

**THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021**

## THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY

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<b>United States Branch</b>	Joyel Chisholm Morris
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<b>Honorary Counsel</b>	Marc Chisholm
<b>Clan Historian</b>	Dr Jean Munro
<b>Co-opted Member</b>	Duncan Chisholm
<b>Editor, '<i>Chisholm Chronicles</i>'/Historian</b>	Dr Margaret Collin
<b>DNA Project co-ordinator</b>	Robert Chisholm
<b>Artefacts Register</b>	Fay Chisholm
<b>Genealogy Database &amp; Forum admin</b>	Alastair J Chisholm (Minstead, UK)
<b>Auditor</b>	Michael Sayers, Thetford, Norfolk UK

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

From my report of last year, little has changed in Scotland with Covid rules dominating all our lives.

We are all hoping that 2022 will send this Covid away and life returns to normal again!

Sadly, the UK Branch and other branches have not been able to meet in person and I have not been able to greet Chisholm's from around the world who normally visit the Highlands. Ben and I have enjoyed meeting these visiting clansfolk over the years and hope to again in the future when all is safe.

Once again we have been grateful to the email system, also for newsletters and Martin Chisholm's excellent Clan Chisholm Journal. Distribution of the quality journal around the world these last two years has been essential to keep us all in contact; thank you to Martin you have played an important role.

Our Forum also plays an important role for the Society; Chisholm's and other members of the public can post their Chisholm ancestry queries. To the research volunteers I thank you for all the help you give to this project which is overseen by Alastair Chisholm, who works tirelessly in the background.

I wish to thank all the members of the Clan Council who have worked and still do on Projects which are of interest to us Chisholm's. A lot of hard work goes into historical research by many clan council members. The WW1 commemorative booklet series involves collaboration across all countries.

Our Annual General Meeting was held electronically due to the current global circumstances. The meeting marked 70 years since the founding of our Society.

We were sorry to see Ian Chisholm of Victoria, Canada step down as an officer of the Society after many years of great service. I am delighted that Robert Chisholm of New Zealand stepped up into the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President role and David Holmes of Canada took on that of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Society.

I could not close my few lines from Beauly in the icy underfoot Highlands, without thanking Susan our loyal Secretary / Treasurer who works so hard on The Annual Report, U.K. Branch Newsletters and the Societies Finances; also for keeping us up to date with dates for various "online" meetings and publishing the minutes of these. Susan holds the Society together around the world.

I wish you all good health and best wishes for 2022; with the hopes for a future free of Covid.

Kind Regards,  
*Juliette*

Juliette M.H.Chisholm-Broomfield.

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

## BRANCH REPORTS – for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021

### AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Chairman: **Tony Morrison**

Branch Secretary: **Kim Polley** OAM

Branch Representative on Council: **Kim Polley**

Greetings to all members of the Clan,

This year has been a very quiet one for Australia Branch members. We held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom on 28 February. We all handled the new technology quite well.

It was great to have some members who do not usually attend our face-to-face AGMs appear via Zoom. We decided to hold our next AGM in Toowoomba, Queensland if it was safe to do so. Unfortunately, that did not eventuate due to the risks posed by COVID.

Members supported the initiative of having a Trans-Tasman Newsletter for the Australia and New Zealand CCS Branches in order to share the workload carried by newsletter editors in each country. It has been quite successful with articles from both sides of the Tasman being contributed.

An Assistant Secretary was appointed to assist the Secretary with the minute taking and preparation at AGMs and arrangement of future gatherings. We were delighted when Judy Buchanan volunteered to assist in that role.

We acknowledged receipt of a lovely gift from Mairi-Angela Foster on the *2019 CCS Gathering in Ypres, Belgium*. Also, Margaret Chisholm, our former Genealogist, kindly donated a bound book *The History of the Chisholms (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2003)*.

We were all pleased to hear from our Genealogist Dr Max Bott about the Australian Genealogical Database. To protect the integrity of our Database it was decided for Max to send a copy to the President, Secretary and Treasurer each year.

During 2021 we made several acknowledgements regarding former members. Ruth Watson passed away on 26 August 2021. We passed on our sympathy to her husband Ken and family. Dorothy Langton passed away on 7 February 2021 and her family contributed to an article which appeared in our June 2021 newsletter. In February 2021 I was advised of the passing of another member, Peter Donkin. I conveyed our condolences to his family. We were delighted to learn that our Past President Donald M Chisholm was recognized posthumously in the Australia Day Honours List with a Medal of the Order of Australia for his amazing service over many decades to numerous communities in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. He was a loveable legend! Valerie, Donald's wife, was presented with Donald's citation and medals by the Governor of New South Wales.

We are all hopeful that 2022 will see a resumption of our normal Clan Gatherings.

Kim Polley OAM

International Representative  
On behalf of the Australian Branch

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This has been a difficult year for our branch. Our Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Chisholm has done excellent work in past years, including organising an annual gathering, but he has now resigned from these positions, and has left Wellington. So far no-one has taken these roles over. Robert Chisholm in Auckland has been doing what he can, to manage a transition, and to get done what needs doing.

Some good news - In June 2021 New Zealand and Australia branches joined forces to collaborate on our newsletter. This was a successful idea and we plan to continue. Articles and messages are contributed by members and officers of both branches.

The venue we have regularly used for annual meetings in Wellington is no longer available, as it was the church hall of a church that has now closed. We had no gathering in 2021, which was partly due to the country's Covid pandemic restrictions.

