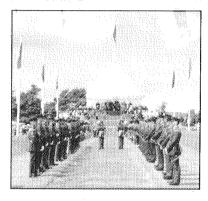
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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

Winter 2005



A visit to Tynwald 2005 will be a highlight of NAMA's Homecoming.

NAMA Plans Homecoming Trip For Isle's 2005 Tynwald Day

Responding to member interest in a visit to the Isle of Man for this year's Tynwald Day, NAMA has planned a special Homecoming event on the island for July 2-8. The schedule for the period provides special attendance at the historic Tynwald convocation, a tour of the island's famous film industry facilities, and a special evening of Manx music and dance. Time is also provided for individual activities. The full schedule can be found on page 2.

Inspiration for the trip came from members of the Wisconsin Manx Society who returned from the 2004 NAMA convention with renewed interest in a visit to the island. NAMA President Bradley Prendergast supported the proposal, signed up for the trip and designated it an official association homecoming. NAMA 1st Vice president Laurence Skelly, currently an

Manx Family Heritage Can Be For All Ages

The interest of children like Maegan in things Manx is important to NAMA's mission to preserve our heritage. Read about Magean on page 3 and see Lucy Peterson's suggestions for ways to have fun with family history on page 4.



Author John Quirk Meets US Manx

Manx journalist John Quirk is about to embark on the second leg of research for his book about Manx societies around the world, having completed a three-week swing through the US last fall. In that time he met societies in Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Galva, Northern California, San Diego, Cleveland and Washington, DC.

His next trip in early March will take him to Dubai, South Africa, which both boast healthy Manx societies. He will end his research with a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand in late June.

"The Manx Connection" will look at the history of the Manx abroad, from the early pioneers to how today's overseas Manx retain their links and heritage to the island. It will be published in November 2005 by the Isle of Man firm The Manx Experience.

"I had a fantastic time in America meeting the societies, and I was incredibly thankful for, and a little bit humbled by, the response I received and the help and welcome I was given, "said Manx-born Quirk, who is features editor with the Isle of Man Newspapers. "I think I slept in 14 different places in the space of 22 nights — as one person I met said either I was very busy or I got very lucky."

During the trip Quick managed a stop in Houston where Manxman Christ Stott, whose wife is an astronaut, showed him around the NASA complex.

John is working on a website for the book – www.manxconnection.com - which he hopes to have up and working soon. He can be contacted via email – johnquirk@newsiom.co.im - or by writing him at 77 Derby Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 3EA, British isles.

Trip (continued from front page)

IOM resident, worked out arrangements.

The Wisconsin group plans to stay at the famous Welbeck Hotel on Mona Drive, Douglas, just off the central promenade. Other attendees may elect the Hilton Hotel. The Wisconsin Manx will be traveling Aer Lingus through Dublin, Ireland for a visit en route to Douglas on Aer Arann.

NAMA periodically designates group trips of its members to the island as Homecomings to symbolize the importance of such gatherings to the goal of the association to preserve, in the words of Manx writer T.E. Brown "what'er is left to us of ancient heritage." The previous Homecoming was in 2000 to coincide with the NAMA convention held on the island.

2005 North American Manx Association Homecoming July 2-8, 2005

- 6 nights accommodations at the Welbeck Hotel or Hilton Hotel in Douglas.
- Bed and full Manx breakfast
- Private taxi transfers for each party from Ronaldsway to hotel and return.
- Welcome reception early evening on July 2 at Collonade suite, Villa Marina with its beautiful balcony overlooking the gardens and Douglas Bay. Traditional Manx music and dance as entertainment.
- Transport to/from Mr. President's garden party at numery (now the Isle of Man International Business School) date expected to be July 3rd.
- Tynwald Day Celebrations include transport to/from St. Johns and Grandstand seat.
- Full day visiting new film studio's in Ramsey viewing the sets and a reception at Ramsey Town Hall after viewing the plaque dedicated by NAMA to the shippard that built the "Star of India" and stops at other famous film locations including Niarabyl and a lunch at the Ballacallin in Dalby with its great views of the west coast.
- Farewell dinner of July 7 in Douglas with a local guest speaker.
- All taxes and services.
- Cost: 475 pounds per person based on two sharing a room at the Welbeck Hotel, Hilton Hotel extra.
- Make reservations through Thompson Travel, Port Erin, Isle of Man. Telephone 011-44-1624-832535 or email at enquiries@thompson-travel.com.
- Questions? Contact Laurence Skelly at skelly@manx.net

