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

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Dear Fellow NAMA Members:

We have all been gratified by the worldwide evidence of concern and support for America during its time of pain and sorrow. The Manx people and their government, the Worlds Manx Association and Manx worldwide have expressed their immediate and personal sympathy for what our country has been going through. Many of you have also received similar messages.

In addition to the expressions of sorrow, there have been special church sessions, books of condolences and a Circle of Unity on the Isle of Man. On behalf of NAMA and the American people, I have tried to express our gratitude, but it is not possible to say how much their warmth, affection and shared sorrow have meant to us. We can never repay their kindness.

We also remember the immediate assistance and the good wishes and support of our Canadian friends. They were there for us when we needed them, as always.

The Manx are indeed a family. The people you can count on when you need them.

Lhiats dy-firrinagh
Jack Cormode, President

Mark Your Calendar

2002 NAMA National Convention

July 19-22, 2002

Lanark, Illinois

The NAMA trail leads next year to Lanark, and in the following report Convention Chairman Norman Standish describes one of the special tours that will be part of the grand gathering.

When our Manx forefathers came to this part of America many trails cut a pathway through the area of Lanark, Illinois. Frequently they were used by the Indians of the area – the Winnebago, the Potawatomi, and the Fox-Sac. The Indians around Galena, Illinois had been mining lead for centuries to make ornaments and later, when they acquired firearms for use in the fur trade, to make bullets. The Galena River was called the "River of Mines" by the Indians. Later the French named it the Bean River because of the bean vines that tangled its banks. In French the word for bean is "feve" which may be the reason the English called it the fever River. Still known as the Fever River about the Wisconsin border although the Illinois legislature changed the name to the Galena River, probably because the earlier name was seen as discouraging the early settlers.

River crossings were always important points, so ferry boats were developed to assist people on the trail to the lead mines. Dixon Ferry, south of Lanark, became very important as it lead to the trails to the mines from the starting point of Peoria, Illinois. In earlier years, the Winnebago Indians controlled all the traffic at Dixon Ferry. Hoes and oxen were forced to swim the river, but four canoes were placed under the wheels of wagons to float them across the Rock River. Since the original trails to the lead mines were walking paths (or horse paths if you had a horse), other trails were developed for wagons to avoid spring swamps and mud holes. One well-known trail was the Kellogg

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Trail (blazed by Oliver Kellogg in 1825), which ran through Kellogg's Grove, north of Lanark, and on to the lead mining area. Miners would travel to the mines on the Kellogg Trails in the spring and back in the fall. Illinois was named the "Sucker State" after the fish that swam up the stream to spawn. Since there was little housing available, many miners dug holes in the side of the hills on their claims in which to live.

As the population in these areas increased, other stagecoach trails were developed leading to new routes. Towns developing at that time were laid out on a North-South and East-West axis. We will visit the community of Lena where the original stone stagecoach stop was built according to this plan. When the railroads were developed in the mid-1800s, in order to avoid soft soil and wetland areas, they came through the region at various angles, so the rest of Lena is built parallel to the railroad tracks. We will travel along the stagecoach trail, which originally connected Galena to Chicago, at a time when Galena was larger than Chicago.

The Pecatonica River flows through Freeport, Illinois. Tutty Baker built a trading post and ferry at this site around 1827. It was a lonely site, and Tutty would invite travelers to his house for a free cup of coffee. His wife, disgusted with her husband's generosity, yelled "why don't you call this a free port you give away so much coffee?" The town became known as Freeport as it grew.

Going west on the stagecoach trail the next stop will be Elizabeth, Illinois to visit a reconstructed stockade originally erected as a defense against Indian attacks in the Blackhawk War. Forty settlers held off 200 Indians in the only engagement on this site. ThreManx names in Freeport include Fargher, Trevillian, and Horseley. L.T. Fargher is often quoted in history documents on Freeport. He appears to have been very verbal and dominates many of the early developments in the community. Three books, which he wrote, are in the Freeport library. We will stop at the Stevenson County

Historical Society to see its exhibit of Manx settlers.

