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"To preserve whate'er is left us of ancient heritage"

JUNE 1974

THIRTY-FIRST CONVENTION PROGRAM

Sunday, August 18, 1974:

- 2:00 Registration at the National Center Inn, Arlington, Virginia.
Hospitality Suite open for the duration of the convention.
4:00 Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 President's Reception

Monday, August 19, 1974

- 9:30 AM Business Meeting
National Anthems and Invocation
Addresses of Welcome and response.
Introduction of Officers and Distinguished Guests.
Greetings by the Speaker of the House of Keys on behalf of the Manx nation. Greetings from the MHK, West Douglas.
Reading of Messages of Greeting
Reports of Executive Committee
Appointment of Committees
New Business
Adjournment

Afternoon — Sight-seeing tour of the Washington, D.C., area by chartered bus

8:00 "Free-n-Easy"

American premiere of "Fable Island," produced by the Isle of Man Tourist Board.
Sing-song and informal Manx entertainment.

Tuesday, August 20, 1974

- 9:30 AM Business Meeting
Invocation and announcements
Reports from Manx Societies and Regional Representatives
New Business
Memorial Service
Adjournment

Noon — Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon Meeting.

Afternoon free

- 8:00 Convention Banquet and entertainment

1974 CONVENTION WASHINGTON, D.C.

STOUFFER'S NATIONAL CENTER INN, 2399 South Jefferson Davis Highway, ARLINGTON, VA.

REGISTRATION COMMENCES:
SUNDAY AUGUST 18th, 1974
CONVENTION CLOSES:
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21st 1974

Tell your RELATIVES and FRIENDS especially those from the ISLE OF MAN about our 1974 NAMA CONVENTION.

THE TIME — AUGUST 18, 19, 20, and 21st, 1974.

THE PLACE — STOUFFER'S NATIONAL CENTER INN, ARLINGTON, VA.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Your convention registration card, which will be mailed to all members and societies, should be mailed with your check or money order, as early as possible. Registration may also be accomplished during the convention for those unable to make advance registration.

The registration fee will include the convention badge, souvenir book, President's Reception, Bus sight-seeing tour, banquet with entertainment, use of the hospitality room, and admission to all meetings. The Ladies Auxiliary luncheon will be additional. Additional convention registration cards may be obtained from the Registration Committee.

The colorful brochure of the Isle of Man used for this announcement was graciously provided by the Isle of Man Tourist Board, which has also provided the film "Fable Island" for its American Premiere at the Convention and the Isle of Man information packets which will be furnished all those attending the convention.

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Wednesday, August 21, 1974

- 9:30 AM Business Meeting
Invocation and announcements
Reports of Convention Committees
Reports of Appointed Committees
Election and Installation of Officers
Report of the Time and Place Committee, 1976 Convention.
Adjournment of the 31st Convention.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All reservations for the Hotel should be made directly with the National Center Inn, utilizing reservation cards which will be furnished all members and societies. Special Hotel rate accommodations are \$25 a day single, \$29 a day double. Stouffer's will also maintain this rate through the weekend for those desiring to remain after the convention for sight-seeing, etc. (Deadline for reservations is August 3rd).

Parking is free to all guests attending the convention, whether registered or just attending.

Complimentary limousine service from and to Washington National Airport will be provided by Stouffer's.
Phone: 979-6800

Credit Arrangements — Individual delegates will be responsible for their own rooms and incidental charges. Those who desire to be billed for their charges should make arrangements with the credit manager, preferably by letter, ten days prior to their arrival date.

Recreation — On the top floor of the Inn is a sauna, health club, sun deck and swimming pool.

Stouffer's requires special permission be granted for patrons, guests or invitees to bring beverages of any kind into the inn.

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MOVING

If you change your address, please let me know right away so that you will continue to receive the Bulletin. It is extra expense when they are returned to me.

Extra copies of the Bulletin can be obtained from the Editor, 36 Princess Anne Dr., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 2B9, at a cost of 25 cents post free.

DUES TIME

IT IS DUES TIME AGAIN, WHY NOT SEND YOUR CHECK OFF AT ONCE SO THAT YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT PAYING LATER? YOUR CO-OPERATION IN REMITTING PROMPTLY WILL BE APPRECIATED.

**FORWARD TO THE TREASURER — Clarence E. Creer
14228 Union,
Orland Park,
Illinois 60462 USA.**

Will all members renewing their subscription to the NAMA, please forward cheques or money order to the Fin; Treasurer — **Mr. Clarence Creer, 14228 Union, Orland Park, Illinois 60462.** Pink membership slips are included in this issue of the Bulletin, complete and please send to the Treasurer and **not to me.** (Mrs.) H. Penrice.

Many donations have been received by the Treasurer just recently, these were in memory of Mrs. Minnie Nicholl, Mrs. Emily Kelly, Mrs. Sophia Brown, faithful members of their Societies and the NAMA.

