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	DATE: Saturday, August 8, 2026		TIME: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM		VENUE: Fort Borst Park, Kitchen #2, Centralia, Washington
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ANNUAL MEETING
and POTLUCK

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**10 AM-2 PM
AUGUST 8 AT
FORT BORST
PARK IN
CENTRALIA**

**PROGRAM:
MARY SISSON ON
FAMILY TRIP TO
CORNWALL**

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*Next Zoom meeting:
1 p.m. Oct. 4
Program: Greta Erm
on genealogy*

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

GORD'N PERROTT

Hi Cousins,

Early Summer greetings to you all. We had a nice Zoom meeting in March to see each other and celebrate St. Piran. I take great pleasure in explaining to my friends that there are more Celtic saints than St. Patrick. I like that the Cornish flag so directly relates to the tin and granite that make our nation special. I wonder how the ancient Cornish folks first figured out separating the tin and maybe copper to use for tools. I can easily imagine the same thing that St. Piran is said to have seen: A rock with tin by the fire and the tin coming out in the heat. What a revelation to be able to extract it and do something with it.

I love following news from Cornwall. There is a strong effort for more Cornish Identity. Support for Cornish language schools and efforts to have Cornish language place names on the road signs. Some early steps to more local control, maybe following Scotland's and Wales' lead for a local governing body. There are also the festivals like Helston Flora Day and of course the St. Piran's Day celebrations throughout the land. We are a very hardy bunch and we take justified pride in our culture and history. Our people worked very hard to survive but also had some fun along the way.

Mary Sisson will present on a recent family trip to Cornwall at our August meeting at Fort Borst Park in Centralia. That is on August 8, starting at 10 a.m. with a potluck and the presentation at about 1130 a.m. October 4, Greta Erm will give a presentation on genealogy. I find it very interesting to learn about my people and what they did, what made them decide to leave or stay.

With echoes from today, what were they up against that a journey to the unknown of North America or the other far-flung places, with at most a piece of paper extolling the income and hope that was there, made them leave Cornwall? One of the back stories I liked in the Poldark series is how survival-based living was in the 1600 and 1700s. It's tough to farm there and hard to fish. Going down a mine to eek out enough to buy a little food was a dangerous option. I can imagine the idea of emigrating to a warm place, a land of plenty, was very attractive. We all have family stories of our people saying goodbye and getting on a ship for a long journey, not only by boat, but maybe wagon or train the where the mine was and the new start. We have such amazing ancestors. Hard working optimists who braved steps into the unknown!

Some club business: We still have an opening for Vice President. If you want to help our society flourish, please consider stepping forward for that. We are always in need of items for the newsletter: family stories or reports from trips taken, anything Cornish is very welcome. After our August meeting our next meeting will be on Zoom on Sunday, October 4 at 1 p.m. If you have something visual like a trip report, please get in touch.

CELEBRATE YOUR IDENTITY IN MINERAL POINT

The Cornish American Heritage Society's 21st Gathering of the Cornish Cousins is set for Sept. 24 and 25 in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. With a theme of "Celebrating Cornish Identity: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," the event is timed to precede Mineral Point's Cornish Festival.

The keynote speaker will be Nicola Lloyd, director and founder of Global Cornish. Her goal is to build a global Cornish community of those who are Cornish by birth, ancestry or choice.



The organization's [website](#) says, "Global Cornish aims to harness the strength of Cornwall's unique and vibrant diaspora and turn it into meaningful partnerships that drive economic opportunity, cultural exchange, and shared prosperity — both at home and abroad."

The \$180 registration includes a Thursday luncheon, Friday pasty dinner, presenters, and entrance to Mineral Point site tours.

Why Mineral Point? In the 1840s, thousands of people from England immigrated to the area. About 15,000 of them came from Redruth, Cornwall, bringing their heritage with them. Mineral Point and Redruth share a common history based in mining.

Their Cornish Festival runs Sept. 26-28 and includes pottery demonstrations, tours of Cornish sites, a pasty demonstration and tasting, pub night, community singing, afternoon tea, a Saturday concert with The Countrymen, and more.

The conference venue and lodging are at Mineral Point Quality Inn, with a block of rooms at a discount under "Cornish Gathering."

- Download the registration flyer [here](#).
- Pay online via this [link](#), or send your check to our own Dot Hosking, who is treasurer of both PNCS and CAHS: CAHS % Dorothy Hosking, 1451 Spruce Street #204, Florence, OR 97439.
- Then reserve a room in the Cornish Gathering block at Mineral Point Quality Inn, 608-987-4747, or at another Mineral Point hotel.



