

## PNCS ST. PIRAN'S DAY MEETING IN MARCH!



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Cornish Cousins, I am looking forward to seeing you all at Fort Borst Park in Centralia Washington for our Annual Picnic & meeting that is scheduled for July 17, 2010. We will meet at 11am for a social hour and pot-luck lunch followed by our business meeting. The business meeting will include the election of new officers to serve on the board. I am still trying to put together a speaker to follow the business meeting; I welcome any volunteers.

Please check out the website for a new item in the Country Store, **Cornish National Tartan Cloth** which can be used to make any number of items. This was purchased at the Celtic Faire in March.

Also due to popular demand a link was added to the website to access Café Press which has many items that you can purchase with our Logo. The items include everything from t-shirts, sweatshirts and other clothing, to drinking items, tote bags, and mouse pads. There are 89 items available with our logo. I just ordered myself a t-shirt and sweatshirt and will have them within a week, plenty of time to wear them to the meeting in July. I also discovered when looking that you can search on Cornwall or Cornish and come up with everything Cornish including clothing with the name of your favorite parish or a picture of your favorite scenery. There are stickers, posters, note cards, and postcards—over 500 items relating to Cornwall. Give it a look, it's fun. See you in July — Alene

## Family Stories of the Pacific NW Cornish Society

As many of you know Shirley Ewart still plans to put together a book of family stories specifically for the Pacific NW Cornish Society. She is hoping each member will submit a family story that she can use to compile into a book. Please send her your story at [shirleyewart@comcast.net](mailto:shirleyewart@comcast.net) or print it out and hand it to her at the next meeting. She has received a couple and I hope each of you will submit something too. Just a reminder that it does not have to be elaborate, it just needs to be a story about your family. I know that everyone has at least one because we have heard them told at the meetings. The sooner she gets your stories the sooner we can see our book in print.

## GET WELL WISHES

Margaret Porter injured her back at work and is recovering from back surgery, we wish her a speedy recovery.



