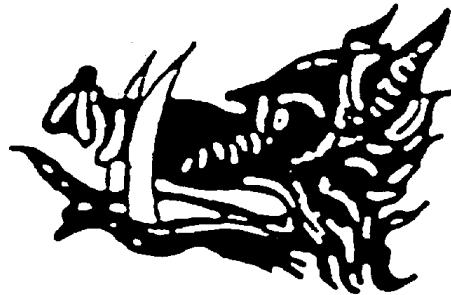


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STARTING POINT

Firstly, my apologies for the delay in the preparation and distribution of this newsletter but warmer climes and a break lured me away for July and technical problems of a PC nature impacted efforts during August. In my absence Ian M Nisbet and Ian G Nisbet have been active on a number of fronts; some of which you will see/read about in this newsletter. I thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Society.

The N/N's are not a large clan and every success, every link, every enquiry from a N/N descendant seems to grow the tree. Ian M has re-vamped the Biographical Dictionary by lineage which will be fed by the responses received from the "Grow the Forest" invitations to compile Ammendum & Addendum so as to bring it up to date, include newer members and reflect our successes. This will deliver a very useful genealogical tool with maintenance regime. This is currently under development, so stay tuned.

Further afield and on a broader scale the DNA Project may also assist in identifying (albeit perhaps distant) more historic lineages and connections, but it does have the potential to draw branches together.

This is the last newsletter for this N/N financial year. So anticipate your annual subscription notice with N/News 97 in October.

I look forward to hearing from you, whether it be articles for the newsletter, volunteers to assist with any of the current projects or to join our committee.

Chairman & Editor



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NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

Oct	N/NEWS # 97
Jan	N/NEWS # 98

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



MEM-BOAR-SHIP

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new members to the Society:
Ros & Peter Coffey, Fryerstown, Vic.
and Irene & Kenneth Roche, Te Aroha, NZ.

We have noted a change of address for Debbie Humbley to Deception Bay, Qld and a change of e-mail address for Pauline Bennion.

Please remember to advise of any changes to your e-mail, postal address or contact details.

Subscriptions can now be paid directly into an N/N Society account. Further details will be issued shortly. However, if your 2009/10 subscription remains outstanding please contact the treasurer for instructions.



(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Sir (Dr) Alexander Nisbet (MD)



on-going research into the life of Sir (Dr) Alexander Nisbet MD. June has identified Dr Nisbet's half-sisters and half-brother (Jane, Caroline & Charles Findlater, respectively) and has made contact with Alexander Findlater, the Findlater family archivist; whom she hoped to meet in England in June.

Research trip – Scotland

An e-mail from Ros & Peter Coffey:

Subject: Thank you

We've finally adjusted (back) to the Australian time zone.

Graham (Nisbet) kindly gave up his Saturday afternoon to give us a very informative and enjoyable tour of Glasgow.

Roslyn was researching the Mitchell family in Mauchline cemetery, when she discovered a Mitchell/Nisbet marriage. Her great-great grandfather's sister married a Hugh Steven Nisbet! We stayed four days in Prestwick and visited a number of cemeteries where we saw many Nisbets buried.

We didn't have time to do all the researching that we wanted to – perhaps next time!

Once again thank you for your valuable assistance and contacts.

Best regards,
Peter Coffey

Nesbitt Road – snapshot

NZ Nesbitt/Nisbet Society member, Trevor Nesbit, standing outside his mother – in - laws' home on Nesbitt Road, Brighton, England.



*Can anyone please supply any information?
Who was Nesbitt of Nesbitt Road?*

June Slee met with members of the executive whilst in Melbourne in April to update us on her

Grow the Forest – project launch

Ian M Nisbet has launched the latest project “Grow the Forest” which will encourage current and past members to:

- Lodge your family tree with the Society
- If you have previously lodged your family tree then supply any expanded data
- Supply corrections and additions to the Biographical Dictionary
- Advise of any links to other “branches” that have been ascertained or suspected.



This will be a living tribute to John Barth who compiled the Biographical Dictionary in 1994. A sample invitation and branch listing are displayed on this page. As you can see this format will be very useful, especially once a link into one of the trees/branches/twigs has been established.

The on-line data sheets are currently being developed and will be available for members to input details directly and submit to the Society for review and inclusion. Please identify relevant information from your records and have them ready to input and supply in the very near future.

Ian M Nisbet has “tested the waters” with several past/early members and the responses have been positive.

