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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." *T.E. Brown*

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1992 NAMA Convention on the Isle of Man

The 1992 North American Manx Association Convention will be held on the Isle of Man in early July in conjunction with the 1992 Tynwald celebration. The last convention held on the Island was in 1976. Since then there have been many changes in NAMA as well as on the island. Many of our current members were not members in 1976 and thus have never had a chance to attend a convention on the island or observe the ancient Tynwald ceremony. There have been extensive improvements in tourist services on the island so current visitors enjoy modern accommodations with excellent food and can move about the island on a wide range of transportation types.

Now is the time to start planning your trip to the island in July, 1992. The June Bulletin described a Cannon family reunion of 120 persons to be held on the island this September. Everyone should consider their own family reunion on the island in 1992. Many of us have small children or adult children with children of their own who have never been to the Isle of Man. This is a wonderful opportunity to get the family together to discover their roots.

As noted by the genealogist who spoke to the 1990 Santa Clara NAMA Convention attendees, now is the time to do some family genealogy research so when you get to the island you will know what places to visit to better understand how your parents, grandparents or other ancestors lived. You will also know what information you need to locate while

you are on the island and have access to the Manx Museum, the Family History Society library and other sources of information.

The Isle of Man is a magical

and
quaint
island

that is wonderful to visit for the first time or to return after many previous visits.

Recent homecomings have been given very favorable reviews by those who have participated. The Manx Tourist Board arranged a variety of touring

activities for the homecomers that appealed to a broad range of interests. Alan Bell, a member of the House of Keys and the Minister of Tourism, was at the Santa Clara NAMA Convention and assured NAMA that the Manx Government and the Tourist Board will give us strong and similar support in organizing the 1992 NAMA convention. The Tourist Board has a person whose sole responsibility is to help groups arrange meetings and conventions on the island, so we will benefit from that type of experience.

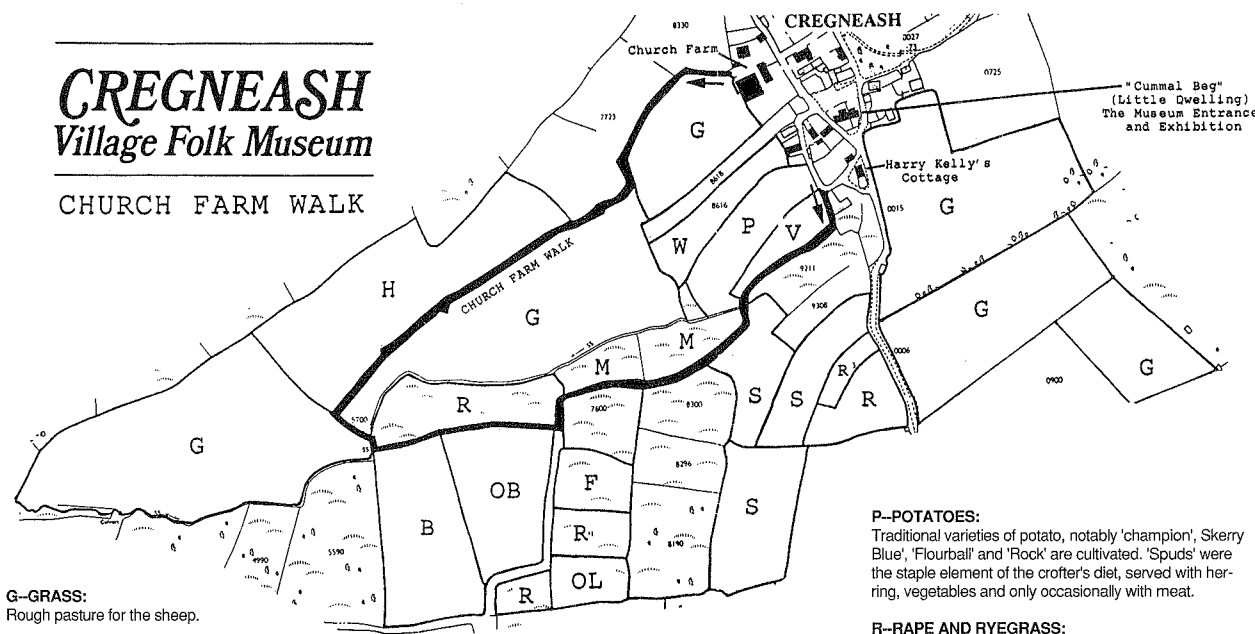
The Washington Manx Society, which arranged and hosted the very successful 1986 NAMA convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, will be providing support to Ron Quayle, the NAMA 1st Vice President and 1992 convention chairman, as he prepares for 1992.

We hope to make the 1992 convention the best ever. You will attend the Tynwald ceremony and other activities associated with Tynwald. You will have an opportunity to visit with your NAMA friends as well as any of your family and friends on the island. You will also be able to participate in tours arranged to allow you to see and experience the many unique tourist attractions on the island. The convention and other events will be arranged to make the convention a delight for first time or return visitors to the island. Future Bulletins will keep you informed as details become available.

**START YOUR
PLANNING NOW !!**

CREGNEASH Village Folk Museum

CHURCH FARM WALK



G--GRASS:
Rough pasture for the sheep.

W--WHEAT:
Sown in March/April the crop is harvested in August. The Museum uses a traditional reaper binder so that the straw can be used to thatch the roofs of the Cregneash cottages.

B--BARLEY:
This crop is sown in April, harvested in early August and used in the home to make barley cakes. The variety grown here is 'Bere' barley, traditionally said to have been used to make beer.

OB--OATS:
A variety known as 'Black Oats' are sown in mid/late April and harvested in mid-August. The oats are cut green and left to ripen and mature in sheaves stacked

in the fields ('stooks'). Its prime use in the home is to make oat bread but can also be used for cattle and horse feed.

OL--OATS:
'Little oats' are used for oat bread and animal feed.

V--VEGETABLES:
Carrots, onions, leeks and cabbage are all grown for the crofter's stewpot.

S--SWEDES:
Swedes are sown in May and harvested in November/December to be chopped and used as winter feed for sheep and cattle.

P--POTATOES:
Traditional varieties of potato, notably 'champion', Skerry Blue, 'Flourball' and 'Rock' are cultivated. 'Spuds' were the staple element of the crofter's diet, served with herring, vegetables and only occasionally with meat.

R--RAPE AND RYEGRASS:
Sown in June, the crop is grazed in the autumn by lambs for fattening.

F--FLAX:
This Blue Blossom variety is sown at the same time as the barley and is cut 90 days later when green. It is allowed to rot ('rett') in ponds before combing and spinning to make linen.

M--MEADOW:
Fields given over for either pasture or hay.

H--HAY:
Grass cut for fodder.

Other fields have still to be reclaimed.

FRIENDS OF THE MANX NATIONAL TRUST

Hon. Treasurer and Secretary's Annual Report for year ending 31st March, 1990

The main development in the past year has been at Church Farm, Cregneash where very significant progress has been made in restoring part of the farmland to reflect more accurately the crofting landscape at the turn of the century. As may be seen from the attached plan, the reinstatement of the traditional field system has been coupled with considerable excavation and drainage work to recover and extend the traditional field and farm tracks and form a new public footpath system.

Visitors to Cregneash are now able to explore the field system immediately surrounding Church Farm, observe traditional crops being grown, and gain a completely fresh view of Cregneash Village itself, returning along the old farm track through the Church farm yard. The wet winter did not help our progress of this work and the new footpath development is not yet fully interpreted. The phase will be to complete the path surfacing and to add discrete interpretive panels

along the route to explain the traditional features and the various types of traditional crops and livestock. Much research has gone into the latter two aspects of the project and the livestock programme will be developed gradually to include more cattle, poultry, pigs and horses.

This is a significant and long-term project which will need the support of the Friends for many years to come. If you are not already a member, please join us!

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NAMA Memorial Book Program

A NAMA memorial book program is in the process of development at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). Our goal is to establish and build a permanent collection of materials on the Isle of

Man which can be utilized by NAMA members as well as the general public for historical and genealogical research.

The Heritage Society, Isle of Man, already provides copies of their bulletin to the NEHGS library. We would like to add the NAMA Bulletin as well as other Manx books to the library's reference list. We in-

tend to make contributions in memory of members who have passed away and plan to notify surviving family members of the donations

Norman W. Standish of Solon, Ohio, will keep us informed on the progress of this relationship with NEHGS. We wish him lots of success!

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WMA Newsletter

AN OPEN INVITATION

In 1991 the World Manx Association will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary and we would like every Manx Association from around the world to be represented at our celebration. The invitation is of course extended to all members of the W.M.A. and members of Manx groups everywhere. The actual date of our birthday is 17th July and an event will be held on that day. Our programme of events, however, will centre around the period of 3rd July to 10th, to coincide with Tynwald Day.

Early 'Annual Gatherings' of the W.M.A. took place at Ballaquane in Peel, the home of Mrs. Laughton, our second president, and also at the Nunnery and Great Meadow. Hopefully our arrangements will include visits to these places, as well as a full programme of entertainment.

