



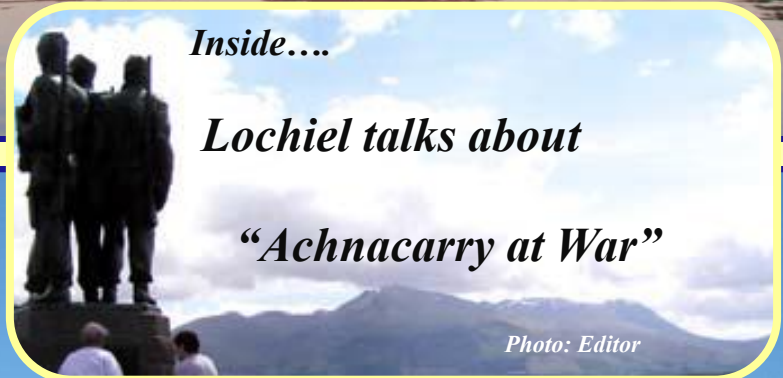
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Photo: Bill Cameron

A summer picture of Corpach and the Caledonian Canal with Ben Nevis in the background



Inside....

Lochiel talks about

“Achnacarry at War”

Photo: Editor

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Robert will talk about himself and his music in a future issue

Another mountain far removed from the Ben. A Winter view of Mount Ruapehu from the Desert Road taken in 2008 while driving First Lighter Robert Nairn south to Turakina

Photos: Editor

A message from our President

My next official visit is to the Auckland annual dinner in August. This will be another enjoyable occasion for all and we hope they will have a good attendance. Tristan may have to apologise as his kids will be coming on at the goat farm, but we are trying to get a talk together to be presented on the evening.

Regards to all,

Fraser 15.7.2012

Coming Events

Sunday 5 August 2012 Hawkes Bay Branch lunch

A lunch outing is planned for at No 5 Cafe / Larder at the Driving Range on Karamu Rd/Highway 2 Maungateretere. Members to let Helen Shaw know by Wednesday 1st August if they are attending please.

Saturday 11 August 2012 Auckland Branch Annual Dinner

7pm. Fairway Lodge, Glenfield. Cost \$55, discounted to \$50 for financial members. Enquiries to Bryan Haggitt. (09) 520 5240

Saturday 27 October 2012. Executive Council Meeting.

10 am for 10.30 meeting start. RSA Turangi



To all Clan members.

Once again it is time for another newsletter and to tell you what we have been doing since the last issue.

We had to apologise to Manawatu for not being able to attend their annual dinner, but it was disappointing to find they had cancelled due to lack of numbers. This was also what happened to Hawkes Bay earlier. Anyway we ventured through the

Waioeka Gorge early last Wednesday for the Gisborne Branch Annual General Meeting. Following up my letter to the Gisborne Herald we were visited by the editor (a young Irish man) and his photographer. Mike Topham was able to give him details of our ancestry in the Gisborne district, so we had a write up worthy of our visit. As my sister was house sitting in the Auckland area the attendance was lower than normal, but the finances of the branch are in good health with nearly all subscriptions paid.

I was able to report on matters arising from the Ashburton meeting as well as discuss the proposal for the Council Meeting before the 2013 Annual General Meeting in Auckland. The date for the October Executive Council Meeting will be Saturday 27 October. All branches should have received minutes of the E.C. Meeting as well as the AGM held in Ashburton. If not please contact Tanya our secretary by e-mail.



Ruth and Neil are thrilled to be grandparents again with the birth of granddaughter
Isla Cameron

“Cameron”

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Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:

Auckland Branch

Elaine Ebbett

Auckland

Elizabeth Hartley

Waiheke Island

Wanganui/Taranaki Branch

Jan Jennings

Hawera



Snippets:- by the Editor

Bill Cameron celebrates the Queen's Jubilee on Ben Nevis

Received from Bill by e-mail:

"I decided to head up Ben Nevis last night, spending a memorable evening seeing the sunset, moon rise and the sun-rise in the early hours. Something to remember the Queens Jubilee by. I shared a little bit of New Zealand culture on the summit, warming myself with coffee and the small Milford whiskey miniature Neil gave me at the New Zealand International gathering. A cold night on the summit, but I was well prepared. I was the last person up and had the highest point in the British Isles till 5 am, when I headed down as another couple of climbers were heading up."



