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STARTING POINT

Where to start? Ironically, I begin with an ending. It is with sadness that I advise of the untimely death of our archivist, Mr John Cairns-Smith-Barth. More details are contained within several articles/entries in this newsletter. On behalf of all members I offer our condolences to Helen and Ella.

I take this opportunity to welcome the re-badged UK Society – now the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – British Isles. Their homepage (<http://www.nesbittnisbet.org.uk>) has been upgraded and is linked to the Australian Society homepage. Mark Nesbitt is doing a sterling effort of maintaining the timeliness and quality of the content.

Homepage activity indicates a growing interest in the Society which will need to be our main focus – yet still less than half of our members have an e-mail address registered with us - please ensure that your e-mail address is registered with us and remains current. The N/News still remains our core means of communication.

When I penned (typed actually) the Starting Point for N/News 84 asking for volunteers for various positions that of archivist was not one I had in mind, but is now added to the list. The filling of positions will be a subject of discussion at the AGM & subsequent committee meeting.

I ask for your on-going support into 2007/08; not only your financial support but also your material support – 'two-way' communication, supply of articles for the newsletter and/or homepage and volunteering to take up a role (or support role) on committee. I not only look forward to hearing from you, but advise that it is imperative that we hear from you.

Chairman & Editor

NOTICE BOARD

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

Nov 11	Annual General Meeting – 1 St John's Pde, Kew, 2:30-4:00pm
Dec 8	Christmas Gathering at St Abbs, 36 Walnut Rd, Balwyn North, 8:00pm
Jan	N/NEWS # 86
Sept 27	2008 Gathering will be held at Gunsreen House, Eyemouth, Scotland
July 25-26	2009 - International Gathering of the Clans, Edinburgh, Scotland

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

MEM-BOAR-SHIP

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

- Jenifer Walsh (nee Nisbet), Lakes Entrance, Vic.

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(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Harold Thomson & Iris Lilian Nisbet

James E Nisbet holds a comprehensive, not to mention impressive, family tree complete with photographs of the descendents and ancestors of Harold Thomson Nisbet and his wife Iris Lilian Nisbet.

Should you be of that lineage or link to that tree, then I am sure that you will want to contact James and have a look for yourself.

Nesbitts Orchids

One of the journals/newsletters that I regularly peruse is 'Australian Plants' as published by the Association of Societies for Growing Australian Plants Inc. I had noted the name 'Nesbitts Orchids' on previous occasions, but this time decided to contact them. The following article was supplied by Mr Les Nesbitt.

Nesbitts Orchids are mail order specialists. We can be reached by letter, phone, fax or email. At present we do not have a retail outlet open to the public. We concentrate on growing Australian terrestrial orchids.

We first opened for business in 1975. In 2005 we celebrated 30 years service to orchid lovers. We estimate that more than 100,000 terrestrial orchids have been shipped to customers throughout Australia and around the world during this time. These orchids have all been artificially propagated in our laboratory and shadehouses. Our 1975 mail order list contained 17 species. We are now propagating over 200 species and hybrids.

Les Nesbitt is an orchid judge with both the Australian Orchid Council and the Australasian Native Orchid Society. Les is a life member and patron of the Native Orchid Society of South Australia. He has written many articles and given talks on Australian terrestrial orchids to promote their culture and conservation. Currently he is researching cultural and propagation methods of the fungus dependent species of caladenia.

Nesbitts Orchids have produced more than half of all Australian deciduous terrestrial orchid hybrids registered to date. More are in the pipeline. Some hybrids combine the features of difficult to grow species with easily cultivated species making the often vigorous and free flowering hybrids available to all.

Deciduous terrestrial orchids have an annual life cycle. This makes our Nursery rather unique when compared with a nursery growing evergreen and epiphytic orchids that are available for shipment at any time. Terrestrials do not like to be disturbed in the early growth phase as the tubers send shoots to the surface, or at the dying down phase when nutrients from the leaves are drawn back into the ripening tubers. Consequently export is only possible during the dormant tuber period from late November to the end of February. Australian customers are more fortunate as they can also receive bare root plants in the middle of the growing season from May to August.

