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STARTING POINT

My humblest apologies for the delay in publication of this edition of N/NEWS. The Editorial Committee is, has been and will continue to experiment with an alternative format - the bad news: the gremlins and work demands mean you will now have to wait until N/NEWS No. 56 - the good news: you won't have to wait as long as usual for the next edition!

Page 2 carries details regarding the recent sale of Nisbet House and Nisbet Stables; I find myself wondering whether any entrepreneurial N/N's with loads of cash or terrific relations with bank managers exist and if so whether either of these dwellings have much potential. The N/N Society desires to maintain the N/N heritage, but at what cost? I do not seriously mean that we should try to attempt the purchase of either of the above, however, if possible, the Society should attempt to actively advise potential owners of their history - our heritage (well, part of some members' heritages I presume) and attempt to foster cordial relations with prospective new owners.

A grand vision - N/N gathering at Nisbet House!

NOTICE BOARD-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar for 2000)

July	N/NEWS No. 56
July 22	Fellowship Night, 8:00 pm, 26 Walnut Rd, Balwyn North
Oct	N/NEWS No. 57
Oct 22	AGM - details to come
Nov	Picnic, Kings Park, Perth
Dec 9	Christmas Gathering, 8:00 pm, 26 Walnut Rd, Balwyn North

Note: the social calendar can be viewed on the homepage.

The Council of Clans advise of the following events:

9-12 June	Celtic Festival Geelong
24 June	Kilmore Celtic Festival
2 July	Kirkin O' the Tartan

Material supplied by Jimmy Nisbet and from www.johnsale.co.uk

History will be yours to own

ONE OF Scotland's finest homes, historic Nisbet House in the Scottish Borders, is for sale at little more than the price of a suburban villa. Carrying the distinction of a category A listing, and regarded as a fine example of a 17th century mansion which has a later 18th century Adam addition, it is being marketed by John Sale at offers in excess of £200,000. However, the agents say this magnificent building is in need of further upgrading so final expenditure could be double this.

Surrounded by parkland and

paddocks and with its former walled garden, Nisbet House which is in Edrom about two miles from Duns and ten miles from the Tweed, is in the process of ongoing restoration work.

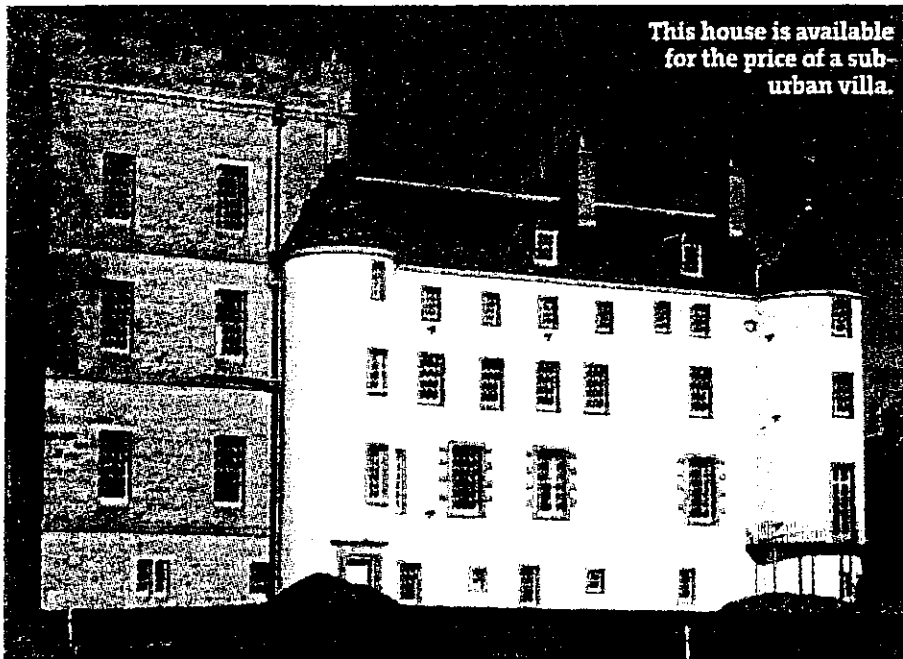
Plans for the restoration were drawn up back in 1949 and some of the work was carried out at that time, including the restoration of the Adam ceilings in the west tower.

