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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." *TE Brown*

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42nd NAMA Conventions—Some Impressions

by Don Quayle

The 42nd Convention of the North American Manx Association was held in Madison, Wisconsin, July 19 through the 22nd. The Convention hotel, directly across from the Capitol Square, was ideally located. The six people in attendance from the Washington DC Area Manx Association had been present at the July 1995 NAMA Executive Board meeting in Madison. At that time, the Convention Co-Chairpersons, Mary and Pamela Kelly, a tremendous mother and daughter team, gave us an outline of what was planned for July 1996. From my point of view, the planning really paid off.

Possibly the most difficult concept for me to grasp was the one of outreach, of taking the Manx culture to the people of Madison. This was carried out beautifully on Saturday, the first full day of the convention. Manx dancers and musicians performed in front of the State Capitol building, amidst the crowds of Capitol Square Farm Market Day. Convention participants interacted with the citizens of Madison and explained what the Isle of Man was all about and told about the group visiting the city. There was further interaction as convention attendees were invited into the Capitol to tour the State Supreme Court. Officials of the Court learned about the Isle of Man as much as Manx learned about the Court. And all this while, Manx stories and culture were being conveyed to the young people in the Children's Museum just at the other end of the block.

Business hummed on the second floor of the hotel as the Manx "gift" tables displayed a bountiful array of items from the Island. This was together with items put out by the Ladies' Auxiliary that combined items acquired with those crafted by various members. That

particular table showed record rewards for the gifts they provided. And next door, possibly the most ambitious genealogy effort at any convention was underway. Microfiche readers and computers were available to members who wanted to explore their ancestry and counselors were on hand throughout the convention to guide them to the best sources for the information they desired. A feeling of familial pride arose as I saw brother Calvin Quayle, NAMA Genealogist, assisting people in their pursuit of ancestry.

It was time to take to the buses on Sunday as the group traveled through the Wisconsin countryside to attend a memorial service at a cemetery where the Laxey Church, thought to be the only Manx Church in the country, once stood. A marvelous picnic of salads and Manx pasties followed. And then on to Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where members were taken to Pendarvis House, the restored Cornish cottages which were the home of miners who came from Cornwall and other areas, bringing their expertise in lead mining and their Celtic superstitions to a new land. So much of their life was similar to the Manx. Again, outreach occurred as the Manx dancers and musicians performed for those waiting to go through the houses as well as passersby. Then everyone had a chance to view the *Story of Mann* narrated by Sir Anthony Quayle. It was a beautiful day ending with a dinner and program back at the convention hotel after a leisurely bus ride through the beautiful countryside.

For me the most memorable moments of this particular convention included the music that was provided by Christine Kinvig Bregazzi, who performed on Friday evening after the opening banquet and several other times during the next few days, Ilona Kombrink, satirical guitarist

Robert Jones and James Latimer and friends. Emma Christian performed for the members and guests on the last evening, highlighting the third day of our musical celebration.

The business meeting held on Monday installed Mary Kelly as President, Don Quayle as 1st Vice president, Jack Cormode as 2nd Vice President, Norm Standish as 3rd Vice President and Pamela Kelly as Secretary. Bradley Prendergast replaced Mary Hayslett as trustee and Norman Gill became the past president. Calvin Quayle became the official NAMA Genealogist. All other officers remain the same. Since the 1st Vice President assumes the responsibility for the next convention, I reported that the Washington Manx Association's Board had discussed the plans for 1998 and proposed to host the convention in Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia, and suggested that it be held during the first

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Manx storyteller, Joan Gill

weekend in October. The briefest of plans was presented and accepted at the business meeting.

The Washington Manx Association has hosted two conventions in recent years; one held in the Isle of Man in 1992 and the other in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1986. We look forward to reuniting with all our friends in the North American Manx Association. We invite your suggestions, ideas and participation in 1998. Please communicate freely with me during the months ahead as we plan for the future gathering of the Manx in the Nation's Capitol.

Further Impressions

by Jack Cormode

There is so much that could be written about the convention, but we cannot afford to put out a newsletter as thick as a book! However...

At the site of the old Laxey Church, we unloaded and walked across the road, entering the grounds of the only Manx church established in the new World, the spiritual home of the North American Manx. The church building was razed a half century before, but a structure covering its original footprint has been erected. And the cemetery remains, reminding us of those we have lost and how we are in danger of losing our heritage.

The day was cloudy, even cool, and the mood was quiet and contemplative. We heard some of the history of the Church and excerpts from letters and remembrances of those who struggled so hard while this was still a frontier. Their longing for their loved ones and their

homeland touched everyone. This was followed by the Memorial Service led by the NAMA Chaplain Rev Devore Craine Smith. The roll call of names was read of those who have left us since last we convened. Again everyone was touched. The sense of loss was palpable.



Convention Attendees

Canada

Mona Cleator Horracks, Philip J Bridson, Carol Christian, Jean Glass, Hilda Penrice, Allan and Lesley Shimmin, John and Dorothy Corkish, Garry and Gail Harbottle, Milne and Edna Harbottle

Arizona

Barbara Rottas

California

John R Cormode, Helen M Drom, Lawrence L Fargher, Marion L Kelly, Richard and Isabel Jane Teare Lamerdin, Gail Rhoades, Rev Devore Craine and Ruth Smith, Spence and Carol Thatcher, Sandra Blackwood White

Colorado

Clint and Lillian Quine Wasser

Connecticut

Aidamae H Fowler

Florida

Bob and Anne Cording, Virgil and Louse Gehlbach, Bill and Sue Guest, Jim and Florence Nowlin

Iowa

Mona E (Kelly) Wright

Illinois

Florence Abbinanti, Clarence E and Mona L Creer, Ralph and Margaret Creer, Lyle J

Coen, John and Barbara Dobbertin, Ron and Darlene Filis, Robert and Doris Friend, Sharon Murphy Friend, Dorothy Gawne, Ben P and Doris V Gehlbach, Robert and Jean Kelly, Rollo and Marilyn Kelly, Russell and Shirley Kelly, Brad Prendergast, John and Mary Abbinanti Prendergast and children Tim and Katy, Emily Shimmin Robson, Vernon W and Margaret E Schmidt

Indiana

Kenneth and Mary Collister, Don and Nadine Polley

Maryland

Donald and Yvonne Quayle

Massachusetts

Marshall H and Tina V Cannell

Michigan

George C and Julie Cromer, Alice Cuthbertson, Audrey Magnuson, Roberta O'Hara, Lucille Smith, Beverly Stanaway

Minnesota

J Hurd Anderson, LaJean Anderson, Larry and Cindy Callin, Sally Corrin Dahlquist and daughter Kali, Betsy Fennema, Norman and Joan Gill, Ken and June Kneen, Kyle Kneen, Barbara Gelling Renman, John R (Jerry) and Charlene M Shimmin, Linda Shimmin, William and Frances Shimmin, Marge Trihus and daughter Rachel

Missouri

Jim and Nancy Cain Weaver

Montana

Alicia Anderson, Lu Anderson, Fred and Helen Brew

Nebraska

Earl and Carol Lampshire

New York

Barbara Hughes, Sharon Morgan

North Carolina

Bernard and Dorothy Smith

Ohio

Ralph and Lois E Arthur, Tom and Alice Cannell, Edna W Cowin, Elizabeth Clucas Duncan, Ray and Mona Haldeman, John and Carol Jacob, Norman and Ingrid Standish

Oklahoma

Clarence L Collister, Sr

Pennsylvania

Kay Kelly Cyr, William G Jr and Eleanor C Nealy, Eleanor Peck

Texas

Carrie L Gehlbach

Virginia

William E and Doris G Brideson, Ronald and Margaret Quayle

West Virginia

Sandy Bircher

Wisconsin

Norman A and Doris J Alff, Carrie Anderson, Joyce Coen Benjamin, John and Norma Bircher, R Scott Brown, Geneve Brunhoefer, Glen and Mary Lou Callin,



Christine Kinvig Bregazzi, Memorial Service at Laxey Cemetery



Hon William and Jean Callow, Dan A and Donna Christian, Dorothy Christenson, Frank B Evans, Mary F Kelly, Jacob Evanson, Connie Flygt, Robert J Halpop and Pamela K Kelly and sons Evan and Joel, Mary Hunt, Irving and Hazel Kelly, Ruth Craine Lembke, Harland and Naomi McLaughlin, Chris Merritt, Jody Morey

and son James, Earl and Marian Mylrea, Joan Ogden, Barbra Posekany, Calvin and Virginia Quayle, Paul and Ellen Rabenhorst, Andrew and Elizabeth Ravenscroft, E Mae Reese, Willard T Reese, Jean A Robertson, Kathryn J Schneider, Mona Gelling Voutila, Dann T and Jean H Willett, Marjorie Mcnown

Zwickel and granddaughter Lindsey Leatherberry Tanner

Wyoming
Shirley Wulf

Isle of Man and UK

Mark and Christine Bregazzi, Hon J A and Mrs Rachel Brown, Bernard Caine, Eric Colville, Emma Christian

Convention Meetings

At the 42nd NAMA Convention, July 19 to 22th, in Madison, Wisconsin, there were two Executive Committee meetings and two meetings of the general membership. The following is a summary of the major points covered. Please refer to other articles on the convention for more detailed information.

