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

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Convention Memories

by Joan Gill

When Ron Quayle asked me to write about the convention, the first idea that came to mind was BUSY! But busy in a very positive way. The convention was well organized with an amazing variety of activities.

We arrived on the Island on Thursday, on a flight filled with NAMA members. Time to renew old acquaintances and establish new ones. On the bus trip from Ronaldsway we had a chance to bid good-bay to "themselves" as we passed over the Fairy Bridge and to learned that the city of Douglas was named for the two rivers, the Dou and the Glass, which meet at that point.

Friday dawned a bit rainy. We were assured by the natives that it had been bright and sunny the last six weeks. Norman and I ventured out in the afternoon to mail our postcards at the post office on the promenade. Upon arriving at the arcade in the wind and the rain, we discovered that the post office had moved! On the brighter side, I was able to purchase some Manx music at the shop that now occupied the space vacated by the post office and to stop at a beauty shop to get my hair dried out! We did eventually find a post office and mailed our postcards, all of which arrived in the United States after we did.

That evening was spent at the Manx Museum. Much has been added since our last visit in 1985, making it a truly delightful and enlightening experience. The program began with the exceptional video, *Story of Mann*. One of the speakers, a director of the museum, gave a favorite quote. He paraphrased Hans Christian Andersen: "I am Manx. From the Isle of

Man my world opens up!" I especially enjoyed the new exhibit about the Douglas Promenade at the height of tourism and a video showing part of the TT course from the racer's point of view. If you wish any books on the Manx experience or heritage, the gift shop has a very complete catalog and is willing to ship them. During the

week of the convention the museum was honored as the best museum of the year in the UK. It will now be entered in the European competition.

Saturday, the 4th of July, was filled with convention activities. We began with a business meeting in the morning. The women had the Ladies Auxiliary luncheon at noon. By 2:00 we all boarded the coach for a sightseeing tour to the west of the Island. One of the spots we passed was "the plains of heaven" made famous in a Manx painting. Another was an ancient Viking encampment. The official convention photograph was taken on Tynwald Hill and we had time for a short shopping spree at Tynwald Mills before journeying on to Peel.

That evening was the official Independence Day NAMA Convention Banquet at the Palace Hotel. Among the NAMA members were many Manx friends, relatives and dignitaries. The meal was superb. However, Sir Charles Kerruish did look a little bewildered when presented with a cake topped with US decorations and sparklers! The entertainment was by two Cleveland Medal winners, Graham Crowe and Christine Kinvig.

On Sunday we left the group to be with relatives. That morning Phyllis Linsey, Dorothy Gawne, and Bill Kneale served as judges for the Cleansweep contest, a beautification program on the Island. Onchan was the winner of the Tynwald Day trophy. Later many of the NAMA group took the Victorian Steam Railway to Castletown and visited the recently refurbished Castle Rushen with its new tableaux. We had the opportunity to



NAMA President Lawrence Fargher and his wife Camille at the Tynwald Ceremony on the Isle of Man.

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Mary Kelly and Myrra Johnson at the Garden Party.

visit the Castle later. It is a must for all visitors. With the addition of an introductory video and handsome informational signs, tapestries and furnishings, and life-like models the castle comes alive. Did everyone notice the prisoner signatures carved on a slate portion of the old roof? One was a Daniel Quayle. Must have been a political prisoner! From the upper walkways you get a marvelous view of the south of the Island. That night we had a real treat. At the Gaiety Theatre we had a program of typical Manx entertainment, from Manx bagpipes to modern protest Mollag Band, from adult choirs to young dancers and bands. It was outstanding!

Then it was Tynwald Day. We went by coach to St. Johns for viewing the ceremony. On the walk from the coach to the Tynwald grounds, Norman was able to get a photograph of the terrace house his grandmother lived in in St. Johns. I'm not quite sure why, but the NAMA group was seated in a separate grandstand. Was this an honor or a discrimination or simply overbooking? A heavy cloud hung overhead and finally became a light mist. A representative of Manx Radio was in the stands interviewing NAMA members for live broadcast.

By the time we were half way back to Douglas, the sun was shining brightly. So we donned our finery for the Garden Party at Government House. A few had

brought the traditional hat, and even gloves. It was an intimate group of a mere thousand gathered on the lush lawn overlooking the sea. The Royal Marine Band provided the entertainment. The people watching was terrific, but it was a bit difficult to balance the tea cup and sandwiches and desserts. Those of us who queued up first for the goodies missed meeting H.M. Lieutenant Governor, Sir Lawrence Jones and Lady Brenda. Then back on the coach, back to the Palace for a reception sponsored by Nationwide Overseas. The Gills and Farghers were guests at the World Manx Association annual gathering at the Masonic Hall. For the second night in a row the Mayor and Mayoress Callow of Douglas found themselves seated with us. It was a lovely evening, good food and good company and good entertainment.

