

# THE N/NEWS

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## STARTING POINT

*BUMPER ISSUE:* The past quarter has seen an unprecedented level of input from members regarding newsletter articles. Rather than hold some over until the next issue of N/News, we have decided to expand this issue to twelve pages. We hope that members obtain much information and reading pleasure out of the expanded issue.

On behalf of the newsletter committee I would like to thank the various members for their contributions. It is pleasing to see some 'two-way' communication, and it is certainly a much easier and more pleasant task to put the newsletter together when we have a wealth of material to use. Even better, several of the articles were provided as 'clean copy' so that they did not even have to be re-typed. Pure bliss!

Another innovation for this newsletter is our first attempt at colour. We have included a colour reproduction of photographs taken at the recent UK N/N Gathering. Thanks are due to Becky Nisbet who attended the gathering, supplied the photographs and wrote the accompanying article. We also need to acknowledge the efforts of Gavin Nisbet (Becky's father) who organised and paid for the colour photocopies. Gavin was so keen to see the Nisbet tartans shown in living colour that he volunteered to provide the inserts for the newsletter. Again, thanks Gavin.

Hopefully, with the sort of input we have seen from members over the recent past we will be able to continue to provide an informative and interesting newsletter. Keep up the good work!

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Please note, that due to the volume of material for inclusion in this issue of N/News, we have again had to hold over 'N/N Heroes' (as mentioned in N/News no. 31). Also, the regular 'Profile' section has also been held over.

## (NES)-BITS & PIECES

**FAMOUS PAINTING ON DISPLAY:** The discovery three years ago and eventual authentication in Dublin of 'The Taking of Christ' (the painting by Caravaggio which was briefly mentioned by Raymond Nisbet Rolinson in N/News no. 30) attracted publicity in 'Hello' (November 1993), a London magazine. The painting has been displayed for several months, up until 31 January 1994, at the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin.

To quote in part Raymond Rolinson, "This work formed part of the collection which was disposed of, on the death of the last of the Nisbet line, by Mrs Nisbet Hamilton Ogilvy of Biel, in 1921".

According to the 'Hello' article, the gallery's chief restorer Sergio Benedetti discovered the painting at the Jesuit House of studies and, after its positive identification, the Jesuit community "was happy to give the painting on permanent loan to the National Gallery of Ireland". It was previously owned by the late Dr Lea Wilson and presented by her to the Jesuit fathers in the early 1930s.

In the painting, Caravaggio related on canvas the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, in what suggests a brawling situation. This was a practice of which the artist had much experience. He found himself in trouble with the law after killing a man in a brawl and, to avoid arrest, spent several years after 1906 moving between several Mediterranean countries. He died of malaria while returning to Rome in an endeavour to gain a pardon. He was still a young man, in his late thirties.

*Article by Bruce Nesbit of Bundoora.*

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**LATIN PUZZLE:** Ian M Nisbet recently received a letter from Tony Nesbitt of Kirrawee, NSW. In the letter, Tony related how he had bought a Scottish clan beret at a garage sale. Attached to the beret was a boar's head brooch with the motto 'NE OBLIVISCARIS'. Tony wondered whether this was an N/N boar's head and also asked if someone could translate the latin motto.

Ian suggested that the literal translation could be 'do not forget the scars'; this was subsequently confirmed by an expert from La Trobe University. John Barth's interpretation was the less literal 'we shall not forget'. Unfortunately, according to John, the badge is not a Nisbet badge - just as well Tony only spent 50 cents on his acquisition!

*Material provided by Bruce Nesbit, Ian M Nisbet and Tony Nesbitt.*

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**IAN AND GWENDA NISBET ON TOUR:** Ian and Gwenda Nisbet spent April touring various parts of the United States. Bruce Nesbit received the following note.

"I thought you might appreciate a postcard from Yosemite Park. It is a beautiful place - superb cliffs and waterfalls, fast flowing rivers, pine forests and groves of giant sequoias. This is our second day at Yosemite - tomorrow we head off to San Francisco for a couple of days with friends there. The trip has been great so far, the only problem finding enough time to see all the sights".

