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Picnic Time for PNCS Members and Family— July 16th, Fort Borst Park, Kitchen #2

PNCS members won't get caught in the rain at this year's picnic! Last year our numbers just reached a few too many and when the rain came pouring down, we were huddling under the shelter. We voted to go for a "kitchen" at the Fort Borst Park in Centralia and we have rented Kitchen #2, near the wading pool for July 16th. These kitchen reservations go fast and we have been able to get this kitchen on this one date in July and mighty glad we aren't going to chance getting wet again!

This building has one electric stove and an open fire pit. **We have reserved the 1-5 pm time slot and we will have a brief meeting first** and we will plan to sit down to **potluck picnic at 2 pm**. Please bring a tablecloth, your own plates and cutlery. Bring the family and urge other Cornish to come along.

As this is our **Annual meeting of the organization**, please come prepared to vote for four officers: president, vice-president/program chairman, secretary and treasurer/membership. Consider serving in one of these four positions. **If you have an agenda item**, please advise the president via e-mail at LJRT@tenforward.com or send a note to Jean (that is, please do not just bring up a subject when you arrive). Thanks, in advance.

Please bring any Cornish display items you wish to share (family trees, snapshots of your trip to the old country, books, Cornish flag, etc.). Please let an officer know what you might be bringing. Come and have a good time! The greatest part of the annual meeting is the fellowship and next to that is getting an opportunity to share our Cornish materials with one another. Any musician willing to bring a guitar and help us sing??

See you there!

May 20th Meeting at Gas Co. in Bremerton at 11 a.m.

Once again, we have a free location for our quarterly meeting of PNCS (to offset the expensive location of our March and July meetings) at the Gas Company on Kitsap Way, Bremerton.

We will gather at 11, have potluck lunch about 12 and then follow up with a genealogical session.

Cornish ancestry is a bit unique and Jean Timmermeister will set members up with their ancestry searching. Members are invited to bring their paperwork if they have never searched their family tree and Jean will help you set up and get going on your Cornish lines.

Bonnie LaDoe will help members understand using the computer for their family history research.

Jean visited Cornwall annually for many years to research for her many Cornish ancestry clients.

DONATION TO PNCS

Whitaker's Historical Survey of Cornwall Ancient Cathedral, 1802, printed on linen, two books rebound into one, has been donated to PNCS. This beautiful old book is in wonderful condition. We are very fortunate to be the beneficiaries of such a valuable piece of history.

jottings from jean.....

With two March events behind PNCS, we look forward to the next two (May 20-genealogy and July 16 - annual meeting and picnic).

Special thanks to Vice-president/ Program chairman Mary Sisson who conducted the St Piran's Day meeting for me when the major traffic jam on I-5 prevented all of us from the North from arriving at the meeting place in a timely fashion. Mary did a great job on the program and the meeting place was large and dry(!).

Thanks, too, to members Betty Scott, Joan Huston, and Marcia Rothman who joined me at the 6th Eastside Genealogical Fair at Crossroads Mall in East Bellevue. PNCS Member Kim Nichols, general chair of the Fair, has advised that the Mall wants to have the Fair back in 2001. I personally think that our contacts at the Fair will eventually pay off: I passed out lots of membership applications and "What is PNCS" flyers to *all* those who replied to me, "Yes, I AM Cornish!" I met two of my former research clients at the Fair, old friends, former members of genealogical societies of which I have been a member. Especially hope we obtain new members as a result of our exposure.

With our really small annual dues, consider gift memberships for your Cornish family members who haven't yet joined PNCS. If you've heard an excuse about not being able to make meetings, the true answer to that is that our PNCS newsletter and other communications are worth the price of the dues and should suffice for keeping those relatives current on all things Cornish. Editor Marcie and assistant Joan have done an exceptional job on producing the newsletter. Thanks to both of them as well as to contributors.

See you on May 20th at PNCS genealogical meeting and pot luck lunch as well as at the July 16 annual meeting and picnic!

Jean Richards Timmermeister PNCS #003

Just a Reminder!

