



# Clan Chisholm Society NZ

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## Editor's note:

Greetings to the Clan:

Here is the Springtime issue of your newsletter, a trifle late but that's what you get when there are World Cups, Elections, and regular old fashioned work to deal with. There is a wide variety of items within this newsletter, something I trust to please everyone. Something different, our Secretary, Barry Chisholm, has written an historical article, the first of many I hope. This one is on Jessie Chisholm, namesake for the Chisholm Trail from Texas through Oklahoma, and made famous in many a Western movie or TV show. In fact, I do believe Clint Eastwood got his first break on the Chisholm Trail, who can remember Rowdy Yates on "Rawhide" ?

We have a report on an anniversary commemorating the re-founding of Clan Chisholm Society in 1951, and the two founders of the NZ Branch in 1992 give their memories.

After all the hard work put in by such people as Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm in Scotland, Douglas, Fay, and Audrey in New Zealand, it would seem such a shame to see a Clan Society wither away through lack of interest. Its a

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sad fact that membership is in decline, and I would ask all members to do their best to encourage any person they know , with a Chisholm interest, to join the Society. Its not about money, the subs are a trifling few cups of coffee, and the returns in terms of newsletters and Clan journal far exceed that value. No, its about Clanship. We were once a Clan, and then we were cleared out of our Clan lands. The Chief from a few generations ago revived that idea via the formation of a Clan Society, and this was taken up by the fearless Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm in the days after the second world war. Remember that Mairi's family, our Chief Hamish's family, had nothing to do with the clearances, on the contrary they did their best to prevent the clearances . This was Chief Alexander XXII, his wife Elizabeth, and daughter Mary. Young mary in the early 1800's, and Mairi in the early 1900's are absolute exemplars of Feros Ferio. Those two certainly "fought the fierce".

Many of our NZ Chisholms were not ancestrally involved in the clearances, as they hail from the Scottish Borderlands, the foundation place of the Chisholme. The DNA project has shown that regardless of Highland or Lowland, the Chisholms are truly one family.

So don't forget, let see if we can improve the membership numbers in the New Zealand Branch of Clan Chisholm

Slán, and happy reading. Merry Christmas  
And never forget, Feros Ferio!

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Dear Chisholm People

I hope you're still warmed by the after-glow of the Rugby World Cup triumph, stressful though it was, and not too bewildered by the referendum, linked to the general election later this month, regarding the respective merits of the various alternatives to MMP.

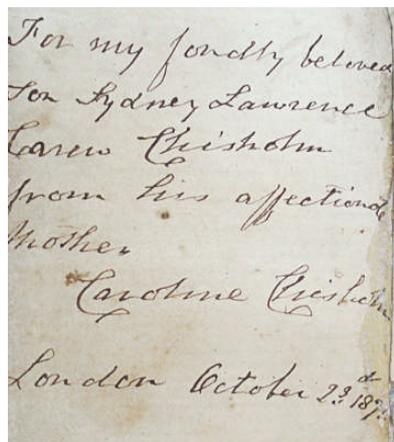
Caroline Chisholm, who made quite extraordinary contributions to bettering the lives of many emigrants and released convicts in Australia in the mid-nineteenth century, features in two fascinating articles in the Catholic monthly magazine Marist Messenger, one in the July issue, by Tricia O'Donnell, "Caroline Chisholm: the emigrants' friend," and the other in the November issue, by Sister Janet Fearn, "Caroline Chisholm: Northampton's half-forgotten saint." She was born in 1808 in the small town of Wootton, near Northampton in England, as Caroline Jones, in an Anglican family, but became a Catholic in 1830, when she married Archibald Chisholm, a Catholic Scotsman. After spending two long periods of her life in Australia, she returned to England in 1866 and died in 1877.

If you are able to access either article, you will find not only the remarkable story of her life but also quite-seriously-advanced suggestions that if only a couple of miracles could be linked to her she could be canonized as an Australian saint! So, our Australian cousins would doubtless be highly chuffed about that!

A highly enjoyable occasion I was kindly invited to was a dinner celebrating the attainment of Gold Card status, at age 65, of our esteemed Secretary and Treasurer Barry Chisholm, of which a highlight was a spirited singing of "Flowers of Scotland," by his daughters Rachel and Ellie.

Hope you are keeping well, and will have an enjoyable time over the Christmas season.

John C. Ross



Pics: Left: Major Archibald Chisholm 30th Madras Infantry, Honourable East India Company. Archibald was a son of the Knockfin family, descending from Chief Alexander XVII, and his famous son & grandson, Colin I of Knockfin and John II of Knockfin, both military heroes of the Clan. The Knockfin family also provided Bishops to the Catholic Church in Scotland.

Centre: Caroline's inscription to her son, front inside cover of her prayer Book. Right: Caroline Chisholm nee Jones. In Australia she featured on the \$5.00 note. Compared with NZ, that is up there with Sir Edmund Hillary.

## THE CHISHOLM ARCHIVES AND OTHER RESOURCES

By John Ross

If you want to chase up your Chisholm family history, you could use three valuable resources: the NZ Chisholm archives, assembled by Audrey Barney, contributed to by numerous others, and currently stored by myself, until someone volunteers for the role of Clan Historian); the Legacy online database of NZ Chisholm births, deaths and marriages (BDM, which several people, including myself, have on their computers); and the international Clan Chisholm Genealogy database, which can be accessed by obtaining this branch's code word from Barry Chisholm, our Secretary, going to the website [www.ClanChisholmSociety.org](http://www.ClanChisholmSociety.org), and following cues and instructions to get yourself signed in (provided that you are indeed a signed-up member of this branch).