Set in about 15 acres Nisbet House has four public rooms, seven bedrooms - many with planned bathrooms, even a flower room

with a balcony, a servants' hall plus kitchen. But the day-to-day living accommodation, say John Sale, is on the ground floor.

Indeed, if the mansion's future owner is a Nisbet so much the better. Not only was the house built by Sir Alexander Nisbet of that ilk in 1630 on the site of an older castle which had a moat, the grounds of Nisbet House include a barrel vaulted burial chamber under a grassy mound and featuring an embossed Nisbet coat of arms on the east wall.

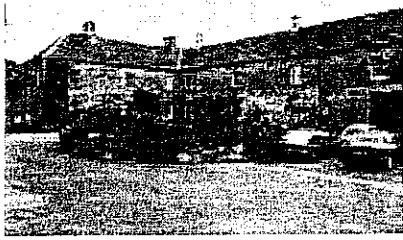
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Nisbet House, DUNS, Berwickshire, TD11 3HU

7 Bedrooms, 4 Reception rooms.

A fascinating mansion house dating from the early 17th Century and including a late 18th Century Adam Tower. The house has been the subject of an ongoing restoration project and lies in parkland and grazing paddocks together with the former walled garden. The accommodation includes: Drawing Room Panelled Dining Room Morning Room Library 7 Bedrooms, many of which have bathrooms or dressing rooms off Flower Room with Balcony Servants Hall Kitchen Shower Room Cloakroom Laundry Range of Stores and Chambers suitable for a variety of purposes Extensive Garaging Gardens and Grounds incorporating some fine mature trees Former Walled Garden Enclosed grazing, about 15 acres in all. (Ref:JKP00305)



**Offers in excess of £265,000 Nisbet Stables,
DUNS, Berwickshire, TD11 3HU**

5 Bedrooms, 5 Reception rooms, 3 Bathrooms.

A fine Grade "A" listed house in the country, created from an 18th century stable range. Set around a courtyard, the property includes a pair of modernised two bedroom cottages. The house offers superbly spacious & adaptable accommodation with Entrance Hall 3 reception Rooms Breakfasting Kitchen Utility Room Cloakroom Master Bedroom with en-suite bathroom 3 further double bedrooms Bedroom 5 with en-suite Bathroom Large Study/office Family Bathroom Extensive Garaging Gas Central Heating Partial Double Glazing Intercom system Garden Ground Store Shed
(Ref:JKP00275)

My daughter recently had need to produce a pedigree/family chart (albeit limited to a line to direct emigrants) and discuss an heirloom and other family bits & pieces for school. The inevitable queries came: What does "I byde it" mean? What about "of that Ilk"? Does "Nisbet" mean anything? Is there a place called Nisbet? etc.


Well the queries went to our archivist and esteemed historian Mr John Barth:

"I byde it" - "I await it" or "I endure it"
(presumably depending on whether you be an optimistic or a pessimistic N/N).

"of that Ilk" - "of that place" ie. Nisbet (township, etc).

The township of Nisbet exists in the border districts of Scotland and Nesbit in Northumberland, UK. Nisbet has featured on several occasions in the N/NEWS, usually with the mandatory photograph of the tourist being supported by the township sign.

Ian Clarke produced a "clipping" from an unidentified source (British magazine of some sort) which has the advertisement below for the N & N Society (The Northumberland and Newcastle Society).



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Ref. Public Record Office Inquests, 1840 - 1892, Victoria.

Nisbett Elizabeth, accident, burns, Ballarat, No. 138.

Nisbit Alexander, injury, St Arnau(l)d, 1869.

Nisbet James, fracture of neck, Inglewood, age 32, No. 64, 1868.

