



Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Volume 10 Number 1

Spring 2008

OCTOBER 2007 PNCS MEETING



For our fall meeting on October 20, 2007, we again gathered at the Genealogical Society Library in Vancouver, Washington with about 19 members and guests in attendance. After the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report, our President, Alene Reaugh gave us a report on our Country Store.

We discussed our relationship with other Celtic organizations and Dick Colenso offered to make a list of Cornish Festivals for our members.

The Cornish Heritage Society has asked that PNCS members join them. Alene has forms for those who are interested. CHS will gather in Grass Valley, CA on July 19-21 and it is hoped that we can form a group to travel to this gathering.

We discussed a Memorial project for our deceased members and also asked that members submit their Membership Profile.

By-Law changes were discussed and will be presented to the entire membership at the March, 2008 meeting.

About noon, we adjourned our business meeting for our potluck and the presentation by Connie Lenzen, a Certified Genealogist entitled: Family Traditions; The Search for the Truth.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is still the threat of snow but today I made reservations for our Summer Picnic on July 26, 2008. But first let me talk about the Spring.

Our next meeting is March 8, 2008 in Puyallup. We are still in the planning stages but I wanted to get this out so everyone can mark their calendars with these dates. I have confirmed a speaker for the meeting in addition to the presentation by some of the members of their trips to Cornwall.

Our speaker for the March meeting is Carolyn Harkness a Genealogist with the Heritage Quest Research Library, in Sumner. She is the Office Manager and Researcher for HQRL and has 40 years of genealogy experience, mostly doing U.S. research. She will be speaking to us about Genealogy Research in Cornwall, Topic-Internet searching. Carolyn lives in Pacific, WA., is married and has a daughter and granddaughter.

March 23, 2008

In addition, Tommi O' Hagan the Editor for the Cornish American Heritage Society Newsletter will be in Portland March 23rd visiting her Granddaughter. She has accepted my invitation to meet with and give us an update on what the CAHS is doing. She will be coming from the planning session for the 2009 Grass Valley Cornish Gathering and will give us a first hand account of what to expect. I hope to get a good size group together for a fun lunch. Let me know if you will be able to attend.

CORNISH HARP ENSEMBLE

April 19th in Seattle and April 20th in Vancouver , WA

We received an email from a Cornish Harp ensemble in Bude, Cornwall . There are seven members of this group and they put on concerts throughout Cornwall . The American Harp Ensemble based in Seattle has invited them to visit and to do a concert in Seattle and one in Vancouver/Portland. One of the members of the group speaks Cornish and will be introducing the pieces in Cornish.

I have been in contact with Beth Kollé the Vice President of the "Puget Sound Folk Harp Society" (PSFHS) based in Seattle . She is the person who organized the visit and said that they are expecting to put on a concert in 2008 - April 19th in Seattle and April 20th in Vancouver , WA .

In addition, Beth arranges music tours where her group travels to other countries to play their music. This fall they will be touring the UK , starting in Cornwall and then going to Cardiss, Wales and Edinburg , Scotland . They welcome anyone who wants to travel with them. They are welcome even if they are not musical but they must keep in mind that it is a musical tour and that will be the main focus.

FROM THE MAILBAG:

I am writing a biography of the late Gen. Lucian King Truscott Jr., who is widely regarded as one of the outstanding combat commanders in the U.S. Army during World War II. General Truscott's paternal ancestors were of Cornish descent, and I am interested in uncovering any role that his Cornish and Celtic heritage might have played in or contributed to his success as a military commander and leader, the patriotism that led to a lifetime of service to his country, and the development of such personal qualities as unswerving loyalty to his fellow Soldiers and family, honesty, a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, and personal courage.

The earliest ancestor that I have uncovered was the general's great great grandfather, John Truscott, born in Cornwall, date unknown, who married Beverly Mann, also born in Cornwall, date unknown. His son, Thomas Truscott, was born in 1796, and came to America in 1821, where he settled initially in Pittsburgh, PA. From there he moved to Greene County, IL, where he married Margaret Glass, who was born in Kentucky.

Their son, James Joseph, was born in in Greene County in 1832, and married Elisa Jane Dickason, also of Greene County, in 1835. They had five children, the youngest of which was Lucian King, born in 1864, who became a physician and married Maria Temple Tully, a native of Illinois. The couple raised three daughters and one son, Lucian King Jr., was born in 1895 in Chatfield, TX, where Doctor Truscott he established his medical practice.

