



Clan Chisholm Society

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Greetings to Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand, and international subscribers.

This newsletter is a trifle late, due to competing interests and responsibilities on behalf of the editor. What would help, in terms of more regularity, would be for society members to offer contributions, and also to offer assistance. The position of editor is always available, and for those wanting to dip their toes before jumping right in to the deep end, there is always the position of acting unpaid deputy editor, a position where you can help out to whatever extent you desire. Help would definitely be most welcome.

With this in mind, informal talks have been held with other branches, with respect to a more international newsletter; in a large measure as a way to spread the load around. The prevailing feeling is however that the branches retain their identity and keep producing their own newsletters. This however won't stop co-ordination and co-operation be-

tween the various branch editors. Co-operation and sharing has always been a feature of the NZ newsletter, and this trend will continue, and may even be extended with our cousins in the West Island, talks are ongoing! In this issue we have borrowed from the latest Australian newsletter, the article about Dylan Forge, the young piper, who incidentally also features in the President's Report. Speaking of which, this newsletter brings you two Presidential Reports. On page 2, the Annual report Clan Chisholm Society President Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield presented to the Clan Council meeting on 22 Feb 2019 is reprinted. This is followed by the report from our very own Branch president, Dr John Ross.

I have provided an outline of a search I made for the woman who kindly provided my great Aunt with a freshly printed copy of Jean Dunlop's definitive book "The Clan Chisholm" in 1953, and Audrey has provided a fascinating account of some of the things which she cherishes with her association to Chisholm. In-between we have the sad duty of reporting on the loss of one of our loved and cherished members, but our spirits are uplifted when we read of the talent, thoughtfulness and youthful enthusiasm of Dylan Forge in Australia. This newsletter ends with a few regular features. Don't forget to send your Chisholm news so it can be included in the next edition.

For more New Zealand Chisholm news to be included, YOU need to inform the editor. We just can't make it up, we are NOT the Fake News!

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From the President

Juliette M.H.Chisholm-Broomfield.

President - Clan Chisholm Society,

Beauly, by Inverness. Scotland



Annual Report

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 Beauly. 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

From the President Clan Chisholm Society

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,

Beauly, by Inverness. Scotland





From the NZ President NZ Branch Clan Chisholm Society



President: John Ross,
email: j.c.ross@massey.ac.nz

Dear fellow Chisholm people

Apart from having our annual gathering for 2018 once again in the Miramar Uniting Church hall in Wellington, ably organised by Ashley Chisholm, and others, on 26 May 2018, it's been a quiet year. We had a respectable number of members present, and an enjoyable dinner in a Chinese restaurant in the evening.

For Wellington-based descendants of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, there was a small gathering at the Karori Cemetery, to inter the ashes of his grandson Douglas Williams Chisholm in his tomb. Douglas had died on 6 November 2017. This little ceremony was organised by Fay White, Douglas's niece. Afterwards we went off to a Karori cafe for a coffee.

As for myself, the main achievement was getting printed and published Volume II of "*Lest We Forget*": *Chisholm Roles in the First and Second World Wars*. This volume covers New Zealand Chisholms' activities in the military services in the Second World War. It was a great relief to have got this volume published at last. Copies can be obtained from myself for \$27.50, including packaging and postage. Copies of the first volume, covering their activities in the First World War, can also still be obtained from me. I'll write a small article about them for this newsletter.

I was able to represent the clan at the "Kirking the Tartan" service at Turakina on Sunday 14 October, but, unusually, I was not able to do so at the Turakina Highland Games, on 27 January, because of not having got back from a trip to Malaysia. Also, the Upper Hutt Highland Games on Saturday 3 November were cancelled because of wet weather. Let's hope for better luck this year. My wife Doreen and I did represent the Clan at this year's Turakina Highland Games on Saturday 26 January.

Robert Chisholm's contributions to the world-wide Chisholm community, in promoting and co-ordinating the Chisholm DNA Project, and in compiling a series of volumes about Chisholms who lost their lives in the First World War, in the different countries involved, have been most impressive and valuable.

Here's wishing you all an excellent year in 2019.

John C. Ross, President.

CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Dear Reader,

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

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



The Treasurer
Clan Chisholm Society of NZ
9 Cedarwood Street, Newlands
Wellington 6037
Alternatively, you can pay online into our
Bank account: 06-0701-0134415-000



Clan Gathering and Annual General Meeting 2019

The meeting is proposed for the Wellington Region around May.

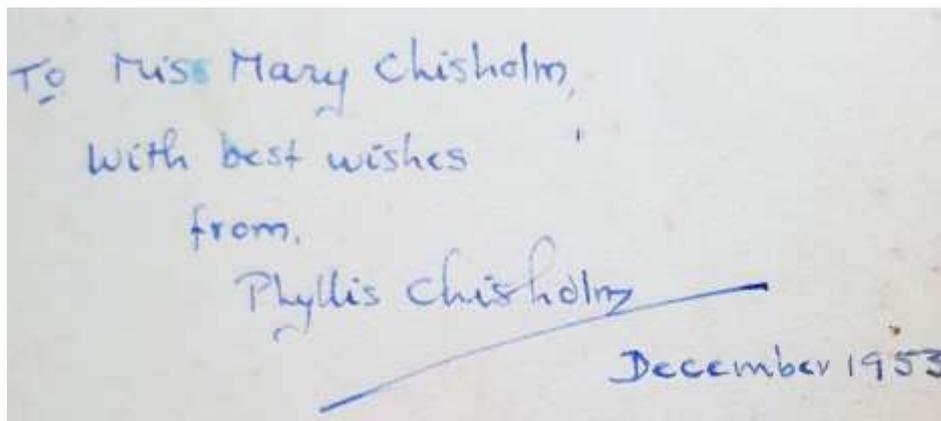
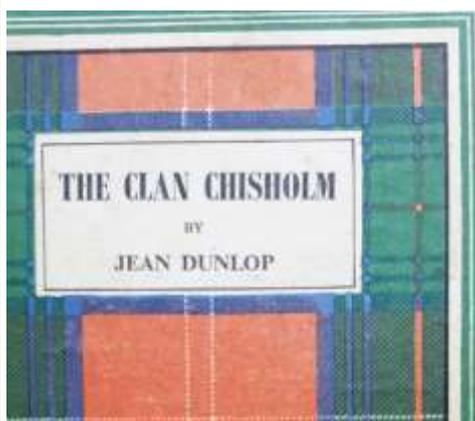
More information to follow

Finding Phyllis

By Robert Chisholm

I have a copy of the 1953 book “**The Clan Chisholm**” by Jean Dunlop (Jean Munro), our Clan Historian. It could be called an heirloom book as it's been handed down a few generations. On the inside cover is taped a piece of Chisholm Tartan, and a handwritten inscription: “To Miss Mary Chisholm, with best wishes, from Phyllis Chisholm, December 1953”.

Identifying Miss Mary Chisholm is no problem; she is my great Aunt, known in the family as Aunty Dot. She was born in Waimate in 1882, and died in Featherston in 1974. Her father was Allan Chisholm, a born and bred Highlander, born in the hills above Erchless Castle, overlooking the Beaulieu River. But who was Phyllis Chisholm? After pondering this question for quite a few years, I thought it time to find out. Let the Hunt begin!



