

THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

I write this report on December 28th 2017 and Beaully, a village, a lot of you know, is a total ice rink underfoot. Hence I am thinking of our Society with Members around the world; in all climate conditions.

Sadly; I have to report the Clan Chisholm Society has lost two stalwart members and our thoughts go out to both families at this sad time.

First; Douglas Chisholm in New Zealand, just short of his 100th Birthday. We had met Douglas on more than one occasion in Scotland and New Zealand. Douglas was a very enthusiastic member and a legend in the NZ Branch.

Secondly; to sadly pass away was Ruari Chisholm brother of the late chief Alastair and nephew to our founder Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm; he had been poorly for a long while. Ruari was at one time President of the Clan Chisholm Society and introduced the use of a Computer, bringing us into the modern world! He was always interested in the Society from its beginnings in 1951, although latterly was unable to attend meetings. An article on Ruari's life and involvement with the Clan Chisholm Society is planned for the 2018 Clan Chisholm Journal.

During 2017 in the UK we have encouraged and tried to find new members by issuing information leaflets around the area, these kindly put together by our Secretary, Susan. Our website shows branch activities and some excellent branch newsletters have been posted there. I encourage all branches; Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United States and United Kingdom to provide up to date information for the website. This is often the first place Chisholm's around the world will make contact with us.

Also in the UK we have had the City of Inverness Highland Games in July. Clan Chisholm had two tables in the Clan Village! This did see several Chisholm's from Inverness and one from Canada sign the Visitors Book. Our Secretary was keen to follow these up after the Games. The lady from Canada also linked up with Duncan Chisholm and purchased some Chisholm Tartan to take back with her to Canada. It is hoped she has joined the Canadian Branch. Ben and I always appreciate Mary and Duncan from Inverness, who kindly come early to help us with the tables and help man them too. Before the Highland Games on the evening the UK Branch held its A.G.M. at the Lovat Arms Hotel which was well attended. Afterwards 15 of us sat down to an excellent meal, at the Priory Hotel. There was no shortage of "chat" around the table and it was nice to link up with Members we do not see so often.

Ben and I try to go to Cannich; where as you all know there is a lot of Chisholm interest.

During the summer we met the owner of Fasnakyle Church; inside was a joinery business, where he was making children's wooden seats. However it was lovely to go back inside the Church again. The last time we had a "peep" was when it was all boarded up and the back door was slightly open, the Church still had its pews inside amongst a lot of dust and rubbish. Whilst we were there local man, Dennis Ross, using his metal detector was picking up interesting signals. We don't know what he may have discovered but we intend to find out. A very rare artefact has previously been found in the area and this has been handed into Inverness Museum for further research. This we also intend to follow up during 2018. Fasnakyle Church only ever performed two weddings, the bride (not a Chisholm) from the second, now a widow still living in Beaully, is over the age of 90. When married, she lived in Fasnakyle Manse.

As Ben mentions in his chairman's report for the UK branch he and I are members of the Strathglass Heritage Association. We have been able to attend many events held by the Association with often a Chisholm connection. Our Historian Dr Margaret Collin who is working on Border Chisholme research gave a fascinating talk for the Highland Family History Society at the Highland Archive Centre. Many Chisholm's were able to attend Margaret's talk. Our thanks to Margaret and husband John, who ably assisted with microphone and computer.

The Clan Chisholm Society is responsible for the up-keep of Cannich Brae, above Comar on the Glen Cannich Road. The Clan Chisholm Society placed a marker stone there to commemorate former clan lands. The Society has since added an iron gate and the Wilfrid Medlam seat on this small piece of land. Over many years we have been lucky in finding a local man, Iain Campbell to take charge of strimming the grass and keeping the area tidy for visitors. It attracts many visitors from the UK and from around the world all through the year. Iain has never accepted payment for this work. He announced at the start of 2017 that this would be his last year. Hence in September the Society gave Iain a small gift in appreciation of all the work he has kindly performed for us.

Ben and I have now found another willing person, but a payment will have to be made negotiated. This we will do, in the New Year when travelling conditions are better for the journey, plus to motor up the hill, when no ice is present.

Finally, but by no means least; I thank you all and most sincerely the Office Bearers of our Society for all their help, support and enthusiasm over this year. Also, I would like to record a thank you to Susan, our Secretary/Treasurer for her secretarial duties and for keeping the societies finances in good order.

We look forward to another year welcoming Chisholm's from far and away to the Highlands.

With Best Wishes, to you all, Juliette M.H. Chisholm-Broomfield.

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

BRANCH REPORTS – for the year ending 31st DECEMBER 2017

AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Chairman: **Donald M Chisholm**

Branch Representative on Council: **Kerry Chisholm**
Branch Secretary: **Carolyn Chown**

Greetings to all members of the Clan,

The highlight of the Australian Branch's year was our AGM Gathering which was held from 22nd to 26th March at Goulburn in New South Wales. Tony and Sue Morrison, together with Chis Maxwell, put so much effort in arranging for us to visit many places of significance to the Clan.

We met on the evening of Wednesday, 22nd March with a meal at The Ban Thai restaurant followed by the Leider Taffels production of Twelfth Night. This amateur theatre company gave a very professional performance and our week together started on a high note.

We hired two small buses to travel around together and on the Thursday we saw many public buildings and private homes of Chisholm interest around the Goulburn area. First up was South Hill with its beautiful view back towards Goulburn and its rustic architecture.

Then we went to 'Carrawarra' and, amongst other things, saw the wonderful relief carving of the brolga and the kookaburra in the sitting room which was created by one of the daughters of the house. The property is now part of the Son of God Hospital – a former Chisholm estate now serving a public good.

Later in the morning we travelled to St Clair, a lovely local museum covering Goulburn history and beyond, where we were welcomed and shown many items of significance to the Chisholm family. Of great interest were the Chisholm family military uniforms beautifully kept and the forerunners to Australian Light Horse uniform. There were also some precious old photographs of many Chisholm ancestors.