*Article by Bruce Nesbit of Bundoora.*

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LORNA O'BRIEN (NEE BOSWELL) - ANDRINA NISBET LINK: Little did ACT members Lorna and husband Ian G O'Brien realise that a Boswell - Nisbet connection existed when, in April 1988 while on an extended study tour, they visited Miss Andrina Nisbet at Mid Yell, Shetland, to the NE of Scotland.

In an article that appeared in Newsletter no. 7 of April 1988, Ian said that both Lorna and he had an interest in Shetland. Lorna is a descendent of the Tait's of Fetlar and Lerwick, and arrangements had been made to meet Andrina Nisbet, who lives on the central island, Mid Yell. Quoting Ian from the article: "We spent time with Rena (which she prefers) and her parents, and learned of the history of Shetland and the Nisbets there. Rena believes that a lost relative may have emigrated to Australia last century".

"It was coincidental that the husband and wife owners of the guest house where we stayed were both related to Lorna and had extensive research on the Tait's. They related interesting stories, and we were shown several sites where Lorna's ancestors had lived, back in the 1500s; and the remains of some of their dwellings back to the 1600s. It is difficult to describe the beauty of the whole place since it is so different from anything we know. There isn't a tree anywhere, so one can see far distances; almost all places have a sea view. All I can say is that you must see it to appreciate it".

An update to this story was provided in a recent letter from Ian O'Brien to Bruce Nesbit which included the following.

"Lorna said that she had a little laugh a few weeks ago when she found that she was related to the Nisbets of Mid Yell; she was having a great conversation with Andrina's parents, when we visited in 1988, without knowing then that she and Andrina's father David, had the same gr. gr. gr. grandparents, Peter and Catherine Brown of Hubie. David Nisbet is descended from Peter's son Thomas and Lorna from Thomas's (sic) sister Tamar".

Bruce has put together the following resume of this connection:

Lorna O'Brien nee Boswell of the ACT and Andrina Nisbet of Mid Yell, the central island, Shetland, share the same gr. gr. gr. (gr.) grandparents, Peter and Catherine Brown of Hubie, Scotland.

1. David Nisbet, Andrina's father, descends from Peter's son Thomas, and Lorna Boswell descends from Thomas' sister Tamar, who married Lawrence Tait.

2. The son of Lawrence Tait and Tamar, David Brown Tait, married Russelle Walker Grierson Ford.

3. Their daughter, Tamar Tait (b Glasgow) married\* George Boswell (b Edinburgh) at Mortlake, Victoria, Australia.

4. Their son, William Grierson Ford Boswell is Lorna's father.

\* The story has another interesting twist in that Tamar and George were married by Rev William Hamilton, a Scot, probably from the family linked to the Boswells and Nisbets in the Borders.

*Material from Bruce Nesbit of Bundoora.*

*Editor's note - both Lorna O'Brien and Andrina Nisbet feature elsewhere in this issue of N/News. A feature article by Lorna appears on pages 7 and 8; while Andrina features in Becky Nisbet's UK Gathering report on page 6.*

## N/NS IN THE NEWS

This section is for newspaper cuttings relating to or featuring N/Ns. Now they will not only be in the news - they will be in the N/News! Please send any suitable cuttings you may come across to the editor.

From 'The Australian' 18.7.94

# Sacked butler gives governor a serve

By PAUL EGAN HAMILTON in Bermuda

**LORD Waddington**, the governor of Bermuda and a former British home secretary, sacked his butler because he was unhappy with his performance during the Queen's visit to the colony last March, the first for 19 years.

However, Mr Andre Nisbett, the 31-year-old black Bermudan, is refusing to go quietly and the row threatens to grow as local politicians seize on his alleged victimisation as an example of colonial racism.

Abandoning the discretion that is the hallmark of his trade, Mr Nisbett has written to the Bermuda Public Services Association saying he was astonished at being sacked by Lord Waddington.

"I was told that, in his opinion, the royal visit did not go well ... he further stated that the house was not clean and that I did not look like a butler," Mr Nisbett said.

The precise reason for his dismissal from the \$16-a-week job (\$906), however, remains as big a mystery as the Bermuda Triangle and has become the main topic of gossip around the best-laid Bermudan dinner tables.