Step 1: Consult wider family members. We still have family living in the Highlands; we know that Aunty Dot with her big sister Aunty Barbara visited this family on at least one occasion. A long phone call to Inverness, at zero cost thanks to WhatsApp, revealed also a big fat zero in the hunt to find Phyllis, but fortunately it also produced a few more photographs.

Step 2: Consult the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Forum Database. This provided a list of 8 people named Phyllis in the database, and ironically, 7 of them were various NZ established Family Trees, so a promising start. However, one by one, they were eliminated from the search.

Search Results

Matches 1 to 8 of 8 for First Name contains Phyllis

Heat Map

#	Last Name, Given Name(s) ▼	Person ID	Born/Christened ▲	Location	Tree Branch
1	ALLSOP NEE DURBIN, Phyllis Gertrude	I3631	b. Abt 1910		NZ_Glenurquhart
2	BARRIBALL, Phyllis	I968			NZ_Culduthel
3	BLICK, Phyllis Kate	I2428	b. 1907	Nelson P	NZ_Inverness
4	CHISHOLM, Phyllis Mercy (Rhea)	I1705	b. 1888	Nelson P	NZ_Inverness
5	GREY, Phyllis Wilson	I641			Fodderty
6	MCINTYRE, Bethea Phyllis	I1704	b. Abt 1896		NZ_Inverness
7	ROBINSON, Phyllis	I1195			NZ_Culduthel
8	TAYLOR, Phyllis Mary	I21			NZ_Kiltearn

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Finding Phyllis (continued)

Aunty Dot (left) and her big sister Aunty Barbara.

Featherston 1953.

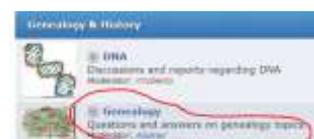
Photo on mantle is their nephew
Flt Sgt Allan Robert John Chisholm,
RNZAF seconded to RAF Tactical
Training Unit



Step 3: Consult the Clan Chisolm Genealogical Forum. Somebody at the Forum is bound to know, aren't they? But wait, before going direct to the Forum, why not ask our President, Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield, of Beaulieu. She lives not very far away from where Aunty Dot's father used to till the fields for Simon Fraser. Well to be honest, I now had an idea that Juliette might know, and this was because of another important enterprise being conducted by Martin Chisholm, the editor of the Clan Chisholm Journal. Martin has been producing a searchable spreadsheet which contains the details of the articles written in all the journals, dating back to Journal issue number 1. The parameters include who wrote the article, the title of the article, and key words as to what the article was about. Lo and behold, out popped the name Phyllis Chisholm, who wrote an article in journal 3, concerning the Gathering of the Clans, at Bught Park in Inverness in 1960. Now Juliette and Ben Chisholm-Broomfield annually represent Clan Chisholm at Bught Park, and so that is the real reason I leaped over the Forum and consulted with Juliette first. Juliette was able to provide enough information for me to begin the hunt to find Phyllis in earnest.

Journal #	Year	Article Title	Journal page	Person	Birth Year	Death	Primary location	Other reference	Article Author	Journal Editor
2	1960	Is there a Royal road to Education	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	Scotland		Prof A R chisholm	Mrs R W Munro
2	1960	The Chisholms of Chisholm	12	Chiefs XXIX to XXXII	N/A	N/A	Scotland	Alexander Mackenzie	Unknown	Mrs R W Munro
3	1961	Gathering of the Clans, Bught Park Inverness, 25 June 1960	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Inverness		Phyllis Chisholm	Mrs R W Munro
3	1961	The Chisholm Ferns	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	Scotland	Botany	Donald Ross	Mrs R W Munro
3	1961	Tape recording at Erchless	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	Erchless		Elsbeth Chisholm	Mrs R W Munro
3	1961	The 1960 Gathering	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	Edinburgh		Bonnie Mary Chisholm	Mrs R W Munro

Step 4: Deposit the information uncovered, at the Clan Chisholm Forum.



Chisholm family of Woodstock (Ossau)
12 Jan 2019 at 19:36

This topic arises because of an inscription in what I would say be now would be a family history book. In the 1932 book by Jean Dunlop entitled "The Clans Chisholm" the inscription reads "To Miss Mary Chisholm, with best wishes, from Phyllis Chisholm, December 1953". It's never been a problem as to the identity of Mary Chisholm, she is my great Aunt, known in the family (for unknown reasons) as Aunty Dot. But who is Phyllis Chisholm? We don't know anybody of that name in the family. A WhatsApp chat with Susan Miller in Inverness, who Aunty Dot visited in 1953, also came up with a big fat zero on the identity. A search on the database revealed that most people with the name of Phyllis were in NZ trees, with the exception of one from Scotland. Examination of all three Phyllis named women ruled them out as either impossible or most unlikely. Ouster George provided a few Chisholms, mostly in North America, but also gave a rather nice portrait of Phyllis Chisholm-Botter, and by the age of the painter, she was also ruled out. Journal editor Martin Chisholm has provided an index of journal articles, and one such article caught my eye, an account of the Gathering of the Clans at Bught Park, Inverness, in 1960, by **Phyllis Chisholm**. Finally, a congratulatory email from the President of the Clan Chisholm Society provided the identity of Phyllis.

Juliette provided a name and brief description of someone she described as "right hand lady" to Miss Muir, at the early gatherings of CCS, and I hope that Juliette can repeat the description for forum readers. Suffice it to say that I thought it a shame that such a person as Phyllis has not to be found on our database, and so determined to try and do something about it. Subsequent posts will describe the initial search, and then I hope that forum sleuths can add more. Below, the inscription and 1953 photo of my gr-auntie, Dot M/L Barb right, granddaughter of John Chisholm-Cleghat Forbes of Breackady.

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Finding Phyllis (continued)

So here is how the search went.

First of all, Juliette confirmed that the handwriting in my copy of The Clan Chisholm was indeed that of the same Phyllis Chisholm who wrote the article in journal #3. She provided a vivid and glowing description of Phyllis; I will simply copy and paste below, extracts of her email reply to me. After reading through what Juliette wrote, I thought it a shame that such a dedicated woman as Phyllis who did so much in the foundation years of the Clan Chisholm Society, was not to be easily found in modern Clan Chisholm records. So, having found Phyllis, a new search was required, "Find Phyllis's Chisholm Family", with a view to creation of a Family Tree and installing this on our database.

Extracts from Juliette's email:

Yes! I do well remember Phyllis and her husband Douglas. I took over from Douglas in 1978 ish / 1979 Treasurer, as Membership Secretary a new title by Phyllis Chisholm and Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm. Douglas retired through ill health; obviously they are both deceased now. Both Phyllis and Douglas were members of the London Branch, a very active Branch then, for the South of England.

Phyllis was Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm's "Right Hand Lady"! they were always together at all Clan functions. I well remember our family having Christmas Cards from Phyllis and Douglas from the 1956's onwards until the 1980's.

