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NEWSLETTER OF THE
NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

I anticipate this being the last edition of the N/News..... being issued entirely in hardcopy form that is. The committee ask that all networked N/N's ensure that their email details are supplied to the secretary and/or the homepage to facilitate electronic distribution of N/News 73 onwards.

It is hoped that by the time you have read N/News 72 that an electronic copy will be loaded to the Newsletter page of the homepage. To assist in this effort it would be appreciated if you were to visit, ensure that you can view and/or download and print the file. Please leave a note in the guestbook acknowledging success or otherwise.

Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the homepage protocol to assist members navigate the N/N Society – Australia homepage.

The N/N UK President and his wife, David & Sue Nisbet, have confirmed that they will be with us for this year's Christmas Gathering. Don't miss this opportunity. Please make sure that you mark this date in your diary now – December 4th. Interstate and New Zealand members are encouraged to manipulate any travel arrangements they might envisage at about this time, so as to include a Melbourne stopover. You would be most heartily welcomed. Ed

NOTICE BOARD-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

Oct 10	AGM, 3:00 pm, 'St Abbs', 26 Walnut Rd, North Balwyn
Oct	N/NEWS # 73
Dec 4	Christmas Gathering, 8:00 pm, 'St Abbs', 26 Walnut Rd, North Balwyn
Jan	N/NEWS # 74

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

The 2004 UK Gathering in Duns was a great success, judging from reports to hand. Attendees were addressed by the UK President, David Nisbet, and then by the clan chief, Mark Nesbitt *of that Ilk*. The attendees then undertook site visits to the grounds of Nisbet House near Duns and a tour of Gunsgreen House, in nearby Eyemouth. Congratulations to David and Sue Nisbet on facilitating this gathering.

Note: The 2005 NA Gathering has been tentatively set for Charleston in May 2005.

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

Welcome to the following new member:

- Leigh Nisbet of Palm Beach, Queensland.

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Auld Nisbet's Bull

*A fisherman went fishing on the muddy minnow-burn,
He got two below the warren
And another at the turn;
Conditions were ideal for a record basket-full,
But he hadn't got a permit from old Nisbet's bull:
His basket was found lying at the muddy drying shed,
And the doctor sent the fisherman for a fortnight to his bed.
Now, don't take over literal this history in rhyme,
If those things haven't happened, they might happen any
Time – But take this as a warning lest by fancy you be
drawn,
Along the burn's meander, forgetting where you're going;
The horns of a dilemma, you might tackle with good will,
But keep the burn between you and old Nisbet's bull.*

N. A. Macdonald

Auld Nisbet's Bull

*A fisher gaed a-fishing on the Clober baggy-burn,
He got twa below the
"Warren" an ither at the turn;
Conditions were ideal for a record basket-full,
But he hadna got a permit frae auld Nisbet's bull:
His basket was got lyin' at the Clober drying shed,
An' the doctor sent the fisher for a fortnight to his bed.
Noo, dinna tak' ower literal this history in rhyme,
If thae things hinna happened, thay micht happen ony
Time – But tak' it as a warnin' lest by fancy you be
drawn,
Along the burn's meander, forgettin' whaur you're gaun;
The horns o' a dilemma, ye micht tyackle wi' guid wull,
But keep the burn atween ye and auld Nisbet's bull.*

N. A. Macdonald

Editor's note – Thanks to Nola Matuschka (and friend) for responding to my challenge in N/News 70 and for supplying a translation of Auld Nisbet's Bull, along with the following notes:

- Clober* – this should be spelt *claboir, clabber, clob(b)er, clabar, claber, clauber* which means muddy or dirty
- baggy* – a small fish, a type of minnow
- burn* – (area where game is caught), a small stream or brook
- Warren* – an enclosed place where small game animals are kept, especially for breeding; part of a river or lake enclosed by nets in which fish are kept

SOCIETY NEWS

The inaugural N/N Footy Night was held at 'St Abbs' on Saturday 19th June. The staunch supporters in attendance, along with a few welcome visitors, witnessed a robust and noisy round-robin of "footy-winks", or was that "tiddly-ball"? Fun was had by all after which a (pie) night, as only N/N's might celebrate, was enjoyed. On behalf of all the participants I thank our generous hosts, Joy & Ian Nisbet and the social committee for a delightful array of fine fare.

