

CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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FALL/WINTER 1990

Fellow Clansmen,

Fall has faded into winter here in New England and we have been fortunate that temperatures have remained mild. We did have a dusting of snow for Christmas and snowcover briefly before warmer weather and rain prevailed. While we are enjoying holiday activities among our families and friends let us take a moment to count our blessings. Please say a prayer for those who are not at home during this special time of year -- especially our military troops so far away. May those oft sung words "PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN" be heard throughout the world.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 1991

The International Gathering will be held in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia in 1991. This will be the fourth time it has played host to this event. Summer will be one filled with festivities starting with the official opening during the annual Nova Scotia International Tattoo to be held in Halifax from July 1 - 7. Toward the middle of July "the flagship" of Scottish events, the Antigonish Highland Games take place from July 12 - 14. This is the oldest Scottish festival in North America. Note that Clan Chisholm Day is Tuesday, July 9 for our Nova Scotia Branch in Antigonish. The calendar of events for the entire summer is packed full of Scottish festivals, carnivals and games. As their ad says "Come to Nova Scotia in 1991 and see first hand. The pipes are calling..."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A sampling of events is included in this issue. Chisholms will be represented again at Dunedin, FL; Glasgow, KY and in NH at Loon Mtn. Why not bring your family to one of these events? Come and show your support and colors!

SCOTTISH EVENTS 1991

Jan.

12 Orlando Highland Games P.O. Box 2149 Orlando, FL 32802

Feb.

23 Arizona Highland Games 5219 South 44th Pl Phoenix, AZ 85040

March

2 Southeast Florida Scottish Festival (at Crandon Gardens) Box 633 Miami Shores, FL 33153

April

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- 4 6 Dunedin Games Box 507 Dunedin, FL 34607-0507
- 6 7 Ozark Scottish Festival Arkansas College P.O. Box 2317 Batesville, AR 72501
- 27 28 Atlanta Celtic Festival Oglethorpe University 404-521-6830

May

4 ~ 5 Savannah Games Old Fort Jackson Box 13435 Savannah, GA 31416

to Box 373

June 2 Glasgov, KY 42142

Notes on upcoming Highland Games:

Glasgow Highland Games, Inc. has sent along an official news release proudly announcing that the R.H.R. SeaForth Highlanders will be the featured performing band for the games this year. The titular commander of the SeaForth Highlanders is Prince Phillip of Great Britain and the Field Commander is LTC R. F. Clark.

The original SeaForth Highlanders were raised in 1778 by Kenneth MacKenzie, Earl of SeaForth, Chief of the Clan MacKenzie. John Rory Grant MacKenzie, the Earl of Cromartie, Chief of the Clan MacKenzie and a member of Great Britain's House of Lords will be the Chief of the 1991 Glasgow Highland Games.

The games have expanded to a full week festival which include a Tattoo, Parade, Ceilidh, Tartan Ball and Field Games in addition to world-class performances scheduled. This organization has also formed a committee to bring the Glasgow Highland Games' program to the schools again this year as part of its educational emphasis. This committee is headed by Jeanette Gillenwater.

Local Chisms/Chisholms will staff a tent at the games as they have for the last several years. James E. Gillenvater, our new Chairman, resides in the Glasgov area and is active in Scottish activities such as these games. If you plan to be in the tri-state area during these dates, please join in! Be sure to stop by the Chism Tent and say hello.

The Nova Scotia Branch of Clan Chisholm Society will be celebrating Clan Day on July 9, 1991 in Antigonish. There will be a Cairn Ceremony at 3:00 PM. Many of you have seen this special cairn on visits to Antigonish. A dinner will be held at the Claymore Motel -- Clan hour at 5:30 PM and dinner following at approximately 6:30 PM. There is a nice choice of menu for a reasonable price. A ceilidh will follow dinner. If interested, contact the NS Branch at Box 1263, Antigonish, Nova Scotia B26 2L6 Canada. For those of you who are planning to attend the International Gathering, this might fit into your plans. There are lots of Chisholms in Antigonish and surrounding areas and there is a wonderful Clan Room at the MacDonald Library, St. Xavier's University in town research. There is also an index of births, deaths and marriages taken from old issues of The Casket (which is the local newspaper) that is a great resource for the genealogists among you.

