
Next Meeting: March 5, 2011, in Puyallup



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Fall PNCS meeting in Vancouver



Attending the October PNCS meeting in Vancouver were (standing from left) Marian Kenedy, Lowell Kenedy, Mark Upton, Joan Huston, Sandy Dunkel, Judith Upton, Judy Falk, Louise Colenso, Carolyn Bawden, Dick Colenso, Evangeline Anderson, Bonnie LaDoe, Jim Faull, Mary Sisson, Dot Hosking Huntley, Lewis Tycker, Amanda Huston, Gail Tycker and Suzanne Pastori and (kneeling) Rhonda Stone, Alene Reaugh and Carola Dunn, speaker.

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October meeting takes a 'novel' turn

We had a great turnout for our October meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Our guest speaker was Carola Dunn, author of a large collection of mystery and Regency books, including a new series that takes place in Cornwall.

Two books are available in this cozy mystery series, reminiscent of Jessica Fletcher of Cabot Cove, but taking place in a village of Port Mabyn. They are "Manna from Hades" and "A Colourful Death."

Carola showed us slides she had taken in Cornwall and talked of her growing up there. She passed around a photo album from her youth. It was all very interesting, and after her talk, she sold and autographed her books.

She is a very nice lady who I met two weeks before the meeting at a Mystery Book Convention in San Francisco. We had lunch together with a couple of other authors, Deborah Crombie and Michelle Gagnon (both have interesting series also!). She now lives in Oregon.

The next meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church in Puyallup and features a speaker who I'm sure you'll find very interesting if you are in the least bit interested in genealogy and/or your Cornish history. She is the creator of Cyndi's List on the web.



Joan Huston meets Carola Dunn – again – at the October PNCS meeting. Joan's daughter Amanda, who's been coming to meetings since she was an infant, shows the autograph she scored.

Cyndi Howells out that she lives in Puyallup! Perfect fit!

She says she has a new website design going live the day before our meeting, so we will be some of the first to tour her new website as she shows us how to get around her fantastic creation. She will gear her talk toward Cornwall, but it encompasses all family history. Don't miss this meeting if you are at all curious on how to go about searching for your ancestors! Check out her website at www.cyndislist.com.

I hope to see a big turnout for this special event!

Your president,
Joan Huston
www.Tregarthen.com

Day!)

Cyndi's List first appeared on the web in 1996, a year or two before the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society was created. I met Cyndi at a Kitsap County Genealogical Society meeting way back in 1997, so I knew she was in Washington, and when I looked her up to see if she would speak at our next meeting, I found

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society St. Piran's Day Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2011

First Presbyterian Church

412 W. Pioneer, Puyallup

Meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share).

Business meeting at noon, followed by our speaker, Cyndi Howells from Cyndi's List (www.cyndislist.com). She will give us a guided tour of her newly redesigned website.

Excerpts from the minutes of the October PNCS meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Huston. The officers were introduced

Twenty-five members and guests attended, including new members Suzanne Pastori, Marian Kenedy, Gail Tycer and Rhonda Stone. The new members were asked to introduce themselves and tell us about their Cornish connections.

Alene Reaugh reported on the Country Store. There have been no sales from the website but we continue to have good sales at the meetings. Everyone was reminded that items can be obtained from Café Press.

New Business: Dot Huntley recommended that money

from our checking account be moved into another account where we would benefit from some interest. Dot was given the go ahead to do that.

Dot mentioned that there is a proposal to move the traditional Cornish border to include part of Devon. It was agreed that we would send a letter from PNCS to voice our concerns regarding this proposal. Bonnie LaDoe was asked to write a letter on our behalf.

Joan introduced our speaker Carola Dunn, author of Cornish books.

Respectfully submitted, Alene Reaugh

Cornish summers inspire mystery books

Carola Dunn claims no Cornish blood, so if the places in her Cornish mystery novels sound familiar, it's because she's done her homework.

Besides spending childhood summers in North Cornwall, staying in a farmhouse and body-surfing in the sea on a wooden board, she's been back to photograph the places that figure in her books. She showed some of those photos during her talk at the fall meeting in Vancouver.