Nesbitts Orchids – Australian terrestrial orchid specialists can be contacted at:

PO Box 72, Walkerville, SA, 5081

Email: lesnesbitt@iprimus.com.au

Sir Alexander Nisbet

The following article was mooted in the STOP PRESS in N/News 84. Thanks to Dr June Slee for providing the text and several photographs, one of which is included in the article. Please note that Dr Slee's interest and research continues and that any information that might prove of assistance can be forwarded to her via the N/N Society.

In 1989 I discovered a manila folder in the State Archives of Tasmania, Australia. It contained a number of A3 pages of fine copper plate writing describing the most extraordinary story written by Dr Alexander Nisbet.

As Surgeon superintendent on the convict ship *Frances Charlotte*, Nisbet had designed a program to manage the educational, behavioural, social and emotional needs of 140 young male convicts being transported from England to Point Puer in Tasmania in 1836-1837. This was a trial voyage, in as much as it was the first to separate convict boys under transportation from convict men.

Nisbet's philosophy of behaviour management gave me "goose bumps" for its sheer intellectual wholeness. It still does. At the time, I was halfway through writing a PhD on a related topic, but changed my course completely and wrote about Nisbet and his program instead.

My doctorate, *Dr Nisbet's Report. 1836-1837: A Study of a Behavioural Program*, was published in 1993, and I am still waiting to find a spell in my busy life to write the book!

This however became a step closer with the visit I made to England this year. Dr Mark Nesbitt, the archivist of the Nisbet/Nesbitt Society in Great Britain alerted me some time ago to the fact that Sir Alexander Nisbet was buried in the Brockley Cemetery in London and sent me very detailed instructions of how to find the cemetery and the grave.

I found both with a struggle – nothing to do with Mark's instructions, but my difficulty in navigating the rail system on the exceedingly wet Bank Holiday weekend, and the lack of sun which would have enabled me to tell where east etc. were. But six hours after leaving my friend's place in Pimlico, I had success.



Sir Alexander Nisbet's grave, Brockley Cemetery, London

Of course I cried – with emotion and relief. The tears mingled with the rain drops. There, almost twenty years after I started my research was the grave of the person who has influenced me most in my profession and to a large degree in my social interactions with all people.

There, by the pathway going to the Imperial Graves was a grey coffin-like tomb, covered in some places with lichen and with leaves from the trees that stand over it.

Here Sir Alex lies with three other members of his family – his wife Lucy, his son Alexander and his half-sister Jane Findlater. The inscriptions to each one have helped fill in some of the gaps about this man's personal life.

Let me reproduce what is written on each side of the tomb:

In Memory of Sir Alexander Nisbet
MD Inspector General Royal Navy
Honorary Physician to the Queen
Born 10th April 1795
Died 22 June 1874
(the left hand panel in the photograph above)

Also of Lucy Susanna his Wife
Daughter of the Revd E.S. Davenport of Davenport House Shropshire
Born November 1819
Died 27 November 1891
(the panel at the head of the tombstone – not visible in the photograph above)

Also of Jane
Daughter of Alexander Findlater of Glasgow
And half sister of Sir Alexander Nisbet
Born 4th June 1812
Died 7th November 1892
(the right hand panel in the photograph above – the foot end of the tombstone)

Alexander Cockburn Nisbet
Son of Alexander Nisbet MD
Inspector General Royal Navy
Died 17th May 1877
Aged 10? Years and 10 months
A dearly loved and only son
(the side panel not visible in the photograph above)

As you can see, I could not read the faded inscription relating to Alexander Cockburn's details. But I am guessing that he was 10 from the inscription as well as the fact the months are given as well – something I assume is done only for children. Of course I would appreciate some confirmation of this. Sir Alex's daughter Lucy is not buried there, according to the extant inscriptions.

