

A picnic in the park



Rustic Fort Borst Park in Centralia was the setting for the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society July 17. Those attending included (back row from left) Craig and Colleen Pedlar, Bonnie LaDoe, Gail Tycer (new member), Evangeline Anderson, Margaret Porter, Joan Huston, Dot Huntley, Shirley and Dick Colenso and (front row from left) Carolyn Bawden (new member) Alene Reaugh and Lewis Tycer (husband of new member).



Letter from the president

Joan's jottings...

Thank you all for voting for me, and expecting me to carry on after some fine years with Alene. She did a great job and I hope I can do as well.

Thank you also to Ann Holiday for taking over the newsletter! I, with Marcie and without, have been doing the newsletter for the past 12 years!

A little history of this club: I noticed that there wasn't a Cornish Society in the Pacific Northwest except in British Columbia. This seemed wrong, so I put up a notice on Rootsweb list, if anyone was interested in helping me start a Cornish Society in this area. Marcie Rothman and Andrea McDonald responded and we met twice to try to organize things.

We divided up the jobs, but Andrea never followed through on her stuff, so Marcie and I started setting up things. Then Jean Timmermeister and Betty Scott said they'd be interested in helping, so we met with them and got the club officially started.

Jean Timmermeister became our first president, Betty Scott was vice president, Claudia Tillman was secretary (and also created our logo), I was treasurer and membership, and Marcie and I did the newsletter and the original webpage.

This was in the spring of 1998, twelve and a half years ago! Our first

annual picnic in Centralia at Fort Borst Park was in July 1998. There we actually elected our first officers. And now after all this time, I'm president!

At our annual picnic meeting we also elected Dick Colenso, vice president; Margaret Porter, secretary; and Dot Huntley, treasurer.

We had a wonderful selection of food, including pasties!



Joan Tregarthen Huston, President,

tery series that takes place in Cornwall. So far she's published two books in the series, *Manna From Hades* and *A Colourful Death*. She is from England and spent lots of time in Cornwall, but I'll let her tell you all that!

She also has other series and 50 or more books published. She shouldn't be missed! We had some problems with times for this meeting, so it will be a bit shorter than usual, but we will just have a very short business meeting and get on to our speaker, after our usual potluck lunch. Please try to attend!

If anyone needs a ride from the Kitsap County area, let me know. Others may also be willing to give rides to anyone in need. If anyone needs a ride, or has room for someone, please call me at (360) 613-1718, and I will try to help coordinate.

— Joan Huston
Your new president



Here is a picture of a Cornish Santa that my husband bought me in Northpole, Alaska this summer. I will bring it with me to the

Several people shared interesting family stories with us. All in all, a great meeting.

For the fall meeting in Vancouver, we will have a guest author, Carola Dunn, who has a new mys-

Grandpa Hosking: Talented stonemason, strict disciplinarian

By Alene Reaugh

The whole family always referred to my great-grandfather, Joseph Martin Hosking, simply as “Grandpa Hosking,” so even though he died two months before I was born, I also refer to him that way. My Grandmother Lorraine didn’t talk about him much, but she did tell me a few things.

Now that I have researched my family history, I know even more about Grandpa Hosking. He was born in South Towednack, Penzance, Cornwall, on January 27, 1868. A hard working stonemason in Cornwall, he emigrated to Hancock in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1900. He brought with him his wife Bessie and their two daughters and three sons. Hancock was in the middle of the Copper Boom and Grandpa Hosking did well building brick buildings, fences and sidewalks throughout Hancock and nearby Houghton.

My Grandmother Lorraine was born November 25, 1904, the first child of the family born in the United States. Her sisters, Lillian and Henrietta, followed. When Lorraine was 13 years old, their mother died and all three girls were sent to live with an older sister, Olive. Olive, only 25 years old and with a new baby, was undoubtedly overwhelmed by this sudden added responsibility and the loss of their mother. Perhaps that is why the then teen-age Lorraine felt she was being “picked on” and that Olive was “mean.”

