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Looking along Loch Eil from Carn Dearg.

Lochaber in Winter 2015/16 - *Two images by Bill Cameron*

Blue but Beautiful



View from Bunarkaig, just down the road from Clunes. The view looks across Loch Lochy to Ben Nevis.

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A Message from our Commissioner...

Dear Clansfolk,

I hope you are all faring well in spite of the weather. In the north of New Zealand the Highland games had to be largely downsized at Waipu because of extreme winds, although the piping and dancing events were still able to be run inside. The summer school for pipers and drummers from throughout the country run at St Andrews College was apparently very successful last week and the contest season is now upon the piping community in the lead up to the “Nationals” in Fielding which will be run from the 11th to 13th March 2016. We have a piping contest in Ashburton on the 31st January and another on the 20th and 21st February in the Octagon Square in Dunedin with Riccarton Bush one week later on the 28th February. The Clan will be providing its usual free haggis and shortbread on this day at its Clan tent.

It was nice to see that Michael Fraser-Milne has been able to relocate his shop “Whisky Galore” finally back to his Columbo Street site in Christchurch five years after its destruction in the earthquake. Michael has Cameron ancestry and was a founding member of Clan Cameron Canterbury. The shop is greatly expanded and incredibly well stocked for those that are interested.

Julie and I have now booked our flights and accommodation at The Park motel for the National AGM at Hawera for April 9th – we will drive up from Wellington in a rental so if anyone needs a ride up on Friday please let me know. We will drive back to Wellington on Sunday.

I am competing this Easter in Hastings - so look forward to seeing the Hawkes Bay Clan tent underway again.

Over the pre-Christmas period Julie and I had my 92 year old Uncle John Cameron to stay who taught us how to cook new potatoes – his method involves a good knob of butter and even sized potatoes and NO WATER cooked at a low heat with frequent shaking of the pot with a lid. The old adage of listening to your elders certainly was worthwhile in this case. As my two and a half year old grand-daughter Andrea says “I want eat” and “Yum”. Uncle John served on the mine sweepers during WWII mainly across the Dover Channel and served with a John McLeod from Stornoway. Upon hearing this detail the local taxi driver who picked up John, Fiona and I at the airport at Stornoway for John’s 90th birthday to take us to the town “turned off his meter” and gave us a local tour. His name was “McLeod”!! We stayed on Finlay street literally on the site of John’s fathers birthplace. An amazing coincidence.

Best wishes and a happy start to the new year.

Nick.



Programme for the 51st National Gathering and AGM - April 9 at the Hub, Hawera

8.30am Executive meeting and executive breakfast.

10.am Morning tea

10.30am AGM

12.30 -1.30 pm Lunch

Free afternoon for taking in sights or resting

5pm Happy hour. Cash bar.

6pm Haggis ceremony and beginning of entertainment followed by dinner and further entertainment.

Raffle to be drawn

Registration Forms can be obtained by email from the Editor.

2016 Pipe Band Nationals

Feilding. Friday 11 March 2016 9:00am
and Saturday 12 March 2016 9:00am

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2016/national-pipe-band-championships/feilding>

Next Magazine Deadline is 15 March

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Matron Cameron *by Kathleen Stringer*

Archivist, Ashburton Museum.

For those who watched the docu-drama *Anzac Girls*, the name Marquette may be familiar.

While it didn't affect the main characters in the story, it had an impact on them and was portrayed briefly.

For those who didn't watch the series, the Marquette was a troop transport and in October 1915 was en route from Alexandria to Salonika in Greece, when she was torpedoed and sank in less than 15 minutes, with the loss of 167 lives. On board, in addition to a large number of British troops, was the No 1 NZ Stationary Hospital, which included 36 nurses of the NZ Army Nursing Service. 10 of these lost their lives.

Being an old girl of Waitaki Girls' High School, I was familiar with the event as one of the nurses who drowned was Isobel Clark, who also attended Waitaki. Each year girls of that school compete in an essay writing competition that bears her name.

Some time ago I came across a photograph of three nurses which had on the back "Miss Davis, Sister Gates and Nurse Cameron - a survivor of the Marquette". I had assumed that as Nurse Cameron looked quite spritely she had visited the hospital - maybe on a talking circuit.



