

# ◆ Cameron ◆

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## Stags at Murlaggan

Murlaggan, on Loch Arkaig, some ten miles from Achnacarry, played an interesting role following the 1745 rising and is said to be the site where the Jacobite treasure was buried. The house is now a holiday home.



Congratulations to Donald the Younger of Lochiel and Sarah Maclay

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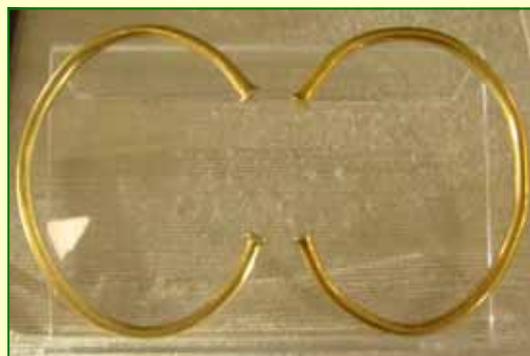
Right: The West Highland Museum, Cameron Square. The main building in the foreground was the former British Linen Bank building and the one on the left was a former Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland building.

Below Left: The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, Monzie Square, formerly the Cameron-Lucy Reading Rooms where the West Highland Museum had its first exhibitions.

Below Right: pair of Irish, Late Bronze Age gold pennanular armlets from Kilmallie



All photos on this page  
by Bill Cameron



## Vale Audrey Frances Rosoman [1928 – 2009]

Audrey passed away peacefully, on February 8, 2009 at the Tauranga Hospital. Audrey was the beloved wife of the late Carl and much loved Mum of Brian.

The Clan Cameron of New Zealand are mourning the passing of one of our most industrious workers in the name of Audrey Rosoman. On February 11, a number of Clan Cameron members, her genealogical friends, and other acquaintances gathered to farewell Audrey at Tauranga Park, Tauranga.

On the day the warmth of the tributes that were given by her friends and family were befitting the memory of a loved, vital and treasured friend. On behalf of Clan Cameron, Denis Cameron gave the eulogy to Audrey and spoke about her dedication to the Bay of Plenty Branch and Clan Cameron – New Zealand. Her commitment was just out of this world and her dedication is one that will not be forgotten.

Her safe keeping and care of Clan Cameron records was just tremendous and after her funeral, her son Brian, passed on the Genealogy Cards Indexes, the collection of family records, newspaper cuttings and other valuable papers into the care of the Clan. Thank you, Brian.

Such was this dedication from Audrey, that maybe these collections should be named: “**The Cameron – Audrey Rosoman Collection**” so that her name will be forever remembered.

Audrey just loved her name of Cameron; anything about her ancestors and the name of Cameron was always being pushed to the front and was always thinking of how she could promote the forgotten history and items that our forebears had done in the past and naturally back in Old

Scotland.

We were delighted when Audrey was made a Life Member for the Bay of Plenty Branch in 2000 and the Clan Cameron – New Zealand in 2005; these honours were so richly deserved.

Audrey Rosoman became a member of the Bay of Plenty Branch around the year 1984, when she took on the position of Secretary – Treasurer. Unstintingly she gave of her time in manning the BOP Clan tent at the various Highland Games and also the taking of the Cameron Records to any Genealogy Society meetings around New Zealand. It is through efforts like these that Clan Cameron of New Zealand is in such a vibrant position.

