

NESBITT/NISBET SOCIETY

Australia



REPORT

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ITEMS OF INTEREST: During the period of setting up the Nesbitt/ Nisbet Society - Australia, several contacts have been made between previously unknown relatives here in Victoria. Following the tabling of a letter by the Secretary Ian G. Nisbet at the First General Meeting on 14th August, Colin and Dot Nesbit of Ascot Vale, a Melbourne suburb, have been able to verify that the lady concerned, 96 years old Hilda Maud Richards, nee Nesbit, who is residing at a Home for the Aged at Bendigo Victoria, is the daughter of Thomas Nesbit. Thomas was the brother of Colin Nesbit's grandfather. Until this information on Hilda Maud Richards came to hand Colin and Dot Nesbit had no previous information on her, let alone that she had a daughter living in Tasmania. Colin has had a two page letter from Hilda Maud Nesbit verifying the relationship, but he is unable to contact her daughter who is presently on holidays.

Also, the letter introducing the proposed Nesbitt/Nisbet Society - Australia produced a reply from Pearl Norris Nesbit of Castlemaine Victoria on behalf of her husband Stanilaus Nesbit regarding a connection with the ancestors of the editor of this report, Bruce Nesbit. Mary Charlton Beautyman Nesbit - the first wife of Bruce's emigrant ancestor - John George Mitford Nesbit 1st, died aged 43 years. There were three children from that union. John G. M. Nesbit 1st remarried; to Catherine Pascoe Urand, a widow who also had three children. The marriage to Catherine Urand produced one son, John George Mitford Nesbit 2nd, born June 1873 within days of the drowning of his father at Darwin whilst on a gold mining project. Stan Nesbit is a descendant of John George Mitford Nesbit 2nd. Bruce will be able to supply a family tree dating back to County Northumberland c1690 and Scotland c1800. Members of both branches of the Nesbit family are to meet in Daylesford Victoria during the month of October or November to celebrate the 130th year since the arrival of their emigrant ancestor. Who knows what other 'links' may be established by joining the society and being in touch with other N/Ns with the same interests.

CONVICT RECORDS ON COMPUTER: From the Melbourne Age newspaper 9/8/1986. Canberra- The Irish Government is to release the records of convicts transported from Ireland to Australia in the 18th and 19th centuries. Using computer technology, the Irish Government has agreed to allow the microfiching of convicts' transportation papers from 1798 to 1848 for Australia's bicentenary. The records include the names of 39,000 Irish people transported to Australia in those years.

Chancellor Nesbitt in "Nisbet Of That ilk" records that a number of Nisbet families emigrated to Ireland during the reign of Charles 1st (1625 - 1649). Information supplied by Ian G. Nisbet Secretary N/N Society - Aust.

MEMBERS INTEREST: Each member is permitted 2 entries in The N/N. Newsletter each year and a personal card (5" x 3") or a sheet of paper filled in as shown below is to be supplied. Please show your ID No. which will appear on your address label.

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Card 1. This card need be submitted only once regardless of the number of names and families being researched.

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Card 2. 50 words may accompany this card. Please keep the query brief and to the point and print in full, in BLOCK LETTERS names and place-names.

Send your entry to: The Editor, Nesbitt/Nisbet S'cty N/Ltr., P.O. Box 84, Bundoora, Vict., 3883. (03) 467 2638

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS: The Nesbitt/Nisbet Society - Australia Newsletter will be published four times per annum and will appear during the months of October, January, April and July. Members are encouraged to support the newsletter by providing letters to the Editor, articles relevant to the purposes of the society, book reviews and any other information which may be of interest to the N/Ns. Contributions should be forwarded 30 days before the first day of the month of publication, to the Newsletter Editor.

THE NISBET TARTAN: By arrangement with Peter Anderson of Scotland. Members can purchase tartans and other related dress wear in the Nisbet tartan. The Nisbet tartan comes in two variations, an Ancient tartan and a Modern tartan. A limited number of brochures are available which indicate available items prices and method of ordering tartan dress wear and will be mailed with our first newsletter on request. There has already been strong interest in a rug in the Ancient tartan. Members wishing further advice should contact the President Ian M. Nisbet.

GOING OVERSEAS IN 1988: N/Ns contemplating visiting the U.K. in the summer of 1988 may do well to consider participation in the 1988 Gathering of N/Ns to be held in Scotland. A spot presently under consideration is JEDBURGH, (the actual dates are yet to be finalised). A warm welcome for Australian N/Ns can be anticipated. Further details will be published in the Newsletter as they come to hand.

NESBITT/NISBET ANTIQUES FOR SALE: Richard K. Nesbitt, (U.K.) President advised that for UKL300.00 (\$A750.00) one can become the proud owner of an Antique Cider Jug (c1700) bearing the Nisbet emblem. Interested buyers should contact Richard K. Nesbitt for the address of the Antique Shop.

Also on sale in a London bookshop is a book by Alexander Nisbet The Herald for UKL95.00 (\$A235.00).

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