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## STARTING POINT

*With the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of The N/News behind us the N/N Society takes it tentative steps towards achieving its double century; to use a phrase more commonly associated with cricket. Extending the cricketing analogy a little further, the N/N Society has the runs on the board and there is much to be proud of over the past 25 years.*

*As suggested in this column in the 100<sup>th</sup> edition great gains in genealogy of N/Ns have been made. While much of this has been aided and abetted by the internet; with genealogical research being one of its largest uses; there is a significant role for The N/N News in providing a medium whereby this disparate N/N family history information can be disseminated to all, including those without a computer.*

*This is not to say The N/News has not done this in the past but to signal a change in emphasis and content. The N/N Society - Australian Branch with its publication in 1994 of 'A Biographical Dictionary' made a significant step towards making the collective knowledge of N/Ns worldwide available to a wider audience. There are in excess of one hundred different N/N families listed.*

*However, the dictionary had its limitations, the primary one being accessibility to the wealth of information its compiler and editor John Lawrence Cairns-Smith-Barth had consolidated into a single document.*

*The N/N Society – Australian Branch is now building on the 'Dictionary' with the development of the Bio-Lineage project and is asking members to update their existing family history information previously submitted in 1994 or submit their family trees as a new contribution.*

*Concurrently, the N/N Society is working on a project which links N/N family history to a place or places. In this issue there are two stories where N/N family history and place are inextricably linked. Whether the family influenced the place, or the place impacted on the family is a matter of conjecture. Either way the project's aim is to paint a socio-economic picture of the environment/s in which the N/N family or families were evolving.*

*While the objectives of the Society state that it has a limited role in undertaking family history research on behalf of individuals the information resources at hand means that we can take a great role in facilitating family history research.*

*The N/News is an important medium for aiding and sharing the collective family history knowledge of all N/Ns.*

*The N/N Society - Australian Branch looks forward to receiving your contributions toward achieving this goal.*

*Ian G Nisbet*

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**OBITUARIES**

**Helen Nesbit**

NESBIT. - Helen. Passed away Apr. 16, 2013 surrounded by family and love. She will be so missed and always present for her daughters Leanne and Deborah and their families. Reunited with her husband, Bruce.

*Published in **Herald Sun** on April 18, 2013.*

*Bruce Nesbit (dec), Helen’s husband, was the primary instigator for the formation of the Australian branch of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society. The inaugural meeting of the Society was held at Bruce and Helen’s home in Bundoora on the 27th June 1986. Helen was a bright and energetic individual who supported Bruce (and the newsletter committee), in all of his efforts for the N/N Society. They continued to be strong supporters of the Society’s activities and were recognised as Convenors of the Australian Branch.*

*The Nesbitt/Nisbet Society extends its condolences on Helen’s passing to Leanne and Deborah and their families.*

**Phillip Wentworth Nisbet**

NISBET. - Phillip Wentworth. 22.07.1921 - 03.01.2013 Beloved husband of Lorna (dec.). Much loved brother of Max (dec.) and Mary. A wonderful man who will be sadly missed by his family.

*Excerpt from **Herald Sun** on January 4, 2013.*

*Phillip was N/N Society member 001, of lineage 014 and was active in the society in its early years. Our condolences to Phillip’s family.*

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**Theresa Nisbet**

NISBET. - Theresa (Terri). Of Lakes Entrance 20.8.1920 - 6.1.2013 Deeply loved mother of Ken. Wife of Cliff (dec.). Stepmother to Heather and mother-in-law to Alan.

*Excerpt from **Herald Sun** on January 8, 2013*

*Theresa was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Cliff Nisbet N/N Society member of lineage 015. Our condolences to Heather and family and Ian M and family.*

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**Joan Nisbet**

NISBET (Shaw). - Marie Joan ('Joan') Passed away at Inglewood Hostel, on Apr. 18, 2013 Aged 86 years Loved wife of Vin (dec.). Mother of Brian and Ange, John and Joy, Tom and Michelle.

*Excerpt from **Herald Sun** on April 19, 2013*

*Joan was wife of Donald Kelvin (Vin) Nisbet and sister-in-law to Eric Nisbet, whose passing was advised in N/News 100 of lineage 005/053. Our condolences to Joan’s family.*



**MEM-BOAR-SHIP**

**New members**

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new member to the Society:  
Vivienne Nesbitt of Wellington, New Zealand.

