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

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MORE ABOUT CONVENTION 2002 in NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

by Norman Standish, Chairman

[More information about Northwest Illinois, continuing what was begun in our last issue.]

Activities:

This area of Northwest Illinois is rich in history and things to do. Many of our forefathers came into this area to work in the lead (Galena) and coal mines (Galva). Indian mound builders occupied the area, followed by Woodland Indians. The Black Hawk Indian War was fought around Lanark as white settlers challenged the Indian Tribes for the rich farm and hunting grounds. Stagecoach lines, walking and horseback provided the main means of transportation in those days. The lead mines were the sole source of lead to the Northern Armies during the Civil War and many of those involved in mining became very rich. Galena became a show place of large Victorian houses, furnished with the best furniture of the day. (Galena was actually bigger than Chicago at this time) This area is considered one of the finest for those seeking antiques.

Many Manx and Cornish miners came to this area in the mid-1800's. We will seek out their history and learn more about the challenges they faced in this new home they had chosen.

Headquarters for the 2002 Convention will be Standish House Bed and Breakfast. Norman Standish, owner, is a direct descendant of Myles Standish, "America's first Manx Man." Standish House Bed and Breakfast is furnished with English antiques and art work. One of the largest collections of prints and lithographs on Pilgrim History is located at Standish House.

Other Recreational Activities:

Lake Carroll is located three miles north of Lanark. An outstanding golf course is available. Hiking, bicycle and canoe excursions are available nearby. Wildlife abounds - bald eagles, golden eagles, wild turkey, peregrine falcons, deer, fox and, more recently, wolves are found in the area. Riverboat gambling can be found at several nearby locations. Five State Parks are within a 30 mile radius. The Mississippi and Rock Rivers provides fishing, boating, swimming, etc. Antique hunting is more than a casual outing in this area.

Housing:

The general area around Lanark is designated as an Illinois Tourist area. Motel/Hotel rooms are tight at this time of the year. Therefore, early reservations are important. Accommodations range from hotel to Bed-and-Breakfasts to cabins.

Transportation: (Driving)

Lanark, Illinois is located in Northwest Illinois about 18 miles from the Mississippi River and 30 miles from Wisconsin.

From the West, follow Interstate 80. Take Illinois Route 78 North. At US Route 64/52, turn East to Lanark (7 miles).

From the East, take either Interstate 94 or 80 West. Turn on Interstate 39 (North from 80 or South from 94.) At US Route 64 turn West and follow 64 (also 52) to Lanark (about 35 miles).

Airline Transportation:

There are three options; 1) Chicago, 2) Rockford and 3) Moline.

Chicago: A ticket can be purchased which makes a bus transfer from Chicago to Rockford. Depart bus at Rockford Holiday Inn. There is a Hertz Rental at the Holiday Inn. Another option would be to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn and arrangements will be made for a pick-up the following morning. (Please indicate to the Convention Chairman that you plan to do this so that he can make arrangements.)

Rockford: Northwest Airlines flies directly to Rockford through Detroit. Rental cars are available. It is also possible to stay overnight at Holiday Inn for pick-up the following morning.

Moline: The Moline airport is about the same distance from Lanark (50 miles). Rental cars are available. (Moline may be the most convenient.)

From The Editor (Acting)

Jack Cormode

This is my second and, I hope, last issue as Acting Editor. It is my sincere wish and expectation to have a new NAMA Bulletin Editor selected and doing whatever editors do by the time you read this.

This has been quite a learning experience for me. Only those who have served as Editor can fully appreciate what goes into it. It is not necessarily so much hard work, as it is the complexity. Bringing together all the parts and contributions to provide a readable newsletter is a challenge, but can be done if you ask the assistance of people who know how to get it done.

The people at B & B Printing in Kewanee, Illinois, were most helpful and patient in explaining what they needed to print the Bulletin. It was amazing how they could take a bunch of electrons sent from California, put them into a computer in Illinois, and have everything generally laid out within a couple of days. For proofreading, our Fax machines talked to each other, and that review was accomplished within hours. Remember, the copy on the originating end is not being produced with high-cost equipment but with a regular personal computer and a cheap fax/copier machine.

