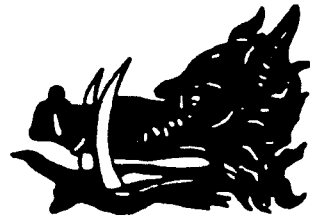


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NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

Members will (once again) notice a slightly different look to this edition of the N/NEWS. Yes, as the new editor I must explore both my capabilities and also the capabilities of the package/s I use. For this edition I have attempted to emulate previous formats and am always open to suggestions re: improvements, especially as regards presentation and readability. As to content I am hostage to the quality and quantity of submissions, but will strive to include both topical and interesting articles and am grateful for your support.

ERRATA: As for a starting point, I am afraid that I did not get off to a perfect start with the last issue in that there remained a spelling mistake or two, a grammatical error or two and a mathematical error which was pointed out to me in a 'letter to the editor' from "a member". I should like to here respond to the latter and make amends.

In Ian T Nisbet's STARTING POINT 3rd paragraph the statement "... Editor for the past 26 issues ..." should read "... Editor for the past 21 issues ...".

As pointed out in the letter to me, Bruce Nesbit is credited with newsletters 1 to 24 inclusive (a total of 24 issues) whilst Ian T Nisbet is credited with newsletters 25 to 45 inclusive (a total of 21 issues) whilst I was credited (almost under false pretences) with newsletter 46. I have personally apologised to Mr Bruce Nesbit and he assures me that he had neither noticed nor taken offence and assured me that "he was not the author of the letter".

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

NESBITT COCKBURN - A LITTLE MORE DOCUMENTATION:

Whilst examining an old Government Gazette recently I had reason to peruse the Victoria Government Gazette No 21.] Friday March 28. [1873.

Opposite is the entry related to Nesbitt Cockburn of whom we already have some knowledge (published in N/NEWS NO. 25 page 1).

President of the Board of Land and Works
Lands and Survey Office,
Melbourne, 24th March 1873.

WARDEN'S CLERK.

THE Officer administering the Government, with the aid of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

NESBITT COCKBURN

to be (temporarily) a Warden's Clerk, in which capacity he will act at Creswick and Clunes during the absence of Mr Hutchinson.

ANGUS MACKAY
Minister of Mines

Office of Mines,
Melbourne, 17th March 1873.

WARDEN'S CLERK.

THE Officer administering the Government, with the aid of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

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N/N HOUSES - THE SEQUEL (N/NEWS NO. 45 page 2): The following is extracted from the UK newsletter Vol. XIV No. 4, Christmas 1997, page 3.

Nisbets in Scotland. It is interesting to note see that John Barth has just completed his first draft of the Nisbets in Dalziel and we shall look forward to learning more about it. In the same issue of the Australian N/News we see that Lorna O'Brien and her husband (*the late Ian O'Brien*) have discovered another Nisbet House, owned by a long-lost cousin of hers, Tony Bertram. Whilst she is almost certainly well aware of this, others may be interested to learn that in "Guy Mannering" the second of the Waverley novels by Sir Walter Scott, there is a good deal about the Bertram family and its estates in Scotland. Sir Walter Scott was directly related to many of the border families including the Nisbets and possibly the Bertrams.

Further to this entry Bruce Nesbit has brought to my attention a contrasting entry in the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society North America Branch NEWS, Issue 8, p.3:

1861 CENSUS - LANARKSHIRE, SCOTLAND

"Parish of BIGGAR (parish #623): No Nesbitts/Nisbets."

SOCIETY NEWS

ANNUAL COUNTRY GATHERING AT SILVAN RESERVOIR ON 21 MARCH 1998: Some 20 members and their families attended the "urban" Country Gathering. We were delighted to meet members of the Todd family (Peter, Judith, Stephanie and Adam) and bask in the sunshine, shaded as required in the delightful park grounds of Silvan Reservoir on the outer eastern fringe of Melbourne. The young children found the play equipment with great energy. The rest watched and hoped it was contagious, which, after a healthy lunch and some convivial chatter we found it was! All participated in the (re-cycled) Boar'n Games and many walked away with rewards for their efforts, none the least Helen Nesbit with her "most consistent" award. The Alexander Nesbit memorial trophy was won by Elyse Classon and I am sure now takes pride of place on the mantle piece, wall, etc.

VISIT FROM MAJOR DAVID AND SUE NISBET: As part of their around the world trip, primarily to attend a family wedding in Queensland, David (President of the UK Branch) and wife, Sue, flew into Melbourne on Sat. 4th April, after a "wee stopover" in Glendale, California, staying with Stu (President N/A Branch) and Nancy, then onto Queensland for the wedding via Auckland.

