

THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

As December draws to an end it is now time to reflect on how the Society has helped all Members and non -Members.

It was in April I received an email from Steve Chisholm, from the United States of America. Steve was bringing his family over to Scotland to visit The Chisholm Stone / Plaque at the Bridge in Glen Affric. He was requesting details as to how to get there from the hotel where they were staying in Inverness. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet them, as we were away to the West. However I did email the instructions and sent a map to the hotel for their arrival. The outcome of this was a photograph of the family at the said Chisholm Stone/ Plaque in Glen Affric. I then directed them to Comar Brae on the Mullardoch Road, Cannich and The Cnoc Hotel directed them to Glen Strathfarrar to see the deer. They were delighted with their finds! The family are members of the U.S.A. Branch.

Through Carolyn Chown, then Secretary of the Australian Branch came another email saying Dylan Forbes, whose mother is a Chisholm, is a Piper studying at The Scots School, Albury, New South Wales, Australia. He was looking for Pipe Music. I looked in my Music file and found some music which I sent over with a couple of Chisholm mementos. The Parcel arrived safely and apparently Dylan was pleased with his envelope. It is nice to see such an enthusiastic young man interested in our Clan!

Members of the Society attended the U.K. Branch A.G.M. at The Lovat Arms Hotel on July 20th , followed by a meal together at The Priory Hotel. The next day Clan Chisholm hosted two Clan tables at The City of Inverness Highland Games. We did have a few enquiries and many visitors from across the world, which is always very interesting. I am very grateful for all the help we get at this function; thank you to you all.

This year the site at Cannich Brae overlooking Comar where the clan has a marker stone is being maintained by a new contact George Fraser. Our many contacts have said how neat and tidy the site looks, which is very encouraging as this area gets a lot of visitors besides Chisholms!

Bob Chisholm who was the administrator for the Database and Forum has had to resign from his volunteering, after many years, through ill health. The Society is more than grateful for all that he has done in the past. We are extremely grateful to Alastair Chisholm, Minstead, U.K. Branch for taking on the management of these two sites. Alastair is keen to help and is encouraging members to log on to the Forum and Database which with an up-dated Web Site is now easier to use.

It was a pleasure to entertain Kim Polley, now Secretary of The Australian Branch in The Priory Hotel, in Beaulieu. We had a few members from the U.K. Branch present and it made a pleasant get together and gave Kim and Michael her husband a chance to meet other members of the U.K. Branch, this took place in August. The Highland Family History Society and Strathglass Heritage Association are supported by clan Chisholm. Even if you do not live in this area of Scotland the membership fees are reasonable and then one has access to the "Members Section" on their Web Sites where interesting information can be read and obtained. Members of the Society have attended meetings and exhibitions. Ben and I try to attend various functions in the village of Cannich to keep in contact with the area and locals.

To Robert Chisholm New Zealand, I am very grateful for all the research you have put into and continue to carry out for the WW1 Project for the Society, such a wonderful record of details and also of Chisholm heroism in the Great War Years.

Also, I would to record my sincere thanks to Dr Margaret Collin who is meticulously researching more history in particular of the Border Chisholm's as part of the 'Chisholm Chronicles project. Thank you, Margaret and John, for all the travelling this has involved you both doing, to visit various Archive Centres and Record offices in various cities in the U.K. Martin Chisholm, the Clan Journal Editor has produced two exceptional quality and interesting

Journal's and I look forward to seeing the 2019 edition. Remember, Martin is always looking for articles for this important publication so do get in touch with your ideas.

John Ross, Chairman of the New Zealand Branch has published a book on Chisholm's who served in WW2 in New Zealand. To obtain a book please contact John Ross.

I would also like to convey my sincere thanks for all the support and help I have had this year from the U.K. Branch Committee and Members of the Society. Without our Office Bearers who work tirelessly in Canada, New Zealand, UK, U.S.A and Australia, our Society would not function so well. To every one of you "Thank You" for what you do for your Branch.

Thank you to all the clan council members around the world who give their time to progress the aims of our Society. Alastair Chisholm in Belgium looks after our website, often the first place potential new members discover our Society. Fay Chisholm in New Zealand is capturing items of interest on the artefacts register. All clan council members make valuable contributions in our regular electronic meetings. Keeping in contact with all we members is very important. Lastly, but by no means least, I thank Susan most sincerely for all the time and devotion she has given with recording minutes of all the meetings and for keeping an eye on the accounts. Thank you Susan.

Regrettably, it is with sadness that I have to mention the Society has lost two stalwart members this year. Mary Chisholm, wife of Duncan Chisholm, The Kilt Maker in Inverness. Mary and Duncan have supported the Society for many years and abroad too at various Clan functions.

Just very recently, Dr Rob Chisholm, Canada, Son of Bennie and Forbes Merritt Chisholm. Rob was very supportive at our International Clan Gathering in the 1990's, playing his Pipes in Glen Cannich which echoed amongst the hills and rocks. We have fond memories of both Mary and Rob....

With kind regards to you all,

Juliette M.H.Chisholm-Broomfield.

President - Clan Chisholm Society, Beaulieu, by Inverness. Scotland

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## **BRANCH REPORTS – for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

### **AUSTRALIA BRANCH**

Chairman: **Donald M Chisholm**

Branch Secretary: **Kim Polley**

Branch Representative on Council: **Kerry Chisholm**

Greetings to all members of the Clan,

At the beginning of 2018 our long-serving and very efficient secretary, Carolyn Chown, announced she would like to step down at the 2018 annual general meeting. The call went out for someone to replace Carolyn and we were delighted when Kim Polley indicated she was willing to fill this role.

It had already been decided to hold our AGM gathering in Tasmania, which is Kim's home state, so Carolyn and Kim worked together to organise our most interesting program of events. Some of our regular members were unable to attend the gathering this year because of ill health, but we were joined by some of our Tasmanian members for the first time, and it was wonderful to finally meet them in person. We were also joined by some Tasmanian relatives of our existing members, who subsequently joined the Society.

We started our Tasmanian adventure in Launceston on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. We all met at our accommodation, The Clarion Hotel, a lovely heritage building, and went out to dinner together. The next morning we boarded our little bus for the start of many excursions. Our destination was “Riverlands” in Longford for our AGM. Kim provided all members with several pages of notes that she had prepared so that we would have a greater understanding of the history of the places we were to visit during our week together.

As we travelled along Kim provided us with interesting commentary about the history of the area, from convict times up to the present day, pointing out buildings of interest on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Following our AGM we toured the village of Evandale, where we had lunch inside the original Evandale Council Chambers, now known as Ingleside Café.