If you think you would be able to join us in July, 1991, please drop a line to the W.M.A. Chairman, Peter Kelly, 52 Alberta Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man. Your name will be placed on a mailing list to receive details once they are finalized.

OUR BADGE

The logo of the W.M.A. (which is available to members in the form of an enamel badge) has its origins in the annual meeting held in 1912, when it was agreed that a logo should be designed by Mr. Frank Graves (of the old Peel family), who was a leading light in the Manchester Manx Society. Mr. Graves was an architect by profession, but also a good artist. It was he who designed the special medals presented to the crew of the Peel fishing boat "The Wanderer" on Tynwald Day 1915 for their part in the rescue of survivors from the Lusitania, sunk by the Germans on 7th May 1915.

While Mr. Graves produced his sketches for the badge, the public was asked to suggest a motto. Suggestions came in from people such as Professor Hanby Hay, the Rev. Henry Cubbon and many others. At

a committee meeting held on 20th November 1912 the motto was chosen: "Ellan Vannin Dy Bragh" (Man Forever). Mr. Graves was instructed to amend his design to incorporate the motto and to bear in mind that the finished badge was to be about the size of a sixpenny piece.

Frank Graves' design showed a Viking ship surrounded by the motto in a belt around the edge, the base of which was a globe set between a shield showing the three legs and the initials WMA interlaced. Little did Mr. Graves realize that the decoration he chose for the sail on the ship was to be the same one chosen by Hitler many years later for his Nazi party.

The original badges were made as pendants for gentleman's watches and as broaches for ladies, at a price of 25-6d (12 1/2 pence). A few silver earrings of the same design were produced at 5 Shillings (25 pence) a pair. A later badge produced mainly for school children was a straight forward shield with the W.M.A. letters interlaced. Anyone who knows of other versions of the badge is urged to advise Peter Kelly, who would be interested to learn of the same.



New Family Membership

By: Ronald Quayle, 1st Vice President

A new NAMA membership category known as a FAMILY MEMBER has been created to encourage families to join and belong to NAMA as a family unit. It is important for families to share their Manx heritage and to feel that all members of the household are full members of NAMA. All family members are encouraged to read the Bulletin, attend the NAMA conventions and learn more about their Manx origins.

During the 1990 NAMA Convention in Santa Clara, California, the NAMA membership voted to eliminate the ASSOCIATE MEMBER category of membership effective with the 90/91 dues year and to create the new FAMILY MEMBER category. Associate members have typically been the spouses of regular members or have lived in the same household with another in their

family who was a regular member. It will be easy for these persons to become family members. Associate members did not receive copies of the BULLETIN and only received mailings related to the NAMA conventions. With the creation of the new FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, all NAMA members will receive all NAMA mailings.

Persons will now belong to NAMA as either INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY MEMBERS and can be either ANNUAL or LIFE members. The dues for individuals remain unchanged and new dues rates have been established for families. The current rates are: INDIVIDUAL: Annual-\$10, Life (under 50 years old)-\$75, Life (50 or over)-\$50; FAMILY: Annual-\$15, Life (restricted to two adults and based on age of the youngest-if the youngest is under 50)-\$120, Life (if the youngest is 50 or older)-\$80. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS continue to be available to those who are 18 years old or younger for \$2 per year; however, junior members do not receive the BULLETIN.

All current ASSOCIATE MEMBERS must convert their membership for the 90/91 dues year to either an INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY membership to continue to be NAMA members. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS will receive a letter along with this copy of the BULLETIN explaining the options and procedures to follow to continue their membership. The NAMA board strongly encourages and desires that all ASSOCIATE MEMBERS continue their membership.

Family memberships are encouraged. Consider giving a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP as a Christmas gift to your married children as well as parents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles and cousins and Manx friends. Simply send the family names and the payment to our treasurer (Mrs. Helen Drom, 4960 Cherry Avenue, Santa Maria, CA 93455) at any time or along with your own dues. Helen will see that their names are promptly added to our mailing list. We want to see our Manx family and our NAMA membership grow.



**Nostalgia is like an
anesthetic, you experience
no pain, only a beautiful haze.**

Report on the NAMA-90 Convention Genealogy Workshop

By Mary F. Kelly 3rd Vice President

Logic tells us that the longer we put off genealogical searches, the more generations that will be lost and with them the information that they would contribute is more likely to be lost. Yet, most people delay genealogical searches until later in their lives. Somehow, we do not usually get a sense of urgency about such matters until we are motivated by a death in the family which causes a sense of loss. Perhaps the motivation comes when we find bits and pieces of a personal file on family associations and it then becomes a puzzle with missing pieces.

The genealogical workshop at the NAMA-90 Convention was conducted by Carol Harliss from one of the near-by California Universities. She had just returned from a Genealogy Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, and had a wide assortment of information to share with the Manx people in attendance. She also brought us good news, that getting started is not as difficult as we might expect. Within minutes she passed out prototype ancestor charts and individual data sheets that had the members of the audience recalling the names of grandparents to grandchildren. What fun it was to see the blanks fill up! It was better than a good crossword puzzle and it would be a wonderful keepsake for future generations.

Prof. Harliss made suggestions on how to get answers, that were not in our memory, to fill the blanks. She listed searches through family bibles, county and state vital statistic records, obituary files in newspapers, library files, annual local histories, and contacting the local Church of the Later Day Saints. She assured us that members of their church had done extensive work at all governmental levels in the United States and most foreign countries, including many of the church parishes on the Isle of Man. They have collected the vital files and entered them into centralized computer bases which

are accessible to everyone. The information may be acquired in hard-copy (in print) to anyone seeking assistance in genealogical searches for a reasonable fee. Some genealogical information is also available in C-D ROM format (each disc holds as much information as 640 floppy disks) for those with the hardware to do their own searches. The LDS also sells a computer software program for approximately \$30.00 which is a standard genealogical aid and would be a definite help to anyone with a computer who is just getting started on a family tree.

State-wide record keeping systems vary across the United States. Some have systems at the local and county level and yet others are centralized. Carol Harliss mentioned that her experience was that the responses from governmental agencies had been better during the winter months when the clerks were less likely to be on vacation or as busy with other requests.

The Isle of Man Family History Society % Roger J. Christian, Treasurer, "Croit-y-Keeil", Port Grenaugh, Santan, Isle of Man, British Isles, will take dues from people wishing to subscribe to the services of the group. In addition to gathering specific family information, they publish and distribute a quarterly booklet of their members with a variety of interesting articles. The General Registry, at Douglas, Isle of Man also provides vital records to individuals who can supply a date, a 4 pound fee, plus return postage, and a self-addressed envelope.

The over-all organization of the family histories might follow an outline format that has seven steps. Tab 1 would be "Pedigree"; Tab 2, "My Husband and Me"; Tab 3, "Daughter/Son"; Tab 4, "Parents and family group sheets;

Tab 5, "Siblings" my brothers and sisters; Tab 6, Paternal Grandpar-

ents; Tab 7, Maternal Grandparents. Each record should include: birth, christening or other religious data, marriage dates, date of death and place of internment when available for each individual. If the form you are using does not have enough space, step-relationships should be noted on the back of the page. It is also valuable to color code your reference sources. Perhaps you would use more than one source for some information. Make notations like "family bible in possession of (name) or (census year)". Use a check to denote the second reference. If you find conflicting data, make notations of this (ie. 1835/1839-1870?).

Methods of preserving the data collected in a genealogical study vary. The first rule she gave was to spread the findings out among various members of your family so they are not apt to be lost to fire or other hazards. Ideally it also helps if you can keep the original documents in a climate of 50 degrees F and somewhere between 30-40% humidity. Do not keep original pictures in your workbooks. Instead use photocopies which are less valuable and inexpensive. (Reporters note: Caution, very old photos may be light sensitive and easily damaged by the photocopying process.) Photographs with specks, silver casts, or mildew need to be restored. This is done by first making new negatives of each one.

