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Volume 7 of NOMINA brings with it several changes, in consequence of which I have the pleasant duty of expressing once more my gratitude to the University of Hull and the Council for Name Studies for their continuing support, and of recording my appreciation of acts of good will performed on behalf of the journal and its readers by many individuals.

The rise in subscription rate was regrettable but unavoidable, and I am happy to report that the number of subscribers has nonetheless increased during the year. A higher income has enabled us to produce an improved form of binding for which we are indebted to the inventiveness of Mr Gary Sargeant, until very recently Head of the Department of Design in the University of Hull. His premature retirement, forced on him by illness, is an incalculable loss to the University, and I should like to express my heartiest thanks to him for all the help and encouragement he has given in the production of the journal, and to wish him better health in the years to come.

NOMINA is fortunate in having obtained the services of two Assistant Editors. Dr Alexander Rumble, for some years already our Reviews Editor, has generously agreed to take on the editorship of articles on English place-names, while Mr Oliver Padel has gallantly assumed responsibility for all articles on Celtic names, and joins the Editorial Board for the first time. The contribution of their time and expertise to this issue of the journal has been highly beneficial, and I am most grateful to them.

At its Annual General Meeting in March 1983 the Council for Name Studies elected one other member to the Editorial Board, Mrs Deirdre Flanagan of the Department of Celtic, Queen's University of Belfast. Her presence on the Board will be greatly valued. As Editor of the Bulletin of the Ulster Place-Name Society Mrs Flanagan has also offered to provide NOMINA with extensive bibliographical material relating to Irish name studies extracted from the Bulletin's own fuller listings. I wish to thank her most warmly, and through her the Ulster Place-Name Society.

It is also a pleasure to announce that Mr Mark Bateson, research assistant to the English Place-Name Society, has agreed to compile an annual bibliography of English name studies for publication in each issue of NOMINA, and I should like to pay tribute to his labours in searching a multitude of periodicals on our behalf. I understand that the Journal of the English Place-Name Society has ceased publishing its own annual bibliographies; for permitting the new arrangement, which has got off to an excellent start, I am very grateful to the officers of the Society, especially Professor Kenneth Cameron (Honorary Director of the Society's Survey and Editor of the JEPNS) and Mr John McNeal Dodgson (Honorary Research Officer).

I cannot leave this topic without mentioning the indebtedness we all owe to the many subscribers to NOMINA who send in bibliographical information, sometimes in substantial quantities, and which has greatly amplified the collections of Mrs Flanagan, Mr Bateson and myself. Specific acknowledgements will be found in the usual place under the heading 'The News Service'.

PETER McCLURE

Postscript

While this issue of the journal was at press, news came of the sudden death of Deirdre Flanagan. Her loss will be keenly mourned by all who knew her, and a full appreciation of this fine scholar and friend will appear in the next issue. We send to her family our deepest sympathies.

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International onomastics suffered a severe loss on February 2, 1983, when Professor Henri Draye, Secretary-General of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences, died unexpectedly of a heart attack. The Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland loses in him a very good friend and an Honorary Member. Those name scholars from Britain and Ireland who enjoyed Professor and Mrs Draye's company at the Fourteenth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Ann Arbor in August 1981 will be deeply saddened by the fact that both these splendid persons were no longer alive eighteen months later.

Professor Draye obtained his doctorate in Germanic philology at his home university of Leuven (Belgium) in 1934 and pursued post-doctoral studies in Gent (1935) and Bonn and Leipzig (1937). His career as an academic teacher at Leuven spanned the years 1942 to 1974, although he continued to hold colloquia and seminars for another four years. His official connection with onomastics was established in 1935 when he became, at the age of 24, the collaborator, at the Instituut voor Naamkunde, of his mentor Professor H. J. Van de Wijer whom he succeeded as Head of the Institute in 1967, as Head of the International Centre of Onomastics in 1968, and as Secretary-General of ICOS in 1969.

Name studies played an important role in his almost 150 publications, with special emphasis on questions of linguistic stratification and settlement history in Belgium and the southern Netherlands, particularly relating to aspects of Frankish colonisation. His faithful editorship of ONOMA provided the discipline of onomastics with an international forum and visibility.