The financial report given by Helen M Drom, NAMA treasurer, was accepted. Helen said that the books had not been audited since 1990. She will get bids and have this done. Helen also reported that membership is stagnant at this time. We need to increase our visibility. Suggestions were to advertise on the Internet and to send out mailings to perspective members. **We are losing money on membership dues because of the large number of lifetime members.**

The Bulletin Editors reported on attempts to cut the cost of publication. In March, there were less pages and no color. In June, there was no color and the use of a lighter grade of paper. The Post Office has new procedures for bulk mailing, which may result in additional costs. Monetary contributions are always welcome to defer costs of the Bulletin.

The acting committees at the convention were nominating, resolutions, by-laws, and time and place.

Mary Kelly reported that a survey had been sent to members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to assess the role of this organization. A recommendation by an Ad Hoc committee passed to dissolve the current group and replace it with subcommittees within NAMA, of both genders, to support ways to spread our Manx heritage.

Greetings from the Isle of Man were presented by Bernard Caine, Chairman of the Manx National Trust, in Manx Gaelic. He brought greetings from Basil Callow and Eddie Lowey. Mr Caine commented that all Manx people are so loving of their Island and their heritage.

The Trustees reported that their job of finding and keeping track of all NAMA items continues. Although most items are accounted for, the file of convention photos is missing. If anyone has the photos or information about them please contact Sally Dahlquist (address on page 19). Also we are in the process of completing a set of Convention Souvenir Booklets. Missing are 1929 Toronto, 1931 Buffalo, 1932 London ON, 1933 Chicago, 1934 Windsor ON, 1935 Cleveland, 1936 Winnipeg, 1937 Rochester, 1938 Hamilton ON, 1939 Lincoln, 1940 Montreal, 1941 Rochester, 1941 Buffalo,

1948 Peoria, 1950 Windsor, 1951 Toronto, 1952 Rochester, 1953 Cleveland, 1955 San Francisco, 1956 Toronto, 1957 Vancouver BC, and 1960 Cleveland. Donations of these booklets would be greatly appreciated. **A full set of the NAMA Bulletins has been donated to the St Thomas Library in St Paul, MN, for their special Celtic Collection.**

The various local societies reported on their functions. Ontario—stamp expo and Tommie the Tank t-shirts; Galva—meetings each fall and spring; Minnesota—three to four yearly meetings with guest speakers, on-going projects are to reclaim an abandon Manx cemetery in Castle Rock and to increase the Manx collection at St Thomas University; Cleveland—established in 1851, oldest in US, Manx Music Festival; San Diego—meetings each month, special work with the Cottage of England in Balboa Park and the sailing of the Star of India; Chicago—founded in 1873 with meeting in the the Chicago area; Wisconsin—meetings in spring and fall, involvement with the Celtic Cultural Center and St Andrews Society; Washington DC—founded in 1976, about 100 on the mailing list, participation in the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival; Northern California—loosely organized to meet in homes with Manx study/interest groups and becoming involved with a Celtic organization.

Norman Gill, the out-going President of NAMA, thanked the Executive Board and his wife Joan for their support the past two years. He **encouraged everyone to get younger members to join our organization.**

The question was raised about using NAMA rather than the full name North American Manx Association. Some felt this was distasteful. The reason for using NAMA is for time and space, examples found in this Bulletin. It was agreed that for public presentation, and the spirit of preservation, the full version would be used.

Acknowledgement and thanks were extended to the Wisconsin Convention Committees for their hard work in providing us with a wonderful Manx experience.

Election of officers was held at the Monday general meeting. The transfer of office from Norman Gill to Mary Kelly took place with the passing of the NAMA medallions, the Presidential sword, and the Peel Castle picture by the noted Manx artist Nicholson. The past President Ron Quayle presented the short sword to Norman Gill and the Millennium bowl to his spouse. The new NAMA President Mary Kelly thanked all who attended the

convention and also thanked the Executive Board and past NAMA Presidents for their service.

The Star Sails Again

By Ruth Smith

After sailing only six times in the last two decades, the Star of India set sail three times this August. On August 10 and 18 the Star sailed out of San Diego Bay for a short cruise. After persistent requests, NAMA Chaplain Devore Smith was delighted to see the brilliant flag of the Isle of Man proudly flying from the Star's rigging as she entered the bay on the 18th in nearly full sail.

On August 10, watched by thousands lining the waterfront, the Star was towed from San Diego Bay to the tip of Point Loma where her crew of volunteers unfurled her sails. Alas, the winds were nowhere to be found, and San Diego's signature tall ship spent much of the day puddling around in the ocean off Point Loma. But only 15 minutes after a wreath was laid in honor of the passing of longtime friend, Danny Duvall, the wind picked up. Suddenly the sails billowed and the 133 year old iron hulled vessel came to life—the Star was sailing full and by. It only lasted a few minutes and the top speed was barely four knots. But it was a good taste of what the ship which has sailed around the world 21 times is still capable of.

The Jackstraws Loren Smith and Dave Kendall, performed on the ship during one sailing. They were joined on occasion by Goben (mandolin) and Bob Ross (concertina) of the crew. When they broke into their 1989 hit son, "Sailing the *Star*," they were joined in chorus by passengers and crew alike.

On August 11th the Star of India joined Republican candidate Bob Dole in his nautical entourage across San Diego Bay. It is estimated that 300,00 people watched her on her way. The Star was a rare and beautiful sight in the midst of the Dole's flotilla of supporters and media.

(Editor's note: The *Minneapolis Star Tribune* featured a picture of the Doles and Kemps arriving by boat with the Star of India looming in the background.)

The oldest active ship in the world, the Star of India, originally named Euterpe began life at Ramsey shipyard. Today, she is owned by San Diego Maritime Museum and attract thousands of visitors each year.

In 1863 the Euterpe (Star of India) was launched in Ramsey, IOM, just five days before Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg

Address. Since then she has received many accolades and awards. Her list of titles features "National Historic Landmark" and most recently "Oldest Active Ship in the World".

Recently the Maritime Museum received news that the Star had been singled out as this year's recipient of both the American Ship Trust Maritime Heritage Award and the World Ship Trust Award for excellence in historic preservation.

You'd be pleased to know that the museum received £1000 from the Manx Museum to help with a display of the shipyard in Ramsey. Also the IOM Tourist Board is in communication with our curator to help.



1997 Homecoming

Arrangements are being made for travelers from the NAMA membership to attend special events on the Isle of Man in early July of 1997. Itineraries will include attendance at the ancient Tynwald ceremonies, the dedication of the new Manx heritage center House of Manannan at Peel and more. We expect to visit the Manx Museum in Douglas and sites including Peel Castle, Castle Rushen, The Grove Rural Life Museum, Laxey Wheel, the Nautical Museum, Castletown's Old Grammar School, Cregneash Village Folk Museum, tram rides on Douglas Promenade and much more. If you are interested in being included in this year's homecoming, send a letter with your name, address, and telephone number by February 1, 1997 to Mary Kelly (address on page 19).



IOM Home for Rent

We have a holiday home in Peel, Isle of Man, which we occupy during the months of July and August. As of last year we have begun to rent our home out for the months beginning in mid-September through June 15.

The house is completely furnished, with a living/dining room on the ground floor with fire-place, a modern kitchen complete with gas stove, refrigerator, dish-washer, washing machine and dryer. Also included are other appliances—coffee pot, water kettle, toaster and can opener. Also on the first floor there is a master bedroom with queen size bed, office/bedroom, full bath, and two WCs each with sink. On the second floor (top) two double bedrooms and a full bath. All bedrooms have excellent cupboard (closet) space. The



President of Tynwald Sir Charles Kerruish, center, with the individual NAMA award winners

NAMA Awards

Outstanding students were rewarded with North American Manx Association Awards in a presentation at Government House, Douglas, Isle of Man on July 4, 1996. President of Tynwald Sir Charles Kerruish presented the medals to the Ramsey Grammar School's Paitchyn Vannin group for music, to Robert Radcliffe, also of Ramsey Grammar, for Manx culture, to Julie Denton of the Isle of Man College for arts and crafts, to Leanne Cain of St Ninian's High School for outstanding contribution to the Manx community in general, and to Jon Dailey from Ballakermeen High School for overcoming a handicap.

