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"To preserve whatever is left us of ancient heritage"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past three years, we have been busy researching the birthplace of Myles Standish. The result culminated in Barney Young's, Pilgrim Myles Standish - First Manx American which was reviewed at the 36th Convention. In 1982, Ethel Harper, a Manx author, wrote Let the Sea Roar, which is a fascinating historical novel about Myles's life when he was believed to have lived on the Isle of Man. This was based on oral tradition rather than on documentary proof. However, it is even more exciting now that documentary evidence has been made available.

It is interesting to note that the establishment of Ellanbane as Myles' birthplace has been accepted by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society of Boston, the Plymouth Plantation, and the Mayflower Society both of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the Captain Myles Standish Foundation of Lexington, Kentucky.

1985 will be a very intriguing year in that a new biography of Myles by Francis D. Leach of Duxbury, Massachusetts, will be published.

Also, Lawrence Hill of England will have his monograph released which traces Myles' ancestry to William the Conqueror. Both authors support Ellanbane as Myles' birthplace.

Some of the societies previously mentioned have included reviews of these books in their recent bulletins.

Some 22,000 went to members of the Mayflower Society and 8000 to the New England Society. As a result we have been receiving many requests for information about the Isle of Man and more specifically about Myles Standish's birthplace. In return we have forwarded the books they have ordered and have included an invitation to join N.A.M.A.

Gary Roberts, Director of the New England Society, is perhaps the world expert genealogist of the Standish family. He estimated that there have been at least a million descendants of Myles Standish. This means that there are a tremendous number of

living Manxmen of Standish descent who have become candidates for membership in N.A.M.A. Myles' family is considered to be among the best documented of American families. It will be our job to cultivate their friendship and bring them into membership.

It has been suggested that a foundation should be created to raise funds for the rehabilitation of Ellanbane to make it more attractive for tourists to make pilgrimages there. Some members of the above organizations have indicated an interest in support of it. The Pilgrim Trust of London is interested in matching part of the needed funds. We are requesting that Tynwald join us in this program. We will keep you advised in future bulletins.

We hope more of you will consider a trip to the Island next July for the homecoming. They are going all out to entertain us and to give any assistance to make our trip enjoyable. You may be sure that transportation will be available to visit Ellanbane.

Before closing I would like to report that a Tax Exempt letter from the U.S. Internal revenue Bureau has been received. The Association itself is tax exempt. Donations to it will be tax deductible by the donor and gifts to N.A.M.A. will be exempt from death taxes. The effective date of this ruling applies to all gifts made on or after May 30, 1984. A copy of this ruling is available upon request at the Minneapolis office. So we hope before 1985 is over you will take advantage of this ruling by making a tax deductible gift to N.A.M.A.

T. R. Anderson, President

EXCITEMENT OVER "PRINCESS" FINDS

This season's archaeological dig on St. Patrick's Isle at Peel, which should have ended on Wednesday, has been extended until the end of the month. This is because of the discovery last week of what could be first of a series of graves of Viking Princesses.

The patron of the St. Patrick's Isle Trust, television personality Magnus Magnusson, visited the Island at the

weekend to see what appears to be the pagan grave of a wealthy woman, in a Christian burial site.

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A spokesman for the dig said yesterday: "He was terribly excited. He said if the dig produces nothing else in its five years then this one find alone has justified the whole thing."

"But, of course, we know we are going to make a lot more important finds."

The grave dates back to the 9th or 10th centuries, when Paganism was being overtaken by Christianity. People died uncertain of their beliefs and this is reflected in the fact that the dead woman appeared to have had a Christian burial with pagan trappings.

BELONGINGS

Her personal belongings were buried with her and they have now proved to include 61 glass beads. They appear to have come from all over the world as it was known to the Norsemen, including Venice.

There were also some of Roman and Greek origin, indicating that they had possibly been looted by the Vikings.

All this evidence goes to show that the woman must have been wealthy and could possibly have been the wife of a Norse chieftain. It is uncertain where the wives and families of the chieftains were buried in the Isle of Man and it is now possible that one of the sites was St. Patrick's Isle.

EXTENSION

This season's dig has been extended in order to follow up this line of inquiry immediately instead of waiting until next year.

The metal finds in the grave have been taken to the British Museum for conservation. Museum director Sir David Wilson has taken a personal interest in them. It has already been revealed that what was thought to be a weaving baton is in fact a rotating spit, which is a unique find itself.

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LETTER FROM ELLESMERE PORT

Greetings my friends,

We have just experienced a spell of savage cold for the last fortnight but now with a rapid thaw ensuing, my palzied fingers have regained their meagre strength and I am able to tap out a message of hope from Ellesmere Port. Who would have dream't that we would ever feel cold again after the beautiful warm year of 1984. Fortunately for us, sheltered by the hills and mountains of North Wales and protected by the salty warmer water from the Irish Sea, we have weathered the winter well.

The South West and East of the country and Scotland bearing the brunt of the vicious East winds blowing from the Continent where Artic conditions have prevailed and the deaths of hundreds of people have been reported on this account.

Never mind, today toward the end of January, the temperature is 45° F. and in the garden, the Daffodils, Crocuses and Snowdrops are well up - harbingers of the ever welcome spring and soon we hope to bloom in all their splendour.