Be sure to get your Cornish names and parishes list in to Gay Knutson before the May meeting. The list is truly growing already and we hope to be able to find a cousin or two within PNCS.

Do it!

I vote for *THE CHOUGH* for our newsletter name! With a nice picture of the old bird, of course.Jean

Are there any other ideas?????????

Cornish Surname Lists Coming In

Gay Knutson reports that PNCS members have been sending in their surname lists to her since the *Cornish Communique* was distributed last month.

The following members (as of this writing) have sent their family names:

Richard Brender, Bob Bruce, Grace Cooper, Jim Faull, Claire Floan, Janice Gefre, Dorothy Carlyon Haenk, Dorothy Hosking Huntley, Gay Treglown Knutson, Bonnie LaDoe, Gladys Lundal, Sydney Ann Neeley, Phyllis Scidmore, Jean Richards Timmermeister, Vern Varcoe, Wilmot Wolford, Richard Page and Mary Sisson.

(Some of the above lists will cover one or more family members' who also belong to PNCS.)

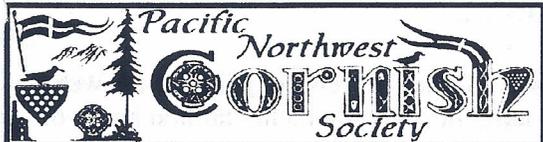
Where are the rest of them? Get those lists in . . . even if you do not presently know the parish. It is hoped that many members can be helped by the compilation of our surnames. Thanks.

PNCS Meetings Four Times a Year

The four meetings of PNCS, of necessity, cannot be in private homes and our annual meeting as well as the St Piran's Day meeting were set expressly to be as near as possible to most of the members (approximately midway between Seattle and Portland) but our small annual dues would not allow us to rent most facilities for *all* meetings.

PNCS meets to celebrate the Cornish patron saint's day: St Piran's Day as near to March 5th as possible in which we learn about Cornishness. A May meeting was voted to be for Cornish genealogy, followed by an annual meeting in July which is a picnic as well, and then, in early autumn, a meeting with a general program.

The Board has had a couple of offers of private homes and these nice members will be asked to help out for committee sessions, etc. The officers would appreciate information on free meeting places south of Seattle/Tacoma and north of Portland. The location must be in close proximity to the Interstate for obvious reasons. Let an officer know specifics if you have a place in mind.



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Jean Richards Timmermeister

Member *Cornwall Family History Society* #00163, has attended many meetings.

Member *Cornish American Heritage Society* (original member of the *original CAHS*)

Member & president *Pacific Northwest Cornish Society* #003

Taught genealogy over 8 years in various night school systems in the Seattle area, including U of W "Experimental College"; genealogical presenter at several workshops; color slide presenter as well

Author/ publisher of family history book, 1980

Listed *Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry*, 1990

Extensive personal library of English and Cornish materials

Part-time professional researcher with specialty in Cornish ancestry; annual research trips to Cornwall

Serious photographer: has photographed over 200 of Cornish parish churches both inside and out, in prints.

Also photographed many in black & white plus some in color slides.



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CORNISH GENEALOGY INFORMATION

Cornish Cousins Abound

About 15 members have returned their surname questionnaires, citing over one hundred family names. It has been great fun to go to the mailbox each day, hoping to discover a new array of TREs, ROSSs, POLs, and PENs not to mention the Richards, the Pascoes, the Faulls, the Spargos, and Beagleholes (Beagleholes?) and many, many more. This has been an especially interesting experience because I'm currently re-reading A.L. Rowse's book *The Cousin Jacks: The Cornish in America*. Each of your names leap from the pages and I find myself wishing you were here to ask if this intrepid miner, or that devout Methodist minister, or this farmer and his brave wife are your grandparents or great grandparents.

It occurred to me that I personally would LOVE TO KNOW MORE about you, your families, and all our possible familial, geographic, and experiential connections. What tales can you tell of Linden, or Butte, or Negaunee, or Grass Valley? If you agree this would be an interesting exercise, perhaps you would like to contribute to the fledgling data base by adding the following information for each or any surname you wish. If you would like to participate, please submit information for the following four categories as in the example format below:

- 1. Given Name of Émigré from Cornwall:**
Henry TREGLOWN
- 2. Profession:** Miner
- 3. Date or approximate date of immigration:**
@1850 Port of Entry: Unknown
- 4. Main Migration Routes of those with the surname:** Linden, WI; Butte, MT.