Photo: Bill Cameron

First Light on Ben Nevis 4/6/12

Cameron Street in Ashburton

When visiting Ashburton for the AGM, I asked Rae Magson if she knew the origin of the street name. Recently an article in the Ashburton Guardian gave the answer, which Rae has kindly sent.

"There is a little doubt over whom Cameron Street, like many of Ashburton's early streets is named after.

One thought is it was named after General Cameron, who was in charge of the British forces during the New Zealand land wars of the 1860s, about the time Robert Park was laying out the future town of Ashburton.

However that seems unlikely, the only vague connection between the general and Ashburton being that surveyor Park may have at one time been a soldier in Cameron's forces.

A far more likely explanation, and one that fits in nicely with Park's theme used elsewhere in Ashburton of naming streets after prominent people he knew, especially fellow large scale farmers, is Duncan Cameron of Springfield.

He came to the Ashburton area in 1864 to work as manager of the Winchmore Estate which at the time was rented by Robert Park from his brother-in-law George Hart.

He was later persuaded by George Gould to manage Springfield, to the west of Winchmore. Farm financier Gould had taken the unprofitable property over, planning to keep it only until he could sell it for a profit.

His new manager persuaded Gould to keep Springfield and put his £1700 life savings into it, gaining a partnership in the process.

It was farmed in partnership for many years, during which time 18,000 acres of the property was freeholded, they experimented with some of the first irrigation in the district, and the homestead was moved from the banks of the Ashburton River to the Methven road where Cameron built the large two-storey homestead still standing there today.

When Gould died in 1889 his executors tendered £60,000 for Cameron's share of the partnership, but Cameron countered with £65,000 for the Gould share, and thus gained the whole property.

Cameron farmed the property until his death in 1908, moving it from a sheep farm to becoming one of the best mixed farms in Canterbury, with 5500 acres in wheat in 1894, a record for any single property in Australia or New Zealand.

At the same time Springfield was carrying 19,000 sheep."

Thanks to the Ashburton Guardian and the Curator of the Ashburton Museum for this story.

Inspector Who?

Received from Graeme Cameron—Wellington/Wairarapa

The following story may be of interest to you since Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife Samantha have been making the news recently, after accidentally leaving their young daughter Nancy behind in the English inn, *The Plough*,

When Hazel and I were in England in 2005, daughter Megan took us and toddler Anais for a trip round some of the back roads of Buckinghamshire. We passed the entrance to Chequers, so stopped there and I took a photo. Megan knew it was Chequers although it is not signposted, and you cannot see any of it from the road. There was a notice saying it was private property and keep out. Almost immediately after taking the photo two Thames Valley police vehicles came down the drive and we were interested to see

the stanchions sink down into the ground. The front vehicle stopped immediately in front of Megan's car. An armed policeman then got out of that vehicle and gave us a not very friendly quizzing over what we were doing there, did we know where we were, where did we come from, etc etc. He also checked out Megan's driver licence and car registration, and what photos I had taken. The guy in the second car was doing the computer checks. After being satisfied we were not terrorists, the guy doing the interrogating told us that Tony Blair had left just ten minutes prior to our arriving there. When I commented that since they were with Thames Valley Police, did they know Inspector Morse?, he didn't have much sense of humour !.

After leaving Chequers we stopped further down the road for a bush walk, and then adjourned to *The Plough* for some refreshments. When leaving there, we took the baby with us !

From the Branches....

Gisborne

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“Remembering their Cameron Origins”

By Andy Chapman

In 1855 the first descendants of a famous Scottish warrior clan left the cold valleys around Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis, and eventually bedded in under the shadow of Mount Hikurangi... more than 20,000 km from their West Highland homes.