Next stop will be Winslow, Illinois. Bring a container to collect artesian well water, which flows from the ground and is associated with good health. The spring powers a water wheel, feeds a stream under a covered wooden bridge, and supports a beautiful waterfall over a rock ledge. It is a perfect spot to lunch. Winslow was settled entirely by Pilgrim descendents from Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Philadelphia Cream Cheese that we buy today was invented in Winslow and took grand prize at the

Philadelphia Worlds Fair.

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the only engagement on this site. Three women with the name Elizabeth were in the stockade pouring lead bullets. When a man fell from the wall one of the Elizabeth's took his gun and kept firing. The town was named in honor those brave women.

North of Elizabeth, at Shullsburg, we will visit and enter a lead mine maintained in much the same state as the early lead miners worked on their claims.

The final historic site will be at Apple River, Illinois when Mr. Spillane has restored stagecoaches and trail wagons and provides rides and picture taking opportunities for visitors. A trailside barbeque around the cooking facilities and the reconstructed bunkhouse will conclude the tour.

This description covers one of the tours planned for the Annual NAMA Convention. In the next issue the second tour – coal mining in the Galva area – will be covered.

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Manx Friends Abroad Write NAMA About World Trade Center Tragedy

NAMA has been gratified to receive communications such as these directed to President Jack Cormode and the North American Manx Association following the tragic events at the World Trade center and the Pentagon:

From the Hon. Noel Q. Cringle, President of Tynwald:

We have watched with horror the unfolding tragedy that has happened in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The loss of life is horrific and its effect on many families devastating. It is impossible to come to terms with the mentality of fanatics who are prepared to destroy life so wantonly and also sacrifice their own lives. This senseless massacre must strengthen our resolve to eradicate terrorism throughout the world.

I write this letter to convey to you the strong feeling of support that Tynwald and the people of the Isle of Man have for our kinsman throughout the United States of America. It is only a short time since you were here with us presenting the North American awards to our young people.

I wish all in your organization to know that our thoughts, prayers and support are conveyed across ocean and continent to all those whose lives have been irrevocably affected by these tragic events.

Similar messages were received from The Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas, Stephen and Dot Pitts; from the officers and members of the World Manx Association, and from the President of the Queensland Manx Society, Margaret Witherington.



ISLE OF MAN POETRY SOCIETY

The Isle of Man Poetry Society was formed to encourage the work of local poets and the written word of all kinds. They will be the opening event of the Isle of Man Literary Festival programme, to be held on

October 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2001, at the Empress Hotel, Douglas, and would especially welcome North American visitors.

The Poetry Society produces a magazine, called "Under the Hill", of local work every couple of months. They are hoping to produce a compact disc of poetry from the Festival. For information about these items, the Poetry Society, or the Literary Festival, please contact Carol Jempson at capajem@fsmail.net. The IOM Poetry Society web site is at www.manxman.co.im/iomps.

NEW NAMA BULLETIN EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bruce Quayle to be the new NAMA Bulletin Editor. Bruce was in the communications field for over 40 years, first with Sinclair Oil and later with the Columbia Gas System, where he became Vice President for Corporate Communications.

He is leading an active retirement life with, among other things, service with Literacy Volunteers of America and mentoring students in an elementary school.

Bruce's family tree includes the Kirk Michael Quayles and the Moores of Ramsey. He has visited the Isle of Man and continues to pursue his Manx roots. He is looking forward to strengthening the bonds among NAMA members and between NAMA and the Isle of Man.

Bruce Quayle and his wife "Pete" live in Wilmington, Delaware.

Jack Cormode, President

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President's Message

Happenstance and Coincidence

Although we expect to live our lives in an orderly manner, we often have our lives changed in unexpected ways. I want to tell you about a couple of instances, of no great import but containing more lessons of what it means to be Manx.

While on the Isle of Man this year, I was talking to Iris Christian, President of the World Manx Association. She told me that a member of her church in Douglas, with whom she is well acquainted, had mentioned that I was a cousin to her (the acquaintance), and that she hoped to meet me some time. I did not recognize the name and said that the kinship was not likely. After all, my cousins are almost all in the North.

