

Newsletter No 34

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Greetings to all readers. This is my first attempt at editing, writing, or publishing, so please bear with me during the teething process. The new publication format will make things easier for me to organise, once a workable template has been established, and I hope will provide you with pleasure, interest, and enjoyment. The electronic version will allow you to receive the flavour of a glossy magazine, at the fraction of the cost. Because it is set up as an A5 booklet to be printed onto half pages of A4 paper, the page order of the pdf file appears to be not quite correct. If the format was changed to 4xA4 sheets then it may be a little less confusing.

To print the booklet, set the printer preferences for the colour and quality you desire, paper size A4, and the ori-

entation to landscape. Ensure only one page is loaded into the printer, and then press "print". When the first sheet comes out, put it back in the printer, other way round. Do this for the second sheet as well, and you will soon have an A5 booklet ready to be folded.

Please feel free to print out a colour copy for Clan or family members who may not have access to a computer. Your feedback is welcome, if there is anything you would like to see, or say, in the newsletter, please get in contact. I will welcome your views and ideas. I hope to renew the historical stories which were a nice feature of previous newsletters.

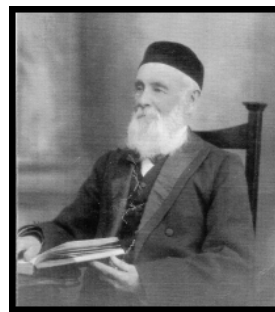
I will leave you with a political thought to ponder. The NZ Labour Govt. has deemed that ancestral connection takes 164 years to acquire. This means that many of you readers, descendants of the Pioneers described in the first book of the Audrey Barney Trilogy, may become entitled to lay claim to an "ancestral connection" somewhere in NZ in the years shortly ahead. It won't get you a piece of foreshore or even a sack of mussels, but is food for thought.

Release of 3rd Book in Chisholm Trilogy

New book by Audrey Barney

Chisholm Cameos: Joseph Wilson Chisholm's Yorkshire ancestors and New Zealand descendants. 212 p. Around 140 illustrations. Publ. launching, Nov 13, 2004. \$29.50 + \$5.00 package and posting.

Our Historian has been busy on this, about her own Chisholm family, over the last couple of years and this book will be launched at a celebration in Wellington on 13-14 November to mark the 150th anniversary of Joseph's arrival.



Joseph Wilson Chisholm



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New International History Project!

The Clan Chisholm Society International is pleased to announce plans for a new Clan Chisholm history! The objective of this project is to publish a rich collection of engaging, illustrated stories about the Chisholms of Scotland and their emigrations to various parts of the world from as early as 1745 through the 1800's. It is important to emphasize that our goal is not to produce a genealogical text, but rather to document our ancestors' journeys to new lands, their lives, experiences, and accomplishments, and to illuminate these historical accounts with many photos and illustrations.

We are requesting that members and friends of our Society contribute original stories and Chisholm artefacts for consideration (e.g., old photographs, letters, wills, poems, and illustrations that are supplemented with brief explanations regarding their significance). If you would like to submit a story, photos, and/or other Chisholm memorabilia for consideration, please complete the Society's official *Submissions Form* and return it with your submission for receipt by the 1st of July 2005. If you have not received the official submission form with the guidelines, please contact the editor of this newsletter.

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Tartan Girls 10th AGM
Fay Bennie Audrey Yvonne

2005 AGM:

To be held at Manchester Unity Lodge hall, 6 Brake St,

Upper Riccarton. Christchurch, on April 23rd, 2005.

Evening meal at

Riccarton Buffet Restaurant and Bar, at approximately \$22 per head.



Mr and Mrs President
(International)
Orewa 2004

Books:

From our ARCHIVES at 10 Settlers Grove, Orewa.

Members can borrow books from the Archives for the cost of the return postage.



