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AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

(The Latest News and Views from the Editorial Staff)

As an initiative for future monographs, the editorial committee has decided to attempt to compile a series of biographics and pen pictures of Australian N/N's and their ancestors.

Please take pen and paper and start recording your family stories and anecdotes. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries - further details in the next newsletter.

Dr. Ian T. Nisbet.

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

(Snippets of General Interest)

ON JOHN'S SELECTION: A mine of information:

An article of this title by Anne Tosolini appeared in 'Ancestor' recently. The article relates to her ancestors of name Freyne (and various other spellings - a common problem!) and the family's gold licence at Craigie in the gold mining area near Maryborough, Victoria.

The relevant feature of this story to N/N's is that Thomas and Anne Frayne sold the gold title to John Nisbet in 1901 for 10 pounds. The sale of the land was not approved until 1920, when it passed to William J. Nisbet (John's son).

We have several N/N's with origins in this area of Victoria; maybe there is a link with John and William J. Nisbet.

Adapted from ANCESTOR, Winter and Spring Edition, 1991. ANCESTOR is a journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, 5th Fl. 252 Swanston St., Melbourne, Victoria 3000. Tel. (03) 683 7003.

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The following is an extract from the book 'NOTORIOUS STRUMPETS AND DANGEROUS GIRLS'. Convict Women in Van Dieman's Land 1803-1829 by Phillip Tardif.

Mary Nesbitt was convicted at Dublin City, Ireland in August 1816 for stealing muslin and transported for 7 years. She arrived at Sydney, N.S.W. on the 'Canada' and at Hobart Town, Tasmania on the 'Elizabeth Henrietta' on 27th August 1817, 12 months after her conviction in Ireland.

The Irish hierarchy (as did their English counterpart) kept very detailed information on their convicts as the following will show:

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NOTORIOUS STRUMPETS ~ AND ~ DANGEROUS GIRLS

Convict Women in Van Diemen's Land
1803-1829
~ Phillip Jardif ~

1828: 15 March FS. Being drunk and disorderly. Fined 5 shillings.*
1840: 15 December FS. Drunk. Fined 5 shillings.*

It is possible that some or all of these references should, in fact, be attributed to Mary Neale senior.
Sources 5-7. 20-22. 26. 31.

NEALE, MARY (SENIOR)

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also spelt O'Neale
Police Number 16
Convicted At Dublin City.
Conviction Date and Sentence July 1816. 7 years.
Transported For Burglary and robbery.

DESCRIPTION

Trade Servant.
Height 5 ft 5 in.
Age 40; 55 (1817).
Complexion Sallow.
Hair Grey.
Eyes Grey.

COLONIAL EXPERIENCES

1817: 27 August Arrived at the Derwent from Sydney on board the *Elizabeth Henrietta*.
1820 and 1821 Musters: With Samuel Clements, Hobart Town (see Mary Neale, junior).
1833: 6 August Arrived at Sydney from Ireland on board the *Caroline*. Convicted at Dublin City in April 1832 in the name of Mary Armstrong for stealing shawls. Transported for 7 years.
Sources 5-7. 20. 26. 31.

* NESBITT, MARY

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Police Number 32
Convicted At Dublin City.
Conviction Date and Sentence August 1816. 7 years.
Transported For Stealing muslin.

DESCRIPTION

Native Place Naas, near Dublin
(Ireland).
Trade Servant.
Literacy Cannot write.
Height 5 ft 0 in.
Age 25; 36 (1817).
Complexion Fair.
Hair Light brown.
Eyes Grey.
Remarks Sinews of the right knee joint contracted, walks lame.
Scar back of right hand.