It is apparent that we rely too much on voluntary contributions from our members without having any control over the timing of what is received. As the deadline approaches, the Editor does not know how much copy will be available for the upcoming issue.

For that reason, I am suggesting to whomever becomes our new Editor that he or she have some Reporters to call upon. We still need for you, our readers/members, to send in your contributions. It is very important that you do so since these items are still what everyone looks for in our newsletter. Articles by Reporters would just give us a little more flexibility and diversity in what we present.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Reporter, please let me know. It will be up to the new Editor to decide on if or how to do this, but we need to know if anyone is interested out there.

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. Deadline for submitted information and articles are February 10 - March edition, May 10 - June edition, August 10 - September edition, and November 10 - December edition. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family or society.

NAMA Members Fight Against World Hunger

[In the last issue of the NAMA Bulletin, members were asked to share stories of individuals in North America of Manx descent who have made contributions for a better world. Janet Foote of Westminster, Maryland, sent in an article from World Ark, the publication of the Heifer Project International. The following is excerpted from the article.]

In 1976, Chet and Nancy Kermode made a commitment to do something about world hunger. Chet was a missions committee member at Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike, Ohio. He was drawn to the Heifer Project because it provides a family with a means of support and it is an opportunity to pass it on to others.

After getting the support of the congregation, the Kermodes organized "Heifer Hoedowns," potluck dinners where the guests also made contributions of \$25. Then they came up with "Noah's Ark." Small wooden animals were purchased from a local craft store and a large boat (!) was constructed in the church auditorium. For designated amounts, members of the congregation purchased animals to put in the ark. This last project has become one of the Heifer Project's most popular fundraising activities.

Chet Kermode died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) in April 2000. Before that, he and Nancy had established a Charitable Remainder Trust with the Heifer Foundation. After his passing, and boosted by the support she had received, Nancy changed the Trust into the Kermode Family Endowment which has benefited the Heifer Project even more.

[Please let us hear more of such stories. The Manx have a rich tradition of building up their communities and helping others.]



President's Message

By Jack Cormode, NAMA President

[In the last issue, I wrote about what it was like being so involved with the Manx people in setting up the Convention. Their helpfulness and generosity cannot be adequately told. But I have tried to do so and would now like to tell you about what I learned about the Manx while working among them.]

What were the lessons learned from my time spent with the Manx?

An early lesson was a confirmation of what I had read in Hall Caine's "The Little Manx Nation". He had written that the Manx were reluctant to put themselves forward, that they did not want to impose themselves on anyone. It is hard for the Manx to engage in promotional activities. Although they are knowledgeable and justly proud about what the Isle of Man has to offer, it is not easy for them to express it. This is why you should do some research before you go over to the Island. That way you can ask the right questions. Once they understand you are interested and want to know more, the Manx will open up to you with a great amount of information with a background that will make it come alive.

There is a natural shyness in the Manx character. They will speak up for the Isle of Man and the community and, to a point, themselves. But it does not come easily for them.

Incidentally, this shyness goes out the window when it comes to singing or similar cultural activities. The Manx take their music seriously, as it should be with a Celtic nation. Whether is a judged event, such as the Cleveland Medal or Yn Chruinnaght or a public benefit like a Mariners' Concert or our own Concert 2000, they quite willingly step forward and offer their best, and it is warmly appreciated by those that come to hear them. Participating in cultural activities is for the good of the community, so it is acceptable to put oneself forward at that time.

It is a common belief that "The Manx don't like to change." The Manx themselves will say so if the subject comes up. Implied with this is a positive image of stability and a negative image of lack of innovation. Personally, I found little of this true when circumstances required something get done. The Manx themselves do like stability, basically to maintain a regularity in their lifestyles. The do not change just for the sake of change. But when there is a benefit or it will help someone, they will come up with innovative ideas on how to get things done. Several times I presented people in the tourism sector with what I thought would be what our North American contingent would want. Their first reaction would be that it had not been done that way before. Soon they would come up with a way to get it done, albeit with a Manx touch. The list of activities for Tynwald Day and the choices of Manx food for our Convention Banquet are examples of this spirit of innovation.