Ever the optimist, let me just say Hallo to the good days yet to come or as Robert Browning put it:— "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be."

Arthur Bridson

MANX NEWS

Herewith a few 'snippets' of news from the Manx Scene from the English press and the Manx Radio:

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. Ltd.

There seems to be a crisis in the boardroom of the I.O.M.S.P. Coy, which, to date has not been resolved. The company shares have shot up and down in value with many rumours of 'take-overs' - 'mergers' etc. etc.

It appears that there have been discussions with the rival Sealink company (now controlled by American Capital) with a view to some type of amalgamation sailing to and from Heysham. Speculation has been heightened by the news that Roll-Roll-on-Roll-off steamer purchased by the S.P. Coy. cannot commute with Liverpool because there are no adequate berthing and docking facilities at Liverpool Landing Stage.

Everyone, including the Manx Tourist Board is awaiting a clear statement from the S.P. Coy. regarding their future trading intentions, but the long delay must be seriously affecting the position of forward bookings for this coming season.

Many people would say that the Manx Government is to blame for the present circumstances when years ago, they supported and encouraged the establishment of a second shipping line, when it was obvious that there never was and never would be sufficient tourism and trade to engage the resources of two shipping lines.

Verily, a case where the problems of the present are rooted in follies of the past!

Jobless Record

Unemployment figures just issued by the Manx Government recently, showed 2,220 people out of work in the Isle of Man (9 per cent) equalling the record reached in February last year.

Manx Decision

Manx M.P.s in Tynwald decided that they do not want the Isle of Man to have only Manx born Lieutenant Governors appointed in future because it would restrict the number of candidates eligible for the job. Coincidentally Sir Nigel Cecil (incredibly pronounced 'zizzle') is retiring about September this year. N.B. It would be interesting to know how many Manx born Governors there have been and when was the last one?

HONOURING OUR CHAPLAIN

October 28th, 1984, was a great day in the life of our well liked and popular Chaplain, the Rev. Herbert G. Kelly when he celebrated his 40th year since his ordination, he is now an associate pastor centered in the Fremont Church the past year. The Church had organized a huge surprise: surprise visitors, a special Church dinner and a "This is your Life" programme in the afternoon, with flowers, generous gifts, it was all Very Special, with two big albums of cards, letters and pictures, it will be a lasting memory for the Rev. Herbert and his wife, Mary Joyce, in the years to come knowing the love and esteem which his congregation holds for both of them. Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to them from the Executive and members of the N.A.M.A., for many more years of good Health & Happiness.

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

**ISLE OF MAN
EVERYMAN
INCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS
THE OFFICIAL INCLUSIVE
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
OF THE ISLE OF MAN
TOURIST BOARD
HOMECOMERS' HOLIDAY
1985**

The people of the Isle of Man are once again extending the hand of welcome to all our members who wish to take part in their special 1985 Homecomers' Holiday during the month of July.

1985 is to be a very special year for the Isle of Man. It has been designated by Tynwald - the Island's parliament and the oldest democratic assembly in the world - as the 'Year of Sport'. Numerous event for all ages and all levels of skill are being organized and our visitors will have opportunities to watch professional sport at the highest level and also to try for themselves an extensive range of fun and games for all.

The year will be very special for another reason. Just like 1983, the Isle of Man Tourist Board is organising a special Homecomers' Holiday which offers an exceptionally good value package holiday to all our kith and kin with Manx connections. The Isle of Man wants to welcome you back in 1985 to the land where your roots lie.

To all the members who so much enjoyed their homecoming in 1983, the message is "you ain't seen nothing yet!" The 1985 programme will be every bit as exhilarating, with plenty of opportunities to renew old friendships.

From the 3rd to 13th July 1985, the Isle of Man Tourist Board's programme of special events will display to Homecomers some of the major attractions of the Tynwald week celebrations, including a Government House Garden Party in the presence of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, Rear Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil K.B.E., C.B.

Included with the Homecomers' Holiday Package will be a reserved grandstand seat at the Tynwald day ceremony at St. Johns. The World Manx Association will host the annual gathering at the Palace Hotel for all Homecomers, affording you the opportunity to meet with Manx people from throughout the world and exchange greetings.

Excursions will be arranged to the Legislative Buildings in Douglas and other places of interest including Cregneash Folk Village, the Nautical Museum and Castle Rushen at Castletown, the Curragh Wild Life

Park and the Grove Rural Life Museum in the north of the Island and the Sunset City of Peel with a visit to Odin's Raven, an accurate replica of a Viking Longboat which sailed from Norway in 1979, Millennium year.

There will be plenty of time for Homecomers to sample Manx transport - the famous Douglas Horse Tram, the Manx Steam and Electric Railways, either individually or as a group. If the homecomers can provide us with their ancestral Manx name and the location they came from, we will do our very best to arrange an afternoon with a Manx family with the same ancestry.

Full details of the special Homecomers' Holiday can be obtained from Miss Elizabeth Clucas, 1541 East 191st Street, Apt. K605, Euclid, Ohio 44117, U.S.A. and an 8 day/7 night holiday at the Palace Hotel costs from £208.00 sterling, including accommodation, evening meal and full Manx breakfast. Remember that the present favourable dollar / pound exchange rate makes visiting the British Isles - especially our favourite Isle of Man - a really incredible bargain for 1985.

