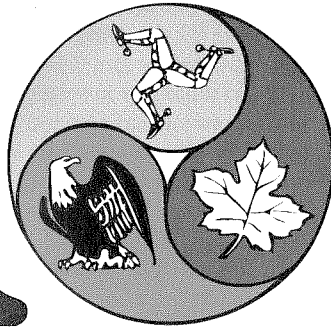


# N A M A



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### Superheroine's Mom

In case you've been away forty years, Wonder Woman is still fine and 20. After fifty years and more than 600 hair-curling episodes...Ms. Wonder Woman remains determined to prevail over the forces of crime and/or evil, sexism, war, brutality, hatred, and racism.

Ever since Wonder Woman materialized, readers thought the Amazing Amazon was daughter to Hippolyte, a 1,000-year-old queen. But now Our Towns reveals the true identity of Wonder Woman's real Mom!

She is Elizabeth Holloway Marston. She's not 1,000; she's 99 and is proud of it.

Mrs. Marston is the widow of William Marston, a psychologist who gained more fame for a comic character than his other evil-fighting tool, the lie detector. One dark night (50 years ago) as the clouds of war hovered over Europe again, Marston consulted his wife and collaborator, also a psychologist.

He was inventing somebody like that new Superman fellow, only his character would promote a global psychic revolution by forsaking Biff! Bam! and Ka-Runch! for The Power of Love.

Well, said Mrs. Marston, who was born liberated, this superhero had better be a woman.

Wonder Woman was created in the Marstons' suburban study as a crusading Boston career woman disguised as Diana Prince, who could dash into a ladies' room and emerge in her eagle-festooned, red-white-and-blue crime-fighting culottes.

Meanwhile, in a small Connecticut town, Wonder Woman's Mom has disguised herself as a retired editor who lives in postwar housing with Bear, the Wonder Shih Tzu, a black cat named Sylvester, and a son, Pete.

Wonder Woman Sr. was born on the Isle of Man, the first female in three generations of Holloways, later immigrating to the United States. Mrs. Marston's regal Victorian mother encouraged early independence.

"You can do anything you want," said the Mom of Wonder Woman's Mom. So, after psychology at Mount Holyoke, Mrs. Marston applied to law school. "Those dumb bunnies at Harvard wouldn't take women," she recalls, "so I went to Boston University."

The Marstons made quite a household — an inventor testing inventions on his wife, four children who could not fly, one

superheroine, assorted do-badders like Prince Pagli and the Seal Men and a psychologist using psychology on her husband to "throw in my two cents."

Excerpts from an article by Andrew H. Malcolm of the *New York Times*. Marge Krach found it reprinted in the *Cleveland Plains Dealer*, March 5, 1992.

### Notes from the Island

Ramsey, 17 April 1992

Here in the Island we are waiting for spring to start properly. We have had several pleasant days but each time we get a return to cold winds and even a sprinkling of snow on North Barrule and Snaefell. In spite of that throughout the Island 'a host of golden daffodils are nodding their heads in sprightly dance'. For several years now local authorities, schools, voluntary organisations and private individuals have been planting bulbs in the grass verges and the hedgerows so that now each spring we have a glorious display of flowers. The various fruit trees are beginning to blossom and the trees are all starting to show their new leaves.

The World Manx Association held its Annual General meeting in St Andrew's Church Douglas on March 14. Although Betty Hanson had completed five years in office it was agreed, that because of the NAMA Convention being held here, she should continue in office for another year. Peter Kelly, having completed five years also, was succeeded as Chairman by Mrs Iris Christian who was the Vice-Chairman. The new Vice-Chairman is Mr Alan Crowe. The post of Correspondence Secretary has been deleted and the

# SHAZAM

## NOTES *Continued*

Secretary, Mrs Alice Pugh, has now got a Deputy Secretary, Mrs. N. Taggart, instead. Any correspondence in future should be addressed to the Secretary, Alice Pugh, unless it is material for the WMA Newsletter when it should be sent to me, David Caley, as Editor.

We have now got the programme for your convention in July and it seems that you have a very busy schedule, however we hope that you can find time to come and visit some of us in our homes - you will be given a true Manx welcome.

After the Manx General Election last November, we have now had the UK General Election and although we don't participate in it in the Isle of Man, for several weeks it has dominated our television screens and the daily papers. Now that it is over we hope that the real problems of the recession, unemployment, manufacturing industry and the economy generally can be tackled without the distraction of electioneering.

Here on the Island we now have in the House of Keys the nearest thing to an official opposition with the setting up of what is known as 'the Alternative Policy Group' or more colloquially 'the Gang of Five'. These are five members of the Keys who have refused to take any Government office and who as the name suggests meet together to develop alternative policies on issues where they believe the views of the Council of Ministers are wrong and should be amended. During the recent Budget debate they made various criticisms and put forward some suggestions. In the end though, the Budget was approved unanimously by Tynwald. In the last House a proposal to de-criminalise homosexual acts between consenting adults in private was defeated. This proposal was re-introduced in the new House of Keys and this time the proposal was accepted by a small majority. The bill still has various stages to go through but it does seem that this time it will become law and the Island will avoid a confrontation with the UK Government over the issue.

It would be possible to devote several pages to other issues of importance to the Island, the proposed new sewage treatment plant, the refurbishment of the Villa Marina, the problem of a few buildings in Douglas that have been allowed to deteriorate, the tourist trade, the future of the Steam Packet Company and the possible introduction of high-speed catamarans on Manx routes, and many other topics. However I think that that is enough of political subjects for now.

Ellan Vannin with its Green Hills by

the Sea is waiting to welcome those of you who are coming over for the convention, all of us on the Island are looking forward to meeting you. To those of you who cannot come this time, we can say that we hope that you will be able to come in some future year and whenever that may be a welcome awaits you.

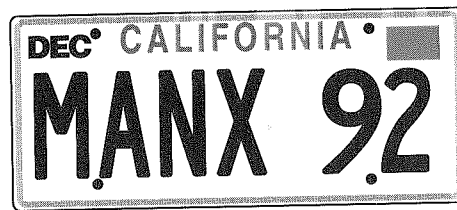
David Caley  
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Ramsey, Isle of Man



## License to be Manx

In the November 12 issue of the *Isle of Man Examiner* was a photo of a California license plate "IOMMANX" spotted by John Johnson, of Douglas, while on holiday in San Diego this year. In the next issue John Stevenson wrote that he had seen the same license plate in 1987 while holidaying. He left a note and telephone number on the car. The owner contacted him, saying she was a member of the Radcliffe family of Ballaugh.

In the February 25, 1992, *Isle of Man Examiner*, Mr. and Mrs. James Steel were shocked to see MN plates on vehicles in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands during their holiday to the South Pacific



President Larry Fargher mentioned Mary Kelly's "Manx" Wisconsin plates in the last issue. After seeking several combinations, he obtained "Manx 92" for his car.

