



# Clan Chisholm Society

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

This newsletter is more than a trifle late, due to competing interests and responsibilities on behalf of the editor, plus a few unforeseen items. 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. For more New Zealand Chisholm news to be included, YOU need to inform the editor. We just cant make it up, we are

NOT the Fake News!

In terms of unforeseen items, there have been a couple. In the first place, I managed to find myself in hospital with something very serious at the time. I can report however that after 6 months my health is fairly well restored, subject of course to blood thinning medication. Secondly, a legal issue involving Clan Chisholm Society, to do with the World War One Commemoration Project, came about, and this caused a fair bit of worry and angst and contributed to a lack of energy in resurrecting the newsletter which was only a page or two short of being published at Christmas. With respect to the legal issue, it felt as though the Clan was under attack, and it was reassuring to see the Clan leadership form up, as in days of olde, and construct a resolute defensive posture. Lacking a bit of legal firepower within the executive, the call was put out, and like the cavalry coming to the rescue, two clansmen with distinguished legal careers joined the team. There may be more to reveal in the future, but for the time being, 'nuff said!

Readers will be saddened to read in the pages which follows that we have lost one of our stalwarts. Our merry little band of helpers does need an injection of fresh blood and I can only urge you to consider helping out in whatever capacity you can. Please get in touch with the President John Ross, the secretary Ash Chisholm, or myself, the Editor.

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Members of Feros Ferio FB group.



**From the NZ President**  
**NZ Branch Clan Chisholm Society**



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Dear Chisholm people

Greetings. Hope things are going well for you and yours.

It's been a fairly quiet year. Several of us attended the Turakina Highland Games on Saturday 26 January, which was fine, except that while dismantling our gazebo tent it got picked up by a gust of wind and blown up into the nearest tree. A couple of poles got bent, but seem to be successfully unbent.

Our annual gathering was once again in the Miramar Uniting Church hall on 18 May, ably organised by Ashley Chisholm, with a dinner in the evening in the Jasmine Restaurant. There was a *Kirkin' o' the Tartan* service on Sunday 13 October at Turakina, but as far as I know, no highland games this year in Upper Hutt.

Robert, having taken a lead role in producing about half-a-dozen booklets about Chisholms of all nationalities who lost their lives during the 1914-18 Great War, or shortly after from wounds or illness, went to Europe during the year, and was part of party visiting battlefields and war memorials in France and Flanders. He'll surely be writing about that.

The other notable happening has been the death on 13 October of Anne O'Regan, after a protracted illness. Up till recently she had been a very prominent member of the NZ Clan Chisholm Society, often organised the catering for annual gatherings in Wellington. She will be sadly missed.

Recently I've been reading novels by Peter May, often set on the island of Harris / Lewis, in the Outer Hebrides. If you've not encountered them already, one can strongly recommend you investigate them.

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful year ahead in 2020.

John C. Ross, President  
December 2019

**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**

Dear Reader,

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

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



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## Annual Report from the President Clan Chisholm Society

This report is put together on December 31<sup>st</sup>, the last day of 2019.

As we all know through the media coverage parts of Australia are experiencing devastating wild fires. Our thoughts are with all the Chisholm's and families affected by this disaster. I am grateful to know that the Australian Branch Secretary Kim Polley has kept in touch via email with as many of the branch members she can.

We like to welcome Chisholm's coming back to their roots in the Highlands. Duncan Chisholm, Inverness kindly hosted two visitors from Canada, Louise and Wyne Forcus, daughter of the late Elizabeth Miller. Ben and I visited Elizabeth in 2008, when we attended the International Clan Gathering held in Canada.

Over the past two years David Chisholm Higgins (past chairman of US branch), from Colorado has been in touch with Ben and I in planning his 'trip of a life-time' with his family.

The day had come, and in November Duncan Chisholm kindly met David and his sister Eulalie, at the start of the week. I met Eulalie and David at the end of the week. The weather had been extraordinarily kind and all David's party had a lovely memorable time, staying the full week at Erchless Castle. We first met David at Glasgow Airport many years ago. Yes!, we both recognised each other.

During the month of July, The City of Inverness Highland Games is held and The Clan Chisholm has two tables in the Marquee "Clan Village". The Clan Village is organised by the Association of Highland Clans and Societies (AHCS) of which the Clan Chisholm Society is a member. My thanks to the UK Branch Committee who host these tables, and who welcome Chisholms from near and far. It is always a pleasure to greet a new face and we hope these new faces will join our Society. In 2019 the Clan Village saw visiting Chisholm's from Ireland, the USA and within the UK from as far away as the north of Scotland down to the Isle of Wight.

We are grateful to Martin Chisholm who produced an excellent Clan Chisholm Journal. Always interesting to read, the Journal is distributed to our members around the world. Martin is keen to include articles from around the world and with items of interest to all members. In 2019 he certainly achieved that with many famous and not so famous Chisholm's featured from history and to the present day.

Martin is always looking for material from all our branches to include or expand on so please remember to send him your ideas.

Via the technology of email it was lovely to hear from The Reverend Doctor Francis Peter Chisholm, who kindly makes many visits to long standing member Roderick Chisholm in Canada. Sadly Roderick's wife Ruth passed away in 2014. We met Ruth and Roderick at The International Gathering in Inverness in 2001.

Mairi-Angela Foster, great niece of the late Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm, organised the International Clan Gathering in Ypres from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The gathering was to commemorate those who fell in WWI including many Chisholm's listed in our WWI commemorative volumes created by Robert Chisholm, New Zealand. Those attending the small Gathering experienced a wonderful memorable and well managed occasion, visiting the Cemeteries, looking for the Chisholm Soldiers graves and paying respects.

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## Annual Report from the President Clan Chisholm Society

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Living in Inverness-shire I am lucky to hear about new publications, presentations and historical works of interest to Chisholm's.

The Inverness Field Club in October had a presentation evening by Michael Cope on the book, now available ; " The Photographs of Archie Chisholm – Life and Landscapes in the Outer Hebrides 1881-1913". Alexander Chisholm moved to Inverness in 1913 and was Sherriff Clerk there until his death in 1933. He was also President of The Inverness Field Club.

