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

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NAMA Homecoming 2009



Photo: The President of Tynwald, the Hon Noel Cringle (L) and Vice Admiral Sir Paul Kenneth Haddacks, the Lieutenant Governor (R) step out at the President's Garden Party.

NAMA members had a fantastic time on the Isle of Man this summer as part of the NAMA Homecoming trip.

The visit took them all over the island, from Ramsey in the north down to the Calf of Man. The event was crowned by special arrangements for NAMA members to attend the President's Garden Party and Tynwald.

The NAMA Homecoming is always a special time for the participants, offering as it does a chance to catch up with relatives and friends on the island and there are often a few surprises in the form of renewed connections with the hometowns of their forebears. This year was no exception thanks to the help of friends of NAMA such as Eddie Lowey and Lesley Hanson.

Several members sent reports of their experiences on the island and you can read them starting on page 4.

It's All Good!*

NAMA and Washington Manx members, Matt and Mim Blower, met astronaut Lee Archambault (STS-117 and STS-119) at the pre-launch party for Nicole Stott, the "Manx" astronaut who is currently on the International Space Station.

She travelled there on space shuttle Discovery on mission STS-128. Nicole is married to Chris Stott, head of ManSat, the Texas/IOM satellite company. ManSat sponsors scholarships for Manx children to visit space industry sites in the US. Chris is the Honorary Representative for the Isle of Man in Space Affairs. He lives outside Houston and is a NAMA member.

Nicole is a longtime NASA employee and there was a real sense of family at the Kennedy Space Center in the countdown to launch. The 25 on his shirt means mach 25 which means 25 times the speed of sound!



Matt and Mim Blower with Lee Archambault

* It's All Good! is the motto of STS-128.

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NAMA President's Message



BRINGING OUR MANX HERITAGE TO LIFE!

The summer of 2009 was a fantastic year for my daughter, Kali and me. We traveled to the Isle of Man and participated in the ancient Tynwald celebration with pride!

It was a trip of a lifetime, made perfect by President Noel Cringle, Eddie Lowey and Laurence Skelly. What a homecoming with sixteen in our NAMA group from all over the U.S. and Canada.

The homecoming visit included attending the World Manx Association annual dinner at the Hydro Hotel in Douglas and being treated to the beautiful singing voice of Cleveland Medal Winner, Mandy Griffin. NAMA members celebrated at the President of Tynwald's Official Garden Party at The Nunnery in Douglas as well as a Homecomers' Church Service at the Crosby Methodist Chapel with the Glenfaba Choir.

Tynwald Day was a grand affair! Despite the threat of rain all the prior week, the fairies brought us a beautiful, sunny day with Manx music, dancing, processions, and the reading of laws. We lunched at Niarbyl Café where a whale was spotted. Also, NAMA members returned to St. John's for the Manx Musicfest and fireworks to conclude a perfect National Day!

President Noel Cringle provided a personal in-depth visit of Tynwald Court, Legislative and House of Keys chambers in Douglas. In the afternoon, members toured the House of Manannan in Peel with dinner at the Marine Hotel. Our final big day on the Island included a steam train ride to Port Erin and lunch at the Falcon's Nest Hotel. Noel Cringle joined us and whisked the group off to Mull Circle, The Sound Café and Overlook of the Calf of Man, Creagnesh, and Castle Rushen. It was a quality homecoming with special memories for many NAMA members who were able to find their Manx relations, homes and churches.

There were highlights that will forever be etched in my daughter's and my memories.

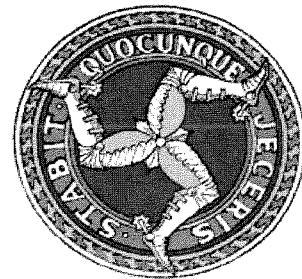
Noel Cringle made our trip! His energy and love for his Island is tireless. The Tynwald Garden Party, Tynwald celebration, and personal tour of Tynwald Legislative Buildings were the scheduled events. But like the captain of a Manx ship, President Cringle organized an impromptu adventure through the South of the Island.