NAME	BIO REF	LINEAGE	STEM	N/N #	Hyperlink to Annex
ALICE MURIEL NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Horsham, Victoria 13 Jul 1891 [dau of George Nisbet 11, by his wife Margaret Page Kenny] d.Horsham, Victoria 20 Dec 1982, m.Roman Catholic Church, Horsham, Victoria 10 Oct 1925 Edward James Oman, with issue known 1d [Nisbet 15].					
ANDREW JOHN MILTON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015	7		
b.Melbourne, Victoria 28 Feb 1964 [son of Ian Milton Nisbet 1, by his wife Joy Ida Lillian Drinkmilk] Nesbitt/Nisbet Society Australia member (ID7), living (1992) in Balwyn North, Victoria [Nisbet 15].					
BERTHA GWENNETH NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Balwyn, Victoria 12 Oct 1915 [dau of John Milton Prestwich Nisbet 1, by his wife Bertha Grace Fankhauser] living (1992) in Sandy Point, Victoria, m.Croydon, Victoria 5 Sep 1942 Edwin Alan Marsham, with issue 2s 1d [Nisbet 15].					
BLANCHE PRESTWICH NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Clifton Hill, Victoria 18 Oct 1888 [dau of William Thomson Nisbet 1, by his wife Mary Grace Crouch] m.Balwyn, Victoria 15 Apr 1914 Arthur Gordon Tyrell, with issue, six children unknown [Nisbet 15].					
CATHERINE LOVEDA NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Murtoa, Victoria 27 Nov 1907 Walter Claringbold, with issue 1s [Nisbet 15].					
CATHERINE THOMPSON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Ararat, Victoria 1863 [dau of John Nisbet 9, by his wife Catherine Thomson] [Nisbet 15].					
CATHERINE THOMPSON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Ararat, Victoria 1896 [dau of Robert Thompson Nisbet 1, by his wife Mary Ryan] [Nisbet 15].					
CLIFFORD MILTON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015	154		
b.Kew, Victoria 9 Feb 1919 [son of John Milton Prestwich Nisbet 1, by his wife Bertha Grace Fankhauser, and father of Heather Joyce Nisbet 1 living (1992) in Kallimna, Victoria, m1.Joyce Gwendoline Webb, m2.Therese Lancaster, with issue by his first wife 1d [Nisbet 15].					
CLIFFORD THOMSON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
Otherwise Clifford Thomson Nisbet, b.Clifton Hill, Victoria 22 Mar 1892 [son of William Thomson Nisbet 1, by his wife Mary Grace Crouch] d.Clifton Hill, Victoria 2 Jun 1895 [Nisbet 15].					
EILEEN ANNIE NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Horsham, Victoria 18 Aug 1897 [dau of George Nisbet 11, by his wife Margaret Page Kenny] d.Melbourne, Victoria 22 Jan 1979, m.Robert Scott, with issue, four children, unknown [Nisbet 15].					
ETHEL PRESTWICH NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
b.Murtoa, Victoria 12 Jun 1884 [dau of William Thomson Nisbet 1, by his wife Mary Grace Crouch] d.Camberwell, Victoria 2 Apr 1934, m.Balwyn, Victoria 12 Aug 1922 Rupert James Henry Wheeldon, sp [Nisbet 15].					
GEORGE NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
Otherwise George Nisbet, b.Maryborough, Victoria 25 Jun 1855 [son of John Nisbet 9, by his wife Catherine Thomson, and father of William Thomson Nisbet 1, George Nisbet 1, Mary Euline Nisbet 1, Georgina Laura Nisbet 1, Hannah Victoria Nisbet 1, Muriel Nisbet 1, Marguarite Olive Nisbet 1, Eileen Annie Nisbet 1, and Margaret Page Nisbet 1] first Captain of the Murtoa Fire Brigade 1881, licensee of the Shamrock Hotel, Murtoa 1878 to 1887, of the Club Hotel, Horsham 1887 to 1893, and of the Commercial Hotel, Horsham, Victoria 1893 to 1896, Chairman of the Committee to form Horsham Racing Club and build its race course 1893 to 1894, d.Melbourne, Victoria 10 Dec 1918, m.Roman Catholic Church, Horsham, Victoria 24 Jun 1880 Margaret Page Kenny, with issue 2s 8d [Nisbet 15].					
GEORGE NISBET	[2]	Nisbet 015	Stem		
[b.Scotland?] [father of John Nisbet 9] innkeeper, Tranent, co Haddington (East Lothian), Scotland, m.Jacobina Begbie, with issue known 1s [Nisbet 15].					
GEORGE NISBET	[2]	Nisbet 015			
b.Ararat, Victoria 1887 [son of John Nisbet 10, by his wife Carol Sanders] d.Ararat, Victoria 1900 [Nisbet 15].					
GEORGE NORMAN THOMSON NISBET	[1]	Nisbet 015			
Otherwise George Norman Thompson Nisbet, b.Horsham, Victoria 25 Jan 1889 [son of George Nisbet 11, by his wife Margaret Page Kenny] d.Deniliquin, New South Wales 18 Jul 1956 [Nisbet 15].					