You can also access the Forum, via this website; and if you wanted to go into more distant history, of course you could for a moderate cost join the Chisholm DNA project - Robert, our newsletter editor, could tell you all about that.

The Chisholm archives are in eight cardboard cartons and half a dozen file-boxes, with the crucial materials for particular families in Boxes 4-8. As far as possible Audrey has grouped them in terms of earliest known place of origin in Scotland, or in England. So, for example, there is a folder "ChGlasgow" for several families traced back to Glasgow, one for "ChKirkhill" for the family that settled at Fortrose in Southland, but came from Kirkhill, and so forth. For Audrey's own family, which is also mine, the folder is "ChWestYk", since our earliest authoritatively identified ancestral record is for the marriage of "Hugh Chy-sam" in 1795 in Rotherham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Boxes 1-3 contain sundry books, BDM records, maps, NZ Clan Chisholm Society newsletters, and other CCS papers and materials. Several file-boxes contain other materials.

So, if you can identify your earliest known ancestor and where he or she came from I can check whether we have something about this person, and your family, and if successful provide photocopies of it. On the other hand, if you already have your own family history records, and are willing to share them, we would be delighted if you could send us copies of them, which may well be a godsend to other enquirers. One could if need be always make new folders.

The Legacy database has its BDM/tree files keyed either to certain family members' names or place-of-known-origin, and hence may need a little experimentation to navigate it. It includes, as far as possible, all known NZ Chisholms, up to the newborn.

The international Genealogy Database does not include data about living persons, for privacy reasons, even though there is a procedure required for accessing it. Moreover, the database controller has only been accepting for entry data that are considered adequately verified, hence you may not find names or BDM information for which this high standard has not been attained.

The DNA resource may lead you to quite closely related people, where there is little if any difference involved, but otherwise goes back to more ancient common ancestry.

One further kind of source is in family history narratives in the Clan Journals, and the NZ Newsletter, as well as in Audrey Barney's book Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand.



Clan Chisholm Society  
60th Anniversary  
Invernesshire  
1951-2011

The Priory of Beaulieu is the final resting place for most of the Clan Chisholm Chiefs of Olde. In the 13th Century, Cistercian monks built the Priory, deciding that Beaulieu was the ideal spot for their secluded meditation and worship. They found fulfil-

ment through strict rules on diet, silence and hard work. Nearby is the Priory Hotel, where the guests have found a slightly different route to bliss. Hotel management boasts that their three steps to fulfilment are quite the opposite to the Cisterian Monks. It was to this establishment, rather than the Priory, that on Friday October 28th, the Invernesshire members of Clan Chisholm Society gathered to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Society.

Although the Clan Chisholm Society was founded at the end of the 19th Century by Chief James Chisholm, it was revitalized in 1951 by his granddaughter, Mairi and her nephew, Chief Alastair, father of our present Chief Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm. Those present at the anniversary celebration included:

Mary and Duncan (The Kiltmaker) Chisholm; Peter Chisholm and his sister Beatrice, two members who are very knowledgeable in Chisholm History; Christina and Norman Chisholm (the U.K. Branch Walk advisers for the Scottish Highlanders); and of course, Beaulieu locals Ben and Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield.

Juliette's speech remembered Miss Mairi and all the work she put into the Society in its early years. NZ members should check the catalogue of resources in this newsletter, as the recently published book about Miss Mairi's war years on the Western Front is now available for loan.



Mairi Chisholm (Right)

After the meal, toasts and drinks, Norman and Christina showed their craftwork with various Chisholm Tartans, doing the spinning, dying and weaving.

The Mission of The Clan Chisholm Society is to preserve the heritage of our Scottish clan and to promote links between Chisholms around the world.



Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand

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## GIVE IT A GO!

By Douglas Chisholm New Plymouth

It was towards the end of my 1992 visit to my Scottish family that I visited Inverness, Scotland. While in the town, I called on Duncan Chisholm & Sons, Kiltmakers. I met Duncan Chisholm, at that time Vice-President of the Clan Chisholm Society. We had a good chat, and during our conversation I learnt of a visit to Chisholme House, near Hawick, and that also, on the following day, the AGM of the Society was to be held in Edinburgh.

So, on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1992, I joined other Chisholms for that visit. A lovely sunny autumn day. It wasn't long before I was talking with people, and they with me. And the questions came - "Is there a branch of the Clan in New Zealand?" The answer was "No."

"What are you going to do about it?" "Will you do something about it?" All through that day, and at the AGM on the following day, the questions came. The encouragement and support for me to do something was enough to convince me that I should act after I returned to New Zealand.



It took me some time, after my return, to "get my act into gear."

I had been given the name of a Mrs Fay Chisholm of Gisborne, who had been at a meeting in Scotland some time previously. She supported the proposed move, so I wrote to the metropolitan and provincial newspapers. The letter invited people born a Chisholm, married to a Chisholm and their siblings, plus any who were interested in the Chisholms and their history.