We have much to thank this lady, who has been ever helpful to so many people not only here in New Zealand, but to interested people from overseas. It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to a Lady who was so proud of her Scottish heritage. You can now rest in peace Audrey.

by Denis Cameron

*Right: Audrey Rosoman talking to Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel at the BOP Branch Social Get-together for the Sir Donald and Lady Cameron on their last trip to New Zealand in 1986, which was held in the Inverness Lounge, Cameron Square on Cameron Road, Tauranga.*



## Canterbury News by Rae Magson

Congratulations to Louise and Ewen Cameron on the recent birth of their son, Lachan James Cameron. Proud first-time grandparents are Alex Cameron (President of Clan Cameron Canterbury) and Lena Cameron (New Zealand Treasurer). There is a Mid-Winter Dinner planned for Sunday, 14 June 2009 at Terrace Downs. The cost is \$45. Mark this date on your calendar now. The website of Terrace Downs says - *Treat yourself to the the most exceptional dining experience this region has to offer! Enjoy the superb selection of culinary delights of the resort's award winning High Country cuisine accompanied by the finest New Zealand wines in Avoca Fine Dining restaurant. Diners are treated to majestic views in the luxuriously appointed restaurant, where specialties include succulent Rakaia River salmon, tender lamb and New Zealand raised venison.*

Several members attended the recent Pipe Band Championships in Christchurch, the banner was proudly displayed.

The Cameron march on the bagpipes welcomed Alan Cameron (President of Clan Cameron Scotland) and his wife, Elizabeth to an Ashburton restaurant at lunchtime on Tuesday 10 March. 17 members of Clan Cameron Canterbury had gathered beforehand to greet

them. President Alex Cameron officially welcomed them to the area. After much conversation, a leisurely lunch was enjoyed. Alan and Elizabeth took the opportunity to meet everyone and to tell of their New Zealand travels. Members appeared to have a wonderful time and Alan and Elizabeth appreciated being able to meet some South Island Camerons. A reporter from the local newspaper came, took some photos and had a lengthy interview with Alan and Alex. After lunch Alan and Elizabeth were taken to visit a deer and sheep farm, their hosts were Maureen and Langtry Maginness. Later in the afternoon Alan and Elizabeth were on the road for their next stopping place, Christchurch, before flying away on 12 March.



*Alan and Elizabeth with members of Clan Cameron Canterbury in Ashburton*

## Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:



### Auckland Branch

Gary and Liz Cameron

(Mangawhai)

### Canterbury Branch

Gayle Cameron

Lianne Dalziel

(Kaikoura)

(Christchurch)

## Auckland News

by Don Cameron

Auckland clan members were showering praise on the Parnell Cricket Club -- and delighted with their good luck -- when they put on a welcoming barbeque for Alan Cameron, president of the Clan Cameron Association of Scotland as he and his wife Elizabeth started a holiday trip around New Zealand. As they were arriving on a Thursday evening and leaving on the following Saturday morning, the Friday afternoon-evening was the only time available for the welcome. In their jam-packed city, Aucklanders are wary of trying to arrange functions during the inevitable Friday rush hour, with traffic at a crawl, if not snarled in a jam.

When a southerly-buster of a storm hit Auckland about mid-day on the Friday there was every prospect the barbeque could turn into a damp disaster. Fortunately, Bryan Haggitt, the branch treasurer, is president of the Parnell Cricket Club and the club manager Steve Hurdley is a man-about-sport who knows the answers. The clubhouse is surrounded by grassy banks, but when the rains came Steve helped the clan members to move all the equipment indoors.

Clan members arrived in dribs and drabs after the scheduled 4 pm start, sometimes an hour late, while Alan and Elizabeth waited patiently in their downtown hotel. Amazingly, everything then fitted together. Andrew McQueen, the piper, was waiting to pipe Alan and Elizabeth into the clubrooms, Andrew and his brother Matthew took over the barbeque duties -- with Steve Hurdley supplying the expertise -- Valmar Cameron, Jenny Haggitt and Liz Hurdley handled the food section, and four hours later all the smiles suggested a clockwork result.

Alan and Elizabeth were lavish with their praise and presented Don Cameron, the Auckland president with a bottle of single malt whisky. This will, in local custom, be among the raffle prizes at the annual dinner later this year --- listed as the Alan and Elizabeth Cameron Trophy.