The next day, that of Tynwald, I met up unexpectedly with the Andreas and Ramsey cousins that I always see when I am on the Island. In the conversation accompanying our meal, one of them, a first cousin to my father, mentioned the same name as Iris Christian had the day before.

Indeed, this Douglas lady was a cousin, or technically speaking, a half-cousin. My great-grandfather had passed away at an early age and my great-grandmother had remarried. Though the children had been raised as one family, there was the difference in name and a difference in age. Suffice it to say I had not pursued hard tracking down this line of the family.

But now I had the chance to make up for it. With the assistance of Iris Christian and Capt. David Cowell, WMA Chairman, a meeting was arranged and I was dropped off at my Douglas cousin's home, where we spent several hours discussing family relations and family history. We parted with a hug and a promise to get together again upon my next visit to the Island.

Finding my cousin would not have come about without a chance remark at church. But on the Isle of Man, it only takes that much.

Digression: You may note that the names of my cousins were left out of this little story. Originally I had intended to use their names, but upon reflection, decided against it. They are both very Manx, which is to say they are both quiet and shy, and rather private persons. They are warm, welcoming, delightful ladies that would be embarrassed to know that their names were in print. Since they do not have public positions, I have to accept this Manx trait and respect their preference for privacy. But I have noticed that all Manx, even those in public office, are reluctant to let their personal lives become public property. You can learn about their non-public lives, but they do not expect to see anything in print or broadcast to the world at large. This is a part of Manxness that this American has trouble dealing with, but I will go along with it.

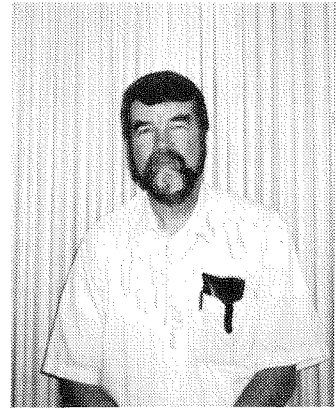
Back to Happenstance (or is this Coincidence?)

The first weekend in September in the San Francisco Bay Area is the Pleasanton Highland Games, the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi, so they say. Having some Scottish history and wanting to support and learn more about our fellow Celts, I usually attend, wearing some sign of my Manx heritage as well.

Having spent a good time at the Games and having seen the vendors, visited the clan booths, and listened to some music, I was headed toward the prearranged meeting place from whence my wife and I would proceed home.

As I passed one last booth, I noticed a young man with his back to me, wearing a "Manx Spirit" T-shirt. I immediately got around in front of him, and with all the charm I could muster, bluntly asked, "Are you Manx?"

He replied affirmatively, did Nathan Callin Glaeser, and we began an



intense, but short discussion of how he came to be there. Nathan had deliberately worn the T-shirt that day hoping to catch the eye of someone else who would know its meaning. His mother was there at the Games but he was not sure where at the moment. He had recently been looking for a way to connect with other Manx. He knew about NAMA but had not had time to pursue joining it.

We have subsequently exchanged emails, and he has the Membership Form. There are several other family members that came over with his mother (she's a Callin from Peel), and we hope to add them to our rolls.

If I hadn't at that particular moment walked down that particular aisle...

Whenever you see a Manx name, the Three-Legs, or anything else that tells you there is a Manxie about, take advantage of the good fortune. Stop and ask. You might find someone who is wanting to meet up with you, to share your common heritage, and to join NAMA.

- Jack Cormode

BESSIE (COSTAIN) VARLEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

On July 20, 2001 a large party of family and friends celebrated at a beautiful luncheon with Bessie (Costain) Varley, a long time member of the Vancouver Manx Society. Bessie was born in Port Erin, I.O.M., the youngest of 11 children - 9 boys, 3 girls. She immigrated to Canada when she was 18 years of age. Her best memories of the I.O.M. were as a young child playing in the hedges. She and her friends would play house and set up their little homes on top of the hedges. After World War I in the I.O.M. there was no work for her brothers who had served in the war and as her father had died during the war all immigrated to Canada. Here she met and married Phil Varley. They had one daughter, Ethel, now of Seattle, Washington.