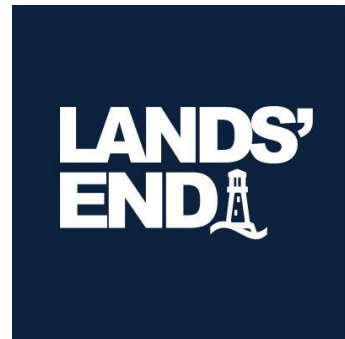
Nicola Lloyd, keynote speaker

LANDS' END EXPLAINS APOSTROPHE

Have you ever looked at a Lands' End catalog and wondered why the apostrophe is in the wrong place? In Cornwall, it's Land's End, the end of this island that contains our homeland.

Here's the explanation from Gary Comer, founder of the Dodgeville, Wisconsin-based clothier:

"A lot of people ask why the apostrophe in Lands' End is in the wrong place. There have been some silly explanations along the way, but the truth is, it was a mistake. It was a typo in our first printed piece, and we couldn't afford to reprint and correct it. Then we found there were other companies named Land's End (with the apostrophe in the right place). A lot of them! And since we wanted to register copyrights and trademarks, we decided to remain forever on Lands' End. And now you know our darkest secret."



CHOUGHS RETURN TO TINTAGEL

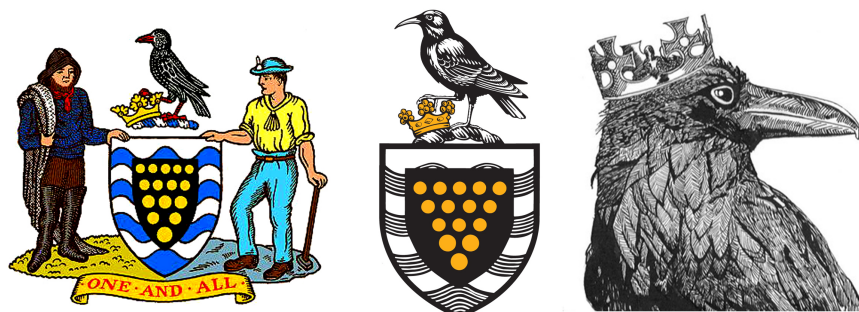
The choughs have returned! Decades after disappearing from the cliffs around Tintagel Castle, a small population of choughs has made a comeback.

Considered Cornwall's national bird, the black birds with red beaks and feet are featured in Cornwall's coat of arms — both the old one, with a miner and fisherman, and the new, featuring just the chough. But they vanished in the early 1970s, largely because of the decline of their grazed cliff-top habitat, according to The Guardian.

Chough is pronounced "chuff" in Europe, rhyming with tough or stuff. Another variation is "choff," rhyming with chough, or the Americanized version, "choh," rhyming with grow. A birding site listed nine different pronunciations.

The birds have legendary connections to Tintagel and the legend of King Arthur. He is said to have been conceived at Tintagel and his spirit is said to live on the the shape of a chough, with the red feet and beak representing his bloody end.

Birdwatchers have recorded them on the cliffs and the castle at Tintagel. Local ornithologists and English Heritage, the custodian of Tintagel, have declared that they're back. Tintagel is the farthest north and east that the birds have been spotted.



PNCS meeting minutes

March 7, 2026 by Pamela Perrott



Gord'n welcomed people to the Zoom meeting, followed by introductions and Cornish connections.

Present: Gord'n Perrott, Pamela Perrott, Becca McVicker, Lorene Kealy, Bonnie LaDoe, Dorothy Hosking, Douglas Hambley, Judy Berg, Joan Huston, Mary Sisson, Sandy Dunkel, and Johnny Trestrail, president of the Cornish American Heritage Society.

Gord'n said the Vice President role is vacant, anyone want to volunteer?

Mickey Sieracki, who runs our website, wondered whether we should put our newsletter on Facebook. The downside is getting our personal info on the internet. Upside — we might get new members from the publicity. No one spoke against it. So we go ahead.

Celtic Fairs — We used to go to them every year for publicity, including the Enumclaw Celtic Celebration and Portland Highland Games. We would need brochures to hand out, a canopy (Gord'n has one), and possibly insurance, which Dot could get for us. We have \$5,000+ in our account so can fund visits to Celtic festivals. We used to sell items from our country store at these events.

Next meeting is August 8 at Fort Borst park in Centralia. Dot has the songbooks. We have a giant opening for younger folks to carry stuff.

