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NEWSLETTER OF THE
NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

I would like to open by wishing all members a happy New Year, well what's left of it anyway. The committee/s are yet to meet and so we are currently

light on for social events and committee reports. Members will be advised as details come to hand – watch the calendar on the homepage.

NOTICE BOARD-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

April	N/NEWS # 63
May 18	2002 UK Gathering, Durham Castle, Durham, Northumbria
July	N/NEWS # 64
Oct	N/NEWS # 65

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

UK Gathering 2002 The UK gathering is to be held on Saturday, 18th May 2002 at Durham Castle, Durham. The area has local N/N connections such as Nesbitt Hall near Castle Eden. Further details yet to be advised.

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

Whilst the on-line applications have been ticking over the conversion to membership/s is yet to be seen.

DUES are DUE:

The last newsletter N/News 61 was accompanied by many other documents, one of which was the "Dues are Due" notification that annual membership subscriptions fell due 1st September 2001. If you remain in arrears could you please assist our treasurer and committee by attending to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Not having to re-issue reminders and work through lists will assist greatly and be much appreciated.

Any concerns or queries should be directed to the treasurer (address on p8 of this newsletter.)

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

ROLL OF N/N VICTORIAN VOTERS
AT THE FEDERAL REFERENDUM 1899

NESBIT	John	Majorca	<i>Farmer</i>
NESBIT	Benjamin	699 Drummond St Carlton	<i>Bootmaker</i>
NESBIT	George	17 Somerset St Richmond	<i>Labourer</i>
NESBIT	James	Queenscliff	<i>Engine Driver</i>
NESBIT	William	Wedderburn	<i>Miner</i>
NESBIT	William	Vine St Bendigo	<i>Wheelwright</i>
NESBIT	William	Nar-Nar-Goon	<i>Blacksmith</i>
NESBIT	William R	Maldon	<i>Miner</i>
NESBITT	Alfred M	Huntingtower Rd Malvern	<i>Journalist</i>
NESBITT	Charles E C	Kyneton	<i>Banker</i>
NESBITT	James	83 Highbury Gr Prahran	<i>Painter</i>
NESBITT	James	Elaine	<i>Labourer</i>
NESBITT	James	Linton	<i>Miner</i>
NESBITT	James	Wooroonook	<i>Farmer</i>
NESBITT	John	Swan Hill	<i>Farmer</i>
NESBITT	John	228 Rathdown St Carlton	<i>Painter</i>
NESBITT	John	9 North St Williamstown	<i>Fitter</i>
NESBITT	Richard P	Wycheproof	<i>Miner</i>
NESBITT	Robert	613 Rathdown St Carlton	<i>Gentleman</i>
NESBITT	Thomas	Raywood	<i>Miner</i>
NESBITT	William	Hotham St Ballarat	<i>Labourer</i>
NISBET	David	96 Albert St Prahran	<i>Cabinet Maker</i>
NISBET	John Jnr	Ararat	<i>Attendant</i>
NISBET	John Snr	Ararat	<i>Carpenter</i>
NISBET	Robert	Ararat	<i>Wheelwright</i>
NISBET	Thomas	Kergubrah	<i>Farmer</i>
NISBET	Thomas	Maffra	<i>Bookmaker</i>
NISBET	William H	Sorrento	<i>Labourer</i>
NISBET	William T	346 Queens Pde Fitzroy	<i>Bootseller</i>
NISBET	Archibald	14 The Parade Ascot Vale	<i>Accountant</i>
NISBET	Henry E	13 Stawell St Richmond	<i>Cabinet Maker</i>
NISBET	George	Wilson St Horsham	<i>Agent</i>
NISBET	William	Handcast Rd Malvern	<i>Driver</i>

NETWORKED N/N's

A few sites that may be of interest:

- electric Scotland

<http://www.electricscotland.com>

Where Clan Nesbit(t), Nisbet(t) is listed under "clans" and the "ancient" and "dress rose" tartans can be found under "tartans" plus plenty of "potted history" and links to many other sites of interest to, or connected with N/N's.

- The following site contains detail about a modern author by the name of Briggs Nisbet – anybody read any of it?