## **New Zealand members**

Owing to the large impost by Australian banks on the processing of subscription cheques of New Zealand members it has been determined that for the time being New Zealand members will be regarded as honorary members. They will continue to receive "The N/News".

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## **NETWORKED N/N's**

*For those who can trace their N/Ns families to the Shetlands the following website may prove a source of information. The surname list is extensive and for N/Ns there are the following listings:*

*Nesbit 4, Nesbitt 2, Nisbet 488, Nisbett 12*

Go to: <http://www.bayanne.info>



## **(NES)-BITS & PIECES**

### **Trove - a significant aid for family history researchers**

*The National Library of Australia, in collaboration with Australian State and Territory libraries, began a program in March 2007 to digitise Australian newspapers for access and preservation purposes.*

*In July 2008 the Australian newspapers in Trove was released to the public. Trove is a free online service that enables full-text searching of newspaper articles. The service includes newspapers published in each state and territory from the 1800s to the mid-1950s, when copyright applies. The first Australian newspaper, published in Sydney in 1803, is included in the service. Newly digitised articles are added daily.*

*Trove is a discovery experience focused on Australia and Australians. It supplements what search engines provide. If you are researching in the fields of the social sciences, literature, local or family history, then this is the tool for you.*

To explore Trove go to: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

*The following are examples of family history that can be accessed via Trove to assist in family history research.*

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### **DETECTIVE'S DEATH - The late Mr. J. D. Nisbet**

Detective-Sergeant James David Nisbet died suddenly at a private hospital in Subiaco yesterday morning after a short illness. He took ill on Friday morning when preparing to leave for a holiday in the country and underwent an operation on Saturday. He left a widow, a son and a daughter. He was 47 years of age. Born at Cathcart, Scotland. the late Detective-Sergeant Nisbet joined the West Australian police service on April 22, 1921. He was promoted to the detective branch on May 1, 1923, and was made a sergeant on August 18, 1933, and a second-class sergeant on August 10, 1935. He had been stationed mostly at Perth and Fremantle. He went to Fremantle Criminal Investigation Branch in December, 1923, and returned to Perth in October, 1932. Among important criminal cases on which he was engaged was the Caris Bros.' murder case. The late officer will be accorded a police funeral at the Karrakatta crematorium tomorrow afternoon.

**West Australian** Monday 20 Nov1939.

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## **Robert Chancellor Nesbitt - An Australian connection**

To the Editor:

Sir, - The article "Heraldry," by "Creagh Dhubh," in Friday's issue, August 3, was of more than ordinary interest to me. I received by last week's mail a booklet entitled "Alexander Nisbet, the Herald." On the 30th of May last, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms with his Court in uniform, was present at the unveiling of a memorial in the form of a mural tablet in Old Grey Friars church, Edinburgh, to my kinsman, Alexander Nisbet. This tribute to the Herald over 200 years after his death, was welcomed by the Lord Lyon, who said, at a ceremony following the unveiling, that Alexander Nisbet was the first man to write about Heraldry in a sane and sensible manner, and Scotland was indebted to him for a national Heraldry, which was the purest in the world, largely due to Nisbet's inspiration. "A System of Heraldry," published in 1722, is claimed to be the most outstanding work on Scottish armory. Nisbet wrote ten other works on Heraldic Science. He died in 1725. Three of his uncles gave their lives in support of Charles I. The Nisbets are among the oldest of the Scottish border families, dating back to the 12th Century. A former Marchmont Herald (Mr. Andrew Ross) says: "As a Herald Nisbet remains unrivalled. His clearness and brevity are remarkable." Competent judges assert his claim to occupy the highest place amongst British writers on Heraldry, and his reputation has not diminished with lapse of years. The memorial, designed by the Heraldic painter to the Court of the Lord Lyon, was erected by my eldest brother, **Robert Chancellor Nesbitt** [*author of 'Nisbet of that Ilk' 1941 - Ed*], a Freeman of the City of London, and sometime Unionist member of Parliament. The London "Times" of 31st May, comments upon Nisbet as known by his published works, as occupying one of the highest places among British writers on Heraldry. He had always shown a very high level of distinction and scholarship.