Norman Gill wanted a Minnesota plate with "Manx" only to discover it had been taken — must be those cat people. He remembered a copy of an old map labeled Man I, and selected that. You can image the comments, especially from those not familiar with the Isle of Man. Or from male chauvinists and feminists! He was surprised to learn from Tim Swales that it was the license plate used by the Governor on the IOM.

Has anyone else seen any Manx plates of interest?



# NAMA92 Final Update

Final plans are being made for the North American Manx Association Convention on the Isle of Man from July 3rd to July 7th. As this is being written in early May, 142 people have registered for the convention and registrations continue to be received. Unfortunately, the George Cannon Family Association group that was being organized in Utah has not worked out as planned. Members of that group who wish to attend the convention will now make arrangements to attend in the same way as our current registrants. We hope many will join us.

A final reminder letter was sent to all of our members in April. This letter also extended the deadline for the submission of greetings and memorials to be printed in our Souvenir Program. Many of you have submitted items for the Souvenir Program and thanks to two of our Island members, Noreen Cottier and Steve DeHaven, we have received strong support from Island firms wishing to place advertisements in the program.

Several convention "welcome letters" to be printed in the Souvenir program have been received. Thoughtful letters are in hand from Vice President Dan Quayle, President of Tynwald Sir Charles Kerruish, Chief Minister Miles Walker, Speaker of the House of Keys James Cain (grandson of Richard Cain, one of the original founders of the World Manx Association), Tourist Board Chief Executive Terry Toohey, and Douglas Mayor J.B. Callow. It is safe to say that the Manx Government knows we are coming and they welcome our arrival! If any of you who are not attending the convention would like to purchase a copy of the interesting Souvenir Program, please send a check for \$6 (U.S. or Canadian) to Mary Hayslett, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. #221, Alexandria, VA 22311-1241.

If you have any last minute questions, feel free to call Ron Quayle in Alexandria, VA at 701-370-8975. Also, if some of you make last minute plans to be on the Island during our convention, plan on joining us as we will be set up to handle your registration at the Palace Hotel. Come one, come all!

We look forward to greeting you on the Isle of Man in July.





## President's Message

Greetings, Ye Manx, our relatives and friends!

I am very excited about our upcoming trip to Ellan Vannin!

At this point, we have our schedule pretty well set and our tickets arranged. There are many details, but we're blocking them in as we go. I received a letter from a young man on the Isle of Man who had visited us here several times, telling of his plans to show us around the Island, including our old farm, Gretch Voar at Laxey, and his home in Ramsey.

Ostensibly, I'll come back a much smarter Manxman. The one sad part is that my wife of thirty-nine years will not remember what we see from day to day, because we are in our seventh year of Alzheimers. She does enjoy the moment, though, and is real good company. I'm sure she doesn't remember NAMA-90 Santa Clara or that I am NAMA president. Helps keep me humble.

Many of you are not going and we will try to report the goings-on and all that we experience in the next issue of this Bulletin. I'm excited to be with all of you that are going.

One of the items to be worked on at the convention will be the dues structure. Our individual dues cover the cost of four Bulletins only. The postage charge is higher for some of us and some pay in less than United States dollars. We will have to address these at the convention. We will keep you informed.

We wish you a dynamite summer! God bless us, every one!!  
Best wishes!!!

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence L. Fargher  
President

## OBITUARY

### H. Thompson Stock

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 21, 1992, for H. Thompson Stock, 93, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Stock graduated from the University of Michigan in 1921 and from the Harvard Business School in 1923. For twenty years he served as class agent of his business school class.

He was the retired owner of Arthur J. Stock Insurance Agency, which was started by his father in Detroit in 1903. He was the third insurance agent in Michigan to earn the award of CPCU. He taught a course in insurance at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in Detroit in the 1930s and 1940s. For over twenty-five years he wrote a monthly article on insurance for the *Local Agent* magazine.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, who died in 1977, his brother, Arthur, who died in 1986 and by his parents, Arthur J. Stock and Florence Abel Stock.

He is survived by his daughter, Josephine Ann Stock, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and two sons, H. Thompson, Junior, of Three Rivers, Michigan, and Arthur J. Stock of Boston, Massachusetts.

Genealogy was Mr. Stock's favorite hobby. He published two books on his family genealogy, one tracing his father's ancestry and the other tracing his mother's. The book on his mother's ancestors was published in 1987, when he was 89 years old. He maintained an active correspondence with many of his genealogy relatives, including those having the common Manx ancestor.

Mr. Stock is the great grandson of Thomas Gawne, 1808 - 1894, who came from the Isle of Man to the United States with his parents between 1822 and 1830. In 1841 he married Sarah Ann Wolley in a ceremony at Trinity Church in New York City. Around 1853 Thomas Gawne purchased a farm about two miles north of the city of Oxford, Ohio, where he lived for the rest of his life. He paid an annual rent to Miami University, which was the owner of the land. Thomas Gawne's parents, William and Margaret Corlett Gawne, lived in Ballaugh Parish, Isle of Man, and attended the Ballaugh Parish Church (Church of England) before emigrating to New York City. William's parents lived their entire lives in Bride Parish. Mr. Stock's daughter, Josephine Ann, is the namesake of Thomas Gawne's daughter, Josephine Corlett Gawne.

The first Manx emigrants to North America, the sister Rose and Barbara Standish, were cousins of Myles Standish, the military leader of the *Mayflower* expedition. While visiting the Isle of Man in 1618, Myles met and married Rose, who accompanied him on the *Mayflower* in 1620. She died, however, within three months of the ship's first landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1623, her sister sailed to the new colony, where she soon became the second Mrs. Standish. Many current members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants share a common descent from the six children born to Myles and Barbara Standish during their thirty-year marriage.

In 1655, the Cottier family and the brothers William and Jonathan Christian emigrated together from the Isle of Man. The Christians were politically prominent Manx landowners who had received a large grant of land in Virginia, where they married two of the Cottiers. Among their descendants were many soldiers, legislators, judges, and businessmen, as well as Letitia Christian Tyler, the wife of John Tyler, the tenth president of the United States. During the American Revolution, more than two dozen members of the Christian family were officers in the Continental Army. In his biographies of notable Manx men and women published in 1901, *Manx Worthies*, A.W. Moore observed that the Christian family "is now a very numerous one, and has spread into the states of Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Colorado, and Alabama."

Another Manxman, and former governor of Bermuda, William Sayle, led an expedition to South Carolina in 1670, where he founded and governed the Charleston Colony, the first permanent English settlement in the state.

Manx emigration to North America continued throughout the 18th century. Robert Looney, who arrived from the Isle of Man in 1731, acquired 650 acres of land along the James River in Virginia, and became one of the colony's most prosperous farmers. Looney constructed a fort bearing his name that later served as a defensive outpost in both the French and Indian Wars and the American Revolution. His son Absolem established a settlement in southwest Virginia some four years before another frontiersman,

Daniel Boone, arrived in the area to build a fort. The valley near present-day Bluefield, Virginia, where Absolem Looney made his settlement is still known as Abb's Valley.

The Kaighin family from the Isle of Man called their settlement in New Jersey Kaighin's Point, a site now known as Jersey City. The head of the Kaighin family was an enthusiastic supporter of the American Revolution who signed thousands of confessions of treason against the Crown, in the form of Continental bank notes.