First stop was to climb to Mull Circle to witness the ancient stone assembly and a breathtaking view of the Irish Sea. Then, we drove over the hills to Creagnesh to see the Manx living and working farm, and to try our hands with the medal wheel and to spin Loughtan sheep wool. Next, refreshments at the Point Café to enjoy the sights of the Calf of Man, its wildlife and crashing sea while sipping coffee and eating scones and apple pie – the Manx way.

Checking our watches, Noel determined that we had time for Castle Rushen even if it was about to close. We climbed the ancient stairs, were regaled with its rich history, observed Elizabeth I's clock, and exchanged introductions with Americans from New York (facilitated by Mr. Cringle). We waved our goodbyes and boarded the double-decker bus back to Douglas. Yes, President Cringle, we were in the center of the universe!

Other memorable moments were attending the Queenies Festival with Laurence and Jackie Skelly and their friends. The view of Port Erin Bay in the setting sun, the taste of the Queenies drawn in butter, the action in the sea as swimmers competed, and the sound of the kids playing in the cool surf were vivid Manx images.

Finally, our gracious and generous host, Eddie Lowey completed our Manx heritage adventure. Mr. Lowey arranged to have the Gaiety Theatre opened for our NAMA homecomers for a magnificent, historical tour (we can't wait to return to witness a production). Also, Eddie guided Kali and me through the Tynwald celebrations, garden parties (including a surprise one) and the banquet. I can still see Kali singing Ellan Vannin at the Tynwald Banquet – my father, T.R. would have been so proud!



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As our IOM trip came to a close, Eddie took us to Peel to climb the hill and visit Corrin's Tower which was built by my ancestors. The purple heather was in bloom all the way to the sea. It was a fantastic moment as we stood where my father had stood so many years before. Then, it was time to sample the best ice cream in the world sitting on a bench observing Peel Bay and playing with the gulls.

Afterwards, we drove to Kirk Patrick Church where my relative, Lenora Charlotte Corrin was married. We learned that Eddie Lowey's parents were married there too! What a small world, the Isle of Man, yet we Manx are all connected in some way. Thank you, Eddie Lowey for completing a life circle experience for my daughter and me!

Manx and Proud of it!

Sally Dahlquist,
NAMA President

Change of Address

If you change your mailing address for your NAMA Bulletins, please be sure to let us know. Although the post office is generally good about returning items to us that are undelivered there can be inconsistencies, particularly with non-US addresses. Also, NAMA incurs a charge whenever undelivered mail is returned to us. If you have changes, please notify John Prendergast at the address shown on the right.

The Manx Connection at Christmas

If you're looking for a Christmas gift idea for someone interested in Manx Societies across the world, I still have some copies of John Quirk's book *The Manx Connection*, which is an entertaining travel story as well as a great read about Manx descendants living abroad.

They are available at the price of \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping (media mail). If you'd like to buy a copy, please email me at aravenscroft@charter.net or call me on 608-236-2170.

NAMA Website

The NAMA website continues to grow with submissions from member manx societies and associations, and you can go there for up to date news between bulletins. Please drop in and visit at www.northamericanmanx.org.

The password-protected Members Only area is accessible only to paid up members of NAMA. The log in is:

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Homecoming 2009

NAMA comes home

President Sally Dahlquist and members enjoyed a fun filled week on the Isle of Man over Tynwald day and Manx National week.

There were only 16 homecomers but they all had a thoroughly good time and it was encouraging to see so many Canadians make it from so far away. The events were revised from the original itinerary but this never detracted from the overall festivities and enjoyment.

The first event was the annual "Gathering" dinner with the World Manx Association at the Hydro Hotel on Douglas promenade. A big turnout for this premiere was assured with recent Cleveland Medal winner, Amanda Griffiths, providing the entertainment.

The following evening most of us attended was the Homecomers service at Crosby Methodists church. It was led by the famous John Kennaugh who gave a rousing service that was inspirational to all. The Glenfaba choir helped the congregation through the Manx hymns with the final song being Ellan Vannin, all 3 verses, and likely to be heard in Douglas! Lovely Manx tay (tea) was on offer afterwards and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Tynwald day. The event all Manxies far and wide celebrate to the max. After taking in the ceremony from the grandstand, members enjoyed some of the fun at the Fayre.



One of the highlights of Tynwald Day is the reading of the new laws from the top of Tynwald Hill.