Gradually, replies came in, slowly but surely. There was enough interest expressed in favour of forming a Branch, that a meeting was called, for the date 19 February 1994. The meeting was to be held in Connelly Hall, Hill Street, Wellington. Brian, my brother, was a great help in organising the venue, as well as being my driver. Thank you, Brian.

The meeting duly took place, with eighteen people present. Mrs Fay Chisholm chaired it, and I took the minutes. There were apologies for absence. Together, they helped the meeting decide that a Branch should be formed, to be named Clan Chisholm Society, New Zealand Branch.

The inaugural officers appointed were Mrs Fay Chisholm, President, Mr Douglas Chisholm, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mr Michael Chisholm, Gisborne, a committee member. Later, Mrs Isobel Chisholm (later, Mrs I. Elliott) and Mrs Heather Masters, Hastings, were added to the Committee.

I was also given much help by Mr Lester Chisholm, solicitor, now a judge in Christchurch. His help, and that of his secretary, were invaluable for drawing up a constitution, which met New Zealand requirements, and fitted the international Clan Chisholm requirements.

Seventeen years have passed. The time I spent at the beginning - writing letters, receiving them, time spent on the telephone, filing responses, and keeping the money straight - was time well spent. I am glad I had a part to play in establishing the New Zealand Branch.

Thank you to all who helped me in this task.

Pictures from inaugural meeting:

Top-Douglas Chisholm & Fay Chisholm

Bottom: Group pic,

Front row from left-Douglas,

Fay White, Audrey Barney,

Brian Chisholm . Who else can you recognize?



## From the Formation of a Clan Branch through to the Artifacts Register by Fay Chisholm

The formation of the New Zealand Branch began with our round-the-world trip in 1990. In meeting with Ruari Chisholm in London and later with Duncan Chisholm in Inverness, but most of all in staying with Wilfred Medlam in Edgumbe, Shropshire, we found the idea of starting a Clan branch in New Zealand was always the main topic of conversation.

Two more years were to pass by before Douglas Chisholm of Napier made contact; and by this time I was no longer involved with the local netball association, and able to devote time to doing something about making the dream come true. Douglas had just come back from his trip to Scotland, where he had been told to contact us.

So it was that in May 1993, with Douglas's help, we set about forming the branch, holding the inaugural meeting in Wellington the following year. It was here that I became the founding President and Douglas the founding Secretary and Treasurer. Audrey Barney was approached about becoming NZ Clan Historian - and what a great job Audrey has done!

The reason an Historian was appointed that day was that I had always been interested in collating our family histories, and felt this would be a great project to start with. Little did I know that it would snowball to involve other branches throughout the world. Wilfred Medlam had done much to compile Chisholm family histories, but ours was the first branch to do so.

At the 1994 meeting, four known families were represented; and by the time I left the chair some thirteen years later we had nineteen, with more to come. After that first meeting, Audrey and her husband David spent a week with Michael and I going through all the Chisholm information we had collected over the years, such as the full list of Chisholm "Births, Deaths and Marriages" from the International Genealogy Index, for Scotland and England, and the files of NZ Chisholm BDM's, together with copies of any other information we had on file, and these were to form the basis of Audrey's research.

In those early years, I was the delegate for New Zealand to the recently formed Clan Council, and shared ideas with people from the other branches, which led to their appointments of their own historians and to sharing of information. Alexander Mackenzie's History of the Chisholms, first printed in 1891, was reprinted in November 2003, with an Addendum section by Dr Jean Munro (Dunlop), with some corrections and additions. A website was set up to centralize links to information about the Clan Chisholm Society's various other projects. The one that has made my day was the setting up of the Genealogy database, for me, a dream come true. Still more was to come, with the DNA Project, the Artifacts Register, and hopefully in the near future the publication of the "Chisholm Chronicles" volume.

Talking of the Artifacts Register, for which Michael and I are the co-ordinators, all sorts of interesting things have come to light, and so long as they are not family histories, photos or documents they can be registered. For example, a phone call from its present owner in America set the ball rolling, in trying to find out the origins of a table cloth. It looks like a fine damask cloth, with napkins, and it has embroidered on it the crests of the royal houses of Europe, along with the Chisholm crest, and the initials of a past Clan Chief, whom we have now identified, although we don't know yet why they are on this cloth. It is thought to be about 200 years' old, and has been used at several royal weddings.

As you can see, it is not just the article we register but also the history belonging to it, and this is what makes it so interesting. Without the Clan website, many such artifacts would not come to light. The table cloth's present owner found us by searching the web, and so far

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## Jesse Chisholm: Trader and Diplomat on the Plains

by Barry Chisholm

The Chisholm Trail, traveled by Texas longhorn cattle moving northward across present-day Oklahoma to Kansas, was named for Jesse Chisholm (1805-1868). Though Chisholm's prominence in western lore rests largely on this connection, he was active on the frontier long before the naming of the trail.