Lest you think that I can find no fault with the Manx and the 'dear little isle,' there is a trend that I found mildly disturbing. We have all heard the Manx saying, 'Traa dy-llooar' ('Time enough'). This is the cultural trait of not allowing the clock to run your life, and it is found throughout Celtica. Sadly, 'Traa dy-llooar' is seldom found any more. Almost all religious and cultural events are begun at the appointed time and run on schedule. This carries over to (or is caused by) the fast-paced life in the business sector. People are often in a hurry now. It even affects traffic as there are traffic jams in Douglas at the end of the day, and you can even get honked at if you are not driving fast enough for the driver behind you.

All in all, I feel privileged to have been able to work with the people, government and institutions of the Isle of Man. Having gotten to know them better, I look forward to each visit. Join me in journeying to the land of our heritage.



Genealogy Update

Our NAMA Genealogist, Calvin Quayle of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, had a fairly serious heart attack in May. This led to by-pass surgery and a long-term rehabilitation plan from his doctor. The prognosis is definitely good but Calvin will have to curtail his work for NAMA for the immediate future. If you have a need for some guidance in your genealogical research, send in your request but please be patient as the response time may be slowed down. Our best wishes to Calvin and his wife, Virginia.

Had a note from George Clucas of San Luis Obispo, California, who is also active in the Isle of Man Family History Society. George reminded me about the new web site for the immigrants that came through Ellis Island. It is at www.ellislandrecords.com and has all the records of foreign entry through that portal from 1892 to 1924. Not only do you get the name that someone entered under, you also see the date, ship traveled on, and the manifest listing fellow passengers. Information about the ship itself is also available.

This is a long-awaited resource for those who have wanted to know about how our families came to America. The basic information is free, but there are additional services that can be obtained for a fee, such as putting together a family record.

A few words of caution, however. This is a new database and does not yet always run smoothly. Be patient and flexible. This also pertains to other aspects of the site.

The Ellis Island Records have been wildly successful and you may have to wait to get on, and once online, it sometimes takes a while ('forever' to an eager genealogical researcher) to go to the section you want. The other thing is that in the transcribing of names little mistakes may have crept in and computer systems are unforgiving about errors no matter what the size. For instance, my grandfather's middle name was misspelled and so the computer could not find him when I typed it in correctly or without a middle name. I went back to the main search section and used last name only and went from there.

[Does Canada have an official agency or web site for immigration information? If anyone knows of such, please let us know and we can spread the word to others.]

Society News



ROCKY MOUNTAIN MANX

The Rocky Mountain Manx Society met on May 20, 2001 at the home of Bob and Rachel (Vondy) LaRue in Erie, Colorado. Eighteen members enjoyed a covered dish dinner. A program was given on Education on the Isle of Man. One of our members took family and group pictures. A directory with these pictures will be made up and distributed. The group sang 'Ellan Vannin' in closing. Some of our members will be going to the Isle of Man this Summer and one couple will be there in January 2002.

-Albert Scarffe

SAN DIEGO MANX

The San Diego Manx group met April 8, 2001 at the home of Bob and Millie Kermeen. Doris Dobbels was co-host. Faith Vick and Marge Frederick celebrated birthdays on the same day, April 6th. All present were in good voice in singing 'Happy Birthday.' Marge, at 91, is one of our most enthusiastic members.

It was wonderful to receive news from our friends Joyce and Malcolm Kinley. They are kept active in retirement and will be off to their Island Summer home in May.

Millie Kermeen shared memories of her childhood growing-up in the Mid- and Northwestern USA, and Hilary Harrison shared about her childhood memories in the Isle of Man.

Talks are underway among some of the local Celtic organizations in staging a 2002 revival of the Celtic Festival last held in San Diego in 1995. Our Society is looking forward to participating once again.

News articles from the Manx Independent were circulated. They included a story relating to the Ramsey Harbour diorama now on display on the Star of India. Built in the Isle of Man, the Star is now recognized as the world's oldest active

Sailing Ship. Society member Bob Wright's involvement in the project was mentioned. Another article covered the threat of foot-and-mouth disease reaching the Island with the devastating affect it would have on the survival of the Manx Loughtan sheep.

Our next meeting will be held June 10th. Following a break for summer vacations, we get together again on October 4th.

