

River Aux Raisin  
18<sup>th</sup> May, 1814

Dear Allick,

Your letters of the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> April I had the pleasure of receiving after each of had laid a long time in the Post Office at Cornwall. By the first I am happy to find that you met with so many friends of mine at ?? Henry. I hope you will take care to make friends for yourself wherever you go and leave some behind whatever place you happen to leave in case you may return to it again. You depend upon the friends of your own making are by far the most valuable. You wish me to give you a sketch of your genealogy so that if you meet with any country people of mine at Newfoundland you may be able to give an account of yourself. Should you meet with any such, tho' I think you will not (at Newfoundland) you may tell them that my father was John McLean Heisker in North Uist. (commonly distinguished by the name of Ian Mack Gillespie Oig). That he lived at a place called Mull called Mingary, upon the Laird of Colls Estate. That he came to live in Mull when he married my mother, whose name was Catherine and who was daughter of the Reverend Mr. John McLean and sister to the Reverend Mr. Alexr. McLean ministers of Kilninian and Kilmore. You will meet with very few who can remember either my father or mother, for my father returned to Uist, his native country in 1776 and my mother died in 1772. I have none but distant relatives by my mother, living in Mull. She had but one brother, Mr. Alexr. Afore mentioned, and two sisters, who lived to have families. General Lauchl. McLean at present Quarter Master General in the West Indies, and a Mrs. Campbell in London are the only surviving issue by my uncle. My Aunt Ann had two sons and two daughters all of whom I believe are dead. Her son Archd. Was a great merchant at Dantsick, her son John a merchant at Norfolk in Virginia. She was married to a gentleman of her own name and of the family of Lochbuy latterly – but to a gentleman of the family of Coll first – who was father of all her children. She has had several grandchildren by her daughters, one of whom was married to a McLean – the other to a McDonell. Of the latter there is a daughter in Lower Canada married to a Sergeant Major McLean, late of the Canadian Regiment. My Aunt Mary, married to Mr. McLean of Calgary left three sons and two daughters – one only of the sons is living and has some handsome situation in the Custom House, I believe in London. Of her daughters, one was indifferently married, the other Isabella lives an old maid in Mull. Col. Archd. McLean of Scour and I are second cousins, which is all the relations I know of in Mull. It is however possible that you may meet with some people North or South Uist – to these you may say that your grandfather was son to Gillespie Oig of Ryaker and brother to Lanchn. of the same place, being a branch of the Bororay family. I cannot give so particular account of my father's family as of mother's, having never been in Uist. My uncle Lauchlan left a numerous family – most of the sons, if living are now in Jamaica. My aunt Mary was married to Mr. McDonald of Bornish Hoochruch of South Uist and left three sons Ronald, Dougall and Archd. and one daughter, Christy. The first of these sons now enjoys the estate. My father had, besides a brother and sister, Archd. and Barbara from whom there is no living issue. I am happy to understand by your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> April that there is a prospect of your being a Lieut. I hope you may not be disappointed. A sudden pause might blast your expectations, as I think it's probable your Regiment would be immediately reduced – if you had once the step, I would use my utmost endeavors to get you into a Regt. of the line and you ought to make all the interest you can for the same purpose – but do not by any means let your intentions be known until you are promoted as it might give offence.

had helped in the surveying of Toronto Township in 1800.  
Land records show that Alexander received a gratuitous grant in Chinguocousy Township for Lot E1/2 27 in Concession 3ECR on July 24, 1821. His residence was shown as Charlottenburgh for some unknown reason. This lot was sold in 1825. Again on February 9, 1824, Alexander received another free grant in Chinguocousy Township, Lot N1/2 27 in Concession 3EHST.

+Mary MacDonnell d: 1849

She was a daughter of Hugh MacDonnell of Lot C/4, Roxborough. He was a soldier in K.R.R.N.Y. and an United Empire Loyalist. Mary was given a grant of 200 acres of land - Lot 2, Concession 4, in Chinguocousy Township, Peel County, Ontario.