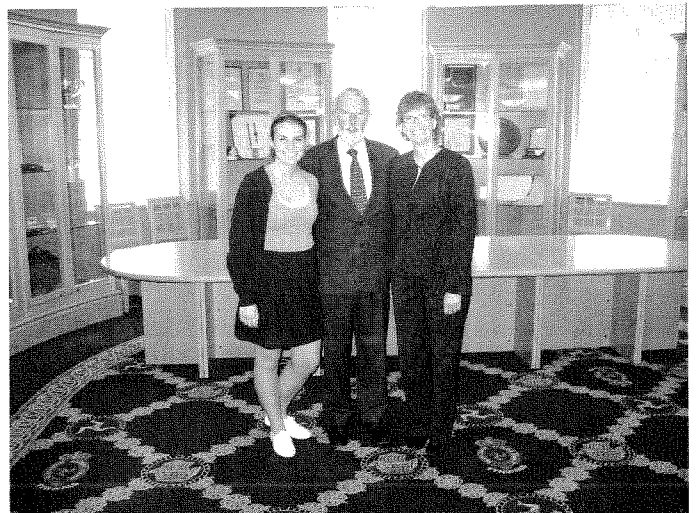


L to R: Kali Dahlquist, Eddie Lowey and Sally Dahlquist at Tynwald Day. The photo was taken outside St John's Church looking towards Tynwald Hill.

Lunch was taken at Niarbyl on the west coast, the location of scenes from the film Waking Ned (known as Waking Ned Devine in North America). We enjoyed excellent food in an idyllic location.

Some hardy members returned back to St Johns to watch the Ellan Vannin Pipe Band perform on Tynwald Hill and the fantastic fireworks at 11.00pm. It was a long day but one of the most enjoyable and memorable for all Manxies.

The next day NAMA members were given a personal tour of Tynwald Court by the President of Tynwald, Noel Cringle, with Eddie Lowey providing commentary.



L to R: Kali Dahlquist, The President of Tynwald the Honorable Noel Cringle, and NAMA President Sally Dahlquist.

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President Sally presented the NAMA Cultural Youth Awards in the afternoon while the main party left for Peel to visit the heritage centre - the House of Manannan - and to have dinner at the Marine Hotel on the promenade.

There was time to walk round the castle, harbour and new marina.

Peel today has seen some big differences from the past, with new luxury apartments and big money yachts in the harbour.

With the aid of helpful local, Lesley Hanson, members were able to find homes of their forebears. There was great joy and much excitement at this.



Photo Descriptions

Above: NAMA Homecomers and local guides at Meayll Circle (Mull Circle) overlooking Port Erin. The megalithic tomb contains six pairs of graves from the late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age.

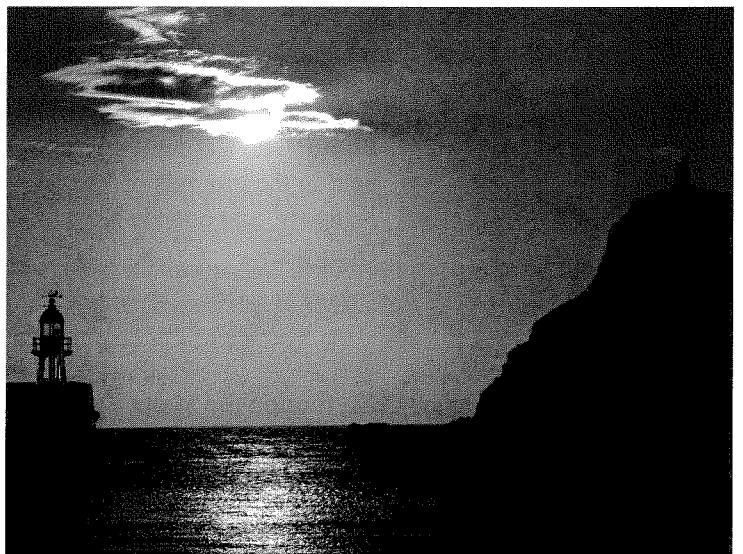
Left: The Calf of Man as viewed from the cafe. The name 'calf' is from the Old Norse kalfr, meaning a small island close to a larger one.