- George Watterson, Secretary/Treasurer

ONTARIO MANX SOCIETY

The Ontario Manx had a great meeting Sunday, April 29th, at the home of Margaret and Edmonde Roche. After the meeting we enjoyed a delicious "Hot Pot" prepared by Margaret, along with a "Pot Luck Supper", good conversation and a lot of catching up to do after our long snowy Winter.

The place and time of our Picnic this year is pending.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer.

- Phyllis Busche

CLEVELAND MANX.

In May, we attended a musical program, where four singers presented music from the early 20th century through the 50's and early 60's. In June, we will visit the home of James Garfield in Mentor, and then dine at the nearby Olive Garden. Our annual picnic will be held at the Barn in Broadview Heights, the party room at the housing area where Florence Roseman lives. Soon we will be honored to have Christine and Mark Bregazzi and their children with us from the Isle of Man.

This is our 150th Anniversary, so we are planning a tea for Sunday afternoon, September 9th, and we would welcome any who would be in the area at that time.

- Mona Haldeman

Pictured to the left is the

Rocky Mountain Manx Society

Standing Left of the flag: Back Row: Douglas Fox, Bob La Rue, Chuck Caley, George Leckner, Audrey Lechner, Jim Corlett. Middle Row: Carol Fox, Beverly Caley, Sandi Corlett, Linda Corlett. Sitting: Al Scarffe, Lois Scarffe, Rachel Candy La Rue, Patti Zangari. Standing Right of the flag: Val Whan, Dick Hodgson, Hannah Marie Todd, Jim Whan, & Edwin Garrett.

MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

The Minnesota Manx met on Saturday, March 31, at the Radisson South in Bloomington with 23 people attending. A buffet meal or lunch from the menu was enjoyed. The hotel bustled with Duke fans here for the Final Four.

Peggy Rudniski, Kerry Shimmin, and Nancy McAdams presented the program, telling the history of the Shimmin family who came to America in 1910. The sisters showed pictures, clippings, and artifacts from the family home in Peel and several locations in the United States. Especially interesting were minutes, a newspaper article and programs of the Galva Manx Society in 1911-12.

Co-presidents Sally Dahlquist and Jim Anderson conducted the business meeting. A number of Manx door prizes were given.

Our next meeting will be August 18 at Gheu Y Ghroinh, the Gill home in northwestern Wisconsin. It is located in Voyager Village, just northeast of Webster, Wisconsin; a two hour drive from the Twin Cities, an hour and a half from Duluth.

Any one in the area is invited to attend. For further information or directions contact Joan Gill at the address in the list of officers, e-mail nwjlgill@earthlink.net.

- Joan Gill

CHICAGO AREA MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Manx Society held their last meeting on Sunday, March 25 at the home of Lynell Cannell in Naperville, IL. There were 12 in attendance and we enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner. We then told about our various connections with the Isle of Man.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Florence Abbinanti in Evergreen Park, IL on Sunday, June 10. This will be a pot-luck dinner followed by our meeting and program.

Anyone in the Chicago area is welcome to attend.

The Chicago Celtic Fest will again be held in Grant Park in Chicago, the middle of September.

- Robert Kelly, President.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

We met at 'Ballaparker', the comfortable California Mission style home of Kim Parker and Peter Herrera on Sunday, April 22, a most pleasant Spring day. Before we began our formal meeting, we sang 'Ellan Vannin,' led by Dee Hickman, Jan Richards and Elaine Stephenson. Then we filled each other in on what we are doing and who is doing what. Dee Hickman is making sweat-shirts as Christmas donations for St. Bridget's Hospice League on the IOM. The shirts are decorated with fabric paint and sell for \$5-\$6 each. We also had a chance to admire some of the work of Manx calligraphist Dorcas Costain-Blann, with its intricate Manx patterns in radiant colors. Everyone had a chance to examine the beautifully edited and photographed book, 'The Spirit of Manx: A Celebration of the Millennium.' The book is stunning and can be purchased on the Island from such bookstores as St. Paul's Bookshop. Jack Cormode, President of NAMA, talked

about next year's NAMA Convention which will be held in Lanark, in western Illinois. This area once was a central location for mining and showed its wealth, then suffered a decline, and is now thriving as a farming and recreation area with a great deal of historical interest. Darrell Wilburn had some suggestions about how NAMA could introduce the area to Convention attendees to enhance their visit. Others were interested in ascertaining the number and types of cottage industries - artists and craftsmen - within the area. Helen Drom, NAMA Treasurer, has invited our branch to Santa Maria for our next meeting. Several Manx live in the Central Coast area and we can mix fun with pleasure as we research the local industry, winemaking. After a repast of pizza, salad and, according to guests present, the best beans ever tasted, the meeting was adjourned.