We were given information via Mike Orchard, grandson of the late Sgt. William Thomas Chisholm of the Northumberland Fusiliers of an account of his time in a German Prisoner of War Camp from 1918 to 1919. These memories Mike Orchard has shared and they are published in a book, via Amazon and Kindle.

On our website we often mention such publications of interest to Chisholm's around the world. The website, ably managed by our Webmaster Alastair Chisholm also has links to information on related events and organisations.

It is always very sad to have to record in my report the passing of members.

In 2019 the US branch had the loss of two stalwart branch committee members. We were all shocked to read that Kathryn Chisholm the Genealogist for the U.S.A. Branch had passed away, very suddenly. Also later in the year Raymond Chisholm Jones, Treasurer and Membership Secretary died. Raymond was brother to then Branch Chairman Gene Chisholm Jones. Over the following sad months Gene pulled the Committee together and announced a new Chairwoman Joyel Chisholm Morris, niece of Val Perry who is currently Immediate Past President of the Society.

Lastly we were sad to hear that a stalwart Committee Member from the New Zealand Branch Anne O' Regan had passed away. Ben and I had met Anne twice at our Inverness International Gatherings.

These three clansfolk are remembered for their great contribution to their branches and to our Society and will be sorely missed.

My report cannot be concluded without the word of THANKS.

To all Office Bearers and Project Specialists across all branches - It is your help and enthusiasm given voluntarily which is the foundation of our Society and enables us to keep and grow our membership and achieve the aims of The Clan Chisholm Society.

Finally, but by no means least I personally would like to thank Susan our Society Secretary and Treasurer for all the time and effort put into the Society; for keeping us informed and writing up and circulating minutes of our meetings during the year.

I send you all every good wish for 2020.

Juliette M.H.Chisholm-Broomfield.

*President - Clan Chisholm Society, Beauly, by Inverness. Scotland*



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## Anne O'Regan



ANNE EMILIE O'REGAN by John Ross, President of CCSNZ

Anne O'Regan, née Chisholm, who was almost from its inception a stalwart member of the NZ Chisholm Society, died on 13 October 2019, at a rest home in Wellington, after a period of illness. Her funeral, at the Guardian Funeral Home in Johnsonville, was well-attended, by numerous family members and friends. She was a bright spirit, and an excellent organiser. She will be much missed.

Anne belonged to the extended family of the descendants of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, and Elizabeth, née Gell, which includes, among many others, Audrey Barney, Fay White, Janis Peleton, and myself. Indeed, when a reunion of descendants was organised, in 2004, in Wellington, she played a key role in bringing it about, along with Fay and Janis. It was a wonderful occasion, and well-timed, with half-a-dozen older-generation folk able to be present who have since died.

Anne herself was a granddaughter of Joseph and Elizabeth's third child, Frederick James Chisholm (1864-1954), and Emily, née Tonks (1868-1938). Her father was Keith Albert Chisholm (1904-65), and his first wife, Minnie Gladys Smith (née Finlayson) (1901-54), married in 1928. Anne was born on 15 December 1938, in Wellington. she was very much the youngest child, with a half-brother Ian (known as Bob Chisholm) born in 1926, and a full brother Paul born in 1929. She married twice, in 1957 to Bernard Logie (1931-94), and they had one daughter, Sharon. In 1966, after this marriage was dissolved, she married Edward Brian O'Regan (1934-85), and they had two children, Paul and Nikki. Anne had at least seven grandchildren.

When NZ Clan Chisholm annual gatherings took place in Wellington, Anne regularly organised the catering, and did it wonderfully well. Sharon and Nikki often helped her, and when she was away they took over and also made a fine job of it.

In recent years, Anne had been a lively world traveller, and went to many countries and on cruises.



### From the International President of Clan Chisholm Society

The President and fellow Members of The Clan Chisholm Society send to the family, all of our very Deepest Sympathy on losing Anne

The New Zealand Branch has lost a very enthusiastic, long standing and helpful member to their committee and to the Society too.

Anne was determined to come to Scotland, and come she did! I recall that she always

Liked to sit in the front seat of the coach to get the best views!. Anne was such was a pleasure to know. She was a very enthusiastic Member of The Clan Chisholm Society and was very helpful to the New Zealand Branch, and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

We shall all miss Anne very much.



Thinking of the family at this sad time in their lives and over the festive period as well.  
Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield.

**Anne's Family Tree on the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database: NZ\_West Yorks**

<http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com>

**Password available to members from the Secretary of CCS NZ**



# Joseph Wilson Chisholm Family

By the editor

Letter to CCS gathering in Wellington 2019, which I was unable to attend.

As penance for my absence, I volunteered to write something which I thought would be of interest, about the progress of the DNA Project with respect to trying to determine the origin of Hugh Chysam, who died 113 years ago in Greasbrough, West Yorks, just to the north of Rotherham, and is most likely the earliest known Chisholm ancestor of the majority of Chisholms in attendance today.

His excellency, President John Ross, also asked if I could provide any comment about the comings and goings of the Clan Council. A report to this meeting, on that topic is really a matter for our NZ representative. I can however, report on one initiative of the Clan Council this year, as it is actually the reason for my absence from the NZ gathering. This is 3 day Clan Gathering in France and Flanders which will tour various locations and memorials associated with the Great War. The gathering is the idea of Mairi –Angela Foster, who is the Aunt of our Chief, and is the great niece and namesake of our society Founder, Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm. **Mairi-Angela's father, Ruari Chisholm DFC, is the co-founder of Clan Chisholm Society.** This gathering will tie in with the Clan Chisholm Society Remembrance Project, where all those Chisholms who served and never returned, were researched and recorded on a memorial pamphlet. These pamphlets are available to all members, free of charge, downloadable from the CCS website. A cautionary note, although all the research is done, there remains the last two of the series of five to be published. Work still in progress.

The tour will be from 8-11 September and the base will be the Ariane Hotel in Ypres. The garden of this Hotel contains the **bronze memorial of Mairi Chisholm and Elsie Knocker, "the Madonnas of Pervyse"**.