Below: Port Erin bay in the late afternoon sun.



The final day involved taking the 100-year-old steam train from Douglas to Port Erin. We made a visit to the railway museum before lunch at the Falcon's Nest Hotel overlooking the picturesque bay of Port Erin and majestic Bradda Head. In the distance the mountains of Mourne, Northern Ireland, could be seen across the Irish Sea.

Noel Cringle joined us as did the ever helpful Lesley Hanson once again. After a tasty lunch Noel Cringle took the party on a whistle stop tour of the Sound. This included a walk up to the bronze age Mull Circle, and Creagneash living folk village. The party stopped at the Sound to view the Calf of Man and get some more nourishment before popping over to Castle Rushen for the grand tour before finally catching the double-decker bus back to Douglas.



Report by Lawrence Skelly. Photos courtesy of Lawrence Skelly, Sally Dahlquist, and Andrew Ravenscroft

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The Weber's Homecoming

Mike & Gloria Weber traveled to the Isle of Man for the annual Homecoming 2009. Mike has always wanted to feel the mist of the Irish Sea on his face in the same part of the Island as his grandfather and great-grandfather lived.

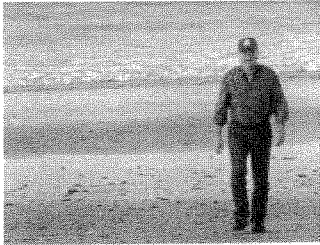


Photo: Mike on Peel Beach, across the bay from Peel Castle, having just washed his hands in the Irish Sea.

As part of the annual Homecoming event, we were included in the invitation to the President of Tynwald's Official Garden Party on Sunday July 5th. We were introduced to Lieutenant-Governor Sir Paul Haddacks and Lady Haddacks.



Photo: Mike and his second and third cousins, Donna Hartnell, Fran Dobell, and Margaret Ray all dressed up, ready for the party.

The Garden Party was attended by approximately 1500 formally dressed dignitaries and invited guests, here at The Nunnery, just outside of Douglas. We discussed our love of Canada with the Lieutenant Governor's wife who originally hailed from Toronto, Canada. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed visiting people that also have a great interest in all things Manx.



Photo: The Garden Party is held in the grounds of The Nunnery, just outside Douglas.

Mike & Gloria had a busy week, touring the Manx Museum, the Gaiety Theatre and Tynwald Court in Douglas, the House of Mannanin and Peel Castle in Peel.

We toured Niarbyl, Port Erin, Ramsey (the Promenade), Laxey, the Calf of Man, Castletown (Castle Rushen), Cregneash and the Mull circle to name a few.

We watched with awe the proceedings during Tynwald Day in St. Johns. The highlight of the trip for Mike and Donna was the discovery and tour of No. 2, St Peter's Lane where great-grandmother Moore had lived. The current owner was very friendly and kindly showed them around. The last evening of the visit was spent listening to Phynnodderree and watching the Manx Folk Dancers in the Villa Marina in Douglas.



Mike and Gloria Weber

We are looking forward to exploring the Island again on our next visit. Thank you to all those kind folks who shared information and stories that led up to this most successful trip.

What a beautiful Island!

No matter how many times we visit, our discussion after the event is focused on our return. If you yearn for a quiet place to relax and enjoy a piece of the past, this is the venue. The country landscape blanketed in purple heather and yellow gorse, lanes and byways lined with colourful fuschias and wild roses is beauty for the soul.

To walk the streets where your forebears lived and went about their everyday lives and knowing that little has changed; nostalgia abounds.

The visit as always is heightened by the warm welcome from our Manx relatives, John and Tricia Allen. The events prepared by our NAMA host and organizer Laurence Skelly, assisted by NAMA President Sally Dahlquist, were well planned and covered a wide range of interests, outlined so well in Michael and Gloria Weber's narrative.

The welcoming dinner was attended by local dignitaries, members of the Isle of Man Historical Society, Society representatives from Vancouver (Michael Weber), Australia and Luxembourg, and was a great event to meet and renew acquaintances.

Homecoming 2009

Once again, we availed ourselves of the abundance of genealogical information available at the National Archives, attached to the Manx National Heritage Museum.

