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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During his Presidency Mr. Anderson went to considerable effort to pull together a complete set of copies of the Bulletin from Vol. 1 No. 1 to the present time. Trustee Robert Camaish discussed with the Manx Museum placing this record copy in their custody, and they were very willing. However, some of our Executive Board felt the record copy should not leave the North American Continent. Clague Museum in Cleveland was suggested, but it is a wood frame farmhouse, more filled with things than records, and does not lend itself to being a research area. The University of Minnesota Library in Minneapolis was suggested, a building that is fireproof and has controlled humidity conducive to preserving the life of paper. The North American Manx Association is incorporated in Minnesota, and the University Library was voted to be the repository.

At the Williamsburg Convention a lady spoke to me about having a complete or nearly complete set of the Bulletin, and circumstances are such in her family that she is not sure it will be retained or appreciated. She wondered if I knew of a place she could give this set where it would be appreciated, and at the time I did not. I hope she is reading this, and if there may be other sets I have some suggestions I hope you will consider.

Mrs. Penrice passed along to us the Bulletin Editor's set of copies, which begins with Vol. 34 No. 4 (June 1961) and is consecutive except for Vol. 36 Nos. 1 and 2 (Sept and Dec 1962). If someone would Xerox those two copies and send us the Xeroxes we would have the substance and be very appreciative.

Roger Christian, Strays-Coordinator and Treasurer of the Family History Society in the Isle of Man, said in a recent letter, "I've been able to glean much information from the early editions (1948-1986), and would be grateful to also learn how I may be able to obtain copies of the earlier (pre 1948) editions."

So there we have opportunities for placing several sets of the Bulletin where they would be appreciated and used: (1) The Family History Society, (2) The Manx Museum should really have a set, (3) The Clague Manx Museum

RUSSELL D. GAWNE NAMA TRUSTEE

On April 8, 1987 Russell D. Gawne passed away. Russ' interest in the Manx culture and the Isle of Man began in 1957 when he applied for membership in an exclusive country club in Rockford, Illinois. He was proud to list "Manx" as his nationality, though he had not thought much about it prior to that time. We never knew much about the Isle of Man until reading an article published in a national magazine about that same time.

Then Russ' dream began — to visit the land of his ancestors' birth. In 1969 his dream came true. While visiting his son, Lee, who was with the Air Force in Germany, Russ stopped on the way home for a week on the Isle of Man. He was immediately captivated by the Isle's beauty, friendliness — and golf courses! Several years later he returned with his wife, Rita. As family interest in "all things Manx" grew, trips to the Isle of Man were enjoyed by his son, Russ, and daughter, Dorothy.

The highlight of Russ' numerous trips to the Isle was being honorary ambassador at last summer's Tynwald Ceremony. The many special touches made this last trip very important to him. He was proud to report on this experience at the last North American Manx Association Conference held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Russ named his Electronics Representative business the "Manx Company". A portion of the success of the business may be attributed to the saying that Manxmen always land on their feet.

Russ's family, friends and community will greatly miss him. He was active in many organizations in our town of Niles as well as in the Chicago Chapter of the North American Manx Association, which he served as trustee.

should really have a set, and (4) The Bulletin Editor's set should be complete to be passed along to the next Editor. If any of you are willing to help us out with any of these efforts we will be very pleased to hear from you.

1988 CONVENTION NEWS from Marshall H. Cannell

We're going back to Canada! The Holiday Inn-Airport in Toronto will be the site of the NAMA 1988 Convention, Friday, 29 July through Monday, 1 August. Mark your calendars now. It could be a great finish for a July vacation or a great start for an August one.

The location was selected because it not only provides an historic area with sightseeing, shopping, and proximity to the airport, but it also is an excellent place for our younger families with children and those of us who may plan to bring nieces and nephews and grandchildren. Children 19 and under stay free in the parents' room, and children 12 and under have free meals in the coffee shop when accompanied by a parent (or grandparent). Canada's Wonderland, a giant theme and amusement park is only a short distance away, and the hotel has indoor and outdoor pools, children's playground, planned and supervised activities for children, and rooms with video games for teenagers.

Plan now to come! There will be further details and announcements in future Newsletters.

PINK DUES NOTICE

The pink slip is our notice to you that it is time to renew your membership if you are not already a Life member. Your prompt payment lets us know that you want to continue to receive the Bulletin. Even though the new year doesn't start until Sept. 1, you are encouraged to remit now. Thank you.

C. E. Creer
Treasurer

We were all surprised and saddened by the sudden passing of Russell Gawne. In our meetings he always had something funny for us, but he was a conscientious trustee deeply interested in NAMA. At Williamsburg he told us of his Tynwald experience beginning with being called for by a chauffeured Rolls Royce, such treatment Russ emphasized he had never before had in his life. Our deepest and most tender NAMA sympathy to the family of Russell Gawne, and we know he has many friends in the Isle of Man who join us.

William E. Brideson
President

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***In Search of King Arthur:
Manx Pre-History Discovered***

Goodrich, Norma L., *King Arthur*
New York and Toronto: Franklin
Watts, 1986 (406 pp., App., Index,
ISBN 0-531-09701-3, \$21.95)

For centuries, scholars have spent their entire lives attempting to unravel the legend of King Arthur. The latest to do so is Dr. Norma Goodrich, professor emeritus at Scripps College and Claremont College.

Dr. Goodrich is no stranger to the lore of the British Isles. Her previous books, "Medieval Myths" and "Ancient Myths," have sold over a million copies each. The present work, although on the stands for only a few months has already surpassed 14,000 copies.

Her comprehensive research and new discoveries have done a creditable job in establishing that Arthur, indeed, is not a myth and establishes his domain in the border area, not the south of England as many researchers have long suspected. There are losers as the story develops: Tintagel, where a quarter of a million Americans go every year in the search of Arthur's Grave; Glastonbury where it is an act of faith among the local inhabitants that it is King Arthur Country; and several others less famous but just as sure that King Arthur rode their cobblestones. So, too, falls the romantic story of Lancelot and Queen Guinevere.

There are also the winners, thoroughly documented through ancient manuscripts. Foremost, for the readers of this Bulletin, is the Isle of Man, established through Dr. Goodrich's research to be the site of the Castle of the Holy Grail and one, or perhaps two, additional Arthurian forts. The tiny island is found to be the religious center of Arthur's Kingdom. Several of his battles were fought there, he established his treasury and built a magnificent palace where Peel now stands, Lancelot lived on the island for fifteen years and both Arthur and his queen were originally buried on St. Patrick's Isle ("Avalon"), from which the remains may have been removed before the arrival of the Vikings.