After our fascinating exploration of the treasures of St Clair, we had a barbecue lunch at Tony and Sue Morrison's house.

The afternoon saw us at 'Cardross' and 'Merrilla' two significant properties in Chisholm history. At Cardross we were met by Guy Milson. He said his aim in maintaining the homestead was to keep it in line with furnishings and décor when it was built. We were permitted to wander around the ground floor while Guy told us some of the history of the property.

At 'Merrilla' Anthony Crichton-Brown and his staff welcomed us. That was followed up by a talk from Chis Maxwell, who had spent much time there as a boy. He gave all members a book on the history of the property which he had produced – a very generous gift. We were then welcomed into the house and treated to a delicious afternoon tea and allowed to roam around freely.

After a very full and interesting day, we gathered at our motel for the Clan Dinner. It was lovely to see members decked out in their tartan kilts, ties and scarves.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Friday in the community hall at Chisholm Park, Breadalbane. The land for the park had previously been donated by Tony and Sue Morrison from their former holding of South Raeburn.

The meeting was presided over by our President Donald Chisholm. All existing office bearers were re-elected and much general discussion followed. We enjoyed a picnic lunch at the hall and then spent the afternoon travelling around the district, with a stop for afternoon tea at the Merino Café.

In the evening we had a real treat at the historic Goulburn Brewery hosted by Michael O'Halloran. Michael had such great knowledge of the history of the area, and the history of the Chisholm family. After a tour of the buildings, we enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner while Michael entertained us with tales of days gone by.

Saturday saw us on the road again to Canberra, Gundaroo and home again. On the way to Canberra we went via Collector before visiting the National Museum and the Australian War Memorial.

At the War Memorial Amanda Campbell gave us a very spirited talk on the achievements of Dame Alice Chisholm's life in the Middle East in WW1. We were taken behind the scenes and shown some wonderful memorabilia including photographs from her time in the Middle East, the visitors book signed by a "who's who" of the military of that time, and a lovely portrait of Dame Alice. These things are not available for the general public to view and we felt very honoured to have seen them.

At the daily Last Post ceremony, President Donald laid a wreath in memory of Lieutenant William Malcolm Chisholm who was the first Australian to lose his life in the Great War while serving with a British regiment. We had a pleasant dinner on the way home at The Grazing in the Royal Hotel, Gundaroo.

On Sunday it was time to say goodbye until next year. With members scattered across Australia, our AGM gathering is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with each other.

For our 2018 AGM Gathering, we plan to visit the beautiful island state of Tasmania in March, spending time in Launceston in the north and the capital Hobart in the south. Our Tasmanian members tell us there are many Chisholms in Tasmania who are not yet members of the Clan, and we hope to spend time meeting some of them.

Kerry Chisholm

On behalf of the Australian Branch. 28th January 2018

[NEW ZEALAND BRANCH](#)

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In 2017, we kept on keeping on. Once again, our annual gathering / annual general meeting was held at the Uniting Church hall in Miramar, Wellington, on Saturday 13 May; and thanks are due to Ashley Chisholm, and others, for arranging the venue, and for organising the catering, for morning and afternoon tea, and lunch. We had a goodly number of Chisholms present, mainly from the lower North Island. I spoke about the ongoing work on New Zealand Chisholms who served in the Second World War, in the Pacific.

Before lunch, the haggis was duly paraded and addressed (thanks to my family's generosity, I now have a Modern Hunting Chisholm kilt).

After lunch, the AGM got under way. Ashley, as Secretary and Treasurer, presented his reports, as I did, as New Zealand Society President. Fay White as Clan Genealogist and Historian also reported. Robert Chisholm could not be present but sent a report on the state-of-play of the Chisholm DNA Project, and also one on the Clan Council, of which he is one of the Vice-Presidents. The current officers were re-elected. In the evening some of us met again in a restaurant, for a very enjoyable dinner.

Over the past couple of years, Robert Chisholm has been doing a massive amount of work on memorialising Chisholms, from every country, who died in active service during the First World War. This has reduced the disposable time available for producing clan newsletters, but it is hoped that Barry Chisholm, now living in Wellington, will play a larger role in producing these newsletters. In the past twelve months we have had only one, but it has been a very good one.

The year's most noteworthy events have been the funerals of two of our oldest members. Brian Chisholm died in Wellington on 27 April 2017, aged 95, and his brother Douglas died in New Plymouth on 6 November 2017, aged 99, only about 7 weeks short of 100. Douglas had played a key role, back in the early 1990s, in founding the New Zealand Branch, and had done much to support it.

I represented the clan at the Turakina Highland Games in the last Saturday in January, and in November at the Upper Hutt Highland Games at Harcourt Park. I'm still working on a book on New Zealand Chisholms who served in the Second World War, with much-valued input from a number of other people, and hope to get it published in 2018.

Dr John C. Ross. 4th February 2018.

CANADA BRANCH

The Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch. Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

The Canada Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society has now completed its twenty-first year as a separate entity. We now have 61 paid members with 18 members from whom we are waiting their 2018 annual dues. Those eighteen have been sent an initial invoice and a reminder will be sent to them in the near future. Nevertheless, as stated in last year's report, this declining number continues to be a concern to us and we continue to attempt to address it. We hope that once all the outstanding dues are paid, we should have a much more solid, albeit smaller, membership upon which we can build. We are also discussing holding an AGM in the near future. It has been a number of years since we have had one due to a number of reasons, the lack of computer access to many of our members being one as the only practical way of holding a meeting is electronically.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE:

The Executive and Board of Directors for 2017 will continue to be:-

President: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Vice-President: George Pyron, Toronto, Ontario

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

Secretary: Vacant

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

Clansman Editor: F Derek Chisholm, Toronto, Ontario

Web Master: Vacant

Branch Genealogist: Vacant

Branch Council Representative: David Holmes, Calgary, Alberta

Director at Large: Marlene Chang, Victoria, British Columbia

Director at Large: Sandy Chisholm, Hawksbury, Ontario

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

CLANSMAN NEWSLETTER:

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

WEBSITE:

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

GENEALOGY:

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

TENT KITS:

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

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Respectfully submitted,

David F. Holmes, Chairman, Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch. February 6, 2018

UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Submitted by Chairman - **Ben Chisholm-Broomfield**, 29th December 2017

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This year in some ways has been busy for Juliette and I. In as much we have seen quite a few Chisholm's, but, also other organisations that we belong to, who very kindly made us welcome to share their knowledge of Chisholm related information. Showing artefacts, such as old maps, at their meetings.