In 1726, another branch of the Christian family came to North America. After settling first in Pennsylvania, Gilbert

mittee in 1775 concluded with the statement: "These are our real, though unpolished, sentiments of liberty and loyalty and in them we are resolved to live and die." Some historians believe that these revolutionary "sentiments" may have played a part in inspiring the spirited and decisive appeal for independence presented to the Virginia Convention in 1775 by Patrick Henry, which ended with the immortal words: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

The convention responded by naming Henry chairman of a committee to arm and defend the colony, on which Christian rubbed elbows with such stalwart patriots as Washington, Jefferson, Harrison, and Lee. The first Virginia Liberty or Death Regiment was thus created with Christian as its military leader. Shortly after the publication of the Declaration of Independence, Christian accepted a commission as Colonel of the Virginia Militia, with orders to carry out a punitive expedition against the English-allied Cherokee tribes who were raiding settlements on the Virginia frontier. Commanding a force of 1700 militiamen, Christian secured a truce with Indians within two months, and a year later negotiated a peace treaty with them as Virginia's commissioner. After the war, Christian settled his family on a grant of land near modern Louisville, Kentucky and gradually withdrew from public life, though he was often discussed as a prospective candidate for governor. He may well have one day held that office, had he not been called upon to lead

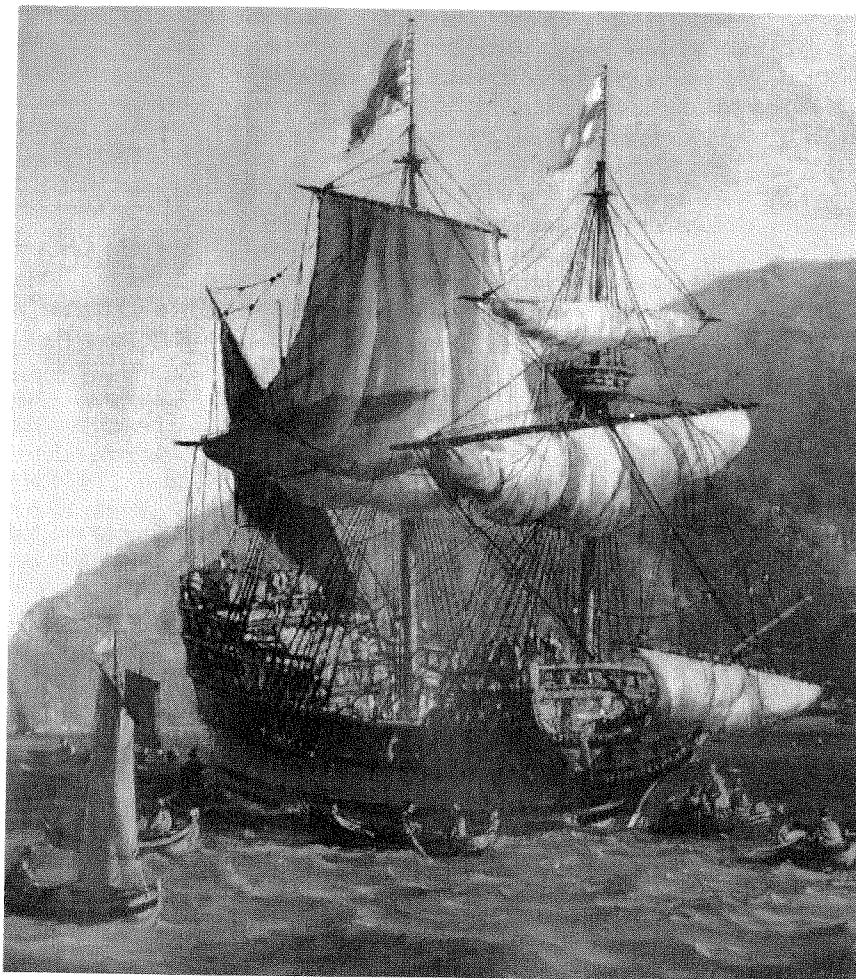
another Indian campaign. Emboldened by England's refusal to surrender the Northwest Territory forts, Indian war parties swept through Kentucky's western frontier during the winter of 1785/86. With a small company of men Christian pursued one band of raiders and engaged them in battle near present-day Jeffersonville, Indiana. In the fighting, both Christian and one of his men, another Manx-American named Kelly, were mortally wounded. A grateful Kentucky Assembly later named Christian County in his memory.

The first large-scale Manx migration to North America began in the early 19th century. During the 1820s, over 140

# The Manx in North America

Christian made his way to the Valley of Virginia in 1732. His grandson Israel served as a representative in the Virginia House of Burgesses from 1759 to 1761, and is credited with founding the towns of Fincastle and Christianburg. Israel's son William entered the law office of Patrick Henry, the future first governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia; but he had less success in acquiring a legal practice than in courting Henry's favorite sister, Anne, whom he married in 1768. William was elected to the Virginia legislature in 1773, where he chaired a committee appointed to implement the resolves of the Continental Congress. The Fincastle Resolutions produced by Christian's com-

Manx immigrant families journeyed to Ohio by covered wagon, and by 1827, roughly 250 Manx people had settled in the Cleveland area. At that time the Manx were the largest ethnic community in Cleveland, and in 1851 they organized the first North American Manx organization, the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland. (Mona was the name given to Isle of Man by Julius Caesar, who evidently confused it with *Mon/Mona* [English Anglesey], an island off the northwest coast of Wales that was sacred to the ancient Celts.) By the mid-1800s, the Manx immigrants had established themselves throughout Ohio and many more had settled on the farmlands of the Midwest. A large Manx contingent joined the Mormon migration to Utah in the 1840s, led by George Quayle Cannon, a secretary to President Tyler, who later became an aide to Brigham Young as well as an important newspaper publisher and a director of the Union Pacific Railroad. His brother John served both as President of the Mormons and as their congressional representative for many years. He was succeeded in the latter capacity by John Caine, a native Manxman, who joined still another member of the Cannon family in Congress, Joseph Gurney Cannon from Illinois. "Uncle Joe," as he was popularly known, served in the House of Representatives for a total of 46 years, and was Speaker of the House from 1903 to 1911.



Howard Cannon, a descendant of George Quayle Cannon, is currently a United States Senator from Montana.

