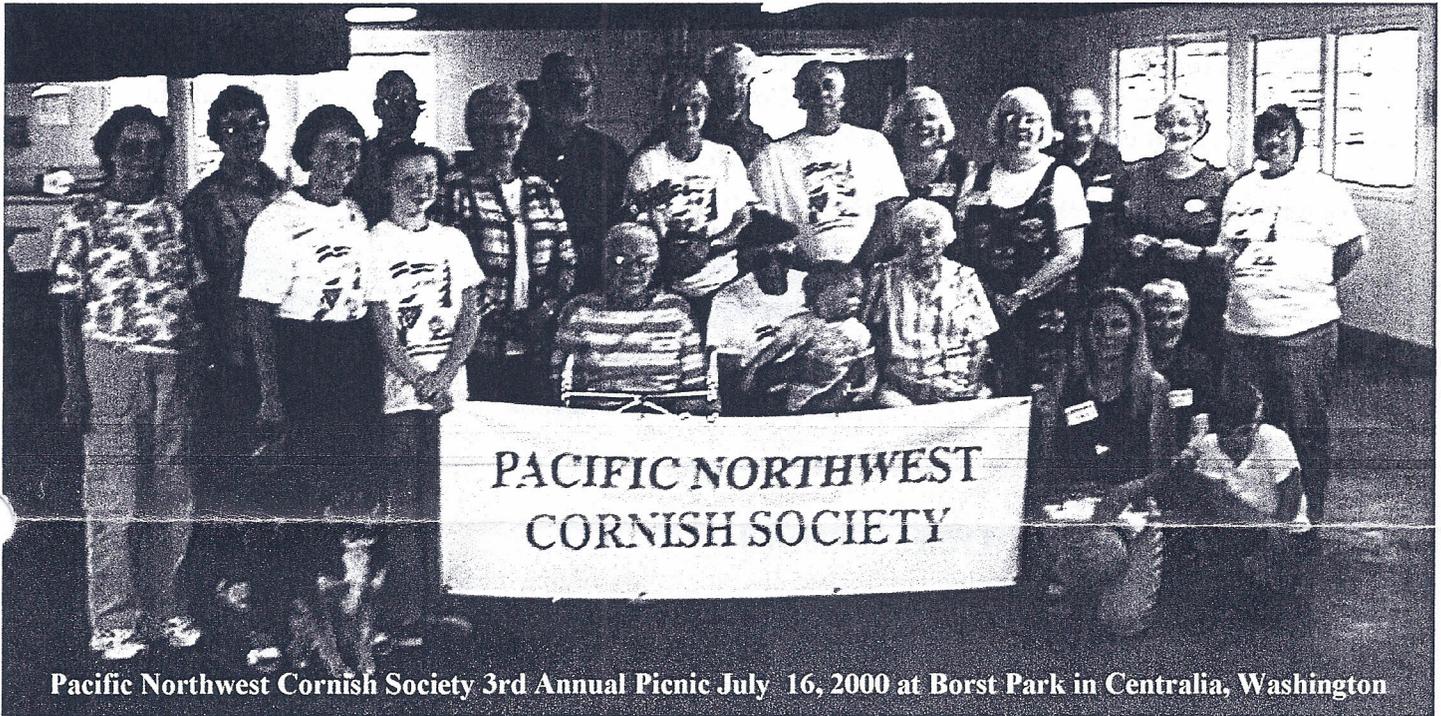


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Pacific Northwest Cornish Society 3rd Annual Picnic July 16, 2000 at Borst Park in Centralia, Washington

Autumn Meeting Scheduled for October 28th in Puyallup

PNCS Autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th in the Presbyterian church of Puyallup. We will gather at 10 am, business meeting, followed by pot luck lunch we will start by 12 noon.

