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"MISS MORRISON AT THE WHEEL" (12) THE MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL 1912



Sophia Morrison won First Prize in the 1912 Manx Music Festival in the class for Traditional Manx Music (Hitherto Unpublished),¹ first established in the 1908 Guild with the aim of encouraging the collecting of folk songs.² The title of the song was not announced, but amongst Josephine Kermode's papers there is a music manuscript in the hand of Sophia Morrison headed "Guild. 1912." and annotated "Taken down from the singing of Ned Quayle, Croit-y-Caley, April 21st 1911[.]"³ The tune has no title and awaits identification. Edward Quayle in the 1911 census was a retired police officer, aged 62 years old, a Manx speaker, and living with his wife and grandson at Croit-e-Caley in Colby in the parish of Rushen.⁴

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¹ Anon, "Manx Music Festival," *Mona's Herald* 27 March 1912: 4b. The names of the winners do not appear in Manx Music Festival, "Traditional Manx Music (Hitherto Unpublished)," *List of Awards with Judges' Remarks* (n.p. [but Douglas]: n.k. [but The Manx Music Festival], 1912).
² Stephen Miller, "'Traditional Manx Music (Hitherto Unpublished).'" The Manx Guild Class (1908–14)," *Manx Notes* 216 (2015).
³ Single sheet, dated to 1912 or later. In Sophia Morrison's hand. MNHL, MS 08979, Kermode Family Papers, Box labelled "Josephine Kermode ('Cushag')."
⁴ *Census Enumerators' Book* for Rushen 1911, RGI4 PN34748 RD635 SD2 EDII/7 SN26.