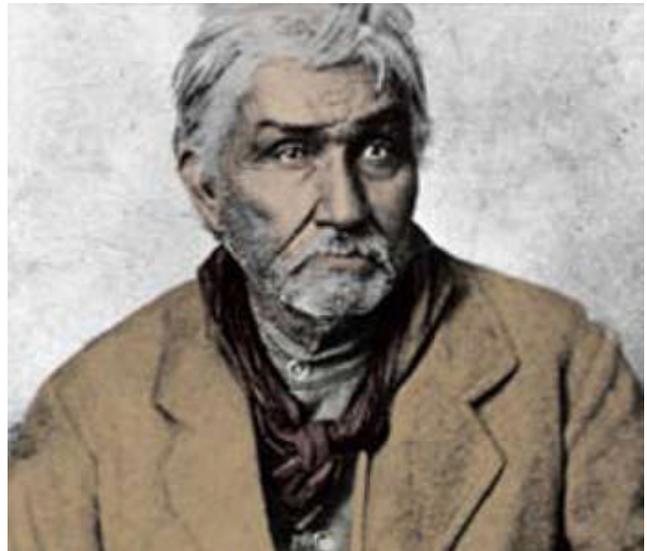
Jesse left no diaries, letters, or personal documents and, until recent times, much of his life has been shrouded in mystery. At least three other Chisholms have been given credit for the naming of the Chisholm Trail, but it is now generally accepted that Jesse can claim the honour. Part of the trail followed the route which Jesse used to haul stock to his trading post.

Jesse was born to a father of Scottish descent, Ignatius Chisholm, and a Cherokee mother, Corn Tassel's sister, in Tennessee. When Cherokees began removing themselves from their homelands to Arkansas, Jesse and his mother went with them. Later they moved to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, where Jesse's aunt married the famous Texan Sam Houston. Jesse's grandfather was John D Chisholm, whose home in Scotland has still not been identified. John D Chisholm was a colourful character in the early days of the American frontier. He is often remembered for his tavern in Knoxville, and he was often to be found wheeling and dealing with the Cherokees. His most infamous exploit was in the "Blount Conspiracy", where Chisholm had 2 vital roles to play. He would be the emissary to Britain in an attempt to entice Britain into war with Spain, with respect to the Spanish territory of Florida. Back in America he would lead a band of Cherokees down the Mississippi, and capture all the Spanish forts. Many books have been written about Jesse, but his granddaddy could fill a few of his own as well.

Jesse became a trader and in 1836 married Eliza Edwards, daughter of trader James Edwards and his Creek wife. Perhaps because of his mixed heritage and the fact that he was raised among the Cherokee, Jesse was frequently called upon as an interpreter during treaty negotiations with various Indian tribes. Jesse could speak several Indian languages fluently and was regarded as one of the best guides on the Plains. There are stories that he rescued hostages and captives from Indian tribes and raised some of them as his own children.

National policy was frequently in direct opposition to the best interests of the Indians. In spite of all the bigotry that surrounded him, Jesse grew up to be a very fair man and earned the respect of both whites and Indians. His diplomatic skills frequently called him away from his business and he spent a lot of time in Texas. He found himself starting over several times.

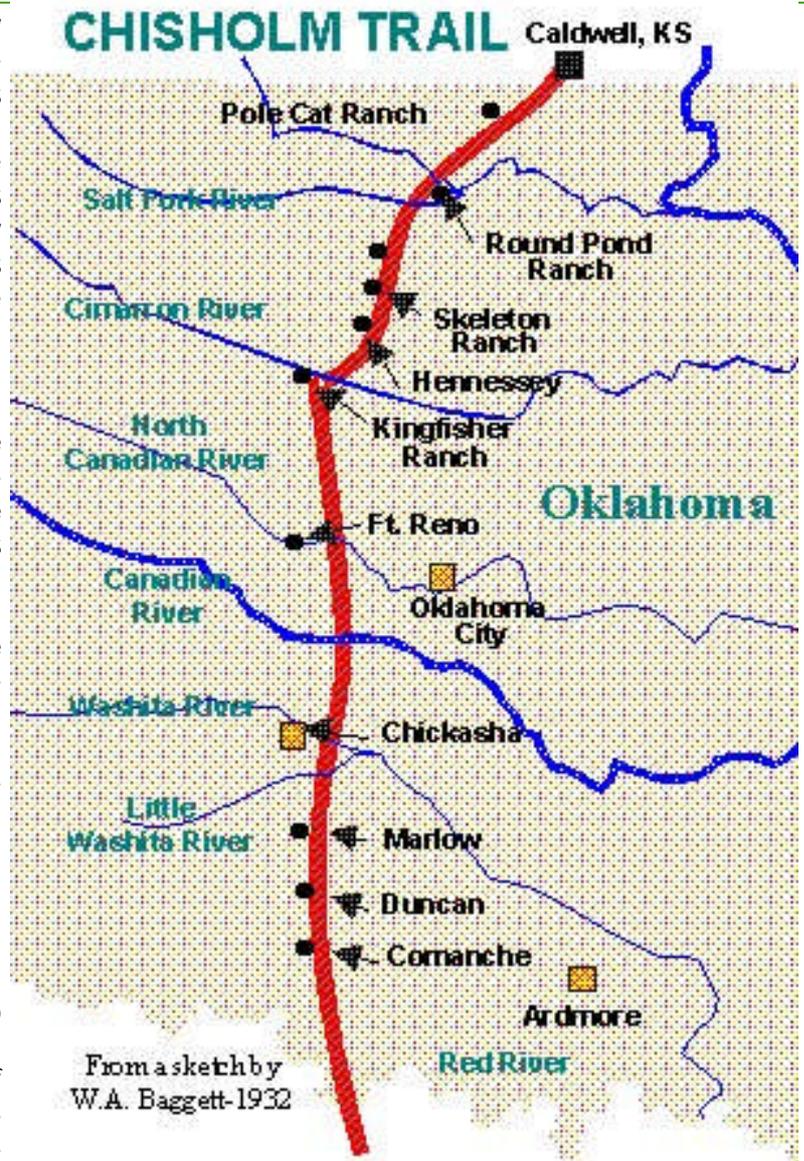
Not all of the conflicts Jesse was called on to mediate were between whites and Indians. As eastern tribes were removed to Kansas and Indian Territory in Oklahoma, conflicts arose between tribes and even within tribes as various factions found they couldn't agree. Jesse has been portrayed as a man who listened to all sides of a conflict before offering his advice.