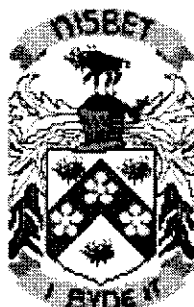
<http://ezone.org/ez/authors/nisbet.html>

KNIT-WORKED N/N's

In the N/N Society UK Newsletter Volume XVIII, Number IV, Winter 2001, p6 Mrs Gina Nisbet wrote that she was in the middle of cross-stitching the Nisbet Coat of Arms purchased as a kit from Crafts Unlimited. The UK editor tracked down the supplier and the details are:

Crafts Unlimited

www.crafts-unlimited.co.uk



NISBET FAMILY CREST

Order No: B009

Design Size (W x H): 4.4" x 7.3" (11.2cm x 18.5cm) on 16 count.

Colours: 7 Prices: Chart £5 or Kit £15

Backstitch: Some Half Stitches: 154

SOCIETY NEWS

The Christmas Gathering was held on December 8th at Balwyn North, with many regulars in attendance. As is customary, all enjoyed tremendous fellowship, fare and family. Thanks, once again, to the efforts of the Social Committee in organising and preparing this event, and to Ian and Joy for again providing the venue.

N/Ns IN THE NEWS

The following detail is from the Sunday Herald Sun, December 16, 2001.

The article reported the wedding of Adam Carne, 28, and Benadette Nisbet, 29.

Ian Clarke spotted an article in The Weekend Australian, December 2, 2001 authored and photographed by Brad Collis. The lead article was captioned "The rice man cometh".

"As Adam Carne stood at the altar of Sacre Coeur chapel waiting for his future wife, Bernadette Nisbet, to walk down the aisle, he thought his worst nightmare had come true.

The minutes ticked by and it was soon an hour after the ceremony was scheduled to begin, but there was still no sign of the bride-to-be.

Bernadette finally arrived and explained to a relieved Adam that her bridal car, a 1932 Buick, had broken down on the freeway.

The couple did not let the car saga spoil their special day and celebrated with family and friends before heading to Tahiti for their honeymoon."

The article details the efforts of an Australian scientist, Harry Nesbitt from Perth, who is dubbed "the rice god named Harry" whose efforts with a colleague, Glenn Denning of Brisbane, is attributed as turning the "killing fields" of Cambodia into the "tilling fields", as once again the Cambodians return to growing their own rice crops after years of oppression under the rule of the Khmer Rouge.

The five (5) page article is interesting reading. N/N's can & do make a difference!

SUCCESS

The headline below appeared as one of the articles in the last edition of the N/News.

Train Mystery **Lloyd's Weekly News** **March 20, 1910**

Just as we went to print the following entry was submitted to the North American homepage guestbook. The UK newsletter editor responded, including the detail re: the murderer noted as having been written up in an earlier edition of the N/News.

Date: October 29, 2001 **Time:** 11:19 am
Name: Kevin Innes_Hartley Danby
Email Address: kid753@starband.net
Subject: John Innes Nisbet

I am interested in any knowledge of my ggrandfather, John Innes Nisbet, who was born around 1866 and lived in Newcastle-upon-Tyne until he was murdered in 1910 in a robbery. He married Cicely Waterston from Gateshead in the 1890's.
Thank you.

The jigsaw pieces eventually fell into place.

THE WANTED LIST

Date: 19-Nov-01
Name: Colin McDonald
Email Address: (CMcDon999@aol.com)
From: Maidenhead, Berkshire
wrote:

Just browsing through the Nesbit site. It caught my eye as I have a cousin who has a farm at Edrom, Berwickshire which is next to the Edrom Church. If anyone wants me to look through the churchyard for any Nesbit graves let me know and I will do it next time I visit Edrom.