Just proving that one should never assume and that our archive has so many untapped stories; I recently found this image of Miss Cameron looking not so well.

On investigation it transpires that Nurse Cameron was actually Matron Cameron - who was acting matron on the Marquette when it was

torpedoed. An Australian, Marie McNaughton Cameron worked in New Zealand. Indeed, when she enlisted, she was matron of St Helen's Hospital in Christchurch.

She was severely injured and fractured a number of ribs and caught pneumonia.

Articles in the nurse's magazine *Kai Tiaki*, suggest she was also suffering from what today we would call post-traumatic

stress disorder and at some stage she also suffered a stroke.

After hospitalisation in Port Said, she was shipped back home to Christchurch, where she stayed in a private hospital for just over a year. In May 1917, Matron Cameron was transferred to the Ashburton Hospital. She stayed there for a month or so before leaving again for Christchurch.



Although the first image I saw showed a "much improved" Matron Cameron, according to records she was partially paralysed for most of her life. She stayed in New Zealand for a period of time but returned to Australia - residing in hospitals as a patient. She was honoured by a number of groups including the Red Cross. In 2008 her family donated her medals to the Nurses Chapel in Christchurch.

It is interesting to know that someone who played a significant part in one of the little known stories of World War One stayed in Ashburton and that she was obviously well respected by her nursing colleagues.

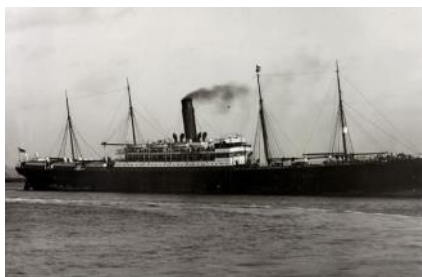
Photos: The Ashburton Museum



The Marquette by the Editor.

October 23 was the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the troopship *Marquette* by a German submarine in the Aegean Sea, with the loss of 32 New Zealanders. Most of these victims were nurses or medical staff of the No.1 NZ Stationary Hospital.

This incident caused great public



outrage in New Zealand as hospital staff should have been on a protected hospital ship, one of which left port on the same day to sail on the same route.

At NZ Government insistence, all future movements of medical personnel were done by hospital ships.

Photo: National maritime Museum.

Coming Events:

(See facebook page for details and other events)

Saturday 13 February 2016

Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo

Paeroa domain from 9.30am. Join us for the Clan march to the town centre at 11am. The Cameron tent will be there.

Info: www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz

Friday 18 March 2016.

Auckland Branch AGM and Barbecue

Parnell Cricket Club, Shore Road, Remuera. 6.30pm.

Please let Jenny know if you are coming and if you are bringing a sweet or a salad.

Meat provided. No charge but donation to defray costs welcome.

Jenny: 09 524 5254 bchecho@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2016

The Hawke's Bay Easter Highland Games

Lindisfarne College, Pakowhai Road, Hastings.

You will be sure of a great welcome at the Cameron tent.

Enquiries to Mike Topham 06 879 8215

Saturday 9th April 2016 51st AGM and Gathering

Venue: The Hub Hawera. Entry off Waihi Road or Camberwell Road.

There are a number of motels in Hawera with four on Waihi Road close to the venue. <http://www.southtaranaki.com/Visit/Accommodation/Hawera-Accommodation/>

We hope many will attend and enjoy their time in Hawera.

We have confirmation that the Black and White café which is on the northern outlet of Hawera, will be open for breakfast from 8 am on Sunday 10 April - this would be a good opportunity to have an informal chat and catch-up with Clan gossip before heading off.

From the Branches....

Auckland by Norman Cameron

I attended the Auckland Highland Games on November the 23rd which was held on a showery day with the Highland dancing held indoors. When we were due to dismantle the tent down came the rain and Neil had to dry out a very wet tent. We gained two new members Bruce & Lynn Cameron who I hope to see more of.

Dorothy Cameron-Gavin who Clan Cameron made a Life Member in 2005 celebrated her 80th birthday on the 19th of December. I was unable to attend but other members enjoyed her party.

Duncan McQueen very kindly offered to take me to the Waipu Highland Games on New Year's Day but unfortunately they were cancelled because of the weather, except for the Highland Dancing and Piping which moved indoors. It was the first time that Neil and Ruth Cameron have not attended the Waipu Games since 2002.

