

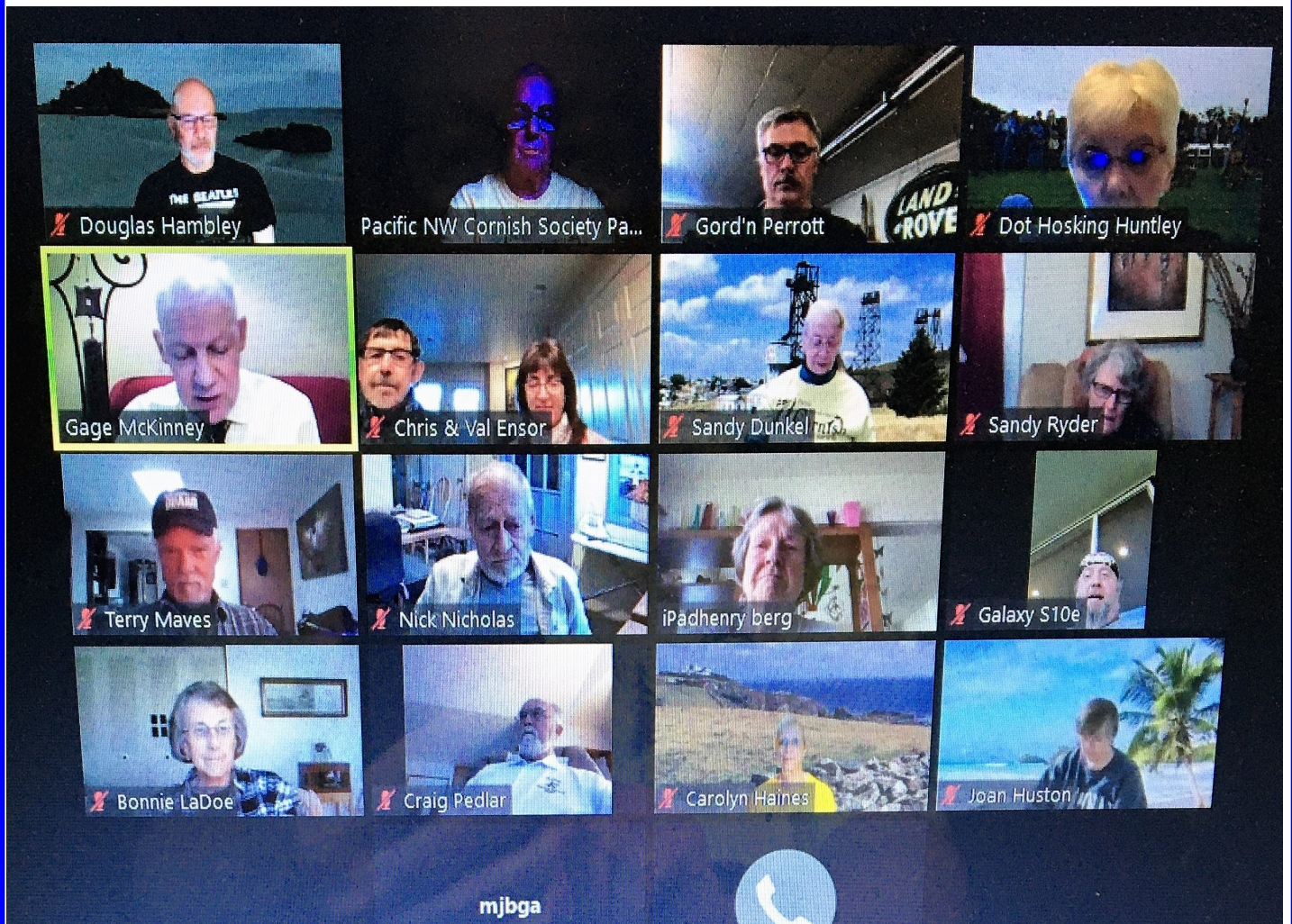
**Next Meetings: March 5th 2022 Puyallup  
March 19th 2022 Portland**



SPRING 2021

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !**

OCTOBER 16, 2021 zoom Meeting  
19 members in attendance  
Special Speaker: Gage McKinney



*Pacific Northwest Cornish Society*

**ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
**Puyallup, WA - First Saturday March 5, 2022**  
**Portland, OR - Third Saturday March 19, 2022**

The meetings are scheduled to be held in person and we are going to attempt to run a Zoom concurrently. Program to be determined.

