susan; Elizabeth and Timothy; and Amanda, Caroline and Sarah-Kate, and her 5 (nearly 7) great-grandchildren. We must also think today of Don, Shirley's beloved husband of 50 years.

Shirley Clarice Chisholm (how she hated that middle name) was born in Cameron Road, Napier, on August 10, 1922, to Vera Muriel and Burlinson Duncan Chisholm, the youngest of three girls. Barbara, Lesly and Shirley grew up in Napier where their father was a businessman – owning Chisholm & Co, Distributors.

Shirley was at the Central School as an 8-year-old when the Napier earthquake struck. It was the first day back at school after the Christmas holidays – February 3rd 1931. Shirley must have been close to a chimney, because she was covered in soot! Her Uncle Sed and cousin Ian came over from Hawera to take her, her mother, and her sister Lesly back to Hawera for a few months while things got sorted in Napier.

Shirley went to Nga Tawa in Marton for her secondary schooling. School records show she was there for 3 years, was a prefect, and in the 'A' netball team. She also played Lacrosse. She remained involved with the Old Girls Association for many years.

Taupo holidays were a highlight of the children's growing-up years. Their father was a very keen fisherman, and he built a cottage close to the lakefront. Shirley loved Taupo, and the Parsons and Morris families continued to enjoy holidays there, until the Taupo house was sold in the early 1980's.

Shirley trained as a Dental Nurse. She told me that she really wanted to be a Physiotherapist, and when she mentioned this to her parents, they thought it would be a good thing for her sister Lesly to do! That was the end of a career in Physiotherapy for Shirley. She never really liked being a Dental Nurse. But it was this career choice that brought her to her future husband.

Shirley was the Dental Nurse for Norsewood, Takapau and Ormondville schools. She boarded at the Takapau pub. There she met another boarder from the South Island. – Don Parsons.

She married Donald William Parsons, a stock buyer, in 1949 in Napier. My middle sister Liz and I were flower-girls, then aged 2 & 4. We both still have our flower-girls' dresses and the crystal vases we were given for attending the bride!

Shirley and Don first lived in a tin shed in Culverden, North Canterbury. They then moved to a dear little rat-infested cottage on the main road just out of Waipukurau. I remember staying there and being intrigued with her coloured pegs – we only had wooden ones at home (perhaps the rats ate her wooden ones!)

Then they moved to Takapau where they had their children: Roger in 1952; William (known as Bill to all except our grandmother) in 1955; Deborah, who lived only one

day, in 1957; and Mary in 1959. Shirley always had such awful morning sickness in her pregnancies, but they resulted in these beautiful blonde babies, who were our special cousins.

There were a couple of moves after the Takapau house, before Shirley and Don moved to their own farm and built a house in the Speedy Road area.

Don's work brought them to Havelock North in 1972, and they later retired here in their lovely home in Breadalbane Avenue. It was here that Don died in 1999, just a few weeks after their 50th wedding anniversary, and 10 days after the death of Shirley's sister Lesly.

Elizabeth, Vicki and I will always be grateful for the role Auntie Shirley took to help us after our mother died suddenly. Even though we were 'grown women', we were not quite ready to say goodbye to the older generation. Shirley filled the role of matriarch to perfection and was always there for us when we needed her. Now she has gone, and Roger, Bill and Mary don't have a wonderful aunt like her to call on. We must be sure to provide that support as their mother supported us.

Soon after Shirley lost her husband and her sister, her eldest sister Barbara, who lived in Taradale near Lesly, was admitted to Eversley in Hastings for rest home care. Barbara was very confused, and after having help at home, it was obvious that she needed more support. Shirley was just wonderful in the way she took on the role of supporting her sister, visiting regularly and keeping us up-to-date with what was going on. She kept a loving sisterly eye on Barbara, who eventually moved to Duart House where she died in 2007.

Shirley moved to her last home, Villa 41 at Summerset in the Vines about 14 years ago. Many of you will have visited her there, and the last time I saw her was in November when Liz, Vicki and I visited. We talked and talked and talked – and were roundly scolded by Bill for wearing her out! But she loved having visitors, especially family. She was so lucky to have been able to enjoy her family and friends right up until the last week or so. She'd ring me in Christchurch from time to time, and I always felt I'd been talking to a 60-year old, not a 90-year old!

Shirley involved herself fully in life at Summerset. She was on the social committee, she belonged to the book club, played mahjong and golf-croquet. She belonged to Probus and in her earlier days in Havelock, did volunteer work at Waiapu House.