After "meeting and greeting" at Melbourne Airport Ian M escorted Sue and David into the heart of the city for a roof top view from the Observation Deck on the 55th floor of the Rialto Building - a majestic view and in brilliant sunshine. That evening 18 members attended a reception to our special guests. Ian M, in welcoming Sue and David, referred to their meeting in Edinburgh in 1986 - just prior to the Interest Meeting leading to the formation of the society in Australia. Graham Nisbet, Chairman of the NSW Region, supported Ian M's remarks and also reported on activities in NSW. Chairman Effie Todd presented Sue and David with a memento of their visit.

David and Sue extended a special invitation to members in Australia and New Zealand to attend the Gathering to be held in Edinburgh on May 23rd.

This was a very special occasion. After spending Sunday and Monday sightseeing in the Dandenongs and the Yarra Valley, and the city David and Sue flew out of Melbourne to visit the Red Centre and then to Perth before returning home.

Ian M Nisbet

THE NSW N/N's CHRISTMAS FUNCTION, NELSON BAY: The NSW Christmas Gathering of the clan was held at the home of Peter and Beryl Nesbitt on December 7th 1997. Peter and Beryl have a lovely home at Nelson Bay on picturesque Port Stephens about a half day's drive north of Sydney. Most of the 27 people present on the day had travelled from Sydney and many had made a week-end of it, staying overnight in the local area.

It was a terrific day. The sun was hot, the drinks cold, and the conversation warm and inviting. We feasted on traditional Christmas fare of (cold) turkey, ham and salads. An early plan to have a barbecue was abandoned at the last minute when a state-wide fire ban was imposed.

People mingled and chatted, establishing new relationships or renewing acquaintances formed at the N/N events held earlier in the year. It was a great day of warm weather and even warmer fellowship. Local artist and N/N Society member, June Howard, kindly donated a magnificent painting she had done of the local coastline. Don Nisbett was delighted to see he had the winning ticket when the raffle was drawn later in the day.

Altogether it was a fabulous year-end event for the NSW N/N's. We had started tentatively earlier in the year, and by year's end we were greeting each other as long term friends.

The photograph below shows the assembled adults (and the children that could be enticed out of the pool) gathered around the Nesbitt's Christmas tree.

Graham Nisbet, Chairman NSW Region.



UK GATHERING IN EDINBURGH, 23 MAY 1998: As per the invitation extended to Australian and New Zealand members by Major David Nisbet, the gathering is to be held at the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre, Edinburgh, complete with a Whisky tour.

N/Ns IN THE NEWS

On a recent business trip to Albury ACT Regional Officer, Brian S Nesbitt discovered the following article in *The Border Mail* of 24 February 1998.

Nesbitt leads ABCA to glory

EAST Albury star Sean Nesbitt showed his class at the highest level yesterday with a dominant display in the ABCA's comfortable win against Central Gippsland at Opus Oval in their Country Week clash.

Nesbitt made 51 not out in the ABCA's competitive total of 4/206 off 50 overs.

He was equal top-score with Cade Brown, who amazingly was dropped eight times during his innings.

Martin Garoni was dropped on five occasions in his innings of 42, and Wayne Ashton (31 not out) also contributed to a score that was always going to be enough.

Central Gippsland then went in and never looked like making 206, finishing on 9/142.

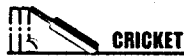
In the end, they closed ranks and attempted not to lose wickets in a most unusual stance.

Nesbitt was again the star with the ball.

The former Walbundrie player took 4/15 from eight overs and had all batsmen in trouble.

Tallangatta paceman Neil Killen snared a wicket in the first over and after that, the rot set in for Central Gippsland.

ABCA off-spinner Steve Williamson took three wickets in a tight



CRICKET

display that gave the team no end of confidence going into today's big clash with reigning champion Mornington Peninsula.

The match will be played at the University oval and chairman of selectors Gary Essex believes the ABCA can cause an upset.

"We played pretty well today and the boys believe we can win," Essex said.

"Mornington Peninsula is the yardstick of the competition so it should be a pretty good match."

Essex said the batting by the ABCA's top-order was the most pleasing aspect of yesterday's match.

"They knuckled down well and University is generally a good pitch, so we will need to bat nicely to win tomorrow," he said.

"Basically we just have to keep winning to have any chance and the boys know it."

"We'll be in there having a go."

Former North Albury coach Kelvin Williams, who plays in the Mornington Peninsula Association, will not play today due to a leg injury.

Meanwhile, ABCA selectors have named the under 21 team to play

the Wodonga association in the Mac Holten Shield final at Kelly Park on Sunday.

