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STARTING POINT

By the time this edition is distributed Scotland will have celebrated its 300th year as part of Great Britain under the Acts of Union which took effect on 1 May 1707. Needless to say, along with the celebrations are some (renewed) calls to split from the union.

Since N/News 82 I received notice from the North American Branch confirming dates and arrangements for the 2007 gathering. Details can be found in the Notice Board below as well as on the homepage/s. We wish the organising committee every success in their efforts. Tom Nesbitt (Nesbitt/Nisbet Society - North American Branch) also supplied an update on the DNA Project in the form of the latest NA newsletter (20 pages) which was dedicated entirely to the DNA Project, (DNA testing, history, details, interpretation, results, inferences, etc). Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – Australia members are encouraged to consider participating in this international project and assist in building a broader and more detailed database of the N/N DNA codes (37 markers). A single DNA test from each separate lineage would be the aim; so perhaps, as a suggestion, organise amongst your known relatives for one of the male N/N's to supply a DNA sample, but share the cost and results. The current rate is \$189 US plus postage for the 37 marker test (which at current exchange rates is approximately \$230 AUS and \$255 NZ, respectively, plus postage. The DNA results may well assist in indicating some broader links for which documentary trails are proving elusive.

A copy of the North American Newsletter is being delivered with this edition of The N/News, in the same format that you regularly receive it ie. hardcopy in the mail or available for download from the members' section of the homepage as a .pdf file. Should you experience difficulty in obtaining your copy please contact me (mail or e-mail via the homepage) and I will arrange alternative delivery.

In the mean time – good luck with your projects, whatever they may be.

Chairman & Editor



NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

June	Gathering – <i>details to be advised</i>
Jul	N/NEWS # 84
Aug 3 – 6	2007 N/N - North America Gathering, Livonia, Michigan, USA
Oct	N/NEWS # 85
Dec	Christmas Gathering

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

Nesbitt/Nisbet Society Annual Gathering 2007

The Nesbitt/Nisbet Society Annual Gathering 2007 is to be hosted by the North American Branch and will be held over the weekend Friday August 3rd to Monday August 6th, 2007 in Livonia, Michigan USA. The gathering will be held in conjunction with the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit at their 158th Highland Games, being the oldest continuous games held in the USA, est. 1849.

Would any Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – Australia members who are considering attending this gathering please contact the Australian committee at your earliest convenience.



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NETWORKED N/N's

Submitted by Ian Clarke on 26th April 2007

In the *Herald Sun* this week there was a website for war memorials in Australia. It is by no means complete, but nevertheless shows a photo (in most cases) of the memorial, and on scrolling down lists the names of those commemorated on the memorial. The site is www.skp.com.au/memorials and I thought it may be of interest to those members of the Society researching their family names.



MEM-BOAR-SHIP

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Society:

- Margaret “Maggie” & Neil Robinson of Spotswood, Vic
- Pauline & John Fluerty of Quinns Rocks, WA
- Carrolyn “Carrie” & Les Moczynski of Drouin, Vic.



OBITUARY

Stanislaus Roy Nesbit

It is with sadness that we record the passing of one of our founding members, Stan Nesbit of Castlemaine. Nayda Nesbit advised the Society; an excerpt from her note follows:

I am sad to inform other Nesbits (N/N's) that my father Stanislaus Roy Nesbit, passed away peacefully on the 3/3/2007, aged 94years.

Dad and Mum were some of the original early members of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society - Australia.

He was the beloved husband of Pearl Evelyn Nesbit (nee Norris).

They were originally from Bendigo, Victoria although they have been well known residents of Castlemaine, Victoria for many years.

Mum deeply misses her "mate" of 71yrs of marriage.

I know that many members will recall them and their attendance at reunions (*country gatherings*).

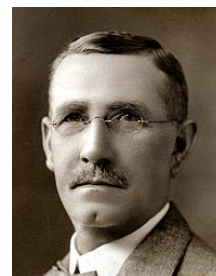
Our condolences to Pearl, Nayda, Anthony and their wider family.