Let's hope for better fortunes in 2022.

John C. Ross, Chair

23 February 2022

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**Secretary - Open**

**Genealogy - Open**



Minneapolis, Minnesota

Acushnet, Massachusetts

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It has been another challenging year with COVID-19 and I continue to wish for health and hope for everyone.

This year I am grateful for our Chisholm clan and I am happy to report that the US branch membership numbers have continued to grow to 182 current members. Executive committee positions remain open for Secretary and Genealogy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of the US branch.

Cheers to a better 2022!

*This US Annual Report is respectfully submitted on the 23rd day of February 2022.*

Joyel Chisholm Morris

## CANADA BRANCH

### **Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020**

The Canada Branch of the Clan Chisholm Society has now completed its twenty-fourth year as a separate entity. The past two years, as we all know, have been very trying. We can only hope we will see a return to some kind of normalcy in 2022. We now have 57 members (a decrease of a few members since last year) with 8 members from whom we are waiting their 2022 annual dues. Those 8 have been sent an initial invoice as well as a second and third reminder so it appears that they will also be lost. We hope that once (if) all the outstanding dues are paid, we should have a much more solid, albeit smaller, membership upon which we can build. We are going to put in a concerted effort to fill the executive positions that have been vacant for a number of years, with the hope that the new blood will generate a renewed interest in the Society. It is also hoped interest will be shown when the next Clan Gathering is planned.

#### **BRANCH EXECUTIVE:**

The Executive and Board of Directors for 2022 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: Vacant

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

#### **CLANSMAN NEWSLETTER:**

Dormant. The Editor position is vacant.

#### **WEBSITE:**

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

#### **GENEALOGY:**

We look to the International Society genealogist for support in this regard.

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Respectfully submitted, February 14, 2022

David F. Holmes, President, Clan Chisholm Society, Canada Branch

## UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Submitted by Chairman - **Ben Chisholm-Broomfield**

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### UK Branch Committee:-

Secretary/Treasurer –Susan Chisholm of Chisholm.

Genealogist – Acting – Alastair Chisholm (Minstead).

Vice Chairman 1 – Duncan Chisholm.

Vice Chairman 2 – Norman Chisholm.

Historian – Dr Margaret Collin.

Clans Liaison – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield.

Co-opted members – Mairi-Angela Foster, Martin Chisholm.

Hello Fellow Clansfolk;

Once again I write an Annual Report, regrettable with very few activities taking place once again due to the dreaded plague virus of Covid.

We are very fortunate to have two very dedicated members who keep us in touch and informed of Clan news and items of interest.

Firstly, Martin our journal editor who conjures up very informative Journals and interesting articles. Well done Martin, both Juliette and myself always look forward to the next issue.

Secondly and by no means last at all, is our Secretary and Treasurer. Susan keeps our finances and records in a very healthy condition. Our main expenditure is on postage of the journal and newsletters and I thank all our branch members who continue to send in their subscriptions to support our branch and the Society. Thanks also must be given to our Society's Auditor Michael Sayers who kindly Audits the financial books every year.

The articles in the quarterly newsletters are varied and delightfully presented throughout the year and again we look forward to reading them.

I must thank everyone who does contribute to help Martin and Susan by sending information to them.

Our branch Annual General Meeting was again held electronically due to travel concerns and it is possible that the 2022 meeting will be the same. We were pleased to have a face to face meeting in July with Susan but naturally forthcoming events are governed by Covid restrictions but HOPE springs eternally.

Finally; I wish good health and sunny days to all.

Yours Aye,  
*Ben.*

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

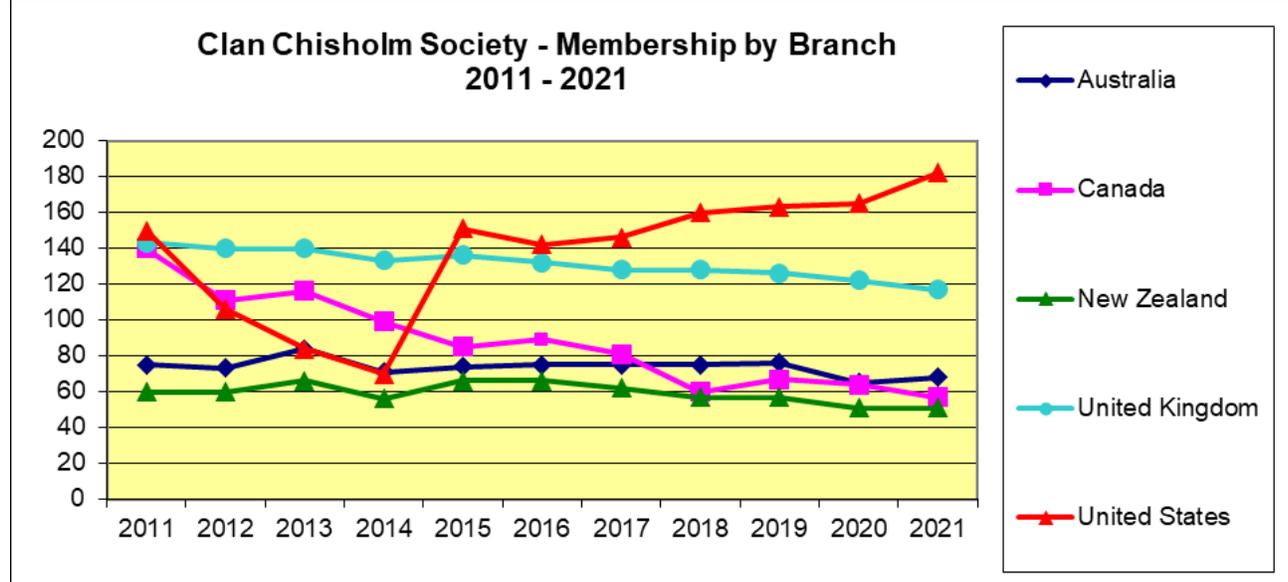
## GENERAL REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT - compiled 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Membership of the Society in 2021 remains stable.

