

# *Descendants of Alex Chisholm*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. ALEX<sup>1</sup> CHISHOLM was born in Strathglass, Scotland, and died 1822 in Black River, Nova Scotia. He married ISABEL CHISHOLM. She was born in Strathglass, Scotland, and died in Black River, Nova Scotia.

Notes for ALEX CHISHOLM:

From "The MacLeans of Duart in Scotland":

In the year 1818 Alex Chisholm and his wife Isabel and their family emigrated from Strathglass, Scotland to Antigonish, Nova Scotia. They took up land at Black River (now known as Black Avon) at the farm where their great grandson, Colin Chisholm (brother of John A. Chisholm) would later live out his years. They had a family of 6 children. Their brave start in building a home, clearing, and cultivating the land was saddened by the death of Alex just 4 years after their arrival. Isabel and her children courageously strove to provide a living under great difficulties in their primeval new home of Canada. It was a case of facing life with great determination.

Notes for ISABEL CHISHOLM:

Mary, the eldest daughter, married Alex Grant at Calcedonia Mills, about four miles distant by a trail through the woods. Isabel set out one afternoon in winter to attend her daughter, who was soon to be confined (an old figure of speech meaning she was close to giving birth). The trail was covered in snow and difficult to follow, and she lost her sense of direction and perished of exposure in the woods.

Children of ALEX CHISHOLM and ISABEL CHISHOLM are:

2.
  - i. DUNCAN "BIG"<sup>2</sup> CHISHOLM, b. Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1896.
  - ii. MARY CHISHOLM, b. Strathglass, Scotland.
  - iii. ANNE CHISHOLM, b. Strathglass, Scotland; m. DONALD MACLEAN, 1843.
  - iv. CHRISTINA CHISHOLM, b. Strathglass, Scotland.
  - v. ISABEL CHISHOLM, b. Strathglass, Scotland; d. Jul 1879, Black River, Nova Scotia; m. WILLAM "BEC" MACDONALD; b. Kitarlity, Inverness, Scotland; d. 1893, Black River, Nova Scotia.

Notes for WILLAM "BEC" MACDONALD:

Came to Nova Scotia from Scotland on the "Superior of Peterborough" with his parents, Donald and Janet MacDonald.

- vi. CATHERINE CHISHOLM, b. Strathglass, Scotland.

## *Generation No. 2*

2. DUNCAN "BIG"<sup>2</sup> CHISHOLM (ALEX<sup>1</sup>) was born in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died 1896. He married CATHERINE CHISHOLM in Glassburn, Nova Scotia.

Notes for DUNCAN "BIG" CHISHOLM:

Duncan was well known as "Big Duncan" because of his large stature. He lived in his parents original home at Black Avon, which was passed on to his grandson Colin Chisholm at his death. He married Catherine Chisholm, daughter of Sandy Chisholm "The Miller" of South River.

Children of DUNCAN CHISHOLM and CATHERINE CHISHOLM are:

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  - i. JOHN W.<sup>3</sup> CHISHOLM, b. 1866, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1935, Heatherton, Nova Scotia.
  - ii. COLIN CHISHOLM, b. 1860, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 01 Nov 1889, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.
  - iii. ALEX CHISHOLM, b. Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. Providence, Rhode Island.
  - iv. CHRISTINA CHISHOLM, b. Glassburn, Nova Scotia.
  - v. ELLEN CHISHOLM, b. 1865, Glassburn, Nova Scotia.

## *Generation No. 3*

3. JOHN W.<sup>3</sup> CHISHOLM (*DUNCAN "BIG"<sup>2</sup>, ALEX<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1866 in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died 1935 in Heatherton, Nova Scotia. He married (1) MARY "MINNIE" CHISHOLM in Heatherton. She was born 1878 in Black River, Nova Scotia, and died 1972 in Glassburn, Nova Scotia. He married (2) CATHERINE MACDONALD. She was born 1871 in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died 05 Oct 1893 in Heatherton, Nova Scotia.

Notes for JOHN W. CHISHOLM:

His first wife, Catherine MacDonald, died at age 22 while giving birth to their child. Sadly, the baby also died. He went on to marry Mary "Minnie" Chisholm and have 9 healthy children.

Notes for MARY "MINNIE" CHISHOLM:

Minnie was the Glassburn, Nova Scotia Postmistress. The post office was located in a spare room of her home. She was first cousin of Msgr. Finlay Chisholm and Rev. Donald Chisholm. Finlay Chisholm was a parish priest in Antigonish while his brother Donald was a parish priest in Cape Breton.

Notes for CATHERINE MACDONALD:

Died in childbirth at age 22 along with her child.

Children of JOHN CHISHOLM and MARY CHISHOLM are:

4. i. JOHN ALEXANDER<sup>4</sup> CHISHOLM, b. 05 Oct 1906, Heatherton, Nova Scotia; d. 24 Jan 1977, Brockton, Massachusetts.
- ii. CASSIE CHISHOLM, b. 1899, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1980, Florida; m. GERRY CLARK, 1974, Florida; b. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; d. Florida.

Notes for CASSIE CHISHOLM:

Married her husband at the age of 75. Worked as a secretary for the Army in Washington D.C. during World War II.

- iii. FLORENCE CHISHOLM, b. 1903, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 17 Oct 1993, Antigonish, Nova Scotia; m. GOTTFRIED; d. 1945, Germany.

Notes for FLORENCE CHISHOLM:

Taught school in Antigonish before moving to the states to work as a domestic for a rich New York family with her sister Jennie. Her husband, a man by the name of Gottfried, was killed in an accident in Germany in 1945.