We then returned to Launceston to undertake a walk down the Cataract Gorge, enjoying the Victorian gardens, views of the South Esk River as it rushed through the narrow gorge and finally the toll house before we met up with our bus again. We returned to our motel for our official Clan Dinner at the Clarion Hotel.

On Friday morning we set off down the Midland Highway to Hobart, Tasmania’s capital city, where we spent the remainder of our week together. We stopped at several towns of historical significance along the way and enjoyed exploring them together, and finished the day by having dinner at a local Indian restaurant.

We set off for the famous Salamanca Market early on Saturday morning and then caught the ferry to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA). This museum is a relatively new privately-owned museum and most members had not had the opportunity to visit it before. We spent an interesting afternoon looking around. That evening we had dinner together at a seafood restaurant on Hobart’s waterfront, enjoying the good food and beautiful scenery.

The Cascades Female Factory was our first port of call on Sunday morning. This depressing institution in the shadow of Mount Wellington was originally built as a distillery, then it was converted into a female factory between 1828-1856. Of the 25,00 convict women sent to Australia, more than half were sent to Van Diemens Land, later named Tasmania. Most of these women would have spent some time in the Cascades Female Factory. We were fortunate to be joined by one of Kim’s friends, a noted historian, who provided us with an insight into the lives of these women. Following this very sobering morning we took high tea in the Atrium at Hadley’s Orient Hotel.

After a stormy Sunday evening we boarded our bus on Monday and headed for the Huon Valley south of Hobart. We met up with some clan members from Huonville and they led the way to Geeveston where we turned off towards the Tahune Adventures. We were forced to take an unexpected detour because the storm had caused a tree to block our path into the forest. We explored the wilderness and walked among the giants of the forest. Some members braved the tree top walk while others sheltered in the café for a chat after lunch. We then returned to Geeveston and explored their museum on the way back to our motel.

On our last day we travelled to Bruny Island. We headed first to find what was originally known as Kinghorne Bay, now Apollo Bay. It was here that an ancestor with a Chisholm connection had 500 acres in the early 1800s. This man was William Kinghorne, after whom the bay was named. His family became connected to the Kippilaw Chisholms when his sister Elisabeth married James Chisholm of Kippilaw, Goulburn in 1829 and his niece, Jane Kinghorne, married William Chisholm of Merilla, Goulburn.

We located Kinghorne Bay and later found an old map dated 1850 in the tiny museum at Alonnah showing the portion land that William had owned. Having done our Chisholm history exercise we headed north to the tip of Bruny. The whole island is magnificent with wonderful views all the way. A brief visit to the Whisky House Distillery concluded our day on Bruny Island.

The next day saw us all go our separate ways, looking forward to being reunited at this year’s AGM gathering in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia.

Kerry Chisholm  
On behalf of the Australian Branch

## NEW ZEALAND BRANCH

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Apart from having our annual gathering for 2018, on Saturday 26 May, once again in the Miramar Uniting Church hall in Wellington, ably organised by Ashley Chisholm, and others, it's been a quiet year.

The most notable achievements have Robert Chisholm's, as the convenor for the World War I Centenary Memorial Project Group, with several volumes so far published of the series of Rolls of Honour for Chisholms of all nationalities who had lost their lives in military service, or as a consequence of it, in 1914-19. He was also the coordinator for the Chisholm DNA Project.

Robert has been the main editor for branch newsletters, and while other members have offered to assist him, in practice we've had a paucity of them while he's been so busy with the *Great War Centenary Project* volumes.

For myself, the primary event has been the publication of Volume Two of *"Lest We Forget"; Chisholm Roles in the First and Second World Wars*, dealing with New Zealand Chisholms' roles in World War Two. It includes contributions from Audrey Barney, Margaret Whitford and others, as well as myself. I was very glad to get it published, after several years' intermittent work.

I attended the Kirking the Tartan service at Turakina on Sunday 14 October, which was admirably well-organised. However, I missed the Turakina Highland Games in January because of being overseas in Malaysia; and the Upper Hutt Highland Games scheduled for Saturday 3 November had to be called off because of wet weather. At the time of reporting, I have already represented the Clan at the 2019 Turakina Highland Games, during which our gazebo tent was blown up into the nearest tree by a gust of wind.

Dr John C. Ross. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

## CANADA BRANCH

### **The Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch. Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2018**

The Canada Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society has now completed its twenty-second year as a separate entity. We now have 53 paid members with 23 members from whom we are waiting their 2019 annual dues. Those eighteen have been sent an initial invoice and a reminder will be sent to them in the near future. Nevertheless, as stated in last year's report, this declining number continues to be a concern to us and we continue to attempt to address it. We hope that once all the outstanding dues are paid, we should have a much more solid, albeit smaller, membership upon which we can build. We are also discussing holding an AGM in the near future. It has been a number of years since we have had one due to a number of reasons, the lack of computer access to many of our members being one as the only practical way of holding a meeting is electronically.

#### BRANCH EXECUTIVE:

The Executive and Board of Directors for 2018 will continue to be:-

President: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Vice-President: George Pyron, Toronto, Ontario

Treasurer: Vacant (acting) - David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Secretary: Vacant

Membership Secretary: Vacant (acting) - David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Clansman Editor: F Derek Chisholm, Toronto, Ontario

Web Master: Vacant

Branch Genealogist: Vacant

Branch Council Representative: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Director at Large: Marlene Chang, Victoria, British Columbia

Director at Large: Sandy Chisholm, Hawksbury, Ontario

Past President: Roderick J. Chisholm, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

#### CLANSMAN NEWSLETTER:

Derek Chisholm of Toronto has been in the Editor's chair of the Clansman newsletter for the past two years and has issued one Clan newsletter. He is gathering submissions for a future edition and will issue it when ready. Copies will be sent to the International Representatives at that time.

#### WEBSITE:

This portfolio remains dormant as we are unable to find anyone in the membership to assume its responsibilities.

#### GENEALOGY:

Ian Chisholm, Ian Chisholm, the International Society Genealogist, continues to play a very important role in our Society by maintaining and updating the Canadian Genealogical Data Base. His assistance in helping members navigate their way around the data base has been critical to its success, and for that I thank Ian for his continued support. The information is available to any paid-up member that may wish to access it.

#### TENT KITS:

As in previous years, our tent kits will be utilized at the various Highland games in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia as long as we can get volunteers to man them (again, the apathy has to be dealt with and overcome).