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Australia	75	73	84	71	74	75	75	75	76	65	68
Canada	140	111	116	99	85	89	81	60	67	64	57
NZ	60	60	66	56	66	66	62	57	57	51	51
UK	143	140	140	133	136	132	128	128	126	122	117
US	150	106	84	70	151	142	146	160	163	165	182
<b>total</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>475</b>



### CLAN CHISHOLM JOURNAL

In 2021 Martin Chisholm produced his fourth edition of the Journal. 500 copies were printed at 56 pages plus quality cover of 4 pages at a cost of £1,220. Distribution to branches came to £551.83. The price per copy to branches is currently set at £3.50 and intended to cover all costs.

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

*Production of the Journal in 2021 was my fifth as editor. Feedback over that period has thankfully been positive with an increase in responses in 2021, particularly with comments on the Freemasons article which seemed to touch a number of people. This could lead to follow on stories which would be excellent input.*

*The Journal for 2022 is only just underway, and should be of the same size as previous ones if I can find sufficient material. Even though late in starting, the target is still for publication as normal in March. There is therefore plenty of time – deadline end of February – for submission of ideas and articles from Clan members which, as always, I encourage.*

*Martin Chisholm. Clan Chisholm Journal Editor.*

## CLAN CHISHOLM WEBSITE

**Report for 2021** - Submitted by Alastair Chisholm (Belgium) - Webmaster.

The annual domain subscription to www.one.com was renewed as usual in mid-year.

### **Updates to website in 2021**

Very little new activity since last year – with no updates at all from Canada or USA for more than three years now.

A few small articles were updated:

Update of the Strathglass Heritage Association initiative on The Clearances.

The memorial booklet for the Great War Volume 5 was added.

New newsletter published for Australia and New Zealand.

Article on the Aigas Field Centre in Strathglass.

No updates to the 25 reports of artifact information received.

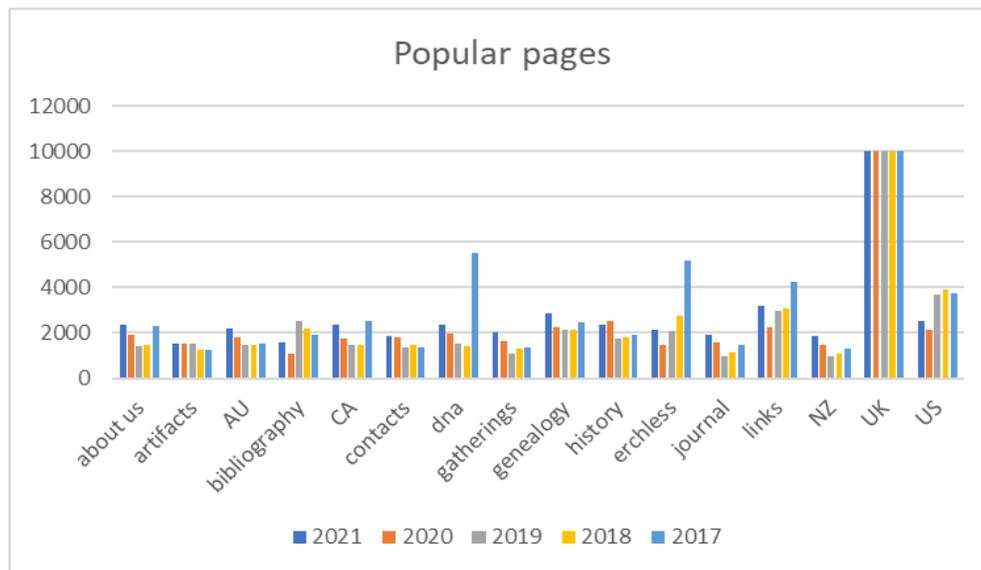
The Medlam files, held on CD, were archived on a private part of the website.

### **Facebook**

The number of friends/followers has gone up from 325 to 361 with most comments from the USA.

### **Popular pages over the last few years**

Despite the lack of changes to the website, the access figures are actually up by 10%, with most interest from the UK.



### **Note on combining websites.**

I have given some thought on how to combine the ClanChisholmSociety website (CCS) with the ChisholmGenealogies website (CGW), but still need to discuss this with Alastair (UK).

(The CCS domain is hosted by “one.com” in Europe and the CGW domain is hosted by “simplyhosting” in the USA). The easiest option would seem to be to cancel the CCS domain entirely and make the content available on the CGW domain, as the reverse appears at first sight to be too difficult. The name CCS could possibly be retained but as a synonym domain name of the CGW domain.

**Further information** – the above was considered at clan council meeting 08<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and not approved for implementation at this time.