Sir Charles Kerruish said, "The interest being expressed by our young people in all aspects of Manx culture is remarkable. It bodes well for the future of the Island, not only for the interest in our culture but I'm heartened also by the examples set by our young people."

It was the eighteenth year the association has presented the medals to the Island's highest achieving under 18s in Manx and cultural studies. Win Livingstone, president of WMA and Honorary Vice President of NAMA, commented, "The North American Manx Association first awarded medals in 1979—to commemorate Millennium Year—for outstanding ability. Those receiving medals today meet that standard and the medals are presented to them from people in North American who still have very close ties to the Isle of Man."

In addition, the Ladies' Auxiliary of NAMA awarded £50 cheques to two children who had made the most progress in Manx. Speaker of the House of Keys Jim Cain presented the cheques to Sara Joughin, 11, from Manor Park School and Graham Staples, 13, from Castle Rushen High School.

Source: an article by Daphne Williams in the *Isle of Man Examiner*, July 9, 1996.

house is centrally heated (gas) with an oversize hot water tank.

The rent includes a house-keeper who comes in once a week for a thorough cleaning, and change of all bath and bed linen. There is an agent in Peel to oversee your stay, and a list of service people (plumber, electrician) will be available.

The house is five minute walk from all shops and amenities. There is excellent bus service through the Island, and car rentals are also available.

The rent includes all utilities: gas and electric, all rates (taxes), garbage pick-up, and TV—two sets, one in master bedroom

equipped with video tape player, and one in the kitchen, license provided, and telephone for local calls. All long distance calls must be made with your credit card. Rent is \$450 per week, or \$1500 per month with a security deposit of \$450 for two week stay, or \$750 for month stay.

All payment in advance, security deposit will be returned after departure and checking of house.

For copy of house pictures, contact the Bulletin editors or directly to us.

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Our own people

Mona and Ray Haldeman have had a very busy time for the past several months. First, they welcomed Mark and Christine Kinvig Bregazzi from the Isle of Man. Christine has won the Cleveland Medal twice, and came over four years ago to put on a concert for the Cleveland Manx. This time, she came to sing at the convention, and she and Mark visited with the Haldemans and drove to and from Madison with them.

Then, the Haldemans drove west, joining all of their children and grandchildren for four wonderful days at Glacier National Park, later spending several days with each of their daughters in Idaho.

In September, they drove to Toronto to meet Mona's cousin Margaret Moore from Port St Mary, and her friend Vera Clarke from Douglas, Isle of Man. Returning to Cleveland, they stopped off at Niagara Falls. While in Cleveland, the women visited other cousins Ruth Thormann, Eileen and Jack Elliott, Ruth Tear, Mason Kermode, and Doug, Diana, and Kerri Haldeman. They also visited as many places in the area as time allowed, including a bus trip to Williamsburg, and an auto trip to Frankenmuth and Holland, Michigan. Their time with the Haldemans was most enjoyable, and hopefully they will return in the not-too-distant future.



Celtic Festival

On September 28 and 29 the Isle of Man was the featured nation at the fifth annual Celtic Nations Heritage Festival of Louisiana held in New Orleans.

All the Celtic nations—Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany, and the Isle of Man—were present. The Island was well represented by hauntingly beautiful and intensely moving Manx songs, instrumental music, and folk history of Emma Christian; and the outstanding and colorful Manx dancer, Paul Bradford, who claims direct descent from the last of the dancers authorized to dance the Sword Dance of the Kings of Man. The North American Manx Association was represented by President Mary Kelly, Frank Evans, Past President and Bulletin Editor Norman Gill, and Bulletin Editor Joan Gill who had an informational booth at the festival.

This Celtic Festival is listed as the third largest in the United States. It was a weekend of music and dance, Celtic cuisine, pipes and drums, and even the dogs of the Celtic Nations. There were two music stages and one dance stage with performances from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm each day with entertainers from around the US as well as directly from the Celtic countries. Besides the informational booths, there were many vendors selling Celtic creations from jewelry to musical instruments to clothing and linens; Celtic artisans demonstrating their skills in lace making, knitting, carving, and jewelry; daily Highland Games; special demonstrations by David Rogers and his Border Collies; currach (a small leather-covered boat of Ireland) regattas; and day long activities for children featuring the Armagh Rhymers, a playful, crusty and hilarious mummer troupe from Ireland.

The festival was a wonderful experience, well attended, and provided contact with a number of Manx people in that area of the country. So many of them had Manx ancestors who settled in America much earlier than those in the middle part of the

country. Interestingly, the most common questions asked were about the meaning of the three legs and where could they order a Manx flag.

Dr. Barry Vann, one of NAMA's newest members, and his family were there. Barry is in the process of establishing a local Southern Manx Society. If any of our members are interesting in joining write to him at 134 Lake Ridge Road, Grenada, MS 38901.

If there is a Celtic Festival in your area and you would be interested in setting up an Isle of Man booth but lack the materials, write to either NAMA President Mary Kelly or Bulletin Editors Norman and Joan Gill. (addresses page 19) They will be most happy to send you information and resources. Better yet, you might even get them to attend your festival. These festivals are an excellent way to make the presence of NAMA and local societies known to persons of Manx descent around the United States. What better way to increase membership!



A Manx B & B

Standish House Bed and Breakfast, Operated by NAMA 3rd Vice President Norman Standish, is a bit of England in a relaxing rural setting of Lanark, Illinois. It is furnished with English antiques, full canopy beds and original art work from England, the Isle of Man and members of the Standish family. A hearty breakfast is served on English china by candle light. Articles and genealogical records on the Pilgrims who came to America in 1620 are available at Standish House. By tradition, the Manx flag flies when Norman Standish is in town so that the community will know he is available. Standish House was built in 1882 and was listed as one of the grand homes of Lanark. The Standish family have owned the house for over 50 years and have labored over this period of time to restore it to its original grandeur.

It is only 45 minutes from historic Galena, a town built on wealth from the lead mines first developed by the Indians. Shops, antiques and sightseeing abound in this Victorian period town. The US Grant Home, Black Hawk Statue, John Deere Farm Museum, Ronald Reagan's boyhood home, Clock Museum and seven State Parks are nearby.

Of special note is the fact that the dress that Rose Standish wore when she married Myles Standish on the Isle of Man is located in a small school house museum in Aletto, Illinois, about 60 miles south of Lanark. A newspaper article from the



NAMA President Mary Kelly and Joan Gill, at the IOM booth

1970s specifically notes that this bit of history, passed down through the eldest daughter of the Chandler family, is from the Isle of Man.

Special events at Standish House Bed and Breakfast include: the Standish Croquet Tournament (the last Saturday in July) which uses tournament quality equipment and dress includes long white dresses with decorated hats for the ladies and white trousers and blazers for the men; and a re-creation of the First Thanksgiving (second Saturday in November) at Heritage Center in Lanark with FHA members and Norman Standish in Pilgrim costume and 17th century dishes served.

For reservations phone 800-468-2307 or 815-493-2307. Mastercard and Visa accepted.

What An Opportunity!

Do you enjoy learning about the Isle of Man?

Do you like to read about new and exciting printed material?

Do you like having a mailbox filled with letters from all over the world?

Do you like to receive a call from the Isle of Man from time to time?

Do you have a bit of creative ability in writing and formatting?

If you can answer yes to one or more of the above questions, you may be well suited to be the next NAMA Bulletin editor.

At the recent convention, Sally Dahlquist, Norman and Joan Gill announced their intention to retire as Bulletin Editors as of the 1998 Convention. They have all entered into new, busy phases of their lives. However, they unanimously agreed that their term as editors has been an enlightening and rewarding experience. It was wonderful to correspond with NAMA members around the world. It was great to have a complete set of NAMA Bulletins to browse through. In fact, it's going to be very difficult to give them up.

If you have a love of all things Manx, a bit of extra time, some computer skills, and the love of learning, please consider this position. If you have any questions, send them to the editors (address on page 19). They will be willing to help the new editor(s) in anyway.

Membership Drive Incentive

A limited number of split-ring key chains with tags beautifully cast with NAMA symbols (double sided) in antiqued pewter will be given as gifts to NAMA members who enroll new members in our organization. The same item is available for purchase at \$7.50 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. Send new member enrollment (with note about this offer) or \$10.00 to Helen M Drom (address page 19).



Smaller than actual size.

Life Membership Dues Increase

Life membership rates for the North American Manx Association were increased during the 42nd Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. The NAMA Board recommended the increase and it was approved by the convention attendees during the final business meeting, July 21st. The rate increase applies beginning with the 96/97 dues year, which began on September 1st.

The dues increase result from a careful consideration of NAMA's per member operating costs. Our costs for producing and mailing our quarterly Bulletins continue to increase along with other operating costs. During the 1994 Convention in Minneapolis Executive Board travel cost reimbursement rates (to attend the off-convention year Executive Board meeting) were reduced to cut Association costs and that change has been most helpful.