Nesbitt - Accident, suffocation, Talbot, 1876, No. 322.

Nesbitt Ernest, accident, Meredith, 2yrs 6mths, No. 1191.

Nesbitt James, age 78, No. 229.

Nesbit Epruce, scalded, Sandhurst, 1854, No. 221.

Nesbit John, fall into open machine, 1873, Ballarat, No. 997.

Nesbit John, found drowned, 1873, No. 1003, Wangaratta.

Nesbit James, suicide, drowned, 1879, age 25, No. 100.

Nesbit William, fall from horse, Rochester, 1870.

Nesbit John Stephen, disease of heart, Ballarat, 1874, No. 1004.

Ref. Tasmanian Deaths, microfilm 220, RGD 42/1.

Nisbet Elizabeth Huna, 1849.

Nisbet fru- , No. 1157, 1849.

Nesbitt Francis S., No. 995, 1852.

Nisbet Ellen, No. 790, 1856.

Nisbet Peter, 30 yrs, 1864.

Nisbet Agnes, 31 yrs --.

Ref. South Australian newspapers, National Library, Canberra.

p 265. 10 April 1854 on the 5th inst., suddenly Ann, dearly beloved wife of Mr Edward Planta Nesbit at Angaston, S.A.

8th April, 1850 at Brighton, on Sat. Edward Paness Nesbit, the infant child of Mr E. P. Nesbit 6mths, p 242.

12th April 1855, On Monday 9th inst. at Willunga by Rev. John Harcourt, Mr E. P. Nesbit of Angaston, to Ann Vincent, youngest dau. of Mr W. Farmer, late of Erith, Kent, England.

Supplied by Lorna O'Brien

N/Ns IN THE NEWS

James Nesbitt is on our television screens in Melbourne, starring in a British comedy series "Cold Feet" and also in episode/s of "Playing the Field", a British drama series.

The Scots Magazine of March 2000 entry:

NEW CLAN HISTORY. - The Chiefs of Clan Mackay and their Cadets by John Barth. 112 pp. Perfect binding (paperback A4 size). New. Limited to 300 copies. The first comprehensive family history of the clan since the turn of the century \$55.00 Australian plus postage. Published by Grub St. Bookshop, 379 Brunswick St., Fitzroy. Vic., Australia 3065. Email grubst@eisa.net.au Phone (03) 94173117 International +61 3 94173117.

Spotted by Ian Clarke.

Another James Nesbitt made a brief mention in an article on Captain Moonlight in the Sunday Herald Sun of January 23, 2000. We have several entries related to Captain Moonlight (Andrew George Scott) and one of his gang James Nesbitt in previous issues of N/NEWS.

Ian Clarke submitted an extract from The Sunday Mail of December 26, 1999 page 77 with a picture encaptioned "THE SPIRIT OF BETHLEHEM: Tracey Nesbitt and Cassie Janetki, who played Mary at the Uniting Church pageant" at Kawana Waters.

Member, Marie Foley attended Parliament House on April 8th being recognised for her efforts in a joint compilation of a history of Horsham, where she resides. More details N/NEWS 56.

SOCIETY NEWS

Victoria

The return visit to Badger Weir Reserve was attended by 5 families on 8th April. It was Isabelle Carter's debut attendance at N/N functions (being some three and a bit months old). The weather complemented the venue and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Western Australia

On a lovely autumn day we had our picnic in Kings Park last month. Murray Nesbitt joined us for the first time with his sons Cameron, Simon and Angus. Unfortunately his wife Jane was unable to attend. We have decided to have another picnic in the same place towards the end of November.

Pippa Letch

FOUND

SUCCESS - A link

When compiling material for N/NEWS 54 I noticed an entry in the N/A guestbook from Margaret (Nisbet) Kennedy asking whether a previous "wanted" was still active. I knew of the source of the "wanted" and forwarded a note re: the guestbook entry to Ms Janet Wilson who in response wrote:

"A quick note to thank you so much for your letter and the enclosed question from Margaret (Nisbet) Kennedy.

