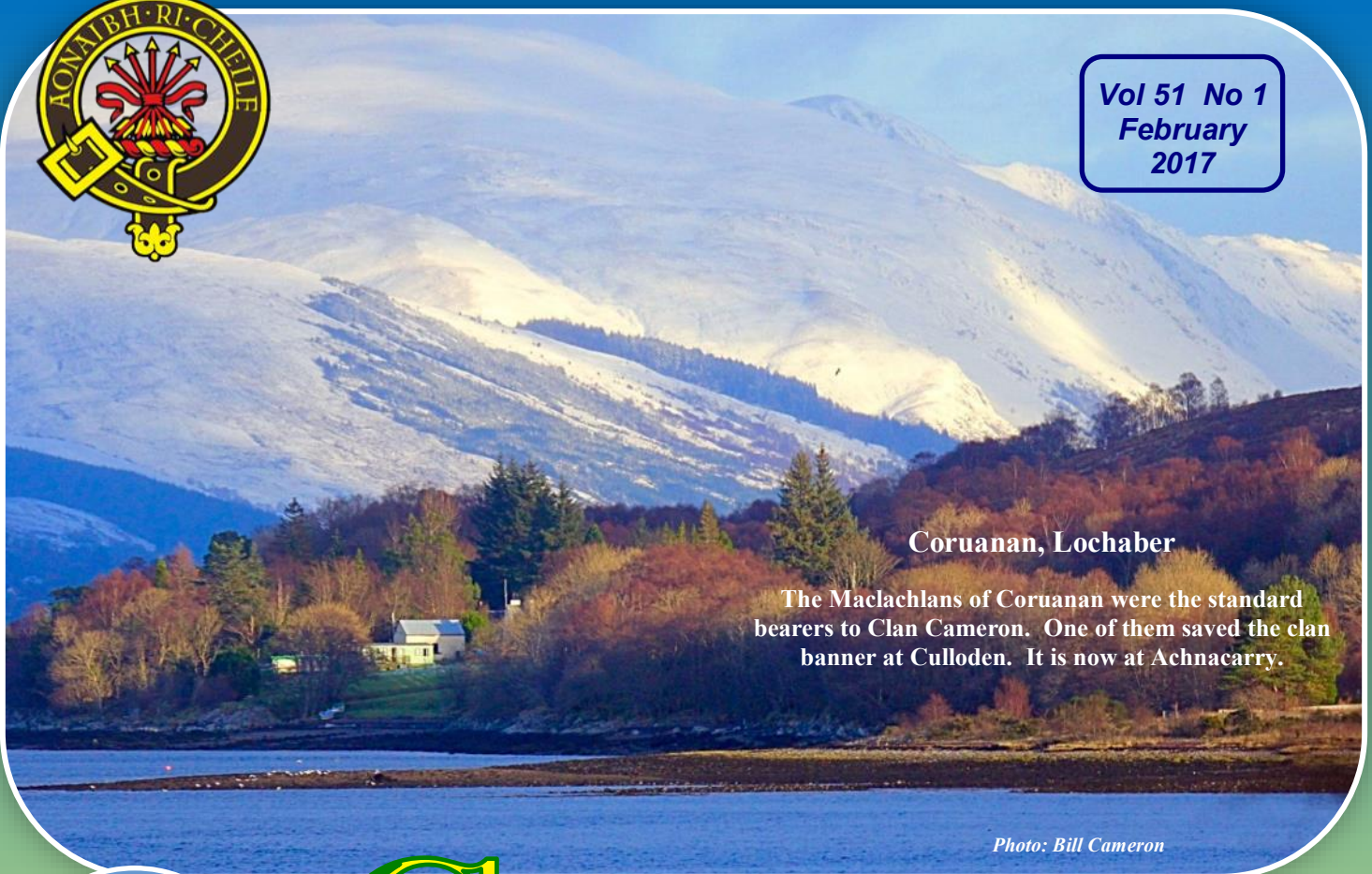




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Coruanan, Lochaber

The Maclachlans of Coruanan were the standard bearers to Clan Cameron. One of them saved the clan banner at Culloden. It is now at Achnacarry.

Photo: Bill Cameron



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Camerons visit the Cameron Highlands Cattle Farm of James and Fay Cameron at Kaukapakapa

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A Message from our Commissioner...

Dear Clansfolk,

At this time of the year I am busy with seed harvesting and because my professional life is plant breeding I thought I would do a little investigation into our clan symbols. Locheil has recently sent us a report on the origins of the five arrows which are incorporated in our clan crest. The other symbols are the rowan tree and the oak. I was curious to do a little research into the rowan tree as my daughter was born with red hair – so it seemed natural to name her “Rowan”. The traditional names of the rowan are those applied to the species *Sorbus aucuparia*, *Sorbus torminalis* (wild service-tree), and *Sorbus domestica* (true service-tree).