Alternatively, you may book direct with the Everyman Holidays Department, Isle of Man Tourist Board, Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man. Phone - Douglas (0624)29914 or Telex 627793 MAN INFG.

THE TRAMMERS

There have been several short programmes on National Television recently featuring the Isle of Man. This week, we watched an entrancing programme called "The Trammers" about the fine Clydesdale horses now specially bred in the Island to pull the trams which travel back and forth along the two miles or more of Douglas promenade, carrying thousands of tourists during the summer months.

There is a resident stallion called "Strathallan Iain" and his progeny are now coming along to work for the Douglas Corporation Tramways Department where some fifty of these lovely horses are stabled and cared for.

The life of the average 'trammer' is idyllic. They work two and a half hours approx. per day - about four trips of the promenade, admired by adults, adored by children and cosseted by their Drivers. No wonder that the horses are characters in their own right.

This is demonstrated when they are sent to the Isle of Man Home of Rest for Old Horses, a ninety acre estate - set amongst the beauty of the Manx countryside, where all the old horses

and those who proved to be unsuitable as 'trammers' are sequestered into this haven and the loving care of a remarkable lady who, elegantly dressed in Manx Tartan, spoke on the programme at some length and with great skill about her old friends - the horses.

At her call, "Come on Boys" these great Clydesdales came galloping thunderously up to the dividing fence to receive from her 'tit-bits' of nuts and to be introduced to the viewers by name: George, Alf, Robert, Percy, Albert, Raymond, etc. etc. One of these equine characters, a favourite of children, apparently insists in being right at the forefront when photographs are taken, and the fact is that he was retired from the Tramways because he was too idle to do his work. (We all know one or humans like that.)

Two of the oldest horses are forty-one and forty-two, respectively, but alas time takes its toll and it is inspiring to know that the caring Veterinary Surgeon in charge looks after his old friends right up to the end. The dignity and compassion demonstrated could have been a lesson for humanity in its own times of extremis.

The music accompanying the programme could not have been more appropriate - "A four-legged friend, a four-legged friend, he'll never let you down. He's honest and faithful right up to the end etc."

COOK BOOKS

There are still some copies left of - "Culinary Capers" the N.A.M.A. cookbook, it has over 250 recipes, do not delay, send at once, would make a nice Easter Gift for the friend who loves to cook.

The cost is only \$4.50 plus \$1.25 for postage.

Please send your order and remittances to - Mrs. R. F. Haldeman, 191 Glenview Drive, Avon Lake, Ohio, 44012 (U.S. Funds)

CALLED TO THE BAR

Sang Ki Han, husband of Candace Haldeman Han, passed the Iowa Bar examination and will hopefully soon be practicing law in Des Moines.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

BORN: On December 28th, 1984, a daughter, Vori Elizabeth, to David and Gail (Haldeman) Shewfelt, Twin Falls, Idaho. Fifth grandchild for the proud grandparents, Mona and Ray Haldeman, great-grandchild for Mrs. Edith Gurney.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

On November 24, 1984 a Fall Tea was held in Vancouver B.C. at Saint David's Church Hall. Approximately 50 people were warmly welcomed by President Flo Tregellis.

In her farewell speech Flo thanked all for their support to her during the last eight years. She also in her remarks wished a long time member Mrs. Alice Killey a Happy 99th birthday. We all sang the Birthday song to Alice. Flo also mentioned the passing of Archie Fulton a faithful member these many years. Archie had been predeceased by his wife Mona (nee Hornall). To his friends and family our sympathy - we will miss him.

We then sat down to a gourmet delight tea followed by a lively raffle. A business meeting followed. Our slate of new officers is as follows. Past President Flo Tregellis; President Chris Stirling; Vice President George Illott; Secretary Vera Henry; Treasurer Mong Wittsten; Committee Peter Tregellis, Nancy Rooney, Angus Gillon, Terry McCaffery, Joan McCaffery, Donald Cannell. Our Archives Committee is busy getting together memorabilia from previous years to be put into the Vancouver Museum Archives. If any former members no longer living in Vancouver have any pictures etc. they wish to donate we would be most grateful.

Our congratulations to Kevin and Sharon Gresham on the birth of Matthew John. Also welcoming the new baby were his sister, Amanda and grandparents Flo and Peter Tregellis.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

Our second Christmas Party was held on December 8, 1984, at the British Embassy Rotunda. Rev. Herbert S. Costain gave the invocation, followed with welcome by President William Brideson, and the attendees singing the Manx National Anthem. Mrs. Avril Quiggin Shipman was in charge of the program which began with a Get Acquainted Game. Mrs. Shipman told the legend of how the Isle of Man came into being:

and the legend of The Hunting of the Wren, with the attendees singing Hunt the Wren accompanied by Sally Long on the piano and Sarah Garske on the violin. Mrs. Patricia Skillicorn sang three solos "Ellan Vannin", "When Christ is Born" and "The Good Night Song". The four winners of the Isle of Man quiz were presented with gifts from the Isle of Man contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John Comish, who visited the island during the summer. A Manx book of songs was presented to Sally Long. Punch, Manx pastries, and sandwiches were served, followed by visiting. The afternoon closed with the attendees singing the old well-known carol "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Plans are being made for our eighth annual meeting and dinner on Saturday, April 13th, at Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers Club. Any Manx in the Washington area at the time of the dinner are welcome to attend. We need enough advance notice to include you in the reservation count. Cost of the dinner approximately \$13.00.