Tuesday morning was the final business meeting and closing of the convention. It was fun to hear the reports from the various societies and their unique activities. The new officers took over. It was a bit sad to realize that for many this was the ending and they would be leaving for home or for further vacation destinations. We took the afternoon off and went shopping on Strand Street. We stopped in to see the exhibit of Douglas 2000, a large rejuvenation project for part of the promenade and quay area. We were stopped on the street and greeted by a Mrs. Deverau, of Deverau Kippers, from the WMA, who recognized us from the night before, and by Christine Kinvig. We were beginning to feel like natives.

Wednesday afternoon we had a coach load of members on what was listed as an "off the beaten path" tour. The name turned out to prophetic. First we stopped

at the site of two former upland farms. We were amazed at the quick deterioration of the farm buildings. The harsh wind is one of the primary causes. This may explain why today there are only two operating upland farms. From there we walked to the Sulby Dam and down for a typical Manx Pub lunch at Tholt-y-Will. Near the end of the path we encountered a closed, locked, high gate. (Our tour guide, Frank Cowin, had phoned in the morning to be sure we could get through!) Norman is still telling people how amazed he was that everyone, regardless of age, went up and over the gate. However, it was a steep climb back up and there was food at the end of the trail. A few sharp eyes spotted the Celtic Craft Centre just down the road from the pub. So after a delicious meal the women were off shopping. We must have made the proprietor's day as she came out to wave to us as the coach pulled away.

Thursday we decided to get some use of our rented car. We ventured off to Peel. Immediately after parking the car, we met Noreen Cottier on her way to the market. So we were given a private tour of the Family History Society library. Just that little taste makes me understand how so many of our members have been hooked on genealogy. That evening we did meet with a genealogist to work on the Gill family tree.

Friday was a beautiful sunny day. We toured the Island with relatives. We stopped at St. Luke's Church in the center of the Island on the Millennium Path. It was one of the churches having flower displays that week. The church will filled with traditional Manx flower arrangements for seasonal and special events and



Up and over the gate and on to Tholt-y-Will.

historic photos. We were disappointed that in remodeling the church, they had replaced the double pot-belly stove. In Ramsey we visited an arts and craft fair at St. Paul's Church and had delicious homemade scones and bonnag with tea. We also found Meayl Circle, or Mull Circle, of neolithic stones on the hill overlooking Cregneash. After driving up an extremely rough track, we discovered it would have been much easier to walk up the footpath from the road.

Saturday was our last day on the Island. A quick trip to Kirk Michael to visit with Tom and Phyllis Cashen, whose daughter and family live in Minnesota, and a quick trip to Peel to look for an old map of the Island at Mannin Collectibles. Well, not so quick—first we were behind a slow moving hay wagon. When Norman finally had a straight, clear road to pass, we found ourselves behind a herd of sheep being moved to another range.

Saturday afternoon we visited the Maughold church (between weddings) and cemetery with its collection of Celtic crosses. Then it was to a birthday party for two Minnesota Manxmen and two Native Manxmen. It ended up that Norman and I ate two dinners within three hours of each other, one with relatives of his grandmother, the other with relatives of his grandfather.

We were scheduled to be up early Sunday morning to get to the airport. However, 2:45 was a little earlier than we had planned. But when the fire alarms go off, you get up and out. Just an overloaded ashtray that set off the alarms. My last Manx experience came at the airport when Elizabeth Robison from Nebraska and I discovered a mutual Manx relative in our family trees.



American Brothers Crowned and Stamped

The prominent part played by two Manx-American brothers in opening up the west of the USA to immigrants is to be commemorated in lasting form by the Manx Treasury and Post Office.

John and Dan Casement were project engineers who worked on the construction of the transcontinental railway, the steel link that brought California and the Western states into the union.

Tynwald has approved the Manx

Decimal Coins (Discovery of America) Crowns, giving the Treasury the go ahead to produce the crowns to coincide with a stamp issue by the post office's philatelic bureau.

Treasury Minister Don Gelling told Tynwald, 'The part played by the Casement brothers is well documented and the four crowns, as described in the enabling order, are a fitting tribute to their efforts.'

The issue is the second with a Stateside connection planned by the Treasury, which also won Tynwald approval to issue crowns to commemorate the centenary of the American Numismatic Association.

Excerpted from an article in the *Isle of Man Examiner*, October 22, 1991.

Editors' Note: The Isle of Man Post Office included these stamps in their gift to convention registrants.



NAMA Medals

At the NAMA Convention general meeting on July 4, 1992, President Lawrence Fargher awarded two silver NAMA Millennium Medals to students who excelled in the fields of art and music. The presentations were to Anna Begbie, 18, a pupil at King William's College, and Chloe Woolley, 17, from Ramsey Grammar School. This was the first time that the medals have been awarded at the convention, rather than at the schools.