Please send your responses by mail to:
Gay Treglown Knutson
734 Grauel Ramapo Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Or, by e-mail: cknutson@olympus.net

Thank you. I think this could be as fun as it is edifying!
PS It is NOT too late to submit your surname/parish lists. **The draft results will be available for the May meeting.**

Did you Know.....

The Public Record Office at Kew are going on the web. They have 90 miles of shelves with 8.3 million boxes of documents, 1,000 years of history, from the first American newspaper to the Domesday Book. Should all be available in two years on www.pro.gov.uk

Family tree website crashes after on-line overload

A website designed to help people trace their family roots ground to a halt when millions of users tried to log on. The world's biggest genealogical site, owned by the Mormon Church, was launched on Monday and is able to handle up to 25 million visits a day.

But www.familysearch.com crashed when it received 30 million hits on its first day, 100 million on Tuesday and a further 100 million on Wednesday. The site is now back in business after an upgrade from its operator, IBM.

But users faced delays getting in and were being limited to 15 minutes on the site, the Financial Times reported.

IBM said it was receiving up to 50 million hits an hour — the same as Yahoo!, the biggest Internet search engine group.

Genealogy is now the third most popular activity on the Internet after sex and share dealing, and it has spawned more than 4,000 dedicated websites.

My Ancestor

Shrouded in the mists of time,
Shadow of the days long past,
But slowly and with loving care,
Your story was revealed at last.

Slowly I uncovered you and bared,
Your life and soul for all to see,
Despite misgivings deep inside,
I hoped that you would approve of me,

I pried into your private life,
Revealing secrets long forgot,
Unveiling things you tried to hide,
Telling a past you'd rather not,

Curiosity brought me to you first,
Soon replaced by a sense of pride.
I live now, because you lived then,
And you are forever by my side.

Authur Unknown

Where Do I Start?

Step 1: Identify What You Know about Your Family

- Write what you know about your ancestors on the pedigree chart. Start with yourself (no.1). If you don't know exact dates or places, estimate them.
- Gather more information from family members and relatives. Look at family Bibles, journals, letters, obituaries, and other records. When you find new information, write it on your pedigree chart.

Step 2: Decide What You Want to Learn about Your Family

- **Choose an ancestor** from the pedigree chart about whom you would like to know more. If possible, select an ancestor who was born before 1900.
- **Identify questions** you want to answer about your ancestor, such as "When and where did he die?"
- **Select one question** as the objective. In general, find out about the ancestor's death before the marriage and the marriage before the birth.

On the research log, write your ancestor's name, the objective (event in question), approximate date of the event, and the locality (place of the event).

Step 3: Select Records to Search

There are two main types of genealogical records:

- **Compiled records:** Records of previous research by others, such as a biography, family history, or genealogy.
- **Original records:** Records created at or near the time of an event, such as birth, marriage, death, or census records.

Generally, when selecting records--

- First search compiled records.
- Then search original records.

Read the descriptions of the various records below.

Then select the record(s) most likely to help you reach your objective.

Step 4: Obtain and Search the Record

When you are at the Family History Center, you will want to:

Obtain the record

Use the call number from the Family History Library Catalog to locate a microfilm, microfiche, or book. If necessary, ask a staff member to assist you in obtaining the record.

Read the record

Instructions for operating microfilm and microfiche readers are on the machines. A staff member will assist you in operating the computer. Instructions that explain how to read and use some of the records are also available.

Search the record

Look for facts and clues. Search broad time periods. Check for spelling variations.

Record the results on the research log. You may make a photocopy of what you find. Even if you do not find anything, note that on your log. This will help you avoid searching the same record again at a later time.

If you need help, ask a staff member at the Family History Center

Step 5: Use the Information

Evaluate the information found. Did you find the information you were looking for? Is the information complete? Does it conflict with other information you already have?