Getting back to Hugh Chysam of Greasbrough, progenitor of many at the annual CCS NZ gathering. Our Emeritus historian Audrey had tracked down the origins of many NZ Chisholms, but of her own family, she could not get beyond Hugh Chisholm, grandfather of NZ immigrant Joseph Wilson Chisholm. She and Hugh were stuck in Rotherham, and in these **modern days, that's become a place where nobody should get stuck. Traditional methods of genealogy had been exhausted, no** further genealogical clues to be found, at least in Yorkshire, or England wide for that matter. Audrey asked her cousin Brian Chisholm, Fay Whites father, if he would be willing to provide a DNA sample to try and peer over the genealogical brick wall. After some hesitation, Brian agreed, and eventually he confessed to me that he was glad he did as he found it all a bit complicated, but nevertheless very interesting, and was quietly chuckling in the knowledge that he was descended from the Vikings.

Brian entered the DNA project at the very beginning. He was number 4. There was not a lot of data to make comparisons. How did the result of the test help Audrey in her quest to determine the origin of Hugh Chysam? Was Hugh somebody who **came down from Northumberland, maybe earlier generations in the Borders of Scotland. Was he a Highlander?** Audrey's intuition was Highland, based on names, and partly based on a negative.. if he was from elsewhere in England, or from the Scottish Borders, or Glasgow/Edinburgh, then the chances of a written record would be much higher. But intuition is not genealogy, and so the question lingered.

What became clearer as the DNA Project grew and grew and grew, was that Brian was a descendant of the very first Mr **Chisholm, a name established in Scotland in the 1100's. But Mr Chisholms DNA descendants ultimately came from two plac-**

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## Joseph Wilson Chisholm Family

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es within the Project ; the eastern March of the Scottish Borders, and from the Strathglass area of the Highlands. Interestingly no Y-DNA descendants have yet been found with Roxburghshire origins, yet Roxburghshire is the home of the original Mr Chisholm. Students of Chisholm history will however be well aware that the early Chisholms were also well established in Berwick. In fact for the very first Mr Chisholm in the McKenzie History of the Chisholms, John de Chisholme, the only location mentioned is Berwick.

### I. JOHN DE CHISHOLME

Married Emma de Vetereponte or Vipont, daughter of William de Vetereponte, Lord of Bolton, who grants him as a marriage portion a charter of the lands of Paxtoun, with the fishing of Brade-la-Tweed, in the county of Berwick, along with the pendicles in the village of Paxtoun and the fishings and pertinents thereunto belonging. In this charter the portion was described as John de Chisholme.

With Mr Chisholm number 2, Richard de Chesholme, there is acknowledgement of Roxburgh

### II. RICHARD DE CHESHOLME,

Described as "Del Counte de Rokesburgh," who married, with issue—

1. John, his heir and successor.

But at Mr Chisholm number 3, another John, we are back at Berwick, this time John Chisholm as the Count of Berwick, and a very important Count he was, as he signed the Ragmans Roll, pledging fealty to Edward Longshanks, King of England and would be protector of Scotland. But John did not honour his signature (actually his drop of wax with the impression of his Arms), and because of his treachery, there would not be such a wide and diverse worldwide group of Chisholm named people.. If he stuck with Eddward, then there would be no Chisholm Baron in the Borders, nor any Clan in the Highlands, Chisholm would have gone the way of all the others who chose the losing side when it came to Robert Bruce v King Edward.

### III. SIR JOHN DE CHESHOLME,

Designated as "Del Counte de Berwyke," whose name is attached to the Bond of Fealty to Edward I. in 1296, known as Ragman's Roll. This Sir John, however, afterwards

The DNA project shows the absolutely clear family connection, the common male progenitor, between descendants traced to Berwick, and descendants traced to Strathglass. There are small differences in what is measured on the Y chromosome, these differences are important in genealogy as they allow us to track back in time, the differences leave the trail. If all were the same, you wouldn't be able to backtrack.



The funny thing with Brian's result was that you could not definitely tell if his Chisholm ancestors fell into the Berwick Camp, or were with the Highlanders of Strathglass. There are several things which distinguish the Berwick group, Brian had one of them but not the others. Random coincidence perhaps? Who knows, more data needed! And then Brian had a couple of things which neither the Highlanders nor the Borderers had, including one which was absolutely unique. But it was only a matter of time, surely, sometime in the future, somebody would pop up with a close resemblance to Brian on the Y chromosome, and then perhaps we could piggy back on their ancestry knowledge. Years past, years and years and more years. Nothing. Poor Brian, still all alone, neither Highlander nor Borderer.

Then came the World War One Project, which had absolutely nothing to do with DNA, however one of his Chisholm relatives from Yorkshire, was unfortunately one of the victims, Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm, killed at Paschendaele in 1917. The soldiers memorial stones allows one line for an inscription provided by the family. On his stone are carved the words "TRUE TO HIS CLAN".

On the Clan Chisholm trip to Ypres in September, a cross was placed on his grave.

Private Douglas' father, William Wilson Chisholm, is the grandson of Hugh Chysam, the original immigrant from unknown source. Hugh was long dead before William was born, but Williams father Daniel was not. Was there some oral history about family origin handed down a few generations, that would seem a plausible explanation for such an inscription. There were certainly no Clan Chisholms in Berwickshire or the Borders, and of the maternal lines, Harrison, Wilson, or Hattersley, one cannot conjure an image of a clan.

In other, seemingly unrelated Chisholm matters, I was assisting a family with branches in Sydney, Boston, and Arizona. Their common thread was a link back to Antigonish in the early 1800's, to a place called Malignant Cove. Antigonish is a county or shire in Nova Scotia, and in the 1800's there were more Chisholms per square inch in this county than anywhere else in the planet. This was because of the clearances, where our Clan Chief, inspired by his Lady Elizabeth of Glengarry, sought to replace the Chisholm clansfolk in our ancient glens and valleys, with a much more valuable commodity, and one far easier to manage, sheep. And so this part of the New World began to be filled with the wretched victims of the cruel clearances. With this abrupt break with Scotland, so in most cases was the genealogical connection lost. Ships lists provide some information, others rely only on family histories, or on early histories of the settlements. Antigonish was fortunate in having an early historian who recorded as much as he found, using the sources available, often oral tradition.