(NES)-BITS & PIECES

*The following entry can be found on the New South Wales parliament site at the following internet address:
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/members.nsf*

The Hon. George NESBITT (1859 - 1948)



Birth and Death:

- Date of Birth: 01 January 1859
- Place of Birth: Castlederg, County Tyrone, Ireland
- Date of Death: 13/12/1948
- Place of Death: Cremorne, New South Wales, Australia

Parliamentary Service

Position	Start	End	Period	Parliament	Notes
Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly	6 Dec 1913	18 Apr 1925	11yr(s) 4mth(s) 13day(s)		
Member of the NSW Legislative Council	8 Nov 1927	22 Apr 1934	6yr(s) 5mth(s) 15day(s)		Life Appointment under the Constitution Act. Date of Writ of Summons 8 November 1927
Member of the NSW Legislative Council	23 Apr 1934	22 Apr 1940	6yr(s)		A Member of the indirectly elected Council 1934 - 1978. Date of Election 5 December 1933. A Member before reconstitution. Granted retention of title of 'Honourable' for life.
Member for Lismore	6 Dec 1913	21 Feb 1917	3yr(s) 2mth(s) 16day(s)	23rd (1913 - 1917)	
Member for Lismore	24 Mar 1917	18 Feb 1920	2yr(s) 10mth(s) 26day(s)	24th (1917 - 1920)	
Member for Byron	20 Mar 1920	17 Feb 1922	1yr(s) 10mth(s) 29day(s)	25th (1920 - 1922)	
Member for Byron	25 Mar 1922	18 Apr 1925	3yr(s) 25day(s)	26th (1922 - 1925)	
Temporary Chairman of Committees	1934	1936	2yr(s) 1day(s)		

Political Party Activity: National Party and Country Party

Community Activity: Commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in 1900

Qualifications, occupations and interests: Commercial traveller and storekeeper. Arrived in New South Wales in 1885; North Coast traveller for Sydney with a softgoods firm from 1887 until 1895; settled in Lismore in 1895, opened a general store in partnership with S.F McMaster and John Moorehead; established an unsuccessful tannery; president of Commercial Travellers' Association of Australasia in 1895, delegate to world congress of commercial travellers in Paris in 1900; president of Lismore Chamber of Commerce, delegate to Empire Congress in London in 1900, and Sydney in 1909; vice president of Country Storekeepers Association of New South Wales in 1904, delegate to Retail Merchants' convention, San Francisco in 1904, member of Farmer and Settlers' Association in 1914; president of Lismore Agricultural and Industrial Society for five years; retired to Sydney in 1920's; supported New State Movement. Protestant federation in 1921.

Local Government Activity: Alderman at Lismore from 1906 until 1907, Mayor from 1906 until 1907.

Personal: Son of John Nesbitt, Master in Poor Law, and Rebecca Gregory. Married Adina Morgan in 1895. Church of England.

James Hume Nisbet

On Monday, 29-Jan-2007

[Lynne Howick nee Humbley](#) - from Sydney, NSW wrote:

I joined recently and enjoy checking the latest additions to the site. I am descended from Marion Herkis Nisbet, who married my g-g'father, William John Charles Humbley in Sydney, 1873. Marion's brother, James Hume Nisbet, also known as Herkis Hume Nisbet in art catalogues, was an author and artist.

NSW Police Honour Roll

The Honour Roll commemorates those members of the New South Wales Police who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the execution of their duty. This official NSW Police Honour Roll records the name, rank, date and a précis of each death which has been accepted as duty-related by the various Commissioners (and Inspectors General) of Police of the day. Also included on the Honour Roll is the first recorded death on duty of a serving member of any Australian Police jurisdiction. Unfortunately due to the nature of policing, this Honour Roll will never be complete.

May they rest in peace – lest we forget.

23 Nov 1879 **Sen Const Edward Webb-Bowen** - shot by bushranger **Nesbitt**

Whilst not the situation we prefer to find the N/N name it is however, historically factual. The above information is an excerpt taken from internet site: www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/proud_traditions

N/News 77 page 5 listed details for Thomas Holmes Nisbet found in the Australian National Archives. Following is another entry found which provides a few more details. With ANZAC Day upon us it is fitting that one who fell at Gallipoli should be remembered.

Lieutenant Thomas Holmes NISBET

(Mentioned in despatches)

Otago Battalion, NZEF

Born Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria

Single; of 59 Lees Street, Dunedin, New Zealand

Next of kin: Father: Rev. Dr. Thomas Nisbet, D.D.