Copy new information onto the pedigree chart. You can also obtain copies of a family group record from a staff member and record information there.

Organize newly acquired records. File photocopies in a convenient, organized way, such as by family name.

Share the information. Share your newly discovered information with interested family members.

Compiled Records Available at Family History Centers

Family History Library Catalog is a tool you use to find information on compiled records

- **Place Search** finds catalog entries about a place or about records from a place.
- **Surname Search** finds catalog entries about records that include a specific surname. Use this search to find written family histories.
- **All Searches** lets you search by author, call number, and film number as well as the searches described above

Ancestral File is a FamilySearch™ computer file that contains genealogies of families from around the world. The information is mostly about deceased people and is linked into pedigrees to show their ancestors and descendants. The file contains millions of names.

International Genealogical Index (IGI) lists dates and places of birth, christening, and marriage. It includes people who lived during the early 1500s to the early 1900s. The information is found on FamilySearch™ computers and on microfiche. This file contains hundreds of millions of names

Family Histories are listed by surname (last name) in the Family History Library Catalog. (This catalog describes records from around the world that are found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.)

Biographies, Genealogies, and Histories are also listed in the Family History Library Catalog.

Social Security Death Index is a FamilySearch™ computer file listing millions of people who have died in the United States since 1962. This index was created from the files of the United States Social Security Administration. An ancestor's Social Security number is not needed to use the index.

Other Original Records can be found by using the Family History Library Catalog. Find the specific locality where the event took place and the type of record, for example, "Illinois, Cook, Chicago-Vital Records." Look for records such as vital or civil registration records (birth, marriage, death), cemetery, census, church, probate, emigration, or other records.

National Archives Pacific Northwest Region

In addition to selected national microfilm records, this branch includes original regional records from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Address

The National Archives -- Pacific Northwest Region
6125 Sand Point Way, NE
Seattle, WA 98115
Telephone: (206) 526-6507

Hours

Monday through Friday: 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1st and 2nd Tuesday each month, 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Microfilm research only)

Closed weekends and Federal holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE IN HOURS:

Effective March 1, 2000, the Seattle facility will be open for microfilm research each Tuesday from 7:45 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Holdings

This branch of the National Archives holds more than 28,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the Revolutionary War to the present.

The original records include photographs, maps, and architectural drawings relating to regional history, and include subjects such as Native Americans of the area, regional court records, fishing, and the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

Among their national records on microfilm are U.S. census records for all states from 1790-1920, excluding 1890; census records indexes for 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920; censuses of Native Americans; naturalization records for selected courts; and various military service records.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has many records that are useful for genealogical research, such as the Federal population censuses, 1790-1920; military service and pension records, ca. 1776-1900; immigration records, 1820-1957; and naturalization records. Sandpoint maintains retired records from Federal agencies and courts in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Where to find the records you need to do your Cornish family research

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Since 1837 all births, marriages and deaths should have been registered at the local register office, and indexes to these records can be consulted by arraignment with the Superintendent Registrar; national indexes are at the General Register Office. Copies of General Register office indexes up to 1939 are at CSL.

Note: The LDS has filmed most of these records onto microfilm and microfiche. So if you cannot get to Cornwall to search these records you have the option of renting these films from Family History Centers in the USA and around the world.

Parish Registers:

Before 1837 the main sources are the parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. Most of the 257 parishes in Cornwall have deposited their older registers at CRO. Microfilm copies of many registers are held at RIC. Transcripts of some registers and the Philimore printed marriage transcripts can be seen at CSL and RIC.

Bishop's Transcripts:

These are contemporary copies of parish registers, useful where there are gaps. Originals for most parishes 1670 – 1735, 1740 – 1772 are at CRO; microfilms for other dates and other parishes are at CRO and CSL.

Methodist Registers:

In the 19th century most of the population of Cornwall attended Methodist chapels; many baptism registers are deposited at CRO.

CENSUS RETURNS

Microfilm copies of the census returns for Cornwall 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891 are at CSL. A second set is available from CSL for loan to branch libraries within Cornwall. Microfilm copies for 1841 to 1871 are also at CRO.