Present for the ceremony were Gordon Baker, Director of Education, Hazel Hannan MHK, Minister for Education, Diana Beckerson, head of art at KWC, John Christal, headmaster of Ramsey Grammar School and the mothers of both recipients. Betty Hanson read the citations.

Anna has a great interest in the area of art and design, particularly the Victorian era in the Isle of Man. She has achieved remarkable success in the field of ceramics and has demonstrated these techniques to others at school. She also shows great flair for painting on silk and has produced work of exceptional creativity.

Chloe has outstanding ability in singing, piano, and violin. She was joint leader of the school orchestra and leader of the second violins in the Manx Youth Orchestra, with whom she had toured Russia and Wales. She is also involved in Manx music and dancing and has represented the Island at a festival in Cornwall. She composes her own music. Outside of school, Chloe has studied piano and singing with Eleanor Shimmin and is a successful competitor in the Manx Music Festival.

The NAMA medals, struck at the Pobjoy Mint, were first given in Millennium Year 1979 and have been awarded annually since, in recognition of an outstanding contribution to Island life by a young person. There are four medals, but only two were awarded this year.



Back row (left-to right) Gordon Baker, Director of Education, Lawrence Fargher, president of the NAMA, and Hazel Hannan MHKM Minister for Education; front row: silver medal winners Anna Begbie, Chloe Woolley, and president of the World Manx Association, Betty Hanson.

Notes from the Island

Ramsey 26 July 1992

As I sit down to write these notes I can see a rainbow in Ramsey Bay and a solitary yacht is making its way out to sea and disappearing into a bank of rain mist. This combination of rain and sun is what creates our 'green hills by the sea'. It was unfortunate that during your convention we saw perhaps rather more of the rain than we would have liked but still we did have sunshine for some of the time.

It was very pleasing to meet those of you who were able to come to the Island and in my own case to meet Joan and Norman Gill the co-editors of your Bulletin. I didn't meet any Caley's but I did meet several who had a Caley in their family tree and Mary and I met some distant cousins we didn't know we had! Many of you had been to the Island a number of times before but there were also quite a few who were on their first visit and all of us here hope that for them it was love at first sight and they too will return again.

The recession in the UK still continues to affect the Isle of Man and particularly our tourist trade although it must be admitted that the holiday resorts in the UK are also badly affected. Visitors for the TT fortnight were however slightly up on the previous year. Those of you who have not been on the Island during the TT races would be amazed at the way we become the centre of the motor-cycling world. Bikers from all over Europe come here and every parking space along the Douglas sea-front contains motor bikes and it is hard to get out of earshot of bike engines. Of course not everyone enjoys this and quite a number of locals take 'an escape from the TT' holiday at this time. Unfortunately the two weeks also bring bad accidents not necessarily amongst the competitors but amongst the visitors. With the decline of the holiday industry many hotels and boarding houses have closed down and many of the TT visitors have to be accommodated in camp sites.

Fortunately this year the weather was quite good.

A debate has started on the Island by the decision of Scottish Power to put in an offer for the Manx Electricity Authority. They propose to lay two cables under the sea from Scotland to the Point of Ayre and then overhead pylons to link into the existing distribution network. The recently modernised diesel generating station at Pulrose, Douglas, would be retained for stand-by and possible peak lopping but there would be no need to build the proposed new diesel station at Peel. It is stated that the existing staff and premises would be retained, but it would seem inevitable there would be some redundancies, particularly amongst those involved with power generation. Electricity has always been a lot dearer here than in the UK because of the cost of transporting fuel to the Island and Scottish Power claim that if their take-over is allowed to proceed electricity costs would be substantially reduced. The Trade Unions involved are uneasy and are opposing the move, some environmental groups who were opposed to the Peel Power Station proposal are also opposed to Scottish Power on the grounds that some of their electricity comes from Nuclear Power Stations, and there are those who are uneasy about control going off the Island and the loss of revenue to the Island economy. A special committee of Tynwald has been set up to hear all the arguments and ascertain the facts and it has to report within three months.

The Douglas Corporation has finally decided to go ahead with plans for refurbishing the Villa Marina. I think there are still some provisos attached to the decision and there are many of us who will only believe it when we actually see work starting. The same comment could apply equally to the scheme for treating the sewage from all over the Island at a central site. The scheme had received outline approval from Tynwald before the last election but since then one or two people seem to have got cold feet, possibly on grounds of the cost and the project still remains to be discussed again in Tynwald.

When I do my next Notes the dark nights will be here and thoughts will be turning to Christmas, but for the time being we still have some summer left. The grass still needs cutting and the weeds are still flourishing in my garden so I had better go and do something about it.

David Caley
Kilmuir
Ballure Promenade
Ramsey, Isle of Man



Gladys Watts

Gladys Watts is the oldest native of the Isle of Man living in Nebraska, perhaps in the United States. On April 5, 1992, she celebrated her 103rd birthday with about 200 friends.

