

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

JUNE 1979.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I am writing my greetings to you, Spring has arrived in our area bringing with it beautiful flowers and all the ornamental trees in full bloom. The primulas in our yard are particularly gorgeous this year and bring to mind the huge patches of them we saw in the Isle of Man.

What an exciting year to be of Manx heritage this is! Many of you will be visiting the Island during the Millennium year and I am sure you will be proud to be part of this historic celebration. From reports we have received, you will find many lovely souvenirs on the Island to commemorate this occasion. A trip to the Isle of Man is always a holiday to remember but this year it has even more to offer. The Island is filled with beauty beyond description and people to match. Their hospitality and good will makes one proud to be of Manx heritage.

Edna W. Cowin  
President

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## WELCOME

The NAMA welcomes the following new members -

Roy K. Rayne, Yarmouth, N.S. (per George and Irene Curphey)  
R. S. Ratcliffe, Underhill, VT. (per George and Irene Curphey)  
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David F. Clucas, Novato, Cal.  
Mrs. Margaret Drybread, Omaha, Neb.  
Mrs. Shirley M. Wulf, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.  
Mrs. Max Forney, Claremont, CA.

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## MILLENNIUM EVENTS

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Many members of NAMA are planning to visit the Isle of Man this summer, many events and functions are being planned especially for the Homecomers, if in doubt whilst on the Island about dates, times etc., please contact the Isle of Man Tourist Board, 13 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, they are there to help you.

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## SPECIAL TYNWALD WEEK EVENTS FOR HOMECOMERS

North Americans of Manx-descent and their families will have three events all their own during Tynwald Week (1 - 7 July) on the Isle of Man.

On July 2nd, there will be a welcome for all "homecomers" at Laxey Glen Gardens. On the following day, the Hon. Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys will be "at home to homecomers" at his farm, Ballafayle And, on July 7th, the World Manx Association will hold a welcoming gathering at the Villa Marina in Douglas.

Other events during the exciting week will include a National Thanksgiving Service at St. Germans Cathedral, Peel Castle, on the 1st; a Tatto at Douglas on the 2nd and 3rd; The arrival of the Viking ship from Norway on the 3rd or 4th, the Tynwald Ceremony, horse-racing, fairs and a Manx Wedding on the 5th, and the great Laxey Fair on the 6th. The week will also feature lectures, festivals and a spirit befitting a 1000th birthday party.

Because of heavy demand for Tynwald seats, the Manx government has reserved a small section for homecomers to assure that those who write the Clerk of Tynwald, Douglas, now will have a "first come" opportunity to observe the historic ceremony.

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## A TIMELY REMINDER.

The dates for the North American Manx Association's next Convention have already been established. It will be held September 12th/15th, 1980 at the Hotel Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Start making your plans to attend NOW. You will be kept informed in future editions of the NAMA Bulletin.

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George and Irene Curphey of Liverpool, Nova Scotia are already working hard to interest any Manx in their area to form a Society and an interest in joining the NAMA, they already have 12 members in the province of Nova Scotia, they hope to cover the other Maritime Provinces, also these new members will give a boost to the forthcoming Convention in 1980.

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It would be greatly appreciated if members of NAMA attending the Millennium this summer on the Isle of Man, could bring back a small gift or souvenir to help aid the Convention in the draw prize raffle.

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## VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH AND PRINCE PHILLIP.

It is announced that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Isle of Man on the 5th July.

In the course of the day Her Majesty will preside over the annual Tynwald Ceremony at St. Johns and later honour the Members of Tynwald, Crown Officers and certain Officials at a luncheon at Government House.

In the afternoon Her Majesty has graciously consented to open the new secondary school at Peel and to attend a Garden Party in the grounds of the school after the opening.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will return to the United Kingdom that evening.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please don't forget to notify the Secretary-Treasurer and the Bulletin Editor when you change your address.

The following is reprinted from the London Free Press, London, Ontario, Canada.

## Family, friends best for Eva Clarke on 100th birthday

By Derik Hodgson  
of the Free Press

LISTOWEL — Eva Jane Clarke had a birthday party Saturday.

As birthday parties go, it was on the quiet side. The usual party trappings of balloons and funny hats were missing.

Eva Jane Clarke was 100 years old. Pretty and petite with a soft English accent that belies more than 70 years of life in Canada, Mrs. Clarke was surrounded by family and friends in the living room of the home where she lives with her daughter.

"Nana" as she is known to those close to her, immigrated to Canada in 1907 from the Isle of Man.