Clan members come in all shapes and size and from many occupations, and Auckland may be breaking new ground by signing up Gary and Liz Cameron, who recently set up a vineyard at Mangawhai, about 90 minutes drive north from Auckland.



After their son Rob studied viticulture and wine-making at Lincoln University the senior Camerons made retirement plans which included golf, travel and a vineyard near a beach. They found what they regard as the perfect place, just inland from the Mangawhai Heads, a sun-trap in the summer and from limestone-clay soil the acidity and balance needed for the better wines.

Being good Camerons, they named their vineyard the Lochiel Estate, and added some B&B accommodation nearby. After five or so years of really hard work, the first award came recently -- a silver medal in the 2008 chardonnay section of the Royal Easter Show. (Contact: [www.lochielestate.co.nz](http://www.lochielestate.co.nz))

## The Boot

by Joy and Denis Cameron



**T**he Boot competition was started between Tauranga Boys College and Hamilton Boys High School in 1961. This competition has been going ever since and it appears that the Hamilton Boys High School is winning most of the matches. The engraving is very hard to decipher in the photo, so I can't give you the exact wins for both schools.

Joy was delighted to receive a photo of "The Boot" that her father the late Mr Lester Button had manufactured for Don Clarke for the 1960 Tour of South Africa and Australia. Lester Button also made some for the legionary Bob Scott and the NZ Rugby League star; Reginald Cooke. The boots were manufactured under the Trade name of "Skipper"

The individual scoring by Don Clarke in the two countries: [South Africa] Played 20 matches; scored a try; 32 conversions; 32 penalty goals; 3 dropped goals for a total of 175 points. [Australia] Played 2 matches; 10 conversions; 6 penalties; 1 dropped goal for a total of 35 points.

Of interest when Don Clarke went on the 1960 All Black Tour, he asked Lester Button to make him one complete pair of boots and we think it was four extra right foot boots. Don was particularly hard on his kicking right boot. I think he even asked for some extra boots as the grounds in South Africa were quite hard during the period.

We thank Mr Andrew Ferguson of the Tauranga Boys College, who was the go-between the schools and able to get the photo for us.

### Stop Press - exciting news from Lochiel:

"I am delighted to inform you that Donald Andrew has become engaged to be married to Sarah Maclay. She is a really wonderful girl who Cecil and I adore, so we are absolutely thrilled. She comes from the Borders (near St. Boswell) and is beautiful, clever and full of fun. I think they will marry towards the end of August but plans have not yet been made. Donald particularly wanted you to share this exciting and happy news."

## *A message from our President*



**Dear Clan Cameron Members,**

I have just done a quick count of our new members taken from our Newsletters and I am quite blown away - do you know that we have **108 new members** since June 2007. The other great thing

is that we have managed to find some Cameron ladies who are now married and have other names. My sincere thanks to you all for your efforts – and please do not rest on your laurels and keep on asking the people who have the name of Cameron to join our ancient Clan. I am so proud of the members for wanting to get out and promote the Clan. It is all so easy – all you have to do is ask them to join up – **yeah right!**

I would like to thank Neil and Ruth for their hard work in the promotion of the Clan at the various Highland Games they go to; also to Mike and Trish Topham at the Hastings Games and for Roz and Ewen Grant for their magnificent efforts over many years at Turakina. If I have missed any of our members, I do apologise for doing so.

We are looking forward to the Clan Gathering at Hawera. Alan Drake is doing a sterling job and has an interesting programme lined up for us. See you all there!

### **An Elusive Cameron Lass**

The year is 1787, and the Scots poet Robert Burns has been making the rounds throughout Edinburgh. His work “Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect” [The Kilmarnock Volume] is met with rare reviews upon its publication the preceding summer. By that November [1786] Burns was lodging in Edinburgh, mixing with “high society,” and receiving numerous accolades for his poetry. The year began well, with his being toasted by the Grand Lodge of Edinburgh as “Caledonia’s Bard” in January, and his “Edinburgh Poems,” being published in April 1787, was very well received.