REPORT OF CLAN GATHERINGS AND GAMES

1990 Chism Family Gathering James Chism of Virginia Chapter Clan Chisholm Society in America Dallas, TX Aug. 2 - 4, 1990

This gathering commenced Thursday, Aug. 2 at 9:00 AM in the hotel lobby with Registration and a Melcome Committee which was graciously staffed by members of the Daughters of the Republic of TX. The meeting of the Officers and Board followed. A Genealogy Workshop was held in the afternoon and Mr. Loyd Bockstruck was the guest speaker. He gave an interesting and informative talk about Scottish record keeping, research sources and family customs and traditions. The day's events ended with a Genealogy Meeting which included time for questions and comments about Chism family research, circulation of the Monograph and a special presentation by the 7th TX CSA.

On Friday morning the Opening Session and Memorial Services were held followed by the Business Meeting. An optional tour of Ft. Worth was offered in conjunction with a lunch break for the afternoon. A Texas Bar-B-Que was held in the evening in Grande Prairie with music and dancing under the stars.

Saturday began with the CCSA Breakfast which included Highland Dancing by Maris McCullough Ryan and Courtney Dale as well as a sing along. A group photo was taken by Don Robinson following the breakfast. An optional tour of Dallas and lunch of choice was offered for the afternoon. The evening's activities were planned around the banquet. Entertainment included music by the Dallas Caledonian Pipes and Drums and Scottish country dancing by the Ceilioh Country Dancers of Ft. Worth. Outgoing President Don Robinson took a few moments to reflect, a toast was given and the closing remarks were made by incoming President James A. Chism.

On Sunday, a Devotional Service was held before members and their families headed to the next reunion or for home.

Now that the formal report is over, I can begin the informal one...

It was my pleasure to attend this gathering of Chisms/Chisholms for its entirety. My compliments to the CFA and especially its Dallas area members for their well planned gathering. Don and Ivon Robinson, Faye Chism and Marge Mohler come to mind but others took part in the planning and presentations.

I attended the meetings and workshops and was welcomed by all. Hany familiar names were connected to faces and I met so many wonderful people. I had not previously been able to attend a formal gathering and so I learned quite a bit about the workings of the organization.

Since it was my first trip to Texas, I naturally wanted to take the optional tours. I was not disappointed. Ft. Worth, where cattle is still brought to auction at the Stockyard's Exchange and the rodeo still takes place at the Cowtown Colisium, looked every bit the cowtown of yesteryear to me. Of course seeing a bit of the Chisholm Trail and the mural in it's honor might have influenced that feeling! The Texas Bar-8-Que held at the Pavilion in Grand Prairie was lots of fun —— a true Texas beef barbeque with country music and dancing —— it was like no barbeque I've ever attended here in New England!

Saturday's CCSA Breakfast was a nice way for the members and officers to meet and hear news. I was introduced to the group and spoke briefly. It was my pleasure to watch Maris Ryan perform Highland Dancing and to meet her later. A nice compliment to her performance was the one by Courtney Dale who is just starting out. Courtney is the daughter of Paula and Ray Dale of Elkhart, IN. Both performances were enjoyed by all.

The tour of Dallas included highlights of the city -- the Trade Center, Texas Stadium which is home to the Cowboys, glitsy hotels like the Hyatt Regency and skyscrapers such as those seen in the introductory scenes to the "Dallas" of Eving fame. We also saw Dealy Plaza and the simple monument dedicated to the memory of the late John F. Kennedy. There is also a permanent historical exhibit on display in his honor downtown operated by the Dallas County Historical Foundation. Dallas has made great strides to be known for things other than this tragic event.