How did the author validate her findings? Fortunately, travelers to Camelot and other parts of Arthur's realm left detailed descriptions and itineraries, each of which ends in the same place. She has found documents in Q-Celtic, Old Latin and French, and laboriously traced foreign writings back to the originals from which they were translated. For example, St. Gildas, who lived at the time of Arthur, tells the story of the brother of one of the Kings of Scotland and how Arthur had chased the brother to the Isle of Man and killed him, perhaps but not conclusively one of the twelve battles of Arthur.

Dr. Goodrich finds that Arthur was born, following the Roman rule of Britain, at Caerlaverock about 475, not the middle ages where many of the romantic stories place it, and centuries before the age of

chivalry which embroidered the Arthurian legends. His kingdom, she says was bounded by Dumbarton in the northwest, Carlisle (Camelot) in the southwest, Sterling (Eastern Camelot) in the northeast and Berwick in the southeast. After being elected commander-in-chief by the northern British chieftans he launched a series of twelve successful campaigns against the Saxons, bringing a long period of peace. We see Guinevere as a landed warrior Queen in her own right, and shiver at the thought of the trunk she carried with her, full of the heads of her vanquished.

Exciting stuff, but there is more. For us the exciting parts are the disclosures that provide a history of happenings on the Isle of Man some five hundred years before scribes began writing the "Chronicle of the Kings of Mann and the Isles." King Orry "who reigned over the land for thrice a hundred moons" is found centuries earlier and his successor king, defeated by Arthur, is described contemporaneously as being of "Goree," or Orry. The frequently challenged story of Arthur's capture of "Norway," turns out to be the Isle of Man, which was known by that name at the time the "Norway" story was first written in the twelfth century (what we know now as Norway was then called "Norge").

The book is also an engaging detective story as the author explores, then demolishes much of the old theory of Arthur and gives new credibility to some that had been discarded, particularly the work of Geoffrey of Monmouth. She builds her case, fragment by fragment from old manuscripts including many recently discovered in Wales and on the Continent, some written at the time of Arthur, others written during the 500 years after his death, and removes many of the historical shadows of the dark ages.

For us, then, the story grows slowly. We must learn first of the author's reconstruction of Arthur's life, battles and victories, we hear more of the Arthur's secret religious order and of the legendary round table and the still unresolved nature of it. And, there is the wounding or death of Arthur at the battle of Camlan (which she locates along Hadrian's wall). But, it is worth the wait. The exciting conclusion gives us a new look at the Isle of Man during its pre-history of the dark ages. We see Arthur and his Queen landing at Great Meadow near the present-day Ronaldsway Airport and their trek to Peel. We follow a journey from Douglas across the island to Peel, pausing only momentarily at a cairn, there at the time and still seen easily from Tynwald Hill. The descriptions then of what we know as St. Patrick's Island at Peel are remarkably descriptive. Even the famed 3-Legs of Mann may prove to pre-date as well as post-date the Viking ship emblem employed there by the Vikings.

Dr. Goodrich has painted a picture of the Isle of Man previously unknown to us. Our heritage is enriched by it.

Edward F. Sayle

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the World Manx Association was held on Saturday, March 21, 1987, at the Promenade Methodist Church in Douglas. The Chairman, Mr. John Quilliam, opened the meeting and expressed his pleasure to see sixty members present.

Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. G. Cowell, Mr. Alex Davidson, Mrs. Lily Henry, Mrs. Dolly Dent, Mr. Gordon Martin, and Mr. W.A. Moore.

The amended Constitution was discussed and approved. Members will receive a copy which will be printed on the 1987-88 Syllabus.

Miss N. Cottier and Mrs. Livingstone have shared the duty of Correspondence Secretary since Mrs. Mary Weller became ill. An Illuminated Address is to be presented to Mrs. Weller in appreciation for her hard work for WMA.

Miss Cottier as Treasurer presented the balance sheet, showing a very healthy state of affairs, and she was congratulated on her excellent budget. Many new members were recruited by Miss Cottier when she attended the NAMA Convention.

The Minutes Secretary reported on the year's outings, which have been most enjoyable. On May 5th the T.E. Brown Garland Ceremony was performed in Glen Falcon Gardens by Mrs. Parker from California. The Annual Gathering on July 5th at the Palace Hotel was attended by many Homecomers. Mr. Graham Crowe, Cleveland Medalist, was the soloist. On July 17th, the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the World Manx Association was celebrated at Rushen Abbey. Mr. Peter Kelly gave a very interesting talk, followed by afternoon tea at Niarbyl.

The President, Miss Doris Clague, said that we had had a good year, with many social events. She has enjoyed her time as President, and recalled the many happy times when she had meetings with friends old and new, welcoming and corresponding with Homecomers from all over the world.

Chairman John Quilliam stressed his pleasure in serving his office, and added that the most important contribution any member can make is giving welcome to those of our kindred folk who return to the Motherland. He thanked the retiring officers and the committee for their support.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Betty Hanson, Member of the Legislative Council; Chairman, Mr. Peter Kelly; Vice Chairman, Mr. Ken Dale; Minutes Secretary, Mr. Jack Musgrove; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. Winifred Musgrove; Treasurer, Miss Noreen Cottier.

Our new President said she is proud and privileged to become President of the World Manx Association. It is an honour, she feels, to follow in Miss Doris Clague's footsteps. She is also delighted to be working with Mr. Peter Kelly, with whom she has worked on the Heritage Foundation.

The new Chairman thanked the retiring Chairman, and hopes there will be a resurgence of young people in the Society for a revival of the Junior Manx.

Ladies of the retiring Committee served tea when the meeting closed.

Please note a mistake in the March Bulletin concerning dates for events in 1987. The Annual Gathering is on July 4th, not the 6th, at 2:30 pm with tea at the Majestic Hotel. We extend a warm welcome to all Homecomers, and hope they will contact the President, Secretary, or any Committee Member during their stay on the Island.

Yours sincerely,
E. Winifred Musgrove,
Hon. Secretary

NAMA Note: The WMA is having its Annual Gathering on Saturday, July 4th, because, with Princess Margaret being at Tynwald, there will be a Garden Party at the Governor's House in the afternoon, and the WMA assumes the Homecomers will all want to go to that. The WMA is having a Church Service at St Olave's on Sunday, July 5th, and any of us who wish to participate will be welcome. But they do need to know about us by July 1st in order to tell the Laxey Glen Cafe how many to cater for the afternoon tea. We will probably be taking names on the Emerald Tours flight over the Atlantic to phone in from Ireland or Scotland, but if any of you who may be going to the Island via another way, or on the Tour, will be kind enough to let us know by postcard or letter or phone, we will surely appreciate this more orderly approach.