This year it became clear that current life membership costs were insufficient to pay annual per member support costs when the life membership dollar amounts and the interest earned on those dollars were taken into consideration over the lifetime of new life members.

Two changes were made to bring the rates up to a proper lifetime financial level. First, a third age group (50 to 59 years) was established to better represent different

expected lifetimes; and second, the rates were increased for each age group. This change brings annual and lifetime membership costs into a proper equitable relationship.

Manx New Year's Day Customs

January 1, New Year's Day, formerly called **Laa Nolick beg**, "Little Christmas Day", was the occasion for various superstitions.

Among these was that about the "first foot," called **qualtagh** in Manx, defined as the first person or creature one meets going from home. This person is of great consequence to the superstitious, particularly to women the first time they go out after lying-in. The qualtagh (he or she) may also be the first person who enters a house on New Year's morning. In that case it is usual to place before him or her the best fare the family can afford. It was considered fortunate if the **qualtagh** were a person (a man being preferred to a woman) of dark complexion. Meeting a person of light complexion, especially with red hair, at this time was thought very unlucky. It was important that the **qualtagh** on New Year's Day should bring some gift, as if he or she came empty-handed, misfortunes would be sure to ensue.

To meet a cat on this first day was considered unlucky.

It was necessary to exercise great care to sweep the floor of the house on this morning towards the hearth, so that the dust should go into the hearth, for, if this were not done, the good fortune of the family would be considered to be swept from the house for that year.

Nothing should be lent on this day, as anyone who does so will be lending all the year!

It was formerly a custom for a number of young men to go from house to house this day singing the following rhyme:

"A merry Christmas, and a very good year to you;

Luck and health to the whole household,
Life, pleasantness and sprightliness to you together,

Peace and love between men and women;
Goods and riches, stock and store.

Plenty of potatoes and herring enough;
Bread and cheese, butter and beef.

Death like a mouse in a barn haggart,
Sleeping safely when you are in bed,

Undisturbed by the flea's tooth, sleeping well."

Source: **The Folk-Lore of the Isle of Man** by A W Moore, 1891.



President's Message

Gura Mie Eu—
Thank you!

It is both an honor and privilege to serve as President of this outstanding organization for the next two years. I'll begin here by expressing my sincerest gratitude to those who

have brought us to this point in time.

Thank you Executive Board and NAMA members for allowing Wisconsin the privilege to serve as the host of the 42nd Biennial Convention. Months have past since our wonderful NAMA Convention and we still enjoy the memories, as if it was yesterday. Over 200 Manx people and guests were present at the Saturday evening banquet and many more attended the Saturday and Sunday Manx festivities held at five 'off-site' locations. It was truly a celebration of Manx heritage in the tradition set by the many Past-presidents and their Societies. All doubts about the wisdom of scheduling back-to-back midwestern conventions sites, the dedication of the members of a young (15 year old) Manx Society, or the diverse age demographics of the Wisconsin group have played out as strengths. It was successful by all standards.

Thank you NAMA '96 Convention Committee for the months of planning and your dedicated service that made each aspect of the convention fall into place and meet or exceed the expectations of our guests. They really never gave up on their goals and each went the extra distance for the common good. (I never doubted that the results would be outstanding!)

Thank you to the Laxey Committee for providing the Laxey Picnic in that unique natural sanctuary, the Laxey Cemetery. Their activities there were truly spiritual and uplifting.

Thank you Featured Guests, you provided the expertise, resources, and talents to make the convention activities so interesting and relevant. Each one brought something unique to the over-all mix. We had Manx music and dance entertainment, experienced the beauty of the Isle through video slides, visuals, and narration, learned about the lives of the early emigrants, and found help in the keeping of our family histories.

Thank you Jack Cormode, 2nd Vice-President, who put us on the Internet for the very first time. With your help, people with ties to the Isle of Man were able to access information about the convention in their homes or places of work everywhere.

Thank you NAMA Advertisers, Patrons,

Contributors, and the Isle of Man Government for the support of our souvenir booklet. Thank you Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Dane County Board of Supervisors, Linden Town Board, City of Mineral Point, and others for the financial support to enable us to hold the community outreach activities in conjunction with our convention. We found new members while showing our heritage.

This list is not complete without acknowledgment of the many important roles filled by my very special family and circle of close friends. The convention would not have been the same without them working behind the scenes!

Looking toward the future, the highest priority goal for NAMA will be the recruiting of new members from all age groups. Enroll a new member and earn a gift! (See the details elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.)

Another important goal will be to encourage and support state and local societies. Since taking office, I have attended two very enjoyable Manx Society meetings in Illinois. I have also had the pleasure of representing our group at a Celtic Festival in New Orleans, with my husband, Frank Evans, and Joan and Norm Gill. There we talked with several new members who are interested in starting a new group. We hope our members will help them locate Manx people in the South.

Another goal is to establish standing committees to support our historical and cultural Manx heritage. Areas under consideration are the visual and performing arts, crafts, education, fund raising, history, Manx language, children's activities, and communication technologies.

Other goals and challenges will be presented in this column in future issues. If you have suggestions, please sent them to me.

Next summer I will travel to the Isle of Man for my fourth visit. I hope those of you who also plan to be there over Tynwald will write to me before February 1, 1997. I will send you additional information for your consideration and coordinate arrangements with the Isle of Man Department of Tourism and Leisure.

May all the blessings of a wonderful holiday season be yours!

Nollick Ghennal Erriu—Blein Vie Noa!
Merry Christmas—Happy New Year

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary".

Mary F Kelly
NAMA President

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

1996 Convention

The MANX Gift Shop

If you weren't able to attend the Convention or have been wishing that you had done some Birthday or Christmas shopping while there, it's still not too late to do some shopping at the '96 Manx Convention Gift Shoppe—but this is your last opportunity! We've listed items available and their prices which include cost of shipping and handling. We'll fill orders promptly on a first come, first served basis, but some items are in very limited supply.

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NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The North American Manx Association (NAMA) was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. The membership is spread throughout the United States, Canada, the Isle of Man and other overseas locations. To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, a Bulletin 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 will be provided on the location of these societies along with a convenient source of Manx books and video tapes.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain Manx group met May 17 for a pot-luck supper at the home of Bob and Rachel LaRue in Erie, Colorado. Nineteen members were present. The video "Treasure Island" was shown telling about the Isle of Man. Manx phrases were also reviewed from the Bible and general conversation.

Some members of the group from Wyoming were present. One member plans to go to the convention in Wisconsin. Four others are planning to visit the Isle of Man this summer. Mrs Sheila Kent is President of the group.

The Rocky Mountain Society met on October 11 with 21 members present. The program was about recent visits to the Isle of Man by our President, Sheila Kent and a couple from Cheyenne, Wyoming. This followed a pot-luck supper. Another couple from our society is currently visiting the Isle and may report to us later. A meeting for next May was also set, and plans were made for a session on genealogy. Some Manx scripture and conversations were given and songs about the Laxey Wheel, Ellan Vannin, and an Irish blessing were sung.

Chicago

The Chicago Manx Society held its Fall meeting at the home of Laurie and Bob Anderson in Wheeling, Illinois, on Sunday October 6th. There were only 12 in attendance, but we all had a very good time visiting and eating a delicious pot-luck dinner. We had one new member attending.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Mary Kelly, the new President of the NAMA, from Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, and a friend as our guests. She expressed her desire to visit local Manx Societies, as she is able, to spread the word about the NAMA.

She told us about the Celtic gathering in New Orleans that she and her husband attended along with Joan and Norm Gill. This Celtic gathering highlighted the Isle of Man.

The Chicago Manx Society had 14 in attendance at the NAMA Convention in Madison, plus two former members who now live in Elkhart, Indiana. We highlighted the events of the convention for those who had not been able to attend.

Our next meeting will be in the Spring at the home of Brad Prendergast on the north side of Chicago. We wish to congratulate Brad as a new Trustee of the NAMA.

We wish to send Warm Christmas Greetings and a Very Happy New Year to all of our NAMA friends from your Chicago Manx friends.

Greater Washington DC

Manx music and special guest speakers combined with good food and company to make our 19th Annual Meeting and dinner memorable on April 20, 1996. A new slate of officers and governors was elected: Jack Christian, president; Bill Cassidy, vice president; Marjorie Christian, secretary; Brent Warner, treasurer; Russ Woodgates, past president; Sally Barnhart, Janice Callister, Avril Shipman, and Chesley Looney, governors.