One of these is the Strathglass Heritage Association, see their website for useful information www.strathglass-heritage.co.uk

The Association has many clan Chisholm members and Juliette is able to represent our Society.

On May 1st. the Association held its Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately due to other commitments we could not attend the AGM

May 29th there was a talk on metal detecting which included items found on old Chisholm land-holdings.

On October 26th Duncan Chisholm (Kiltmaker of Inverness and past President of the Clan Chisholm Society) gave a talk to the Association on Kilt-making, plus a history of his shop premises in Inverness. Duncan illustrated his talk with very interesting photographs as well as knowledge regarding Strathglass.

December 3rd - Cannich Village Hall always invite Juliette and I to the Annual Christmas Craft Sale and to see Father Christmas. This was organised by some of the Members of Strathglass Heritage Association, along with other village residents.

December 6th - We attended a meeting at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Marydale, Cannich. A talk and demonstration by membership secretary Jim McAuley of the 1861 Strathglass Census took place over a mince pie!, Mulled Wine, Tea / Coffee. Excellent hospitality.

As well as our involvement with the Strathglass Heritage Association Juliette and I keep in touch with Clan Chisholm members and on September 26th we had lunch with Dr Margaret Collin, Historian and her husband John at Eden Court Theatre Restaurant. They are long standing and very supportive members of our Society. The following day, September 27th the Highland Family History Society held a meeting in the Archive Centre, Inverness, where Margaret ably assisted by John gave a talk on the Border Chisholme Families. This was very interesting and appreciated by the large turnout of the FHS members. I hope that Margaret and John will repeat this again in the future as Juliette and I would very much like to hear the talk again.

Returning now to the Branch; our A.G.M. was held in Beaulieu once again due to several problems causing us to cancel the proposed meeting in Sussex.

Friday July 14th. The Lovat Arms Hotel, Beaulieu, was the venue for an excellent meeting.

After which we adjourned to the Priory Hotel, for High Tea and a good blether.

Saturday July 15th The Highland Games was held at Bught Park, Inverness. Some of the Clans who belong to the Association of Highland Clans and Societies gathered in the Clan Village. Chisholm's were well represented and we entertained visitors from the UK and overseas at our stand.

The AGM of the AHCS was held immediately after the Highland Games and the Chisholm clan was represented by Susan Chisholm of Chisholm and Duncan Chisholm (past President of the Clan Chisholm Society).

Our branch enjoyed four newsletters across the year in February, May, August and November. These newsletters are appreciated by our members especially those who cannot attend our gatherings.

In closing, I would like to thank Susan our Secretary / Treasurer for keeping us on the right path, and to all who have supported the Society and our branch throughout the year.

Yours Aye *Ben*

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

UNITED STATES BRANCH

United States Branch
2016 Annual Report
Submitted by Gene Chisholm Jones

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Genealogy – Kathryn Chisholm Antrim, New Hampshire

Our membership numbers continue to grow. During the Games this past year, we were able to welcome new members to our ranks. As part of our strategic plan and goal we continue to reach out to all our members through emails and newsletters.

The scholarship review board selected a candidate for our educational scholarship. We will be awarding our \$1,000-dollar scholarship to Cody Goodwin. Cody submitted his application and essay in which he shared his passion to keep people safe. In his essay he pointed out that Chisholms have been keeping people safe throughout history and were generals, sheriffs and protectors. He is enrolled as a criminology major at Eastern Connecticut State University.

This year we will be continue our goal to reach out to as many Chisholms as we can through games and events. One of our strategic goals is to spark the younger generation to take an interest in their heritage by creating open communication with our society utilizing social media as well as our newsletter and email. We feel this will be a start to boost our ranks and pass down any family traditions and customs that might otherwise not be passed down.

On December 31, 2017, regular membership stood at 146.

Respectfully submitted the 19th day of February 2018. Gene Chisholm Jones



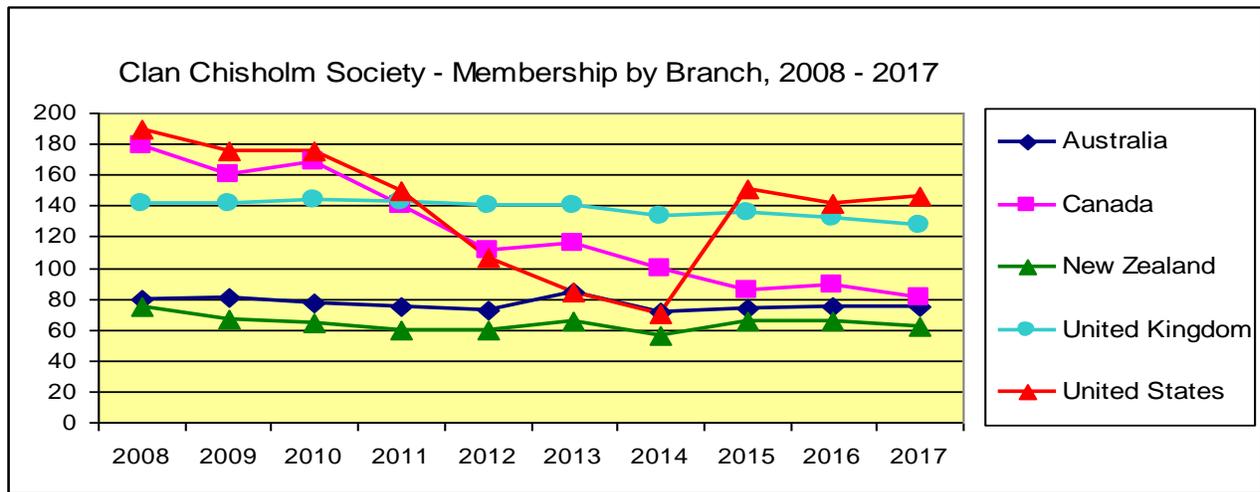
GENERAL REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - compiled 13th December 2017

Membership of the Society in 2017 shows a continued reduction overall dropping below 500 again. Worldwide we have 12 fewer paid up households. Australia remains very steady and US branch continues to maintain numbers. Canada, New Zealand and the UK all have a reduction in paid up members since 2016.