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FROM: THE ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

As summer approaches, we look forward once again to welcoming all our overseas friends to our shores.

We have had a succession of wonderful speakers during the winter at our monthly meetings. In February, Mrs. Corlett delighted us with her talk and display entitled "Young in the 20's" and in March Mr. R. Forster gave us an interesting and informative talk on "Old Peel Schools". David Freke made a welcome return on April with a fascinating and unusual talk entitled "Death Rituals" — quite a departure from his usual subject of the Peel Dig.

In May Dr. Larch Garrad will be our speaker on "Family History notes in connection with Manx Museum Exhibits" and in June we have Mr. John Bell on "Water Supplies 1859-1976". Also in June we have our annual outing which will be a tour of the Tholthans with Mike Goldie on 14 June, weather permitting.

We will be in the Homecomers' Marquee again this year at Tynwald, and on Tuesday 7th July, the day after Tynwald, we have our Open Day at the Phillip Christian Centre in Peel. We hope to have all the usual family trees, information with a particular emphasis on Peel families and trades, microfiche, computer information, a display of spinning and refreshments — all home baked! This year we also have on show our Family History Award for the best piece of genealogical work with all the entries and winners.

From July to September, we rest, and we hope you all have a pleasant summer.
Sylvia Mylchreest

The Ward Library in Peel is the new location for the Library of the Isle of Man Family History Society, and Noreen Cottier is the Librarian. If any Family History members in the NAMA are over on the Island and would like to visit their Family History Library, Noreen would be glad to arrange it for them. Please phone her on Peel 842527 when you are on the Island.

NAMA MEMORIAL FUND

The following was honored with a donation to the NAMA Memorial Fund since the last issuance of the Bulletin:

Russell D. Gawne
Niles, IL



News from the Manx Societies

CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

On December 7, 1986 the Chicago Manx Society held their annual dinner at the Atlantic Restaurant. The restaurant is an ethnic place serving all U. K. dishes. I had roast beef and yorkshire pudding, a favorite of mine. Many of our guests had a Cornish pastie. The next time we have a meeting there I'm going to order one as they looked and smelled delicious. After a short business meeting conducted by Clarence Creer, our president, Russell Gawne presented a very interesting 30 minute film of the I. O. M. The balance of the afternoon was spent looking at items made in the I.O.M. and visiting with friends.

We are all looking forward to a picnic in the summer time.

Sincerely,

Florence Abbinanti
9330 South Richmond Avenue
Evergreen Park, Illinois
April 21, 1987

P.S. Since I wrote this letter we are sad to report Russell Gawne died very suddenly last week. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family.

F.P.A.

BISBEE MANX

Sorry to have no good news of the Bisbee Manx. Have been unable to get a group together for a meeting or a Potluck.

Want you all to know I'm thinking of you though and send greetings to all. Did have the pleasure of a visit from John and Kathryn Hughes last week. They had come down from Tucson with a group to the Elks Lodge here. They will be leaving the first part of May for Cleveland to be with their son and granddaughters before leaving in June for London and the Isle of Man.

Glad to say my daughter and her husband — Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Godwin and I will also be leaving the latter part of June for the Isle of Man Homecoming. I will stay on in the Island and Peggy and Ernest will tour Europe for two weeks and come back to the Island for me.

Peggy and Ernest were married at my home March 9th. The Homecoming will be Ernest's introduction to all things Manx.

Sincerely
Ivy L. Dillon



THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER MANX SOCIETY

The February meeting of the San Diego County Manx Society which was held on the bark Star of India, Embarcadero, San Diego, CA, was very successful. Dave Brierly, the Curator of the Maritime Museum, showed Channel 10's TV coverage of the Star of India's last sailing in the bay on May 25, 1986. It had sailed in San Diego July 4, 1976, 53 years after the last trek to Unimak Pass and again November 11, 1984, three days before the 121st anniversary. He answered many questions about the Star and the preparation for the sailing. The Society presented him with a picture of the EUTERPE (original name) just before its launching, November 14, 1863 at Ramsey, Isle of Man. It is placed in the Visitor Area which was formerly the sail locker, with a plaque stating it was a gift from the Society. There were six guests from the Los Angeles area and Mrs. Etta Crowes from Douglas, Isle of Man, present.

The April meeting was held at the home of Marion Kelly at Lake San Marcos. There was an interesting report given based on articles in two issues of the Peel City Guardian, a monthly publication from the Isle of Man, concerning a definite possibility of the castle of King Arthur and Lady Guinevere being located where Peel stands — 475 AD to 500 AD. The articles were written by Dr. Norma Goodrich.

The Society's June meeting is suspended as the members will be hostesses at the House of England in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA in July. There are 26 paid members in the Society.

Mrs. R. Virginia Mellon,
Secretary-Treasurer
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THE L'IL FOLK

Don and Marge Weber, San Diego, are happy to announce the birth of grandson Donald Stanley Weber-Stoyer, born April 1 to their daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and Earl Stoyer, El Cajon, California. Donald Stanley is descended from Henry and Margaret Gill Quilliam, Ballahutchin, Dalby, Isle of Man.

MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA REPORT

The Minnesota Manx gathered together on a wonderful May evening in Minneapolis. The night was a glow, the lilacs were in bloom and Manx spirits ran high. Joan Gill, of Manx descent, set the mood by giving a delightful speech on Manx folktales. We all know about the fairybridge stories, however, Joan enlightened us with new, unique and imaginative Manx legends.

Ms. Gill explained the social and historical background of Isle of Man folklore and its interrelationship with the sea, smuggling and farming. She presented detailed information on fairies and witchcraft including Manannan, the first ruler of Man. In addition, she concluded by telling a tale about a farmer entitled "A Moon of Gobbags." It was a marvelous presentation.

Our meeting continued with a short discussion and brainstorm conducted by our president, Norm Gill, regarding Manx exchange students. We all unanimously agreed that visiting the United States would be a great cultural experience for a young Manx student.

Also, T. R. Anderson presented to the group the 100 Years of Heritage book compiled by the Manx Museum. It is a lovely book which carefully summarizes the history and collections of the Isle of Man and the Manx Museum and National Trust. So much interest was sparked that many of our Manx members purchased this colorful account.

