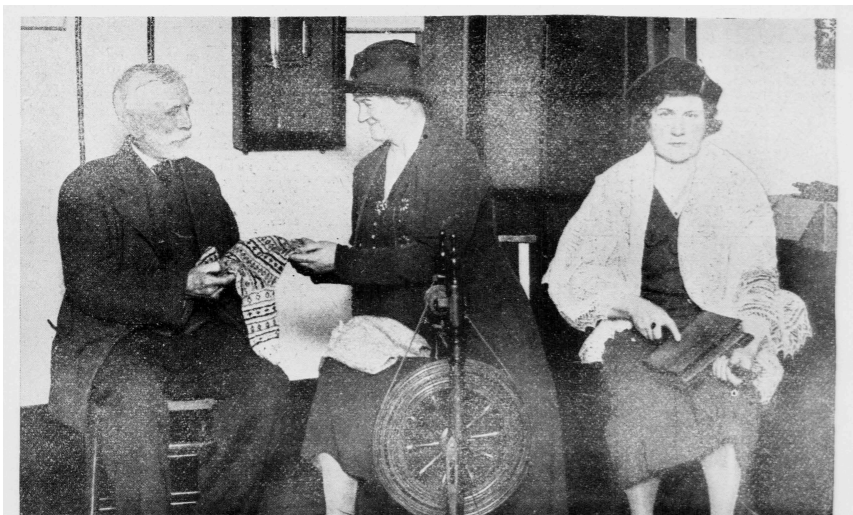


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WILFRED WADE PHOTOGRAPHED (1942)



The old-fashioned Spinning Wheel and “Cards,” and what was made on them.—Mrs. Shaw (right) wears a delicate shawl; Mrs. Summers exhibits “Fair Isle” pullovers. Mr. Wilfred Wade (left) is a singer of Manx Carols.

“[News in Picture] [Photograph Caption] The old-fashioned Spinning
....” *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 10 January 1942: 8.

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WILFRED WADE (1869–1948)

ROLE Singer for the Gill brothers visited on 6 August 1895. {Wilfred Wade, Ballamoar Jurby} [OC] 1/1 (0.53).

SONGS Tunes only (×1): Joseph, [OC] 1/1 (0.53).

1901 Manx & English. *Census Enumerators’ Book* for Jurby 1901, RG 13/5302, fol. 62, sch. 25.

1891 Joiner & builder (22), born in Jurby, living at Ballavarran with his aunt & uncle, Thomas Cottier (66), widower, gardener; Sophie Wade (54), widow, housekeeper, both born in Ballaugh. *Census Enumerators’ Book* for Jurby 1891, RG 12/4684, fol. 44, sch. 25.

1881 Schoolboy, Ballavarran Cottage, Jurby. *Census Enumerators’ Book* for Jurby 1881, RG 11/5598, fol. 107.

NOTES (1) “My father spoke Manx and mother had a little. She was Wade—sister of Will Wade’s father. I knew all his songs. There was one ‘When Moses gathered all his men and set all to work, / As Noah did in the days of old, in the building of an

ark'." Andrew Joughin, former smith at Jurby, interviewed by Eric Cregeen in 1949. MNHL, FLS, JA D/3.

OBITUARY NOTICES

(1) WADE—March 12th, 1948, at Lough Villa, Sandygate, Jurby, Wilfred Wade aged 79 years—Interred at Lezayre on Sunday, March 14th.

(2) The family of the late Mr Wilfred Wade desire to express thanks to all who sent kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement. They are especially grateful to Dr Robertson, Dr Jones, Nurse Sykes, Nurse Callow, also the neighbours for their kind help. Special thanks to Mrs H. Penrice, Ballamoar, Sandygate.

(3) Mr Wilfred Wade, who passed away on Friday at his home Lough Villa, Sandygate, Jurby, at the age of 79 years, will be remembered by many people as one of the few remaining Manxmen able to converse fluently in his native tongue. Mr Wade knew no other language but Manx up to the age of eight years and since, in late years, there has been a revival of interest in the Manx language, he has been visited by students from all parts of the Island anxious to improve their own knowledge of Manx. Mr Wade on one occasion, on the first visit of Lord Granville to Ramsey following his appointment as Governor, gave a greeting in Manx to His Excellency at a welcome meeting in the Plaza.

The deceased was a joiner by trade and retired some years ago. His wife predeceased him about nine years ago and he leaves five daughters.

The funeral on Sunday at Jurby was conducted by the Rev. Wilfrid George (Vicar) and the principal mourners were: Milly, Lilian, Mona and Essie (daughters); Marshall (grandson), Messrs F. Callow and S. Quayle (sons-in-law).

Wreaths were sent by the following: Milly and Fred; Lily, Harry and Family. Mona, Stanley and Dorothy; Beattie, Alfie and family; Essie and Marshall; Mrs Christian and family; Mr and Mrs H. Penrice; Nellie, Hilda and Jackie; Lucy; Mr and Mrs Dean; Mr and Mrs R. W. Teare; Capt. and Mrs Radcliffe, Gliontrammon; Mr Leece and family; Mr and Mrs Middlemiss and Elsie; Mr and Mrs Lowe and family; Jean; Pat and Neville.

References, (1) "[Births, Marriages, Deaths] Deaths." *Isle of Man Examiner* 19 March 1948: 3b; (2) "[Births, Marriages, Deaths] In Memoriam." *Isle of Man Examiner* 19 March 1948: 3b; (3) "Death of Manx Linguist." *Ramsey Courier* 19 March 1948: 7c.

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