Please contact Bob Scott with program ideas.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2021, MEETING VIA ZOOM

The Fall meeting of PNCS was held 10/16/21 via Zoom.

We connected on Zoom about 10 minutes late to technical difficulties involving the operator (Alene) remembering how to get everyone connected. Apologies to all who were inconvenienced. To prevent this in the future, the Board is seeking a volunteer who is a bit more computer savvy to help on future Zoom calls. The meeting was called to order about 4:15pm PST. The following members were in attendance: Bob Scott, Gordon Bennett, Dot Hosking, Alene Reaugh, Douglas Hambley, Gord'n Perrot, Chris & Valarie Ensor, Sandy Dunkel, Sandy Ryder, Carolyn Haines, Terry Maves, Nick Nicholas, Judy Berg, Bonnie La-Doe, Doug Wolford, Craig Pedlar, and Joan Huston.

**GUEST SPEAKER**, Gage McKinney from Grass Valley, California is the Past President of the California Cornish Cousin. He teaches Cornish History and Culture in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Sierra College in Grass Valley.

The members were asked to introduce themselves and give their Cornish Connections.

Gage McKinney presented us with his speech, ***AFTER 40 YEARS, HAVE WE SAVED CORNISH CULTURE?*** given at the Butte Gathering of the Cornish American Heritage Society, and has given me permission to distribute to our members. See page 3-5 for the complete text.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Bob announced that we would not be having a Christmas Party this year as it does not feel safe for us to be meeting in person at this time.

Bob advised he will be sending out a questionnaire to all members to determine the overall feelings about in person meetings.

Carolyn Haines explained that the Cornish American Heritage Society CAHS has changed, and they no longer have "members," now they have "friends," there are no dues, there will be a quarterly newsletter via email only, and Zoom meetings which will sometimes include special speakers. The Gatherings will continue to be every two years. The link to contact CAHS to be added to the "friends" list is <http://cousinjack.org/join/>

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Dick Colenso is welcoming his 18<sup>th</sup> Great Grandchild.

The meeting adjourned 7:30pm PST

## **AFTER 40 YEARS, HAVE WE SAVED CORNISH CULTURE?**

Gage McKinney

*Notes and texts from the talk given October 16, 2021  
to the Pacific Northwest Cornish Association (via Zoom)*

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** *This year marks 40 years of the Cornish American Heritage Society and a movement to preserve Cornish heritage in North America, and in Cornwall, too. This is an occasion to celebrate all our movement has achieved in 40 years! We can talk about those achievements.*

*We must also recognize— as Bill Curnow eloquent tribute to our cousin Howard reminds us -- it's a time a time to remember and to grieve for those who have worked beside us in the movement but whom we no longer see.*

*If there's anything a Celtic heritage teaches us, it's that life involves seasons of light and seasons of darkness; that success and failure are fraternal twins; that sorrow may stay the night but joy comes with the morning. Amid the contrasts of darkness and light we see and discern the way forward.*

**HOWARD CURNOW REMEMBERED:** *In our memories, going forward, the passing of our friend and Cornish champion Howard Curnow, will always punctuate this milestone anniversary.*

*Private moments: Talking on the sidelines of a gathering; in a pub; a tour of Penwith in his car*

*Public moments: More characteristic of the memories we share of Howard. Extraordinary talents for bringing people together – 1) a booming voice to bring attention; 2) a quick wit for a story or a quip which could break the ice, relieve tensions and move a discussion forward; 3) a bold imagination to push a new idea; a voice to lift a song, to lead us all in singing, and to unite us in the tuneful way most common to the Cornish.*

*We loved Howard; we will miss him; and only naturally we ask – how can we carry on?*

### **FOUNDERS & LEADERS OF CAHS:**

***Paul Liddicoat** – speaker and motivator who could help people believe they could do great things*

***Marvin Rusch** – leaders and administration and a man who embodied the welcoming, friendly spirit of our gatherings over the years*