On the 18th January six members of the committee including Jean McQueen, Jenny Haggitt and Jill Cameron visited Waiheke Island for a luncheon organised by the Norman. Unfortunately Neil Cameron who had never visited Waiheke was unwell on the day. Included in the party was Florence Cameron from Scotland. Florence is the mother of David Cameron, late of Auckland and now living just out of Christchurch. The photos that might appear in the magazine will be the courtesy of Duncan McQueen and Jenny Haggitt.

We also had an meeting to make a date for our AGM which will be held on Friday the 18th March at the Parnell Cricket Club Pavilion, the meeting will be followed by a BBQ. It was decided at the meeting to hold the Branch mid Winter dinner on Saturday the 26th of July at the Quality Hotel (Barrycourt) Parnell.

Bay of Plenty by Denis Cameron

Our very best wishes to all members, families and friends for the New Year and hope you all have enjoyed the best of health and company over the festive season.

The Bay of Plenty Branch has had a quiet time over the holiday period but know many of you have had a busy time with your families.

I would like to remind you of the Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo which is to be held on Saturday 13th February at the Paeroa Domain from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Any assistance at the Clan Tent during the day would be much appreciated. The Clans March to the Town Centre will take place at 11 a.m. led by the Pipes and Drums of Thames Valley. There is plenty of entertainment planned for the day which will conclude with the Evening Tattoo from 6:30 pm to 9 pm approximately.

I will conclude with the 2015 quote of the year delivered by Jake Bailey, the Head Boy from Christchurch Boys High School in his address at the final assembly.

“Here’s the thing – none of us get out of life alive. So be gallant, be great, be gracious, and be grateful for the opportunities that you have.”

Canterbury by Rae Magson

Late in November 2015 our Annual General Meeting was held in Ashburton with a good attendance, including Garry Clarke who had attended from Alexandra. President Nick welcomed all present, and the Annual Reports were read. Nick Cameron was congratulated on his election as New Zealand President of the Clan Cameron, also his new grandson. The Election of Officers was held and we welcomed our new President Colin Cameron, who along

with wife Isobel, was not long home from visiting his daughter, Shona in Scotland. There was discussion on the Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival to be held at Riccarton Bush on 28 February, as usual we will have a stall and be giving haggis away. This seems to bring in interested people. After all the business was concluded members then departed to the Stables Restaurant for lunch. The next meeting is to be on 31 January before the Piping Event in Ashburton, this will to mainly organise the stall at Riccarton Bush.

Hawke's Bay by Helen Shaw

On 10th December we held our Christmas gathering at The Clansman Motor Lodge, Hastings where we were greeted by our sartorially splendid Host Leigh, in his newly acquired Scottish garb purchased on his recent trip to Scotland. (Report from Leigh below)

Even though numbers were small, fine wine, fine food and good company made for a very convivial evening and was enjoyed by all. Our warmest thanks once again to Leigh and Maree for their sterling hospitality.

Members of the Hawke's Bay Branch extend warmest wishes and congratulations to Shane and Tony East on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30th December.

and by Leigh Cameron -

We had the pleasure of taking a 6 week vacation to the UK during September and October and were able to take in a couple of games in the Rugby World cup. We travelled to Paris, Lucerne, Bormio and onto Rome where we picked up a Cruise for 7 nights visiting Naples, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Marseille, La Spezia. We returned to London, took a roady around Devon and Cornwall finishing in Bath.

After attending the quarter finals watching the All Blacks thrash the French at Cardiff we then took a train to Scotland and stayed in Edinburgh for four nights. What a beautiful city - Edinburgh Castle is amazing, the Royal Britannia was well worth the tour, the buskers with their bagpipes on the street corners added to the atmosphere. A highlight was our morning walking the Royal Mile visiting all the kilt makers before making our final purchase - a full scottish regalia of the Cameron kilt and accessories. I have proudly worn my kilt already and look forward to many more occasions - its taken 60 plus years but got there in the end.