Bessie lived in her own home taking care of herself until age 99. Her doctor suggested she move into Southview lodge located on a beautiful southern slope in Vancouver and operated by the Salvation Army.

The lodge put on the luncheon for Bessie. The head table was beautifully decorated with hedges, a small village and wild flowers. One of the volunteer members of the lodge played the piano and sang "O Land of Our Birth", "Ellan Vannin" and "Hush Little Darling" (a Manx lullaby). After the luncheon telegrams were read from the Queen, Prime Minister of Canada, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, and other local dignitaries. Later, slides of Port Erin were shown by longtime friend, Geoff Cowell. The Manx flag flew along with the Canadian Flag at the lodge. A fitting tribute to a fine lady and good friend to all. Continued Good Health, Bessie, from all of us at the Vancouver Manx Society.

- Vera Henry

FOR THE RECORD

CORRECTION: The NAMA Bulletin of May 2001 was listed as "Vol. 73, No. 2" which was the same as the March 2001 issue. The correct notation for May 2001 should have been "Vol. 73, No. 3".

NOTE: Since the NAMA Membership annual period has been changed to match the calendar year, Volume 73 will continue to be the designation for the rest of the year.

A PLEA, A REQUEST, A FAVOR, A BOON...

We ask of you - if you have a change of address, either permanent or temporary, please let us know. Forwarding and Returned Mail costs are hurting the NAMA Budget. But that is nothing compared to the pain we feel of losing touch with one of our valued members and friends. If you are making a move, please notify Helen Drom, 4960 Cherry Avenue, Santa Maria, California USA 93455.

Gura Mie Eu,
Jack Cormode, President

NAMA 2001 IOM Awards Presented to Isle Winners

In ceremonies on the Isle of Man last July 6, NAMA president Jack Cormode presented the association's 2001 Medallion Awards to school children judged to have made notable achievements in various categories of Manx culture and life.

The winners and their categories were: music, Danielle Duncan, Ballakermeen High School; arts and crafts, Laura Payne, Ramsey Grammar School; Manx language and culture, Brigid Stowell, St. Ninian's High School; outstanding contribution to Manx culture, Emily Magee, Ballakermeen High School; outstanding contribution to Manx community in general, Steven Little, Castle Rushen High School; overcoming a disability, Lauren Faragher, Ramsey Grammar School.

Recognized for most progress in Manx were Rebecca Platt, Queen Elizabeth II High School and Simone Thornton, Castle Rushen High School.

Mrs. B. Hanson, past president of the World Manx Association, took part in the ceremonies as did the Speaker of the House of Keys. The Hon. D. Cannan and the Minister of Education, the Hon. S.C. Rodan i



IT ALL BEGAN IN CLEVELAND.....

In May of 1826 three families migrated to Cleveland from the Isle of Man, arriving after seven weeks at sea via the Erie Canal and lake Erie. They purchased farms southeast of the city, establishing a Manx settlement. Others from the Isle followed, settling in other sections around Cleveland, some to work in the shipyards. Over time a large Manx community developed throughout the Cleveland area.

Over time some in the Manx community felt a need to help those who were struggling in their new homeland, so that in 1851 a small group of Manxmen organized the Mona's Relief Society. Three years later this became the Cleveland Manx Society. Not that the Manx went in search of charity, as a newspaper at the time put it "The Manx are industrious, frugal, enterprising and self-supporting here as at home"

Each year a Manx festival raised money to fund the Society. A literary and debating group was formed, and Mona's Vocal Society was organized. In 1855 Mona's Mutual Benefit Society was organized to provide health insurance for its members.

In 1923 a Ladies Auxiliary then in existence funded a medal for the best vocalist at the Manx Music Festival in the Isle of Man, creating the Cleveland Medal, which is still awarded each year, now by Mona's Relief Society.