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

Branch	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Australia	80	81	77	75	73	84	71	74	75	75
Canada	179	160	169	140	111	116	99	85	89	81
NZ	75	67	64	60	60	66	56	66	66	62
UK	141	141	144	143	140	140	133	136	132	128
US	190	175	175	150	106	84	70	151	142	146
total	665	624	629	568	490	490	429	512	504	492



CLAN CHISHOLM JOURNAL

In 2016 Martin Chisholm took on the editorship of the Journal from Ben Chisholm-Broomfield. His first edition was the 2017 Journal with an impressive 56 pages plus the cover four pages. The content covered articles from across all branches. 600 copies were printed at a cost of £1,217 and distribution to branches came to £653.55 with the price per copy set at £2.50. Income was not sufficient at that rate to cover the costs of printing and distribution of the Clan Chisholm Journal. Clan Council proposed increasing the price per copy to £3.50 for what is a quality publication valued by our members. During 2017 branches agreed at their AGM's to this price increase. NB. Generous donations to funds were received from New Zealand and United Kingdom branches to help balance the finances for 2017. See accounts pages of this Annual report. *Susan Chisholm – Hon Secretary.*

Journal Editor - Annual Report 2017 (February 2018)

It was pleasing to receive positive feedback on my first Journal as Editor, the 2017 edition #60. My call for articles from around the world, to give a good balance in the 2018 edition, has been reasonably successful. At the time of writing the plan is for an edition which is the same number of pages as 2017 and is around 80% complete. The target remains publication in early March 2018.

Last year I struggled to work out what topics and people had been covered in previous editions. To alleviate this problem I have produced, initially for my own assistance, a spreadsheet based database of most previous articles which can be filtered to identify topics and people. This has proven to be very useful to me. More work is required to include all articles and to improve 'search ability'. This is planned for after production of this year's edition. Clan Council has asked for this spreadsheet to be circulated, and I hope to do this later in 2018.

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

[CLAN CHISHOLM WEBSITE](#)

Report for 2017 *Submitted by Alastair Chisholm - Webmaster.*

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

Access statistics continue to show daily robot access to the main page from Russia and Ukraine (but no new members yet!)

Problems with the society's e-mail list seem to have been resolved – but a couple of members host servers still have security issues.

Access to the content pages is similar to 2016 with a strong interest in genealogy and DNA testing, a marked increase in access by UK users as well as interest in Erchless Castle (presumably as it now features on Airbnb).

Updates to website in 2017

A few small articles were updated:

News of the Highland Archive Centre in Inverness.

Updates on Gatherings in the United States.

News from the Association of Highland Clans.

Publication on the website of Robert Chisholm's first commemorative brochure.

Updates to the bibliography section.

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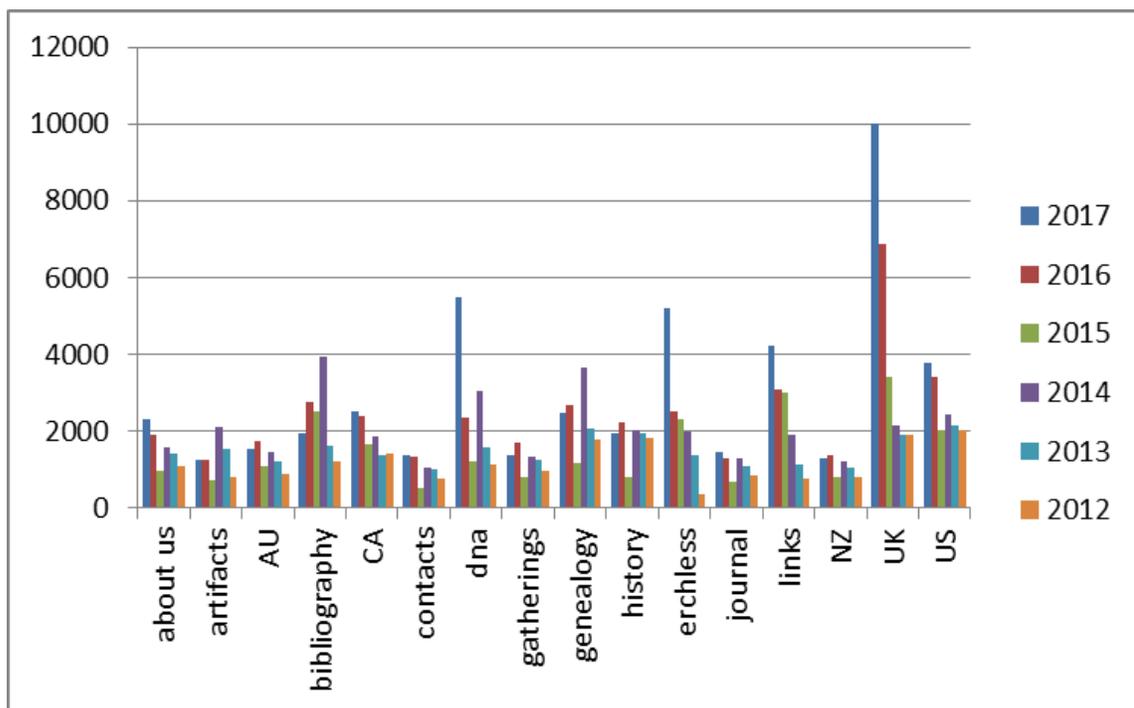
The number of friends has gone up from 184 to 205.