Mary E. Hayslett, Secretary
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THE SAN DIEGO MANX SOCIETY

Best wishes to all of our friends in the N.A.M.A. from the members of the San Diego County Manx Society.

Our last meeting was December 10, 1984 at the home of members Mae and John Best. We exchanged Christmas gifts and had a short business meeting. We held our annual election of officers.

Officers for the coming year are:
Marjorie Webber, President
Betty Bruno, Secretary
Arline Archer, Treasurer

In November we hosted a reception for Brian Doughty who was in San Diego representing the I.O.M. in a Veteran's Running Association meet. Mr. Doughty was a delightful representative and everyone enjoyed our afternoon with him.

Our February meeting will be held at the home of Doris and Paul Dobbel on the second Sunday in February.

The Star of India has been moved to a new berth at the waterfront to make room for the new "Love Boat" which is going to be making stops in San Diego, but the beautiful ship is still much in

evidence and easy for visitors to find.

Betty Bruno, Secretary
5800 Lake Murray Blvd.
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CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

As this is being written - Spring is coming for the garden catalogs are arriving in the mail! Cleveland area has its share of the unusual winter snow and cold that's hit most of the nation. Our regular monthly meetings resume in March. Following the business meeting, there will be games as entertainment. We are hoping to have a Theatre Party on a Sunday afternoon in April.

Many thanks to those of you who have forwarded cancelled postage stamps for the Save the Children Fund to Elizabeth Clucas or me. Perhaps more members will take the time to save stamps that come on their mail. These stamps do not have to be special issue - all cancelled postage stamps are acceptable. Tear off the corner of envelope with the stamp intact. Collect them in an envelope and forward them to us when you like. All are much appreciated.

Marge (Kennish) Krach
319 Ridgeview Drive
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ISLE OF MAN FAMILY SOCIETY

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 18th January 1985 and I regret to say this was the final occasion the Rev. Rex Kissack would preside over our meetings.

He has now decided to retire as Chairman after a devoted three years and will be missed for the touch of finesse which he managed to bring to all he did.

Fortunately we have found a successor worthy to fill the gap he leaves. I refer to Mrs. Iris Lyle who was elected Chairman at our Annual Meeting. She will now combine this new duty with her dedicated work as Projects Co-ordinator.

I hope we shall see many of you during the Summer Months of 1985. Do please come along to the Homecomers Marquee at Tynwald

Fair on 5th July if you are on the Island and make our acquaintance, we shall be delighted to meet our cousins.

There will also be an Open Day exhibition organised for possibly the following week but at the time of writing this the final details of date and venue have not yet been decided, however the event will be widely advertised nearer the time.

With best wishes from the Isle of Mann to Manx descendants everywhere.

Pamela Killip, Sec.
9 Sandringham Drive
Onchan, ISLE OF MAN

MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

The Manx Society of Minnesota met November 28th, 1984 with Mr. T. R. Anderson presiding at the Point of France in Edina. Mr. Anderson is also President of the N.A.M.A. for the next two years. Reports of the N.A.M.A. convention were given. President Anderson expressed appreciation for Senator Dave Durenberger's and Mayor Don Fraser's attendance and remarks at the 36th convention. J.A.C.K. Nivison from Onchan, Isle of Man appeared on WCCO radio interview and regaled the convention many times with his stories. Barney Young, author and publisher, from Peel gave a talk to the convention about his knowledge of Myles Standish. In addition, Mr. Anderson discussed the Viking influence on the Isle of Man.

The convention included an exhibit from the Manx Museum and John Parker's display of rare books which were enjoyed by those who went to the James F. Bell Library. The 36th convention banquet was entertained by the local McAllister Bagpipers Band and 7 members of the Golden Strings. The Andersons and daughter Sally headed the planning committee and a number of our members enjoyed being on committees as well as attending a wonderful convention.

President Anderson told us of a project concerning the preservation of Ellanbane as Myles Standish's birthplace. Barney Young spent over 2 years researching and found Myles Standish's father's will which establishes that Myles Standish was indeed born on the Isle of Man. This research has been accepted by many Myles Standish related societies and a fund drive is being considered in order to raise money for the restoration of Ellanbane.

Mr. Anderson stresses the need for younger members of N.A.M.A. He is hoping that interesting things will be accomplished in the next two years.

He has encouraged all of us to attend the homecoming on the Isle of Man this summer and looks forward to the 37th Manx convention in Williamsburg in 1986. Our meeting concluded with the showing of the beautiful movie of the Isle of Man. "Traa dy Liooar".

Mrs. Mona Andrews, Secretary
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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

After a most successful Summer Season of World Manx Association Events, we look back remembering 1984 as a year of well planned Outings, in hot sunshine, and a much enjoyed and memorable Tynwald Day Afternoon Gathering, at The Palace Hotel, when some 230 Homecomers and Members were as ever warmly welcomed.

It was a joy to hear the many Representatives of Manx Societies from Abroad and the British Isles, convey Greetings from their various Groups.

Cleveland Medalist, 1984, Ian Cross was there to entertain us, singing beautiful solos, and these were accompanied on the piano by Judy Cross.