A very special program has been planned by Program Chairman, Mary Sisson of Vancouver. Members of PNCS will learn about the Cornish Gorsedd straight from John King, our own Cornish Bard. John comes from the general area of Camborne/Redruth in one of the mining areas of Cornwall. He will explain how the Gorsedd came to be, how Bards are selected, how he came to be selected. He will bring his blue bardic robe and PNCS members will have first-hand knowledge from John. **It is certainly a 'don't miss' program!**

Thanks to Bob Bruce, we will be able to meet in another area of the great Pacific Northwest. Here's how to find the Presbyterian church:

From South, take the Puyallup exit of I-5 and the East Pioneer exit in Puyallup and 1 mile to church on the corner of W. Pioneer and 4th Street S.W.

If coming from the North (whether on SR 16 and the Narrows Bridge or on I-5) there are slightly different directions. If not sure, e-mail Bob at rbruce21@webcombo.net

See you there!

jottings from jean.....

Our annual meeting at Fort Borst Park in Centralia (under cover this time) was a great deal of fun: we handled a minor amount of business, had another terrific spread of good food, renewed old acquaintances and met new friends. It is the fellowship with other Cornish that, most of all, makes PNCS a great organization. A California member, Judy Berg, was with us...a special surprise. John R. King, Cornish-born bard living in Vancouver, WA came to the annual meeting/picnic, and then became a member. Welcome to John. His music was a great addition to the meet. (See related story).

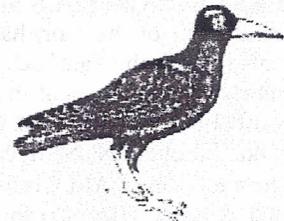
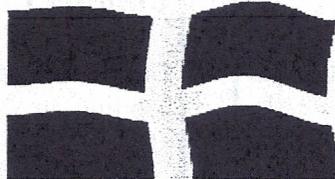
The Newsletter prepared by Marcie Rothman and Joan Huston makes our PNCS membership a real bargain when we also have a program meeting a few times a year.

if you have Cornish relatives and friends in Northwest, suggest a membership to them. Many have no idea of their ancestry (there are some who ask "what does Cornish mean?" thinking they are English) and our Newsletter is loaded with information for those of us of Cornish descent.

Let's share our PNCS and look for new members with our shared interests.

See you in October,

Jean Richards Timmermeister
President



Officers Elected

It's getting be a habit! Nominating committee chairman Jim Faull sent the report of his nominating committee and the four 1999-2000 officers were swept back in:

Treasurer: Joan Huston (who also works on the Newsletter as well as membership)

Secretary: Jim Faull

Vice-president/ program chairman: Mary Sisson

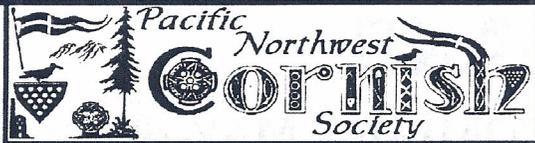
President (Jack of all trades): Jean Timmermeister

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.

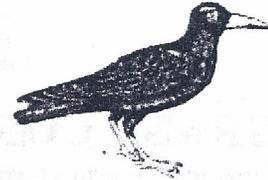
The Board has had a couple of offers of private homes and these nice members will be asked to help out for committee sessions, etc. The officers would appreciate information on free meeting places south of Seattle/Tacoma and north of Portland. The location must be in close proximity to the Interstate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



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QUERIES and MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Please send me your queries to put in the next newsletter Marcia Rothman PO 43, Langley, WA, 98260 USA or E-MAIL roots@whidbey.com

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A person who likes to type to help with the newsletter in typing out news articles. Must have computer and hopefully e-mail, but e-mail is not a must. Contact me at 360-321-9392 or marci@whidbey.com or

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DEHWELANS

GRAND CORNISH HOMECOMING ~ MAY 2002

If you plan to visit **Cornwall** in the next few years, make it May 2002. If you're always meaning to come, but never get round to it - now is the time to make some plans. We're laying on a great welcome. Many Cornish groups worldwide hold Gatherings to celebrate their common heritage and feelings for the home country. 2002 will be similar, yet different - it will be in Cornwall! The idea started with our Cornish Cousins in North America and was picked up with enthusiasm around the world, and especially here in Cornwall.