***Dorothy Sweet** – an outgoing, vivacious women who was foremost an instigator*

***Rosalie Armstrong** – the CAHS president who, with her learned imagination, turned the CAHS gaze to Ontario, Canada*

*Which leader of our movement inspired and motivated you? I hope you'll talk about that during the course of this virtual gathering and help to fill in a picture I must sketch all too hurriedly.*

### **THE GATHERINGS**

*The fruit of our leaders' labor have been the bi-annual gatherings and the chance for many of us to become familiar with the prominent places where the Cornish settlement, establishing bastions of not only Cornish culture but something more, Cousin I should*

*I personally missed an early gathering in **Salt Lake City**, focused on genealogy. After that gathering, as Paul Liddicoat told me, the treasurer absconded with all the money! I'll never forget Ely, MN; Pen Argle, PA; Calumet & Houghton & Hancock on the UP of Michigan; Bowmenville & Toronto, OT; and of course, that Cornish jewel pinned to the heart of America, Mineral Point, WS. When California slips at last into the ocean, I'm taking refuge in Mineral Point.*

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*I should also mention the homecoming events, Dewhelans in Cornish, which took scores of us from North America back to Cornwall, especially to Falmouth in 2002 and Newquay in 2004. What fun!*

*And so much more we have achieved –*

*Regional Cornish groups were organized from New England to California; from British Columbia to Florida; from Arizona to Ontario.*

*We have supported Cornish-Canadian & American musicians – like Heather Dale, Marion Howard, Jim Wearne and the GVMVC*

*We have sent representatives to the Cornish festival in Pachuca, Sonora, Mexico*

*Writers – Sue Pellowe, Jim Jewel; Ron James and John Caddy, and a small army of newsletter editors and contributors*

*We have sponsored the Cornish Global Migration Program and established Cornish studies archives at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville and at the Nevada County Historical Research Library in California, each with more than 400 volumes, archival materials and other media.*

*If the CAHS were a married couple, they would say they had been faithful to their vows. We have lived up to our mission statement. We have preserved our culture and shared it with others.*

**RETURNING TO THE THEME:** *As I sketch the triumphs and achievements of our Cornish movement in North America, I return to our theme of two dimensions, darkness & light, the black and white of our flag. Achievements have their costs; memories come with a price.*

**BURN-OUT:** *Here I'll speak only of personal experience. In 2009, with Eleanor Kenitzer, I organized an CAHS gathering called "Other Oceans, Other Worlds," which sought to highlight the Cornish experience around the Pacific Ocean. We had attendees and presenters from four continents and 9 countries, including New Zealand, Australia and Japan. We had 300 registered, and because the gathering included public events, over 1,000 participants. It was a great success. And when it was over, I told my wife: "I'll never do anything like that again." I was burned out.*

*Across our movement, I've heard the same story of burn out repeatedly. I've talked to organization presidents who serve term after terms because they can't find a replacement; officers who are filling multiple roles; and newsletter editors who dread facing another edition. Our numbers are diminishing; our officers are worn out; and most of the regional groups that once existed exist no more.*

*I'm speaking today as a cousin and friend, but if I were in the pulpit I would take as my text a passage from Jeremiah 8: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Many of us have exhausted ourselves and Cornish Culture is not saved.*

**SOURCES OF HOPE:** *We have come to a point where we can despair, but that is not my message. As our movement clearly has lost momentum, but we also are entering a time of hope. Here are some sources for hope –*

**Oswald Pryor:** *Mine manager, cartoonist, wrote Australia's Little Cornwall in 1962, which was an elegy for Cornish culture. Cornish culture in South Australia was lost. Only ten years later the first Kernewek Lowender, 1973. In 2013, 37,000 people attended.*

**"So Long, Cousin Jack":** *Sacramento Bee reported Cornish culture was disappearing in the mining towns. In 1967 the GV Cornish Carol Choir gave up public performances. Only a year later, GV established its "Cornish Christmas" celebration which has continued for over 50 years.*

**Two organizations** – *the Toronto Cornish Association and the California Cornish Cousins were built on the ashes of earlier organizations in Ontario and California then had existed previously and did not survive. [And a third, an earlier Washington State Cornish society.]*