New Zealand boxing champion, Tinoroto’s Shane “The Mountain Warrior” Cameron aptly shares the illustrious clan name. He is in good sporting company.

One of New Zealand’s basketball greats, Sean “Pero” MacPherson Cameron is also a Clan Cameron descendant. (*and a cousin of Shane above—Ed*)

A group of direct descendants of one of the first Cameron pioneer families to arrive in the district more than 155 years ago gathered at Gisborne-Tatapouri Fishing Club to talk about their proud roots.

“Four brothers... originally from the fields below Ben Nevis... were the first to arrive here in the mid-1800s,” said Clan Cameron member Mike Topham. “They were Donald MacPherson Cameron and his younger brothers, William, Robert and Eunan. They settled in the Bushmere area,” he said.

“Their father Corriechoillie was well known as one of the biggest livestock farmers in Scotland.”

The last major battle ever to be staged on British soil, The Battle of Culloden during the 1740s, set the tone for a period of mass migration out of Scotland in the years ahead.

On April 16, 1746, the Jacobite forces of Charles Edward Stuart fought loyalist troops commanded by William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland near Inverness in the Scottish Highlands. After the war, efforts were made to integrate the Highlands into the Kingdom of Great Britain... civil penalties were introduced to weaken Gaelic culture and attack the Scottish clan system.

“The result was a clan exodus,” said Mr Topham. “Scots started to move away from Scotland, in the direction of Canada, Australia and New Zealand.”

Around 25 Clan Cameron members are affiliated to the Gisborne branch today but at its height, the clan boasted 45 members here.

Cameron family members are involved in a genealogy trail, to unearth a mass grave of old headstones at the Makaraka cemetery, “The idea is to put the historical reminders of clan members buried there on display again,” said Mr Topham.

In November 1982, 88 headstones that had fallen from their graves and were considered untidy, were buried more than a metre underground by Cook County Council. Some of the tombstones are believed to belong to the first Cameron pioneers.

Gisborne branch held their AGM at the Tatapouri Fishing Club on Wednesday 11th July.

David Cameron was returned as Branch President and Georgina Cameron as Secretary-Treasurer.

Hawkes Bay by Helen Shaw

Things down here have been quiet for a while. You could say that like the bears we have been hibernating. Four of us came

out this morning though, Mike, Shane, Ian and myself went to Saint Columba’s Havelock North to their Kirking of the Tartan service. Tartan Banners, Kilts, scarves, Ties & Badges in abundance. The Piper in attendance was the Pipe Major of the Hastings Pipe Band. Singing ‘Flower of Scotland’ to a Piper was very stirring and tickled up the Scots blood!

Wanganui/Taranaki by Neville Wallace

Clan Cameron Burns Celebrations!

The Clan Cameron Winter fest was held in the Hawera Club on Sunday the 17th of June. The clan had a good muster with thirty people gathered at the Hawera Club for a mid winter meal. The Haggis was piped in to the swirl of the pipes played by talented local piper Len Millar. The Ode to the haggis was ably performed by retired Black Watch associate Neil Boyd from Turakina.

Clan Chief Neville Wallace welcomed all those who attended and urged all, including the visiting Clans that if we want to keep practicing our Scottish traditions then we should all be prepared to join the Clan to keep traditions alive. Shona Wallace thanked Alan Drake chef extraordinaire and his two helpers Kelsey and Lauren for the fine cuisine they served for dinner.



Photo: Neville Wallace

Shona Wallace thanks Alan Drake and his helpers Kelsey & Lauren

Canterbury by Rae Magson

We have been resting on our laurels a little after the successful Annual Gathering in Ashburton in late April, but we are springing back into action. On 1 July several members went to Christchurch to attend the Tartan Day Lunch, organised by the Scottish Heritage Council. This proved to be very enjoyable, the Clans mixed well! The meal left a little to be desired, but that did not matter too much. Afterwards the Executive took the opportunity to have a meeting, and took note of the date of the ‘Kirkin of the Tartan’ and the Hororata Games later in the year. We wish to have a tent at the Games and perhaps give away haggis again as we did at the Scottish Heritage Day back in February. This was very successful, and many visitors came to our tent. We also have plans for our Annual General Meeting to be held in November.