We had a shopping and lunch spree at the historic West End District — time to explore the shops in the West End Marketplace and Dallas Alley and eateries that were within walking distance such as Tolberts of chili fame and the Hard Rock Cafe.

Saturday evening's banquet featured more Texas fare -- an excellent meal was enjoyed by all. Judy Kruger from Oregon graciously played some dinner music. The evening's entertainment was Scottish (naturally) -- the pipes and drums vere wonderful and one of their members gave us all an informal lesson on the various parts of their piges and uniforms and fielded questions. The Scottish country dancers vere great -- they gave a brief history of the Scottish Dance Society and of each number they performed. The best part was at the end when they asked for audience participation! Many of our members eagerly joined in for the quick lesson and then danced. It was the first time I had watched this type of dancing up close and I enjoyed it tremendously. In fact, since then I have watched a few groups in New Hampshire and I even joined one group for an evening of informal lessons and

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dancing. It's fun and great exercise. I was huffing and puffing when I finished!

In closing I would like to say thank you to the Chisms for their hospitality. It was a nice blend of Texan and Chism charm. You made me feel velcomed and you generously shared your ideas and family histories -- kinship, friendship and fellowship were experienced by us all!

Submitted by Val Perry

Chism Family Association Officers 1990 - 1992

President James A. Chism

1st Vice President Alma Cochran

2nd Vice President James B. Chism

Recording Secretary Ivon Robinson

Executive Secretary Paula Dale

Corresponding Secretary Paulene Steinbrueck

Dallas Area Chism Reunion Dallas, TX August 5, 1991

We had a wonderful day of visiting and picture taking. A short business meeting was held before noon for the Election of Officers for the next two years. Don Chism of Lubbock, TX was elected President and for the 10th time I was elected Secretary-Treasurer. It will soon be 20 years for me at this job. We had a rainy Sunday for our meeting and several of our members were kind of tired of reunions as they had been attending the James Chism of Virginia gathering as well. Those that had attended gave a glowing report of a good time. Others wished they had more time to attend more meetings. Of great interest to those that attended the Saturday night banquet was the music and dancing. I have hopes of more of our group attending the next gathering in Kentucky in 1992.

We meet each year and our next meeting will be June 9, 1991. Place to be announced later. If any of your readers would like the place and other information, I will be happy to supply this after Jan. 15, 1991. Everyone, regardless of the spelling of the name, is welcome to come.

We are descendants of Adam Chisholme, The Jacobite, and his son David of Hanover Co., VA. We published a book in 1990 called "The Chisz, History of the Chisholme/Chism".

Our member, Mr. John D. Chism, Jr. of 1079 Berkley Drive.,
Clemson, SC 29631 put everything together and had it published. It contains information gathered by many people. Anyone interested may order one from John or me. They are \$56.00 and two or more to the same address for \$49.00 each.



James A. Chism, President of CFA; Val Chisholm Perry, Sec/Treas of CCSA and James E. Gillenvater, Chairman of CCSA at CCSA Breakfast, Dallas Gathering.



Val Chisholm Perry and John V. Chisholm at the New Hampshire Highland Games.

New Wampshire Highland Games Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH Sept. 14 - 16, 1990

The 15th annual NHH6 were held Sept. 14 through 16, 1990. Although rain was forcast, we joined the other Clans in setting up our tent on Saturday morning and remained optomistic throughout the weekend. It was the fifth year that CCSA was represented by a Chisholm Tent at these games.

The featured band was the Pipes and Drums of the Black Watch who performed to crowds throughout the weekend. Other entertainment included The Brigadoons from Canada and Alasdair Fraser, a top fiddler. There were many workshops, demonstrations and lectures scheduled throughout the weekend as well as dance competitions and athletic events. For those looking for some fun events such as amatuer athletics, children's games, songs and stories, Tug of War Challenge and a kilted mile race were included in the activities.