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***A new generation will have a new approach: Sea chanties in London.***

***ISPEAK TODAY FROM THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE NISENAN:** Take a lesson from indigenous people from Canada to Australia and across America. They are re-asserting their cultural identities, and so can we.*

***WHAT RESOURCES HAVE YOU?** When the disciples want to send the multitudes, Jesus said “You give them something to eat.” What resources have you? At this stage in the Cornish movement, look to yourself. What do you know about your heritage? Who can you share it with? How can you share it effectively? Can you give a talk? Can you write a letter? Can you fly the Cornish flag? Can you have books on your shelf when your grandchildren visit? Is there a picture or a map on your wall?*

***CELTIC TWILIGHT:** For the Celts, it is always twilight. We Cornish have lived on a precipice since the Romans, the Angles and the Saxons drove to the fringe of our island; since hardships and opportunities drove us or lured us away from our homeland; since technological change and economic upheaval transformed the remote places where we settled; since our immigrant culture was swamped by American culture. Today you find yourself right where you belong, on the edge, on the brink of extinction, making your last stand. Do it with dignity, humility and good humor. Do your best to revere and live your cultural heritage. Just do that – and like Oswald Pryor, and Ann Treneer and Arthur Quiller-Coch and A. L. Rowse and Howard Curnow and so many other Cornish champions, you may be surprised by what follows.*

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## Understanding Cornish place names

Brea = hill

Carn = rock

Men = stone

Ros = moor

Pol = pool

Tre = home

Pen = head

Nans = valley

Porth = harbour

Perran = the saint

**BBC** RADIO  
**Cornwall**

# EMAIL RECEIVED

## MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS

Alene, Thanks for the video. It worked pretty well, just a few skips.  
I expect to be available for March in Puyallup.

Hang in there! Now, @ 91 I'm feeling some limitations, but nothing major. My son, daughter-in-law and I just returned from a 3+week visit to Minnesota Family. What a great time with family & friends I had not seen in 10 years, due to Louise's inability to travel.

I continue my "recreational genealogy" and have over 1,250 "Colenso Name Family Members" out of several thousand total members. Fun!

Blessings & Peace Dick Colenso

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**Gage McKinney** <gagemckinney@sbcglobal.net>

**To:** Alene Reaugh

Mon, Oct 18 at 12:07 PM

Hi, Alene

Attached below are notes and texts from the talk I gave on Saturday. Please distribute as you please.

Thank you again for giving the chance to join the group on Saturday and to give the talk. I hope it encourages the Cousins. Gage

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**To Paraphrase JFK—Ask not what your Cornish Society can do for you, ask what can you do to support your Cornish Society.**

**Please be thinking about volunteering for one of the open positions on the Board. For this group to move forward, we need new and fresh ideas and new people in those positions. Please support your Cornish Heritage by getting involved.**

***ST JUST IN ROSELAND CHURCH YARD***

PHOTOS BY ALENE 2004





To PNCS members

I am building a list of surnames and places in Cornwall for our members. I have gathered some information from past membership applications but am missing that data for a great many of you. I would appreciate your completing the form below and returning it to me. I anticipate making the final list available to all our members. We may be surprised at the connections that can be made!

Please check the website [www.nwcornishsociety.com](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com) for the names listed for you and let me know if you have corrections to it.

**You can mail or email your response to: Dot Hosking 451 Spruce St. #222 Florence, OR 97349 dot97479@gmail.com**

Thanks for your help.  
Dot Hosking

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info (mail address, phone, email – however you want others to get in touch with you)

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## **A YEAR IN CORNWALL**

**IN SPRING TIME WHEN THE BLACKTHORN SHOWS ITS FLOWER  
AND THE NOISY ROOKS ARE BUSY WITH THEIR YOUNG IN LOFTY TREES  
EVERYTHING SPARKLES GREEN IN A CLENSING APRIL SHOWER  
I HAVE THOSE STUNNING MEMORIES TO PLEASE. TO PLEASE  
I HAVE THOSE STUNNING MEMORIES TO PLEASE**