A lecture on Manx stones and crosses was presented by special guest Father John Rea, assistant pastor of St Timothy's Roman Catholic Church in Chantilly, VA, accompanied by a slide presentation on Celtic Crosses by Brent Warner. A trio formed by Brent Warner, Bill Cassidy and Beatrix White Hall performed traditional Manx and Celtic music on fiddle, tin whistle and Bodhrán.

Nebraska

The Nebraska Manx Association held their annual meeting on October 13, 1996, at the Table Rock Cafe in Table Rock, NE. Those attending the dinner were Miriam Kaighin, Atchison, KS; Ben and Jacob Robison, Elk Creek, NE; Douglas and Vera Robinson, Elk Creek, NE; Elizabeth Robison, Omaha, NE; Rodney Robison, Pawnee City, NE; Ida Robinson, Tecumseh, NE; Lee and Delphine Sanks, Kearney, NE; Emogene Kautz, Atchison, KS; Debbie and John Kreienhop, Humbolt, NE; and Vicky Gobber, Gretna, NE.

Sending Greetings to our fellow NAMA members!

San Diego

A solemn gathering of our Manx society members was on October 7 as we bid farewell to Marge Weber who died October 3. Marge was one of our founding members and she would have

been pleased that the service was conducted by two Manx ministers; the Rev Devore Smith and Rev Lou Vick. Society members also participated as pall bearers.

October 13 found us gathered at the home of Fred and Fenella Speece. We enjoyed a lovely fall afternoon catching up on Manx activities and, best of all, welcoming six guests. It's so much fun to share information about our beloved Island with interested friends.

World Manx

First of all, on behalf of the WMA, may I send our best wishes for a happy and successful period of office to your new President, Mary Kelly. If she can find time to come the Island we would be delighted to welcome her. President Norman Gill was able to come to our Annual Gathering along with his wife during his term of office and his visit was much appreciated. Our thanks are also due to him for the excellent way he has carried out his presidential duties.

At the Annual Gathering on 4 July last, 140 members and quests enjoyed a very pleasant evening, the main entertainment being supplied by the Cleveland Medalist, Audrey Stewart. The Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas also attended. The Mayoress was very well known to us being our immediate past Chairman, Mrs Iris Christian. We had six visitors from the States and Canada at the gathering and twelve, including four who had been with us the night before, in the Homecomers Tent at Tynwald.

We have had the usual programme of outings to various parts of the Island, all have been well attended and are always enjoyed. The most recent event was the annual T E Brown Luncheon held at King Williams College. Our patron the Lieutenant-Governor Sir Timothy Daunt and his wife Lady Daunt were present and we were pleased to welcome them on their first visit to a WMA function. The toast to the Immortal Memory was given by Frank Cowin, who spoke about aspects of Brown's life, with particular reference to his relationship to the Church. Frank together with Olga Gray read a number of his poems. The attendance was somewhat lower than previous years, ninety in total being present.

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Our next event will be the Christmas Lunch to be held this year at the Rutland Hotel, Douglas, and we will start our 1997 activities with the Manx Afternoon Tay and Entertainment at St Andrews Church, Douglas, on Saturday 11 January.

The Centenary of T E Brown's death occurs in 1997 and two books are in course of preparation to mark the event. The first is by Dollan Kelly and will be an illustrated anthology of many of the more popular poems. It is aimed primarily at younger readers, although it should prove popular with all age groups. Dollan Kelly is very well known as a presenter of the works of Brown, especially in Manx dialect. The other book adopts a more scholarly approach and will be a biography of T E Brown written by Derek Winterbottom. It is hoped that at least one of the books will be published before Christmas (probably that by Doolan Kelly).

The WMA annual competition for paintings or poems by young people, where the prizes are awarded each year in the Homecomers Tent at Tynwald, will be for entries connected with some aspect of Brown's life or works.

Finally from all of us here on the Island our Very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members of NAMA.

Minnesota

On August 17 the Manx Society of Minnesota held its summer meeting at the home of Vivian and Lewis McGonagle in the northern part of the state. It was one of those marvelous summer days when the sun was bright and the breeze was light, and all was right. The social hour, on the deck overlooking a lake in front and a lake in back, was followed by a scrumptious pot-luck lunch with a dessert table to die for!

Then it was down to business. As usual introductions of members included a bit of

Manx information.

There was a brief report on the NAMA Convention and sharing of the Souvenir Booklets and convention photos. Our cemetery project continues, with more work to be done on the grounds. Trees and most unwanted growth has been cleared, but now there has been an outbreak of wild raspberries. When the survey is completed and metal stakes mark the corners, plans for fencing the area will be undertaken. We decided to get a list of Minnesotans with Manx sounding names from the computer software that Jack Cormode has used as a possible source of new members. It was also suggested that we try to place notice of our meetings, or at least announcement of our organization, in the newsletters of both the Genealogy Society and the Historical Society of Dakota County where so many Manx settled, and the Minnesota Historical Society. The print-out of the NAMA homepage and the order form from The Manx Experience were shared with the members. We gained a new family membership to NAMA, the McGonagles. Frank Siegle announced that introductory meetings for Celt Fest '97 will be held September 10 and 12 at the Seward Cafe, which is also the site of the semi-annual Celtic Feast on Halloween. The 1996 Minnesota Manx Scholarship winner was announced. The winner was Benjamin Swales of Woodbury for his drawing of Castle Rushen. Joan Gill unveiled her booklet on Manx Folklore. The meeting concluded with the showing of the video "Treasure Island, The Isle of Man". The officers and members of our society extend warm holiday greetings to our Manx friends and relatives around the world.

Wisconsin

After two full years of planning meetings and extra efforts, the Wisconsin Manx members breathe a collective sigh of

satisfaction with the knowledge that the NAMA '96 Convention in Madison, Wisconsin, was well received and is now a happy memory. After a November meeting for celebration and evaluation, Convention Committee members hope to once again focus on our Wisconsin scene. We are fortunate and proud to have increased connections with NAMA and the World Manx since two of our members have been chosen to serve as officers of NAMA. We know that Mary Kelly and her daughter Pam, President and Secretary of the North American Manx, will work to maintain our ties with Manx descendants throughout the world.

At our October meeting our hearts were warmed by the presence of family members of Dan and Mae Brew, who were Charter Members of our Wisconsin group attending meetings faithfully until Mae's death in February of this year. We sent greeting to Dan by way of his daughter, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Shirley Kelly of Galva, Illinois, shared insights on researching our family histories.

Next meeting of WMS will be April 20, 1997, in Madison.

Cleveland

In July, eight of our members attended the convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Five of the eight were officers in the Cleveland Manx Society. In August, we held our annual picnic at the party center, the Barn, where Florence Roseman lives. Over forty-eight enjoyed the food and fellowship, and some mind-challenging games.

September found twenty-one members taking a ride on the "Goodtime", a boat that cruises the Cuyahoga River. We had lunch on board and then enjoyed the sights along the river. Then, on a wet, rainy day in October, thirty-six boarded a train for a ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, one of the country's newest parks. It was very interesting, and despite the steamed-up windows, the colors of the trees were exquisite.

Also in October, one of our oldest members, Alice Gell, celebrated her 100th birthday. She is in a nursing home, but many of us sent her cards to wish her a happy day.

We will not meet in November, but our annual Christmas party is planned for December 8, at the Hilton Hotel. After December, there will be no meeting until March, due to the possibility of inclement weather and the distances some have to travel. However, we would like to know of any Manx persons visiting the area, and we would be happy to welcome them to any of our meetings.



Bill and Fran Shimmin, with Kali Dahlquist, at MN Manx meeting

Vancouver

On behalf of the Vancouver Manx Society, PRESIDENT TERRY McCAFFREY extends to one and all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our year to date have been "fair to middlin'" as the Manx say. We are saddened by the loss of members who were good and dear friends. We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of AUDREY GELL and MABEL CHRISTIAN.

In June, committee members met for dinner with CAPTAIN DAVID and SHEILA COWELL of Onchan, Isle of Man. Captain Cowell has recently retired as chief harbour master for the Isle of Man. He is the newly elected chair of the World Manx Association. The Cowells were visiting Vancouver and we were delighted with the opportunity to visit with them for a short while.

On July 05, committee members met at a restaurant to celebrate TYNWALD DAY. We held our annual picnic in September at Queen's Park in New Westminster.

Several of our members have been on holidays; ANGUS and JUDITH GILLON went to the Isle of Man; VERA HENRY and MONA WITSTEN went on a Mediterranean cruise and to Spain; JIM and MIDGE PHILLIPS went to the South of England and to the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

Our last event of the year will be our end of harvest "Back-End-Do" pot luck supper on November 23 at St David's Church hall. This is the opportunity for members to demonstrate their culinary expertise, providing one and all with a bountiful feast. We look forward to a good turnout.