*NEXT PACIFIC NORTHWEST CORNISH SOCIETY  
MEETING IS THE ANNUAL CORNISH PICNIC!!!*

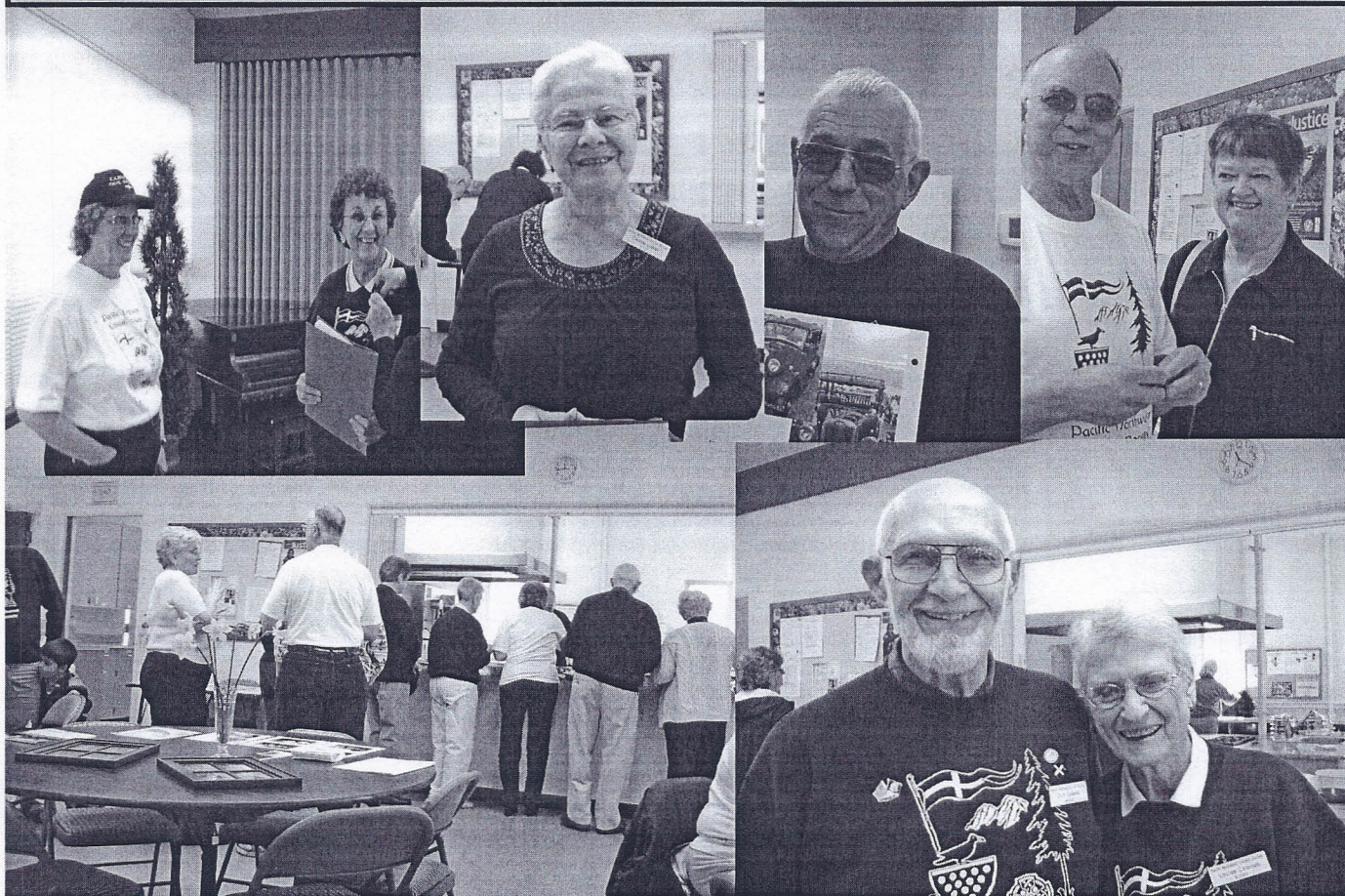
*WHEN: JULY 17, 2010*

*WHERE: FORT BORST PARK (Harrison St. Exit off I-5 )  
CENTRALIA, WA*

*WHAT TIME: 11 A.M. SOCIAL HOUR & POTLUCK  
FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTIONS  
THEN A PRESENTATION*

*PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE FOR THE POT-  
LUCK, PREFERABLY CORNISH BUT NOT MANDATORY!  
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS*

*PICTURES BELOW ARE OF THE MEETING IN PUYALLUP IN MARCH*





David Wheeler <dvdwheeler2@googlemail.com>

Subject: choughs

To: [membership@nwcornishsociety.com](mailto:membership@nwcornishsociety.com)

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 2:07 AM

Hi,

I was perusing your excellent website from a sunny Cornwall!

I was interested in your explanation of your logo, and in particular the choughs. Your information is a little out of date. The good news is that they have made a natural comeback, after unsuccessful attempts to reintroduce them.

I copy an extract from the website of the Cornwall Bird-Watching and Preservation Society.

Cornish Choughs...

How are the choughs doing?

References to breeding locations have been blanked out in order to protect the sites.

Chough update mid Jan 2010.

There are 10 choughs in Penwith between Pendeen and Gwennap Head, a good place to catch up with them is around Cot Valley. On the Lizard there are eight birds. Sadly the breeding female from Porthleven area disappeared towards end of November, her mate is on the lookout for a new female. Total number of known choughs in the county is 20.

More volunteers are needed to help protect the nests this season. Don't let egg thieves get their hands on our chough eggs!

Any sightings as always much appreciated. please endeavour to note details of rings, location, date and time and pass on the information to the [bird-news@cbwps.org.uk](mailto:bird-news@cbwps.org.uk) or to Claire Mucklow at the RSPB at Exeter (tel 01392 453775)

I have just become involved with the the Cornish Global Migration Programme in Redruth. The aim of the programme is to chart Cornish global migration worldwide.