## GENEALOGY REPORT

### Chisholm Genealogy Forum

The genealogy forum saw 30 new members signing up in 2021 - but of those 30, two thirds did *not* go on to post an introduction and a further 4 posted an introduction but did not engage in following up on the responses. I will be emailing those members to try to encourage them to reconnect.

From those who did actively engage we had some interesting enquiries and investigations including:-

A father born at sea and an aunt who ran a hotel in Berwickshire leading to a lively investigation of the extended family.

Lengthy research into a London family with a mystery regarding an apparent name change Chisholm/Graham. Several interesting revelations were uncovered in the course of this investigation.

An enquiry from Australia regarding ancestors from the Teandalloch area near Muir of Ord.

An enquiry from Arizona regarding possible descent from Adam Chisholm a Jacobite prisoner deported to America after the 1715 rebellion. There is still uncertainty about the genealogies attached to this individual.

An enquiry regarding descent from the Skye Chisholms – always problematic because of a lack of official documents prior to about 1800.

A little activity on other boards on the forum but in general it has been quiet as has been the case over a number of years.

The growth of social media platforms over the past several years and their ease of use makes them the natural place for discussion “forums” and in some ways our forum is unwieldy in comparison. However, it does provide a useful platform for more focused discussion than can usually be found on Facebook etc. and it is a valuable repository for information and for logging the investigations carried out over the years.

### Genealogy Database

There have continued to be occasional difficulties encountered by some people in accessing the database and a few attempted registrations where the CCS membership credentials could not be verified. I believe further reflection is needed on how to make this process easier – few applicants seem to be aware of the “Branch Code” or how to obtain it.

There have been a few revisions and additions to existing trees during the last year as well as the introduction of some new ones.

An article in the last Journal made reference to Chisholms in Glen Brittle on Skye and we were able to build a small tree of four generations of this family – on the database as “Minginish, Skye”.

An enquiry on the forum led to the creation of a tree centred on Roderick Chisholm 1863-1931 whose first son, Donald, was adopted into a Whitelaw family. “Chisholm/Whitelaw”

Descendents of Archibald (Gillespie) Chisholm - Craskie, Glencannich. On the database as “Craskie”.

There are currently 17,603 individuals on the database (although some of these are duplicates where the same individual appears on two or more trees), 88 trees and 161 registered users.

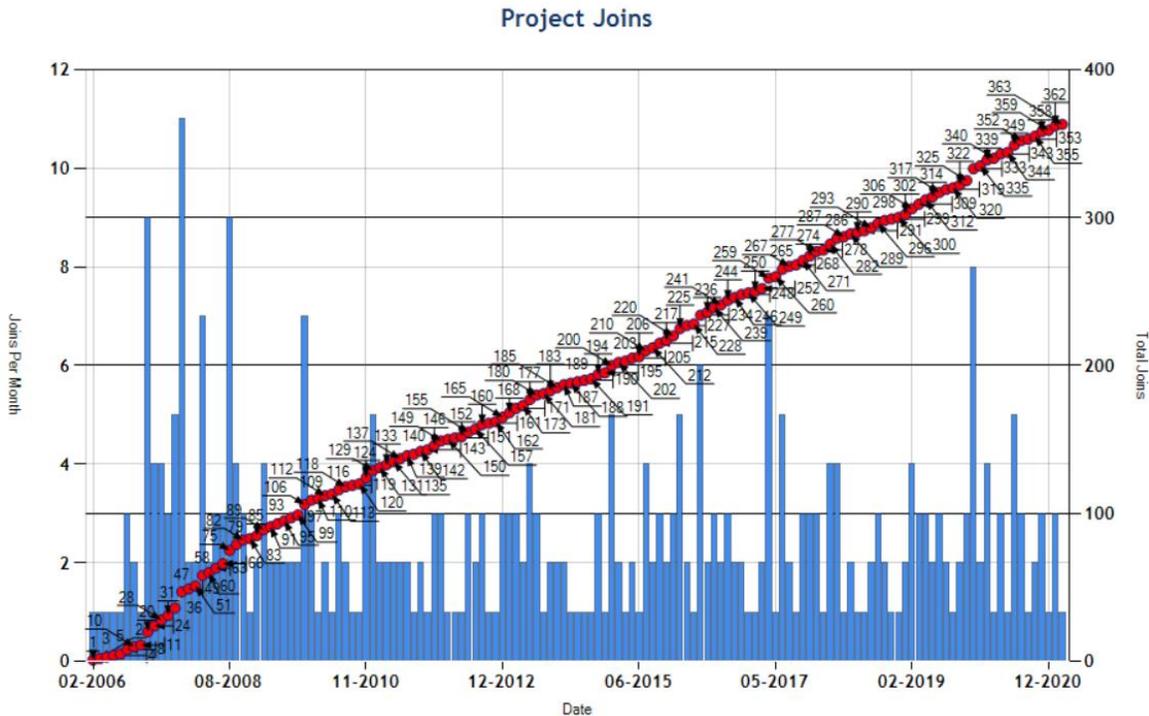
Despite all efforts there are still some historical errors in the database and its sheer volume make identifying and correcting them a colossal task! I am looking at ways to try to enlist the help of the tree owners and to go through the trees one by one to check for errors.

Alastair Chisholm  
Hampshire, UK  
February 2022.