A second large wave of Manx emigrants arrived in North America during the late 19th century, when the Manx mining industry began to decline. Leadminers from Laxey and Foxdale were soon employed at mining sites in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Arizona. The Laxey Church at Dodgeville, Wisconsin was built by miners in memory of the once-prosperous Manx mining center they been forced to leave. Another Manxman,

William Kennish, had previously found work as a gold prospector in new Granada (modern Colombia and Panama) after emigrating to the United States in 1849. A poet, sailor, engineer, and inventor, Kennish was intrigued by reports heard during his travels of a valley that stretched across the isthmus of Darien, or Panama, and decided to explore the area as a potential canal site. In 1855, after conducting several perilous surveying expeditions, Kennish submitted to the United States Government and several scientific bodies the first detailed plan for a canal joining the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Many Manx self-help societies set up in North America during the late 19th century may still be found in such diverse places as Bisbee, Arizona and the District of Columbia; Toronto, Halifax, and Montreal, Canada; and cities and towns throughout Minnesota, Nebraska, Illinois, and California. Since 1929, these numerous societies have been bound together in the North American Manx Association (NAMA). NAMA holds a convention every two years at different sites, publishes a quarterly magazine, and presents an annual Manx Heritage Award to students from the Isle of Man, who excel in Manx

music, dance, art, crafts, or the Manx language. The Cleveland Manx Society also presents an award for outstanding achievement at the annual Manx Music Festival. Comprising over a thousand members descended from the earliest Manx emigrants to the most recent arrivals from the Isle of Man, the North American Manx societies protect and proclaim their Manx heritage with a fervor seldom found in the ancient kingdom of their origins.

The government committee that organized the Isle of Man's celebration of the a "Millennium of Tynwald" in 1979 estimated the number of descendants of Manx

emigrants in the English-speaking world today at one million. E.J.P. Farrant noted in the *Genealogist's Magazine* (March, 1979) that "there is little doubt this understates the position." The Isle of Man regularly honors its foremost emigrants as well as the nations where they have made their new homes. To commemorate the bicentennial of American independence, the Manx government issued four postage stamps depicting historic events from the life of Colonel William Christian, minted a special crown piece in honor of George Washington, and presented Congress with a "true image" of the Manx Sword of State. In receiving the sword from "the oldest continuing democratic assembly in the world," Speaker of the House Carl Albert remarked: "We appreciate your generous

Bicentennial gift. We shall treasure it and exhibit it to millions of Americans. And to all those [with] origins in your homeland who come to the Capitol, it will [be a reminder] of the historic role played by Tynwald in the development of the greatest institution the human race has produced—that institution known as free and representative government."

This article was written by Edward Sayle and appeared in the *Keltica*, No. 2, 1983, a publication of the Society of Inter-Celtic Arts and Culture. It was sent to the Bulletin by Mary E. Hayslett.

# Standish on Standish

On April 12, 1992, Norman Standish appeared on *Sounds of Britain and Ireland*, a program on Cleveland Public Radio every Sunday from 4 to 5 PM hosted by Joe Nicholes. The following are sampling of the ideas discussed on this program.

Norman identified himself as a tenth generation descendant of Myles Standish. Since the 350th anniversary of Myles' death several books have been written that brought out the Manx connection. The first information written about Myles Standish and the Isle of Man was in a book by Ethel Harper. This established the folklore of his youth on the Island. The interest on the Isle of Man is very keen, so it is very easy to trace back some of the information. Ellenbane, where Myles grew up, still exists on the Island of Man. It looks pretty much just the way it did in 1582 when Myles was born. The only thing difference Norman saw was that the gates posts, originally built for just a cart with a single horse, have been pulled out over the years by the farmers so that they can get a tractor through. It is not a museum, but is privately owned and operated as a farm in a rural area, still very much the same as it was when Myles lived there.

On the 350th anniversary of his death, the Post Mistress of the IOM was interested in issuing a stamp which had a picture of Myles on it. It was difficult to find a picture of him while he was associated with the Pilgrims because they did not believe in images. She had been told that a picture existed in Tulsa, Oklahoma. When Norman went to investigate, no one knew about a picture of Myles Standish. While at the museum, an older woman came over and said she thought she had seen a picture in Bartelsville, Oklahoma.

There Norman was directed to Willow Rock, the hunting lodge of the Phillips brothers from Phillips Oil. In the basement of a museum started by the Phillips, Norman discovered a series of pictures with Myles Standish in the middle. All the pictures appeared to be very similar. At the Norman State University Historical Society in Oklahoma, it was discovered that Frank Phillips had assumed that he was descendant from several famous people, especially explorers. He had an artist paint pictures of these famous explorers, using a photograph of Phillips' image for each face. Norman took a picture of the painting of Frank Phillips in Myles Standish uniform and sent it to the Isle of Man Post Mistress. It was used and issued as stamp of Myles Standish in 1986. It is part of a series including the Mayflower and Ellenbane.

It is an impressive picture of Myles, almost as if he is ready to go to war. Myles received a commission from Elizabeth the First. He went to Holland to fight the Spanish and while he was there, he was wounded and hospitalized. Ethel Harper brings out in her book that a cousin told Myles' grandfather, who raised Myles after the death of his parents, that Myles had been killed in Holland. Myles would have inherited the property on the Isle of Man, but because the family thought he was dead the inheritance went to the cousin. When he returned to discover this, it may have been the reason for him joining the Mayflower voyage. He was not a Pilgrim, but a military leader.

When asked if there was a popular Manx name by the Irish moderator, Norman replied that Kelly is very common. The Kelly clan met on the Isle of Man this May. Another common name is Teare. Norman has been told that the names beginning with Q can trace their lineage back to the Isle of Man.

One of the animals unique to the Island is the Manx cat born without a tail and slightly longer hind legs. Another is

the loaghtan sheep with two horns pointing up and two curl down. At one time these sheep were practically extinct until they started breeding them on the Island. There are a lot of them seen on the Island today and the Islanders are very proud of them.

At this point in the program they played *The Manx Fisherman's Hymn* sung by two Manx choirs from a record furnished by Marge Krach of the Cleveland Manx Society.

The Isle of Man has one of the oldest forms of government in the world today. They celebrated their millennium, a thousand years, in 1979. This parliamentary form of government was established by the Vikings with an elected lower House and a House of Keys. Tynwald is an area in the center of the Island with an elevated mound where a ceremony takes place on July 5th each year for the reading of the new laws in both English and Manx Gaelic. Any citizen who feels he has been wronged may raise his protest at this time. The Isle of Man is independent but under the protection of the British government.

As part of the celebration for the millennium, the Isle of Man constructed a reproduction of the Viking longboat in Norway and sailed it from Norway to the Isle of Man with a combined Norwegian and Manx crew living on the food and supplies that would be characteristic of the period. This boat has become famous and is now in a museum called the Odin Raven (in Peel), complete with a Viking holding a shield and wearing horned hat to meet visitors at the door.

The symbol of the Isle of Man is the three running legs meaning regardless of how you are thrown you land on your feet. Mr. Nicholes always thought it was giving England, Ireland, and Scotland the boot!

There is a connection with Ireland because many of the early priests who came to the Island were from there. Even St. Patrick was supposed to have visited the Island to rid it of rats and snakes.



# SOCIETY NEWS

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

"One of the happiest Tynwald Day dinners yet!" was the opinion of the fifty one members who celebrated on July 5th at the Sandringham Hotel this year. Richard Lewis was a witty and professional Master of Ceremonies and the excellent meal was complimented by the lovely singing of "Sonia".

The souvenir shop was popular again and helped to keep the exchequer healthy.