Wilson A. Heefner, M.D.
COL AUS (Ret.)
7205 Park Woods Drive
Stockton, CA 95207-1409
(209) 951-4748
w.heefner@comcast.net

Dear all,

I'm not sure if you are familiar with the magazine Cornish World, but as editor I would like to say hello to your society. Cornish World was set up 12 years ago as a newsletter for all the Cornish around the world.

The magazine now has subscribers from 34 countries worldwide and features news from Cornish associations the world over. I came across your details in Tam Kernewek and was wondering if you would be so kind to place me on your mailing list? That way I can include items from your newsletters in the magazine and let people around the world of your events.

Regards,
Nigel Pengelly,
Editor,
Cornish World Media,
PO Box 71,
Penzance,
Kernow.
TR18 2ZR
Tel: 01736 365896
Fax: 01736 330538
editor@cornishworldmagazine.co.uk
www.cornishworldmagazine.co.uk
www.cornwall24.co.uk

It's February and Valentine's Day was just here.

I found an early Valentine's story about the second wedding of Amos Broadwater (1804-1901). It was published in the Baltimore *Sun* 28 Jan 1895.

Groom Ninety Years Old, Bride Fifty.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

CUMBERLAND, MD., Jan. 27.—Mr. Amos Broadwater, of Garrett county, and Miss Eliza Warwick, of Allegany county, were married at Frostburg recently. The groom was in his ninety-first year. His first wife, with whom he lived sixty-three years, died fourteen months ago, the only death to occur in his family. Mr. Broadwater has 12 children. He is the grandfather of 99 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He is hale and hearty and looks much younger. The bride is in her fifty-first year. Mr. Broadwater is the oldest man in Garrett county and is quite well to do.

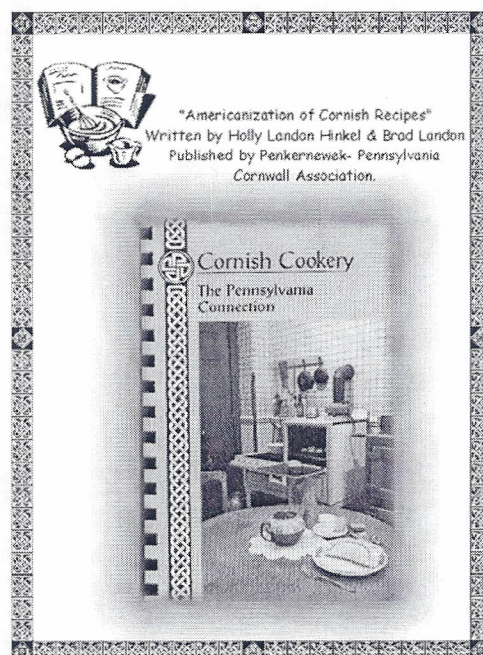
Amos also lived in Garrett County, MD family - but he was more prosperous than Wooly Bittinger. He was born in Loudon County, VA and died in New Germany, Garrett County, Maryland. His wife of more than 60 years, Sarah (Sigler) Broadwater (1809-1893) died in 1893. By that time their family had grown to 12 children; 99 grandchildren and 102 great-grandchildren. One great great grandchild.

In January of 1895 at age 91 Amos, who was "hale and hearty and looks much younger," fell in love again and married Eliza Warwick a blushing bride of 51 years. The article went on to say "Mr. Broadwater is the oldest man in Garrett County and is quite well to do." The new couple had no children.

In July my cousin and I returned to Hancock, Michigan, the hometown of our Grandmother. Her father Joseph Martin Hosking emigrated there from Cornwall during the Cooper Boom in the Upper Peninsula. While attending the 14th Gathering of the Cornish, I was able to learn a great deal about what our ancestor's lives were like. I attended the class "A Cornish American Cookbook" presented by Holly Landon Hinkel & Brad Landon from The Pennsylvania Cornwall Association, Penkernewek.

Holly & Brad are siblings who grew up in Pennsylvania just two doors from their Cornish born Grandparents. They talked about all of the love & hard work that went into collecting recipes & putting together the "Cornish Cookery." Many of the Cornish cookbooks are hard to understand with the old measurements and terminology so they did a lot of research and experimented with the different recipes. The book that came of that research makes it easy to understand and prepare these wonderful old recipes.