One of her friends, Leona K. LeRiche, wrote to tell us that Gladys "is excited about Ye Manx all going to the Isle of Man for the Big Convention—if only she could be able to join you. She made sixteen trips to her beloved Isle of Man through her life." Leona says they call her "Duchess"—she deserves this title because she is a beautiful lady.

According to the *Lincoln Journal-Star*, Gladys quipped, "I'm just like scotch whiskey—I improve with age. I look so good it's painful. Hollywood will be after me now."

Born on the Isle of Man, Watts came to America in 1911. "It was romance—marriage," she explained. She and her husband, Arthur E. Watts, lived in Iron River, Michigan, for years, then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where she worked at Gold's Department Store until she was 75.

Mr. Watts died in 1943 and Mrs. Watts never remarried. "I've been too busy," she said.

And how did she get to be 103? "As a rule, I just take it as it comes," she said with chuckle.

Our congratulations to Gladys and wishes for many more birthdays!



Gladys Watts celebrating her 103rd birthday.

Gaiety Theatre Donations Sought

NAMA92 convention attendees on the Isle of Man were privileged to attend an outstanding evening of entertainment at the Gaiety Theatre in Douglas. The evening's performances were provided by singers, dancers, bands and others of all age groups. This Manx Heritage Concert had been organized by Mervin Stokes, Gaiety Theatre Artistic Director, and all performers and theatre staff volunteered their time and talents.

All NAMA Convention attendees were provided FREE admission while their guests and other members of the Manx public were charged an eight pound admission fee. All proceeds went to the "Friends of the Gaiety Theatre" and will be applied towards the restoration of this wonderful Victorian theatre which is a unique treasure on the Island. At the conclusion of the evening, donations to the restoration fund were requested from the audience. Approximately 200 pounds (equivalent to 25 admissions) were donated. Also, the NAMA Executive Board at its final meeting voted to donate \$500 to the Gaiety Restoration fund.

Many of the convention attendees probably did not know that their admission to the Gaiety evening was free. **THIS IS AN APPEAL FOR MORE GAIELTY THEATRE RESTORATION DONATIONS FROM CONVENTION ATTENDEES** and other interested NAMA members. This is an opportunity to support a most worthy effort on the Island. The theatre's goal is to complete restoration by the year 2000, the Gaiety Theatre's hundredth anniversary year. **Please consider donating \$15 per person which is roughly 8 pound.** The evening's performance easily exceeded this amount, however, any donation is greatly appreciated. **All donations are U.S. tax deductible.**

Our NAMA treasurer will collect the donations and forward them to the Gaiety Theatre Restoration Fund. Please make your check payable to NAMA (enclose a note stating it's a Gaiety contribution) and mail it to Helen Drom, Treasurer, 4960 Cherry Avenue, Santa Maria, CA 93455. **THANKS** for your support!



Museum of the Year Award

The highest accolade that can be awarded to a British museum, the Museum of the Year Award, was won by the Manx Museum in July.

The annual award attracts a large entry from both provincial and national museums throughout the United Kingdom and the award was presented to the Isle of Man only after considerable evaluation had taken place by an internationally recognised panel of judges who made a number of visits to the Island - of which at least two were unannounced - to inspect not only the displays but also the facilities available to the general public.

The award takes the form of a sculpture by Dame Elizabeth Frink RA - which will be on display at the Museum for twelve months - and a cheque for £2,000.

This coveted award was presented to Stephen Harrison on behalf of the Manx National Heritage at a ceremony held July 7, 1992, in London's Painters Hall.

On receiving the award, Mr. Harrison emphasised the crucial role played by the people of the Isle of Man and local businesses who had so enthusiastically supported the new developments. He paid particular tribute to the Manx Government and to both the Isle of Man Bank and Manx Telecom which had offered support when "the future looked grim".

The work of Manx National Heritage now goes forward to the European Museum of the Year award which will be assessed by a further distinguished team of judges from Holland.

Excerpts from an article in *The Manx Independent*, July 7, 1992.



New NAMA Dues Explained

A new NAMA dues and postage payment schedule was approved at the NAMA92 Convention on the Isle of Man in July. The changes will go into effect immediately and will apply to the 92/93 dues which are now due.

At the convention Norm Gill, Bulletin business manager and NAMA 2nd Vice President, presented information on the costs to produce each of our quarterly Bulletins. It currently costs (in U.S. dollars) per Bulletin an average of \$2.00 to layout, print and sort; \$0.15 to bulk mail to a U.S. address; \$0.86 to first class mail to Canada and \$2.12 to first class airmail

to the Isle of Man. If you do the arithmetic, you will quickly see that our former \$10 individual annual dues barely covers our Bulletin cost for a United States member.

