

# N A O M A

## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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

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### *Activities for young people on the Isle of Man*

Wanting to find out what activities young people could do while on the Isle of Man, Dee Hickman of the Northern California Manx wrote to a young friend and asked for some input from the Manx perspective. The following is what Dee gleaned from the reply letter. The remarks have been edited for a North American audience. Our thanks to Claire Jackson for her efforts in providing this information from the teen point of view.

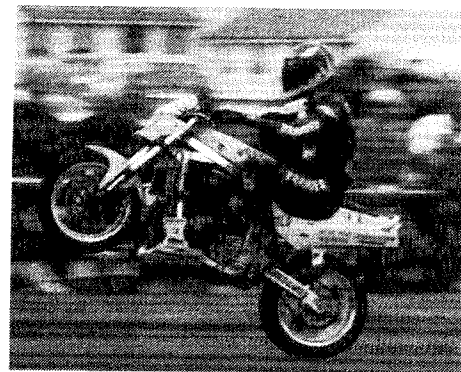
Best information from the Isle of Man regarding activities for visiting teens comes via a Manx young lady-of-teen-age named Claire Jackson who is definitely "in on the scene" on the island. While our young people may wonder about the lack of malls and/or music, rest assured that there is a lot of activity for you just waiting to be enjoyed. There will be a difference perhaps, in the view of a native of the island and what she thinks Americans and Canadians think. However, to encourage all interested next-generation Manx, most Island visitors will tell you that there is plenty of great shopping in Douglas, particularly in the downtown pedestrian Mall. Experience tells us that recordings, motorcycle memorabilia, clothing of the latest fashion, indeed almost anything you would wish including a real (tasty) hamburger can be had within the shopping area.

Claire also offers the following for consideration: for anyone who loves to go to the beach, there are at least two which are great — Port Erin for a sandy beach and swimming, and Laxey for a rockier shoreline but great swimming and rock-climbing, tide-pool exploring and fishing from the quay. If bowling is a favorite, there is Ten Pin Bowling at the Castle Mona in Douglas; rollerblading at Summerland is available as are a number of other sports.

One great favorite among the native teens is the National Sports Centre with the new swimming pool complex which includes water slides.

The new Heritage Center in Peel (House of Manannan) should be included on your list of "must sees" — modern technology has taken this "experience" to the top of the British Museum's list and is well worth every minute spent there; you cannot come away from it without knowing a lot more about the Isle of Man and its heritage. It also has one of the best gifts shops on the island with a bit lower prices. Anyone interested in museums of high quality also to do with the IOM should see the Manx Museum in Douglas. It is more a regular museum experience but just as interesting and beautiful in its historic building as well as having a delightful lunch/tea room with great prices and good food.

The horse trams will be running along the Prom (Promenade) in Douglas — an unusual transportation experience; also consider the steam train rides as well as the unique Manx Electric trams which run from Ramsey to Douglas and from Laxey up to Snaefell for a breathtaking view. One can walk back down to Laxey if preferred. For anyone whose interest is in motorcycles, you will have come to the



center of the cycling world. The Southern Hundred Motorbike races will be on in mid-July. The museum atop Snaefell is a one-off (unique), unforgettable visit for motorcycle enthusiasts as is Jeff Duke's shop in downtown Douglas. As you travel the island, you cannot miss the various direction signs regarding the TT Races — look for them and internationally famous sponsors advertised everywhere.

Anyone interested in walking has numerous types and locations of walks available. Guided walks may be available through the tourist bureau; any turn in the road will give you a memorable hike of various degrees of difficulty and length as well as location. With all these activities available to young people, it's just about a guarantee that you'll have a wonderful time.