Apologies and best wishes were received from Hilda Heath, the Quayle/Moran family, Peter and Edwina Barnes, Quine and Leah Parkes, Florence and Richard Stowell, John and Jaquie Clague, and Roy and Georgette Callow (who has been quite ill for some time and waiting to go into hospital). This couple are stalwarts and never fail to support events or send apologies, so let's hope Georgette is fighting fit again.

With great sadness I have to report the death on September first of George (Wilf) Quine, father of Maureen Rock, one of our longest serving members. Condolences go to all the family especially Lily, who lives with her daughter's family in Balcatta. George was a friend and workmate of my father and it was good last year to see them sharing memories from the "good ole days" during Lewins visit.

Margaret and Alan Fairbairn are getting to the end of their two-month holiday visiting relatives and fossicking around the Island for new Manx books and knick-knacks for our souvenir shop. A special thanks also to Betty Downward (Onchan, IOM) for her regular contributions to our stocks. We have a new video of the 1991 TT Races which will be on sale at the next event.

On September 3rd I was asked to speak to the WA Genealogical Society on the history of the Isle of Man. This was quite an exercise and preparation took a long time as I didn't want to leave anyone of importance out but didn't want to go on too long either!! A transcript and tape will be available soon for a small charge. Many interesting questions followed from the fifty to sixty people present and three new names were added to our membership list.

Our involvement with the Ballajura

region is continuing and the latest development is a huge sporting centre including the "Viking Stadium" which will use the three-leg symbol throughout its decorative theme and explain to patrons the district's connection with the IOM and the meaning of the name Ballajura — which in Manx means "the place of the stranger" — it could have been a foreigner or a fella from "over the bridge" (south of the Island!).

The weather was perfect for the picnic day, November 17th, at Mundaring — young and old alike obviously enjoyed the venue and the company. The Manx flag was flown high again and attracted the attention of Hilary Calder and her husband of Bicton who described herself as a "Laxey Girl" as was another visitor Margaret Mogford, in Perth with her husband Ken to visit their son. The Mogfords would be interested in exchanging a house with someone in Perth or environs in the future. Please ring me for their address. It sounds like a good way to save dollars on your holiday!

The souvenir shop was busy again, topped by the Fairbairns/Downwards and visiting "Work Visa Kids", Helen, Kate, Carolyn and Karen who have now left for Victoria where they hope to make their fortunes — fruit-picking!

In a Ballajura up-date, Evelyn Shackles awarded the MANX SHIELD to EATON HOUSE Captains and Margaret Fairbairn presented an official MANX FLAG to the school at their final assembly for 1991. The latter was a gift from Sir Charles Kerruish who is now the President of Tynwald who now is presiding officer — replacing the Governor in this position. The story and photographs appeared in the *Isle of Man Examiner*.

Correspondence from the NSW Manx Society informed us that members of this society have become involved with the Celtic council and will be attending the inaugural ceremony of the Australian Standing Stones at Glen Innes on February 2nd. These are replicas of the stones at Callanish on the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, and will commemorate the contribution of the Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Cornish, Manx, and Breton communities to Australian culture.

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## WISCONSIN

Thirty-seven members and guests attended our Spring Meeting, April 5, at Heritage House in Madison. After a smorgasbord dinner, President Dann Willett called the meeting to order, opening with the group singing of "Ellan Vannin", accompanied by Jean Willett. Members were asked to introduce themselves and respond as to what we liked about the Manx Society and possible future suggestions and directions. The unanimous feeling was the wonderful fellowship of a family being together was what we enjoyed most. Doris Alf, our Vice President, related her introduction to our group by a relative telling her, "You'll love it, they all look like Aunt Alice!" There were suggestions for follow ups in genealogy. Perhaps a listing of members with ancestor Manx names, dates, Parish and localities in the Isle of Man, could be made available to interested members to find possible relationships.

President Willett suggested we might wish to take part in the Ethnic Festival held during a spring weekend in Madison. We will need to start planning for this in the fall. Our President also announced our Society had received a memorial check from the Frances Kelly Nason family for one of our recently deceased members.

Mary Kelly reported NAMA membership is increasing and reservations for this year's meeting on the Isle of Man has reached 125 thus far. Wisconsin will be represented by at least five members. Mary awarded a special pin for distinguished service to the Wisconsin Manx Society to Mae Reese who has served as newsletter editor for the past eight years.

President Willett introduced us to the Douglas tape of the *Truly Manx Tales* tape series produced by Manx Radio. One of our members in attendance was Ian Turner. He left Douglas when he was 21 for Sydney, Australia, where he worked for Quantas Airlines. He met an American girl, Carol, who was on a teaching assignment there. They married and are now living with their family in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. They are now planning a summer visit to his family in Douglas. Their's is an interesting story!

Our Fall Meeting is scheduled for

October 18, 1992, 12:00 noon, at the Heritage House in Madison.

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## VANCOUVER

Once again spring has come to Vancouver with a splash of colour. The winter of '91 was so pleasant and mild, plants and flowers have been on the scene since February. Our beautiful city with mountains and ocean has been magnificent...a sight to be seen.

Long time Manx members CHARLIE and MABLE (CASS) CHRISTIAN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in "the Park clubhouse." CHARLIE is the eldest son of the late WILLIAM and MILDRED (CREGEEN) CHRISTIAN of the ISLE OF MAN and Vancouver. Welcoming guests were the couple's three children MARY CAZALET, JOHN and KEN CHRISTIAN, daughter-in-law LESLIE and grandchildren MIKE, NICOLE, GARRETH, EMILY and JAMES. Friends and family wish the happy couple many more years of wedded bliss.

It is with sadness we note the passing on March 15 of ROBYN SANDERS. ROBYN was the daughter of the late RONALD and ANNIE RICE, granddaughter of the pioneering QUAGGAN family, all long time members. She was predeceased by her husband LEE SANDERS. ROBYN had a charming personality that attracted many people. She lived in the large family home and every year or so held a QUAGGAN reunion inviting one and all and sometimes had five generations at the "picnic" in her beautiful garden. She is survived by her brothers GORDON and COLIN RICE and their families. She will be missed.

Congratulations are extended to GEOFF and MISHELLE CANNELL on the birth of their son JAYSON KENT. Also welcoming the new arrival — Grandmother CATHIE CANNELL and little brother CODY.

MRS ISOBELLE GELL has once again offered the society the use of her home for our spring tea. It is to be held on May 9 and as it is our first event of the year we are hoping for a good turnout.

Our picnic will be held at Stanley Park at the site near the children's zoo. All visitors are welcome...look for the Manx flag. The date is August 22, 1992.

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Canada

## MINNESOTA

The Manx Society of Minnesota held its spring meeting on a very pleasant April 4, 1992, in Faribault, Minnesota. About thirty members convened at the Huckleberry Inn for a business meeting. Gordon Garrett, Saginaw, and Dick and Polly Callister, Virginia, Minnesota, traveled almost the length of the state to attend. Greetings were sent by Jerry and Charlene Shimmin, Duluth, and Bill and Fran Shimmin, Virginia. Bill also reminded us to keep getting new members. We signed up four new members.