NETWORKED N/N's

Mitchell Library, Glasgow:

http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Library_Services/The_Mitchell/

Scotlandspeople Centre, Edinburgh:

<http://wwwscotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk/>

Mairead Nesbitt – website:

<http://www.maireadnesbitt.com>

Celtic Woman – website:

<http://www.celticwoman.com/>

The Argus – goes online

The following article was found in *The Sunday Age*, May 9 2010, page 13 and is extracted from an article entitled ‘**Bodies, babies and barneys available for general consumption as Argus goes online**’ by Maris Beck.

The project will allow free access to historical newspaper content. About 9000 volunteers have been putting the archives online with a group from La Trobe University creating an index of key terms that will take

years to finish. It is envisaged that the index and access to the archives will be of interest to anybody researching the media, climate change, engineers and genealogists.

Babies abandoned in “cesspits”, the bodies of murdered wives buried in hearths, rampant street crime – Melbourne’s past was anything but dull.

And, from the end of the month, no longer dusty. The archives of *The Argus*, Melbourne’s quality

paper of record from 1846 to 1957, are going online. *The Argus* is part of an ambitious project by the National Library of Australia to digitise more than 100 Australian newspaper titles by the end of 2011.

The index editor, Dr John Hirst said that it was a challenge to translate the language used in the past into words that people might search for today. A “cesspit”, for example, is now called a drain.

The Argus – online links are:

www.nla.gov.au/argus
newspapers.nla.gov.au



N/N's IN THE NEWS

Nisbets of the Covenant – letter to the editor 1917

NISBETS OF THE COVENANT. (TO THE EDITOR “KILMARNOCK STANDARD”)

Sir, - In a time like the present, when every section and every class of our people is affected by a stupendous struggle which involves the highest principles of national life and individual liberty, when every village has its roll of honour and its list of heroes, it may, at first sight, seem out of place to refer to the heroes of the almost forgotten struggle of more than two centuries ago. But it is well to remember how much the spirit that actuates our people to-day owes to the character of our Scottish ancestors and to the part they played, in their own day, in the fight for freedom.

Not yet has the erosion of Time’s ruthless stream obliterated the deep marks left in our national character by the influence of those men and women of the “Covenant.”

These reflections were awakened by the discovery quite recently of a worn and apparently much used copy of “Biographia Scoticana” (1828 edition) in a romantic Bungalow situated in the heart of a pretty Kentish wood. The interest awakened by this unexpected find was deepened by the discovery, in the Supplement to this edition of the book, of a brief account of an ancestor of the present writer. This account is not contained in the more recent edition (1868) in my possession; and the only record hitherto available had been an oral family tradition and the account inscribed in quaint but expressive language on a large tablet in a wall close to the Royal Infirmary in the City of Glasgow. This inscription relates how James Nisbet, with two others, was executed at the Cows Gate of that city in June, 1684, for his adherence to the cause of the “Covenant.”

The compiler of the account in the Supplement referred to states that this James Nisbet was apparently of the same family as John Nisbet (younger) of Loudon parish in Ayreshire, who was executed at Kilmarnock in 1683. And it further seems to be suggested that they were both related to the redoubtable John Nisbet of Hardhill, one of the stalwarts of the cause, and to whom, by the way, Howie of Lochgoin devotes sixteen pages of his inimitable hagiography.

The actual relationships are, however, not clear; and long sojourning beyond the Border, added to one’s engagement in a profession which gives but little time and less opportunity for such studies, has made me sadly ignorant of the literature of this fascinating department of biography. But it has occurred to me that among your readers there must be those who could clear up the question of the relationship between these three Nisbets, and who would be willing to do so through the courtesy of the editor and the medium of your columns. It may possibly be that some who read this may claim the honour of descent from these “worthies;” and certainly the now numerous and widely spread members of the Nisbet family would be interested to learn something further of the men (were there not women too?) who in these stormy and difficult times added honour to the name, and left a record that may well inspire us to “follow in their train.” – Yours respectfully.

NAVAL OFFICER.
(J Morrison)

Chatham, 14th March, 1917.