In those days the trip to Inverness would have been by British Rail with their Mini Car on board too, for getting around Inverness and surrounds, I suspect driving to Glen Affric and Cannich. I never heard them speaking about children, but I did hear about Douglas's nephew.

I confirm that the writing in The Clan Chisholm 1953, book by Jean Dunlop is of Phyllis Chisholm. I suspect it is written in Fountain Pen rather biro. I always liked her style of "easy to read writing"! especially in her letters to myself!, when I was very young. Phyllis always dressed in wool Chisholm Tartan skirts with button up cardigans with a white blouse under the cardigan. Also brown lace up shoes, they reminded me of my school uniform!

I reached out my old first, large, address book which I started when I married Ben in 1976!

Ben's Mother gave me so many addresses of the Broomfield family, I felt I should not lose them as that would not have impressed Mrs. Broomfield, hence the address book in 1976! So UNDER C...read the following... Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Chisholm, (Phyllis and Douglas), East Pits, Penselwood, Nr Wincanton, Somerset. BA9 8N7.

So Juliette provided a warm and vivid picture of Phyllis Chisholm, who had presented my Aunty Dot with the Clan Chisholm book in 1953. She provided an address, that's always a good start. Oh, and her old address book gave another initial for Douglas, its J.D. Chisholm, you never know, that titbit of info might come in handy. I might add that I have no access to paid ancestry sites, so the searching is all going to be from freely available resources. The chief resource will be the Family Search website run by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, an excellent free resource for all and sundry, sometimes better than the subscription or pay per view sites.

The first part of the hunt consisted of internet searches to find any references to a Douglas or Phyllis Chisholm who lived in Somerset. This couple looks like they missed the internet age, as not a trace of any digital footprint could be found. Several instances of a Phyllis named woman marrying a Chisholm named man were found, but none of them could be identified as being the correct one I was nearly ready to give up after a solid hour, when I searched using the entire address given by Juliette, and out on an old Radio Ham journal, buried in page 31, was the full address listed, and a reference to one of the members of the Radio group, a Jim Chisholm. Sure enough, armed with an enhanced name of James Douglas Chisholm, the pieces started falling into place, and a Chisholm line of 4 generations could be traced. This led back deep into the beautiful shire of Oxford, into the pre 1841 era where statutory public records do not exist. Further search beyond this time may be possible but it would require paid searches into old parish registers.

Key information timeline, constructed from Statutory registers via Family Search, or other internet based sources, going backwards in time:

1982 James Douglas (JD) Chisholm, died at Yeovil.

1950's-80's Phyllis and Douglas involved with Clan Chisholm Society Activities.

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Finding Phyllis (continued)

members of the London Branch of CCS.

1933 James D Chisholm married **Phyllis D Banks**, at Lambeth.

1907 James Douglas Chisholm born at Lambeth

1906 Phyllis Doreen Banks born at Lambeth

1904 James William Chisholm (father of JD) married Mabel Gertrude Shaw

1900 James William Chisholm (GrF of JD)

1877 James William Chisholm born at Kennington

1865 James William Chisholm (GrF of JD) married Isabel Eadie.

1860's approx. James William Chisholm (GrF of JD) takes over Crown Dye Works London

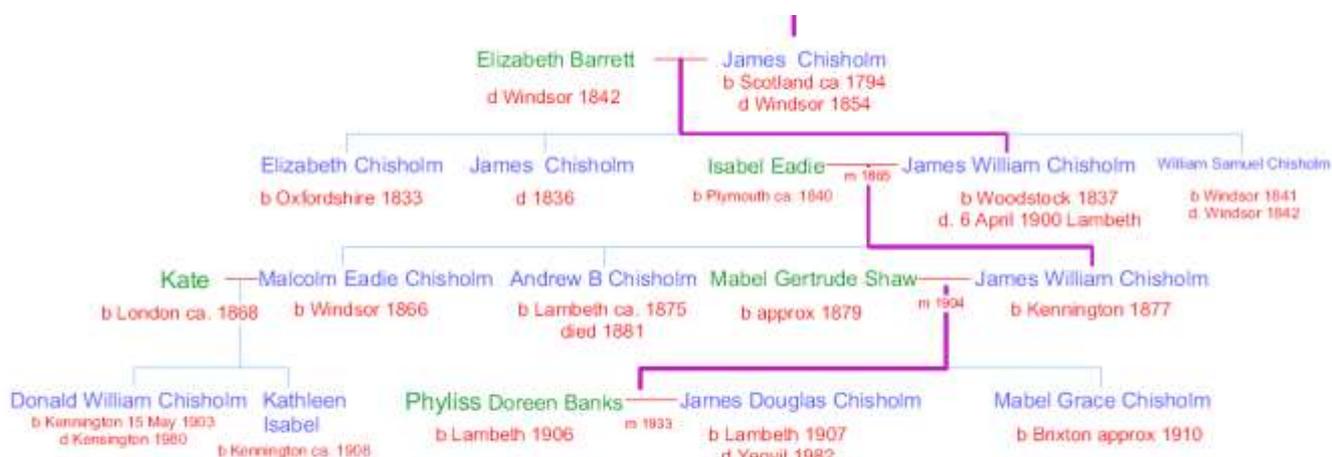
1837 James William Chisholm (GrF of JD) born at Woodstock Oxfordshire

1830's James Chisholm Gr GrF of JD in partnership as Glove Manufacturer with Timothy Hunt, and involved in Non-Conformist church activities. Married to Elizabeth Barrett. James was a grocer in Windsor in the 1840's. He was born in Scotland in the 1790's.

The family tree thus far can be shown in diagrammatic form. To get it into the Clan Chisholm Database this information needs to be provided in gedcom format. Although Douglas and Phyllis had no children, the family may still live on into the present time, via any children born to Douglas' cousin, Donald William Chisholm, of London.

The 1979 Clan Chisholm Journal featured a presentation to Doug and Phyllis, a snippet is pasted below. This same journal also mentions Doug and Phyllis in a "Musuem of Childhood" article. This article is reproduced on the last page of the newsletter.

For further details about this family, please visit the Clan Chisholm Forum, Genealogy Board. If you can provide any information, especially photographs, please get in touch.



Mr. J. Douglas Chisholm, whose retirement as Clan Treasurer was reported last year, was presented at the annual meeting in September with a clan plaque, duly inscribed with his name, a set of clan cuff-links, a clan tiepin, and a cheque. In addition to thanking the members present at the meeting—only a small proportion of the total membership, of course—Douglas asks for a small space in the *Journal* to say "Thank you" to a much wider circle. "It has been a great pleasure to work for the Clan, and this was ample repayment", he writes. "I shall cherish these generous gifts, however, and flaunt them on every possible occasion!"

Douglas joined the London Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society at the inaugural meeting held at the Charing Cross Hotel. A banker by profession, he served the Society well as Hon. Treasurer from 1957-78. We all regret that health troubles have brought about his retirement, and send him and Phyllis best wishes on behalf of members throughout the world.