In true Manx fashion, "traa-dy-lioor," the meeting began slightly late with the traditional introduction of Manx connections. The secretary shared correspondence from the World Manx Society and NAMA. LaJean Anderson shared a stamp pamphlet from the Isle of Man showing a historical progression of portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. Treasurer Sally Dahlquist gave the financial report. With 67 paid members and cash and property donations from members we are in the black. Sally and Jim Anderson will donate their expertise for filing the 1991 tax returns and for non-profit status.

Our society has established a scholarship for the best written material relating to anything Manx submitted by a high school student of Manx descent. Entries are now due July 10, 1992. Members selected the judging committee: Bill Shimmin, Rosamond Simpson, and Joan Gill.

Nominations for officers were opened. Those nominated were: president, Bill Shimmin; first vice-president in charge of membership, Joan Gill; second vice president in charge of programs, Barbara Ramondino; secretary, Linda Shimmin; and treasurer, Jim Anderson. Nominations will continue until our next meeting. A description of the office and a brief background of the slate of candidates will be included in our next meeting notice.

President Norm Gill is already working on plans for the 1994 NAMA Convention that he hopes will be held in Minnesota. He stressed the need for many convention volunteers from our membership. Ginger Anderson has been contacting various hotels for meeting facilities and room rates. Several members have indicated that they are planning on attending this year's convention on the Isle of Man.

Sally Dahlquist continues to have Manx books for sale and *Manx Life* magazines for sign out. Fran Shimmin submitted designs for a button and iron patches for Minnesota Manx. Linda Shimmin also has a friend who makes ceramic clocks,

with the three legs of Man on the face, for \$21.00. Heather Kutzler has a source in Port Erin for bronze plaques with the Manx three legs. LaJean Anderson will have kits prepared for a needlepoint canvas of the three legs.

Five Manx books were given as door prizes.

Following the business meeting, Nancy McAdam and Peggy Rudnitski shared a bit of history about their Manx history and heritage, including a display of Manx heirlooms and memorabilia dating back to the 1920s. Their great grandparents were Kellys from Peel. They had seven children, four of the sisters emigrated to Galva, Illinois. Galva appeared to be an active Manx community, keeping the heritage alive. Their grandmother, Katherine, and her sister, Maude, married Manx men in a double ceremony there. Later these couples moved to Gaylord, Minnesota, and were farmers. Their display had a 1915 newspaper from the IOM about Katherine's brother being lost at sea and a 1935 World Manx Association program with Maude giving a talk at Laxey.

Following this meeting, we went to the Lavender Inn for lunch and more Manx talk.

The next general meeting will be in August at the lake home of Bill Shimmin at Sand Lake, Minnesota.

Joan Gill  
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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Between bites of Belgium waffles, pancakes and eggs of all kinds, the North American Manx group met early April to discuss the "Isle of Man Homecoming". Coordinated by Marlene Duffin and Polly Ernst, over twenty members enjoyed the brunch at Brandon's in Milpitas.

Larry and Camie Fargher will enjoy their first trip to the Island, while many will be returnees. John and Eileen Corlett and Bill and Elaine Stevenson have plans in the works for the homecoming with Jan Richards arriving during the event. She will stay the rest of the summer with family. Unfortunately Edna Skillicorn and her husband have scheduled an earlier trip to England for a family wedding and the dates do not match. We wished them well anyway.

Newcomers to the get-together Eunice Parker and her daughter were greeted warmly. Eunice had been very active in the Canadian Manx Association before moving to California. Jack Cormode was delighted that our meeting was at the same



time his mother was visiting so that she could attend.

All Manx people from the bay area and its environs are encouraged to attend the sporadic meetings of the society. It is a true opportunity to enjoy a cultural heritage event. For more information call Marlene Duffin 408-867-1410 or President Larry Fargher 408-244-7785.

## CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society held its meeting Sunday, April 26th, at the home of Dorothy Gawne in Niles, Illinois. There were 21 in attendance. We began with a very delicious pot-luck dinner at 1:00 p.m.

For our program we showed the Manx Museum's videotape, *The Story of Mann*, which all present thought was very well produced and is the best they seen on the history of the IOM. Bill Franklin of Crystal Lake then showed us part of his extensive collection of Manx coins and told us something of their history and lore. Jean Kelly told about "The Chicago Ancestor File," a project of the Chicago Genealogical society designed to help genealogists living in different areas of the country who are researching the same surnames in the Chicago metro area locate each other and exchange information. (For information on this project, contact the undersigned.)

At the present time, seven of our members are planning to attend the convention on the IOM in July. We have scheduled our next meeting for Sunday, September 27th, at the home of Laurel and Robert Anderson in Wheeling, Illinois. Those who attended the convention will highlight their experiences on the IOM.

For further information on the activities of the Chicago Manx Society, contact Robert Kelly, 6858 N Osceola Ave., Chicago, IL 60631; telephone: 312-792-2584.

## CLEVELAND

Our members combined a meeting May 17th with a concert by the Avon Lake Women's Chorus. This Sunday afternoon event was held at the Lake Shore United Methodist Church in Avon Lake, Ohio. Refreshments were served.

Plans are to have a social get-together in June and an annual picnic in August.

Norman Standish (NAMA trustee and member of our society) was a guest Sunday, April 12th, on Cleveland public radio station WCPN 90.3 FM program *Sounds of Britain and Ireland*, which is co-hosted by Joe Nicholls, an English-American. Norman was given much air time and was able to relate much about the Isle of Man, the coming convention,



Edna Cowin presents Cleveland Medal to Christine Kinvig.

and his Manx connection to Myles Standish. The Tourist Board could not have done a better job.

Edna Cowin presented the Cleveland Medal to the winner, Christine Kinvig (mezzo soprano), during the Manx Music Festival held annually in the Isle of Man. Edna is a staunch supporter of all Manx activities and has said that though she isn't able to claim Manx blood by birth, she did the next best thing — she married a Manxman!

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(Editors' Note: The following is from an article in the *Isle of Man Examiner*, May 5, 1992.)

Christine Kinvig sang her way to victory in the Cleveland Medal test. Miss Kinvig was presented with the medal by Edna Cowin, a representative of the Cleveland, Ohio, Manx Society, of the USA, which first put up the prize in 1923.

Last on the list of six competitors, she defeated a prestigious line up of competitors, including three time winners Eleanor Shimmin and Graham Crowe and twice-winner Andrew Williamson.

## SAN DIEGO

The America's Cup activities are over and even though our local sailor didn't win, we are able to keep the cup in San Diego. Come and see it!

Eight of our members are looking forward to attending the convention on the IOM. We will gather together for a picnic on August 9th at 1:00 pm at the home of George and Marge Frederick to "show and tell" all about our adventures on the Island.

Our April meeting was at the lovely home of Doris and Paul Dobbel. Their

home offers a panoramic view of San Diego Bay and with Paul's help we could spot America's Cup race participants. George Frederic was auctioneer as we bid on brown bag treasures and added much needed money to our treasury.