As well as visiting the grave, I was thrilled to be told by Dr Mark Nesbitt that Sir Alex' medical thesis *Dissertatio Medica Inauguralis Quidam De Pneumonia Typhode Complectens* (1818, Edinburgh University), was for sale, obviously having been released by the Edinburgh University from its archives. I had sought and been sent the cover pages of the thesis when I was doing my PhD research. So of course I had to have it, even though it is written in Latin - as was mandatory then!

I phoned the bookseller while I was in London and he sent the original to me here in New Zealand. I am absolutely thrilled to own it, and doubly thrilled that it was sent to me since my suitcase went missing for a week and was found with 2000 others on the tarmac at Heathrow soaking wet with most papers in it ruined. I am sure there is a lesson to be learned there.

Sir Alexander Nisbet was a remarkable person and I will produce a book on his life. I am travelling to England next year, so if there are Nisbet people reading this who have something they could tell me about an ancestor of which they should be truly proud, I would welcome this information so that I can follow it up in 2008.

June Slee

June plans on visiting her niece in Melbourne in the near future – we hope that it will be possible to meet with her either formally or informally, depending on her schedule.

Nesbitts on the Gold Fields

In September we decided on a whim to spend a weekend in the goldfields region of Victoria, exploring the places mentioned in the records about Maggie's G-G-Grandmother, Jessie Nesbitt, who married John Geddes at Talbot in 1869.

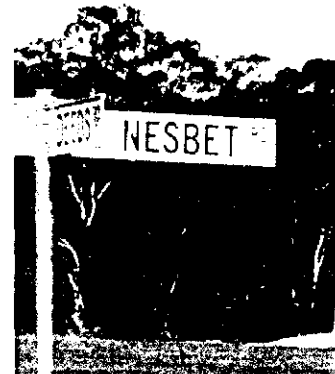
We already had a bit of information about them from the public records. Jessie, who was really named Jennet, had come to Australia from Scotland via London in 1849 with her parents Archibald and Mary née Hall and siblings Sarah, Marion, James and John.

Another sister, Irvine had also set out with them from London but the ship's doctor had discovered she was pregnant (and single!) and had her put ashore at Gravesend! While she was about 24 at the time it still must have been rather a shock to be left behind while her entire family sailed to the other side of the world! The journey took 107 days and presumably any letter back reporting a safe arrival would have taken at least as long, so she would have had a rather lonely if not stressful pregnancy. She did eventually make it to Australia where she married a Joseph Bentley in 1854. She appears on the 1851 Scottish Census back in her old job in Scotland but we are still trying to work out exactly when she travelled.

As Jessie and John married at Talbot, we went there first. It is a pleasant, quiet little town, long past its heyday, but showing more signs of confidence than of decay. There is a Historical Society in the former Primitive Methodist Church but it was closed that day. We learned from some friendly locals that they have church records for the Catholic Church but not the other denominations. Our folk were described as Free Presbyterians on the Shipping List so we presume they were married at St Andrew's Church which is now a private dwelling.

After they married children were born (as so often in those days) about one every two years! The first few were registered as being born at Amherst so that's where we went next. This time the town, which was big enough in the 1860s to have a hospital, has dwindled to nothing. The little dot on the road map marks just a crossroads with a farmhouse nearby and a few mounds of mullock!

Majorca was our next stop – but not before we diverted via Craigie to have a look at a Nesbet Rd which we'd spotted on our map. That's what it is – a road. We have no info yet to connect it to our Nesbitts.