We shall miss this indefatigable and genial man and fine scholar very much.

W. F. H. NICOLAISEN

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MICHAEL DOLLEY (1925-1983)

It was in Cork on March 29th, 1983, by sad coincidence only two days after the conclusion in the same city of the annual conference of the Council for Name Studies, that the death took place of Dr Michael Dolley, formerly Professor of Historical Numismatics in the Queen's University of Belfast. Since the early 1950s, when he joined the staff of the British Museum, he had been a leading and innovative scholar in the study of Anglo-Saxon, Viking, and Irish coinage. He was a prolific writer and an energetic editor, as is witnessed most obviously in the many volumes of the British Academy's Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles and in his editorship of the British Numismatic Journal. Recognition of his outstanding achievements brought him many academic honours in Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia, and America. He had wide historical interests, and as a member of the Council for Name Studies since 1968 it is fitting that he should be remembered in this issue of NOMINA by the publication of his essay 'Toponymic Surnames and the Pattern of pre-1830 English Immigration into the Isle of Man'.

P. McC.

NOTABILIA AND PERSONALIA; WORK IN PROGRESS; BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR 1983

The News Service

To achieve our aim of keeping readers of NOMINA informed of developments in all areas of serious onomastic research relating to Great Britain and Ireland we rely to a considerable extent on voluntary contributions of news, some of which are inevitably incomplete at the time of going to print. If there have been any notable errors or omissions the Editor would be pleased to hear. We are greatly indebted to all who have sent in personal information about research, publications, conference papers, and so forth for inclusion in this issue, and also to Professor Kenneth Cameron, Miss Cecily Clark, Dr Richard Coates, Dr Bernhard Diensberg, Professor D. Ellis Evans, Dr Margaret Faull, Mr Ian Fraser, Dr Gillis Kristensson, Mr Diarmuid O'Murchadha, Mr Oliver Padel, Mr Tomos Roberts, Dr Karl Inge Sandred, Miss Jennifer Scherr, Dr Veronica Smart, and Mr Victor Watts for supplementing the information gathered by the Editor in collaboration with Mr Mark Bateson and Mrs Deirdre Flanagan.

NOTABILIA AND PERSONALIA

THE DOROTHY WHITELOCK MEMORIAL STUDENTSHIP

Newnham College, Cambridge intends to establish a Studentship to honour the memory of the late Professor Dorothy Whitelock (Litt. D., F. B. A.) and in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Anglo-Saxon studies. The Studentship could be held either by a Research Student preparing a dissertation for a higher degree within the Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Department in the University of Cambridge, or an Affiliated Student reading for the Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Tripos, that is, a student with a first degree from another university either in the U.K. or abroad coming to Cambridge to take advantage of the unique specialist training which the Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Tripos provides. The award would be tenable for two years and open to both men and women. The successful candidate, if a woman, would become a member of Newnham College, and if a man, a member of Emmanuel College.

Newnham College therefore asks for contributions to a Memorial Fund to enable the Dorothy Whitelock Studentship to be established. The College proposes to contribute to the Fund the bequest made to it under the terms of Professor Whitelock's will, for the encouragement of the field of study represented by the Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Department in Cambridge. All contributions should be forwarded to the Bursar, Newnham College, Cambridge, CB3 9DF.

CONFERENCES, COURSES, AND LECTURES

The XVIIth Annual Conference of the Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland will take place from March 30th to April 2nd, 1984, at Johnston Hall, University of Aberdeen by invitation of Professor W. F. H. Nicolaisen. The Conference theme will be 'Sources and Methods in Name Studies'.

The XVIIth Annual Conference of the Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland is to be held at the University of Nottingham in the Spring of 1985 by invitation of Professor Kenneth Cameron (theme and dates to be announced). Enquiries for membership of the conference should be sent to: The Secretary, Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland, School of Scottish Studies, 27 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD.

The XVth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will be held from August 13th-17th, 1984, at the Karl-Marx-Universität, Leipzig, E. Germany. The general theme will be 'The Proper Name in Language and Society'.