For a woman from that tiny island off the English coast it was almost like a voyage to the end of the world. She and her husband, Harry, set up housekeeping in the rough-and-tumble boom town of Cobalt in Ontario's northern bush country.

There, in a log cabin, the couple's two daughters were born. Although Mrs. Clarke has made only one return visit to her native isle, she still speaks fondly of her birthplace.

By coincidence, the island is celebrating its millennium this year as Mrs. Clarke celebrates her own personal centennial.

To mark the occasion, the island government sent a plaque for presentation to Mrs. Clarke by the mayor of Listowel on her birthday.

Mrs. Clarke, who has lived in Toronto, Niagara Falls, London, Waterloo and now Listowel, has four grand-daughters and three great-grand-daughters.

She received congratulatory messages from the Queen — there have been six British monarchs in her lifetime — (the prime minister, the premier and various other politicians.)

But it was her family and friends who touched a warm note with the gentle white-haired woman.

"I am so happy and pleased to be here with my friends."

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bership without Bulletin is \$1.00.

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## NORTH WEST TERRITORIES CONGRATULATE TYNWALD.

A tribute to Tynwald on the celebration of the Millennium was made at the 67th session of the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories at Yellowknife.

The Assembly unanimously carried a congratulatory resolution conveying to Tynwald its "most sincere congratulations and all good wishes for the future on this most historic and unprecedented occasion in the annals of Commonwealth Legislatures".

A framed copy of the resolution is being sent to Tynwald.

At the North West Territories Legislative Assembly Ball, the programme brochure contained a full page showing Millennium celebration symbols from the Isle of Man and recording the Assembly's congratulations.

On display at this occasion were photographs and items from the Isle of Man provided by the office of the Clerk of Tynwald, the North American Manx Association, Mrs. E. Cowin (President), Miss M. Joughin and Mr. S. Penrice, and Mr. G. V. H. Kneale, M.L.C., Chairman of the Isle of Man Postal Authority.

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## 1979 CLEVELAND GOLD MEDAL WINNER.

The winner of the 1979 Cleveland Gold Medal, which is awarded every year at the Manx Music Festival held in Douglas, Isle of Man, was won by Mr. Peter Cringle.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT** - During the Second World War, it was noted that out of a total population on Pitcairn Island of 240, nearly 65 had the surname of CHRISTIAN while some 30 had their first name after the days in the week, such as Thursday etc. The Christian surname is familiar in the famous Mutiny of the Bounty story.

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While many North Americans are reluctant to change over to the Metric System, in the Isle of Man many years ago a Manx yard measured 37½ ins., perhaps it was the "good old days".

I am indebted to George Curphey, 1st Vice President of NAMA, for the above information concerning things Manx.

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REV. ROBERT QUAYLE KENNAUGH,  
AND MRS. KENNAUGH  
OWNERS OF MANX FARMS.

Imagine if you will the rolling pastures and lush green grass of a 350 acre farm in Corsicana, Texas, U.S.A. named "Manx Farms". For forty years the stately show barn has been host to breeders of fine horses from all over the nation. In its early years it was the home of some of the top American Saddle Bred horses in the U.S.A.

Then several years ago a great change took place when the Rev. Robert Quayle Kennaugh and his wife Betty, started thinking Arabian. Their decision to operate an Arabian breeding farm was made after several years of investigation and education, they now have the finest breeding stock and have produced many champions, the goal for Manx Farms was to produce every breeder's desire - the perfect Arabian - with excellent conformation, athletic ability and disposition.

A stallion named ELKIN, a champion of champions was acquired by Robert and Betty Kennaugh for an undisclosed record amount. ELKIN is now their main breeding stallion.

The Rev. Robert Quayle Kennaugh, as his name implies, is very proud of his Manx ancestry, his father was born in Ballabeg, Isle of Man who settled in the U.S.A. as a young man. Rev. Kennaugh and his wife Betty, paid a visit to the Isle of Man in 1973 where he still has relatives. He retired from the active ministry a few years ago and is now able to devote all of his time, together with his wife, to the breeding of these beautiful Arabian horses.

The origin of Manx Farms is printed below -

The Isle of Man, homeland of the Manx people, is a tiny island located in the Irish Sea. It was built and shaped by the Glacial Age from table land inhabited by Paleolithic men to the beautiful fertile spot of today; highly honoured by its hardy folk so conscious of their individuality.

This island has no direct historic relationship to the development of the Arabian Horse, except that both enjoy identifiable antiquity and both have planted throughout the world the noblest characteristics of their blood and race.