## DNA PROJECT REPORT

### Clan Chisholm DNA Project Report Feb 2021

i) Project joins continue on the same trajectory, there is an ever so slight increase over the past year. The total is now up to 400. This however includes many non Chisholms who join because they have close matching with a large number of Chisholms. So far as tracking the Chisholm lines of genealogy are concerned, the best test remains the Y chromosome test. It's sometimes a conundrum, as often it is women who are more enquiring in this regard, and sometimes they cannot find a suitable Y chromosome donor. However, the Family Finder test remains an option for them, and Kim may be able to explain that test better than I.



most unlikely, and there is other circumstantial evidence to back up the “unlikely” claim, while there is zero evidence to back up the assertion, apart from the fact that their Aunty in Georgia mentioned them in her will. The DNA project shows an unmistakable link to the family of northern Virginia, and so the likelihood is that there is a common immigrant ancestor, and the focus is on Alexander Chessum, who appeared in the record as a ‘headright’ in 1691, a topic also briefly covered by Wilfred in one of the journals around year 2000. The investigation has found that reliance by so many on the writing contained in Southern Historical Families, when it comes to Chisholm families in early Virginia, is totally unwarranted. A hazard warning needs to be placed on that book. While there may be factual errors, the chief problem is the mingling of different Chisholm families.

iii) Investigation into Colonial Virginia continues. The DNA project so far concurs with Meredith Colkert’s 1984 characterization of 3 distinct families.(James/John in the middle neck), Adam in Hanover Co, John Chisum/Eleanor Gillentine in Amelia and Halifax Counties. There is currently a researcher working on the Adam Chisholm family, and DNA is suggesting that he may need to switch to the Amelia Co family. One of the problems is that Y chromosomes for proven descendants of Walter, said to be Adams son, matches no other Chisholms, and neither does the Y chromosome for the Amelia Co descendants. With respect to the Adam family, the Y chromosome matches names found in the Borders, notably Dalrymple and Oliver. And with respect to Roxburghshire in the Borders, we still have no match with Chisholm founder type, the type which shows direct connection between Strathglass and Berwickshire Chisholms. For Roxburghshire, ancestral home of Chisholme, we have about 3 results, and none of these matches other Chisholms, indicative of the classic “maternal descent”.

iv) Speaking of the ancestral home of Chisholme, the DNA project may have found the missing link, in Jamaica of all places. This should however be no surprise, given the history of the Selkirk Chisholms. The project member is actually English, son of a Jamaican immigrant, with roots back to Rose Hill in Hanover Parish, home to Robert Chisholm, who arrived there in the late 1700’s. This family can be tracked to Woodhead Farm in Dumfries-shire, south of Langholm. It’s only about 25 miles from Hawick; in fact it’s directly connected by road, now named the A7. The Jamaica and Dumfries family are characterized by names Robert and Francis, and Francis is not such a common name in Chisholms so that may be a clue. The first Chisholms we find in Woodhead about 1700, and in 1640, we find a father son combo of Robert/ Francis in Hawick. The challenge is to establish a connection between Hawick and Dumfries, and if so, we should be able to say that the missing link has been found, a Y chromosome which pairs Hawick with Strathglass. It was some time after William Chisholme of Selkirk had re-purchased the original Chisholme home near Hawick, becoming in the process, William Chisholme of Chisholme, that Robert from Dumfries set sail for Jamaica. So there gives rise to a niggling question, did Robert Chisholm of Woodhead hear about the wealth to be made in Jamaica, was that an indication of some kinship. In terms of timing, the Francis Chisholm born to Robert Chisholm in Hawick, 1640, aligns approximately with Robert Chisholm b 1653 who went to Selkirk, a son of Walter Chisholm I of Stirches. So it would not be out of the question that a Chisholm family in Woodhead in the later 1700’s might recall kinship with a Chisholm family from Selkirk, if they were both Chisholm families in Hawick one hundred years earlier in the mid to late 1600’s.

v) Recently a test result came in from a Chisholm, from the Margaree Forks family, who did not enroll in the Project. My cousin in Inverness alerted me, it’s a match to us, that weird maybe Spanish type. The tester has the same name as me, his father is famed as a teacher in NS, and his Uncle Angus is the famed Cape Breton Fiddler. It is their immigrant ancestor who is better known in the traditions of Strathglass, its Domhnall Gobha, celebrated poet. The interesting thing about this, is that the Donald Gobha family has a tradition that the ancestor came 10 generations prior to Donald (b 1735), from Farquarson in Braemar. There are no Farquarson matches, but to me the important thing is the idea that it is known that the ancestor came from somewhere outside of Strathglass, and the 10 generation time frame would indicate about 1500. Such a time frame is consistent with the spread of this chromosome within the clan, roughly extrapolated at around 3-4%.

vi) The DNA project is no different than other Chisholm Projects when it comes to the interaction between the other Projects, be it the History Chronicles, The Genealogical Database, The Artefacts Project, The Forum, and The Journal. Somewhere a connection can be found.

**Robert Chisholm, New Zealand. 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

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

The CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) ended their official count in 1921, and the Chisholm Project followed this lead. The Project ended in 2021, although it remains available for any updates or further information. I would like to update some graphics in the earlier volumes, at some point when time permits. I would also like to know if copies of the MS Publisher files can be deposited anywhere. These are the working files from which the PDF output doc is produced, and are too heavy for email, generally over 50MB, though I can reduce these by deleting extraneous information. The first casualty was William Malcolm Chisholm of Sydney NSW; he was the first death of four Old Contemptible Chisholms, died of wounds on 27 August 1914. The last official casualty was Joseph Chisholme of Lancaster, who died nearly 7 years later, on 14th July, 1921. In between these two were 188 casualties chronicled in the Centenary Project, and a number of these have found their way into the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database. The numerical breakdown is as follows: Flanders 45; France 104; Middle East 14; Home burials & Memorials 27. Total 190 casualties.