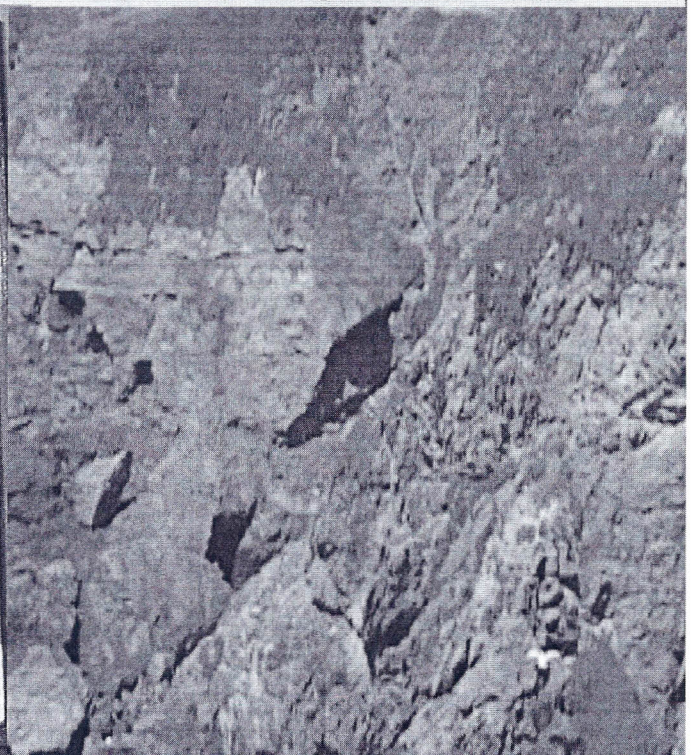
<http://www.cornishmigration.org.uk/> is a link, which your members might be interested in.

Best wishes

David Wheeler

#### **Stuffed Chough from St. Michael's Mount**

#### **Caves where choughs build their nests**





## PNCS and ITS LOGO



### **The Cornish Chough**

In any organization there eventually is the need for a logo to represent the group. Generally a bright and attention-garnering symbol of the organization, in a group of any size, the logo should be formally registered in both the state and federal governments.

When the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society (PNCS) was formed in 1997, the acronym was determined and shortly the Society wished to advertise the group to outsiders. To wear with pride a sweatshirt or T-shirt showing PNCS to the public, a charter member offered to have her son silkscreen the shirts for us.

Claudia **Lukey** Tillman, PNCS member #006, was a graphic artist with ancestry mostly in Lanivet parish (in North Cornwall, not far from Bodman). As a graphic artist, the PNCS secretary Claudia had the talent and designed our well-known logo to depict many aspects of Cornwall. Members special-ordered both sweatshirts and T-shirts with the new logo and they were instantly popular: PNCS was on its way to being a proud organization for the Cornish of the Pacific Northwest. Our Society was represented with a booth at an annual genealogical fair in Bellevue, Washington, wearing our logo shirts. The logo was used elsewhere (as logos are often used). Member #001 Joan Tregarthen Huston made logo-enhanced bumper stickers, etc.

The many aspects of our ancestral home depicted in the PNCS logo include the little-known **Chough** (say "**chuff**" to sound like *tough*!) which was barely existing in Cornwall at the time PNCS was formed. There were a few of these beautiful black members of the crow family in the late 1980s-90s in "captivity" but more recently they may be found in closely-monitored areas of Cornwall. Thanks to the website, a Cornish viewer brought PNCS members' attention to the fact that the Cornish Chough is still in dire straits but exists in several closely-monitored areas of our ancestral home.

**PNCS is proud to include the Cornish Chough in its logo**

**Now and Forever!**



Hi there,

I thought you may like to make a link to The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies web site. the url is <http://oldcornwall.org>

There is also the Federation's Cornish Christmas site at <http://christmas.oldcornwall.org> and the dialect site at <http://cornishdialect.oldcornwall.org>

May I wish you and all your members all the best for the coming New Year.

George Pritchard,  
Web Master FOCS.

FYI

Just put your mouse on a city anywhere in the world and the newspaper headlines pop up...

Double click and the page gets larger....you can read the entire paper on some if you click on the right place. You can spend forever here.

<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/flash/>

Also, if you look at the European papers, the far left side of Germany will pop up as The Stars & Stripes (European edition, of course).. AND, this site changes every day with the publication of new editions of the paper.