Mr Nisbett always wore a jacket and tie and none of the guests of honour recollect him putting a white-gloved thumb in their food or sneezing on the canapes when the Queen visited last March. So what exactly happened between the iced tomato soup and the pears poached in port?

The Royal Gazette, the leading Bermudan newspaper, is baffled and has championed Mr Nisbett's appeal under the headline, "Did the butler do it? He says he did, but the governor says not well enough".

The row could not have come at a worse time for Lord Waddington, who as governor of Britain's oldest colony must wear a gubernatorial hat of swan plumes and cut ribbons for his salary of £70,000 a year. There is growing pressure from the black majority for independence and the Government could hold a referendum within a year.

Mr Alex Scott, the shadow home affairs minister who has taken up Mr Nisbett's case, said discrimination against Bermudans "regrettably ... would ap-

pear to have reached the highest office in the land".

Lord Waddington's aide-de-camp, Captain Eddie Lamb, is fighting a rear-guard action. He said Mr Nisbett was dismissed for an "unsatisfactory" performance after a six-month probationary period.

Captain Lamb added that the Queen had "made comments" about the function. "I do not know verbatim what she said, but she made a laconic comment about the butler and she chuckled."

Mr Nisbett had prepared for the honour with a precision worthy of the best exponents of his craft. The State dinner at Government House was to be his tour de force.

Yet what should have been the most sublime moment of a career in service mysteriously turned into a butler's worst humiliation. Mr Nisbett, now seeking a new job to support his wife and two children, remains astonished.

"To this date, I am still waiting for someone to tell me what a butler is supposed to look like," he said.

*The Sunday Times*

## FAMILY SNIPPETS

This section is for brief snippets of news to keep members informed on the comings and goings of our extended family. Send snippets direct to the Editor, or scribble a note on your membership renewal form. One line is all we need!

- \* Holly Ames recently had knee surgery - we all wish her a speedy recovery.
- \* Graham and Catherine Nisbet's daughter and her husband are returning from Perth to live in Melbourne.
- \* Betty and Dom Dimattina report things have been a little hectic over the past couple of months with two of their children announcing their engagements - son Robert and Silvanna Lopes will marry in September, and daughter Maree and James Daly will marry in November.
- \* Elyse Clason recently returned from Queensland after visiting her new granddaughter.
- \* Editor Ian T Nisbet recently received for his birthday a Nisbet teddy bear!!

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## FAMILY NEWS

ROSE GATHERING 30.4.94: "A rose by any name would smell as sweet". So writes the Bard, and so can we agree who shared our very pleasant evening of discussion on roses.

Our guest speakers, Dorothy and Ian Aitken, are executive members of the Victorian Rose Society, and kindly donated their time and knowledge to twenty N/Ns who shared much information and questions and answers. We thank our speakers sincerely and will put their advice to very good use.

Ian opened his address with reference to beautiful old roses grown in Aberdeen by Mr Cocker; very aromatic, in romantic old colours, and still available. Questions came thick and fast until a limit of two questions per person was imposed by Ian Aitken, a limit which was quickly broken.

Lists of recommended roses were provided and any interested members should contact Joy Nisbet on 857 5498. One of our members, Heather Clark, has already received some useful advice following on from the evening.

*Article by Joy Nisbet of Balwyn.*

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GENEALOGISTS AND THE STATE LIBRARY: Frances Brown of the State Library of Victoria recently (4 June) gave N/Ns an insight into what the State Library can provide for the genealogist in a talk she presented at the home of Ian and Joy Nisbet.

As the librarian responsible for Genealogy and Family History, Frances has been a major influence in expanding the information resources at the library to a position where the library is second to none in Australia.

Frances has edited a number of books on genealogy and is well aware of the difficulties that genealogists experience in our searches for information on our forebears. Frances' anecdotes highlighted some of these difficulties, especially the need to keep an open mind, and noted that this is a prime requirement when it comes to the correct spelling of names; a point not lost on the twenty-six N/Ns present. Our thanks to Frances for an informative presentation.

Note - A summary of the resources available at the State Library of Victoria will be circulated in the near future.

*Article by Ian G Nisbet of Kew.*

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**\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\***

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**8.00 pm, 10 SEPTEMBER 1994  
26 WALNUT RD, NORTH BALWYN**

UK GATHERING, EDINBURGH CASTLE, 28 MAY 1994: We are fortunate that Becky Nisbet attended the UK gathering as the 'Australian representative'. The following is a letter from Becky giving a detailed description of the event.