Shirley's last milestone celebration was her 90th birthday in 2012. You should have seen her rolling up to the Mission in a stretch limo with Mary, and emerging as usual, stylishly dressed, looking as elegant as ever. She just loved having all her grandchildren and their partners there, celebrating with her.

Bill, your mother was so grateful for all you have done for her in these later years. Living close by made it your role by default to attend to her needs and wants, and I know you did this willingly. You were very special to your mother. Thank you from us all. Mary, you've been a much loved and special daughter, and though you were not so handy, it was always a great thrill for your mother when you were able to come 'home'. Roger has been missed, and it was so good that he came home last year to see his mother. His frequent phone calls were eagerly awaited. I must also say a special thank you to Liz and Vicki, who made a point of visiting often.

Shirley – you have lived life to the full. You have been a much-loved and wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, aunt, great-aunt, great-great-aunt and dearest friend.

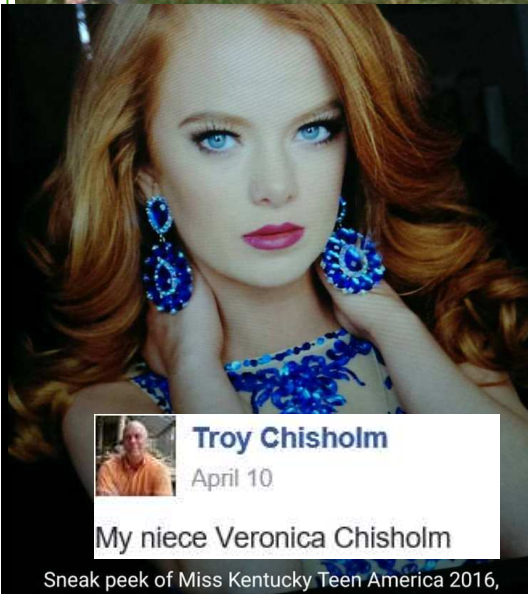
Farewell dear Auntie Shirley....A very special lady!!



Highland games, Glasgow Kentucky 2016



Praetorian Chisholm



Troy Chisholm
April 10
My niece Veronica Chisholm

Sneak peek of Miss Kentucky Teen America 2016,


Marcey Burton Hunter shared PopSugar Celebrity's video.
June 11 at 9:59am

Marcey Burton Hunter shared The Celtic Force's photo.
April 7

We Scots are a people who are bound to our ancestors. Though we can not look into their eyes, or hear their voices, we still honour their memory and remember their bravery.



We keep our ancestors alive, in our flesh and in our blood and we carry them within our hearts with pride. Because for as long as we remember them, they will never be truly gone.



Listen Men. This is bringing before all the Sons of the Gael, the King and Parliament of Britain have forever abolished the act against the Highland Dress; which came down to the Clans from the beginning of the world to the year 1746. This must bring great joy to every Highland Heart.

You are no longer bound down to the unmanly dress of the Lowlander. This is declaring to every Man, young and old, simple and gentle, that they may after this put on and wear the Truis, the Little Kilt, the Coat, and the Striped Hose, as also the Belted Plaid, without fear of the Law of the Realm or the spite of the enemies.

— *The Act of Abolition, 1st July 1782*



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Meet Shirley Chisholm, the woman who survived assassination attempts and battled racism to become the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972.

2016 sees a US Presidential election where the contenders, Republican and Democrat are somewhat controversial. Feros Ferio Facebook page takes you back over 40 years where a person stood for nomination as Democrat Party Candidate.

This candidate may be considered by many as being far more qualified than what is on offer at the moment. However, 1972 was far too early for someone who was woman, who was black, and who was Chisholm.

Shirley also said that it was her gender which posed higher obstacles than her colour.

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm, 1924-2005

Although not a born Chisholm, (married Conrad Chisholm of Jamaica), Shirley certainly showed just what Feros Ferio means.



The Chizards of OZ

The Australian Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society recently held their AGM at Agnes Water in Queensland. Members spent 6 days together, travelling around seeing the sights, and even having a day trip on a LARC

Clan Chisholm DNA Project:



After the 2015 AGM, the project was joined by Alan Chisholm of Wanaka. His result came back showing a close relationship to the chiefs of olde, and his genealogical paper trail matched the DNA result. Alan's result showed a Y chromosome which had not changed in the generations for over 400 years, and it matches what we would expect to find in Chief Duncan MacDonnell Chisholm, (portrait right) whose death, without issue, bought the invocation of the 1777 entail, and passing of the chieftainship to Canadian Cousins for 2 further generations.