Barney, Audrey J. Jim Chisholm: blacksmith, gum digger, soldier, orchardist and poet. 2002. 80 p. (*One incredible New Zealand pioneer - and he was blind*)

Chisholm, Alex H. The incredible year. A naturalist sees Europe in "Adolf Hitler Weather". 1944. 245 p. Travel adventures pre-war by a well known Australian naturalist)

Chisholm Duncan and Don Young. Just a no count poacher. 2001. 183 p.

Those piscatorial policemen. 1997. 187 p. (*By one of ours - light-hearted adventure novels, based on experiences as a Fisheries officer, in years prior to Political Correctness and Foreshore Ownership disputes*)

Chown, Carolyn, comp. The Clan Chisholm in Australia, 1790 - 1990. 1988. 278 p.

Dunlop, Jean The Clan Chisholm. 2d ed. 1993. 40p.

(A short history of the clan by the Clan's historian—also available for sale)

Fraser, Donald Guisachan: a history. 2d ed 1998. 32p.

(It is thought that this is where John Chisholm first worked after he left Corrynachulan and before he and his wife went to live at Alltbeath.

McKenzie, Alexander History of the Chisholms. 1890. (*The classic*)

Prebble, John The Highland Clearances. 1974. 336 p. (*Considered by some to be the answer - by others??*)

Quigley, Hugh The Highlands of Scotland. 3d ed. 1944 Travel guide to the north with lots of good black and white photos.

Robson, Michael Surnames and clansmen: Border family history in earlier days. 1998 200 p. (*Rich in early Chisholm materials from the Borders*)

Withers, Charles W. J. Gaelic Scotland: the transformation of a culture region. 1988. 464 p. (*A serious look at the clash between the Highlands and the Lowlands and attempts over centuries to "anglicize" the Highlands.*)

Expatriate Chisholms:

In the same way as our Chisholms left the old world to gain a better life and usually become successful pioneers in New Zealand, New Zealand born Chisholms have left New Zealand and made their mark in other parts of the world. We would like to run a series on some of these Chisholms. **Is there someone in your family you could write about for us?** Here is a starter, contributed by Audrey. Not one of her direct family, but certainly one from her "Pioneer Chisholm" families.

Samuel Chisholm is one New Zealand born expatriate Chisholm who has this month had publicity in the "New Zealand Herald" and has had many articles in the Australian press and the Internet as he announced he was re-joining Kerry Packer and Channel 9, after being with his rival Rupert Murdoch all through the 1990s. A few years ago he made big news as being the highest paid person in the British television industry when he was Head Executive in the Murdoch station, BSkyB in London, earning £3.8 million a year. A period of ill health followed, during which he was a non executive director of Tottenham Hotspurs F.C., before returning to Australia and successfully surviving a double lung transplant. This month he has joined up with Kerry Packer in Sydney. He also played a major role in the Rugby War which developed after the 1995 World Cup.

In Australia, most reports do acknowledge Sam as being New Zealand born -- but where does he fit in in our New Zealand Chisholms? Well, Samuel Hewlings Chisholm is the great-great grandson of Robert Chisholm who arrived in Auckland in 1854, and bought large blocks of land on the Whau, now known as Avondale. Sam was born at the beginning of World War II in Auckland, the middle boy in the family of Robert Hewlings and Nancye Cotter Chisholm. Although his father died when he was nine, the family still managed to send his three boys to Kings College as day boys to finish their secondary schooling. He married Rhonda Anne Pearce on 7 Dec 1967 in New Zealand, but their only daughter Caroline was born in Sydney, where Sam has been domiciled, except for his period in London, since the early sixties.

Please write to the editor if you have a story or family member of interest. This can be past, present, or perhaps future, and doesn't need to be about someone rich and famous.

Life Membership bestowed on Fay and Audrey at 10th AGM



Audrey Barney and Fay Chisholm receive Life membership certificates, Brian Chisholm at left and Lorna Ryder to right

In recognition of 10 years' dedicated service to Clan New Zealand Society, Founder members Fay and Audrey were elected as Life Members to the Society. Thank you and Congratulations .