Eventually, Grandpa Hosking decided to take a job building bridges for the railroad and moved with the three girls to Tacoma, Washington. He did not re-marry and did his best to raise the girls on his own. Grandma Lorraine remembered him being very strict and demanding. He would say “girl, get me my dinner” always calling all of



Joseph Martin Hosking, ca. 1900

them just “girl.” He didn’t tolerate any fooling around, and when Grandpa Hosking said it was a certain way, that is the way it was – no questions asked. By today’s standards, this would seem almost cruel, but Grandpa Hosking undoubtedly felt it was the only way he could adequately raise his little brood on his own.

My cousin Don, Lillian’s son, told me they lived with Grandpa Hosking for a while when Don was a young boy. Don also remembers Grandpa Hosking being very strict, calling him a “little bugger” when he got into Grandpa’s toolbox. Don said you had to be on your best behavior when around Grandpa.

Grandpa was most likely perceived as being “strict” because he was undoubtedly applying his old world standards as they had been applied to him as a child. Perhaps a little more of this strict Cornish discipline would be a good thing for some of today’s youth.



Joseph Martin Hosking built this garage more than 100 years before his great-granddaughter, Alene Reaugh, took this picture on a 2002 visit to Hancock, Mich.

How a founding member found her Cornishness

By **Jean Richards Timmermeister**
Founding President, PNCS

I often tell the story of how I first learned of my Cornish roots, but perhaps I haven't shared with Pacific Northwest Cornish Society (PNCS) members.



Jean Timmermeister

As some are aware, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, it was quite common for immigrants to join fraternal orders for death benefits as well as for a social life in a new country. My father continued the plan: he belonged to two (Maccabees and Woodmen of the World) and my mother likewise, two for women. The Royal Neighbors of America (RNA) was the women's group of

the Woodmen of the World and my mother bought small memberships/insurance for each of her three children with premiums of mere cents. Mom was active in the RNA Lodge activities for all her adult life. But more important to my story, the RNA gave each member who had a child a beautiful baby book with a family tree in the centerfold.

As a member, each time I had a child, the RNA baby book was fondly received. My paternal grandparents were both living when my firstborn arrived and I journeyed to visit them, show off my son Rick and to see if I could get some help from Rick's great-grandparents. Grampa John Richards sat down with me and gave me each and every entry for the Richards side.

It was years later when I lost my father that I had an interest in my family tree. When I first went to

Cornwall to research in 1977 and to see the land of my paternal ancestors, I began to prove each entry and to carry the research further.

Grampa verbally gave me the minimal information needed for each entry - for both himself and my grandmother (whom he met in Butte although they had come to the US from adjacent parishes of Cornwall). Every bit of information proved correct when checking the original parish records in the County Record Office in Truro.

So, the blacksmith from Breage parish with the phenomenal memory for facts had given every fact need to whet my genealogical appetite years later.

I have to wonder how he knew grandmother's facts, too, but mostly I thank the Lodge for the book that presented the opportunity for me to ask Grampa for those facts.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the July 17 meeting

A complete copy of the minutes will be posted to the members-only portion of the PNCS website.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society met on July 17, 2010 at Kitchen 1, Fort Borst Park in Centralia, Washington.... President Alene Reaugh ... introduced the new members, Gail and Lewis Tycer, Carolyn Bawden.

The Treasurer was instructed to open a Money Market account at US Bank ...

Alene reported that our webmaster Mickey Sieracki is moving to South Carolina but will continue to manage our website....

Shirley Ewart asked the membership for family stories for a book on the PNCS that she would like to publish with the proceeds going to PNCS. Bonnie LaDoe will work with Shirley to set up interviews and collect the stories from the members.

Shirley has indexed an immense number of genealogical and Cornish magazines for surnames and will be offering the database for posting on our website.

Alene announced that volunteers are needed to represent the Society at Cornish and Celtic gatherings and events, specifically the Lacey Celtic Fair at this time.

Ed Channon will be at the October meeting to present and answer questions about a Pacific NW Celtic Sports and Art Fest that he is putting together with help from Adidas. It will include all of the Celtic nations in sports and music. He hopes to have areas for booths and a stage to have dancing....

Alene notified the group that www.mycornwall.tv has a newsletter that is available to anyone....

Dot [Huntley] will continue to manage the membership information.

2010-2011 PNCS Officers



Dick Colenso
Vice President

Margaret Porter
Secretary

Joan Huston
President

Dot Huntley
Treasurer

Need a recipe for the October meeting?