CALORIES

*Seems I'm always on a diet.
To reduce avoirdupois
Which eliminates from daily fare
Most culinary joys
Some tiny things called calories
And they are nothing new
No matter what I eat or drink
They have their work to do
To watch them is essential
To maintain a "status quo"
My weight it changes daily
Just as they come and go
In desserts they're always hiding
They consider it a game
To hinder me at every turn
And keep my weight the same.*

Original Poem by Thomas V. Teare,
St. Joseph, Mo.

New address of Mr. Stephen Quinney is
"Peveril Court",
9 Peveril Street,
Flat 2,
Douglas, Isle of Man. UK.

PLEASE NOTE

New address of Miss Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary of NAMA is — 1541 East, 191st, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio 44117. USA.

WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Washington and Arlington are located at the head of the tidewater of the Potomac River. Washington occupies 69 square miles of land on the north bank of the Potomac; Arlington occupies 25.8 square miles on the south bank. What is now Arlington and the city of Alexandria was, until 1846, part of Washington, and the whole was ten miles square. The site for Washington was chosen by George Washington and follows the master plan of Charles Pierre L'Enfant. As the Capital of the United States, Government is the area's major industry, accounting for the major portion of the economy of the area. The leading private industry is tourism with 18 million visitors coming to the city each year, with some 45 million visitors predicted for the nation's Bicentennial in 1976. Because it does not have any heavy industry, the area is one of the cleanest in the United States. Washington has a population of 756,510; Arlington, 190,000

The area is served by all major airlines, bus companies and AMTRAK. Domestic flights are serviced through Washington National Airport; international flights are served by Dulles International Airport, 25 miles from the heart of Washington.

OPENS APRIL FIRST

The Stouffer's National Center Inn, the Washington area's newest convention facility, and the site of the 1974 convention of the North American Manx Association, will open on April 1st, according to M. Richard Melliand, Stouffer's liaison with NAMA. According to Melliand, "we have just completed carpeting all our guest rooms and the builders are now putting the final touches on all the luxurious millwork. Our furniture arrives next week." The 398-room luxury facility, which offers sauna, health club, sundeck, swimming pool shops, 24-hour coffee shop and other extras, is providing NAMA with a special convention rate which can be extended throughout the week for those desiring to remain on in the Washington area after the convention for additional sight-seeing.

SMILE

The white-collar worker now wears a blue shirt. The blue-collar worker wears a white shirt. And the guy with the bell bottom jeans and the paisley shirt is the boss' son-in-law.

CONVENTION NEWS NOTES

Jim Kennedy, of the Isle of Man Tourist Board, has advised that the Isle of Man is working with British Airways to include depictions of the IOM in a display the major airline plans to display at the 31st NAMA convention.

Mr. L. Bond, Manager and Secretary of the IOM Tourist Board, has provided a print of the new film "Fable Island," for its American Premiere at the convention, following which it will be made available to the various NAMA societies and members for showing in their home areas. Mr. Bond has also agreed to provide all those attending the convention with an interesting packet of information dealing with the Isle of Man which will attract the interest of friends and relatives who unfortunately cannot attend the convention.

Mr. Ewan Kelly of Kelly Souvenirs, Jurby, IOM, has expressed his hopes at being able to exhibit and sell Manx items and handicrafts at the convention through special arrangements with the Stouffer's National Center Inn gift shop. Mr. Kelly is noted for his unique music boxes, spinning wheels, three-legs-symbol stools, napkins and medallions, and hopes to demonstrate the hand-spinning of Manx wool.

Washington's METRO transit system has provided bus schedules of service between the convention hotel and the major sightseeing attractions of Washington, to enable those attending the convention to use low-cost public transportation rather than taxis or those with cars who wish to avoid downtown parking congestion.

Marion (Lewin) Gilson, the convention facilities coordinator, is working closely with the catering staff of the Stouffer's National Center Inn to assure delicious foods in the Stouffer's tradition at the Sunday night reception, the ladies' luncheon and the banquet.

Jim Kennedy of the IOM Tourist Board has sent his regrets at being unable to attend the convention, but expresses the hope the convention will select the Isle of Man for its 1976 convention site, and offers his assistance should the IOM be selected.

Mona Haldeman has advised she will arrive at the convention site on Saturday to assure the registration desk is open and ready to receive you on the 18th.

In addition to the American Premiere of "Fable Island", the evening program of the convention for Monday the 19th, will include a sing-along using a song-book being assembled by Rev. Caley and an opportunity for some home-grown entertainment by our members. Be prepared with those Manx stories, poems and songs we all love to share, and don't forget the musical instruments!

Thanks to the efforts of Sydney Boulton, the convention has received wide and favorable publicity on the IOM, and Mr. J.F. Cretney has served as a focal point for those desiring to travel to the convention.

At the request of NAMA, Stouffer's National Center Inn has indicated it will offer the special convention rate to those checking in as early as August 16th and for those desiring to remain in Washington through the weekend of the 25th for additional sightseeing. The special rate is \$25 a day single and \$29 a day double, the latter especially attractive to couples and others sharing rooms since it brings the daily cost down to \$14.50 each.