2004 Record Year for IOM Flights

The Isle of Man's Ronaldsway airport has announced that 2004 was a record year for air traffic. The number of passengers passing through the airport increased by more than 25.500 during the year.

Liverpool was the fastest growing destination, with Manchester, Glasgow, Gatwick, Blackpoll and a new route to Standsted also adding to passenger tallies.

By the end of 2004 there were ten scheduled airlines serving the island, compared to three or four as recently as five years ago.

Airport director Phillip Pain said that more competition and lower fares mean a steady long-term growth can be expected.

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A Confusion of Quayles,

An Editor's Apology

When I first waded into my Manx family genealogy, I was almost swamped by the number of those named Quayle on that small island. I got completely lost in records from Kirk Michael alone. Eventually my ancestors did emerge from the long lists of those with the Quayle name. And then when I became active with NAMA, there were all those Quayles among the officers— Don, Ron, Calvin—to sort out.

As some readers recognized from the last issue, I still get confused among Quayles. As reported, at the NAMA convention Calvin Quayle retired after many years service as NAMA's genealogist, and Lucy Quayle Peterson was elected to succeed him. I don't know why or how, but for some reason I developed the notion that Lucy is Calvin's daughter. It seemed like such a perfect transition - daughter succeeds father. And the last NAMA bulletin reported this.

An email from Calvin brought me up short. "I read with interest the little article on the new genealogist, Lucille 'Lucy' Q. Peterson" he wrote. "I would be proud to have her as my daughter, but she is really my niece. Her father was my oldest brother, John Robert Quayle. Her mother was Beth Daines Quayle."

I've expressed my regrets to Lucy and Calvin and here do so to all the bulletin readers, many of whom also have the name Quayle on their family tree.

- Bruce Quayle, Bulletin Editor.

The next issue of the bulletin will be mailed in May, so all news for that issue should reach the editor by the end of April at the latest.

Youth Interest in Manx Culture Important to NAMA Membership

The Manx Northern American Youth Award, first presented in 2002, represents an important part of NAMA's goal of maintaining interest in the Isle of Man and bringing together people of Manx ancestry. The award helps develop interest in Manx matters among the young people who are the key to our association's future.

Former NAMA president May Kelly, who chairs the award program committee, welcomes nominations for the award at any time and encourages members to enroll their children and grandchildren as youth members of the association.

The first youth award was made to James Morey, a young violinist who specialized in Manx and Celtic music. The award in 2004 went to Kali Dahlquist, an elementary school student of strong Manx heritage, who brought Manx artifacts to her classroom and invited a Manx storyteller to share stories with classmates.

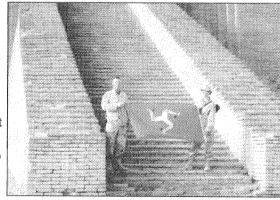
The story of events involving the runner up for the 2004 award, Maegan Carringer, illustrates how the activities of young people promote interest in the isle. Maegan's first grade class had a project involving songs from different parts of the world. As part of the project, the teacher planned to draw a picture of the flag of each country represented by the songs for the children to color and transfer to a T-shirt. When Maegen chose the Isle of Man, the teacher admitted that she'd never heard of it and didn't know what the flag looks like. Consultation with another teacher was no help, but a third teacher knew about the isle, so a flag and T-shirt were created. The teacher called Maegen's mother to thank her for the geography lesson, and awareness of the Isle of Man spread.