In the case of my new "virtual" friends, all Chisholms, Don in Sydney, Paul in Boston, and Eileen in Arizona, there is one of the many families featured in the excellent book by Rankin, "A History of the County of Antigonish". There is a dedicated chapter on the Chisholms of Malignant Cove and in this chapter is stated the following: "Alexander married to Ann MacInnis, came from Strathglass, Scotland, to Malignant Cove, late in the 18th, or early in the 19th century. They had one child coming from Scotland. The issue of the marriage was: Alexander(Red) who married Mary McNeil".... And so on.

Don from Sydney has an immigrant ancestor, named Daniel Chisholm, traced back to Alexander Red in Antigonish, as do Paul and Eileen, whose ancestor was part of the traditional diaspora out of New Scotland, into New England. Now Daniel as a first name for a Chisholm, is not unusual, but it's by no means commonplace. And by a coincidence, that's the name of our Brian's first generation English ancestor. Or is it more than a coincidence? As part of their genealogical endeavours, Paul, then Don, signed up to the DNA Project. And that's when it happened, bingo, Brian finally got a match, some people with the almost identical Y chromosome. Crucially, those differences where Brian matched no other Chisholms, now he matched Don and Paul, The slight nod towards Berwick was a random coincidence, a red herring. Alexander Chisholm who came to Malignant Cove from Strathglass, was closely related to Hugh Chysam who came to Yorkshire, around the same time. We will never know how close Hugh and Alex were, if not brothers, they were certainly cousins to some degree. But the important point is that via the DNA matching, we can now confirm that the Chisholm part of NZ family of Joseph Wilson Chisholm originated in Strathglass.

There remain many family histories which might be aided by DNA analysis, and one of the most intriguing concerns the Chisholms from what we consider the original home, in Roxburghshire. There are a few participants with ancestry from this part of the world, and the results do not allow any conclusions to be drawn. What needs to happen is the pool of data to get deeper. We have focused today on one of New Zealand's oldest Chisholm families, there is a family of the same approximate vintage, Audrey's other favourite Chisholm family so far as ancestral hunting goes, and that the family of Robert Chisholm who settled a part of Auckland just a mile from where I grew up. This family can be tracked quite deep into the past, 1500's in Melrose, at a time where the Baron of Chisholme was the Deputy Sheriff of that town, and before the tumult of the early 1600's which saw the Chisholms turfed out of Chisholme. Can the Y chromosome from our kiwi Melrose family provide a glimpse into the past, the middle period of Chisholme History?

One late member of this Melrose family who made quite a name for himself, was Auckland born Sam Chisholm. The family has a genetic trait which can lead to lung disorders, and it was such a disorder which afflicted Sam. His trials and tribulations with this disorder was reflected in his generosity towards medical research and organ transplants. The obituary from the Australian Branch newsletter is reprinted overpage.

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## AUSTRALIAN TV LEGEND SAM CHISHOLM

Re-printed from CCS Australia Newsletter June 2019

On 9 July 2018 Sam Chisholm passed away in Sydney aged 78 years. He had had a career in media spanning four decades and two hemispheres. Sam was born in New Zealand on 8 October 1939 and was educated at King's College. He initially worked as a farm hand but then emigrated to Australia in his twenties where he worked as a



salesman, selling floor polish, and eventually moved into media management. He was appointed Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Nine Network in 1975, at 35 years of age. He then in 1989 joined Britain's Sky Television as Chief Executive, leading the company through a merger with its competitor to form British Sky Broadcasting. BSkyB became the world's most successful satellite pay television operation. In 1997 he was appointed by the British Government as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New Millennium Experience Company, responsible for the Millennium Dome project. A year later Sam was appointed a Director of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

Sam had been born with enzyme deficiency (Alpha-1 Anti-Trypsin). He suffered from emphysema, an inherited condition which caused the death of his father and brother. Luckily for Sam in 2003 he received a bi-lateral lung transplant. Since that time he was a Director of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, inducted into Australia's television Hall of Fame and awarded a Gold Logie, was Chairman of the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Authority and awarded an Order of Australia (AO), for service to medical research and health organisations in Australia as a corporate leader and through fundraising.

**The internet has many tributes to Sam Chisholm.**

**Here is one from the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in Sydney**



Chris O'Brien Lifehouse was saddened by the passing of Sam Chisholm AO. New Zealand-born Chisholm was chairman of the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Board from 2009 to 2012, having joined the board in 2007. He was well-known for his time as managing director of the Nine Network before moving on to lead Sky Television in the UK when it became BSkyB. But at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse we remember Sam for his unwavering support and contribution to establishing the comprehensive cancer centre we

know today. Gail O'Brien recalls, *"In the early days when my husband Professor Chris O'Brien's vision of a comprehensive cancer hospital for Sydney was only beginning to crystallise, I remember Chris having many long and challenging telephone conversations with Sam. Sam was instrumental in introducing Chris to key figures that helped make the vision a reality."*

*"We owe him a large debt both for this support and for his stewardship of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse as chairman of the board at that time. It is thanks to Sam's dedicated hard work in the years leading up to opening the hospital that we find ourselves in such good stead as we approach our fifth anniversary of operation."*

Our deepest condolences go out to Sam's wife Sue and his daughter Caroline.



## Strathglass Heritage Association

I wish to draw your attention to an exciting exhibition which will be held 8th-22nd August 2020 in Cannich in Strathglass, Scotland. The focus will be on the Chisholms who left the Strathglass area during the Clearances. Strathglass is perhaps one of the least documented clearances and they are keen to gather as much material as possible. I have been in contact with the Association and offered to spread the word on their behalf to our Australian membership.