Snippet from:
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Issue No 22, 1979



Fronds of the Fern

Yvonne Dawn Chisholm

29 December 1946- 24 March 2018



Yvonne Chisholm was a staunch and valued member of the Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand, from its launch in 1994, for as long as she could be. For some years I knew her as a valued friend, mainly through the CCS, of which I'm currently president.

She made a particularly valuable contribution for the occasion of the 95th Birthday celebration, in Waitara, in 2013, of Douglas Williams Chisholm, our oldest member, and one of the founders of the CCS of NZ - it is also a branch of the international Clan Chisholm Society. She had taken the initiative in contacting the Clan Chief, Hamish Chisholm], and the Secretary/Treasurer of the international Society, Susan Chisholm, and they both sent tributes.

Also, as was mentioned by others, she did excellent work in researching and writing-up the family history of her own Chisholm family, which she traced back to the birth in 1774 of Andrew Chisholm in Berwickshire, so hers was in origin a Border Chisholm family. Three of Andrew's grandchildren came out to Otago, one of whom, also called Andrew, was Yvonne's great-grandfather.

Yvonne not only researched for and wrote the chapter about her family history in the book "Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand", but also compiled a great deal of material about it which is retained in the NZ Chisholm Archive.

Audrey Barney, who was for many years the NZ Clan Genealogist and Historian, and the primary author of "Chisholm Pioneers", wrote:

"I will remember Yvonne, in particular, as someone I enjoyed working with when I was writing "Chisholm Pioneers." Her research was always most carefully done and re-checked more than once, to assure her accuracy, which wasn't true of some others. We always had good talks at Clan Chisholm meetings which we both attended."

Contributed by John Ross

Family Tree on the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database: NZ_Berwick

<http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com>

Password available to members from the Secretary of CCS NZ



DYLAN AND HIS PIPES :a report by our Sydney Correspondent, Carolyn Chown.

Earlier this year I had an email from a young student at the Scots School, Albury, NSW. His name is Dylan Forge, he is a Year 9 piper; playing the bagpipes in his school band. Dylan was searching for the music for the Chisholm March. He is a Chisholm from his mother's family and was keen to find Chisholm music and purchase a Chisholm kilt. After he contacted the people who I thought might help, we finally asked Juliette Chisholm Broomfield and she was able to supply the music he needed.

The band attended competitions in Singapore during this year and did very well. He contacted me when they came back to Australia:

'Thank you, Carolyn. We had such a great time in Singapore. I have attached a photo of the band in Singapore and a photo of me in my Chisholm kilt. The package from Juliette arrived today. It is great, thank her for me.

Dylan Bryan Forge, The Scots School, Albury, New South Wales

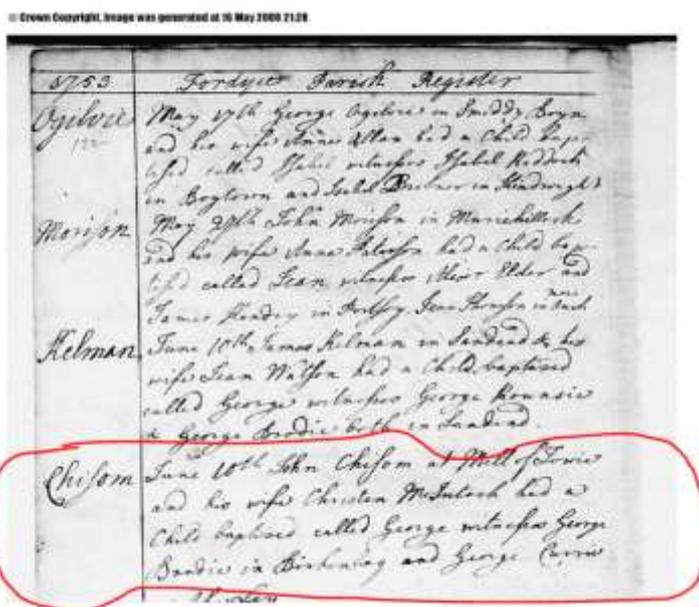
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Editors note: Dylan's family can be traced back to Banffshire in the early 1700's, possibly to Strathglass before that. One of his Gr...Grandfather's, George, graduated from Aberdeen at a very young age, and became a Minister in England. Two of Georges sons were also ministers, and Rev Charles, of Eastwell Kent, was a confidante Chief Duncan MacDonnel Chisholm, who lived in London at the time.

Some of Rev Charles sons moved to Australia, and one of them was even touted as a candidate to be the new Chief, after the death of Chief Chisholm in 1887, the last mail heir of the 1777 Entail.



10/06/1753 CHISOM, GEORGE (O.P.R. Births 153/ 0020 0124 Fordyce)



Left: Rev George Chisholm
Right: The Arms of George's son

Rev Charles Chisholm, inscribed in a silver platter.

A generous dose of Chisholm, halved/quartered with

Tylden-Pattenson



Family Tree on the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database: Rev Charles Chisholm

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AUDREY'S THREE CHISHOLM FAMILY TREASURES



By Audrey Barney Emeritus Historian for Clan Chisholm New Zealand

Whilst trying to re-collate, sort and delete the massive amount of material I have collected over the years on my extensive Chisholm family, both in New Zealand and overseas I often thought "What were treasures from that hunt. - the highlights, from my many years of research". This eventually came up as material given to me by three different contacts that showed something of the size of the family in New Zealand as well as the character of our ancestors. This took me back to my husband, who often used to comment on what had been considered by me a "great find" "But what do you know about his nature?" He'd query.

Firstly, from the tender age of about 11, to find members of my family became an unexpected but interesting experience. I had become very involved when visiting my Chisholm grandparents, Walter and Emily Chisholm, in Wellington, in the 1938-9 school holidays, that Grandpa was spending so much time, surrounded by masses of paper, letters and books, laboriously growing his Chisholm Family Tree, for a New Zealand Centennial Project on Early Wellington families. This was also being done by talking to family members he knew, and entering his findings in a school exercise book. which becomes the first of my Chisholm family treasures.

Grandpa, seeing my interest as a present, made a copy in a similar exercise book and gave to me. This has always been one of my most precious Family History references and an essential tool in forming the first of the bases for my Chisholm family research. Most of these relatives he cited I had never heard of! Why were they MY family?? Where did they live? What did they do? Would I like them? Why did my great grandfather Joseph come to New Zealand? So the intent and the interest from a child was from a young age, always to find and meet, some of these unknowns "as soon as I had the opportunity".

As I grew, this interest in Family continued, and a visit to Wellington always meant a visit to the Wellington Public Library, as well as the Alexander Turnbull Library where Grandpa had stored our Chisholm family background as he knew it.

Years past. My elder daughter Nicola, often looked with interest at "Your Grandpa's exercise book," and when she was still a preteen and I had to go to Wellington for some reason, I was told, not to bring her home chocolates, she would rather I brought her home more information on our Chisholm Family from the Wellington libraries!!! The idea she was part of a large family took root. Fortunately I did find a little extra information for her but I didn't have the know how to go further.