The cookbook includes an interesting introduction; some history about Cornish cooking; helpful hints; and cooking tips. I enjoyed the seminar immensely and bought one of the wonderful cookbooks, then decided to order more so that others in PNCS would have the opportunity to enjoy them. The book is now available on the website, Cornish Country Store and at the meetings for just \$12.50. Margaret Porter



CORRECTIONS ARE IN BLUE

At the last meeting there was a motion to revise the By-Laws in the following way:

Article V Section 4 The elected officers shall be elected by a simple majority of all voting members present at the annual meeting. Elections will be held biennially beginning in 2008, with no term limits. (Delete) No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

This is being made available to all PNCS members 30 days prior to the March meeting for review and consideration. At the March meeting we will take a vote on the potential changes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me or the other Board members:

Craig Pedler, V.P., ccpedlar@verizon.net

Dot Huntley, Treasurer, doty@jeffnet.org

Carole Lower, Sec., cwlower@msn.com

In a prior meeting we discussed having specific weekends so that people could plan ahead to attend meetings. Article VIII in the by-laws cover the meeting dates and should be modified. As this was never accomplished, the following changes needs to be considered at the next meeting:

Article VIII Meetings and Voting

Section 1 Member meetings shall be held *three times a year: First Saturday in March (except this year); Fourth Saturday in July (for the annual meeting); Third Saturday in October.* (Delete) on a regular basis with frequency and location determined by the membership.



Dear Cornishmen and Women all,

Attached is a press release regarding the Cornish-Mexican Society and its planned 'gathering' in Mexico in July of this year.

The Cornish-Mexican Cultural Society was established in 2006 with the aim of re-establishing cultural links between Cornwall and Mexico - countries which were closely linked in the past through a shared mining history. A flagship project is being planned to raise awareness and foster closer ties. This will take the form of a tour along the route of the Transport Party of 1825-26 which brought the necessary machinery to Latin America. The tour will take place in July 2008. Anyone who would like to know more about the Transport Party and the proposed tour should visit the CMCS website

<http://www.cornish-mexico.org>

I have contacted Richard Williams, Chair, and have spoken to them about the possibility of CAHS becoming involved in searching out our members to see if they might have connections with their Cornish families in Mexico. There is also the possibility of including the Mexican group with that of CAHS - truly making it a Cornish American Heritage Society! Much more on this later. Hopefully, this will find Cornish descendants within the greater North America who will be able to make a contribution/connection to this worthwhile event.

The following is a transcription, by Fran Anderson, of Thomasin Drew's "deliverance from danger" from pages 55 through 59 of Samuel Drew's 1834 biography. (continued from last newsletter)



The reader will wish no apology for the insertion of the following remarkable deliverance from danger, of which she [Thomasin Drew] was the subject.

"I think," she relates, "it was some time in the month of November, 1796, when I was about twenty-five years of age, that I met with the following occurrence. I had been at St Austell, and was returning to my father's house, about five o'clock in the evening. To shorten my journey, the weather being cold and boisterous, I crossed a river, near the sea, and travelled over a sandy beach. This was the usual route when the tide permitted; but at its further extremity I had to pass under a cliff, which, at high water, the influx of the waves renders dangerous, and sometimes impracticable. On approaching this place, I found that the tide had advanced further than I had anticipated; yet, thinking myself safe, being within half a mile of my home, I entered the water without any apprehension; but I had not proceeded far, before I found it much deeper than I expected.

"Having discovered my error, the cliff being on my right, I endeavoured to turn my horse, and retreat; but, in doing this, the poor animal fell over a projecting rock. By this fall, I was thrown from him on the side next the sea, and, in an instant, was buried in the waves. I, however, retained my senses, and aware of my danger, held fast by the horse, which after some struggling, drew me safely on the beach.

"But although I had thus far escaped the violence of the surf, my situation was dreadfully insecure. I now found myself hemmed in between two projecting points, with scarcely the possibility of getting around either. The tide was also encroaching rapidly on me, and the cliff it was impossible to scale. The wind, which had been blowing in an angry manner, now increased its fury. Thunder began to roll; and the vivid lightning, gleaming on the surface of the water, just interrupted the surrounding darkness, to show me the horror of my situation. This was accompanied with tremendous showers of hail, from the violence of which I could find no shelter. Thus circumstanced, I made a desperate effort to remount my horse, resolving to pass one of the projecting points, as my only chance of safety, or perish in the attempt; but all my efforts proved unsuccessful, and to this inability it is probable that I owe my life.

"The tide gaining fast upon me, the poor animal instinctively mounted a rock; and I, with difficulty followed the example. In this forlorn condition, I again made another ineffectual effort to remount, without duly considering the inevitable destruction that awaited me, in case I had succeeded.

"The waves, urged on by the tempest, to the whole rigor of which I stood exposed, soon told me that my retreat was unsafe. The rock on which myself and horse stood, was soon covered with the rising tide, and at times, we were so nearly overwhelmed, that I could literally say, 'Thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.' Surrounded thus by water, my horse made another desperate effort, and happily gained a still more elevated crag. I followed, but with considerable difficulty; and, as all further ascent appeared impracticable, in this place I expected to meet my fate.