The VIIth International Congress of Celtic Studies took place July 10th-16th, 1983, at the University of Oxford under the presidency of Professor D. Ellis Evans. Papers on onomastic topics were read by:

Professor François Falc'hun (Brest): 'Contribution de la toponomie à la connaissance du gaulois'.

Dr R. Geraint-Gruffydd (Aberystwyth): 'A New Look at Cunedda Wledig'.

Dr Rolf Ködderitzsch (Bonn): 'Keltoide Namen mit germanischen Namenträgern'.

Mr D. Mac Giolla Easpaig (Dublin): Manainn/Manaw - an onomastic study'.

Professor Aldo L. Prodocimi (Padua): 'The Oldest Attestations of Celtic in Italy: a contribution to the definition of Celtic(ness)'.

Dr Maria Tymoczko (Amherst, Massachusetts): 'The Personal Names in the Ulster Cycle'.

Professor W. F. H. Nicolaisen (State University of New York, Binghamton): 'Chronology and the Spatial Distribution of Names'.

Mr John Field is organising a series of one-day workshops on field-names during 1983-4. The first of these took place at Oakham in November 1983; other possible venues include Woodstock and Bristol.

Dr Hywel Wyn Owen arranged a day-school in Mold on November 6th, 1983, under the auspices of the Clwyd Local History Council. The principal speaker was Professor Bedwyr Lewis Jones. The outcome was an agreement to establish a Clwyd Place-Name Council to support and advance the research into Clwyd place-names.

A day-school on new work in place-name studies has been organised by the University of Bristol, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, to take place on February 25th, 1984. Speakers include: Miss Jennifer Scherr, 'The Names of Springs and Wells'; Mr Oliver Padel, 'Celtic Place-Names in the South-West Peninsula'; Dr Della Hooke, 'Aspects of the Gloucestershire Landscape in the Anglo-Saxon Period'; and Mr Michael Costen, Worth and Huish: two Settlement Names of the Anglo-Saxon Period examined in relation to Somerset'.

Courses and Lectures

University of Manchester, Department of Extra-Mural Studies: 'English Place- and Personal Names', a ten-week course of lectures starting January 19th, 1984. Lecturer: Dr A. R. Rumble.

The Institute of Irish Studies and the Ulster Place-Name Society arranged two public lectures at the Queen's University, Belfast in 1983: Mr Aidan Macdonald, 'Names of Early Churches in Scotland' (April 28th), and Mr Dónall Mac Giolla Easpaig, 'Irish Place-Names, Earlier and Later' (Dec. 7th).

Dr A. R. Rumble gave a lecture on 'The Evidence of Place-Names' during a week-end course on 'Sources and Methods' for the part-time MA degree in 'Settlement and Society', October 29th-30th, 1983, University of Manchester.

Mr Peter McClure gave a paper on 'The Uses and Abuses of Middle English Surnames in Lexicography and Dialectology' to the English Language Society, University of Sheffield, May 6th, 1983.

H. Radzin (Jamaica, N. Y.) presented a paper entitled 'Linguistic Interpretation of the Old Norse Element in Orkney and Shetland Place-Names' at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names (June 3rd, 1983).

NEW ONOMASTIC JOURNALS

Nouvelle revue d'onomastique, vol. 1, 1983, published by La société française d'onomastique, editor Jacques Chaurand; subscription and editorial addresses unknown.

Studia anthroponymica Scandinavica, Tidskrift för nordisk personnamnsforskning, vol. 1, 1983, published by the University of Uppsala, editors Thorsten Andersson and Lena Peterson.

The Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 1, Winter 1981-2, published quarterly by The Guild of One-Name Studies, editor Lt. Col. I. S. Swinnerton; subscription enquiries to F. N. Filby, The Registrar, Guild of One-Name Studies, 15, Cavendish Gardens, Cranbrook, Ilford, Essex, IG1 3EA.

PERSONALIA

Honours and Appointments in 1983

Professor D. Ellis Evans has been elected Fellow of the British Academy.

Dr John Insley has been appointed Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter at the English Dept. of the Free University, Berlin, under the supervision of Professor Klaus Dietz.

Awards in 1983

The Council for Name Studies Prize has been awarded to Miss Vibeke Hansen (Copenhagen University) for her essay 'Water elements in Lincolnshire minor names'.