The British Commonwealth Society of North America, and affiliate of the Royal Commonwealth Society, devoted almost a full column in its May newsletter to the convention. The BCSNA, which offers low-cost charters to many points of the world to its members, has indicated its willingness to adopt a "cooperating" affiliation between it and the NAMA, as it already has with the St. Andrews Society, which will permit NAMA members to be included in such charter flights. A resolution to that effect will be introduced at the convention.

The Washington Tourist Board has promised to have ample sight-seeing literature and guide-maps available at the convention site for those desiring to enjoy the hundreds of attractions in the Washington area.

OFFICIAL MANX TYNWALD DELEGATION TO NAMA MEET

By special resolution of the Tynwald, an official delegation will represent the Isle of Man at the NAMA convention in August. According to Mr. T.E. Kermeen Secretary of the House of Keys, the Tynwald resolution passed in April, specifically designates the Hon. Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, and Mr. G.A. Devereau, MHK from West Douglas as representatives of the Tynwald "on the occasion of the 31st Convention of the North American Manx Association in Arlington, Virginia, between the 18th and 21st August 1974," and authorizes the necessary expenses to make the trip possible. This will be the first time such an official delegation has represented the Manx people at an NAMA convention.

Accompanying Mr. Speaker will be his youngest daughter, Ann. Mrs. Devereau will also be in the party arriving in Washington for the opening of the convention on August 18th.

WASHINGTON WEATHER IN AUGUST

Washington has a moderate climate typical of the eastern seaboard of the United States. In addition, the city is known as the "most air-conditioned city in the world" and light wraps for women and coats for men are suggested when dining out or staying in Washington Hotels during the summer. The August average high is 85°; the average low, 68°

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

By the time you get this Bulletin, you should have received the information on the prize distribution. The first prize again this year will be a silver tea service which has been very generously donated by our Honorary President, Richard Corkill. Any gifts and donations of monies to purchase additional prizes would be appreciated. Your donations should be sent to the NAMA, c/o Norman Clucas, 201 S. Maple Ave., Itasca, Illinois 60143. All donors will be acknowledged in the copy of the Bulletin which is issued after the Convention.

Once again, Hon. President Dick Corkill is providing the grand prize silver service for the prize drawing. We know those attending will purchase additional tickets once they see the elegant silver service, but for those not attending, don't be reluctant to send for additional tickets should you wish more chances to win it and the other unique prizes.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

Our summer picnic will be held the 4th Sunday in July at Glen Oak Park Pavilion Porch, on July 28th 1974, at 12:30 p.m. Bring food for the pot-luck dinner and your own table service.

Mrs. Robert McClintick, Jr., Secretary,
Box 266, R.R.2
Chillicothe, Ill. 61523

ROCHESTER

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester recently spent a vacation in Bermuda it is 20 years since she last visited there. On her travels she saw the liner Queen Elizabeth anchored off shore, a Manx family sailed on her for a visit to England and the Isle of Man — Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Shepard.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

Our May card party was well attended and a successful event. There were many prizes. Members baked and donated cakes which were served as refreshments. Dick Corkill, Honorary President of the NAMA, came down from Detroit to be there. It is always nice to see this loyal Manxman.

A pot luck supper preceded our June meeting held at the Cove Church meeting place on the west side. Entertainment followed. Our society's president, Edna Cowin, exhibited a collection of Manx stamps and they were of great interest to all present.

August 11th is the date set for our annual basket picnic. It will again be held on the Grace Episcopal Church grounds in Willoughby, Ohio.

A Ways and Means project being undertaken by our group is a collection of members' tried and true "favorite" recipes. There will be various categories of foods with a goodly number of Manx recipes included.

Some of our members are looking forward to meeting other NAMA members at the convention in August.

Marge Krach
Publicity Chairman
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Seven Hills
Cleveland, Ohio 44131

It is requested that all local Manx Societies please furnish a written report of their activities for inclusion in the Convention minutes, even if their representative gives a Verbal Report. Please mail to:
Elizabeth Clucas, Secretary, NAMA,
1541 East, 191st Apt. K605,
Euclid, Ohio 44117. USA.

BISBEE ARIZONA MANX SOCIETY

It is with regret that the Bisbee Manx Society report the death of their President — Mr. Cobey Kennaugh who passed away on February 10th, he had been elected to this office only in January. The late Mr. Kennaugh was born in Frostburg, Maryland, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kennaugh came from Foxdale, Isle of Man, his mother's maiden name was Quayle. Cobey and his wife Hazel visited the Isle of Man just two years ago. Mr. Leland Chick has taken over as President of the Society. The March meeting was held at their home, the Secretary — Mrs. Ivy Dillon and her brother Cecil were visiting California at this time, she reports her sisters are now doing well.