Prof. Harliss cautioned against rolling paper because it causes paper to become brittle. Another mistake was to mount items back to back. Other paper preservation tips included using only archival paper in contact with documents that must be saved. It is important so that the acid left in the paper from the paper making process will not permeate and destroy your documents. A pen (which costs approximately \$8.00 at Salt Lake City) can be obtained that will determine the ph of your paper supply. (A dot of the ink from that special pen will turn yellow on a paper with acid and it will be bright blue on acid-free archival paper.) When purchasing archival paper, Harliss recommended using "Howard" brand paper and masking tape. To de-acidify old paper documents, she said she used a spray called WEI#10 at about \$18.50 a

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Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Date _____

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
 person as No. _____ on chart No. _____

Chart No. _____

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

<p>4 _____ (Father of No. 2)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>8 _____ (Father of No. 4)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>16 _____ (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>2 _____ (Father of No. 1)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>9 _____ (Mother of No. 4)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>17 _____ (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>5 _____ (Mother of No. 2)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>10 _____ (Father of No. 5)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>18 _____ (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>1 _____</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>11 _____ (Mother of No. 5)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>19 _____ (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>6 _____ (Father of No. 3)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>12 _____ (Father of No. 6)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>20 _____ (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>3 _____ (Mother of No. 1)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>13 _____ (Mother of No. 6)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>21 _____ (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>7 _____ (Mother of No. 3)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>14 _____ (Father of No. 7)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ m. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>22 _____ (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
<p>_____ (Spouse of No. 1)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>15 _____ (Mother of No. 7)</p> <p>b. _____ p.b. _____ d. _____ p.d. _____</p>		<p>23 _____ (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ d. _____</p>	
		<p>_____</p>		<p>24 _____ (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
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		<p>_____</p>		<p>30 _____ (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ m. _____ d. _____</p>	
		<p>_____</p>		<p>31 _____ (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)</p> <p>b. _____ d. _____</p>	

HUSBAND		Occupation
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Chr.	Place	
Marr	Place	
Died	Place	
Bur.	Place	
Father		Mother
Other Wives		

WIFE				
Born		Place		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Bur.		Place		
Father		Mother		
Other Husband				
Children	Sex	When Born When Died	When Born When Died	Marriage Date & Place To Whom
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Source of Information				Other Marriages

can. WEI#10 is specifically useful to preserve newspaper items. While trying to remove unwanted acid from a fragile document she recommended a process of using a hanky to line a glass dish with 1" of distilled water to soak the item for one or more hours. Then lift and check the color with the pen. Another solution is club soda with a milk of magnesia tablet dissolved in it.

Prof. Harliss also mentioned that another tip was the use of a proper glue stick or spray adhesive to insure that you do not cause damage to the original documents. She cautioned people not use "Elmer's" glue, rubber cement, "magnetic" albums, or lamination processes to save artifacts as they do not breathe and may cause damage. Polypropylene sleeves were mentioned as acceptable when used to preserve paper documents. A good source for them is 20th Century Plastics, P. O. Box 30022, Los Angeles, CA 90030-0022 (tele: 800-421-4662). In some cases she recommended polyester encapsulation of fragile documents. She provided a list of some suppliers; our nearest outlet was Demco, Box 7488, Madison, WI 53707 (tele: 800-356-1200).

Source of Archival Supplies

Conservation Materials Ltd.
1165 Marietta Way
Sparks, NV 89431

Demco
Box 7488
Madison, WI 53707

Preservation Emporium
P.O. Box 226309
Dallas, TX 75223

Talas
213 W. 35 St.
New York, NY 10001-1996

Conservation Resources Intl.
8000 H. Forbes
Springfield, Va 22151

Hollinger Corporation
3810 So. Four Mile Run Drive
Arlington, VA 22206

Light Impressions
P.O. Box 940
Rochester, NY 14603-0949

Restoration Source
P.O. Box 9384
Salt Lake City, UT 84109-0384

University Products
P.O. Box 101
Holyoke, MA 01041

20th Century Plastics
(Polyester Protectors)
P.O. Box 30022

Dues Notice

Your 90/91 dues are now payable. Your dues renewal notice is included with this issue of the BULLETIN. If you are a current life member, please pass the form along to a nonmember Manx relative or friend and encourage them to join. Be sure to read elsewhere in the

BULLETIN about our new FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. You may wish to convert your current INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP to a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.

Send in your payment NOW so you don't forget. Prompt payment saves your association money since reminder notices are unnecessary. THANK YOU for your immediate attention to this matter.

NAMA Dues Renewal Form

The North American Manx Association was organized to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. The first NAMA meeting was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1928. The membership is spread throughout the United States and Canada.

To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, a bulletin/newsletter is issued quarterly. A convention is held every other year and homecoming trips are available periodically. Local Manx Societies have been formed in a number of areas by NAMA members and others of Manx ancestry. Information may be requested on the location of these societies along with a convenient source of Manx books and video tapes.

See membership categories below. Please print!
You may change your membership category if you wish to.

Name (s) _____
Street _____
City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/PC _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT	YOURS
Annual.....	\$ 10.00	_____
Life Under 50 Years Old	75.00	_____
Life 50 Years or Over	50.00	_____
Junior (age 1-18 years, No Bulletin)	2.00	_____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Annual	15.00	_____
Life (2 adults, based on age of youngest)		_____
Life Under 50 Years Old	120.00	_____
Life 50 Years or Over	80.00	_____

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP		
ANNUAL (Not for use by individuals).....	5.00	_____
MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE	1.00	_____

The membership certificate design and coloring have special significance relative to the Isle of Man. A letter of explanation is sent with each certificate.

TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

Mail this form along with a check made payable to NAMA to:
NAMA c/o Helen M. Drom, 4960 Cherry Avenue, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

NOTE; Canadians may send cheque payable on a Canadian bank at amount shown.



President's Message

The North American Manx Association (NAMA) held its 39th biennial convention in Santa Clara, California, the 10th to 13th of August. Attendees came from as far as the United Kingdom, the Isle

of Man, Canada, and all over the United States. The Hon. Alan Bell, member of the House of Keys and Minister of IOM Tourism, and Noreen Cottier, librarian for the Family History Association, were there from the Isle of Man. Miss Cottier presented to NAMA a book entitled The Isle of Man, Celebrating a Sense of Place.

Many of the "oldtimers" with past convention experiences said "NAMA-90 Santa Clara" was the best one ever. Attendees numbered about 125. The entertainment included: Scot and Irish minstrels; the San Jose Chorus, a 20-voice woman's Sweet Adeline Chorus; and the Peninsularires, a 20-man Chorus. They came on different nights, of course. Another of the highlights was Carol Harliss, a genealogist from Los Altos, California. Carol spoke at the Friday night dinner and held a genealogy workshop on Saturday afternoon. We had a Scot bagpiper who piped us into dinner on Saturday. Dick Boyd also began the Saturday Banquet with his rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the pipes. Sunday, after the meeting and memorial service led by Chaplain Kelly, 64 of us went to the Great America Theme Park for a nice BBQ dinner, shows and rides.

Monday we had our last business meeting and "changing of the guard". Marshall Cannell joined the ranks of past presidents by passing on to Larry Fargher the sword of office and his Manx slate necklace. (We can't find the gavel.) After brief presentations by Alan Bell and 1st VP Ron Quayle, the attendees decided the next convention will be on the Isle of Man in 1992. Selected as new 3rd VP was Dr. Mary Kelly of Wisconsin. Clarence Creer was recognized for his service to NAMA of over two decades. He was replaced as treasurer by Mrs. Helen Drom of Santa Maria, California. The slate nominated by the committee headed by immediate past president Bill Brideson was elected. Now 2nd VP Norm Gill and Sally Dahlquist were chosen to replace Doris Brideson as Bulletin editor. Congratulations to all the new officers.

We are sorry our whole membership couldn't have shared "NAMA-90 Santa Clara" with us. Doubletree Hotel took good care of us. The food was fantastic, especially the chocolate chip cookies on our pillows!

If you have anything for the good of the association, please send it to President Larry Fargher or Secretary Elizabeth Clucas Duncan.

Larry

President Larry Fargher

Know Your Ancestors

As many of you know, I started to write this column for the NAMA Bulletin in October, 1968. Over the years I have written on many facets of tracing your family history in the Isle of Man. In the ensuing twenty-two years many new doors have been opened to persons interested in genealogy and many more people have become interested in searching their ancestors.

At the convention in Santa Clara in August we had a very interesting and informative workshop with Mrs. Carol Harliss, a genealogist from Los Altos, California. Her talk shed light on how to begin to research your family. The workshop was well attended and it was evident that many of our members are interested in NAMA because of their "roots".

Therefore, I have decided to resume writing the column again in the next issue of the bulletin. I came home from Santa Clara with information from members that I can use in future articles. I plan to use some of my earlier articles for the benefit of newer members.

I also plan to resume the "From the Mail Bag" portion of the column that is a synopsis of correspondence I receive where members will have an opportunity to share information with each other.

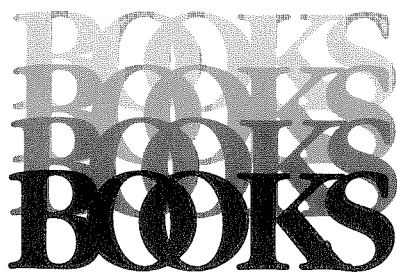
You must understand that I cannot answer each inquiry on a personal basis but I will use this column as a way of answering correspondence as best I can.

I have a vast collection of books, etc. and I am willing to xerox information for our members, but I must ask that you enclose \$2.00 plus postage for this service.

I encourage all of you to share the information you have so that we can again have an interesting and worthwhile source of getting information on our Manx ancestry.

Mrs. Robert S. Cowin
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100 Years of Heritage

*Book Review by
Lajean Anderson*

This book is on the Manx Museum from 1886-1986 and is edited by Stephen Harrison, the present curator. It contains excellent photos, many in color. The first section of the book is about the beginnings of the museum. Some of our NAMA members may recognize family names. The frontpiece is of The Crucifixion—a pre-Norse carving found on the Calf of Man in 1773.