The rowan tree is often planted at the entrance of the Cameron home for good luck! At the entrance to our home in Kimberley the rowan tree berries are eaten quickly by birds once ripe, but for humans the berries are poisonous until cooked and processed. The physical characteristics of the tree may have contributed to its protective reputation, including the tiny five pointed star or pentagram on each berry opposite its stalk (the pentagram being an ancient protective symbol). The colour red was deemed to be the best protection against enchantment, and so the rowan's vibrant display of berries in autumn may have further contributed to its protective abilities, as suggested in the old rhyme: "Rowan tree and red thread / make the witches tine (meaning 'to lose') their speed". The rowan was also denoted as a tree of the Goddess or a Faerie tree by virtue (like the hawthorn and elder) of its white flowers.

There are several recurring themes of protection offered by the rowan. The tree itself was said to afford protection to the dwelling by which it grew, pieces of the tree were carried by people for personal protection from witchcraft, and sprigs or pieces of rowan were used to protect especially cows and their dairy produce from enchantment. There is documented instances as late as the latter half of the twentieth century of people being warned against removing or damaging the rowan tree growing in their newly acquired garden in the Scottish Highlands and Ireland.

Rowan has had a wide range of popular folk names, the most well-known being mountain ash. Its old Gaelic name from the ancient Ogham script was Luis from which the place name Ardlui on Loch Lomond may have been derived. The more common Scots Gaelic name is caorunn (pronounced choroön, the ch as in loch), which crops up in numerous Highland place names such as Beinn Chaorunn in Inverness-shire and Loch a'chaorun in Easter Ross. There were strong taboos in the Highlands against the use of any parts of the tree save the berries, except for ritual purposes. For example a Gaelic threshing tool made of rowan and called a buaitéan was used on grain meant for rituals and celebrations. The rowan's wood is strong and resilient, making excellent walking sticks, and is suitable for carving. It was often used for tool handles, and spindles and spinning wheels were traditionally made of rowan wood. Druids used the bark and berries to dye the garments worn during lunar ceremonies black, and the bark was also used in the tanning process. Rowan twigs were used for divining, particularly for metals.

The berries can be made into or added to a variety of alcoholic drinks, and different Celtic peoples each seem to have had their favourites. As well as the popular wine still made in the Highlands, the Scots made a strong spirit from the berries, the Welsh brewed an ale, the Irish used them to flavour Mead, and even a cider can be made from them. Today rowan berry jelly is still made in Scotland and is traditionally eaten with game.

I would be interested to hear from any of our Clan folk if they have used or still use recipes using the rowan tree berry – something for a future magazine article perhaps!

Best Wishes,

Nick.



Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:

Wellington/Wairarapa: Tim Clarke

Masterton

Ceud Mile Fáilte

Auckland:

Bob and Sue Cameron
Blake Cameron
Desmond Cameron
Darren and Chizu Ebbett

Papakura
Auckland
Dargaville
Auckland

*One Hundred
Thousand Welcomes*

What do you want from Membership? *By the Editor*

I am writing this with some experience having served as president of the Auckland branch for 15 years, National president for 5 years and Newsletter Editor for 11 years.

For some time I have been worried about the slow but steady decline in membership which I have observed as distributor of the magazine.

We are very lucky as a clan. We hail from Lochaber, one of the loveliest parts of Scotland, our Chief is very approachable and is unique among chiefs in still owning a substantial part of the ancestral clan lands. We have the First Light Scheme, which has generated many friendships, not only among the First Lighters, but between many who have enjoyed reciprocal hospitality in both our countries.

Many of us have joined our Clan Association to find out more about where our ancestors came from and meet socially with folk with that common interest. It is not just an excuse to prance around in a kilt but a genuine desire to learn about our history and traditions.

We have noticed that the many who remain members do not take part in any branch activities. Why? Are we too busy

these days or are we not planning the right kind of functions or visits?

Catherine Cameron tells me that registrations for our Annual Gathering, scheduled for Masterton in April, are very slow. This is a time each year when Camerons from all over New Zealand get together for an AGM, a day of social interaction and a dinner in the evening. A lot of work is put into it and it is very disappointing to find few folk attending.

I experienced that disappointment myself this last weekend. Our Auckland branch arranged a picnic visit to a Highland Cattle farm way out in the country. It was a wonderful visit and we were made so welcome by our Cameron hosts. But only 16 folk came, mostly committee and their families. Where were the other 75 families in our branch? They missed something special.

If we are going to continue to spread the word we need more support, not only in visits and functions, but in assistance at Highland Games and other events where we tell others about our culture and history. Perhaps you may be able to help.

If we are organising the wrong sort of activities, please let your committee know. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

As a man very much in the news might say "Let us make Clan Cameron great again".

Coming Events:

Further events and details on our web site

Saturday 11 February 2017 9am
24th Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo

The Cameron tent will be there
www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz

Sunday 26 February 2017
Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival

Dean's Bush, Riccarton.

The day comprises of Highland Dancing competition, Pipe-Band competition, Scottish Country Dancing, Clan Alley, whisky tasting, Address to the Haggis and of course a Chief of the Day.