"Greetings to you all from Edinburgh Castle! On Saturday May 28th the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society in the U.K. met for their annual gathering. This year was a one-off opportunity to hold it at the historic Edinburgh Castle. Luckily I'm living in the U.K. at the moment so I was able to join the gathering as the Australian representative. (They did frequently ask me if I came all the way across for it - I should have lied!) There was also one lady from New Zealand and five American people present. The weather was brilliant and it was a very exciting occasion, in fact the only downfall was that I did not find any direct family links!

"First on the agenda was a welcome by the president - Major David Nisbet. He introduced our speaker, Andrina Nisbet, who spoke of the Nisbet family in Shetland (small Scottish Island off mainland Scotland). Andrina described her tracing of ancestors back to the first record of a Nisbet in 1537 (the record was a complaint of a land dispute). She also described the difficulties she had in tracing ancestors, such as sons being called after their father's first names and the troubles in reading recorded documents. Andrina was nevertheless able to trace her family back to a Peter Nisbet who died before registration, and his ??grandson (sorry I've forgotten!) called Peter Robert Nisbet, born 1771, who died in MELBOURNE. (Any family ties anyone?) She also told a story of a Nisbet relative who 'disappeared' from his homeland and family, but she found out what happened to him when a New Zealand Nisbet wrote to her asking about family ties. It turned out that this man (Andrina's relative) was a bigamist and was the New Zealand girl's grandfather! Andrina had a copy of the New Zealand marriage certificate which stated that he was previously a 'batchelor'! So, folks, you never know....

"After the speech was a lovely dinner in the castle restaurant and we could mingle with other Nisbets/Nesbitts. Members were mostly from Scotland and many people were wearing the Nisbet/Nesbitt tartan.

"We then had the annual general meeting and the foreigners had to stand and talk. I managed to say as much about our family history as I knew - Dad (Gavin Nisbet) had recently written to me with the information he had gathered on our family. I also talked about the Nisbet/Nesbitt meetings in Australia.

"It was then 'photo time', followed by a tour of the Edinburgh Castle. We said our farewells over afternoon tea, although those of us who stayed on in Edinburgh went out to dinner that night too. Oh, by the way, I also won another bottle of wine in the raffle - this time a special 'Edinburgh Castle' wine'.

"Overall it was a wonderful occasion which I'd highly recommend to anyone in the country at the time of an annual gathering. And I must admit, they were delighted to have an Australian there!

"Take care, Becky Nisbet.

"P.S. I also said I was on a mission for you all (especially Dad!) who would have loved to have been there. So here are some photos .... maybe Dad'll do some colour photocopying!"

*As mentioned in 'Starting Point', Gavin has done just that! Our colour insert (next page) contains several of the photos sent by Becky, arranged and annotated by Becky's sister, Karen. Many thanks to Becky for her excellent report and the rest of the (G) Nisbet family for their efforts.*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### MY BATMAN CONNECTION

Lorna (Boswell) O'Brien

Though I have been accompanying my husband Ian to N/N events for some years, it is only recently that I found a Nisbett connection for myself. But that's not what I want to tell you about here; this is about my links with Henry and John Batman (Melbourne's Founder, 1835) and their parents unceremonious departure from Britain. My N/N connection is the subject of another article.

My great great great grandfather William Batman, or Bateman as the name was quite often spelt, was born in the village of Hook, Yorkshire, in 1765. At an early age William left Yorkshire to become apprenticed to a Master Cuttler in London; his family paid for him to learn his trade. Work hours were seven days a week, except for the time off to attend church each Sunday. William seems to have studied well, and by 1790 he was the owner of a shop and dwelling at Long Alley, Middlesex (London). He had married a young lady by the name of Mary Mobbs, had one small daughter Maria, and life must have been busy and free for this small family.

In 1796 life was to change very quickly for the Batman family. Mary's young brother William Mobbs, aged 21 yrs decided to rob the King of some saltpetre. Young Mobbs, who was employed as a gardener, hired a horse and cart (to owner of which he paid two pounds, a large sum in those days) to carry the saltpetre. He and the cart owner took pailings off the fence around the saltpetre enclosure, entered it and filled the cart with the loot.