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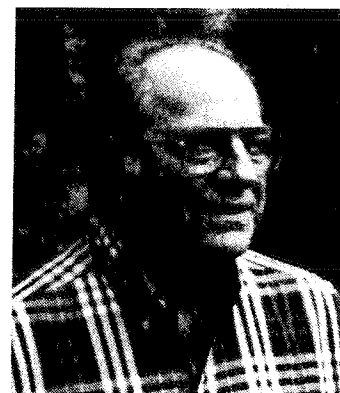
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## President's Message

Over the past twenty years, I have had such benefits from my association with the North American Manx Association that I have become very concerned about the fact that membership in NAMA has been declining each year for the past several years by about sixty to eighty people per year. It was decided that those who had not paid their annual dues by the end of the first six months would be dropped from the membership. That is reasonable for an organization whose expenses are paid from the dues members pay. During the past 10 years, the increase of new members has not kept up with the loss of members who were inattentive to their annual dues. As a result, the membership is at an all-time low and the members' average age is at an all-time high. I would hope we could reverse this trend.

There are three primary initiatives that can be undertaken to begin to increase the membership rolls. First, we are preparing a letter to be sent to over 500 individuals whose membership lapsed in the past 10 years. The feeling is that many people who were dropped from the list simply overlooked the payment of dues and that doing so was unintentional. We think many will rejoin. If you are one of the 40 current members who have overlooked the dues payment, please send it in to Helen Drom, Treasurer, as soon as possible so you will remain on the roll.

Secondly, we have sent letters to the heads of the local Manx Societies across the country asking how best we might contact their members who are not members of NAMA. Clearly, if they are members of the local Manx Society, the interest in things Manx is there and it remains incumbent upon us to show them the value of membership in NAMA. I know that some members of the Washington D.C. Manx Society feel that they are NAMA members because they belong to the local Society. I also think the local Societies should play a larger and



Don Quayle, NAMA President

more important role in NAMA affairs, but that is an initiative to be taken at a later time.

The third source of new members is, in my mind, the most important. I'm speaking of succeeding generations. I think it is true to say that the future of the North American Manx Association is in our children's hands. If they do not become interested and involved in furthering the work of NAMA and helping to 'preserve what'er remains of our ancient heritage' then the organization will atrophy and cease to exist. I appeal to all current members to send in a membership for each of your adult children. Give them a freebie to get them started and then let them make the decision about whether to continue after they have enjoyed the benefits of membership for a year. If you contact Helen Drom by e-mail at <Lndrom@juno.com> or phone at (805) 937-2173, she will send you as many membership forms as you need. Be sure to fill out the reverse side to get the genealogy started.

A few weeks ago, the NAMA Board, meeting by e-mail, decided against holding a meeting of the Board this year deciding to aim all available resources toward the next convention which will be held in the Isle of Man. In addition, we decided not to drop members from the rolls this year for non-payment of dues allowing more time to correct what we feel is, in most cases, an oversight. Any additional suggestions for increasing membership prior to next year's convention would be greatly appreciated. If you will send your ideas to me, I will share them with the Membership Committee and the Board.

# Society News

## Minnesota Manx Society

The Minnesota Manx met on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Billy's in Anoka. About 20 people attended. Thanks to Molly and Mary Caine for making the arrangements with the restaurant.

### PROGRAM:

Three members of the Anoka High School Concert Band told about their trip to the Isle last spring. They enjoyed contacts with the Manx students. A joint concert with a Manx school group was given.

June Sibell and Joan Gill read and talked about Peel. Some snapshots were shown and experiences were shared.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Treasurer Jim Anderson reported a balance of \$3550.85 in the checking account.

Joan Gill indicated that the newsletter is sent to 123 people. Of these, 54 are members. Cost for the printing and mailing is about \$90. It was agreed that she would write to the non-members on the list asking if they are still interested in receiving the newsletter and encouraging them to pay the dues of \$7.50.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A number of responses were received to the questionnaire which was sent with the fall newsletter. Meeting dates, including one evening meeting, have been set farther in advance, as requested. Programs on towns on the Isle are of interest.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The North American Manx Association convention will be held on the Isle in 2000.

2. The Celtic Feast at Seward Cafe in Minneapolis will be held on May 4.

3. After discussion, it was decided to have our summer picnic on June 26 at Bill Shimmin's home in Virginia.

Other dates of note: September 18 — general meeting at Northfield, MN, and November 9 — guided research at Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, Golden Valley, MN. Any NAMA members are invited to attend these meetings. Call our society's contact person for more information.

