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NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY  
AUSTRALIA



## STARTING POINT

*As this edition goes to print/distribution the North American Branch of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society gather in Charleston, South Carolina. On behalf of the Australian Branch I wish them every success and look forward to report/s in the near future.*

*Accompanying this newsletter is the "Dues are Due" invoice for your annual subscriptions for the year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005. Your prompt attention to their payment is appreciated and will ensure that reminders are unnecessary. Please ensure that your contact details are current, correct and supply an e-mail address wherever possible.*

*I am encouraged by the responses received to the past editions of the N/News. In an effort to maintain the standards set by previous editors, Mr Bruce Nesbit and Dr Ian T. Nisbet, I encourage members to "drop me a line", submit family snippets, search requests, etc. Your contributions will not only assist in preparation but will add further interest to the Newsletter for both you personally as well as for your fellow members. Alternatively, your items can be logged at our homepage at:*

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

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## NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

April 23-24	NA Gathering, Charleston, South Carolina, USA
July	N/NEWS # 76
Oct 9	AGM, 3:00pm, St Abbs, 26 Walnut Road, Balwyn North
Oct	N/NEWS # 77

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

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## (NES)-BITS & PIECES

The following excerpt is from **THE BUSHVELDT CARBINEERS AND THE PIETERSBURG LIGHT HORSE**, page 246, "Biographical notes – Appendix I", by W. (Bill) Woolmore, Published by Slouch Hat Publications, McRae, 2002 - submitted by Ian Clarke. (For details regarding abbreviations see page 7 of this newsletter.)

**NESBITT** Richard J., Trooper/Sergeant Major No. 215/32688 (BVC): Previous service as trooper with the 1<sup>st</sup> Brabant's Horse from 19 June 1900 to 19 February 1901. Enlisted in the BVC at Durban on 25 March 1901 – age 34, height 5'9", 38" chest, dark complexion, brown hair, brown eyes. No marks, NOK not shown. Re-enlisted in the PLH at Pretoria on 24 December 1901. Discharged by sentence of court martial on 25 June 1902. A note on the role states: "Sentenced by Court Martial but no trace of proceedings or finding of the Court. This man receives no War Gratuity". He qualified for the QSA medal with clasps *Cape Colony, OFS & Transvaal* and his KSA medal with the two date clasps (1901 & 1902) was issued from the PLH roll.

## 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](http://www.naa.gov.au)) was featured. N/News 73 featured a listing of the World War I Roll of Honour and N/News 74 featured a listing of the Honours & Awards (Gazetted) followed by a listing from the Honours and Awards (Recommendations: First World War). This edition features the Roll of Honour for the Second World War.*

### Roll of Honour Database

#### World War II

#### Nesbitt, J

**Service Number:**  
**Rank:** Able Seaman (AB)  
**Unit:** HMAS Sydney  
**Service:** RAN  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 20/11/1941  
**Place of Death:**  
**Cause of Death:**  
**Memorial Panel:** 8  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM146 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, Royal Australian Navy

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#### Nesbitt, John Christopher

**Service Number:**  
**Rank:** Ordinary Signaller [OD Sig]  
**Unit:** HMAS Perth  
**Service:** RAN  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 01/03/1942  
**Place of Death:**  
**Cause of Death:**  
**Memorial Panel:** 6  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM146 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, Royal Australian Navy

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#### Nesbitt, Vincent Clyde

**Service Number:** NX40390  
**Rank:** Private [Pte]  
**Unit:** 2/18 INF BN  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 10/02/1942  
**Place of Death:** Malaya  
**Cause of Death:** Presumed  
**Memorial Panel:** 41  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

**Nisbet, Arthur John**

**Service Number:** VX41159  
**Rank:** Private [Pte]  
**Unit:** AASC No 1 COY  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 18/09/1943  
**Place of Death:** Siam  
**Cause of Death:** Illness  
**Memorial Panel:** 83  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

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**Nisbet, Donald**

**Service Number:** VX21363  
**Rank:** Private [Pte]  
**Unit:** 2/22 INF BN  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 01/07/1942  
**Place of Death:** At sea (South West Pacific Area)  
**Cause of Death:** Presumed  
**Memorial Panel:** 49  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

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**Nisbet, Edward Albert**

**Service Number:** VX46404  
**Rank:** Private [Pte]  
**Unit:** 2/29 INF BN  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 20/01/1942  
**Place of Death:** Malaya  
**Cause of Death:** Killed in Action  
**Memorial Panel:** 57  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

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**Nisbet, Gordon Joseph McKay Stewart**