I am, etc, ALICE GRAHAM NESBITT. Summer Hill, Aug. 4.

*Sydney Morning Herald*, Thursday 9 August 1934.

[*Alice Graham Nesbit (sic) died at Summer Hill, 31 October 1954, aged 76. Sydney Morning Herald, 1 Nov 1954 - Ed*]

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## **Mr. James Nisbet – Death of a pioneer**

Mr. James Nisbet, one of the earliest settlers in Central Queensland; died recently at Bathurst, in his 90th year. He came from Glasgow to Sydney in 1857, and after a short stay in the country went to Rockhampton, where he joined the late Mr. William Kelman (formerly owner of Meteor Downs and Ghinguidah stations and other properties), - with whom he remained, for several years, sometimes as partner. He was a capable and active man, and soon gained a thorough knowledge of station life and management, and became associated in business and friendship with many prominent men of his day in Queensland. Later, seeking new country on his own account, he started from Barcaldine, then represented by a slab hut, with bark roof, he went to the Western river, where he took up three blocks, totalling about 900 square miles. Here he farmed, and named what is still known as Oondooroo station - the first stock station in those parts. He sold this property in 1878, and returned to Scotland for 13 months. Returning to New South Wales, he was associated with others in pastoral pursuits for many years. His reminiscences of Queensland are interesting, and are in the Mitchell Library, Sydney.

*Western Star and Roma Advertiser (Toowoomba, Qld. : 1875 - 1948) Saturday 25 July 1931.*

*NB James Nisbet was the author of "My Pioneering Days in Queensland".*

## **“The White Blog”**

"Switzer" Nisbet, former Interstate baseballer and member of the 'Mail' staff, sends a cheery letter from-well your guess is as good as ours! [*The censor did not allow troops during WW II to disclose their location. Ed*]

"Things were a bit lively for quite a while. For five months I was unable to write home, and the postman was absent for the same period. However, he's fixed his bicycle or something and now we see his welcome figure a little more regularly. We had our first mail in June (our last was in January) and I felt like the people of Mafeking when it was relieved. It sure was good to hear from the folks at home. During the five months I had quite a few experiences, most of which are taboo with the censor, so forgive me if my letters are 'boring'. At times it was necessary to live and eat in natives' huts. When viewed from the comforts of 179 Stubbs Terrace that type of living holds little appeal, but believe me I had some wonderful sleeps and meals under those circumstances.

The natives of this place have been extra good to us, and without their friendship and assistance our job would have been a lot more difficult, and do they hate the Jap? Of course, the little yellow bloke in the beginning gave them just cause by stealing their livestock, clothing and molesting their women. Now when the Jap moves he's preceded by a wave of frightened natives all anxious to tell the Australians how many and which way he's moving. Through this and our own system we always manage to make his trips to the mountains no picnic. When this is all over I may be able to fill in a few of those quiet Thursday mornings we used to have with some tall stories. Clumsy as usual, I put my thigh in the way of a lead slug one dark night, but I was lucky-it went straight through and never hit the bone. I was out of play for a month, but you will guess how fit I am when I tell you I weigh about 14 or 15 stone now.

"We are very fortunate in our location, as food is very plentiful. Our usual meal consists of meat (either goat, pig or buffalo and sometimes chicken), vegetables (potatoes and pumpkin and pumpkin and potatoes). Boiled rice with wild honey poured over it is an old standby and forms our main dessert. As you can imagine there is plenty of coffee and the usual run of tropical fruits. You can see that we feed pretty well, but it's not always like that. Also, there's a shortage of cream puffs, sponge and that type of thing that we all knocked back at home. A great boon has been the locally-grown tobacco. You will know yourself what "no smokes" does to a person used to a regular dose of nicotine. Cigarette papers were a problem until our supplies from 'ome caught up with us. For a time the boys were smoking sanitary paper, old letters and, supposed to be best of all, the dried leaves around a maize cob.