To compound our problem, in the past all Canadian members have paid dues in Canadian dollars. At the current exchange rate of \$0.84 Canadian equal to \$1.00 U.S. that equates to individual annual U.S. dollar dues of \$8.40. Thus individual Canadian members paid \$8.40 towards the annual cost of \$11.44 [4 x (2.00 + 0.86)] to produce and mail their Bulletins. Isle of Man members paid their annual dues in equivalent U.S. dollars based on the current exchange rate.

Your Executive Board was made aware of Bulletin costs at their September 91 meeting in Cleveland. The Board was told that if dues were not changed soon, the operating funds of NAMA would soon be exhausted and NAMA would go out of existence. The Board decided at that meeting to continue to produce our current high quality Bulletin at a loss. This would allow members to enjoy an expanded and informative Bulletin until the dues and postage structure could be explained to our membership and hopefully changed at our 92 convention. Our U.S., Canadian and Isle of Man convention attendees strongly supported continuing with our current high quality Bulletin and voted the necessary changes.

The changes approved are of four types. First, individual and family annual and lifetime dues were increased; second, society dues were increased; third, all members will pay in U.S. dollars and fourth, a postage supplement will be added for Canadian and overseas members. Canadian members may send a check drawn on a Canadian bank; however, the amount paid is to be for the equivalent number of U.S. dollars. At the time this is being written, \$1.00 U.S. is equal to \$0.84 Canada.

For example, our Canadian individual members, will pay 92/93 \$15 dues plus the Canadian postal supplement of \$4 totaling \$19 U.S. which is currently equivalent to \$22.62 Canadian. All overseas members should make similar calculations and send U.S. funds to our treasurer. This explanation should help our members understand why dues and postage changes were necessary. We continue to receive outstanding value for our membership fees. Our high quality and informative Bulletins plus our biennial conventions help us all feel proud to be Manx and to share our experiences with our fellow members.





1992 NAMA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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SOCIETY NEWS

Chicago

The Chicago Manx Society was well represented at the Convention on the Isle of Man with eight members in attendance plus six former members who are now living in other parts of the U.S. We also have the possibility of two new members from Indiana who were at the convention. Everyone I talked to enjoyed themselves very much and we wish to congratulate the officers on a job well done.

The Chicago Manx Society will hold its next meeting on Sunday, September 27th, at the home of Laurel and Bob Anderson in the northern suburb of Wheelin Illinois. We will begin with a pot luck dinner at 1:00 pm, which will be followed by a program centering on the convention. All interested Manx are invited to be with us.

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Cleveland

Our officers for this year are: President, Mrs. Robert Thormann; Vice President, Mrs. Francis Glunt; Secretary, Mrs. William Duncan; Treasurer, Mrs. Ray Haldeman; Trustees, Mrs. Robert Cowin, Alan Fricke, and Mrs. William Roseman; Honorary Trustee, William Roseman; Sunshine Committee, Mrs. J. Elliott; and Benefit Committee, the trustees and officers.

Christine Kinvig, winner of the Cleveland Medal at the annual Manx Music Festival this year, is planning to visit the States. We are hoping arrangements can be made for us to meet her and perhaps have her give us a concert.

Maude Faragher, our oldest member, passed away in June, 1992—just a short while before her 107th birthday. She was very proud of her Manx heritage.

The date for our annual Christmas dinner/party is Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm on December 6th. It will be held at Delphine's, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio. The restaurant is in the Hilton Hotel located near Rockside Road and Interstate 77. The holiday season starts for many of us with our Christmas party.

Margaret (Kennish) Krach
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San Diego

Fourteen of our members gathered for a patio pot luck August 9th at the home of Marge and George Frederick. Those of us who attended the convention on the I.O.M, were able to "show and tell".

Plans were made to hold an open house in Balboa Park at the Cottage of England. This is an annual event that gives our group an opportunity to inform the public about the Isle of Man and to find new members.

Our next meeting will be October 11th at 2:00 pm at the home of Brian and Hilary Harrison. We welcome visitors and would love to hear from you.

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Minnesota

The Manx Society of Minnesota had its summer meeting on August 1, 1992, at the summer home of Bill and Fran Shimmin at Sand Lake. It was a beautiful sunny day after a thunder and lightning storm the previous evening. About thirty members, mostly from northern Minnesota, were in attendance. Several charter members of the society were present.

After a lunch of pasties, the business meeting opened with an introduction of Manx connections. One member shared her memories of how the Manx loved to sing. Carolyn Harrington, who dresses dolls in ethnic costumes for Ironworld, USA, brought a doll dressed as a Peel girl complete with a basket of herring. Doris Christian related that Manx orphans were adopted by members of their family, so

when her grandparents died her dad and his siblings were sent to family members all around the world. Mona Abel share a family history print-out and reminded members that Ironworld, USA, has the facility for researching family heritage. Bill Shimmin shared the *World Book of Shimmins*, a book on the engineering of the Laxey Wheel, and a genealogy of his family. Doris Nelson donated the book, *Manx Surnames*, to the Minnesota Manx Library. Gordon Garrett shared pictures from the NAMA Convention on the Isle of Man.