Philip Kermode was the first director in 1886. He brought "The Great Deer" to the museum in 1905. It is a fossil giant and fascinating to see. Kermode's book on Manx crosses is famous, actually world famous, and is still much used and admired by young artists today. It is as influential in preserving Celtic symbols as the Irish Book of Kells.

William Cubbon was the second director and in office until 1940. He was a former editor of the Manx paper "Isle of Man Examiner". He was a very patriotic, enthusiastic Manx businessman and did much to spread Manx fame throughout the British Empire and Scandinavian countries.

The next director was Basil Megaw from 1940-1957. He was a Cambridge graduate of archaeology and anthropology and increased the museum's collections in those fields. The Manx Farmhouse and sheep exhibits were begun by Megaw.

Marshall Cubbon was director through 1976 and was highly regarded and honored with a Winston Churchill Traveling Scholarship. Thus he was able to visit museums all over the world, including the United States.

The book has excellent photos of early Manx historical treasures. No-

table is the beautiful necklace from the recent Peel Castle dig.

The rest of the book is devoted to the many fine projects that are part of the Manx Museum National Foundation. No doubt, some of you have visited these. If not, they are a MUST if you go to the Island.

These include:

1. Cregneach Village Folk Museum.
2. The Nautical Museum in Castletown, with the famous figure-head from the schooner SPRAY built in 1877—at the height of the Manx ship building industry. Those of you who went to the NAMA San Diego convention will remember that the famous ship, Star of India, was built in Ramsey on the IOM.

3. The Grove Museum was given by the Gibbs family in the 1970s. (Duncan Gibb was a famous Liverpool ship builder before he came to IOM in the late 1800s.) You will be amazed at the similarity of the Grove home to our early American homes, especially the Governor Ramsey House in St. Paul, Minnesota. It has the same furnishings, Victorian decor and colors, and same period dress.

4. The National Art Gallery is in the museum. Its most famous collection is of John Miller Nicholson's work. That exhibit was installed in 1922 and since then more and more modern, living Manx artists are displayed. My favorite of all the Manx artists is Archibald Knox, 1864-1933. He designed jewelry that is treasured in museums all over the world. His associations with Liberty and Company, silk art dealers in London, gave him great publicity. He enlarged the collection on Manx and Celtic crosses and symbols. His watercolors really caught the Manx spirit.

5. Of course it's not possible to have a Manx Museum without featuring its natural history, like the Manx Shearwater (like a puffin) and other sea birds, unusual flowers, and geological specimens. The Peregrine Falcon is especially famous in Manx history because hawking and falconry were so popular in the 16th century when the Lords Derby and Stanley ruled the Isle.

You might enjoy the story of the whale that came ashore in 1925—three and a half tons and still alive.

The carcass is on display at the museum. There is a fine write-up on the Manx loghtan, the four horned sheep, and the wool industry. There is also a section on the preservation of the Manx language.

Of course the museum fine library of rare books and maps should be seen. The Isle of Man was first shown on a map in AD 150 by Ptolemy. The most famous maps of the Isle are by John Speed in 1610. These maps are very beautiful, we seldom think of them as art!

The Manx Museum cares for much land in their National Trust. It has wisely preserved many arts for posterity. The Calf of Man itself is in "long lease" to the museum since 1937 from its owners, the National

A New Book About the Isle of Man

In the NAMA 90 Souvenir Booklet, the Liverpool University Press, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, England L69 3BX, United Kingdom, ran an advertisement for a new book published in 1990. The title is The Isle of Man, Celebrating a Sense of Place, edited by Vaughan Robinson and Danny McCarroll. The paperback edition is only about 12 pounds and can be ordered on VISA charge. Some of our members may be interested in ordering this book directly. It is a fine edition and covers the 1) physical environment; 2) the history, constitution and population; 3) the island's infrastructure; and 4) the economy.

A New Kissack Book

Six years ago I wrote a Family History based on the Kissacks of the Isle of Man. That book, Seed of Isaac, aimed at helping anyone related to that family to trace their ancestry in the Island through Manx Records.

Such records of Births, Marriages and Deaths have only existed for the last 300 years or so, yet research has shown that the name in one form or another stretched back some 600 years, and was spread wider than the Isle of Man.

The names borne by such a 'Clan' include MacKissack and MacKessock as well as Kessock, Kissick and Kissock, in fact all developments of an original McIsaac.

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1990 NAMA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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AUSTRALIA: Kitty Harper

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Smith, Mona Spencer, Herb and Marlene Storey, Karen Travis, Lee and Jan Wilder, Alice Zettell, Erice and Helen Curphey, Lloyd and Helen Drom, Ed and Polly Ernst, Larry and Camille Fargher, H. Gregory Kelly, Ronald and Marlene Duffin, Byron and Betty Dunn, Marion Kelly, Malcolm and Joyce Kinley, Peter and June Pattison, Martha Nelson, Gary W. Odgen, Cathy Poterbin, M. Jackson Quayle, Cecelia LaLonde Schake, Brian and Eda Skillicorn

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Ontario; Edna Harbottle, Manitoba; Mrs. M. Irene Helman, Ontario; Mark and Pat Quayle, British Columbia; Stan and Joyce Shimmin, Ontario; Dorothy Kinrade, Ontario; Jim and Midge Phillips, British Columbia; Miss E. Enda Kee

COLORADO: Sheila Kent, George and Audrey Leckner

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Richard Kelly

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Sally Dahlquist, Norman and Joan
Gill, Barbara Anne Ramondino, Bar-
bara Renman

MISSOURI: Amelia Childers, Nor-
man D. Clucas, James and Anita
Fargher

MONTANA: Rev. John S. W.
Fargher

NEBRASKA: Rev. Herbert and
Mary Joyce Kelly, Thomas C. Robin-
son

NEW YORK: Jack and Barbara
Hughes

OHIO: Edna W. Cowin, Norman
and Ingrid Standish, Elizabeth Dun-
can, John and Carol Jacob, Mona
and Ray Halderman

OREGON: Tom and Kathy Chris-
tian

TEXAS: Albert and Mary Corkill

VIRGINIA: William and Doris
Brideson, Jack and Marjorie Chris-
tian, Mary E. Hayslett, Ronald and
Margaret Quayle

WASHINGTON: Mrs. Kathleen
Fisher

WEST AUSTRALIA: Florence
Stannard

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Mona Gelling Voutila, Connie Flygt,
Joan B. Ogden, Mary F. Kelly, E.
Mae Reese

WYOMING: Mrs. Shirley Wulf.



KISSACK BOOK *Continued*

Since the 1300s they have been found over an area stretching from the Outer Hebrides and the Western Highlands through Galloway to the Isle of Man.

This research is now published in the form of a small book, *The McIsaacs—A Speculation in Genealogy*. It carries the investigation back beyond the traceable family line to earlier occurrences of the name in Scottish records.

Was there an actual Isaac whose sons and descendants could have originated our families? There is indeed a mention of such a person. He lived in the early 1300s. The book is about him and people who have continued his name, and speculates on the conceivable possibility that through him they might trace descent from Somerlad and the Kings of Man and the Isles.

The book is due from the printers in mid-November. It can be purchased from me, Rev. R. Kissack, Borodail, Glen Moor, Kirkmichael, Isle of Man, for 4 pound (\$7.00 US) including package and postage by surface mail.

CO-EDITORS' CORNER

Greetings from Norm and Joan Gill and Sally Dahlquist, the new co-editors of the NAMA Bulletin. We are trying something new with our first bulletin. We re-designed the front page masthead and included splashy headings for the various sections of the bulletin.

We invite your comments and suggestions because we are rookie editors (in real life a chemist, teacher, and lawyer). We encourage active participation from young and old, even your Manx cat. Our future editions will run a section voicing your opinions. So let us hear from you!

Tell us something we haven't heard before or give us an account of your latest Manx adventure. We would love your pictures, artwork, poems, or just anything Manx. We love our heritage and aim to preserve it.

Happy holidays to you and your families and friends.

WEE ONES

Mark and Amy Brideson of Sacramento, California, became parents of twin daughters in March of this year. The little girls are named Sara Raquel and Cindy Nicole.

Congratulations to Lesley and Glen McGee of Langley, British Columbia, on the birth of their daughter Karman Ann born July 21, 1990. Also welcoming the new baby are little brother Aiden and grandparents Judith and Angus Gillon of Burnaby.

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and best wishes to Arthur Herbert Bridson and his wife, Wynne. It was a happy day when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18, 1990.

Arthur and Wynne were married during the uncertain days of World War II in Scotland where Arthur was stationed at that time. He joined the Royal Engineers in the British Army. After training he was posted to the Middle East. Before volunteering for military duty, Arthur was employed by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Officer in Ramsey as a shipping agent. After his return home in 1945 he returned to his old position. Then Wynne and he decided to try their luck in Ellesmere Port, England, where they have resided ever since.

Wynne is a Manx girl born in Ramsey.