This was the first year that Clan Chisholm was represented in the Kirking O' the Tartan at the Ecumenical Workship Service on Sunday morning. We hope to make it a tradition.

There were lots of new faces and many familiar ones who stopped by to chat or to say hello. It was wonderful to meet so many Chisholms from so many places! Many took advantage of the brochures and reference books on display at the table. Members of CCSA who stopped by included John Chisholm of Nashua, NH; Madeline Chisholm Fricchione of Everett, MA; Evelyn Stafford of Arlington, MA and Tom Chisholm of Hampton, NH. We had a young dance competitor stop at the table to visit and his name was James Chisholm of Tewksbury, MA. He competed in the Beginner 15 and over group of Highland Dancers and he placed! A few "regulars" to the table were Roy and Violet Chisholm of Greenfield, NH and Bill and Norma Chisholm and some of their family from Newton, MA and thereabouts. Special thanks to my parents, John and Chris Chisholm, to my sister Beth Chisholm and her son Chris, to my nephew Jay Chisholm and neice Dierdre Chisholm and to my husband Jack and my children for once again spending the weekend in the mountains and staffing the tent! I couldn't do it without them all.

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with pleasure that I announce to you that the new Chairman of CCSA is James E. Gillenvater, 108 North Green St., Glasgow, KY 42131-2806 (502-651-7161). This news was officially released by the Parent Society in their recent issue of the Clan Chisholm Journal, No. 33, 1990. James served most recently as Secretary/Treasurer of CCSA and he has long been a supporter of our organization and of local Scottish events in Glasgow, KY. He needs no introduction.

I would also like to add that I will be serving as Secretary/Treasurer, effective immediately. I hope to have your continued support to accomplish this task and to continue editing this newsletter.

TIDBITS

Holiday greetings were received from the President and fellow members of the Clan Chisholm Council and from the Australian Branch and I pass them along to you.

Clan Chisholm Journal No. 33, 1990 was mailed in August. If you did not receive one please drop us a note and include your mailing address. This issue has several articles not to be missed. Note that two Family Ancestry Trees as well as Clan literature are available for a small fee from the society.

Hebert Chism has a new address: 1010 E 21st, Ketter Manor, Fall City, NE 68355.

Margaret Truhlar has moved to 321 N 75th St. Ct., Lincoln, NE 68505. She is settled in and helping care for her mother Jessie Chism who celebrated her 94th birthday with family this past year.

Clair and Joan Chism of Lincoln, NE are great, grandparents. Scott and Angie Chism had a baby girl, Ashley, on Sept. 17th. This makes Jessie Chism (mentioned above) a great, great grandmother. Congratulations all around! (Just a note to say that I had the pleasure of meeting this Chism family -- Clair and Joan, John and Joan (Neal's family) and Margaret Truhlar at the Dallas gathering).

Sydney M. Chisholm of Little Compton, RI wrote in October to bring us up to date on news and dues. He recently gave his kilt to his grandson, Chisholm Douglas Hafe, in the hopes of promoting interest in our Clan among the younger generation in his family.

Sally Chisholm of Beverly, MA has called and written with news. On Dec. 2, 1989 her daughter, Ann Chisholm, married L. Joseph Woitkowski and they now reside in Beverly, MA. Also, Sally makes note of her new address: 60 Rantoul St, 603, Beverly, MA 01915.

Bill and Sherry Chisholm sent along an address change: 5216 W 26th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337-1910.

Marjorie G. Douglass wrote to say she and her husband celebrated their golden anniversary on March 18, 1989 and that they continue to travel the USA in their RV (5th year). They spent the summer in Shelburne, VT area but managed to attend the Glasgow, KY games in May/June as well.

Evelyn Stafford of Arlington, MA announced she has a new grandson, Jeffrey N. Hammouri, born Jan. 11, 1990. Evelyn and her sister Madeline Fricchione attended the NH games this year and it was a pleasure to meet them and other members of their family.