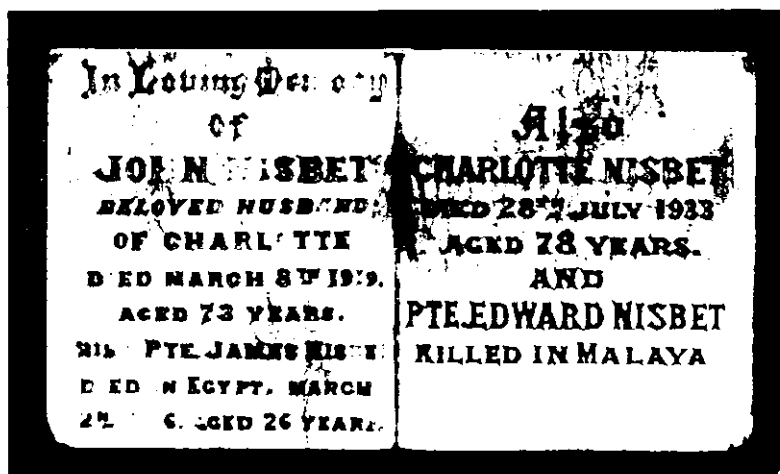
You won't be surprised to learn that Jessie's surname appears as just about every variation of Nesbitt, Nisbett, Nesbet, etc in the records. It has been a challenge to track her family. We even ran across the worst-case scenario of someone transcribing it as Herbitt! Jessie had previously married a George Thompson in 1857 but he was killed in a mining accident at Majorca in 1864. The Inquest refers to a fellow digger who had been brought out alive and his name was given as simply Herbitt. Only when we later found a contemporary newspaper report did we discover that he was in fact a Nesbitt. We suspect it was Jessie's brother James, who was to die as a result of another mining accident four years later, but we have not proved this. Anyway, back to the journey...

Majorca is another town which flourished during the Gold era but is now just a remnant. Only a few solid buildings - e.g a bank, a hall and a store – remain of the 50 shops that once lined the main street.

A local woman who was happy to chat for a bit told us there are still Nesbitts in the district. However she doesn't like them much so we didn't press for details. She recommended a visit to the Carisbrook Historical Society, so that's where we went next.

A word of warning – if you pronounce Majorca as if it is a Spanish name they'll spot that you're not a local – it is "j" as in jump, not "y". On the other hand, our informant could name everyone in the entire town, so they'll know you're not local anyway!

Before we went on however, we backtracked to the Majorca cemetery where we found graves of the family of our John's brother George Grant Geddes and of Jessie's young brother John Nisbet and several members of his family, including, as so often in country towns, two sons who died in wars.



We were nearly too late to get into the Carisbrook Historical Society but a couple of volunteers were doing some overtime stapling their local newspaper together and were happy to give us a bit of a tour. They have a tremendous amount of local records which they are enthusiastically transcribing.

As it happened there was a Family History Day to be held at the Maryborough Library the next day so we agreed to meet again there and left them to their labours.

Maryborough is like a small Ballarat or Bendigo – past the glory days of Gold, but quietly thriving again, partly on heritage tourism.

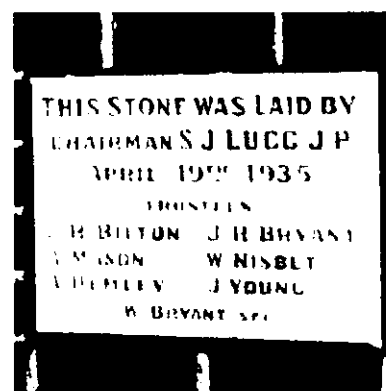
The gathering at the Library was well attended – there is obviously lots of interest in family history throughout the region. A stack of information is already on computer which makes it fairly easy to search and mountains more could be found in printed files. And everyone was very keen to help!

Now the spooky part! While chatting to the Carisbrook historians about the Nesbitts still in the district Maggie's phone rang with a call from Ian (M) Nisbet who had just received an enquiry from a woman in the UK who is descended from our Jessie's sister, Irvine Bentley née Nesbitt. Perhaps it's true that the Scots are fey.

We came away with several pages of lists which we are still to study, and an invitation to go back soon and help with the database! I'm sure we won't be able to resist. Maryborough is about two hours from Melbourne – or about 5 hours as the genealogist travels. Carisbrook is close by. There are antique markets held regularly at the magnificent railway station and history all around. It's a long day-trip – better to stay at least one night to really have time to take a few byways and get a feel for the places our ancestors knew when they first came to this country.