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Respectfully submitted,

David F. Holmes, Chairman, Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch. February 19, 2019

## UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Submitted by Chairman - **Ben Chisholm-Broomfield**, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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This year the Clan Chisholm Society U.K. Branch did not really get going until the early Summer, when the weather improved and we all crawled out of hibernation.

But in saying that our Journal Editor a member of the UK branch was really working hard on producing yet again an excellent Journal, for which congratulations to Martin are in order.....WELL DONE!.

During the year both Strathglass Heritage and The Highland Family History Society have held meetings plus talks on various topics relating to Scottish History and ways of life. Members of the UK branch have attended some of these interesting events which have been recorded in our regular branch newsletters.

July was our busy time with first ; our Branch AGM at the Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly, then with a High Tea at The Priory Hotel, Beauly, this was held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Followed by The Highland Games in Inverness on the 21<sup>st</sup>. A few Chisholms turned up to our table and were encouraged to sign our Visitors Book, if they left a contact detail, then during August / September our Secretary Susan, kindly writes to these Chisholms enclosing an Application form for membership in the hopes a new member may join the Society.

On August 21st Kim and Michael Polley arrived from Tasmania for three weeks. During which they attended a meeting / exhibition organised by Strathglass Heritage in Cannich. Juliette and I had lunch with them in The Priory Hotel, and just before they left Beauly we had a High Tea with UK Branch Clan members in the area. The evening went well and it was nice for the members to meet Kim and her husband Michael. Kim is now the Secretary of the Australian Branch.

During the rest of the year to date we have met various members of the Branch for lunch or High Tea, which has been very enjoyable and an easy way to get to know how we are all keeping.

I would like to say on behalf of the U.K. Branch a big thank you to Alastair Chisholm (Minstead), for taking on administration of the Forum and Database from Bob Chisholm who sadly has had to give up this position.

Also, I would like to thank all the Office Bearers and Project Volunteers who kindly devote such a lot of time to the Society. The reports keep us all up-dated with their progress.

Finally, one of our members Mairi-Angela Foster is trying to organise a trip to the First World War Battlefields in September 2019. So if you are interested please get in touch with either Susan our Secretary, or Juliette our President.

Thank you, Susan for all the Secretarial duties you so kindly do for the Branch and Society, and also for keeping the finances in strict order----it is appreciated.

Yours Aye *Ben*

Ben. Chisholm-Broomfield. Chairman UK branch Clan Chisholm Society

## UNITED STATES BRANCH

United States Branch  
2016 Annual Report  
Submitted by Gene Chisholm Jones

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Genealogy – open

I am very thankful to all our membership, especially our event ambassadors, as our membership continues to climb. During this past year we have seen our membership swell by 20 new members! I feel that our Strategic Plan of getting the “word” out is working, as evidenced by our membership growth. We look forward to the upcoming Highland Game and Event season to meet our fellow Chisholm’s and to greet new Chisholm friends and family.

This new year began with a sad note for our Society in the passing of Kathryn Chisholm, our Genealogist and resident expert on all things Chisholm. She was always available to help anyone with the search into their family roots or just to chat about things Scottish. She was a steady icon at the New England Scottish Games, representing and taking part in the events proudly wearing the Chisholm plaid. She surely will be missed!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chisholm family members serving with our Armed Forces both here and abroad for a safe and speedy home coming.

On December 31, 2018, regular membership stood at 160.

*Respectfully submitted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019. Gene Chisholm Jones*



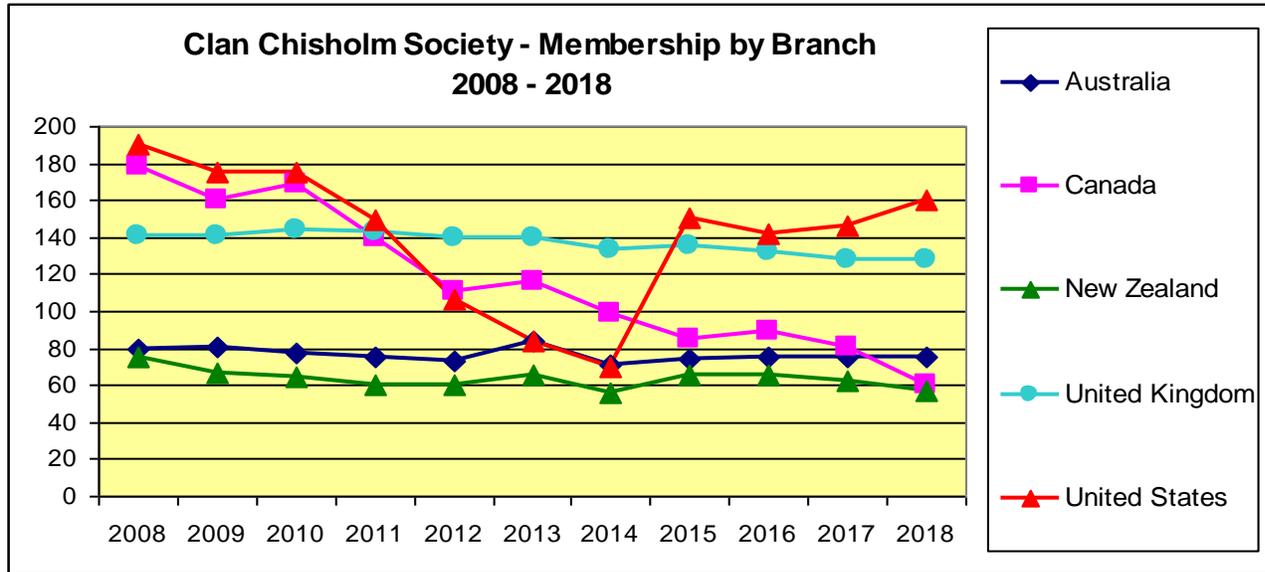
## GENERAL REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT - compiled 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Membership of the Society in 2018 shows a continued reduction overall dropping to 480 households. Australia, NZ and the UK remain steady and US branch continues to retain and gain members. Canada branch is showing a significant reduction in paid up members.

*The following tables show membership numbers by branch for the past ten years (at year end)*

| Branch       | 2009       | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017       | 2018       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Australia    | 81         | 77         | 75         | 73         | 84         | 71         | 74         | 75         | 75         | 75         |
| Canada       | 160        | 169        | 140        | 111        | 116        | 99         | 85         | 89         | 81         | 60         |
| NZ           | 67         | 64         | 60         | 60         | 66         | 56         | 66         | 66         | 62         | 57         |
| UK           | 141        | 144        | 143        | 140        | 140        | 133        | 136        | 132        | 128        | 128        |
| US           | 175        | 175        | 150        | 106        | 84         | 70         | 151        | 142        | 146        | 160        |
| <b>total</b> | <b>624</b> | <b>629</b> | <b>568</b> | <b>490</b> | <b>490</b> | <b>429</b> | <b>512</b> | <b>504</b> | <b>492</b> | <b>480</b> |



### CLAN CHISHOLM JOURNAL

In 2018 Martin Chisholm produced his second edition of the Journal. 550 copies were printed at 56 pages plus quality cover at a cost of £1,190 and distribution to branches came to £551.28 with the price per copy now set at £3.50 to cover all costs.