Ontario

The Ontario Manx have had a great summer, starting June 9th, when we welcomed and entertained at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche for Kevin Stannard and Robin Teare, Philatelic officers here for the Capex 96 International stamp Exhibit at the Toronto Convention Centre.

The day was perfect Sunday July 28th for our Annual Picnic held at Serena Gundy Park, lots of fun and laughs when we have our old reliable races, shoe kicking, egg races, etc. The youngest in attendance was fifteen month old Erin Maitland, granddaughter of Margaret and Edmonde Roche. The oldest member in attendance was 85 year old Pat Kendall.

The Manx had another fine day September 1st for our Annual Corn Roast, hosted once more by Lil and Pat Kendall, Richmond Hills, Ontario.

The Summer however ended on a sad note, with the sudden passing of Ron Christian August 20th, who was killed in a tragic tractor accident. We will miss Ron, he always loved to talk about his Isle of Man.

The Fall Meeting was held at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche Sunday October 27th. Margaret showed the video she had taped on the Island during her visit earlier in the month. We also had a small but successful Bake Sale replacing our usual draw. The members welcomed new members Leslie and Alan Shimmin of Toronto.

We have had several of our members visiting the Island this past summer. Pauline and Roger Nelson will be there for the remainder of the year. Bob Watterson visited in September, Margaret Roche in October, also Pauline and Gordon King in October.

The Annual Christmas Dinner Party will be held at Pop's Family Restaurant Saturday November 30th.

The members of the Ontario Manx Society would like to wish you all a very Merry and Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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Manx News

On the political front, President of Tynwald Sir Charles Kerruish was honored in May for 50 years of political service. Sir Charles was the youngest candidate to be elected to the House of Keys at age 29. He became Speaker of the House of Keys in 1962, an office he held until he became President of Tynwald in 1990. He recently survived a campaign to unseat him led by Chief Minister Miles Walker. Mr Walker will defend his Rushen seat in the House of Keys, but will not seek a third term as chief minister. EG (Eddie) Lowey resigned his post on the Executive Council and was replaced by Allan Bell, MHK of Ramsey. Ellis Killey will be standing in Onchan in the November election for the House of Keys. Many of these names are familiar to regular NAMA convention goers.

The youngest mayor of Douglas, 31 year old David Christian, was installed in office. The mayoress is his aunt, Iris Christian, former chairman of the World Manx Association.

The new Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Bingham, appointed earlier this year, is half Manx. His mother was Catherine Watterson, a doctor, one of four sisters brought up in Selborne Road, Douglas.

The final results of the April interim census list 71,714 living on the Island.

Almost 18 per cent work in the financial sector, just as many in professional services, 10 per cent each in building and manufacturing, 8.7 per cent in shop work, and only 2.8 per cent farming, forestry and fishing and 2.3 per cent in tourism.

Figures just released show an increase in passenger arrivals and business arrivals for the third quarter of the year. There are more companies on the VAT register and more new companies. There was a total deposit base (£billion) of 15.36 compared with 14.1 last year.

One of the newer industries on the Island is film production. With a package of financial incentives offered by the Isle of Man Film Commission, two feature films have been made on the Island in the last 12 months; 'The Brylcreem Boys', and 'Stiff Upper Lips' starring Peter Ustinov. Pre-production began in September for the psychological thriller 'The Harpist'.

Unemployment on the Island hit its lowest level for almost five years. At the end of May, the number of people registered as unemployed was 1,105, lower than any time since 1991.

Manx National Heritage's prehistoric dig at Billown, Malew, has uncovered the first Neolithic ditched enclosure in the Isle of Man. Andrew Johnson, assistant keeper of field archaeology, said, "On a wider scale, the geophysical survey work suggests a considerable amount of evidence for the prehistoric occupation of the landscape around Billown."

The Manx National Heritage has been out-bid for a seal which secured the sale of the Island to the Scots 700 years ago. The bronze seal was used to ratify the Treaty of Perth, under which the Vikings sold the Island to Scotland in 1266. The seal fetched £19,329, three times the asking price. The buyer wishes to remain anonymous.

Have you ridden on the Douglas horse trams? So have many others. In August the trams celebrated their 120th birthday. They were started in 1876 by Thomas Lightfoot, of Carsbrook. There were only three trams 120 years ago, the same as the 1996 season. The first horse trams ran on the three foot gauge which survives today. The trams peaked after the turn of the century in the pre-First World War years. Douglas Corporation tramways have 38 working horses, with nine young horses coming up. The oldest working horse is May, born in 1976, and the youngest is a three month old foal which will start working in 2000. The longest serving horse tram driver is Graham Glover, who has worked every season since 1979.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*.

OBITUARIES

Thomas G Caley, 67, of Metamora, Michigan, died June 29, 1996. He was born September 26, 1928, in Saginaw to Thomas Glenn and Geraldine Elizabeth Caley.

Mr Caley graduated from Lapeer High School and the University of Michigan. He was a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the American Legion Post No 16.

Tom was very proud of his Manx heritage. As a life member of NAMA, he often sent material in to the Bulletin. He was also a member of the Metamora Historical Society and the Lapeer County Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Metamora; children, Hugh Thomas Caley of Fremont, CA, Johannah Elizabeth Caley of Las Vegas, NV, Glenn Charles Caley of Metamora; sister, Nancy Mohl of Reston, VA, Suzannah Lynch of Shepherdstown, WV, and nephews, Don, Matt, Tom, Jim, Todd, Steve, and Doug.

The Washington Manx Society lost one of its founders in the death of **Garrick M Lightowler**. Garrick, 75, died of emphysema at Arlington Hospital August 8, 1996.

Garrick was born in Manchester, England, in January 1921. He attended King William College in Castletown on the Isle of Man, served as a medic in the Royal Army during WWII, and emigrated to this country in 1954.

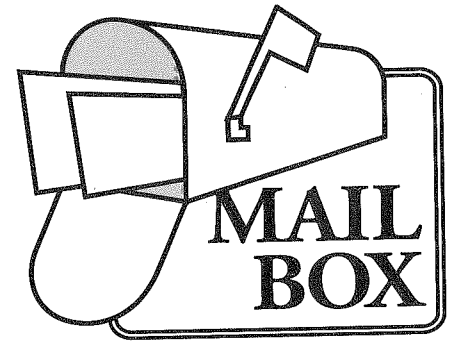
In 1972 he worked in the group that helped Ed Sayle host the NAMA Convention in Arlington. Afterward, the group drew up a constitution and organized the Washington Manx Society. He edited and published the Convention Booklet for the Williamsburg Convention in 1986. With his wife, he edited and published the very popular "Faerie Times" for that convention. Garrick was also a member of the NAMA for more than 20 years.

He was very proud of his Isle of Man connection and enthusiastically shared his knowledge of the Island with others. He will be missed.

He is survived by his two daughters: Jean Kirchner of Springfield, IL and Carol Sweaney of Stafford, VA; and four grandchildren.

Marjorie R Weber, one of the founding members of the San Diego Manx Society,

died on October 3, 1996, after a long battle with cancer. Marge was very instrumental in organizing the 1982 NAMA Convention in San Diego.



In a recent NAMA Bulletin there was an article about the positioning of the "legs of man" within the Arms of Man—whether the lower knee should point West or South.

I recently found a copy of the 1990 "Official Guide to the Isle of Man", the back page of which contained eight reproductions of the "Arms of Man". Two of these, which also contain the text of the motto of Man (and therefore appear to be the official government versions) have the lower knee facing West. The other six reproductions, including the huge one on the the Laxey Wheel, all have the lower knee facing South.

What are we "outlanders" to do if our Manx brethren appear to be so mixed up?
Douglas H Cox
Tsawwassen, BC
Canada

Thank you for publishing my letter in your newsletter. I have received some very interesting and positive comments from your members.

One particular pointer was if the Manx papers publish news on the internet. No, not as yet, but Steve Kelly at Manx TV provides Manx news coverage directly from Manx radio over the internet. His site address is spock@enterprise.net

Last month I visited the Island and met with both the Tourist Board and Manx Airlines. Terry Toohey, Chief Executive Officer of the Tourist Department, and I discussed the possibilities of making 1997 a "Homecoming" year for the NAMA. I believe it has been quite a few years since you had such an event. This would also be very timely with the multi-million pound Peel Heritage Center opening.

Our concept was to offer a special package covering the Tynwald ceremony, 5th July, along with organized events for the association for approximately a week.

For members who cannot attend the July event we will still arrange a special package allowing them various privileges around the Island through-out the year. Both Manx Airlines and the Steam Packet ferry will provide discount rates. In conjunction from this side of the Atlantic my company has an exclusive consolidator deal with American Airlines across the US. Therefore, we could offer a complete package from the US to the Isle of Man.

Please consider our offer to make 1997 a "Homecoming" and contact me with your thoughts.