Judy Healey, the secretary of the Carisbrook Historical Society had printed cemetery records for Majorca (Nisbet) & Bealiba (Nesbit) - 9 names in Majorca and 5 in Bealiba. She also included names of families that she knew Nisbets had married into at Majorca; they included Holmes and Angus. The web address is: <http://www.cgold.com.au/>. The Society is located in the old Carisbrook Town Hall in Bucknall St, Carisbrook and the postal address is 19 Bucknall St, Carisbrook, 3464.

Judy is also a member of the Maryborough Family History Group and you couldn't find a friendlier, helpful, more enthusiastic historian.



Neil and Maggie Geddes Robinson

OBITUARY

John Cairns-Smith-Barth

John was first introduced to the Society as an Associate member in 1990 and was Guest speaker at the 4th Annual General Meeting in October 1990 where he volunteered to fill the role of Archivist. John was made an Honorary member of the N/N Society in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the Society above and beyond that of Archivist. John died suddenly on August 16th, 2007 and his funeral was held on 29th August. On behalf of members I offer our condolences to Helen and Ella, as well as his wider family. I also take this opportunity to thank them for John's services to the Society over many years. His legacies in the form of the Biographical Dictionary (1994), books and genealogical & historical papers on the Scots in general as well as specific clans and persons are testament to his life.

**A Service of Thanksgiving
in Celebration of the Life
of**

**John Lawrence
Cairns-Smith-Barth**



**St John's Anglican Church
Camberwell**

29 August 2007

CAIRNS - SMITH - BARTH. —

John Lawrence
Passed away suddenly Aug. 16, 2007
aged 56 years.
Dearly loved partner of Helen.
Much loved father of Christjan (dec.),
Lawrence, Alisdair, Lachlan, Andrew and
Ella.
Loving son of Larry (dec.) and Ursula and
brother of Fiorna.
Son-in-law of Emil (dec.) and Barbara.
Immortal Beloved

CAIRNS - SMITH - BARTH. —

John Lawrence
The President, Executive and Members
of the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society are deeply
saddened by the sudden death of our
honorary Member and Archivist.
Our sympathy to Helen and Ella.

*The notices above were from The
Herald Sun Friday 24th August &
Monday 27th August 2007, p92.*

The following was extracted from the notes on the "Compiler and Editor" in the Preface to 'A Biographical Dictionary (1994)'.

John Lawrence Cairns-Smith-Barth was born in West Germany in 1951 of a Scottish father and German mother. Educated in Germany, England and Scotland, at Gordonstoun School, Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, and at Birmingham and Edinburgh Universities. he worked for a number of years as a senior examiner in the Scottish Sasine Office, before emigrating to Australia in 1977. He was sometime archivist of the Australian Wool Corporation, the Victorian historian for Telecom Australia, and later an 'A' grade journalist at Telecom head office, before becoming the communications manager of a metals marketing association. He then joined an advertising agency, and was employed as a senior consultant in one of Australia's largest public relations firms.

John was a past honorary secretary and later vice president of the Genealogical Society of Victoria; a former lecturer in Scottish genealogy at the Council of Adult Education; a past honorary secretary of the Clan Leask Society and editor of its newsletter; a former editor of the Clan Stewart Society newsletter; an honorary member of Clan Cameron, and the current Nesbitt/Nisbet Society Archivist. He authored numerous published articles on historical and genealogical topics; contributed to a number of other published historical works, and published a guide to Scottish genealogical research. For the past twenty years he has been working on a biographical dictionary of the Scots who migrated to Australia, the first volume (covering some 5,000 migrants A to B) of a planned 12 volumes. John was also preparing a guide to the Scottish parishes; a biographical dictionary of Scots migrants worldwide. He was co-founder of the '45 Club, and a member of the Scottish Genealogical Society and the Melbourne Savage Club.