PROBATE RECORDS

Wills and other probate records of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall 1600 – 1857 are at CRO. Printed indexes are held at CSL and RIC. Cornish Probate records since 1857 are at District Probate Registry.

PRINTED SOURCES

Trade directories listing principal inhabitants, tradesmen and farmers (c1800-1939) are at CSL and RIC, as are printed family histories and genealogical reference works.

THE CORNISH AMERICAN CONNECTION

For more information about the Cornish-American Connection, contact
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at the House itself.

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'The Cornish-American Connection' has two main purposes. The first is to research the history of emigrants to North America, in order to answer the questions posed above. The second, in parallel, is to widen our knowledge of the effects of emigration on Cornwall itself. The main way forward will be to build up a data bank on as many individual emigrants as possible, however slight the information. This will be recorded in a separate section of the Biographical Index for Cornwall, which is housed at Murdoch House, Redruth.

The cooperation of family historians is obviously crucial for the long-term success of this project. If you have emigrants to North America in your family history then please get in touch with us. We are particularly interested in information on the year of emigration, age at emigration, parish of origin, occupation before and after emigrating, and moves before and after emigration. But any information, even just names of emigrants to North America, would be most valuable. We feel that this is an exciting project that can unite family historians and others in a collaborative and productive venture. The individual details of families can help shed light on broader processes of movement and a growing awareness of this broader process can in turn help put the history of individual emigrants in a wider context. Letters or enquiries are most welcome and may be addressed to The Cornish-American Connection, Murdoch House Adult Education Centre, Cross Street, REDRUTH, Cornwall TR15 2BU

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St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London
Telephone—0171- 2420262 ext 2445

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1872 273698
cro@ceo.cornwall.gov.uk
<http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/cw/cro.htm>

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cornishstudies@library.cornwall.gov.uk
<http://www.chycor.co.uk/general/red-lib/index.htm>

The Courtney Library (RIC)

The Royal Institution of Cornwall
River Street,
Truro TR1 2SJ, Cornwall, UK
Appointment for microfilm
Telephone (01872) 272205
Email:- RIC@royal-cornwall-museum.freeseerve.co.uk
<http://www.cornwall-online.co.uk/ric/>

JIM'S GOLD WATCH

A "Gold Watch" (pocket watch) was passed from my Grandfather (Elijah Faull) to my Father (Thomas Faull) to me. I stored it in a safe deposit box for years and recently had a watchmaker restore it to perfect working order. Tom Richards, of St Ives and Bristol, and his wife, Dorcas, visited Bonnie and I in 1996 when we spent a week talking family history. Tom was kind enough to write this short article for my family record..... Jim Faull

Tom Richards

March 4, 2000

FAULL was an extensive family name in Cornwall, the main concentration being in the west in the area around the mining towns of Camborne and Redruth. From there they spread throughout the County and indeed across the world. I am a Cornishman with Cornish Faull origins, my wife Dorcas is Scottish with Cornish Faull origins (as far as I know I have not married my niece), and Jim is an American with Cornish Faull origins. My forebears were in St. Ives, while Jim's were further east in Wheal Rose and St. Agnes. "Wheal" in Cornish means "mine," and Wheal Rose was the name of a local mine which gave its name to the scattering of houses which grew up around it.

For some time Jim and I have been investigating a possible family connection. A few years ago when my wife and I ended a cruise from Vancouver BC to Seward we visited Jim and Bonnie at their home in Vancouver, WA. On a "family history" evening Jim produced his father's gold watch, and attached to the chain was a gold coin. I expected it to be a British "Sovereign," but when we examined it we found it was a South African "Kruger." Jim had no knowledge of a South African connection. His father, Thomas, who got it from his father, Elijah, passed the watch to him. It is thought that Elijah got it from the estate of his brother Thomas H Faull who left Cornwall before 1900 and settled in the Lafayette, Colorado, area where he moved up from miner to dry goods store owner and twice Mayor.

Before our trip to U.S.A. I had called in at Wheal Rose on my way to St. Ives, where I still have my old family home, to photograph the headstones of Jim's forebears in the local churchyard. Talking to an elderly man in the village, he said that a house close by had been built by a Mr. Faull for his sister with money he made in South Africa. He had named the house PORGES, and it was understood locally to be the name of the mine where he made his money.