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## W.M.A. NEWSLETTER

The Speaker of the House of Keys elected by the House following the November General Election is Mr. James Cain, a grandson of the World Manx Association Founder President Richard Cain. He wrote these words for the W.M.A. Newsletter:

"It gives me the greatest possible pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes to members of Manx Associations everywhere for a very happy and rewarding 1992 and I hope that they will be able to both maintain and strengthen their links with the Island in the years to come.

Throughout my life I have been aware of the strong bonds that have been maintained with the Isle of Man by both individuals and families whose forbears emigrated from here. As time goes by it is increasingly certain that many of you will not have visited or seen the 'land of your birth'. This face emphasises the importance of keeping in touch by verbal or written communication and by such means as this annual newsletter."



## KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

In doing research on your family tree, one of the necessary facts in order for the Manx Museum or the Rolls Office in Douglas to help you is that you must furnish the Parish in the Isle of Man in which the birth, death, or marriage occurred. Because of the lack of alphabetical indexes, all records are filed by Parish Registers.

We thought it might be helpful to list the Parishes and their boundaries as shown, in part, in "Portrait of the Isle of Man" by Canon E.H. Stenning:

1. Patrick — from Lagnykilley to Peel Island.
2. German — immediately north of Patrick and contains the town of Peel and the village of St. John's.

3. Michael — in the North of the Island. Bounded by Ballaugh, German, Lezayre and the sea.

4. Ballaugh — in the North of the Island — the modern village is situated on the main road between Peel and Ramsey.

5. Jurby — extreme northern part of the Island.

6. Andreas — chief village of the northern plain.

7. Bride — most northerly parish and includes the Point of Ayre.

8. Lezayre — largest parish in the Island. The Parish contains in its boundaries Snaefell, Glen Auldyn, North Barrule and Sulby Glen.

9. Maughold — contains Glen Mona.

10. Lonan — includes Laxey, Glen Roy, and Laxey Glen.

11. Onchan — more accurately Kirk Conchan.

12. Bradden — includes Baldwin, the Strang, Injebreck Glen, and a small portion of Douglas.

13. Marown — only parish without seaboard. Village of Crosby is situated in this Parish on the main road from Douglas to Peel.

14. Santan — smallest Parish in the Island. Bounded on the east and south by the sea, Malew and Braddan.

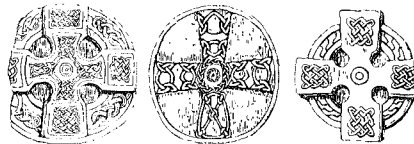
15. Malew — Ronaldsway and Castletown.

16. Arbory — Parish church in village of Ballabeg. Includes Colby.

17. Rushen — very large parish occupying all the southwest of the Island — Cregnish — Port St. Mary and Port Erin.

We are very pleased to see that this column has aroused so much interest and hope people will write in any specific questions they have and perhaps answers can be obtained through this media. One word of caution to all of you who are starting this fascinating hobby — in writing for information or data be sure that you make clear whether or not you are interested in hiring a researcher and the fee involved. It is a hobby that takes many, many hours of researching and compiling and unless you have a clear understanding with the person with whom you are corresponding many times innocent people are surprised to find they have hired a researcher and are later presented with a bill larger than they anticipated. This is necessarily a costly operation and no two families involve the same amount of work. Much depends upon the diligence and ingenuity of the researcher.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Greetings, Manx members!

By the time you are reading this, a fair number of you will be preparing to depart for the Isle—for the time of the convention will be drawing near.

The convention should be a good one, as the Manx people are great hosts. And if you have never attended a Tynwald ceremony, you are due for an impressive experience. This meeting of the people with their official government goes back to 979, I believe, predating the signing of the Magna Carta by King John at Runnymede, England in 1215.

This will be my last term as chaplain, and so someone else will be writing in this "Corner" in future Bulletins. I have been around here for quite a few terms and have attended every convention since 1976, in some far-off places, such as Halifax, Toronto, San Diego, and Cleveland. I have been privileged to meet many new people that I might never have otherwise met, and to view interesting sights, some of them of definite Manx significance, like the sailing vessel Star of India in the San Diego harbor. This has all been a most memorable interval in my life, and I thank you all for helping make it so. May God's blessings continue to be with each one of you.

Herbert G. Kelly, Chaplain

## A BIT OF HISTORY

Norman Standish, NAMA Trustee, sent information about The Lake County Historical Society located in Menton, Ohio. "The Society was founded in 1936 to preserve, collect and interpret the history of Lake County and the surrounding region. The Society offers a wide range of services and events to the professional historian and to the general public."

It publishes Lake County Heritage, a journal which focuses on significant events and personalities involved in the history of the county, as well as a newsletter which details upcoming events and activities.

The article "Pioneer Immigrants: The Manx Come to Lake County" by Joan Kapsch was published in the Lake County Heritage, Volume 2, December, 1991. (A copy may be obtained from the Bulletin co-editors.) It contains information on the Thomas Tear family, "one of the first to leave the Isle of Man for new lives in the United States. Thomas was six years old when his family left the Isle in the spring of 1826. In 1888 he wrote his personal recollections of his island home, the trip to America, and the family's new life in northeast Ohio."

The John Gawne family from Ramsey, IOM, and the families of Patrick Tear and William Kelly also were mentioned as emigrating to America in 1826, settling in Newburg in Cuyahoga County. Letters from Kelly and from William Tear in Leroy were published the following year in the Manx Advertiser and reprinted in the Lake County Heritage article.

The following samples from the letters may explain why so many Manx settled in the Cleveland area.

From the Thomas Tear memoirs:

"After father got here, [he] wrote back describing the state of things here and wrote repeatedly. It was father's letters that I always heard spoken of as stirring the people up there so much...People, it was said, would come from far and near to hear father's letters read. Once a company had gathered, a man took the letter and got up on top of a sod hedge and read it for the crowd.

One letter it was said, was published in the papers. Some would come from a distance for the privilege of taking a copy home with them. Into some of these copies crept extravagant statements that were not in the original. And so some of those, when they came here, charged father with lying. These errors were put in for fun."

From a letter by John Tear, William Tear, Patrick Tear, & William Kelly:

"...We are all very satisfied that we came to this land of liberty and opportunity. When we consider how easy it is for a man to live here, and enjoy the luxuries of life. But we often lament that so many of our countrymen have not the means of emigrating here, and it would give us the greatest joy to see them here.

Old John Tear says he never enjoyed better health, and says it is the only place for old people to live, having work, good living and plenty of fuel for the winter season."

# UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

## Tina and Marshall Cannell

Marshall took early retirement in May, 1991, and I retired in September, so 1991 was a year of major changes.