Entirely organised in Cornwall, initially by a Steering group under the Chairmanship of Ann Trevenen Jenkin, Grand Bard of the Cornish Gorsyth; with Ian Dunn, Chairman of the Cornwall Family History Society; Howard Curnow, well known in and out of Cornwall; John Coles, generating Cornish music at Kernow Sound; Mike Morrish, Editor of the Cornwall Family History Society Journal, and wife Shirley, Cornish born and bred ~ a group formed from the larger number of actively interested people, some you will know as old friends, some new.

The 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins

.....will be held at beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park just outside of Nashville, Tennessee. We have booked the entire conference center and all sleeping rooms at Montgomery Bell State Park for the dates **27 June through 1 July 2001**. The State parks in Tennessee are not primitive, and many of them have large conference centers with plenty of available housing. The Inn and conference center at Montgomery Bell State Park is only about two years old - replacing a much older facility. Of course, the parks also offer facilities for both rustic and caravan campers. So, us southerners hereby officially shout out the traditional southern greeting, **YA'LL COME**, and invite the CAHS and the world of Cornish people to come to Nashville in 2001. We have a special venue seemingly designed for a group like the Cornish Cousins and some super workers (plus a whole lot of southern hospitality)
Tom Nankervis Chairperson, the 11th Gathering of Cornish Cousins NASHVILLE 2001

Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May 2002

DEHWELANS will be focussed around the first weekend of May 2002, from Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May. There's always a lot going on during the Cornish spring, events such as Trevithick Day and the Cornish Language weekend at the end of April, Padstow 'Obby 'Oss on 1st May and the Helston Flora on 8th May. Nature will be at her best, with hedgerow flowers competing with the more formal gardens.

We would expect that most visitors will make this weekend a part of a longer stay, and we shall ensure that there will be a range of trips and events from which visitors can pick and choose in the days before and after. Most activity will be centred on the town of **Falmouth**, an attractive sea coast resort and busy port, a thriving town with much to offer and good rail and bus links throughout Cornwall. There is a large range of accommodation, from the grandest hotels to the least expensive bed and breakfast. We shall make every effort to help our visitors find accommodation for this period - this need not be an expensive affair.

For more information write *Ian Dunn, Trelawney House, 59 Green Lane, REDRUTH, Cornwall TR15 1LS*

ian.marion@virgin.net <http://www.owlescottage.co.uk/2002cornwall/index.htm>

Dehwelans

In order that we may provide you with the visit of a lifetime to Cornwall in 2002, we would be grateful if you complete this survey.

How did you hear about Dehwelans 'The Grand Homecoming'?

Accommodations and Costs

- Are you considering attending DEHWELANS 2002? YES No
- If YES, how many in your party? - adults children
- Which type of accommodation would you prefer?
Hotel Bed & breakfast Guest House Self-catering apartment Caravan/Trailer park Camping (tent)
- Which cost per person per night best suits your requirements?
Under £20 £20-£25 £25-£30 £30-£40 Over £40
- Would you like further information about accommodation? Yes No

There's always a lot going on in Cornwall in the spring, and before and after the central weekend of Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May 2002, there will be opportunities to visit other places and events in Cornwall. We intend to arrange visits according to the interests expressed by our visitors.

Which of the following events would you like to see?