Through a friend in South Africa, I have since found a John Faull from west Cornwall who went to U.S.A. when he was 19, working in the gold and silver mines of California and Montana. In 1888 he went to South Africa where he was connected with the Witwatersrand Mines in the various capacities of miner, contractor, mine captain and finally General Manager, also becoming a Ward Councillor in Krugersdorp. The mines with which he was involved were owned by JULIUS PORGES, an international financier, which would account for the name of the house in Cornwall.

So how did a South African gold coin get to be attached to Jim's gold watch? If John Faull was a relative of Thomas H, he may have given him the watch and coin as a present. If Thomas H bought the watch, the coin may have been a present, or the coin may have been given to Elijah or Jim's father as a present.

We are still working on it — watch this space!

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

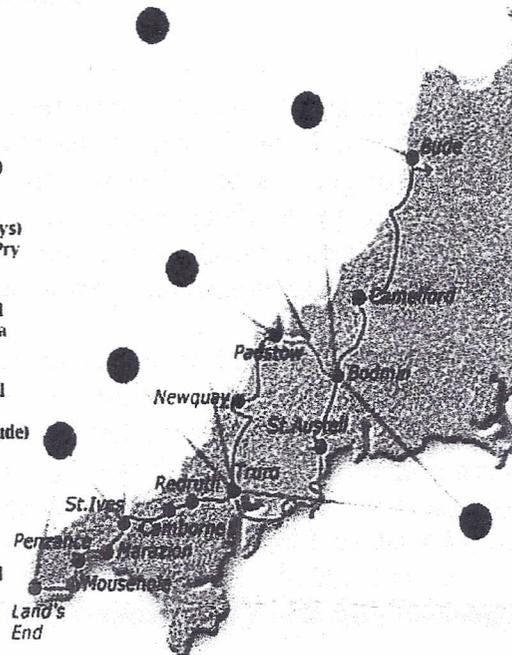
The Five Trails of the "The Cornish Way"

Currently under construction as part of the National Cycle Network and due to be completed by June 2000, **'The Cornish Way'** is an exciting new project being developed by the Transportation and Estates Department of Cornwall County Council (engineering charity). Starting at the county boundary near Bude, its five inter-linking trails for cyclists and walkers will pass through towns and villages as they make their way through Cornwall's distinctive countryside to Land's End. Where possible, certain routes will also be accessible to equestrians and the mobility-impaired. Sections of the trails are being opened as they are completed.

Maps and a Cycle Guide will become available in spring 2000. Contact Sustrans on +44(0)117 929 0888 or Cornwall County Council on +44(0)1872 322320.

A Map of 'The Cornish Way' Network

- 1 The First & Last Trail
Hens An Jynjow
(from Land's End to Hayle)
- 2 The Engine House Trail
(part of the Mineral Tramways)
Hens an' Morrep Ha' n Pow Pry
(from Hayle to Truro)
- 3 The Coast and Clay Trail
An Hens Kensa Ha Dewetha
(from Truro to Bodmin)
- 4 The North Cornwall Trail
Hens kernow Gleth
(from Bodmin to Devon via Bude)
- 5 The St.Piran Trail
Hens Sen Peran
(from Truro to Padstow
via Newquay)
- 6 Link into the Camel Trail



Plaque for a great son of Cornwall

By Carolyn Thomas

A memorial plaque for one of Cornwall's greatest historians, Dr A L Rowse, has been unveiled at Truro Cathedral.

Lord Lieutenant Lady Mary Holborow did the honours during a service on Sunday. Dr Rowse, a St Austell man, became a scholar at Oxford University and died aged 93 at Trenarren in 1997 shortly after being made a Companion of Honour.

He requested the plaque in his will and wanted it placed between two other distinguished Cornish historians and friends of his, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch and Charles Henderson. But this was not possible because the plaques were in different parts of the cathedral.