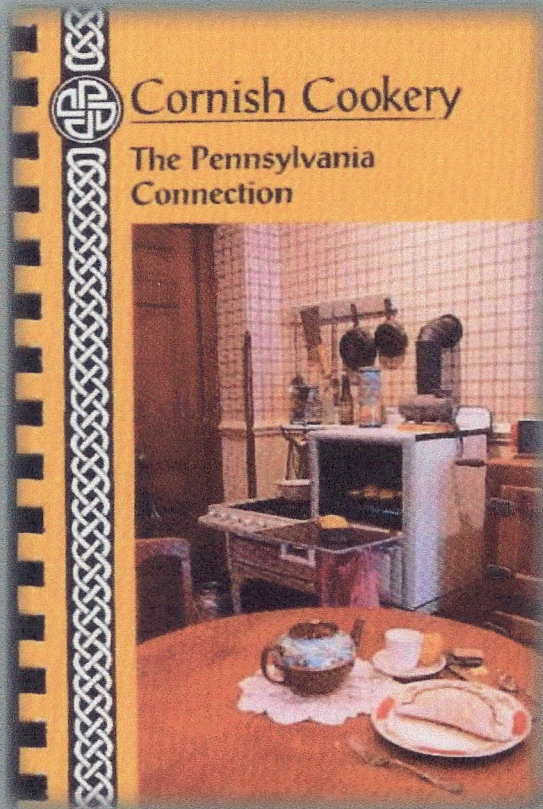
Cornish Cookery: The Pennsylvania Connection, an Americanization of Cornish recipes, by Holly Landon Hinkel and Brad Landon, is available at PNCS's Cornish Country Store.

Published by Penkernewek-Pennsylvania Cornwall Association, the cookbook includes an interesting introduction, some history about Cornish cooking, helpful hints and cooking tips.

Holly and Brad grew up in Pennsylvania two doors from their Cornish-born grandparents. They talked about all of the love and hard work that went into collecting recipes and putting together "Cornish Cookery."

Many 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 book is available at PNCS meetings for \$12.50. The on-line store is open 24 hours a day at <http://www.nwcornishsociety.com/Country%20store.htm>. Orders may also be placed by e-mailing Alene Reaugh at softwalk2@yahoo.com. Sweatshirts and T-shirts may be ordered at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>.



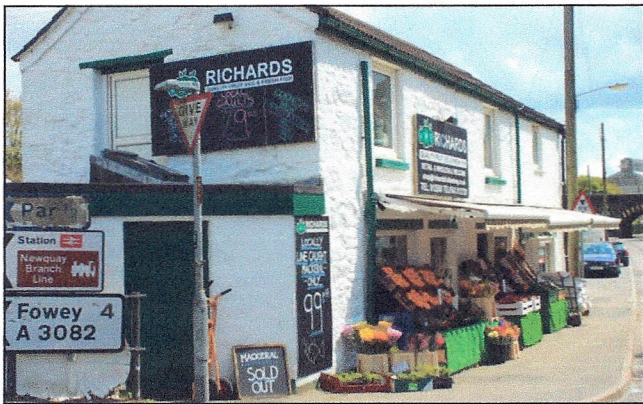
A honeymoon in Cornwall

When Sunny Sisson, daughter of former PNCS president Mary Sisson and her husband, Bob, married Jordan Rickards in April 2010, they planned a honeymoon that was not your ordinary week at the Oregon Coast.

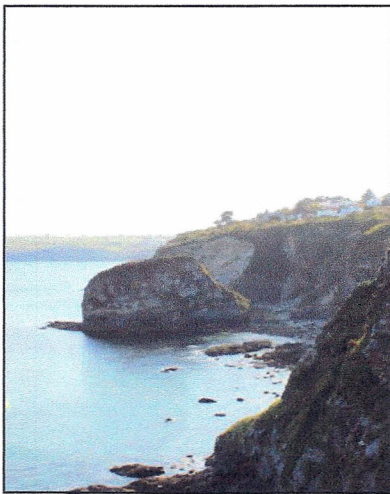
The headed for Iceland, England and the Czech Republic. The Iceland volcano quieted down enough for them to spend a little time in Reykjavik before heading for London and Cornwall, where they photographed some sights from Sunny's Cornish heritage, and Prague.



Sunny and Jordan in Par at Garfield House, Sunny's great-grandmother's childhood home.