"Our friend the Jap has provided us with quite a bit of excitement and amusement. He sent out some surrender pamphlets once, and they would have made the most serious person laugh. They wanted us to come in with our arms upwards 'waving the white blog!' We were never able to puzzle out this 'white blog' business, so we didn't go. The Jap is a queer sort of bird. Present him with a situation that requires something that isn't in the book and, in my opinion, he's euchred. We don't fight him his way, and so far he is hanging on to methods that won't get him very far in this little part of the war. From what I've seen of him he doesn't move anywhere unless he's in hundreds. I hope he continues to do so, as I consider we have his measure when he starts out into the mountains”.

***Western Mail*** Thursday 1 October 1942.

*Author: Tom Nisbet, location East Timor. [Ian G Nisbet has no knowledge of the nickname. – Ed]*

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### **Mr Joseph Morrison Nisbet**

On Saturday Mr Joseph Morrison Nisbet, of Kergunyah South, died at the ripe age of 80 years. The late Mr Nisbet was very well-known throughout the border district. It is over 40 years since he first arrived at Bonegilla with sawmill plant, which he brought with him from Mount Cole, near Ballarat, where he had been for some time previously in the sawmilling business. From Bonegilla he shifted to Yackandandah Creek; thence, as each bush "cut out," to Kergunyah, Kiewa, Indigo Creek, and Sandy Creek. Some years ago the late Mr Nisbet retired in favor of his sons, and spent the remainder of his days on land he had selected at Kergunyah South. Born 80 years ago "Within a mile o' Edinboro' town," Mr Nisbet landed in Melbourne in 1852, and at once stepped into the front rank of those hardy pioneers our great Australian bush develops to the honor of the British stock they sprang from. No more striking evidence of the wonderful physical robustness of the men of the "early fifties" could be afforded than that of the late Mr Nisbet. Just a short twenty minutes before he died this grand old Britisher walked unassisted from one room to another, lay down on his bed and passed quietly away to that final rest a long life's activities so thoroughly earned. He had been attended by Dr Johnson, and his death was due to heart failure. About seven years ago Mrs Nisbet [*Mary Morrissey – Ed*] predeceased her husband, who now lies by her side in the Yackandandah Cemetery. Residents of Sandy Creek, Kiewa, Baranduda, Kiewa Valley, and other parts of the district attended the funeral on Monday afternoon. Rev. C. T. Houston read the Presbyterian service, and also offered up a most touching extempore prayer for the surviving members of the family. The surviving members of the Nisbet family are Mrs G. Allen, well-known in Wodonga; Mrs M'Cormack, of Wangaratta (daughters); and Messrs Thomas, Walter, Robert, James, Joseph, Frank, Henry, and Andrew (sons).

*Wodonga and Towong Sentinel* Friday 27 May 1910.

[*Joseph Morrison Nisbet was the son of Joseph and Margaret (ms Morrison) Nisbet born/baptised at Polmont, near Edinburgh, 6 April 1834 – ScotlandsPeople – Ed*]

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### **Mr John Nisbet - Ararat**

Widespread regret was expressed in Ararat on Sunday last, when it became known that Mr John Nisbet, of 'Tranent', High Street East, had passed away. The deceased gentleman had reached the extreme age of 88 years, and for some time last had been quite laid aside. He was born in Tranent, Scotland, in 1828, and left the old land for California when twenty-one years of age to join his brother on the goldfields. After a few years spent in that country he came to Australia in the fifties, and was thus a pioneer colonist. In Melbourne he married a townswoman, Miss Catherine Thomson, and after visiting Maryborough and Fiery Creek he came to Ararat in 1858, and resided here continuously from that date. He was a carpenter by trade, and as a builder and contractor erected many structures in the town, amongst others the Presbyterian Church, but on the opening of the Ararat Hospital for the Insane he was appointed to the artisan staff of that institution, and held the position until he retired on a pension some years ago.

The deceased in the early days took an active part in many of the social and other movements of the town. He was for a long number of years the precentor of the Presbyterian Church, and led the psalmody of the congregation at the time when the proposal to introduce an organ into the church was a much vexed question - some members opposing the idea of "praising God by machinery by the use of a box of whistles." He was also identified with the old Ararat Dramatic Club, and more recently was a very loyal member of the Bowling Club, and a constant figure on the green. The deceased leaves a family of four sons and one daughter. Miss Nisbet and her brother, Robert, living in Ararat, whilst Messrs George and William have taken up their residence in Melbourne, Thomas is in Queensland. The funeral is announced to take place this afternoon, when the remains will be interred in the Ararat Cemetery.