The Bridsons have two sons, Paul and Carl, and a daughter, Mary, and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arthur is the youngest brother of Hilda (Bridson) Penrice, former editor of the Bulletin. During her 14 years in office, Hilda asked her brother to contribute articles. This he did and continues to do so with his interesting articles and items under the heading of "Letters from Ellesmere Port" and "Manx Snippets".

Arthur and Wynne are very proud of their Manx heritage and spend some time every summer on their beloved "Ellan Vannin", partic-

ularly Ramsey. I am sure our members of NAMA wish them both continued happiness.

CATS' CORNER

The Wiz's view:

As the main cat at the Plymouth, Minnesota, residence, I've been noticing some drastic changes in our routine. The master has been busy getting a bulk rate mailing number, faxing inquiries to members, and conferring with Bud Kloster (our neighbor, friend, and commercial artist) about the NAMA Bulletin. The mistress has been ignoring me, even when I sit on the computer monitor chasing the ever moving cursor. It has been a joy to have Sally visit us with such regularity. She sure can wield a wicked red pen! What I really do not understand are the several references to Manx cats! As a Persian feline, this is distressing. But I guess the NAMA Bulletin is worth all this turmoil. I've done my best to see that it is a quality publication. Hope you enjoy it.

Feasor's reply:

I know what you mean, Wiz. This Manx cat bit is too much! My mistress has been busy reading and proofing the bulletin for several days. The master has been put to work on direction signs for the local society meeting. This is definitely cutting into our attention time. But as a good bulletin is definitely worth the time and effort, I guess we will just have to keep an observant eye on the co-editors to see that they do the job and not ignore us too much.

From the Former Editor

With this issue meet the new co-editors of the Bulletin, Norm and Joan Gill and Sally Dahlquist. As past Editor, I want to thank you all for your interest, support, and cooperation for the past four years. It has been an interesting experience. I ask you to give your support to Norm, Joan and Sally in their effort as the new co-editors of the NAMA Bulletin.

Doris G. Brideson

OBITUARIES

Charline Corrin Radcliffe, 58, of Lexington, KY, died March 16, 1990, of a stroke after a long illness. She was the wife of John Radcliffe, daughter of Pauline Corrin and the late Charles Corrin. She was a member and secretary of Faith Lutheran Church and active in the Girl Scouts from which she recently received the Lamb Award. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by four daughters, three sons, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was the niece of Isabel Corrin and cousin of Edith Ristow, Muriel Connelly, and Norman Clucas.

John Reginald (Reg) Kissack, 86, died on May 14, 1990, at Ramsey Cottage Hospital. Reg lived in Hanna, Alberta, Canada, for many years and returned to the Isle of Man about nine years ago. He is survived by his brother Arnold.

Mr. Herbert L. Cain, 76, of Damascus, died Wednesday, June 13, at his home after a bout with cancer. He was born on March 6, 1914, in Asheville, N. C. He was a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Walter S. Cain.

Mr. Cain was a founding member of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce, serving as secretary. He was a charter member of the Damascus Rotary Club, a member of the Damascus Library Advisory Board, serving as treasurer for six years; and a member of the Washington Manx Society, serving on the board of governors and as membership chairman. He was on the local Boy Scout committee and member of the PTA at Damascus High School. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth P. Cain; four children, Stephen Cain of Washington D.C., David Cain of New York, Dr. Robert Cain of Charleston, S.C., and Mary Taylor of Chantilly, VA.; and a granddaughter.

On Friday, June 8, 1990, **Miss Nancy Christian**, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Christian, of the Isle of Man, passed away peacefully at her home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

She was born on October 1, 1906, on the Isle of Man. She migrated to Winnipeg in 1921, accompanied on the voyage by Elsie Joughin Broadbent, mother of Mona Creer.

She was predeceased by her parents and her three sisters. She is survived by a niece in Toronto, and a cousin in California, and cousins on the Isle of Man.

Nancy was a long-time member of NAMA and made many trips back to the IOM.

She had a respected business career, retiring from the Department of Education in 1971. She is warmly remembered by her many friends and business associates.

Kenneth W. Kelly, son of the late William A. and Annie Elizabeth Kelly, both originally from Peel, and active members during their lifetimes in both the Cleveland Manx Society and NAMA, passed away on April 28, 1990. Ken was born in Cleveland in 1899. He, too, was a member of both organizations, although not active in recent years. Despite failing health, he attended the Cleveland Manx Christmas party in December, 1989.

Ethel S. Christian, nee Shimmin, widow of Henry C. Christian and the daughter of the late John Thomas and Jane Quayle Shimmin originally from Peel, passed away suddenly on July 26, 1990.

The Shimmins were very active in the Chicago Manx Society. Ethel and Henry were active in the Cleveland Manx Society. She has also been very active in the Ladies Auxiliary of the NAMA, serving as Honorary President.

Ethel was born in Peel, migrating to the United States in 1921, when the family settled in Chicago. She went to Cleveland to live when she married Henry in 1956. She moved to Largo, Florida, in 1968 after Henry died.

She is survived by a brother, Henry Shimmin of Chicago; two nieces, Susan Shimmin and Leslie Hickey, both of Chicago; and many cousins worldwide. She was the sister of the late T. Arthur Shimmin of Largo, Florida, and the niece by marriage of Edith Gurney of Avon Lake, Ohio.

Arthur Herbert Bridson, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridson of Ramsey, Isle of Man, died on October 19th, 1990. Arthur and his wife Wynne recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. His sudden passing is a great loss to his wife and family.

For many years Arthur had contributed articles and items to the NAMA Bulletin under the headings of "Letter from Ellesmere Port" and "Manx Snippets", gleanings from the Manx newspapers.

Arthur was laid to rest on his beloved Isle of Man. Interment took place on Thursday, October 25th, 1990, at Maughold Churchyard. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Wynne; two sons, Paul and Carl; one daughter, Mary; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his sister Hilda (Bridson) Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada. Deeply regretted.



Cricket

by Jim Phillip
Vancouver Island correspondent

The Manx cricket team had a memorable victory in Victoria, Canada. Every two years Victoria is host to the VISAS (Victoria International Six-a-Side) Competition. This competition attracted top class amateurs and a fair number of good professional players from all over the world. It was the first time the Isle of Man had sent a team to the event.

In the semi-final, the Manx team got the runs they needed to defeat Victoria. In the finals, playing the Australian team Quantas, the Manx team literally had to come back from the dead (the Manx side lost two wickets before scoring a run, after their opponents had made 104 for two from their ten overs) to win the championship.

The six players for the Island were: Graham Wilson (captain), Cronkbourne; Glen Kneale, Cronkbourne; Martin Webb, Ramsey; Kenny Chesterson, Ramsey; Phil Stevenson, Finch Hill; and Jamie Tomlinson, Finch Hill. The team officials were Ian Tomlinson and Bill Cook.

On the day following the win team members and local persons with Manx connections were entertained at a brunch at the home of Mrs Mary Studely (Nee Cannell). A good time was had by all. Team members hope to return to Victoria in two years and defend their trophy. This is a bi-annual event.



Society News

MINNESOTA

The Manx Society of Minnesota held its summer meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on June 16, 1990. We began with a guided tour of the William A. Irvin, a former ore carrying freighter on the Great Lakes. We went from top to bottom, stem to stern, meeting the resident cats along the way.

Next was lunch at the Park Inn, followed by a business meeting. LaJean Anderson gave a book review of the Manx Museum book, 100 Years of Heritage. She donated T.R.'s remaining copies to the society. The money from their sale will be used by the society to help finance its meetings and projects. One of the projects we would like to undertake is a publication of the family histories of our members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the current financial report was given. The treasurer is checking into lower insurance rates. Mailing expenses continue to be costly. It was noted that our society should be remembered by families receiving memorials. Membership is down slightly. It was suggested that lapsed members be readmitted at a dues of \$2.00. We voted on the color scheme for our new membership cards.

President Gill gave an update on the up coming NAMA Convention, reminding members to send in ads and memorial announcements. Sally Dahlquist has prepared a greeting ad from our society.

The following officers were elected: President, Norm Gill; Vice President, Bill Shimmin; Secretary, Joan Gill; Treasurer, Sally Dahlquist. The Vice President was given the challenge of recruiting new members. We congratulate his enthusiasm.

A special thanks to Charlene Shimmin for making the Duluth arrangements for our meeting.

Joan Gill, Secretary
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CLEVELAND

Our meeting/potluck dinner, held Saturday, June 9th at the home of Liz and Bill Duncan was (as the notice read) "a casual, informal, come-as-you-are, carefree, unpredictable, natural, easy, no-tie, social gathering". Everyone enjoyed the Duncans' warm hospitality!

No regular meetings are scheduled in July and August. On September 22nd we had an indoor "picnic" at McIntosh Farms, Broadview Heights, Ohio. About fifty folks attended a dinner/meeting on October 24th at the Movers and Shakers Restaurant in Highland Heights (east side of Cleveland).