The April meeting was held at the home of Annie Rothery with her daughter Christine as hostess, there were 22 members and four guests present, the guests being — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson of England.

The May meeting was held on the 13th of the month at the home of Mrs. Mabel Bolitho with 26 attending. Former residents of Bisbee were welcomed to the meeting — Dr. Harry Hess and his wife from Tacoma, Washington, and John Dickinson from Dayton, Ohio, also Evelyn Myers a guest of Mrs. Gertie Quill. To raise funds for the Society tickets were raffled and many lovely prizes were won by the lucky winners. Several members of the Society are hoping to attend the forthcoming Convention (NAMA) in August.

Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Secretary
207 Hazzard Street
Bisbee, Arizona 85603.

FLORIDA

Mr. Wm. Quine sent an interesting letter from Fort Worth where he lives with his sister, Mrs. Annie Jackson. Unfortunately there are no Manx folk residing there now, but Manx visitors passing through are always assured of a warm welcome. Mr. Quine and his sister are hoping to go to the Convention. Visitors with them recently were — Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nelson of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kless and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Quine. Mr. and Mrs. F. Kermeen and their daughter Ruby left for their home in Galva, Ill., after spending the winter in their home in Lake Worth.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

The Southern California Manx Society on Saturday afternoon, March 30th, 1974, held a meeting at the home of T. Donald & Ellen Bain in Long Beach. Although our attendance was small, we had lots of good fellowship and fun. The Rev. James C. Caley, as always, had several good stories to tell us, and Malcolm Kinley was in good voice singing several of the old Manx songs, with the rest of us joining in singing 'O Land of our Birth' Ellan Vannin, and many others we all knew so well.

We are looking forward to our picnic to be held at Lake Park in Huntington Beach on Saturday June 22nd and hoping for a large turn-out.

Ellen Bain, Secretary
132 Bonito Avenue
Long Beach, California 90802

TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

At our last meeting, April 27th, the election of officers was held with the following members being re-elected:

William Lahmers, President
Dot Hall, Treasurer and
Marion McLaren, Secretary.

Also elected to the executive were Mrs. Hamilton Irwin and Mr. Peter Foster to assist with program planning.

Heartiest congratulations are in order to Mrs. Margaret "Maggie" Beddow, who was 91 years "young" on April 26th. We are sure you will join with us in wishing her a "Happy Birthday"! Mrs. Beddow is unable to be with us at our meetings but we are happy to report she is in good spirits.

Our final meeting will take the form of a picnic to be held early in June and we are anticipating a happy get-together.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer. Several of our members are planning to attend the NAMA Convention and we look forward to greeting old friends in Washington in August.

Marion McLaren
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WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society are now very few in number, no meetings have been held this past winter, they are hoping to have a meeting shortly to decide what is in store for the Society in the future.

Dinah Inge
Secretary-Treas.

VANCOUVER

After a committee meeting in April at the home of Fenella and Rod Deakin, it was decided to hold a Manx tea in May, this took place on May 11th, at St. David's Church Hall, it was quite well attended and many lovely prizes were raffled, everyone present enjoyed their get-together and a good "cooish", the date for the Annual picnic was not yet decided upon, but it will be held in August. Mrs. Lily Corrin, Mrs. Kewley and Mr. Killip are now residing in Nursing Homes. Several members of the Society are visiting the Isle of Man this summer, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Deakin, (the former Fenella Jopson of Ramsey,) left on May 19th for a month's vacation, Fenella is a Past President of the Vancouver Manx, the youngest ever to be elected, but she did a fine job whilst in office. Flo and Peter Tregallis and daughter Sharon will also visit the Island in June, also Mr. Charles Christian and his daughter are going to Peel in June, the much travelled Eden Costain will again visit the Isle of Man in September, lucky people, we hope they have a wonderful time.

The election of officers took place at our last meeting and the following is the slate of officer:-

Pres: Augus Gillon

Vice-Pres: Flo Tregallis

Secretary - Fenella Deakin

Treasurer - Mona Witsten.

Committee members - Cathy and John Cannell, Judith Gillon, Sue Ellis, Peter Tregallis and Rod Deakin.

News submitted by

Judith Gillon

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CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society celebrated its 101st Anniversary with a dinner at Indian Lakes Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. There were 40 in attendance and we were very pleased to have many long time members as well as new ones with us. James and Dorothy Kelly showed us slides which they took last year on the Isle of Man.

Helen Clucas, the NAMA Ladies Auxiliary President, invited the Chicago Manx to a pot-luck supper and fund-raising event to help with the convention expenses. This will be held Sunday, June 9, at their home in Itasca.

The Chicago Manx were very sorry to hear that Norm and Helen Clucas are being transferred to St. Louis, Missouri, again.