Hope you enjoy this.

-Alene



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Cornish, or Kernewek, is the sister language of Welsh and Breton and was formally recognised by the EU in 2002. A number of supermarkets and pubs in the county have bilingual signs and while only a small number of people speak Cornish fluently, thousands have a smattering of the language.

"The Cornish language has been around for far, far longer than ever English was. It's a direct descendant of the language spoken at the time of the Romans and before the time of the Romans in this country," says Matthew Clarke, 39, a local radio newsman. "It's that long history that I don't want to see broken."

Warlinnen is a website owned by the Cornish Language Fellowship (Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek). The name means 'online'. The idea of Warlinnen is to give an information source for people who do not speak the language to find out more, but to also provide Cornish speakers and students with online tools and a community centre.

<http://www.cornish-language.org/english/Pressroom.asp>



## Minutes of PNCS Meeting March 6, 2010

There was a social hour and potluck lunch starting at 11AM.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM. President Alene Reaugh welcomed all 26 Cornish Cousins present. She introduced the officers: herself, Alene Reaugh, President; Craig Pedlar, Vice-President; Carole Lower, Secretary; and Dot Huntley, Treasurer. Alene introduced the guests: Audrey Rolay, Ellen McKanna, Cheryl (?), Helen Ingledew, and Amanda Huston, Joan's daughter.

An agenda for the meeting was made available to all present; as well as, minutes from last meeting and a current Treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve minutes and Treasurer's report. Both were accepted as presented.

Country Store still has a few items for sale. \$40 worth of them were sold during the social hour. Café Press is the place to go to buy items, of all sorts, bearing the PNCS logo. Go to [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com) and type in PNCS in the search.

Announcement of the passing of Dewey Hunt was made. Bonnie La Doe showed the pages she created in his memory in the memorial book PNCS has for members who have passed. Dewey was the brother of Claudia Hunt, still a member. Some members have not provided a member profile, which is the basis of the memory page.

### **Old Business:**

Shirley Ewart is trying to gather family info from all members to compile the stories into a book. Once again she requested members' help.

Mickey Sieracki, webmaster for PNCS, absent because of knee surgery, submitted her report in writing. Some 17,000 hits were made on the website in 2009, and so far in 2010, 5000 have been made. 290 hits from Google. Members were asked to express concerns about the website and suggest improvements. Link to Café Press suggested. Pictures not coming up and Amazon not working were a couple of problems. Alene mentioned the Google Groups to send info to all members. You can do this by typing in the address line: [pacific-northwest-Cornish@googlegroups.com](mailto:pacific-northwest-Cornish@googlegroups.com). Some members said it wasn't as easy as it seems. Good luck to those who try.

Jean Timmermeister is still trying to form a Cornish group in Spokane area. She donated a large number of magazines to the group which Shirley Ewart has indexed, then transferred to CDs. President Alene has all the magazines. If you find a specific article you want, can contact her to find it for you.

Shirley Ewart was able to find the Cornish connection her Hawaiian grandson has from doing this task.

PNCS will be represented by Alene Reaugh and Bonnie La Doe, at the Irish Cottage Faire being held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, March 13, 2010. Another Celtic-oriented fair is being held March 13, at Puyallap County Fair Grounds.



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### **New Business:**

Although 2 volunteers were requested for a Nominating Committee only one person, Doug Wolford, volunteered. He will be seeking volunteers to stand for election of new officers at the Annual Meeting in July 2010.

The July meeting is scheduled for July 17th at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, WA. The October 23rd meeting will be held in Vancouver, WA, at the Clark County Genealogy Library.

Joan Huston mentioned needing articles, etc. for the newsletter. If you have something to share, send it to her.

With that final announcement, the business meeting was adjourned.

### **Presentations:**

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Audrey Roley gave a delightful presentation about genealogy. The European Countries from which many people emigrated; the time periods involved and reasons for emigrating, as well as, the temperaments of the groups. Very enjoyable.

On Saturday March 13, 2010, Bonnie La Doe and I set up a Pacific NW Cornish table at the Puget Sound Celtic Faire. We had a great time meeting new people and introducing them to where Cornwall is and what it means to be Cornish. We met many people who had tasted Pasties in the past either because a parent, grandparent, husband or wife, sister-in-law or best friend had them. Everyone who had tasted them raved about how good they were.