Mother: Sarah Nisbet, of same address

Law student (Edmund J. Smith, Solicitor, Bond Street, Dunedin)

Killed in action on 7 August 1915, aged 23 at Chailak Dere, below Bauchop's Hill, central Anzac

Grave: NZ No 2 Outpost cemetery.

In editions 73 to 77 of The N/News a number of N/N's who received military awards or honours were listed. Following are some who bore the N/N name, as other than a surname, who were similarly honoured and are presumably related through their maternal N/N lines. The source is the Australian National Archives records (www.naa.gov.au).

Blake, Carl Nisbet

Carl **Nisbet** Blake was awarded the following honours:

Officer of the Order of the British Empire

Service: RAAF

Rank: Group Captain

Unit: RAAF

Conflict: QBH

Date of London Gazette: 10 June 1961, page 4180, position 17

Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: 22 June 1961, page

2373, position 10



Presumably, given the date, QBH is not in fact a conflict but an abbreviation for Queen's Birthday Honours.

Bowman, William Nesbitt James

William **Nesbitt** James Bowman was awarded the following honours:
Distinguished Conduct Medal
Service Number: 340
Service: Army
Rank: Sergeant
Unit: 8th LH
Conflict: WW1
Date of London Gazette: 28 March 1918, page 3891, position 2
Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: 7 August 1918, page 1661, position 16



Thompson, Anthony Nesbitt

Anthony **Nesbitt** Thompson was awarded the following honours:
Military Medal
Service Number: NX130841
Service: Army
Rank: Sergeant
Unit: Z Special Unit
Conflict: WW2
Date of London Gazette: 21 June 1945, page 3237, position 36
Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: 14 June 1945, page 1301, position 37



Wright, Francis Nesbit

Francis **Nesbit** Wright was awarded the following honours:
Officer of the Order of the British Empire
Service: RAAF
Rank: Group Captain
Unit: RAAF
Conflict: WW2
Date of London Gazette: 1 January 1943, page 14, position 4



Whilst reporting honours and awards, the following reference was found at www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/1978.html Following is an excerpt from the list for 1978, and you can see that Gwendoline (Gwen) Nisbet was in some very good company:

Faith, Hope, Charity
Australian Women and Imperial Honours:
1901-1989

Awards by Year – 1978

The Order of the British Empire - Dames Commander

Miss Joan SUTHERLAND

The Order of St Michael and St George - Commanders

Lady Joyce Ethel PRICE

The Order of the British Empire - Commander (Civil)

Dr Ellen Mary STACK

The Order of the British Empire - Member (Civil)

Miss Vera May ADDERLEY

...

Mrs Gwendoline Margaret NISBET

...

Miss Tracey Lee WICKHAM



Elizabeth Nisbet – (nee Young)

*The following Death Notice was spotted in both of Melbourne's daily papers; **The AGE** and the **Herald Sun** on Monday, February 12, 2007.*

NISBET (nee Young),
Elizabeth
86 years
Passed away peacefully on
February 10, 2007. Loving
mother of Jane and
Stephen. Adored Nannie of
Sophie, Patrick and
Richard. Special great-
grandmother of Olive.
Kind and caring mother-in-
law of Tim and Lorraine
and grandmother-in-law of
Kate and Ty.
A Gentle Lady now
at peace.
In our hearts forever,
she will be sadly missed.
Funeral details to be
advised.

SOCIETY NEWS

Short-notice Gathering – 21st April 2007

A gathering was held, on short notice, to meet our New Zealand Regional Officer, John Nesbit. John had extended his travels to include a visit to Melbourne with the express intention of catching up with a few N/N's. On confirming dates and availability a number of members in the greater Melbourne area were contacted, including several (recent) new members. Ian M, Joy and Andrew Nisbet ensured that John's visit to Melbourne was not just enjoyable, but memorable. Unfortunately, my effort to show John through the Dandenongs and take in the views from Mt Dandenong and various spots along the Yarra Valley was literally dampened. The gathering on Saturday evening (and into the early hours of Sunday) was enjoyed immensely by all. Apologies were received from Fred & Michie Jensen and new members, Maggie & Neil Robinson. However, new members, Carrie & Les Moczynski, were warmly welcomed and were soon at ease. It was also good to welcome our newly "re-weds" Camille and Andrew Russell back into our midst, having now re-settled in Melbourne. Our New Zealand brethren were toasted and John was asked to convey our support to them, very much as part of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – Australia & New Zealand. On behalf of N/N members, particularly those present, I pass on thanks to Ian & Joy Nisbet for hosting all facets of the evening's gathering as well as John's activities whilst in Melbourne.