With the 2016 AGM, we had another sign up from an NZ Chisholm family. This result may prove interesting, as the family is from a part of Scotland which is outside of the traditional Chisholm areas.



Missing File: Query from John Ross

“ChMelroseRob2” went missing several years ago -
does anyone know where it is, please?
Lets hope it can be found before John has to go a hunting for it.

Outline of Scottish Heritage

a summary of an article by Rebecca Leniham in *The Dominion-Post*, Tuesday, January, 2015, published with the permission of the author. (Supplied by Barry Chisholm.)

As hundreds of people converge on Turakina and other towns for Highland Games each summer, what do modern Kiwis know about the Scots? That they play the bagpipes and wear a lot of tartan? Images of black pudding, haggis, neeps and tatties - with shortbread and a fine Scotch or two on the side - might come to mind. Perhaps they have a Scottish ancestor - about 25 per cent of pre-1920 migrants to New Zealand were Scots.

And what about those Scots who came to New Zealand? Didn't they all go to Dunedin? There were those that came to Waipu via Canada too - mostly from the Highlands. Weren't they evicted with only their kilts to make way for sheep?

Just who were the real Scots who made their home in New Zealand and helped to shape the nation?

To begin with, relatively few were from the Highlands and few, if any, were claymore-wielding clansmen.

Seventy-five per cent of all of New Zealand's Scots migrants came from the Lowlands or Borders - mostly Lanarkshire and Midlothian (the counties that include Glasgow and Edinburgh). This was in line with the population distribution of Scotland at the time.

Although these increasingly industrialised lowland areas were the original home of most of the Scots who came to New Zealand from around 1840, the majority of those emigrating had an agricultural background.

Scottish shepherds and farm managers were highly sought after, especially on the large Canterbury sheep runs.

While it is true that many of New Zealand's Scots settled in Otago, there was actually no part of the country that didn't receive some Scottish settlers.

There were significant pockets of Scots in Amuri and Cheviot in Canterbury, and around Turakina just south of Whanganui.

At about 25 per cent of British migrants up to 1920, there were proportionately far more Scots in New Zealand than in the British Isles, where they made up just 10 per cent of the population. Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, the Scots seem to have had a disproportionate influence on many aspects of New Zealand society. Foremost among these is our education system.

Thanks to Scotland-born politicians, girls' secondary schools were set up alongside boys' schools from early on. In general, our school system followed the more egalitarian Scottish system rather than the more elitist English system, ensuring education for all. New Zealand universities were open to women from their inception and have also followed the Scottish rather than the English model, despite English migrants making up 50 per cent of New Zealand's early settlers.

Scottish culture is seen in everyday ways too - for example, in our tendency to say "wee" when we mean small, and our frequent use of *Auld Lang Syne* to conclude ceremonies. In fact New Zealand's celebration of New Year's Eve, and our public holidays on January 1 and 2, are also inherited from our Scottish ancestors and their celebration of Hogmanay.

Let us raise a glass in memory of Robert Burns - or a cup of tea in memory of his nephew Rev Thomas Burns, a founder of Dunedin, and to those who came to Scotland and helped to shape the nation we know today.

Dr Rebecca Leniham is a Victoria University history graduate.
Her book *From Alba to Aotearoa: Profiling New Zealand's Scottish migrants, 1840-1920* will be published by Otago University Press .



CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY NZ



2016 Gathering of Clan Chisholm

Although the Wellington weather was cool, the Gathering was again a warm place to be starting with the normal meet and greet and cuppa. Plenty of catching up on each other's latest comings and goings and learning more about long past and present family members.

Again we had a good turn out with 17 family attending - I think a few just come for the very fine refreshments and lunch Anne O'Regan and her daughters provide -thanks Anne. After the president welcomed everyone we had some very interesting presentations around Chisholm's in World War 1 and WW 2 by John Ross and Robert Chisholm. Although unfortunately she could not make it to the meeting, an outline was given of Audrey Barney's book "Lest we forget". This is now available for sale.

We also had Robert outline the progress in the Chisholm DNA project, and his role as the vice president of the International Clan Society.

After a very stirring piping in of the Haggis, accompanied by Tatties and Neeps and a dram of Whiskey, John provided the Burns Ode to the Haggis, which was once again a highlight!

The AGM was conducted incorporating the President's and Secretary's reports, both confirming a quiet year, with a focus on research of the Chisholm involvement in the World Wars. Officers were re-elected with no new blood putting their hand up. (Perhaps next year?)

