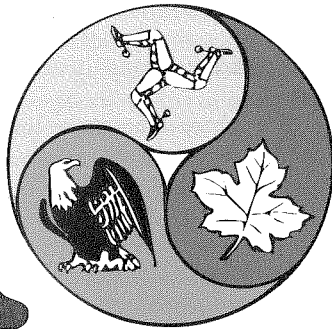


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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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## Convention 1994

### Minnesota Bound

by Sally Dahlquist  
Co-Chair '94 NAMA Convention

All eyes are on Minnesota as the Manxies get set for a big NAMA Convention at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hilton Hotel on August 19 to 22, 1994. Norm Gill and his Minnesota Manx are busy planning the most intriguing weekend of Manx heritage to date. We already have a review of the accommodations from the NAMA Executive board who assembled at the hotel for its annual meeting last month. The consensus is that the rooms are spacious with beautiful views of the Minnesota River Valley. The meals were superb provided by the AAA Four Diamond Award-winning catering service and the meeting space was perfectly enjoyable. The weekend was a success!

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker for the convention will be Eddie Lowey, M.L.C., from the Isle of Man. He is a member of the Upper House of Keys Legislative Committee in Tynwald Parliament and a true friend of the Minnesota Manx. He has been representing the IOM at the European Common Market meetings and recently attended a conference of African countries in Johannesburg, South Africa, as the IOM representative. He is active in numerous Manx charities and philanthropic organizations. We are excited and honored to have Mr. Lowey attend our convention and we are looking forward to his insightful address.

Organizing for 1994 is in full swing. The Convention Chairpersons have

blocked rooms at the hotel, arranged for conference areas and assembled committees. The Hilton has offered us a special group room rate of \$75.00 for single and double occupancy per night. All rates are subject to state and local taxes. These room rates will be extended to the NAMA attendees two days prior and two days after the convention. Check-in time of the day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is noon on the day of departure.

All reservations must be in by July 31, 1994. Any reservations accepted after that date are subject to availability and the NAMA group rate is not guaranteed. So plan a great vacation for next summer and register early. See following article for additional things to do in the area.

For those flying in, the hotel offers complimentary round trip airport transportation, and for those driving, the hotel is just off the major freeway 494 for easy access. The hotel is close to the Mall of America for shopping and entertainment. Situated directly next to the hotel is the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge for the more outdoorsy type of Manx visitors. It has daily tours and extensive walking paths.

Arrangements are currently being made for interesting and informative lectures on genealogy, Manx culture and the Manx connection to Pitcairn Island. As for entertainment, hold on to your hats; we are busy recruiting Manx dancers and singers, a bagpipe band and a special surprise for the main banquet event. We will also have Manx storytelling, videos, and a special showing of Manx glass slides from the 1930s collection of Robert Stevenson, and many other Manx heritage related pre-

sentations.

We also have not forgotten the popular President's Reception Friday evening, the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon Saturday noon, the main Reception and Banquet Saturday evening, and the Buffet Dinner and Program on Sunday night.

Our general Manx meetings and lectures will run each morning Saturday through Monday. We ask that each society send a representative on Saturday to briefly report on its activities since the 1992 convention. Our convention will end with the swearing in ceremony of our new NAMA president on Monday.

This convention will be a grand event you will not want to miss. Registration materials will be mailed out by the first of the next year. Gather your family friends or neighbors and be Minnesota bound in 1994.

### Something for Everyone!

by Joan Gill

Hope many of you are planning on attending the 1994 NAMA Convention in Minneapolis. As great as the convention will be, we also hope you will plan to spend some additional time in the Twin Cities and/or Minnesota.

For the shopper, there's three levels of shopping and one level of entertainment at the Mall of America, the nation's largest enclosed shopping center, with bus service from the convention hotel. (While there the kids can enjoy Knott's Camp Snoopy, an amusement park located in the middle

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of the mall.) There are several antique malls and shops in the Twin Cities.

For the history buffs and the whole family, it's a short drive to restored Fort Snelling. It has 17 buildings with costumed guides demonstrating the various aspects of life in the 1820s. A bit further away is Murphy's Landing. This is a replication of a mid-19th century Minnesota. Again costumed guides explain the hardships and pleasures of the early Minnesota River Valley settlers. Weekends from mid-August to the end of September, the Renaissance Fair is open. This is a step back into England of the Middle Ages. It has all kinds of arts and crafts, foods of every description, and a variety of entertainment, including jousting.

There's more for the children. Valley Fair is a 65 acre amusement park with rides and entertainment. In St. Paul there is an excellent Children's Museum. It is a totally hands on educational experience. The Minnesota Zoo south of Minneapolis features many indoor and outdoor exhibits and a number of animal shows daily.

If you enjoy museums, we've got them. In Saint Paul there is an excellent Science Museum with displays on anthropology, technology, biology and the natural sciences, many are hands on. It also has an Omnitheater with programs on space and science. Nearby is the new Minnesota Historical Museum with an interesting A to Z display of local history. The Minneapolis Institute of Art has large collections of all aspects of art and cultures. The Walker Art Center with the adjacent sculpture garden specializes in 20th century art.

The Twin Cities metropolitan area has more live theaters than any other city, except New York. The Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber

Orchestra both enjoy national recognition. In August the Minnesota Orchestra has an outdoor Summerfest featuring Viennese music and food.

Sports fans can see either major league or minor league baseball teams. It is only an hour drive to Mankato to watch the Vikings' training camp.

For those who like the outdoors, there are a number of lakes in the Twin Cities area. They are used for fishing, skiing, wind sailing, etc. Around several of the lakes are two paths—one for wheels (bikes and skates) and one for walkers and runners. There are plenty of public golf courses and tennis courts. Both cities and the suburbs have full service YMCAs and many health clubs.

There are 17 casinos located on Indian Reservations around the state, some close to the metropolitan area.

Resorts of all descriptions, from rustic to luxurious, are available. Historical Bed and Breakfasts have increased greatly in the recent years. There are many parks and camping sites. Driving along the north shore of Lake Superior includes natural beauty, interesting historical sites, and shopping.

Two other cities you might visit are Duluth and Rochester. Duluth is on the shores of Lake Superior with many interesting historical sites: the Glensheen Mansion, the Depot Heritage and Arts Center, a harbor cruise or a tour of an ore boat. Rochester is the home of the Mayo Clinic which offers free tours and Mayowood, former residence of Dr. Charles H. Mayo.

And much more!

For more detailed information, write: Minnesota Travel Information Center, 250 Skyway Level, Jackson, St. Paul, MN 55101.



# CENTRE FOR MANX STUDIES

A two-day conference in May 1993 was a unique gathering at the Manx Museum of senior academics from around the British Isles. They had been invited by the new Centre for Manx Studies to take part in a seminar to discuss ideas for research projects in a wide range of subjects relating to Manx culture and environment. They included Professors and Readers from the Universities of Aberystwyth, Cambridge, Cork, Durham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and Wolverhampton.