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Saturday 8 April 2017

Clan Cameron Gathering and AGM.

At the Masterton Club.

Registration form is on the website.

"The Annual gathering will be held Saturday 8th April 2017. The Masterton Club is the venue. The Executive meeting will be held first, followed by the AGM, then lunch.

There will be time to visit local places of interest. Currently we are trying to arrange a visit to The Vintage Aviator Fighter Collection at Hood Aerodrome and also the Sports and Vintage Aviation Museum. Shear Discovery and Pukaha Mt Bruce are also worth a visit

The evening will begin with a get together, followed by a Scottish themed meal and entertainment."

Please register as soon as possible. This would really help your Wellington/Wairarapa hosts.

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20-22 April 2018 Gold Coast Queensland

Information on Gathering facebook page as above

Registration of intention to attend form is on our website



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From the Branches....

The views expressed in these reports are those of the writers. Some have been lightly edited.

Auckland by Norman Cameron

The Auckland Highland Games were held at Three Kings Reserve in showery weather. Neil Cameron, Bryan Haggitt, Brian & Norman Cameron erected the tent and Neil then departed to be a guest at the Naval Review. It is one of the few times that Neil has not attended the Auckland Games. Duncan & Jean McQueen took his place. The 2017 Highland Games are being shifted to Ellerslie Race-course.

I did not try and go to the Waipu Highland Games but did send out emails to people interested in the Clan and I appreciate Graham Jones in apologising. Neil and Ruth Cameron, Duncan and Jean McQueen were the Cameron contingent, they signed up three new Members. As President I would like to welcome Blake Cameron, Desmond Cameron and Bob & Sue Cameron and I look forward to meeting you. Florence Cameron from Fort William is here in New Zealand staying with David Cameron her son who was a First Lighter and he and his wife are living in Christchurch. Florence will be staying with Haggitts in the middle of January and is also coming to Waiheke for a couple of days.

When we visited Lochiel in August I gave him the "Blenheim People" compiled by Hugh McPhail and when on arrival home sent Lochiel photos of our visit.

On Saturday January the 21st, James and Fay Cameron invited Clan Cameron and friends to their Highland Cattle farm near Kaukapakapa for a picnic lunch and BBQ.

We had a very enjoyable day with James & Fay supplying all the food and organising a piper Colin MacDonald who played his pipes from a hill on our arrival.

On behalf of the 16 Clansmen and friends I wish to thank James & Fay for entertaining us and showing us their herd of Highland Cattle.

Bay of Plenty by Tanya Cameron

The Bay of Plenty Branch held our Annual Luncheon at the Citizens RSA Te Puke, where 42 members and friends were in attendance. It was lovely to see such a wonderful turn out. Thanks to the BOP Entertainment Committee for all their hard work. To Ray Crafts (our Bard) for being our MC for the luncheon, Janet Crafts for all the extras she provided us on the day including warming the Haggis for us, Joy Cameron for organising the raffles and photo boards for us, Mary-Anne Cameron and Sandra Larsen for the photos they took and of course our Secretary Patricia Cameron and Rex Cameron for all the organising for our new venue. I would also like to again thank Harry Cummings and Team for the Haggis ceremony, and Benno and the Team at Citizens RSA Te Puke for the wonderful job they did trying to understand what we wanted. We had a wonderful lunch with piping and drumming, storytelling (Ray) and a lot of catching up during the musical interludes; I hope fun was had by all. I believe the Team at Citizens RSA Te Puke enjoyed having us and are already planning the next event, or one similar.

We were excited to see our young piper Katrina Williams



and Ashley Williams our drummer put on a couple of such fine items. Katrina Williams piped me in and that was a bit exciting for me. As the new President, Ray Crafts our Bard decided to make my entrance special, which it was. Thank you Ray. Unfortunately, I wasn't as prepared as I thought I was to speak and I forgot to thank our most important people, Denis Cameron for all the time and effort he put in (and still puts in) to his position as past BOP President and Harold Cameron our Patron. Apologies and a big thanks to you both. I am sure the luncheon was a little different to normal but I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and had the opportunity to catch up with each other and that was my plan after all.

Next year we are hoping to have a casual get together early in the new year and enjoy some Clan time together over a potluck lunch. The venue is yet to be confirmed, but the two options so far are Denis and Joy Camerons house or Pukehina. With the Paeroa Games being on the 11th of February 2017 we thought the 19th of February would probably be our first option. More to come, watch this space.

In October I attended the Executive meeting in Turangi, staying over on the Friday night before the meeting on the Saturday. Friday night we set up Clan Cameron Corner at the local pub and had a wonderful meal. Attached are a couple of photos from dinner and our annual Executive Meeting Turangi RSA photo. We had the meeting at the Turangi RSA and it was very well attended. Due to a few changes at the RSA we weren't as organised as we usually are, but it all worked out in the end.

Just a quick note to say that our Website is now up and running and looking great, and our Facebook page is still being well read also.