NETWORKED N/N's

Both the UK and NA N/N Society Homepages have undergone some enhancements and changes in recent times. As always they are worth a regular visit and can be accessed directly or from links within the N/N - Australia Homepage at: <http://www.nnsoc.org.au> and leave a message in the guestbook.

The National Archives of Australia can be found at: <http://naa.gov.au>
Where military service records and other government archival material may be found – see feature article below.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Earlier this year I went to the National Archives Shop on the internet to order my grandfather's war service record. Firstly I searched the First World War Nominal Roll, to confirm his service number (4980) and then ordered a copy of his service record, with a fee of \$16.20 being payable. Several days later I received an e-mail advising that the record requested was currently being scanned and was no longer available to the system for copying. My fee would be refunded and I should monitor the site, with the image of the document anticipated to come on-line about June 2004 and it could then be accessed and downloaded free of charge. I recently returned to the site to find that neither the record nor the images are yet available. The following is a tabulated listing of the image of the First World War Nominal Roll (headings added by me):

Service Number	Rank	Surname	Christian Name/s	Unit	Enlistment Date	Demobilisation Details	Date
8440	Dvr	NESBETT	George Leonard	6 th (Army) Bde A.F.A.	24.8.15	R.T.A.	27.4.19
2966	Pte	NESBIT	Bartholomew	51 st Battalion	10.7.16	R.T.A.	18.1.19
17304	B/smith	NESBIT	Basil	12 th Army P.A.B.	6.10.15	R.T.A.	8.4.18
535	Sgt	NESBIT	Donald	43 rd Battalion	10.2.16	D.O.?	19.7.18
1109	Dvr	NESBIT	George Norman	14 th P.A.B.	2.2.15	R.T.A.	21.3.19
29654	Pte	NESBIT	Harry Planta	45 th Battalion	10.7.16	R.T.A.	19.6.19
1167	Pte	NESBIT	John Bennett	2 nd Battalion	26.8.14	R.T.A.	23.10.18
4863	Pte	NESBIT	John James	57 th Battalion	20.8.15	R.T.A.	13.2.17
3883	Pte	NESBIT	Joseph William	24 th Battalion	1.12.15	K.I.A.	4.5.17
5862	Pte	NESBIT	Leslie George	19 th Battalion	30.5.16	R.T.A.	19.10.17
2050	Pte	NESBIT	Robert George	19 th Battalion	5.5.15	R.T.A.	31.10.17
5663	Pte	NESBIT	Roy Vincent	19 th Battalion	30.5.16	R.T.A.	6.11.18
4498	Pte	NESBITT	Alfred Dunleany	19 th Battalion	8.12.15	K.I.A.	2.5.17
3555	Pte	NESBITT	Charles	6 th Battalion	26.7.15	K.I.A.	26.7.16
3956	Pte	NESBITT	Christopher	27 th Battalion	16.7.15	R.T.A.	5.4.18
520	L/Cpl	NESBITT	David Hamilton	54 th Battalion	12.1.16	R.T.A.	4.12.18
4613	Pte	NESBITT	George Charles	16 th Battalion	22.8.15	R.T.A.	6.5.19
1265	Pte	NESBITT	James Alfred	17 th Battalion	23.2.15	R.T.A.	5.7.15
4822	Pte	NESBITT	John Joseph (M.M.)	32 nd Battalion	29.11.16	R.T.A.	3.5.19
3673	Pte	NESBITT	Joseph Philip	14 th Battalion	18.10.15	R.T.A.	13.4.19
3897	Pte	NESBITT	John Richard	24 th Battalion	18.10.15	R.T.A.	6.9.19
1052	Pte	NESBITT	Lewis (M.M.)	2 nd M.G.Bn	30.4.15	R.T.A.	19.2.19
53779	Pte	NESBITT	Leslie John	13 th Battalion	9.3.18	R.T.A.	17.3.19
2120	Pte	NESBITT	Leslie Samuel	33 rd Battalion	3.4.16	R.T.A.	23.5.17
14921	Sgt	NESBITT	Norman Matthew	Aust Post Cps	20.1.16	R.T.A.	8.4.19
62125	Pte	NESBITT	Peter John	43 rd Battalion	25.6.18	R.T.A.	5.9.19
1601	Pte	NESBITT	Reginald	3 rd L.H.	30.7.15	R.T.A.	29.4.19
20052	Dvr	NESBITT	Robert Hardy	6 th Fld Amb	8.11.17		
18452	Pte	NESBITT	Richard Stuart	A.C.R.C.	21.4.17	R.T.A.	3.9.19
5971	L/Cpl	NESBITT	Robert Youll	4 th F.C.E.	20.11.15	R.T.A.	13.4.19
2916	Pte	NESBITT	Richard William	16 th Battalion	26.7.15	D.O.D.	25.1.16