Evelyn Chisholm Markgraf of Bend, DR wrote recently to report that she had a close call this summer. On Aug. 2, 1990 the worst wild fire in the history of Oregon broke out. With fifteen minutes varning, she was told to evacuate her home as the fire was dangerously close. She managed to get away in her trailer to a friends home and was evacuated for three days before returning to her own house. Fortunately for Evelyn, three blocks from her home the wind changed the fire into low sage brush and did not harm her home. Many of her neighbors lost everything to this same fire.

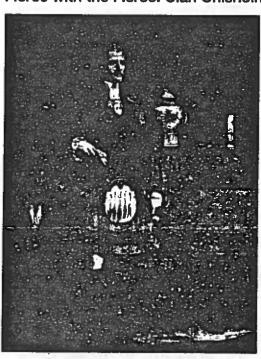
Welcome to new member James H. Chisholm, Sr. of Lexington, MA who attended the NH games in September and joined our ranks as a result! It was nice to talk with you.

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Barbara W. Austin, 25 Park Rd., Dayton, OH 45419 wrote for some help in researching her Chisholm/Chisolm ancesters. (Caroline) Emily Chisolm b. 16 April 1820 in NC and married to E. G. (Esom Graves) Logan. Not sure when or where but they lived for a time in Godsden, AL. They must have moved to Rome, GA because they both died there — he on 24 Feb. 1889 and she on 30 Apr. 1862. If you have any information about EMILY, please contact Barbara.

We encourage members to submit queries and to let us know if they get a reply.

Fierce with the Fierce: Clan Chisholm

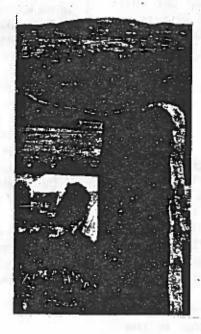


Left: Roderick Donald Matheson Chisholm – the last clan chief in a direct line, who died from tuberculosis at the age of 24. The painting by William Walter Ouless dates from 1887. Below: The Chisholm clan has resided in Affric and the Aird since the 14th century, and the area is deeply imbued with their heritage. The Chisholm memorial, which is situated on Cannich brae – in the area known as Chisholm's Pass – overlooks the house of Comar, the main residence in the barony granted to the clan chief in 1538.

Clan Chisholm is of Norman origin (the name Chisholm translates as 'waterside meadow for producing cheese'). It fought with Robert Bruce in the Wars of Independence and also owned land in the Borders and Perthshire. Powerful marriage alliances brought therm north and to lands in Strath Glass. Their territory bounded with the Mackenzies of Kintali to the west, with the Fraser country to the north and with Clan Grant to the southeast. Fraser-held land in Strath Glass split part of their holding in two, but on the whole both clans got on reasonably well.

The chief's house at Erchless Castle, 10 miles southwest of Beauly, still stands and Comar House, on a minor road half a mile southwest of Cannich on the A831, is owned by the clan society. A memorial caim, the Chisholm Stone, is situated at the side of the road leading from Cannich village to Glen Cannich and the dam at Loch Mullardoch. It overlooks the lands of Comar and Strath Glass.

Chisholms were not people to be readily crossed and their motto, 'I am fierce with the fierce', showed a truculence in the face of those who tried to coerce them. As Roman Catholics, they supported the exiled



Stewarts and were among the most faithful of Jacobite clans, although they had men on both sides at Culloden in 1746 – one of the most tragic of Highland stories. And the fugitive Charles Edward Stewart was hidden in a shleling hut in Strath Glass by the Seven Men of Glen Moriston (who actually numbered eight and included a Chisholm), before travelling to safety in France. The area still has a strong Catholic tradition.

The collapse of the last of the Jacobite risings (and subsequent events) were to leave a distinctive mark on the landscape, which the visitor to Strath Glass sees. After the rising of 1715 petered out, the Chisholms reached an uneasy compromise with the Hanoverian government, and two of the chief's sons, John and James, held commissions in the Hanoverian ermy.

