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TO

THE MEMORY

OF

MARY CHISHOLM OF CHISHOLM

(AFTERWARDS MRS. JAMES GOODEN, LONDON),

A noble-souled woman, whose warm-hearted and patriotic conduct towards her father's and, subsequently, her mother's tenants in Strathglass, under the most trying circumstances, first attracted the author's attention to her clan, and without whose inspiration this book would never have been written.

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THE HISTORY OF THE CHISHOLMS, as given in this volume, is not an ambitious work. The materials are not extensive, and those available are not of an important or stirring character.

I claim to have disposed of the absurd and groundless contention, so long maintained by the Northern clan, that they sprang originally from the Earls of Caithness and Orkney, and to have established, on the contrary, that they first came to the Highlands from the Scottish Borders, and that all the families of the name, north and south, can trace their descent to one common ancestor, heard of for the first time in Scotland in the county of Roxburgh towards the end of the thirteenth century.

I am indebted to various friends for assistance, but above all others to Mr. Colin Chisholm, Namur Cottage, Inverness, whose interesting *Traditions of Strathglass* and genealogical storehouse I have freely and profitably drawn upon,

A. M.

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CHRISTMAS DAY, 1890.

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