We were surprised to find that we were able to sell Cornish cookbooks and flags and felt that our time there was well spent. Many people took our brochure to consider coming to the next meeting or checking us out on the website.

We also enjoyed visiting the other vendors and watching the bagpipers and the children doing Celtic dances.

I will put together a list of the upcoming "gatherings" and if there is one in your area and you would consider hosting a table for PNCS, please let me know and I will get you the banner, brochures, cookbooks and flags.

-Alene





## *THE CORNISH IN OREGON*

Before I begin telling you about the Cornish in Oregon, I should first tell you who the Cornish are. Cornwall is a county of England, located on the south-western peninsula of Great Britain. It is bordered to the north by the Atlantic Ocean, to the south by the English Channel, and to the east by the county of Devon, over the River Tamar. It has a population of 531,600, covering an area of 1,376 sq mi.

Cornwall is the homeland of the Cornish people, and is considered one of the six "Celtic nations." Technically it is still a county of England, yet they continue to retain a distinct identity with their own history, language, flag and culture.

The Cornish were miners and the following says it best:

"The old saying is 'A mine is a hole in the ground with a Cornishman at the bottom' and it has proved true. Cornwall perfected the art of hardrock mining, developed and perfected the mighty steam engines that pumped the mines, lifted and lowered millions of tons of material and men; and powered the industrial wealth of the country of England...."

Cornwall's economy was greatly affected after the decline of the mining and fishing industries around the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The Cornish miners emigrated to all corners of the world including North, Central and South America, Australia and Africa in search of work.

There were several communities in the United States that were established as Cornish towns and some still exist today. The most well known are:

- 1) Mineral Point in Wisconsin where "...In the 1830s, news of the lead mining rush reached Cornwall, England, and the Cornish miners and their families started arriving in Mineral Point. These immigrant Cornish miners brought advanced hard rock and deep mining skills..."
- 2) "Michigan has a long mining history. Copper, iron, gold, silver, gypsum, slate, salt, coal and limestone have been mined in Michigan." My Great Grandfather brought the family to Michigan from Cornwall during the Copper Boom in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 3) Grass Valley, California is probably the best known Cornish town located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. "It was estimated that in the 1890s, 60% of the population of Grass Valley, California was Cornish."

There does not appear to be a "Cornish town" in Oregon, but there is no question that Oregon had mines spread throughout the state. So going by the old saying "Look down any hole in the ground and you'll find a Cornishman", there must have been Cornish in Oregon.

I did locate some of the major mines in Oregon and there are stories of men who came up from California and Nevada in search of work in the mines. These mines include but are not limited to: Cinderella Mine, Black Butte Mine in Linn County, Cornucopia Mine & Golconda Mine in Baker County; and Rich Gulch Mine at Jacksonville. They mined gold from 1851 and in Sumpter; the last of the gold dredges did not cease operation until 1953.

So who were the Cornish in Oregon? I didn't locate any miners in my search but I did find some well-known Cornishmen who had an impact on Oregon's growth.

There was William Simon U'Ren born January 10, 1859 the son of immigrants from Cornwall who was considered the father of Oregon's initiative process. At the turn of the 20th century, he was instrumental in getting initiative, recall and referendum included in Oregon's government.

Colonel James B. Eddy was born at St. Ives, Cornwall in 1855. In 1881 he came to Oregon. "He was Deputy Sheriff of Umatilla County four years, and editor of the Pendleton Tribune three years. In 1892 he was appointed special agent for the allotment of lands on the Umatilla Reservation..." Also "He was Reading Clerk of the State Senate in 1893, and at that session was elected Railroad Commissioner..." He was president of the Republican club at Pendleton for four years and was a member of the Governor's staff, with rank of colonel."

E. J. Floyd was born at Redruth, Cornwall March 26, 1851. He was the son of a copper miner. "In 1880 he came to Portland and at once engaged in the plumbing business. By years of hard work he built up a good business and became one of the most expert in his line. In July, 1894, he was appointed Inspector of Plumbing and Drainage of the City of Portland..."