Bill Shimmin announced the winner of the Manx scholarship, Alicia Anderson, for her entry *A Tribute to My Grandfather*. Next year there will also be a scholarship award for an elementary student.

The published slate of officers was unanimously elected: Bill Shimmin, president; Joan Gill, first vice president, Barbara Ramondino, second vice president; Linda Shimmin, secretary; and Jim Anderson, treasurer.

June Sibell asked the help of the society to clear the Greenvale (Manx or Clague) Cemetery near Northfield and Castle Rock. Volunteers are needed to remove the overgrown brush. It was decided that the society would work on this project. We will contact Lois Lace for a date this fall to work on the clean up.

The program was a talk by Mona Abel on her first trip to the Isle of Man in the fall of 1991. Everyone warned her that when she came, the natives would board up their houses. Sure enough, the house of her only known relative was boarded up. The relative had been sent to a nursing home and had recently passed away. So Mona decided to pursue her heritage through the next most logical means—the



Minnesota Manx meeting at sunny Sand Lake.

local pubs. In search of the Cain/Caine family, she was contacted by Noreen Cottier and helped in her research. Mona feels an infinity with the Isle of Man and plans to live there for at least part of the year eventually.

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Western Australia

The friendly get together and barbecue at the home of Bill and Jean Mottershed coincided with Dan Hansen's Third 21st birthday (Plus!) and he was forced to do a "Lang Hancock" and blow out all the candles in public. The cake was a delicious and elaborate affair with all the appropriate Viking embellishments. Let's hope Margaret doesn't start bathing in milk now!

The souvenir shop was popular again. Thanks to our new "busy book person" Esme Wood on the Island, we now have a good range of books on Manx history and folklore to choose from.

It was good to see Derek Onley again who said he needed two camels and three water bottles to cross the city on a hot day!

WELCOME to new members Lance and Fiona Clarke, descendants of Governor Smelt, and Lynne Wilson who have recently visited relatives in the Island (some of you may remember Sheila Kennaugh who taught at Tynwald Street girls school).

May Crossley will be off on her travels again soon, the USA, UK and the IOM. If there's room on the next space shuttle she will probably be on it! (As long as there is someone to play Bridge with.)

Half of the Craine family will celebrate Tynwald Day either in Exmouth or Kalumburu this year, but Kath will still be with you due to "the economic up-turn" and the constraints of the Ministry for Education!

Sympathy to Vic Knight and Evelyn Shackles who have both had more than their share of illness this year. GET WELL SOON.

VISITORS: Tom and Pam Corlett from Melbourne snatched a quick week in the sunny West to build themselves up for winter! Joan (Craine) and Harry Palmer spent three weeks with brother Dennis and family on the way home from an extensive tour of New Zealand. They were treated to a camping week-end at the Hales' property at Boyup Brook where they watched mustering and shearing and went on a night-time duck shoot (still allowed and necessary on rural dams).

Kathleen Craine
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Attention Societies:

At the business meeting of the 1992 convention, members had two requests.

The first was to list a contact person from each society in the Bulletin. Unless we receive other information, we will publish the list as it appears in the World Manx Newsletter. Please send updated names and addresses to the editors before the November 10 deadline.

The second request was to give the date and place of future meetings, whenever possible, in your society news. The Manx, being travelers, would like to attend meetings when they are in your area.

Also, a reminder to societies to pay their NAMA dues receivable each August.

New Video Tapes Available

We have recently learned of two VHS video tapes which may be of interest.

The first video tape entitled *Land of Mann* is 52 minutes long and was produced for the British Television Network. The review on the box states:

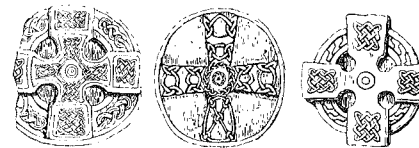
"Within the shores of the Isle of Man lies an abundance of mystery and history, largely untouched by the way of life that exists in the rest of Britain today. Melvyn Bragg, the well-known TV personality, explores the many facets of this outstandingly beautiful Island, starting back in prehistoric times, through Viking invasions, the Victorian Industrial age, development of fishing and farming, internment camps of the last war and right up to present day tourism and expansion of the Island's finance sector. The workings of Tynwald, the ancient Manx parliament, are examined and the roles of the Manx language and traditional culture in the modern Island community are considered."

The second video tape entitled *Railways of the Isle of Man* is 73 minutes long and is an official Isle of Man Department of Tourism and Transport Documentary video. Part of the review on the box states:

"The ultimate railway enthusiasts video contains superb footage about the only Victorian Railway system in the World which is still in working order. Included is exclusive archive film and recent film of Prospect Hill Cable Cars, Douglas Head Tram Cars, the Snaefell Mountain Railway, the Isle of Man Steam Railway and the Douglas Corporation Horse Trams. The video will revive happy memories

of the Isle of Man."