The meeting followed a process of consultation, begun by the Centre in November 1993. Over 400 individuals both on and off the Island, who are engaged in any aspect of Manx Studies were contacted and asked to complete a questionnaire giving details of their work and ideas for the future. The consultants had submitted papers based on the results of the questionnaire, and had formulated research strategies for the Centre. A major topic under consideration was a multi-volume *History of the Isle of Man*, intended to draw together existing work and project a focus of research. Other topics include a proposed multi-disciplinary site study.

The Centre for Manx Studies is steered by a Policy Board, consisting of two members from each of Manx National Heritage and the Isle of Man Department of Education, and three representatives of the University of Liverpool. A primary function of the Centre is to provide a co-ordinating role for scholars and researchers with an interest in any aspect of the Isle of Man. A Register of Researchers is being compiled, together with a Bibliography, which lists articles and books published since 1960. So far, it contains some 1,200 entries using a database, listed under author and subject.

We would be interested to hear of any NAMA members or friends who:

a) would like to be included in the Register of Researchers,

b) would like to include their publications in the Bibliography, or



Executive Board. Back row from left: Marshall Cannell, Larry Fargher, Norm Gill, Mary Kelly, Edna Cowin, Ron Quayle. Front row: Mona Haldeman, Helen Drom, Joan Gill, and Elizabeth Duncan.

c) would be interested to hear more about our work.

Please contact Mrs. Fenella, Bazin, Research Co-ordinator, Centre for Manx Studies, 6 Kingswood Grove, Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles. Telephone 0624-673074.

## NAMA Awards on the Island

In July two students, Andrea Bradshaw and Susannah Brown, received the Millennium Medallions for their contribution to music and the arts. The medallions, awarded annually by the North American Manx Association, were presented by Sir Charles Kerruish, President of Tynwald.

Andrea, nearly 18, attended St. Ninian's High School in Douglas. She has reached grade three standard for the recorder and the clarinet and also has an Advanced Performer's Certificate from Trinity College, London.

Susannah, 18, is studying A-level art at King William's College at Castletown. She is head of her house and has also made 'major contributions towards music and drama at both house and college levels'.

Also in July, Juan Watterson from Port Erin was presented a £20 Manx language prize sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of NAMA. Betty Hanson presented the prize to Juan who was chosen as showing the best progress since spoken Manx language was introduced as an option in the Island's secondary school curriculum 12 months ago. Mrs. Hanson said that the award scheme, which is expected to be an annual donation, stemmed from the Auxiliary's affection for the Isle of Man as symbolising their ancestral 'roots'.

Source: *The Isle of Man Examiner*, July 20 and 27, 1993.

## IOM Aids Somalia

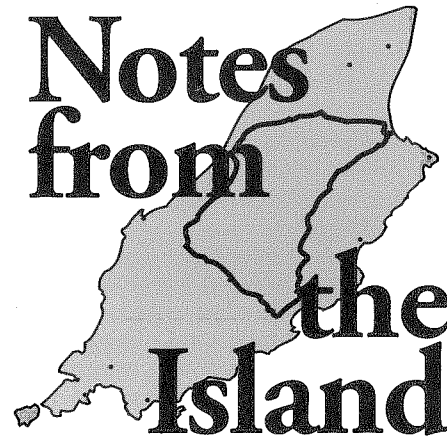
The Somalia Relief programme being operated by the Save the Children Fund is a large exercise in a country which is underdeveloped in every way. The charity has bases all around Somalia in remote spots where the terrain is rugged and inhospitable. The most efficient way of moving personnel and supplies is by air using the latest technology to guide them to unknown destinations. Until

December SCF had been chartering aircraft, an expensive exercise.

A large legacy and money donated by the people of the Isle of Man enabled SCF to buy an aircraft specifically for use in the Horn of Africa and immediately to achieve a task in Mogadishu and the surrounding country. A Cessna 208 Caravan 1-10 seater was purchased in the US and kitted out to operate using satellites.

When the aircraft was ready it was flown to Stapleford Aerodrome in Essex, UK, and prepared for African operations. In November it was named *Africa's Children*. The aircraft carries the SCF logo and on its tail the three-legged flag of the Isle of Man, in recognition of the contribution its people made.

Source: *Commuter World*, June-July 1993, p.17.



### Ramsey, 23 July 1993

When Mary and I came to live on the Island, over three years ago, a lot of our friends in England felt we would find life here very boring. Mary was born here but left in 1947, after qualifying as a Chartered Librarian, to follow her career in Manchester. I was born in Lancashire and although my family can be traced back for at least two hundred years in the Sulby area I have to go back to 29 May 1833 when my great-grandfather John Clague Caley was born in Douglas before I can find any member of my branch of the Caley family who was born here.

Finding things to do here has not been a problem. We soon got ourselves involved with the World Manx Association, Mary now being the Assistant Secretary and I edit the WMA Newsletter. We have joined the Family History Society and the Ramsey Music Society, Mary belongs to two Womens Institutes, being Secretary of one of them, she is also the Press Officer for the Island Federation of WIs. Mary's Soroptomist membership

was transferred to the Douglas Club. Similarly I had been in the British Institutes of Management for many years and I was transferred to the Isle of Man branch. I am a member of the Engineering Society here and a member of the Ramsey Probus Club of which I was President last year. Recently a branch of the charity Age Concern has been established on the Island and I am now the Secretary of its Service Development Committee. Add to all these, events like the Manx Music Festival, Island Opera, the Gilbert & Sullivan Society, art exhibitions, choir concerts, Yn Chruinnaght (the annual festival of Celtic art, music and dancing), various church events, the occasional visit by an orchestra, plays at the Gaiety Theatre and so on, it can easily be seen that life on the Island is a long way from being dull and boring. In fact it is quite difficult trying to avoid getting even more involved.

The TT fortnight attracted a slightly larger number of visitors this year but the event was overshadowed by an abnormally large number of fatal accidents. Only one of these was to a competitor, but there were ten others of whom, I think, were visitors to the Island. Thousands of motor-cyclists come here for the races, a lot of them from the continent where, like you, they drive on the right hand side of the road. When facing an emergency the tendency is to swerve back to your normal side of the road and this coupled very often with high speeds in emulation of the racing bikes has been responsible for at least some of the deaths. There is a small committee currently looking into possible ways of eliminating these accidents in future years.