Some queries were made concerning family history and the requests were generally referred to the forum for further research.

Artifacts

A few registrations were received from Fay and logged in 2017.

Statistics



Distribution of interest in pages over the last few years

GENEALOGY PROJECT

Provided for - Clan Council Meeting December 13, 2017

Background

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

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

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

a) Report on Chisholm Genealogies Website

Background

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

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

Activities/accomplishments for 2017

Family Tree (FT) activity

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

There is a small sub-group of members (the Verification Group) dedicated to verifying FT's submitted for inclusion in the database. No family trees were submitted for inclusion into the database by the Verification Group in 2017.

Here are some statistics for 2017 with previous year's numbers in brackets. There are currently 16,813, (16,793) individuals listed on the database, grouped within 5,428 (5,421) families and 80 (80) family trees. Most of these family trees were previously researched by Bob Chisholm and others. The slight increase noted above for both individuals and families can be attributed to ongoing research by Core Group and individual Forum members. The largest family tree on the database is NZ – Culduthel with 2,280 individuals and 729 families recorded. The next largest is Knockfin with 1,176 individuals and 410 families. At the other end of the scale are two family trees each with 13 individuals. One with 5 and one with 6 families.

b) Chisholm Genealogies International (The 'Forum')

www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl

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

To date, there have been 8,473 (8,211) unique postings on 1,075 (1,045) topics. Bracketed numbers indicate activity from one year ago. There are currently 271 registered members, up from 256 at this time last year.

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

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

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

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

Noteworthy Additions to the Forum:

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

Due to the centenary of WW1 in 2014 the initial focus became the establishment of a WWI Roll of Honour. This was subsequently expanded to various theatres of war, mainly as a means to group the information into some sort of logical order.

For WW1, the information gathering phase has been completed in 2016, with a few more casualties coming to light in 2017. The project was divided into the various theatres: Flanders, Middle East, France, Home and Sea. For each casualty, research has been undertaken in order to identify family of origin, in order to check for linkages to the Database, or to families within the DNA Project. There has been a reasonable success rate in finding linkages, and in some cases, the Genealogical database has either been added to, or data has been made available so it can be added to in the future. In several cases the families of the casualties have been in contact. **Robert Chisholm has done, and continues to do a fantastic job of collating the records of casualties in the Great War and frankly the Forum these days would be a dull place without his tireless contributions!**

In May 2017 Robert published the first in a series of Memorial Booklets. The Clan Chisholm Flanders Memorial Booklet catalogues the Chisholm lives lost in the West Flanders section of the Western Front. The webmaster subsequently put it online and available for reading or download via the Clan Chisholm Society Website. http://www.clanchisholmsociety.org/public/docs/WW1_Voll_Flanders_small.pdf

This memorial booklet reflects upon the remarkable courage of one of our Clan Chisholm Society Founders, Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm. Her story is well told in many places, so it won't be repeated here but, in her memory this commemorative series, and specifically this booklet, is dedicated.

If readers know of a soldier, or can contribute genealogical information, including photographs, then that will be most welcome. It is hoped that with the information posted some form of e-book can be created for posterity.

Planned Activities

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

Member Communication

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

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

The release of additional booklets covering more theatres of the WWI project will provide a reason to communicate with the wider Chisholm world. Robert will be trying to complete the second booklet for release on Anzac Day, 25 April 2018, with more to follow. Hopefully this will help to stimulate interest in the Forum and related functions.

Family Tree (FT) additions to the database

Respond to requests from individual members, as required.

Research activities

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

Administration

Forum

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

Genealogy Database

Bob Chisholm (UK) continues as Master Database Administrator.

Our Forum Administrator, Alastair Chisholm, continues to act as a backup Master Database Administrator.

A huge **Thank You** to both of these gentlemen for their efforts in the past year.

Research expenditures

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

- Bob’s renewal subscription to ‘Find My Past’

This item was included in the 2017 budget projection.

Core Group

- Bob Chisholm, UK Branch Genealogist and Master Database Administrator
- Audrey Barney, NZ Branch Genealogist (retired)
- Alastair Chisholm, Hampshire, UK, CGI Forum Administrator and Backup Master Database Administrator
- Anna Chisholm-Dickinson, Spokane, Washington State, USA
- Robert Chisholm, NZ (Lead for WW1 Centenary Project and DNA Project Coordinator)
- Elizabeth Chisholm, Lincolnshire, UK
- Susan Chisholm of Chisholm, Suffolk, UK. Treasurer