Manawatu by Jessie Annabell

Square Day 12th January,

It was warm and sunny, extremely busy and successful. Our Clan Cameron tent was on a new site, with much more foot traffic, and at times we were overwhelmed by the number of people wanting our food. Bryan and Barbara Barber and John Cameron worked their socks off and we are very grateful for their enthusiasm and experience – grateful, too, to Jo and Dean and Daniel, Kerry, Sonia, Roz & Ewen for their help. Along with our regular haggis sandwiches and sausages, this year we introduced steak sandwiches and bottles of water which proved very popular.

Branch AGM February 21, 12 midday

Our branch AGM is again at the lovely Mount Lees Reserve on February 21st at 12 midday. As usual, please bring something for a shared lunch. We encourage you to do the short bush walk, just the thing for after lunch on a hot day, so bring footwear to suit.

Feilding Pipe Band Championships, Kowhai Park, Feilding Saturday March 12th.

Feilding is extremely fortunate to be the venue for the annual pipe band championships. It is a 3 day event normally held in the larger cities. The Manawatu branch is planning to have a food stall, just as we do at Square Day, on Saturday 12th March. We will also have a clan tent, possibly not on the same site. We need people to help man both things, particularly between 10am and 2pm so, if you can spare an hour or so, please contact Bryan, who is coordinating the roster, at barber@clear.net.nz, phone 063 54 5811

Gisborne by David Cameron

At the AGM on 30 April 2015 at the Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club., David Cameron was returned President, Barry Hovell was elected Secretary and Georgina Cameron was returned as Treasurer.

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Criomagan (Odds & Ends) by the Editor

Congratulations to Colin Cameron on being elected President of the Canterbury Branch. Colin is a past president of the Auckland Branch and he and his wife Isobel are parents of our initial First Lighter, Shona, who was hosted by Scotland in 2002. Shona now lives in Edinburgh.

Congratulations to Rob and Catherine Cameron of Masterton, whose son Ewen Cameron and his partner Kerryn had a daughter Skye Cameron on 21st August 2015. Their first child.

Ewen works for Lion Breweries as their technical brewer and Kerryn runs their bottling plant

Please continue to send me pictures of clan members for the back page. Articles about Camerons in New Zealand or Cameron history would be very welcome.

Blenheim 175th Picnic

by Rob Cameron and Hugh McPhail

On 27 December 1840 the barque *Blenheim* with its 203 Scottish emigrants finally arrived at Wellington after a voyage of 124 days from Greenock. "The climate would be delightful but for the high winds that prevail", wrote Jessie Campbell (nee Cameron) in her journal. But exactly 175 years later there were no high winds and the day was delightful as nearly 250 picnickers celebrated the anniversary of the event in the grounds of Onslow College in Johnsonville. The Onslow College sports field was transformed into a Scottish picnic gathering with Clan Tents, a stage and a line of wooden banners naming each of the families who were on the ship.

A full programme of events had been organised for the picnickers, many in kilts or their tartan, who thoroughly enjoyed the day.

David Moore was the master of ceremonies for the day, which was formally opened by Ian McKinnon CNZSM QSO JP, a former Deputy Mayor of Wellington, former Headmaster of Scots College and patron of the Victoria University of Wellington Scottish Interest Group. In his witty and perceptive speech Ian recounted the common threads among Scottish emigration to New Zealand, and emphasised that the Blenheim settlers did well and prospered in the new country compared with what they would have faced in the Scotland they left behind.

Descendants of the *Blenheim* families then marched around the field, led by the City of Wellington Pipe Band, behind the placard naming their original forebear. This was a piquant moment as it gave us the chance to remember and celebrate our forbears and to see the legacy they left. Nearly a third of the *Blenheim* passengers were Camerons, illustrated by the 25 marchers behind the banner of Donald and Christina Cameron, one of the larger families represented. Hugh McPhail spoke on behalf of the descendants with a Salute to the Families.

The entertainments began with a Haggis ceremony, complete with the Address to the Haggis by Capt. Robert McMillan and an opportunity to taste the haggis. Throughout the afternoon there were a number of demonstrations of Scottish music, dancing

and skills. Elizabeth Auchinvole on the fiddle, a Highland Dancing display, a Scottish Country Dancing demonstration, and a kilt-making demonstration by Chrissy Tetley, were much appreciated by the crowd. The City of Wellington Pipe Band, led by Marcus Boshier played a medley of tunes. The younger picnickers enthusiastically participated in children's games organised by Rob Cameron and his team of helpers, including, tattie and spoon races, sack races, gumboot throw, caber tossing etc, There was a tug of war, which the children, to their delight, won. The day finished with the lowering of the flag and the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Thus finished a very successful day. It showed us where we came from and why we are proud to be of Scottish descent.