—Mary Heltsley

## Washington Manx Society

If you plan to be in Washington D.C. for the annual Independence Day festivities, we'd love to have you join us for The Greater Washington D.C. area Manx Society's Tynwald Day Celebration and Barbeque/Pool Party on Monday, July 5 at the Knights of Columbus Center in Arlington, VA. Just leave a message for Avril Shipman at (202) 543-7434.

Russell Woodgates has signed up eight enthusiastic Society members who've never visited the IOM to accompany him on a one-week Island tour beginning July 21. They'll be using Port Erin as their base, with several day-trips planned to glens, gardens and other getaways, as well as the usual museum and shopping stops. The Island Celtic Festival will be going on in Ramsey and they plan to explore Niarbyl for a look at the cottage of Ned Devine.

The Society is working with Mr. Stuart Stone at the Library of Congress to assist it in acquiring Manx reference works and novels, with help from the Manx National Library. If you own/know of Manx-related books you think the LOC should know about (especially books about Manx in the USA), or annotated bibliographies describing such books, you can contact Mr. Stone directly via e-mail at <ssto@loc.gov>.

The Society has elected a new Board and Governors, led by the native-born Avril Shipman. Past-president Russell Woodgates is the new VP. Please address all correspondence to our new Secretary:

Mr. Brent Warner  
5007 Muskogee Street  
College Park, MD 20740  
E-mail: <brent.warner@gsfc.nasa.gov>

— Russ Woodgates

## The Chicago Manx Society

The Chicago Manx Society will hold its meeting on Sunday, June 13, at the home of Elaine and Bill Schultz in Mt. Prospect, IL. We will begin at 1 p.m. with a delicious potluck dinner followed by a meeting and program about the Isle of Man.

At our last meeting on March 14, Bob Kelly displayed three albums of IOM Post Office First Day Covers and told of the events and/or activities that they represent.

The third Annual Chicago Celtic Festival will be held again this year in Grant Park on Chicago's lakefront. The Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19. The North American Manx and The Chicago Manx had a display last year and we hope to be able to participate again.

## Vancouver, B.C. Manx

Our society is looking forward to our first event of 1999 — our spring dinner. It will be held on May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Abercorn Inn, Richmond, B.C. Approximately 70 tickets have been sold, several to prospective members. We will once again have Manx country dancing — a hit with everyone. Committee has been busy planning this year's events. The spring dinner will be followed by the Tynwald dinner (for the committee) on July 5. Picnic site at Queens Park, New Westminster, has been reserved for Aug. 1. Fall potluck supper at St. David's Church Hall, Vancouver, is on Nov. 20.

If anyone is in our area during these events, please let us know. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

— Very Henry

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. To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, the NAMA Bulletin is published quarterly — March, June, September, and December. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family or society.

# Society News

## Northern California Manx

The Manx of Northern California held their second meeting of the year on the first Sunday of March. This was a record of sorts — two meetings within two months. The next thing you know, they will be looked upon as “organized”, something they have never been accused of before.

They were welcomed to the home of Bill and Polly Fargher Ernst in Los Altos. The Ernsts, assisted by their daughter Jaki, had arranged a full luncheon spread from a local deli. Having so much good food to eat presented for ease of consumption meant that there was also plenty of time to talk, a favorite pastime of these Manx.

Of course, to begin with, there were some prizes to award. Elaine Stephenson won Yn Chrosh-Cuirm (a Rowan Cross) for having the longest name. John and Eileen Corlett won a cross for coming the longest distance. The crosses were made by Dorcas Costain-Blann, well-known artist on the Isle of Man. Eventually, the group did take a pause, after singing “Ellan Vannin” and “O Land of Our Birth”, to discuss some important business — what we would like to do as hosts for the Convention at Homecoming 2000 on the Isle of Man. After deciding on what committees to have, everyone volunteered for one or two assignments. Dee and Ray Hickman told the assembled mass about hosting Mervin Stokes and Deamus Shea, Director and Production Manager respectively, of the Gaiety Theatre in Douglas. Dee and Ray, along with Jack Cormode, had acted as impresarios in helping Mervin and Seamus as they staged presentations about the 10-year program of restoration of the Gaiety. This will definitely be on the list of “things to do” while we are all on the Island.