While attending society parties, Burns also continued to frequent the pubs, where he was a popular patron, lifting more than occasional “cup of kindness” with his mates. Sometimes in the early months of 1787 [said to be during April] he met a young lady by the name of Cameron, a servant girl in Edinburgh. History records her name as either May, Meg or Peggy – for lack of a definite forename we will simply refer to her as “the Cameron Lass.” Little seems to be known about this girl, other than her assumed lack of income, for Burns later expressed concern that this “poor sole” might be starving.

The unlikely duo met, and by early June of that same year the poet received an appeal from the Cameron Lass, dated June 26th. She informed Burns that she was with child, stating “I beg, for God’s sake, you will write and let me know how I am to do.” He immediately asked a friend [for he was out of town] to “send for the wrench [female servant]” as soon as possible, or “at least as soon as it is dark,” and to “give her ten or twelve shillings ... and advise her out to some country [friends] ....”

The Cameron Lass obtained a writ against the poet in the following weeks, threatening arrest if he did not take additional responsibility for this situation. Apparently the arrangements made through Burn’s acquaintance [Ainslie] were not satisfactory. What transpired in the following weeks

is unclear, but on August 15th, Robert Burns was freed from the writ. There are indications that the baby was either miscarried or still born, and questions seem to have been raised as to whether Burns was the father, even though he did admit fathering the child.

The rest of the story is sadly, unclear. Surely there are records which might serve to better document this story, but they have proven difficult to uncover. What was this Cameron Lass’s tale? Was this baby born? So many questions remain. This story is only beginning here, with hopes that Camerons, Burns aficionados and genealogists alike might provide more details to document this fascinating footnote of human drama in the life of Scotland’s famed Bard [My thanks - March/April 2002 - Clan Cameron Online Newsletter]

“Leis gach deagh dhurachd and Slainte mhath”

[With every good wish and good health]

*Denis Cameron*

### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering and AGM**

**Hawera Club, High Street, Hawera  
17, 18, 19th April 2009**

Fri	7.30pm	Executive Council Meeting. Club Committee Room
Sat.	9.30am	Club open. Registration, morning tea.
	11am	Annual General Meeting
	12.30pm	Lunch
	2pm	Visit Tawhiti Museum, local beaches, water tower, Mount Egmont.
	6.30pm	Buffet Meal, followed by Ceilidh.
	10pm	Close
Sun.	9.30am	Farewell at club / Church services.

Registration (form with last newsletter - further copies from Editor) to Alan Drake, PO Box 627, Hawera. 4640

### **“The Clan Cameron Heritage Trail”**

The Clan Cameron Heritage Trail has been established by the Clan Cameron Association to list historic locations significant to the clan. A booklet, which includes photographs and maps, is being produced to enable a self-guided exploration in Lochaber.

Tom Cameron, who is masterminding the project with photographic input from Bill Cameron says - “We have detailed a generous selection of noteworthy sites, ranging from castles to geographic features, cairns, islands, homes and other places closely related to and also near and dear to the hearts of Cameron Clansfolk. Additionally, a selection of churches, cemeteries and battlefields – all relevant to the proud Lochaber history of the clan – has been included as well.”

The booklet is still in draft form but will be available for down loading or for purchase at the Clan Museum in ample time for the Gathering.