Dr Della Hooke has been awarded a SSRC grant to study regional variation in Anglo-Saxon England 1983-7.

Mr Lance J. Bronnenkant has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Cambridge for his thesis 'Place-Names and Anglo-Saxon Paganism'.

Mrs Ann Cole has received the degree of M.A. from the University of Cambridge.

Mr Hugh Patrick McCann has been awarded the degree of M.A. by the Queen's University of Belfast for his thesis 'The Townland Names of the Parish of Desertcreat, co. Tyrone'.

Mr Hywel Wyn Owen has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the University of Wales for his thesis 'The Place-Names of the Lordships of Ewloe and Hope, together with a Dictionary of Elements'.

Mr Nils Wrander has been awarded the degree of Fil. dr. by the University of Lund for his thesis 'English Place-Names in the Dative Plural'.

WORK IN PROGRESS

I = current 1983, II = projected

GENERAL AND RELATED

Koch, John T. (Harvard University and Jesus College Oxford): I, 'Linguistic preliminaries to the dating and analysis of archaic Welsh verse' (Ph.D. thesis, supervisor Professor D. Ellis Evans).

Room, Adrian (Petersfield, Hants): II, i) A Dictionary of Translated Names and Titles to be published in 1985 by Routledge and Kegan Paul; ii) A Dictionary of Britain (including many names) to be published in 1985 by Oxford University Press.

ANTHROPONYMY

Insley, John (Free University of Berlin): I, i) 'Studies on Old English personal names' (Habilitationsschrift); ii) preparing article on 'Some Scandinavian personal names in south-west England from post-Conquest sources'.

Room, Adrian (Petersfield, Hants): I, researching origins of names of British and American rock (pop) groups for possible book.

TOPONYMY

Cameron, Kenneth (University of Nottingham): I, The Place-Names of the County of the City of Lincoln (EPNS vol. 56) is at press.

Coates, Richard (University of Sussex): I, a survey of the evidence about the ancient and modern names of the larger Channel Islands.

Cole, Ann (Henley-on-Thames): I, i) plotting the geographical distributions of English place-names in brōc and burna, and investigating their relation to the geology of settlement; ii) investigating the meaning of the English place-name elements botm and meos.

- Easson, Mrs Alexis (Department of Scottish History, University of Edinburgh): I, researching davoch and pennyland in Scotland, using a good deal of place-name material (Ph.D. thesis).
- Everitt, Alan (University of Leicester): I, aspects of upland settlement in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, and Cambridgeshire.
- Hooke, Della (University of Birmingham): I, a study of regional variation in Anglo-Saxon England: pre-Conquest topography and territorial organisation (with special reference to Wessex).
- Irish Ordnance Survey (Dublin): I, work proceeding on a place-name volume for Co. Limerick, and field work continuing for Co. Galway, Co. Louth, and the east part of Co. Clare.
- Macdonald, Aidan (University College Cork): I, search of the Ordnance Survey Books for Scotland for all place-names and other material of actual or potential early Christian ecclesiastical significance.
- Oakden, J. P. (St Andrews, Fife): I, The Place-Names of Staffordshire, Part I (EPNS vol. 55) at press.
- Ó Riain, P. (University College Cork): II, at Professor Riain's instigation a committee of the Royal Irish Academy is currently considering the compilation of a Historical Dictionary of Place-Names in the Irish Language to replace the now out-of-print Onomasticon Goedelicum by E. Hogan.
- Scherr, Jennifer M. (University of Bristol): I, names of springs and wells in England, with particular emphasis on the south-west.
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The Fifteenth Annual Conference was held at Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork, by kind invitation of Mr Aidan Macdonald in collaboration with the Department of Old and Middle Irish, University College, Cork. Speakers included: on March 24th Breandán Ó Cíobháin, 'The correspondence of toponymic elements to archaeological features in Co. Waterford'; on March 25th Aidan Macdonald, 'Adamnán's use of place-names', Donnchadh Ó Corráin, 'Some early Irish names', Pádraig Ó Riain, 'Saint, site, and sept', Kenneth Nicholls, 'Place-names and Anglo-French settlement in Ireland', and Margaret Faull, 'The use of place-names in archaeological work in Yorkshire'; on March 26th Deirdre Flanagan, 'Some less frequently attested Irish place-name elements of archaeological interest', Victor Watts, 'Medieval fisheries in the Wear, Tyne and Tweed - the place-name evidence', and Richard Warner, 'Archaeology and the identification of sites for the toponymist'. We are pleased to be able to publish three of the papers in revised or summary form in the following pages.