**Service Number:** QX6473  
**Rank:** Lieutenant [Lt]  
**Unit:** 2/26 INF BN  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 27/01/1942  
**Place of Death:** Malaya  
**Cause of Death:** Presumed  
**Memorial Panel:** 53  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

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**Nisbet, Morris Blair**

**Service Number:** VX15223  
**Rank:** Private [Pte]  
**Unit:** 2/14 INF BN  
**Service:** Army  
**Conflict:** 1939-1945  
**Date of Death:** 30/08/1942  
**Place of Death:** Papua  
**Cause of Death:** Presumed  
**Memorial Panel:** 38  
**Cemetery or Memorial Details:**  
**Next of Kin:**  
**Notes:**  
**Source:** AWM147 Roll of Honour cards, 1939-1945 War, 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF (Citizen Military Force)

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## N/N's IN THE NEWS

Whilst recently reading the April 2005 edition of **THE SCOTTISH BANNER** (Australasian edition) it was noted that the Clan Farquharson (& Septs) have been requested to rally at the Stoneararum, Tynwald Hill, Glen Innes, New South Wales on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005. Two elements in the article caught my eye, they were:

- the "Stoneararum"
- the "High Commissioner for Australia for the Clan (Farquharson)" is **Beryl Hardy Nisbett**.

A number of other points were also noted:

- Hardy is one of the septs of the Clan Farquharson
- as with most things genealogical Hardy is also listed as a sept of the clan Fergusson
- the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – North America Branch are listed in the "Calling the Clans" section of **THE SCOTTISH BANNER**
- similarly, Nisbett is listed as a sept of the Clan Dunbar, along with Home and Wedderburn.

This set me to some basic research:

- in the HMSO/NMS publication *The Clans*, the Kerrs and Humes are noted as having been 'strong border families (clans)' and Nesbit (in Berwickshire) a 'semi-clannish Lowland family' along with Swinton, amongst other
- Nisbet/Nesbit is sometimes listed as a sept of Hume/Home, sometimes linked with Kerr and displays commonality of some heraldic symbols with the Swintons.

Is "stoneararum" a latinised word for cairn? Or is it a colloquial name for the "Australian Standing Stones" which were erected in Glen Innes in honour of the area's (and nation's) celtic heritage; being modelled on the Ring of Brodgar in the Orkneys? Any ideas – please submit as I cannot find "stoneararum" in the dictionary or encyclopaedia.

# Airline coy on phone bill

A MELBOURNE traveller is seeking compensation from Emirates after his mobile phone was stolen from his luggage in Dubai and used to make \$2000 of overseas calls.

Keith Nesbitt flew from London to Melbourne on February 11, storing the phone in his suitcase.

But when he arrived at his Hillside home he discovered his phone had been taken.

Mr Nesbitt cancelled the phone account with British telecommunications company T-Mobile but not before the thief had rung up the huge phone bill, including dialling numbers in Europe and Asia.

The phone, bought in Britain, is worth about \$1000, he said.

Mr Nesbitt said he had flown to London for his nephew's funeral.

## Ian Royall

consumer reporter

He made the trip without travel insurance.

He has tried to get a response from Emirates for the past six weeks, but without success.

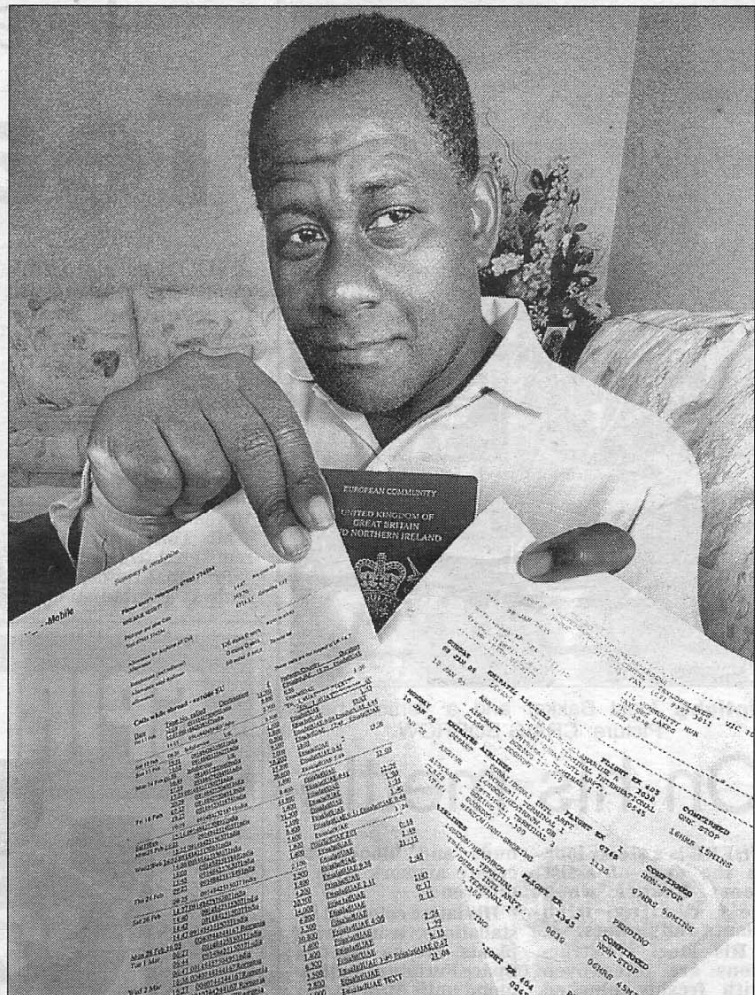
The 50-year-old electrician has written to the airline's customer service centre, but in vain. "I haven't even had a reply," he said.