Our annual Christmas get together is set for December 9th at the International A'Fare Restaurant in Parma (another Cleveland suburb). This affair seems to set the mood for the Christmas season.

It is our wish that greetings from our officers and members may be extended to all Manx folks everywhere...we hope your holidays are happy ones!

Marge Kennish Krach
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CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society met at the home of Florence Abbinanti on September 19, 1990. We had a beautiful day for the meeting. It was going to be a late summer picnic, however the weather turned very cool and the bumble bees were out in great number, so the picnic was moved to the screened-in back porch where it was very comfortable. After a delicious lunch we held a brief meeting and went over the news of the California convention.

My son, Brad, and I had a very enjoyable time at the convention and would love to return to California again. We rented a car and drove about 1000 miles in San Francisco and the surrounding area. The Chicago Manx who attended

the meeting had the same thoughts about the convention: Great—great!

I must close now and we here in the Chicago area send all of you our warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Florence Abbinanti
Secretary-Treasurer
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NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association held their spring meeting June 3, 1990, at the home of Phil and Millie Corkhill in Lincoln with 13 attending the potluck dinner.

After the business meeting, Dick and Evelyn Young presented a slide show from their trip to the Isle of Man last summer. Following that, a video movie was shown by Phil Jr. and Jane Corkhill who had just visited the IOM two weeks ago.

We held our fall meeting October 14, 1990, at the home of Bob and Vicky Gobber in Gretna, Nebraska. A potluck dinner with a business meeting following was the agenda.

Tom and Ida Robinson reported on the Manx Convention that they attended this summer in California. The members of the Association voted to hold annual meetings only in the month of October.

Vicky Gobber, Secretary
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GALVA

The Galva Manx Society met on Sunday, August 26, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. in Wiley Park in Galva, Illinois, for a delicious potluck. Fifty-eight Manx descendants met on one of the hottest days of the year. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the President Russell T. Kelly and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Audience introductions relating to Manx connections yielded: 3 from the IOM (namely George Kelly, Peoria; Emily Robson, Kewanee; and

Fred Kennaugh, Victoria), 14 first generation, 5 second generation, 4 third generation, 6 full blooded Manx, 18 half blooded Manx, 7 quarter blooded Manx, and 0 had a Manx cat.

Russell and Shirley Kelly reported on the 39th Biennial NAMA Convention in Santa Clara, California, that they attended August 10-13. Two persons from the IOM were there and about 130 attended the convention. The fee structure to belong to NAMA has been revised. Plans were announced for the next convention in two years to be on the IOM.

There were new officers elected and Doris Brideson, the newsletter editor, retired. Taking her place are Sally Dahlquist and Norman Gill of Minnesota.

There was discussion about the "Homecomers Tour" in the IOM next year and that it will be the 80th birthday of the World Manx Association with special celebrations.

The Wisconsin Manx Association is meeting October 14, 1990, at Heritage House, Washington Street (by the airport), Madison, Wisconsin.

Dinner is at noon and the meeting to follow. All are invited. The Wisconsin Laxey picnic is July 7, 1991.

There was a drawing for a number of Manx "goodies".

The next meeting will be the second Sunday in February at the First United Methodist Church in Galva.

Shirley Kelly reminded members present that she has Manx genealogy references and will be glad to assist anyone interested in locating their Manx roots for a reasonable fee.

Those present thoroughly enjoyed the musical entertainment of the Shenvalley singers: three grandchildren of Thomas Collister, who grew up on Shenvalley Farm, IOM, and immigrated to the U.S. Marshall Collister, a 6th grade teacher in Tremont; Linda Collister Coon, a high school English teacher in Morton; and Phillip Collister, head of the music department at Marycrest College, Davenport, Iowa, have been singing Manx and Christian songs for the past 10 years. They are the children of Norman and Barbara Collister, Galva.

Russell and Shirley Kelly
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Galva, IL 61434

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

NAMA-90 DEBRIEF

The Steering Committee of our convention had a debriefing on September 16th at Pacific Fresh, Cupertino. Attending were Larry and Camille Fargher, Polly and Ed Ernst, Marlene and Herb Storey, Jan and Lee Widen, and Dale and Jan Skillicorn. Missing, with regrets, were Wayne and Orma Crew.

We reviewed the convention and what was done well and what could be done better. We haven't paid all bills yet, but will make a couple thousand dollars for NAMA.

Since the 16th was NAMA President Larry's 58th birthday, Polly brought a birthday cake she made in the shape of Tynwald Hill.

Larry Fargher
830 Kiely Boulevard, #200
Santa Clara, CA 95051

SAN DIEGO

Our April meeting was held at the home of Ed and Aline Wittenkeller. Our numbers were small but as usual it was a good time. Aline always has her home decorated for the season and on this particular day it was still around Easter, so we were able to enjoy her creativity.

Our president Rev. Devore Craine Smith told the group about his family homesite in Sulby Glen and about his two families, Craine and Caley, both from Sulby. He and his wife Ruth visited the Island a few years ago and showed pictures from that trip.

The June meeting was at Marion Kelly's home. She and her sister Alice Zettel hosted the group. They are sisters of Herbert G. Kelly, NAMA chaplain.

Photographs were shown of tombstones in Kernville, California, marking the resting place of Manxmen bearing the names of Joughin, Christian and Kneale. It's believed that they were miners.

Malcolm and Joyce Kinley have made a trip to the Island recently. Malcolm is known for his Manx songs and recitations. You might even be hearing from him at the convention.

A number of our members helped with our "Open House" at the "Cottage of England" at Balboa Park on

July 1st. It gives us an opportunity to tell people about the Island and even to pick up some new members. After all, that's how our own president Rev. Devore Craine Smith found us.

We say goodbye to Doris Brideson as our retiring Bulletin editor, and thank her for an absolutely smashing job over the years. Hope you all met old and new friends at the convention. Have a great time.

Hilary Harrison
Secretary/Treasurer
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ONTARIO

Our annual general meeting was held on Sunday June 17, 1990. It was graciously hosted by our president Roger Nelson and his family at their home in Don Mills, Ontario. Although many were on vacation and it was also Father's Day, a goodly crowd attended and a delightful afternoon was had by all.

Roger read out an item with which NAMA may wish to assist: On the Island, Ramsey Golf Club will celebrate their centenary in 1991. The first caddy for the club was a certain Bob Quayle and an article regarding this gentleman appeared in a Ramsey newspaper dated December 02, 1957. (See below) Ramsey Golf Club would like to contact the family of Bob Quayle but all that is presently known is contained in the newspaper article. Enquiries across Ontario have yielded nothing and I wondered if the extended membership of NAMA could help. If anyone can, please get in touch with Dick Beard at Ramsey Golf Club as soon as you can.

Please thank Doris for all her good work.

Allan A. Caine,
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First Caddy 2/12/57

Remember my notes a few weeks ago regarding the Ramsey golf course? Well, I have received further information on the subject, which is contained in a letter from Mr. Bob Quayle, Ontario, Canada, to his brother, Mr. Malcolm Quayle (father of Mr. W. E. Quayle, M.H.K.).

Mr. Bob Quayle says that he was

Ramsey's first golf caddy. He started in autumn 1891.

The course was at Milntown and was nine holes. It started at Milntown front gate, crossed Ash Cottage Road, then went by Graham's orchard back to the end of the field.

In 1892, when the clubhouse was built, Mr. Quayle was promoted to custodian of the new building, "with the privilege of repairing and cleaning clubs, selling pop, and attending to the little oil stove, and teaching all the young ladies of the town, and some men, too. Therefore I must claim to be the first pro," he adds.

Bob Quayle's father helped Mr. Tom Morris to lay out the Ramsey course in 1891. The clubhouse was erected on the Lezayre Road, halfway between the Crossagh Road, and Milntown front gate. It was built by a Mr. Quine who lived at Mooragh.

According to Mr. Quayle, the first links on the Island were at Riverside, the home of General Brereton.

"I could name every person who played golf in those days," says Mr. Quayle—he is 79 now—"and I could tell you who paid 4d and who paid 6d."

And Mr. Quayle still has his regular round of golf in Canada!

VANCOUVER

President Terry McCaffrey, on behalf of the Vancouver Manx Society, wishes one and all Seasons Greetings.

Our season started off with a Spring Tea held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell. A rather cool spring day was made warm and cozy in the Gell's lovely home. President Terry McCaffrey welcomed all and thanked everyone for making the tea such a success. Convenor for the tea was Joan McCaffrey. A round of applause to Joan, her phoning committee and all who contributed salads, cold meats, buns, cakes and goodies. They were superb! We were fortunate to have at our tea the following guests: Mrs. Nell Christian from Castletown, IOM, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowe, Peel, IOM (cousins of Dr. Gordon Gell); Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lovell of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England (parents of Jean (Chris) Stirling); Mrs. Mona Bohemier, Lillooet, B.C. (sister of Dr. Gordon Gell).