Our evening came to an end with the showing of the Williamsburg Convention videotape. Those of us who attended the Convention enjoyed seeing the fun moments again. Others took great pleasure in experiencing the excitement of what a NAMA Convention is really like. We all are looking forward to the 1988 NAMA gathering in Toronto, Canada.

Best Regards,
Mona Andrews, Secretary

Lajeau, Sally and I were so sorry to hear of the sudden death of Russell Gawne. We were fortunate to have been with him at Tynwald last summer. We thoroughly enjoyed his company and his great dedication to the Island and his Manx Heritage.

T. R. Anderson

WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

The Spring meeting of the Wisconsin Manx Society was held May 3, at Madison with thirty present. After the Smorgasbord dinner, President Henry Turville conducted the business meeting. The following officers were elected for the 1987-89 term, beginning August 1, 1987:

President: Mary Kelly, Cottage Grove
Vice President: Mike Cannell,
Cazenovia

Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Willett,
Madison

Past President: Henry Turville,
Stoughton

Board of Governors

Doris Alff, Janesville — 1 yr.

Henry Clough, Fox Lake — 2 yrs.

Norma Bircher, Blanchardville —
3 yrs.

E. Mae Reese will continue as
newsletter editor and liaison with
NAMA and Isle of Man
organizations.

Robert and Roselyn Callin gave a report on plans for the Laxey picnic co-sponsored by the local Laxey Community Committee and the Wisconsin Manx Society. (see below for details)

Mary Kelly presented a very interesting slide program on her trips to the Isle, a trip down memory lane for those of us who have already been there and temptation for others just yearning for a new adventure. Mary gave a short summary of her Manx Kelly family background from Baldrine, Lonan Parish. She also gave us some preliminary plans for the 1988 tour she hopes will become a reality for our group, to the Isle of Man.

The Fall meeting of our Society will be held Sunday, October 11, at Madison.

Laxey Picnic — July 5, 1987

The Laxey Picnic will be held Sunday, July 5, at Laxey Cemetery, about five miles southwest of Dodgeville, Wisconsin on County Trunk B. The cemetery is the location of site of Laxey Primitive Methodist Church, which is believed to be the first Manx church built in America.

The plans for the day include:

10:00 a.m. Open air church services
(conducted by NAMA Chaplain
Rev. Herbert Kelly, a native of the
community)

12:00 Pot Luck (salads and/or
desserts) featuring Pasties Dinner

A short afternoon program is being planned. Attenders are asked to bring

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

A Sunday bus trip on April 26th made for a full, pleasant day for our members. We stopped at Daffin's Candies Chocolate Kingdom in Sharon, Pennsylvania before going on to "Tara" — a museum/restaurant in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. After a delicious meal, we were conducted on a tour of the "mansion". Its theme is southern hospitality of "Gone With the Wind" era. Many, many beautiful antiques are displayed and used in the furnishings.

On our return to Cleveland, we visited Kraynak's. This is a combination nursery (with wide assortment of plants) and store. Their seasonal animated Easter display appealed to the child in each of us.

Brunch and a theatre party on May 17th brought us together again. Our Society furnished the Cleveland Medal to The Guild this year for presentation to the top soloist in the annual May Manx Music Festival held in the Island.

We are trying a Sunday afternoon meeting June 7th. Hopefully, this will make attendance more convenient for those who do not like to drive at night. Election of officers is on the agenda.

Some of our folks are hoping to make a trip to the Isle of Man. First time for a few, and we look for accounts of their impressions when they've finally seen for themselves what they've heard about most of their lives.

August, we'll have our annual picnic. This event, like our Christmas dinner, brings out folks we don't see as often as we'd like. Would be great if we'd have their company at more of our regular meetings.

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own folding chair, own coffee or other beverage and a donation to help defray some of cost of pasties. There will be a table of artifacts relating to Manx history of community. There will also be time to meet and renew friendships. We invite you to join us for this delightful day. Further information may be obtained from Bob and Roselyn Callin, Rt. 3, Mineral Point, Wisconsin 53565 Phone (608)-935-3468. If you haven't visited this area, we know you'll enjoy the beauty of Southwestern Wisconsin's hills and deep valleys, the area that reminded our early Manx pioneers of their beloved "Isle".

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VANCOUVER SOCIETY

Vancouver last year experienced one of the mildest winters on record. We will keep our fingers crossed for a lovely spring and warm summer. Already many of the parks and streets have shown their riot of colour.

At the last committee meeting held at the home of Mona Witsten — Vancouver — it was decided the first event of the year would be the spring Garden tea. This special event is held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell. It is one the society looks forward to and this year I am sure will be no exception.

Our picnic this year is on Sunday, July 5, 1987 — Tynwald Day. If any visitors are in the Vancouver area at this time, it will be held in our famous Stanley Park. The Manx flag will be flying and all can be assured of a warm welcome.

Our next committee meeting will be held at the home of Peter and Flo Tregellis — Richmond. Other coming events of the year will be discussed at that time.

Respectfully submitted
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Garden City, NY

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

We held our Annual Dinner Meeting on March 28th at the Fort Myer Officers Club with around 35 present. During a short business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Ron Quayle; Vice President, James Woodgates; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Elizabeth Lightowler; Board Members, Mary Andrews and John Comish. Ed Sayle spoke about recent information which strongly suggests that St. Patrick's Island, where Peel Castle is located, is the well known Camelot of King Arthur lore. If so, Island Tourism could receive a big boost.

The program featured NAMA Convention video highlights. Don Quayle and his son-in-law shot approximately eight hours of tape during the convention. The eight hours were carefully edited to one hour of the convention, including excellent coverage of the Saturday noon Colonial Williamsburg ceremony where Sir Charles Kerruish, Speaker of the House of Keys, and Her Worship, Audrey Ainsworth, Mayor of Douglas, informally addressed the assembled tourists at the Court House. We heartily recommend the video for meetings of other Societies, and as a personal memento for those who attended.

To order your NAMA Convention Video Highlights tape, please fill out the form below and send it with your \$20 check payable to NAMA to Don Quayle, 4831 Fort Sumner Drive, Bethesda, MD, 20816. The tape is two hours long: the first hour contains convention highlights, and the second contains the address of Sir Charles Kerruish at the Saturday evening banquet, as well as the entertainment by Charles Guard with his Celtic Harp, the Heritage Dancers, the Queen's Guard, and the Botetourt Chamber Singers.

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Ron Quayle
President



THE NEBRASKA MANX SOCIETY

Due to an unseasonable, but typically Midwestern blizzard, our scheduled March 29th meeting was postponed to the following weekend, April 5th, which boasted a great improvement on the weather.