Clan Cameron New Zealand Website

Is there anyone in the Clan who is keen on website development and would like to have a go at developing a new Clan Cameron NZ Website?

The current website has been maintained by Warren Cameron for many years. It is a free website hosted by Orcon with some limitations. A fresh approach may be needed as we are not sure how long this service by Orcon will continue for. If you know anyone who you think would like to have a go, please contact Warren Cameron, email w.lcameron@xtra.co.nz “

Our AGM was held on Sunday 17 June and it was pleasing to say that we had a good turnout from our members. We had the meeting at the home of Denis and Joy Cameron in Papamoa.

The day started with a sumptuous pot-luck-luncheon at midday that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Election of Officers:

President:	Denis Cameron
Vice Presidents:	Ray Crafts and Rex Cameron
Secretary:	Patricia Cameron
Treasurer:	Joy Cameron
Executive Committee:	Hazel Cameron, Helen Renner, Janet Crafts, Joy Cameron, Harold Cameron, Fraser Cameron, Ray Crafts.
Bard:	Ray Crafts
Branch Pipers:	Ray Crafts and Elliott Fenton
Membership Co-ordinator:	Rex Cameron
Public Relations Officer:	Denis Cameron
Historian-Researcher:	Denis Cameron
Entertainment Committee:	Hazel Cameron, Helen Renner, Janet Crafts, Betty Kearney, Ray Crafts.

Denis read out a citation on the involvement that Ray Crafts has had with the Bay of Plenty Branch since joining the Committee in 1997. The Clan Cameron has had many Calligraphy works over the years of which we are most grateful. Denis had much pleasure in proposing Ray to become a Life Member of the Bay of Plenty Branch. This award was carried unanimously by all those present.

We finished up with a cup of tea and we thanked all those members for being present.



Janet and Ray Crafts

Photo: Editor

Life Membership for Raymond Crafts by Denis Cameron

I first met Ray when he presented to the Bay of Plenty Branch a truly magnificent reproduction of the Clan Cameron Crest at our Annual General Meeting in 1978.

This replica was carved from one piece of mahogany and is an authenticated Clansmen's Crest Badge. This sculpture has been meticulously effected and embellished, and backed with the Clan tartan. Truly magnificent, a devotion of art and skill not often available, even at a price. Thank you Ray, a symbol that shall bear a message and stand the ravages of time.

But back in 1985, at a Committee meeting, our then Branch Public Relations Officer, Major Bill Round showed the Committee a Bard's Wand, which had been made specially and was presented by Ray to our Branch. This wand is the symbol of authority for the Bard and shows the Thistle which is the Emblem of Authority and the Carved Body signifies Unity.

Ray, first became a Committee member of our branch in 1977 and has served on our Committee ever since. In 1992, Ray once

again decided to present a Clan Cameron Trophy for the Tauranga Junior Highland Games, which was first awarded in 1992. This was well received by the Highland Games Committee.

Ray is an accomplished Calligrapher and has one of his designs on show at a Philadelphia Museum in the USA. This certainly says something for a design to be recognised in a country like the USA. The art of Calligraphy maintains a link with past cultures.

This BOP Branch Committeeman shows his versatility and in his spare time, not only is he a calligraphist, he is also a woodcarver, a silver worker and jewellery maker, and during his spare time, he became a Celtic artist and maker of musical instruments. Ray is an accomplished piper and has been readily available for any of our functions whenever he was required. He also plays a number of string instruments, such as the mandolin and mandola.

But the most important period was in 1989, when he designed "An Acknowledgment" to mark the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of our late Sir Donald and Lady Cameron. The actual calligraphy time it took Ray to design the Acknowledgment was 15.5 hours.

