



Clan Chisholm Society

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Australia and New Zealand

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It's a big thank you to all the contributors to the downunder mid-year newsletter, a special word of praise to the first time contributors. It makes the editors job so much easier and more enjoyable when people send in their stories, and a wide variety of contributors means a wide variety of news and stories to enjoy. This newsletter has got a bit of everything, I hope you enjoy the read. Co -editor Kim Polley has some important information for Australian members on Page 9, while NZ President John Ross speaks to NZ members on Page 18.

Tony Morrison, Australia Branch president, delivers an Anzac message on Page 17. It is somewhat of a happy coincidence, that three different stories of how Anzac day was commemorated are shared in this issue.

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For the next edition please don't forget to share any of your Chisholm related stories or photos, be they current or historical.

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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 1st Vice President role and David Holmes of Canada took on that of 2nd 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

A Royal Chisholm Mystery Solved

The Prince and the Pastoralist

By Chis Maxwell

Many of our Australian readers would have watched the SBS program: *Every Family has a Secret*, broadcast on 4 April 2022 (Season 3, Episode 3).¹ It follows Darwin-based Arrernte police officer Danielle Chisholm and her mother Barbara, as they seek answers to a 100-year-old mystery: was she descended from an illegitimate child of the Prince of Wales?

Barbara Chisholm lived as a small child on the Little Flower Catholic Mission at Arltunga, 110 km east of Alice Springs. She never met her father, but she knew her mother was May Ryan (or Macmillan), from the Eastern Arrernte tribe. Part of the stolen generation, she was taken from her home and family at 2 years of age, to live at another Catholic mission on Melville Island. Barbara finally tracked down her mother, Nanna May, in Alice Springs some 26 years later.

The Prince of Wales in question was Edward (1894-1972), who became King Edward VIII in 1936 on the death of his father, King George V. After reigning uncrowned for 11 months, Edward VIII abdicated so he could marry a divorcee, Mrs Wallis Simpson.

The so-called illegitimate child was David Anthony (Tony) Chisholm (1923-1987) of Bond Springs and Anningie Stations, near Alice Springs. Tony was the son of Roy MacKellar Chisholm and great grandson of John William Chisholm of Wollogorang, Goulburn. Roy's sister, Sheila Chisholm (1895-1969), was the subject of another journalistic scandal, represented in the 2014 book *Sheila* by Robert Wainwright.² On 20 April 1922, Roy married his second wife, Mildred ('Mollie' or 'Mollee') Little, a close friend of Sheila.

The SBS story opens with Danielle Chisholm sharing the discovery, through a DNA test, that her great grandmother was Mollie Little. A picture is shown of Mollie with Prince Edward, and the narrator asks: "Is she descended from royalty?" Danielle outlines how her grandfather could have been related to the royal family. The Prince of Wales was in Sydney in early 1920, where he became friendly with Mollie Little. Danielle wants to know if Prince Edward really fathered an illegitimate child whilst on his tour of Australia, and whether that child was her grandfather.



Mollie Little, 1920

So, was Danielle's mother, Barbara Chisholm, the daughter of Tony Chisholm; and was he the son of Edward Prince of Wales? Danielle next meets DNA consultant Cassie Gilmartin, who explains the results of Barbara's DNA test - there are no DNA hits with any Chisholm on file, but there is evidence supporting descent from Mollie Little. On seeing a photograph of Mollie Little, Danielle recognises a family likeness.

How did the rumours of the royal connection begin? Danielle next visits Margot Riley, a curator at the State Library of NSW. Riley explains Mollie Little's con-

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nection with Prince Edward. She goes into some detail about an alleged affair between Prince Albert (the future King George VI) and Sheila Chisholm, who were constant companions of Prince Edward and his then mistress Freda Dudley Ward. In 1920, Edward was sent on his 7-month tour of the colonies to separate him from the foursome and his mistress. Riley suggests that Sheila Chisholm told Prince Edward to meet her best friend, Mollie Little, while in Sydney. Accordingly, there were numerous press reports on Mollie accompanying the Prince at dances and social functions - and so the rumour of a liaison developed. The friendship between Mollie and Prince Edward is also confirmed in his letters from Australia to Freda Dudley Ward.³ Danielle is initially convinced by this evidence that Mollie and the Prince Edward developed an intimate relationship.

At St Stephens Uniting church in Sydney, Danielle joins Juliet Riedon, a journalist and royal correspondent. Riedon shows her a press clipping from 20 April 1922, reporting the wedding of Mollie Little and Roy Chisholm. On 3 October 1923, their son David Anthony Chisholm was born, with the papers announcing that Prince Edward would be his godfather.⁴ The birth date indicates that Tony was conceived in January 1923. Moreover, the godparent relationship suggests the Chisholms had retained a close friendship with the Prince. The gossip columns in 1920 suggested that Mollie was making plans for a trip to England to chase after the Prince.⁵ Did she actually go and continue her royal liaison?

At a Chisholm family get-together in Darwin, Barbara Chisholm describes what she knows of her own ancestry. She was born in Bond Springs Station, then owned by Roy Chisholm, on 4 December 1944. Her birth certificate describes a 'bush birth', witnessed by the informant 'R.K. McCaffery'; there is no information on her father,⁶ but Barbara had been told he was Tony Chisholm.