The Treasurer presented the financials for the previous year which showed a slight increase in funds from the previous report. In brief: Income was \$791.06 and Expenditure was \$704.84. Total remaining funds are \$2900.56. A motion was passed to investigate the possibility of using some of the funds for an international project. A copy of the full accounts is available on request.

A very enjoyable dinner was held at the Jade Chinese Restaurant in the City to wrap up a very enjoyable and informative day.

Ashely Chisholm Secretary/Treasurer



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In the Mailbox



I received this from Derek Chisholm in Canada

The following is some text for the NZ newsletter of my personal recollections regarding the Spring 1976 photo that appeared in last year's NZ newsletter:

"Many, many memories came flooding back when I saw the Spring 1976 photo of the Chisholms at the clan cairn in Glen Cannich close to the Mullardoch Hydro Dam that was reprinted in the New Zealand Clan Chisholm newsletter. It was taken during my first visit to our ancestral homeland and I was staying at the Cnoc Hotel, just across the street from Erchless Castle. I had come to Britain for the very first time in my life in October of 1975 to begin work on my doctorate at Cambridge University. One of the reasons I enrolled at Cambridge was because the last of the Chisholm chiefs "in the direct line" had studied at Cambridge in the early part of the nineteenth century. My ancestors had left Strathglass and emigrated to Nova Scotia in the 1840s and I thought that by completing my doctorate at Cambridge I could show that those who had left Strathglass many generations previously had flourished and could do as well as our last chief.

I stayed at the Cnoc for just over a week and I made friends with Angus Chisholm, who was the last Chisholm to work on the Erchless estate. He lived in one of the row houses close to the Castle and he often visited the Cnoc for a dram and a chat. He took me all through Strathglass and we even visited Affric Lodge together. The visit to the cairn was arranged by the United Kingdom Clan Chisholm society, which I seem to recall was part of a clan gathering for 1976. The UK society arranged for a mini-school bus to take us to the cairn one morning. It took quite some time to make it up to the cairn and when we arrived a gracious photographer from the *Inverness Courier* newspaper also arrived and he took the photograph that was reproduced in your newsletter. He indicated that he was intending to write an article for the newspaper and he promised that he would send each of us a copy of the photograph. I recall receiving the photo but I don't think there the article was ever written.

We stayed at the cairn for about an hour and I was able to get to know several of the other Chisholms who were there. I believe that Merritt Chisholm is in the photograph and several New Zealanders Chisholm. We got back in the school bus and travelled down through Glen Cannich to the Cannich Hotel and I had the great honour of meeting Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm at the hotel. She was dressed in a distinctive Chisholm Hunting tartan and she looked magnificent. She was quite aged but she was still very beautiful in a very majestic way. She was very interested in me and where my roots were. I had to tell her that I was the first one in five generations who had returned to our ancestral homeland. However, I was a historian of sorts and I planned to uncover the locations of my forebears in the broad sweep of history."

Cheers, Derek Chisholm

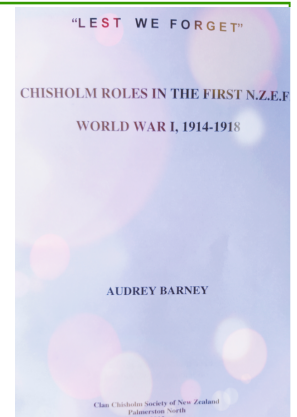
1: Duncan Chisholm INV;
2:Late James McD Chisholm UK;

3 late Marion McKenzie INV (sister of piper Callum Chisholm); 4: Late Mrs Mona McLeod nee Chisholm INV;
5: Late Burns Chisholm CAN;
6: Late Peter Hartrick CAN;
7: Late Duncan Chisholm Snr INV;
8: Heather Kinsey nee Chisholm NZ;
9: Late Ruth Chisholm Stafford CAN;
10: Lorna Chisholm Holmes CAN;
11: Mary Chisholm INV;
12:Late Bill Holmes CAN;
13:Late Peg Hartrick CAN;



14 & 15: Merrit & Bennie Chisholm CAN; 16: Late Charlotte Chisholm INV; 17: Jeanette McDonald Chisholm UK; 18 not yet identified; 19: Isa Gordon, Elgin; 20 & 21 Ben & Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield UK ; 22: Gordon Dittberner CAN; 23: Derek Chisholm CAN; 24: Late Myrna Dittberner CAN; 25: Danny Stratford CAN.