THE PRESIDENT GOES DOWN UNDER:

New Article on Clan Chisholm website gives a colourful and detailed account of Merritt and Bennie's visit to Australia and NZ, well worth the read.

"On Tuesday, April 13th, Lorna and David Ryder take us on a tour of Dunedin, a

city settled in 1848 by Scots. It was to follow the grid of Edinburgh except the planners knew nothing of Dunedin's high hills. It has the steepest street in the world. Scots' love of learning inspired them to start the first university in New Zealand. Dunedin is often called "Scarfie" because....

Read more at
www.ClanChisholmSociety.org

From the President



Greetings to everyone. It's a marvellous gift, surely, to know that we, too, born and making our way through lives in this country, as truly as anyone, have our own family histories, our own connections, linking *back* into past centuries, and *sideways*, to networks of relations living today, and to wider group identities. We're not just flotsam bobbing around in a meaningless sea; clan societies like this help us to know and value who we are.

It is quite an honour to take over the role of President from Fay Chisholm, who has ably held it for the first ten years. Back in late 1993, she herself and Douglas Chisholm took the initiative to found the Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand, and to negotiate with the officers of the parent society, the Clan Chisholm Society in Scotland, to affiliate with this larger organisation as a national branch. They invited "All who are born Chisholm; all children of persons born a Chisholm; all children, one of whose ancestors was a Chisholm; all men or women married to a member of the Society," to join this New Zealand branch; and its inaugural meeting took place in the Connolly Hall, in Guildford Terrace, Wellington, on 19 February 1994. Fay became its first President, Douglas the Secretary and Treasurer, and Audrey Barney the Clan Historian. They have very gallantly asserted a Chisholm presence at a variety of Scottish cultural happenings and inter-clan gatherings over the years, among the representatives of other Clan associations.

Fay and Douglas, and more recently Fay's husband Michael, taking over from Douglas, have kept the show on the road very nobly, since then, including the compiling and sending forth of thirty-three newsletters. Barry and myself, then, and our committee members, have quite an act to follow.

Audrey has laboured heroically, with help from a dozen others, in discovering and writing-up a wealth of family history. Her first book, *Chisholm Pioneers in Colonial New Zealand*, came out in April 2001, telling the stories of something like twenty-nine couples, or individuals, who ventured out to this country and got themselves established here. With this groundwork established, she produced a book on the pioneer-poet *Jim Chisholm* in 2002; and this year sees the launch of *Chisholm Cameos*, about the family of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, whose descendants include Audrey and myself.

The challenge is there, then, for someone else in the Clan to take, to do the research, the networking, the writing, to produce a similar book on one of our other major Chisholm families. We will need someone to take over from Audrey as Clan Historian, when she is ready to pass this role on - and maybe to work with her in the meantime. Could you do it? Think about it! Contact her!

And meanwhile, there is plenty of energy building for the international publication project, called for now, at least, *The Chisholm Chronicles*, with the central movers and shakers in the USA and Canada. Even though the New Zealand contribution to this primary volume may not eventually constitute a large proportion of it, we need to throw in our own stories.

Look too at our international clan website, www.ClanChisholmSociety.org, managed by Helen Chisholm Black in the USA, but with a New Zealand sector.

The gathering in Wellington on Saturday 13 November 2004 will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival in New Zealand of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, and will be of special interest for his descendants, yet all Chisholms and other Society members are welcome. If you wish to attend, contact Anne O'Regan at AnneO@hot.co.nz or Jan Peleton at peleton@paradise.net.nz.

All best wishes

John C. Ross

A warm welcome to
our new members

New Members

Ian Chisholm and Bev Chisholm, son and daughter-in-law of David Hill Chisholm who arrived in New Zealand around 1898-1900

Derek Chisholm, whose great-great grandfather was Robert Chisholm who arrived in Auckland with his grown-up family in November 1854.

Ann O'Regan, great granddaughter of Joseph Wilson Chisholm, who arrived in Wellington in November 1854 (2 weeks before Robert!!)