This gathering has inspired efforts to develop a gathering in late June – stay tuned.



THE WANTED LIST

Biographical Dictionary – updates wanted

At the recent social gathering, John Barth (N/N Society archivist) volunteered to undertake the preparation of the Biographical Dictionary Update (2007). Requests for new data sheets and updates/additions/amendments to entries in the current Biographical Dictionary (1994) have been made in the last few editions of The N/News. Update sheets were distributed with N/News 81 and are available from the members' section of the homepage. The Biographical Dictionary has assisted many of our newer members and is a critical resource to the society. Biographical Dictionary data sheets should be forwarded to our secretary or submitted through the homepage. Any corrections and all changes & additions since 1994 are requested.

On Friday, 19-Jan-2007

[Maggie Robinson](#) - from Melbourne Australia wrote:

My great grandmother Jessie (Jennet) was brought to Australia in 1849 by her parents, Archibald Nesbitt & Mary (Hall) with brothers James and John. In 1857 she married George Thompson and had 4 children. After George died in a mining accident near Maryborough VIC in 1864 she married my gr grandfather John Geddes. I'm very excited to find this site as I haven't been able to find any relatives at all. Maggie

Maggie has supplied a GEDDES family tree (including some N/N's) which can be found in the members' section of the homepage.

On Friday, 06-Apr-2007

[Duncan Colquhoun Nisbet](#) - from Kurri Kurri NSW Australia wrote:

I came from Torrance, Scotland, nine in the family, Cathie, Duncan, John, Adam, Margaret, Robert, James, Mary & Ann. Mother was Ann Sommerville married Adam Nisbet. Would love to hear from any one who might know the family.

On Monday, 09-Apr-2007

[Maureen Harrison](#) - from NSW Australia wrote:

My Grandmother's maiden name was Nisbet - full name:- Agnes Cunningham NISBET her sister was Mary Napier NISBET and from info I have they were born in Prestonpans, Scotland & had another sister named Peggy & two brothers, Samuel & Alec. Can anyone help with anymore info?

If you have information regarding any of the above WANTED notices please advise the secretary and/or editor so that we may log and share our successes.



SUCCESS

Carrie Moczynski (nee Nisbet) – general request

Assisted by the recently compiled indexes of the Biographical Dictionary, Ian M Nisbet was able to promptly supply new member, Carrie Moczynski, with a large number of entries (& associated detail) to assist her family research. As Ian recently reported “Carrie contacted the Society with little information and now is in possession of one of the largest family trees amongst us”. No doubt the Biographical Dictionary has demonstrated its worth but I am sure that Carrie still has many hurdles, successes and a deal of effort before presenting a fully compiled genealogy, and we wish her every success.



N/N's IN THE NEWS

Trevor Nisbett – CEO West Coast Eagles

*Even before the AFL season got underway Trevor Nisbet, in his role as CEO of the West Coast Eagles, has had numerous occasions to address the press over off-field misdemeanours of several high profile players, notably Daniel Kerr and Ben Cousins. Below are several quotes taken from the **Herald Sun** of Monday, February 26, 2007, both related to the West Coast Eagles' response to an incident involving Daniel Kerr.*

The first is from an article by Sam Edmund from page 9:

And after the meeting, Eagles' CEO Trevor Nisbett admitted Kerr's repeated issues off the field were beginning to tarnish his on-field excellence.

“He is a fine player, and he has never let us down on field – but he is letting us down badly off field at the moment,” he said.

“He is obviously remorseful ... but if there is trouble around, Daniel can find it.”

“We are doing a lot of educational work at the moment, but it's obviously not sinking through to Daniel.”

The second is from an article by Mike Sheahan, from page 33

The football world envies West Coast and admires its administration, particularly Worsfold and chief executive Trevor Nisbet.

But then continues...

That respect is eroding and under increasing threat if players are allowed to continue to indulge themselves – and flout the law.

We wish Trevor every success in dealing with these matters in the manner that has endeared him and his administration with respect from within the AFL.



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