Our Year of the Railways is in full swing and quite a number of enthusiasts have come here for the various events and more are expected. The annual event of throwing rocks at the Tourist Board is again in full-swing with half the Island complaining that they spend too much money and the other half saying they ought to be advertising more and flooding the travel agents throughout the UK with brochures, guide books and the like which would probably mean at least doubling their budget. Nearly all agree however, that the cost of getting here, particularly if you want to bring a car with you, is very high. What can be done about this, considering the size of the market and the requirement to maintain a year-round daily service, is hard to determine unless the Manx Government, i.e. the Manx taxpayer, is prepared to subsidise the operation.

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There was a major crisis during the TT period when the Steam Packet ship *Lady of Mann* crashed into one of the piers whilst turning in the harbour damaging its bow and having to be taken out of service for emergency repairs. Fortunately there were no serious injuries although several motor cycles were damaged and some petrol was spilt on the car deck. A large number of people faced long and uncomfortable waits at Liverpool often with little or conflicting information as to what was happening. The situation was not helped by the lack of shelter and catering facilities at the Landing Stage in Liverpool. Thankfully these emergencies are rare, but following the incident last year when the *King Orry* went aground in the Mersey, the question of having an additional ship either in operation or at least available to be brought into use fairly quickly has been raised again. This again would almost certainly involve some form of subsidy.

The last Royal Air Force Station on the Island has just closed, this was the small station at Jurby Point that controlled the bombing range off the coast of the Island. The ending of over fifty years of Air Force activity here was marked with due ceremony including an aerobatic display. There are now no UK Armed Services bases on the Island although we get the occasional visit of army units on training exercises.

The people of the Bride area are conducting a vociferous campaign against a Government proposal to extend tipping of refuse in the Ayres area for a further fifteen to twenty years by opening up a new site. A public inquiry is being held and the Bride residents are being backed by some of the environmental groups. In spite of efforts to enlist support, authorities in the rest of the Island are not backing them in their fight. It is stated Government policy that the long term disposal of rubbish should be by incineration but a plant for this would have to be built and whilst people are pressing for this to be progressed as quickly as possible, I have a feeling that a list of places willing to have it in their area would be very short indeed.

I have referred in previous Notes to our unofficial Opposition, the Alternative Policy Group, and their refusal to take any Government post. This policy has now been realized and two members of the Group, Adrian Duggan and Edgar Mann, have now accepted junior posts in the Government. The Second Deemster, Henry Callow, has announced his retirement and his successor is William Cain, the Attorney General. The new Attorney General who will take up his duties on

October 1st will be Mike Kerruish. Mr Kerruish is a senior partner in a Douglas-based advocates practice. During his summer vacations from University, Mr Kerruish qualified as a bus driver and worked for Douglas Corporation. If he had made that his career he would have been involved in strike action during these last few weeks. The UK Government has imposed a 1 1/2% pay limit on the UK public sector workers as part of its anti-inflationary policy and because pay for public sector workers in the Island is linked to UK rates a similar offer has been made to our bus crews, albeit with one or two additions. This has been rejected by the workers and the bus crews have retaliated by a programme of unannounced lightning strikes. Whilst there is a fair degree of public support for an improved pay offer, some of this support has been alienated by these strikes. It is not very pleasant to go to the shops in Douglas by bus and then find you cannot get home again or that the school bus has not arrived. The Government has so far refused to depart from its initial offer, but there does appear to be a slightly more optimistic atmosphere these last few days and it is to be hoped that an agreement can be reached.

In the early morning of Tynwald Day there was heavy rain but this cleared by about 9 a.m. and we had a bright sunny day with quite a brisk wind. This year of course, we had a considerable reduction in the number of visitors and homecomers from North America but we were pleased to see a few people from the States had been able to make the journey.

Although we had some warm, sunny spells in May and June the weather in July has been disappointing, with a lot of cloudy days and mist on the hills which has come down to ground level in some places and on a few occasions disrupted flights to and from the Island. We have had the odd sunny day but we have also had some heavy rain. This sort of weather suits the plants (and the weeds!) in the garden but is not very pleasant for those who have come here for their holidays and has caused a lot of problems for organisers of garden parties and other outdoor events. However when we see the television pictures of the flooding along the Mississippi it seems churlish to grumble about the indifferent weather here. I hope that no NAMA members have been hit by the floods.

Best wishes to you all.  
David Caley  
Kilmuir  
Ballure Promenade  
Ramsey, IOM

## Star of India Sailings

With a rolling, ponderous grace that once defined the Age of Sail, San Diego's floating landmark went down to the sea on Saturday, August 14, 1993.

The *Star of India*, launched in England at the height of the U.S. Civil War, sailed smartly in smooth seas under clear skies, delighting the 110 crew members and guests aboard.

With the sails set and the bow aimed at the open sea, there is no better view on earth than from the fore mast "futtacks," a platform nearly halfway up the mast and about 65 feet above the water.

From that windy aerie, anyone with a healthy imagination is able to ignore the escort flotilla of pleasure boats, the gleaming downtown skyline and San Diego-Coronado Bridge in the distance and conjure what seagoing life was like here 100 years ago.

The *Star's* first sailing since 1989—and only its fifth since retiring from active service in 1923—attracted hundreds of pleasure boats and thousands of shore-bound observers.

"The waterfront is the heart of our heritage in San Diego and the *Star of India* is the symbol of the waterfront," said Patrick Goddard, a trustee of the Maritime Museum, whose centerpiece is the 205-foot ship.

When the ship sailed on Sunday, August 22, 1993, it featured an all-volunteer crew of 50, including five women. Also on board were actor Charlton Heston and his wife Lydia.

Source: a newspaper article by Mark Sauer.

## Other Activities

The San Diego Maritime Museum had many wonderful events in addition to the sailing of the *Star of India*.

Monday, August 16th, there was a most unusual and entertaining ropemaking demonstration. The *Star of India* utilizes more than 200 separate ropes in the execution of a day's sailing. Visitors actually made their own lengths of rope and kept them.

With an abundance of time and whalebone on their hand, the Yankee whaling men of the last century perfected the art of scrimshaw. On August 17th, Russ St. Jean demonstrated his scrimshander techniques for visitors aboard the *Star of India*. Scrimshaw ranged from simple clothespins to elaborate and complex gadgets. Many a sailor would carve on the tooth of sperm whale the likeness of his

loved one, his ship, or a scene of his shipmates doing what they did best, hunting whale.

On Wednesday, August 18, the Maritime Museum and San Diego Folk Heritage hosted a Chantey Festival involving numerous local and international acts. Players performed on both the Star of India and the Berkeley.

Walt Jacobsen, our "70 something" woodcarver, carves mermen and mermaids, whales, nameboards and figureheads in his shop on the Star's main deck. On Thursday, August 19, Walt demonstrated the various stages of woodcarving.