Jesse ended his trips into Texas shortly before the Civil War began. Great demands were placed on the Plains Indians to take sides. Jesse, as a slave-owner, was inclined to side with the South while attempting to remain neutral for business purposes. In the end, he and his family shifted north with the refugee Indians that he frequently traded with and he was recruited as an interpreter for Union officers.

Jesse drifted west to the mouth of the Little Arkansas River, future site of Wichita, Kansas. Much of his trading was done by taking wagons and going to the villages of tribes to bring back buffalo hides and the like to stock his post. Another trading post was set up on the north fork of the Canadian River near present-day Oklahoma City. His wagons carved deep ruts in the prairie between the two posts, creating a trail. Cattle were sometimes included in the goods that he traded, and as such, Jesse Chisholm probably did trail cattle over at least a portion of the trail that would later bear his name.

Jesse was involved in further attempts to mediate between government representatives and the plains tribes. The spring of 1868 found him holding trade with Comanches, Kiowas, Cheyennes and Arapa-



hos at their encampment on the North Canadian River. It was at this site that legend reports Jesse's death from food poisoning attributed to rancid bear grease. When Jesse's friends, James R. Mead and William Greiffenstein, along with others, became aware of his death a few days later, they noted it with the help of a small keg of Kentucky's finest, honouring their friend with a fitting wake ending with a salute from their guns.

Jesse's descendants still reside in Oklahoma and Kansas and throughout the USA. Because of him, they can wear the name Chisholm with pride. With his formidable intellect and talent for diplomacy, Jesse Chisholm blazed a trail in the history of the American Southwest more fascinating even than the one that bears his name.

Sources:

Wayne Gard, *The Chisholm Trail*, 1954.

Stan Hoig, *Jesse Chisholm: Ambassador of the Plains*, 2005.

Ralph B. Cushman, *Jesse Chisholm: Texas Trail Blazer and Sam Houston's*

*Trouble-Shooter*, 1997.

further reading: <http://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-historical-quarterly-the-chisholm-trail/12670>



## Audrey Barney

Clan Historian and Genealogist (retired)



Here is the first part of the Resource catalogue. Part 2, which John has explained earlier deals with specific families will follow in the next Newsletter. Another 4 cartons of books etc.

Our grateful thanks go to Audrey for the marvellous job she has made, an enduring legacy available to all Chisholms in New Zealand, and many beyond. All the resources listed below are available to loan, just contact the President John Ross in Palmerston North. Highly recommended are the books by Dianne Atkinson about the chief's daughter and CCS founder, Mairi Chisholm, and for a nice Kiwi Christmas read, the book by ex-fisheries officers Don Young and Duncan Chisholm, "Just a no count poacher".

### NEW ZEALAND CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY CATALOGUE OF RESOURCES.PART I

GENERAL BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND RINGBINDER/FOLDERS (Cartons 1-4 alphabetically by spine labeling) Books, unless stated otherwise)

Carton 1 (A - B)

Carton 2 (C - M)

Carton 3 (N)

Carton 4 (P - Z)

ALLAN, Elizabeth Burn on the hill: The story of the first "Compleat Munroist" Beaully, Bidean Books, 1995. "Set in Glenstrathfarrar - Mentions Chisholms" 154p (Carton 1)

ANDSELL, Ian The Chisholms. Strathclyde, Lang Syne publishing, 2007. 31p. (Carton 1- very small pamphlet on history of the family)

ATKINSON, Diane Elsie & Mairi go to war: two extraordinary women on the Western front. Arrow Books, 2010, (Carton 1)

ARTICLES Articles, talks from many different sources (Carton 1- Ringbinder)

BARNEY, Audrey Chisholm pioneers in colonial New Zealand. Orewa, 2001. 222p. (Carton 1 "All known Chisholm families who arrived in NZ before 1900.")

B.D.M. lists, Australia. (NSW and Victoria only) (Carton 1- Ringbinder Not IGI)

B.D.M. lists. England, Ireland, Scotland (International Genealogical Index (IGI) (By County) (Carton 1 - Ringbinder)

BLAMIRE, Steve The Highland clearances. 1996 (From internet in manilla folder) (Carton 1)

CHISHOLM, Alex H. The incredible year: a naturalist sees Europe in Adolf Hitler "Weather". Auckland, Oswald Sealy, 1944. 245 p. (Carton 2)

CHISHOLM, Duncan and Don YOUNG, Just a no count poacher. Auckland, Piscatorial press, 2001. 182 p. (Carton 2) "The adventures available to a NZ Fishery officer"