Years sped by, retirement arrived and at last more time for hobbies. But things were very different in learning about your family's history than from when Grandpa had compiled his tree, 50+ years earlier. There was a thriving NZ Genealogy Society, airmail letters had arrived and the



Audrey at Auckland Domain Oct 2018



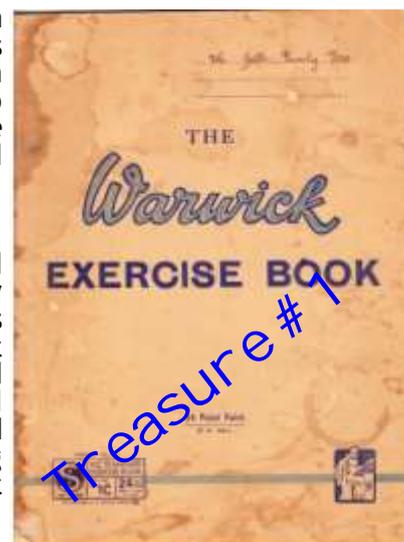
AAA at Lambton Quay, May 2018
Andrew orders the meal while Audrey explains things to Ashley.

AUDREY'S THREE CHISHOLM FAMILY TREASURES (cont)

By Audrey Barney

Mormons in Salt Lake City had a world wide service for films from endless sources. Viewing on microfiche readers at Mormon churches became frequent. The scope for what you could research had grown incredibly even if the time lag for many answers arriving had often to be measured in months. But even with all this information, did we find what sort of person, this person was, who lived over a hundred years ago???

For me, the National Library in Wellington turned up the name and address of a man in Sheffield, England, close to where I now knew my Chisholm family had lived, who was looking in Wellington, for his Tustin relatives, my Grandmother's maiden name. What a find that turned out to be. Roy Bullen had been the Secretary of the Sheffield Family History Society for many years, and I was able to help find them, and he was willing to hunt Chisholm relatives for me round Yorkshire. A warm friendship grew with David and I later staying with he and his wife, Pat in Sheffield and their returning the visit when we had our 150th Chisholm Family celebration.



As well, the Chisholms in New Zealand had formed their own society to research New Zealand Chisholms. I became their Historian/Genealogist and my knowledge of Chisholm Families increased dramatically. Over 4000 on my database! These records could often be stretched to what education your family received, or the ship they came on, and books would tell us more. Such hard work was often rewarded when we found where a person lived in an English census, and what they did. Getting this sort of detail was really special, but didn't tell you if he lisped or limped! Of value was visiting Britain and wandering the streets your ancestors had known and in some cases even finding a house where they lived. On one trip to England we actually found a delightful thatch-roofed cottage in the Cotswolds where David's Barney grandfather spent his childhood in the 1850s. Its location we had found on paper in Auckland, sent to Nicola, who was living in London to find, and then she took us there later, when we were visiting England. We actually talked to the family who owned the farm, who told us the cottage where the Barneys had lived had had to be very much modified for current living, with their having to dig out a basement to get enough height for 20th century residents. But what about great grandfather Barney? Was he a quiet man or think he knew everything??

Generally, to find anything at all about what sort of character your early ancestor beyond great grandparents, was considered hearsay and quite unverified. How fortunate it was for me when Roy Bullen, my enthusiastic family historian in Sheffield found in his City Archives, much material from the Sheffield Smelting Co. which had been had been deposited there and after spending some time, he found a letter written by none other than my great-great grandfather, Daniel Chisholm, who had moved from early coal mining days, to become a foreman at the Sheffield Smelting Company which dealt with gold and silver, and he obviously was prepared to "Have his say". This has become my second Chisholm treasure.

The letter showed how in the early 1860's John Wilson, a young man of 24 had taken over managing the Sheffield Smelting Company, and each morning as he felt was the right thing to do, held prayers for the workers. His views as befitted his religion, didn't carry through on to the work floor, and soon, he found the workers absented themselves from prayers, - a thing he couldn't understand. In those pre union days, John Wilson put his foreman, Daniel Chisholm in a very difficult position by asking Daniel Why??

Daniel evidently decided the least offensive and safe solution for him would be to write his master a letter - it is a full seven pages in one paragraph, without a capital letter, a full stop or a comma- *"in which I try to perform a not very pleasant task. He told John that he had said things that "implied lack of confidence in their honesty" and "when men have to be at work two or three nights a week, they cannot work as men who get their rest every night"... "that after conducting prayers in the morning you come and stand over them like a slave driver in South America" and tell them they are "inefficient and slack". Daniel very bravely tells John "if anything could be done to promote a better feeling I should be glad for the prayers to be continued but unless there is I do not think it is any use."*

In pre-union days what a brave man, but written so tactfully, and he finished off by telling his

master, that "I assure you from long experience that the better the feeling that exists between master and workmen the better the business will prosper, and as Christians it is our duty to be affectionate one to another. To the Masters credit he took this well, and in a written reply thanked Daniel for his frankness, and asked the men to make allowances for the "faults of a young man." As stated previously this is the second of my Chisholm Family treasures.

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How fortunate I was to obtain such a document, from 1862, showing so clearly, the character and nature of my great great grandfather, Daniel 150 plus years ago. I would like to believe that he possibly had been influenced and had inherited some of these traits of such a caring but articulate personality from his mother, Hannah Hattersley, who becomes the subject of my third Chisholm Family treasure.

The long hunt for our brick wall for Daniel's parents, Hew Chisam and his wife Hannah Hattersley, altered a little recently when an Australian member of our family, Carolyn McGregor sent on to me a revealing 1807 newspaper cutting, sent her by one of our English Chisholms, (Jude Jones, descended from Daniel's elder brother James) It clearly showed that Hannah Hattersley, Daniel's recently widowed mother wasn't going to "take" having her children ill treated. Her case was heard in the Wakefield Court (25 miles north of Sheffield- How did she get there??) by *indenture bearing date, 10th January 1807* when she *put and bound himself* (son James) *to an apprenticeship*. Widowed less than six months, and with four sons under 10, Hannah obviously needed financial support and at least one son James, her second son aged 8 had been apprenticed to *Joseph Evans of Rotheram a tailor, and he was to dwell and remain with him ...until he should attain the age of twenty one years, {13 years??} and whereas it has been sufficiently made to this Court, that the said Joseph Evans is guilty of mistreatment, that the said James Chisholme be forthwith discharged from the years of apprenticeship*. And she won!!

So what determination Hannah Hattersley showed at a time of difficulty, supporting four growing boys plus a baby girl, and ensuring she protected her young sons from years of ill treatment. I have not yet found what happened to the widow Hannah, but do know, all four sons lived a reasonably long life, - two living into their seventies - even though they all four spent time in the mines. Two, were able to get years of employment out of the mines. To date, as far as my research evidence is concerned, she didn't remarry - a very common thing to happen to people in Hannah's situation of having four sons who in a short time would all be bringing in an income, nor did she die. But doubtlessly she passed on the ability to "stand up for yourself"! An ability seen at least in some of our Chisholm Family today.