- Trevithick Day at Camborne at the end of April
- The Cornish Language weekend at the end of April
- Padstow 'Obby 'oss Wednesday 1st May
- Helston Flora, Wednesday 8th May

Would you be interested in a full day coach trip to:

- Falmouth - Lizard - Helston - Penzance - Lands End - St Ives - Falmouth
- Falmouth - Camborne - Redruth - Truro - St Mawes - Falmouth
- Falmouth - Newquay - Wadebridge - Bodmin - St Austell - Mevagissey - Falmouth
- Falmouth - Camelford - Bude - Launceston - Liskeard - Falmouth
- Falmouth - Fowey - Lostwithiel - Looe - Rame Head - Torpoint - Saltash - Callington - Falmouth

Would you be interested in a visit to:

- Geevor tin mine
- Delabole Slate Quarry
- Wheal Martyn China Clay visitor centre
- Lanhydrock House (National Trust)

- St Michael's Mount
- Boat trip on the River Fal from Falmouth to Truro
- Gwennap Pit (where Wesley preached)
- Other (please specify)

Family History

- Visit the Cornwall Record Office, Truro
- Visit the Cornwall Family History Society research centre, Truro
- Visit the Cornish Studies Centre, Redruth
- Visit the town(s)/village(s) where your ancestors lived (please specify)
- Visit parish church(es) (please specify)
- Other (please specify)

Talks / Workshops (45mins - 1 hour)

- Cornish language / dialect
- Cornish Mining heritage
- The great gardens of Cornwall
- Cornish Slate quarrying
- Cornish Agriculture
- Cornish Fishing industry
- Cornish Pasty making (how mother makes them back home)
- Other (please specify)

Entertainment

- Bardic ceremony
- Cornish male voice choir
- Traditional Cornish dancing
- Cornish Brass or Silver band
- Modern Cornish music
- Cornish bagpipe demonstration
- Other (please specify)
- May we have some contact details please?

Name

Address :

Please submit this form by regular mail to:

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Or visit the web site to fill out their form they have on their site.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

In Fowey A Roman Coin Hoard Found

An amazing hoard of silver and bronze Roman coins has been found in the Fowey area by a pair of local metal detector enthusiasts.

Jonathan Clemes and Trevor Bird unearthed the coins, dating from 300AD, from a riverbank - though they want the exact location to remain secret.

The men, from St Austell, found around 80 coins before digging further into the soil and discovering an earthenware pot containing many more.

The discovery is one of the most important finds in the county, and is likely to provide important information about Roman sites in Cornwall.

The pair had already carried out research into archaeological sites in the county, and 'hit the jackpot' when digging last week. Mr Clemes explained: "We were just walking along this bank and had already found a few Georgian coins when the metal detector started going again. We could tell by the reading that it was silver, so we started digging.

"I'd found four or five silver coins in the soil when I called Trevor over. It was then that we started to wonder whether we had found a Roman hoard."

Excavations also revealed a piece of Roman pottery, the men taking four-and-a-half hours to delicately lift the earthenware pot free.

Mr Bird said: "It was just unbelievable. It is impossible to describe how we felt - it was like hitting the metal detecting jackpot."

The pot could contain up to 400 Roman coins, but the men are more concerned about historic importance than value.

"It was the most incredible feeling to think we were digging out the earth that someone around 1,700 years ago had removed," said Mr Clemes.

"Unfortunately we will never know who buried it or who handled the coins. Having the pot and coins in your hands gives you an extraordinary feeling - it's like touching history."

The pot containing the coins is to be taken to the British Museum. Experts will remove the coins.

The jar is nine inches high and eight inches in diameter. Once the coins, which could be worth thousands of pounds, have been identified, the legal issue of treasure trove will be resolved.

Ann Tyacke, curator of the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro, threw some light on why the coins may have been buried.

"Being on the riverbank it is possible it was a kind of offering to the gods, or there may have been a temple there," she said.

"It is a great find for Cornwall and certainly one of the largest hoards that have been found here."

The museum is keen to keep the coins in Cornwall and is considering raising money to purchase them.

Huge Roman POW Camp Unearthed

Evidence of a massive prisoner of war camp built by the Romans for rebellious Scots has been unearthed near Hadrian's Wall.

Archaeologists say the latest excavations at the Vindolanda fort, near Hexham in Northumberland, seem to confirm theories that up to 2,000 prisoners were held there in primitive stone huts.