They define the time period for the Clearances broadly from Culloden to the late 1800s. They state "The term Clearances is more strictly applied to the years after Waterloo when landowners actively encouraged or forced their people to emigrate. Prior to this is a more 'voluntary' period where people left to seek a better life. Strathglass saw evictions that led to mass emigrations between 1800-1810 and then late 1820s though many of those evicted took refuge on the neighbouring Lovat Estate." They would be keen to hear from Australian members whose families relocated from Strathglass. It would be most helpful if you could attach a potted family history, notes, photos etc. The information will be displayed on appropriate display boards with notation. If you can identify where your family lived before they emigrated it would be most appreciated. They would then try to pinpoint that on maps and look to see if any visible signs of habitation are still there. They would like to include any information in their archive.

If you wish to follow this up further please don't hesitate to contact me or [info@strathglass-heritage.co.uk](mailto:info@strathglass-heritage.co.uk).

Re-printed from CCS Australia Newsletter June 2019

Thank you to Donald Chisholm (South Australia)

It was great to meet Donald Chisholm in Adelaide. Donald is a Past President of Clan Chisholm Australia Branch and had some input into the planning of our visit to Adelaide for the AGM this year.

Donald James Chisholm was born in Brisbane, Queensland in 1931, and has family in Mitchell West, Queensland. Don is a second-generation descendant of James Sanderson Chisholm from Coldingham, Scotland. Following his education at Brisbane Grammar School, Southport School Qld, Don entered the family pottery business in South Australia, then joined International Pharmaceutical Company in 1957, and remained in that industry until 1977. Don entered Medical Plastics Manufacturing until 1987, then started Southern Cross Science Pty Ltd Adelaide, SA, a scientific and research equipment supplier. In 2001, Don retired, and his son, Andrew Chisholm, now runs the company. Don's interests include pottery, yachting, freemasonry, and home.



Don shared the following information about his family history. James Sanderson Chisholm was a blacksmith, his parents were Robert Chisholm, a shepherd, and Eleanor Sanderson. James lived at St Abbs Head near Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scottish Borders. In 1880 at the age of 20 years he came to Australia in the sailing ship 'Stirling Castle', the journey taking 8 months. On his arrival in Australia he spent 18 months at Beenleigh, and then a similar period at Toowoomba. In 1883 he came to Mitchell and after working twelve months on the Maranoa River Railway Bridge, set up a business in Mitchell as a blacksmith and wheelwright.

In 1885 he married Miss Emily Bessie Woodward in Mitchell. They had 10 children. James was a member of the first Mitchell Hospital Committee and was one of the original members of the Mitchell School of Arts. Emily's sister, Mary Anne Hathaway, did not live far from the Chisholms in James Street, Toowoomba. Emily Bessie would walk around reading Dickens stories to Mary Anne while she did her housework and then Mary Anne would do the same for Emily Bessie when she was doing her housework. Alison Chisholm, the eldest in the family of James and Emily Bessie, was not expected to

do the housework. She was the family seamstress and spent all her working days sitting in the bay window sewing, making frocks for her mother and five sisters. How times have changed!

Thank you, Donald, for all you have done and continue to do for our Clan Chisholm Society Australia Branch. Hope we see you in Ballarat in 2020.

There was an ulterior motive for re-printing this article on Don Chisholm. The article contained a lot of family history, and I checked the Clan Chisholm Database, but found nothing on his family. However, names, times and places started ringing some bells, especially since I had spent some recent time digging around Don's part of olde Scotland ("digging" in a virtual sense, ie on internet genealogical and historical sites). The recent digging was in connection with Pamela Baronnet's family, who can be tracked to the early 1830's, and then they simply disappear. This ancestral vanishing trick around 1830's is relatively common for Highlanders, but not for those in the more civilised parts of Scotland, where more records were kept, and less records were destroyed by marauding Sassenachs and their Gallic allies. Statutory records commence in 1841, and prior to that it's a reliance on olde parish records, and its more common than not that you can trace a Lothian or Berwick family at least one generation back before the statutory records. Pamela's Chisholm family hail from Dunbar, and Don's family is from Coldingham, less than 20 miles along the coast.

Unfortunately I could find nothing to connect the families, but typical for this type of thing, I found that Don's family could be connected as a branch to an existing well developed family tree from the Scottish Borders. This allows Don's family to tack a few extra generations to the top of their tree. The Family Tree is a notable Tree in that it is from one of the founder members of the DNA Project, David Chisholm of Hallyard's Farm. In the very early days of the Clan Chisholm DNA Project, it was David's DNA, along with that of our very own Brian Chisholm of Wellington, which paved the trail in providing the scientific evidence that Chisholm was founded in Scotland via the Norman Conquest of England. Up until this recent time, we had the theories and stories of a Norman origin, but little in the way of proof. Prior to that we had many other tales of the Origin of the Chisholms. One of the favourites was that of a certain Harold Chisholm, a wild man from the North, maybe even from Orkney. Harold got his comeuppance, being emasculated and executed, in what order I do not know, nor is it told just how a dead man lacking vital equipment managed to populate a whole Glen with his own race. It's a reminder to all members of CCS to make sure your Family Tree is submitted to the Genealogical Database.



Clan Chisholm DNA Project  
(Founder Group I1A Viking)

David Chisholm(1924-2008)  
Hallyards Farm



# World War One Centenary Memorial

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



Clan Chisholm Society lays a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate,  
8pm 8th September 2019



L Cpl James Robert Chisholm,  
Canadian Mounted Rifles

## Chisholms remembered on the Menin Gate

(In addition to the three shown in photographs)

L.Cpl Roderick Norman Chisholm, Cameron Highlanders.

Pte. Duncan Chisholm, Gordon Highlanders.

Pte. Charles Chisholm, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Pte. Duncan Chisholm, Scots Guards.

Pte. Reginald Gladstone Chisholm, C.E.F.

Pte. John Chisholm, Australian Imperial Force.

Pte. John Chisholm, Sherwood Foresters.

Pte. Alfred Chisholm, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Pte. Frederick George Chisholm, A.I.F.