We enjoyed our potluck meal, hosted by Rev. Kelly, in the Fireside room of the church in Fremont, Neb. This was followed by our meeting and a videotape presentation of the events in the most recent convention, which we all found very entertaining. Someone did a very nice job putting the tape together.

Our next meeting will be held in the autumn, with the Phil Corkhills of Lincoln hosting. We are hoping more of our members can attend this time.

Victoria J. Knudsen

LOST MEMBERS

We've lost contact with the following persons - can you contact them or send us their new address - thanks

Mrs. Fern Price
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Sudbury, Ontario

Mrs. Jeff Richardson
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Ann Arbor, MI

Mrs. Janelle C. Kratzer
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South Deerfield, MA

Miss Elizabeth Feick
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Northampton, MA

The castles of the Isle of Man

The finely preserved medieval Castle Rushen at the old capital of Castletown, on the site of a Viking stronghold, was developed as a fortress by successive kings and Lords of Man between the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries. On St Patrick's Isle at Peel are the ruins of the medieval cathedral of St Germans, which served the diocese of Sodor and Man - the Isle of Man and all the western isles of Scotland. Still earlier ecclesiastical buildings are the eleventh-century round tower and the adjacent earlier cathedral church of St Patrick. The medieval fortifications of Peel Castle enclose the ecclesiastical buildings.

SMALL CAR

Les Lindvig, a retired vice-president of KOOL-TV in Arizona, spent more than a decade scouring the United States and Great Britain assembling the world's largest, if not its only, collection devoted exclusively to small cars.

Many are rare, such as the fiberglass 1960 Peel built on the Isle of Man that perhaps was the smallest production car in the world. Lindvig knows of only two others in existence from among the 100 that were built.

Just how small is it?

Instead of a reverse gear, the Peel has a little handle on the rear by which one picks up the car and aims it in the intended direction of travel.

The Arizona Republic

MANX LOAGHTAN SHEEP

Manx Loaghtan Sheep are the only surviving truly Manx farm animal. This ancient breed of sheep, native to Mann, usually has four horns, but both males and females of the specie may have six.

It is a hardy animal with excellent mothering qualities. It does well both on uplands and lowlands. Although the adults are an attractive, warm brown color, the newly born lambs are all black. About two weeks after birth, they begin to change to brown.

The wool is in great demand, for it is soft and fine. The cloth made from it is durable to the point of being almost indestructible. It is ideal for suits, coats, as well as good for knitting. Ganseys worn mostly by the fishermen are a typical item knitted by the Manx many years ago and even today. Only about three pounds of wool is produced by one sheep.

Loaghtan Sheep are believed to have been on the Isle of Man for more than a thousand years. Some historians place the time as five thousand years. There is in existence the remains of a Viking cloak made of Loaghtan wool which is over one thousand years old. Another cloth dates back three or four thousand years.

For a time, about thirty years ago, Loaghtan sheep were on the endangered list with the threat of extinction. Through the efforts of the Manx Museum and a few devoted Manxmen the threat was reversed, and now there are once more flocks of them and interest in maintaining the specie.

Ruth Craine Lembke has diagrams of a gansey and knitting instructions. If you are interested, contact her through the Wisconsin Society, from whose Newsletter we have reprinted this piece.

CANADA — FACTS AND FIGURES (As of 1981)

For our many Manx American friends, I have compiled the following interesting article about CANADA.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Canada leads the world with 755,165 square kilometres (291,571 square miles) of fresh water covering 8% of its total land area.

The largest body of fresh water in the world is Lake Superior.

The Canada — United States border is the longest undefended border in the world at 6,418 kilometres (3,989 miles).

Canada is the world's second largest country — 9,976,139 square kilometres (3,851,809 square miles).

Temperatures in Canada have ranged from 45°C (degrees Celsius or 113°F) in Yellow Grass and Midale, Saskatchewan to -63°C (degrees Celsius or -81°F) reported from Snag in the Yukon.

The games of basketball and 5-pin bowling were both invented by Canadians.

— In 1535 French explorer, Jacques Cartier gave Canada its name when he mistook the Indian word — Kannata, meaning a collection of huts, for the name of the country. Until 1867, the name referred only to what is now Ontario and Quebec.

— In 1867 Canada became a sovereign nation by an act of the British Parliament, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united as the Dominion of Canada. Sir John A. MacDonald became the first Prime Minister.

— In 1965 the new Canadian Maple Leaf flag became official on February 15th.

— In 1975 the CN Tower, Toronto — tallest free-standing structure in the world was erected at a height exceeding 1,800 feet (550 metres).

— In 1982 Canadian Constitution guaranteeing Rights and Freedoms for all Canadians passed through the British Parliament and the Constitution was patriated to Canada.

— In 1923 the Nobel Prize was awarded to Dr. Frederick Banting and Dr. J.J.R. Macleod for the discovery of insulin by the research team which they headed.

Canada consists of 12 Provinces, — Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory, and Newfoundland. Newfoundland was the last Province to join Confederation in March 1949.

Province Ontario

Capital - Toronto
Emblem - White Trillium
Population - 8,650,300

Province Manitoba

Capital - Winnipeg
Emblem - Prairie Crocus
Population - 1,032,700

Province Saskatchewan

Capital - Regina
Emblem - Prairie Lily
Population - 983,900

Province Alberta

Capital - Edmonton
Emblem - Wild Rose
Population - 2,186,100

Province British Columbia

Capital - Victoria
Emblem - Dogwood
Population - 2,724,900

Province Yukon

Capital - Whitehorse
Emblem - Fireweed
Population - 22,200

Province North west Territories

Capital - Yellowknife
Emblem - Mountain Avens
Population - 43,700

Province Newfoundland

Capital - St. John's
Emblem - Pitcher Plant
Population - 588,200

Province Prince Edward Island

Capital - Charlottetown
Emblem - Lady's Slipper
Population - 124,600

Province Nova Scotia

Capital - Halifax
Emblem - Trailing Arbutus
Population - 859,600

Province New Brunswick

Capital - Fredericton
Emblem - Purple Violet
Population - 711,900

Province Quebec

Capital - Quebec City
Emblem - Madonna Lily
Population - 6,353,000

As of 1981.

Total Population of Canada
— 24,281,100.

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice.

SNIPPETS OF MANX NEWS

MANX INFLATION. The rate of inflation in the Isle of Man rose to 3.7% in April of this year from the lowest level of 2.6% in February. However, this is roughly in line with the mainland, and overall, the rate is expected now to remain steady or even fall later in the year after the U.K. General Election which is now imminent and will probably take place in June, 1987.