WAKEFIELD COURT 10 Jan 1807
Witnessed by Indenture bearing date the 10th of January last James Chisholme of the Township of Rotherham in the parish of Rotherham in the said Riding put and bound himself an apprentice with the consent of Hannah Hattersley his mother to the said Joseph Evans of Rotherham in the said Riding with him to dwell and remain with him from the day of the date of the said Indenture until he should attain the age of twenty one years and whereas it has been sufficiently made to this Court that the said Joseph Evans is guilty of mistreatment in his said apprenticeship it is therefore ordered that the said James Chisholme be forthwith discharged from his said apprenticeship

These three "paper" articles, passed on to me with the generosity of Family Historians, make my three Chisholm Family Treasures.

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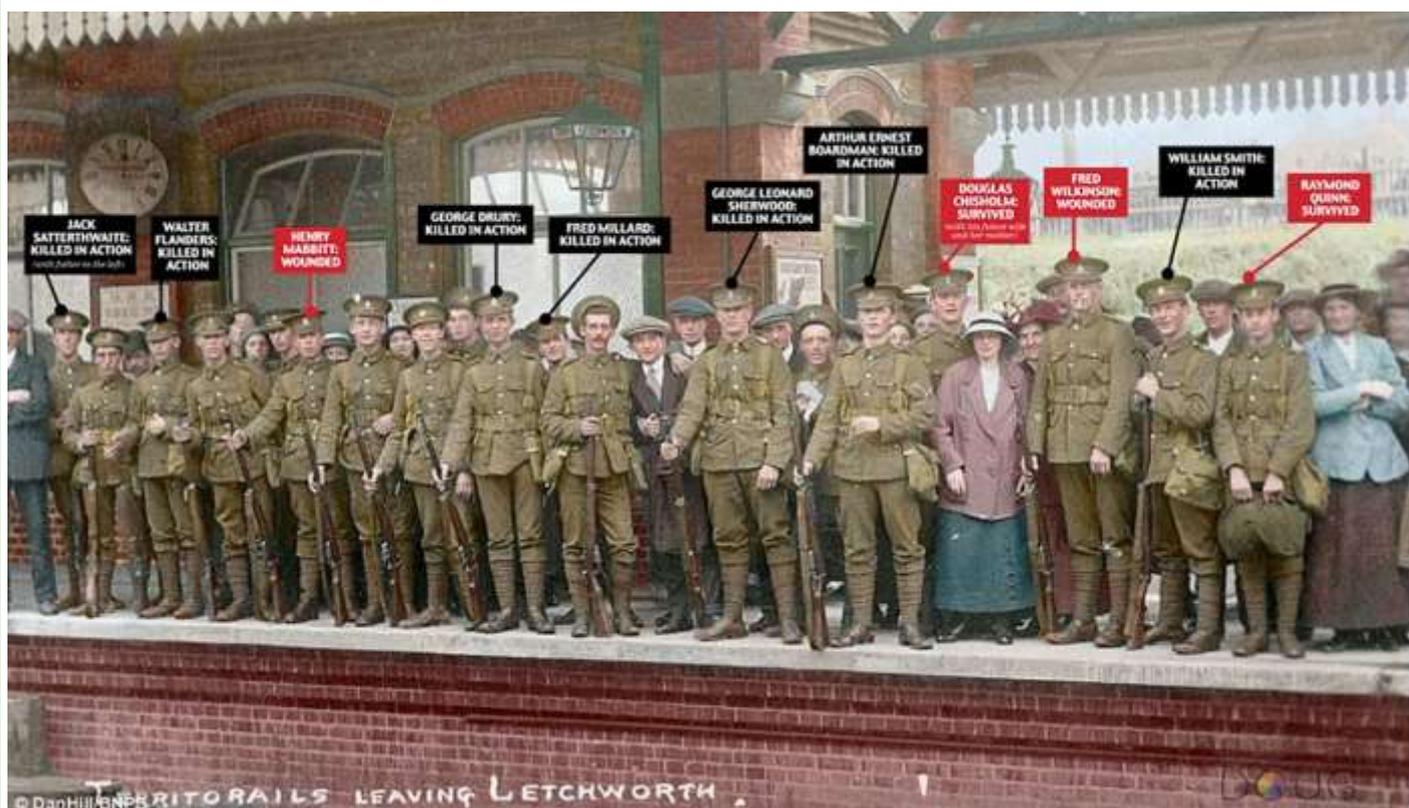
Tommies Last Train

FROM DAILY MAIL – FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST. TOMMIES LAST TRAIN

The unknown fate of our forgotten heroes: Haunting 1914 photo of fresh-faced Tommies as they set off for WWI trenches sparks quest to find out who returned.

Historian Dan Hill is trying to identify the soldiers, who posed for a picture at Letchworth train station

The picture, taken on August 5 1914, shows soldiers part of the E Company, Hertfordshire Regiment. Can you help identify any of the forgotten heroes in the picture?



Douglas Chisholm.....Survived

Douglas Chisholm survived the war and moved to Southampton with his wife

He is seen in the photograph standing on the platform next to his future wife, Daisy, who was wearing a floppy sunhat and had come to wave him off. Both were bookbinders who met while working at J. M. Dent's Temple Press in Letchworth, which produced the popular Everyman's Library series of books.

His grandson, Michael Chisholm, 64, a retired university librarian, told the Mail that a black-and-white postcard version of the platform photograph had been passed down in his family.

He said: 'My grandfather Douglas was a volunteer before the war. He spent a year or so in France, then came back to England, where he was a musketry instructor in the Bedfordshire Regiment.

'He married Daisy in 1918 before the end of the war while he was stationed in England. They had three children, of whom my father was the oldest.'

During his time in the Hertfordshires, Douglas was friends with one of its most famous members, Second Lieutenant Frank Young (not pictured), who was awarded the Victoria Cross post-humously for his actions in September 1918 at the Battle of Havrincourt, during which he rescued two of his men who had been captured and, according to the official citation, 'bombed and silenced an enemy machine-gun'.

Daisy, whose maiden name was Mabbitt, is thought to have been either the sister or cousin of Henry Mabbitt (pictured in the left of the photograph). Michael identified the older woman standing next to Douglas as Daisy's mother.

After the war, Douglas and Daisy moved to Southampton, where he continued to work as a bookbinder – until his workplace was bombed by the Luftwaffe during World War II.

They then both went to work in a factory building Spitfires. Douglas died in 1953 aged 59.

This article was shared by a UK Branch member with Clan Secretary Susan Chisholm of Chisholm



World War One Centenary Memorial

<http://www.clanchisholmsociety.org/public/index.php>



The memorial booklets for Chisholm casualties in Flanders, Middle East, France (Vol 1) are available for download from the Clan Chisholm website. Here is preview from France Vol II.