The paternal heritage of Rev. Kennaugh is Manx - thus the name "Manx Farms" and its logo, taken from the Manx National Symbol, "the three legs of man." A motto accompanies this symbol: "Which ever way you throw it, it will stand."

Manx Farms - no name could be more fitting for an Arabian Breeding Farm which is dedicated to the preservation of ancient heritage, continuing in finest form to new life in a modern world; a world which is prone to assimilation which results in the loss of identity and abandonment of antiquity, valuable, yet so rarely retained.

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## PINK SLIPS

The pink slip is the official notice to you that it is time to pay dues for the 1979/80 year. Please remit now so you won't have to worry about the slip getting mislaid or lost. If your dues are already paid, we suggest you send the notice to someone who may be interested in joining the N.A.M.A.

## THANK YOU.

C. E. Creer, Treasurer

14228 Union,

Orland Park, Illinois. 60462.

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**Dues Payments - Memorials  
Membership Certificates  
Mailings to potential  
members -  
Contact - C. E. Creer,  
Treasurer - Same address as  
above.**

## ROVING AMBASSADORS

During their recent visit to California and many other parts of the U.S.A., Hilda and Sam Penrice visited with many members of the NAMA, first stop was in Bisbee, Arizona, where they met with Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Sec. of the Bisbee manx Society, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Tuscon, Arizona, the late Mr. Arnold Corrin and his wife Ida, also many members of the Bisbee Manx Society. In San Diego they met with Miss Iris Corkill and Mr. and Mrs. Weber, in Annheim, California, they visited with Rev. James and Mrs. Caley, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Kinley and Thelma Kramer, daughter of Mr. Donald Bain, visited in Ojai with Mrs. Jenny MacDonnell, met Mrs. Randall Johnston (Myrra Stevenson), Scottsdale, Arizona, phoned Mr. Harry Quiggan 91 years young who is planning a visit to the Isle of Man this summer, also Mrs. George Perrone, all members of NAMA from Arizona. Met with the Rev. Robert Kennaugh and his wife Betty in Corsicana, Texas, their last visit was with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clucas of Webster Groves, Missouri. The friendly hospitality and the warm welcome extended to them was much appreciated by Hilda and Sam.

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# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

One of our members, John Moore, spoke to our group about Astrology after our April meeting. Mr. Moore is an executive of one of our local banks and has studied Astrology as a hobby for the past few years. He researched the Zodiac signs of our membership and that added much to his program. He also told us interesting things about the astrology charts of some famous people.

In May, our annual card party was held. There are always many door prizes and good refreshments so it is well attended. It is a fun evening, and also a good fund raiser. Members bring guests.

In honor of the Millennium year, our society held a Tea in June to observe this historic event.

We will have our Basket Picnic on August 12th on the Grace Episcopal Church grounds in Willoughby. Our Manx folks enjoy getting together in this fashion. Any visitors in our area at that time are most welcome.

Marge (Kennish) Krach  
Publicity Chairman  
319 Ridgeview Drive  
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

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## TORONTO MANX SOCIETY

Greetings:

On April 7th we held our first meeting of the year. It was very well attended and we all enjoyed a memorable evening. The programme proved very interesting as members were asked to bring articles with a Manx history. Marion Welton, one of our members, brought a very beautiful rug made in commemoration of the Millennium. It was most attractive - we were all quite envious.

Quite a number of our members are planning to be in the Isle of Man during the Tynwald Week and we are looking forward to the World Manx Association tea at the Villa Marina on Saturday, July 7th.

To all Manx people travelling to their homeland during this very busy Millennium year, we wish a safe and happy journey.

Marion McLaren,  
106 Hiltz Ave.,  
Toronto.

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## NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

Our spring meeting was hosted by Mrs. Gladys Watts and the Phillip Corkills in Lincoln on the 29th of April. 26 sat down to a noontime potluck with joviality prevailing.

Later Dave Corkill conducted the business meeting at which time, letters were read from those who were unable to be present and we hope to see them when we gather in the fall. The place being set at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Corkill in Omaha, in October. Rev. Herbert G. Kelly of Fremont was elected and accepted the role of representing our society at the World Manx gathering in Douglas, Isle of Man, in July. Beside Rev. Kelly and other members of his family to visit the Island there will be others from our group and we want to wish them a safe journey and fair weather. We will be expecting glowing accounts of their Millennium experiences upon their return. We also extend at this time our congratulations to Tynwald on its Millennium and our best wishes as it continues on into its second such expanse. The business was brought to a close with a prayer by Rev. Kelly.