Young people can become NAMA members for only \$2 (see the registration form on page 7) and begin a lifetime association with the home of their ancestors.

NAMA Member Shows Manx Flag While On Military Duty in Iraq

Major David Baker, a NAMA member from Boylston, MA flew the Manx flag briefly on the steps of the Ziggerat Temple in UR, Iraq during a break in his duties with a national guard unit near there.

Major Baker (on left) is assigned to the 197 Field Artillery Brigade, a National Guard unit from Manchester,



NH. The unit is located at Tallil Air Base and is performing security operations in the southern third of Iraq as part of a Coalition Division, which has units from Great Britain, Poland, Netherlands, Romania and Italy.

He expects his tour of duty to end in February and looks forward to returning to his occupation as a civil engineer with a general contractor in the Boston area.

His father, Harold, grew up in Onchan and now lives in Acton, MA.

FAMILY HERITAGE IS FOR ALL AGES

By Lucy Peterson

I am honored to be named as the NAMA genealogist. Uncle Cal's shoes will be hard to fill. I am not an "expert", but I have loved family history ever since I can remember. I have done quite a lot with it and am constantly learning how to do more.

Today I spent some time holding my 2-day-old granddaughter. What difference will it make to her that she is part Manx (and part English, and part Italian, and part Swedish, and part...)? The experts say that it will make a big difference for her to know her heritage. Marcia Smith, Ph.D. and psychologist has said, "Children's roots are part of their identity formation. Having something to identify with is extremely important for children. One's family history is a source of pride and self-esteem, even at a very young age." Well, probably not as young as 2 days, but even preschoolers can benefit from family stories and pictures. Sometimes family history is used as a unit in elementary schools because of its benefits (as we saw with our youth award winner this past year). I have also known of counselors for troubled teens to use learning their roots as part of therapy.

So, how do we do this? How do we give them a sense of their past? The ways are too numerous to count and certainly there is not space in this newsletter to list them. But maybe we can offer a few and perhaps add more in future articles. I spent many years as a 4-H leader and we did numerous activities and fair projects in the Heritage category. Plus, my own family always gets to hear about my discoveries in their ancestral tree (whether they like it or not – they tolerate my ranting). My children have a joke among themselves that it isn't really a family vacation unless Mom made them traipse through a graveyard somewhere in search of a relative's tombstone (I can find something in most parts of the country).

So, I just named a couple of things. Tell about connections. Tell stories. And, yes, when you can, go to the graveyards and tell about the people who are buried there. A grave and/or a piece of property where they lived might be the only tangible evidence left of them. Children love pictures. Once at a family gathering we showed pictures of an ancestral couple. We provided props (bonnet, fake moustache, wig, suit coat, etc.) and took instant photos of all the children dressed to look like these ancestors. It was amazing for them to see how much they (or their cousin) looked like the great-great grandfather.

Another fun thing is to have a birthday party for an ancestor. You could even do it up with cake and party hats and such. Each participant could be assigned to give a story or fact about that person. Show pictures and heir-looms. Imagine what the ancestor might have really received for a birthday present - or would like to have had. Or how they might have had fun as a child. Play some old-fashioned games.

Once we had a family tree activity. Each child was given a pedigree chart with one missing name. That was the person they had to find out about before the activity. On the given night, each one reported on their person, complete with picture, stories or whatever they had found. My baseball-playing son was fascinated to find that a great-grandfather had practiced pitching a homemade ball while tending cows and sheep and that later he pitched a double header (18 full innings), one being a no-hitter. One daughter enjoyed learning about a doll her great-great-grandmother was given. One last idea is an adaptation from the game Chronology. This game consists of acquiring cards that list events of the past (when so-and-so was elected president, the first ice cream cone, etc.) The idea is to be able to put the new card in the correct spot

chronologically with the ones you already have. So, if you have one that tells when the electric light bulb was invented and another that gives the end of WWII, where does the game Monopoly fit in – before, in between or after? You only get the card if you can say where it goes. So, it is fun to put in the basic facts about ancestors. Was Grandma married before or after washing machines came about? You could add to the commercial game or make up your own (kids can find the facts).