Danielle and her mother go to Alice Springs to see Barbara's birthplace on the outskirts of Bond Springs Station, seeking to unearth any further evidence on her mother's relationship to Tony Chisholm. They find the grave of Nanna May Ryan at Yamba Station, just west of Arltunga. Genealogist Cassie Gilmartin provides some fresh evidence: an employment record from Bond Springs Station. It lists 3 female employees - Old Jinny, May and Emili - described as 'kitchen Gins'; placing May Ryan and Tony Chisholm at the same place at the same time in 1944.⁷ The details of Barbara's birth were also recorded by the Catholic Mission: Surname 'Chisholm'; Christian Name 'Barbara (Barbarita)'; Birthdate '4.12.44'; Birthplace 'Bond Springs NT'; Father's Name 'Tony Chisholm'; Mother's Name 'May'; Baptism 'Dec 1944 Arltunga', 'Rev. D. Cox M.S.C.'⁸

Having proof of her father's identity, Barbara still wants to know whether he is a Chisholm or a Windsor, and her grandfather a Prince or a pastoralist. Cassie Gilmartin explains that at the time Tony Chisholm was conceived, January 1923, his mother Mollie was in NSW and Prince Edward was in England - Mollie did not fulfil her plans for a trip to England and the pair did not meet again after the 1920 royal tour of Australia.⁹

The final evidence comes from the analysis of Barbara Chisholm's DNA.¹⁰ It shows that her origins are 47% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander; 18% Scottish; 17% English and North-western European; 7% Welsh; 5% Germanic European; 3% Irish; and 3% Melanesian. Barbara is surprised at the diversity of her ancestry. However, Cassie suggests that if Barbara were a Windsor, she would expect to see much more Germanic European DNA in her

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genome. The conclusion is that there is no royal line there. “While you’re not a Windsor” Cassie says, “those Scottish DNA hits tie you strongly to the Chisholm family...”

The program concludes with Barbara and Danielle happy, knowing they are Chisholms, and a little disappointed not to be royal. While this viewer feels the DNA evidence is strong though subject to sampling variance, the dates and places are conclusive. It’s no mystery that Tony Chisholm was the son of Roy and Mollie Chisholm - with no involvement (genetic contribution) from the royal family.

Chis Maxwell AM

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7. Employment of Aboriginals - Country Districts, Bond Springs Station, D.A. Chisholm licensee, 30 June 1944: displayed on the program.
8. Copy of original document displayed on the program.
9. Based on newspaper reports and royal records.
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Edward 1936



Tony Chisholm, 1961 [Fairfax Media]

Ben and Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield have a close association with the Isle of Bute, and they sent this clipping which shows the NZ Ensign being raised in Rothesay, the main town of the isle, during a ceremony in 1910.



NZ Flag Presentation, Rothesay Academy

This photograph taken in front of the old Academy building taken on the 17 October 1910 and shows the ceremonial unfurling, by the local MP Mr Harry Hope, of an ensign sent from the Rothesay District School, Ravensbourne near Dunedin, New Zealand. This early twinning arrangement was first suggested by an elderly Scottish clergyman living in New Zealand who wanted to maintain links with his homeland suggested swapping a flag from the little district of Rothesay near Dunedin with one from he called "Rothesay on the Clyde". Although the exchange took some time to arrange the ceremony finally went ahead in October 1910 in front of a substantial crowd of local dignitaries and school children.

Do we have any Chisholms from Dunedin who might know the identity of the Old Scottish Clergyman who made this suggestion? I did a google earth drive around Rothesay in Bute, and Rothesay on the north side of Otago Harbour, and there seems to be a reasonable topographical similarity between both locations.



Glen Innes Celtic Festival 2022 By Judy Buchanan

It was with a degree of trepidation but also pleasurable anticipation that Malcolm and I attended our first Celtic Festival since Covid lockdown in 2021. The Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, was held in glorious sunshine from 30 April - 2 May 2022 and this year celebrated the Celtic nations of Wales, Cornwall and Brittany. 2022 was the 30th Anniversary of the event.

For anyone unfamiliar with this Festival, it is a Celtic-themed event held every year on the first weekend of May. It operates on a three-year cycle recognising the six Celtic Nations of Ireland and Isle of Man; Wales, Cornwall and Brittany; and Scotland. It is the only event in Australia to recognise all these nations. 2023 will be The Year of Scotland and is the largest event of any of the Celtic Nations.

The festival celebrates Celtic music and dance with over 200 events held over 3 days and nights. Most events are held around the national monument called the Australian Standing Stones. These unique Standing Stones were built in 1992 to be a permanent reminder of and acknowledge the contribution to Australian culture made by people from these ancient Celtic groups. The Standing Stones are a major tourist attraction in the Glen Innes Highlands and can be visited all year round.

As well as attending ticketed concerts and events held over the weekend, attendees can participate in a street parade and a fun run, visit the Scottish Clan tents, witness re-enactment groups, highland games, a strong man event, Kirkin' o' the Tartan service, massed pipe bands and enjoy activities especially designed for children and stalls offering food, beverages and merchandise. This year a Medieval Long Table Dinner with entertainment for 200 people and a concert performance by the Cantorian Sydney Male Voice Choir were offered for the first time. A new program is designed each year to ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Kirkin' o' the Tartan service, Glen Innes, 2022 (photo: Malcolm Buchanan)

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Malcolm and I attend each year as part of his role as a Guardian of the Standing Stones and to represent The Scottish Australian Heritage Council and Clan Buchanan. We pitch our tent in the area surrounding the Standing Stones and offer information and advice to visitors who enquire about their own genealogical story and keep them up to date with Clan events. We are always encouraged by the interest that the Clan tents receive and we enjoy meeting new people and hearing their stories.