*The Ararat Advertiser* (Vic. : 1914 - 1918) Tuesday 29 August 1916.

## **Nesbitt Family at the Nation's White House** by Tom Nesbitt

*[This is an edited version of an article which appeared in the February 2013 issue of the North American N/N Society's newsletter - Ed].*

Unknown to many N/Ns, we have a famous connection to America's White House during the 1930s and 1940s. Henrietta Nesbitt was the Cook and Housekeeper during the Roosevelt years and her husband Henry worked there also.

Henry and Henrietta's grandson and great-grandson are members of our Society and live in the state of Washington. In some of Dorothy Nesbitt's archives, I found magazine articles from the 1940s about Henrietta and her years at the White House.

**WHITE HOUSE PROFILES: Henrietta Nesbitt** [www.whha.org](http://www.whha.org) (White House Historical Assoc.)

When Henrietta Nesbitt (1874-1963) first saw the White House on March 4, 1933, she remarked that it resembled "a big wedding cake". The day was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first inauguration as president. The following day Nesbitt became the housekeeper at the White House. Although Mrs. Nesbitt, who was fifty-nine, had never worked as a professional housekeeper before, she was undaunted by the challenge. Her philosophy was that she had been keeping house all her life and it wouldn't be any different at the White House, just on a larger scale. Little did Nesbitt know that she would spend more than a dozen years managing the nation's busiest household during the trying times of the Great Depression and World War II. Henrietta and her husband, Henry F. Nesbitt, had been neighbours of the Roosevelts in Hyde Park, New York. Eleanor Roosevelt and Nesbitt met through the formation of a local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Roosevelt, heavily involved in her husband's campaign for governor of New York, asked Nesbitt to make baked goods for the Roosevelt's growing social functions at Hyde Park. When Franklin Roosevelt was elected to the White House in 1932, Mrs. Roosevelt asked both Nesbitts to work for them in the White House. Henry Nesbitt tracked the household accounts as chief steward. Two sets of books had to be kept as the government only paid for state dinners and receptions; all other meals were charged to the Roosevelts.

After Henry Nesbitt's death in 1938, Mrs. Nesbitt took over these duties with the help of an assistant. Mrs. Nesbitt proved to be an indefatigable worker and her position involved not only care of the house, but oversight of the servants, meal planning, and the purchase of supplies from her command post on the ground floor of the historic residence. The Roosevelts were socially active and entertained over 10,000 persons during the 1937 season at the White House.

Nesbitt became a minor celebrity through her position and gave newspaper interviews about her menus. She also appeared on a radio program with other White House staffers to discuss the running of the presidential mansion. Her plain home-style meals were never widely appreciated at the White House and both President Roosevelt and visitors complained about the quality and variety of foods that were served. A 1937 New York Times article stated "any man might rebel against being served salt fish for luncheon four days in a row".

Roosevelt had a food rebellion the prior week and said that the "kitchen had better not send him any more liver for a while and he is also getting pretty tired of string beans." Mrs. Nesbitt was aware that her menus were being discussed in the national news, but she excused it by saying that the president was stressed over world events. She also staunchly defended her uninspired menus by saying that the White House had to follow rationing rules the same as everyone else.

They both felt that the White House should be a model of food conservation efforts on the Home Front.

Mrs. Nesbitt remained on for a time at the White House after Harry S. Truman became president. However, Margaret Truman recounts in *Bess W. Truman*, that President Truman was served Brussels sprouts one too many times and Mrs. Nesbitt was summarily dismissed.

After leaving the White House, Mrs. Nesbitt wrote two books; *White House Diary* published in 1948 followed by *The Presidential Cookbook: Feeding the Roosevelts and Their Guests* in 1951. The diary is a chatty commentary of the dignitaries and heads of state that visited during her time there and provides an important glimpse of life behind the scenes at the Roosevelt White House.