Five years later the Cleveland Manx hosted the first convention of the newly formed North American Manx Association and had one of its own as the first president.

Long regarded by many as the Manx Capital in the United States, Cleveland is proudly observing this year the 150th anniversary of the first Manx Society in this country.

Genealogy Report

Lynn Melville reports that the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church has put the 1880 Census on CD-ROM. Over 50 million names available for \$49 through the Internet site www.familysearch.org or from the LDS Distribution Center in Salt Lake City (1-800-537-5950). Copies are being provided to each Family History Center.

The 1880 census takes on added importance when you realize the 1890 U.S. Census records were destroyed by fire. NMAM Assistant Genealogist Lucy Peterson added that the CD will be especially helpful to those looking for a single person, or a family with children over 10 or an older couple. The previous index only covered families with younger children.

THE MANX PEOPLE OF NORTH AMERICA

Today there are over 1 million people of Manx extraction in North America, including former vice-president Dan Quayle, whose great grandfather Robert Quayle was born in Douglas in 1853. There are also a number of Manx place names, including several Laxeys, one just outside of Toronto.

These people are represented by 14 societies across North America (there are also 7 UK branches, six in Australia and one each in New Zealand and South Africa), which meet up bi-annually for a North American Manx Association convention. Usually these are held at society-based towns in America or Canada, although the last one was held in the Isle of Man last year, enabling a lot of North Americans to visit the birthplace of their forebears for the first time. These "homecomings" are highlights in the history of the WMA. The first in 1927 was probably the most spectacular when a group of North Americans chartered the liner SS Albertic to cruise sea all the way to the Isle of Man to find thousands of people waiting at Douglas quayside to greet long-lost friends and relatives.

(Extracted from an article from The Manx Independent by Reporter Wendy Hartnell "The World Manx Association has been uniting Manx people across the world for 82 years" Friday, 5th February, 1993.)

FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE ISLE OF MAN

An attraction to the Isle of Man comes naturally to most NAMA members; it's in their blood. But what draws others who develop a strong attachment to the home of the Manx.

Rev. Carol Fox and her husband Doug of Fort Collins, Colorado, and members of NAMA's Rocky Mountain Society, have a special answer, as Carol Fox writes:

"It all began unremarkably. Doug and I went to the movies one rainy February Saturday about four years ago. We saw the fun film "Waking of Ned Devine: It was a good movie but for some reason we still don't understand we watched past the actors are the delightful story and were both transfixed by the landscape. It was both beautiful and enchanting. We could not get enough of it. So we waited through all the credits for the very end. "Filmed entirely on the Isle of Man" were last words on the screen.

"We went home determined to learn what part of Ireland or Scotland this Isle of Man was. After a few hours on the Internet we learned that the Isle was part of neither. We read about it being the oldest parliament in the world; an annual motorcycle race; home of the cats with no tails, etc. etc.. All very interesting and we filed it away. Might be nice to go there some day.

"A few days later Doug learned that a project he was working on in Italy had gotten postponed. He already had tickets to Europe so we said, let's go look at this Isle of Man. We went for one week during the summer of '99; for one month the summer of 2000, during which time I offered to preach about Congregational Care, which has been my responsibility at my present church in Fort Collins. We returned to the Isle for two weeks the past July 2001 and now look forward to serving the Methodist Churches in the Peel/Douglas Circuit for ten months beginning November 1 of this year.

"What attracts us about the Isle of Man is the people: their warmth, ready smiles and welcoming words. We love the country; the farms; the sea; the glens; the mountains. We love it all!!!!.

"As far as having any family roots on the Isle: well, we'd like to think so since we feel so at home, but we really can't trace any family roots.

"My service with the Methodist church will be to the Peel/Douglas Circuit. As an ordained United Methodist clergywoman, I will assume the responsibility for serving all of the Methodist Churches within the circuit. Specifically I will be in ministry with the people in Peel,

Crosby, Glen Maye and St. John's.

"Doug presently works at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and also has his own International Environmental Consulting Company so he will be very busy, traveling when he must but mainly working on his computer from our Manse."