Beginning on Sunday, August 15, there were three nights of slam bang sailing and sword fighting in the riggings of the Star of India. Movies included the original "Treasure Island" starring Wallace Beery, and the Disney "Treasure Island" starring Robert Newton. The third feature was "Captain's Courageous" with Spencer Tracy as Manuel the Portuguese fisherman. This film contains some of best schooner sailing footage ever filmed.

On Wednesday and Thursday, August 18 and 19, the San Diego Maritime Museum presented a wonderful living theater show, "Two Years Before the Mast" on the Star of India's deck. This play was published by Richard Henry Dana, Jr., four years after Dana returned from his epic voyage in the California hide trade. It was the first book on sailing during the Great Age of Sail which was entirely written by a common seaman. It was also the first book about California which became text for every sailor, miner or emigrant headed west for decades.

Source: *Full & By*, the San Diego Maritime Museum Newsletter, July 1993.

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## Report of Ladies Auxiliary

I am writing this today, June 24, because Marshall and I are leaving for Mexico on the 29th. He will be back in July and will be able to attend the August 14th Board Meeting in Minneapolis. Alas, I will come home the 15th of August so must miss the meeting. I will also miss the deadline for contributions to our Bulletin. Isn't it an attractive, readable and interesting publication! Thank you to the Editors for such a good production. So, anyway, Marshall will mail this for me in good time before the August 10th deadline.

I am addressing particularly all ladies of NAMA to brief you on some of the ideas which came out of our luncheon meeting last year during the Convention:



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The August 14th Executive Board meeting in Minneapolis provided a wonderful opportunity for us to sample the accommodations at the Airport Hilton Hotel where our 1994 Convention will be held on August 19 to 22. Some of the Board members and their spouses had an opportunity to explore the new year old Mall of America, complete with dozens of stores along with rides and entertainment, which has become a major attraction for millions of Americans and a large number of foreigners. Come to the 94 Convention and plan on a visit to the mall and the many other Minneapolis/St. Paul attractions.

Several issues of importance to all of us were discussed. It was agreed that we should increase our emphasis on genealogy in the Bulletin. The Bulletin has been very popular with our members but it is expensive to produce and mail. Methods to reduce production costs were adopted which will not effect Bulletin quality in any way.

Several methods to increase membership were discussed and three were adopted. First, a gift incentive program will be developed to encourage each of us to find and recruit new members. Second, our Manx Societies will receive a free annual membership for successfully converting some of their non-NAMA members into NAMA members. Third, individual members will be supported in doing a membership mailing to others having their Manx surname. Mailings, including a letter about NAMA and our Manx heritage along with a recent Bulletin plus a membership form will be sent to over 500 Cannell, thanks to Past President Marshall Cannell, and to almost 100 Farghers, thanks to Past President Larry Fargher. This method was successfully used to bring many Quayle families into our membership a few years ago. If you would like to help fund such an effort for a Manx surname of your choice, please contact me and I will provide further details.

We currently have about 750 member on our mailing list. I hereby invite your support to raise the number to 1000 by convention time next year. We can meet this challenge if we all work together.

I look forward to seeing many new and current members when I return to Minneapolis next year.

Ron

Ronald J. Quayle  
President

I. Beginning now, a contest for all NAMA ladies. Who can promote the Isle of Man in the most creative, imaginative way in her own area? Articles in local newspapers; offering to give a talk about the Island to groups to which you belong; furnishing pamphlets, etc., to travel agents and telling them about the Island; inviting non-Manx people to one of your Society meetings, etc. We will reward the winner at our luncheon next year in Minnesota after judging all the entries. So bring your documented project to the Convention!

II. During the year before we meet in Minneapolis (and even if you aren't planning to attend) please write to me with

your ideas about what you would like the Auxiliary to do to put more life into it...could each of us undertake fund raising events during the year in our own area (as a Society, or as individuals) to bring the proceeds to the Convention luncheon (or, again, send if you aren't attending). We would be able to make more contributions to worthwhile causes on the Island, or increase the amounts which we now donate. I will tap our invaluable resource on the Island, Noreen Cottier, to be our scout on the Island regarding such causes, and I will also ask for suggestions from the

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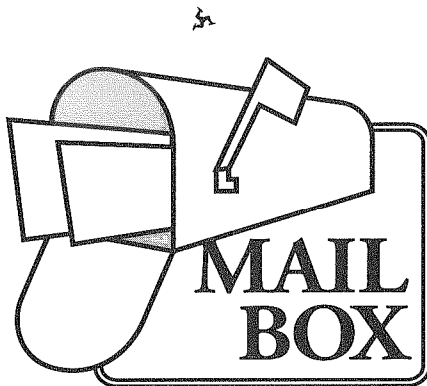
wonderful acquaintances Marshall and I have made during our visits there. One of the awards sent to the Island as a result of our luncheon last year was to a young man for excellence in the study of Manx Gaelic.

III. We also hope to have the Sale Table at the Convention next year, so that means we ask you all to start thinking of items you might bring for that purpose. Let's make it a very profitable affair!

Do send me all your thoughts about the Auxiliary, won't you? No *traa dy liooar* now, as well as no *traa dy liooar* from those of you who have not joined the Auxiliary. Do send your \$5.00 membership fee to Dorothy Gawne, 8605 N Merrill, Niles, IL 60648 now so you can renew it next August in Minneapolis.

My warm *SALUDOS* to you all, and especially to all Ladies Auxiliary members.

Tina Cannell  
President, Ladies Auxiliary  
25 Sheridan Road  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02181



We thought after reading in the NAMA Bulletin about Manx flags (we did write to Mr Scarffe) that maybe you could use the enclosed photograph. It maybe interesting to some one.

Mr and Mrs P.J. Bridson  
R.R. 1, Desbarats, Ontario  
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Phil Bridson hoisting the "Legs of Man" for Tynwald on July 5, 1993.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1902 the railroad was building from Mayer to Crown King, Arizona, and Turkey Siding was established where the town of Cleator now stands. Lev Nellis started a store and saloon at Turkey, and one day a prospector named James P. (Jimmie) Cleator came into the store and wanted to buy into the business. Lev sold him a half interest on January 1, 1905, and for several years thereafter they remained in business together, at the same time building up a bunch of range cattle. In 1915 they split up, Lev taking the cattle and Jimmie the store and saloon, which he has owned ever since.

In 1920 the name of the post office was changed to Cleator to avoid confusion with Turkey Creek post office further up Turkey Creek. The town of Cleator is located on the eastern slope of the Bradshaws.

At the time Jimmie bought out Lev Nellis the land was simply held as unpatented mining claims, six in all, of 20 acres each, two of which, the Turkey and Turkey Gobbler, have since been patented.

In earlier years there were quite a few tough characters in that region. One day a prospector came into the store half drunk and started an argument in which he pulled a gun on Jimmie. "Wait a minute," said Jimmie and while the fellow hesitated Jimmie jumped over the counter, knocked him down and took the gun away from him.