Many friendships were renewed, and after taking tea a great 'Cooish' added much pleasure to the Gathering.

The Annual, T. E. Brown Dinner took place on October 29th, at the Empress Hotel, when John Quine of Douglas, gave the Immortal Memory of Thomas Edward Brown, whose Poems and Letters are of such high literary standard; and Mr. Quine delighted his listeners with quotes from Brown's Dialect Narrative works, portraying splendid word pictures of Manx Village life in the 19th Century.

On December 1st, 1984, a presentation of an Illuminated Address, was made by Miss Mabel Clague, an Hon. Vice Pres. of W.M.A., on behalf of the Officials, Committee and Members to Wilfred Waide, B.A., F.C.A., who had served the Association for many years, first as Auditor, and later as Treasurer. Miss Clague said she had worked with Mr. Waide when she was Ticket Secretary, and had assisted him on many occasions at the entrance table, for the various events, and it had always been a pleasure to do so.

Mr. Waide replied, and spoke of his involvement in the Association, and of the deep interest he had taken as Hon. Auditor and Treasurer, over a long span of years. He was grateful for being able to serve the World Manx Association.

The following is a list of dates for Outings in 1985:—

May 23rd - Outing to West of Island (Afternoon)

June 27th - Evening Outing to Ramsey and the North.

July 5th - Annual Gathering (Afternoon) Palace Hotel

July 7th - Outing and Church Service (Sunday)

August 15th - Outing to South West of Island (Afternoon)

Sept. 7th - Outing to the South of the Island (Afternoon)

Tea will be served at each venue.

We shall be delighted to extend a very big Welcome to any visiting Homecomers.

Please phone:

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or

Secretary - Mary Weller 88 453

WILLIAMSBURG WHEN??

When the Minneapolis Convention accepted our invitation to hold the 1986 Convention in Williamsburg we asked those folks what time of year they would like it. They thought Virginia would be cool and pretty in October. When we returned to Williamsburg we found October is prime time, rooms \$68 per night single or double. They will give us Sept. 5 - 8 or 12 - 15 at \$55 per night, and September is Senior Citizen Month in Williamsburg. And they will give us Oct. 31 - Nov. 3 or Nov. 7 - 10 at \$48 per night. This year those weekends were shirt-sleeve weather in Williamsburg, where the average year-round temperature is 70°.

We have tentatively reserved Sept. 12 - 15 at the Best Western Patrick Henry Inn, only one block from the Colonial Williamsburg Restored Area, but we are extending an urgent invitation to you to respond by postcard or letter with your preference. If we experience a groundswell different from Sept. 12 - 15, the Patrick Henry people will consider with us what we can do. Whatever time we pick the same rates will extend for any of you who want to come early or stay late to see Williamsburg and environs. So think about the fall of 1986; talk about it at your society meetings or family gettogethers; and come on chartered planes, buses, vans, car caravans, anyway that may be fun for you. But for now, WHEN?????????

Send them cards and letters to:

William E. Brideson,
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Alexandria, Va. 22307
or phone 703-768-7454

STAR OF INDIA (EUTERPE)

A sequel to the item about the "Star of India" sailing vessel printed in the Sept./Dec. 1984 edition of the Bulletin is contained in a new's item sent in by Mrs. Jennie McDonnell, of Ojai, Ca.

This famous sailing ship, built in Ramsey, Isle of Man, 1863, did indeed sail for seven hours in San Diego Bay, Ca., on November 10th, to mark its 121st birthday, aboard were donors and members of the Maritime Museum Assoc., the media and a 50 member crew, nearly double the 27 who worked the ship in its seafaring days. Sixty-seven were logged aboard later a stowaway surfaced. Thousands cheered from the shoreline.

Skipper Carl G. Bowman, 76, sang out his orders over a hand-held radio, three of the crew were women. Once under full sail the venerable bark hit a respectable 10 knots an hour. At the helm for much of the afternoon was Harold Carpenter, 83, who served as a able-bodied seaman on four-masters when they sailed around the world. It was a great and memorable day for this fine Manx built sailing ship.

MANX FLAG FOR "STAR OF INDIA"

Mr. Brian Doughty of Port St. Mary, veteran athlete took a Manx Flag with him when he visited San Diego in November, the flag was a gift from the Port St. Mary Commissioners, who hoped it would help cement a friendly relationship between the village and the people of San Diego.

CAIN FAMILY REUNION

A sequel to the account of the Cain family reunion as printed in the Sept./Dec. 1984 edition of the Bulletin is contained in a letter received from Miss Doris Clague, Pres. of the World Manx Assoc., who now resides with her sister, Mabel at the Corrin Residential Home, Peel, Isle of Man.

To quote from her letter - "It was with great pleasure that I read in the recent Bulletin a paragraph headed Cain Family Reunion and stating that they had originated from Ballasalla, I.O.M., my interest is a personal one as my grandfather, Robert Curphey who was orphaned at an early age was taken to live with his Aunt, Mrs. Cain and her husband, William Cain, at "Homecroft" Ballasalla which residence William Cain built.

It is still occupied on the Main Road, this was the family home and I well remember my mother speaking of her father, Robert Curphey and how he spent happy days in "Homecroft" and on my having some research carried

out it was found to describe Robert as "nephew and scholar", however he did not follow a scholastic career but ran away to sea when about 18 years old, despite the fact that his father was lost at sea.