In previous years Clan Chisholm has attended with their tent and cute mascot and it would be great to see them again amongst the other Clan tents. Being a Clan Chisholm member and descendent of Valentine Chisholm (b. 1827, Balnahaun, Strathglass, died 1887, Ballarat), I always have a small collection of Chisholm booklets and membership forms with me. But, as people are more likely to gravitate towards a named tent which they identify with, I'm sure I miss Chisholm folk who may be in attendance. If there is anyone interested in coming next year to help person a Chisholm tent, please get in touch with Tony or Kim. We have all the gear, but need someone with the means of transporting a tent, chairs and banner to the event. There will be people on hand to assist and it really is a lot of fun and a way to meet people with a connection to Clan Chisholm as well as similarly minded, friendly folk who set up the other clan tents every year.

In 2007, Clan Chisholm placed a stone from the Caroline Chisholm Barracks, Goulburn, in the Celtic Family Wall.



Celtic Family Wall (photo: Australian Celtic festival) (photo: Malcolm Buchanan)

As well as offering a Clan tent, participation can also include carrying the Clan Banner in the Friday morning Opening Ceremony March and Calling of the Clans, marching behind their flag/banner bearer in the Saturday Street Parade, as well as in the pipe band-processed parade and recognition ceremonies carried out in the Scottish Ceremony on Sunday morning. This concludes with a moving prayer and the Kirkin' o' the Tartan. There are plenty of opportunities to participate in events if desired.

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Clan tent numbers were down this year, possibly because of Covid. However, Clans Buchanan, Cameron, Donald, Donnachaidh, Douglas, Edmonstone, Henderson, Hope, Kerr, MacAulay, MacFarlane, MacKay, Munro and Sutherland were all there and have plans to return in 2023. In fact, the Clan Sutherland Society in Australia will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2023 and have planned big celebrations at Glen Innes.



Calling of the Clans 2022 (photo: Malcolm Buchanan)

The 2023 Festival will be held from the 4th to the 7th May in Glen Innes, NSW, and will celebrate the Year of Scotland. This will attract a huge turnout of the Clans and, hopefully, include a Clan Chisholm presence again in recognition of the contribution of our wonderful ancestors. See you there!

[A note to Australia Branch members](#)

I hope you enjoy our third Australia-New Zealand newsletter.

There are a few items I wish to draw to your attention. Firstly, if you wish to participate in our Clan Chisholm Society Australia Branch Gathering in Toowoomba in March 2023, we would like to hear from you by 15th July. The committee will need to know the names of those who wish to participate so that we can book accommodation that aligns with the group size. Any suggestions to include in our itinerary for Toowoomba would be most welcome at that stage also. There is no requirement to pay any money, we just require an indication of interest from members to allow planning to proceed. Could you please contact me before 15th July? Thank you to those members who have already been in touch.

Secondly, our genealogy database for the Australia Branch has a new web address. Please add it to your records. <https://clanchisholm.org.au>. Enclosed in your Journal you will find a new password for the database. It will be appropriate to use it from 15 July 2022. Until that time please use the old one. If you have any questions, please contact me.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed an article to our newsletter this time. It has been wonderful. Our Journal editor Martin Chisholm, like Robert and I, are always on the lookout for contributions. Our publications are only as good as our members make them. Also, I would like to thank Chis Maxwell for his very kind donation to the Branch of a copy of *The Clan Chisholm in Australia 1790-1990* which was compiled and edited by Carolyn Chown.

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Hello, my name is Eliana, and for a short time I was honoured to be holder of the title of The World's newest Little Chizzie. It's a great title to have, and it's also great that it gets shared around. Every one of you big Chizzies have once upon a time held that title.

My Mum is Hannah Chisholm, and my Dad is Lukas.

Robert Chisholm is my Grandpa and Angelika Chisholm is my Oma.

My Great Grandfather is Bruce Chisholm.

My Great Great Grandfather is Alexander Chisholm, he died in the 1918 flu epidemic.

My Great Great Great Grandfather is Allan Chisholm. He used to live in Scotland but he came to New Zealand a long time ago. He lived in a tiny house in Breakachy, high above Erchless Castle. When he built a house in Featherston, he named it "Beauly" to remind him of his home town. Juliette and Ben live there now, Beauly I mean, not Breakachy, only the deer are up there now.

My Great Great Great Great Grandfather is John Chisholm. He was born at the Sawmill near Aigas and lived there until 1828. He got married at Eskadale and then moved up to Breakachy where his bride lived, that's my Great Great Great Great Great Grandmother Abigail Forbes.

Great Great Great Great Great Grandfather is Roderick Chisholm. He used to live at Balnabraich, a little place right in the middle of Chisholm Valley. It's just past Clachan Comar. But it seems that the Chief kicked him out in 1801. Naughty Chief. I think he didn't have to go on the boat to Nova Scotia because Mr Fraser saved him by giving him a job at the Sawmill. Thank you Lord Lovat. Maybe that's why my mother loves Strawberries.