See accounts pages of this Annual report. *Susan Chisholm – Hon Secretary.*

#### Journal Editor - Annual Report 2018

Again it was pleasing to receive very positive feedback on the 2018 Journal #61. The plan for the 2019 edition is consistent with my two previous editions with the same page count. Writing is complete (February 2019) with the draft at the printers for quotation. All being well, as previous years, publication should be early to mid-March.

Last year I mentioned a spreadsheet based database of previous articles which I had prepared for my own use. Encouraged by the Clan Council I have tidied this up and circulated to Council mid-2018. This is a working document which will be updated with new editions when published as well as additional information which comes to light on previous subjects.

I continue to welcome articles and stimulus material from around the world to enable me to provide a balance of articles on people and subjects of interest.

*Submitted – Martin Chisholm.  
Clan Chisholm Journal Editor.*

## CLAN CHISHOLM WEBSITE

**Report for 2018** Submitted by Alastair Chisholm - Webmaster.

The annual subscription to WWW.ONE.COM was renewed as usual in mid year.

Access statistics continue to show daily robot access to the main page - this year from Germany and less from Russia and the Ukraine

Access to the content pages is similar to previous years but with less interest in DNA testing and more interest in genealogy and still off-the-scale access by UK users.

### Updates to website in 2018

A few small articles were updated:

Updated links to the revised Forum and Chisholm Genealogies International sites.

Appeal for funds for Marydale renovations.

News from the Association of Highland Clans.

Publication on the website of Robert Chisholm's WW1 volumes 2 and 3.

Updates to the bibliography section.

Updates to the Australia home page, with newsletter publication.

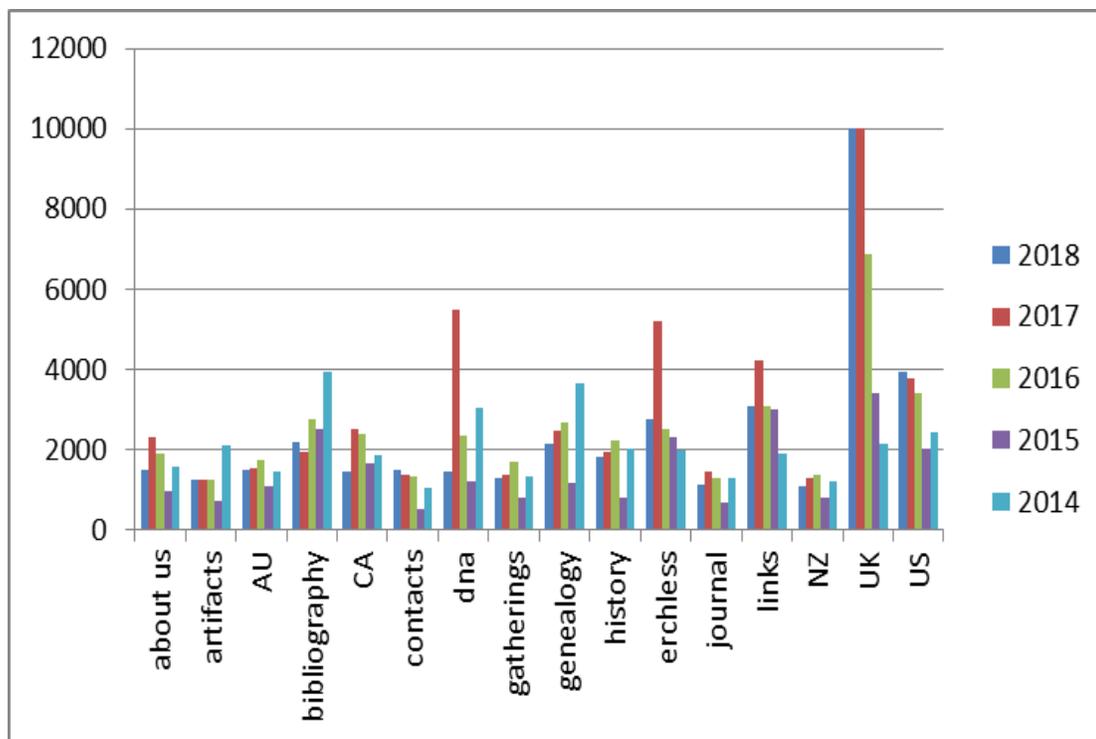
### Facebook

The number of friends has gone up from 205 to 233.

### Artifacts

Registrations from 2017, already logged, currently being summarized on website.

### Statistics



**Distribution of interest in pages over the last few years**

## [GENEALOGY / CGI Forum](#)

Provided for - Clan Council Meeting December 8, 2018

### **Background**

The Genealogy Initiative consists of three separate but related streams, i.e., The Chisholm Genealogies Website (the Genealogy Database), the Chisholm Genealogies International Forum (The Forum), and the DNA Project. This report deals solely with the Chisholm Genealogies Website and The Forum. The DNA Project is mentioned only in the overall context of the Genealogy Initiative. A separate DNA report is filed on DNA progress by Robert Chisholm, DNA Coordinator.

Summary of the capabilities of the Chisholm Genealogies Website and The Forum:

- The Chisholm Genealogies Website contains a searchable database of our inter-related families. It is a priceless asset to CCS members. Its value can only increase over time as additional members submit their family trees.
- The Forum provides a terrific capability for the general public, as well as CCS members, to discuss, research and formulate opinions on “things Chisholm”. It is already a goldmine of information if one learns to navigate it properly. Easily accessible instructions for performing searches are provided on the Forum.

### **Report on Chisholm Genealogies Website**

#### **Background**

The purpose of the Chisholm Genealogies Website initiative is to preserve the heritage of our Scottish clan through the creation and implementation of a worldwide database of Clan Chisholm genealogy records. As part of an ongoing process, the Branch Genealogists are collecting family tree data that can be merged into an international database in an effort to facilitate genealogical research by making these records accessible to our members. The website, known as “The Chisholm Genealogies”, has been available to our general membership since March 2009.