"We look upon our ten months on the Isle of Man as a part of God's Journey for our lives. Quite honestly, we tried to say "no". But God kept saying, "yes" so off we go. And we give thanks."

(We hope to have further reports from the Fox's stay on the Isle in future editions.)

IOM Children's Centre

The Isle of Man Children's Centre has contacted us, asking that our members consider making a contribution. Since 1868, the Isle of Man has had a charity to look after the young people's needs. The IoMCC provides Day Nursery, After School Care, a Family Centre and a Residential Children's Home and other support activities. If you would like to help, write to:

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You can visit their website at
www.beemanx.com/children.

ST. BRIDGET'S HOSPICE - ISLE OF MAN

At times in our lives, there is need for specialized respite care or, in the final days of a terminal illness, a loving medically-backed atmosphere in which to be at peace. Such is the venue of St. Bridget's Hospice in Douglas, Isle of Man. What sets this particular hospice apart, however, is its reputation for its home-like atmosphere, the extreme caring of its staff, the brightness of its surroundings and the deep empathy of the doctors and nurses for the families of those in extremis. Recently, I had the opportunity to hear comments from a senior citizen who took a tour of St.

Bridget's and, along with her, was pleasantly surprised at her reaction. She actually dreaded going there but felt that she should at least "check it out" as she may be in need, herself, some day. She said that from the moment she entered, she was amazed at the homey, welcoming, helpful and caring atmosphere she encountered and, along with her friend who had accompanied, agreed that she would have no fear upon entering such a lovely, carefully run organization. It is the consensus that words like "home" and "institution" are completely out of order when speaking of St. Bridget's because they are so totally the antithesis of this caring group of professionals. St. Bridget's Hospice is totally free and is funded by private donations only.

There is not only care for those who are in their last days; there is also respite care for anyone who needs extra time to recover from an injury or illness but does not need the hospital. There is also a group of 4 nurses called The MacMillan Nurses attached to St. Bridget's who do hospice work in peoples' homes. The entire picture has been so successful that St. Bridget's now is in the process of purchasing another building on Demesne Road, formerly a nursing home, which it will use for extra administration space. One of its offerings is overnight space for family members of patients who are near their end; those wishing not to leave their loved ones overnight are invited to stay at the hospice which is comforting not only to the patient but also to their family members.

There are 8 volunteer groups on the island consisting of 450 members. These are represented in Ramsey, Kirk Michael, Peel, Lonan and Laxey,

Douglas & Marown, Rushen and Port Erin, the leaders of which are in charge for 3-year terms, constantly endeavoring to earn funds to support St. Bridget's. There is a Christmas Fair at the Villa Marina every year which is a much-anticipated event similar to our Christmas Bazaars and each month, every sheading has a special event, perhaps a garden party, coffee morning, luncheon, etc. to continue assisting.

Because this blessed place does so much to bring such quality to the lives of its patients, NAMA is attempting to assist by promoting the sale of their beautiful Christmas cards. The prices are inexpensive, at least 6 of the scenes are frameable as watercolors or photographs of island venues and there is, for those who enjoy the British Christmas card either with its fireside scene, last-minute-shopping or traditional robin, quite a selection available. To view the entire collection, minus the Laxey Wheel but including this year's new offerings, go to <http://www.hospice.org.im/shopping>. You may also order in this fashion, especially those designs which are new this year. VISA is accepted. If you wish to order by telephone, you may phone from the U.S. 011-44-1-624-615690. It was the experience of this writer that postage was paid from the UK by St. Bridget's and the prices were quite low. There will also be available in the U.S. and Canada a brochure as well which shows the designs and lists prices in pounds and dollars. This brochure can be obtained by writing to Dee Hickman, 831 W. 6th St., Gilroy, Ca. 95020 USA. If one wishes to purchase designs already here in the US, ordering from Dee at the same address is on offer. Not all designs are available in this fashion; however, there are 3 of the watercolor designs (Laxey {not available in this year's catalogue}, Niarbyl and Castletown) and several other smaller cards (fireside, robin, Santas and street scene) in packets of 10. Watercolor designs may be purchased in packets of 10 or singly for \$1.00 apiece. Please include \$2.00 for shipping and allow at least a week for them to arrive. Should you have any questions answerable by telephone, the number is 408-847-1153—please leave a message, which will be returned promptly.