How I became a Chisholm from an Irish influence

By Gay Gaffey

My maternal Irvine great grandfather left Fermanagh, Ireland and emigrated to Australia and arrived in 1864 on the *Wesley* where he met his sponsor. He lived and worked in Sydney for two years mainly farming. He then moved to the Clarence area on the east coast and found plenty of work again as a farmer. In 1870 he married, and he and his wife, who was born in Australia, had twelve children, with nine surviving. Amazingly, this Irish man taught his children Highland Dancing! Their last child was my grandfather, Alexander James Irvine, who was born in 1889. When James turned 20 years, he travelled to South Australia looking for work, where he eventually met his future wife, Adelaide Bankhead, my grandmother. Grandfather taught her Highland Dancing and they performed at flower shows, fetes, concerts and benefits up until they married in 1911. My grandparents had seven children with six surviving. All six children were taught Highland Dancing, even the three boys. My mother was the first born and she excelled at school and also with her dancing. When she completed her Leaving Certificate (5th year at High School) she was contacted by a Caledonian Society in another town, Inverell, asking her to relocate there and become a dance teacher. With her parents' permission she did so as she had family in this town.

My paternal great grandfather, John Chisholm, left Scotland with his sister to travel to Australia and arrived in Sydney in 1854 on the *Araminta*. His fiancé, Euphemia Macdonald, travelled out to Australia, also with her sister, and arrived in Sydney on the *Herald of the Morning* in March 1858. My great grandparents were married in Sydney in September 1858. He was a stone mason by trade and easily found employment. While he was working on the Cockatoo Docks in Sydney he was approached by his cousin, who asked him to return with him to the country and help him build Green Swamp, which later became known as Inverell. This they did and settled down and had three children, a girl and two boys.

The youngest of the three children to John and Euphemia was my grandfather John Alexander Chisholm. He met his future wife, Alice Pigott, in Inverell and my grandparents were married in 1902. They had five children, three girls and two boys. The family settled in Inverell and grandfather was able to purchase a few acres of land and built a home.

My father was the first boy and second born child. The boys were expected to help their father with the farm and the girls with the home. My father had to deliver milk to their customers before and after school with a horse and cart. On one occasion he delivered the milk to a couple where he heard bagpipes being played. He spoke to the man's wife and asked if she thought her husband would teach him the bagpipes. She told him he wouldn't be able to play the pipes for quite a while as he would have to learn the chanter first. He learned quickly, but then his teacher and his wife moved to Glen Innes to become a teacher and join a new pipe band. My father immediately asked an older man who lived in a small village, who was a champion piper, if he was very willing to teach him. This wonderful man taught my father and even loaned him a set of bagpipes until he was able to acquire his own. These two men were close friends until the older man passed away, leaving my father all his instruments and kilts.

My father, a Chisholm from Ross and Cromarty origin, the Pipe Major of Inverell's Pipe Band and my mother, the Highland Dancing Teacher of Irish descent, met and eventually married in 1934. They had two children, a boy and then a girl. My mother's dance pupils always had bagpipes played for them at Eisteddfods, Highland Gatherings and several social events. She taught three Australian champion Highland dancers. When my mother was unable to continue teaching, I took over her role. My father's only disappointment was that his son showed no interest in playing the pipes, but he never tried to persuade him. The day I married, my brother told me that he had finally decided to learn the bagpipes. This absolutely delighted my father. My brother married and he and his wife had two children, a girl and a boy. My father started teaching his grandson to play the bagpipes, but when he entered high school, the grandson stopped learning as he was be-

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ing teased for wearing a skirt (kilt). When his grandson left school and started work, he asked his grandfather to start teaching him again. My brother eventually became Pipe Major of the Band. Father and son were very successful in the band and both were invited to join a Sydney Band to go to Scotland for the World Championships. They had a fabulous trip.

My brother's daughter liked the dancing but preferred Scottish Country Dancing and continued to go to classes after she married and moved to the eastern coast of New South Wales. She and her husband had three girls and all three girls learned Highland Dancing. The eldest daughter was most successful as she won the Australian Championship in Sydney for her age group. The youngest girl at 21 is continuing dancing and has been very successful in two trips to Scotland and also in Tasmania, Queensland and the Celtic Festival in Glen Innes where she won two championships. She is passionate about her dancing and is now studying to be a dance teacher. The Scottish heritage is still alive and well in this family. Even though my surname has changed from Chisholm, I am still a Chisholm in every way and very, very proud of it.

ALEXANDER CHISHOLM (1846 - 1891) by Kay Boggan nee Chisholm

Note from Secretary: Kay Boggan, is a new member of the Australia Branch. She is hoping to connect with other family members. Her great grandfather was John Chisholm born 1818 in Coldstream, Berwickshire, Scotland. He came to Australia on board the *Columbine*, arriving in Sydney in December 1841. He met his wife, Catherine Little, whilst on board. She was a free passenger from Ireland who was travelling under the protection of Michael Riley and family. John Chisholm died in May 1874 in Dalmorton near Grafton in New South Wales.

Alexander Chisholm (1846-1891) is my Paternal Great Grandfather. He was the first child born to John Chisholm and Catherine Little.

As a lot of people who have done any research on him would know that he was accidentally killed at the young age of 45.

He left behind a widow (who was heavily pregnant) and a large family of 11 children aging in ages from 15yrs - through to babies.

The irony of his death was caused by a fall from his horse while he was taking over horses to another area.

He was known in the New England Area as an excellent horseman so it must have come as very big surprise at the time for him to die this way.