Regards, Colin McDonald

On 15-Nov-01
Kerry Walker (nee Dowson)
(kerry1@hn.ozemail.com.au)
from Perth, Australia wrote:

Hi! I have just applied to join. I have only just started researching my Nisbits so info is still basic at this early stage. My Nisbit ancestor is Ann Wright (nee Nisbit/Nesbitt etc.). From her death entry in Vic Death index, her year of birth is abt. 1840. Ann's parents are Jno. Nisbit and Isabella Nichol. Family story has it that Ann (who married James Wright) met James on ship out to Australia in abt. 1859. First child Isabella born in Ballarat, Victoria January 1860. Ann is from "near Edinburgh". Hope to hear from some other Nisbit descendants. Cheers Kerry Walker kerry1@hn.ozemail.com.au

Then in the North American guestbook:

Date: December 6, 2001 **Time:** 10:36 pm
Name: Kerry Walker
Email Address:
kerry1@hn.ozemail.com.au
Subject: My Nisbits

Hi everyone. I am a new member of the Australian society. My Nisbits are John Nisbit and Isabella Nicol married 25 May 1820 in Edinburgh. Their daughter Ann Nisbit, born 23 August 1838, is my 3 x great-grandmother. Hope to hear from anyone connected with John and Isabella.

Email Address: jnisbet@student.cowan.edu

Subject: My Best Wishes To You!

I'm from Glasgow, Scotland. I now live in Perth, Australia. For many years my rellies lived in The Gorbals, an area of Glasgow which was totally rebuilt in the 1960's. I feel quite 'chuffed' that my family name, a very SCOTTISH one, is being so proudly perpetuated by proud people such as yourselves. Thanks!

SLAINT

Date: December 8, 2001 **Time:** 14:21

Name: Shane Jones

Email Address: shane@useoz.com

Subject: Nesbett

G'day

I am researching my family tree and on the "Morgan" side I have traced back to an Eleanor "Ellen" Morgan (nee Nelson\Neilson) whose mother was Agnes Nesbett fathers name was William as I have struck a tartan clad brick wall I am wondering if your N\N society could help as your help would be much appreciated, also possibly to meet some living Nesbett relatives would be nice. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards Shane Jones.

And then again:

Date: December 9, 2001 **Time:** 13:38

Name: Shane Jones

Email Address: shane@useozstart.com

Subject: Nesbett

I refer to my e-mail of yesterday in which I have noticed that I am guilty of misleading you. As Agnes was born a Nesbett but married William Nelson\Neilson and gave birth to Eleanor "Ellen" Nelson\Neilson c1837 in Glasgow. Ellen is my Gggrandmother on my mother's side. The time and place that I hit the wall is Glasgow, Scotland. As I have Ellen's marriage certificate which states that on 28/08/1858 Eleanor Nelson 21 spinster birth place Glasgow parents William Nelson & Agnes Nesbett married Edward Morgan. Many thanks for a prompt reply to the first e-mail and for your assistance in this matter.

Regards Shane Jones

On 14-Jan-02
Michelle Nisbet
(michelle.nisbet@agric.nsw.gov.au)
from Leeton, NSW, Australia wrote:

Hi, just trying to get hold of my Grandfathers birth certificate and came across this site. If it helps anyone with their family research his name was David Nisbet born Shetland, Scotland in 1903 and moved to Australia in his early 20's and married Olga Donald. They had 3 children, Donald (my father), Colin and Marie. If you would like any further info please email me. cheers

Date: May 13, 2001 **Time:** 18:34
Name: Linda Pattinson
Email Address: linda.pattinson@virgin.net
Subject: Robert James Nisbet

I am trying to trace ancestors of Robert James Nisbet and Alice Wright who married August 19th 1897 in Maldon, Essex, England. At one time they lived in Egypt but later returned to England. Robert was born in Scotland about 1869.

Thanks,
Linda

Date: December 4, 2001 **Time:** 12:39 pm
Name: Andrew Lothian Goodinson
Email Address:
andrew.goodinson@btinternet.com
Subject: Isabella Nesbit /Nisbet

I am trying to trace the above she married a James Turner (Horse breaker) before 1850. Their daughter Margaret Turner was born in Coldstream Berwickshire in approx 1850.

I would love to find out more about Isabella.
I found your site on google.com very interesting.

Subject: Antecedents and Glaswegian relatives

I vowed to make some further progress "back" from my emigrant ancestor this year. So please excuse my indulgence - Ed.

I have identified entries in the index for all but one of the 'Nisbet' party that set off for Australia aboard the "Donald McKay" arriving in Melbourne in August 1858.