John's work as a Risk Management Consultant took him away from home often, travelling not only the length and breadth of Australia but to many and varied places around the world. This made him hard to catch at home, often difficult to contact, but ensured that when you did there were lots more facts, figures, dates, places, names, history, ideas for the next area of historical research, quirky stories, etc.

Kevin Nisbet

Robin Bishop supplied the following details of the entry in the Bay of Plenty Times regarding Kevin Nisbet. Refer to N/News 84 for article on Robin's commendable efforts to assist Beverly compile the Nisbet family history.

Bay of Plenty Times | **19**
Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Our People, Our Place, Our Paper

THE LIFE

Kevin: A man who made others happy

KEVIN Leonard Nisbet was a dedicated family man and contributor to his community. He was a man who made others happy.

Born in Pahiatua in 1947, Mr Nisbet attended Pahiatua District High before taking on a mechanics apprenticeship.

He moved to Tauranga in the late 1960s with his wife Beverly where he took a job with HES and Dean Motors.

Once settled in Tauranga he became an active member of the community. He was a prominent member of Tauranga Jaycees and was involved in numerous projects around the city including the redevelopment of Memorial Park and the building of the Brookfield kindergarten.

He was also almost single handedly responsible for the resurrection of Welcome Bay Rugby Club after it disbanded in 1977.

As president of the club, Mr Nisbet worked tirelessly to build membership and by 1988, 112 members had been signed up to play.

Mr Nisbet was also instrumental in raising money so the club could buy equipment including tackle bags and scrum machines.

He was also one of the key people involved in starting the popular Borenor Cup rugby tournament which will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year.

His dedication to rugby saw him join the Western Bay Rugby

Board as a youth delegate and he was chairman of the Waipuna Park management committee from 1987 to 2004.

His dedication to rugby saw him receive one of the first lifetime memberships to Welcome Bay Rugby Club.

Beyond a love for rugby, Mr Nisbet also had a passion for music, especially country music. He was an accomplished guitarist and for a number of years could be found playing at venues around both Tauranga and the North Island with his band Faith Is Enough.

Kevin Leonard Nisbet passed away on July 11 at the age of 62. He will be missed but fondly remembered by both family and friends.



— Joel Ford FAMILY MAN: Kevin Nisbet.

SOCIETY NEWS

New South Wales

Glen Hollebhone, our NSW secretary, has indicated that she is again situated to dedicate some time and energies to the Society. To do this Glen will require the general support of NSW members, as well as direct support from one or two members who are willing to develop activities, functions and an active regional group. Please submit your offers either direct to Glen or through the general committee.

On behalf of our NSW members especially I thank Glen for her offer and trust that support will be forthcoming.

2007 Gathering – Livonia, Michigan, USA

The 2007 Gathering was held 3-5 August at Livonia, Michigan, in conjunction with the St. Andrew's Society (SAS) of Detroit's 158th Highland Games. The Nesbitt / Nisbet Clan were the featured clan at this year's Highland Games, which formed a superb location for our 2007 clan gathering.

Prior to midday Nesbitt / Nisbet clan members took up position at the front of the Clan procession. The Clan was led onto the field by the Nesbitt / Nisbet Society North American banner, carried by Nathan & Ross Hall. Behind them followed our flag bearers:- President David Nesbitt Harvey IV who carried the Nisbet (modern) tartan flag; the Scottish flag was carried by Tommy Nisbet from Milngavie, Scotland; the American Flag was carried by young Taylor Nisbet of Charlotte NC; the Canadian flag was carried by Shaelyn Taylor from Pierson, Manitoba, Canada; John & Tom Nisbett carried their own family ceremonial poles and flags. The flag bearers were then followed by the remainder of the 80 plus kinfolk all in red N/N tee-shirts. The sea of red around the field was amazing to see and showed how well our clan was represented at these games.

*The above report was by Graham Nisbet, the N/N (British Isles) newsletter editor.
Photographs and more detail can be found on the homepages of both the North America and British Isles homepages.*

Congratulations to Steve Nesbitt, Irene Hall and Judi Nesbitt and the Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – North America for such a successful gathering.