Mr Nesbitt also managed to speak to the baggage-handling area.

"It took a while for them to respond, and then they said it was not their responsibility."

Mr Nesbitt was told his luggage could not be locked because of the post-September 11 aviation security crackdown.

Emirates was unable to comment on Mr Nesbitt's case last night.



Turn-off: Keith Nesbitt with his \$2000 phone bill. Picture: JOHN HART

Taken from the *Herald Sun*, Friday, April 8, 2005 page 30.

"IF YOU'RE A FAN OF HARRY POTTER AND LEMONY SNICKETS, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH FIVE CHILDREN AND IT!"

MANIA MAGAZINE

"A LOVELY ADAPTATION OF THE CHILDREN'S CLASSIC BY E NESBIT"

★★★★★

THE HERALD (UK)

Anything can happen if you believe in IT.

# FIVE CHILDREN & IT

A SWEET-NATURED FANTASY ADVENTURE... SHOULD PLEASE LITTLES AND BIGGIES ALIKE

ALIKE

FILMINK

ADULTS AT KIDS PRICES AT PARTICIPATING CINEMAS

PG PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED FOR PERSONS UNDER 13 YEARS MATURE THEMES, LOW LEVEL VIOLENCE

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To the left is an advertisement for a movie adapted from (one of) *Edith Nesbit's* books. The advertisement has been running in both the *Herald Sun* and *The Age*, this being a copy from *The Age* EG, April 1, 2005.

A review has not yet been sighted.

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On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Victorian Township of Korong Vale was shocked at the death of three young children, Angel, Dominic & Seth Dobbyn, in a car and house fire; with the children having been playing in the back of the family station wagon. One of the neighbours, **Joan Nisbet**, witnessed the tragedy and was interviewed on television and radio as well as reported in the *Herald Sun*, Monday, March 21, 2005, p.3. An excerpt from this report follows:

Neighbours reported hearing two large explosions before seeing giant flames coming from the weatherboard house.

"It sounded like a bomb going off," said Jim McPherson.

"It just went up. There was a lot of smoke and a lot of flames," said Joan Nisbet, who was sitting on her verandah facing the house at the time.

## FOUND

*Whilst we await further advice and developments with respect to contacts made by UK President, David Nisbet and his wife Sue with Deniliquin Nisbets our secretary, Ian G Nisbet has advised the following:*

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the latest issue of the UK N/N Newsletter. I was particularly interested in the article by David & Sue and their account of their visit to Deniliquin. Subject to further work there appear to be strong links with the Deniliquin Nisbet family, our Nisbets and Alan Nisbet, NSW N/N member.

There is agreement that Alan Nisbet and our Nisbet family have a common ancestor in Hugh Nisbet (1). Hugh (1) initially married Agnes Steven and a son of that marriage, named Hugh (2), is Alan's grandfather. Agnes subsequently died and Hugh (1) remarried a widow, Agnes Walker (Mitchell) and they had three sons, Robert, James Stewart and Thomas. Thomas is my great grandfather.

Hugh (1) is the son of Hugh Nisbet and Jean Stewart who were married in Tarbolton in 1784. Andrew Nisbet's extract of the Old Parish register (OPR), Volume Two, records that they had the following children:

John c 1793  
Hugh (1) c 1795  
Jean c 1797  
Robert c 1798  
Margaret c 1800  
James c 1804

The OPR (p 53) records that a Robert Nisbet (1) married Harriet Steven in 1822 and the children of that marriage were:

Hugh c 1824  
Jean c 1826  
Henrietta c 1828  
Robert c 1830  
Janet c 1835  
William April 16 1837  
James Stewart c 1839

I think there are reasonable grounds for suggesting that Hugh (1) and Robert (1) are brothers based on:

- Census data for Mauchline 1851
- Naming pattern especially James Stewart appears in both families
- Mauchline gravestone record for Robert (1) Nisbet
- OPR records.