COLONIAL EXPERIENCES

1817: 27 August Arrived at the Derwent from Sydney on board the *Elizabeth Henrietta*.
1820: 5 May Launceston. Information on Oath of John Simmonds, free Man, who saith, on the evening of last Wednesday Week, the twenty sixth day of April last, between the hours of six and seven o'Clock, some Dogs began to bark. I looked out of my House and saw a parcel of Soldiers going down towards the Canal. About an hour afterwards, the Dogs barked again, and I saw the same Men coming back again towards Mrs. Reibey's Paling, and I heard a Woman's Voice crying out, Murder; upon which I opened the Door and took with me Thomas Cumberlidge, David Mulkey, John Sneelas and . . . Mitchell and went to the spot. When I got there, I asked what Woman is that; the Woman replied, it's me Jack, for God's sake come and take me away. I went up and saw a Soldier laying upon a female Prisoner, by name Mary Nesbitt, and a Soldier by name James Doran standing by him. The Woman was shrieking out, and I went up and pulled the Soldier away from her, And, whilst I was doing this, James Doran knocked me down and kicked me in the side and broke one of my Ribs and cut my head very much. I cried out, and my Wife hearing my voice came to my assistance; and, when I got up from the ground, I perceived the same Soldier, whom I pulled off Mary Nesbitt, beating my Wife. I ran up and seized him by the Collar and pulled him away from my Wife, telling him at the same time that she was not in a state to be ill used; and he made use of horrid language, saying he would serve every Convict bitch in the place in the same way. Mary Nesbitt knows who the Soldier was that ill used her and beat my Wife. I was carried home and was confined to my Bed for eight Days and am now very ill. (*HRA III*, Vol. 3, pp. 850-1)

1820: 18 June Married to Thomas Gibbons at Launceston.
1821 Muster: Wife of Thomas Gibbons, Port Dalrymple.
1823: Free Certificate issued.
1824: 16 September Wife of Gibbons, Launceston.
Assaulting Sarah Greenon.
Bound over to keep the peace for 3 months.
1825: 13 July Stealing a tumbler from the house of Mr Houghton. Charge dismissed.
1826: 4 March FS. Being drunk and disorderly. Fined 5 shillings.
1826: 29 April FS. Stealing two blankets and a rag, the property of Thomas Howard. Charge dismissed.
1826: 17 July FS. Being drunk and disorderly. Fined 5 shillings.
1826: 22 August FS. Charged with stealing from the person of Mrs Prosser. Charge dismissed.
1826: 28 August FS. Charged with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday night last. To be placed in the stocks 4 hours.
1831: 24 June Launceston Quarter Session—stealing two brooches, value £3, the property of William Brumby. To be transported for 7 years.
1831: 9 December K. Murray. Insolence and neglect of duty. 7 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1834: 25 August Brumby. Gross misconduct and absenting herself during 1 night and 2 days. Female House of Correction at Launceston 1 month and discharged from her service.
1835: 23 March: Browne. Absconding. 21 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1836: 29 February Kirkham. Insolence to her Mistress, and being useless. Admonished and returned to Government.
1836: 30 March Law. Insolence. 21 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1836: 8 August William Milne. Absent without leave. 14 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1836: 8 December Milne. Absent without leave. 7 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1837: 14 May Absconded from J. M. Stephenson, Launceston.
1837: 11 August Moore. Being in Town without a pass. 7 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1838: 17 January Boxall. Disobedience of orders in refusing to work. 10 days solitary confinement on bread and water.
1838: 24 June Free by Servitude.

Sources 5-8. 20-22. 26. 27. 29. 31.



This line drawing of Dirleton Kirk was drawn by Mary Stormonth Darling in 1985, and appeared in the U.K. Newsletter Vol VIII No. 4, Winter Edition, with the kind permission of the Rev. T. Hamilton Cashman.

Dirleton Kirk was built in 1612, Archerfield Aisle was added in 1660 in memory of James Maxwell, 1st Earl of Dirleton. The Tower was remodeled in 1827 by Mary Hamilton Nisbet. *

To the left of the gate is the Session house and to the right, the Kirk Hall which was, until 1912, the village school. The old bell tower is still on the roof.

The War Memorial Records show the names of those who died in the First and Second World Wars.

Each Christmas there is carol singing on the lawn around the Christmas Tree.

* Formerly Mary Nisbet of Dirleton, Countess of Elgin.