CHISHOLM, Jocelyn Captain Cattlin towards New Zealand. Wgton, J. Chisholm, 1994 (Carton 2) "The 19<sup>th</sup> century journal of Edward Cattlin"

CHISHOLM, Jocelyn Robert Coghill: Otago artist. Privately printed, 2000. 20p. (Carton 2)

CHISHOLM, Matt From Urray to Murray: A Chisholm trail: fact and folklore comp. by Matt Chisholm. (Not on computer - not a NZ family, but family of Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield, Gareth Chisholm from South Africa, and Matt Chisholm of Ayr) 39 unpagged .Includes trees. (Carton 2)

CHISHOLM family trees (NZ Clan member families) ( approx.2002). (Carton 2)

CLAN CHISHOLM Journal. V1, 1960 - v49, 2006; v51, 2008- (Box 5)

CLAN maps: a collection of maps relevant to Chisholms, mainly in Scotland.Ringbinder. (Carton 2)

CHOWN, Carolyn Some histories of Chisholm families in Australia, 1790-1990. [1990] 278 p. (Carton 2)

DUNLOP, Jean The Clan Chisholm. Edinburgh, Johnston and Bacon, 1968. 29p (Carton 2).

DUNLOP, Jean The Clan Chisholm. 2d ed. Settle, N.YK, 1993. 40p. (Carton 2)

EARLY Chisholm Bulletins. No.1, Jul 1952 to No.15, Jul 1959. (If possible put in Box 3 with the Newsletters)

FRASER, Donald Guisachan: a history. 2d ed. [Privately published, 1990] 32p (Carton 2) "A Fraser stronghold ,but John Chisholm (ChKilmorackJ) worked here under Lord Tweedmouth before going to Alltbeath Lodge and then NZ"

KILMORACK HERITAGE SOCIETY. A celebration of Kilmorack beauty. (Video. BOX 4)

KILMORACK HERITAGE SOCIETY. A history of the parish of Kiltarlity: the parish, the heritors and their seats: comp. by H. W. Harrison. The society, 2006. 334 p. (Carton 2)

KILMORACK HERITAGE SOCIETY Urchany and Farley, Leannasie and Breakachy: Parish of Kilmorack 1700-1999. The society, 1998. 264 p (Carton2)

MCKENZIE, Alexander History of the Chisholms with genealogies of the principal families of the name. Inverness, 1891. 252 p. (Carton 2)

MCKENZIE, Alexander] Chisholm genealogies, through Medlam and Bob Chisholm(CD - Box 3).

MYSTERY CHISHOLMS (Those yet unfound) (Carton 3?)

NEW ZEALAND Chisholm newsletters 1-48 (Carton 3 - Ringbinder)

NEW ZEALAND Clan Chisholm Society Reports (Carton 3 - Ringbinder))

NON CLAN members (mainly) Miscellaneous and mysteries. (Includes material in Chisholm Pioneers and on computer for ChKirkcudbright, ChArgyll, ChDores, ChStirlingDD) (Carton 3 - Ringbinder)

POT POURRI of Chisholms. Alexander of Nairn,(ChNairn) Alexander of Turriff, (not on computer) Angus of Skye,(ChSkye) David Hill of Angus,(ChAngus) Hugh Marshall of Wilton (ChWiltonRx) Ringbinder (Carton 4)

PREBBLE, John The Highland clearances. Penguin, 1969. (Carton 4)"The classic"

ROBSON, Michael. Surnames and clansmen: Border family history in earlier days. Isle of Lewis, Scotland, 1998. 200 p. "Full of Border Chisholms" On loan to Robert Chisholm, April 2010. When returned to Carton 4

SHIPPING and migration. (Ringbinder) (Carton 4)

STATISTICAL ACCOUNTS of Scotland. Scottish censuses and Scottish BDMs.(not IGI) Ringbinder (Carton 4)

STEWART, Alan Gathering the clans: tracing Scottish ancestry on the internet. Chicester, Phillimore, 2004. 158 p. (Carton 4)

STRATHGLASS and Roxburghshire-articles relating to Chisholms. Ringbinder Carton 4

THOMSON, Iain R The long horizon. Inverness, Strathglass books 1999. 239 p.(Carton 4)

The THREE earliest NZ Chisholms: Adam, 1841 (ChMelroseRob); John, 1841 (left NZ for Tasmania, 1842 and not on computer) and J.M. 1826 (John Moffat, 1826 till in the late 1830s when he joined his siblings in Australia-an entrepreneur in Aussie - on NZ whale oil! On Australian files) Ringbinder (Carton 4)

WALKING with Chisholms, Sep 2002. Commentary and photos by the Chisholm-Broomfields on a four day tramp thru isolated Chisholm country.(Includes map of part of the route and history of Allbeath) (Photo album Box 4)

WITHERS, Charles Gaelic Scotland: the transformation of a Culture region. Cheltenham, 1955. 462 p. (photocopied) (Carton 4)

YOUNG, Don and Duncan CHISHOLM Those Piscatorial Policemen. Christchurch, Qoin press, 1997. 187p. (Carton 4)

(BOXES OF RESEARCH AND DISPLAY MATERIAL)

CLAN CHISHOLM Journal. V1, 1960 -v49, 2006; v51, 2008- BOX 5

NEW ZEALAND resources, miscellaneous, include Consent forms. BOX 2

OVERSEAS RESOURCES from Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, United States,including overseas Society Newsletters. BOX 1

PHOTOS, pictures, display material, videos and tapes. (Only CDs and videos recorded) BOX 3 and 4.

