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NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY
AUSTRALIA



STARTING POINT

Another year has flown by – another AGM. My sincere thanks to committee members who once again have agreed to serve the society into its 19th year. I welcome Shane Allan onto the Education and Information Committee. More details can be found on page 3.

A bad news/good news report - Unfortunately shortly after N/News No. 72 and the homepage

Protocol documents were issued our homepage was “off air” for several weeks. Whilst this is a regrettable occurrence; the good news is that the homepage lives on at its new address:

<http://www.nnsoc.asn.au>

Please make sure that you note the new address and add it to your “Favourites” on your PC.

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NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

Dec 4	Christmas Gathering, 8:00 pm, ‘St Abbs’, 26 Walnut Rd, North Balwyn
Jan	N/NEWS # 74
April 24-25	NA Gathering, Charleston, South Carolina, USA
April	N/NEWS # 75

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

The 2004 UK Gathering: The 2004 UK Gathering in Duns was a great success judging from reports in both the North American and UK Newsletters. David and Sue Nisbet will be able to provide more detail at our Christmas Gathering.

The 2005 NA Gathering: The 2005 NA Nesbitt/Nisbet Gathering has been confirmed for Charleston, South Carolina, April 24-25, 2005. A tentative program has been issued – *Adoption of ByLaws; Election of Officers; Tour of Dean Plantation House; Nesbitt Cemetery & Genealogical Workshops.*

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

Welcome to the following new members:

- Shane Allan of Moonee Ponds, Vic
- Graham Loughlin of Naremburn, NSW
- Leslie Nesbitt of Mount Russell, NSW
- Michael & Suzanne Nesbitt of Inverell, NSW

(Thanks to Pat & Shirley Nesbitt for nominating their children for membership, being:)

(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Graham Loughlin recently contacted Ian M Nisbet regarding his research into Paris Nesbit QC, son of Edward Planta Nesbit who was brother of John Collis Nesbit - rather than re-tell the story, see copy of e-mail below:

From: Graham Loughlin
Sent: Tuesday, 24 August 2004 17:41
Subject: Fw: Nesbitt/Nisbet Society

Dear Sir/Madam,

A little while ago I inquired about membership of the NNS in North America but have now been informed that there is a Chapter of the NNS in Australia.

Rather than repeat my earlier inquiry I have copied it below. I will shortly follow this up with copies of the replies from the US so that you can see the full picture.

Could you tell me something of the Australian Chapter, whether you have a resource centre/library, whether I would be entitled to join and whether you have a website?

Thanks

Graham Loughlin

----- Original Message -----

From: [Graham Loughlin](#)
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2004 6:49 PM
Subject: Nesbitt/Nisbet Society

Dear Mr Nisbet,

I have just discovered by accident the Nesbit homepage and the existence of the Nesbit Society and would like to know if I may become a member. I should point out that I am not a Nesbit myself, which may be a barrier judging from the application form. My particular interest in the family is in Paris Nesbit QC, (b.1852, d.1927), a South Australian lawyer, son of Edward Planta Nesbit who in turn was the brother of John Collis Nesbit. Edward Planta and John Collis Nesbit were schoolmasters together at Kennington Lane in the East End of London before Edward Planta emigrated to South Australia in 1849. Paris Nesbit was therefore a first cousin of Edith Nesbit, whom he visited when he travelled to the UK in 1894. Paris was very proud of what he called his "thousand year Scottish ancestry".

As a student I published a biographical article on Paris Nesbit entitled Paris Nesbit: Lawyer, Libertine and Lunatic. It is available in the Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia, No.3 1977. You will find the HSSA at www.hssa.org.au, though I don't think Journal articles are available in soft copy. If you wish to have a copy for the Nesbit Society then it may be most easily available via your local library, though I could send a photocopy if you wish.

One of these days I intend to return to write a more detailed biography of Paris Nesbit, who was such a striking character as a lawyer, social reformer and would-be politician that he deserves much more than the earlier article. It may well be that membership of your Society will assist my inquiries.

Graham Loughlin

Edward Planta Nesbit & Edwin Paris Nesbitt have had entries in the N/News in the past, including No. 11 p.6, a feature article in No. 13 pp. 5&6 and No. 14 p. 2. Should members have information or details regarding Paris, Edward Planta or John Collis Nesbit then please contact the Secretary or submit details on the homepage and we will forward them to Graham.