As darkness was falling, the two men decided to take the cart to William Batman's property, and leave it there in his yard overnight. Next day, Sunday, the two men, accompanied by William Batman, walked to Essex, where the saltpetre was rendered down. Shortly after this the three were arrested and thrown into prison, the cart owner escaping sentence by turning Kings Evidence.

Having read the original trial transcript at the Guildhall, London, I came to the conclusion that an injustice was done to my William. It was not proven, nor suggested, that he was aware that the saltpetre was stolen, nor did he receive any money for his part in the theft. He had never been in trouble with the law, and had no less than 16 character witnesses (none of whom were called to give evidence, nor were the accused! - British justice in the 1700s!). It was interesting that William Mobbs received a sentence of seven years, and William Batman (no doubt a tradesman urgently needed at Port Jackson, NSW), received fourteen years transportation.

Mary sold the shop and dwelling, petitioned the King begging for permission to sail with William on the convict ship "Ganges", and this was granted. After a horrific journey, William, Mary, Maria, and her new baby brother Robert, born before the ship left England, arrived at Port Jackson to a less comfortable, but more promising and exciting future.

This family prospered; by 1830 they owned a house of solid cedar, and thirteen allotments in Macquarie Street, Parramatta, where William Batman was a cedar dealer. Four more Australian children were born to William and Mary, the first was John Batman, b1800, then my gggrandfather Henry b1803, next was William, and later Charles, who lived only to the age of 10 years. Henry had four daughters, and when he died (1839) they moved to the Portland area - they were related to Victoria's first settler, Capt. William Phelham Dutton who settled in Portland. Dutton was brother to Henry's wife, Catharine. I am a descendant of Henry's first daughter, Mary Ann Elizabeth (Batman) Bell. She was the first white child to set foot on the site of Melbourne, at 8 years of age.

William Mobbs had his wife Ann, and two children join him in NSW, and later added to their family. William became very successful as an orchidist, and the family donated the land for the Carlingford cemetery in Sydney. William and Mary Batman and several of their family, are buried in the Batman plot in the churchyard of St John's Parramatta (now threatened by urban encroachment). Quite close by are two graves of later Mobbs family. The Australian born children of William and Mary Batman were the first family to be baptised by the Rev. Samuel Marsden, in St John's church, their parish. There are many descendents of these two couples, both here and overseas. We are all very proud of our heritage, have formed a Batman Family Society, and are working to ensure that the true history of our country is kept for future generations.

## OPINION

## Melbourne errs in banishing Batman

By LORNA O'BRIEN

**I**N the past few years, there seems to have been a concerted effort among one group of influential Melburnians to eliminate the name of John Batman from all things relating to the founding and settling of Melbourne. One significant event was the removal of the memorial from near the site on the Yarra where he made the well-known pronouncement, "This will be the place for a village", on 8 June 1835. It had been erected by the grateful people of Melbourne in the 19th Century on Batman's grave, and moved by the city council to Batman Avenue when his grave was moved to the new Melbourne Cemetery at Fawkner later in the century. It has now been put out of the way in a car park near the Victoria Market. Why?

Now we have an announcement, made by Sir Rupert Hamer's committee, while naming Settlement Day as 30 August, that the city dignitaries will correct "historical discrepancies" in plaques and monuments around Melbourne. Most of us would have thought that this type of activity was peculiar to totalitarian countries. The idea makes one cringe. The people of early Melbourne who saw the truth from a closer vantage point put these inscriptions there. What sort of people would want to deface them, and what are their reasons?

It has been said that Melburnians are divided into the Batman mob and the Fawkner mob — referring to those who recognise either John Batman or John Fawkner as Melbourne's founder. I would put it differently — there are those who want to see historic figures get fair recognition and others who seem to have a vested interest in seeing that they do not.

The issue I raise is not to do with who was the founder, or the first settler, although those matters are by no means simple; my question is why has John Batman not been properly recognised for his courageous and leading role in finding the site for the settlement, negotiating its purchase from the Aborigines and guiding its development in the early years? This is not

the place to list historic events: they are well-documented. There is no doubt that without John Batman, the settlement would not have survived. But we must ask why there is a Fawkner Day and a Settlement Day named, but no John Batman Day.