This number represents just a portion of the real total. The Project covered only the fatalities, because these names were searchable via the CWGC database. Many Chisholms have been left out, they being the sons of Chisholm women, and their names have not been searchable. However where Chisholm was part of the name, these have been included. Notable in this category is Francis Chisholm Young, son of renowned mathematician Grace Chisholm. He was one of only two airmen lost in the war, the other being Alistair's Great Uncle Ruari. A quasi reversal of this process came when Susan noted the name of William Fraser-Chisholm on the memorial at Tyne Cot, located amongst the Frasers. Investigation showed that the CWGC had erred with his name, there being no hyphen between Fraser and Chisholm. This may seem insignificant, but it placed William with the Frasers and not the Chisholms. Stefaan and myself went into battle with the CWGC, and after a prolonged bureaucratic encounter, the name was changed, at least in the digital records. The bulk of the casualties were from the various armies, naval casualties were however, significant, and there were a number of merchant naval casualties. Some of the casualties were illnesses unrelated to direct combat, and the pandemic of 1918 took several Chisholms while in service. In addition to all of the countries which have CCS Branches, casualties also came from the West Indies, and South Africa.

*See the Genealogy Database and Forum report for an update on the WWI Centenary Memorial Project. These projects and activities are greatly interlinked.* A highlight of the project was a 2019 visit to France and Flanders, where several of the gravesites were visited, and poppies laid, and major memorials were visited where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Society. These memorials included The Menin Gate and Tyne Cot in Ypres, and Thiepval on the Somme. Memorials with especial significance to the various nations were also included in the wreath laying ceremonies: Vimy Ridge for the Canadians, Polygon Wood for the Australians and New Zealanders, and the American Memorial at Waregem. The visit included many other places, and one such place was Poelcapelle, where Stefaan had taken us to visit the grave of Private John Condon, the Irish Boy who is seen as the youngest military casualty, aged 14 when killed. The name Poelcapelle however, rang a little bell, and a quick check of the WW1 Centenary Memorial Pamphlet Vol I showed indeed that there was a Yorkshireman from the extended family of Audrey Barney and John Ross, Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm of the Artists Rifles, London. Among the tour group here was Pamela Baronnet, whose family tree had reached a brick wall in Midlothian, and during conversations with her, she agreed to the idea of the DNA Project to help peer over the wall. Sometime later, the results came out, and Pamela turned out to be a "cousin" of Private Douglas Chisholm, who we visited that afternoon at Poelcapelle. The DNA Project showed that while her brick wall remained, it was located up in the Highlands, not in the Borders. This is just one example of how the various Clan Chisholm projects interact with each other. A special thanks to Mairi-Angela Foster and Susan Chisholm of Chisholm for the organisation of the Centenary Memorial Tour, and above all, to our very good friends in Flanders, Stefaan and Hilde Vandenbussche, for their specialized and expert guidance.

**Robert Chisholm, New Zealand. 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

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

### Border Chisholmes Research:

Although progress has been slower throughout 2021 a great many documents, including land charters, have now been researched and they add more detail to the story of the origins of the Chisholmes in the borders and their early land acquisition. More details have come to light on the last Chisholme to live in Chisholme House at Robertson. I now have the location of several more of the Chisholme burial vaults, not previously mentioned in Mackenzie's book, and I hope to visit these and photograph them this summer. This is a fascinating story to research. It takes us from the Scottish/English borders, to Jamaica, India and South Africa.

*Dr Margaret Collin, Chisholm Chronicles/Chisholm Historical Research. 18/02/2022*

### [ARTEFACTS REGISTER](#)

Members are encouraged to contact Fay Chisholm in New Zealand [mj.fd.chisholm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mj.fd.chisholm@xtra.co.nz) and / or their branch Chairman regarding items of Chisholm interest which could be added to the register. The items may not be in the possession of the Clan Chisholm Society but are of interest to Chisholm's and are held around the world. Some are in private ownership and others in museums, public buildings or established collections. To read about and view some of the items in the register follow the links on the Clan Chisholm Society website from the clan history tab. Fay advised clan council that a report with description and image of each item would be compiled and sent to the secretary for retention in the Society archive. There are currently 37 items recorded.

## **[MINUTES OF 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING](#)**

Saturday 27th March 2021

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

The president opened the meeting at 10:00 from a cold and wintry Beaulieu and noted that a year on from last years AGM Scotland was still living with Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

Juliette sent sympathy to any Australian members affected by the recent floods.

Juliette looked forward to hearing from all present during the meeting which would be held open for one week. The agenda and supporting documents for the meeting had been circulated.

The secretary confirmed representation from all branches the following day 28<sup>th</sup> March and invited votes and comments on the agenda items.

Susan added that 'Electronic meeting procedure' was to be followed with branch representatives holding proxy votes for their members not attending in person. She welcomed all and noted that it was good to have members present who were not members of clan council and they may comment and vote as if it were a physical meeting. Unfortunately it would not be possible to hold an electronic meeting to include our entire membership.