The Phillip Corkills then provided us with entertainment. They exhibited a quilt of unique pattern, the designs being taken from Manx celtic crosses. They also provided slides of these ancient crosses and of the architecture that prevails on the Isle of Man today. Also enjoyed were the old pictures from former day Manx gatherings.

At a late hour in the afternoon we thanked the hosts for a lovely time and departed home-ward.

Mrs. Annie E. Robison, Sec.  
Elk Creek, Nebraska,  
68348.

## PEORIA MANX SOCIETY

On Sunday, July 22, 1979 the Peoria Manx Society will hold their annual potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. at Glen Oak Park Pavilion in Peoria. Guests welcome.

Jean Callister Martzluf, Sec.  
Peoria Manx Association  
133 W. Van Buren St.  
Brimfield, Illinois 61517.

Congratulation and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Martzluf, Brimfield, Illinois who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on August 6th, 1979. Mrs. Martzluf is Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society.

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## GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY.

We had our second annual membership meeting on Saturday, April 7, 1979 at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club. Over fifty members of our Society became better acquainted, approved a new slate of officers, made some essential changes in our by-laws, and then we were privileged to have John Comish show more of his slides on the Isle of Man. We also had reports on NAMA Convention held in Rocky River, Ohio; accomplishments during the past year; and details of the Isle of Man Millennium celebration. Through the courtesy of Ed Sayle we were provided with an interesting resource table - a display of Isle of Man literature and souvenirs of the Island.

With a new slate of officers we are now looking forward to our next two years. The new officers are: President, John W. Comish, Vice President, Garrick M. Lightowler; Secretary, Mary E. Hayslett; Treasurer, Mary Elizabeth Lightowler. Robert C. Comish was elected to the Board of Governors for a three year term.

Two new members were received since our meeting so we now have a membership of seventy families - a total of 208 individuals.

An interesting note at our dinner meeting was that our oldest member was over ninety years of age and born in Peel, Isle of Man, Mr. Thomas E. Comish; and our youngest member was Robin Skillicorn, three month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary N. Skillicorn. Those who traveled the greatest distance were Mr. and Mrs. George N. Haller from Rehobeth Beach, Delaware.

Robert C. Camaish  
President

Mary E. Hayslett  
Secretary

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## LADIES AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

Mrs. George Curphey, President of the Ladies Auxiliary to NAMA hopes to have a meeting with all the Ladies while they are all together on the Isle of Man, she will be on the Island by July 2nd, but plans are not yet finalised at this time, further details later.

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## BISBEE MANX SOCIETY

Due to bad weather and the fact that many members were away, there was no meeting the month of January, the February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eva Maddern with 15 members and 3 guests present, guests being Sally Babicky and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Tuscon, the meeting was opened in the usual manner with the Lord's prayer, the singing in unison of Ellan Vannin and God Bless America. A report on the recent NAMA Golden Jubilee Convention and news of the I.O.M. Millennium were well received, refreshments were then served and much enjoyed.

We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice, Ont., Canada join us for our March meeting, it was a real pleasure to have them visit our area and we hope they will be able to return again, we all enjoyed Hilda and Sam's rendition of "Oh Canada". We also enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes who have recently joined our Society, John is a Past President of the Cleveland Manx, their joining has given our little Society a much needed shot in the arm.

Beatrice Hall had surgery on her hip, but she is improving well and will soon be able to attend meetings. Our President Helen McKay was called to Florida due to the illness of her sister, Mabel Bolitho is presently in California recuperating from a bad fall.

The April meeting was held at the home of Eva Maddern with Eva Cunningham as hostess, there was a good turnout of members, Sally Babicky was welcomed as a new member.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ida Corrin.

Mrs. Ivy L. Dillon  
Sec., 207 Hazzard Street,  
Bisbee, Arizona, 85603.

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX SOCIETY

Our first meeting of the year was held at the home of Rev. James and Clarice Caley.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Nell Creer Frame of Long Beach. We will all miss her very much.

Marguerite and Ed. Shimmin of Glendale of Pasadena told about their fascinating hobby. They raise silkworms-spin the thread and finally weave the silk on their looms. They also visit schools in the area to show

this interesting process to the children.

We had an extra special meeting on Sunday, March 25th to welcome Hilda and Sam Penrice to our area; It's always a great pleasure to see them.

Both the Caley's and the Kinley's are looking forward to visiting the Island this summer and joining in the Millennium celebrations.

We had to cancel our April meeting because of illness and other commitments. We will meet in May, and hope for a good turnout of members.