Safe travels for the holidays and take care of each other.

By Editor—My apologies to Tanya and the Bay of Plenty branch for not printing the above in the December issue. Tanya has now added the few words below:-

Clan Cameron BOP has had a wonderful break over the Summer so far.

I have been house sitting and pet sitting and doing a bit of tidying up around the house.

I hope all is well with our Clan as we head towards our next AGM.

This is just a reminder of our Clan get together in February, which is coming up fast. With the Paeroa Games being on the 11th of February, we thought the 19th of February would probably be our best option.

Canterbury by Rae Magson

We are meeting early on Sunday 29 January before the Ashburton Pipe Band Festival. Our committee member, Nick Cameron will be competing in the Festival. The main aim of the meeting is to discuss our plans for the Scottish Cultural Festival to be held at Deans Bush, Riccarton on Sunday 26 February 2017. In the past we have had a stall and given away haggis, as well as having a raffle. The Internet tells us that this is an annual event taking place in February. As the Canterbury Burns Club had indicated the event would be too much for them, a committee was formed from members of the Scottish Society of NZ, Canterbury Caledonian Society, Canterbury Burns Club, Scottish Country Dancing, Highland Dancing, Christchurch Pipe Band Centre and the Canterbury Scottish Heritage Council representing



Clan Societies. The day comprises of Highland Dancing competition, Pipe-Band competition, Scottish Country Dancing, Clan Alley, whisky tasting, Address to the Haggis and of course a Chief of the Day.

Otherwise we have been resting on our laurels, and enjoying some summer weather.

Hawke's Bay by Helen Shaw

On Thursday 8th December we gathered at The Clansman Motor Lodge for our Christmas get together and enjoyed a couple of hours of rest and relaxation as the busy rush of Christmas and all that it entails drew near. Leigh and Maree our lovely Cameron hosts, greeted us with warm hugs and smiles and set the mood for a very happy evening. Mention **must** be made here of Leigh's culinary efforts. His large platter of famous Southland Cheese Rolls, warm and crispy as, were the star of the evening. Yum! We shall return Leigh! Though we were small in number, due to some members having other engagements, we had a happy and convivial time together. With good friends, good food, good wine and happy conversation – what more can you ask for? Happy New Year to you all.



Manawatu by Jessie Annabell

Reminding members that our AGM is on Sunday 5 March at the lovely Mt Lees reserve at 12 midday. As usual it will be a potluck lunch. Those who have attended before will know that it offers wonderful protection from whatever weather El Nino chooses to throw at us. We look forward to seeing you there.



—and by John Cameron:—

Square day this year turned out a lovely day with no wind or rain. Bryan and I got there early (6am) to secure a prime spot to put up our gazebo.

While we prepared to start the solo piping and drumming competitions were in full swing - piping and drumming, music all a round us for the next two or three hours - great! Our team were arriving during this time and we started to cook and sell our sausages, haggis and steak sandwiches. It was a small team but an efficient one. They were Barbara and Bryan Barber, Dean and Jo Cameron with son Daniel, Roz and Ewen Grant, Harry Lampen-Smith, Anne Walker, Sonia Cameron and son Bruce Cameron, and myself. It was a very successful day, a good spot with lots of people passing and buying. We had competition but we did OK.

As the vice president I wish the above a very big thank you for the great effort you made on the day. If I have missed out anybody my humblest apologies and also a big thank you.



Iar (North Island Western Area)

By Shona Wallace

Our branch met in Wanganui in early December for a Xmas get together and lunch. We met at Springvale Gardens and Cafe which we can really recommend. Lovely atmosphere and meal. We sat out in the courtyard under shade and had a very enjoyable time with some members doing a round of the plants later and leaving with a good haul!

We will be meeting in late February for our AGM which



will be held at Turuturu Road with a pot luck luncheon. Date to be arranged.

Otherwise we are cruising along with not a lot happening. However we do wish everyone A Happy, Healthy New Year.

Wellington/Wairarapa by Rob Cameron

A reminder to all to send in your registration for the Annual Gathering and AGM in Masterton on 8th April. It will help us to finalise planning if we know the numbers. The programme and the Registration Form have been placed on our website. Please give us your support.



The Waipu Highland Games by the Editor

Ruth and I set the tent up on New Year's Eve ready for a fine New Year's Day with little wind and temperatures in the high 20s. A large crowd of well over 5000 attended and we were kept busy answering questions and talking about our Scottish heritage. Duncan McQueen was there for the day - (I don't know what we would have done without him) - and Jean and Sarah, who had been competing in the Highland Dancing, helped to dismantle the tent. A successful day, with three new members signed up.

Waipu was founded when preacher Norman McLeod and his followers landed here in 1854 on their pilgrimage from the Scottish Highlands. They had set out for Newfoundland but found it too harsh there and then moved on to Australia which didn't suit them either. McLeod's son had gone on to New Zealand. They followed after favourable reports. This migration took from 1817 to 1854. One of the later ships was the *Spray* which carried the only Cameron settler.