Dirleton is situated 16 miles to the east of Edinburgh on the East Lothian coast overlooking the Firth of Forth and the North Sea. The Castle generally accepted to have been built circa 1150 is now a complete wreck.

It was here that Mary Nisbet grew up, the devoted only child of devoted parents - she commenced life with every advantage. She was indeed heiress to an ample fortune, endowed with every accomplishment and grace of mind and person, and with that gift of humour which Scots and English alike, are so prone to deny each other.

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LT. T.H. NISBET, KILLED IN ACTION BENEATH BAUCHOP'S HILL, 1915: Lt. T.H. Nisbet was a Law student of Dunedin, New Zealand. He was born at Hawthorn, Victoria on 1st August 1892 and killed on 7th August 1915, aged 23 - during the Gallipoli campaign. He was a member of the Otago Battalion (a N.Z. unit).

To quote from the Official History of Australia:

"Parties of the enemy still remained in several positions, and many bullets were flying. While leading his men beneath the side of Bauchop's Hill for better shelter, Lt. Nisbet was shot dead, and as the battalion approached Table Top it came under a considerable amount of unaimed fire, by which Captain Wilkinson was wounded."

From "Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1919, Vol. II, The Story of Anzac", p. 578, by C.E.W. Bean.

Material supplied by Ian Clarke of Balwyn, Victoria.

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SAINT NESBITT - A GOOD RED: William Nesbitt, Editor of the U.K. Newsletter, in a note on his Christmas card wrote: "I was most interested in the Saint Nesbitt wine; too late for Christmas I fear, but I am making urgent enquiries, we may be able to celebrate the Gathering on May 30th."

Certainly a good idea as, from all accounts, those who partook of the wine at our 'Yum Cha' were rather impressed.

Gary R. Nisbet.

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IAN & LORNA O'BRIEN TO SPEND SIX MONTHS IN THE U.K.: Ian will be working at the School of Pure and Applied Biology at the University of Wales, in Cardiff; and Lorna and he will attend the U.K. Gathering in The Borders.

We hope they have a great time over there and look forward to learning of their exploits on their return.

SOCIETY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE OF AUSTRALIAN N/N MATERIAL: Members will be pleased to learn that U.K. Newsletter Editor, William Nesbitt is publishing selected articles from our Newsletters. Nesbitt/Nisbet Society Newsletters are not covered by copyright and editors are free to use material as they see fit. This is a very sensible arrangement, as the material is thus aired worldwide.

Articles which have appeared in recent U.K. Newsletters are, "An Essay into Irish Genealogy" (appearing in two parts) by Robert J. Linford O.B.E.; "Miss Nisbet of Dirleton", by Lesley Elsley, and Gertie Nesbitt's 109th birthday celebrations. Also are the Search Notice by Mrs Beverley Wharry, "A Near Miss" by Shirley Nesbitt, and Gary Nisbet's article "Yum Cha" with particular reference to Saint Nesbit.

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President Ian M. Nisbet's Address, given at our 5th Annual General Meeting on September 14th (a copy of which was received by all members with Newsletter 21) is being sent to North American Members as "an extra mailing", by their Branch Secretary/Treasurer, Jo Nesbit of Sacramento California.

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PROJECTS IN HAND: The Editorial Staff has several projects under way which will be available to members as soon as possible.

1. OVERSEAS VISITORS' KIT: A handy guide for members travelling to England,

Scotland or Ireland. This project has been in the pipeline for quite some time. We are waiting for additional information from the U.K. and the kit should be completed early in 1992.

Free to members who may require the 'Kit' when touring.

2. OUR THIRD MONOGRAPH: An extract of chapter IV of the book "Nisbet of that Ilk" by Robert Chancellor Nesbitt, with an Addendum based on information which has come to hand since the book was published in 1941. We hope to have it completed in 1992 when more information comes to hand.

Free to all members.

3. HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF NISBET OR NESBITT IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND, by Alexander Nesbitt, the Historian of Lismore, Ireland. This excellent book, now long out of print, will be produced in two versions. A limited edition (in hard cover) in burgundy, bound in the finest quality buckram, with front cover title and spine in gold lettering and, a less expensive edition soft cover version. To quote from the foreword, ".....may this volume stand proudly on the shelves of N/N's worldwide." It is a book, written by an N/N for N/N's, well worth saving for posterity.

The master copy is ready for the printer and bookbinder, but before a firm order can be placed, we must know the number required; as binding and lettering costs depends upon the demand. So please place your order so that we may keep the price down. The cost to the Society and passed on to members at that figure is shown below:

The limited edition, in hard cover including postage within Australia, \$40.

The soft cover version, including postage within Australia, \$12.

Please avail yourself of the privilege of owning and reading this book. Contact the editor Bruce Nesbit, with your order by the end of February, at P.O. Box 84, Bundoora, Victoria 3083, or by telephone on (03) 467 2638.

4. N/N SOCIETY AUSTRALIA - THE FIRST FIVE YEARS, by the Editorial Staff. This hard cover book will contain the Society's first twenty newsletters, each indexed; and membership lists covering the period 1986 - 1991. A valuable book containing much information relating to Nesbitt/Nisbet memorabilia. The price will again depend on the demand, but it should not be as costly as item 3 above, as less printing is involved. Advance orders will be accepted.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 7TH DECEMBER 1991: We again celebrated the festive season with a society gathering at St. Abbs. The president was granted honorary "Santa Helper" status on opening of the occasion.

Joy Nisbet led the carol singing whilst Lesley Nisbet accompanied on the piano. Holly Ames sang solo and Juliana Leslie played a flute solo. Also featuring in the carols were the "Good King Wenceslases" (or is that Wencesli, Wenceslads or more appropriately Wencesl-asses?).

Various prizes were presented throughout the evening:

Door prize won by Gary Nisbet

Pass the parcel won by A. Bruce Nesbit

Raffle prizes:

Wreath won by Catherine Nisbet

Basket won by Andrew Nisbet

Scotch won by John Ernest Nesbit

Christmas Lily won by Holly Ames.

We must again thank the social committee for arranging the evening and providing such a variety of delectable fare.

Gary R. Nisbet.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

(This section is reserved for full length articles of general interest)

The following is a copy of a letter written in 1839 by James Nisbett to his nephew John Nisbett, who was leaving England at the age of 16 to serve with the East India Company. John obviously took his uncle's sound advice, for he became a successful soldier and rose to the rank of Major General in the Bengal Infantry. The Editor received identical copies of the letter from Robert V. Nisbett of N.S.W. and U.K. President, Richard Kerr Nesbitt of Hampshire, U.K., both of whom had family ties with the East India Company. No apparent connection with Australian members was noted at the time. However, a letter from Robert V. Nisbett dated 17th May 1991 revealed the fact that Cadet John Nisbett was his great grandfather, whose eldest son John Hyde Nisbett, emigrated to Australia in 1861 and so established a branch of the Dirleton Nisbets in Australia.

Cadet John Nisbett,
Passenger aboard the
Owen Glendower for Bengal,
Capt. Toller.

No. 23 Upper Woburn Place
London,
18th May 1839.

Notwithstanding the several observations I have occasionally endeavoured to imprint on your mind since you first arrived from Scotland and, also, further relative to your conducting yourself after leaving for India, together with the kind advices which you have been favoured with from Indian friends here, always bear in mind that you are indebted to my friend George Lyall, Esq., for your appointment as Cadet in the Honourable the East India Company Military Service. I most confidently trust that you will take in good part and make every exertion in your power to follow up the several instructions I have now to offer you, which I have considered my duty to address to you at parting. Most earnestly requesting your perusal of the same on your outward passage and also in India until you grow riper in years, which I hope you will then be able to steer your course through life with their aid.