Sgt Wm Bryan Chisholm, Aussie Medic, 4th Field Ambulance. He served at Gallipoli, and survived. Killed at the 2nd battle of Bullecourt during the Arras Offensive.
6th May 1917



Private James Chism of Kentucky. US Marines
Killed at Belleau Wood, July 18th, 1918
An original "Devil Dog"



Bertie Chisholm, Lance Corporal in the Duke of Cambridges' Regiment. Another sad story, and maybe a NZ connection. Killed in Action at the Battle of Arras, 3rd of May 1917



2/Lt William Dempster Chisholm
A Geordie lad transferred from the Northumberland Fusiliers over to the 5th Border Regiment
He married his sweetheart on 13 Sept 1917, and spent 3 days with her, before leaving for France, never to return.
Died of wounds on 23rd March 1918



Lt. Ruari John Chisholm
218 Squadron
Royal Air Force
Killed in France on 14 May 1918
(Formerly KOSB and Lovatt Scouts)



L Cpl Alex Chisholm
The Glasgow Bantams (18th HLI)
Has family in Wellington area
Killed on 26 March 1918

STOP PRESS

Advance Notice: a Clan Gathering in Flanders Fields is being considered for September 2019. Are you interested in attending?



Feros Ferio: Clan Chisholm United

Steve Chisholm is with Kaitlyn Chisholm and Brian Chisholm in Beauty.
December 30, 2018 · Add Topics
Merry Christmas from Chisholm Clan New Hampshire, USA



Meanwhile in Scotland...



Debra Chisolm Ruehlman
January 27 at 5:58 PM · Add Topics
Burns Night in Cincinnati. Sharing the haggis.



Nicole Grass
January 27 at 7:46 PM · Add Topics
My daughter dancing the Fling in her Chisholm kiln



Troy Chisholm is with Veronica Brook Chisholm.
January 20 · Add Topics
Veronica Brook Chisholm Miss Kentucky County Fair 2019!



Merry Christmas from The Proud Chisholm's of Ontario, Canada



The Forum

<http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>



Chisholm Genealogies International

General Category:

- Introduce Yourself**
New Members! Post a note here (click "Start new threads") and gain access to the wider forum. POSTS SIMPLY ENTITLED "INTRODUCTION" OR SIMILARLY LABELLED INTRODUCTIONS!!! READ Member's Guide!
- Research Strategies**
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Any questions that you may have regarding the Database. Mod
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- Clan Chisholm Society**
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- A Journey into the Chisholm Heartlands**
A guided tour of life in and around Chisholm. Moderator: High Five

This is the place to share something of interest, or to ask a question: You name it, its all there! Just one condition, its got to have something to do with Chisholm.

(or Chism, Chisum, Chisholme, Chisam, Chisim etc)

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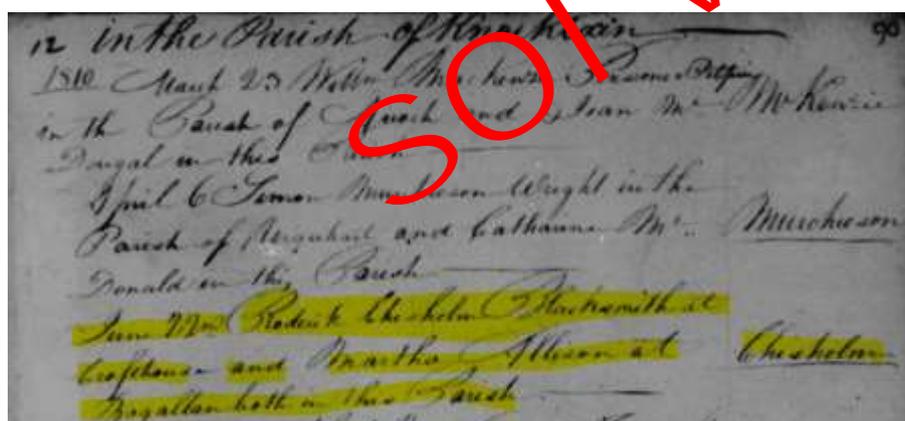
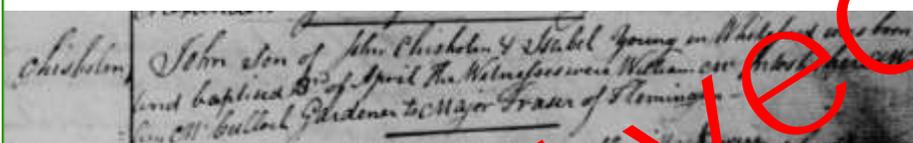
A recent example of a forum query

Scottishblood Full Member Offline

Chisholm Genealogies Posts: 14 Joined: 06. Feb 2019

Alexandra Chisholm 08. Feb 2019 at 20:57

Hello, I'm trying to research my Grans family.
My gran was called - Alexandra Henderson Chisholm, 27.10.10
Her father - John Chisholm, born Inverness, 26.6.1867, eldest of nine children (including Anna, Polly, Belle, Alistair) Alister emigrated to Australia
Her mother - Mary or Elizabeth Henderson, born in India about 1870, possibly at Bandakui
Alexandra's family:
May (c1898), married Bill McDonald (a railway engineer), two daughters, Sheila (c1933) and Hazel (c1940), neither has children
Jack (probably John on his birth certificate, c1899), married Jean, one son, Alan (c1940)
Rhoda, married Tommy Henderson (a Tory councillor in Glasgow), two sons, Roy (late 1930s) and Norman (c1940)
Simon, married A lady whose name I can't remember, two children, Kenneth (c1941) and Doreen (c1945)
Robert (Bobby), my grans twin, married Muriel, no children.



Well, these things are never totally solved; there is always someone else to look for. But John Chisholm marine engineer in Glasgow has been tracked back to his father John Chisholm, Railwayman born in Petty in 1843; and back again to grandfather John Chisholm the Blacksmith of Knockbain in the Black Isle opposite Inverness, born in 1810; and once more to Roderick the Blacksmith in the same place. Now looking for Roderick's father, born in the mid 1700's.



From: 01 January 2018
To: 31 December 2018

Income

Source	Branch Assessment £	Journals requested @ £3.50 per copy £	Expected Total £	Actual Remitted (pounds sterling) £
Australia	18.29	192.50	210.79	203.79
Canada	19.76	262.50	282.26	282.26
New Zealand	15.12	210.00	225.12	225.12
United Kingdom	31.22	560.00	591.22	591.22
United States	35.61	511.00	546.61	605.51
Total	120.00	1,736.00	1,856.00	1,907.90

Accounts for Clan Chisholm Society
As presented to the Clan Council
22 Feb 2019

Expenditure

	£ pounds sterling	
Clan Journal – production	1,190.00	550 copies
Clan Journal – shipping	551.28	344 copies bulk, tracked to branches
Website support & registration 2018/9	63.00	11 Sept 2018 – 10 September 2019 Includes: 25GB webspace, domain fee, backup/restore facility
Genealogy Project spend	-	Find My Past Subscription not submitted for 2018/9 expired October 2018
Webhosting CGI 'Forum' & Database	110.00	Simply Hosting 25 Dec 2017 – 2 Jan 2019
Association of Highland Clans and Societies (AHCS)	30.00	Membership renewal plus table at City of Inverness Highland Games
Total	1,944.28	



Income less Expenditure

Total Income £ pounds sterling	Total Expenditure £ pounds sterling	Income less Expenditure £ pounds sterling
1,907.90	1,944.28	£ 36.28

A small operating loss is shown for 2018.