Ian Chisholm
Project Liaison,
Genealogy Initiative

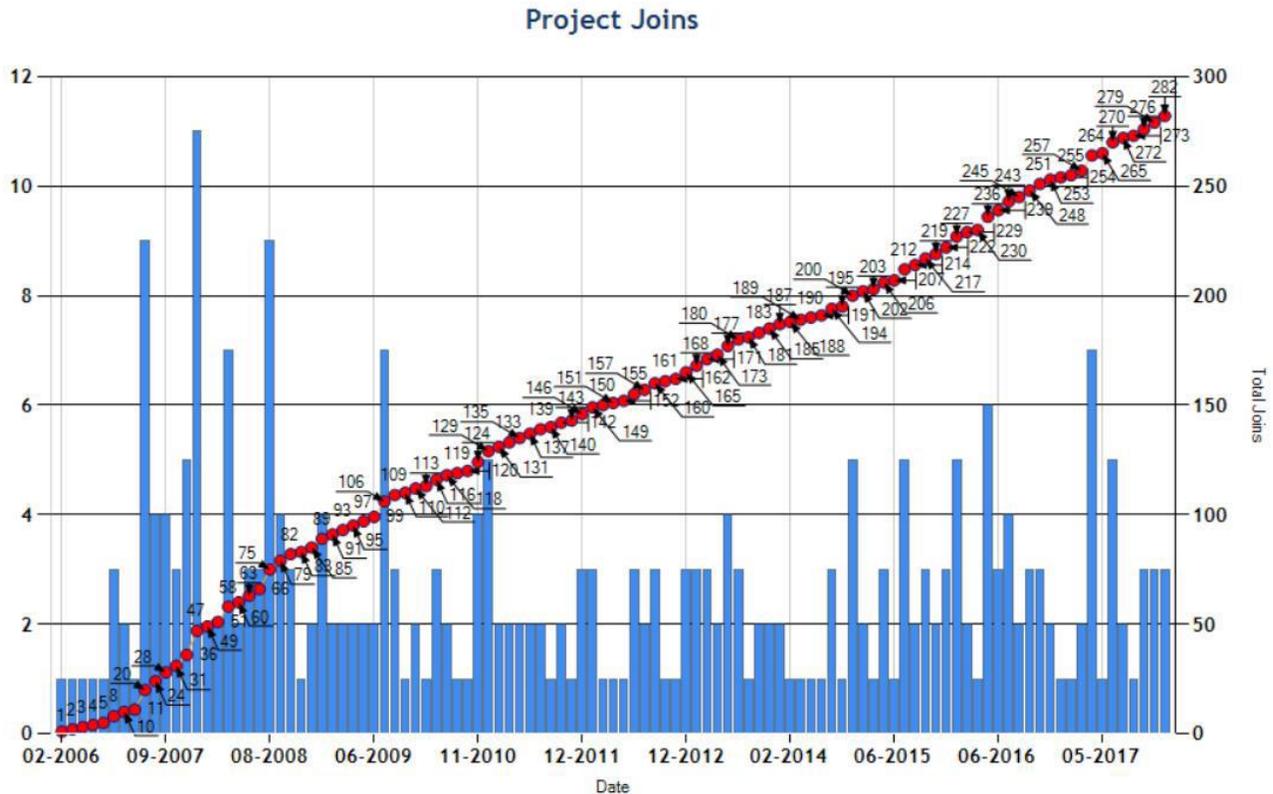
DNA PROJECT REPORT

Clan Chisholm DNA Project Report to clan council meeting 13 Dec 2017

Progress has been much the same as for the recent previous years, a slow increase in memberships. This is made up of both Chisholm's, and non-Chisholm who join because their DNA result shows strong affinity with some Chisholm subgroups. The most common non-Chisholm's joining are those who match to the founder group, and this is mainly, but not always, due to a common male ancestor in the pre Chisholm period. There are a few in more recent times, and the reason for this is because a recent male ancestor with a non-Chisholm surname has been the biological product of a Chisholm male but this fact has been not recorded in the historical documentation.

One case of interest in the last year did concern a person with a non-Chisholm surname, and he joined the project to test a theory and to try and track his male ancestry. The theory was that the father of a specific child was a Roderick Chisholm, no further information. This was in the 1800's. The DNA test proved the theory correct, with a close match to a Celtic subgroup group from within our project. Traditional genealogy however, failed to find the Roderick Chisholm named in one of the documents.

The graph below illustrates the growth over the past year, with total membership currently standing at 282 members.



CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY – WWI CENTENARY MEMORIAL PROJECT

Report to clan council meeting 13 Dec 2017

The research was completed via the Forum quite some time ago, though there is the occasional update where further information may come to light. A good spin off from the project was expanding the Family Trees which are on the database, to include the WW1 casualty where a connection was found. Generally speaking, siblings, were also found so the various trees expanded by more than one person.

The first booklet (Flanders) was produced and has been made available on the Clan Chisholm Website.

This booklet is 54 pages long and one page is dedicated to each of the 43 Chisholm's who we know lost their lives in Flanders and Belgium during the Great War

Clan Chisholm Society



Great War Centenary Project "every clansman remembered"



Menin Gate at Midnight by WW Louguff 1927 AWM Canberra

Roll of Honour

Volume 1

Flanders 1914-1918

Clan Chisholm Society

Roll of Honour Vol 1 Flanders 1914-1918

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Issue 1

Foreword

Clan Chisholm Society.
Introduction to WW1 Memorial volumes.

My great aunt Miss Maai Chisholm of Chisholm was of course legendary in the family as I was growing up. A copy of 'The Cellar House at Perysè' was to be found in our sitting room and often referred to. We were proud of her war-time reputation and of the many medals she had been awarded due to her work in WW1. She was of course also a loving aunt to my father, Chief Alastair.

Less well known was her beloved brother Uileas Hamish McUistean, my grandfather, who served during World War I in Palestine and Egypt. Uileas had resigned his position in the Trinidad Constabulary in 1915 and enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant with the British West India Regiment. Photograph albums and other memorabilia from his time in Palestine reminded us of his war service.

World War One therefore, although distant in time, was a current topic of conversation within the family during my childhood and beyond. The scale of the 1914 - 1918 war and the huge loss of life was well known and the topic was and is covered in the educational curriculum in Britain. Both Maai and Uileas returned to their families, so many did not.

Travelling through Belgium for the unveiling of a statue in Ypres to honour Elsie Knocker and Maai's work and attending the nighty ceremony at the Menin Gate brought home to me even more so the sacrifice made by so many. The Chisholm clan is not a large one but there are many Chisholm names from around the world listed on the memorial showing all those still missing whose remains have not been found.

The Clan Chisholm Society which was founded in 1951 by Miss Maai and my late father Alastair, has supported the creation of these memorial volumes to those Chisholms who fell in battle or died of their injuries later. I thank all those clansfolk who have contributed to the piece of work and especial thanks go to Robert Chisholm of New Zealand without whose dedication the memorial would not have been possible.