We have had wonderful experiences during our membership of nine years in NAMA, and have met so many interesting and very nice people on the way. Marshall's sister, Mary Cannell Andrews, was doing genealogical research in the library in Washington, D. C., when she met a woman who mentioned the North American Manx Association. Although their grandfather was a Manxman, who made frequent crossings to the Isle in the 1930s with their parents, Marshall and Mary had no inkling about the existence of NAMA. One of my favorite family photos is of five-year-old Marshall sitting on the fence, with his "wellies" on, at Bishops Court while his elders had tea with the Bishop. Well, the rest is history. We joined, went to the '83 Homecoming, and I promptly fell in love with that little jewel of an island. Marshall thoroughly enjoyed his tenure as president of NAMA from 1988 to 1990, and I shall pass on the Ladies Auxiliary presidency to my successor in July. We have been fortunate to be able to return to the Island every other year since then, and have discovered more of Marshall's relatives...so very exciting!

Marshall keeps very busy working for the Wellesley Middle School and Senior High School as auditorium manager and technical director for all concerts, productions, etc. He also teaches the Sound and Light Crews the fine points of the technical side of theatre productions. Two Sundays a month, he is breakfast chef after the 8:00 a.m. service at our church, and cooks suppers for fund raising telethons for his schools, Moses Brown and Brown University. His delicious beef bourguignon has become a tradition at these events! He is a jack-of-all trades for the Wellesley Players, our resident community theatre group, and answers calls from neighboring theatre groups who appreciate his lighting expertise. So Marshall is BUSY.

I am slowly getting used to not working at something I loved doing for twenty-one years, financial and Church School secretary at our church. Being able to see our daughter Bonny Anne and her family: Denis, her husband; Alexandra, 9; D.J., 7; and Blaise, 4; more often is the greatest

plus and joy. I also have more time to devote to playing the piano and to audit courses at Wellesley College as well as spending more time on the tennis courts. Our daughter Alexandra has returned to the United States after a long stint of committed volunteerism in Nicaragua, and I'm looking forward to frequent visits with her in the San Francisco area. I guess I will get used to being retired after all.

We are looking forward with much anticipation to seeing many of you in July for our convention. It should be a wonderful event, as usual. Ladies, be sure to sign up for our luncheon. I understand it will be a shorter affair because of necessary scheduling of other events so we will not have a speaker; but that gives us the opportunity to chat and renew acquaintances in a relaxed setting. See you in July!



Dear Co-Editors:

A strange way to address a letter, but I don't know who wrote the article on page 4 of the March 1992 Bulletin entitled Co-Editors' Corner.

Mollie Carran referred to in the sixth paragraph was my grandmother. Mollie Carran, then Brown, was Herbert Hoover's teacher when Hoover lived in West Branch. That was before Hoover's parents died and he went to live with relatives in the West. Hoover never forgot her and wrote to her occasionally until her death in 1934.

Mary E. Hayslett  
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I'm including information about my second Viking book, *Unwilling Betrayal*, which begins in Man. The first one, *Beloved Enchantress*, is set mostly in Man.

Romantic Times says, "Unwilling Betrayal is a compelling tale. Rich in historical detail, one is held enthralled with the pages, living the tragic plight of a nation and a love that would not be denied."

Joan van Nuys  
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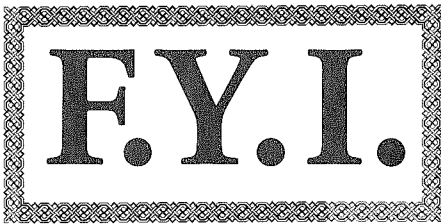
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## IOM COIN OF THE YEAR

The Isle of Man's Penny Black crown was named the Coin of the Year in competition sponsored by *World Coin News*.

"It was an overwhelming choice of the judges," according to *World Coin News* publisher Albert "Bo" Smith.

"In the first round, it took top honors in the Best Crown and Most Innovative Coinage Concept categories," Smith said, "and it just got stronger in the second round."

The Penny Black crown has a nominal legal-tender value of 25 pence.

It was struck in copper-nickel alloy with a special "pearl black" finish created by the Pobjoy Mint. The Isle of Man crown is the first coin struck with the new finish.

The 1990-dated crown marks the 150th anniversary of the first adhesive postage stamp, which was issued in Great Britain in 1840. All of the coins in the COTY competition carried a 1990 date.

The Most Popular Coin honors went to the Isle of Man silver crown depicting an American shorthair cat, affectionately called an "alley cat."

The Most Artistic Coin of 1990 was adjudged to be Finland's silver 100 markkaa saluting veterans, and the judges named the Isle of Man's Penny Black cupronickel crown second in this category.

A part of this article was excerpted from *Numismatic News*, December 17, 1991.

## A KELLY TO RUN HARPER'S

In March Liz Tilberis left *Vogue* to become editor of American *Harper's Bazaar*. Liz has Manx blood and until her marriage 21 years ago to Greek Cypriot Andrew, was a Kelly and proud of it! Her father, Dr. Tom Kelly, a retired ophthalmic surgeon who lives in Bath, England, was born in Peel. Dr. and Mrs. Kelly brought their two daughters to the Isle of Man—Peel, of course, for holidays in their youth.

Excerpts from the *Isle of Man Examiner*, April 28, 1992.

## BURIAL SITE SAVED

An ancient Christian burial site at Santon is to be saved following discussions

between Manx National Heritage and the developers of the proposed holiday village in the area of the former Alex Inn. The burial ground (is) at the site of Speke Keeill chapel, near Speke Lodge, Santon.

Andrew Johnson, assistant keeper at Manx National Heritage, explained: "We knew roughly from past records that a large number of burials had been found in the area dating to the early Christian and medieval periods. We also had two cross slabs."

Excerpts from the *Isle of Man Examiner*, April 28, 1992.

## TT RACES

The TT Races, June 1 to June 12 will be telecast worldwide by satellite television. Videovision has produced same day coverage since 1989. This year BBC TV sports programme, *Grandstand*, will also cover the races.

## MANX ROSES

The Isle of Man has the most modern plant nursery in Europe and is leading the world in the growing of roses in a hydroponic system, where each bush is fed its nutrients needs by a supply controlled by computer.

Ron Hotchkiss, third generation of a family which began market gardening at Mountain View Nurseries, Glencrutter Road, Douglas, in 1906, is the man whose vision and dedication has resulted in a huge private enterprise putting the Isle of Man on the map as a leader in horticultural technology.

Ron Hotchkiss began growing roses in 1971 and grows nothing else, although he was trained in the production of 27 different crops. Now he is up against competition from growers as far away as Israel,

Zimbabwe and even South America.

## DEADLINES

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions to the Bulletin at any time. However, listed below are the deadlines by which we must receive your materials in order to make a given issue.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin Issue</u>
February 10	March
May 10	June
August 10	September
November 10	December

Please keep these dates in your reference files. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Photos, preferable black and white, are greatly appreciated with your articles. Material for the Bulletin is accepted at any time. The earlier, the better.

## VIDEO

An excellent video, *Story of Mann*, was produced by the Manx Museum when they opened their new wing. This historical view of the IOM is narrated by Sir Anthony Quayle. If your society would like to borrow a copy of this video, contact Ron Quayle or Norman Gill. Their addresses are listed on page 11.

## PINK SLIP

NAMA dues renewal notice usually appears in the June Bulletin. However, because the dues rates will be a topic of discussion at the convention, the notice will appear in the next Bulletin.

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