*Aonaibh ri Cheile*

## Cameron

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## Coming events

**Friday 17 - Sunday 19 April 2009**  
**AGM and Annual Gathering**  
Hawera Club, Hawera.  
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**Saturday 11 / Sunday 12 April 2009**  
**59th Hawke's Bay Easter Highland Games,**  
At Lindisfarne College, Pakowhai Road, Hastings. The Cameron's will be mounting a display  
Enquiries to Mike Topham 06 879 8215  
or Helen Shaw 06 844 8398

**Sunday 14 June 2009**  
Canterbury Branch Mid -Winter Dinner. See page 2

**Saturday 4 July 2009**  
**Tartan Day**  
Wesley Methodist Hall, 100 13th Avenue, Tauranga.  
Hall open 9.30, assemble at 10am for short march.  
Lunch, concert pm. Finish 3pm.  
Enquiries to: Denis Cameron (07) 575 4659 or  
Ray Crafts (07) 577 9562

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.**  
**Annual Kirkin O' the Tartan Service.**  
Scottish Clans Association – Auckland District Inc.  
Clan Banners Muster at 0930 Hours. Service commences at 10.00 Hours.  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lower Symonds Street, Auckland City.  
All Clan Societies and Kinsfolk Welcome. Morning Tea after service.  
Information: Murdock McDonald Phone 09-298-4802.

**Saturday 27th June, 2009**  
**Tartan Day Ceilidh**  
Scottish Clans Assn. - Auckland District. Details to be advised.

### Useful Websites

**Clan Cameron New Zealand website**  
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## Cameron Artifacts

By William A. Cameron

In setting out to examine a series of historical artifacts with direct and indirect connections to Clan Cameron – it's ironic that such artifacts can be found within 'Cameron Square', home to The West Highland Museum.

Situated in the centre of Fort William's High Street, the Limestone fronted facade of The West Highland Museum houses a diverse collection of artifacts charting the social, economic and natural history of the West Highlands - particularly from around Lochaber.

Regarded by many as housing one of the finest Jacobite collections in Scotland, it is from this collection and others within the Museum that I hope to examine a number of artifacts in the following series of articles.

The seeds of the present-day Museum were sown back in 1922, when a group of local enthusiasts successfully managed to gather a number of objects on loan from various local and national collections. It's worth mentioning at this point that the committee had no permanent building at this time - just a vision of what could be. Through their enthusiasm and drive, they held a number of exhibitions in the former Cameron-Lucy Reading Rooms in Monzie Square - the most popular of them being 'The Jacobite Exhibition' in 1925, laying the foundations of what has become today's permanent collection.

In 1926 the Museum Committee managed to purchase the British Linen Bank building in Cameron Square, the building itself dates back to around 1835. This central location just off Fort William's High Street has remained home to its growing collection of artifacts ever since. The Museum underwent a major refurbishment programme in the mid 1990's.

In typically topsy-turvy Lochaber fashion, and as an interesting side note - I would like to mention the connection with religious buildings and The West Highland Museum.

As I have already mentioned, the Cameron-Lucy Reading rooms were initially home to the Museum committees early exhibitions; the like of which would go on to inspire the foundation of the Museum itself. This building was subsequently transformed to become a billiards hall until the early sixties, when it changed again to become a Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland as it has remained to the present day.

In the next square along the High Street, The West Highland Museum had set up home in the former bank building. However, the small building next to it was not acquired by the Museum until 1960's. I recently found out that in its previous existence it was none other than a Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland building. Looking back at the development of the West Highland Museum and The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland in Lochaber, we can see how one institutions loss has been another's gain, and vice versa.

*The pictures supporting this article are shown on the front page*

## Gold bracelets and The Kilmallie Crofter

The story behind the unearthing of the first artifact I have selected from the West Highland Museum would make for a fascinating piece of Lochaber folklore in itself - of course how authentic it is remains a mystery, all we have to go on are the few comments from a distant oral tradition.

Two gold bracelets or armlets sit side by side, resting on a transparent plastic plinth securely displayed in a case on the ground floor of the West Highland Museum. Almost identical in shape and size, the bracelets show no visible decoration or hallmarks on their surface, nor should they, as they are believed to date from the late Bronze Age - long before the first assay offices ascribed hallmarks to distinguish the purity of precious metals.