The chief was too old to fight in the '45, but his youngest son, Roderick Og, commanded the Chisholm contingent with the Jacobite army on that fateful field, while 600 yards away across the moor his brothers, both captains, stood in the enemy ranks.

With him was lan Beg, piper to the Chisholms, who stood behind his young colonel and held the clan's legendary Black Chanter, known as 'The Maiden of the Sandel'. It had reputedly been brought from Rome by a chief and was bound with hoops of silver. It was believed to have supernatural powers: tradition had it that if a member of the chief's family was about to die no one could finger a note from it and accounts differ as to whether it was heard that day.

Roderick Og was struck by a cannonball just before the last disastrous charge of the clans and, as he was carried from the field, was hit again, this time fatally. When the battle was over his brothers found his body.

A lovely and deeply moving Gaelic lament for one of the many Chisholms who died that day, William Chisholm of Strath Glass, standard-bearer at Culloden, is still sung today. It was composed by his widow, Christina Ferguson, and entitled Mo run geal og (My Fair Young Love). Fifty years later many of the Chisholm clansmen and their families were forcibly cleared off their land by estate owners, successors of the chief, to make way for the coming of the sheep in large numbers and the newly-created, big sporting estates. The main evictions began in 1801, and 30 years later there was hardly a Chisholm left. Most found their way to Cape Breton, Antigonish in Nova Scotia and Glengarry in Upper Canada (now Ontario). Some went to the United States and married, leaving their name on the map of America, as in the Chisholm Trail (from Texas to Kansas) of cattle-droving fame.

Ruari Chisholm of London sent an article from the Sunday Mail, Discover Scotland, which is full of Chisholm history. It is reproduced here for your enjoyment.

On October 6, 1990 in Abilene, KS a Chisholm Trail Heritage Day was celebrated. The Chisholm Trail was the route from Texas for cattle driven to Abilene, KS for rail shipment East.

Jesse Chisholm is a man whose name will forever be associated with the West -- a trader, explorer and frontierman. He was born in 1805 or 1806 in the Hiwassee, TN area the son of Ignatius Chisholm and his full-blooded Cherokee wife, known only as "Corn Tassel's sister".

He grew up in Arkansas where the Western Cherokee lived until 1828. He later traveled the Red River into east Texas and up the Arkansas into Kansas and returned to the Indian Territory. He became a trader and friend of the Comanchees. He traveled far and wide. In 1936 Jesse married Eliza Edvards, the half Creek daughter of Trader James Edwards. They settled near the junction of the Little River and the Canadian River. His first son, William, was born there in 1837.

Jesse was called upon to help Sam Houston while he was president of the Republic of Texas. Sam relied on his knowledge of the Indians in attempting to bring peace between the white settlers and Indians. Jesse also served as interpreter for the tribes who attended the grand council meeting between the Texas and prairie tribes. Later, he acted as interpreter for President James Polk and the Indians while in Washington.

By 1846, Jesse had married a part Creek woman, Sah-kah-kie (Eliza had died). They lived at Chisholm Springs on the Canadian River.

Even though Jesse never herded one head of cattle up the Chisholm Trail, he deserves the honor for he blazed many trails for those who followed. He also made another niche in American history by representing before US government officials both peaceful and warlike Indians who were badly treated at this time. He was said to speak six Indian languages. He became a successful trader but died suddenly on March 4, 1868 and was buried by his family quickly before they fled the area. In 1930, an Oklahoma historian located the simple grave. A concrete monolith with the original inscription was erected in 1939 by the students of the Greenfield, OK high school.