The entries I have identified are:

John Nisbet married Is(s)abella Watson on February 2, 1840, Gorbals, Lanark

Isabel(la) Watson was born January 29, 1817, Garbles, Glasgow, Lanark, father: Alexander Watson, mother: Elizabeth Douglas

Issue:

James Nisbet(t) born November 2, 1845, Glasgow

Alexander Watson Nisbet(t) christened August 15, 1847, Gorbals

William Nisbet christened July 28, 1850, Gorbals, Lanark

James Nisbet christened October 10, 1852, Gorbals, Lanark

The shipping record also lists a 16 year old female (spinster), Elizabeth Nisbet, a daughter, according to John's death certificate who I deduce to be:

Elizabeth Nisbet born June 21, 1841, Glasgow, Lanark, if a daughter

It would appear that James (1842) was deceased by 1852 and Isabella's death certificate also names another deceased son, John, who was deceased by 1858, whom I have not yet identified in the indexes.

I have not been able to identify John Nisbet's birth/christening, but would place it at about 1816-1818.

From J. Nisbet's entry on the top of the last page it would appear that Gorbals is a section of Glasgow that has undergone great change of both past and recent times, otherwise exactly where is it and what is its history?

Any assistance, especially connections and/or advice re: further progressing (or is it regressing, seeing that I'm going backwards?) my lineage would be gratefully accepted.

Please respond via the guestbook at the N/N Society - Australia homepage found at <http://www.nnsoc.org.au> - Many thanks - Ed.

FOUND

Beryl Elsley (nee Nisbet) was recently cleaning out some cupboards when she came across a certificate from the Presbyterian Church of Australia, Youth Department certifying that B. Nisbet gained undermentioned awards in scripture, etc. The date, 1937 and signed by CONVENER "George Nesbitt".

Any more details available on George Nesbitt?

FAMILY SNIPPETS

Treasurer Gavin Nisbet and wife Jan are grandparents again with the arrival of granddaughter Charlize on Tuesday 8th January 2002 to Anne (Nisbet) Carter and husband Sean, weighing in at 9lb 1oz she is a sister for Isabelle.

Anne is the youngest daughter of Gavin and Jan who have 4 daughters, 3 granddaughters, 1 female cat and 2 MALE golden retrievers (father and son).

Congratulations to all concerned and welcome Charlize. I'll restrain myself from drawing any comment re: males, dog-house/s, etc.

SCOTS OF VICTORIA COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Events on the calendar are:

Feb 10 Berwick Highland Gathering

Akoonah Park, Berwick

STOP PRESS

King Family Reunion

The society has been notified of a King family reunion for the descendents of James King (1795-1871) and Mary White King (1812-1875) from England, Tasmania and Wedderburn. The family have previously held a reunion at Wedderburn in March 1994 and then celebrated James King's 200th birthday at Watsonia in September 1995. Whilst any direct connection to N/N's is not evident, the proximity to many early N/N families (including that of the editor) would make a connection into the King family by N/N's quite likely.

The reunion is to be held on the Labour Day Weekend of 9th-10th March, at the Wedderburn Trotting Complex, Hospital Street, Wedderburn.

The contact is: John Hanson, 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte, 3113 (ph 9844 3906).

Dr Ian T and Gwenda Nisbet recently went to see the movie 'Gosford Park'. It's a murder mystery set in England in the '30s. In addition to the whodunit angle, it provides some fairly scathing social commentary about the British class system. Anyway, the linkage to N/N's is the fact that two of the key characters in the movie are Nesbitts. The male character (I think his name is Freddy Nesbitt) is a particularly unlikable character who treats his wife very badly. Maybe we could suggest the N/N Society write to the producers of Gosford Park and complain about this treatment of the N/N name!! Apart from besmirching our name, the movie is quite enjoyable (although a bit on the slow side).

Wendy Nisbet, daughter of Dr Ian T and Gwenda Nisbet, recently announced her engagement to Phil MacIntosh. Gwenda made a "flying" visit in November/December to catch up with many friends and family members. Ian meanwhile is busy looking forward to spending some of the Boston winter in San Francisco working on recent developments in his latest project with work. Wendy and Phil are currently planning a Las Vegas wedding a little later this year.

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