Looking at the Museums records, all we know about the bracelets background is that back in 1871, a Crofter working somewhere in the Parish of Kilmallie, (possibly present day Corpach) dreamt that if he were to dig his land at a particular spot then he would unearth treasure. Possibly having the second sight or just being a wise man, the Crofter followed his dreams to the exact spot and struck gold – twice!

Whether you look upon the Crofters good fortune as luck, destiny or as some otherworldly force at work is a matter of personal opinion - in many respects the alleged circumstances which led to the bracelets being found only adds a sense of mystery to their unknown past.

So far I have been unable to determine whether the Crofter was a Cameron by name. What we do know is that after he unearthed the gold bracelets he gave them to the 24<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Cameron (1835-1906) who in return allowed him to stay on his croft rent free for the rest of his life. I have yet to clarify from estate records whether a Crofter living in the parish of Kilmallie in the 1870's suddenly stopped paying rent for this reason.

Moving forward into 20<sup>th</sup> century, we see the gold bracelets being loaned by Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel to The West Highland Museum where they remain on display. I should also note that the current Chief of Clan Cameron is President of the Museum - as was his father before him.

In 1997 The Antiques Roadshow visited Fort William where the gold bracelets were seen by millions of TV viewers when the then Chief of the Clan, Sir Donald Hamish Cameron, gave an account of their history.

As the bracelets sit quietly on their plinth, the story as to how two gold Bronze Age artifacts ended up in Kilmallie remains unclear. Where were they made? Who made them? Who were they made for? And who would have worn them?

Such unanswered questions leave us thinking of the infinite possibilities of what the bracelets encountered before they ended up on display in The West Highland Museum.

If we are to take anything from the story behind the bracelets, it could possibly be the example of the Crofter from Kilmallie who instinctively followed his dreams and struck gold.

I would like to thank Mairi Mooney, curator of the West Highland Museum for her assistance with access to museum exhibits and Ian Abernethy for imparting great local knowledge.

*We hope to have more articles on Cameron Artifacts in future issues and thank Bill for his dedicated research. Ed.*

## Fort William... a portrait of the town *Adapted, in a series of four articles, by Ian Abernethy*

### *Part Two*

The man who organised the Fort William Tercentenary Pageant of 1954 was William "Bill" Murphie, teacher of English at Fort William Senior Secondary School. With regard to the historical aspects he, more than anyone else, was faced with the imponderables about the origins of the town.

*John Cazabon:* "Since he is one of the company here tonight, Friday June 25, 1954, for the broadcast from the Masonic Hall, Mr Murphie himself can tell us how he resolved this."

*Bill Murphie:* "Well, I don't think there ever was any serious problem. Let's say that our celebration has not been in honour of the people who founded and garrisoned the Fort, but in honour of the native folk who made their homes in the town outside the Fort.

Strangely enough – or, maybe, significantly enough – in the early days of the town it wasn't named Fort William at all. It was called Maryburgh.

"In fact, it's not so very long ago since the old name of Maryburgh died out – almost within living memory."

*John Cazabon:* "What kind of place was it, this Maryburgh?"

*Bill Murphie:* "For a long time after the founding of the Fort it couldn't have been a very big place. But it was well situated. Because of its position on the shores of the sea loch it was a natural centre for trade, and gradually it became a kind of market supplying quite a large area round about. "Then at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the Caledonian Canal was completed, that improved the prospects of the town even more. "But it didn't really grow much bigger until, in 1894, a very important thing happened which, I suppose, had more to do than anything else with the making of the town as it is now – the coming of the railway."

*John Cazabon:* "This is where we should bring in Provost Carmichael again, because I understand the railway is a special interest of his."

*Provost Carmichael:* "Yes, and not only that – because it's my work, too. I've worked on the railway all my life, and I've driven engines to and from Fort William for the past 35 years or so.

"I don't suppose I've ever got over the feeling that all boys have. When I was a boy I wanted, like all my contemporaries, to be an engine driver and I've never regretted the fact that I became one.