The web site is devoted to uncovering the past and forging yet undiscovered links to Chisholm family history. It is a repository and navigational aid to a database of integrated genealogical information organized around family trees. Members with authorized access are able to search the database for links to their family tree. In addition, they can add to the database with new information on their family trees that has been verified by the genealogical experts who are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the database. Additional functionality includes the ability to post and subsequently access a variety of media types including: photos, documents, headstones (includes photos and ancillary information), histories, recordings, videos and albums. All of these media types can be directly linked to individual family members and provide a richness to family history not otherwise available using only the printed word.

#### **Activities/accomplishments for 2018**

##### ***Family Tree (FT) activity***

Family tree data and other documentation, e.g., photos, can be transferred onto the database subject to verification. Submitted data needs to be supported by documentation- (birth/death/marriage certificates, census data or other reliable sources) before it will be included on the main database. ***Note that it is not a requirement to submit actual documents with your family tree. All that is required is a reference to the documentation that you have taken your information from and where that documentation can be found.***

There is a small sub-group of members (the Verification Group) dedicated to verifying FT’s submitted for inclusion in the database. No family trees were submitted for inclusion into the database by the Verification Group in 2018.

Here are some statistics for 2018 with previous year’s numbers in brackets. There are currently 16,850, (16,813) individuals listed on the database, grouped within 5,452 (5,428) families and 80 (80) family trees. Most of these family trees were previously researched by Bob Chisholm and others. The slight changes noted above for both individuals and families can be attributed to ongoing research by Core Group and individual Forum members. The largest family tree on the database is NZ – Culduthel with 2,280 individuals and 729

families recorded. The next largest is Knockfin with 1,175 individuals and 404 families. At the other end of the scale are two family trees each with 13 individuals: one with 5 and one with 6 families.

There were a couple of major developments for the Chisholm Genealogies Database this year. First, Alastair J. Chisholm UK assumed responsibility for the Database as Database Administrator. He replaces Bob Chisholm UK who has stepped down due to health issues after many years as Database Administrator, including initial selection and setup of the underlying software. All Council members have acknowledged Bob's significant contribution over the past 10 plus years.

The second development is that TNG, our genealogy database software, has been upgraded to the current version by Alastair. This upgrade has resulted in many new features and has led to a new "look and feel" for the end user. In addition, Alastair has been busy reaching out to each branch to ensure that contact information is current and that access to the database for valid branch members is as seamless as possible.

A big thank you to Alastair for taking on this important responsibility.

### **Chisholm Genealogies International (The 'Forum')**

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

This bulletin board style web site continues to be a very useful vehicle for the exchange of information on 'things Chisholm'. New members are warmly welcomed and, best of all, it's free. They are encouraged to post a note to let other members know a little about themselves and their interests - and gain access to the wider Forum.

To date, there have been 8,779 (8,473) unique postings on 1,102 (1,075) topics. Bracketed numbers indicate activity from one year ago. There are currently 293 registered members, up from 271 at this time last year.

To understand how the Forum works the following information on Forum structure may prove helpful. Individual topics are grouped with like-minded material using the following structure:

**Categories** - The first major subject grouping in the Forum. Categories are a collection of Boards that represents a grouping of similar ideas or subjects.

**Boards** - The second major subject grouping in the Forum, a division of Categories. Boards are a collection of Topics where users discuss specific subjects.

**Topics** - This contains all the posts in a particular topic of discussion. The subject of the topic is determined by the subject chosen in the first post in a topic. The collection of first post and all replies to it are sometimes called a "Thread."

#### **Noteworthy Additions to the Forum:**

In 2014 the Chisholms at War board was established by Alastair Chisholm with a view to recording details of Chisholm soldiers throughout history. The intention was not just to produce a record of World War casualties but also any military records of interest. We have come across Chisholm's involved in both sides of the Jacobite risings, a host of clansmen serving in the Royal African Corps and in other regiments throughout the British Empire. Further, there are American Civil War and American Revolution soldiers worthy of note.

Due to the centenary of WW1 in 2014 the initial focus became the establishment of a WWI Roll of Honour. Robert Chisholm took on a project which, when completed will see the publication of 5 booklets on WW1 Chisholm casualties in the various theatres of war. Volume 1 – Flanders: was published in 2017. This year he published 2 more booklets: Volume 2 – Middle East and Volume 3 – France, part 1. 2019 will see the completion of the remaining 2 booklets: Volume 4 – France, part 2 and Volume 5 – Home Records. Robert has done, and continues to do a fantastic job of collating and publishing these important records of casualties in the Great War!

The Forum served as a focal point on gathering information for each of the individuals identified as casualties during WW1. Forum members provided additional information to Robert based on their personal knowledge and subsequent research.

## **Planned Activities**

The following ongoing activities hopefully will make the Forum site more accessible and user friendly to the general membership.

### ***Member Communication***

From the statistics described earlier in this report it is obvious that this year there has been a considerable drop off in both Forum activity and additions to the Database. Have we reached a saturation point in reaching out to the Chisholm community?

At this juncture we have no answers to this question. As one of our Core Group expressed it “People ask, people pop in, so many don’t take the next step, of either joining the Forum or making a subsequent reply to their first post. It’s really down to these individuals. We can’t do everything for them as we do enough as it is. There are plenty of resources and assistance available to those willing to help themselves. There are often similar responses (non responses) to queries made on the much easier public platform of Facebook, where Alastair or I may provide a clue or two and a pointer where appropriate to the Forum, but some of them can’t even be bothered following up on Facebook. It may not be exactly saturation point, but it’s getting close. So existing means of communication can be maintained but I can’t see much hope for new efforts.”

The release of additional booklets covering more theatres of the WWI project will provide a reason to communicate with the wider Chisholm world. Robert will complete his project in 2019. All 5 booklets will be available on the main Clan Chisholm website. Hopefully this will help to stimulate interest in the Forum and related functions.

### ***Family Tree (FT) additions to the database***

Respond to requests from individual members, as required.

### ***Research activities***

Continue with research activities, subject to identification of worthwhile topics for further exploration.

## **Administration**

### ***Genealogy Database***

Alastair J. Chisholm, Hampshire, UK, is the new Master Database Administrator.

### ***Forum***

Alastair Chisholm, Hampshire, UK continues his administrative responsibility for the site.

A huge **Thank You** to Alastair for taking on these important roles.

### ***Research expenditures***

Our Treasurer, Susan Chisholm, reports the following expenditure for the year:

- Web Hosting Service for the Database & Forum \$131.83 (US)

This item was included in the 2018 budget projection.