The fun part was starting to list all the events and activities that are available on the Island. Everyone has their own interests here in North America and those same interests are awaiting us on the “purple-misted Isle”. The challenge to the host society is how to make it possible for the conventioners to have the most experiences where there is never enough time. The intention is to build flexibility into the schedule so that the attendees can choose what they want to do. To do this, input is needed from NAMA members. You will be able to list specific activities later. What is needed right now is an idea of

the way the program and convention agenda are arranged. Do you want full days free and other days with scheduled activities or half and half? What variations in scheduling are possible? Please let us know so we can try to accommodate you. Send your preferences and suggestions to Jack Cormode, 13085 Franklin Avenue, Mountain View, California, USA 94040-3922, or e-mail him at [jarmode@usa.net](mailto:jarmode@usa.net).

— Jack Cormode

## Manx Society of W.A.

Well — hello at last! The good news again is that we are booked in at the Novotel Langley Hotel (Gazebo Room) for our Tynwald Day luncheon on Sunday, July 4 — same price again. Please send your cheque and numbers to: Kath Craine, 8 McGill Street, Kewdale, W.A. 6105. Made out to Manx Society of W.A.

Now, profound apologies for the lack of newsletters during what has been an extremely busy year.

Sadly, we have lost three more members and condolences on your behalf were tendered for Rom Moran (Busselton), Gordon Crosby (Ferndale) and Margaret Hansen (Mundaring). All of these lovely people will be sadly missed for their individual support and contributions to our gatherings.

Unfortunately, I have to add my mother Nancy to this list. A sudden departure four days before her 90th birthday meant I had to negotiate a speedy trip to the Island (difficult these days!). Sincere thanks to Sharon Low at Traveland Victoria Park for her complicated work in getting me there on time.

The following verse may be useful for those who may find it hard to put their

feelings into words, if the occasion should arise:

### REMEMBER ME

Remember me —  
when I am gone away;  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no longer hold me by the hand,  
Nor — I half turn to go — yet, turning to stay.  
Remember me when no more —  
day by day you tell me of our future that you planned:

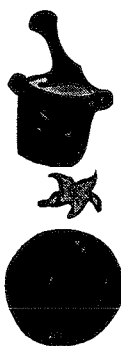
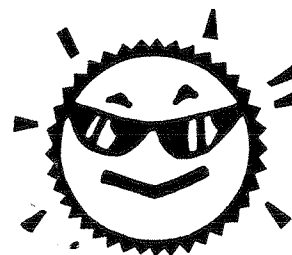
Only remember me,  
You understand — it will be late to counsel then  
— or pray,  
Yet — if you should forget me for a while  
and afterwards remember — do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
a vestige of the thoughts that once I had —  
better by you — you should forget and smile,  
than you should remember and be sad.

— Christine Rossetti

On a happier note, we record here another Craine baby! Jarrod Rodney Michael Hales arrived Tuesday, April 6, a second son for Angela and Colin Hales and a brother for Matthew.

To Phil and Linda Cutting, a daughter Laura Beth, and to Lynda and Ian White, a son Harrison Hill. Congratulations!

— Kath Craine



## INTERNET SITES

**Cyberia cafe, Douglas, IOM**

<http://www.mcb.net/cic/cyberia/>

**London Manx Society**

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/SAM\\_WELLER/](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/SAM_WELLER/)

**Famous Manxmen**

<http://www.mcb.net/manxmen/Welcome.html>

**Promenade Methodist Church, Douglas**

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/promenade>

**SF Bay Area Gaelic Society**

<http://www.ceantar.org/Ceantar/>

# Society News

## Ontario Manx Society

The Ontario Manx held their first meeting of 1999 on Sunday, April 25 at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche. After the meeting, we all enjoyed a beautiful potluck supper and our usual catch-up news from the Island.

The Ontario Manx will be holding their annual picnic on Sunday, July 4, once more at the home of Lil & Pat Kendall, Richmond Hill, On.