- Bea Joughin Garcia

WISCONSIN MANX SOCIETY

Our Vice President is a new member, a younger woman. We added three new members at our April meeting. That is good for our group. Attendance at our

meetings does not indicate the total number of membership, as in most groups, so we are always happy to have new members in hope that they will be active. We need all the help we can get! I continue to receive letters, e-mails and phone calls from people wanting information about our local organization and NAMA. I sometimes wonder where people get my address and phone number, but I am always happy to respond. I will have a table representing Manx heritage at a Celtic Festival in Minot, ND in Sept. I think Joan and Norm Gill will be part of the program and Mary Kelly and Frank Evans plan to attend too. I look forward to that event.

Internet information concerning the memorial site at Maughold where we dedicated a wreath in the memory of American Squadron is a good resource of facts. I printed out the stuff I found and sent it to a cousin (not from my Manx side of the family). He served with RAF as an American volunteer before US got into the war. He was stationed in England. I thought he might be interested. Have not had a response from him as yet.

Have a great Summer.

- Joyce Benjamin

NOTES AND NOTICES

TT Races Cancelled

The threat of foot-and-mouth disease (known as hoof-and-mouth disease in the West) has caused the first peacetime cancellation of the TT Races since their beginning in 1909. Although the two week event brings 40,000 tourists who would spend over US\$20 million, there is a great fear of what an outbreak of the disease would do to the 250,000 farm animals on the Island. Since the TT course is viewed by fans all along the roadway, the danger of spreading the virus in the countryside was deemed too high a risk by the government authorities. A TT Festival with concerts, fireworks, and racing-related events was held and many tourists were there to enjoy it.

It must be emphasized that there has been no trace of foot-and-mouth disease found on the Island. The government and the people have been diligent and aggressive in their efforts to keep the virus from invading. It is expected that the TTs will return next year, bigger and better than ever. In the meantime, everything else is going fine. The welcome mat is out to Homecomers and tourists, the only restrictions are on visiting farmlands and some nature areas. Beginning on July 7th the Isle of Man is playing host for eight days to the Island Games, an international competition for some of the smaller jurisdictions of the world.

Manx Choir Coming to Toronto

Terry McCaffrey terry_mccaffrey@telus.net, President of the Vancouver Manx Society, sent the following message:

Received a letter from Jim Shimmin who is the Secretary for the Lon Dhoo Male Voice Choir... The Lon Dhoo and Macclesfield Male Voice Choirs will be giving a concert in Toronto together with the Toronto Welsh Choir on September 4th. They have a concert in Niagara on September 6th, and a final concert in Kingston on September 10th.

Bounty Mutiny Descendants Help Heart Research

Reuters News Service reports that Australian medical researchers are testing the DNA of descendants of the mutinous crew of the Bounty who live on Norfolk Island. They are looking for genetic clues to heart disease. It is expected that the mix of Tahitian and British blood, genetic history and strong family ties could provide an insight into the genetic make-up of people predisposed to heart disease. Lyn Griffiths, genomics research director for the project, noted that "[t]heir eating habits are decidedly old English, with high cholesterol in the diet. Many are keen on fried foods and additional cream."

The Isle of Man and the Bounty mutiny are inextricably connected through Fletcher Christian, Captain William Bligh, and others.

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*Headline News from Our Favourite Island***TENOR TAKES TOP PRIZE**

THE Cleveland Medal was won by tenor Peter Cringle. Six finalists competed for the medal at the climax of the eight-day Manx Music Festival at the Villa Marina. Mr Cringle, of Douglas, is one of only a handful of singers who have won the prize four times. He notched up wins in 1970, 1974 and 1979. He also picked up the Billown Rose Bowl with another Cleveland Finalist, Andrew Williamson, in the vocal duets final.