Pvt Colin Russell Chisholm  
Australian Infantry



Clan Chisholm Society lays a wreath at the Menin Gate

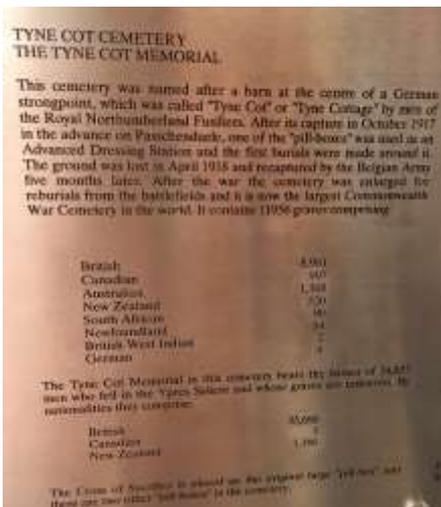
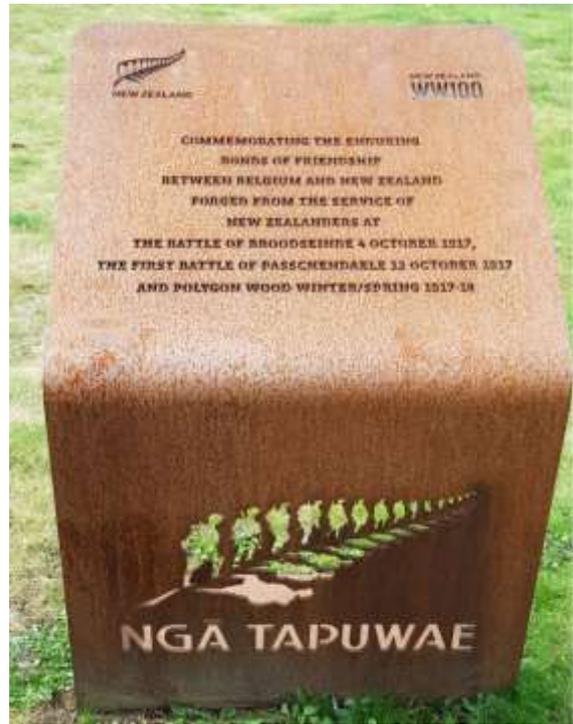


Mairi-Angela recites the Ode

# NZ points of Interest in fl anders



The New Zealand Apse in the memorial commemorates 1176 New Zealanders



Laying the CCS NZ wreath at the NZ Memorial, Polygon Wood

# Clan Chisholm at the Somme

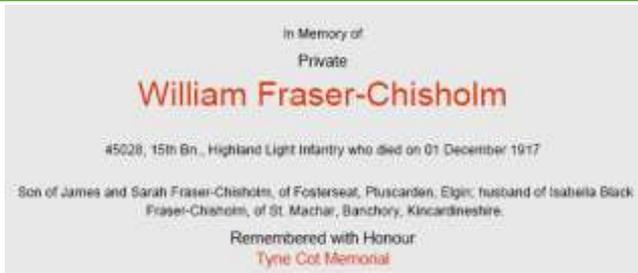


Above: Wreath laid for Canadian branch of Clan Chisholm Society at Vimy Ridge.

Left: Theipval Memorial to the missing of the Somme.

Below: Café Tommy at Pozieres, includes mock trenches in lieu of backyard with genuine original armaments and ordinance. Café wall includes name of Gallipoli veteran John Samson Chisholm of Opatu, Whangarei, a member of the Australian Infantry, killed in action at nearby Mouquet Farm 31st August 1916





## So what's in a name?

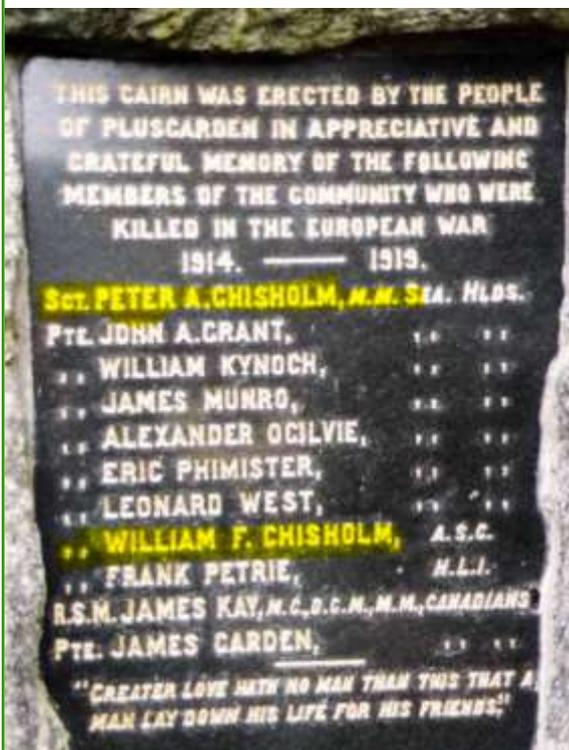
During the recent Clan Chisholm Society Centenary Memorial Tour to France and Flanders, a name was pointed out by one of the party. It may have been Susan Chisholm of Chisholm, or her little sister Lucy, who made the observation. Lucy is quite an observant lassie, I noticed she can spot a cricket at 20 paces, so it's possible that it was her. But Susan always looks out for Frasers, so it was probably her. A few metres to the right of the New Zealand Memorial Apse at Tyne Cot\*, there it was, under the "F" section, "F" for Fraser, was the name of William Fraser-Chisholm. Because he was filed under "F" and not "C" he doesn't come up in a dragnet search for Chisholms on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Database. But who was he really?

A bit of rapid sleuthing found that he was indeed a Chisholm, not a Fraser. William Fraser Chisholm in fact, son of James Chisholm and Sarah Fraser, of Pluscarden in Morayshire. Brother of Peter and George Chisholm, also caught up in the Great War, Peter being killed and George being badly injured.

So the next thing to do was to advise the CWGC that there is an error in their records, and please can it be fixed up.