The staff are very helpful and willing to assist in our continued search for the past.



Fuschias on the Isle of Man

The History Society hosts a tent at Tynwald as well, to assist visitors interested in all things Manx. We ended our trip with a few days in London before returning home, a far cry from the tranquility of Ellan Vannin.

Fran Dobell, Margaret Ray & Donna Hartnell

North American Manx Association Board Report

Set your calendars for August 5-8, 2010 for the next fun-filled NAMA convention! First Vice President, James Corlett and his Rocky Mountain Manx Society are gearing up with great guest speakers, heritage, genealogy, music, and time to renew Manx friendships.

The NAMA Board traveled to Sheraton Denver Tech Hotel in Colorado to help with plans, check out the sights, and conduct Association business. The 2010 Convention promises to be educational as well as Manx.

Jody Morey, 2nd Vice-President reported that a possible location for the 2012 NAMA Convention will be in Platteville, Wisconsin, home of the Manx Museum at the University of Wisconsin. A time frame between July 15 and the first week of August, is being considered. There will be endless opportunities for convention side trips, researching heritage, viewing the Manx Museum, and gathering with Manx friends and family.

John Prendergast, Treasurer, reported that our NAMA membership is up due to the strong efforts by other local societies. We recommend that local Manx societies gather local dues and suggest that folks join or pay NAMA dues at the same time. It is working! Thanks to Joan Gill for her efforts in Minnesota, and Kelly

McCarthy for promoting new memberships in the NAMA Bulletin.

This is a reminder that we are conducting a contest for those individuals or societies that gather the most new NAMA members between July 6, 2009 and August 6, 2010. Winners will receive a fun traveling award to hold until the 2012 NAMA Convention. Ideas, sources, family, and friends...can you find our Manx and interest them in NAMA?

Joan Gill has stepped down as our NAMA secretary. We are most appreciative of her hard work and dedication to her position. She is already missed but we hope to see her at the NAMA Convention in Denver. In her place, we welcome Bill McCarthy as our new NAMA Secretary and look forward to more details about Bill in upcoming NAMA Bulletins.

What's new in NAMA?

1. Most NAMA items held by Trustees have been deposited at the Manx Museum in Platteville and will be available for viewing in the coming year.
2. A call to continue to collect NAMA members' email addresses is underway. We want to have our membership involved in planning, workings, reminders of events, and deadlines of NAMA. Keep in contact between Bulletins and Conventions by sending your information to Brad Prendergast at beeves@juno.com.
3. Manx items are posted regularly on our Manx Scrapbook page at <http://namanx.blogspot.com>. Log in and learn!
4. Approximately 4,500 true Manx surnames are in residence around the Chicago area. Do you know who may live in *your* neighborhood? Post a public notice for your next meeting! You never know who you will find.
5. We are working on a summary of the NAMA Officer and Directors positions to post on our website in the near future. We encourage all of you to consider serving on the NAMA Board. It is fun, it's interesting, and it's Manx!

Best wishes,

Sally Dahlquist,
NAMA President
Email me at: sdahlqu@inverhills.edu

Society News

Chicago Manx Society

The Chicago Manx Society held its most recent meeting on Sun Aug 16 at the home of Sam and Sharon Slocum in Plainfield, IL on the far southwest side of Chicago. We had a very pleasant and enjoyable time. We began with a potluck dinner. It rained very heavily that day and we only had 8 members in attendance, but we enjoyed ourselves.

On September 12-13, the Chicago Manx participated for the 8th consecutive year in the Chicago Celtic Festival, at Grant Park, steps from the newly restored Buckingham Fountain. We met hundreds of people, and have good leads on 3 potential new members, who identified their names from a list of typically Manx names we post. The weather was superb, and we enjoyed the music, food, and fellowship with fellow Celts. We touted the island to many who may visit someday.