## *Remembering Our Cornish Heritage*

### Making the Connection

The 16<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Cornish Cousins

August 10-14, 2011

Mineral Point, Wisconsin

### Call for Presenters

WE need to arouse awareness of our heritage, among all, no matter how fractional their link, as few of us can claim to be 100% Cornish. The Cornish, both as individuals and as a population, participated in the activities and enterprises that built this continent. Cornish-American political figures, scientists, artists, and others have made a difference in North America. We need to recognize this, take pride in it, and make some noise for and about the Cornish in North America.

The decline of mining in Cornwall spurred the emigration of our ancestors. What contributions did they make to technology, science, government, architecture, education in this country as it developed?

The similar growth and decline in mining have occurred over and over across our continent. Cornish Americans, too, have experienced "...the pumps shut down, the mine filled up..." - then what? For many, again, it was a migration. "I'm building cars now, for Mr. Ford..."

What about those who didn't move?

Common concerns...Common solutions?

### What are the connections?

The Planning Committee hopes that you, as a person with special knowledge and interest in the behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, traditions, products, and institutions of the Cornish, will consider making a presentation during our 16<sup>th</sup> Gathering. Small group sessions will, in general, be approximately an hour and a quarter long, allowing ample time for questions and discussion. It will be possible to have a presentation extend from morning to afternoon if this is desired. Most audiences will number between 20-30 people. We encourage presenters to repeat their sessions to reach a larger number.

Presenters are asked to submit their topic and a description of how their presentation fits in with the goals of the Gathering (included). The Planning Committee will review submissions and notify presenters of acceptance.

Presenters should identify **exact** needs for audio-visual equipment. The Planning Committee will attempt to fill any needs identified by June 1, 2011. However, presenters should be aware that there may be difficulty with compatibility and availability of some equipment. The Committee will notify presenters in advance if requests for equipment cannot be filled.

The Committee is pleased to offer one complimentary registration per presentation. Please note that meals connected with the Gathering are a separate expense.

We appreciate your willingness to share your expertise and know that your presentation will contribute to the success of the Gathering.

Forms must be received no later than April 1, 2011. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 1, 2011. Complete and return the attached forms to: Tommi O'Hagan, 651 E. Scott St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 [tombob02@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tombob02@sbcglobal.net)

The application/proposal form is available at the CAHS website [www.cousinjack.org](http://www.cousinjack.org)



## **A Visit to Butte and the Montana Cornish Cousins**

### **It's great to be Cornish!**

A chance to visit the monthly meeting of the Montana Cornish Cousins was not to be missed when my research lead me once again to Butte to check further into my own Richards (and more!) ancestry. I love going to Butte - it's where my paternal grandmother Florence Catherine Peters came with her parents, John Pearce Peters (mining engineer) and wife Lucy Strike Peters. Florence met "grampa" John Richards there in Butte and married him there. They had come from adjacent parishes in West Cornwall (that's Porthleven and Breage respectively). My Dad and his four siblings were all born there when the family lived in the area known as Meaderville (now part of the infamous "big hole").

It's a mere 5-hour drive to Butte from my home near the Idaho/Washington state line and I love the drive. I can go to the Butte-Silver Bow archives and to the World Museum of Mining to pick up the facts about my two Butte families; I love to check at Mount Moriah Cemetery there and visit the resting place of my great grandparents Lucy and John Peters. My father and his family left Butte for Seattle in 1916; the family home in the town of Meaderville is no more but I love to see where my Cornish side came from Cornwall to Butte with great hope for a good life.

**The added fillip to my research trip was to visit the monthly meeting of the Montana Cornish Cousins!** And so I shared with the Montana Cornish Cousins, the story of my Grandfather's brother (Thomas Henry Richards) and his family that left Butte for New York City and then took the RMS Lusitania on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915-on its infamous final voyage across the Atlantic Ocean for Liverpool-to return to the home parish of the Richards (Breage) to live out their lives. The story is a fascinating one and this exceptional story allowed me to find the exact Richards family when I began my research in Cornwall in the 1970s.