We were all very saddened at the passing of Maggie (Ugray) Veljkovic on April 29. Maggie's mother Elsie Wood resides in Douglas, also sister Suzanne Woolly, and sister Maron Honeyborne of London, England. Maggie put up a long and brave battle with cancer and will be missed very much.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

— *Phyllis Busche*

## Cleveland Manx Society

In March we met at a local restaurant for food and fellowship. It was delightful to see our friends after the winter. In April, our meeting was held at a Home Town Buffet, where we were able to get a private room. We were pleased to welcome Mary Kelly, Past President of the NAMA, and her husband Frank Evans, who had come to Cleveland to see the Diego Rivera display at the Cleveland Art Museum. We had a wonderful time visiting with them. However, we were saddened to learn that one of our members, Maggie Keenan, is being transferred and will not be with us after May.

May found us at the Clague House Museum and Playhouse, where we were entertained by a musical revue titled "Those Fabulous Forties — The War Years and Beyond." After the program, we toured the newly renovated Clague House, and then enjoyed party trays.

We will have a dinner at a local hotel in June and be entertained by Mrs. Lick on the piano. She enjoys playing old songs and has played for us before to everyone's enjoyment.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 21 at the Barn at MacIntosh Farms, where we have met frequently. Anyone who

plans to be in the area at that time will be most welcome. Please contact one of the officers if you plan to attend.

— *Mona Haldeman*

## San Diego Manx Society

Our spring Manx meeting was held at the home of Bob, Millie and Katie Kermeen. Carol and George Watterson were co-hosts. Nineteen folks attended. After sharing news about absent members, Ruth Smith read an article from the Manx newspaper reporting on our Christmas Party. We're famous!

We were so pleased to welcome Max and Billi Gritmaker and Brad and Liz Merrill as new members. Also Lucy Walen is a long-time visitor, but a new member.

Brad Merrill reported seeing the Manx flag flown at a Word Games meet. Devore Smith reminded us of the Manx participation in the upcoming World Yacht Race.

All thoroughly enjoyed viewing the video "The Isle of Man — An Island of Contrasts." It is a truly beautiful film.

All enjoyed a good visit as we feasted on delicious refreshments.

As I write this report, Gordon Garrett is enjoying his first visit to the IOM. He phoned to tell us that he is having a wonderful time and that Malcolm Kinley is his host and is treating him to a grand tour. We look forward to our June meeting and a full report on his adventures.

— *Ruth Smith*

## Rocky Mountain Manx

The Rocky Mountain Manx Society met on May 16 at the home of Bob and Rachel (Vondy) LaRue in Erie, Colo. for a potluck dinner. The program on Aspects of Government on the Isle of Man was given by the new President of the society, Jim Corlett. Some Manx conversation phrases were learned by the group and they sang Ellan Vannin in closing. About 20 people were present. Plans were made for making T-shirts and dresser scarves with the Isle of Man logo on them. The society plans to meet again in November.

— *Albert W. Scarffe*

## Galva Manx Society

The Galva Manx Society held their Spring meeting in May at the Methodist Church in Galva. Over 30 members were in attendance and special guests also attended from the Wisconsin Manx Society. During the meeting, it was noted that Galva's new mayor, the honorable Tom Hartman, is of Manx descent. After the business meeting, the program was presented by Norman Collister, who presented a slide show on his recent trip to the Isle of Man.

Members of the Society participated in the "Country Lanes Festival" held in Galva and the surrounding areas. A table was set up in the downtown area to provide information to the public about our local group. The event was well attended and many people stopped by our booth to sign up for information and/or to become members of our local society.

The annual Manx picnic is scheduled for September 12th in Wiley Park at noon. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to pass and their own table service. This year the society's goal is to have at least 200 Manxmen in attendance at the annual event. "We would like to invite all the members of the North American Manx Society who can possibly join us, to this annual picnic," committee member Lance Smith said. "We are hoping that at least 100 area members will also join us as well." Special letters will be mailed out to NAMA societies and past and present Galva Manxmen as well. Organizers are hoping for a good response. To find out more about the picnic, contact: Shirley Kelly at (309) 932-3848 or Michelle Smith at (309) 932-8272.