5. iv. MARGARET CHISHOLM, b. 1900, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1985, Brighton, Massachusetts.
- v. JENNIE CHISHOLM, b. 1908, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1988, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Notes for JENNIE CHISHOLM:

Taught school before going to the states and working as a domestic in New York. Was afraid of a "young lout" in her class-a young man by the name of Richard Long.

- vi. BERNARD CHISHOLM, b. 1913, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1970, Heatherton, Nova Scotia; m. MARY QUIRK.

Notes for BERNARD CHISHOLM:

Worked the docks in Halifax for several years before returning to Heatherton. Married Mary Quirk and had 5 children.

6. vii. MARY CHISHOLM, b. 1912, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1998, Heatherton, Nova Scotia.
7. viii. ANNA CHISHOLM, b. Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. Mar 2006, Everett, Massachusetts.
- ix. COLIN CHISHOLM, b. 1904, Glassburn, Nova Scotia; d. 1973, Heatherton, Nova Scotia.

Notes for COLIN CHISHOLM:

Worked as a lineman in the states in the early 1920's. Was a Corporal in the Army during WWII. Rode a motorcycle. Returned to Glassburn in 1944 to take over the family farm.

Child of JOHN CHISHOLM and CATHERINE MACDONALD is:

- x. INFANT<sup>d</sup> CHISHOLM, b. 05 Oct 1893, Heatherton, Nova Scotia; d. 05 Oct 1893, Heatherton, Nova Scotia.

*Generation No. 4*

**4.** JOHN ALEXANDER<sup>4</sup> CHISHOLM (*JOHN W.*<sup>3</sup>, *DUNCAN "BIG"*<sup>2</sup>, *ALEX*<sup>1</sup>) was born 05 Oct 1906 in Heatherton, Nova Scotia, and died 24 Jan 1977 in Brockton, Massachusetts. He married MARY LONG 03 Aug 1933 in Roxbury, Massachusetts, daughter of JOSEPH LONG and SARAH GILLIS. She was born 1909 in East Erinville, Nova Scotia, and died 10 Feb 1990 in Brockton, Massachusetts.

Children of JOHN CHISHOLM and MARY LONG are:

- i. JOHN JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> CHISHOLM, b. 11 Jun 1934, Cambridge, Massachusetts; d. 15 May 2006, Nashua, New Hampshire; m. BRIDGET NEITZEL, 05 Aug 1961, Germany; b. 1929, Germany.
- ii. JOAN ANN CHISHOLM, b. 08 Oct 1936, Providence, Rhode Island; m. BRENDAN WHOOLEY, 26 Apr 1961, Roxbury, Massachusetts.
- iii. DONALD WILLIAM CHISHOLM, b. 24 Nov 1942, Roxbury, Massachusetts; d. 05 Jun 1994, Nashua, New Hampshire; m. PATRICIA CARSON, 06 Jun 1965; b. 06 Jun 1945.
- iv. RITA MARIE CHISHOLM, b. 31 Dec 1944, Roxbury, Massachusetts; m. JAMES MACNEIL, 02 Oct 1965, Roxbury, Massachusetts; b. 20 Aug 1940, Christmas Island, Nova Scotia.
- v. JEAN CLAIRE CHISHOLM, b. 22 Aug 1947, Roxbury, Massachusetts; m. ROBERT JONES, 18 May 1968.

**5.** MARGARET<sup>4</sup> CHISHOLM (*JOHN W.*<sup>3</sup>, *DUNCAN "BIG"*<sup>2</sup>, *ALEX*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1900 in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died 1985 in Brighton, Massachusetts. She married JOSEPH DUNN. He was born 1903 in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and died 1970 in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Children of MARGARET CHISHOLM and JOSEPH DUNN are:

- i. DONALD<sup>5</sup> DUNN, b. Boston, Massachusetts; d. 1977.
- ii. JACK DUNN, b. Boston, Massachusetts.
- iii. ROBERT DUNN, b. Boston, Massachusetts.
- iv. PAUL DUNN, b. Boston, Massachusetts.
- v. JEANNIE DUNN, b. Boston, Massachusetts.

**6.** MARY<sup>4</sup> CHISHOLM (*JOHN W.*<sup>3</sup>, *DUNCAN "BIG"*<sup>2</sup>, *ALEX*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1912 in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died 1998 in Heatherton, Nova Scotia. She married RONNY "LAUCHY" MACDONALD. He was born in Heatherton, Nova Scotia, and died 1951 in Heatherton, Nova Scotia.

Notes for MARY CHISHOLM:

Ran a gas station with her husband.

Children of MARY CHISHOLM and RONNY MACDONALD are:

- i. BASIL<sup>5</sup> MACDONALD, b. Heatherton, Nova Scotia.
- ii. GAIL MACDONALD, b. Heatherton, Nova Scotia.
- iii. JUDITH MACDONALD, b. Heatherton, Nova Scotia.
- iv. GWEN MACDONALD, b. Heatherton, Nova Scotia.

**7.** ANNA<sup>4</sup> CHISHOLM (*JOHN W.*<sup>3</sup>, *DUNCAN "BIG"*<sup>2</sup>, *ALEX*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Glassburn, Nova Scotia, and died Mar 2006 in Everett, Massachusetts. She married ANGUS MACDONALD 1947. He was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and died 1951.

Children of ANNA CHISHOLM and ANGUS MACDONALD are:

- i. ELAINE<sup>5</sup> MACDONALD.
- ii. JOHN MACDONALD.