The fellow then ran out of the store, went to his cabin, and started back after Jimmie again with a rifle. Just then Lev Nellis rode up, heard the fellow cursing Jimmie, and took the rifle away from him. The matter was later settled peaceably.

Everyone liked James Patrick Cleator, and his life story is an interesting one.

He was born on July 12, 1870, at Dhoon, Maughold Parish, on the Isle of Man. He said he went through the sixth grade at school and thought he knew it all.

At 12 he went to sea as a cabin boy on fishing boats from Newcastle to London, worked in the Sunderland shipyards a few months, and at 16 signed as an able seaman on a ship hauling iron ore from Spain.

In 1887, at 17, Jimmie signed on an old-time clipper sailing vessel, the Arthur Stone, and made the trip that really makes a sailor an "old salt," around the Horn, to Iquique, Chile.

In 1889 this Manxman decided to quit the sea and come to America. He came across as a passenger, landed at Halifax, traveled by train to Winnipeg,

and after working at various jobs here and there arrived in San Francisco, where he proudly related he shook hands with President Benjamin Harrison.

Then the sailor prospected and mined in California for a number of years and finally struck it rich in 1898 when he cleaned up \$10,000 from a lease on a gold mine. With plenty of money in his pocket he prospected through Arizona and Chihuahua in 1899 and 1900. He returned to Arizona in late 1900, and prospected in the Southern Bradshaws until 1905 when he bought in with Lev Nellis.

With the completion of the railroad into Crown King basin, the Turkey district became quite active in mining and prospecting and, as the years passed, Jimmie kept building houses and cabins to rent.

In 1919, after nearly 50 years of bachelorhood, Jimmie married Pearl Hunt. They had a son and daughter.

With married life Jimmie went to fixin' things up around the town that bore his name. Electricity came and was put in all his houses and cabins. In 1929 he ran a three-mile pipeline from Cleator spring and added water facilities to his buildings.

Little mining and cow towns like Cleator have their ups and downs, and, as the mines up in the mountains became worked out, the railroad curtailed operations, with the result that since 1933 Mayer became "the end of the track" from Prescott. But with good roads and a truck to haul in merchandise it mattered little to life in Cleator.

In 1947, when Jimmie was 77, he thought of retiring. The story of the town of Cleator being for sale appeared in *The Arizona Republic*. It was taken up by newspapers all over the country, with the result that Jimmie was swamped by letters of inquiry from as far away as Australia, and as many as 50 in a single day.

In addition many prospective purchasers, and many "just curious" persons, drove by auto to inspect his store, post office, saloon, 19 houses and cabins, water works, mining claims, etc. But for some reason a sale was never made.

Asked what he would have done if he sold out the ruddy faced old Manxman, who with his cap and goatee looked like an ex-sea captain, replied: "I'd fix up an auto outfit, and travel all over the country."

James P. Cleator died in 1955 at the age of 88 in Prescott, Arizona. He was the father of NAMA member Elizabeth Cleator Shipman of Texas.

Source: A newspaper article by Roscoe G. Willson sent to us by Larry Fargher.

# Know Your Ancestors

by Mrs Robert S. Cowin;

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The following article on *Peel-1861* was recently sent to me and I found it interesting reading so decided to share it with you.

## Fishing and Manufacturing

The Fishing Net Manufactory in Peel in the year 1861 was a large establishment, at first sight people were struck with admiration and astonishment on viewing the complex machinery at work. This was a novel scene in the Isle of Man at this time and employed 60 hands in all.

There were 18 machines, spinning jennies etc. which were kept going night and day. The average amount of work accomplished weekly was 6,000 yards of herring nets.

To work this concern required a large amount of capital as the employed were in receipt of a high rate of wages each week.

The establishment was astir with chatter and physical labour displayed by the numerous young women employed by Mr Robert Corrin.

The proprietor also employed 50 men with boats etc. at the Port of Kinsale, South of Ireland in the deep sea, herring and mackerel fishery.

## Shipbuilding

Shipbuilding in Peel in 1861 was in full operation, indeed the orders on hand at that time for the next season were so great that the builders were having to refuse fresh engagements. Mr Henry Graves, in this department of trade, was the greatest employer in the town and had about 100 hand working in the various branches of his business viz ship building, block making, sail making, steam sawing, smithwork all of whom were kept as busy as possible.

It was amazing the amount of business Mr Graves had to transact daily, as a timber merchant and general ship chandler. He had many shares in vessels and settled the boats accounts with the men and supplied nearly all the materials needed for the vessels.

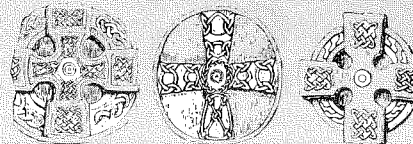
Mr Thomas Graves had recently erected an extensive rope walk late in 1860 but after it was erected at great expense he was very discouraged by the devastation committed during the storm that occurred just after the long shed to cover the workmen had been completed; it was entirely stripped from the engine house to nearly the end of the walk.

## From the mail bag:

Mrs L.L.D. Jensen, 210 Solano St., San Rafael, California 94901, U.S.A. is researching John CANNELL and Ann GAWNE of Ballaugh, who were married in March 1861.

Mrs A. McGough, 1954 Rome Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55116, U.S.A. is interested in William KEWLEY of Malew, baptised 30 Oct 1864, the son of Robert KEWLEY and Maria. William emigrated to the U.S.A. where he married in 1888.

Seek info JOHN PETER DE MIEGE, JR (or variations) b 16 June 1918, d 21 July 1979 Wadsworth VA Hospital Los Angeles, CA. Served WWII, Army, Alaska; head wound w loss of memory; Purple Heart. Possible wife Doris and daughter Carole Ann fr Alabama. DE MIEGE and I were married and had two sons. Send to: Shirl Tomeldan, 3458 Silver Bow Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89115-2763. I would be happy to reimburse postage and would like to correspond with anyone who has any information. DE MIEGE claimed at times to have been an orphan and at other times to have been raised by a grandmother. There is absolutely no information on his death certificate as to where he was born, etc.