This was presented on behalf of the members of Clan Cameron – New Zealand, by the President of Clan Cameron – New Zealand – the late Donald Cameron of Masterton.

This Acknowledgment is now part of a display in the Clan Cameron Museum at the home of Clan Cameron Achnacarry Castle.

Ray Crafts has been an Officer for the Bay of Plenty Branch in the following positions. Bard from the year 2000 onwards. Branch Piper from 1983 -2000 and from 2002 onwards, Entertainment Committee from 1999 onwards, Vice President from 2004 onwards.

We have much to thank Ray for his wonderful support over many years, for which we are forever grateful. Therefore, I now ask this meeting to honour my request and it gives me great pleasure in proposing that Mr Ray Crafts become a Life Member of the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Clan Cameron Scotland AGM from Bill Cameron

We had a successful Cameron AGM in Fort William today. The picture is of Astie who was presented a piping book by the current president of the association, Duncan Cameron. The presentation was made for Astie's service to clan Cameron as the clan piper. Astie plays at various clan events, as well as the annual Culloden commemorations.



Left: Astie Cameron receives presentation from Duncan Cameron



Right: Clan Council members pose in front of Lochiel statue. From left back: Chris Doak, Alan Cameron, Duncan Cameron, Astie, Bill and Colin Cameron. Front: David Cameron and Roddy Cameron.

Achnacarry at War

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the start of Commando training at Achnacarry in 1942, Donald Cameron of Lochiel kindly agreed to tell the Braes newsletter a little about life at Achnacarry during the war and the immediate post-war era.

“We are very proud of the Commandos and our association with them” said Donald Cameron. “Achnacarry was requisitioned during the war, so my grandparents could not have done much about it. However, my grandfather was a military man and he was happy to let the Commandos train here because he felt he was doing his bit for the Second World War. He and my grandmother moved to Clunes two miles away, so he could keep an eye on things. My father and his two brothers were away at war.”

Many of the Estate workers went to war, leaving women and children behind on the Estate with a few men able to produce food for the remaining population. Sheep and cattle continued to be reared and farmed on the Estate. However, the area was completely militarised and locals were not involved in operations at Castle Commando. Indeed land west of the Caledonian Canal was a restricted zone and access to the Estate was therefore restricted, although Donald believes that the people who lived there could come and go easily, and security was not too excessive despite the fact that there was a protected area checkpoint located at the swing bridge in Gairloch.

The Commando course at Achnacarry was notoriously tough. When recruits arrived by train at Spean Bridge Station they had to run the eight miles to Achnacarry and if they didn't do it in under an hour they got sent back. The park at Achnacarry was covered in Nissan huts and a parade ground was constructed that has now been buried and covered with turf.

“On arrival at Achnacarry recruits were greeted by mock graves and told that this was what happened to men who put their heads above the skyline and got shot. New recruits who questioned the validity of the graves were told not to speak like that in the presence of the dead.” Donald confirmed that the graves have now been removed. The use of live ammunition on the training grounds inevitably meant there were casualties. Lochiel estimated that around 10-12 men were killed in training incidents, although official figures have never been revealed. The Commando training was famously tough and in one raid where there was a lot of ammunition flying about, one Commando turned round to the officer and said ‘Oh my God, Sir, its nearly as bad as Achnacarry.’

At the Beech Avenue you can still see marks on the trees from the Tarzan Assault Course. Recruits used to tie ropes and slide over the river with live ammunition going off around them. Apparently my grandfather was watching once and the ammunition they used blew a salmon up. Everyone tried to divert his attention and then this American came up and presented him with the fish and said ‘I've got a big fish for you here’. My grandfather wasn't best pleased!”