SUMMERLAND. It is now confirmed that SUMMERLAND will re-open at Douglas in time for the summer holiday season. This is excellent news for the Island and the visiting tourists. It will be remembered that the Summerland Leisure Complex was swept by fire in 1973

when fifty people died. One of the most tragic events in Manx history.

MANX FOX ALERT. Farmers in the Isle of Man are on the alert for foxes for the first time. There have never been wild foxes on the Island but recently sightings have been reported. A Farmer's Union spokesman said if foxes had started appearing they must have been imported.

I.O.M. IS WINNING RABBIT WAR. The Isle of Man is winning its war on rabbit over-population. The Manx Department of Agriculture said yesterday that its 35 pence-a-tail bounty had resulted in nearly 54,000 tails being turned in since September, 1985. The Scheme has cost the department less than £19,000. A spokesman said an extermination programme by gassing, which had been the other option, would have cost £138,000.

THE MANX TRIANGLE. M.P.'S and Trawling Industry Leaders are demanding a Government inquiry into the loss of 17 British registered fishing vessels in the last seven years and their possible link with Submarine Operations.

The belief that at least some of them might have been dragged down by submarines has grown since the recent incident when the trawler Summer Morn was pulled backwards for three hours after her nets became entangled round an American Submarine. The incident happened near the Isle of Man, in waters called "The Manx Triangle" because of four of the vessels lost since 1980. Fortunately, the Summer Morn was saved with all hands, when the crew managed to cut their nets free. M.P.'S and fishermen say vessels face particular dangers in this area because of the large number of submarine movements from bases on the River Clyde.

NEW PAPER FOR THE ISLE OF MAN. A new newspaper is to be published in the Isle of Man. The Manx Independent will offer jobs to the 60 dismissed staff at the I.O.M. Examiner Group whose four weekly papers have been closed by a strike for 13 weeks. The move follows talks between the unions and the Mercantile Overseas Bank Group of Douglas. Meanwhile, the Halifax 'Courier' Group has agreed in principle to buy the Examiner Group.

ISLE OF MAN STEAM PACKET CO. (I.O.M. Seaways Ltd). Finally, the Coy. have managed to turn a loss of £660,000 (appx) to a Profit of £450,000 within the last two years according to figures just published. Good News for the shareholders — Good news for the Island . . .

Compiled by Arthur Bridson

KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

I was pleased to receive such a fine response to my column in the last issue of the Bulletin and to find so much interest.

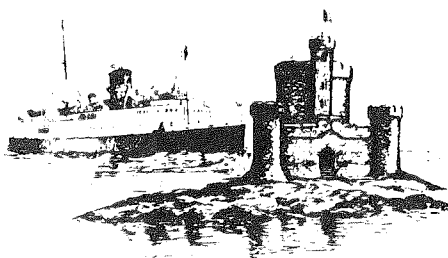
"From the Mail Bag" came several requests for specific information which I have researched and will answer this month.

BALLAUGH is actually two places; old Ballaugh round its little church beside the shore, and the Ballaugh of today on the main Peel-Ramsey Road. The parish is large, diverse, and most interesting. It comprises pieces of low sandy shore, wide acres of curragh and considerable mountain. The old church is one of the least altered in the Island. Its registers are the oldest in the Island and are, like other parish registers, mines of interesting information. The earliest record of the parish is 1231. The parish of Ballaugh is bounded on the East by Kirk Lezayre, on the South by Kirk Michael, on the West by the sea, and on the North by Jurby. In length from North to South is about 5 miles and from East to West about 3 miles. The area of Ballaugh is 6085.842 acres.

GAWNE is first shown in Manx Records as MAC GAWNE in 1417; GAWEN in 1511; and GAWNE in 1586. This name is sometimes translated as Smith; and it is possible that we have a surname directly derived from the craft or the trade of an ancestor. The smith in olden times was a very important personage as being the maker of armour and weapons, and since this trade, like others in that day, descended from father to son, its designation would soon become used as a surname.

The name CORKILL is first shown as MacCorkyll in 1408; Corkill in 1505; MacCorkell in 1515; MacCrokell in 1515; Corkell in 1511; Curkell in 1631; Corkil in 1650; Corkle in 1663; and Korkill in 1823. The origin of CORKILL is a mixture of Norse and Gaelic. Corkill's are listed in Kirk Michael in 1643. The name is derived from the Norse personal name of Thorketil. In 1753 we find a Corkill's Turf-pit listed in Kirk Maughold.

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For some of our newer members, I thought it might be well to outline the NAMA MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE benefits. As of today, we have 470 members who have purchased membership certificates and have furnished information on their family history. We have one complete set of these membership applications on file and have zeroxed and given to the Clague House Museum in Westlake, Ohio a complete set for their library.

Each application as it is received is given a number and filed by that number. I have made up file cards of each surname with reference to the file number. I have also made up cross-index file cards for each Manx ancestry name listed on the application, again referring to the file number of the application. This gives us flexibility in looking up all members of a given Manx Surname very easily. I would be happy to furnish you with a list of other members in the NAMA with a name you are researching; thereby giving you an opportunity to correspond directly with a possible ancestor.

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If you spoke to me at the Convention last September about any specific information and have not heard from me, please write your request again. Unfortunately, I misplaced some of my notes and am not sure that I have replied to the folks who had specific questions.

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Again I repeat, if anyone would like to be co-editor of this column please contact me. Or, if you would like to share any information you might have I would be happy to include it in the column.

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Manx National Glens

1. MOLLY QUIRK'S GLEN
(with Bibaloe Walk)
2. LAXEY GLEN GARDENS
3. DHOON
4. BALLAGLASS
5. BALLURE WALK
6. ELFIN GLEN
7. LHERGY FRISSEL
8. THOLT-Y-WILL (Sulby Glen)
9. BISHOPS COURT GLEN
10. GLEN MOOAR
11. GLEN HELEN
12. GLEN MAYE
13. COLBY GLEN
14. SILVERDALE
15. GROUDLE
16. PORT SODERICK
17. GLEN WYLLIN

OUR OWN PEOPLE

A first cousin, twice removed! from Melbourne, Australia visited Noreen Cottier in Peel in March, and returned in late April, and hopes to stay on the Island until September. He is Philip Cottier, a Lawyer who has toured in Europe and England, but feels a real attachment to the Isle of Man, which may be because his father, Charles Cottier, had visited the Island in 1971 and was impressed by the friendliness of the people he met. Noreen is catching up on news of all the other cousins she knew when she was living in Melbourne from 1968 to 1976.