Background to his accident was reported in the local newspapers as:

Whilst driving a team of bullocks through the bush, something spooked them and Alexander and his team went over the mountain somewhere between Glen Innes and Grafton NSW. Sadly he was thrown from his horse and killed. He suffered a broken neck and fractured skull from the fall. It was also reported that his horse had fallen on him.

After this sad news reached his family one of his brothers organised a fund raiser to help support his widow Elizabeth and his children. The amount raised was over 100 pounds which allowed Elizabeth to buy a house for herself and the children.

Included is a bit of trivia how number 9 was a number significant in his life:

When he died the date was 9th

He laid in the bush for 9 days

If you add his age at time of death with his birth digits they also add up to 9



Cricket Trivia

Florence Morphy & the Ashes

Left
Dame Alice Chisholm

Right
Florence Bligh
Countess Darnley



Dame Alice Chisholm - famous for a string of canteens she ran in Egypt during the First World War - was born Alice Morphy. Her parents were Major Richard Morphy (of the Madras Indian Styles) of Reevesdale, Bungonia (near Goulburn). Richard was one of three brothers (Richard, John and Thomas Morphy, all from Ireland) who, interestingly, married the three daughters of Richard and Ann Styles (née Inch; the daughter of two convicts, so Dame Alice Chisholm had convict ancestry - another story!). I think the marriages must have been arranged - my theory is by Ann Styles.

The cricket 'Ashes' connection is through Richard's brother, John Stephen Morphy (1812-1861). John became Police Magistrate at Beechworth in Victoria and died there in 1861.¹ He remains noteworthy for the astonishing rise in the fortunes of his daughter, Florence (1860-1944). She entered service as a governess to the children of Sir William Clarke Bt of Rupertswood at Sunbury, just north of Melbourne. Here Florence met Ivo Bligh, later 8th Earl of Darnley, the Captain of the visiting English cricket team during their 1882-83 tour of Australia. They fell in love, eventually marrying at St Mary's Sunbury during a subsequent visit by Bligh in 1884.

Florence had been the leader of a group of Melbourne ladies who gave Bligh "a tiny silver urn, containing what they termed 'the ashes of Australian cricket.'"² The urn was a personal gift presented after a friendly match hosted at Rupertswood. After Lord Darnley's death in 1927, the urn was entrusted to the Marylebone Cricket Club, which has it on display at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. The urn has come to be strongly associated with 'The Ashes', the prize for which England and Australia are said to compete in Test series between the two countries.³ Florence, then Countess Darnley, became a romantic novelist and was created a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1920, the same year as her first cousin, Dame Alice Isabel Chisholm (née Morphy), widow of William Alexander Chisholm.⁴



Chis Maxwell AM

Notes

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ANZAC DAY, CHISHOLM PARK, BREADALBANE. APRIL THE 25TH, 2022

By Tony Morrison (President of CCS Australia)

The Annual ANZAC Day service to commemorate the lives of those who served, some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice, attracted over 150 people and was held at the newly constructed War Memorial in Chisholm Park Breadalbane.

It was a slightly overcast early autumn day with a slightly appropriate cool but gentle breeze. One of The soldiers commemorated on the plaque is William Malcolm Chisholm.

William Malcolm Chisholm, known as Malcolm, was the son of Dr William Chisholm who married Emma Isobel Mitchell whose father, The Count de Huon, perished in the Bungonia Valley without trace, except for a pair of spectacles. His first cousin was Sheila Chisholm of Wollogorang.

Malcolm chose a military life but since Australia did not have a military college back then he did his training at Sandhurst in England from whence he graduated in 1912 and subsequently joined The East Lancashire Regiment.

The Regiment embarked for France, landing in the evening of the 25th of August 1914 and hence by train to Ligny-en-Cambresis, arriving at 4:00am in the morning of the 26th. Lieutenant William Malcolm Chisholm was mortally wounded in the afternoon of the same day during The Battle of Le Cateau in the retreat from Mons. The Battle of Le Cateau was the scene of an early attempt by the British to gain a foothold in France. Severely wounded, he urged his soldiers to leave him behind, because "I'm done for". He succumbed to his wounds and is buried in Ligny. A street in Ligny is named in his honour.

William Malcolm Chisholm was the first Allied Soldier to lose his life in The First World War.

Anzac day is a sad but wonderful day. A time to reflect on and remember him, and those great young men who sacrificed their lives and their futures so that we could live the future they would have loved but never lived.

We will remember them.



Malcolm is commemorated in the Clan Chisholm Memorial Series, available to all CCS members by visiting the CCS website. [Every Clansman Remembered. Vol III Page 10](#)

Message from Tony Morrison, President of Australia Branch.

Dear Clansfolk

I am writing to you as we head into what looks like being a cold winter following on from a very go out to any of our Clan who have been put through any of these ordeals and I wish you all the best for a quick path back to normalcy.

We commemorated Anzac Day at Breadalbane's Chisholm Park. Three members of the Clan with Breadalbane connections served in WW1 and WW11.

They were:

William Malcolm Chisholm who is mentioned in The Anzac article in this newsletter
Margaret 'Sheila' Chisholm who became well known through her connections to Royalty and William Maxwell Chisholm from 'Merilla'.

I know many more Chisholms fought for their countries and freedom throughout the world. We shall remember them.