"Under this impression, with 'but a step between me and death,' I began seriously to reflect on the solemnities and near approach of eternity, into which, perhaps, a few minutes might hurry my disembodied spirit. In these awful moments, I can truly say, 'I cried, by reason of mine affliction, unto the Lord, and he heard me.' In the midst of the waters, I knelt on a rock, and commended my soul to Him who hath all power in heaven and earth, well knowing that he was able to say to the turbulent ocean, 'Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further, and here shall they proud waves be stayed.' At one time, I felt a gleam of hope; but this was speedily destroyed by the increasing waters, which, still gaining upon us, convinced me that the tide had not yet reached its height.

"Conceiving my own deliverance to be scarcely possible, I felt anxious for the escape of my horse, and, with this view, endeavored to disencumber him of the bridle and saddle, that, in attempting to swim, he might find no impediment to prevent his reaching the shore. But, while I was thus engaged, to my utter astonishment, by a violent exertion, the horse partially ascended another crag, so as to keep his head above the water. I was not long in attempting a similar effort, in which I happily succeeded. This, however, was our last retreat; for just over my head projected a large shelving rock, above which it was impossible to ascend. Here I sat down, with a mind somewhat composed, to wait the event.

"After remaining in this situation for some time, I began to hope that the tide had reached its height; and in this I was at length confirmed by the light of the rising moon, which, gleaming on the rocks, showed, to my inexpressible joy, that the water had actually begun to subside. I was now convinced, that if we could retain our position until the water had retired, and I could survive the cold, we might both be preserved; but this was exceedingly doubtful. The posture in which my horse stood was nearly perpendicular; and I was cherished by the warmth which proceeded from his breath, as I kept his head near my bosom, and derived from it a benefit which experience only can explain.

"As the tide retired, and the moon rose, I discovered, by its increasing light, to what a fearful height we had ascended; and that to descend in safety was not less difficult, than the means of getting up had been extraordinary. This, however, was at last effected, without any material accident. On reaching the beach, from which the waves had now retired, I endeavored to walk towards my home, but found myself so benumbed, that I was unable; and my voice was so nearly gone, that I could not call for help, although I was not far from my father's house, and near many kind neighbors, who would have risked their lives to render me assistance, if they had known of my situation.

"Being unable to proceed, I seated myself upon a rock, and expected, from the intense cold, that I must perish, although I had escaped the fury of the tempest, and the drenching of the waves. How long I remained there, I cannot say with certainty, but, when almost reduced to a state of insensibility, I was providentially discovered in this position, by my father's servant, who had been sent out to search for me; as, from the lateness of the hour, the family had anticipated some misfortune, and become alarmed.

"I had been in the water about three or four hours, and exposed to the disasters of the tempest from about five in the evening to half past eleven at night. I then reached my comfortable dwelling much exhausted, but to the great joy of my affectionate parent, who, I doubt not, had been offering up petitions in my behalf, to Him who hears the prayers that are presented to Him in sincerity.

"For this preservation, I desire to thank my God; but my words are poor, and insufficient for this purpose. May all my actions praise him, and my lengthened life be devoted to his glory!"

Fran's note: I don't know, but it is possible that the horse in this tale is the blind horse owned by Thomasin's father, Joseph Drew. One thing is certain. Had it not been for that horse, I wouldn't be here today, Thomasin being my great great grandmother.



Harry Tregarthen

OF BREMERTON

JUNE 17, 1917
TO NOV. 29, 2007

VETERAN

Harry Wallace Tregarthen, 90, of Bremerton passed away November 29, 2007, at Harrison Medical Center. He is predeceased by his wife, Gladyce Ruthe (1998), his oldest son, Harry Thomas (1964), and his youngest daughter, Lori Lee (1975).

Born in Chloride, AZ, on June 20, 1917, Harry moved to San Pedro, CA, with his family 9 months later. He attended school in San Pedro and, in 1940, met and married Gladyce Ruthe Brown. During World War II, he served as a radar technician aboard the USS St. Louis, joining the crew of the "Lucky Lou" shortly after it survived the attack on Pearl Harbor. Upon returning home, he opened two service stations. Moving from San Pedro to Anchorage, AK, they finally settled in San Luis Obispo, CA, where, for the next 40 years, he and Gladyce were active members of the community and of the Old Mission Parrish. Harry opened an archery shop and, when not shooting arrows between the eyes of rattlesnakes on hunting trips, helped Gladyce with the full-time task of raising their seven children.