Joyce Kinley, Sec.,  
2816 Shantar Drive,  
Costa Mesa,  
California 92626.

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## WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The W.M.A. Annual General Meeting took place on March 15th, 1979, it was very well attended, the meeting was chaired by the President Miss Doris Clague.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Waid, reported a substantial bank balance for the year ended December 31st, 1978. Mrs. M. Weller, Hon. Secretary, gave a resume of the years events, covering the various outings and functions, the highlight being the Annual Gathering when the W.M.A. delights in welcoming large numbers of Homecoming Manx, the main work of the Association which has continued with great success since 1911.

The Annual T. E. Brown dinner was held on October 29th in honour of this great Manx Poet, was outstanding in the attendance of members and friends.

Mr. Waid and Mrs. Weller, together with other Officials and Committee were thanked by the Chairman for their good work during 1978.

The new slate of Officers are listed below -

President and Chairman - Miss Doris M. Clague.

Vice-Chairman & Outings Leader - Evan Cain.

Hon. Treas. - Wilfred P. Waid.

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Mary Weller.

Hon. Min. Sec. - Mrs. Bea Cain.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Ron Pearce and his wife, they gave a most interesting illustrated talk on Minneapolis, U.S.A., where for some months The Rev. Pearce was on Church exchange duty in 1978, whilst there he gave helpful assistance in forming a new Manx Society, since named the Minnesota Manx Society. Mrs. Nina Quiggan expressed thanks

to the Rev. Pearce and Mrs. Pearce for the excellent presentation of the programme, they were also thanked by the President for the part they played in forming the new Society.

Coming events during June and July which may be of special interest to the NAMA members.

Wednesday, June 27th - 6:00 p.m.

Evening outing arriving at Port St. Mary - Special Evening.

Saturday, July 7th.

Please assemble not later than 2:00 p.m. Millennium Gathering and welcome in the Gardens Room, Villa Marina, Douglas.

Sunday, July 15th - 2:30 p.m.

Outing to North of Island. Tea at Laxey Glen Gardens. Special homecomers Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. at Christchurch, Laxey. Preacher - Rev. J. R. Hebden.

Friday, July 27th - 7:15 p.m.

Manx Evening. Homecomers will be warmly welcomed.

Saturday, August 25th - 2:30 p.m.

Outing to West of Island. Tea at Peel.

Please book outings 3 days prior to excursions. All outings leave the Villa Marina Colonade at time specified.

Phone Mr. Evan Cain,  
Douglas - 21665.

Other events to be booked with Miss M. Kissack, Douglas - 21239, 3 days prior to functions.

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## REMINDER

Would all Manx Societies please appoint a member to represent them at various functions sponsored by the World Manx Association while they are on the Isle of Man this summer.

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## MANX GIANT

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After his tour of England he went to Paris and America, in the latter he was exhibited at Barnum and Bailey circus in which he appeared as Colonel Ruth Goshen, he appeared at many others Fairs etc.

He married an American lady and they had one daughter, but it was uncertain whether she was adopted or not. Relics in the Manx Museum are a pair of his shoes and a cast of his hand. He died at Clyde, New Jersey on February 12th, 1889.

\* 14 lbs. = one stone

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## MANX GIANT

Arthur James Caley, who was the biggest man known in the history of the Isle of Man, was born in a small cottage near Sulby Glen Railway station on November 16th, 1824. He was one of twelve children, all of whom, with the exception of himself were of normal size. His mother was below the average in size, but his father was a well built man, though of normal height.

According to notes accompanying a photograph of Caley in the Manx Museum Library, at the age of 43 he was 7 ft. 11 in. in height and weighed 44 stone\* 4 lb. He showed no abnormality until he was 17, he then suffered such intense growing pains, that at times, he had to be held down. By the time he was 21, he was 7 ft. 6 in. in height and weighed 21 stone. He slept in two beds joined together and had a huge appetite consuming large quantities of potatoes, fish and milk. By the time he reached his peak, his appetite had diminished and he ate less than would have been expected by a man of his size.

He was not very comfortable in the low-ceiling Manx cottage and could not stand upright when inside, to enter the door he almost had to bend in two. As a young man he worked on farms with his father and it is said that once when a wheel came off a cart loaded with turnips, he lifted the cart and put the wheel back on single-handed, he could lift a sack of flour with one hand and throw it into a cart. He could lift two of his brothers (grown men) one in each hand at the same time. During his early 20's he was reputed to be growing at the rate of 3 inches per year. He had a loud voice which would sometimes frighten the children, but he was naturally fond of them, when he laughed inside the little cottage, the cups on the dresser would rattle with the vibration.