## Wisconsin Manx Society

The Wisconsin Manx Society, Inc. met at Midvale Community Church, Madison, on Oct. 25, 1998. Following 11 a.m. to noon registration and social hour and a delicious catered dinner at noon, President Jody Morey convened the business meeting and accompanied the group in the singing of the Manx National Anthem.

— *Dorrie Alff*

# Society News

## London Manx Society

Yet again, the sun shone on the London Manx Society when we gathered on Saturday, Feb. 13 in Southwark for our Winter Outing, organized by Bryan Corrin. Our first port of call was lunch at The George Inn in Borough High Street, now owned by the National Trust, a lovely old courtyard coaching inn. After lunch, we visited the Old Operating Theatre near Guy's Hospital and had tea at Hay's Galleria.

This year's annual dinner was held at the Bonnington Hotel on Saturday, April 24.

## World Manx Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at St. Andrew's Hall Douglas on Saturday, March 6, 1999.

Officers for the year include: Mrs. Iris Christian, President; Captain D.M. Cowell, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Caley, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Hazel Murphy, Secretary; Martin Faragher, Dep. Secretary; Miss Doris Lawson, Treasurer; and David Caley, Newsletter Editor.

The WMA now has a grand total of 699 members, an increase of two over the previous year. We have had another successful year with the various events being reasonably well supported.

president of the Birmingham Dental Assistants Society, and president and founder of the Grace Browning Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She helped to organize Dental Assistants Societies in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Grace and Polly had been friends for over 50 years, and had traveled extensively together after they retired. Many of the members will remember her as a warm, loving person, and she will be missed, for she truly loved the Isle of Man and the Manx people.

## HELEN L. BERG

*Helen L. Berg*, 78, of Bishop Hill died Saturday, Jan. 2 at her home.

Graveside funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Galva Cemetery, the Rev. Karen Martin officiating. There was no visitation.

She was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Henry County, the daughter of Evo and Blanche Coole) De May.

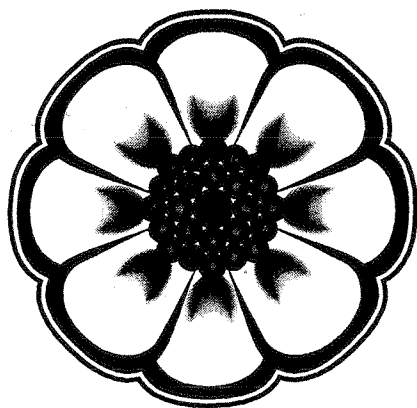
Surviving are a son, Marlin Berg of Galesburg; a daughter, Mrs. Rick (Maxine) Stout of Galva; and three grandchildren, Keagan Berg, Dane' Johnson and James Brierton. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Bishop Hill United Methodist Church, and enjoyed her family and friends.

## ESTHER QUINE

*Esther Quine* passed away May 24, 1998. She was very proud of her Manx heritage and valued her membership in NAMA. She was a member from May 1969 until her death.

Sorry for the delay in notification of her passing.



## In Memory

### GRACE BROWNING

*Grace Browning* passed away in August 1998. While she was not Manx, she attended many conventions with Dr. Polly Ayres, including the Homecoming to the Isle of Man in 1983, and she was a member of the NAMA. She was a dental hygienist, and was instrumental in developing a county-wide dental health education program, as well as prevention programs for children, and dental health programs for low income residents. She was past

## INTERNET SITES

### For Bransom Bean

[www.iomglobalchallenge.com](http://www.iomglobalchallenge.com)

### For Comprehensive Web Site - Isle of Man

[www.homepages.mcb.net/kelly/manxlinx](http://www.homepages.mcb.net/kelly/manxlinx)