3077	Pte	NESBITT	Thomas	9 th L.H.	18.9.16	R.T.A.	23.8.17
26	Sgt	NESBITT	Thomas Hudson	5 th Battalion	17.8.14	K.I.A.	26.4.15
2022	Pte	NESBITT	Thomas James	4 th L.H.	1.5.16	R.T.A.	15.5.19
2495	Pte	NESBITT	Thomas John	24 th Battalion	23.4.15	K.I.A.	23.11.15
2644	Pte	NESBITT	Vincent	30 th Battalion	10.7.16		
372	Cpl	NESBITT	William Geddes	57 th Battalion	2.12.14	R.T.A.	21.3.19
206	Pte	NESBITT	William George	23 rd Battalion	22.2.15	R.T.A.	22.2.17
5159	Pte	NESBITT	William Herbert	9 th Battalion	15.9.16	R.T.A.	1.8.19
	Chap.	NESBITT	Walter John			DISCH	13.11.16
	Lt	NISBET	Archie	8 th Battalion	5/8/15	R.T.A.	6/9/19
	Capt	NISBET	Alwyn Tom	A.A.M.C.		R.T.A.	1/4/19
2659	Pte	NISBET	Charles	9 th Battalion	26/5/15	R.T.A.	8/4/17
3589	Pte	NISBET	Charles	2 nd Pioneers	14/9/15	R.T.A.	27/9/17
609	Cpl	NISBET	Donald	9 th Battalion	25/8/14	R.T.A.	23/10/18
4568	Sgt	NISBET	Edward Arthur	3 rd M.T. Coy	23/3/16	R.T.A.	23/7/19
1575	Pte	NISBET	Frank	6 th Battalion	12/12/14	R.T.A.	12/12/15
6772	Pte	NISBET	George (Henry)	3 rd A.G?(D?).H.	28/9/15	R.T.A.	10/6/19
2736	Pte	NISBET	James	58 th Battalion	17/7/15	D.O.D.	27/3/16
986	Pte	NISBET	John	A.A.M.C.	18/9/14	R.T.A.	13/12/18
4440	Sgt	NISBET	John	9 th Battalion	13/9/15	R.T.A.	31/7/18
5886	Pte	NISBET	John Robert	24 th Battalion	22/7/16	R.T.A.	10/4/19
2368	Pte	NISBET	John Thomas	A.L.R.O.C.	9/11/17		
	Sister	NISBET	Margaret	A.A.N.S.	8/5/17		
4101	Pte	NISBET	Nathaniel	4 th Pioneers	18/6/17	R.T.A.	7/2/19
52581	Pte	NISBET	Phillip Denniston	A.C.Sig Coy	9/10/17	R.T.A.	8/9/19
7154	Pte	NISBET	Robert	3 rd Tunn Coy	3/11/16	R.T.A.	31/10/17
7056	Pte	NISBET	Russell Robert	12 th Battalion	1/11/16	R.T.A.	25/1/19
4980	Pte	NISBET	Thomas	3 rd M.G.Bn	23/7/15	R.T.A.	30/4/19
1712	Cpl	NISBET	William David	24 th Battalion	26/5/15	R.T.A.	17/3/17
8985	Pte	NISBET	William Thompson	13 th P.A.B.	3/2/15	R.T.A.	3/4/19
536	Pte	NISBETT	Allan	3 rd Div Sal Coy	1/2/16	R.T.A.	10/3/18
501	Pte	NISBETT	Duncan	5 th M.G.Bn	27/7/15	R.T.A.	8/5/19
3966	Pte	NISBETT	Edward James	16 th Battalion	15/8/15	R.T.A.	16/10/16
669	Pte	NISBETT	Hugh Fleming	7 th Battalion	17/8/14	R.T.A.	25/1/19
39319	Pte	NISBETT	John Durack	3 rd Army A.F.A.	18/10/16	R.T.A.	3/5/19
5045	Pte	NISBETT	Robert John	27 th Battalion	17/3/16	R.T.A.	7/7/19
18910	Cpl	NISBETT	William Mackinnon	3 rd Div Army Hqtrs	16/11/15	R.T.A.	19/10/18