SOCIETY NEWS

AGM 2004: The eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the N/N Society – Australia was held at ‘St Abbs’ on Sunday 10th October. On behalf of the Society I thank our generous hosts, Joy & Ian Nisbet. I also thank committee members for continuing into 2004/05. I take this opportunity to welcome our newest member, Shane Allan, onto the Education & Information Committee. I would re-iterate the President’s request that members seriously consider volunteering to serve on the committee – even from afar – as most, if not all, positions could be served remotely. The Society’s reports are available in the members section of the homepage under “Online Library” and then “Annual Reports”. *For members who have not yet registered an e-mail address a hardcopy should accompany this Newsletter. However, if you have received a hardcopy of the Newsletter and Reports and you do have access to the internet then please assist us into the future and register your e-mail address with the secretary or by the “Contact Us” facility on the homepage.*

NETWORKED N/N’s

As you are aware, the Australian N/N Society Homepage has undergone some enhancements and changes in recent times, but more importantly, as highlighted in “Starting Point” it has had to change address and can now be found at: <http://www.nnsoc.asn.au> and please make a habit of leaving a message in the guestbook.

The UK N/N Society Homepage has also undergone enhancement as well as changed address and can now be found at: <http://www.nesbitnisbet.org.au> and again, please leave a message in the guestbook.

FEATURE ARTICLE

In N/News 72 a tabulation of the First World War Nominal Roll sourced from the Australian National Archives (www.naa.gov.au) was featured. This edition features a listing of the World War I Roll of Honour. Several of these were previously noted in N/News 16 pp. 6&7, in “Gallipoli – The 75th Anniversary”.

Roll of Honour Database World War I

Nesbit, Donald McK (Donald Nesbit)

Number: 535
Rank: RSM
Unit: 43rd Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 19/07/1918
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Died of Wounds
Memorial Panel: 137
Cemetery or Memorial Details: FRANCE 300 St Pierre Cemetery Amiens
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Port Pirie, SA
Native Place:
Notes: NESBIT, R.S.M. Donald McK., 535. 43rd Bn. Australian Inf. Died of Wounds 19th July, 1918. Age 33. Son of John Alexander Nesbit, of Kilchoan, Ardnamurchan, Argyll, Scotland; husband of Jane McKenzie Nesbit. XIV. A. 2.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbit, Joseph William

Number: 3883
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 24th Bn
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 04/05/1917
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Died of Wounds
Memorial Panel: 102
Cemetery or Memorial Details: 26 Villers Bretonneux-France
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Burke's Flat, VIC
Native Place:
Notes: NESBIT, Pte. Joseph William, 3883. 24th Bn. 4th May, 1917. Age 33. Son of James John and Jane Nesbit, of Burke's Flat, Victoria.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Alfred Dunleavy

Number: 4498
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 19th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 02/05/1917
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Killed in Action
Memorial Panel: 89
Cemetery or Memorial Details: FRANCE 1486 Vraucourt Copse Cemetery
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Summer Hill, NSW
Native Place:
Notes: NESBITT, Pte. Alfred Dunleavy, 4498. 19th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 2nd May, 1917. Age 19. Son of James and Margaret Nesbit, of 14 Carrington St., Summer Hill, New South Wales. Born at Redfern, New South Wales. II. B. 10.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Charles

Number: 3555A
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 6th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 26/07/1916
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Killed in action
Memorial Panel: 47
Cemetery or Memorial Details: FRANCE 832 Pozieres British Cemetery Ovillers-La-Boisselle
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Coleraine, VIC
Native Place:
Notes: NESBITT, Pte. Charles, 3555A. 6th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 26th July, 1916. III. G. 2.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Richard William Thomas

Number: 2916
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 16th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 25/01/1916
Place of Death:
Cause of Death:
Memorial Panel: 80
Cemetery or Memorial Details: EGYPT 9 Cairo War Memorial Cemetery
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Perth, WA
Native Place:
Notes: NESBITT, Pte. R.W.T., 2916. 16th Bn. Australian Inf. 25th Jan., 1916. D. 277.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Teele Henry (Teele Henry Cross)

Number: 5325
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 24th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 06/10/1917
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Died of Wounds
Memorial Panel: 102
Cemetery or Memorial Details: Belgium 11 Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery Belgium
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Neerim, VIC
Native Place: Gippsland, VIC
Notes: NESBITT, (served as CROSS), Pte. Teele Henry, 5325. 24th Bn. Australian Inf. Died of wounds 6th Oct., 1917. Age 19. Son of William Robert and Adelaide Nesbitt, of Neerim East, Victoria, Australia. Native of Gippsland, Victoria. XX. G. 5.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Thomas Hudson

Number: 26
Rank: Serjt
Unit: 5th Bn
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 26/04/1915
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Killed in action
Memorial Panel: 44
Cemetery or Memorial Details: 6. Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Melbourne, VIC
Native Place:
Notes: NESBITT, Serjt. Thomas Hudson, 26. 5th Bn. Killed in action 26th April, 1915. 24.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nesbitt, Thomas John