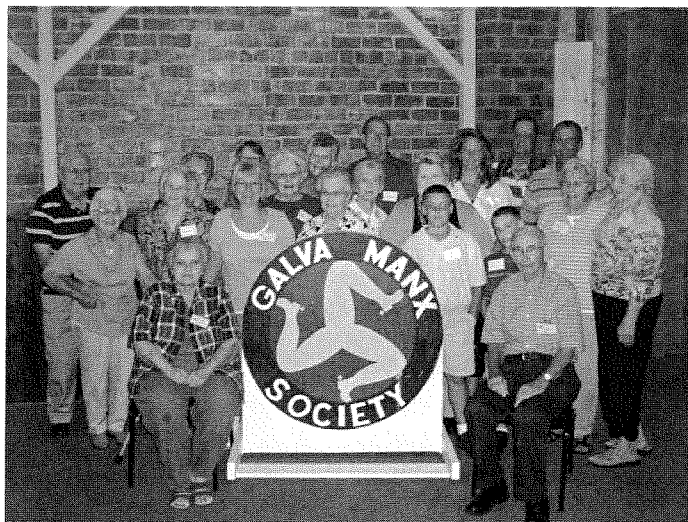


Chicago Manx volunteers (L-R: John Wier, Brad Prendergast, Florence Abbinanti, and John Prendergast) at the booth.

On November 15, 2009, we will hold a meeting at the home of Florence Abbinanti. All members, friends, and interested parties are invited to attend. If you have Manx family and/or friends in the Chicago area, please let them know about our meeting. We would look forward to meeting both old and new friends and others with interest in all things Manx. If interested in contacting the Chicago Manx, please call (312-919-0700) or write to Brad Prendergast (beeves@juno.com). We look forward to seeing you.

Robert Kelly, President, and Brad Prendergast

Galva Manx Society



The Galva Manx Society met at McKay's in Galva, Il. on Sun. Sept.13, 2009 with the business meeting following a buffet lunch. DeRollo Kelly was re-elected president with Shirley Kelly, re-elected Sec. Treasurer. There were 23 in attendance. The John Kelly family came from Bartonville, Il. and had the most family members in attendance with six.

Articles were read from the North American Manx Society Assoc. Newsletter by Diana Gale and Krisann (Kelly) Smith. They urged members to become a member of the NAMA and be counted for the Million Manx in the U.S. After the meeting a group picture was taken.

Krisann (Kelly) Smith

Northern California Manx

On the last Sunday in June, the Northern California Manx met at the Marie Callender's establishment of fine cuisine in metropolitan Milpitas, the crossroads of commerce for eastern Silicon Valley. Too many Summer distractions kept our numbers a bit lower than usual, yet we still had enough to bring news from hither and yon.

We talked of music (Davy Knowles with his revamped Back Door Slam has released a new CD, "Coming Up for Air"); cycling (Mark Cavendish had just tied Chris Boardman's British record for international stage wins); and technology (the Lady Evelyn water wheel has been returned to the Island and restored).

Society News

On this latter point, Jan Richards reminded us that the Lady Evelyn had been brought back from exile in Cornwall and has been in working order since 2006 in Laxey. (Put this down as something else to see on your next visit to the IOM.)

Catching up on retirement news – our two ‘retired’ school teachers, Marlene Storey and Jan Richards, refuse to quit the classroom altogether, and continue working in education.

Toward the end of our ‘cooish’, Jan’s husband, Ian, and son, Graham, joined us. Graham had just flown in from Dallas (and Yes, his arms were tired).

Jack Cormode

San Diego County Manx Society

Tribute to Ruth Smith

A long time member of the San Diego County Manx Society, Ruth Smith passed away on June 2nd 2009.

Although not of Manx origin herself, Ruth was one of the strongest supporters and hardest workers in our group. Ruth had been a member for at least 23 years and during this time she held all of the positions in our organization, each for more than one term, some for many terms. Her most recent position as historian was continuous since the year 2000; with her trusty camera at the ready at all of our meetings.

Ruth and Devore generously opened their home frequently for our bi-monthly meetings and I’m sure we’ll always remember Ruth’s efforts to decorate their home ready in time for our December meeting. Since December 2000 every one of our Christmas get-togethers were at the Smith home, and there were several other times before that.

Ruth and Devore have attended numerous North American Manx Association conventions in the US, and two or three conventions, as well as homecomings, on the Island. Ruth always had lots of interesting information to share on their return. She was full of sources of information about so many things and always willing to go the extra mile to help members. She was also very active in recruiting new members.

One time she got the phone book out and mailed almost a hundred letters out to people with Manx surnames!