On July 5, 1990, committees and executives met for dinner at Mandos

Restaurant, Burnaby, B.C. to celebrate Tynwald Day. The society always invite Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Gell as their guests to this event in appreciation for their hospitality in opening their home to our Spring Tea. This dinner tradition is a beautiful way to celebrate our Manx heritage and enjoy the company and fellowship of friends. A good time was had by all.

On July 7, 1990, the society met at Stanley Park for our annual picnic. It must have started the summer off as the weather has been great ever since. Races for the little 'uns and tug-of-war for the big 'uns, a candy toss and raffle were the order of the day. It was lovely to see Jim and Midge Phillips from Victoria, B.C. and Mrs. Holmes, of Vancouver as their guest. The evening ended with a trip on the train at the Children's Zoo, courtesy of the society.

Judith Gillon has returned from a seven week trip to England and the Isle of Man. She was delighted to renew her ties with the IOM and greet friends and relations she has not seen for many years. Also on the travel list are Daisy and Alf Hornall who are visiting Scotland and the Isle of Man.

It came upon a midnight clear,
An old refrain we love to hear—

May Joy and Happiness be found
Love, Friendship and Peace abound.

Vera Henry, Secretary
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WISCONSIN

Thirty-seven were present at our Fall Smorgasbord Dinner and meeting at Madison, October 14th. Two new members, Jeanie Cowley-Lewis, Dodgeville, and Marie Lewis-Qualls, Mineral Point, mother and daughter, joined us.

President Mike Cannell opened our meeting asking those present to introduce themselves and tell where they were from. Bob Callin gave a progress report on the Laxey Cemetery tree replacement and announced the 1991 Laxey Picnic will be held Sunday, July 7, 1991. The society voted to donate up to one hundred dollars toward expenses. It was reported the pasties served at the last picnic were a great hit and

we all hoped the committee would continue to have them as part of the event.

Paul Cannell, our president's brother, and his wife took their first trip to the Isle of Man this past summer. They related their experiences meeting their cousin, unbeknown to them at the time, at church at St. Michael's and visiting the Cannell farm, a very heartwarming time for them.

Joan Ogden reported on her first-timer experience at "NAMA-90 Santa Clara". She compared it to a wonderful family reunion, giving highlights of each day. Six of our members attended. Connie Flygt won the grand prize of one week of waterfront accommodations for six on Maui, Hawaii! Mary Kelly gave us an excellent summary of the genealogy workshop conducted by Carol Harliss at the convention. She provided handouts for each of us—the ancestor chart, family group sheets, and sources of archival supplies. Her tips on preserving family records, documents and pictures were especially helpful. Congratulations were extended to Mary for her election to serve as NAMA's 3rd Vice President and for receiving her Ph.D. degree in Art Education from UW-Madison this past May.

We discussed having more meetings during the year, perhaps special interest ones between our regular spring and fall get togethers. Since several of our members have traveled widely, it was suggested they might share these travels with those interested.

Mike reminded us that election of new officers will take place at our next meeting. This has been tentatively scheduled for April 21, 1991, at 12:30 p.m. at Heritage House in Madison.

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WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

As I write this summer's contribution to the NAMA Bulletin, it is nearing the end of July and we are enjoying warm sunny weather. After some lovely weather at the beginning of May, we have had a spell of very cold weather and we began to

think that summer had passed us by, put it has at last arrived.

On 5th May, T.E. Brown's birthday, the garlanding ceremony was performed by Mrs. Kelly-Baggley, who was on holiday from Devon. The garland once again was provided by Miss Doris Clague.

On 17th May, 55 of our members and friends enjoyed afternoon tea at Mallmore, Port St. Mary, and an even larger party enjoyed supper at St. Paul's Hall, Ramsey, on 21st June. Then on 8th July, a large party enjoyed tea at "The Mill" in Sulby before going to church service at the Cathedral, Peel. Our next outing on 16th August will be to Laxey with tea at Laxey Glen Cafe.

Our annual gathering was once again on 4th July at the Masonic Hall. 132 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Barbara Gale, our Cleveland Medallist (for the second time) accompanied by Mrs. Fenella Bazin. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Tim Dougherty and his wife Suzanne were our guests and we also had with us representatives from Barrow and Wirral Manx Societies and a couple from Australia.

Our final outing will be in September. In October we shall have the T.E. Brown Luncheon and in December our Christmas Party has become a very popular item on our programme.

We all send greetings to NAMA members and we shall be thinking of you all as the convention takes place in August—wishing we could be with you. We hope that you will all have a very happy and successful convention.

Since I wrote in July, members of the World Manx Association have enjoyed two coach trips. On 16th August we went to Laxey and enjoyed an excellent tea at the Laxey Glen Cafe. We were pleased to have with us Mrs. Avril Shipman from the Washington D.C. Society and she gave us an account of the interesting event in Washington when 150 years of Christianity had been celebrated. On 22nd September we had our last outing—this time to Silverdale and once again we had a good meal.

Then on 27th October we had our T.E. Brown Luncheon at the Rutland Hotel. Miss Ann Harrison, archivist at the Manx Museum, was our guest speaker and she gave a

very scholarly dissertation on the man T.E. Brown, his feelings for his native land and his concern for conservation. This was of great interest to those who knew only of T.E. Brown as a poet, knowing little about the man and how he felt about the Island he loved so much. Our other guest was the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, The Right-Reverend Noel Jones. A large number of members were present and unfortunately several more were unable to get tickets as the hotel space is limited and no more than 130 can be accommodated. From the Barrow Manx Society we had two representatives and also one lady from the New South Wales Society in Australia.

During October (18th-21st) a very interesting exhibition was held in the Sea Terminal—celebrating our living heritage—"handing it on". Forty different societies were showing the sort of work they enjoy doing. All the Government Departments were represented too. There were also live performances—dance and music workshops with musicians, dancers and actors. We were reminded of our school days—seeing and participating in a school room of 100 years ago—and seeing what is provided in schools today—overhead projectors, computer, video-tapes and so on.

Manx Telecom put on an excellent display, as did the Laxey Mines Research Group, the Hospital, the Police and Fire Services. The Family History Society was there to show how to go about tracing our ancestors. A typical Manx kitchen was on display and Bonnag was baked and sampled. The Embroiderers Guild showed their skills. It is almost impossible to convey the full input and impact of this exhibition.

The Exhibition was opened at noon on the 18th October by Sir Charles Kerruish, President of Tynwald and his grand-daughter, Miss Joney Kerruish (daughter of Keith Kerruish) in the presence of His Excellency Sir Laurence Jones and Lady Jones. It was rounded off with a flourish on Sunday evening with a concert featuring dance, music, song and the spoken word performed by all ages—the handing on of heritage. The children of Marown Junior School sang delightfully. Musicians came from Castle Rushen High School. Hymn-raising was skillfully encouraged by Mr. Geoffrey Corkish

(a former Cleveland Medallist). The Glen Faba ladies choir with soloist Miss Christine Kinvig added to the musical treat. The spoken word came from Major Geoffrey Crellin with excerpts from the poems of T. E. Brown. The Perree Bane dancers were given an enthusiastic reception.

On Friday, 24th August, the W.M.S. presented a flowering cherry tree and planted it in the grounds of the Lieutenant Governor's retirement home at Ballasquark, Laxey, as a token of appreciation for the patronage of Sir Laurence and Lady New.

Our new Governor, Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones KCN, AFC and Lady Jones have kindly agreed to be our new patrons.

Now we are looking forward to the 80th Birthday Celebrations of W.M.A. in 1991 and then the exciting prospect of a NAMA Convention in 1992.

Warm wishes from the W.M.A. to all NAMA members.

Winifred Musgrove
Correspondence Secretary
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Oh! what a lovely party for the 60 people who gathered at the Mirage Restaurant in Perth and enjoyed a lovely meal in beautiful surroundings with good company to celebrate Tynwald Day 1990.

Regrets and best wishes came from Mrs. Linda Newell, Roy and Georgette Callow, Gloria Smith and Vic Knight (ill) and the Morans, Corletts, Shackles, Christians and Rankins (away on holiday). Eileen Cude was unable to make it for the first time in years but sent along a gift for the raffle.

John Burn was sadly missed in the speech area but "DJ" Robert Fairbairn and Dennis Craine filled the gap admirably.

The Jane Crookall Cup, suitably adorned in a lovely crocheted layette made by oldest member May Crossley, was raffled. The proceeds from that (thanks to the Kermodes!) and the souvenir shop raised enough to pay for the musical gear and put our bank balance back to \$296.79.

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New arrival Jack Barnes looked fit and well. A welcome was voiced for Allan Crebbin from Port Erin who had been around Australia on a work-visa.

By some connivance and physical assistance from the manual-arts department at Kewdale Senior High School, a beautiful solid jarrah shield 40cm long adorned with silver plating naming it "The Manx Shield" was presented to the Ballajura Primary School by Allan and Margaret Fairbairn on behalf of the society. It is to be competed for by the school's four 'houses' called Creer, Kerruish, Eaton and Bennett. This will perpetuate our relationship with that district as it will run for at least 25 years!