Other sources:

**Henrietta Nesbitt - An Extraordinary Woman (1874 – 1963)**

[www.mchenrycountyturningpoint.org](http://www.mchenrycountyturningpoint.org)

**White House Kitchens, Menus, and Recipes**

[www.ourwhitehouse.org](http://www.ourwhitehouse.org)

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### **Nisbets of Lawrieland**

The last issue of "*The N/News*" featured the family tree of the Nisbets of Mersington and Lambden.

In this issue we include a family tree of the Nisbets of Lawrieland. Again this tree was prepared by Jean Skar and any members who can identify with the tree or contribute to it, is invited to contact the N/N Society.

Lawrieland is a farm near Mauchline, a town in East Ayrshire, Scotland. It lies 8 miles (13 km) east-southeast of Kilmarnock and 11 miles (18 km) northeast of Ayr. It is situated on a gentle slope about 1 mile (2 km) from the River Ayr, which flows through the south of the parish of Mauchline.

This Nisbet line first appears in the Mauchline baptismal records with Robert Nisbet, farmer of Laurieland [various spellings], having a son Hugh, b/b 1759 at Laurieland. Consistent with the widespread practice of the times the mother's name is not recorded. Siblings of Hugh were Robert [1761], James [1762], Janet [1765], Margaret [1770] and John [1774].

James married Margaret Wilson and they had a son Robert [1796] and eight other children. Robert was a shoemaker in Mauchline. Robert's son James was also a shoemaker in Mauchline. James never married. His two sisters married and emigrated to America.

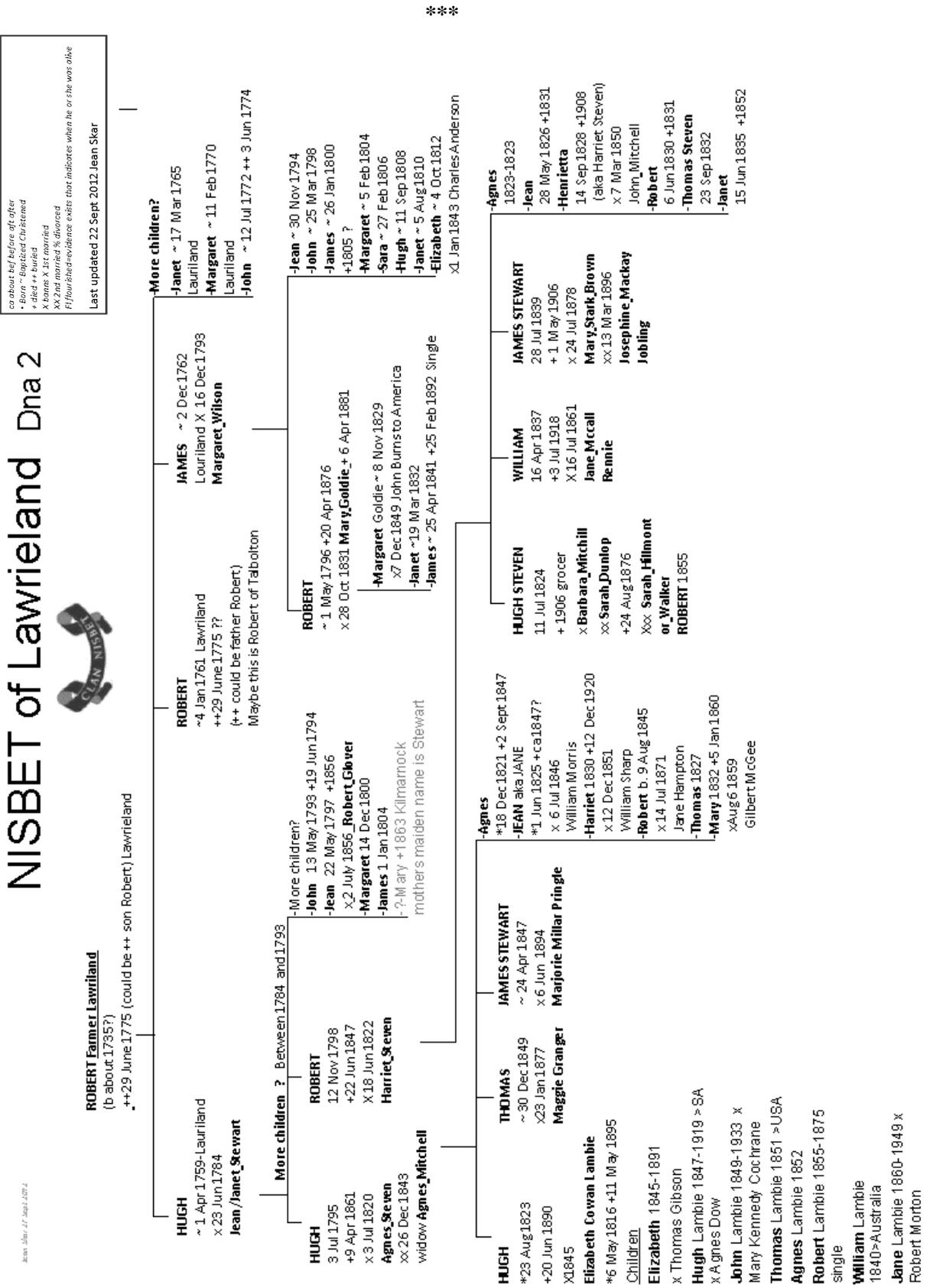
Hugh Nisbet was a carrier based in Mauchline who subsequently married Jean Stewart. Hugh and Jean had a number of children including Hugh Nisbet [1795], carrier/innkeeper, Robert [1798], grocer and Jean Nisbet [1797] innkeeper, who were living and working in Mauchline.