Revere the sacred Name of God. Always shudder at profounding it, guard against swearing, it is no ornament, but a foul disgrace. Peruse your Bible and Prayer Book daily, make it your constant practice every morning to peruse a portion of each, which in the course of the day will come home with power to your memory, either to prevent your committing sin or strongly encouraging you to continue in well doing, this request will not take up much of your time, and always remember when your Military Duties interfere with your not having an opportunity of doing so, that no Military Duty either in Barracks, Camp, or even in the field of Battle can prevent your sending up the desires of your Heart to God, morning

and evening. Let me earnestly request of you never to omit this most Sacred duty, always considering the advantages which you have received on having been blessed with a religious education.

Never get into Debt, or order anything until you can pay for it and keep regular accounts ever looking to your own industry and diligence for Independence,

Avoid borrowing and be very cautious in Lending, for worthy characters in India seldom require Loans.

On no consideration be tempted to play for anything that is of the least consequence.

Be Prudent and Honourably Economical, in short everything under God depends on yourself.

Religious Characters, associate yourself with them, and your superiors, always using caution.

Natives. On no consideration lift your hand to any one of them but ever be most affectionately kind to them.

Branches of your family. Exert yourself to the utmost to aid everyone of them who may require assistance particularly pay attention to your widowed mother.

Always be temperate in your Diet and moderate in wines, avoid Beer which is too heating a beverage for a hot climate.

Spiritous Liquors. On no account make use of them, they have been the ruin of many a health in India.

On Board Ship. Fill up your time innocently, and carefully improving in your education from the Book I have furnished you with. Your letters from India will show

whether you have been diligent.

Capt. Toller. Listen with attention to him when he may have occasion to remark to you anything in your behaviour which may call for his interference, which I most sincerely hope will never be found necessary. Very pleasing it will be to your Aunt and I to hear from him on his return that you, on every occasion had so conducted Yourself as to gain his entire approbation.

Letters. I have shown to you how to confine your letters to your Mother on the first half sheet which you may cross with red ink, that I may be able to cut them from those for me and send them to her, your letters for her may be as long as you please, keeping within the half sheet, while those to me in consequence of which may be shortened, and always take care not to mention anything about your health, for it will only alarm her, to me you may write on this subject what you please.

Rules & Articles for the government of the Officers and Soldiers delivered to you on passing at the India House. I have to request you will peruse this Book during your outward passage and make yourself, before your arrival in India, completely master of the several matters therein set forth.

Your Chum Mr German. Invite to have a reading of my instructions and I sincerely hope that you will both aid and assist each other in your studies on the passage.

After Dinner. Make a point of not remaining in the Cuddy too long but take your leave, leaving the older passengers to their own diversions.

Accidents on Board Ship. Be careful never to place yourself in any part where you may be in danger of falling overboard, I mention this having witnessed such accidents having occurred entirely from want of care and attention, on no account ever presume to mount the Rigging, be very careful when you are on the Poop when the weather is bad. I recommend your keeping to the Quarter deck.

Keys. Be very careful of them for if you mislay or lose them you will be under the necessity of having your locks picked in consequence of which your packages will remain unlocked on your arrival in Calcutta.

The Parchment Certificate of your appointment as a Cadet, a copy of which is as under:-

No. 930

These are to certify to whom it may concern that the Court of Directors of the East India Company have appointed Mr. John Nisbett a Cadet of the Corps of Infantry of their Military

Establishment of the Precedency of Fort William in Bengal in the East Indies and he is accordingly permitted to proceed to his station on board the ship Owen Glendower. In witness thereof I have, by the order of the Court of Directors herewith set my hand at the East India House London, this fourteenth day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine.

Signed,

James C. Melville

Be careful of this document for if you lose it you will not be received by the Bengal Government as a Cadet.

Your Watch No. 4571. R. Molyneaux, London, will not be of any use on board ship. I recommend your locking it up until your arrival in India.

Marriage. When it pleases God to place you in a situation to be married, be most circumspect as to the family you connect yourself with and above all things never marry one who is not of a Religious Character, for on that event rests your Earthly Peace; always remembering on no consideration connect yourself with a half-caste, if you marry when a Subaltern you will only bring on your head a load of expense beyond your means, rather have patience and come home when you are ranked as a Captain or Major and look around you in this country or in Scotland for a wife from a family well known.