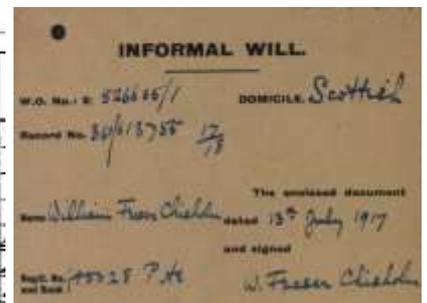
Our man in Flanders, Stefaan Vandenbussche, lodged an application with the CWGC (based in Maidenhead) to correct the name, and at the time of printing, this has not been resolved. There has been a lot of requests for further information from the CWGC, so many in fact that I thought they had borrowed the Building Consent Application template from your local council.

The bottom line is that between Stefaan and myself, we dragged out his marriage Certificate, the Death Certificate of his widow, and his will. The evidence is unequivocal, he is definitely proud to use his middle name Fraser, his mother's maiden name, but his surname is Chisholm, plain old Chisholm just like his brother, no hyphenated surname as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission might have us believe.



1917. DEATHS in the (1)

No.	Name and Residence. Rank or Position, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.
	Spence
	Chisholm
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	Chisholm



Our man in Flanders, Stefaan Vandenbusche, with Mairi-Angela, Susan, and the Last Post Buglers at the Menin Gate.

Stefaan is handling the CCS request to change the name for William Fraser Chisholm.

Note: \* Tyne Cot is New Zealand's biggest offshore cemetery, thanks to the 3rd Battle of Ypres,

otherwise known as Passchendaele

# CHISHOLM MATERIALS IN THE HOCKEN LIBRARY, DUNEDIN

Contributed by John Ross

The Hocken Library in Dunedin is a marvellous research library, and it has plenty of Chisholm-related documentary materials and photographs. The Library began in 1910 with the collections of Dr Thomas Morland Hocken (1836-1910), a medical doctor who came to Dunedin from England in 1862, and while practising in his profession became an avid collector of books, manuscripts, artifacts, and pictorial and ethnographical materials. It has since become the recipient of many resources of Otago-related materials.

There are basically five bodies of Chisholm materials.

(1) The firm of Scoullar and Chisholm Ltd(1883-1962), linked to Robert Chisholm and his family: there are extensive business records, certificates, photographs, and so forth.

(2) George Chisholm's photograph album. This is evidently George M. Chisholm, one of the sons of William and Marion Chisholm

(3) The Reverend John R. Chisholm Collection, principally of photographs and associated papers, along with materials associated with his father, the Reverend James Chisholm.

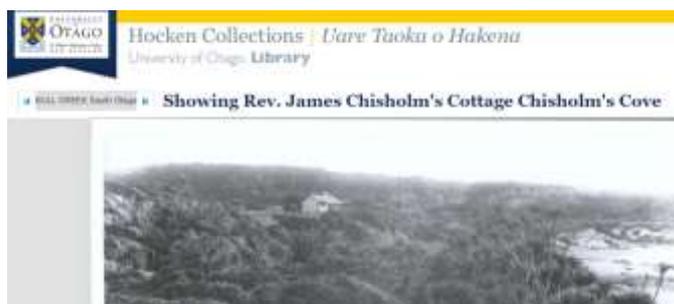
(4) Malcolm Chisholm: photographs relating to schools and musical groups. Malcolm was a school-teacher, and capable musician, who played the trombone in the RNZAF Brass Band during the Second World War, before transferring to active flying between Whenuapai and the Pacific Islands.

(5) Yvonne Dawn Chisholm: family history papers and photographs. After she died in 2018, these were donated by her estate. She had been an active and highly valued member of the Clan Chisholm Society of NZ, and her investigations into her family led to contributing a chapter on the descendants of Benjamin Chisholm and Mary Barber to *Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand* (pages 142-50).

Rev. John Chisholm was a very active photographer, and his collection has many fine photographs of family-members and friends, and others related to the parts of the country he was stationed in as a Presbyterian minister, especially in Owaka, in the Clutha district of Central Otago. Many of these photographs have been digitised and can be accessed online, by negotiation through the Hocken's Hakena / Snapshot set-up.

If you are in Dunedin, there are also some interesting portraits of, and other materials relating to, local Chisholms in the Early Settlers' Museum.

<https://www.hockensnapshop.ac.nz/>



Chrissie Chisholm



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# The Forum



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



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)

History, Artefacts, Genealogy, The Chisholm Heartland, DNA, Amorial Bearings, Border Chisholms, Volunteer Nurses, Chisholm in the Age of Empire, The Wars of the 20th Century, The American Revolution, and much much more!

Visit now, a free registration process is required

A recent example of a forum query

## The Chisholms & the growth of the Brighton area

*My name is Gxxx Cxxxx and I live in Sompting, Sussex, UK.*

*My Grandmother was Veronica Mary Chisholm born on the 16th January 1908 in Dulwich, London.*

*Her parents were Alfred Leonard Chisholm (who was born in Brighton in January 1872) who married Emma Jane Standing in June 1896, Emma was born in Worthing in 1868.*

*My Nan had 3 siblings:-*

- 1. Reginald A.L. Chisholm born 11th April 1897 in East Preston.*
- 2. Francis (SB1900)*
- 3. Winnifred (SB1904) both born in the Brighton area.*

*Alfred was an upholsterer and I think he gained work at the White City in London, which at this time was hosting several exhibitions - 1908 saw the Franco-British Exhibition. The 1911 Census has them living at 16 Sterne St. which is within a stones throw from the White City.*

*Alfred Chisholm was one of at least six, and his parents were Arthur (b. 1843) & Fanny Maria (Jones) (b. 1844 in Eastbourne).*

*The known siblings are Edith (b. 1867), Arthur (b. 1868), Albert (b. 1870), ALFRED, Fanny M. (b. 1874) & Florence (b. 1885).*

*Arthur Chisholm is described as being a 'House Agent' in the census. The addresses in those censuses for him and his relations indicate that he was involved in some way with the growth of the Brighton area - this I find fascinating.*

*However, next layer back sees his parents William [b. 1807 in Fairleigh (Fairlight)] marrying Jane Igulden from Eastbourne at St. Clements Church in Hastings. He has one known sister, Sarah, and his parents were David Chisholm born in Bunkle and Preston Berwickshire - I have his birth entry from Scotlands People.*