New Zealand

John Nesbit, our regional officer for New Zealand continues to make personal contact with various members as opportunity presents. He recently met with Brenda Halcrow, who recently moved to Nelson. Brenda is passionate about her family history research and has been searching records around Nelson where the Nesbitts originally settled. Specifically she has been researching John Nesbitt and his wife Isabella, believing John to have died in gaol. Brenda has a transcript of entries from the Nelson Petty Session Register of Criminal Matters 1842 – 1849, where John, and Isabella to a lesser extent, appeared on a number of occasions. This material has been forwarded to recent new members Neal Young and Penny Jackman who share this lineage.

The meeting was facilitated by Brenda's granddaughter – I thank her on behalf of the Society.



FOUND

Wigtown Free Press Marriage Notices

The following information was found on the Wigtownshire pages: Wigtownshire Free Press Marriage Notices on the internet at <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~leighann/wfp/marriages/1.html>

NISBIT, Geo. – M113/11/1854 – At Castle Gower, on the 13th instant, by the Rev. J. R. Grant, M.A. minister of Buittle, Mr Geo. Nisbet, druggist, Dalbeattie, to Mary Ann, only surviving daughter of the late Paul Heim, Esq.

NISBET, George – M25/4/1871 – At Garliestown, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. James Fleming, U.P. Church, Whithorn, Mr G. Nisbet wine and spirit merchant, to Mary Gaw, third daughter of Mr John Douglas, (George Nisbet as per Diana)

NISBIT, Hugh – M31/1/1845 – At Hill, parish of Craigie, on the 31st ult., by the Rev. Robert Inglis, Mr Hugh Nisbet, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr John Lambie, Hill.

NISBET, Hugh – M30/3/1863 – Here at Hanover Street, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. Mr Simpson, Mr Hugh Nisbet, sawyer, to Miss Mary Gray.



THE WANTED LIST

Fiona Nisbet – search request

The following search request was taken from the N/N Society British Isles Guestbook.

Carrie Moczynski

From Drouin Australia wrote:

I am a member of the Nisbet Society in Australia. My name is Carrie Moczynski. I am looking for a half-sister called Fiona Nisbet, I don't know where she was born or what year, maybe somewhere around 1960's. Our father is Adrian Home Nisbet born in Brisbane, Australia. Married 3 times, 1st to my mother Elspeth Spoliensky, then to Vita ? who is my half sister's mother and then Beverley. I have a half-brother from my father's second marriage living in Craven Arms, Shropshire, his name is Guy Nisbet.

If anyone has maybe a vague idea who Fiona Nisbet is or where she is, I would really appreciate it, if you could let me know.

Thank you so much.

Carrie Moczynski (nee Nisbet)

Emma Nesbitt – from Canberra, Australia wrote:

Greetings all, I am trying to trace down my family tree so I will give a brief rundown of what I know so far. My father is James Rex Nesbitt, son of Basil Aubrey Nesbitt and Diana Nesbitt nee Harding. They are british, originally from India and are descendants of the Mughal Empire which was/is part of the British East India Co. If anyone has ANY information on this, or any information of Nesbitts descending from India it would be greatly appreciated - email emma_nesbitt@hotmail.com

My surname, as recently married is now Csibi.

Thanks to all

Emma Nesbitt - Csibi

Biographical Dictionary – updates requested

Even though John Barth's sudden death is a severe setback to this on-going project – the executive is committed to continuing it. Firstly, as has been said time and time again, the Biographical Dictionary 1994 has been a tremendous resource to the society. Secondly, an update is more than warranted and should be an on-going project in perpetuity – a continuous cycle for the society. Any updates to biographical data for members and their wider families since 1994 are requested. Even if it is just an excuse to contact both close and distant relatives – please do it - and pass the information onto the secretary or editor.



SUCCESS

Irvine Nisbet – search request

The following search request was received via the "Contact Us" functionality of our homepage, rather than through the Guestbook.