*This article is a transcript of the original from the **Kilmarnock Standard** of March 1917. Do any members have access to "Biographia Scoticana" (1828 edition)? The author of this 'Letter to the Editor', J Morrison, was the son of Elizabeth Nisbet and was related to the 'Nisbets of the Covenant'.*

Mairead Nesbitt – Celtic Woman tour

*The following article was found in **The Age** Thursday, July 1, 2010 page 24.*

Glam trad: a long way from Val Doonican's jumper KYLIE NORTHOVER



Lynn Hilary, Mairead Nesbitt, Lisa Kelly and Chloe Agnew (left to right) are Celtic Woman. Photo: Penny Stephens.

They sell millions of albums and these Irish women could be the most popular band you have never heard of.

POSSIBLY the most popular group you've never heard of, Celtic Woman were in Melbourne yesterday to promote their latest album and live DVD, *Songs From The Heart*, before a full-scale tour later this year.

The Glamorous Irish music group, fronted by three vocalists – Chloe Agnew, Lisa Kelly and Lynn Hilary – and violinist Mairead Nesbitt, blend traditional music with contemporary songs by the likes of Sting, Mariah Carey and Phil Collins, and have sold more than 6 million albums worldwide.

Their music regularly tops world-music and classical charts, but with *Songs From The Heart* they have entered the Billboard mainstream charts, knocking the late King of Pop, Michael Jackson, off the top spot.

"I do feel slightly guilty because we're huge fans", says Nesbitt, "but it was only for a week! Then we went to No. 2."

"But it's been great – it's one thing to be No. 1 in the world music charts, but to be on the mainstream is something else again."

Nesbitt, who admits the band's sound is hard to define, says it's essentially "world music".

"But it's a mixture – it's world music, classical, traditional, contemporary," she says.

The group's musical director, David Downes, is also the musical director of Riverdance, and Celtic Woman are billed as "Riverdance for the Voice", with live shows more akin to lavish stage productions than mere concerts.

"Our music appeals to lots of people of different ages," Nesbitt says. "The tour we're bringing here in October has the band, the choir, a new set, new costumes – it's a huge, huge feast for the eyes as well as for the ears."

And quite an entourage. But the magnitude of the venture doesn't stop them from constantly touring – they've just come off a five month, 80-date tour of the US.

Months on the road, multi-million album sales – all sounds very rock and roll.

Is there any trashing of hotel rooms or throwing TV sets out of windows then?

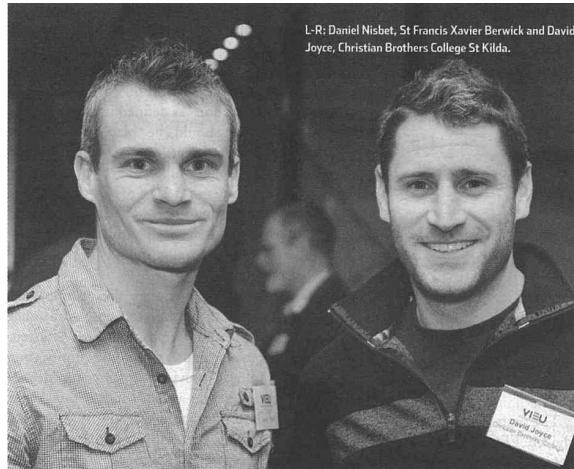
"Oh, no – that kind of behaviour went out about 20 or 30 years ago," Nesbitt says. "There's a recession now!"

Mairead is related to N/N Society – Australia members, Pat, Leslie & Michael Nesbitt.

Tour dates and details can be found at: <http://www.celticwoman.com/australian-tour-dates/>

Daniel Nisbet – VIEU Rep

The following picture is from an article found in **VIEUPOINT**, the Newsletter of the VIEU, June 2010 page 9 reporting on the Inaugural VIEU Rep Forum and Dinner.



FOUND

Alexander Nisbet - obituary

The following obituary was found in **The Brisbane Courier**, Monday 3rd July 1865. Are any of our members descendants of Alexander? If so, please advise and supply some details.

DEATH.

NISBET – On the 2nd July, at Brisbane, Alexander Nisbet, Esq., aged 30 years, late of her Majesty's Civil Service, New South Wales.

SUCCESS

William Burnie Nisbet – descendants

From: Nicolette Duckman - London:
I am researching the only remaining Nisbets in the male line, who are related to me through my great-grandmother. The names I have are Phillip Wentworth Nisbet and his son Peter William G Nisbet. I don't know where in Australia they live. This family had connections in South Africa, where a William Burnie Nisbet married Magdalena Hendrike Vos. Some of the children of this marriage were born in Cape Town, but the family ended up in England. I am descended from Anna Maria Nisbet, and the Australian Nisbets are descended from one of Anna Maria's brothers.