About the age of 22, an uncle named Cashen took him to England on a tour of exhibition, the Manchester Guardian said of him at the time - "He is a fine youth, still growing fast and has by no means attained his full stature, he is well proportioned and judging from his hands and joints, we should say he is strength proportionate to his stature, Arthur might be a descendant of one of the giant race of Norsemen who ruled the Isle of Man, there was a tradition in his family of some remote forebear being a giant in the olden time".

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## TOP BANDS AND DISPLAYS FOR MILLENNIUM TATTOO IN JULY

A spectacular programme is being prepared for the Millennium Tattoo to be staged at the King George V Park Bowl, Douglas on the evenings of 2nd and 3rd July.

Over 500 personnel from the Services will be taking part.

The Band of the Scots Guard, the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Bn. Scots Guards, and the Bands of the Gordon Highlanders, the Junior Leaders Regiment of the Royal Armoured Corps and the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre will provide the music.

Displays will be provided by the Flying Bugles, the Light Division Parachute Display Team, the gymnastic team of the Junior Leaders Regiment R.E., the Royal Artillery Motor Cycle Display Team, the Royal Navy Display Teams from H.M.S. Excellent, the Royal Air Force Police Dogs Demonstration Team, the Household Cavalry and the Coaching Club.

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## VISIT TO NORWAY BY THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR AND LADY PAUL FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE VIKING LONGSHIP.

Patron of the Manx Millennium Viking Voyage Project, his Excellency the Lieut. Governor of the Isle of Man, Sir John W. Paul and Lady Paul were received by H. M. King Olav of Norway on April 28th for the launching by Lady Paul of the replica of the Viking Longship at Onsrøy near Fredrikstad.

The vessel, to be named Odin's Raven, is due to make her first fully-equipped public appearance in Oslo on 17th May, and with a crew of eleven from the Isle of Man and Five from Norway, will commence the Manx Millennium Viking Voyage from Trondheim on the 27th May, arriving in the Isle of Man on 4th July, the eve of the Tynwald Ceremony, after visiting the Shetlands, the Orkneys, the Western Isles and Dublin.

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## Tynwald Week

**A National Thanksgiving Service** in commemoration of the Millennium will take place on Sunday 1st July on St Patrick's Isle at Peel, on the site of the ancient Cathedral foundation dedicated to St German.

**A Military Tattoo** is to be staged on 2nd & 3rd July.

**Tynwald Ceremony** at St. Johns on 5th July.

**"Homecomers"** from all over the world will be welcomed at the **World Manx Association Gathering** in Douglas on 7th July.

**Village Fairs** will be taking place at Port St Mary on Tynwald Day, 5th July and at Laxey on 6th July.

## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin

This month we feature SECTION III, FIRST CLASS BOATS, Nos. 92 to 142  
(continuation of list printed in the June, 1978 issue of the Bulletin).

No.	Name	Owner	Skipper	Tons	Built
92	Beehive		T. Corris		
93	Susan	H. T. Graves, others	J. Craine	18	1879
94	Fearnot	J. Moore & others	J. Moore	23	1877
95	Satira	J. Joughin	— Carran	19	1877
96	Romeo	R. Corrin & others	Joe Cowell	25	1877
97	Mistletoe	R. Corrin & others	J. Quirk	15	1877
98	Busy Bee	J. Teare & others	D. Christian	20	1880
99	Vive		W. Killey		
100	Conqueror	T. C. S. Moore, others	J. Lancaster	25	1877
101	Antionette	R. Corrin & others	R. Stephen	20	1878
102	Queen	T. C. S. Moore	T. Gell	25	1877
103	Hive	T. C. S. Moore	W. Cowley	25	1877
104	Iona	T. C. S. Moore	M. Skillicorn	25	1877
105	Turtle		P. Shimmin		
106	Flying Fish		R. Clarke		
107	Hawke	W. Moore & others	J. Moore	20	1877
108	Falcon		Nej Cubbon		
109	Emu	W. Moore	B. Gorry	15	1877
110	Ocean Bell		T. Crellin		
111	Contest	R. Corrin & others	T. Moughtin	20	1878
112	Rival		T. Leece		
113	Mary Kate		T. Clucas		
114	Mary Hannah	J. Joughin, others	W. Quayle	20	1878
115	Water Witch	J. Joughin & others	Sam Quayle	20	1878
116	Sea Gull	J. Joughin & others	Jas Camaish	20	1878
117	Water Lily		T. Stephen		
118	Spray		R. Kelly		
119	Mona	J. Teare & others	J. Watterson	17	1880
120	Edgar		J. Cowley		
121	Exploit	T. Clague & others	J. Quayle	16	1878
122	Exquisite	T. Clague & others	P. Shimmin	16	1878
123	Seabird				
124	Bessie	J. Teare	E. Quirk	18	1878
125	Crest		J. Kelly		
126	Liberty	J. Teare & others	G. Gorry	15	1878
127	Victory		J. C. m		
128	Auspicious	W. Moore	J. Kelly	18	1878
129	Venture	H. Graves & others	H. Watterson	20	1878
130	Ben my Cree	J. Teare & others	W. Gorry	20	1878
131	Othello	C. Morrison, others	T. Moughtin	18	1878
132	Mary Grace	T. Comish	W. Cowley	36	1888
133	Leader	T. Clague & others	W. Crellin	20	1878
134	Expert	T. Clague & others	T. Hogg	20	1878
135	Express	T. Clague & others	J. Clarke	28	1878
136	Enterprise		W. Quayle		
137	Annie Jane	W. Moore & others	Thias Kelly	20	1878
138	Diadem	W. Moore & others	T. Callow	18	1879
139	Glee Maiden	R. Corrin	Jas. Caley	20	1879
140	Bee				
141	Island Lass	R. Corrin	W. Cain	20	1879
142	Cambria		T. Moughtin		

### ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Formed at the beginning of 1979 the objectives of this Society are:

“To encourage the study of genealogy and family history particularly within the Isle of Man - To arrange a programme of lectures, visits and other activities connected with subjects of interest to the Society and to carry out such other activities as are relevant to a Family History Society.”

We are members of the Federation of Family History Societies.

We aim for a world wide membership and home members will try to help and advise any overseas

members looking for their own roots.

This Millennium year we are arranging a Family get-together at the Villa Marina on Saturday, June 30th immediately prior to Tynwald week when we hope any and all visitors will join us.

Information about the Society and details of any arrangements for the get-together and for future meetings can be had from the-

Hon. Sec. Mrs. Iris Lyle  
The Old Manse,  
Kirk Michael, Isle of Man.  
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A commercial genealogical research firm has been established on the Isle of Man to assist those of Manx descent in developing information on their family heritage. For a fee, the company will perform research previously possible only through visiting the island and performing the work by oneself. The availability of the firm, known as Manx Ancestry, Limited, will not curtail opportunities offered by Manx Government agencies such as the Museum Library and the Records Office for visitors to the island to perform their own research.

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### PITY THE POOR MANX CAT

The Isle of Man seems to be the target of continued assault by European bullies if the latest report from Sweden is any indication. First, the continent which brought us World War II found the Isle of Man guilty of inhuman practices by utilizing the birch as punishment for crimes involving violence. Now, it is the poor Manx cat that is under fire.

The Swedish Pedigree Cat Association has banned the breeding of Manx cats and is calling for a world-wide ban to be enacted at the International Cat Federation meeting this year in Communist Poland. The Swedish group charges that in-breeding to continue the tailless Manx feline is purely for show and expressed its view that "It is wrong to keep the breed going. The taillessness is a distressing congenital defect." Responding to the group, Manx cat breeder Jane Hellman said, "The suggestion is that a cat without a tail suffers pain. This is simply not true... My cats are perfectly healthy and normal."

But, the Manx cats are not alone. The Swedish group is also lobbying for a world-wide ban on the breeding of long-haired Persian cats, which the group finds to also have "unnatural defects."

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## MANX WEDDINGS

Miss Julie Ann Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnston and granddaughter of the late Mr. Walter Stevenson, of Scottsdale, Arizona, was married on August 11th 1978 to Mr. Charles Ronald Button II, at the 2nd Congregational Church, Pheonix, Arizona. The newly weds reside in Tempe, Arizona, where Julie attends the Arizona State University. Charles holds a position with the I.T.T. Cannon, Pheonix, Arizona.

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The wedding of Miss Jennifer Sue Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Johnston and granddaughter of the late Mr. Walter Stevenson, to 2nd Lieutenant James L. Young, took place on May 26th, 1979, at West Point Chapel. The groom is with the Communications Division of the C.I.D. and is presently stationed in Washington D.C. Jennifer will graduate from Duke University, Durham, N.C., in Engineering in the coming year.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David and Adelle Corkill on their 40th (Ruby) wedding anniversary on April 8th, 1979. David is President of the Nebraska Manx Society and his wife Adelle is 2nd Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary to NAMA.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Miss Alice Garrett of Rochester, N.Y. writes to say -

"It was quite a treat to leave snow covered Rochester and be greeted with sunshine and flowers in Tuscon, Arizona, where we spent the month of March.