A general search on the National Archives of Australia site also provided the following entries for a variety of written works authored by N/N's:

Title Paper on the Conditions found in Amputation Stumps, by Captain AJH Nisbet (May)		
Series number AWM11	Control symbol <u>1518/4/3</u>	Contents date range 1918 - 1918
Access status Open	Location Australian War Memorial	Barcode no 482106

Title Article by Captain Nisbet on Radiology, with Reference to Amputation Cases (May)		
Series number AWM11	Control symbol <u>1520/3/54</u>	Contents date range 1918 - 1918
Access status Open	Location Australian War Memorial	Barcode no 482118

Title AUTHOR Eric Nesbit Melrose : ADDRESS Adelaide : TITLE OF WORK Poems : TYPE OF WORK Book : APPLICANT James Melrose : DATE OF APPLICATION 24 Dec 1915 : DATE COPYRIGHT REGISTERED 24 Mar 1916 : WORK ENCLOSED? Order as A1336/2		
Series number A1336	Control symbol <u>4800</u>	Contents date range 1915 - 1916
Access status Open	Location Canberra	Barcode no 3430367 & 4823632

Title AUTHOR Ellen Benigna Nesbit : ADDRESS Adelaide : TITLE OF WORK Treachery or Two Women and the Man : TYPE OF WORK Dramatic Work : APPLICANT Ellen Benigna Nesbit : DATE OF APPLICATION 24 Jun 1922 : DATE COPYRIGHT REGISTERED 30 Jun 1922 : WORK ENCLOSED? Yes, order as A1336/2		
Series number A1336	Control symbol <u>10409</u>	Contents date range 1922 - 1922
Access status Open	Location Canberra	Barcode no 3458011 & 4687854

Title AUTHOR Ellen Benigna Nesbit : ADDRESS Adelaide : TITLE OF WORK The Call : TYPE OF WORK Literary Work : APPLICANT Ellen Benigna Nesbit : DATE OF APPLICATION 7 Jul 1922 : DATE COPYRIGHT REGISTERED 19 Jul 1922 : WORK ENCLOSED? Yes		
Series number A1336	Control symbol <u>10478</u>	Contents date range 1922 - 1922
Access status Open	Location Canberra	Barcode no 3458395

Title AUTHOR Reginald George Nesbit and Arthur William Cambrell : ADDRESS Adelaide : TITLE OF WORK The Key to Success (Bond Prospectus and Tables of Rates) : TYPE OF WORK Literary Work : APPLICANT Commonwealth Homes and Investment Company Limited : DATE OF APPLICATION 21 Aug 1934 : DATE COPYRIGHT REGISTERED 27 Aug 1934 : WORK ENCLOSED? Yes		
Series number A1336	Control symbol <u>25516</u>	Contents date range 1934 - 1934
Access status Open	Location Canberra	Barcode no 3517806