Thirteen circular stone huts, dating from the third century, have now been discovered at the camp. The first two were found in the 1930s.

Vindolanda Trust deputy director, Patricia Birley, said: "There could have been up to 300 huts within the walls of the fort and I believe we will find more.

"There is no justification to think they were used by Roman soldiers. They were too small and basic and too close to each other."

The fort was built in AD 90, soon after the Roman occupation of Britain. Hadrian's Wall was built between AD 122 and 128, a mile to the north.

Taken from the Western Morning News

The Cornishman Renamed

Plans to rename one of the country's most famous trains The Cornishman, after the great Cornish inventor Richard Trevithick, have been welcomed by the Trevithick Society. Chris Green, chief executive of Virgin Trains, has agreed to the naming of one of the futuristic Voyager Super trains as 'Richard Trevithick' in 2004. This date will coincide with the 200th anniversary of the world's first train to carry goods and passengers. It pulled a load of 10 tons of iron and 70 passengers a distance of nine and a half miles, reaching speeds of nearly 5mph. Richard Trevithick was born at Illogan in 1771. He discovered a new method of using high-pressure steam, which meant that engines could be much reduced in size. His engine, known as Cap'n Dick's Puffer, was a fraction of the size of James Watt's engine and his first road vehicle carried a dozen passengers up Camborne Hill on Christmas Eve.

CORNISH CULTURE CORNER

A Proper Pasty

The only 'proper' pasty is home-made. With the best will in the world even the best 'shop' pasty - and there are some good ones down here - is second best to the real thing.

Which is:

Tom's Proper Pasty Recipe

(makes 2, 1 for hot & 1 for cold)

(For the pastry)

10 oz Plain flour

5 oz butter and lard (50/50 mix)

pinch of salt

pinch of baking powder (optional)

(For the filling)

8 oz of skirt beef or chuck

1 large potato

1 large onion

piece of swede the size of a duck's egg

salt, black / white pepper to taste

Method

Sieve the flour, salt and baking powder

Rub in the fats

Add water to make a stiff pastry

Place to one side to 'rest'

Dice and season the meat

Slice (not dice) the vegetables thinly - season to taste

Cut the pastry into two pieces

Roll out a piece of pastry on a floured surface, Trim to a 10" round (cut round a dinner plate). Put a handful of the veg. mix on the pastry, Followed by and handful of meat Followed by some more veg.

Damp the edges of the pastry round, fold in half and pinch the edges together. Fold the closed edges plait fashion with a twist of the wrist (crimping)

Make a 'steam hole' the thickness of your little finger top centre with the point of a knife

Repeat the process with the second round of pastry and the remaining potato, onion and swede.

Put the pasties on a baking sheet in the centre of a pre-heated oven (400F) for about 10 minutes to set the pastry. Turn down to 350F and cook for another hour.

Remove the pasties from the oven and cool on a wire rack for 10-15 minutes.

Taken from the Lovers of Cornwall mail list

Award for two Cornish books

Kesva an Taves Kernewek, the Cornish Language Board, has been awarded nearly £5,000 from the Millennium Festival Awards for All programme.

It is in recognition of the leading part the board has taken in the study and promotion of the Cornish language and will be used to fund the publication of two books.

The first is a second edition of *The New Standard Cornish Dictionary*, by Dr Ken George, and the other is a third edition of Wella Brown's *Grammar of Modern Cornish*, a standard work of reference for those studying language on traditional lines.

Graham Sandercock, chairman of the board, said: "This is very good news. For years the Cornish language movement has been financed from the pockets of those who believe in the importance of the language as an essential element of our culture, an element which is completely relevant to modern life in Cornwall."

Taken from the Western Morning News

Duke backs Cornish food

The Royal Cornwall Show's second royal visitor, the Duke of Gloucester, has given his support to Duchy food producers.