Robert Kelly, Pres.
6858 North Osceola Ave.
Chicago, Ill., 60631

LOS ANGELES

Had a letter from Mrs. L. Marrion Tipper of California, she has been ill but now feels much better. Not too much news about the Manx from this area, altho' she hears now and then from Edwin Killip. Mrs. Tipper enclosed an item about the century old merchant vessel "Star of India" built in Ramsey, Isle of Man in 1863, the ship was headed for the scrapheap when a San Diego group conceived the idea of preserving one of the last square riggers on San Diego's waterfront.

Ladies Aux. to NAMA

This is the last Bulletin before the convention, so once more I appeal to all the Ladies to mail in their dues:

(\$1.00 for two years)

Miss Elinor Cain

4075 Monticello Blvd.

Cleveland Height, Ohio 44121

and I particularly stress the fact that the ladies in respective Societies and areas have at least one more fund-raising project before August. Let's show that the Ladies Auxiliary is fully in support of the NAMA.

Thank you

Pres. of Ladies Aux.

Mrs. Helen Clucas

201 S. Maple

Itasca, Ill. 60143

MANX PARTY LIKELY FOR
U.S. CONVENTION

A PARTY of Manx people will almost certainly be going to Washington D.C. for the 31st North American Manx Association convention in August.

Mr. J.F. Cretney of W.H. Chapman, the Manx travel agents, has been approached by Mr. Edward Sayle, chairman of the United States convention from Arlington, Virginia, with a view to getting the party together.

The convention will be held from August 18 - 21 in the new 440 room Stouffers National Centre Inn in Arlington, the Washington area's newest convention facility.

Mr. Cretney has also received a communication from Mr. M. Richard Melliand, director of Stouffers Inns, confirming that a special flat convention rate is available to any convention delegates from the Isle of Man.

In the meantime, enquiries are in hand with regard to air transport.

1974 CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

At the time of going to press, the material for the Book was being assembled, the response to date has been good, however there are a number of former contributors who have not sent in any material.

Sam Penrice.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

On April 9th, Douglas Haldeman was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, an Honorary fraternity, at Perdue University and at approximately the same time Sandy Haldeman was inducted into the National Honor Society at Avon Lake High School, Avon Lake, Ohio. Douglas and Sandy are the children of Ray and Mona Gurney Haldeman and the grandchildren of Mrs. Edith Gurney.

Much sympathy will go out to Robert Kelly, President of the NAMA and his wife Jean on the death of his Mother, Mrs. Emily I. Kelly who passed away on February 17th 1974. Mrs. Kelly had been active for many years with the Chicago Manx Society and the NAMA. She was quite an entertainer and her recitations and monologues will be well remembered at the various functions and Conventions.

Hilda and Sam Penrice recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a dinner party for family and friends. This was held at the "Driftwood", Norval, Ontario on Saturday April 6th 1974. Hilda and Sam were married Easter Saturday April 8th, 1939 at St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, Isle of Man, by the late Rev. Halford Young. A novel feature of the evening was a photo display from 1935 to 1974, with the caption "This is our lives", also displayed was Hilda's wedding gown, which incidently was made by the well known dressmaking firm "J.E. Boyde" of Ramsey.

Their daughter Jean (Mrs. Glass) and her husband Ron and their eight year-old daughter Deborah were present, also their son Douglas who was accompanied by his wife Dianne and three year old daughter Sandra, the newest little granddaughter Denise Glass now 10 months old was not present at the party.

Son Douglas presided as M.C. and the Grace was announced by the Rev. Robert Gallagher, a witty speech was given by a long time friend of the family Mr. Ed. Wilson. All the guests later returned to 36 Princess Anne Dr., Georgetown. Sam and Hilda's home for a good old fashioned sing-song.

WASHINGTON D.C.

I understand that when our Honorary President - Richard Corkill visited Washington, D.C. as representative of NAMA at the reception of the Hereditary Register of America, he charmed the ladies with his accent, mingled with V.I.Ps, he really made the Washington social scene, in fact he was an excellent ambassador for the Manx and the NAMA.

by Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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For some time we have been doing research on the ORIGIN OF MANX PERSONAL NAMES. For the benefit of you who would like to search out the meaning of your name, or of names in your line that are not Manx, we offer the following suggestions.

Many libraries which do not have good genealogical sections will have one or more good books on name etymology. Among the old faithfuls which are still used as authorities are ENGLISH SURNAMES by Bradsley; BRITISH FAMILY NAMES by Barber; SURNAME BOOK AND RACIAL HISTORY by Gate; SCOTTISH SURNAMES by Sim and TREASURY OF NAME LORE by Smith. You will have no difficulty in finding the books but rather in making a choice as to which explanation of several different ones you prefer, for etymologists are by no means in agreement.

For those who enjoy reading about Fletcher Christian, the Mutiny of the Bounty, and Captain William Bligh, perhaps the following new books would be of interest.