**WHEN THE SUMMER SUN IS SHINING ON A WINDING CORNISH LANE  
THE SILVER COBWEBS HUNG WITH MORNING DEW  
THE HEADY SMELL OF MEADOW HAY IN THE WARM AND GENTLE RAIN  
I SHALL CLOSE MY EYES AND THINK OF YOU, THINK OF YOU  
I SHALL CLOSE MY EYES AND THINK OF YOU**

**IN THE AUTUMN WHEN THE LEAVES ARE ON THE BREEZE  
AND MIGRATING BIRDS HAVE TAKEN TO THE WING  
THOSE BRIGHT RED BERRIES RIPEN ON YOUR CORNISH HOLLY TREES  
I WILL THINK OF YOU AND I SHALL SING, I SHALL SING  
I WILL THINK OF YOU AND I SHALL SING**

**AND IN WINTER I MOST TIMES LOVE YOU MORE  
WHEN THE AIR IS CRISP AND TREES ARE STARK AND BARE  
AS THOSE WESTERN STORMS CRASH ON YOUR GRANITE CORNISH SHORE  
I'LL THINK OF YOU AND WISH THAT I WAS THERE, I WAS THERE  
I'LL THINK OF YOU AND WISH THAT I WAS THERE, I WAS THERE  
I'LL THINK OF YOU AND WISH THAT I WAS THERE**

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**Harry & Ann Glasson**  
**Our good friends from Cornwall**







Dear Friends of the Cornish American Heritage Society,

At our business meeting at the 19th Gathering on July 16th, the membership moved and approved that the Cornish American Heritage Society move to an "Informal" governance. We thought this option was needed: Our membership is aging and it has become difficult to find people to take on leadership roles.

This means:

- There will only be a digital newsletter, which will be emailed and posted on our website for easy access. **There will be no printed newsletter.** (This begins 1/1/22).
- The database we keep will only be used for names and email addresses. Instead of "members," the names will be "kowetha" (friends) and our group will be considered a "kowethas" (a fellowship).
- There will be the addition of a zoom meeting between each newsletter with an informal format. We will have speakers, share informal information, or just have an opportunity to chat between friends.

**This also means, since there are now no official members and there are no membership dues.**

We will have no direct income with this change, but we have sufficient monies in the accounts to maintain this for a long time. Donations will still be gladly accepted to the Paul Smales Fund. The Paul Smales Fund helps pay some travel expenses for those from Cornwall who attend/assist in the Gatherings.

It is still my intention to have an in-person 20th Gathering.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Meur ras! (Thank you)

Tom Rusch  
President of the CAHS  
[thomasdrusch@gmail.com](mailto:thomasdrusch@gmail.com)  
920-988-5235

Who to **contact to register for CAHS, click on this link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeG6Yg6kO-ForicKAFGn\\_RWnijfz3F-Dg1iBZRsCHLzwKpw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeG6Yg6kO-ForicKAFGn_RWnijfz3F-Dg1iBZRsCHLzwKpw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

# We were not the First Cornish Group in the NW

**THE SEATTLE TIME**

Seattle Times - September 1950

## Cornish Ass'n. Plans Festival

The annual Harvest Festival of the Washington Cornish Association will be held at the Central Y. M. C. A. Building at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Ray Hale will be installed as president, William Hosking as vice president; Mrs. Ray Hale, treasurer, and Mrs. James H. Addicoat, secretary.

The celebration will be characterized by community singing, and a homecoming welcome will be extended to the organization's past president, John H. Williams, and Mrs. Williams, who recently returned from a visit to Cornwall, England. Persons of Cornish descent are invited to attend.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

When I read these old news articles, I wondered to myself what happened to these people. What happened to the Cornish Association that sang and danced and had concerts and a Harvest Festival? I do not think 1947 was so long ago, it was the year I was born and my Great Grandfather Joseph Martin Hosking, who immigrated to American, died in Tacoma. Their descendants are out here somewhere.

## Cornish Group To Note Illogan Night

The Washington Cornish Association will observe Illogan Night at its meeting Saturday evening at the Central Y. M. C. A. The association's first vice president, William Hosking of Illogan, Cornwall, England, will preside.

Times Colonist (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada) 19 Aug 1947,

A delegation from the Washington Cornish Association will be in Victoria on Saturday. Association officers plan to stage a concert featuring Cornish songs and dances and have extended an invitation to all Cornish people in Victoria to take part.