Number: 2495
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 24th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 29/11/1915
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Killed in action
Memorial Panel: 102
Cemetery or Memorial Details: GALLIPOLI 7. Lone Pine Cemetery
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Riddell's Creek, VIC
Native Place:
Notes: NESBITT, Pte. Thomas John, 2495. 24th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 29th Nov., 1915. Son of John and Margaret Nesbitt of Riddell's Creek, Victoria, Australia. Sp. Mem. A. 16.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nisbet, James

Number: 2736
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 58th Bn Australian Inf
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 02/03/1916
Place of Death:
Cause of Death: Cerebro-spinal meningitis
Memorial Panel: 166
Cemetery or Memorial Details: EGYPT 16 Tell El Kebir War Memorial Cemetery
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Majorca, VIC
Native Place:
Notes: NISBET, Pte. James, 2736. 58th Bn. Australian Inf. Died of cerebro-spinal meningitis 2nd March, 1916. Age 25. Son of John and Charlotte Nisbet. Born at Majorca, Victoria, Australia. 4.
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Nisbett, Edward James

Number: 3966
Rank: Private [Pte]
Unit: 16th Bn
Service: Army
Conflict: 1914 - 1918
Date of Death: 25/11/1916
Place of Death: Freemantle Harbour
Cause of Death:
Memorial Panel: 80
Cemetery or Memorial Details: Freemantle
Next of Kin:
Place of Enlistment: Bunbury, WA
Native Place: Berwick on Tweed, England
Notes:
Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

N/N's IN THE NEWS

The Nesbitt/Nisbet Society North American News, Issue 32, Autumn 2004 included:

- an article on pages 4 & 5 regarding Máiréad Nesbitt, *fiddler extraordinaire*, a professional violinist and traditional fiddler from Ireland.
- an article on pages 6 & 7 regarding Bryan Nesbitt, head of GM Europe Design. Bryan formerly worked for Chrysler and was the primary exterior designer of their highly successful retro PT Cruiser.

Both articles are very interesting reading and I will contact the NA Branch regarding their source/s. Ed.

THE WANTED LIST

On Thursday, 23-Sep-2004

John Nesbit jotdon@xtra.co.nz

from Christchurch, N.Z.

wrote:

Hello rellies ?? Having been an "inactive" member for several years, I have now finally & completely retired & am able to pick up my fledgling interest in family history. This updated web site will no doubt help immensely. It's a credit to those who worked on it. My progress to date tells that John Nesbit, wife Isabella & 3yo son Thomas arrived in Nelson NZ onboard the "Sir Charles Forbes" on 22 August 1842. I will be pleased to share what info I have & to receive any info out there.

John Nesbit

On Wednesday, 21-Jan-2004

Fay Nesbitt fnesbitt@tpg.com.au

from Grafton, NSW. Australia

wrote:

Samuel Nesbitt was born in Belfast. He served with the Military in the Russian armoured car unit in 1918. In July 1936 he and his family lived at Victoria Avenue, Newtownards.

His son William came to Australia about 1920 and I would love to hear from anyone who knew this family or my Father-in-law in Australia.

FOUND

New member, Shane Allan has already achieved some success. On submission of the family tree he is researching it was positively identified as sharing ancestry with several society members, being descendents of John and Isabella Nisbet who emigrated to Australia from Glasgow in 1857.

This is of personal interest as I am of this family tree and wish Shane every success in his genealogical efforts.
Ed.

SCOTS of VICTORIA

The upcoming major events are:

Nov 19-21	Beechworth	Celtic Festival, Beechworth
Nov 21-22	Gippsland	Celtic Festival, Warragul
Dec 4	Daylesford	Highland Gathering, Daylesford - 9:30 am, Victoria Park, Daylesford

FAMILY SNIPPETS

Dr Ian T Nisbet, our past Chairman and Newsletter Editor, was recently appointed as Chairman of Meditech Research Limited, based in Melbourne. Ian and Gwenda, more recently our Boston correspondents, will return to our fair shores later in the year after taking care of "loose ends" in the USA. We wish Ian every success in his new position.

OBITUARY

The following obituary was taken from the HERALD SUN of Friday October 8th 2004, page 101.

NISBET (Mathews). — Renee Beatrice (Betty), passed away peacefully at Violet Town Bush Nursing Centre on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004 aged 86 years. Beloved wife of Jack (dec.), much loved and loving mother of Angus (dec.), Janice and Peter, mother-in-law of Sue and Darron. Grandma and Mem to Lauren, Krista, Jane, Katie, Steve and Joshua. Special friend to Scott.

Happy Guy Fawkes Bet

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