## **Core Group**

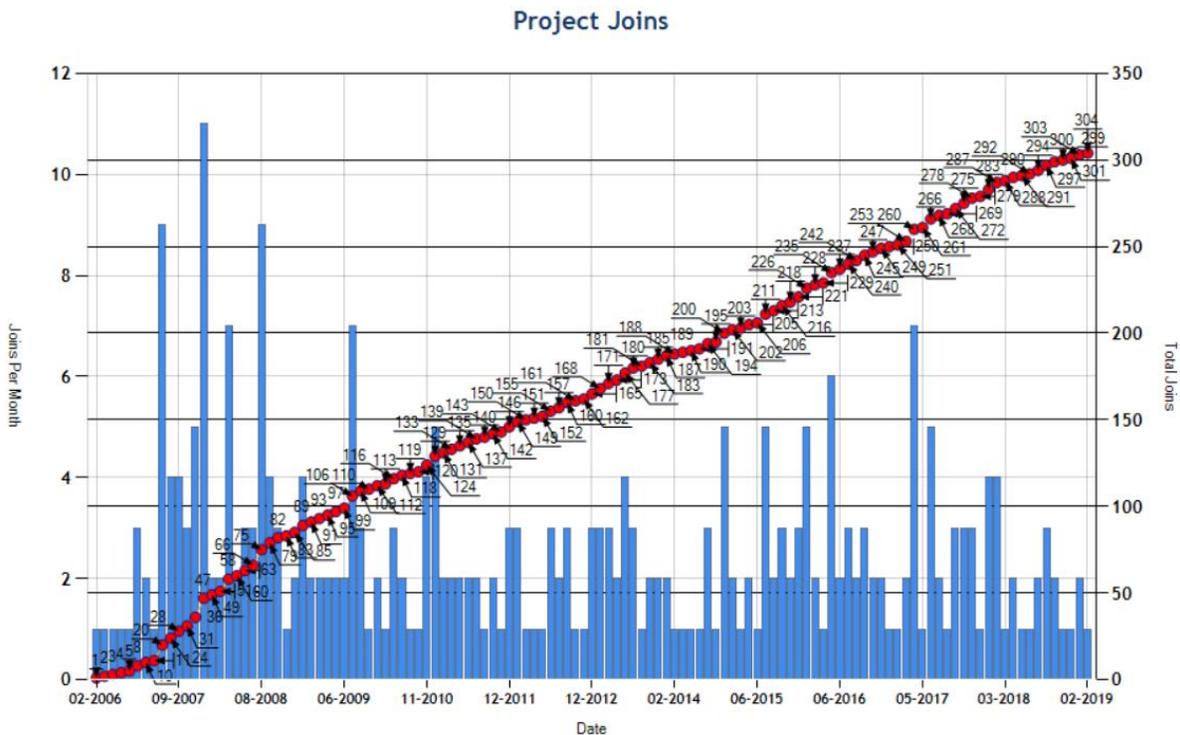
- Alastair J. Chisholm, Hampshire, UK, Master Database Administrator and CGI Forum Administrator
- Anna Chisholm-Dickinson, Spokane, Washington State, USA
- Robert Chisholm, NZ (Project Lead for WWI Centenary and DNA Projects)
- Elizabeth Chisholm, Lincolnshire, UK
- Susan Chisholm of Chisholm, Suffolk, UK, Treasurer
- Audrey Barney, NZ Branch Genealogist (retired)

Ian Chisholm  
Project Liaison,  
Genealogy Initiative

## DNA PROJECT REPORT

### Clan Chisholm DNA Project Report 19 Feb 2019

Total Project number 304, representing an increase of 22 members since this time last year. Of the total number, 239 have Y chromosome testing, and this is the test which is useful for genealogical purposes. Other available tests include mitochondrial DNA, and Family Finder types of testing.



Of the recent results, at least two are noteworthy. One is a Chisholm from Belfast, and he is matching Chism and Chisholm in the USA, but to date, no match with a Chisholm of known Scottish origin. So far as DNA goes, the origins of Chisholm in Northern Ireland remains a mystery.

Result for a US and Australia member give a profile for one of the early settlers in Nova Scotia, Alexander Ruadh, at Malignant Cove. This result matches what we know as the old chief's profile, i.e. male line descendants of Chiefs Alexander XVII, John XVI, and earlier chiefs.

As always, there are a number of non-Chisholm members who join for a variety of reasons. These reasons include the matching with Chisholms, and in some cases the project member is a descendant of an adopted person, and is seeking the biological ancestry. In a current case, a Boston resident has a distant match to my own subgroup of Chisholms, and because it's a reasonable number of Chisholms, including a few in New England, he initially thought that there may be a connection. There is indeed a connection, but it's well before the era of surnames, but none the less, the project has helped this person look in more realistic places. Unrecorded adoption, and maternal descents are one of the reasons why in several cases there are non-Chisholm named people who match Chisholms, and vice versa, Chisholms who do not match other Chisholms. This latter event can be initially off-putting for the project member, but they are reminded that a maternal descent does not give grounds for feeling excluded, and indeed we have the prime example of the Chief's family being of maternal descent, with the significant difference being that the maternal descent is well known and documented. The situation can arise where a Chisholm named daughter has a son, who for a variety of reasons, may be raised with the Chisholm type surname.

*Robert Chisholm, Auckland NZ,*

*Administrator Clan Chisholm DNA Project & WWI Commemoration Project. 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.*

## [CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY – WWI CENTENARY MEMORIAL PROJECT](#)

Robert Chisholm, New Zealand has completed the first three Volumes of his planned five: Flanders, Middle East, France part 1 are all available as eBooks from our website at [clanchisholmsociety.org](http://clanchisholmsociety.org)

Roberts reports - no update on this project. Current status is that the project is in recess, hope to resume next month to begin completion of the 2nd book of France casualties, and then start on the final booklet (Home country casualties, burials, memorials), which will be more manageable on account of lesser numbers.

Summary of known fatalities:

Flanders: 44

France to April 1917: 51

France after April 1917: 54

Mid-East: 14

UK: 23

Australia: 2

Canada: 2

NZ: 1

USA: 1

Total 192 (Uses the CWGC definition of casualties which placed a termination in 1921. There may have been others whose lives were severely shortened, who died after 1921, as a result of wartime trauma.)

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## [CHISHOLM HISTORICAL RESEARCH / \(Chisholm Chronicles Project\)](#)

Research into the history of the Border Chisholmes continues with more records coming to light. We can now take the origins of land acquisition by the Chisholmes in the Scottish Borderlands back beyond the earliest date given by Mackenzie in his *'History of the Chisholmes'*. I now have evidence that mistakes were made in the interpretation of some of the early Papal Bulls regarding references to the name of Chisholme.