Each video costs \$29.95 plus \$8.50 (U.S. dollars) postage and handling. They can be obtained from Beckman Home Video, Meadow Court, West Street, Ramsey, Isle of Man, British Isles. Payment by either Visa or Mastercharge credit card is strongly recommended.



Chaplain's Corner

As newly appointed Manx Association Chaplain, succeeding the Reverend Herbert Kelly, let me introduce myself. I was ordained in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., in 1953, having graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselme., California and Stanford University (1950).

At the age of thirteen my family migrated to California from Illinois. My mother was the daughter of a Manxman, the Reverend John Caley Craine who emigrated to America in 1892 at the age of 26 from Sulby, Lezayre Parish, Isle of Man. He had worked for thirteen years in the Southwards Brothers Woolen Mill, Sulby, having left school at an early age because of a severe speech impediment and was educated at home by his mother. He cured himself of stuttering by reciting and singing Wesleyan hymns to the rhythm of the loom machines. In America he graduated as Valedictorian from Hedding College and was ordained a Methodist minister, serving his entire life in churches in west-central Illinois.

Grandfather Craine, whom I knew personally until his death in 1950, became an inspiration to me to become a minister myself. He also inspired me because of his deep love for the Isle of Man, his beloved homeland.

I have served twenty-two years in five churches in California, the last being the College Park Presbyterian Church of San Diego, where I now reside with my wife Ruth. I feel honored to be asked to serve as chaplain and my intention is to relate through this column the things of faith that are a part of our great Manx heritage and the people who lived, experienced, and expressed their faith in their lives. I request you, Fellow Manxmen, to send me any information, documents, history or memorabilia to illustrate the faith-life of Manxmen and the Isle of Man.

Reverend Devore Craine Smith

OBITUARY

Thomas C. Robison of Tecumseh, Nebraska, passed away May 26, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Ida Robison; and son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Donna Robison; and a daughter and son-in-law Bob and Vicky Gobber; six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and numerous friends.

Thomas Crellin was born to John Robison and his wife Florence Lucy nee Cashin, March 26, 1912 at rural Elk Creek. He lived at the family farm east of Elk Creek until 1983 when he and his wife moved to Tecumseh.

He was a member of the North American Manx Association, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh and he served in a number of different elected offices with these organizations. He helped organize the Elk Creek Volunteer Fire Department and served on the Elk Creek School Board. He carried mail on the Elk Creek Rural Route from 1961 to 1974.



KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

As many of you have heard, I had the privilege and honor of presenting the Cleveland Medal at the Manx Music Festival this year in the Isle of Man. It was the 100th anniversary of the Festival and the music and festivities were lovely. Unfortunately, the dates of the Festival did not coincide with the NAMA Convention. I missed seeing my Manx friends.

In the latest issue of *The Family History Society Bulletin* (Vol. XIV) there was an interesting listing of Andreas Confirmations from 1845 and 1846.

Included were names of Christian, Curphey, Crellin, Kneale, Cannell, Cain, Cowle, Kee, Sayle, Teare, and Cashen. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to send a Xerox copy by return mail.

Recently I received a letter from a young lady in California who writes "I am interested in studying Manx music, history, customs, dance and language. Would you happen to possess a source list which you could share with me?" If anyone can help, her address is: Sophia Saraicescu, 3308 Henry Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320-2915.

I also had an interesting letter from R Russell Fayles, 318 Pleasant Valley

Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Mr Fayles is interested in genealogy and Manx antiques. His family names include Fayle, Sayle, Kneale, and Crellin. He has traced his family to the 1700s and his grandfather came to America as a boy in 1837. Many of the antique items he mentions are c. 947-1887.

I would encourage members to use this medium to share your material. I am more than willing to publish "bits and pieces".

Mrs Robert S Cowin
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Editors' Note: We also received these requests.

I would like to hear from anyone who can trace their family line to Henry Clucas who came from Scotland to Halifax, N S, Canada. He married Sarah Black from Isle of Man on 24 January 1797 at St. Pauls Anglican Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. They were my third great grandparents.

Their children, all born in Halifax, were:

- #1 William Clucas 31 December 1797
- #2 Henry Clucas 1 January 1800
- #3 Elizabeth Clucas 18 July 1802, married 21 July 1826 at St. Pauls Church, Halifax, N S, Canada, to John Oldright, died 24 May 1884 Dartmouth, N S
- #4 Archibald Clucas 2 April 1804, died 18 January 1828, unmarried
Elinor Dale Scheer
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Hillsboro, OR 97124-6766

With reference to the June 1992 issue of the Bulletin, I would appreciate if you could put me in touch with one or more of the descendants of the Robert Looney mentioned on page 4 (see below). I am also a Looney descendant and I would like to see if there are any ties.