The William Cain whose portrait appeared on a stamp (Sept. 21/84) would be a cousin to my grandfather and it was very pleasing to see "Homecroft" also portrayed.

I wonder if the Eads Cain family have any connection with our Cains? Perhaps some day it would be delightful to meet them."

THERE WERE MANX ABOARD THE MAYFLOWER

With so much interest shown in the life & times of Myles Standish, I thought it would be appropriate to reprint an account of this famous Manxman, the article was in the June issue of the Bulletin 1964, and was submitted by the late Mr. Walter Stevenson, then of Chicago, well remembered by the long time members of the N.A.M.A.

According to tradition, the first Manx people to emigrate to America were Myles Standish and his wife Rose who crossed the Atlantic ocean in 1620 in the "Mayflower". Rose Standish and her sister Barbara — who was the second wife of Myles — were definitely Manx according to the Manx historian Canon E. H. Stenning. He also says it is most probable that Myles Standish was born in Lezayre at Ellanbane.

Let us take a look at the history of the Standish family in the Isle of Man. Early in the sixteenth century a branch of the Standish family of Standish Hall, Lancashire, England, settled at Pulrose in the parish of Braddan, Isle of Man and later moved to Ellanbane, in the parish of Lezayre.

Ellanbane is a farm located along the Lezayre road about 2½ miles west of the town of Ramsey. Adjoining Ellanbane to the west — is the Kerrowmoar farm — where the writer was born, and lived for 19 years before emigrating to western Canada and later moving to the United States.

Because of this, The story of Myles Standish is of particular interest.

In 1502 Robert Standish — head of the Standish family in the Isle of Man. — married Margaret Croft, a wealthy heiress. The marriage deed of these two was signed by two officers of the Isle of Man. Robert Standish and Margaret Croft had three sons — Thomas, John and Huan of Ellanbane.

Thomas, the oldest of Robert's family, in his marriage settlement left the very lands and estates mentioned in the will of Myles Standish to trustees, —

to pay him (Thomas) for life, then for the rightful heir, lawfully begotten: in default to his brother John and his heirs, and in default again to Huan and his heirs.

Thomas sold large parcels of land to one William Stopforth, Secretary to the Earl of Derby, Lord of Mann. This he had no power to do under his deed.

Thomas Standish is said to have had one son, Hugh — who died without issue in 1606, two brothers, John (de Insular de Mane, had no children and died about 1580, and Huan of Ellanbane who is said to have two sons — Gilbert and John — Gilbert was probably the father of Myles Standish, and John the father of Rose, Barbara, and William. While this connection may be difficult to establish, should the assumption be correct, it would explain the belief in the relationship between Myles Standish and his two wives, Rose and Barbara Standish, who are said to have been cousins.

No record of the birth or marriage of Myles Standish or his wife Rose has been found in any Manx Church registers, the earliest of which dates from 1598 found in the Ballaugh Parish Church.

In 1629, — nine years after Myles sailed for America — Huan of Ellanbane transferred some lands in Lezayre to his grandson. — William Standish who afterwards owned Ellanbane and became a member of the House of Keys.

According to the last will and testament of Myles Standish, he left certain estates in England and the Isle of Man, to his son Alexander, and tho Alexander on his death in 1702 also claimed these estates, a diligent search in Manx Manorial records has failed to discover the names of either Rose, Barbara, Myles, or Alexander Standish. It is very possible that Alexander never obtained possession of these properties.

Myles will reads: — "I give unto my son and heir apparent-Alexander Standish — all my lands as heir apparent in lawful descent in Ormskirk, Boscough, Wrightington, Maudsley, Newburg, Croxton and in *THE ISLE OF MAN*, and given to me as right heir by lawful descent, but surreptitiously detained from me. — my great grandfather being a second or younger brother from the house of Standish, of Standish.

It may be safe to assume that his grandfather, — having heard nothing from his grandson-Myles — since he left on the Mayflower, assumed that he was dead and left all his estates to his grandson-William, which he had no power to do, since the marriage settlement of Thomas had entailed them to his heir-Myles.

Little is known of the early life of Myles Standish up to the time he sailed

on the Mayflower. He was then about 35 years of age. When stationed at Leyden, Holland, he became acquainted with some of the Puritan emigrants from England, however, he never became a member of their church.

Sometime prior to 1619, Myles is said to have visited the Isle of Man and married Rose Standish, his cousin, her maiden name also being Standish. Later he returned with her to Holland.

On September 6th, 1620 they left Plymouth, England, on the Mayflower which was a sailing ship of 180 tons, — bound for America. After a stormy voyage of about 67 days the voyagers sighted Cape Cod on November 9th, 1620. It was by accident that they reached this part of the country. They had planned to settle near the mouth of the Hudson, within the jurisdiction of the London Company.

After exploring the coast for several weeks the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock on December 21st, 1620.

Governor William Bradford referred to his people as "Pilgrims and Strangers upon the earth" and from this expression came the use of the name "Pilgrims".

Immediately after the landing at Plymouth-Myles Standish was chosen military leader of the colony, a position he held for 30 years. He is said to have had unusual business ability and acted as assistant to the Governor and treasurer of the colony.