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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. Annual membership dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for a family or society.

Society News

GALVA MANX

At the Galva Manx Society meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2001, Mrs. Norman Standish was a guest and presented plans for the North American Manx meeting and Galva's role in the meeting. She was open to ideas and took many thoughts back to Norman.

The minutes were read and discussion ensued about the relationships present, who knew whom, and what things were like in the 1900s.

Emily Robson, the only one present from the Isle of Man, told her story, indicating that they were booked on the Queen Elizabeth, but because a brother broke his leg, they had to bring another boat.

Ed Connall will make Manx stepping stones for us. They are from cement and have a manx emblem that is of a color. They are beautiful. If anyone wants a stepping stone for about \$15-20 please let me know.

CLEVELAND MANX

While August and September will be over by the time this is published, we are looking forward to two important events. Our annual picnic on August 18th was attended by 37 people and we were joined by Mark and Christine Kinvg Bregazzi and their two children. They are coming from the Isle of Man to spend a week with the Haldemans. A two-time winner of the Cleveland Medal, Christine sang several numbers for us, ending with Ellan Vannin..

Then, on September 9, we celebrated our 150th anniversary with a tea at the Clague House. We had a number of Manx from the Cleveland area in attendance, and some from other parts of the country as well.

Plans for October and November are not definite as yet, but we will probably meet at a local restaurant in early- to mid-October. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 2. We are always happy to welcome Manx visitors at any of our meetings.

- Mona Haldeman

ONTARIO MANX

The Ontario Manx held their Annual Picnic Sunday, July 22nd, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Park, a very popular park north of Toronto. It started off a perfect day for a picnic, but unfortunately after lunch we were rained out, and unable to do the races. We did however have the pleasure and opportunity to meet Les and Margaret Witherington on their return trip home to Australia after their visit to the Island. Margaret is from Douglas.

The Fall Meeting will be in October, date and time pending.

-Phyllis Busche

SAN DIEGO MANX

The San Diego Manx Society met June 10, 2001 at the home of Lou and Faith Vick. Gordon Garrett was co-host.

We enjoyed having as guests Jan and Lee Widner, former

members of the Northern California Manx now living in Temecula, Riverside County (60 miles north of San Diego).

Devore Smith is the Society Representative on the planning committee for the San Diego Celtic Festival to be held next Spring. At a recent meeting of the Celtic societies, Devore outlined the San Diego Manx proposed contributions to the Festival.

George Watterson shared memories covering the years from high school (St. Ninian's, 1956), through emigration to the U.S.A., and marriage to his wife Carol in 1965.

Bob and Millie Kermeen announced plans to attend their Grandson's high school graduation in Germany.

- George Watterson

VANCOUVER MANX

Our summer weather has not been too bad. Unfortunately we have a transit strike to contend with. This deters not only visitors from outside Canada but also Canadian visitors.

In May approximately 30 of us sat down to a sumptuous meal at a local hotel. It was our Spring Tea event. After dinner Scottish folk dancers showed us how to do Manx folk dancing. A great evening was had by all attending.

In June special visitors

from Queensland, Australia Manx to Vancouver were President Margaret Witherington and husband Les. They were on their way to the I.O.M.

On July 5th Committee members met at a local restaurant and celebrated Tynwald Day. We are having our picnic on July 29th at the home of Angus and Judith Gillon. Games, races and nail hammering contests are on the menu. Lot of fun for everyone. President Terry McCaffrey and wife Joan are at present in the I.O. M. attending a wedding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

For a change of pace, Helen Drom and her husband, Lloyd, invited the Northern California Manx to drive down US Highway 101 to Santa Maria, on California's Central Coast to have our meeting. The distance involved meant that an overnight stay would probably be necessary for those coming from the San Francisco Bay Area and that proved to be a bit too much driving and disruption to normal routine for most our members.