It would be of interest to know what other information the Deniliquin Nisbets have in their possession. I will write to them.

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**On:** Monday, 31-Jan-2005

**Shirley Nesbitt** – from Brisbane, Australia wrote:

The newsletter has been successfully received. Thanks to David Nesbitt from Northern Ireland for the Ulster Covenant site. We enjoyed searching and finding the signatures of a Grandparent and Uncle.

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## THE WANTED LIST

**From:** Eileen Nesbitt

**Date:** 05 Jan 2005

**Comments:** Inver, Ireland County Donegal 1821 and back

Looking for ancestors previous to 1821 living in Inver Parish, Ireland, Donegal County. Names of William George Nesbitt (1821) and wife Barbara Brennan Manley Nesbitt contact [nesbittplac7@aol.com](mailto:nesbittplac7@aol.com)

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**On:** Tuesday, 19-Apr-2005

**James E. Nisbet** - from 53 Yeo Street, Cremorne, NSW 2090 wrote:

I am researching Murdoch Nisbet who translated the Bible into the Scottish vernacular. Looking for descendants post 1550. Grateful for any information to the above address.

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## FAMILY SNIPPETS

Congratulations to Becky Nisbet and partner, Phil Elme, on the safe arrival of their first child, a daughter, Zoe J. Elme, born in Melbourne on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005. A sister for Alex & Zach Elme. All doing well and have now returned to Christchurch.

*Congratulations also to the proud grandparents Jan and Gavin Nisbet. Current status 5 granddaughters, 1 grandson & 2 golden retrievers.*

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Brenda Nisbett of Naracoorte, South Australia prepares to be installed as chief of the Naracoorte Caledonian Society at the end of May.

*Congratulations and best wishes for every success in your term in office.*

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## MEM-BOAR-SHIP

We have noted a change of address for R & J Nisbet of Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

## OBITUARY

It is with regret that members are advised of the passing of N/N member, John Nisbet of Thevenard, South Australia. We received notice from Colin Nisbet as below:

I am writing to you to inform you of the sudden passing away of my brother John Walter Nisbet, of Thevenard South Australia, on 22/12/2004, age 71 years. He died in his sleep; we all thought he was very, fit but one never knows.

He was a member of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society and I know he enjoyed reading your quarterly news. His wish was to be cremated and his ashes scattered on his favourite fishing patch. The family will do this at a date yet to be decided on; fishing was John's only hobby and sport. His family held a memorial service for him in the Ceduna Uniting Church on 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

*Our condolences to John's family.*

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*The obituary notice at right was taken from THE AGE, Tuesday, March 8, 2005, p. Obituaries 9.*

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A notice was found in THE SCOTTISH BANNER, April 2005 edition p.17, advising that Lord Lothian passed away in October 2004, aged 82, at his home of Ferniehirst Castle at Jedburgh. Lord Lothian had spent much of his retirement devoted to restoring Ferniehirst Castle. His son, Michael Ancram, shadow foreign secretary and deputy leader of the British Conservative Party is now the 13<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Lothian.

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**NESBITT, James Albert** (Jim). — Passed away peacefully at Corowa Hospital Nursing Home on Monday March 7th, 2005, aged 65 years. Dearly loved by his wife Dianne, much loved father, father-in-law and friend of Andrew and Mary, Julia and Andrew. Loved and loving poppy of Tim and Elizabeth.

Loved and respected by so many

For funeral details please see later paper.  
Howard Funerals  
Corowa - (02) 6033 4255

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*Abbreviations used in (Nes)-Bits & Pieces article on page 2:*

PLH Pietersburg Light Horse  
BVC Bushveldt Carbineers  
NOK Next of Kin  
OFS Orange Free State

QSA Queen's South Africa Medal 1899/1902  
KSA King's South Africa Medal 1901/1902  
Clasps Bands to attach to medal ribbons

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## SCOTS of VICTORIA

The upcoming major events are:

May 29 Scottish Heritage Day 10:30 to 3:00, Dandenong Agricultural Society, Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street Dandenong, Vic.  
June 11-13 National Celtic Festival, Portarlinton, Vic.  
June 25-27 Kilmore Celtic Festival, Kilmore Mechanics Institute, Vic.  
July 3 Kirkin' o' the Tartan, 11:00 to 2:00, Scots Church, Collins Street, Melbourne, Vic.

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## STOP PRESS

July 9 **Scotland the Brave II** at the Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House see [www.sydneyoperahouse.com.au](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com.au) for details.

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