Once in a while, Ruth came up with a fun game or pop quiz which left many of us with a good laugh and fond memories. Ruth will be sorely missed and I’m sure all our hearts go out to her husband Devore, and children Kim, and Geoffrey and their families.

Ernie Hughes

President San Diego County Manx Society

Vancouver Manx Society



We have had an amazingly hot summer in this part of the world, allowing us to enjoy the beautiful beaches and parks that B.C. has to offer. Unfortunately, we have also had some devastating forest fires in many parts of Central and Northern B.C. caused by lightning strikes and careless humans.

On July 5th we celebrated Tynwald Day in Stanley Park, it was great to see so many young people in attendance. We had a ride on the miniature railway, played games and attacked a three legged piñata!! great fun for all.

This summer many of our members travelled abroad, some visiting the Isle of Man for the first time, and joining in the celebrations of Homecoming 2009.

In September will be sailing...sailing on a viking ship in English Bay!! We look forward to that.

Best wishes to all.

Fenella Deakin

Manx Notes

How We Came

A feature of the 2010 NAMA Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado (August 5-8) will be vignettes telling how we Manx descendants came to be in Colorado. The following is one of those short histories.

Or So The Story Goes

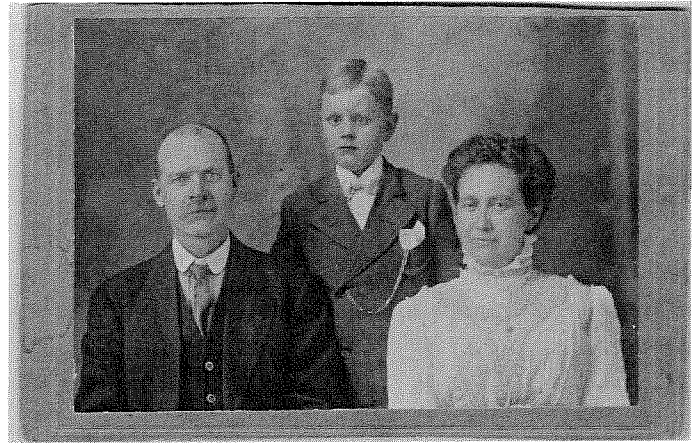
By James Corlett

My Great Grandparents Thomas William Corlett and Ann Kewley Corlett were born, raised and married in Lonan Parish (Laxey) IOM. Thomas worked in the lead mines in the Parish. In 1869, he moved his family, Anne and 5 young children, to Quebec Provence, Canada. They were accompanied by his sister Jemima, her husband William Corlett and their 6 young children (yes, a Corlett married a Corlett).

Family legend says that in the early 1880s, most of both families immigrated to the Colorado gold fields because of the better opportunities in gold mining. There were a sizable number of IOM miners spread all over the Colorado mining camps. The two Corlett families lived in several gold mining camps including Cripple Creek, Victor and Ouray, where my Grandfather, Thomas William Corlett met my Grandmother, Ora Ann Latimer from Ohio.

In 1893, they were married in Ouray, where my Grandfather was Superintendent of the Revenue Mine, one of the mines in the Bachelor Mine Group. Subsequently he was the Superintendent of the Camp Bird Mine in Telluride and the Hilltop and the Last Chance Mines on top of Mt. Sherman (13,500'), a long way up California Gulch from Leadville. Ora ran the boarding house for both mines while educating their four school aged children. While at the Hilltop Mine Thomas was badly injured and had to change professions. He and Ora moved to Salida, CO where they operated a dairy and ran a small herd of cattle. My father, David Lloyd-George Corlett was born in Salida. Thomas, Ora and 5 of their six children are buried in the Salida cemetery.

One of my aunts, Bess Corlett, wrote a description of life at the Hilltop mine in the winter of 1907. It included, "The groceries were sent up by tram from Leavick and many times things – eggs, apples, potatoes, etc., were frozen solid by the time we got them. They were kept frozen till they could be used, then put in cold water to draw out the ice.