The team is: L. Anderson (c), S. Wright, C. Brown, P. Sanson, T. Arendarcikas, K. Arendarcikas, A. McDonald, S. Keene, J. Millsom, G. Webb, G. Chesarri, G. Watson.

Scoreboard

ABCA	
C. Brown b D. Hill	51
R. Barton c D. Kelly b L. Brown	3
M. Garoni run out	42
S. Wood c D. Hill b S. Mesenc	14
S. Nesbitt not out	11
W. Ashton not out	21
Scores - 24 Tests	4/206
L. Brown 7, A. St. J. Knowles 13, S. O. 1, C. Hill 12, 1, 5, 1, 5, Mesenc 5/0, 22, 1, F. Cave 3/0, 10/0	
CENTRAL GIPPSLAND	
E. Ingwersen b S. Nesbitt	25
T. Darcy c D. Castello b N. Killen	0
S. Mesenc c L. Anderson b S. Nesbitt	11
G. Rapier c M. Garoni b Nesbitt	1
T. Ingwersen c M. Garoni b S. Williamson	26
D. Kelly c S. Nesbitt	1
G. Cave run out	1
D. Hill c L. Anderson b S. Williamson	16
J. Knowles not out	14
P. Cave c Barton b S. Williamson	22
L. Brown not out	5
Scores 27	9/142
N. Killen 11/3/18/1, D. Anderson 6/1/23/0, S. Nesbitt 8/2/15/4, S. Williamson 14/3/56/3, A. Lade 8/2/18/0, R. Barton 3/1/3/0	

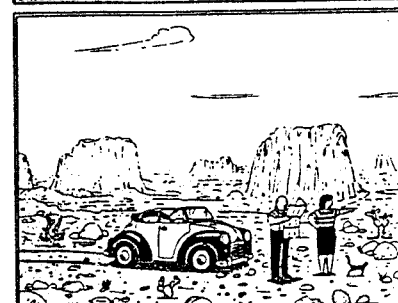
Should our country gathering make it to Albury I am thinking of including cricket in the Boar'n games, the Nes-bats versus the Nis-bats, and I'll ensure reasonable handicaps are in place! Any relation Brian?

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POPPING OVER TO THE NESBITTS' FOR TEA AND SCONES WAS NEVER QUITE AS SIMPLE AS IT SOUNDED

FOUND

THOMAS FORBES NISBET: "Just writing to inform the N/NEWS of the latest development in regards to researching my ancestor Thomas Forbes Nisbet. I wrote quite some time ago to ask if anyone could help me, but had no luck in that area, now I have spent some time at the Latter Day Saints in Sale and took a punt on a different area altogether in Scotland. My Thomas Forbes Nisbet was found in the Shetland Islands.

Below is some of this information I have collected.

Thomas Forbes Nisbet

Jan. 1838 Charles Nisbet, Hanegarh, and Archibald Thompson, Norwick married.
Nov. 11 1838 son Thomas Forbes Nisbet to Charles Nisbet and Archibald Thomson.

1851 Census - Trohall, Unst.

Archibella Nisbet, widow age 37, Knitter, Cottar, Fisherman's widow

Thomas Nisbet, son 12

David Nisbet, son 10

Barbara Nisbet, daughter 8

Robert H Nisbet, son 4

son Nisbet, son 7 months, all born in Unst.

1863 Marriage.

Free Church, Hillside, Unst.

Thomas Nisbet, fisherman, bachelor, aged 25, Muness, Unst (parents - Charles Nisbet, fisherman, deceased and Archibald Nisbet, maiden name Thomson)

Married to Williamina Agnes Gardner, knitter of Worsteds, spinster, aged 22, Muness, Unst.

The certificate was stamped in the margin "Divorced" although there is no date of divorce indicated. They had three children, 1863, 1865 & 1867.

Thomas Forbes Nisbet's death certificate had his father's name as Robert which had me struggling for months. The researcher in Scotland told me to follow through my theory on him actually being called by Charles which was on the Latter Day Saints' information. Goes to prove you must look in many different areas.

I do hope this information might help someone else out there with the Nisbets and maybe I might have another member looking for my Thomas Forbes Nisbet.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Mowbray."

1910 JOHN ALEXANDER DICKMAN - Murder of **John Innes Nisbet** on a train between Newcastle and Morpeth - hanged by John Ellis and an assistant Williams on Tuesday 9th August 1910 in HM Prison, Newcastle. He was 45 years of age. Buried inside the prison.

Material submitted by Ian Clarke, from "The Newcastle Borough Gaol and House of Correction, Carliol Square, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne" pp 117-120, lifted from The Journal of the NBL & Durham FHS, Winter 1997, Vol. 22, No. 4.