## Chaplain's Corner

by Rev. Devore Craine Smith

At our August 6 San Diego Chapter meeting Hilary Harrison told of a rich experience she had during her visit in June and July to her family home in Ballaugh. A beautiful tradition, started 1991, is the Manx Heritage Flower Festival, an Island Ecumenical Event to commemorate the "Decade of Evangelism." This year's theme was "Young People" and featured concerts by the St. Anne's Cathedral Belfast Boys Choir. Participating churches (17) are decorated by parishioners with lovely flowers and arrangements, appropriately, as the Psalmist sings: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (Ps. 29:2) The inspiring spirit and environmental relevance of this new tradition is portrayed in an anonymous poem:

### Reflections of a Flower Arranger

This decade of the nineties,  
Has, by sacred papal precept,  
Been selected for evangelism,  
And become a Christian concept.  
So to celebrate this decade,  
And to evangelise the story  
We encourage ecumenical  
Flower festivals to his glory.  
The churches in the Isle of Man  
Of all denominations  
Could be part of such a plan  
As we invite participation.  
We who feel the Lord is near us,  
That He cares and loves us always,  
When we use our flowers in churches  
Do we present them to his glory?  
As artistic talent helps us  
To create inspired arrangements  
Do we ever stop to think about  
The source of our attainments?  
See God's glory in the face of a flower,  
In its colour and shape, in a leaf or a tree,  
He only has the superlative power  
To create such stylish symmetry.  
Without God's help in the things we do  
Churches and homes would be the barer,  
Without God's grace to help us through  
We all would be poorer.  
Flowers are used in celebrations,  
Weddings, birthdays, anniversaries.  
They also show appreciation  
To those who care and love us always.  
In ecumenical flower festivals  
Love and fellowship follow free  
As we see God's glory in the face of a flower,  
In its colour and shape, in a leaf or a tree.

# SOCIETY NEWS

## Ontario

The Ontario Manx had a perfect day for their Annual Picnic, July 25, at Serena Gundy Park. We had a great attendance of 44 adults and 7 children, and had lots of laughs and fun doing the Shoe Kicking and Egg Race, etc.

We are really pleased with the growth of our Society, and hope it will continue, and looking forward now to our meeting in October.

## Minnesota

The spring meeting of the Manx Society of Minnesota was held at the Northwest Inn, Brooklyn Park, on June 5, 1993. Lunch and a social time preceded the meeting.

Introduction of new guests and their Manx heritage began the meeting. Most of the new guests heard of the meeting through notices in community newspapers. A good idea for future meetings. Thanks Joan. We signed up three new members. Our newest Manx, Kali Dahlquist daughter of Sally, was also present.

LaJean Anderson read the treasurer's report in Jim Anderson's absence. Linda Shimmin read the minutes from the last meeting.

An invitation to the Pan Celtic Celebration was announced. It is being held at Murphy's Landing near Shakopee on September 17, 18, and 19. Should we participate? It will be investigated further to see what our options are. Interested persons should contact Barbara Ramondino, Heather Kutzler, or Joan Gill.

A reminder that two scholarships are available—a \$100 one for high school students and \$25 for elementary students. Acceptable entries include poems, essays, and drawings. Questions should be referred to Joan Gill or Bill Shimmin. The closing date was June 30th.

Castle Rock Cemetery clean up took place on May 15th near Northfield, Minnesota. Six members went and found at least seven stones amongst a thick grove of lilacs trees, brush, and undergrowth. There is interest in checking into "ownership/deedship" of the land and its historical status. The next clean up is scheduled for September 25th. Interested persons

should contact June Sibell.

Members were reminded and encouraged to give donations or memorials to the society.

Norm Gill updated all on the 1994 North American Manx Association Convention. It will be held August 19-22 at the Airport Hilton. It's going to be a great convention. There is still a need for volunteers for various committees.

Special guest, Tom Cashin from Kirk Michael, IOM, presented an excellent slide show on the Isle of Man covering the history, customs, stories, and sites. The slides included: the Laxey Wheel, castles, harbors, Loaghtan sheep, flowers, Manx glens, farm houses, thatch houses, the Fairy Bridge, and many more points of interest from the Isle of Man. Thank you Tom, it was great!

LaJean Anderson shared her Manx discovery. While reading a recent biography of Charles Lindberg, she came across the fact that his grandmother was from the Isle of Man. She is working with the Minnesota Historical Society for more information.

Manx rock candy, compliments of the Cashins direct from the Isle of Man, was given away as prizes for the drawing.

The next meeting is August 28, 1993, at LaJean Anderson's home in Nisswa, near Brainerd, Minnesota.

## Chicago

At the last meeting of the Chicago Manx Society, on May 23rd, we were pleased to have Shirley and Russell Kelly from Galva, IL, and Mona Creer's two cousins from Australia, plus a new member Lynell Cannell from Naperville.

The members decided that they would like to hold the next meeting on Sunday afternoon in late September or early October at The Atlantic Restaurant which is on the West Side of Chicago on Grand Avenue. This restaurant specializes in serving English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish foods. Members will be sent notices in the near future.

## San Diego

We've been busy since our last NAMA Bulletin! On June 13, thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a BBQ at the lovely home of Maureen Rhyne in Fallbrook.

We enjoyed a paddle boat, swings and good food. Jack and Jane Cain joined our group and they brought their sons John and Jim and daughter-in-law Wendi as guests. Katie Kermeen was also a guest. An auction of Manx souvenirs was held and our treasury was made richer. Robert and Millie Kermeen told of their adventures on the Island. This was their first trip and they are most grateful to Noreen Cortier and Les and Val Quilliam of Peel who made certain that their trip was very rewarding.

On July 14 we had an open house at the cottage of England in Balboa Park. Our purpose was to educate visitors about the IOM and hopefully to find other Manxmen. We did find two young Manx descendants.

The August 8 meeting was at the home of Millie and Robert Kermeen. Twenty-one members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Patty Kermeen was a guest. George Watterson, Hilary Harrison and Joyce Kinley told of their visits to the Island this summer. Marion Kelly and Alice Zettel shared their experiences at the Laxey picnic in Wisconsin.

Lou and Faith Vick joined our group and received lots of information to help them when they visit the Island next month.

On the afternoon of Sunday, August 15, Doris Dobbel invited the Manx Society to her home overlooking the bay so that we could view the return of the Star of India in full sail. It was indeed a beautiful sight. Doris served a delicious buffet and we all had such a good time. We wish that many of the NAMA members could have joined us.

When Ruth Smith commented that they didn't fly the Manx flag, they said, "Maybe on the 22nd."

## Western Australia

Although the turn out by Manxies for the North Suburban Historical Society was disappointing, on this occasion the talk on "A History of the Isle of Man" by "Cushag" appeared to be appreciated. Several members discovered that they had Manx connections and were able to collect information and plan visits to the Island. Thanks to Ingrid Brighton for attending the book/souvenir shop we were able to return \$220 to our bank account. Gwen



and Don Moran from Quindalup attended and handed over for safe keeping members information records of a much earlier Manx Society of which her father (Quayle) was president.

Manx MHK and Minister for Education on the Island, Hazel Hannan, visited Perth in May to attend a Commonwealth Society Conference. Dennis and Kath Crains had the pleasure of their company. They took them for a tour of the Ranges and Mundaring Wier, followed by a delicious lunch at the home of Dan and Margaret Hansen. Unfortunately notice was too short to rally more Manx exiles—the letter announcing their arrival came a day after their return!!! Traa di liooar?