Richards, as most researchers know, is one of the three most common names in Cornwall-but searching for the Richards family which includes a survivor of the downed Lusitania is too distinctive that it becomes easy to connect with the correct Richards. Four of the five members survived the infamous sinking (baby Dora Millicent was lost as she slipped out of her mother's arms when Philippa Richards left the ship for a lifeboat). 11

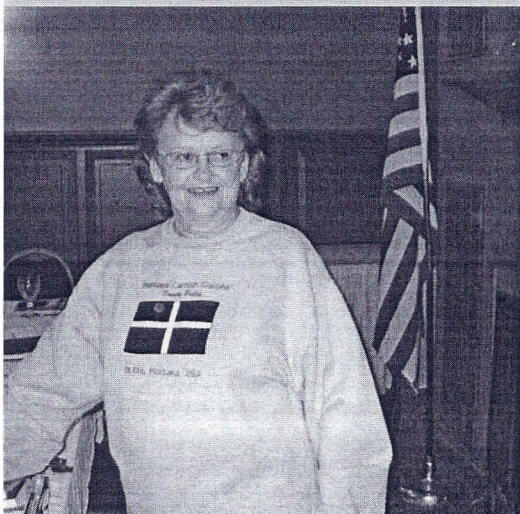


The Montana Cornish Cousins (MCC) meet at noon for a no-host lunch at a local hotel. The Cornish of Butte are friendly and full of fun; the MCC has no president or vice-president (offices are so hard to talk members to commit to!) and a casual working relationship of Dorothy Duddy and Olive Pearce comes together to get the work done and get the meeting together, decorations on the table, treats to follow the meal off the menu and any other necessary aspects of the monthly get-together! Olive brought the decorations: Cornish flags made by her daughter, placed 4 to a vase plus a big Cornish flag to grace the head table. Name tags came out; plastic-coated placemats covered the plain white tablecloth.

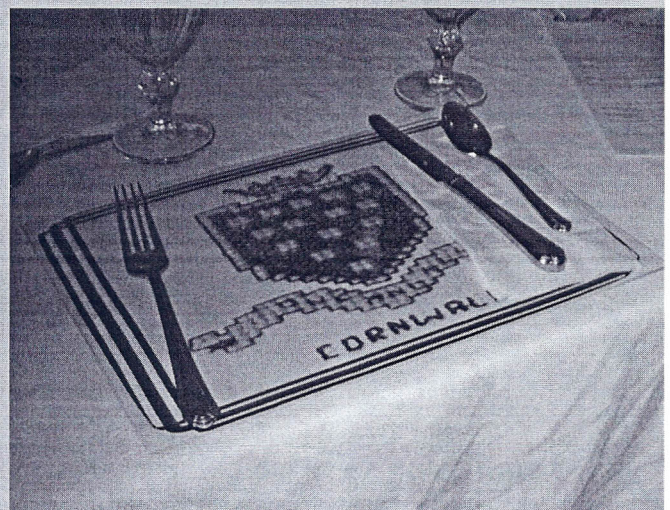
The MCC is a real fun group of people, often related to one another (Dorothy had two sisters there and is related also to Olive plus others of the MCC) and they all seem to look like Cornish everywhere. It was a great group to visit and for me to share the story of the branch of the Butte Richards family that decided to leave Butte and return to our beloved Cornwall. I wouldn't have missed the meeting for the world! **In fact I just wish that MCC members and those from other Cornish-American groups could join together on other various occasions.**

Jean Richards Timmermeister PNCS #003

Dorothy Duddy at meeting



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**PNCS MEETINGS**

First Saturday in March, in the North  
To celebrate St. Piran's Day  
Fourth Saturday in July, Central location  
Annual Cornish Picnic  
Third Saturday in October, in the South

**PNCS LIBRARY**

*The PNCS Library is housed with the President. The PNCS Library will always welcome donated books about the Cornish. If you have a Cornish book you would like to donate to the PNCS 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](mailto: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](mailto:Tregarthen@gmail.com) or phone 360-613-1718.

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**OUR NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

First week in February

First week in June

First week in September

Send articles, pictures, ads, notices, whatever, to:

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*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.*

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