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If you have visited the Isle of Man you may have traveled from Douglas to Peel along the Douglas Road. As you drive, there is an old derelict church in a field on the right hand side of the road at the foot of Greeba Mountain. For many centuries more or less it has stood as we see it today, roofless! The reason for this is told in a well known Manx folktale handed down over many generations by traveling storytellers, the Buggane of St Trinians.

This old Manx tale, retold and illustrated by David M Livesey, writer and animator, is vividly brought back to life in a 56 page, full colour book. To acquire one of these first editions books, send a cheque/postal order for £13.50 per book, which includes postage and packing. Send £ sterling cheques payable through a London Bank, or £ sterling International Money Orders (IMOs) payable to David M Livesey.

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Ladies' Auxiliary

Greetings to Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

It was so very nice to see so many of our members in Madison last summer! I was just delighted by your wonderful response to requests for donations for our Manx craft sale. This year Virginia Quayle ran a silent auction and we were able to add \$648.90 to our treasury!

In case you missed it, the program at the last meeting featured two quilters. Shirley

Spencer and Jean Brew delighted everyone with a wide variety of quilts. Mrs Spencer had been in contact with the Manx Museum and had research information about how Manx women made quilts without scissors or rulers. They took measurements from their hands to determine the sizes of the pieces. It was fascinating. We continue to admire the Manx ingenuity!

Fifty-eight women attended our Ladies' Auxiliary meeting July 20th at the Top of the Park restaurant. At the business meeting Dorothy Gawne, Secretary-Treasurer, resigned and we expressed our appreciation for her years of service. In the interim, Helen Drom has graciously agreed to serve as treasurer. In place of a slate of new officers, an Ad hoc Committee including Mona Creer, Tina Cannell, Sally Dahlquist, Virginia Quayle and Margaret Quayle was appointed to make recommendations for the future of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A vote of the Ladies' Auxiliary members present at the July 22nd general meeting of NAMA indicated that the Ladies' Auxiliary should "be discontinued in order to better use the skills of its members to further the goals of NAMA". Since the number of members present at that meeting was not a majority of Ladies' Auxiliary members, a September mailing was conducted to give all 62 members a chance to vote on this important issue. At this writing 54 ballots have been returned; all are in support of the recommendation to discontinue the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will continue to exist until the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee are considered at the upcoming NAMA Executive Board meeting next summer. After the Executive Board takes up the above issue, I will remind them that we will need one more meeting at the convention in 1998. It is important that we reflect on the accomplishments of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the many dedicated members.

It is also important that the laudable causes once supported by the Ladies' Auxiliary be taken up by ad hoc committees of NAMA. If you want to take a leadership or supportive role, please drop me a note. We still need your help!

Seasons Greetings!

Mary F Kelly

Acting Ladies' Auxiliary President



KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

I have decided to join NAMA as a life member. Through WMA contacts in the UK (Alfred Taylor of Bolton, England, in particular), I was able to find a great deal of information on the origin of my surname (Vann).

Vann is similar to Vannin! Ellan Vannin translates to the "Little Isle of Man. When one takes the "in" off of Vannin, the name is simply Vann or Mann. However, since there is no word in Manx Gaelic for "of", Vann is used when one is speaking of being "of Mann". According to Alfred Taylor and Dr Philip Smith, people leaving the Isle of Mann, in centuries past, would not have had surnames and would have referred to themselves as being of or from Mann. For example, Barry Vann meant Barry of Mann. The Manx language is also void of the letter "V", so Vann would have been spelled Mhann.

Both men assured me that my name is of Manx origin and that I should not be discouraged by the scarcity of people named Vann residing on the Isle. My ancestors did not have a surname when they lived on Ellan Vannin.

I am extremely happy to begin my journey of learning about our beautiful homeland and heritage.

Barry Vann
Grenada, MS

Thanks to Eleanor A Bassett of Independence, Missouri for the following information:

For a US membership to the IOM Family History Society, write to Mrs. Donna Wilson, 9836 28th Ave SW, Seattle, Washington 98126-4101 (Airmail \$22.50, surface mail \$16.00);

For IOM Family History Society Publications (monumental inscription, burial registers, census), write to Mrs Shirley Hogensen, 2352 West 4600 South, Ray, Utah 84067.

I am a new member of NAMA and have family ties at least back to the mid 1700s, but there are a lot of gaps. I'm hoping to fill those in soon. Here is what I know:

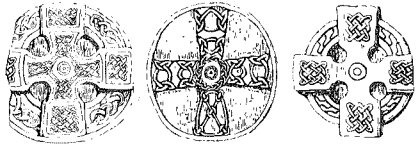
John Shimmin d-14 September 1788
Kirk German, IOM, married Eleanor Cross d-14 July 1793; their sons Robert Shimmin b-1776 Kirk German, William Shimmin b-23 March 1798 Kirk German, his son was Robert Christian Shimmin b-6 February 1824 and emigrated to Monroe,

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Utah (date unknown). Robert Christian's son was Robert Martin Christian Shimmin b-24 April 1865 d-11 February 1901, possibly in Monroe, UT. The next generation was Orsen Eliwood Shimmin b-16 December 1894, Monroe, UT d-Lodi, CA and Nola Elizabeth Morris b-13 February 1907 in FL d-Lodi, CA. Their son Robert M Shimmin b-5 June 1928 was my father.

If anyone has any information about my branch of the Shimmin family, please contact me.

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Chaplain's Corner

As we come to the end of another year we reflect upon significant contributions we might have made to our Manx culture and will seek to make in the future. Earlier this year I had decided to comment on one who had made a major contribution to our Manx heritage in America.

By October 3, 1996, she had gone to her eternal inheritance with the Lord. Marge Weber was a valiant servant of the Manx cause. She bore major responsibility for the founding of the San Diego County Manx Society January 28, 1979, with the help of Noreen Cottier, who is now a resident of the Isle of Man and former Librarian of the Family History Society. Marge did the major preparation for the 1984 NAMA Convention in San Diego, partly aboard our Star of India (launched November 14, 1863, at Ramsey, Isle of Man) in support of Mona Haledman, President.

She was proud of being a descent from the Quilliam line and being related as a cousin to Admiral John Quilliam who became Captain of "The Victory", England's most famous warship upon the death in battle of Admiral Horatio Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar against the French and Spanish in 1805. One of her last wishes was to have the Manx three-legs flag fly during the Star of India's sailing. I was able to report to her that indeed it did fly by order of Captain Bowman as our proud Manx-built ship sailed into the

Pacific on August 18, 1996.

Marge attended almost all of the recent NAMA Conventions since Ontario and shared with many her enthusiasm and love for her homeland from which her grandfather emigrated around 1875. Marge was an inspiration to the Manx in San Diego and to many who knew her in her love for the Isle of Man and her Manx heritage.

Rev Devore Craine Smith

Holiday Cooking

Sollaghan

A wholesome meal for men. Sollaghan was traditionally served for breakfast on Christmas Day. It was also eaten on Shrove Tuesday, called in Manx Oie Ynyyd (Eve of the Fast).

Brown some porridge oatmeal in a pan in front of the fire, then add a knob of butter. Skim the broth pot and stir the liquid into the oatmeal until the mixture sticks together.

Source: *My Grandmother's Cookery Book, 50 Manx Recipes.*

Christmas Cassette

Sing a Celtic Noel is a newly released tape of over 20 traditional songs and tunes from the Celtic Nations, including the Isle of Man, for both Christmas and New Years, featuring singing and folk harp. The cost is \$10.00, including shipping, in the US. Write to Dave Shaul Productions, PO Box 3751, Tucson, AZ 85722.

It's a Fact

The Viking ship was the Manx crest before the Three legs made their appearance. It was in general use up till the thirteenth century. The IOM Sword of State, also from the thirteenth century, bears the earliest known specimens of the three legs on the Island.

The island of Sicily also uses the three legs as a coat of arms but theirs are naked legs surrounding the head of Medusa.

A 3,000 year old spear head found in Brandenburg, Germany, had a carving of a swastika and the three legs.

Tynwald was once held at Algayre, near Baldwin, and the site is still to be seen, after being unused for over 500 years.

Source: *It's a Fact* (a series of drawings which were published in the Isle of Man Examiner during the years 1936-1937).

Tribute to a Manx

by Joanne S Wright

The Isle of Man, where many traditional Manx customs are found, was introduced to me when I was a little girl listening to the stories told by my (maternal) grandmother, Beatrice Caley Jones. The stories became real when in the year 1981, while returning home from a trip to Germany, I saw this island nestled in the midst of the deep blue waters of the Irish Sea.