As to things Manx, it would be fun to hear all your ideas about how you give your children a sense of their Manx heritage. The CD of children's songs in the last newsletter would be a good idea for that. Some of my children attended a NAMA convention a few years ago and they still sing, "The Laxey wheel keeps turnin', turnin', turnin'..." One even decided he wanted to learn Manx and sent for tapes. How do you do it? Let me know and I will share with all.

Lucy Peterson

Local NAMA Societies Active In Promoting Manx Interests

In the last bulletin, the current status of the societies from Cleveland, Chicago and Galva were reported.

Minnesota represents not only that state but also members with Minnesota connections across the country. It has a mailing list of about 120, meets three to four times a year and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

Northern California is loosely organized and suffers from people moving in and out of the area.

Rocky Mountain has 32 families on its mailing list, meets twice a year and passes the hat to collect money for its society NAMA membership.

<u>San Diego</u> meets five times a year, boosts three members born on the Isle of Man, takes part in the St. George Day celebrations and looks forward to welcoming many NAMA members to the 2006 convention.

New Book Shows That Speaking Manx is Fun

As the number of people learning the Island's native tongue continues to steadily increase, a new course in spoken Manx for the beginner has been published by Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh, the Manx Language Society.

While obviously most useful to island dwellers, the new book offers everyone with an interest in things Manx an easy way to learn a bit about their ancestral tongue. The ability to use a few Manx phrases can add a special note to visits or correspondence with island relatives or friends.

'Manx Is Fun' has been produced in an entertaining cartoon format and has been written and illustrated by Paul Rogers, a fluent Manx speaker and a teacher at the successful Bun Scoill Ghaelgagh.

This is a compact paperback extending to almost one hundred pages of good, basic information to get you started on your journey to fluency.

There are seventeen easy lessons contained within its pages, together with a basic pronunciation guide, substantial help with tackling grammar and a dictionary of everyday words in both Manx and English. There's help with some place names, the time of day, useful numbers and even the opportunity to learn the Manx National Anthem in Manx!

If your experience of language study has left you with alarming memories of intimidation you will enjoy this more relaxed approach with the emphasis most definitely on fun!

Priced at a modest £4.00, 'Manx Is Fun' will be available through the Manx Museum, in Douglas or island bookstores, such as Lexicon Bookshop, 63 Strand Street, Douglas, IOM or by email at sales@lexiconbookshop.co.im

In Memoriam

Russell T. Kelly, president of the Galva, Illinois Manx Society, died at age 88 on October 26, 2004 in the Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Il.

Born in Stark County, IL to Tirus and Pearl White Kelly, he married Ruth Hoeg in August 1934. She died in 1985, and in November 1986 he married Shirley A. Carlson, who survives him.

Russell and Shirley Kelly have been active for many years in studying and documenting the role of Manx families in settling and building up the Illinois area surrounding Galva. They had traced Mr. Kelly's family tree to the mid 1600s and traveled many times to the Isle of Man. Shirley Kelly is writing a book about the Galva Manx people.

Mr. Kelly was a World War II veteran. He operated a gas station with his father for 18 years, worked for Railway Express for 22 years and self-employed in the livestock feed business for 15 years. He also worked as a substitute for the Galva Post office and a bus driver for the Galva School District.

He was a 60-year member of the Galva Masonic Lodge, where he was a Grand Master and Noble Guard and also past grand master of the Order of Odd Fellows. He was also active in many other civic organizations and served as a Galva Alderman for 24 years. He was a member of First Methodist Church in Galva.

Mr. Kelly's survivors include three daughters, one stepson, two brothers and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary Hayslett, a long time NAMA member and trustee, died on October 17, 2004 in Alexandria, VA. Mary was born in West Branch, Iowa and was 88 and living in the Hermitage Retirement Home in Alexandria at the time of her death.