The military occupation did not leave the Castle or Estate undamaged. Famously, in November 1943 a fire gutted the roof of the house. Another fire destroyed part of the ancient Caledonian Forest. The fire raged from the hill adjacent to the Castle, down Loch Arkaig and into the Glen burning furiously for three days and nights. The remnants of the charred Scots pines can still be seen from the Castle. Donald said “I never saw the fire because I wasn't born, but it must have been a great loss, with all the old Caledonian pines gone. I was told that it was started by a discarded cigarette butt,

After the war the Commandos left the Castle, but the house was not returned to the family in pre-war condition. “After the war my parents didn't move back to Achnacarry, but stayed at Clunes until the death of my grandfather in 1951. It was quite difficult to decorate places after the war because of coupons, so the

re-decoration of the house took a long time. My parents moved back in about 1952 and so did I. They continued to gradually re-decorate the Castle.”

Servicemen had put their own stamp on the house. Many of the rooms featured beautiful murals painted by Corporal Brian Mullen of No 4 Commando who was sadly killed in action on D-Day. “People ask why we didn't keep the murals because they were so lovely, but actually you couldn't really live with nude mermaids staring at you!”

“There was a lot of unexploded ammunition left around the place. I remember when I was a boy and the field was being ploughed, they'd occasionally turn

up the odd rusty grenade. And, when we installed a new water system in the village in 2008 we had to have the ground swept by experts who found seven mortars and a hand grenade during the search.”

Donald believes that most of the Estate workers would have returned after the war, though life would have been very tough for them by modern standards even into the 1950s. Life up the Glen was very isolated, there was no electricity and it was very difficult to get to places. Donald recalled that when he was a boy “a man called Cameron would climb over from the Glen into Glen Loy where he had a motorbike waiting, drive to Fort William for his shopping and return back to the Glen the same way.” Times were much harder than they are today.

By Editor: Thanks to Lochiel and the Braes newsletter for permission to use this story, and to Bill Cameron for providing the photos.



Murals on the walls in Achnacarry



Commandos at their bar in Achnacarry

Lochiel featured in a recent BBC documentary 'Castle Commando' explaining Achnacarry's important wartime role.

“Lt-Col Charles Edward Vaughan commanded the training centre. It was a historic moment when he first met Lochiel. Not since the Duke of Cumberland in 1746 had an English soldier and his troops occupied Achnacarry. On that occasion they had burned and ravaged the place. What would they do to Achnacarry in 1942?” - from 'Castle Commando' by Donald Gilchrist.

Cameron Knights of the Thistle

by *Bill Cameron*

On the 5th of July 2012, Prince William, Earl of Strathearn was installed as a Royal Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of The Thistle. Becoming the 240th Knight in the modern era to join Scotland's long established and highest order of chivalry.

Such a high profile Royal appointment in the Queen's jubilee year produced many colourful images in the press of Prince William, members of the Royal family, along with the other fifteen Knights of the Thistle. Dressed in dark green velvet robes, intricate gold insignia and black velvet caps with white feathers that fluttered in the breeze. The knights walked the short distance from the Signet Library to the Thistle Chapel at St. Giles' Cathedral on Edinburgh's Royal mile.

This centuries old Scottish tradition was brought into the present day as Prince William, an unusually young Knight to be appointed within the order, took his place within the Sovereign's stall in the Thistle Chapel, alongside the Queen, three members of the Royal family and the other Knights of the thistle.

The origins of The Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle go back to around 800AD when Achaius, King of Scots defeated Athelstan, King of the Saxons. In so doing he instigated the Order of the Thistle to award his warriors for their loyal efforts. The order continued in various forms and was formally revived in 1687 by King James VII of Scotland.

Originally consisting of twelve Knights making a direct connection with the twelve disciples of Christ, the order now consists of sixteen Knights as well as five Royal Knights.

The appointment of a new Knight of the Thistle is made by the monarch in recognition of a Scots born persons lifetime contribution to Scotland. This has seen a variety of people awarded, from politicians, doctors, business people and lawyers.

Within the modern era of the Order of the Thistle, four Cameron's have been awarded Scotland highest order of chivalry.

The records of previous Knights can be seen in the stalls within the Thistle Chapel where stall plates show the heraldic coat of arms of Knights who are now deceased.