Those present (comprises all those named on the email group list for the meeting): -

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (President)  
Susan Chisholm (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Val Chisholm Perry (Immediate past president clan society)  
Ian Chisholm – Canada (outgoing Vice president & Genealogy Liaison)  
Robert Chisholm NZ (Vice president, DNA project)  
David Holmes (Canada branch representative – incoming Vice President)  
Fay Chisholm (New Zealand branch representative),  
Kim Polley (Australia branch representative),  
Ben Chisholm-Broomfield (Chairman UK and branch representative)  
Joyel Chisholm-Morris (US branch representative)  
John Ross (NZ branch chairman/branch member)  
Tony Morrison (Australia Branch president/branch member)  
Martin Chisholm – Darlington, England (Clan Chisholm Journal Editor and UK branch member)  
Alastair Chisholm – Belgium (Webmaster and UK branch member),  
Margaret Collin – Scotland (Historian & UK branch member)  
Duncan Chisholm – Scotland (clan council, UK branch member and a past society president),  
Alastair Chisholm – England (Genealogy liaison & database/Forum admin, & UK branch member)  
Gene Chisholm Jones – US treasurer & branch member  
George Pyron – Vice president Canada & branch member  
Forbes Merritt Chisholm - Canada branch member (past society president)  
Shirley Sutherland - Canada branch member  
Bill Chisholm - Canada branch member  
Janet Nordwall - Canada branch member  
Nancy Maupal - Canada branch member  
Liz Chisholm - Canada branch member

Many greetings and comments were received from around the world:-

Kim sent sympathy with Juliette and Ben in Scotland who were still experiencing lockdown. She noted that Australia is still receiving people returning from overseas with Covid and they must all quarantine for two weeks.

Ben sent greetings from the UK branch on this the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of our Society. He gave special welcome to Canadian participants Shirley Sutherland whom he had met many times and to Bill Chisholm in Nova Scotia. Juliette also sent greetings to Shirley and Bill.

Journal editor Martin hailed from North East England where it was bright but only 8 degrees C. He looked forward to altered restrictions allowing six people to meet outside and would get the garden furniture ready to meet friends for coffee.

David checked in from Calgary where it was now 10°C after three days of shovelling snow, although another storm was expected.

Val greeted members from a sunny spring day in Maine. She also greeted Shirley Chisholm Sutherland an old acquaintance and Bill Chisholm, Antigonish her cousin.

Fay noted that in Gisborne New Zealand there was a beautiful red sky.

Alastair (Genealogy liaison) greeted members from the New Forest in Hampshire and noted the pub across the road was still empty.

Margaret checked in from a cold and blustery Melrose in the Scottish Borders.

Alastair (Webmaster) checked in from a spring day in Belgium.

Joyel noted that it was cool and rainy where she lives in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

#### AGENDA ITEM 1

- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting, being the 69th held electronically on 28th March 2020. 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 2020 had previously been circulated and presented at clan council meeting. NB. The Annual Report contains the presidents' report, branch reports, membership report and project reports as well as financial accounts for the preceding year.

Susan thanked all those who had contributed to the Annual Report and all those around the world who keep our society active. Susan felt that Miss Mairi our founder would be pleased to see how truly international we are. She added that the problem of membership and how to attract and retain members had been discussed at a recent clan council meeting. The wider use of Facebook may assist in interesting younger folk in our activities.

There were no comments and the report was accepted unanimously.

## AGENDA ITEM 3

### - Treasurers Report

The Financial Statement for Year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as prepared by the Treasurer (SCC) and Audited (Mr Michael Sayers) on February 14th 2021.

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 29th February 2020. These statements had also been circulated to UK branch members. There were no questions relating to the financial reports.

Susan thanked Mr Michael Sayers for auditing the financial records of the Clan Chisholm Society as well as those of the UK branch. Juliette thanked Susan for compiling the reports and Michael Sayers for auditing the books.

The accounts were accepted -

Unanimously Approved

## AGENDA ITEM 4

### - Election of Officers

President – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (UK)

Secretary / Treasurer – Susan Chisholm (UK)\*

Vice President – Robert Chisholm (NZ)

Vice President – David Holmes (Canada)

As per Article VI of the Constitution of the Clan Chisholm Society the Immediate Past President Val Chisholm Perry remains 'ex officio' as an officer of The Society

\* Article VI (d) of the Constitution allows the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the Society to be held simultaneously by the same person.

Ian Chisholm has stood down from the position of first vice president and Robert Chisholm takes on that position. David Holmes has agreed to stand as second vice president.

Fay welcomed David and thanked him for standing. Robert also thanked David and thanked Ian for all his years of service. David responded with thanks to Ian for all he has done for the society and noted that his participation would be missed.

Kim on behalf of Australia branch thanked all office bearers and welcomed David to his new role.

Val thanked Ian for his contributions over the years and noted that he would be missed.

Susan thanked Ian for his years of service and sound advice. Ian together with our first 'International' President F Merritt Chisholm had given a lot of time to the update of our constitution to make it fit for today's Society. She added that this time consuming piece of work had stood the test of time and is still guiding how our society is managed today. She also thanked David for stepping up into the role of second vice president and Robert Chisholm, New Zealand for moving to first Vice President.

Ian responded to acknowledge the kind words of many members. He was in good health and he and his wife Catherine had received their first Covid-19 vaccination with no adverse effects. He had held many positions within the Canada branch and on council but felt it was time to 'move on'. He would remain in touch with Robert and the forum activities.