Audrey Barney has published a book which deals comprehensively with the New Zealand Chisholm who were caught up in the tragedy of The Great War. This book is available to purchase, see advert at side. In my research and study of the Chisholms from all over the world, I can see that virtually every New Zealand family had genealogical connections to Chisholms who sadly found themselves on the "Roll of Honour". This short article will take three of the Wellington Chisholm families, and look at their connections to the WWI casualties. It will also take a look at an ancient Northumberland Chisholm family, and show how the tragedy meant that there is now a branch of this family on the West Coast of the South Island. All of these casualties, plus hundreds more, will be remembered in greater detail in a special memorial booklet to be published by Clan Chisholm Society.



"Lest We Forget" : 71 Pages of research, 41 NZ Chisholms.

Price: \$25.00

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Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm,

London Artists Rifles. Killed 30 October 1917.

So many NZ families are connected by tragedy to Passchendaele, the Third Battle of Ypres. And so is this NZ family through Yorkshire kinfolk. This is the family of our eminent historian and genealogist, so much research has gone into attempting to connect the genealogical dots from Yorkshire back to somewhere in Scotland. Representing this family at the AGM we have John Ross, Rosemary Cole, Fay White, Jan Peleton, and Anne O'Reagan, Sharon & Nikki.

Joseph Wilson Chisholm was already in NZ while his little half-brother William Wilson Chisholm was still in nappies. William's only son Douglas Wilson Chisholm was born in 1891, and like so many born in the 1890's, his life came to a wretched end in Flanders fields. So Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm is the nephew of the Colonial Pioneer in Wellington, Joseph Wilson Chisholm. In try to connect those dots, DNA says it must go to Scotland, but where, it could either be Borders or Highland. Audrey favours Highland based on the names in the early generations. Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm leaves a somewhat cryptic clue on his headstone at Poelcapelle. "TRUE TO HIS CLAN". This would strongly suggest a Highland connection, as only in Highland Scotland was Chisholm ever referred to as a Clan.



Andrew, William, & James Chisholm, of Kirriemuir.



Bev Chisholm, Vaughan Chisholm family.

David Hill Chisholm is Vaughan's grandfather, and he came to NZ in the early 1900's leaving several brothers back in Kirriemuir. Oldest brother James had three sons, all of whom were consumed by the Great War. These are the first cousins of Ian, Bev's husband, Vaughan's father.

Andrew was just 17 years old, serving in the Black Watch in France, when he was killed in May 1915. Brother William was killed the following year during the battle of the Somme, September 1916, at Thiepval Ridge, serving with the Canadians. In October 1917, brother James was with the Black Watch in Mesopotamia, where he was killed, and he is buried in Baghdad. An unbearable tragedy, thrice over, for this family.

Pictured left is the war memorial at Kirriemuir, where the names of the 3 Chisholm brothers are inscribed.



Bombardier Robert Chisholm Royal Field Artillery



Robert Chisholm of Marley Hill, Newcastle, Royal Field Artillery, killed in Flanders on 1st November 1917. His brother George Chisholm was killed in 1918. Robert left behind a young son named Ronald Admiral Chisholm. Research showed that this son had immigrated to New Zealand, and old messages were found on the internet showing that the NZ family were looking to find any information about Gunner Robert. Clan Chisholm Society, with great assistance from Steve Chisholm in Newcastle, were able to hand this Greymouth Chisholm family a Family Tree going back to Lowick in Northumberland, 1759, plus a never seen before picture of their grandfather, as a youngster in the football team for the local colliery. In return, the family has given a photograph of the medals presented to Robert's widow, and given on to son Ronald.



Left: "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred."

1914 -15 Star, British War Medal 1914-18, Allied Victory Medal



L.Cpl Alexander Chisholm 18 Battalion Highland Light Infantry

Heather Kinsey still has relatives back in the Glasgow area, and one these, Margaret Chisholm, was active in getting, finally after 100 years, a local WWI memorial in the village of Neilston. Their relative Alexander Chisholm was in the 18th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry, and was killed in action in 1918. The 18th battalion was distinguished by being a "Bantam Battalion", made up of soldiers previously excluded from service on account of a height restriction.

Did you know? The Artists Rifles, formed originally by Artists and Architects, Musicians actors etc., based at Chelsea, as a volunteer Rifle Corps in the aftermath of the Crimean War. Regiments and Corps do have a habit of morphing over time, and in 1908 it became the 28th County of London Battalion (Artists Rifles). In 1947 it underwent a major morph, and became the 21st SAS Regiment. No, you never knew that did you? Our very own NZ SAS when formed in 1954 was modelled on the British SAS, inheritors of the Middlesex Artists Rifles.



From Mars & Minerva
To the winged dagger