Within 3 months after landing at Plymouth, almost one half of the 102 passengers who sailed aboard the Mayflower had died from scarcity of food, exposure, and disease. Most of the 50 or so remaining were scarce able to bury their dead. One baby-Oceanus Hopkins was born during the voyage.

On January 29th, 1621 — less than 2 months after landing. — Rose Standish succumbed to the hardships and privations which almost overwhelmed the little colony.

The poet Longfellow has immortalized the name of Rose Standish in the verse: —

"Yonder there on the hill by the sea
lies buried Rose Standish

Beautiful rose of love that bloomed

[for me by the wayside

She was the first to die of all that came

[by the Mayflower.

During the summer of 1623, — less than 3 years after the death of Rose Standish, her sister Barbara sailed for America on the ship "Anne" (140 tons) and soon after her arrival in America, married Myles, who was her brother-in-law. They lived happily together for 30 years and had 5 children, Alexander, Myles, Josiah, and Charles, and one daughter Lora who predeceased her father.

Myles Standish was born in 1584 and died October 3rd, 1656 at the age of 72 years. His wife Barbara and four sons survived him. He was buried at Duxbury, Mass.

Several members of the Standish family were active in the political life of the Isle of Man.

John Standish was a member of the House of Keys in 1593

a-John Standish was clerk of Lezayre in 1610

William Standish was a member of the House of Keys 1629-1656 (He took an active part in the rising against the Stanleys in 1651)

a-William Standish was Vicar of Lezayre Church 1630

a-John Standish was member of the House of Keys 1661-1665

a-John Standish was clerk of Lezayre 1671

No trace of the Standish family is now left in Lezayre and possibly in the Isle of Man. It is said there is a small parcel of land in Lezayre that is still called "The Standish curragh".

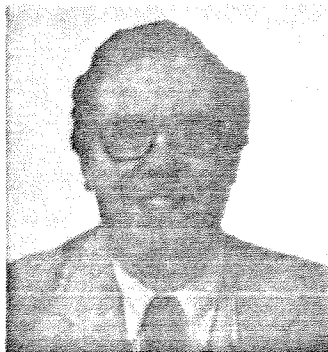
It is with a deep sense of pride that Manx people can say

"THERE WERE MANX ABOARD THE MAYFLOWER"

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Brief reference to the Standish family in the Isle of Man is found in the following books, from which some of the above information was obtained.

The Isle of Man	Canon E. H. Stenning
The Isle of Man	William Radcliffe
Manx Worthies	A. W. Moore
Saints and Strangers	George F. Willison



MEET YOUR OFFICERS

MR. MARSHALL H. CANNELL
2ND VICE PRESIDENT N.A.M.A.

Marshall Cannell, 2nd Vice President, was born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island. He graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, and received a Master's degree in Urban/Regional Economics from Northeastern University. Upon graduation, he worked for several years in the wholesale costume

jewelry business in Providence. He then had a abrupt change in career and went to work for the RAND Corporation of Santa Monica, California; a Federal Contract Research Center (better known as "Think Tanks"). While working for RAND, Marshall lived in Providence, Woodstock, N.Y., Levittown, Penn., Petersburg, Va., Los Angeles, Cal., Ridgewood, N.J., and Wellesley Hills, Mass. He now works for The MITRE Corporation, another Air Force "Think Tank", and his job is planning what electronic equipment the Commanders of tactical air forces should have in the field after the year 2010.

Marshall's three main hobbies are: Genealogy, in which in one line he has gotten back to 1490; Amateur Radio, in which he has served as president of a number of clubs, an officer in the Air Force's Military Affiliate Radio Service, and local Civil Defence Radio Officer; and Stage Lighting, in which he apprenticed at age 14 and has been involved in ever since. He is a past president and honorary life member of The Wellesley Players; one of the oldest amateur theater groups in Massachusetts. On top of all this, a few years ago he started his own catering business which keeps him busy most weekends with weddings, banquets, and church breakfasts.

His grandfather, James, was born in the old Cannell family home in Orrisdale. The Bulletin of the Manx Museum, some years back, carried a series of letters from Cannell's from Orrisdale who had emigrated to Cleveland in the early 1800's, so he must have cousins in that area. James' mother was a granddaughter of the famous Deemster Mylrea, and the Cannells moved to the Mylrea farm, Ballacooiley, Ballaugh, and it was from there that James ran away to America in the 1800's to make his fortune.

Marshall's wife, Tina, has also fallen in love with the I.O.M. and is a Vice President of the N.A.M.A. Ladies Auxiliary. They have two married daughters; Bonny Anne, who lives with her husband in Massachusetts, and Alejandra, who lives in Sanoma County, California.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

N.A.M.A. President T. R. Anderson, while in Canada on business in early December, 1984, visited with Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Hilda Penrice, of Georgetown, Ontario, he and his wife are presently visiting family in South Africa.

OBITUARIES

BAIN, Mrs. T. Donald, (Ellen), widow of the late Donald T. Bain, died January 25th, 1985, age 85, Mrs. Bain was one of the founding members of the Southern California Manx Society and a long time member of N.A.M.A.

No further particulars are available at this time.

CAMAISH, Mrs. Hildegard, wife of Robert C. Camaish, Vienna, VA, died February 4th, 1985. No further particulars are available at this time.