Dunn has been writing for 30 years. She's done Regency romances -- novels set in the time of the Regency, when the Prince Regent acted in the place of his father, the mad King George III, between 1811 and

1820. She also writes a series of mysteries around the character Daisy Dalrymple, whose adventures take place all over the UK in the 1920s.

Now Dunn is concentrating on Cornwall with her new series. The main character is a woman who's been all over the world doing charity work and now has settled in the village of Port Mabyn -- where she's opened a charity shop. If you can't find Port Mabyn on your map of Cornwall, it's because it's a combination of Cornish towns.

Dunn lives in Eugene. How she got there from England is a story that may sound familiar to those of Cornish descent -- she left right after col-



Carola Dunn sells and signs her books.

lege on a round-the-world trip. She married a Californian, lived in Southern California for 20 years, divorced, and moved to Eugene because, she says, it had all she wanted in a place to live.

'Cornish Women in the 1800s' is gathering theme

Hearth and Home: Cornish Women in the 1800s is the theme of the 20th annual gathering of California Cornish Cousins in Placerville, California, June 3 to 5.

Guest speaker for the gathering is Chris Enss, author of more than 20 books about women in the 1800s. She will give a short presentation after breakfast on Saturday and entertain again that night after dinner. Among the titles of Enss' books are "Pistol Packin' Madams: True Stories of Notorious Women of the Old West," "A Beautiful Mine: Women Prospectors of the Old West" and "With Great Hope: Women of the California Gold Rush."

Placerville is in California's Gold Rush country, and Cousins will have time to check out the mining history. Saturday morning will be open for exploring Placerville. There are two museums: the Historic Museum, with exhibits featuring Native American culture, mining and agriculture, and the Fountain Tallman Museum, housed in the oldest building in town, with exhibits of photos, furniture and memorabilia from the 19th and 20th centuries. At the Gold Bug Mine, one can go below grass for a tour (self guided or with a docent) as well as see the stamp mill and museum on the property. Shoppers may enjoy the historic down-



California Cornish Cousins will gather in historic Gold Rush-era Placerville.

town while visiting its weekly farmer's market, shops, monuments and Placerville Hardware, the oldest hardware store west of the Mississippi. It has been in operation for more than 150 years.

Saturday noon features pasties on the banks of the South Fork of the American River at Coloma, in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park.

Following the box lunch, Cousins will be free to wander the park, perhaps exploring the gold discovery site at the still-visible tailrace of Sutter's Mill, the more than 20 historic gold rush buildings, the pioneer cemeteries and churches; visiting the shops; or maybe trying a little gold panning. The more ambitious can hike the

four-mile loop trail up to the Marshall Monument atop the ridge for a lovely view of the Coloma Valley.

Saturday's dinner will be at the Best Western Placerville Inn, headquarters for the gathering. The banquet room will offer displays honoring our female ancestors. The gathering ends with continental breakfast Sunday morning.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, June 3, followed by a no-host social hour at 6 p.m. and buffet dinner at 7. For those arriving on Saturday, a partial registration is offered at a reduced rate. Information is at www.califcornishcousins.org/gathering.html

— From the CCC Newsletter

Mineral Point seeks presenters for August gathering

The planning Committee for the 16th Gathering of Cornish Cousins is seeking presenters for its event in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, August 10-14, 2011.

The committee is looking for speakers with special knowledge and interest in the behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, traditions,

products, and institutions of the Cornish, to give hour-long presentations. One complimentary registration is offered per presentation (meals extra). Deadline is April 1.

For further information, contact Tommi O'Hagan, 651 E. Scott St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 tombob02@sbcglobal.net

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PNCS Meetings

First Saturday in March, in the North

To celebrate St. Piran's Day

Fourth Saturday in July, Central area

Annual Cornish Picnic

Third Saturday in October, in the South

Cornish Country Store

Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours on line 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/Country%20store.htm

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at

Softwalk2@yahoo.com

Sweatshirts and T-shirts can be ordered directly from Café Press at

<http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>

In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

PNCS Library

The PNCS Library is housed with Past President Alene Reaugh. 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 at (503) 775-9653 or email her at

softwalk2@yahoo.com.