The first record of a Cameron Knight of the thistle was made in 1934 to Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel, the current Lochiel's grandfather.

The 25th Chief of Clan Cameron, Donald Walter served in the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders and was Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire.

In 1973 Donald Walters son, Donald Hamish Cameron of Lochiel was given the Order of the Thistle. As the 26th Chief of Clan Cameron, Lochiel held a number of high profile business positions in Scotland, as well as being the Queens representative as Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire.

Along with two members of the Lochiel family, Lord Cameron, a distinguished advocate and judge, became a Knight of the Thistle in 1978. He served a long and distinguished career within the legal profession. Lord (John) Cameron was also president of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The last Cameron to be appointed as a Knight of the Thistle was Lord Cameron of Balhousie in 1983. Lord (Neil) Cameron served as Marshall of the Royal Air Force and Chief of the Defence Staff, as well as many other distinguished positions within the armed forces. In retirement he became principal of Kings College in London.

The Thistle Chapel has been the home to the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of The Thistle in the modern era, since its completion in 1911. It was built with a bequest from the Earl of Leven, himself a Knight of the Thistle. After his untimely death his

sons donated the money his father had set out for a new chapel for the order. Although it was not built at Holyrood as planned, but attached to Edinburgh's principal Kirk, St. Giles' Cathedral.

Built within its £24,000 budget and ahead of time. The Thistle Chapel offers visitors to Scotland's Capital city a hidden architectural gem. It is lined with intricate wooden carvings including an angel with bagpipes. The chapels awe inspiring ceiling displays almost a hundred heraldic bosses offering a colourful and rich historical insight into this ancient and noble order.

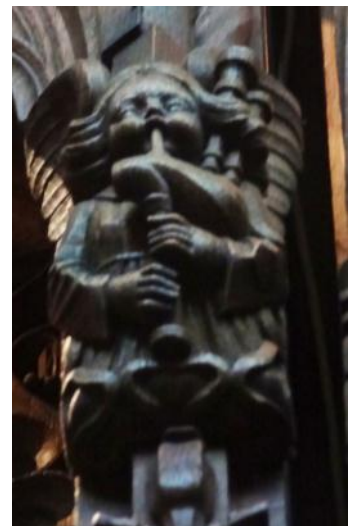
In 2004, a service of remembrance was held in St. Giles' Cathedral for Donald Hamish Cameron of Lochiel as a former Knight of the Thistle.



Cameron Knights of the Thistle: Lord Cameron. Lochiel and Lord Cameron of Balhousie (1984 photo in the Chapel)



*Above: The Thistle Chapel at the rear of St. Giles Cathedral
Left: Lord Cameron's Stall Plate. Right: A carved angel with bagpipes within the Thistle Chapel.
Photos: Bill Cameron*





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Photo: Bill Cameron

Cameron of Lochiel stall plate in the Thistle Chapel



Photo: Tristan Lui

Bryan and Jenny Haggitt with Don at the Auckland Kirkin O' the Tartan



Photo: Paul Rickard

Gisborne Branch AGM. From left: Fraser Cameron, Mike Topham, Elaine Cameron, Georgina Cameron, David Cameron, Trish Topham



The Thistle Chapel. Ceiling (above) and interior showing the Sovereign's Stall ahead (below)

Photos: Bill Cameron



Model 'T' Fords at the foot of Ben Nevis after a plaque was installed commemorating the 1911 and 2011 ascent of Ben Nevis in a Model 'T' Astie and Bill were both involved in the 2011 attempt. Photo: Bill Cameron



Wanganui/Taranaki Branch Winter Fest: Above (l); Neville Wallace gives 'a message of hope for the future.' (r) and below; the Haggis party with Len Millar (piper) Don Cameron, Neil Boyd (Addresser), Alan Drake and Neville Wallace. Photos: Shona Wallace



Hazel Cameron with Megan and Anais Bonhomme outside the Plough Inn, Buckinghamshire. See page 3. Photo: Graeme Cameron