### For Manx Archeology

See: <http://homepages.enterprise.net/djr/>

### Encyclopedia of Cleveland, USA, British Immigration. (Inc Manx)

See: <http://ech.cwru.edu/Scripts/Articles.Asp?ID=B14>

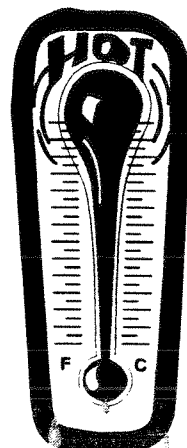
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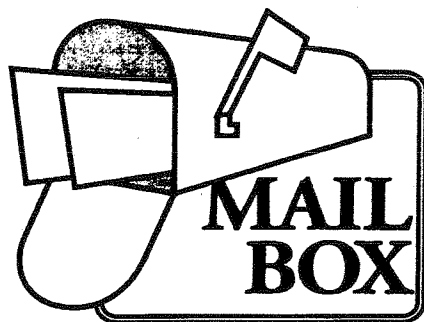
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### Isle of Man Newspapers

See: <http://www.isle-of-man-newspapers.com>







Dear Editor,

I write as a member of NAMA to ask your help in tracing a lady who at the last convention in Alexandria asked me to find some information for her. At the time, I thought I knew the lady from previous meetings at conventions, but didn't have an address. I realize now that we were both at fault in not making sure of her address. Anyway, I shall give you the information and perhaps you can print it in the June Bulletin and hopefully the lady concerned will see it there. If she does, I'd be pleased to hear from her. She wanted to know when a friend had died. Miss Thornton-Duesberry died on November 24, 1997 and was buried on December 1, 1997.

Yours faithfully,

E. Winifred Musgrove (Mrs.)



**FYI —**

We welcome your contributions to the NAMA Bulletin. All information must be received before the deadlines listed below:

Deadline Feb. 10 — March Issue  
Deadline May 10 — June Issue  
Deadline Aug. 10 — Sept. Issue  
Deadline Nov. 10 — Dec. Issue

Dear M. Kelly,

Found your address on "the Web". You may be able to help me, and if so I would be grateful.

Early in the 20th century, five of my grand-aunts emigrated to USA. Research indicates some, if not all, settled in or around Galva. Their names appear on the parents headstone in St. Marks Churchyard, and I have a record that one aunt, unmarried, died at Galesburg Hospital.

It would be interesting to discover if any of the descendants of the other four can be located. If they are interested in family history, I can supply family tree details, etc., reference their maiden name: Taggart.

Their married names were: Matilda Rebecca Brew, b circa 1879; Eleanor Quinney, b circa 1882; Janey Fargher, b circa 1888; and Esther Whaley, birth not known, but probably circa 1890.

I have photos also (two of the above visited IOM in the '50s). My wife and I are members of IOM Family History Society, and our e-mail address is [regann@briarchass.enterprise-plc.com](mailto:regann@briarchass.enterprise-plc.com)

Any assistance you can offer would be most appreciated. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Reg Ronan

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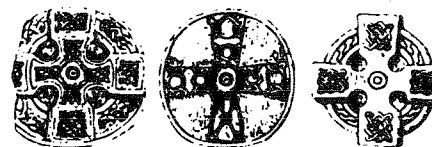
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*We encourage our readers and local historical societies to please include photos (whenever possible) when you send your society news or information of interest to our readers.*

— Thank you, The Editor



## Chaplain's Corner

*Rev. Devore Craine Smith*

A memorial service was conducted on the deck of the Star of India on April 17 for Captain Carl Bowman, who commanded the square-rigged bark Star of India for over 20 years since its restoration in 1976. I offered a testimonial in gratitude for the Captain's ordering the three-legs flag of the Isle of Man to be flown during a recent sailing into the Pacific. The flag flying from the port lanyard designated the nation from which the Star was built and launched at Ramsey, Isle of Man as "Euterpe" (goddess of lyric poetry) on November 22, 1863. (My grandfather, the Rev. John Caley Craine was born near there three years later in 1866 at Sulby.)

The Star of India was built by Manxmen — engineers, designers and craftsmen — of whom we can be proud, providing the Captain with a sturdy iron-hulled ship which withstood storm and gales including sheared main masts over 136 years, 23 times around the world, and is the oldest active square-rigger afloat.

The tribute was appropriate in recognition of Captain Bowman's capable and dedicated service aboard our beloved Manx ship.

"Look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs." (James 3:4)



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