Mrs. Edith Gurney of Avon Lake Ohio, flew to Florida to spend the Christmas Holidays and some weeks with Ethel Christian. They were guests Xmas day at the home of Mrs. Sue Johnson and her two sons Glenn and Charles, along with Anne Shimmin.

Mona and Ray Haldeman spent the Xmas Holidays with their two daughters Gail and Candy in Twin Falls, Idaho. In January they drove to Florida and spent two weeks with Ethel before returning to Ohio.

Mrs. Edith MacWilliams, and her sister Peggy Greggor of Clearwater, Florida, had their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stoll, from Switzerland visiting them in April. While they were here another cousin Elizabeth Clucas Duncan and her husband Bill Duncan flew to Florida so they could have a happy family reunion. They all spent a pleasant evening at the home of Ethel Christian.

Harry Shimmin of Oakbrook, Illinois was in Florida to visit his sister Ethel Christian and to take part in her birthday celebration dinner, along with cousins Sue and Charles Johnson, Sonia and Warren Petersen and Anne Shimmin.

Another visitor to Florida was Ethel's cousin Marian Stanek King of Homewood, Ill. We had not seen each other for around 20 years.

Visiting over Easter with Mrs. Hilda Penrice, Georgetown, Ont, was Mrs. Alice (Moore) Foster of Oakville, Ont, Alice had just returned from a 7 week visit to the Isle of Man & England, she stayed in Peel with her sister, Mrs. Joan Lace. The Manx newspapers had been on strike, but the Peel City Guardian continued to publish, altho' small in size this paper gives a most comprehensive coverage of the whole of the Isle of Man. Noticed a letter from our own Secretary — Elizabeth (Clucas) Duncan, about her Mother, Mrs. Lily Clucas, now over ninety years of age, now residing in the Peel Memorial Home, she had been a member of the Peel Methodist choir for over 60 years, Mrs. Clucas is also a member of NAMA.

STRAYS/EMIGRATION APPEAL

For some years now, the Isle of Man Family History Society has been compiling a Strays/Emigration Index as an aid to genealogical research here on the Island, through the "Strays Clearing House" of the Federation of Family History Societies. Many people left the Island during the 1850s, and then again around 1900. We would like, with your help, to substantially increase the Society's holdings of Strays/Emigrants from a few hundred to several thousand, if not more.

What is a Stray/Emigrant?

A stray/emigrant is a recorded event which has taken place outside the area in which the person normally lived (in this case, the Isle of Man). Most family history societies interpret this as "out-of-county/country", but some give a narrower interpretation for their own indexes, particularly if they cover a city or large industrial area. Just recently, through our quarterly journal, I have been bringing to light inter-Island strays, to show how much people do move about.

Census strays are rather different, as they normally show people resident outside their county/country of birth, but they are collected as a valuable source for the study of family movement.

The most frequent types of strays are marriage and census records, although this is probably due to the systematic work of project teams with societies. Many coastal parishes, like Santan, record numerous stray burials of sailors drowned at sea or washed up on the foreshore, and you will also find names in/on baptisms, marriages, deaths, gravestone inscriptions, settlement papers, newspapers, obituary notices, parish registers, and passenger lists for our sea-going patriots, etc.

Up to now we have several hundred which have been sent to us by the "Strays Clearing House", but with your help we would like to extend this to many thousands. Over the centuries, Manxmen and Manxwomen have emigrated to many parts of the world, including the United States of America, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, etc.

Soldiers Index 1760-1885

The Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society is now working on a Soldiers Index. They are including "other ranks" only, and the regiment must be named. The object of the index is to provide a lead into the mass of military information housed in the Public Record Office at Kew, for which the name of a

regiment is needed as a starting point for research. They are not including militia men, so those can stay with county/country bundles, but if you would be prepared to put "soldiers" as a separate group, I will pass them on a copy to the Federation Clearing House.

Examples

1. **John Edward Christian**, native of the Isle of Man, aged 47 years, resident of Napa, County of Napa, State of California; married Eleanor Kneale, native of the Isle of Man, aged 35 years, resident of Napa, County of Napa. (John E. Christian is descended from the Christians of Ballabeg, Bride). Source: Copy of Marriage Certificate June 28, 1982; married March 18th, 1903; held by Roger Christian.

2. In loving memory of / **ROBERT CHARLES** / beloved husband of **MARGARET CHRISTIAN** / who died Jan 24th 1904 / aged 29 yrs / Also of the above / **MARGARET CHRISTIAN** / died Feb 2nd 1964 / aged 87 yrs / Also **ROBERT HENRY** / their son / died in Canada Aug 17th 1960 / aged 59 yrs. (All descendants of the Christians of Ballabeg, Bride) Source: Monumental Inscription of Kirk Rushen Cemetery.

3. **Stanley George GRIFFIN** married **Mona CARINE** of Port St Mary.

Born: 13 SEP 1878 at Port Erin

Bapt: 29 SEP 1878 at Kirk
Rushen

Marr: 01 JAN 1901 at Lohrville,
Calhoun County, Iowa,
USA

Died: 17 OCT 1959 at Riverside,
Riverside County, Calif,
USA

Burd: Evergreen Cemetery,
Lohrville, Calhoun
County, Iowa, USA

Source: Genealogical data held by
Roger Christian

Please send your listings to:
Roger Christian (Strays Coordinator)
Croit-y-Keeil
Port Grenaugh
Santan, Isle of Man, British Isles



MANX ENCYCLOPEDIA

A new book about the Isle of Man is being published under the title of "A Manx Encyclopedia".

It is believed that no such book, devoted entirely to the Isle of Man, has ever been published before which gives a comprehensive picture of the Island since the earliest days.

It is alphabetically arranged and easy for the reader to refer to any particular subject matter. It includes references to all the major events in the long history of the Island and to its personalities. The book also contains appendices listing the Kings, Lords, Governors, and Bishops of the Island together with a chronological table of important dates from 3000 BC.

The encyclopedia should find its place on the bookshelves of all those interested in the Island and in all things Manx. It will therefore fill a gap in the Island's library of Manx works and provide an invaluable reference book.

The author of the book, David T. Webber of Ballaugh, has spent over 10 years in its compilation, and it is now on sale at a price of £5.95

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1987 LOTTERY

The 1987 Isle of Man Lottery has just begun and will continue until the end of September.

Tickets at 50 pence each — 20 pence dearer than previous years — are available at a variety of retail outlets throughout the Island, including many news agents and tobacconist shops, post offices, and public houses. There will be up to 200 agents selling tickets.