*Also I have his parents Marriage - also in Bunkle - Robert Chisholm to Janet Johns(t)one, on 21st November 1761.*

*There is one Chisholm grave in Bunkle churchyard which I think may be Roberts' first wife, Elizabeth Brown, whom Robert married on the 11th November 1743. Unconfirmed half-siblings could be John (b. 1740), Margaret (b. 1753) and Peter (b. 1768) to Janet Johns(t)one. Would love to hear from anyone who knows more.*

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



Another view of Glen Affric



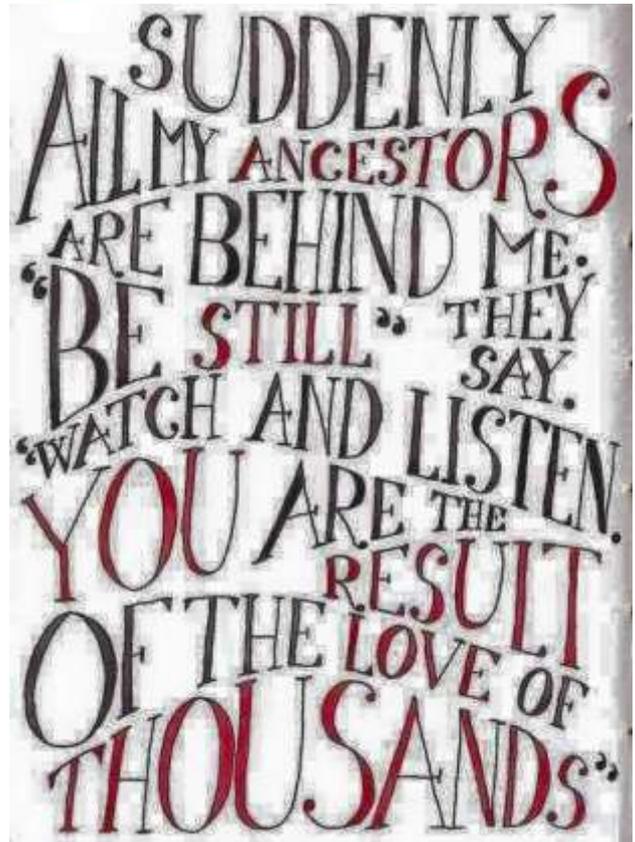
Marcey Burton Hunter  
Visual Storyteller · October 29

"If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost. Honor your own stories and tell them too. The tales may not seem very important, but they are what binds families and makes each of us who we are."  
-Madeleine L'Engle



Don Chisholm shared a photo.

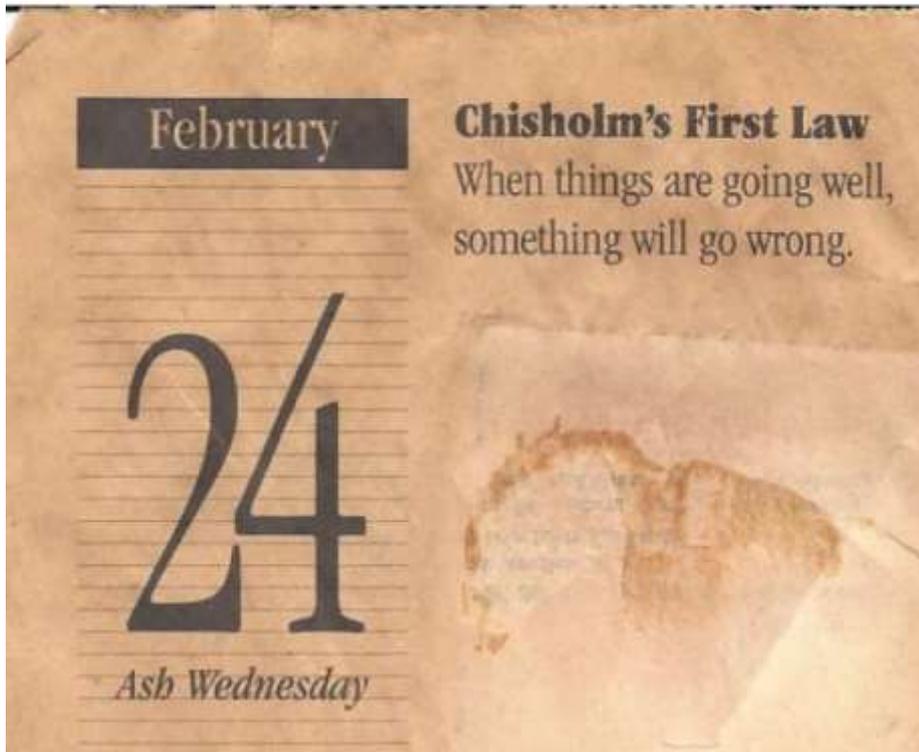
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Mark Chisholm ▸ Feros Ferio: Clan Chisholm United

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Sometimes there is an element of truth in Chisholms First Law, according to the gospel of Mark. There was a whiff of that at the end of last year, as outlined on page 1. There must be a Second Law however, as things generally get better. Please send me the text for Chisholm's Second Law.



## The incredibly rare Scottish Hummingbird.



George Pyron

📷 Visual Storyteller · February 8

# STOP PRESS

Update from CWGC re name of Private William Fraser Chisholm carved in stone on Tyne Cot Memorial, and in the CWGC digital archive and database. (see page 15)

The request was initially declined, but you know the story, a bit of *Feros Ferio* did the trick.

Dear Mr. Chisholm,

As a result of your email I have completely reviewed this case and I agree, based on all the documentary evidence you have supplied, it does look like the information supplied to us by the family in the 1920s was mis-interpreted here. In light of this, I have now arranged for William's record to be adjusted as follows:-

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/839249/chisholm,-william-fraser/>

We will also look at how we can adjust the name on the memorial, although this may have to wait until the panel is replaced as it is difficult to reposition names.

Thank you also for providing details of his brother. I have also upgraded his record:-

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/4024819/chisholm,-peter/>

Yours sincerely

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