The picnic followed on from the very successful dinners held in Auckland and Whanganui to celebrate the departure of the Barque *Blenheim* on 25th August 1840.

The Scottish settlers on the *Blenheim* were part of the early settlement of New Zealand - building the road between Wellington and Petone, and working in many of the early exploration and surveying parties until land became available. From there they developed and farmed land mainly around the lower North Island, some opened businesses according to their skills, while others went further afield. These people held the first Highland games in New Zealand and brought the first bagpipes to New Zealand.

Thanks must go to the organising committee of David Moore, Hugh McPhail, Roz and Ewen Grant, Lindsay Campbell, Ian Dickson and Rob Cameron. Assistance with funding by the Wellington City Council was much appreciated



Kilt-making demonstration Photo: Julie Dickson

BIG JOHN: PHOTOS, FACTS and TRUTH -- SEEKING CLARITY.

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Earlier background: In recently completing to draft stage a family history of John 'Mor' Cameron and his 5th son Charles (yes - 5th son, email me if curious), both pre- and post- their 1840 emigration, I came across four photos from different sources. Initially, two poor-quality internet-sourced ones of Big John (Photo 2 - now definitely identified) and Janet (Photo 3 - identity still uncertain) and secondly two good quality ones, not from the internet, of Charles (Photo 4) and his wife Catherine with their eldest son, Duncan (Photo 6).

Later background: Following a draft submission to this magazine, Hugh McPhail responded promptly with a number of copies of photographs (made earlier by the Grant family) from Hugh's great-grandmother's photo album. The result from Hugh's timely and generous help is that I now have a definitive identity for the John 'Mor' Cameron photograph, a new photograph of my great great great grandmother Janet Cameron, and a confirmation that the child with Catherine Cameron is Duncan. I also now have other photographs of Duncan as a child and other siblings, as well as an earlier photo of Charles Cameron. Nevertheless, questions for the broader NZ Clan Cameron membership follow most of these photos.

Photographs 1a (left) and 1b (right): John 'Mor' Cameron and his wife Janet Cameron (née McGregor) respectively, circa 1870.



SOURCE: From the photo album of Alice McLachlan (née Cameron) currently held by Hugh McPhail, a great grandson of Alice. Photographer: Benjamin Peyman.

PHOTO NOTES: Originally individual *cartes-de-visite*, these two photos

were taken by Benjamin Peyman who operated a studio in Wanganui from 1862 to 1894. These two prints are now approximately 145 years old and are significantly degraded. Hugh McPhail's photo of Big John is now very faded and I have modified it using Photoshop Elements 12. The resulting photo (1a) is less faded than Hugh's original print. With Janet's photo (1b), I also removed significant grey stains (presumably a mould) by the cloning process. Photo 1a had a typewriter-written label "John Cameron, grant (*sic*) Uncle of Grandmother" whilst Photo 1b had a similar label "& his wife Gran" (McPhail, *pers comm*, 2015). I also placed the two photos side by side to demonstrate the same setting and probably the same occasion.

SIGNIFICANCE: To be clear, Photos 1a and 2 are prints taken from the same original wet-plate glass negative. They may have been printed at different times and certainly stored in different conditions. Photograph 2 is a cropped scan (or copy) taken from a better preserved print. Someone, somewhere, has a better quality print than that now in Hugh McPhail's possession. Photo 2 also now appears on the internet in a number of family trees in *Ancestry* - only there are two competing identities assigned: *John 'Mor' Cameron* and *Donald (Bane) Cameron* (see below). So, Photo 1a (along with 1b) solves for me the matter of identity - the gent is Big John, my great great great grandfather. And the provenance of Hugh's source material confirms that this is a photo of Big John. Given the identical studio setting, Photos 1a and 1b were clearly either taken at,

or near, the same time. This then also gives me a definitive picture of Janet Cameron - something I had not had up until now.



Photograph 2: Another version of the Peyman photo of John 'Mor' Cameron.