"Maybe I'm prejudiced, but I think the rail journey to Fort William from the south is much more interesting than any by road.

"Almost as soon as you leave Glasgow you're in the Highlands, amid the glorious scenery. Past Loch Long, Loch Lomond, then on to the stretch we call the Horse-shoe, round Ben Odar and Ben Dorain.

"You get to know the names of all the places – in fact you recognize practically every rock, tree and stream within sight of the line.

"Coming over Rannoch Moor you'll nearly always see deer, and it's not uncommon to spot a golden eagle. "And there's another journey which many visitors take during their stay in Fort William – from here to Mallaig.



Fort William's Masonic Hall, from where the Scottish Home Service broadcast was transmitted on June 25, 1954.

"I think the railway definitely has the advantage as far as that trip is concerned. For most of the way the railway is a bit higher than the road, and so the views are better.

"As Neil Munro once said: 'It's the difference between the eagle's view and the sparrow's view'. "Maybe all this seems a bit far away from the story of Fort William, but it's very important to us purely from the economic point of view.

"There are about 10,000 visitors every week passing through Mallaig on the way to the islands – and most of them have traveled via Fort William."

*John Cazabon:* "I can vouch for that myself, because since the Provost first told me about Fort William's tourist traffic I've met people who've come here from all parts of the world.

"But I had a meeting the other day with a man whose memories go back a long time before the tourist trade really started.

"His name, like so many other people living hereabouts, is Cameron – Jimmy Cameron.

"He's now a man of nearly 80, and when you hear how he has spent his life you realise his name could hardly be anything other than Cameron.

"He's an old soldier, you see, having served more than 20 years in the Cameron Highlanders, the regiment which was raised 160 years ago.

"When I listened the other day to a conversation between Jimmy and the Provost, I could feel an almost direct link with that event on 1794.

"Jimmy's father had served in the regiment before him and prior to that, his grandfather had been one of the original volunteers when the regiment was first formed..."

*to be continued*

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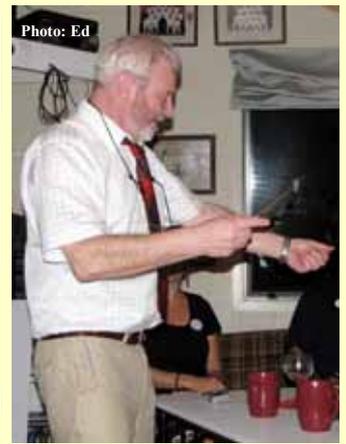
NZ Camerons meet Alan and Elizabeth from Scotland - and other Cameron images



Alex Cameron greets Alan at Ashburton



Lena Cameron with Langtry and Maureen Maginness at Ashburton



Alan gives an impromptu "Address to a Haggis" at the Auckland welcome



At Rotorua. Joy, Elaine, Alan, Patricia, Elizabeth, Fraser and Rex. - all Camerons



At Ashburton. Sharon Wallace, Jenny Leishman and Barbara Banwell. Piper Geoff Brown on right.



Hawke's Bay members gather at the Clansman Motor Lodge, Hastings. Mine hosts, Leigh and Maree Cameron, are on the extreme left.



Auckland AGM 28 March. Front: Duncan McQueen, Ian & Carolyn Vaudrey. Rest from left: Neil Cameron, Alison North, Heather Cameron, Don Cameron, Fiona Cameron, Dale Bailey, Dorothy Cameron-Gavin, Ruth Cameron, Jenny Haggitt & Valmar Cameron.



Piper Andrew McQueen pipes Alan and Elizabeth in to the gathering to meet Aucklanders



The Queen of the Heather, Edie-Mae Wilkins of Dunedin, talks to Don, Ruth and Valmar outside the Cameron tent at Paeroa.



At Tauranga's "Have a Go Day". Tommy & Margaret Stevenson from Scotland with Ray Crafts and Joy