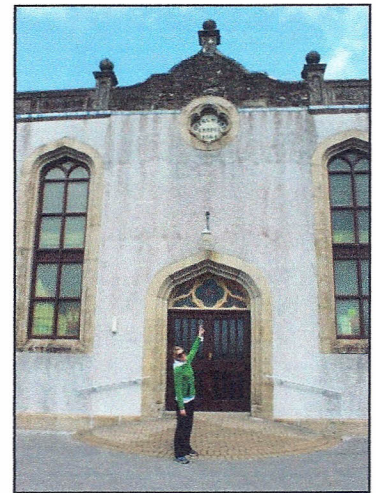


A Cornish country store.



The rugged Cornish coastline.

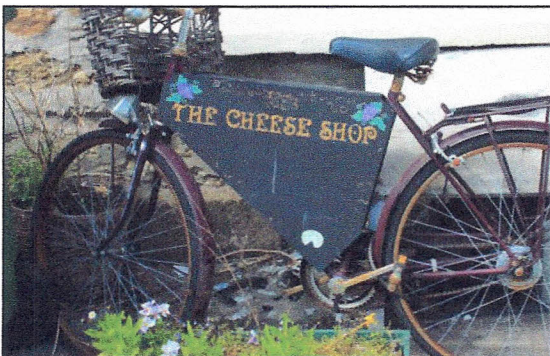
Sunny tastes her first real Cornish pasty.



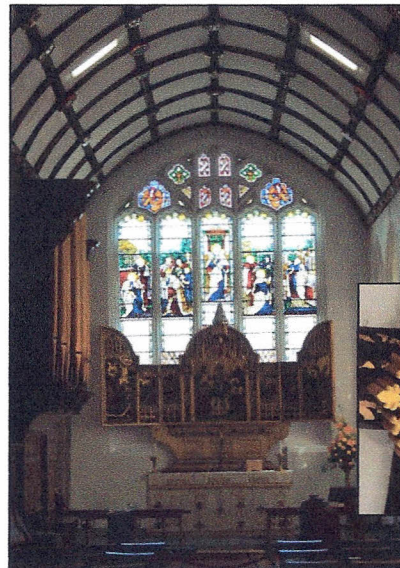
The 1864 Wesleyan Chapel, where her Great-Great Grandpa Rosevear was Sunday school superintendent for many years.



A Cornish churchyard.



Local delivery vehicle.



The Rosevear family placed a boss (inset) in this chapel in Truro Cathedral on the occasion of a family gathering in 1990.

Cornish-mystery author to speak

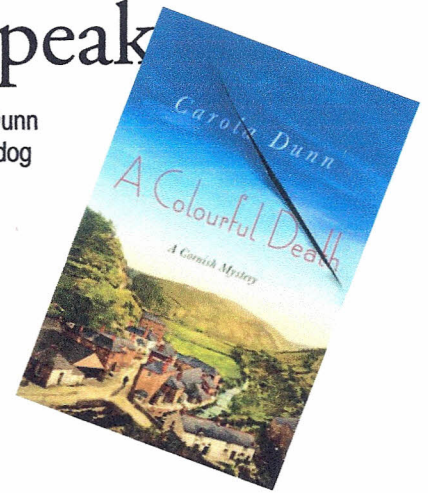
Eleanor Trewynn drives an aged Morris Minor to the Launceston station car-park. They'll be shutting the station down any day now, and passengers will have to go to Bodmin Parkway to catch the train to London. Eleanor's niece is Detective Sergeant Megan Pencarrow. A dreadful photo that seemed to show Megan arresting Eleanor was printed in the Sketch – fortunately, not in the North Cornwall Times. And of course there's a castle in ruins. And a long climb in the Morris Minor – AKA the Incorruptible – to Bodmin Moor between hillsides patched with still-golden gorse.

That's the scene set by Carola Dunn, author of more than 50 books, in "A Colourful Death," one of the first two volumes in her new series of mysteries set in Cornwall. The other is "Manna from Hades."

Carola is scheduled to speak at the fall meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society. She'll sign copies of her books for those who have copies. The books are available



Carola Dunn and her dog Trilian



through Amazon.com. PNCS gets a small commission on purchases made from the Amazon link on the PNCS home page.

1960s, and 32 Regencies, not counting numerous novellas.