"CAPTAIN WILLIAM BЛИGH" — an illustrated history by Philip Weate and Caroline Graham. The authors have presented Bligh in all his colors, from his earliest days at sea to his governorship of New South Wales. It tells of his marriage to Elizabeth Betham — daughter of Richard Betham of Glasgow, a government official on the Island — in Douglas, Isle of Man on February 4, 1781. In 1785 they moved from the Island to London where they lived until Mrs. Bligh's death and Capt. Bligh's retirement nearly 30 years later. This book contains an interesting section of pictures in color and black and white, gathered from museums all over the world.

Another good book we read recently on the same subject was CAPTAIN BЛИGH AND MR. CHRISTIAN by Richard Hough. This is a moving and shocking recreation of the most talked about mutiny of all times. Through painstaking research the author provides fresh background and offers fresh insight into the fatal confrontation between Fletcher Christian and William Bligh. The drama, including the events that took place on Pitcairn Island, has all the power of a great novel; yet the story is true, the characters are real, and their ordeal is history.

With further reference to my last column on the microfilm records available through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) we recently read a film entitled "Miscellaneous Genealogy Papers from the Isle of Man" and found a complete family tree of Christian Kennish Kelly of Greeley, Colorado which perhaps would be of interest to someone researching these families.

The Clague Museum in Westlake, Ohio received several donations from our members this past month. Miss Elizabeth Clucas gave a beautiful gold beaded handbag in memory of her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Clucas. And, as a welcome addition to the Library at the Museum, Miss Elinor Cain donated two of the famous Hall Caine novels, "The Manxman" and "The Christian".

Mr. G. Victor H. Kneale M.H.K., Director of the Isle of Man Post Office Authority spent three days in Cleveland recently, and was shown all the historic Manx areas in this section. Libraries and Museums were visited to see records of some of the accomplishments of early emigrants from the Isle of Man. A reception in his honor was held by Bert and Edna Cowin at their home and was attended by members of the local group.

Armed with a good collection of photos and data he was taken back to the airport to continue his travels; he was pleased to see the growth of Cleveland since the first Manx settlers arrived in 1825.

Mr. John Moore, a member of the Cleveland Manx Society, recently won bowling honors and was interviewed on local television. When asked about his hobbies he told about his interest in genealogy and about the Isle of Man.

Recently a "1974 Ethnic Directory" has been published by the Nationalities Service Center in cooperation with Cleveland State University. It is a complete roster of over 2,000 organizations belonging to the many ethnic groups in Cleveland, Ohio. The Manx has three listings: Cleveland Manx Society (Mona's Relief Society); Ladies Auxiliary; and the North American Manx Association.

Superstitions! I expect everyone has at some time been a little superstitious about something which might have happened in their lives, altho' I have found that most people on the North American Continent are a little cynical or should I say practical and brush these fears away as nonsense, but taking the Manx, Scots and Irish, (the Celtic races) belief in such matters were high, at least when I was a child growing up on the Isle of Man, it may have changed now.

My Mother was very superstitious, crossed knives meant a fight, unless one knife was immediately dropped on the floor, to spill salt was also unlucky unless one threw a pinch over the left shoulder, passing on the stairs also asked for trouble, to break a mirror meant seven years bad luck the worse penalty of all. A bird striking a window pane meant bad news of a death in the family, a picture falling off the wall conveyed the same dire threat, probably the string holding it up had rotted, but this was too simple an explanation. I can remember my Grandmother would not allow daffodils or hawthorne inside the house, my Mother did relax this rule. Then there was the little ditty of the Magpie, (a black and white bird), "one for sorrow, two for joy, three for a funeral, four for a boy": so if we saw one magpie we closed our eyes and pretended we hadn't seen it. To hear the cuckoo in the springtime was always a thrill, but one had to be standing on grass, otherwise it was extremely unlucky and of course one never opened an umbrella in the house or put a shoe on the table. If you had loose money in your pocket it was very fortunate if there was a new moon at the same time, you turned your money over in your pocket but not looking at the moon through the glass window, one had to go outside. A black cat crossing one's path was very lucky, but to go under a ladder most unlucky, the number 13 was held in awe as was a Friday 13th. The greatest superstition in my home many years ago was the first footer or "qualtagh" on New Year's Eve, I have known my Mother to lock the front door so that no woman should cross the threshold first, it had to be a dark haired man, this individual was expected to shower you with Good Luck throughout the coming year, if no man dropped in friend or relative just after midnight, the door stayed locked until morning when the milkman was welcomed inside for a glass of port wine and a mince pie. Another superstition, one must never refuse a mince pie if offered and one must never cut it with a knife, otherwise bad luck would follow. I often wonder how many of these fears and superstitions influence our lives, I still walk around a ladder and I would hate to break a mirror, as for magpies or cuckoos I have never seen either since I came to live on our North American Continent.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Edith MacWilliams and her sister Mrs. Peg Greggor both members of the Cleveland Manx Society, recently visited the Isle of Man to deliver the Cleveland Gold Medal which was to be awarded to the top solo vocalist at the Manx Music Festival which was held in April.

The medal is 14 carat gold and worth more than £ 100. When the original presentation was made the value was much less and the rising cost is posing financial difficulties. It is being suggested that the medal might have to be struck in Britain in the future.