Mary was a NAMA trustee from 1984 through 1988. She was one of the founding members of the Washington Manx Society in 1877 and served as its secretary for ten years. In 1999 as the society's historian she wrote a comprehensive Washington Manx Society history which all society members treasure. Mary was well known within NAMA and was a strong supporter and active participant in the three NAMA conventions (Williamsburg, VA - 1986; Isle of Man - 1992; Alexandria, A - 1998) hosted by the Washington Manx Society.

Mary worked for the Federal Veterans Administration in Des Moines, IA, Chicago, IL and Washington, DC from 1942 until her retirement in 1975.

Mary had compiled extensive genealogical records of her Manx ancestry. Her grandfather, John Kaighan Carren, was born in Kirk Michael, Isle of Man in 1853. She was very proud of her Manx heritage and enjoyed her travels to the IOM. She seldom missed any Washington Manx Society activities, and her enthusiasm and many contributions will be missed by her many friends.

Marion Edith McLaren, of Peterborough, Ontario, a lifetime member of NAMA, died September 30, 2004 in her home at age 81. She was the daughter of Frank Cowley and Lillian Beattie, both natives of the Isle of Man.

One of the best ways to preserve our Manx Heritage is to pass it along to the next generation. A form to enroll family members is included in this bulletin on page 7.

Society News

CLEVELAND MANX

The highlight of our meetings for 2005 happened in December when we had 40 of our members assemble for the annual Cleveland Manx Christmas Party. The party was held at the Holiday Inn located in Independence, OH. A scrumptious dinner was followed by entertainment provided by the Euclid Women's Ensemble Choir. Our members participated in the seasonal spirit by generously donating mittens and socks for the local Salvation Army.

The society's board, consisting of President Tom Cannell, Vice President Alice Cannell, Secretary Elizabeth Duncan, Treasurer Shirley Porter, Sunshine Chairman Eileen Elliott, and trustees Florence Roseman, Ronald Teare and Mona Halderman will meet in February to plan our events for 2005.

The society extends special thanks to our outgoing treasurer Mona Halderman for all of her years of service to the Cleveland Manx, and congratulations to Shirley Porter for assuming the duties on that office. - CJ Burhenne

GALVA MANX

The Galva Manx met on September 12, 2004 with a lunch followed by a business meet at McKay's in Galva. A sharing of memorabilia followed.

A special meeting was held on October 28 for a lunch with John Quirk, a writer from the Isle of Man who interviewed all the members present. – Shirley Kelly

GREATER WASHINGTON MANX

We have a website www.manxdcsociety.com -thanks to the efforts of Jim Kneale. You can admire our 25th Anniversary logo, see photos of our recent Twelfth Night party, read our latest newsletter and access useful hyperlinks to tourism and other sites on the Isle of Man. We are sad to announce the death in October of our founding member Mary Hayslett, who served as our society secretary and historian.

We are proud to share Vice President Kelly McCarthy with NAMA as one of its trustees. Kelly's enthusiastic contributions to our society are many and much appreciated.

- Russell Woodgates

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

At the end of October, the Northern California Manx were pleased to host a luncheon for John Quirk on his "Manx Aboard" tour. Time was too short for all the stories to be told.

Just over a month later, the Manx met again at the welcoming home of Kim Parker and Peter Herrera for our annual holiday "do". With good food and bonhomie, as always we talked the afternoon away. There is a great deal of interest in attending the NAMA Convention 2006 in San Diego.

We did part from one another with a note of sadness. NorCal Manx stalwarts De and Ray Hickman would not be with us again with the changing of the year, Retirement beckons in the land of Enchantment. Dee and Ray will now have to telecommute with us from Los Cruces, New Mexico. – Jack Cormode

VANCOUVER MANX

November was the month of our "Back End Do." All enjoyed good food, games for the children, and entertainment by dancers from our families. The famous raffle with lots of donations was conducted by vice president Angus Gillon, and everyone was waiting with anticipation of winning a prize.