I was born and grew up in England. After graduating from Manchester University, I set off around the world, but only made it halfway, to Fiji, before turning back to get married. I lived in Southern California for 20 years, and then moved to Eugene, Oregon, where I live now. I love it here, love the changing seasons. Contrary to reports, it doesn't rain all the time, and you don't absolutely have to wear Birkenstocks! I'm not far from the Willamette River, and walk there every morning with Trillian.

By way of introduction, Carola writes on her web site (<http://caroladunn.weebly.com/home.html>): I am the author of over 50 books: 18 mysteries in the Daisy Dalrymple series, set in England in the 1920s; a new series set in Cornwall in the

1960s, and 32 Regencies, not counting numerous novellas.

New editor, new look

Let's hear it for Joan Huston – she edited this newsletter for 10 years, and did a splendid job!

Now it's time for a change – a new editor, a new look.

What do you think? This is YOUR newsletter. Format isn't nearly as important as content. What would you like to see in your newsletter? What would you like to contribute? Family photos? Pictures of your trips to Cornwall? Essays about your family roots?

Please send your submissions, suggestions and gripes to me at the address below. Put "PNCS" in the subject line so my ever-vigilant spam-buster won't send it to cyberspace.

Thank you!

Ann Holiday
PNCS newsletter editor
awholiday@gmail.com

QUESTION Barry Norman said that while there are Irish-Americans, Scottish-Americans and Welsh-Americans, he hadn't come across any English-Americans. Aren't there any U.S. societies proud of their ancestral links with the Old Country?

FURTHER to the earlier answer, there are several societies in the U.S. whose members are proud of their ancestral links with Cornwall. The first was the Cornish American Heritage Society founded in 1982 by Dorothy Sweet, a member of The Cornish Family History Society. Originally a genealogical organization, it has more than 500 members and celebrates the history of Cornish immigration to North America, in music, arts and crafts, and culture. Since its inception, several similar societies have sprung up in former areas of Cornish settlement in North America, such as the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, south-western Wisconsin, north-west Montana, California and British Columbia.
John James, Truro, Cornwall.

This clipping, published in The National Press in July 2010, was sent to Alene Reaugh by a Cornish cousin.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 23, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clark County Genealogical Library

717 Grand Boulevard

Vancouver, Washington 98661

Potluck lunch (Cornish goodies appreciated but not required), followed by a brief business meeting and guest speaker Carola Dunn, author of more than 50 books including a new series of mysteries set in Cornwall.

From I-5 take East Mill Plain Boulevard heading east to Grand Boulevard and turn right.
The building is on the left. Look for the PNCS banner. Parking is in front.

Clark County Genealogical Society

So just what is the Clark County Genealogical Library? It's a collection of resource materials owned by the Clark County Genealogical Society.

The Society has been dedicated to saving the records of the pioneers of the area since 1972. Many of the original charter members continue to be active. Members have written and published nearly 100 books, which are available for other researchers. Many members also have their own web pages. The Society takes annual research trips to Salt Lake City and presents programs locally.

The library is staffed by volunteers and is generally open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and every Friday and the second and third Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Members may use the library free of charge. A donation of \$3 is suggested for non-members to use the library equipment and resources. The equipment includes study computers for free access to the Internet and the capacity to connect wireless-enabled laptop computers to the library's system. Microfiche and film readers are also available. The library covers all states and many foreign countries – not just Clark County.

Here's a very random sampling of what's listed :

1787 Census of Virginia, Lunenburg County, The

1860 Multnomah County, Census

1910 Michigan Census: Sanilac (Part), Schoolcraft
And Shiawassee Cos.

1860 Washington Territory Census

Gold Rush Days, Vol. 3: Miscellaneous Records

1856-1862 Copied From Early Newspapers

Graves And Sites On The Oregon And California
Trails

Hamilton Funeral Records 1917-1929

History of Chehalis: Bicentennial Edition

Immigrants To America Appearing in English Re-
cords

Marriages Published In The Christian Index 1828-
1855

For more information on the library's holdings, go to
[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/
holdings.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/holdings.pdf)

For further information about the Clark County Genealogical Society contact

Clark County Genealogical Society

PO Box 5249

Vancouver, WA 98668-5249

(360) 750-5688

<http://www.ccg-wa.org/>