The ships stopped at Waipu Cove from where the settlers moved up the river to build and begin their new lives. Norman McLeod was a tough leader making huge demands of his followers. He established the Highland Games as a way that the Scots could keep their heritage. They have been held at New Year ever since, growing in stature and popularity each year. Run by The Caledonian Society and held on their park land in the middle of the town of Waipu they have become an iconic reminder of their Scottish origins.

The Heavy weight Competition is the highlight of the day. It is hoped that Waipu could be the site for the Heavyweight World Champs on the 150th anniversary of its founding. The caber toss, the hammer, the sheaf toss, the 22lb stone are all there with their origins going back centuries when Scottish lairds used them to ascertain the fitness and agility of the local men for their band of soldiers.

Jacko Gill, a shot putter at Rio Olympics, threw the 22-pound (nearly 10kg) stone 15.6m to break the old record of 13.7m set by previous Highland Heavyweight Competition 13-time winner Pat Hellier, who is now a judge.

Jacko Gill also came first in the 16-, 22- and 28-pound hammer throw and the 56-pound weight for distance events, and became Heavyweight Champion of the Games.

Clan Donald was the 'Host Clan of the Games' and led the parade. They also performed a spirited Haggis Ceremony in front of their tent to a delighted audience.

If you are in the Far North on holiday what better way to enjoy a wonderful day. We look forward to seeing you there on January 1st, 2018.

(Thank you to Pat Hadlee of the Waipu Caledonian Society)

Waipu 2017



Above: Some of the large crowd



Clan Donald perform 'The Address to a Haggis' in front of their tent



The Avenue of the Clans



The Heavyweight Caber



Jacko Gill, the Heavyweight Champion of the Games



Olympian Jacko Gill throws the Hammer



The Massed Highland Fling - photos this page by Duncan McQueen and the Editor

More Pictures from the Past....



The Two Molly Camerons

Mrs Molly Cameron (left), the wife of the BOP and foundation president, Charles Cameron, and Mrs Molly Cameron, wife of the NZ president, Donald Cameron 'claymoring' the 50th Jubilee cake at the Clan Cameron NZ dinner held in Tauranga on 12 December 1985.



Executive Council members at the Gisborne AGM 1991

From Left: Denis Cameron (BOP, Secretary), Bruce Cameron (Wellington), Donald Cameron (Wairarapa, NZ President), Harold Cameron (BOP), Neil Cameron (Auckland), Edgar White (Gisborne), Graeme Cameron (Wellington, Treasurer)

Left: Lochiel and Lady Margaret Cameron being piped in by Ray Crafts during their visit to Tauranga in 1986



Jenny Mair Highland Square Day



The Cameron tent ready for business at Palmerston North. In the foreground are (1) Anne Walker, Daniel Cameron, (2) Jo Cameron, Roz Grant, Ewen grant and Harry Lampen-Smith (at table), (3) John Cameron preparing appetising food while Jo Cameron and Brian Barber look on.



The Scot's College Highland Pipe Band

Photos by Dean Cameron

The Road back to Invermallie

Places in Scotland where John 'Mor' Cameron lived prior to his 1840 emigration.

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PREAMBLE: No unequivocal record exists for the birth of my great great great grandfather John 'Mor' Cameron (also known as Big John). The accepted narrative is that he grew up on the holding of Inver Mallie (the modern spelling - older spelling variations included Invermallie, Invermally, Invermealy and Innermaly). Big John's gaelic-speaking grandfather, Alexander Cameron, was the Tacksman for Inver Mallie from 1762 to 1804 - when he was evicted. Whilst much has been recorded and written about Alexander, very little survives in the Scottish record about Angus 'Mor', Big John's purported father (Doak, pers comm, 2016).

During a recent 19-day road-trip through Scotland in August, 2016, my wife and I spent 3 days staying at the Achnacarry Steading Apartments (in 'Curlew') and 2 days down at Lochaline in the parish of Morvern. I had earlier met with Chris Doak, the clan historian in Glasgow, then later with Iain Thornber at Lochaline and finally with Alex du Toit at the Lochaber Archive Centre in Fort William. All three gentlemen were very helpful, offering me further insights and providing me with either new research material or references to the location of new material for my genealogical journey.

My initial aims included visiting the places where my great great great grandfather, John 'Mor' Cameron, 'Big' John, lived. With some certainty I envisaged visiting both Inver Mallie (4 km WNW from Achnacarry) and Achnagown (5 km north from Lochaline village). Of the four localities for which I had paper records in some form, I was certain, not only of the geographic locations of these two, but also of their relevance to Big John. So, the aim of this article is to give the



Frontispiece: The house that Alexander Cameron built - a view looking west showing 'Invermallie', now used as a bothy and maintained by walking groups. It was built in 1776, after Alexander Cameron's original house burnt down (1775) during a family absence. This is the only surviving building at Inver Mallie from the times of the Lochaber evictions and I am suggesting that Big John spent many hours in his grandfather's house - hence my connecting Big John to this house.

reader a summary of my understanding to date of where Big John lived; and then to take the reader to Inver Mallie.