I really will have to organise myself to get onto the internet. You might be interested in the first response from Margaret Kennedy. Even though I'm not using the internet, I have been able to make some progress. I contacted another member of the 'Nisbet' family who I have met up with, and he has contacted Mrs. Kennedy and we now as a result of that, have made progress to the degree that she was able to move us back four generations.

Thank you for your note, it was very much appreciated.

All the best with your work with the newsletter, and with your research.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Wilson."

Is there a "Mrs Kennedy" out there somewhere in my family? - if so I would love to hear from you!

THE WANTED LIST

On 22-Mar-00

Cathy Bottle (c.bottle@qfhs.org.au)
from Brisbane, Qld, Australia wrote

My gt gt uncle James Nesbit aka Nesbitt/Nisbet STOUT came to Australia with my gt grandfather in 1876. They were both born in Unst, Shetland, Scotland to James STOUT and Elizabeth Scott BROWN who had 10 kids all up. I was wondering if someone can help me make the connection to your clan, as the middle name seems likely to mean a predecessor had this surname. I'm happy to fill people in on the Qld connection if they so desire. Cheers from down under! Cathy.

Date: April 6, 2000 Time: 10:07 pm

Name: Wendy McLennan Email Address: burra@ansonic.com.au

Subject: Aisbitt surname

Searching for ancestor Elizabeth Aisbitt born abt 1811, possibly from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Surname spelt Nesbitt on shipping list & some Tasmanian records. Who were her parents & where was she born? Came to Aust. to marry William Davidson, gardener in 1829. Was in care of Hannah & Richard Pybus. 2nd marr. to Edward Allason b. Swaledale, NRY in Hobart, Tasmania in 1843. Any help greatly appreciated.

Date: April 6, 2000 Time: 10:00 pm

Name: Joan E. Wrenn Email Address: wrennjay@aol.com

Subject: Looking for more Nisbets from Tarbolton, Scotland

Looking for relatives of my great-great grandmother, Margaret (Nisbet) Taylor, born 1/15/1815 in Tarbolton to Hugh Nisbet and Jean (Finlayson) Nisbet. Margaret had 3 sisters (Sara 10/20/1816, Mary 8/23/1818 and Elisabeth 5-23-1824) and 2 brothers (Hugh 5/1/1820 and Robert 3/22/1822). I have found 1 cousin in New Zealand (granddaughter of Elisabeth) and we would love to find more cousins! If you're searching and are the great-grandchild of any of Margaret's siblings, e-mail me and we'll see if we are related! I'm in Massachusetts. Thanks. Joan

Date: April 2, 2000 Time: 3:54 pm

Name: Jean I Sanderson Email Address: j.i.sanderson@btinternet.com

Subject: Missing Nisbets

I have traced my grandmother's [Isabella Elizabeth Nisbet, youngest of the family born 1873] family tree back to 1700 but have lost 3 of her brothers - any help in finding John and Richard who emigrated to North America in the late 1800s or Andrew who emigrated to Australia c1900 would be much appreciated. Parents Andrew Nisbet and Mary Murdie.

Date: January 6, 2000 Time: 9:36 pm

Name: Neville Broadley Email Address: migrate@ihug.co.nz

Subject: Nisbet Family in New Zealand

Excellent concept that would be helpful for many other family names.

From an entry in your visitor book I hope to make contact with the NZ Branch. I am researching Nisbets in New Zealand, plus the BROADLEY Family Tree and would be pleased to make contact with others who may be related or have relevant information or contacts.

FAMILY SNIPPETS

- * Member, Peter Nisbet recently married Cathy Bascombe and now resides at Mitcham.
- * Chairman, Effie Todd relocates to a new house "next door" at about the time of going to print.

STOP PRESS

Boars Head ties - A handsome Boars Head tie can be yours! Ian M. Nisbet will be placing a bulk order from the UK for interested persons. They will be approximately \$20 AUS each. Place your order by July 10! E-mail Ian at imnisbet@teksupport.net.au

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