Pamela Scholtz of Warwickshire, England enquired about any information or data regarding Irvine Nisbet, but was unsure as to her date of arrival in Australia. Irvine married Joseph Bentley in 1854 and they were living at St Kilda, Vic. Pamela is related through the Bentley line. Irvine's parents were Archibald Nisbet and Mary (nee) Hall from Lanarkshire.

Pamela thinks that other members of Irvine's family may have emigrated and settled in Victoria, possibly James Nisbet. She has tried tracing details but she has not been able to find details of Irvine's ship passage with the varied spellings of Nisbet ie. Nisbet(t), Nesbit(t), etc. proving difficult.

Thanks to ready reference material on hand, such as the Biographical Dictionary 1994 and biographical data sheets from more recent members, Ian M Nisbet was able to link Pamela with N/N member Margaret (Maggie) Robinson. Maggie and Pamela have been in touch with each other and are now sharing details of their respective family trees.

N/N's IN THE NEWS

WOODCOCK
Elsie Nesbit
28 June, 1901-
24 August, 2007
Greatly loved
and loving wife of
Robert (dec.).
Dearly loved mother of
Fay and Joan (dec.).
Loving mother-in-law
of Roger and Barrie.
An inspiration to all
her family and friends.
A private Funeral
will be held

Elsie Nesbit Woodcock

The entry to the left was spotted in the Melbourne Herald Sun classifieds – personal notices of Monday, August 27, 2007 page 93.

Is longevity (106 years old) on the Nesbit side?

Robert Falconer Nisbet

The entry to the right was spotted in the Melbourne Herald Sun classifieds – personal notices of Thursday, September 20, 2007 page 99.



NISBET.— Robert Falconer.
27.04.1927 - 18.09.2007
Aged 80 years
Much loved and respected
father of Crais (dec.), Grant,
Scott, Leeanne, Roberta and
Robert, proud grandfather of
thirteen.
You lived your life with dignity,
a proud and loving man, we will
miss the yarns and laughs we
had together. You may be gone
from our sight and touch but
never from our hearts.

The battle is over
We will miss you always
Goodbye dear man



NETWORKED N/N's

Nigerian scam – going round, again

The old Nigerian internet scam returns, this time Mr Austin Koffi, a supposed Barrister, acting out of Togo, purports to be acting on behalf of his client. A Mr Mark W. Nisbet (but read as “please insert surname”) – “a native of your country”, (hence applicable to whomever/wherever it is sent). It would appear that it is being sent to hotmail accounts and strangely enough this ‘legal’ practitioner/business also operates from a hotmail account. This is a SCAM and is readily available in exactly the same format & wording for people of various surnames – just do a simple GOOGLE search or similar. Beware and do not respond.



FAMILY SNIPPETS

Juliana Leslie - engagement

Our congratulations are extended to Juliana Leslie, daughter of N/N member Barbara Leslie, on her engagement to Adam Hesketh, which was celebrated on 25th August 2007.

Maggie & Neil Robinson – grandparents again

Congratulations to the grandparents (and all involved) on the birth of Lachlan Amy Geddes, born 17th September 2007 - 4 days early.



NISBET-SMITH, James Cam passed away suddenly, 19/7/2007 aged 27 years.
Much loved Son of Cam and Jenine Nisbet-Smith, special Brother and Brother-in-law of Thomas and Susan Nisbet-Smith, Suzanna and Dan Nash and Christina Nisbet-Smith. Grandson of Colin and Chrystal (dec'd) Campbell and Ron (dec'd) and Mary (dec'd) Nisbet-Smith. Nephew of Jan and Howard Bale and Stafford Campbell (dec'd), client of Lifeline Community Care, (W.R. Black) and his devoted carers.
Relatives and Friends of James are invited to attend James's Funeral Service to be held at the Coorparoo Uniting Church, Cavendish Road and York Street, Coorparoo on Thursday, 26/7/2007 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Offer condolences online
www.newhavenfunerals.com.au
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James Cam Nisbet-Smith

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