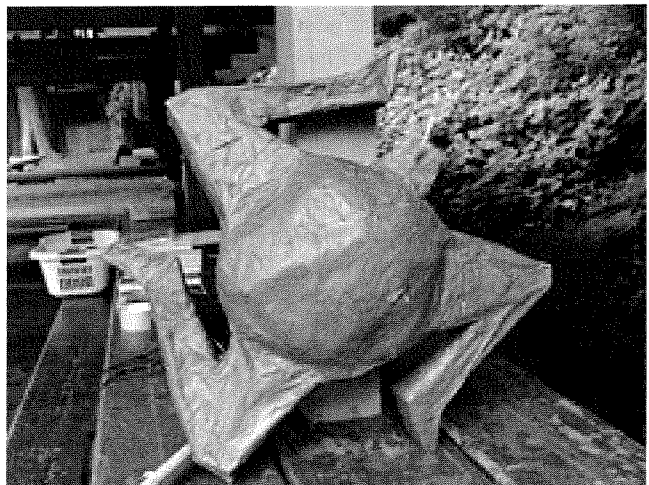


Jim Corlett's Grandfather, Thomas William Corlett (L), an unidentified uncle, and Ora Ann (Latimer) Corlett (R)

For water there was snow hauled in an ore wagon and dumped in a tank. Pipes ran from the kitchen stove to thaw the snow, then the water ran into a tank in the kitchen. In summer water was hauled in barrels from a tunnel and put in the tank."

My father related a story told to him about his siblings being bored as there was not a lot to do at the Hilltop Mine. My grandfather carried a Victrola machine and records on his back up California Gulch to the top of Mt Sherman so his children could listen to music, or so the story goes. The Victrola and some of the records can be seen at the Historical Society Museum in Leadville, CO.

Manx Piñata



I was struck by the ingenuity of the Vancouver Manx Society in the creation of what is probably the world's first, and only, Manx Piñata. This formidable sculpture is painted a fire-engine red and I can only imagine the fun when it was broken open!

Manx Notes

The Manx Giant

The life and times of the Manx Giant, Arthur Caley, is the focus of a new book by Manx writer John Quirk.

Published by the Manx Heritage Foundation and on sale from late November, the biography covers Caley's early years in the Isle of Man, his travels to England and Paris to exhibit himself in freak shows, his reported 'death' in Paris aged 28 and his emergence in New York several years later under the name of Colonel Routh Goshen.

'Born in Sulby in 1824, Caley was a phenomenon, a force of nature the likes of which the Island will probably never see again,' John explained. 'At 7ft 11ins and weighing more than 400lbs, he was the tallest Manxman who ever walked this fair isle. His apparent death in Paris is shrouded in

mystery, coming as it did just weeks after his life was insured for a small fortune. When he reappeared in New York, he was discovered by P.T. Barnum and Caley, as Goshen, enjoyed a long-running career with the legendary showman, including appearing in Barnum's "Greatest Show on Earth".

The book came about after John was approached by a descendant of the Manx Giant, Carlton Mealin, who had spent several years researching Caley's life story. For John, it's a follow-up to The Manx Connection, which related his travels across the globe visiting Manx societies.

For further details about Caley's biography, visit www.manxheritage.org or www.johnquirkbooks.com

John can be contacted at johnquirkbooks@gmail.com

NAMA Membership Enrollment Form

Promote and Protect our Manx Heritage

Please print your information and mail with your check to John Prendergast at the address below

Name _____ Spouse _____
Street _____ City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/PC _____
Phone _____ email _____

Individual Membership	Dues	Amount
Annual.....	\$ 15	_____
Life		
Under age 50.....	\$250	_____
Age 50 to 59.....	\$175	_____
Age 60 and over.....	\$125	_____
Junior (age 1-18 years, no bulletin).....	\$ 2	_____

Family Membership	Dues	Amount
Annual.....	\$ 20	_____
Life (2 adults, based on age of youngest)		
Under age 50.....	\$325	_____
Age 50 to 59.....	\$235	_____
Age 60 and over.....	\$200	_____

Total remittance in US dollars or equivalent amount _____

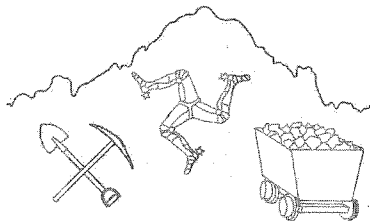
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