A new Anzac Day Service

By the editor



Mangawhai Heads 2020. COVID. Anzac Day Services around the country were cancelled. The seaside community of Mangawhai would generally find a morning service at the rural settlement of Hakaru, some 10km inland. The word passed around that you go to the front gate and stand at dawn, maybe tune in to the Anzac service on National Radio. A few of the ex-servicemen in the area said that's what they would be doing, standing at dawn at their front letterbox.

Amongst them was Sapper Dave Chisholm, aka Haggis, who boasts a flagpole at his place on the waterfront at the estuary. He suggested that they all gather at his front gate, and commemorate the service together. The colours could be lowered and raised. And so it came to pass, six ex-servicemen and a few onlookers, standing at dawn, together, 2 metres apart.

A year later with Covid restrictions still in place Covid, and buoyed on by the small success in the preceding year it was agreed to do it again

in 2021, but this time with a few enhancements, wreaths and sound effects. Word got out, and as the dawn's light rose over the sandhills, 80 heads were revealed in solemn remembrance. After service refreshments and tea were provided, and a single bottle of Rum helped warm the insides of those gathered.

On Anzac Dawn this year, 20 ex-servicemen formed up at the top of the street and marched down to the flagpole, Wreaths, remembrances speeches, children, flagpoles, bugles, and assorted sound effects. On the mess table, stocked by the participants, the Rum tally had quadrupled.

And so are traditions born. Covid or no Covid, in 2023 the Mangawhai Dawn service will be held outside the Chisholm residence. Haggis has even made plans even more community items to enhance and expand the service. The street is wide, and on the other side is the esplanade reserve and estuary foreshore, so space is not limited and could swallow a large portion of the settlements population.



Thanks to Julia Wade for photographs

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Dawn Service Mangawhai (continued)



Karen Chisholm lays a wreath



Haggis addresses the Service



Thanks to Julia Wade for photographs



From the NZ President
NZ Branch Clan Chisholm Society



Dear Chisholm people,

Ceud Mille Failte. A thousand greetings to you all, on the North, South and West Islands -- otherwise, *Te Ika a Maui, Te Wai Pounamu* and that other motu across the Ditch.

To North and South Island Chisholms specifically I have to say this. It's deeply regrettable that due to Covid and organisational issues we have not been able to have an annual gathering for a couple of years. The Uniting Church's hall in Miramar, in Wellington, which we had often used for these gatherings, is no longer available, as this church's congregation had dwindled away. I do hope we can organise one soon.

Also, it is vitally important that, to keep the Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand, otherwise the New Zealand Branch of the wider Society, going, every one of you should do all you can to persuade family members or other Chisholms you know to join our Society. As older members die, or become too old and unwell, we absolutely need to have you bring new people in.

How can you fully understand who you are, unless you have some grasp of a key part, at least, of your ancestry? Our genealogist Fay White should be able to help you with that, we have extended Legacy files for a number of families whose forefathers and foremothers arrived in New Zealand before 1900. (Fay's email is malcolm.a@xtra.co.nz)

As for my own Chisholm ancestors, it was good that Audrey Barney was at last able to get confirmation that our joint ancestor "Hugh Chysam" who married Hannah Hattersley at Roth-erham in Yorkshire in 1795 did indeed link back to the Highland Chisholm territory, Strathglass and its glens, in the catchment of the River Beaully, north of Loch Ness, and Inver-ness.

Audrey herself, who did such a huge and marvellous lot for New Zealand Chisholm family history, is now in her nineties, and in a care home in Auckland, with very limited vision and mobility.

Incidentally, my own Ross ancestry I have been able to push back with certainty to a John Ross who married Jean Lockhart in Kirkoswald in southern Ayrshire in 1780. He was probably the John Ross whose birth was registered at nearby Girvan in 1751.

So, how far can you go with your own family history?

Today, when I'm writing this, we have had rain, wind, thunder, lightning and brief periods of hail. Hope things are warmer and drier where you are, or soon will be.

Best wishes for the months ahead, for you and yours.

John C. Ross, 14 June 2022
NZ President and Branch Chair
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CARRAWARRA, BRADLEY ST., GOULBURN NSW

By Alistair Thompson (Treasurer of CCS Australia)

A house in Goulburn NSW, sold by one of the sons of James and Elizabeth Chisholm in 1908, was purchased by a descendant of one of his brothers in 2019.

One the 9 sons of James and Elizabeth Chisholm of Kippilaw, Goulburn was Arthur Bowman Chisholm who lived at Lerida, Gunning, and later at Carrawarra, a home in Goulburn, which he bought in 1891. Arthur owned the large *Lerida* property at Gunning but wanted to move into town for his seven daughters' education

One of them, Joan Hamilton Chisholm, completed a large wooden carving above a mantelpiece in a lower ground room, featuring Australian birds. It remains a feature today. It is believed that Arthur is the one who named the house Carrawarra, taking the word from the local Aboriginal language.

Before his death in 1908, Arthur had acquired four adjoining lots. After his widow also died in 1914, the family sold Carrawarra to the Crown in 1915 for 3000 pounds; the war likely having an impact on its value.



Carrawarra, Bradley Street, Goulburn

From then on, the property had various uses. It was initially used as a soldier's club. Later, the education department took it over and from 1920 it became a hostel for high school girls until 1933. From 1933 to 1940 Mr and Mrs Cunningham ran a guest-house at Carrawarra, whereupon the education department began extensive changes to create a Ladies College of Domestic Science, which they opened in 1941. That institution came to an end in the 1970's. In the years since then, the house became the property of a religious organisation, and until relatively recently it was leased by NSW Health for the brain injury rehabilitation service.