We enjoyed side trips to Pheonix, Scottsdale, Bisbee and Mexico. Grand Canyon was snowed in so we missed seeing that.

While in Bisbee, I had a telephone chat with Ivy Dillon, who was looking forward to her trip to the Isle of Man. And I visited with John Hughes a few times on the phone in Tuscon."

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margaret Abell, mother of Mrs. Michael Krach, recently celebrated her 96th birthday. She is presently in a nursing home and hasn't been too well of late. We wish her "Many happy Returns of the Day" and the hope that her health improves.

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## OBITUARIES

CAIN, FRANCIS W., (Frank) died suddenly at Deerfield, Michigan, March 4th 1979, on his 81st birthday. His grandparents were born in Peel, Isle of Man. He is survived by three nephews and one niece, - Robert Cain, John Cain, Richard Cain and Helen Clements. The late Mr. Cain attended the 1970 Convention held on the Isle of Man, he was a fine gentleman and proud of his Manx heritage, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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CORRIN, Arnold, passed away suddenly at Bisbee, Arizona, on Easter Sunday April 15th, 1979, age 81 years. The late Mr. Corrin was born on the Isle of Man, he and his wife Ida, were looking forward to visiting the I.O.M. this summer. He is survived by his wife Ida, two daughters - Margaret Ann Robertson of Danville, Ca., and Louise Lobgin of Paducah, Ky., seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one sister - Mrs. Ivy Dillon of Bisbee, Arizona. Interment on April 18th in Tuscon, Arizona, with a Masonic service, graveside, April 26th, 1979.

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FRAME, Mrs. Wallace (Nell Creer), passed away at Long Beach, California, both Mr. and Mrs. Frame were long time members of the NAMA and Southern California Manx Society.

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MADDRELL, Stanley Morrison, age 37 years, formerly of Ridott, Illinois, passed away suddenly at his home in Springfield, Illinois, on January 11th 1979. He is survived by his parents, Paul and Gladys P. Maddrell, a brother Dr. John C. Maddrell, four nieces and a nephew of Galesbury, Illinois. Funeral service was at Freeport, Illinois on January 17th, with burial in Cedarville, Ill., Cemetery.

Although not a member of NAMA he made many trips to the Isle of Man and he was planning to attend the Millennium this July and intended to retire on the Isle of Man after he reached the age of 55.

Stanley was a great-grandson of the late John (Myloie) Morrison of fishing fame of Peel, Isle of Man. He is sadly missed by his many friends here and on the Isle of Man.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I write this, it is with a feeling of anticipation, looking toward our return visit to the Isle of Man, but two months away, when we hope to share in some of the Millennium celebration.

We have one of the decals on our car window, which reads, "One Thousand Years of History", and I am intrigued that no-one has asked me about this, I have come to the conclusion that perhaps no-one here in the States can quite comprehend such a time span. I know that I have difficulty with it. Oh, yes, we read our ancient and medieval history, both religious and secular. We learn that the Battle of Hastings was in 1066, and the Magna Carta was signed by King John at Runnymede in 1215. We even visit Cathedrals that were built, say, in c. 900, or learn that Thomas Becket was martyred at Canterbury in 1170. But all of this is "Old World", and we have nothing to match it in our "New World".

In our preoccupation with the "now" and the "new", we need this perspective of what has gone before us. In our religious instruction, we try to help our young people to grasp this. One way is by the use of a "time line"; and to remember that David lived just about 1,000 years before Jesus Christ, and that Abraham lived just about 500 years before David, and so on. But it is most important to learn from this that certain persons and events actually were at a definite point in time, and that that action had some part in shaping our lives.

We salute our kinsmen on the Isle of man for their awareness of an historic heritage, in a thousand years of parliamentary rule, the precious gift of free people.

Herbert G. Kelly

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LOWE, John C., passed away on February 16th, 1979 at Moosehaven, Florida, formerly of Ft. Pierce, Fla., he and his wife Margaret had recently moved to Moosehaven on February 5th, 1979. The late Mr. Lowe was born December 19th 1901, at Churchtown, Lezayre, I.O.M. John had one sister and eight brothers, he is survived by his wife Margaret, brother William of Joliet, Ill., and Leonard of Kirk Michael, I.O.M., one niece Mrs. Ruth Doctor of Chicago. Six grand nephews were pall bearers, interment at Kempton, Ill.

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