SOURCE: Photo courtesy of the "Granny Sylvia's Tree" ("Granny Ansell" aka Deborah Embleton) [IN www.ancestry.com.au/](http://www.ancestry.com.au/).

SIGNIFICANCE: Currently, this cropped photo has competing identities assigned to it in different family trees in *Ancestry*. Firstly, *John 'Mor' Cameron* and secondly, *Donald (Bane) Cameron*. Whilst the issue of correct identity is resolved, interestingly, some folks use the photo with *Donald (Bane) Cameron*

embedded in it and then declare that he is John 'Mor' Cameron (see *Ancestry*). Additionally, Donald (Bane) Cameron died in 1854, so there is no basis for using this identification for Photo 2 (McPhail, *pers comm*, 2016).

Question 2.1: Is the holder of an original print which is in better condition willing to have their print scanned (at a higher resolution) so that a greater number of Big John's descendants can include it in their family writings (with due acknowledgement, of course, as to source)?

Question 2.2: Does anyone know whether the original wet-plate glass negative still exists?

Question 2.3: Might anyone have a more accurate date than my best guess of circa 1870?

Photograph 3: Janet Cameron (née McGregor), perhaps, circa 1870.



SOURCE: Photo courtesy of the "McDonnell Family Tree" ("gary macdonell") [IN www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au)

SIGNIFICANCE: In a similar manner to Photograph 2, some family trees in *Ancestry* claim this woman to be *Janet McGregor* (wife of Big John) and some have photo-shopped *Mary Cameron (McPherson)* across the base of the photo

(such as here). Moreover some family trees in *Ancestry* record this woman as being Janet McGregor even though it has *Mary Cameron (McPherson)* embedded in the photo (so, again we have competing identities for this photograph).

Question 3.1: But just who is this lady? Sources and background ... please?

Question 3.2: Is the holder of the original print willing to have their print scanned (at a higher resolution) so that a greater number of either Janet's or Mary's descendants could also use it in their family writings (with due acknowledgement, of course, as to source)?

Question 3.2: Does someone have a more definitive date than my guess of c.1870?

My comment on Photo 3: The chair used here is clearly the same chair as used in many of the *Negatives of Wanganui district collection* now in the National Library (the William James Harding collection).

Photograph 4: Charles Cameron - later in life, circa 1888.

SOURCE: Photograph courtesy of Mrs. J.E. Baldwin of Wanganui N.Z. (image sourced August 2015; image dated circa 1888).



Photographer: Alfred Martin.
 PHOTO NOTES (& Background): I had the good fortune to be sitting opposite Mrs J. E. (Noni) Baldwin and her daughter Alethea at the Wanganui dinner. In the course of conversation Noni asked, in comment about the "Charles Cameron" part of my name tag, that she had a photo of Charles and would I like to see it? I replied enthusiastically in the affirmative. Then Noni produced this clear, large postcard-sized sepia print ... and I

almost had genealogical apoplexy! I also recognised this photo as being published in the *Cyclopedia of New Zealand* in 1897. After polite requests to Noni I pulled out my travel zoom pocket camera, put it into macro mode and took as many copies as I could whilst the haggis was about to be placed in front of me. My DSLR camera was unfortunately back in the hotel but the pocket zoom did an OK job. Clearly, an occasion when the 'best' camera is the one you have with you. I have since sent enlargements to Noni.

Question 4.1: Does anyone know if the (?)dry plate glass negative still exists? And if so, where is it?

Question 4.2: Does anyone know if Alfred Martin kept an index or list(s) of his photographs - or at least of his clients? If it still exists, can it be accessed?

My comments on Photograph 4: My guess for his photo's being taken circa 1888 is based on: **1**, he was at the height of his property ownership profile in the late 1880s; **2**, after the 1890 fire and his 1895 battle with bankruptcy he was probably not in a celebratory frame of mind and may not have had the money for 'extras' like

photography; **3**, it had to be taken between 1882 and 1899 - the years during which the photographic studio of Alfred Martin operated; and **4**, his eldest son Duncan was married in 1888, an occasion for celebrating.



Photograph 5: Charles Cameron - earlier in life, circa 1870.

SOURCE: Photo album of Alice McLachlan (née Cameron) currently held by Hugh McPhail.