The home was built in 1882-83 for prominent businessman, William Davies, who owned 'The Australian Stores' in Auburn Street. He was also mayor of Goulburn in

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Carrawarra (continued)

1863, 1868, 1876-79 and 1883-84, and represented Argyle in the Legislative Assembly from 1877-80

Carrawarra' is double-storeyed, solid brick with a slate tile roof and wrap-around veranda. There are polished floorboards throughout and soaring 14' ceilings, some with period pressed tin. It has a grand staircase and beautiful open fireplaces.

Another of the 9 sons of James and Elizabeth Chisholm of Kippilaw was Andrew Seton Chisholm (1833-1905) who lived at Winderadene, at Lake George, and at Cardross, adjoining Kippilaw and the property of Elizabeth's family.

Andrew's daughter Sylvia Chisholm married Mr. Francis Arthur Macarthur-Onslow, youngest son of Mrs. Macarthur-Onslow of Camden Park, at St Saviours Cathedral, Goulburn on 18 May 2003.

In September 2019, Carrawarra was purchased by Lee Macarthur-Onslow, a great grandson of Andrew. His family is steeped in Australia's pastoralist history. Mr Macarthur-Onslow was a direct descendant of wool pioneers John and Elizabeth Macarthur, *Camden Park*. It was Lee's grandfather who married Sylvia Chisholm, whose family had settled at *Kippilaw* in the 1830s. The extended Chisholm family owned numerous Goulburn district sheep grazing properties.

Born at Sydney's King George V Hospital on May 11, 1952, Lee was the first of two children to Denzil and Dorothy Macarthur-Onslow (née Scott).

His father was a Major General in the Australian Army and in 1941 was awarded a Distinguished Service Order for his part in the attack on Bardia in Libya, which captured 2000 prisoners. He was knighted in 1964. Lee's mother, Dorothy, was a doctor

Lee and younger sister, Katrina, grew up at the family home, *Mount Gilead*, near Campbelltown. He helped milk cows, was home-schooled to matriculation and then attended Cranbrook School, Bellevue Hill.

Lee bought and improved properties in the Goulburn District and developed a large herd of Angus cattle until his untimely death in August 2021.



Pictured with Mr Macarthur- Onslow is Mr Charles Morrison a descendant of another of James and Elizabeth's sons, Charles Kerr Chisholm, who lived at Raeburn, Breadalbane.

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Right: Nicholas Gillentine's sketch made in 1773, when he was 97 years old, of his childhood home, Thurland Castle. It was Nicholas' daughter Eleanor, who married John Chisum in Virginia, and produced a large brood of little Chisums and Chisholms whose descendants today are widespread in the USA.



Alastair Chisholm

March 14 · 🌐

I see there's a lot of interest in the clan badge for use on t-shirts, stationery, personal tattoos etc. I just want to point out that the correct heraldic representation of the Chisholm chief's crest requires that the boar's head is gold and the tongue is *blue*... This point is largely missed by the various clan paraphernalia industries, even in Scotland. It's also said that it should be accompanied by the words "An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh" which translates as "The Crest of the Clan Chief" to indicate membership of the clan and that the crest is the chief's and not your own. I believe the "belt" that you always see around these clan badges is also meant to indicate this distinction.



The Forum

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



Latest at the Forum:

Here's a story which I am sure many people can relate to. After spending a lot of time tracking down ancestors in a family tree, an enquirer finds something does not click. Other members of the family say different things which don't fit in. Maybe the Forum can sort it out? It all comes down to a James Chisholm who was in Motherwell in the early 1900's, pretty simple to follow his trail from the census back to whence he came, somewhere in the Scottish Borders, isn't it? But wait, the Forum has found two James Chisholms. The same name, the same place, the same time. And this one comes from a completely different direction, in fact hardly appears in Scottish Census data as the family has been working in England. This is a work in progress, and as there is DNA data to back up the findings of the paper trail, a good outcome is forecast, and the Clan Chisholm Genealogical database has the foundation of a new and very large family tree, all coming from a Stone Dyker in Kirkcudbright. If you have a Chisholm ancestor from Kirkcudbright, or Motherwell, or Whitehaven, or Workington, it could be your tree!

Recent Post to the Forum:

"My wife is the granddaughter of Archie Chisholm (1859-1933), erstwhile Sheriff Clerk of Inverness. For some years I have been researching his life as Procurator Fiscal and as a photographer in Lochmaddy, North Uist.

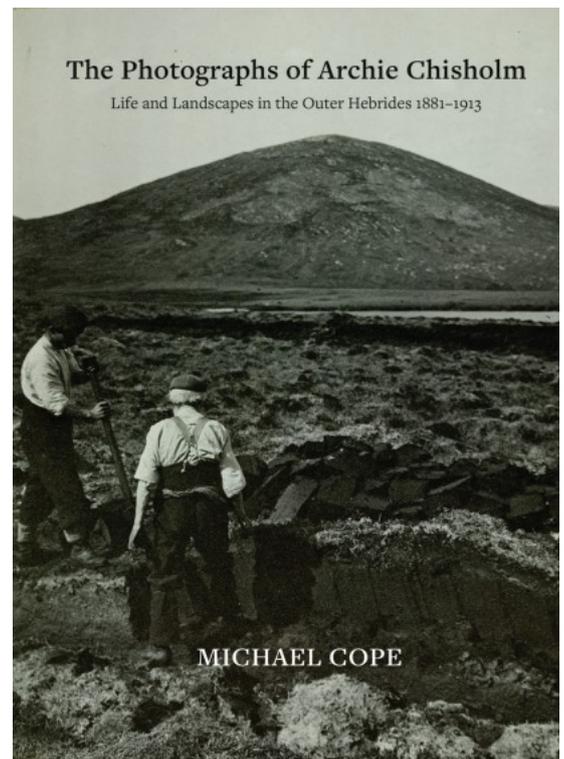
In 2018 I published the book ['The Photographs of Archie Chisholm: Life and Landscapes in the Outer Hebrides 1881-1913'](#) and in 2020 and 2021 I co-curated an exhibition of the same

title at Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Arts Centre in Lochmaddy.