## GENEALOGY RESEARCH LINKS

Another Email: Best regards, Mae Morgan, Content Manager

mae.morgan@ourpublicrecords.org 199 North Harvard St. Boston, MA 02134

Thanks so much for responding. I was doing some research when I came across your page [http://www.nwcornishsociety.com/cornish\\_links.htm](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com/cornish_links.htm). Great Resources and Great Site! Also, I would like to share if you're looking for additional resources, kindly consider adding these resources below: <https://ourpublicrecords.org/the-ultimate-guide-to-census-records/> The Ultimate Guide to Census Records <https://ourpublicrecords.org/the-ultimate-guide-to-world-war-2-records/> The Ultimate Guide To World War 2 Records <https://ourpublicrecords.org/the-ultimate-guide-to-death-records/> The Ultimate Guide to Death Records.



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**Cornish Country Store**

Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours online and three times a year live at our meetings. We have a good variety of items your Cornish cousins will love. Please check the website to see pictures of all these items: [www.nwcornishsociety.com](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com) or you can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at [Softwalk2@yahoo.com](mailto:Softwalk2@yahoo.com) Sweat-shirts and T-shirts are now available, see pictures inside. You can also place orders with Café Press at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

Web site: [www.nwcornishsociety.com](http://www.nwcornishsociety.com)

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**ST. PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
**Puyallup, WA - First Saturday in March**  
**Portland, OR - Third Saturday in March .**

**ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC -FORT BORST**  
**Centralia, WA - Second Saturday in July**

**FALL MEETINGS**  
**Puyallup, WA - Third Saturday in Oct**  
**Portland, OR – Fourth Saturday in Oct**

**Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership**

Name:

Address:

City: State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Phone:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address:

Webpage:

\$20 Individual Member \$30 Family Membership Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest:.

**Send to Dorothy Hosking—451 Spruce St. #222 Florence, OR 97349**

# Cornish Connections

*This is a highly arbitrary list. Feel free to suggest other Cornish Connections by e-mailing the Editor*

## *Cornish Global Migration Programme*

Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere.

[www.cornishmigration.org.uk](http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk)

## **Cornish Heritage Organizations**

### *Federation of Old Cornwall Societies*

<http://oldcornwall.org>

### *The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation*

[www.cousinjack.org](http://www.cousinjack.org)

### *New Zealand Cornish Association*

[www.busby.net/nzca/](http://www.busby.net/nzca/)

### *The California Cornish Cousins*

[www.califcornishcousins.org](http://www.califcornishcousins.org)

### *Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)*

[www.cornishvic.org.au](http://www.cornishvic.org.au)

## **Festivals and Events**

### *Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games*

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

[www.newportcelticfestival.com](http://www.newportcelticfestival.com)

## **Cornish Websites**

### *Cornwall Connections*

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

[www.cornwallconnections.peoples.com](http://www.cornwallconnections.peoples.com)

### *Cornish Global Migration Programme*

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[www.cornishmigration.org.uk](http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk)

### *myCornwall.tv*

*myCornwall magazine (formerly Cornish World)*

Video and print resources seek to make a difference to Cornwall by creating entertaining, educational and thought-provoking content.

<http://www.mycornwall.tv>

## *West Penwith Resources*

Links to resources concerning the far west end of Cornwall.

<http://west-penwith.org.uk/index.htm>

## **General Genealogy**

### *Washington State Archives*

Has 94 million records preserved, 29 million of which are searchable online.

[www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov)

### *Oregon State Archives*

Search for Oregon records on line.

<http://genealogy.state.or.us>

### *Cyndi's List*

More than 290,000 links to genealogy sites. The founder spoke at the March 2011 PNCS meeting.

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

### *FamilySearch*

Information from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy.

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

### *Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation*

Look up your ancestors who came through New York between 1892 and 1924, free.

[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

### *Bureau of Land Management*

Search for land patent records by name and state.

[www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov](http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov)

### *Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society*

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at Bates Technical College, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405

[www.rootswEB.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/](http://www.rootswEB.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/)

### *BYU Idaho Special Collections*