*Dr Margaret Collin, Chisholm Chronicles/Chisholm Historical Research. 25/12/2018*

## [ARTEFACTS REGISTER](#)

Members are encouraged to contact Fay Chisholm in New Zealand [mj.fd.chisholm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mj.fd.chisholm@xtra.co.nz) and / or their branch Chairman regarding items of Chisholm interest which could be added to the register. To read about and view some of the items in the register follow the links on the Clan Chisholm Society website from the clan history tab.

Fay reports that there were no new items recorded in 2018.

## MINUTES OF 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 21st April 2018

10:00 BST. 11 Croyard Drive, Beaulieu, Inverness, Inverness, Scotland IV4 7EE - by Electronic means

On opening the meeting at 10:00 the president advised it would be held open until 10:00 on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Juliette welcomed all members of Clan Chisholm and particularly Kim Polley who had recently taken on the secretarial role for Australia branch from Carolyn Chown. Juliette thanked Carolyn for her dedicated work for the Clan Chisholm Society over many years. The agenda had been circulated on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and Juliette drew attention to Clan Council Projects, Item 6 the WW1 Centenary volumes and Item 6b the Genealogy initiative and progress on this International project.

A quorum was quickly established with members signing in and branch representatives holding proxy votes on behalf of their members.

Members welcomed Kim to her first electronic meeting of the Society. Kim responded that she was proud to belong to the Clan Chisholm Society. We have much to offer our fellow Chisholm's throughout the world. Kim was keen to connect with the Australia branch members through her first newsletter and hopes to encourage them to be more active within the branch. Kim plans to network with other branches as we can learn a lot from each other. John Ross in New Zealand agreed we can learn from and support each other.

Due to continuing discussions and the absence during the week of some members Juliette extended the meeting until 8pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. BST.

Those present: -

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (President), Susan Chisholm (Secretary/Treasurer), Val Chisholm Perry (Immediate past president), Fay Chisholm (New Zealand branch representative), Kerry Chisholm (Australia branch representative), Ben Chisholm-Broomfield (UK branch representative), David Holmes (Canada branch representative), Martin Chisholm (Clan Chisholm Journal Editor), Gene Chisholm Jones (US branch representative), Alastair Chisholm (Webmaster and UK branch member), Margaret Collin (Historian & UK branch member), Duncan Chisholm (clan council, UK branch member and a past president), Ian Chisholm (Vice president, Genealogy Liaison and Canada branch member), Robert Chisholm (Vice president, DNA project and NZ branch member), John Ross (NZ branch chairman), Kim Polley (Australia branch secretary), George Pyron (Canada branch).

### AGENDA ITEM 1

- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting, being the 66th held electronically 8th April 2017. 11, Croyard Drive, Beaulieu, by Inverness, IV4 7EE. Scotland.

The minutes were accepted as read -

Unanimously Approved

### AGENDA ITEM 2

- Presidents Report

The president's report for 2017 had previously been circulated and presented at clan council meeting. NB. The Annual Report contains the presidents' report, branch reports, membership report and project reports for the preceding year.

There were no comments and the report was accepted unanimously.

### AGENDA ITEM 3

- Treasurers Report

The Financial Statement for Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 as prepared by the Treasurer (SCC) and Audited (Mr Michael Sayers) on February 1st 2018.

The treasurer's report including profit & loss statement and the balance sheet had been circulated to clan council and approved at Clan Council Meeting held on 21st February 2018. These statements had also been circulated to UK branch members. There were no questions relating to the financial reports.

The accounts were accepted -

Unanimously Approved

#### AGENDA ITEM 4

- Election of Officers

President – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (UK)      Secretary / Treasurer – Susan Chisholm (UK)  
Vice President – Ian Chisholm (Canada)              Vice President – Robert Chisholm (NZ)

All current Officers agreed to stand for a further year.

Approval was sought to elect en bloc the officers as above –

The nominations for officers as proposed were accepted -

Unanimously Approved

#### AGENDA ITEM 5

- Appointments

(a) Auditor – Michael Sayers (UK)

(b) Honorary Counsel – Marc Chisholm (Nova Scotia)

(c) Webmaster – Alastair Chisholm (Belgium)

(d) Clan Historian – Dr Jean Munro (Edinburgh)

(e) Editor *Clan Chisholm journal* – Martin Chisholm (Darlington, UK)

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

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

- Clan Society Projects

(h) New History/Chisholm Researches – Dr Margaret Collin (Scotland)

(i) Artefacts Register Chairman – Fay Chisholm (New Zealand)

(j) Clan Chisholm DNA project Chairman – Robert Chisholm (New Zealand)

(k) WW1 Centenary Memorial Project – Robert Chisholm (New Zealand)

Approval of all Appointments and Project leaders as listed was sought –

Unanimously Approved

Robert gave a short update on the DNA project. He was still awaiting results for an Irish member that may help to build a picture of the origin of Chisholm in Ireland and the member will be encouraged to submit their family tree to the genealogy database. To date there are two members in Ireland whose DNA results indicate native Irish ancestry. Possibly these families adopted the name Chisholm.

Duncan had not had his DNA test done and felt he should find out about his family origins. He asked for details of how to go about this. Juliette asked if Robert could assist Duncan in this.

Fay Chisholm reported no new artefacts had been sent for inclusion in the Register. She noted that at a recent clan Council meeting a member had mentioned a possible artefact to add.

Robert had information on an ornate dirk and scabbard of 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment from the family of a gamekeeper James Chisholm (Muckcross Estate, Killarney, Ireland) born in Inverness who died in 1906.

Margaret reported much progress in the last year on the Border Chisholme researches in respect of their landholdings and properties. Many new records have come to light which takes us back to an earlier date than that researched by Alexander Mackenzie in his History of the Chisholm's. Margaret noted that she had been invited to give a talk at the Inverness Archive by the Highland Family History Society on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – the lecture containing some of the new research was well received and Chisholm's including Ben and Juliette had been in the audience.

Juliette was pleased that Margaret was continuing to find new information.

Juliette thanked all those who undertake projects on behalf of the Clan Chisholm Society.

Val thanked all those who manage our projects and she was amazed at the progress on the WWI volumes. All the projects remain important for our Society and the voluntary efforts put into all of them is appreciated.

Susan thanked Robert for continuing to manage the Chisholm DNA project with its links to our genealogy endeavours. She thanked all those who have taken on special projects for the Society.

## AGENDA ITEM 6 - New Business

### 6a – WW1 Centenary Memorial Volumes.

Robert had completed the first Volume on Flanders in April 2017.