I am now engaged on a more wide ranging social history of the Lietry family, following Archie's ancestors and extended family descendants from the seventeenth to the early twentieth century. Another book is in the planning.

I have joined the forum as a means of perhaps filling some of the genealogical and historical gaps and puzzles that continue to surround some of the more elusive family members."

Are there any members of the Lietre Cadet family down under? These are the descendants of Chief John XIV's second son, Thomas. The family HQ was at Lietre, high up in Glenn Cannich. Famed amongst them was Colin III of Lietre, who fought for the Clan at both Sheriffmuir and Culloden. Colin's oldest son was named Rory, he was wounded in the head at Culloden. He survived, moved to Breakachy, and produced many offspring. This sub group is known as *Clann ic Ruaridh* or Rory's Clan. I definitely know that there is a descendant branch or Rory's Clan down in Central Otago, and am fairly certain that parts of this family made it to Australia.



Acacia Chisholmii



A friend of Barry Chisholm in Wellington NZ was visiting Mt Isa, and he sent back this photo. Who knows, or can find out, just why the Turpentine Bush has the botanical name of *Acacia Chisholmii*?

No prizes for those who reckon its because our Aussie cousins slept under that Bush when they got on the Turps



Interior view: The Smiddy at Contin. Photo kindly supplied by Kim's friend in the Highlands. Refer to page 17 of the previous newsletter (Jan 2022). This is the place where swords for Clan Chisholm were forged.

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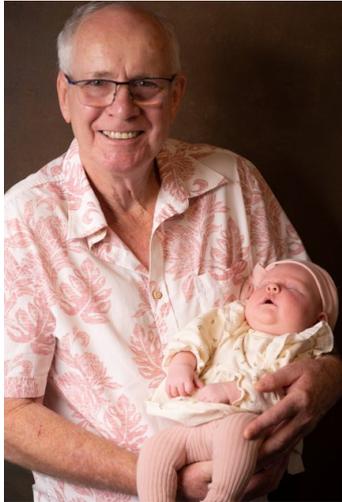
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International Clan Chisholm Society

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



At the 2022 AGM, Juliette Broomfield-Chisholm stepped down from the role which she had faithfully and loyally carried out for quite a number of years. In addition to being President of the International Branch of Clan Chisholm Society and Chair of the Clan Council, she doubled up as an Ambassador for the Clan, being fortunate to live on the doorstep of the traditional Clan Lands in Strathglass. The good news is that she still lives in Beaulieu, and she remains on the Clan Council as immediate past President, so her guidance will not be lost to us.

When Juliette stepped down, it meant that the Vice Presidents stepped up a rank, and a new Junior Vice President was elected.

The Junior Vice President was David Holmes from Calgary, he has been very helpful to me behind the scenes in the editing of

the WW1 Memorial project, this all in addition to his work as branch Chairman in Canada. David now moves up to senior Vice President, the role which I had up until the 2022 AGM.

Kim Polley from Tasmania was elected as Junior Vice President. For me that was a great choice as I have been working in cooperation on a number of projects with Kim several years.

As respective editors of our branch newsletters, we had a lot of interaction and sharing. Kim's interest in the Family Finder Branch of Genealogical DNA meant she was an ideal person to become a co-administrator of the Clan Chisholm DNA project.

As Senior VP that I stepped up into the role of International President, and Chair of the Clan Council. I pledge to make every effort to fulfil the Mission of the Society. Along with Kim as VP, an awesome amount of faith has been placed in Chisholms downunder. We need you clansfolk to help make our job easier, and that is by contributing in any small way you can, whether it be help with newsletters, or taking on a committee role.

The NZ Branch has been very quiet during the Covid years, some memberships have lapsed, and some committee jobs have become vacant. Please consider helping out, and above all, see if you can recruit a family member from a younger generation to ensure that the Society remains relevant. The subscription fee is not a lot, and membership means you can more fully feel the sense of belonging to the Clan. You get at least two electronic newsletters per year, and you get the printed edition of International Journal. Available to you is access to the Clan Website, the Forum, and the Genealogical Database Membership generally means you don't have to do anything, just read the newsletters and journal, use whatever CCS website information you wish, and feel part of the Clan. Membership of the Facebook group is not membership of Clan Chisholm Society. Facebook is a bit of fun, CCS has a serious mission to fulfil,

The 2022 Journal will shortly be posted to you. If your address has changed in the past few years, please advise, likewise if you have had a change of email address. I will include a note about Subscriptions, and the account number. The Banks no longer issue Cheques, so all subs need to be paid via electronic banking.

All the best for Midwinter, Robert Chisholm (West Auckland),
President of Clan Chisholm Society