Richard C. Witters
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"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 Absolom established a settlement in southwest Virginia some four years before another frontiersman, Daniel Boone, arrived in the area to build a fort. The valley where Absolom Looney made his settlement is still known as Abb's Valley." From the June 1992 Bulletin.

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Mary E. Hayslett

Mary, one of five children, was born near West Branch, Iowa, and lived there until after graduation from the local high school. Then she attended business college in Des Moines, Iowa. She worked for the Veterans Administration for over thirty years and retired in 1975.

Mary's grandfather John Kaighan Carran was born at Kirk Michael and later lived in Peel. At the age of 21, he left the Isle of Man with William Quirk and his uncle Thomas Carran, arriving in Muscatine, Iowa, in May 1875. He resided first at West Branch with an aunt and uncle, later spent two years in Plymouth County, Iowa, then returned to West Branch and married Mary McNeil Brown.

Mary had a genealogy published in 1978 on her Grandmother Brown's family. She doesn't take credit for the entire project. A genealogy was published on this Brown family in 1905 and she had it reprinted and included the descendants of her great grandparents. The genealogy received a good write-up in the Genealogical Helper and as a result Mary heard from many distant distant cousins who were interested in the genealogy.

After this project Mary became interested in researching the Carran family, which led her to the Kaighan and Wattleworth families. She had seven generations of the Carran line published in the NAMA-90 Santa Clara Souvenir Book.

Mary learned about the North American Manx Association when the Convention was held in Arlington, Virginia, in 1974, and joined. She was a member of the Committee that organized the Washington Area Manx Society in 1977, and was secretary for ten years. She is now a NAMA Trustee. She did the registration for the NAMA Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1986, and is currently a member of the convention Committee for NAMA92 Isle of Man.

Mary has visited the Isle of Man twice. She located her grandfather's birthplace in Kirk Michael, and Ballawattleworth, the home of her great great grandfather Caesar Wattleworth.

Mary is presently living in a retirement home in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Devore Craine Smith

Reverend Smith, the recently appointed NAMA chaplain, is a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He was born April 29, 1928, in Streator, Illinois, the son of Milton William Smith and Mona Elizabeth (Craine) Smith.

His mother was the daughter of the Reverend John Caley Craine, born 1886 at Sulby, Lezayre Parish, Isle of Man. He emigrated to America by steamship. He was educated at Hedding College, ordained and served as Methodist Minister

in Illinois.

Devore was educated at Stanford University (1950) and San Francisco Theological Seminar (1953). He was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in 1953 and served twenty-two years in churches in California.

He presently lives in San Diego, California. He and his wife Ruth have two children: Geoffrey Devore Smith of San Diego and Kimberly Evangeline Billman of San Diego.



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.

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LITTLE PEOPLE

Born on July 25, 1992, to Christine and Nigel Crowe of Douglas, Isle of Man, was a daughter, Amy Elizabeth. Nigel is the chairman of the Family History Society and a member of NAMA and Christine takes care of welcoming new members to the IOMFHS

DEADLINES

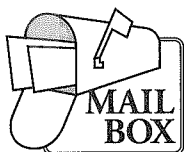
We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions to the Bulletin at any time. However, listed below are the deadlines by which we must receive your materials in order to make a given issue.

<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.



The Black Rose, a common metaphor for Ireland, is a pub in downtown Boston.

The dark mahogany walls are lined with pictures of Irish heroes, martyrs, poets and writers. A painting of James Joyce hangs over the door; six flags representing the original Celtic nations—Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Isle of Man, and Cornwall—are suspended from the ceiling.

Bill Shimmin of Virginia, Minnesota, found this Manx connection in a Florida paper on March 15, 1992. He suggests

maybe some Manx person in the Boston area could send us a photo showing the flag hanging high in the Black Rose.

I would be interested in knowing the locations of area societies and sources for ordering various Manx books, tapes, etc. I look forward to receiving future Bulletins and anything else Manx that may come this way.

Elizabeth Taggart Fitzsimmons
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When I read an article in our local newspaper about the OPSail 92 fleet of Tall Ships that would greet the *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria* in New York Harbor, I noted that the ship from our area, the *Norseman*, was made in the Isle of Man. It was being outfitted in Wilmington, Delaware, which is only nine

miles south of us. Eleanor and I drove down to the Kalmar Nycel Shipyard, taking with us a Manx Flag pennant. I asked the men working on the boat if they could possibly fly the Manx flag when they took part in OPSail 92. They replied that they would be glad to do so since the *Norseman* was indeed made in the Isle of Man and it had been shipped from there.

A few days later, we received a letter from the Leif Erickson Society (the group sailing the ship) stating that they would not only fly the Manx Flag in New York harbor on the 4th of July but they would fly it everytime the *Norseman* sails.

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