CRELLIN, Miss Florence Q., of Akron, Ohio, died December 1st, 1984. She was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and had lived in the Akron area since the 1920's she was a member of Fairlawn-West United Church of Christ, Cleveland Manx Society and the North American Manx Association, she retired from the Akron-Summit County Public Library after 40 years service. Miss Crellin is survived by two sisters, Anne of Akron, and Harriet Selene Crellin; nephews Louis S. Mychreest of Mantua; and niece, Mrs. Harriet A. Jahant of California.

The funeral took place on December 5th, at Billow Fairlawn Chapel, interment at the Peace Cemetery.

FINCH, Philip L, of 1314 W. Miller Road, Lansing, Mich. Died July 6th, 1984, age 60 years. He was born January 30th, 1924, in Detroit, Michigan, to Clifford and May (Christian) Finch. His maternal grandparents were Philip and Catherine Ann (Shimmin) Christian, both from the Foxdale-St. Marks area.

Philip lived in Lansing since 1939, coming from Ishpeming, Michigan, he graduated from Eastern High School in 1943 and went to work for Michigan State University, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, the North American Manx Association, and the M.S.U. Retirees Club. In 1979, Mr. Finch and his family travelled to the Isle of Man and enjoyed seeing the birthplace of his maternal grandparents.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley, daughter Marilyn Ann, both of Lansing, brother-in-law and sister, Harold and Jeanette (Finch) Higgins of Grand Ledge, Mich.

Funeral was held July 10th, with the Rev. Clyde Miller of C.U.M. Church, Lansing and the Rev. Floyd Nagel of the Oneida Gospel Church, Grand Ledge officiating. Interment at Eastern Memorial Gardens, Ohemos.

HOGG, Alan, passed away some weeks ago, he was the son-in-law of Mrs. Amy Abell, Lakewood, Ohio. No further particulars are available at this time.

Much sympathy will be extended to Miss Anne Crellin of Akron, Ohio on the death of her sister, Florence Q. Crellin on December 1st, 1984.

In a recent copy of the "Manx Star" I came across the following item - "A Plaque was to be placed in the Ward Library in Peel, Isle of Man to commemorate the donation of two bookcases by Miss Anne Crellin and the late Florence Crellin, of Akron, Ohio.

In 1950 Miss F. Crellin was a librarian in Akron and she responded to an appeal from her home town, she collected no fewer than 27 books from the staff of the Public Library and sent them off to Peel, Isle of Man. So began a series of many gifts of books, some in memory of friends and relations. The two sisters, Anne and Florence made two return visits to Peel, the last being in 1966. Peel, Isle of Man will always remember the kindness and generosity of Anne Crellin and the late Florence Crellin.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am writing this in the midst of a cold midwestern winter. It is the season when we pay attention to the thermometer and listen to talk of "W.C.I." (Wind Chill Index). It can also be a time when the human spirit may see life as bleak, barren and cold, and many undergo depression, while most of us realize that life is not all springtime and summer, and we have to endure winter until spring breaks through.

The hopeful Christian takes the experience of winter and tries to turn it into something positive. Even as winter is a preparation for spring, the winters of the soul can be a receptive time when we gain wisdom that would otherwise escape us. Recently I read, "Grace grows best in winter." And Kahlil Gibran wrote, in his book "The Prophet" "Your pain is the breaking of the shell which encloses your understanding. Even as the stone of fruit must break that its heart may stand in the sun, so must you know pain." He is saying that the heart that has never known sorrow can never fully experience understanding, and that we must have felt pain in order to

be truly compassionate.

St. Paul, who in his life knew a great deal about pain, wrote: "His (God's) grace is sufficient for all our needs." It is in life's difficult moments that we become aware of resources of

love and strength from God and from others around us. Perhaps that is a good thought to keep with us during the approaching Lent; it may help us to ponder more meaningfully the mystery of the cross, and the Resurrection. May the warmth of spring soon bring you renewed hope in life.

Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain

SIR JOHN

One of my boyhood heroes was Bayard, the great French knight, The Flower of all Chivalry. "Le Bon Chevalier sans et peur et sans Reproche." (The good knight without fear and without reproach). There was sadness last year when another such passed away after a long illness. He was Sir John Betjemen - our Poet Laureate.

Sir John was a great 'Manxophile' and never ceased to demonstrate his love for Manxland's charm and beauty. He took part in a few Television programmes from the Island and was particularly interested in Manx History and Culture.

It was contended by some that he was not a great poet in the traditional way, this is debatable; however, it is also generally accepted that he was an exceptionally gifted and cultured man. An expert on Architecture and other subjects he was, above all, the epitome of the kindly philosopher. I saw him many times; brotherly love shone from his eyes and he evinced that rare aura of gentleness which is the 'hallmark' of greatness and compassion.

His perfect epitaph surely would be a verse from his 1966 poem, "The Hon. Sec." -

"A Gentle guest, a willing host,
Affection deeply planted -
Its strange that those we miss the most
are those we take for granted."

ARTHUR BRIDSON

Perhaps the following little verse might help us all to get through the rest of the winter!

"Outside fall the snowflakes lightly;
Through the night loud raves the storm;

In my room the fire glows brightly,
And 'tis cosy, silent, warm.

"Musing sit I on the settle
By the firelight's cheerful blaze,
Listening to the busy kettle
Humming long-forgotten lays."

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