Dot said California Cornish Connection is in Grass Valley May 15-16. CAHS gathering in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, will be Sept. 25-27 in connection with the Cornish Festival they have every year. You can join CAHS — it is free. Go to cousinjack.org to join.

Question: Did you celebrate St Piran's day?

Gord'n did a program on St. Piran. This society has raised up the visibility of St. Piran. St. Piran was sent to float away on a rock. He made a fire, and tin came out of the rock. There was a week long celebration of Piran. St. Piran's Day celebrations are increasing in Cornwall, with Celtic crosses in Cornwall. All the parts of Britain have their patron saint. St Piran was a peaceful, community organizer type. He got kicked out of Ireland and sent to Cornwall. A good website on all things St. Piran: Cornishstuff.com.

A good Facebook page is Cornish word of the day. They speak it and spell it.

Gord'n will check on the Fort Borst reservation. Dot will work on a geographic list — where would be a good place to meet in person? McVickers own a coffee shop in Vancouver (Jebale Coffee) where we could meet.

We talked about meeting notices, sending reminders etc. We currently email them out. We could add a Facebook invitation, too.

GENEALOGY CORNER: DETECTIVE DOT FINDS HER IRISH GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Some 162 years ago, an Irish lass named **Mary Ann Neil** left Ballyhackett, County Derry, Ireland, at just 16 or 17 years old and made her way to Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. We do not know how she crossed the Atlantic or who traveled with her, but somehow, she met my great-grandfather, **William Henry Hosking**, a tin miner who had emigrated only a few years earlier from St Just in Penwith, Cornwall.

William, a mine boss with the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, first arrived on 29 May 1865. His wife, **Mary Oats Hosking**, and their three children followed a year later. Sadly, Mary Oats died within a year of arriving, leaving William to raise their children alone. Between 1867 and 1868, William married Mary Ann. Together they raised four boys. The names Mary Ann chose for her sons —**Tait, Marvin, and Melrose**—were not from the Hosking line, hinting at her own family story.

Mary Ann ultimately had nine children, six of whom died between birth and four years of age. Two of William's three boys from his first marriage also died, at ages four and six. William's first daughter had died earlier in Cornwall at age three. The sheer number of losses speaks to the fragility of life in that era.

For over thirty years, I searched for Mary Ann's family. All I knew was that she was

born around 1850, that her father was possibly from Scotland or Ireland, and that her mother was Irish. DNA testing offered only small clues, including a distant connection to the **Tait** family in Australia—something I did not pursue at the time.

Then, in early 2025, just before my May trip to Great Britain, everything changed. One sleepless night I once again searched “Hosking” on newspapers.com. Suddenly—bingo! A two-line article appeared: *Mr. and Mrs. John Bridle of Teasdale visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Hosking*. That was my breakthrough. Mary Ann had a sister—**Rachael Neil**. Through Rachael's marriage record, I finally learned their parents' names: **John Neil and Mary Tait of Ballyhackett, County Derry, Ireland**.

With this discovery in hand, I traveled to Ireland with my friend Jean Ellis. Although my research plans at Belfast's PRONI were derailed by a bank holiday, we hired a guide who took us to Ballyhackett near Coleraine. We walked the green countryside, visited the church in Coleraine where Rachael was married, and St. Paul's Parish Church in Articlave. Standing there, I felt a powerful connection to the place where my great-grandmother had once lived. Since then, I have connected with several 3×1 cousins, whose DNA has revealed additional aunts, uncles, and siblings for Mary Ann and Rachael. I have also found church and legal records that further

document this family's life. Mary Ann had been my great brick wall—and now that wall has fallen. It means everything to me that my children and other family members will know who came before them. I feel a deep sense of completion knowing that I can leave them this history.

I still get goosebumps thinking about that day. What began with a sleepless night and a tiny two-line newspaper notice unlocked an entirely new chapter of our family story. Now I have real names, real

places, and real people—not just for myself, but for future generations.

This journey has reminded me that family history is built on small clues, persistence, and a little luck. For me, it has been deeply fulfilling to finally piece together the story of **Mary Ann Neil**, the Irish lass who became my great-grandmother.

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CORNWALL MY HOME

BY HARRY GLASSON

I've stood on Cape Cornwall in the sun's evening glow
On Chywoone Hill at Newlyn to watch the fishing fleets go
Watched the sheave wheels at Geevor as they spun around
And heard the men singing as they go underground

Chorus:

And no one will ever move me from this land
Until the Lord calls me to sit at His hand
For this is my Eden, and I'm not alone
For this is my Cornwall and this is my home

I've left childish footsteps in the soft Sennen sand
I've chased the maids there, all giggly and tanned
I've stood on the cliff top in a westerly blow
And heard the waves thunder on the rocks far below

First thing in the morning, on Chapel Carn Brea
To gaze at the Scillies in the blue far away
For this is my Cornwall, and I'll tell you why
Because I was born here and here I shall die

THREE GENERATIONS VISIT THEIR CORNISH ROOTS

By Mary Sisson

After a week exploring villages and family roots in Cornwall, what stood out for our grandsons?