Also this month was the 90th birthday of our long time Manx member Mona Belfie. In celebration of the occasion her family and friends held a small get together.

This fall we mourned the passing of a faithful member, Alf Hornall. Alf suffered a heart attack while on vacation.

President Terry McCaffrey received a telescope at Christmas. We wonder if while he is scanning the skies for comets and shooting stars will he see a Manx spaceship.

Barbara Condon.

Manx Societies from Abroad

Queensland Manx Society

Marks 90th Anniversary

It was November 1914 when Manx immigrants to Queensland, Australia first raised the thee-legged flag to mark the founding of a new society to preserve memories of the Isle of Man, The flag flew on a small river steamer that carried 80 folks to an outing at the Seventeen Mike Rocks west of Brisbane.

On November 8, 2004 the Manx flag flew on a commemorative river trip through Brisbane harbor as a group of 100 celebrated the 90th anniversary of their society. Among those aboard were Estelle Buxton who had been a small child at the 1914 founding and Lillian Smith, a member for 70 years.

London Manx Society

Celebrates Mhelliah

The London Manx gathered on November 22 for its annual mhelliah observance, the traditional celebration of the gathering in of the year's harvest.

Following worship at St. Bartholemew the Great Church, which included two Manx hymns, the group enjoyed a buffet supper at a nearby hotel. The evening program included skits and the singing of Ellan Vannin.

Dubai Manx News

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NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The North American Manx Association was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. The membership is spread throughout the United States, Canada, the Isle of Man and other overseas locations.

To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, a Bulletin is issued quarterly. A convention is held every other year and homecoming trips are arranged periodically. Local Manx Societies have been formed in a number of areas by NAMA members and others of Manx ancestry. Information is provided on the location of these societies along with convenient sources for Manx books, video tapes, Manx related Internet sites, and much more.

NAMA Membership Enrollment Form

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Dubai Manx Society

Raises Funds for Hospice

The small Persian Gulf nation of Dubai is home to an active society of Manx loyalists, many of who gathered last October 8 at an event that raised 1500 pounds for the Mighty Oak Appeal fund raising drive of St. Bridget's Hospice on the Isle of Man.

Dorcas Costain-Blann, president of the World Manx Association, was present to receive the funds on behalf of the hospice. As a reminder of the island's attractions, she brought kippers for the gathering.

Dubai HM Consul General John Hawkins represented the crown at the event. It was noted that while Dubai also has societies of Scottish, Irish, Welch and English boosters, the Manx affair was the first that the consul had attended.

The gathering closed with the singing of Ellan Vannin.

Chaplain's Corner—by Rev. Devore Craine Smith

The masthead of our bulletin gives one of the reasons for the existence of the North American Manx Association: "To preserve whatever is left to us of ancient heritage." (T.E. Brown) Our bulletin reports the life and rich history of us Manx. We have received a rich heritage of over 1000 year's and are continuing to establish a rich heritage to follow. We also follow our Judaeo-Christian heritage today and into the future. We are the custodians of our Christian and Manx heritage. We do so as God's people in our families even as our Jewish brothers and sisters have done and continue to do today. They recite the Shemah (hear): "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord, and you shall teach these things diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." The Jews not only recite this faithful expression but practice what is indicated. As Christian Manxmen we could well do what is suggested here: teach our Manx heritage diligently to our children, talk often with them. Share in a variety of ways our Manx heritage. Remind them of their family history and ancestry, family places, homes and activities in their Isle homeland. Identify family heirlooms and accumulate memoirs, photos and pictures. Obtain Manx literature, music, recordings art works and picture calendars. Associate with fellow Manxmen in your area in meetings or just a friendly house party. In so many ways we thus sustain and share in our continuing heritage for our generation and beyond.

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