Chisholm genealogy from McKenzie thru Medlam and Bob Chisholm (CD - Box 3) Also a second CD - Medlam charts - how to load and view. (CD - Box 3)

Clan Chisholm: Highland tunes (CD - Box 3)

Fox, Marjory Family history of William and Marion Chisholm, arrived in NZ Sept 1875. (ChGlasgow) (2 CDs - Box 3)

KILMORACK Heritage Association. A celebration of Kilmorack's beauty. (Audio - Box 4)

MACKIE, Linda Linda Mackie on the Fortrose Chisholms. C 1994 (ChKirkhill) (Cassette. BOX 3)

MCKINLAY, Ellen "Ellen entertains" (ChGlasgow) (Audio -Box 4)

ROSEBANK Estate Auction (Avondale Auckland) - 1882. Map on CD. (ChMelroseRob) (CD - Box 3)

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AUTUMN, IN WELLINGTON REGION. EXACT DATE AND LOCATION TO BE DECIDED, INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

Clan members are advised that subscriptions for the current year are now due. The sub for ordinary members is \$15.00. A cheque for this amount may be sent to The Treasurer, Clan Chisholm Society NZ, 17 Phoenix Avenue, Palmerston North 4410.

You can also pay online via our National Bank account: 06-0701-0134415-000



Rugby World Cup  
New Zealand  
Sept-Oct 2011



Left: Raymond Chisholm (Security Provider to RWC) does his bit in helping to ensure that the World Cup stays in New Zealand.

Right. Dave Chisholm of North Harbour inspects a bigger version of the William Webb Ellis Trophy.

### Five pearls of Scottish wisdom to remember. (South Carolina version)

1. Money cannot buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes Benz than it is on a bicycle
2. Forgive your enemy, but remember the bastard's name and address.
3. Help a man when he is in trouble and he will remember you when he is in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problem, but then neither does milk.

### Glesga waddin'

Two Glaswegians, Archie and Jimmy, are sitting in the pub discussing Jimmy's forthcoming wedding.

"Och, it's all goin' pure dead brilliant," says Jimmy. "A've got aw'thin' organised a'readies, the fluers, the Church, the caurs, the reception, the rings, the meenister, even ma stag night".

"I've even bought a kilt to be married in!" continues Jimmy.

"A kilt?" exclaims Archie, "That's braw, you'll look richt smairt in that. Whit's the tartan?"

"Och," says Jimmy, "A'd imagine she'll be in white !"

From Veda

## Gathering of the Clan, Duluth Minnesota, July 2011



At the President's Reception at the Kitchi Gammi Club, Duluth. From left, Gene Chisholm Jones, VP/Treasurer of US Branch (Acushnet MA), David Chisholm Higgins, President, US Branch and Host (Castle Rock, CO), Val Chisholm Perry, International President of Clan Chisholm Society (Keene, NH), and David Holmes, Pres, Canada Branch (Calgary, AB).



Minnesota Chisholms meet Arkansas Chisholms.



CCS US Branch Chairman David Chisholm Higgins, right, and Clan Chisholm International President Val Chisholm Perry, accept the Proclamation given to the visiting Chisholms from the town of Chisholm, Minnesota, and delivered by councilman Steve Cook. (left)

Editor's note: Chisholm, Minnesota, is named after Archibald Mark Chisholm, mining magnate, banker, philanthropist. He made a lot of money, and he never forgot his Chisholm roots in Ontario and in Scotland. The City of Chisholm, Minnesota, does not forget its founder, and this proclamation says that all members of Clan Chisholm can consider themselves to be honorary citizens of the City of Chisholm in Minnesota. Hey, that's you!

And David Chisholm Higgins is Archibald's great grandson.



**Left arm tattoo** - Celtic art is seen on her left arm in the form of a cross. The cross is tattooed on her left arm and it has a Celtic design which is inside the cross. This tattoo is the only cross tattoo she has. This tattoo was etched for the sake of protection.



**Right arm tattoo** - Right arm is comparatively filled with more tattoos than her left arm. To start with, she has a Celtic knots arm band tattoo on her bicep and right above it she has two Japanese symbols which mean 'woman' and 'power'. This matches the motto of her band "girl power". The cute looking tattoo is seen on her hand is a star. This star is a symbol for the success of her solo album Northern Star.

**Leg tattoo** - She has an elaborate Chinese dragon tattoo on her right leg. This tattoo symbolizes the male power. The dragon is considered to be the opposite of the phoenix. This tattoo is done in blue and is curled on the right calf of Mel C. Similar to the phoenix tattoo, the dragon tattoo is also coming from the fire.



So that's Mel C and her Tatts! What have ordinary common garden variety Chisholms got carved into their skin? Turn over the page have a look at what's on Facebook :

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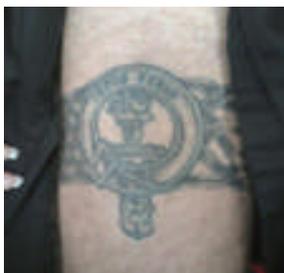
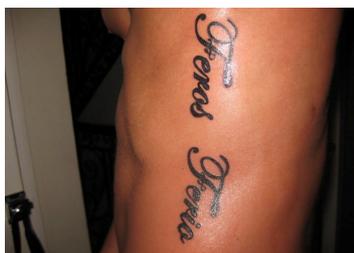
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For all Chisholm's...doesn't matter your DNA strain nor the country you live in or if you're related through marriage! Let's build the largest Genealogy group on the net!