Due to the efforts of Mr. Ed Sayle we welcome to our association the following new members — Arthur Radcliffe, Missouri, Mrs. Robert P. Sayle Jr., Robert Peel Sayle III, Miss., great-grandfather and grandfather both born in Douglas, Isle of Man; Mrs. William Marshall Bullitt, Kentucky, husband lineal desc., of Col. Wm. Christian, I.O.M. Miss Elizabeth Looney, Washington, D.C. Manx Descent-Robert Looney, Ballagilley, I.O.M. Mrs. Richard Horton, Calif.; Mrs. Laura Wright, Fla.; Mrs. Martin Neary, N.Y.; Mr. Garrick Lightowler, Arlington, Va.; Polly Ayers DDS, Ala; Mrs. Ethel B. Anderson, N.C. Miss Mary E. Hayslett, Arlington, Va.; Mr. Robert C. Camaish, Vienna, Va.; and Mr. Richard A. Kelly, Ill.

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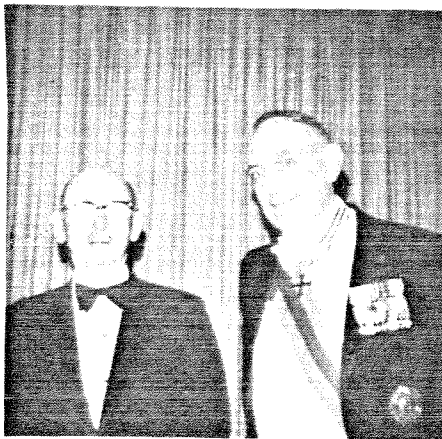
NAMA Bus Charter.

NAMA INCLUDED IN HEREDITARY REGISTER

Largely due to the efforts of NAMA Washington member Donald E.A. Cameron, the editors of the Hereditary Register of the United States of America have included the North American Manx Association in the 1974 edition of the work. The Hereditary Register, an 870-page volume, is the only recognized national reference to the First Families of America and the Nation's hereditary societies.

The three-page description of NAMA includes its history and references to the many distinguished Manx immigrants to North America over three centuries, and includes both the present officers and a listing of past presidents since its founding in 1928. Also included in the listing are the objectives and membership requirements of NAMA and the address of the secretary for those interested in membership.

The Hereditary Register will be found in most larger libraries in the United States and may be ordered from the United States Hereditary Register, Inc., Suite 546, 1629K Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20006.



Mr. Richard Corkill and the Hon. Warren Stanton Woodward, editor of the Register.

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HON. PRESIDENT REPRESENTS NAMA AT WASHINGTON

NAMA's Honorary President, Richard H. Corkill, recently represented the association at the third annual reception of the Hereditary Register at Washington, D.C. The reception, which honored the officers of the nation's hereditary societies and Rear Admiral Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr., chief of the Astronaut Office, was held at the city's exclusive Washington Club, formerly the mansion of "Cissy" Patterson of the newspaper publishing family. Previous receptions have seen the officers of the hereditary societies sharing honors with President Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Douglas MacArthur, who were represented by their widows. Admiral Shepard, President Eisenhower and General MacArthur were all members of hereditary organizations included in the Hereditary Register.

Joining Mr. Corkill in his party was the Governor of the Mayflower Society of Washington, a group which shares some of its membership with NAMA. Also present at the reception were the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and many senior government officials.

THE PINK MEMBERSHIP SLIP IN THIS BULLETIN IS FOR THE 1974-75 DUES WHICH ARE DUE SOON. WON'T YOU PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES THIS WEEK. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID PERHAPS YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION. THE SAME APPLIES IF YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER. YOUR CO-OPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAMA CONSTITUTION

Notice of proposed changes to N.A.M.A. Constitution to be voted on at Convention — as proposed by the Executive Committee, November 3, 1974.

1. All past presidents of the N.A.M.A. shall be considered to be members of the regular Executive Committee.
2. There shall be a standing Nominating Committee made up of the 3 past presidents.
3. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be a standing committee made up of the Honorary President, Honorary Vice President and the President.

Please send any discussion regarding the above constitution changes and/or any other proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to Robert Kelly, President.

OBITUARIES

BIEGER, Esther M. (nee Minor), beloved wife of the late J. Philip, died April 1st after an illness of six months at 80 years of age. Mrs. Bieger is survived by two daughters Mrs. Jeannette E. Marcus and Mrs. Betty Stiles; a grandson, Richard G. Stiles, Jr.; two brothers Stanley and William Minor and a sister, Miss Helen Minor. Another brother and sister, Sterling Minor and Mrs. Doris Mighton predeceased her. Mrs. Bieger was a loyal and faithful member of the Cleveland Manx Society, Past President and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the South Euclid Historical Society, the North American Benefit Association, and the United Methodist Church of South Euclid. Interment took place at Knollwood Cemetery, Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

COLLISTER, Lucile B., age 79, wife of the late Dan, passed away in Berea, Ohio on April 2nd after a brief illness. Mrs. Collister was the beloved mother of Robert D., John W., Charles B., and Kenneth D.; grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the sister of Helen Prentice Free. Mrs. Collister was a member of the Cleveland Manx Society.