The quest for ancestry or for searching for "our roots" has always been intriguing, and so it was several years later that I came to this beautiful Isle of Man to search for some of my ancestry. It was here that I experienced the magic of my Manx heritage when I entered and worshiped in the Church of Lezayre, where my great-grandparents, Edward and Margaret Corkhill Caley, were married in the month of September 1870. I visited Glen Auldyn and walked the grounds of the boyhood home of my great-grandfather, and the more I walked, and the more sights I saw, the more I fell in love with this beautiful island which is also called Ellan Vannin.

As an animal lover, I was intrigued by the infamous Manx cat, but unfortunately, the only one I saw on the Isle was in the museum.

A new Caley came into my life on July 26, 1987, when a tiny white Manx kitten was found near my home. This also is the birthdate of a Manx cousin who lives in Douglas, on the Isle. For eight years on this date, birthday celebrations were held on the Isle and in Pennsylvania to honor the two Manxies who shared a birthday! Another bond, even though it was only a tiny kitten, once again linked me to my Manx ancestry. Through the years this bond continued to grow, not only in the pride of my heritage, but that I was also owned by a Manx cat!

On July 7, 1996, my "Caley-Cat" had to be put down, and long after his heart had ceased to beat, I continued to hold him, for I couldn't bear to let him go. Sometime, somewhere, there just might be another Manx cat, but there will never be another Caley. He was one of a kind...because of all his beautiful characteristics that made him a Manx.

BOOKS

by Joan Gill

If you have ever wondered if King Arthur was a real person in history and where exactly his kingdom was located and just what the Round Table really was, then I suggest you read *King Arthur* by Norma Lorre Goodrich published by Franklin Watts in 1986.

In this study she concludes that, yes, King Arthur was a historical person and his kingdom was in Scotland, not the southern part of England, and that it extended from Hadrian's Wall to the Antonine Wall. She believes that Arthur was descendant from Constantine. Arthur was a Christian and Celtic leader ruling early in the sixth century and his main castle was either at Stirling or Carlisle. In her opinion the Round Table was not a table constructed of wood, but in its heyday a temple of stone, or simply a gathering of noted persons.

King Arthur lived during the "dark ages" when much of the British writing and history was destroyed in the chaos of the times. So much of Goodrich's research is based on writings and translations of a later date, often several centuries later. Often a key idea or name or location hinges on the correct or incorrect translation from one early text to another. Thus I feel that many of her conclusions could be argued one way or the other.

Of particular interest were her references to the Isle of Man. Ms Goodrich credits Joseph of Arimathea with bringing the Holy Grail to England. But moved it for protections to a foreign land. She places Grail Castle in a foreign land, in a kingdom in the western isles which lie across from or facing Ireland, thus the Isle of Man. "We have been directed to a small island surrounded by the sea, on a dangerous coast facing Ireland. The small island is to the west of a larger island and has a conical hill overlooking it. Along the side of the conical hill runs a river, which must flow into the sea between the two islands. This would explain the dreaded currents and dangerous waters.

Somewhere near here a fishing fleet of three hundred ships is anchored. They are apparently all small craft, so we are not to look for a deep sea harbor like the later, modern Liverpool."

Does this not sound like Saint Patrick's

Isle located off the west coast of the Island at Peel with its fishing fleets? Ms Goodrich believes that Lancelot and other knights, possibly even Arthur, were raised and educated at this site. And that Queen Guinevere was held captive there at least once or twice.

Quoting from the book, "King Arthur's kingdom should be sought in the border area between what is now Scotland and England. His twelve battles were for the most part fought there, and his camps were there. His still unsituated battle said to have been waged on the 'Dubglas' River was probably fought at Douglas, on the river of that name, on the east coast of the Isle of Man. His last treasurer house was most probably near Avalon, now called Saint Patrick's Isle, adjacent to the Isle of Man.

"At the Battle of Camlan King Arthur's elite guard and members of the Round Table died before the king died. There was nobody to safeguard his archives from that moment. His body was taken, alive or dead, to the Isle of Avalon. It in turn fell to Viking raiders. All was destroyed, burned, and hauled away. Nothing remained."

The folklore of the Isle of Man and Manannan having the ability to cloak the island in a shroud of mist and making it disappear lends credence to the Isle of Man being the Isle of Avalon in Arthurian mythology. Avalon was the land of King Gorry, a surname listed among the distinctive Manx names, sometimes translated as King Urien, known foe of Arthur.

She also notes that one time the Isle of Man was referred to as "Norway" because it was ruled by a line of Norwegian kings who came in after the death of King Arthur.

This is a rather laborious book to read, but extremely interesting. It changes many of the ideas about King Arthur that we have held. But even with Ms Goodrich's convincing arguments, there still remain a number of "what ifs".

Ms Goodrich is Professor Emeritus of French and comparative Literature at Scripps College and The Claremont Graduate School. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont and holds degrees from the Universities of Grenoble, Paris, and Caen, and a PhD in French and in Romance Philology from Columbia University. Besides teaching at the Claremont Colleges, where she served as dean of the Faculty at Scripps College, she taught at the University of Southern California and a number of private schools. Ms Goodrich includes a bibliography of nearly thirty pages with texts dating from the twelfth and thirteenth century.

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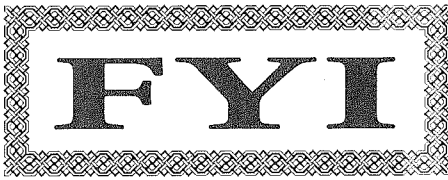
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Isle of Man Information

As a service to our members, and as a way to raise revenue for our organization, NAMA is offering a number of titles of written materials relating to the Isle of Man. These are very informative articles, guaranteed to increase your knowledge of your heritage.

The Manx Mix by John Parker, a scholarly paper of the history of the IOM, starting with its creation during the Ice Age two million years ago and tracing the various groups of people who inhabited the Island and the contributions they made to the Manx culture. Very informative. \$3.00

Genealogy of the Isle of Man by Niegel G Crowe, a six page summary of Mr Crowe's article that appeared in the *International Society for British Genealogy and Family History* Newsletter, October-December 1993 and July-September 1994, which gives a number of hints on how to research your Manx ancestry. \$3.00

Excerpts from Basil Callow address at the 1994 Convention, a brief description of the Island and some points of interest, snippets of facts and general information, suitable for children and adults. \$2.00

Tynwald, What it Is and Where It is Going by the Honorable James Cain, Speaker of the House of Keys, a historical look at the Manx government and a contemporary description of what it is and how it functions. \$3.00

Early History of Wisconsin, remarks by Chief Justice Roland B Day at the 1996 Convention—a history covering the various ethnic groups settling in Wisconsin. \$3.00

Manx Quilting, material compiled by Shirley Spencer of Rockford, Illinois, includes patterns for several typical Manx quilts and the directions for making the Manx Log Cabin design without using scissors or ruler. \$3.00

Manx Folklore compiled by Joan Gill, 20 bound pages of folklore, including how the Isle of Man came to be, several versions of how the Manx cat lost its tail, four complete stories, and a large section on Manx customs, beliefs, superstitions and sayings. This is written at the adult level, but could easily be shared with children. \$6.00

The cost listed for each title covers the cost of printing plus a donation to NAMA. Please add \$1.00 US and \$1.50 Canadian

for postage and handling for each title. Make your checks payable to North American Manx Association and mail your orders to the Bulletin editors (address on page 19).

Manx Totes

Earlier this year I wrote about Manx Esport tote bags available at a very reasonable price. These versatile bags are made of durable nylon Cordura and lined with polar fleece. A Manx logo is embroidered on the 13 x 18" bag, which is large enough to carry shoes and other sport accessories. The colors available are tan, red, blue, and forest green. We are able to offer these bags to NAMA members by mail order at \$12 per bag, plus \$3 postage.

Thanks for your interest, and congratulations on a successful convention in July! May I also compliment the association officers on a newsletter that is always interesting and informative.

Carla Cannon
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NAMA Items

There is a new NAMA pin, introduced at the 1996 convention. The logo remains the same, but the pin is slightly larger and easier to read. The NAMA pin now has a safety-pin clasp making it is easy to wear on collars, lapels, shirts and caps. It sells for \$5.00. Buy one today and be up-to-date!

The NAMA certificate depicts the interlacing chain and corner crosses designed by the first Norse sculptors around 1000 AD, as well as the NAMA crest and Manx national flower. Your name will be artfully drawn on the

certificate. The cost is \$3.00.

A list of all the members of NAMA is available for \$3.00. This list may not be used for any commercial purpose or solicitation. You might use it to locate Manx when you are traveling, for genealogy research, helping to find Manx for your society or for starting a new society. Send your orders to Helen Drom (address on page 19).

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 (addresses on page 19).

Deadlines

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions at any time. 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

If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-513-1757.

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Please check your mailing label below. If it shows an amount owed, this means you have not yet paid your 1996/1997 NAMA dues. It also means this is the last issue of the Bulletin you will be receiving until you remit payment.

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