Everybody welcome!

# Chisholm



## Welcome to the world! Some brand new Little Chissies!



**Mali Jean Chisholm** of Gerringong, NSW and her big sisters Gracie and Erin, 3rd daughter of Shannon and Christen, and granddaughter of Allan Chisholm, Sydney member of CCSNZ.

Born September 20 2011, 3.6kg, 50cm.

Great great great grandchild of Allan Chisholm, who was the youngest child of John Chisholm and Abigail Forbes, who lived at the Llea da Ghrur, in Breakachy, above Erchless castle. Allan left Breakachy, in 1869, arriving in Dunedin in 1871,

He gradually worked his way northwards and eventually settled at Featherstone in the Wairarapa. Here he built a house which still stands today, and he named it "Beauly"

**Eva Leone Tuato'o**, born 9 February 2011 , daughter of Cathy, grand daughter of President John Ross

Descendent of Hugh Chysam who was in Yorkshire in the late 1700's, and of colonial pioneer Joseph Wilson Chisholm. We have not yet figured out whence and when this Chisholm family came out of Scotland, but we do know that once upon a long time ago, they are descended from the founder family of Clan Chisholm, thanks to the DNA project.



Welcome to the world! Some more brand new Little Chissies!

Ash and Lynda Chisholm (left) with grandson Lucus Elliot Collings born 4 Oct 2011 in Tauranga. Another little one for the "Culduthel" Family Tree



Nate Jesse Chisholm-Bishop ,(Right) another Breakachian. gr gr gr grandson of Allan of Breakachy.

Son of Johanna and Clint, born Auckland, June 2011

Grandson of Duncan Chisholm, author of several books which you will find in the Clan Chisholm, Society resources

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he's over the moon with what we have found out, but now it's time for someone out there to help us.

Can anyone put me in contact with the person who has the original Medlam Files? I saw them at Wilfred's place before they were revamped, and I know that what I need, to complete the history of the cloth, is somewhere in these files.

Eighteen years after efforts in New Zealand began, even though I am no longer directly involved with the running of our Branch, I remain as delegate to the Clan Council, and as co-ordinator of the Artifacts Register, which I enjoy.

Finally, I would like to pay a tribute to Audrey Barney for her services to our Clan Branch as Historian. Audrey - it's hard to believe it's eighteen years since we first met in Wellington, and little did we know what a wonderful job you would do in collating all those family histories. Yours will certainly be a hard act to follow. On behalf of all Clan members here in New Zealand as well as worldwide, we salute you and thank you for all you have done. Now it's time for you to sit back, put your feet up, and have a cuppa.

Thanks, Audrey.

Info on the Artifacts register can be accessed through The Clan Chisholm Society website, <http://www.clanchisholmsociety.org/public/artifacts.php> or directly from Fay via email

## DAVID BARNEY 1920-2011

The committee members of the CCS of NZ extend their deepest sympathy to Audrey Barney, on behalf of all members for the loss of her husband David. He was a thoroughly decent, capable, reliable man, who was, from our point of view, wonderfully supportive of Audrey in her considerable work for the Clan.

David commenced concurrent University and teacher training studies in Dunedin in the 1930's. War interrupted his career, he volunteered for the Air Force, trained as a navigator and served five years, mostly in the Middle East, in combat duties and later, as a trainer of Air Force navigator's in Egypt. He attained the rank of Squadron Leader.

On the return to Civvy Street, his most important act was his marriage to Audrey, and he followed that up with studies towards Masters and Doctorate, specializing in "Special Education". His chief educational interests were those children with special needs, whether gifted, disabled. He worked for the Department of Education and then became an Associate Professor at Auckland University, where for eighteen years he was in charge of the training of graduates to become School Psychologists.

David had a lifelong interest in travel, and he and Audrey travelled widely, at first when on sabbatical from the University, and after retirement, to places as diverse as Bhutan, Alaska and Sarawak.

David never lost his creative side, building houses for his family, playing the piano, landscaping sections, or doing graphics on the computer in latter years. His three children and grandchildren remember him for his story telling, his homemade illustrated books before computer days, his music, his humour and his humanity.



Lest  
we  
forget



New Website: <http://breakachian.wordpress.com/>.



Ever since Chisholms have been in the Highlands, they have been in Breakachy. This place is a basin nestled up in the hills above the Beaully River between Erchless and Beaully. Many Chisholm families in New Zealand and Australia have ancestors who lived, farmed, crofted and milled, up at Breakachy. One particularly famous ancestor was Rory, the son of Colin Chisholm IV of the Lietre branch. Roderick Rory fought at Culloden, survived with battle scars to the head. Other vital parts of his body were probably unharmed, as he moved up to Breakachy and fathered a very large family. These children and the great number of descendents scattered through NZ Australia, UK, Canada, and the USA are known as Clann ic Ruraidh. Maybe YOU are one of them! The website listed above shows off Breakachy in its modern form, and it also contains an online version of Rev William McDonald's classic book about growing up Breakachy in the late 19th century.