Volume II commemorating casualties from the Middle East arena had just been completed in time for Anzac Day commemorations. Alastair Chisholm (webmaster) had posted this volume on our website with Volume I. Robert has used as the frontispiece for Volume II a picture of ‘Simpson and His Donkey’. Famous in Australia and New Zealand for using his donkey to carry casualties to first aid and to the beach at Anzac Cove for evacuation, Simpson was originally from South Shields, North East England and was serving with the First Australian Division during the Gallipoli campaign. He was killed in the third attack on Anzac Cove.

Robert hopes to publish a link to Chisholm Facebook groups to make the volume available to non members of the Clan Society.

He also referred members to the feature page on Dame Alice Chisholm, known to the troops as Mother Chisholm for providing welfare and canteen facilities mostly at her own expense throughout the four years of the war.

Susan thanked Robert for the huge amount of work he had put into the volumes.

Kim Polley commended Robert on his outstanding work on the WWI volumes. They are a most valuable asset for the Clan.

Kerry mentioned that Volume No.1 had been discussed at the recent Australia branch AGM and that members were most impressed by the amount of research that had gone into that volume. They are looking forward to next stage.

Martin also praised Robert’s excellent work as did Ben and Juliette. Val continued to be amazed at the great progress.

Juliette had found Volumes I & II very interesting and looked forward to seeing the project develop and be posted on our website.

David thanked Robert for all his efforts and the project was progressing nicely.

### 6b - Genealogy Project. Branch Historians/Genealogists, The International Database

Susan noted that our genealogy database is not widely used by members. There is an enormous amount of information within the database from members submissions and a huge amount of research by Bob Chisholm UK and Robert Chisholm NZ. Comments made to Susan by some UK branch members seem to suggest that they find the database difficult to navigate around. Susan asked if we are providing the best service we can and whether the software is as up to date as it could be, is the appearance of the site as today’s users expect. Are many members visiting once, but not visiting again when they don’t immediately find what they want. She felt it would be a shame if our members are not making the best of our extensive information. Could clan Council lead by Ian consider these questions and determine if we have the best system and structure for today. She felt that if financial input was required it could be made available.

Martin agreed that the genealogy database was a subject for clan Council to consider.

Robert looked forward to Ian’s response. The database had been added to from the WWI researches. He noted that the Forum is still active but at a lower rate than previously. Forum contacts had been encouraged to provide files for the database but had not so far done so.

Ben observed that the database had been created some years ago and asked if there were updates available which may be useful.

Margaret concurred with Susan’s comments regarding member’s difficulty in navigating the database. She felt it was a good time to review and clarify to make it less difficult. It is also important that our valuable data is secure.

Juliette always found interesting information on the Forum under the various headings. She appealed to branch newsletter editors to publicise the Forum activities to encourage better participation from members. Regarding the Genealogy database Juliette noted the various comments and hoped a way could be found to increase member use.

Fay pointed out that there are many companies providing family tree databases and she had in fact just received an email from one based in England.

Robert responded that the system installed by Bob is a very popular model. It does take a while to learn the best way to use it. He asked if it would be a good idea to open access to the wider public as a sort of promotion rather as ancestry.com does occasionally.

Ben C-B suggested setting up a 'working party/steering committee' to discuss how best to improve things. Kim Polley agreed that a working party was a good idea as did Kerry Chisholm.

Ian agreed that a special clan council meeting should be convened to discuss the issues raised. His preliminary thoughts in response to queries on the age of the database were that the TNG software is award winning and is widely used. Ian had used our site extensively for a number of years and had not had difficulty with navigation and he asked for some specific examples of the problems encountered by members. Ian enclosed links to TNG user sites which show information on the product, webtrees and one specifically on how to improve navigation and generally clean up the look and feel of a site. He did think a 'primer' on how to navigate our website may be a useful tool.

Susan thanked Ian for responding and agreed with others that a 'working party' should be set up to examine what the real issues are with our members interaction on the database. She felt a primer as suggested would help as most members are not 'tecchie' and we should do all we can to assist. Susan felt the working group could also look into whether all branches were supporting the CGI as originally envisaged; How we can help these branches and the society to progress and in Canada for instance to appoint a genealogist. Susan referred to the Purpose of The Chisholm Genealogies statement from an Annual Report. She asked that these points be added to the considerations.

Juliette in closing the meeting agreed that the topic would be attended to by clan council.

#### 6c – Clan Chisholm Journal

Prior to the meeting Martin had circulated to clan council members a copy of the excel spreadsheet he had created which lists past Journal articles. The list is useful to Martin in researching articles and to see easily what has previously been covered.

Fay thanked Martin for the Journal index. She asked about digitising the Journals themselves as this had previously been discussed at a Clan Council meeting.

Val had just received her copy of the 2018 Journal which she said was great.

Kim looked forward to a time when the older Journals could be available on line for members. They will be great reading and quench a thirst for knowledge of the life of our ancestors both in Scotland and other parts of the globe.

Martin agreed that the issue of scanning the journals was a clan council matter.

Margaret also noted that the spreadsheet of Journal articles produced by Martin was a very useful tool.

She asked about any further developments on scanning the journals.

Susan reminded members that Margaret and her husband John had previously offered to digitise the Clan Chisholm Journals. Susan felt this was an important project but we should also consider how we safeguard our intellectual property. Susan also thanked Martin for the excel file list of past Journal articles, it would be most useful but she felt it should only be shared at this time within the clan council members to whom it had been sent rather than made generally available. This was especially important when we are still engaged upon active research eg the Border Chisholme's.

Juliette responded that she would very much like to see Margaret and John carry out the scanning of past journals. She felt that some articles should remain within the Society.

#### 6d – Membership.

Fay Chisholm for New Zealand asked if other branches had ideas on how to encourage new members to join.

Juliette responded that the UK branch had twice sent letters to all those listed in telephone directories found in library reference sections. She suggested an advertisement in any Scottish magazine in New Zealand, or local newspapers. Juliette also suggested placing leaflets in tourist offices, museums and libraries.

Kim for Australia was going to investigate the cost of placing an advertisement in the Australasian edition of the Scottish Banner a monthly newsletter. The April edition had 78 adverts from Scottish clans and their branches worldwide and 12 from Scottish Associations and Societies. She felt that was a good avenue to follow to help membership to grow.

There being no further business the President of the Clan Chisholm Society Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield officially closed the meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8pm as planned.

Juliette thanked all for participating in particular those who had given project updates. She thanked Susan for her secretarial duties; the minutes would follow at Susan's convenience.