Title AUTHOR Thomas Ronald Nisbet : ADDRESS Melbourne: TITLE OF WORK A Banker's Nomograph: TYPE OF WORK Literary: APPLICANT Thomas Ronald Nisbet: DATE OF APPLICATION 16 Oct 1952: DATE COPYRIGHT REGISTERED 19 Dec 1952: WORK ENCLOSED? Yes		
Series number A1336	Control symbol <u>52629</u>	Contents date range 1952 - 1952

Are any of these works known to N/N members? Can any members claim the authors as part of their family tree? If so, perhaps you may wish to further research the relevant works. Please let us know of your findings. Ed.

N/As IN THE NEWS

The following excerpts were taken from Maroondah Journal of Tuesday March 16, 2004, pages 1 & 3.

Scots gather forces for sword fight

THEY can take our lives but they'll never take our swords.

That may well be Victorian Scots' battle cry as the State Government prepares to outlaw swords. Ringwood Highland Games organiser Sue Macleod said the proposed ban was a triumph of red tape. Haggis hurled at 100 metres would probably do more harm than blunted armoury, but come July 1, antique swords will be treated like registered firearms.

Outcry over sword ban

HE looks fearsome, but John Dexter is actually a really nice bloke.

On March 28, he will play the role of Braveheart the Wild Highlander as he roves Jubilee Park at the Ringwood Highland Games.

No doubt the sword he brandishes has slain people – but not for many lifetimes.

The basket-hilted broadsword is a priceless antique from the 1746 Battle of Culloden, the last great battle of Scotland.

From July 1, swords will become prohibited weapons in Victoria, carrying penalties of up to \$12,000 or six months jail for illegal use or possession.

While some cultural, religious, military and collector groups will be exempted from the sword law, it is expected to create more red tape for Victorian Scots to cut through.

Police Minister Andre Haermeyer said the new laws were designed to “overcome this culture of young people arming themselves with swords”.

Mr Dexter, 28, might be a descendant of Clan Macintosh but he is no gang member.

He believes it is his birthright to possess a sword. “It's our ancestry so it should always be honoured,” he said. “It's not like we go around in battles anymore. It's the 21st century, isn't it?”

THE WANTED LIST

Date: 12 Jun 2004

Time: 22:01

From: The Williams Family

Email Address:

spidrman@bigpond.net.au

Subject: RE: Robert & Ellen

Descendancy narrative of Peter (-?-) Nisbet:

I. Peter (-?-) Nisbet married Janet Shanks. He died before 1872. Peter (-?-) Nisbet was a shuttle maker before 1872.

A. Robert Nisbet was born circa 1831. He married Ellen Murie, daughter of William Murie and Ellen Donald, on 6 Aug 1872 at 246 Springburn Rd, Springburn, Lanark, Scotland. Robert Nisbet was an iron turner on 6 Aug 1872 at 246 Springburn Rd, Springburn, Lanark, Scotland. He died in 1885 at Glebe, NSW, Aust.

1. William Murie Nisbet, Details obtained from shipping list - 'Star of India' arrived Sydney 16/6/1876. He was born on 25 Mar 1873 at 248 Springburn Rd, Springburn, Lanark, Scotland. He married Agnes E Woollett in 1893 at Glebe, NSW, Aust.

a. William R Nisbet was born in 1893 at Glebe, New South Wales, Australia. He died in 1933 at Randwick, NSW, Aust.

b. Ethel J Nisbet was born in 1894 at Glebe, NSW, Aust.

c. Ellen Nisbet was born in 1898 at Wellington, NSW, Aust.

d. Annie L Nisbet was born in 1900 at Wellington, NSW, Aust.