The Duke, the show's president, headed straight for the food and farming tent and sampled a chocolate ice cream cornet made at Helsett Farm, Boscastle.

Pork and Rosemary sausages made by Traditional Cornish Meats proved another success with the Cornish visitor, and he was also impressed by the range of Cornish cheeses. He went home with some Trelawney, named after one of his ancestors.



Tidbits by Anna and Dan Corbett of Willow Books in Cornwall

The Grand Bard

`The Gorsedd is a family of like-minded people with a very strong influence for Cornwall in the modern world` declared Ann Trevenon Jenkin - the Grand Bard. It is hoped a Gorsedd website will be set up during the coming year which will increase opportunities for Celtic and Cornish research. Ann Jenkin will be a guest at the Celtic Women`s International in the USA this autumn. She will lead a workshop encouraging young people to appreciate their culture at the Milwaukee festival in October. Mrs Jenkin will join other speakers such as the co-producer of American Celtic Television in New York.

Cornish Wine

Hard on the heels of the fame of the Cornish pasty comes Cornish wine. Camel Valley Vineyard near Bodmin, is now rated in the top ten per cent of world wine producers. They have now won the International Seal of Approval at the International Wine Challenge 2000, following hard on the heels of four awards in the United Kingdom Vineyard Ass. Wine of the year. They also hold national and international gold medals. I am no wine buff, but for those in the know, their Camel Valley's Seyval blanc is a winner, having picked up three top awards.

Other Cornish Products

Cornish produce is being enthusiastically received in France, where the British pavilion at Brest 2000 Festival in Brittany, was virtually taken over by Cornish companies. Visitors arrived in droves, not just from France but also America and Japan. One and a half tonnes of Cornish ice cream from Callestick farm near Truro, were sold, a novelty for the French as theirs is manufactured by the multi-nationals. Half a ton of salted pilchards from the Cornish Pilchard works at Newlyn, also went down well.

St. Piran

A coachload of Cornish residents have returned from Ireland, laden with gifts and keen to promote closer links between the people. St. Piran was born and brought up in Ireland before crossing the water and establishing his church on the dunes at Perranporth. Eamonn Lankford for Clear Island, County Cork, issued the invitation to visit the island where St. Kieran, one of Ireland`s oldest saints, was born. There is no mention of his death and it is believed he came to Cornwall where he became known as Piran. There are documents in the County Record office written in the 12th century, suggesting St. Piran was Irish. This week the parish of Seir Kieran, where the Irish saint established a monastery, received gifts and presentations from Cornish representatives.

Beast of Bodmin

After several months of silence concerning the `Beast of Bodmin` -the black panther like creature that eluded all attempts at capture over the last couple of years, a holidaymaker has reported a sighting at Wheal Kitty. As this is on my home patch, I shall keep my eyes skinned on future walks!

Cape Cornwall Singers

Following in the footsteps of their grandparents, a group of men from St. Just will be heading Down Under to sing. The Cape Cornwall Singers will be guest performers at the famed Kernewek Lowendar in the old copper mining towns of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. A great Cornish festival is held every two years in S. Australia, including a mini-Gorsedd ceremony. The invitation came from the Cornish Association of S. Australia. The group is looking forward to seeing the S. Australian copper triangle and other sites of Cornish influence.

Willow Books

[Http://www.willowbooks.co.uk/](http://www.willowbooks.co.uk/)

Genealogy Corner

FreeREG Project: ENGLISH PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTS AND INDEXES

<http://freereg.rootsweb.com> FreeREG stands for Free REGisters.

The FreeREG Project's objective is to provide free Internet searches of baptism, marriage, and burial records, which have been transcribed from parish and non-conformist church registers in the United Kingdom. The recording of baptisms, marriages, and burials in parish registers began in England in 1538.