KELLY, Emily I. (nee Knight) age 82, formerly of the South Shore area of Chicago, had lived briefly in Edison Park with her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jean Kelly, before moving last August to the Northbrook Nursing Home. She died at the home Sunday, Feb. 17, after a month's illness.

Mrs. Kelly was born in England and has a surviving sister, Lizzie McLaren, living there. She came to the United States in 1921, and met her husband, Robert Cecil Kelly, because both attended the Chicago Manx Society, Mr. Kelly is deceased.

Both she and her husband became very active in the Chicago Manx Society and the North American Manx Society, since her parents and her husband were both from the Isle of Man. Her son, Robert Kelly, is now president of both of those organizations.

Emily Kelly was active in her younger days in amateur dramatic groups, and often was called upon to give programs. She was active in the Methodist church in her neighborhood.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the M.J. Suerth Funeral Home, with interment following at Cedar Park Cemetery at 125th and Halsted.

KENNAUGH, Cobey, passed away on February 10, 1974, beloved husband of Hazel, while the late Mr. Kennaugh was born in Maryland, USA, his parents the late Mr. and Mrs. James Kennaugh came from Foxdale, Isle of Man. Mr. Kennaugh had only taken over the office of President of the Bisbee Manx Society in January, he will be greatly missed.

LEWIN, Mrs. Netta, passed away recently at the age of 97, she lived at 128 South "C" Street, Lake Worth, Florida. She is survived by two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment took place in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. The Rev. Leslie E. Rabb, Pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church officiated. The late Mrs. Lewin was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and lived for many years in Cleveland, Ohio, before moving to Florida.

MOORE, May. Died May 9th 1974, in her 89th year. Mrs. Moore was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, daughter of the late Joseph and Jane Devereau. She came to Canada in 1911 as the bride of Charles Douglas Moore, who predeceased her in 1948. For many years Mrs. Moore was an active member of the Toronto Manx Society and the NAMA. She is survived by four daughters — Mrs. G. Orrett of Burlington, Ontario; Mrs. J. Martin of Brampton, Ontario; Mrs. R. Martin of Scarborough, Ontario; and Mrs. E.C. Tate of Scarborough, Ontario. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on May 13th from the Trull Funeral Home in Toronto. Interment St. John's Norway Cemetery

SCARFF, Clarence, passed away April 4th, 1974 at the age of 83, burial was at Memorial Gardens, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The late Mr. Scarff is survived by two sons, Thomas and William and was the grandfather of four granddaughters and one grandson and one great-granddaughter. He had been a member of the Cleveland Manx Society for many years.

OBITUARIES

To those members sending in Obituary notices would you please include the name and address of next of kin.

To relatives and friends of the above we offer our deep and sincere sympathy.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As we converge on Washington for our North American Convention, we reflect that we go to this Free City in a Free Country as Free Citizens of this Continent or as Freeman of Mann or both. Everyone who is a MANNANAGH DOOIE realizes that we Manx have always been free. Our freedom has been blemished from time to time by the intrusions of foreigners and by the insolence of those in office but we have managed to retain our personal and national sovereignty throughout.

When the Celts came to us from the South they came in peace and we accepted them and became one family with them. When the Vikings came from the North we fought them on the beaches and in the hills and fields. We set up the Watch and Ward and stayed alert for centuries. From the Viking incursions arose the idea amounting to a superstition that all Evil came and comes from the North. For this reason many buildings, including churches, have no windows on the north side. Associated with the same era was the anxiety of all the Manx that the first visitor over the threshold on New Year's Day should not be one of light complexion.

However, our aversion to Vikings soon became only a racial memory and we soon appreciated the blessing of our Mother of Parliaments where all free men could express themselves. In fact, we went so far in the other direction that we now call the Milky Way "Orrey's Way" because the Dane found his way to us by following that celestial formation. Not only that but in our National Anthem we aver that this Scandanavian Come-over was actually heaven-sent — divinely appointed — to rule us with justice and love.

We have realized from time immemorial that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom and we continued the Watch and Ward as we searched the sea for the Armada and for Napoleon's marauders — as we searched the sea and sky for Kaiser Bill's ships and Zeppelins and for Hitler's supermen.

It is true that as years passed we were defeated by the Scots and sold to the English but we have managed always to emerge even more free.

We Americans realize that the best government is the least government and that the right to govern is conferred only by those governed. The Manxman and the American are notoriously ungovernable. How disconcerting this must be to the types who wish to dominate them.

The only point at which we are not free is in our enslavement to the Cause of Freedom. As we will not tolerate chains ourselves, so we will not allow anyone else to be chained.