BACKGROUND: Big John spent the first ?22 years of his long life (?over 100 years) initially on his grandfather's farm or elsewhere within the larger holding at Inver Mallie in the parish of Kilmallie. His Grandfather was Alexander Cameron who died on 24th December 1831 aged 95, as we read on his tombstone epitaph in Old Kilmallie Cemetery, 23 August. With Inver Mallie's close proximity to Achnacarry, Big John would have developed a strong association with Cameron history and the broader Cameron narrative. This was a locality with which he clearly identified for the rest of his life, despite the fact he spent the remaining 80 years of his life away from Inver Mallie. He even called his property near Wanganui, on the Turakina River, 'Invermallie'. We can make a partly speculative table of where he lived:

TIME	LOCALITY	COMMENTS
c.1778 - c.1801	Inver Mallie (and/or nearby on the southern shore of Loch Arkaig), parish of Kilmallie.	There is one surviving building - Big John's grandfather's house, built in 1776 after his first house burnt down. This 2-storey house is now used as a walkers' bothy.
c.1801 - 1806	Unknown localities (probably in either the parish of Morvern or the island of Lismore).	We know that his grandfather Alexander Cameron, Tacksman, 1762 - 1804 (Doak, <i>pers comm.</i> , 2016), was evicted from Inver Mallie in 1804. Big John also had to meet Janet McGregor somewhere prior to their 1806 marriage in Morvern; I am guessing on the island of Lismore where Janet grew up.
1806 - 1815	Drimnin crofts parish of Morvern.	Whilst there are some surviving croft ruins in Drimnin, records have not been fully explored to date (Thornber, <i>pers comm.</i> , 2016). According to the Old Parish Records (<i>ScotlandsPeople</i>), Big John and Janet had their first four children here and these four eldest children did not sail on the <i>Blenheim</i> with the rest of the family.
1816 - 1833	Achnagown crofts Now appears as Coire Achadh nan Gamhna on modern topographic maps, parish of Morvern.	Area also referred to as Achnagouna in Old Parish Registers (OPRs) in <i>ScotlandsPeople</i> . Big John & Janet had their next 7 children here; we have OPR records for 5 of these 7 children. This area was well-regarded farmland until the Forestry Commission established a Sitka spruce plantation over the whole region in the 1940s (Thornber, <i>pers comm.</i> , 2016).
1834 - 1840	Achranich crofts Now part of Artornish estate, parish of Morvern.	There are no preserved croft ruins, and no old records (either known or made available) on early 19th century Artornish tenants (<i>ibid</i>). So there is no surviving croft to visit. Old Parish Records indicate that Big John's two ☆ youngest children were born here.

VISIT TO INVER MALLIE: In my earlier emails with Astie Cameron (Estate Manager), Astie also noted that there would be no problem with my walking to and exploring Inver Mallie for the day. Where did Big John play, walk and later work two centuries ago? I was about to find out. So, on Sunday 21st August 2016, I, retired geologist and bionic man, partly supported by a metal left knee replacement, set out on the 4 km walk to Inver Mallie along the southern shoreline of Loch Arkaig. It was not long before my Nikon was clicking in all directions - the road to Inver Mallie is a picturesque one. Early along this track, one passes the locked gate leading up to the burial place for Cameron Chieftains - a graveyard I hope to see one day.



Photograph 1: The road to Inver Mallie, looking west. Loch Arkaig is downslope to the right.

The road to Inver Mallie is a single-lane dirt track. The track is relatively flat and gradually rises above Loch Arkaig to one's right (Photograph 1). To one's left is a moderate to steep hill-slope that is thickly wooded with closely spaced trees - birch?, rowan?, aspen?, pine? - I have no idea what I am photographing but to my antipodean eyes it is an other-worldly hillside. At ground-level, the hillside is a carpet of moss- and grass-covered peat (see Photographs 2 & 3), with the moss and grass being ultra-green.



Photograph 2: Although a ?deer-proof fence follows this road on the upslope side, in places one can clamber up and poke the camera through the fence to record hillslopes covered with a thin layer of peat that is in turn covered with grass and moss.

I find it fascinating that forest peat actually forms on the hillslope and in turn drapes over scree rocks and fallen trees. A convenient recent 'mini' quarry along this track shows this feature in the cross section in Photograph 3: grass over peat over probable glacial scree material, in turn over hillslope scree material



Photograph 3: A small roadside quarry (or 'borrow pit') which provides a convenient cross section showing grass and moss growing on a thin layer of black forest peat, which overlies glacio-fluvial deposits which overlie

hillslope colluvium (hillslope scree material), immediately behind the camera backpack,.

Then I happened on a small bridge over a narrow deep creek with a waterfall cascading in steps down over metamorphic rocks of the Loch Eil Group (Photograph 4). These Pre-Cambrian rocks are older than 542 million years (British

Geological Survey, 2007), yet the rock faces that I am looking at were scraped clean only 11,000 years ago during the last glaciation.