John Robert Bagshaw, Esq., Calcutter, of the firm of Messers Bagshaw & Co., there wait on him with my letter [copied in folio 32] and point out to him what articles you will require in addition to those you have, showing him the list of your present outfit and he will furnish those you may require if he thinks necessary.

John Lamers, Esq. Deliver the letter to him from his brother Simon and do not omit to tell him that your brother is Interpreter Quartermaster in the 63rd Bengal Native Infantry and that you are anxious to do duty with his Regiment if it can be effected.

Major Kerr. Take care and have the small parcel from Mrs. Haig to him ready for delivery to Mrs. Arbuthnot, H.H. Madras. Have it ready some days before you reach Madras.

Your Aunt and I shall, with very great pleasure watch your promotion in the Service, and always rejoice to hear of your Welfare, Improvement and success.

I now take my leave and remain,

My dear John,

Your most affectionate Uncle
JAMES NISBETT.

Society News cont'd)

U.S.A. INTEREST IN JOHN BARTH'S RESEARCH TOOL: Archivist John Barth received a letter from Mrs. Jane Burns May of Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A. who is storing the files and notebooks of the late Mrs. Thelma Pelleu, of whom Mrs. May wrote, "... until her death in 1989 was the sustaining member of the N/N Society U.S.A. With this material available perhaps I could start the biographical profiles of this country. There is extensive information on perhaps 100 - 200 Nesbitts and sketchy information on 75 - 100 others in Mrs. Pelleu's material."

Mrs. May then asked for guide-lines on the type of profile required and stated that she is no author, but with some aid from John on the vital points etc. she could at least get the project started. ".....I have some equipment such as computer, copier, and such at my disposal and would be willing to invest my own funds as necessary."

It is highly probable that Mrs. Pelleu's material, collected over many years would have been lost, but due to the generous efforts of Mrs. May it will be saved for posterity in the form of a biographical register.

Meanwhile, John is continuing with his project and we ask all members to complete the enclosed form so that he may add to the 15 pages of material already compiled. The idea of an N/N hard cover Biographical Register looms as a promising possibility.

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U.K. GATHERING SATURDAY 30TH MAY 1992: The date, as can be seen has been changed, so those members who are interested in attending should note the new date in their diaries. Dr. Hawley was unable to complete the Nisbet House restoration in time for the event, however the committee was able to arrange to book Floors Castle at Kelso, situated in The Borders area in Scotland's south east. We have no Agenda, but I'm sure the usual procedure will apply. Notify the Secretary, Mrs. Gillian Wilson at 4 Charter Place, Loves Grove, Worcester, WR1 3BX as soon as possible, of your intention to attend.

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JO AND RAY NESBIT OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA TO VISIT AUSTRALIA: Jo, who is the Secretary/Treasurer of the North American Branch of the Society, and her husband Ray, are planning a trip to France and Britain and will attend the U.K. Gathering on 30th May 1992.

Following this, they are planning a trip to Australia during September/October; and hope to spend most of their time on the east coast, including Adelaide and Tasmania.

President Ian M. Nisbet has replied to their letter and suggested that it may be possible to arrange a gathering of our members around September during their stay in Melbourne.

We are looking forward to their visit and when details of their itinerary are available members will be notified.

Graeme Nisbet.

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GATHERING AT GEELONG, VICTORIA ON 21ST MARCH 1992: Particulars regarding this event will be passed on by a direct mailing.

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ANNUAL PICNIC: Announcing Annual Picnic, Sunday 16th February 1992 at Fairview Park, Hawthorn from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
B.Y.O. everything.

Further enquiries to Joy, telephone 857 5498.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: Renewals of membership have been coming in thick and fast, however, there are still some, who for one reason or another have not renewed. Most probably they have misplaced their Dues Are Due form.

For convenience, we have enclosed an addressed envelope and a Membership Renewal Form to facilitate an early response.