PHOTO NOTES: Originally a *carte-de-visite*, the photographer is currently unknown. It may have been taken in the same period as the Photo of Catherine and Duncan below (see Photograph 6). In a similar manner to the typewriter-written labels under Photos 1a and 1b - the label under this photo reads "Uncle Charlie Cameron" (McPhail, *pers comm.*, 2015).

Question 5.1: Does someone have a more accurate date than my guess of c.1870?

Question 5.2: Can someone name the photographer?

Photograph 6: Catherine Cameron (née McKinnon) and son Duncan, circa 1870.

SOURCE: Harding, William James, 1826-1899: Negatives of Wanganui district. Ref: 1/4-008485 -G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. Mrs C Cameron and son. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/23238089>

PHOTO NOTES: Originally a



carte-de-visite, the photographer was William James Harding who operated a studio in Wanganui from c.1856 to c.1889 (<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/1h7/harding-william-james>). There is a cropped version of this print in the photo album of Alice McLachlan. In a similar manner to the typewriter-written labels under Photos 1a, 1b and 5 - the label under the cropped version of this photo reads "Aunty Charlie and son Duncan" (McPhail, *pers comm.*, 2015).

Some Background: this photograph is used in some family trees in *Ancestry* and some assume that the "C" is for Catherine. However, historically, and until relatively recently, women were formally referred to in their married name, so it should be "Mrs Charles Cameron and son" (*ibid*). Catherine had only two sons, Duncan (b. 1863) and Charles (b.1873), so if you accept that Catherine appears to be in her mid-forties, the boy can only be Duncan (my great grandfather). He looks as if he might be about 8 years old and therefore the date is circa 1871, when wet plate *cartes-de-visite* were all the rage. In any event, I happily paid my \$30.00 for the high resolution digital version, which prints very well at A3 size (and is now framed and on my wall).

Question 6.1: Does any person have some background narrative to add to this photograph? Circumstances? Perhaps a better date?

Question 6.2: Might someone be willing to share a digital copy of a photo of Duncan and his wife Eliza (as adults) with me?

Photograph 7: An unidentified Wanganui woman - but is she either Janet or Mary Cameron?

SOURCE: Harding, William James, 1826-1899 : Negatives of Wanganui district. Ref: 1/4-008019-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.



Unidentified older woman with an umbrella, leaning on a chair and wearing a full-skirted dress and a trimmed overcoat. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/23503914>

PHOTO NOTES: I draw attention to this photo that I found whilst trolling through the National Library's Turnbull collection of 'unidentified women' in Wanganui. Two aspects struck me: firstly the chair is similar

to the chair in Janet's (or ?Mary's) photo (see Photo 3 above) and secondly this woman's face is somewhat similar to that of the woman in Photograph 3.

Question 7.1: can any person put a name to this woman? Is she either Janet or Mary Cameron?

A Footnote: Initially, I found that when I searched on-line in the Turnbull Photographic Collection of Harding's Wanganui negatives there were over 880 hits for the simple search criterion 'Unidentified woman'. This woman, together with all the other proud, well-dressed pioneers of the Wanganui area, are now reduced to images without a name ... a now-sad gallery of nameless women. Moreover, it's the same for the menfolk of Wanganui; 807 hits, 790 now-timeless images, 790 faces of the real men who built Wanganui, pioneers still - and not a name amongst them.

Finally, have any of my 'clan cousins' considered assembling a photo gallery of Clan Cameron pioneers? A resource we could all use in illustrating the writing of our family histories, with an emphasis on those Scottish-born and their first-generation descendants. Just a thought.



Above and below: Sarah and Andrew McQueen perform at Dorothy Cameron-Gavin's 80th birthday afternoon tea.
Photos; Duncan McQueen.



Above and Below Right: **Blenheim 175th Picnic.**
The Camerons prepare to march.
Photos: Rob Cameron / Julie Dickson



Leigh Cameron of Hastings proudly wears the Cameron kilt.
Photo: Maree Cameron



Palmerston North Square Day.

Above: The Scot's college Band

Below: The Cameron tent, with John Cameron, Barbara and Bryan Barber. *Photo: John Annabell*



Some of the Auckland Branch committee, with visitor Florence Cameron from Lochaber, discuss the year's programme while enjoying lunch on Waiheke Island.
Photo: Duncan McQueen