It was agreed that the memorial, which reads "A L Rowse CH, Historian and Poet 1903-97," should be placed near the Henderson plaque and another for Cornish mining engineer and inventor Richard Trevithick (1771-1833) in the cathedral's chapel of unity and peace.

The plaque was dedicated during evensong by the Dean of Truro, the Very Rev Michael Moxon, and was followed by the reading of an A L Rowse poem by Royal Institution of Cornwall honorary secretary Roger Shuttlewood. Also attending were leading members of the Royal Institution, National Trust and Cornish churches who benefited from his £700,000 will.

March 3, 2000

CORNISH CULTURE CORNER

Padar Agan Arluth

Agan Tas-ny, us yn nef,
Benygys re bo dha Hanow,
Redheffo dha wlascor,
Dha voth re bo gwres,
y'n nor kepar hag y'n nef.

Ro dhyn-ny hedhyu
agan bara pup deth-oll;
Ha gaf dhyn agan camwyth,
Kepar del aven-nyny dhe'n re-na
us ow camwul er agan py-ny;
Ha na wra agan gorra yn temp-
tasyon,

Mes delyrf ny dyworth drok.
Rag dhysoiy yu an wlascor,
ha'n gallos, ha'n gordhyans,
ys vyken ha bynary. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer in Cornish

Cornwall Coat of Arms

A bearded sea fisherman represents the county's maritime connections, and he stands opposite the tin miner, a reminder of Cornwall's great mineral wealth and pioneering industrial heritage. Above the shield rests the Chough, a relative of the Jackdaw with blue-black plumage and a distinctive curved red bill. The Chough used to proliferate on the cliffs of Cornwall, but is now almost extinct in the county, although conservationists are working to re-establish it through breeding in captivity. The bird rests its claw on a Ducal Coronet. The Duchy of Cornwall, which includes land in Devon, London (for example, the Oval cricket ground) and the Scilly Isles, has long been the inheritance of the Queen's eldest son, as is the title of Duke of Cornwall.

Like the county itself, the shield is enclosed by waves, and at its heart is the history and mystery of the golden roundels or 'bezants'. Many fanciful guesses have been made about their origin, although no-one is really certain how the county came to adopt such a bold graphic symbol. Nowadays 15 bezants appear arranged in an inverted triangle, but earlier Cornish emblems show them used as a border, or arranged to fill a whole shield. Among the more colourful conjectures is the tale of the King's eldest son, captured by Saracens during the Crusades. Loyal Cornishmen, it is said, helped to raise the ransom of 15 golden coins, or bezants, named after Eastern Europe's Byzantium. The shield is thought to commemorate this King's (or more properly, Prince's) ransom, with the legend 'one and all' noting a splendid joint effort by Cornishmen to save their Duke of Cornwall. Whether referring to this particular event or not, this well-known phrase still indicates Cornwall's community spirit, but is also the very best description of a Cornish welcome.

The coat of arms, properly referred to as a 'full achievement,' is registered with the College of Arms as the symbol of the 79 elected Members of this authority.

(Information from Cornwall County Council.)

HELSTON PUDDING

2 oz (50g) each raisins and currants
2 oz sugar
2 oz, fresh breadcrumbs
2 oz, flour
a pinch of salt
1 tablespoon of finely chopped candied peel
2 tablespoons of ground rice
2 tablespoons of shredded suet
half a teaspoon each of mixed spice and soda bi-carbonate
6 tablespoons of milk.

Dissolve the soda in the milk, then mix all dry ingredients together and add the milk, stirring very well.

Pour into a well greased basin, cover with greased paper or foil, and either boil or steam for two to two and a half hours.

Angela recommends that the pudding should be served with clotted cream and a lemon sauce. The ingredients for the sauce are 6 oz (175g) of sugar; one eighth of a pint (75ml) of water; one tablespoon of UNSALTED butter; the juice and zest of one lemon.

Boil the sugar and water for 10 minutes without stirring but see that the sugar is quite dissolved.

Take from the heat and add the butter in small pieces and the lemon juice and zest, which should not be less than one tablespoon.

When the butter has melted, beat in one egg yolk and 4oz of double cream.

Pour over the pudding or serve separately.



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