A skilled house painter, oil painter, and teacher of painting, Harry also enjoyed gardening and creating stained-glass art. His last employment before retirement was as chief painter and decorator for San Luis Obispo's famous Madonna Inn.

He and Gladyce moved to Silverdale, WA, in 1994. After Gladyce's passing in 1998, Harry joined the choir at Holy Trinity Church and began singing with the Sunshine Singers, traveling throughout Kitsap County participating in concerts, sharing his love of singing.

He will be dearly missed by his devoted children, Jon Ellis Tregarthen (Sacramento, CA), Joan Marie Huston (Silverdale, WA), Janice Ruthe Harington (Templeton, CA), Lynda Jeanne Strom (Pollock Pines, CA), and Andrea Lynne McGrew (Kennewick, WA), and by his 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

His grandfather, William James Tregarthen, came to America in 1872 from Penzance, Cornwall. Harry was proud to be Cornish and was the first charter member to join the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society after its conception. As he was going to the hospital with pneumonia 3 days before his death, he hummed along with Sue White's Cornish songs. Singing Cornish songs to the end!



CORNISH COUNTRY STORE IS OPEN
WE HAVE A GOOD VARIETY OF ITEMS THAT
YOUR CORNISH COUSINS WILL LOVE.
Please check the website to see pictures of all
of these items www.nwcornish.org You can
place an order by emailing me at
softwalk2@yahoo.com .

PNC'S WEB SITE
<http://www.nwcornishsociety.org/>
Webmaster: Mickey Sieracki
Contact the Society
softwalk2@yahoo.com

PNC'S ANNUAL MEETINGS
Members unanimously voted to conduct three meetings each year. The normal schedule will be for a meeting in the first week of March (St Piran's Day recognition); Fourth week in July (Annual meeting for election of officers); and third week in October. For planning purposes, the July meeting will normally be at Ft Borst Park and the March and October meetings will be divided between a location in the Olympic Peninsula area for members located in the northwestern parts of the state and the Puyallup-Olympia area for those in the southern locations.

PNC'S LIBRARY
The PNC'S Library exists, with the President. The PNC'S Library will always welcome donated books about the Cornish. If you have a Cornish book you would like to donate to the PNC'S library you can bring it to one of the meetings or contact Alene Reaugh at (503) 775-9653 or email her at softwalk2@yahoo.com

HISTORY OF CORNWALL on CD
We have copies of the Parochial History of the County of Cornwall, a four volume set of books with lots and lots of information on old Cornish families. This set of books was donated to us from our Cornish member, Ron Lake, and we had them put on CD, so that all our members could enjoy them! They are available to borrow or purchase. Contact Joan Huston if interested in obtaining a copy! Tregarthen@gmail.com or phone 360-613-1718.
Or go to www.archivecdbooks.com and check out all their CDs.

OUR NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
First week in February
First week in June
First week in September
Send articles, pictures, ads, notices, whatever, to:
Tregarthen@gmail.com
Or mail to: Joan Huston, 10116 Stoli Lane NW, Silverdale, WA 98383. Make sure they get to me prior to the above deadlines to be included in the next newsletter.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name:
Address:
City: State/Province: Zip:
Phone: Email address:
Webpage:

\$10 Individual member \$15 Dual Membership

List Cornish names and areas or Parishes interested in?

Send form filled out to:
Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
4335 NE 69TH AVE. PORTLAND, OR 97218

PNCS Officers

President: Alene Reaugh
Portland, OR
(503) 775-9653
softwalk2@yahoo.com

Treasurer & Membership: Dot Huntley
Sutherlin, OR
(541) 459-4596
doty@jeffnet.org

Vice President: Cliff Pedler
Oak Harbor, WA
(360)675-8967
cpedlar@whidbey.net

Newsletter: Joan Huston
Silverdale, WA
(360)613-1718
Tregarthen@gmail.com

Secretary: Carole Lower
Portland, OR
(503)249-7776
cwlower@msn.com

Webmaster: Mickey Sieracki
Portland, OR
(503) 283-4149
cmsieracki@msn.com

The purpose of this society, organized as a non-profit corporation, shall be educational as provided in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall be devoted to furthering Cornish identity, relationships, heritage, and genealogical research for the members.

MEMBERSHIP: Individual Membership: \$10.00
Dual Membership: \$15.00
Lifetime Membership: a one-time payment equal to fifteen (15) times the current annual dues.
Annual dues are payable as of 1 July.
Send dues payable to: Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
Address: Pacific Northwest Cornish Society, 486 Plat B Road, Sutherlin, OR 97479-9799

*Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
10116 Stoli Lane NW
Silverdale, WA 98383-8826*