Jean Stewart was a half - sister to James Stewart who lived at Haughhead, [a farm near Mauchline]. James died in 1849 and was for the times, a wealthy man; his estate was valued at £28,000 [*pounds*]. Unmarried, he left legacies to the children of Jean and Hugh Nisbet, namely Hugh Nisbet, Robert Nisbet and Jean Nisbet [later Glover] and to the families of his siblings. Families included are; Smith, Morrison, Lambie, Campbell and Reid. He was also a benefactor for the Mauchline school.

By 1871 there were only two families living in Mauchline, and small ones at that.

Descendants of the Nisbets of Mauchline are to be found in UK, North America, South Africa and Australia. Ian G Nisbet, Secretary of the Australian N/N Society is a descendant of this Nisbet family. DNA test for Ian G Nisbet shows that these Ayrshire Nisbets are DNA 2. See The N/News 100.

The family tree prepared by Jean Skar appears below.



## WANTED

### Molong Nesbitts – connection?

Stefanie Nesbitt - from QLD wrote:

Hello everyone,  
Is anyone a relation of the following? If yes, please email me as I am trying to search ancestry! Thankyou!  
Stef

*With a little assistance from Ancestry.com a bit of extra information, in italics:*

Thomas Nesbitt 1891 Thomas, Jane Molong, New South Wales

Grace S Nesbitt 1892 Thomas, Jane Molong, New South Wales

Wallace J Nesbitt 1895 Thomas, Jane Molong, New South Wales

Gerty Elizabeth Nesbitt 1897 d 17 March 1964, 66yrs, m William Burke, 1924 Molong, d 8.6.1956, 74yrs

Cecil Raymond Nesbitt 1900 d 25 February 1981, 81 yrs, m Elizabeth Ida May Crannis, 1922 Molong

Herrick Eric Stanley Nesbitt 1903 m Olive Vivienne May Knight, 1937 Bathurst

Horace R Nesbitt 1905 Thomas, Janie Molong, New South Wales

Mervyn A Nesbitt 1908 Thomas, Jane Molong, New South Wales.

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### John Nisbet – relatives

In *The N/News No. 100* Sue Reakes asked “whether the Hohn (John ?) Nisbet who worked at the Ararat Insane Asylum starting 1874 is related to William Nisbet (from Ayreshire Mauchline in Scotland) who farmed in the Ararat area before moving to Deniliquin. William's parents were Robert Nisbet and Harriet Steven, John's parents were George Nisbet and Jacobina Begbie (according to the Victorian death index). He was born circa 1829 and married Catherine Thomson in 1854 in Victoria.”