It has been many years since the Council's conference last gathered in Ireland and the Cork meeting brought fresh faces, voices, and topics, and an exceptionally friendly and lively exchange of views. On the Sunday afternoon, conference greatly enjoyed an excursion to the historic town and harbour of Kinsale. One of the abiding impressions for those of us from across the water was the far from Lenten warmth, comfort, and good food provided by the genial friars of the Ennismore Retreat and Conference Centre.

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IRISH SAINTS' GENEALOGIES*

The most recent general work on the Irish royal genealogy is by D. Dumville (1981), who brought together, examined and refurbished opinions on the subject, of which some had enjoyed currency since E. MacNeill (1911, 1920, 1921). Dumville (p. 84) concludes that 'the genealogy is . . . able to be a legal title, a political weapon, and an expression of learning'. Also, while we may allow for the corrective influence of what Dumville (1981, 87) terms the concept of historical time - i.e. a period for which some historically accurate genealogical information must be available - the early part of the royal genealogy is almost invariably fictitious. The threshold of Irish historical time has been variously placed at 300 A.D. (MacNeill, 1921, 57), 400 A.D. (T. F. O'Rahilly, 1946, 200, 266-9) and 600 A.D. (M. A. O'Brien, 1973, 217n). But already in the seventh century Irish secular genealogies were being written down, sometimes *in extenso*. Furthermore, as M. Dillon (1973, 6-8) has suggested, the Irish practice of naming and praising ancestors, often by reciting genealogical poems in association with the consecration of kings, seems to reflect 'the earliest form of Indo-European kingship'.

Unfortunately, while a good deal has been written on the functions of the royal genealogy, the transmission of the massive Irish corpus of genealogical texts still awaits investigation of any kind. J. V. Kelleher (1968) has made some suggestions concerning the date and provenance of the text, but these are based on its arrangement, not on its history. So, while it is by no means certain that a study of the manuscript history of the text will result in a major revision of opinions already formed, it will certainly provide a much more authoritative basis for them. The recent history of the collections of Irish saints' genealogies lends force to this view.

Dumville's dictum regarding the collections of royal genealogies again applies; 'the farther west one goes, the more there are' (1981, 76). Indeed, the saint's genealogy is by and large an exclusively Celtic phenomenon. Furthermore, while Welsh tradition is represented by a number of texts, notably *De situ Brecheniauc* and *Bonedd y Saint*, together with their several offshoots, which may have been composed in the eleventh and twelfth centuries respectively (Bartrum, 1966, 14, 51), these are greatly outnumbered by the Irish materials, which comprise not only several early independent recensions of the main collection, running to over four hundred genealogies, but also numerous independent tracts, such as that on the mothers of the Irish saints, which add a great deal of genealogical information to the main text (Ó Riain, 1984).

Surprisingly perhaps, given its uniqueness, the Celtic saint's pedigree has not attracted much attention, but then, as Genicot (1975, [8]) points out, the genealogical text has always been *un genre mineur*. There are exceptions, however, notably the great Belgian Celticist and Bollandist, Paul Grosjean and the Harvard historian, J. V. Kelleher, who, as scholars will, have expressed opposite views of the value of the saint's genealogy. Grosjean (1958, 389n), labelling it *une coordonnée hagiographique*, placed the genealogy on a level equal in importance for the Celtic saint to the two *coordonnées* (relating to burial-place and feast-day) which his fellow Bollandist, H. Delehaye, established as the *bona fides* of the western European saint. (These latter, by the way, while no doubt justifiably held in high regard by continental hagiographers, are no more than very makeshift guides to the authenticity of the Celtic saint). For Kelleher (1963, 119), on the other hand, the saint's genealogy, as it survives in the genealogical corpus, is a proof that the christian revolution in