If it is believed that our records are incorrect, or your remittance has crossed with this newsletter, please let our treasurer know.

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DONATIONS: We would like to thank those many members who have made donations when renewing their annual membership. To date the society has received \$198 which will be used for future monographs (one of which is nearing completion), and other society initiatives.

WANTED

(Members' Searches)

NESBIT, Agnes Maude, b. 1887, Goulburn, N.S.W., m. 1916 at Young, N.S.W. to Charles David Pettersson. Issue: Muriel Pettersson b. 1917; Charles Pettersson b. 1918; Leila Pettersson b. 1920; Allan Pettersson b. 1923; Marcia Pettersson b. 1925. All born N.S.W.

The parents of Agnes Maude NESBIT were Hugh John NESBIT, b. 1860, Newtownards, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, d. 1943, Sydney N.S.W., m. Goulburn, N.S.W. 1886 to E. Kadwell.

Contact: Mrs. Beverley I. Wharry, 19 Matua Road, Tauranga, New Zealand, who would like to make contact with the issue of Agnes Maude Nesbit and Charles David Pettersson.

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NESBIT(T) Robert, b. 1828-32 Newtownards, Co. Down, soldier 65th Regiment. Arr. Auckland, New Zealand 26th June 1854 on "Egmont", m. 1862 at Onehunga, Auckland Mary Ann Elizabeth Avis (nee Darter), d. Auckland 1911. Issue: Robert Benjamin Nesbit(t), b. 1863, William Alexander Nesbit(t) b. 1867, Sarah Ann Nesbit(t) b. 1869 and Annie Flora Nesbit(t). Sarah Ann Nesbitt m. James Mathew Stanton and had five children, one of which, William Walter Stanton, m. Leila Annie Powell. William and Leila Stanton are the parents of Mrs. Beverley Wharry who would like to learn of the parentage of Robert NESBIT(T).

Contact: Mrs. Beverley I. Wharry, 19 Matua Road, Tauranga. New Zealand.

FOUND

MELBOURNE CEMETERY:

Buried Roman Catholic ground. Compartment N. Grave 253.

On Headstone:

Sacred To The Memory of John Timothy
The Beloved Son of James Patrick And Catherine Nesbitt
Who Died 3rd January 1870 age 9 Years.

Also James Patrick Nesbitt
Who Died 17th November 1879 aged 21 years.

From Burial Register:

Catherine Nesbitt, age 66 years, buried 2/11/1897.

There is no entry in the cemetery burial register for James Patrick Nesbitt aged 21 whose name appears on the headstone with John Timothy.

Buried Church of England ground. EE Grave 117.

On Headstone:

In Loving Memory of Ann
Beloved Wife of Robert Nesbitt
Who Died 23rd July 1894 age 59 years.

Also James Nesbitt
Brother of the above Robert Nesbitt
Who Died 10th December 1867 age 34 years.

Information by Dot and Colin Nesbit of Ascot Vale Victoria.

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Cemetery plaque, Russell, North Island, New Zealand.

FX 76328

J. Nisbet

Royal Australian Navy

Died 28.3.1950.

Information supplied by Mrs. Evelyn Grigg, Westlakes, S. Australia. (Sister-in-Law of Dr. Ian T. Nisbet).

MISCELLANY

ACCENTS: If one settles in another land under the age of 25 years, the accent of that land is unintentionally adopted. If aged over 25 years, the homeland accent is so ingrained that it lasts the lifetime, and there are very few exceptions.

Irish Link Magazine (No. 12 1987) P.O. Box 135, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, and P.O. Box 370, Thames, New Zealand.

STOP PRESS

BOAR WAR-NING: Yet another "World Book of Nisbetts" has made an appearance. Robert V. Nisbett of Bateau Bay, N.S.W. reports that he received a letter from Family Heritage International inviting him to purchase a book of this title at \$43.90.

We have previously warned members against purchasing Family Heritage publications (see Newsletter 5, page 7, October 1987) and again we suggest that members should be wary if they are approached by this company.

Dr. Ian T. Nisbet.