Sadly we report the passing of Mrs Margaret Christian, mother of Margaret Fairbairn and Vivienne Hewitt of Western Australia and Robert and Susan of the UK. This lady was an avid supporter of the Society and all things Manx and will be sadly missed. Margaret will return with her remains to the Island on June 12th.

Mrs Pat Quigly died recently after a long illness. Our sympathy goes to her husband Ernie in Southern Australia and the Kissack family on the Isle of Man.

## Cleveland

We held our annual picnic in July at the party center where Florence and Bill Roseman live. Fifty of us enjoyed a catered dinner which included sloppy joes and hot dogs. Pam Farley, one of our members, brought a large cake to honor her husband Jim's birthday. Elizabeth Ducan prepared several written brain teasers for us.

Several of our members traveled to the Isle of Man this summer. Elizabeth Duncan spent two weeks with her sister. Eileen and Jack Elliott spent a week there, and Mona and Ray Haldeman enjoyed eleven days on the Island. The Elliots and the Haldemans visited with their mutual cousins, and the Haldemans visited Mabel and Bill Cubbon and Lena Watterson, cousins of Ethel Christian. They also spent enjoyable times with Mark Bregazzi and Christine Kinvig, the 1992 Cleveland Medalist, and their families. The 1993 Cleveland Medal winner, Karen Johnson, sang at Peel Methodist Church while they were there. Of course, Noreen Cottier was a big help at the Family History Library.

Plans for the fall are indefinite at the present time, although the Christmas Party is scheduled for the first Sunday in December.

## Tynwald Visitors

David Caley supplied these names and

addresses taken from the Visitors Book at the World Manx Association's Homecomers Tent on Tynwald Day. The writing and the abbreviations used were some times difficult or impossible to decipher. Several who came to the tent were not members of Manx Societies, so they were given the last WMA Newsletter containing a list of society contacts. If you see a name from your area, please try to contact and recruit these interested Manx. Joyce and Malcolm Kinley, 2816 Shantar Dr, Costa Mesa, California 92626  
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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

**Bob and Millie Kermeen** of Rancho Santa Fe, California, with their daughter and grandson who are living in England, visited the Island in May and had a very enjoyable time. By writing to Noreen Cottier in Peel early in the year with details of their Manx origins, they were able to meet Kermeen relatives living in Patrick. **Les Quilliam** who is an official 'Blue Badge Guide' was available to drive them to the Coronary in Maughold where the Kermeen family originated.

Other NAMA visitors to the Island this summer were **Malcolm and Joyce Kinley** of Costa Mesa, who enjoyed visits with family and friends all over the Island. **Hilary Harrison** and her daughter Fiona from San Diego were on the Island to attend the weddings of Hilary's two nephews, and to visit her mother, Mrs Howland of Ballaugh. Another visitor from San Diego was **George Watterson**.

Leslie Vondy of Braddan in the Isle of Man visited Denver in July to join in a 'Vondy' family reunion. Mrs **Rachel La Rue** of Erie, Colorado, and **Fred Vondy** are NAMA members, and during Leslie's visit there was discussion on starting a Denver chapter of NAMA. There were 62 people at the reunion, and there were 12 of the family in the congregation at a church service that Leslie attended during his visit.

A NAMA membership list is available for \$3.00 from Helen Drom. It is for internal use only (genealogy, traveling, new society, etc.), not commercial or solicitation.

# The Lonely Man

by Catherine Gregg

Not long ago, on an islet just off the Isle of Man, there lived a man of about 60 years old. His home was an old disused lighthouse which he shared with a few cats and birds which he had rescued from various injuries.

He had made his home here because his ability to befriend animals rather than people, made the inhabitants of his home town very suspicious of him.

Three children from that town, called Peel, were on their school holidays. All of their lives they had heard the various stories, some true, some not, about the strange man who lived just off the coast. Being on holiday and with time on their hands, they decided to find out whether or not the stories were true. Using a small inflatable dinghy, they paddled towards the rocky islet. As they approached the islet, they were swept by wind and the tide on to the rocks. The dinghy ripped and burst and the children were thrown into the water which, luckily, was not too deep. They were able to scramble on to the rocks and up on to a grassy slope.

Meanwhile, the man was returning home after a day's fishing in his small sailing boat, earlier than usual, because of the gathering storm. Something strange caught his eye as he secured his boat and put his catch into a large basket; smoke was rising from his chimney...

The children had made their way to the lighthouse, had found the door unlocked, gone inside and had lit a fire to dry out their clothes and warm themselves. After a while they felt comfortable enough to look around the lonely man's home.

There were hundreds of books, lots of pictures and many interesting items around the well cared for lighthouse, enough to make them think that this was not the home of the old ogre in the stories, but that of a very intelligent and sensitive man.

They were discussing their situation when suddenly the door opened and there stood the owner of the lighthouse.

Far from frightening the already petrified children he invited them to share his evening meal which he set about preparing. When the meal was finished and plates and cutlery were washed and put away, they sat down by the fire and the man told them fascinating stories of the sea and his life.

Much later when one of the children was looking out of the window, he thought he saw a light through the dark, misty, night sky. He called the old man over to see the strange light. The man immediately recognised the distress flares and reacted very quickly. The flare would

not be seen from Peel because of the mist, so the strongest of the children was to row to Peel in the old man's spare rowing boat; the other two children had to prepare beds and bandages for possibly injured people.

The Manx family and their friends on board the damaged yacht had been on a boating holiday in the Irish Sea. Now, having lost their rudder in the howling gale, they were in danger of losing their lives on the tall, craggy rocks on the seaward side of the islet. Just when they thought that the end was near, one of the 12 people on board saw a rowing boat being powerfully rowed towards them. The old man, unable to use the sail in the storm, was rowing his fishing boat to the rescue. He shouted to the crew of the sinking yacht that only four people at a time should jump down into the water near him and he would lift them on to his boat. With four tired and bruised women on board he rowed the half mile to more sheltered water and his normal landing place where the two children took over to help the rescued people.

Once more the old man went on this perilous journey and another four people were safe. On the third and last trip things went badly wrong. He was now extremely tired and the last four people were so weak and injured that they could only hang on to the side of his boat. Rowing slowly around the last corner to safety they were met by the lifeboat which towed the little fishing boat to safety. While the rescuers attended to the yachtsmen, only the children noticed that the old man, still sitting in his fishing-boat, still holding his oars, had died from total exhaustion.

An hour later, when the storm calmed down, the children and the 12 rescued people were taken into Peel to be met by family and friends.

Never again would frightening and strange stories be told about a lonely old man, but the true story of the brave and kind man who gave his life to save strangers and which would live on forever.