Photograph 4: Looking upslope to the south - this waterfall flows over Pre-Cambrian (ie. very old) metamorphic rocks of the Loch Eil Group.

Closer to Inver Mallie, one comes to a red-roofed, grey-blue and white cottage, locked but with furniture inside, clearly casually occupied from time to time. Close by is a gate attached to a drystone and lime-mortared wall, perhaps an old boundary between Achnacarry and Inver Mallie - the workmanship involved in this wall still impresses (Photograph 5).



Photograph 5: First impressions are that this is a drystone wall; only on closer inspection is a recessed lime/cement mortar evident. I am guessing that this may be the original boundary between Achnacarry and

Invermallie. The flat faces of these rocks are a natural feature resulting from joint planes (see also Photograph 13).

A little further on, this road emerges from this very green woodland out into the open countryside, and then one sees Inver Mallie. Simply put, one sees a building in a picturesque delta now used only for occasional grazing (Photograph 6). That it was once a farm is not readily evident until one looks at old maps and can see the surrounding cultivated areas (Morison, 1774. SCRAN: Image 000-000-547-868-C).



Photograph 6: This view to the north is taken from the new road south from the bothy and shows Inver Mallie in the middle distance. Also shown is the lower delta area of the River Mallie. This was once a small fertile thriving farm. William Morison's 1772 and 1774 reports on the Annexed Estate of Lochail which included Inver Mallie (Innermally)', not only describes an active cultivation area closer to Alexander's house but also describes the problems of cattle breaking their legs whilst grazing, both in the nearby marshy terrain and in holes resulting from fallen trees. Morison's accompanying plan also shows a number of other buildings, presumably the crofts of sub-tenants.

To be continued ★

Dr. Archie Cameron - Part 3

A Highland Gentleman to the end

by Bill Cameron

A messenger was sent with a note from old Achnacarry House in July 1745 by Lochiel to find his brother, Dr. Archie Cameron. The note would inform him that Prince Charles Edward Stuart had landed at Loch nan Uamh and that he was to meet with the Prince and present a neutral stance with regards to the likely-hood of him trying to regain the British crown for the House of Stuart.

It maybe of interest to note that when word was given to Lochiel that the Prince had arrived in Scotland, he was at that time overseeing the planting of a new avenue of beech trees alongside the river Arkaig. Although some of the original beech trees have fallen, many of them can still be seen today, with one or two of them bearing more recent historical scars, when they were both shot at, and had metal pegs inserted for climbing up during the commando occupation of Achnacarry during the second world war.



Dr. Archie's fateful meeting with the Prince that day would play a pivotal role in the Jacobite Rising of 1745, eventually leading to Lochiel coming around to supporting the Stuart cause. As a result of this, over eight hundred Camerons were gathered from various glens throughout Lochaber and beyond as they marched alongside Dr. Archie and Lochiel over the hills to Glenfinnan in support of the Stuart cause.

On the 19th of August 1745, Charles Edward Stuart, in the presence of hundreds of

Highlanders, raised the Jacobite standard and declared his intentions to claim the British throne for House of Stuart. Had it not been for the support of the clan Cameron, then the Prince's campaign may never have started.

Again it may be worth mentioning within the present day context that the nearest Saturday to the 19th of August sees the commemoration of this significant historical event with the annual Glenfinnan Gathering. This well attended Highland



Games event includes a march from the Glenfinnan monument on to the games field. The march is led by an honorary chieftain who goes on to make a speech on the games field, and then declares the games open. After which a standard is raised - in today's case it is the saltire.

Although the Glenfinnan Gathering has its historical roots in the events that took place back

in 1745, the gathering itself was resurrected by Mrs Cameron-Head of Inverailort back in the 1950's. The Clan Cameron Association Scotland has always had a presence at this event, continuing right up to the present day.

The much written about adventures of Prince Charlie in his campaign to regain the throne for the House of Stuart covers a lot of ground throughout Scotland, and indeed far down into England. Throughout this time Dr. Archie is depicted as a loyal physician to the Prince, as well as faithfully attending to many casualties on both sides who were injured throughout the campaign.

It is recorded that Dr. Archie was himself wounded at the battle of Falkirk whilst attending to other soldier's injuries. Shot in the chest with musket ball, the shrapnel that was too difficult to remove from his chest, meaning he would be troubled with the injury for the rest of his days.

To be concluded in the next issue.



Left: Part of the Beech Avenue at Achnacarry, laid down in July 1745.

Above: Offering a bit of Highland hospitality outside the Cameron tent at Glenfinnan.

Below left: Lochiel watches over the tug of war between Achnacarry and Conaglen Estates at the Glenfinnan Gathering.

Below right: Members of the Clan Cameron Scotland gathered at what is believed to be the spot where the standard was raised on a knoll above the games field. The rock has a Latin inscription which was added some time after the 45.