Perhaps Batman's name is being buried because of the slanderous stories put about by Fawkner after Batman's death, to strengthen his own claim for recognition. It was said that Batman was a womaniser and died of syphilis. There is no evidence of it: indeed, there is good evidence to the contrary. And even if he did, so what? Delius died of syphilis, but do we burn his music?

Perhaps it is because Batman was a convict's son. But then, weren't many others who were subsequently recognised for their qualities? One historian has claimed that Batman, was himself a convict (and another recognised historian agreed). That careless study is demonstrably wrong. It was Fawkner who was the convict, put into chains for three years and given 500 lashes for conspiring with convicts to obtain a boat for them to escape from Van Dieman's Land.

There seems no explanation to current events — unless there is a vested interest? Perhaps the building of a replica of Fawkner's boat, *Enterprise*, gives us a clue? If one wanted to install this boat for tourists on the river near the site of Batman's landing, it wouldn't do to have Batman's name or memory around.

It appears that the Hamer committee has been poorly advised. This committee should not miss the opportunity to be seen to be fair and unbiased; they will be remembered according to their decisions. Historians and unbiased people of the future will certainly correct the errors of our generation. There is still the opportunity for this committee to recognise Batman's leading role in the establishment of Melbourne by recommending the proclamation of John Batman Day on 8 June.

*Lorna O'Brien is a descendant of Henry and Catherine (Dutton) Batman.*





## FOUND

### Nesbitt Headstones at Keady Co Armagh, Ireland

A trip to Ireland is for many of us, down under, a once in a life time opportunity, so when I was there in 1992 tracing family history I took note of everything and anything with a relevant name - just in case!

My visit to the Church of Ireland church in Keady, Co Armagh was no exception and I dutifully photographed every headstone with the name, NESBITT. So far, no direct connection with my family although I know some are buried there. I was intrigued at the number of headstones with nothing or just a surname on them. There is one with NESBITT as the only inscription, so unless one had access to the records it is impossible to accurately locate some plots.



**Church of Ireland, Keady**

However, for those who might be interested, the following are the NESBITT gravestones I recorded.

#### Joseph NESBITT

This grave had two stones, the first in an upright position and most likely provided by the family.

Nesbitt  
In Loving Memory of  
A Dear Husband and Father  
Joseph (Joe)  
Died 10th November 1975  
  
"The Lord is my Shepherd"

Underneath, and flat on the ground was a further stone, possibly provided by the Regiment, as we understand, Joe was killed by the IRA. At the head of this stone is the Regiment's insignia.

24205988 Staff Sergeant  
J Nesbitt  
The Ulster Defence  
Regiment  
10th November 1975 Age 53  
  
Eternal Rest  
Give Him O Lord  
And Let Perpetual Light  
Shine Upon Him

#### Joseph, Emily and William NESBITT

Another stone gave details of father and son, perhaps put there by wife and mother. Maybe she too is buried there, but no family left to add her details to the record.

Nesbitt  
In Loving Memory of  
Joseph  
Beloved Husband of Emily Nesbitt  
Died 25th June 1967. Aged 73 years  
Their Son William. Killed in Action at  
Dunkirk 1940

#### Florence, Samuel, Samuel, John & Mary NESBITT

Some stones were fascinating in what they said and what they left unsaid, not to mention the intriguing range of relationships recorded.

Were John and Mary Ellen the parents of Florence and Samuel Thomas? Was Uncle Samuel a bachelor uncle living with the family?

In Loving Memory of  
 Florence Emily Daisy Nesbitt  
 Born 12th Jan 1903  
 Died 23 Dec 1908  
 Also her Uncle  
 Samuel Nesbitt  
 Died 15th April 1915 Aged 41 years  
 Also her Brother  
 Samuel Thomas Nesbitt  
 Died 13th May 1931, Aged 22 years  
 Also John Nesbitt  
 Died 13th Feb 1938. Aged 68 years  
 Also his Wife  
 Mary Ellen Nesbitt  
 Died 6 August 1959 Aged 83 years  
  