Many thanks to Susan Chisholm of Chisholm for keeping the books in good order, and helping to ensure that the Society retains its sound financial status.

BALANCE SHEET

From: 01 January 2018
To: 31 December 2018

Current Assets	Totals
Bank – Natwest Current Account	£9,594.61
Bank balance at 31 Dec 2017	9,630.99
Income 2018	<u>1,907.90</u>
	11,538.89
Expenditure 2018	1,944.28
Bank balance at 31 Dec 2018	<u>9,594.61</u>
	11,538.89
Balance at 31 December 2017	£9,630.99
Income less expenditure	- £36.38
Balance at 31 December 2018	£9,594.61

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Audited - Michael Sayers, 31st January 2019

I have been deeply honoured by having Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm ask me to write this article for *Clan Journal*. Mairi is the Senior Honorary Life Member of Aunt Margaret's Museum of Childhood, Inc., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. There is a total of 32 Honorary Members, one of whom is Barbara Johnstone, M.B.E. Aunt Margaret's is the first Museum of Childhood in Canada. We are so very proud of it.

No, it is not a children's museum, but rather about childhood—yours and mine. Recorded Tours are designed to nostalgically take the adult back to their own childhood. It is similar to Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh.

The collection began in the early 1900's by my mother, Margaret (Walker) Emke, who was born in Glasgow and came to Canada at age 16, in 1912. She began saving household items, clothing, furniture, toys, and related items. In the 1960's, an old house was purchased by myself in the neighbouring City of St. Boniface, in order to have a permanent home for the toy collection, and to put it on display to the public. Unfortunately, my mother passed away before this phase of the project was started. Showcases were built and for the past 10 years it became one of the nicest "Visitor Attractions" within the Province.

In 1972, we began looking for a larger site to re-locate. It was found in 1976. We are now located 18 miles east of our City of Winnipeg, on the Trans-Canada Highway, which is the major highway that goes from East to West across Canada. We began moving buildings and constructing new ones in 1977 and at the moment, there are 5 buildings on the property and still 2 to be moved. Much hard work has gone into the developing of the new 20 acre site. The Museum has grown over the years by donations of childhood items from people all around the World!

Our Official Opening Ceremony and dinner for Honorary Members, friends, and Directors was held April 28th, 1978. 106 people attended.

Both Mairi and Barbara were invited to attend as the "Mairi Chisholm Showcase" was unveiled that evening. Mairi was unable to join us, however, Barbara did attend and gave all the necessary background on Mairi to the guests. All of our friends were quite taken with Barbara and are still remarking of what a tremendous person she was—so vital! Barbara will return to Canada in a few years time to view the progress and development of the new property and hopes that Mairi will be able to join her.

Mairi's showcase is filled with articles and books and photos on her War experiences and we also have pictures of Mairi with H.R.H. The Princess Anne taken at Imperial War Museum in London. These exclusive photos were offered to our Museum by Imperial War Museum curators. This showcase is lined with Chisholm Dress Tartan, supplied by our good friends Phyllis and J. Douglas Chisholm (former Clan Secretary-Treasurer, who has been a guiding light in Clan Society). It is always a pleasure to visit and dine with them in Penselwood, Somerset, England, as well as with Mairi and the Clan at Cnoc-an-Fhuarain when we visit every second year in Scotland.

A new addition to the new museum complex is the British tea rooms, which consist of two large rooms—The Victorian Room, where Mairi's showcase is displayed, and the Empire Room. Each is tastefully furnished with furniture and items appropriate to the period and they are similar to a lounge in a British hotel, rather than an ordinary dining room. Here we serve morning coffee, a full British Afternoon Tea complete with muffins, scones and dainty cakes. Dinners are served by reservation only. In a new country such as Canada, which is only 100 years old, the tea rooms are considered to be quite an attraction. We also have a small gift shop which features hand-crafted items. The Museum and its features are considered "fabulous" by our visitors.

It is a privately funded Museum and a non-profit corporation and in later years it is to be donated to the Province of Manitoba. When in Canada, do visit with us. We will be pleased to see you. My husband, Douglas Chisholm provides excellent guided tours which are most enjoyable.

From the Archives

40 Years ago

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A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

-FOR ADULTS

by

Margaret Emke Chisholm

Museum designed to take adults back to their childhood

By Brian Cole

From the highway they look like any other group of shabby buildings sitting in the middle of a typical prairie field.

But inside this unique museum is a treasure waiting to be rediscovered by anyone who has the memory and the imagination to drift back 50 years and experience the things that were.

Located just off the Trans-Canada Highway on an approximately remote field about 18 miles east of Winnipeg is Aunt Margaret's Museum of Childhood, the first of its kind in Canada.

It is a collection of one person's belongings that, in the mind's eye anyway, could have belonged to everyone at one time or another.

The museum is designed to take adults "nostalgically" back to their childhood by allowing them to view Aunt Margaret's sizable collection of personal effects, including family pictures, school yearbooks, toys, books, furniture and even the family house, which was moved to the site from Winnipeg.

"We're trying to take adults into another world that they grew up in," Margaret Emke Chisholm, who operates the museum with her husband Douglas Chisholm, says.

The idea is for people to see Aunt Margaret's (Mrs. Emily Chisholm) spirit in the museum of their own lives, she carvers say.

Aunt Margaret's museum consists of five buildings. Strategically placed

tape recorders pass on information in French or English as you pass through.

Among the many memorabilia in one building is the owner of Brad the Cow, one of the province's most famous entrepreneurs who attended every parade in Winnipeg for nearly 50 years. There are also old pictures of the Grand Hotel's dance hall as well as crowd shots which give an indication of the lifestyle and fashion of the day.

Another building houses a toy collection consisting of hundreds of popular playthings, including games and books.

The next building over is the Emke home, which has been in the family since the 1840s and was moved to the museum site from its original Main Street address in 1976.

The traditionally furnished British tea rooms combine a museum atmosphere with gracious dining and quiet relaxation for the benefit of museum customers.

Mrs. Emke Chisholm says she always had the idea for the museum.

"I feel that my mother collected and saved these things and they should be on display," she says, adding that many people don't have these personal effects from the past to enjoy.

"It's not a business, it's a hobby," the 67-year-old former assistant purchasing agent for the Manitoba Hospital says.

Many of the items in the museum



Douglas Chisholm displays the collection of paperweights and bells at Aunt Margaret's Museum of Childhood.

were collected by Mrs. Emke Chisholm's mother, Emily, were donated while it is called the museum of childhood, it isn't really a place to bring children, Chisholm, a former law clerk, says. He explains it's meant for adults.

The curators welcome all interested persons. Mrs. Emke Chisholm says, but they try to limit groups to 30 people. "We don't want crowds" because that would make it difficult for people to relax and enjoy their visit.

"It's a place where a man might bring his wife for an evening to serve the memories of their lives," Mrs. Emke Chisholm says, explaining visitors can take advantage of an evening-long supper tour which includes a "graciously served meal."

The museum is a non-profit, family-funded operation open daily year-round.

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