BISHOPSCOURT SOLD

MILLIONAIRE businessman Graham Ferguson Lacey has sold his Bishops court home. It is rumoured other properties he owns, including the recently acquired Castletown Golf Links, are also on the market. A spokesman for estate agent Cowley Groves confirmed the Kirk Michael mansion has been sold, but refused to comment further. It is understood it has been sold to an off-Island buyer. Bishops court was for centuries home to the Island's bishops. It was sold by the government in 1979 to millionaire Gerard Fairhurst. Mr Lacey bought the historic house for £1.2 million in September 1993.

NEW UK MINISTER FOR ISLAND

Michael Wills MP is the new minister responsible for the Isle of Man after Tony Blair sacked Lord Bassam and transferred the authority to a different UK Government department. Responsibility for the dependencies has now been switched to the Lord Chancellor's department, where junior minister Mr Wills has been assigned responsibility. Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, assumes the role of privy counsellor with responsibility for Island affairs, a role previously performed by the home secretary. Civil servants from the Home Office who dealt with Island matters and the other Crown dependencies are being transferred to the Lord Chancellor's department.

Chief Minister Donald Gelling commented: 'We have had a long and generally constructive relationship with the Home Office and, in a way, I am sorry to see that ended. We have had a series of Home Office ministers, all of whom we have been able to work with. It is reassuring that we will continue to be dealing with the officials who are familiar with us and understand our issues.'

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Hospice Christmas Cards from IOM

After a late but successful start last year, St. Bridget's Hospice on the Isle of Man will again be offering Manx-themed Christmas cards. In 2000, there were four cards, three with painted scenes and the fourth was a picture of Peel Castle at night.

This year there will be two new Manx cards - one a painting of the Isle of Man Railway with steam engine and carriages in a snow scene, and the second a photograph of Langness lighthouse taken during the Winter snow. There may also be a Winter scene painting of St. John's Church, facing Tynwald Hill. The decision on this one is pending.

Some of last year's scenes will be reprinted, though which ones has not been determined at press time.

The Hospice Shops are presently setting up web sites for e-shopping. They can be reached at www.hospice.org.im/shopping/index.html. Otherwise you will have to write them at Dorothy Pantin House, Kensington Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3PE. Tel: 1624 626530 Fax: 1624 623846 Email: admin@hospice.org.im
St. Bridget's provides hospice care throughout the Island, both in-facility and at home.

Chaplain's Corner

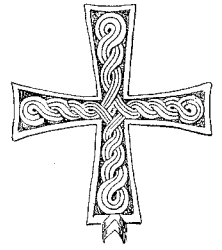
Rev. Devore Craine Smith

An exciting new development is occurring in the Celtic community of San Diego. A new "Celtic Society of San Diego" is being formed and will assemble for an inaugural event aboard the S.S. Berkeley ferry boat moored next to our Star of India. The Society and the event will include the seven Celtic Nations: Ireland, Cornwall, Wales, Scotland, Brittany, Galicia, and the Isle of Man. These national groups will assemble on Marina Park point on

San Diego Bay next to our new Convention Center for a two-day gathering featuring the arts, displays, culture, history, foods and entertainment representative of each nation. The Isle of Man will make a significant contribution, including our people's phenomenal product: the square-rigged bark "Star of India", launched as "Euterpe" in 1863 at Ramsey, Isle of Man, built by us Manxmen! The event is Scheduled for Spring 2002 and will allow

us to fly our "Triquetra" three-legs flag and display our beautiful Manx National Tartan, possibly along with other family Tartans in the religious service "Kirkin' of the Tartans (blessing of the tartans and families). I will be involved in planning and executing of the annual event which will help to put our Isle of Man nation on the map.

- Rev. Devore Craine Smith



OBITUARY

William "Bill" Duncan

Bill Duncan was born in Scotland where, as a young man, he used to bicycle house to house selling flowers grown by his father. Then he progressed to a pony and cart. He emigrated to the United States when he was 31 and eventually was able to open several flower shops in Cleveland. He was very well known in the flower world. He belonged to both Scottish and Manx Societies and he loved his lawn bowling, where he met his wife, Elizabeth. Bill died March 20, 2001.

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