Mary Chisholm, his wife, as a daughter of an Empire Loyalist, received in Chinuocousy Township, Lot 2, Concession 4WCR on March 3, 1819. Her residence was given as Cornwall. She was granted a patent on this lot on March 15, 1822. On February 20, 1823, Alexander sold this lot to Timothy Street for \$3300. One half of this lot was purchased 44 years later by Kenneth Chisholm when he purchased the Eldorado Mills.

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- ..... 2 Mary Jane Chisholm
- ..... +Thomas MacDonald b: in Glengarry County, Ontario
- ..... 2 Izabella Chisholm b: Abt. 1824 d: May 15, 1840
- ..... 2 Alexander Chisholm b: 1825
- ..... 2 Kenneth Chisholm b: March 17, 1829 in Toronto Township(Mississauga), Ontario d: September 26, 1906 in Brampton, Ontario
- ..... +Margaret Elliott b: Abt. 1823 in March 5, 1861
- ..... 3 Mary Jane Chisholm b: Abt. 1851 d: December 05, 1929
- ..... +W. H. McFadden b: October 13, 1851 d: January 21, 1916
- ..... 4 William Douglas McFadden b: April 10, 1882
- ..... \*2nd Wife of Kenneth Chisholm:
- ..... +Mary Ann "Minnie" McMaster b: Abt. 1837 in Beamsville, Ontario d: 1904
- ..... 3 Kenneth Alexander Chisholm b: May 27, 1866 d: October 17, 1911
- ..... 3 Douglas H. Chisholm b: Abt. 1867
- ..... 3 Catherine "Kate" Chisholm b: Abt. 1868
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Now, back one generation where the mention of a Hugh and Catherine MacDonell is made.

Descendants of Kenneth Chisholm

- 1 Kenneth Chisholm b: Abt. 1755 in Strathglass, Scotland d: March 05, 1851

Kenneth received patents on April 21, 1797, on two lots of 100 acres each, described as East 1/2 Lot 7th Concession and East 1/2 Lot D, 8th Concession (Source: Register for Land Patents, G5 5572)

According to the records of St. Andrews Catholic Church, in St. Andrews West, Stormont County, Ontario, Kenneth was interred on March 7, 1851. Presumably, he died on March 5 as per Father George May's entry which reads as follows:

This seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, I, the undersigned Parish Priest, have interred in the cemetery of this Parish the body of Kenneth Chisholm, the fifth instant, aged eighty five years. Were present John\* (?) Chisholm, Donald McPhail, Alexander Chisholm and several others

George A. Hay

\* The first name is practically illegible but it appears to be John.

+Flora MacKenzie

On March 1, 1810, Flora Chisholm purchased West 1/2 Lot C, Concession 4, Cornwall Township. This lot was part of a grant of 450 acres from the Crown to Sir Alexander MacKenzie (fur trader and explorer) in 1807. On May 19, 1819, Kenneth Chisholm and Flora Chisholm sold this lot to Ewen Cameron. This sale was registered on July 17, 1819.

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- ..... 2 Issabella Chisholm b: July 1807 d: July 1807

A couple of entries of interest from the First Parish Register of St. Andrews Church are as follows:

Baptisms (1807, page 90)

"In the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, I, the undersigned priest have baptized Isabella, lawful daughter of Mr. Kenneth Chisholm and Flora MacKenzie of the North Branch, seven days old

Child died in five days after. It was buried without Mass  
the father who never complied with paying his titles. Sponsors - Hugh McDonell and his wife Catherine  
McDonell.

1807 July 17 ?"

( I have either forgotten to record the priest's signature or it

was illegible)

Deaths - 1807

"Kenneth Chisom's daughter, Isabella, 12 days old, buried the 29th of July after being baptized on the  
25th - was buried without Mass or ecclesiastical ceremonies because the father gave no notice to the  
priest well after 5 in the evening and the priest was absent".