"Here lies Jesse Chisholm Died March 4, 1868 He never turned away the hungry or cold"

Note that these paragraphs were summarized by me from two sources: The Highlander, Vol. 18, No. 2, March 1980
"The Chisholm Trail" by William N. MacDonald III

and

Chism Family Monograph, 1989 Issue
"Jesse Chisholm: Trader, Explorer, Frontierman"
A project of the Chism Family Assn, James Chism of
VA Chapter, CCSA. Editor, Faye Chism,
1902 Northwood Ct., Grand Prairie, TX 75050

For those of you who aren't familiar with this publication, The Chise Family Monograph is a project of CFA with the purpose of giving the members of the Assn. some information from family bibles, public records, personal letters, etc., which other members of the Assn. have in their files and are willing to share in order to help and encourage you in your own family history and genealogical research.

The article on Jesse Chisholm in the 1989 issue and some other back issues are available for a small fee. Contact Faye Chism if interested in this great publication about Chism/Chisholm families and histories.

Jesse Chisholm





This building mural is found in downtown Ft. Worth, TX and commemorates the Chisholm Trail.

1991 dues can be sent to CCSA, P.O. Box 1091. Keene, NK 03431. It would be helpful if dues were paid by the calendar year (January) to simplify my record keeping. A form is included for your convenience in remitting dues. membership cards are bring printed and will be issued soon.

I will now be able to keep both our membership and mailing lists up to date. Generally, if dues are not paid after one year in arrears, newsletters and Journals will not be sent.

Applications forms are available for those who want to pass them along to potential members -- just ask! We can also send (on a limited basis) complimentary newsletters by request.

FUTURE OF CCSA

Although our family branches may never actually be connected, we do share a common bond -- our mutual interest in our heritage and the desire to pass that knowledge and special heritage on to the next generation. To that end we strive together and do, in fact, connect. Let's try to develop some interest in the younger generations who follow us so that CCSA continues to thrive. I challenge each of you to make a special effort to share our newsletter with someone in your family who doesn't get one; to attend a gathering, reunion or highland games with a family member who has never previously attended one; and to share your genealogy with someone who is interested. By doing these things, maybe the spark will catch and spread.

It is the concern of all of us -- the Parent Society, the Branches and our local Chapters -- that we develop new interest and support in order that we can continue to exist and grow. These thoughts have been expressed at all of our recent meetings.

Our Chairman, James E. Gillenwater and myself have set this as a priority and would be happy to help you along these lines in any way that we can. We may be a small Clan but we are certainly a strong and determined one. Let's grow stronger and change with the times...



MISCELLANEOUS

These fall under the "thought you'd like to know" category:

Lands End Direct Merchants (catalog sales) have something noteworthy in their Christmas 1990 Catalog, Vol. 26, No. 12 on pages 60 and 61. Scottish tartan flannel shirts are available in several popular tartans including the Chisholm Hunting tartan. They are available in 100% cotton, machine washable and they carry men's sizes as follows: Regular in S. M, L and XL for \$26.50, Mens's Tall in M, L and XL for \$20.50 and Men's XXL for \$29.50. You can order toll free at 1-800-356-4444 or by writing to Lands End in Dodgeville, WI 53595. This is not an endorsement for a product but I can say that I have seen and ordered these shirts recently. It's an alternative item available in our plaid.

For those of you who like needle work there is a nice Chisholm Crest available in a counted cross stitch kit from Cottage Crafts, 125 Alabama Ln., Williamsburg, VA 23185. The kit is designed and copywrited by Carolyn A. Topp. I might mention that Doris Chism (Mrs. James A.) of Louisville, KY had a finished one framed and matted to share at the Dallas gathering. I have one in the works. Write to Cottage Crafts for price and details and mention CCSA.

Our Clan Chisholm T-shirts were a big hit at the NH games. An order form with information will be included in the next issue of the newsletter for those of you who would like to purchase

Thank you to those members who contributed to this issue. Some of our "regulars" have not been heard from this time around and we hope that they and their loved ones are well. Keep those letters and reports coming in.

Hope that your holidays were joyous.

In kinship,

Mrs. Val Chisholm Perry