There are three FreeREG databases, one each for baptisms, marriages and burials. FreeREG is a new project and has only several million records in the database, so you should not expect to find all your ancestors in the database yet (but you might). FreeREG is a part of the FreeUKGEN Project and companion project to FreeBMD <http://FreeBMD.rootsweb.com>, a database of the GRO birth, marriage, and death indexes from 1837.

Records are to be made freely available through a search engine only, not as complete sets of data for a church. For complete transcriptions, where available, refer to the local County Records Offices, or Family History Societies. The FreeREG database is just a finding tool. It should not be considered to be proof, or indeed that it is always 100% accurate, or contains all of the information in the actual register. Once you have found a record, then write to the relevant Family History Society or County Record Office, who, for a small fee, will obtain a print from the original register for you.

FreeREG is looking for transcribers and for those who have already made transcriptions. If you would like to help, see Contributing to the Project at <http://FreeREG.rootsweb.com/> If you would like to become involved in the project, please join the mailing list FREEREG-L@rootsweb.com

The Cornish Arms



At the heart of Cornwall's Coat of Arms is the shield of the Duchy of Cornwall which depicts 15 golden bezants (coins) brought home by knights who had passed through Byzantium on their way to the Crusades. Silver was the usual coinage, gold a valuable novelty, so bezants were first shown on the shield of Richard, Earl of Cornwall (1209-1272) to show his pride in having been on a crusade.

In 1337 the bezants were incorporated into the arms of the Duke of Cornwall to whom they belong. The shield is flanked by a miner and a fisherman representing traditional Cornish industries. Above is a Chough, once a bird of the Cornish cliffs, resting its claw on a ducal coronet. "One and All", the Cornish motto, tells of the County's community spirit.

Don't forget that your dues are delinquent as of July 2000!!! Send them in now.

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Finding Our Cornish Cousins By Gay Knutson

Most of us have felt the warm rush or cool goosebumps which flood the nervous system when we "happen" upon the life of one of our ancestors. For myself, I have littered cyberspace and postal rural routes with queries, messages, and shot-in-the-dark pleas for any scrap of information relating to souls long departed. (See A Simple Life and Death). My frenetic activities have paid off handsomely as I have an ever growing body of knowledge about those whose blood flows through my veins. Much of what I know is the result of connections made on well-organized, easy to use Web sites. It has been my dream that the Pacific Northwest Cornwall Society can enhance its own site to become another gold mine (tin, copper, lead, slate?) for others seeking to excavate their past.

Part I, the Surname Interest section, is well on its way to becoming an extensive, useful data base for researchers in the Northwest and abroad. With over 200 surnames and parishes ranging from Abraham of Crowan to Williams of St. Austell, your surnames on the list can be linked to your e-mail and/or e-mail addresses on the site. By announcing this achievement on the Cornish-L and other relevant sites, we will surely be inundated by Cornish Cousins from around the globe. Perhaps this can be done before Christmas?

Part II of the project is meant to reflect the migration patterns of families represented by the PNCS. As yet there has not been enough participation from our members to make this element a success. We NEED YOUR INPUT with regard to the who, where, when, and why of YOUR immigrant ancestors and their descendants.

The creation of such a site is not an original idea and there are several excellent Migration Project prototypes now available on the Internet. For me, this type of information helps provide

the flesh and bones to our genealogical musings. Here is an overview of the scant information sent in so far:

So far the Varcoes who arrived in Pennsylvania in 1832 and the Kingdons who settled in New Jersey the same year, have beaten out the Treglowns (1846) and the Spargos (1854)- both of whom settled in Linden, Wisconsin for First Immigrant status. Vern will have to fill us in as to whether his family came as farmers or as miners who came to work the slate quarries or iron and coal mines. The Kingdons should be sure to get in touch with Nancy Heydt who is currently writing a book about the Cornish of New Jersey. The Linden settlers came in response to extensive lead deposits which were only slightly below the surface of the ground.