Hamish

Andrew Francis Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm



Mairi Chisholm Of Chisholm



In service, West Flanders 1914-1918

Daughter of
Chief Bosterk XXXI
Great Great Granddaughter of
The Fair Lady of Strathglen



King's Cross & the Order of the British Empire

Military Medal for Meritorious Service (1914)

Officer, Most Meritorious Order of St. John

Order of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium

1915 Star (Main Star)



Mairi Lambert Gooden-Chisholm of Chisholm, OBE, MM, OBE, OBE,
26 Feb 1896 - 22 Aug 1981

Prood maun ye lie,
Prood did ye gang;
Auld, auld am I,
But O! Life's lang!
Ghaists i' the air,
Whaups cryin' shrill,
An' you nae mair
I' the field by the lirk o' the hill -
Aye, bairn, nae mair, nae mair,
I' the field by the lirk o' the hill

It is proposed to start work in early 2018 on the second booklet which will be much shorter.

This will cover the losses of the various Middle East campaigns. It is proposed also to remember Dame Alice Chisholm in this booklet, similar to the way Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm was remembered in the Flanders Booklet. Whereas Mairi was seen as one of the Angels of Pervyse in Flanders, Dame Alice was simply "Mother Chisholm" to all the troops in Egypt. Anzac Day, 25 April 2018, will be the 103rd anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, and that will be a target date for release.

Following on from the Middle East booklet, there will be two booklets covering the losses in France, this represents the greatest number of casualties, close to 100, hence the need to separate the booklets into two parts. In this second booklet will be a number of US Chisholm casualties. Finally, a smaller booklet but bigger than booklet two, will be needed to account for the burials in home countries, and the memorials for the losses at sea, which will include civilians on war related service.

Unlike WW2, there are no losses in the air, though sadly there is an Air Force casualty, the great uncle of our Forum master Alastair, whose machine crashed near Dunkirk. He will be remembered in the France Booklet.

The target is to complete and publish the France Booklets during the middle of 2018, and to have the final booklet ready and published on the centenary of Armistice Day, 11 November 2018. That's quite a tall task; hence if anybody can offer or arrange assistance, any help will be greatly appreciated.

Robert Chisholm, Auckland NZ, Administrator Clan Chisholm DNA Project, 30 November 2017

CHISHOLM HISTORICAL RESEARCH / (Chisholm Chronicles Project)

During 2017 considerable progress was made with the investigation into the history of the Border Chisholmes. We can now take the origins of land acquisition by the Chisholmes in the Scottish Borderlands back beyond the earliest date given by Mackenzie in his 'History of the Chisholmes'.

Dr Margaret Collin, Chisholm Chronicles/Chisholm Historical Research. 15/02/2018

NB. In September Margaret gave a fascinating talk to the Highland Family History Society at the Inverness Archive Centre on the Border Chisholme's.

ARTEFACTS REGISTER

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

MINUTES OF 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 8th April 2017

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

On opening the meeting at 10:00 the president greeted all members of Clan Chisholm and looked forward to receiving comments. The meeting would be held open for one week.

The agenda was circulated shortly before the meeting.

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

Those present: -

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

AGENDA ITEM 1

- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting, being the 65th held electronically 2nd April 2016. 11, Croyard Drive, Beaulieu, by Inverness, IV4 7EE. Scotland.

The minutes were accepted as read -

Unanimously Approved

AGENDA ITEM 2

- Presidents Report

The president's report for 2016 had previously been circulated and presented at clan council meeting

There were no comments and the report was accepted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3

- Treasurers Report

The Financial Statement for Year 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 as prepared by the Treasurer (SCC) and Audited (Mr Michael Sayers) on February 11th 2017.

The treasurer's report including profit & loss statement and the balance sheet had been circulated to clan council and approved at Clan Council Meeting held on 4th March 2017. These statements had also been circulated to UK branch members. There were no questions relating to the financial reports.

The accounts were accepted -

Unanimously Approved

AGENDA ITEM 4

- Election of Officers

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

All current Officers agreed to stand for a further year.

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

The nominations for officers as proposed were accepted -

Unanimously Approved

AGENDA ITEM 5

- Appointments

- (a) Auditor – Michael Sayers (UK)
- (b) Honorary Counsel – Marc Chisholm (Nova Scotia)
- (c) Webmaster – Alastair Chisholm (Belgium)
- (d) Clan Historian – Dr Jean Munro (Edinburgh)
- (e) Editor *Clan Chisholm journal* – Martin Chisholm (Darlington, UK)
- (f) Genealogy Project Co-ordinator – Ian Chisholm (Canada)
- (g) Co-opted member of Clan Council – Duncan Chisholm (Inverness)

- Clan Society Projects

- (h) New History/Chisholm Researches – Dr Margaret Collin (Melrose Scotland)
- (i) Artefacts Register Chairman – Fay Chisholm (New Zealand)
- (j) Clan Chisholm DNA project Chairman – Robert Chisholm (New Zealand)
- (k) WW1 Centenary Memorial Project – Robert Chisholm (New Zealand)

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

Unanimously Approved

6a – WW1 Centenary Memorial – Volume 1.

Prior to the AGM Robert Chisholm circulated a draft copy of Volume 1 in the WW1 Centenary project covering Flanders. A number of edits had then been made and Robert provided an updated version for the meeting. He noted it is now planned to have five volumes with Volume 2 covering the Middle East, two booklets; 3 and 4 covering France and Volume 5; At Home and Sea for burials and memorials for the wounded who died at home or suffered accidental death while in service, also the naval personnel lost at sea but memorialised in the home country. The UK would provide the bulk, but there are memorials /burials also in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. There is also a burial in the USA, where the body was shipped home to upper state New York.

The memorials cover only the deaths as per Commonwealth War graves System, where a line in the calendar was drawn, Robert thought 1920-21. The Flanders booklet contains a 1919 death, and this casualty was mentioned in a UK Clan Chisholm Society publication, his name catching the eye. With this casualty Robert has stuck with the official record, which he felt may be wrong, he is named as Ludwig von Bethvon Chisholm, when the immediate reaction is to think of Ludwig van Beethoven. If you read about his parents, they will be in the Canadian encyclopedias, you have to think his name was Ludwig van Beethoven, and some clerical worker in the army office just couldn't spell that name. His birth coincides with a gap in the Nova Scotia records, and his own way of writing his name was simply Ludwig V Chisholm.