*Ian G Nisbet suggests that given the information in the obituary for John Nisbet of Ararat (page 6) who was born at Tranent in 1828 and the Victorian death index records his parents as George Nisbet and Jacobina Begbie I believe you are looking for another John Nisbet.*

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### Ararat Nisbets – connection?

John Claringbold - from Barwon Heads, Victoria wrote:

The Claringbold Family Tree has many gaps. My grandfather, Walter Augustus Claringbold, married Kate Nisbet (1886-1942) in Ararat in 1907. Her parents were George Nisbet and Maggie Kenny. Is there any information on the Nisbet connection? Thanks.

*Referring to the earlier obituary for John Nisbet of Ararat (page 6), George Nisbet is his son. The N/N Biographical Dictionary records that George was born at Maryborough in 1825 and married Margaret Page Kenny. Kate was their daughter, named Catherine Loveda Nisbet, born 11 July 1881 at Murtoa. The 1909 to 1924 Electoral Rolls record Walter and Katie living in Ararat.*



## SUCCESS

### Francis Nisbet – relatives found

Colin Nisbet, Scotland made the following entry on the N/N Society's website guestbook: “trying to trace family members of Francis Nisbet from Falkirk who arrived in Fremantle on SS Ormonde on 1st June, 1922.”

*With some assistance from Ancestry.com it was established that “Frank” landed at Sydney and his occupation was listed as miner. He is next recorded on the Australian Electoral Roll as a miner living at Scottville in Queensland. What was also revealed by the electoral records was that there was also another Nisbet living in the same place. Now all N/Ns know that N/N is not a common name. Given that Scottville in the 1930s was a long way from anywhere it is hard to believe that two N/Ns would be found living in a small town if they were not related. Colin was able to later advise that Frank indeed had an older brother, Andrew and his wife's name was Jessie. Jessie Nisbet was also living at Scottville!*

*Colin is now in contact with an Australian relative of Andrew and Jessie Nisbet and his own family history research takes the Nisbets of Falkirk back to the 1790s.*



## MISCELLANY

### Hay Nisbet Press

Now one of Britain's longest established printing companies, the Hay Nisbet Press of today has a printing pedigree second to none, proud of its reputation and history.

It was in fact Hay Nisbet himself who founded his printing company in 1840, known for a period as the Trongate\* Steam Printing Company. While the world has changed dramatically since those early 'steam press' days, the essential ingredients for a successful printer remain the same: consistent high quality, fast turn round time and complete confidentiality - all carried out in efficient cost effective manner.

Though proud of our history we have always preferred to look forward rather than back. We have a policy of continuous investment in the most up to date technology and a training programme to ensure our people keep apace. The technology is, after all, only as good as the skilled hands it is placed in.

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\* Trongate is one of the oldest streets in the city of Glasgow, Scotland.

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### Family Connections – John Nisbet of Ararat

J. Skurrie, 74 years of age, an old resident of Ararat and Stawell districts, died on Friday. W. Crouch, 32, years of age, son of Mr John Crouch, of Burrumbeen, died, at Ararat, after a long illness, on Friday. John Nisbet, son of Mr John Nisbet, of Ararat, 43 years of age (for 27 years a warder at the Ararat Lunatic asylum) died on Friday from pneumonia. Messrs Nisbet, Crouch and Skurrie were all related by marriage.

*Horsham Times, Friday 20 June 1902.*

*Again related to John Nisbet of Ararat (page 6).*



## N/Ns IN THE NEWS

### Daniel Nisbet - Golfer

An 18-month absence from golf left him devastated at the time, but rising star Daniel Nisbet is eager to put the past behind him as he prepares to make the jump into professional ranks.

Nisbet, fresh off a comprehensive 12-stroke victory at the first stage of PGA Tour Qualifying School in the US [mid October 2012] last week, will step out as a professional for the first time on Thursday when the 2012 WA Open tees off at Royal Perth.

The 22-year-old Queenslander has enjoyed a dream run on the amateur circuit this year, winning the US Players Amateur Championship, Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship and also representing Australia at the recent 2012 World Amateur Championship.

With a final round of 7-under 65, Rumford set a course record at his home club of Royal Perth but he wasn't alone, Daniel Nisbet also managed the feat, on his way to recording a 12-under 276 tied 6th finish in his first outing as a professional.

*Sources: various*



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