Following these earliest immigrants, there is another wave of folks who came in the second half of the nineteenth century. Most of these families settled in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, presumably working the copper and iron fields. In addition to the predictable mining communities, the Tregarthens came to Boston in 1872, the Morrishes to Berkeley in 1885, and the Kessels to Grays River, Washington in 1892. The Faulls went directly to Butte, presumably to commit their hearts and bodies to the Anaconda Copper Company, and the Rosevears and Uglows arrived in Revelstoke, BC, in 1912. Most of the immigrant families reporting so far are from the mining areas near Redruth/Illogan. Subsequent generations turn up more of our ancestors in Butte, Colorado, California, and other places "with a hole in the ground." This can be fascinating stuff with enough input and enough anecdotes to go with the statistics. Can you help? Please send your family info to: cknutson@olympus.net or Gay Knutson, 734 Grauel Ramapo Road, Port Angeles, WA 98363. Include surname, parish left, date, debarkation port, where they settled, why... and anything else interesting. Thanks.

A Simple Life and Death

Perusing the 1900 census, I was dismayed though not surprised to learn that my great great grandfather, Henry Treglown, could not read or write. How I envied those who found diaries tucked in now-fragile shipping trunks or discovered letters secreted between old bedroom walls. How was I ever to find out anything "personal" about these simple, hardworking people?

Through the Internet I was contacted by a distant Cornish Cousin who offered the glimpses into the past I so desperately coveted. Miraculously, a wonderful diary was kept by my great great grandmother's brother. Richard Wearne, who was born on November 5, 1797, was a dutiful chronicler of his personal and professional life. The journal is hand written and is approximately 224 pages long. It covers a period from January 1819 in Hayle to the 10th of April 1869 in Linden, Wisconsin. It is very fragile and a lot of it is hard to read. Jack Roberts and his wife Joan Roberts have typed it out and indexed it. There are many mentions of various Linden families in the journal. Jack was kind enough to send the following about my great great grandmother, Emily Bowden Hosking:

3 March Saturday(1860) - Son be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee 7 Math 2 Wether fine. thawn all this week, stary had her Rose calf last Monday Gorge gave up diging, & began to fence & rise rock & Emily, my sisters daughter died last Tusday & berred Thursday. Mr. Temby died to day.

10 March Saturday - precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints 116 Psalm 15. The funeral sermond of Emily Hosking, & Mrs. J. Richards was preached last sabboth by the Rev. Mr. Morish the former words was his text. This been afine week like summer the cold nights we been rising rocks & built 23 yards of dry rocks hedge the cold nights we been rising rocks & built 23 yards of dry rocks hedge Gorge was to the orth for aload of post & to Point with 23 bushels of wheat at 97 pr bushel I paid one dollar to day for the base vial for chapple.

Thanks to this diary, I can picture George and Richard building their stone fence, the new calf on shaky legs, and my great grandmother, Emma, a toddler at the time of Emily's death, bewildered, frightened, waiting for her mother wake up.

Cornish Books

Here are some books about Cornwall that might be of interest to you, besides the sometimes boring and dry histories and reference books.

Fiction books of a Cornish nature:

Penmarric by Susan Howatch

Set against the starkly beautiful landscape of Cornwall, with its rugged cliffs, ominous moors, crumbling castles and bottomless mines, Penmarric is the massive and totally enthralling saga of a family divided against itself.

Rebecca and Jamaica Inn by Daphne du-Maurier are well known as very good Cornish books, but did you know that Frenchman's Creek, Castle Dor, and House on the Strand, also written by Daphne duMaurier, take place in Cornwall too? They all are very good books, well worth reading!

Don't forget to read the Poldark series by Winston Graham if you haven't read them yet! There are 11 books in the series, covering 18th Century Cornwall.

In order:

Ross Poldark

Demelza

Jeremy Poldark

Warleggan (varient title: The Last Gamble)

The Black Moon

The Four Swans

The Angry Tide

The Stranger from the Sea

The Miller's Dance

The Loving Cup

The Twisted Sword

More recommendations to come next time!



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