Editor's note: This story won the Mary Weller Award presented on July 20, 1993, by the London Manx Society. The winner and the runners up, Suzanne Ridley and Kevin McGarvey, were all of Peel Clothworkers School.



## Pins and Certificates

It's time to get thinking about gift giving! What a perfect way to do it. Order NAMA memberships, pins and certificates.

Our beautiful pins contain the NAMA logo of the IOM Three Legs, the

Canadian Maple Leaf and the American Eagle. They sell for only \$5.00. It is easy to wear on collars, lapels, shirts and caps and has a strong fastener for the active Manx. It is an elegant expression of your Manx heritage.

Members may order a NAMA certificate for \$3.00. A detailed and informative explanation of your certificate is included. The certificate depicts the interlacing chain and corner crosses designed by the first great Norse sculptors around 1000 A.D. as well as the NAMA crest and Manx national flower. The certificate is very lovely when framed and will contain your artfully drawn name and date of your membership in NAMA.

To order use the dues renewal form  
on page 11.

## OBITUARY

**Paul Dobbel** passed away July 27, 1993, after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Doris; daughter Paula Greenberg; son Dennis Dobbel and three grandchildren. Paul was an active member in the San Diego Manx Society. He will be missed.

**Mae Helena Mitchell Sayle**, 70, a clothing designer and knitwear instructor in the Washington DC area for about 30 years, died of a heart attack August 3, 1993, at her home in McLean, Virginia.

She was born in Japan, where her grandfather had established a trading business. She was a fashion model in that country before settling in this area 40 years ago.

Mrs Sayle was a member of the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction Council, Northern Virginia Machine Knitters Guild, North American Manx Association, Greater Washington DC Manx Society and Women's Republican Club.

Her husband, Edward F. Sayle, died in 1989. Survivors include a sister.

Edward organized the 1974 NAMA Convention in Arlington and was instrumental in forming the Washington Manx Society. Mae continued to be active in the Washington Society after Ed's death.

**Brian Robert Spohn**, the fourth month old son of Michael and Jill Spohn of Reston, VA, died on July 14th following surgery to correct a heart defect. He is survived by a twin brother, Colin Michael; grandparents Ronald, NAMA president, and Margaret Quayle of Alexandria, VA, and Clifford and Laura Spohn of Mechanicsburg, MD; and great grandmothers Agnes Quayle of Forest City, IA, and Gladys Lindsley of Cedar Rapids, IA; and many other relatives and friends.

# Dues Due

It is that time of year again—time to send in your NAMA dues for the fiscal year beginning September 1. Check the mailing label for your personal dues' status. Use the renewal form in the Bulletin or just send the necessary information to the treasurer, Helen Drom.

If you are a life member, please pass the form along to a non-member relative or friend and encourage them to join. Or surprise someone with a gift membership. Memberships are an easy way to do your Christmas shopping! The perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for name on your list.

You will be introducing them to more about their Manx heritage and helping the association grow.

Send your payment in NOW so you don't forget! Prompt payment saves the association the money of sending out reminder notices. THANK YOU for your prompt cooperation.

Also, don't forget that your contributions to NAMA are fully tax deductible. Please consider us when donating to your favorite non profit association. We need your assistance, especially from our life members. Take a minute and contribute to preserve your Manx heritage.



## 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.

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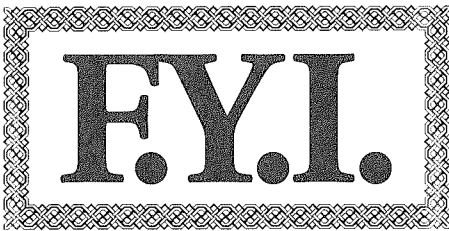
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## Bounty Book

My daughter's graphic company published a booklet for me concerning H.M.S. Bounty and Pitcairn Island which may interest persons familiar with the mutiny on the Bounty and its Isle of Man connections: i.e., Fletcher Christian, Peter Heywood and Captain Bligh's wife "Betsy" who Bligh married at Onchan.

The book's title is *Book Relics from HMS Bounty*. It consists of two monographs: "History of Two Bibles from H.M.S. Bounty" which traces how and why the Pitcairn Bible and the Bounty Bible come to be where they are today and "History Behind 'Relics of the Book Kind' from H.M.S. Bounty" which traces 8 book relics and gives their present locations. It has been heralded as "the only work of its kind and it includes references to supportive other literature". This soft cover booklet consists of 46 pages, it is 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, well-illustrated and contains a bibliography.

If anyone cares to order a copy, they may send \$14.95 plus \$1.05 postage to: Pauline F. Ernst, 1457 Ravenswood Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024.

## Truly Manx Tapes

The Truly Manx tape collection has been supplemented with two additional titles telling of the histories of the Island's steam and electric railways released to coincide with the Year of Railways.

The first six cassettes, released in 1989, include a general welcome to the Island and histories of Douglas, Ramsey and the north, Castletown and the south, Peel and the west and the southwest corner, Port St Mary and Port Erin.

Summer 1991 saw the release of an Onchan and Laxey history and this was followed with tapes giving glimpses into the Story of Mann—'Early Dwellers, Celts, and Vikings', 'Stanleys, Christians, and Smugglers', and 'Mann since the 1765 Takeover'.

The whole series is available from the Manx Museum Shop, Kingswood Grove, Douglas, Isle of Man. Items can be charged and sent on your credit card.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, May 4, 1993.

The Manx Museum is also a good source of current and historical books,

maps, art prints, and gift items. Upon request they will send a catalog of their merchandise.

## TT Tapes

Duke Marketing is releasing three videos of this year's action-packed TT meeting. The first video is a one hour review, priced at £10.99, and was edited and produced within the six days of the races. A longer review, 108 minutes, entitled 'A Place in History' sells for £16.99. It celebrates Joey Dunlop's 15th win which took him past Mike Hailwood's record.

Both videos feature on bike camera footage where the speed of the bikes is up to 170 mph, and the engine revs appear on the screen as the scenery races past.

The third video, 'On-Bike TT Experience' for £10.99, is an 80 minute compilation of the best footage from this year's meeting and all of it is different from the footage in the other videos.

Videos may be ordered from Duke Video, PO Box 46, Douglas, IOM.

## Lighthouse

The lighthouse keepers' cottages at the Point of Ayre were sold this summer. This follows the decision to convert the Island's northernmost lighthouse to automatic operation.

This move ends a tradition stretching

back over 170 years. The Point of Ayre lighthouse was built in 1818 by Robert Louis Stevenson who also built the two now derelict lighthouses on the Calf of Man. David and Thomas Stevenson built the lighthouses at Douglas Head, Chicken's Rock and Langness. Langness is now the only remaining manned station in the Island.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*, April 20, 1993.

## 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.

Deadline	Bulletin Issue
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. If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-541-8705.

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