2. Lennox Nisbet. Details obtained from shipping list - 'Star of India' arrived Sydney 16/6/1876. He was born on 15 Jul 1874 at 248 Springburn Rd, Springburn, Lanark, Scotland. He married Janet Fewre in 1908 at Glebe, NSW, Aust. He died in 1911 at Sydney, NSW, Aust.

a. Roy L M Nisbet was born in 1908 at Glebe, New South Wales, Australia. He died on 12 Jun 1997 at Glebe, NSW, Aust.

b. Keith Robert Nisbet was born in 1911 at Glebe, NSW, Aust. He died on 9 Jan 2003 at Sefton, NSW, Aust.

3. David A Nisbet. Marriage David A to Esther Fox, NSW 1467/1910. He was born in 1877 at Glebe, NSW, Aust. He died in 1920 at Drummoyne, NSW, Aust.

Kind Regards
Sean Williams

I presume that Sean is seeking any relatives and/or any detail regarding Peter (--?-) Nisbet. Ed

FOUND

Date: 08 Jun 2004
Time: 11:50:19
Name: Mark Nisbet
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Subject: Nisbets of Glasgow, Scotland

Good Evenin' to thee. I am Mark Nisbet of Griffnock, near Glasgow. I have been interested in finding out more about my birthline, but cannot as my father is in Australia and I cannot find out where he is. Any Nisbets (any spelling) know of Joseph Nisbet, father of three boys who married Kim Hughes in 1986? Any information will be appreciated. Thank you, Lt. Mark Nisbet, 254 Boys Brigade Glasgow.

Ian M Nisbet received the following e-mail recently advising of the success of an overseas contact made several years ago. Diana's correspondence regarding some monogrammed china appeared in N/News 65, p.5 & N/News 66, p.7. In a separate e-mail Diana noted that she was the 6th generation to hold her monogrammed china and also advised that it was different to that held by Patrick Nisbett as appeared in N/News 67, p.6 having been contacted by Patrick after reading the earlier articles.

Hello there Ian,
I was in touch with you about two years ago when inquiring about a Nisbet in my family and my old family china which has a Nisbet crest. I have found more information which I include for you in case other Australian Nisbets are interested. My ancestor is David Nisbet, surgeon, who died at Kew, Surrey in 1826. He was born in Greenholm, Ayresshire according to his headstone and died aged 84 years & 7 months, which means his birthdate is c. Jan. 1742. His daughter Harriet Nisbet married John Betts at Kew, Surrey. They had sons John and Henry Betts who arrived in Australia in 1825. John married Margaret Erskine Panton in Sydney and they lived in Windsor, N.S.W. and had 7 children including John and George. His daughter Maria Bowman Betts is my great-grandmother.
I now know I am from the Nisbets of Greenholm family.
Sincerely,
Diana Paige
Canada

SCOTS of VICTORIA

The upcoming major events are:

Sept 3-5 Victorian Scottish Union
Annual Conference, venue
to be advised
Nov 19-21 Beechworth Celtic
Festival, Beechworth
Nov 21-22 Gippsland Celtic
Festival, Warragul
Dec 4 Daylesford Highland
Gathering, Daylesford

STOP PRESS

Maroondah Family History Fair

Consultants with expertise in tracking down Scottish ancestors will be easy to pick out at this year's fair: they'll be accompanied by a piper and dressed in kilts. Other consultants will also be available with expertise on tracing ancestors from all over the world and specialist areas such as military records. The fair is on Saturday, August 7, 10am to 3pm at the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints, 76 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South. For details call 9729 5125.

DNA Update

Since the N/N Society qualifies for the group rate, we can now do DNA testing for \$99 (US). The goal is to build a N/N family tree of the older families using the DNA lines along with paper records, then connect as many members as possible to this tree.

Many clans are doing this testing and a(nother) company called Crucial Genetics recently set up by scientists at Glasgow University has begun work on creating a DNA database that will allow people to trace their ancestors and identify their clan affiliation. The company is working with a number of clan societies to establish people with known clan genealogy and then look for the genetic markers which are specific to various clans.

Two people with a match in 16 genes means that there is a one-in-a-billion chance that these two people are **not** related.

Your e-mail address/es

Members, please don't forget to log your e-mail address with the secretary or on the homepage. Please also leave a guestbook entry on your way through. We would all like to hear from you.

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