"I saw a Ferarri," said Ira, 13.

"I got to see sharks being fed," said Arlo, 9.

Well, okay then. But they also fulfilled a bucket-list dream for Bob and me, to take our family to Cornwall for our 50th anniversary to explore their maternal roots and culture.

We and our three children, two of their spouses, and the three youngest grandkids set up home base in Newquay. From there we took day trips. One was to explore the family roots in Par, Fowey and Polkerris. The other was up the north coast to Padstow and Port Isaac, then to Truro to find the Rosevear family crest in the cathedral.



Second-cousins Peter Tamblyn and Liz Cooper ferried us between trains and towns to places our grandmothers lived, shopped and socialized. Fowey was the center of life in that area, where community continues in buildings that were there before Grandma Florence Rosevear Uglow left in 1912. We traveled narrow roads to Polkerris, known in Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca" as Kerris. Next stop was Par, to see the Wesleyan Chapel where John Uglow, my great-grandfather, was Sunday school superintendent, and the house where Grandma was born and raised.

A second day trip took us to Padstow, where relatives lived long before Rick Stein's

restaurants made it famous; and to the charming fishing village of Port Isaac, known as Port Wenn in the "Doc Martin" TV series.



Fistral and Towan beaches in Newquay provided a playground for all three generations.

What was the favorite thing for River, 13? Pasties and Mr. Whippy, a soft ice cream treat with a stick of Cadbury chocolate.

Cream tea at the majestic Headland Hotel was another family favorite — jam first, of course. The night before we had watched "The Witches," based on Roald Dahl's book and starring Angelica Huston and Rowan Atkinson (aka Mr. Bean). It was filmed at the Headland, and an employee pointed out key backdrops from the movie.

Many thanks to the Cornish American Heritage Society for their travel grant.

I'll be sharing more at the Aug. 8 PNCS meeting in Centralia.



PRINCE WILLIAM TO SELL A FIFTH OF DUCHY OF CORNWALL

Prince William, the Duke of Cornwall, plans to sell off a fifth of the duchy over the next 10 years to invest in projects with social and environmental impact. According to The Times of London, he will focus his efforts around five geographic “heartlands” — the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall, Dartmoor, the Bath area and Kennington in south London.

The duchy — which simply means the territory of a duke — was created by King Edward III in 1337 to guarantee income for the heir to the throne. The \$11.3 billion estate passed to Prince William in 2022 when his father, Charles, became king. It generates a \$20-30 million annual salary for the prince and his family which covers their personal, official and charitable expenses.

William has decided that the duchy “shouldn’t just exist to own land,” the holding’s chief executive, Will Bax, told The Times. “It should first and foremost exist to have a positive impact on the world.”

That impact is being felt in Newquay, Cornwall, where Nansleden, a highly sustainable Cornish community, has been in development since 2013. The first residents moved into their homes in 2015. Nansleden is expected to have nearly 4,000 homes, with a diverse mix of businesses, schools, and health and leisure activities.



Houses surround a green at Nansleden.

The project includes housing designed to address homelessness, a collaboration between the Cornish charity St. Petrocs, the Royal Foundation’s Homewards Foundation, and the Duke of Cornwall’s Charitable Foundation.

Nansleden, which means “broad valley” in Cornish, features street and school names in the Cornish language. Building materials come mainly from three Cornish quarries.

Prince William visited Nansleden in May. He wrote on Instagram, “Three years ago, we set out to take a different approach, to think more carefully about how the Duchy could use its land to create opportunity and support people over the long term, including launching a project here in Cornwall to help tackle homelessness with the right support around it. It’s fantastic to come back to Nansleden and to see that beginning to take shape, and to meet some of the

people now calling it home. There’s still more to do, but it’s encouraging to see what’s already possible when you bring together the right people, ideas and ambition.”

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PNCS meetings are held three times a year.

- **ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Zoom meeting on the first Saturday in March

- **ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC AT FORT BORST PARK IN PERSON**

Picnic at Fort Borst Park in Centralia the second Saturday in August

- **FALL MEETING 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4**

Zoom meeting normally the third Saturday in October

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