Merritt noted that thanks to all those involved, the provisions for electronic meetings established so long ago were a great success and sent his congratulations.

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

##### - 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)
- (l) Genealogy Database and CGI Forum Administrator - Alastair Chisholm (UK)

Fay asked if there was a photograph of the second copy of 'The Day That is Dead'. She would like to record both copies held by the Society and members.

Alastair responded with a link to the complete document which he had scanned into the Genealogy Database document section.

Val thanked all Officers, appointees and special project leaders for their continuing support of our Clan.

David also thanked Ian for all he has done for our society, his participation would be missed. He also noted his appreciation of those who take care of clan projects.

Kim wished to thank all office bearers and those holding honorary appointments for their outstanding contributions to the Clan. She was pleased to hear from Ian that he would continue to check in to the Forum and hoped he would enjoy his 'retirement'. Kim also wished to express appreciation to the NZ Branch through Robert Chisholm for their willingness to work in collaboration on branch newsletters.

Susan noted that we are fortunate to have so many gifted folk around the world driving our various projects and initiatives. The website is the first place many Chisholm's around the world will come into contact with us so it is important that it is attractive and relevant. Alastair in Belgium ably looks after the website. Martin, Darlington UK has produced excellent Clan Chisholm Journals in the past few years and this is a physical benefit of membership to many and a great read. She thanked Alastair of Hampshire UK for managing the genealogy database and the forum as well as picking up the role of project co-ordinator from Ian. This is an incredibly important part of what we offer our members and future members and the activities on the Forum has added to our knowledge greatly. Thanks to Marc in Canada for his recent assistance on a legal matter it is good to know that we have this support. Dr Jean Munro whose body of work is highly respected in the society is recorded as our clan historian and is still in touch. Others in the Society including Robert Chisholm and Alastair Chisholm are active in responding to members queries. Duncan Chisholm, Inverness, Scotland a past president of the Society continues to provide valuable advice and links to the Highlands. Susan thanked those who manage our important projects and by doing so further the aims of the Society. Dr Margaret Collin continues to work on the Borders Chisholme research which has been extended to looking into Jamaican

records this last year. Fay in New Zealand maintains a list of Chisholm related artefacts held around the world and some of these are shown on our website. Robert Chisholm New Zealand is a mainstay of so many strands of our research, active on the forum, creating the exceptional World War One commemorative booklets and overseeing the Chisholm DNA project – Susan thanked Robert for all this amazing work. She noted that Alastair as genealogy liaison has a considerable role in our Society and we are very grateful for all these efforts.

Susan added it should be remembered that all those she has mentioned are volunteers and fit the work of the Society around their busy lives with several still in full time work – she sent a ‘well done’ to all.

Robert responded by thanking Susan for her vote of thanks and appreciation to all those who make the Clan Chisholm Society happen. He added that she had missed herself off her report and noted that as secretary she ensures the business of the Society continues. In his own words ‘things just don’t happen without you’.

Ben commenting on projects looked forward to seeing Dr Margaret’s Collins work in book form when completed. He also thanked Fay for managing the artefacts register. He added that both Robert Chisholm and Ian Chisholm do sterling work in respect of data and information. Ben also wished to thank Alastair in Belgium for looking after the website which is often the first contact for prospective new members.

Juliette thanked all those who volunteer to work on projects, she noted that it takes time and energy and must be fitted in with other aspects of their lives.

Margaret noted her appreciation of all the hard and dedicated work of our officers and appointees to clan council. She added we are fortunate to have so many talented people in our international team.

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

#### AGENDA ITEM 6 – Any Other Business

6a – 2021 International Gathering. Susan noted that the City of Inverness Highland Games had been cancelled for the second year due to the Covid-19 situation and uncertainty over the restrictions.

The 2022 Games are scheduled for the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and she was hopeful that the UK Branch could arrange a small gathering around this.

Susan thanked all for their contributions and thanked Ben and Juliette for their personal support as well as linking us to Highland News.

Juliette added that nobody knows what will happen in 2022. Gerry Reynolds who had organised the Games for years had retired in November last. Ben and Juliette had worked closely with him each year when setting up the Clan Village. They had sent a letter of appreciation to him on behalf of the Society. She also noted that many years ago when Clan Chisholm took part it was Duncan Chisholm who had organised the loan of a Scout tent. Clan Fraser had their own tent and things grew from there. There would now be a new organiser and things may be arranged differently.

Margaret felt that the cancellation of the Games for 2021 was not entirely unexpected. Margaret hoped all the administrative concerns around Covid will have disappeared in 2022 and life will be more in line with what we remember as normal.

6b – Robert Chisholm NZ shared family news that his daughter had submitted her doctoral thesis looking into why whooping cough is still a problem with vaccination programmes. Her submission titled ‘An epidemiological inquiry into pertussis vaccination failure in children under four’ should be successful. He remarked that this would represent the greatest academic pinnacle achieved by a descendant of his immigrant ancestor Allan Chisholm, a humble farm labourer from Breakachy, above Erchless.

There being no further business Juliette closed the meeting at 10:00 BST on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

She thanked all those attending, noting that it is nice to be able to communicate with all branches around the world. The minutes of the meeting would follow at Susan’s convenience. Juliette was not a member 70 years ago but she remembered from an early age receiving the minutes of AGM’s then printed on a roller press from Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm; sent in a long brown envelope beautifully addressed in fountain pen and with the Clan Chisholm Society ink stamp.