New arrivals to Perth Judith (Counsel) and Andrew Kneale with Andrew (5) and Daniel (1 1/2) would appreciate a phone call on 362 2851. Andrew's mum Dot is visiting at present also. Dennis and Kath Craine are expecting a big influx of visitors for daughter Angela's wedding to Colin Hales from Boyup Brook on November 4th at St. Mary's "Swan leigh" Middle Swan. May Crossley, 85, has been gallivanting around UK and Europe during the northern summer and is due back 'any day'.

The Shire of Swan have contacted us regarding future involvement in the development of a character identity for the Ballajura region. They have applied for funds to mount a community theatre project and will keep us informed of progress.

I have recently purchased for my library R. H. Kinvig's The Isle of Man and The Isle of Man. Celebrating a Sense of Place from the Liverpool University. For around \$25 each of these can be ordered on your Bankcard or mine by FAX. Please phone me if you're interested.

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ISLE OF MAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS

We were very fortunate to have had good weather for both our summer outing and Open Day in Castletown. Mr. Norman Gale, former custodian of Castle Rushen, took over forty members on a walking

tour around the older parts of the town in June. It was a very interesting and lively evening in the company of an excellent story teller who with his many humorous anecdotes provided one's imagination with visions of life as it used to be.

Our Open Day Exhibition was very successful with many visitors complimenting the high standard of displays organized by Mrs. Mylchreest, Mrs. Lewthwaite and Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Crowe, along with many other helpers and contributors. The displays concentrated on Castletown and southern Manx families which included both family trees and pictorial displays. The July date did clash somewhat with the Tynwald Day celebration and it is now under consideration for the date to be put back and to extend the Opening times.

Tynwald Day itself was a little blustery and homecomers were a little thin on the ground. However, it was an enjoyable day, and made more enjoyable for me as I became a member of both the World Manx Association and NAMA all on the same day, making sure I will get to read the bulletin!

In May, Mrs. Margaret Kelly stepped in at the last minute as our monthly speaker and gave us extracts from her book on Manx country life, 'Twas Thus and Thus They Lived, about the Kellys of Ballavitchell. It provided us with an insight into the hardships of days gone by. Our committees are now actively preparing for the Manx Celebration in October, which we hope will attract many homecomers to our shores. As one secretary to another, may I send my best wishes to yours, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan who just happens to be my wife's cousin.

E.W.Q. Cleator
Secretary IOM FHS
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**If we can trace
our families back
to twenty
generations, we
are all related.**

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

LARRY FARGHER

Lawrence L. (Larry) Fargher, whose dad was born at Laxey, IOM, was installed as NAMA President. Although Fargher is a common Manx name, Larry is the first Fargher to serve as NAMA President. Fargher was also the convention chairman for "NAMA-90 Santa Clara".

Fargher, a native of Montana, was a 1950 grad of Omaha Tech and received his B.S. in 1954 from Omaha University. He received an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University in 1965.

Larry was a Santa Clara city councilman from 1962-1971 and mayor of Santa Clara from 1964-1965. He is a realtor with his own Santa Clara firm, Realcom Associates. In July, in San Diego, he was made an honorary director-for-life by the California Association of Realtors. Larry also serves as a director for the National Association of Realtors.

GLADYS WATTS

Past treasurer Clarence Creer announced at the NAMA executive meeting, Santa Clara, California, that he had given a Life Membership to Gladys Watts of Lincoln, Nebraska, when she reached her 100th birthday.

Gladys Watts was born on the Isle of Man on April 5, 1889, and moved to America in 1910. She presently lives in an apartment in South Lincoln. She is a very independent woman, has a wonderful sense of humor and loves her Manx heritage. She has returned to the Isle of Man many times and keeps up on the Island's current events.

Gladys says that she is enjoying life and thanks God for her clear mind and happy memories, especially those that are Manx.

Excerpts from an article by Dwain Hebda, in The Capital Times, June 20, 1990.



Manx Poem

The Manx way
For the NAMA
Who come from all over
We're proud to say.

The La-dee dahs settled down north
and drink tea,
Then a group moved out westward
hardy cowboys to be,
The real south call meetings Bikinis
by the sea,
The north still use igloos—that's me!

A Manx song—
There's nothing wrong
If for Ellan Vannin
We should long.

We're right independent, we all will
impress.
Someone sang a Scotch Wedding
song to our distress
Cause our Manx Weddin' tune's spe-
cial, as you can guess,
And what Manxman would wear
that short dress?

Convention time—
Would be a crime
To omit Santa Clara
From a rhyme.

Mr. Cannell our leader would surely
agree,
As would Cottier and Bell who
come over the sea,
And Clucas, Fargher, Kinrade and
Kee,
And the Quayles, though their VICE
we don't see!

Peel fish—
That's our dish!
To see Douglas and Ramsey
Is our wish!

Ask any good member who's sitting
here,
Like Christian or Gill, the Kellys or
Creer,
These dear names and places—too
many I fear,
So the ones I've missed
I'll leave till next year!

Now is the hour
For us to say good-bye,
Soon we'll be leaving
Through mountain, plain, or sky.
May God protest us all
As far away we roam,
Remembering those dear green hills
All Manxies call "Our Home".

This poem was written by Laura Kinrade of Ontario, Canada, who was unable to attend the convention because some Manxies were needed to keep Canada still there in one piece. It was written to the tune of "School Days", except the closing was a paraphrase of the American singer's Kate Smith's famous words. It was read to the convention on Monday morning by her sister, Dorothy Kinrade.



GRANDMA CAIN'S PLUM PUDDING

Myra Meittunen
from the Isle of Man

Sift together:

2 3/4 cups flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
3/4 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Mix following fruit into flour:

1/2 lb. raisins or currents
1/2 lb. mixed candied fruit
1 cup or more chopped walnuts

Beat 2 eggs plus 1/3 cup water,
add 1 cup brown sugar.

Mix well. Add 1 cup (packed)
chopped suet plus 2 T. Crisco. Add
fruit and flour mixture.

Mix well. Grease mold well
(Crisco can).

Cover with wet cloth or foil. Tie
on cover loosely as pudding will
rise. Fill mold 2/3 full.

Steam 3 hours in a pan with tight
cover and a rack.

Turn out on a rack to cool.

Pressure cooker method. Steam
20 minutes—no pressure. Then 40
minutes at 15 lbs. pressure. Reduce
pressure quickly, gradually—but not
instantly.

Sauce for Plum Pudding

1 qt. milk, sweeten to taste
1/4 lb. butter
Pinch of salt

Bring to slow boil. Thicken with
flour and water to gravy consistecy.

Serves 12

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Tidbits ...

Mrs. Edna Cowin, genealogy expert of NAMA, encourages members to contact her for any genealogy information she may have regarding the Manx. Mrs. Cowin also provides members with a membership certificate which may be purchased for a nominal charge. These certificates are very beautiful, with the member's name done in calligraphy. The history of the NAMA symbol and the certificate are included. These are perfect gifts for that special Manx person.

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NAMA 90-Santa Clara" photos are available from:

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Convention Booklets are available through:

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Mr. Skillicorn also can do Manx emblem printing and full color logos including letterheads, envelopes, memo pads, personal and business cards. His prices are very reasonable. Contact him at the above address for prices. Our president Larry Fargher says the sample memo pad sheets look neat!

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A membership list by alphabet or by area is available for \$2.00. State or local listings are available for \$0.50. Send requests to:

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To all my Manx friends everywhere—

I would like to wish you all good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year. May you find contentment in your faith, family and friends.

Hilda (Bridson) Penrice and my Family.

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We are indebted to Mrs. Joyce Buckland of the Krans-Buckland Association Inc. for this valuable piece of information.

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From the NAMA Regional Representative in the Isle of Man:

All the best wishes for the Christmas season and the coming year from the Manx based members of NAMA. Now that I have the new membership forms, I will try to recruit some more members in the Isle of Man. I enjoyed meeting all of

you who were in Santa Clara in August.

Noreen S. Cottier
Peel, Isle of Man

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Jean Fredrick and her sister Irene Calderwood, both from Waverly, Iowa, visited the Isle of Man in September. It was Irene's first visit. Jean had been over five years ago in April, but felt it was just great in September. They were both pleased to meet a second cousin, Mrs. Mary MacDonald of Peel, who took them to see some of the places where their ancestors had lived and entertained them for lunch at her home.

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On September 5th on the Isle of Man, six stamps appeared for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, showing action in the air, at sea, and by anti-aircraft forces on land. The stamps come in pairs, two at 15 pence, two at 24 pence, two at 29 pence.

On the same date, four portrait stamps were issued for the 25th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill.

Many of the Manx lighthouses were built by Stevensons, an Edinburgh firm founded by the great-grandfather of writer Robert Louis Stevenson. Twin lights were erected by them on the Calf of Man in 1818, though only the ruins remain. They were superseded by lights built on Chicken Rock, the most recent of which is visible for twenty-three miles. Langness Lighthouse was built by Stevensons' on Dreswick Point in 1880 to light the treacherous waters known traditionally as the "Graveyard of Ships".

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