Robert was keen to know members views on publication of the completed Flanders volume.

Juliette in her opening thanked Robert for his immense amount of work on the project, it was very much appreciated.

David added his deep appreciation for the hard work; it was truly magnificent piece of work.

Robert thanked all for their editing help in the past week and for the messages of support.

Regarding distribution, he was not in favour of using the publications as a fundraising venture. The clansfolk being commemorated gave freely; so should we. Australia, Canada, and NZ gave archives freely as did the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Robert had copied images etc from many free sources, too many to be able to acknowledge. For printed versions, recovery of costs would be fair and reasonable. He hoped the Clan Chisholm Society could benefit by enhancing its profile and potentially increasing membership and subscriptions therefrom.

Robert suggested the Society offers the publication as a download from the clan Chisholm website. The download link would not be directly to the publication, but to the homepage, thus allowing the visitor the opportunity to look around and see other items of interest. Somewhere on the homepage would be the link to the download version, perhaps a link nearby to a "join now" page, to provide an email link to the Branch secretaries.

He noted that the halfway page in the publication is an advert to join the Clan Chisholm Society and shows branch contact information. A higher resolution version could be provided for printed copies.

Robert suggested a good quality print out is supplied to the Hotel Arianne in Ypres with possibly an image of the Elsie and Mairi statue included.

Susan liked Robert's suggestion that folk looking for the volume are encouraged to look around our website and see what we have to offer. She felt there would be requests for printed copies and in the UK it would be good to have a copy or two on display at Highland Games and other events. As the master document is electronic it may be updated but a printed copy would of course not have any new information. Susan added her congratulations to Robert on getting the Flanders volume completed and for working with the international team on gathering the information,

Fay thanked Robert and noted that the WW1 booklet will be a treasure for many families.

Kerry found the amount of time and effort Robert has put into the project amazing. The Society now had a wonderful publication to share with members with the promise of more to come. It was an ambitious project and Robert has done it so well. She looked forward to members reactions.

Kerry agreed that the booklet should be freely available from our website and it should create a lot of publicity for the Clan.

David for Canada also agreed with providing the electronic version free of charge.

Val also agreed on this course as did Fay for New Zealand.

Ian also applauded Robert for his efforts on this undertaking. He agreed with his thoughts and recommendations on how we proceed.

Gene in USA thought the diligent work was awesome and congratulated and thanked Robert on the project. Ben recorded his appreciation for the excellent and efficient work in producing the Flanders volume. He also noted that the volume would be a keepsake for generations to come. Juliette also agreed that the volume be freely available via the website and added that there would likely be many requests in the UK for printed versions. She thanked all involved in bringing the memorial together. Duncan congratulated Robert on the WW1 Centenary Memorial Vol 1. It had obviously involved a lot of time and research. Duncan agreed that the booklet be available via the website.

6b - Clan Chisholm Journal - Costs.

At the recent clan council meeting concerns were raised that the Society was not covering the full costs of producing and distributing the Annual Clan Chisholm Journal. Continuing to record a deficit in the accounts was not sustainable in the long term and a suggestion had been made to raise the cost per copy by £1.00 sterling to £3.50.

Susan noted that printing costs were likely to remain similar to previous years but postage costs do rise each year. Martin had been able to reorganise some pages and reduce the print costs for the 2017 edition and Susan felt we had got a good deal. The 2017 issue does have more pages than last year and this would make the distribution costs higher. This adds further to branch costs when mailing out individual copies to members. Susan was keen to retain a good quality annual publication at least for the time-being. The UK branch would put the proposed £1 increase to its members at the branch AGM in September. Susan herself supported the proposed increase.

Kerry for Australia noted that the proposed £1 increase had been discussed at the Australia branch AGM recently. It was felt that the increase was unavoidable as the Society could not continue to produce and post the journal at a loss each year. The branch felt that the Society should look into producing an electronic model as done with many academic journals. This could be uploaded to the website and members access it that way. Kerry informed the branch AGM that a similar proposal had been put forward last year and rejected but the branch, however were keen to move in that direction.

She was looking forward to seeing Martin's first journal and was pleased to hear the bulk despatch to Australia would arrive soon.

Val welcomed Martin and also looked forward to seeing his first edition of the Journal. She hoped that the Journal would continue to be published in a quality fashion and that branches could absorb the increased postage costs or agree to ask their membership to pay slightly more to receive it.

Fay noted that New Zealand branch would put the proposed price increase to their members at their forthcoming AGM.

Ian observed that branches were prepared to address the issue of the Journal costs and he hoped this could be resolved for future years.

Gene for US branch had no issue with the proposed price increase.

Ben for UK branch also agreed that the price per copy should be increased by £1.00 and this would be on the agenda for the branch AGM in September.

Juliette had received her copy of the 2017 Journal and congratulated Martin in an excellent issue. She felt that it was still important for members to receive a quality printed copy. She was not keen on reading newsletters etc on-line and preferred a printed hard copy to keep and go back to. She felt it represented a tangible benefit for members and she would vote for the £1.00 increase.

David for Canada agreed with Juliette regarding a hard copy of the Journal. He felt that a £1.00 increase was worth it and supported this.

Duncan also reported that he had received his 2017 copy of the Journal and he liked the content and quality of the print. He thanked Martin for the production. Duncan felt the Journal is an important means of keeping our members informed and in touch and should be available to all paid up members. He also supported the proposed price increase.

There being no further business the President of the Clan Chisholm Society Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield officially closed the meeting on Saturday 15th April 2017 as planned.

Juliette thanked all for participating and wished to record thanks to Susan for carrying out the secretarial duties as well as those of treasurer. The minutes would follow at Susan's convenience.