For every 200,000 tickets sold a sum of £4,500 will be set aside for the monthly superdraws to be held throughout the summer. The first monthly draw will be held on May 13 in the Cabaret Room of the Villiers Hotel, Douglas.

Subsequent draws on June 4, July 3, August 7, and September 4 will be held at Summerland. The final draw on October 8 will take place in the Villa Marina Garden Room. All of the profits of the 1987 Lottery will be donated to the Public Lottery Trust, whose object is to support and make payments to (a) any purpose which is charitable and is for the public benefit, or (b) any charity registered under the Public Charities Act 1922.

In 1986 over 1,600,000 tickets were sold resulting in a profit of £160,458 which was allocated to Hospice Care (£64,183.38), the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association (£16,045.85), and the Public Lottery Trust (£80,229.22).

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OBITUARIES

KANNER, Doris E. (nee McKissack) of Euclid, Ohio. Beloved wife of Edmond, dear mother of Donald R. of Chicago and Nancy Haase. Sister of Vernon of Crystal Lake, Illinois; Myrtle Sheldon; and Robert McKissack. Grandmother of four. Died May 4th after a long illness.

Doris was a loyal, supportive member of the Cleveland Manx Society and a lifetime member of the N.A.M.A. She fulfilled a lifetime's dream when she visited the Isle of Man with the 1983 Homecomers, accompanied by her son and daughter. Her sister Myrtle also made the trip with her daughter and son-in-law. Doris' father, Thomas, was born in Ballasalla, I.O.M. He and his wife Myrtle raised their family in Cleveland, Ohio.

Besides loving care for her family, concern and service to others was a theme of Doris' life. She was active in her church, Eastern Star chapter, and senior citizen groups. Her ability as an excellent seamstress was well known and she made many beautiful quilts. She loved to play the organ and entertained those in her senior groups.

Services were held Friday, May 8th with interment at Acacia Masonic Memorial Park, Mayfield Hts., Ohio.

Dr. Donald Frederick Corlett of Bath, NC, died January 21, 1987. He was born in Cleveland on June 18, 1923, the fifth child of Cyrus and Florence Corlett. He traced his Manx ancestry thru William Corlett of Jurby, who came to Cleveland in 1845.

Dr. Corlett earned his Doctorate of Education at NC State University in 1970, and was Director of Learning and Resources at Beaufort County Community College in Washington, NC. He was installed as Master of Orr Masonic Lodge December 30, 1986. He realized a life-long dream by visiting the Isle of Man in 1984, and was an active member of the Washington Manx Society and NAMA.

He is survived by a brother John of Texas; a sister Elizabeth Gesell of Idaho; three children Gayle Eddins of Garner, NC, Donald Jr. of Concord, NC, and Charles of Asheville, NC; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, followed by burial with Masonic rites at Montlawn Memorial

Park. Dr. Corlett's grave marker displays a Masonic emblem, and the emblem of the Isle of Man.

Philip Charles Clarke, 70, on March 8, 1987, at Pinawa Hospital, Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba. Phil was born February 9, 1917, at Mackinac, Manitoba, served in World War II overseas with the Canadian Engineers Forces, and was known throughout his life as an excellent diesel mechanic. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Alice Mae Cashin and Joshua Stephen Clarke both of Glen Maye, Isle of Man, and by sisters Ivy and Mae, brothers Bob, Jack, and Gordon. Surviving Phil are three sisters: Jean Humpage, Box 1105, Boissevain, Manitoba, ROK OEO; Gertrude Skogen, 1609-29th Street, SE, Rochester, Minnesota; Edna Harbottle, West Hawk Lake Whiteshell, PO Manitoba ROE 2HO, and one brother Jim, 42-5th Street, NE, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, RIN 1J3.

Ewan Clague, 90, died April 12, 1987, at Bethesda, Maryland, of Alzheimer's disease. Born on a farm in Prescott, Washington, Mr. Clague graduated from the University of Washington. During World War I he served in the army ambulance service in France. After the war he earned a doctorate in economics at the University of Wisconsin. He was a business analyst for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a researcher at Yale University, and a staff member of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work. He came to Washington during the early days of the New Deal, and was one of the participants in the organization of the Social Security Administration. He was appointed Labor Statistics Commissioner by President Truman in 1946, and served 19 years under three presidents in that position. He directed a bureau of about 1200 staff members, and declared "I am no high-powered statistician, but I have some of the best in the world working for me." By the time of his retirement in 1965 he had won respect from most leaders of labor, industry, and government for having established and maintained the integrity of labor statistics reports. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Washington pediatrician Dorothy Whipple, one daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren. He was a member of NAMA, attended the 1974 Convention in Arlington, and became a charter member of the Washington Society.

Chaplain's Corner

In the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where the great documents of the United States of America are on display, these words are above the entrance: "THE PAST IS PROLOGUE". In this spirit Thomas Jefferson said, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." On this 200th year of our nation's Constitution, it is interesting to try to imagine what those dreams and visions were in the minds of the men forming the Constitution Convention in Philadelphia, in 1787. Indeed, a television series hosted by Bill Moyers and featuring some eminent scholars, has been doing just that.

To do this in no way demeans our own roots. "To preserve what'er remains of our ancient heritage" is truly a valid precept. But it is validated only as we live and act in accordance with our hopes and our trust. That was the mood of Joshua in the Old Testament, when he led his people beyond the Jordan — and their past — and directed them to "go forward!" into what God had promised for their future. The past is "Prologue", because it gives us the faith and assurance to live hopefully our todays and tomorrows. What will life be like, in 2037 . . . or 2087 . . . or beyond — in the U.S.A.? In Canada? In the Isle of Man? Will we be a people under God, living as "a city which has foundations", as Hebrews 11 puts it? And, what can we do now to make that vision realized? As someone has so well said, "It is not what we have done that is so important, as what we are trying, with God's help, to become."

Herbert G. Kelly

WHO IS GEORGE "MURPHEY?"

He is George Curphey of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, host of the 1980 NAMA Convention in Halifax, President of NAMA at the 1982 Convention in San Diego, woodcarver of the gavel all NAMA presiding officers use, connoisseur of antique clocks, researcher of the March article on Manx Women, in which our proofreading obviously did not reach into the nooks and crannies or to the written signature picked up as George "Murphey." George Curphey is a fine friend, and we hope our carelessness will not discourage his researching other subjects, or any of the fine things George pops up with for NAMA, including a new Canadian flag for almost every convention. Our sincere apologies to George.

Doris G. Brideson,
Editor