A Family at War

by Mike Topham



Mary Florence Cameron was born in 1849 at Assynt, Scotland, the first child of Donald McPherson Cameron (1818 – 1883) and Ann McGregor (1822 – 1911)

Mary and her parents emigrated to Australia in 1854, then to Southland New Zealand in 1859.

On the 4th April 1878 at Riverton, Mary married Eric Kenneth Findlater MacKay. He was also born in Scotland c 1841 and came to Southland around 1860/62.

Their second son Eric Victor MacKay, Born 1882 a Schoolteacher, enlisted with the Otago Infantry Regiment in 1916. He trained in New Zealand and arrived in England in July 1918 and was moved to Etaples, France in October. On the 23rd of October 1918 Eric was killed in action at Le Cateau, near Romeries, Northern France during the New Zealand Division attack across the St. Georges River. Nineteen days later on 11th November 1918, war ended. Sergeant Eric V. MacKay S/N 46839, Age 35 was buried at Romeries Cemetery, Nord, France.

Eric's younger brother Leslie Donald MacKay born 1883, also a Schoolteacher, enlisted with the Otago Infantry Regiment in September 1917. After training in New Zealand Leslie disembarked in London on the 4th October 1918 with the 41st Reinforcements. Missing hostilities, but taking part in occupation duties Leslie returned to New Zealand and was

finally discharged 21st October 1919. Eric returned to the School teaching profession. He died 1st May 1955 and is buried at Riverton. Leslie did not marry.

Eric and Leslie's sister Annie Johanna MacKay was born at Makarewa, Southland on 3rd June 1880.

Annie qualified as a N.Z. Registered Nurse in 1908. She enlisted with the N.Z. Army Nursing Service in July 1915 and was sent to Egypt where she served at the New Zealand Hospital at Port Said, nursing many of the men who had been wounded at Gallipoli.

On October 1915, along with 35 other N.Z. Nurses, she boarded the British Troop Transport Carrier the "Marquette" at Alexandria and they sailed for Salonika, Greece. Also on board were male staff from the N.Z Medical Corps, and 500 British troops. In all there were 741 persons on board.

On 23rd October 1915 the "Marquette" was hit by a German torpedo and quickly sank with the loss of 167 lives, including ten New Zealand Nurses. Annie MacKay spent several exhausting hours on a life raft before being rescued. After further Nursing service in Egypt and Britain, Annie returned to New Zealand when War ended and served at the Trentham Military Hospital. She later returned to private Nursing in Southland.

For her Wartime Nursing Service, Sister Annie MacKay received the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, The Victory Medal and the associated Royal Red Cross Medal. Annie Johanna MacKay died at Riverton, Southland on 6th November 1960. She did not marry.



Commemoration

ROBERT CUNNINGHAM BRUCE 1842 - 23 April 1917



Ewen Grant and Robert Bruce at the Memorial

AIM: "To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the death of **Robert Cunningham Bruce** - AB/seafarer, gold prospector, author, orator, Rangitikei settler & farmer, conservationist, benefactor, MHR Rangitikei 1884 - 1890 & 1892 - 1893"

DATE: 23 April 2017 pm

LOCUS: The Bruce Reserve, Turakina Valley opposite 'Ngaruru' the former home & farm property of Robert C. Bruce

The Commemoration for Robert C. Bruce (RCB) is an event to which the public is invited. The occasion should appeal to those who are interested in Rangitikei history, conservation and the contributions of a significant settler of his time. Robert and his family settled in Turakina and he left a big mark in New Zealand preserving native bush.

Organised by: "Friends" of the Rangitikei, Manawatu & Whanganui districts

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John Archibald Cameron

By Joanne Cameron (Manawatu)

Below is a photo of Dean's Gt Grandfather John Archibald Cameron on his mount "Larrikin" which he rode to win the 1896 Caulfield Grand National Steeplechase. The same race the following year riding Larrikin again both horse and rider came down and the poor horse was killed! He had the title here in NZ of the steeplechase jockey with the most number of horses who died while been raced! Not such a good claim to make I think...

John was the son of Alexander & Jemima Cameron nee MacDonell of Turakina...



Picture from the Australasian of August 15 1896



Aonaibh ri Cheile *The Back Page*



Waipu Highland Games—Where were the Camerons?
Left: Glenis Cameron with Neil in the opening march.
Right: Alone in the Street March. Left: The Street March through
Waipu. *Photos by Duncan McQueen*



Hawke's Bay Christmas Lunch. From Left: Hamish and Joan Cameron, Trish Topham, Maree Cameron, Helen Shaw, Kay Little, Ian Cameron, Tony and Shane East, Mike Topham.



Piper Colin MacDonald plays on the hill overlooking the farm.
Photo: Editor



A great day on the farm. Camerons visit the 'Clan Cameron Highlands' Cattle Farm owned by James and Fay Cameron at Kaukapakapa, Auckland. Florence Cameron, from Lochaber, said "just like being home". A story about the farm was in the October 2016 magazine. *Photos: Duncan McQueen.*