 For Ever With the Lord

**Ellen, James, Mary & Thomas NESBITT**  
 Again we are left to guess, was Thomas Henry the son of Ellen and James?

Erected by  
 James Nesbitt  
 In Loving Memory of His Wife  
 Ellen Nesbitt  
 Who died 27th May 1917  
 Aged 72 years  
 Also the Above Named  
 James Nesbitt  
 Who Died 20th November 1930  
 Aged 86 years  
 Also Mary Ann, Beloved Wife of  
 Thomas Henry Nesbitt  
 Who Died 27th February 1950  
 Aged 54 years  
 Also her Husband  
 Thomas H Nesbitt  
 Who died 10th September 1958

**James, Sarah, Herbert, Martha & Ellen NESBITT**

We were left wondering with this one if Herbert, Martha and Ellen all died on the same day, or were the dates of death of Herbert and Martha overlooked, not known or was there a limit on the number of words John could afford to have carved? There was enough room left on the stone for all these to have been entered. Did John join his family here or is he buried in Glasgow?

Erected by  
 John T Nesbitt of Glasgow  
 In Memory of his Father  
 James Nesbitt  
 Who Died 15th March 1896  
 Also his Mother Sarah  
 Who Died 28th Sep 1915  
 Also his Brother & Sister  
 Herbert and Martha Jane  
 Also his Sister Ellen Pritchard  
 Who Died 17th March 1941

**Sarah NESBITT**

This was the most recent, dated memorial we found.

Nesbitt  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Sarah Elizabeth Nesbitt  
 Who Departed This Life 27th May 1968  
  
 "At Rest"

One thing we did notice was the predominance of family names. Although I can not yet make any connections with my family, the names, James, Samuel, Mary and Ellen all appear regularly.

Anyway, if you come from the line of Keady Nesbitts recorded here and would like a photograph of the headstone or stones, please let me know.

Finola Chamberlain  
 19 Dominica Cres  
 Grenada Village  
 Wellington  
 New Zealand  
 Phone: (04) 4782 829

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*Editor's note - I must point out that this is the second substantial article in a row provided by Finola - a truly commendable effort.*

## THE WANTED LIST

JAMES WRIGHT and ANNE NESBIT: Mrs Margaret Jackson from WA recently wrote enquiring about an N/N connection: "... My maiden name was WRIGHT and my paternal gr. gr. grandfather James WRIGHT married Anne NESBIT (b Edinburgh 1839) in Ballarat in 1858. I was wondering where she fits into the Nesbit 'tree'. James WRIGHT was born in London on 16.4.1832 and that is the only thing I can find out about him."

Any information on James WRIGHT or Anne NESBIT should be forwarded to Mrs Margaret Jackson, 6 Holcombe Road, Warnbro, WA 6169.

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### NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY AUSTRALIA PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The Society has in stock a number of copies of monographs and books which have been published over the past few years. A list of those publications with prices appears below.

TITLE	In Stock	Handling & Postage Aust	NZ
<b>MONOGRAPHS</b>			
'The Progression of a Branch of the Dirleton Nisbets to Australia' by Robert V Nisbet	3	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Nisbet House' by Robert Chancellor Nesbitt	2	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Josiah Nisbet RN' by Richard K Nesbitt	7	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Four Short Stories of Nisbet' by Raymond N Rolinson, James E Nisbet & Prof Stanley Nisbet	1	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Nesbitt/Nisbet Bibliography' by Mark Nesbitt	4	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Nisbet - The Borders, Scotland' by Janet Gibson	4	\$5.00	\$6.50
'Nesbitology' by Otis B Nesbit MD	7	\$5.00	\$6.50
<b>BOOKS</b>			
'History of Nisbet or Nesbitt in Scotland and Ireland' by Alexander Nisbet (Soft cover)	1	\$18.00	\$21.00

Contact Bruce Nesbit (Publications Officer), 6 Kent Crt, Bundoora 3083, Victoria, Australia if you wish to obtain any of these publications.

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## **NOTICE BOAR-D**

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar for 1994/95)

30 July	Pasta and bingo night
10 September	Annual General Meeting (see p 5)
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5 November	Tennis and BBQ day at Gavin Nisbet's home (19 Nethercote Drive, Mt Waverley)
10 December	Christmas party
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