THE WANTED LIST

NEW ZEALAND NISBETS: "I am interested in making contact with relatives overseas. I was born Judy Nisbet in New Zealand, and am a descendant of William Nisbet and Mary White who married in Glasgow in November 1820. It was their son, James, who emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1860's. James married Isabella Wemyss in Glasgow in June 1851. I have not been able to determine exactly when they reached New Zealand (records were destroyed by fire), but they may have come on the ship "Storm Cloud". They went first to Hokitika (it was gold rush time) and later settled in Dunedin.

I would like to join your society and receive newsletters. Please advise the steps I need to take. I am not aware of anyone else researching this family in New Zealand.

Regards,
Judy Hand."

Posted by Judy Hand <j.rhand@xtra.co.nz> on 15 March 1998.

ZACHARIAH BLACKBURN - SARAH ELIZABETH NESBITT: "I'm researching my family tree but got stuck at this entry.

Benjamin Zachariah Blackburn married to Sarah Elizabeth Nesbitt in 1784.

Benjamin possibly born in Scotland. Sarah Elizabeth Nesbitt Blackburn is buried in the Blackburn cemetery in Pendleton, KY. They had 9 children - William B., Sarah, Thomas, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, Benjamin Zachariah Jr., Kennedy, Joel and Alanson (born 1805).

Do you have any information that would be helpful? Thank you.

Love Ann & Baju"

Posted by Ann Blackburn <baju@webtv.net> on 21 March 1998.

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Treasurer, Peter Watson advises that some of you are more forgetful than I. There still remain a few members who have not renewed their membership for 1998. Please indicate your continuing interest by sending your renewal cheque for \$15 to:

Peter Watson
Treasurer Nesbitt/Nisbet Society
PO Box 354, Kew Vic 3101

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - DR IAN T NISBET: At its meeting held on 19th February 1998 the Committee elected Dr Ian T Nisbet an Honorary Member in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the purposes of the Society as a member of the Steering Committee, the General Committee and the Newsletter Committee since the foundation of the Society and in particular acting as Editor of the Newsletter Committee 1992-1997 and Chairman of the Society 1996/1997. Ian T and Gwenda are now resident in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

COUNCIL OF CLANS - AUSTRALASIA INC: An application on behalf of the Society has been lodged for membership in the Council of Clans.

The Council consists of 38 Clans and 5 Societies, and was formed in 1986 with the aim of promoting Scottish, and Australian\Scottish Clans and Societies within Australasia and to preserve the heritage, comradeship and brotherhood of like minded people.

DOUBLING UP: Thank you Bryan and Mary Butler for bringing to our attention a duplicate entry for yourselves on our mailing list.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: We have noted the change of address for Jan & John Nesbit.

FAMILY SNIPPETS

- * Janet, daughter of members, Judith and John Cockbill was married on 7th February 1998.
- * Lindy, daughter of members, Judith and John Cockbill was married on 22nd March 1998.

No I have not erred and copied an entry, changing only a detail or two - to quote Judith "It's been a busy start to 1998". CONGRATULATIONS FOLK!

- * Wendy Nisbet, daughter of Ian T and Gwenda, has recently departed Melbourne for an extended tour, stay and travel in Europe and thence to Boston to spend Christmas 1998 with parents in their new home (currently under construction).

STOP PRESS

FIRST FAMILIES 2001: President, Ian M Nisbet contacted the Genealogical Centre of the State Library of Victoria (SLV) and was informed of the First Families 2001 Project. The program is an initiative of the SLV, covers all immigrant Australians and is available Australia-wide. In fact it will be a world-wide resource. Enclosed is a brochure issued by First Families 2001. We hope you find it of interest and you may wish to subscribe results of your research and access the site.

UPCOMING N/NEWS ITEMS: I have only recently received a wad of papers submitted by Lorna O'Brien, which I shall peruse, extract future article/s and then submit to archives. I have not had a chance to utilise any of the material in this issue, but would like to express my thanks to Lorna (and indeed all members) for the items submitted for publication in the N/NEWS; it makes the task of editing the Newsletter that bit easier not having to chase articles.

NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar for 1998)

May 23	Social Night at 26 Walnut Rd, Nth Balwyn 8:00pm
May 23	UK Gathering - Edinburgh, see separate notice p.4
July 25	In House Dinner at 26 Walnut Rd, Nth Balwyn 7:30pm
Oct 24	AGM Devonshire Tea at 26 Walnut Rd, Nth Balwyn 3:00pm
Dec 5	Christmas Party at 26 Walnut Rd, Nth Balwyn 8:00pm

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