As mentioned above, the Australian Nisbets are the only branch remaining in the male line, and who therefore carry the name.

I know some research was done in the 1980's by Bill Cheatham (another descendant), who discovered the Australian branch, but he has since died, and the connection has been lost.

I would like to make contact with Philip and Peter.

Regards

Nicolette Duckham

Ian M Nisbet was able to supply contact details for Philip (one of our founding members) who, by the way, recently celebrated his 89th Birthday and also a copy of Peter W Nisbet's family tree.



WANTED

Janet Nisbet – New Zealand

From: Irene Roche

My father was Charles Nisbet Harris. His mother's maiden name was Smith. Her father was William Alphonzo Smith and her mother was Janet nee Nisbet whose parents came to New Zealand in 1840.

Initial details as supplied by Irene Roche, our newest member. Any details of Janet, her parents, descendants and antecedents from members would be appreciated.

Leanne Nisbet White - relatives sought

Leanne Nisbet White - from Armidale, New South Wales wrote:

Looking for information to help determine the name of my great grandfather, a Nisbet who left Scotland to settle in the Riverina area of NSW in mid to late 1800's. My Grandfather's name was William George Nisbet (passed away in 1950's), and my father's name was Douglas Clive Nisbet (passed away 2006). I am interested to know not only my great grandfather's name (I heard he came to Australia with his brother) - but where it was that they came from in Scotland?

Ian M Nisbet was able to assist Leanne a little – we now ask for members to assist further. Should you recognise the details and are either related or have relevant information please respond to Leanne via our homepage or through our Secretary.

Leanne later provided a few further details, as follow:

My Grandfather owned a property called ‘Dry Lake’ which was just outside of Moulemein (near Hay) in NSW. He had also lived in Maud and Deniliquin (where my father was born). I’m not exactly sure where my grandfather was when he passed away. I thought it was probably at his property in Moulemein.

I know that my great grandfather had a property called ‘Grassmere’ (or something like that) around Deniliquin. I hope that this is of some help.

As a general point of interest, Grassmere was at the centre of the shearing strike in the early 19th century.

John Nesbitt – seeking descendants

Cathy Cavanagh – from Central Coast, NSW wrote:

I am seeking fellow descendants of John Nesbitt and Maria Agnes Friend.

John Nesbitt was born c.1830 either in Ireland or Spain and came to Australia prior to 1853. He was a teacher in the south Maitland area of NSW, then in 1862 became the postmaster and telegraph operator at Singleton NSW until 1876. I cannot find a death record for him. In 1877 the family moved back to Sydney.

Should you recognise the details and are either related or have relevant information please respond to Cathy via our homepage or through our Secretary.

Karen Gore
from Australia wrote:

Hi,
I am from a long line of Melroses that originated from Scotland. I see you have a James Nisbet marrying an Ann Melrose. All my Melrose family came from Aberlady, Gladsmuir, Edinburgh areas. I would be interested to know if you knew any more facts about your Ann Melrose.
Regards,
Karen

Should you recognise the details and are either related or have relevant information please respond to Karen via the UK homepage or through our Secretary.

FAMILY SNIPPETS

Kylie Nesbit – recent graduation

In May this year Kylie Nesbit graduated Bachelor of Music (Classical performance) from Victoria University, Wellington New Zealand.

Before the age of five Kylie began to learn violin, then switching to the viola. Later adding the bassoon to her repertoire, the bassoon is now her main instrument.

In recent years Kylie has played for the N.Z. Symphony Orchestra’s ‘National Youth Orchestra’. Kylie also plays for the Dunedin Symphony and the Wellington Vectra Symphony Orchestras.

Kylie is the daughter of N/N Society member Trevor and grand daughter of NZ Regional Officer John Nesbit.

Congratulations to Kylie – we wish her every success with her talents and endeavours; and we look forward to hearing more into the future.

Debbie Humbley – travel plans

Debbie is currently developing plans to visit Edinburgh and East Lothian to visit some graves and is hoping to also catch up with some “relations” through her Nisbet/Hume connections.

Judy Hand – catch up

Judy and Rod are busy with a new granddaughter and capturing family tree on computer and bringing it up-to-date. Judy and her brother are contemplating joining the N/N DNA Project.

Pauline Bennion – N/N documents

Pauline holds copies of a patented invention, by a John Nisbet, Coatbridge, Lanark entitled ‘Getting and Cutting Minerals’, 1864 & 1866. These were purchased from Glasgow, but this John Nisbet does not belong to her family tree. She will supply copies to the Society. She also intends placing some papers that she has authored about several of her N/N ancestors on her webpage. Details will be provided as they are made available.

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