But Helen did a good job of finding the Manx in her home area. With names like Clucas, Christian, Quayle and Joughin, there was still a respectable turnout for those who knew the meaning of the '3-Legs of Mann'. Perhaps this will be the nucleus of another Local Society.

We met on Saturday, August 25, in the Fireside Room of the Bethel Lutheran Church, which not only had full kitchen facilities and a separate dining room, but had plenty of meeting room and

comfortable chairs.

Although there were videotapes and audiotapes and lots of reading materials available, the whole time together was spent in that best of Manx traditional activities, conversation. It was one long 'cooish', mostly about the Manx and the Island, but also covering aircraft (Helen saw the Spruce Goose fly) and the Avalon Ballroom (Champagne Music).

Helen, assisted by Lloyd and their daughter, Colleen Dunn, prepared a delicious feast of pork balls, several kinds of salad, and homegrown tomatoes. In honor of George Clucas' birthday, Colleen had also baked a cake. So we had good food, good companionship, and a good 'cooish'.

WISCONSIN MANX

The business of the Wisconsin Manx Society is a yearlong activity even though we only meet twice a year: in April and October. Plans for our Oct. 21 meeting will be finalized at the Sept. 9 gathering of the Executive Board members. Each officer is responsible for a particular portion of the work that is required to make the W.M.S. a successful and on going organization. I am fortunate, as the

president, to have so many willing members, who make my job easy, fun and enriching.

Since my last report, I have shrad a fun Celtic experience with fellow Manx people. Mary Kelly and I attended the August meeting of the Manx Society of Minnesota, hosted by Joan and Norm Gill at their summer home in Northern Minnesota. By the time you read this I will have attended and promoted our Manx heritage at the Celtic Festival in Minot, ND, where once again I will share time with the Gills, and Mary Kelly and Frank Evans. The even is hosted by Tina Reid, who I met at the Celtic Women's International meeting in Milwaukee two years ago. Mona Voutila, Mae Reese and hopefully, other Manx people, and I will attend and display W. M.S and N.A.M.A. material at the 2001 Celtic Women's International gathering in Milwaukee on Oct. 11-13.

I wish you each a beautiful autumn season.

- Joyce Benjamin

FIRST MANX NOVEL AWAITS

Brian Stowell of the *Yn Cheshaght Ghailkckagh/Manx Language Society* sent on a paper read by colleague Phil Kelly which described the history of the language, primarily religious in nature in its early form. Stowell outlined that Manx was still a majority language as late as 1834, not unlike Irish, but that the last native speaker died in 1974.

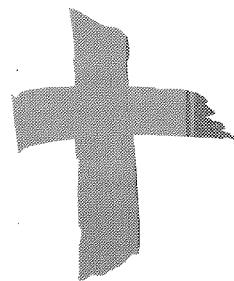
Nature writings were a alternative to religious work and Edward Faragher wrote many love songs in the language. Still, there was no such thing as a Manx novel. Stowell promised to change all that with his upcoming publication of "The Vampire Murders."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In searching back through our family history Ruth and I have found an association with our illustrious Manxman Captain Miles Standish. Ruth traces her ancestors back to Stephen Hopkins who came from England on the Mayflower to the Plymouth Colony where he was listed as one of the leaders of the colony with Miles Standish. His ancestors subsequently settled on nearby Cape cod and later generations moved to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia from which is mother, Blanche Crosby, migrated to Gustine, California. I wonder if Stephen Hopkins and Miles Standish ever talked about the Isle of Man, Standish's homeland.

At press time we are all shocked and grieved by the tragic events of the World Trade center and the Pentagon and offer our prayers and condolences to all of the people from the many world cultures that suffered such deep loss. It is so ironic that much of the fanatical motivation apparently came from religious roots. We are reminded to be re-dedicated to our own Faith in our Lord God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Rev. Devore Craine Smith



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