History of Cornwall on CD-ROM

The Parochial History of the County of Cornwall, a four-volume set of books with lots of information on old Cornish families, was donated to us by our Cornish member, Ron Lake, and we had them put on CD-ROM. They are available to borrow or purchase. Contact Joan Huston if interested in obtaining a copy.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Webpage: _____

\$15 individual member \$25 dual membership Amount enclosed: _____

List Cornish names and areas or parishes of interest:

Send form filled out with check payable to:

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My Great Grand Aunt Beatrice

By Alene Reaugh

(Edited by Bonnie LaDoe)

Five foot six inch Beatrice Andrewartha, an intelligent, well-dressed and strikingly beautiful woman with well coiffed black hair, was crossing Canada on the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway, enjoying wide vistas of the mountains and valleys. A widow with some means, she was leaving the East Coast on her way to visit her brother Thomas and sister Emily in British Columbia. It was her first trip alone.

Beatrice, the youngest of seven children, was born in Hayle, County of Cornwall, United Kingdom, to Thomas and Eliza Schollar. She was 19 when she married a neighbor man who was 11 years her senior.

Henry Andrewartha came from a family of hard-rock miners, joining the many Cornish tin miners in the 19th century who worked for rich mine owners and were paid in a share of the yield instead of a wage. The Cornish miners were innovators who possessed the best mining technology in the world at that time. They developed a high-pressure steam engine that revolutionized mining and led to the migration of Cornishmen to all corners of the world, especially the mines in South Africa, Australia, Canada, and America.

Joining that migration was Henry Andrewartha, who went to South Africa and made his fortune in gold mining. Perhaps ill health led to his decision to work in a less dangerous occupation, as he became a "master butcher" upon his return to Cornwall.

Beatrice and Henry had only been married nine years when Henry died of "Gold Miners Disease," a disease similar to tuberculosis, on March 21, 1914. Henry left Beatrice a sizable fortune, but since they had no children, Beatrice was mostly alone now. Many of her brothers and sisters had already immigrated to America and Canada. Only sister Minnie stayed, and her descendants still live in Cornwall and Dorset.

A few months after Henry's death, Beatrice received word that her sister, Bessie, was ill. Bessie had married Joseph Hosking and immigrated to Hancock, Michi-

gan. Now, too ill to care for her six children, three teen-age boys and three girls under the age of 11, Bessie needed Beatrice's help.

Beatrice booked her passage on the "Adriatic" and headed for New York traveling with the Edwin J. P. Gillard family of Michigan. After all, it was not safe to travel alone especially since she carried with her \$150 in cash. However, she paid her own passage choosing second cabin, as first class (although she could afford it) was a bit too extravagant for her frugal Cornish ways. Second class was comfortable and allowed her to be practical with her money. However, steerage was out of the question; steerage was for immigrants.

Upon her arrival in New York on September 15, 1914, Beatrice stayed at the Cornish Arms Hotel. The hotel's proprietor, Sid Blake, often sent letters back to the Hayle Mail, Beatrice's hometown newspaper. In October 1914, he writes of her arrival, but he warns other Cornish who may be thinking of making the trip that the American economy is not good.

Copper is still close to 15 cents making the mining camps very quiet at the present time. ... I again wish to inform friends and patrons, especially first trippers to find out the conditions of the city or town in America they might intend to go to before leaving Cornwall. As winter is coming on, they might find themselves up against it before the spring arrives. ... Travel has been light owing principally to this most terrible and greatest war in the history of the world."

Beatrice was not worrying about conditions in either America or the world. Her only thoughts were with her ill sister, Bessie, and she left New York for Hancock Michigan, a booming copper mining town where Bessie and her family resided.

Bessie's husband, Joseph, was busy applying his trade as a stonemason to the new buildings and sidewalks of the rapidly growing town (See the Fall 2010 Newsletter), and was pleased to have Beatrice's help with his ailing wife and growing family. Beatrice stayed

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Photo of the Tamar from the website for Keep Cornwall Whole

‘Cornwall ends at the Tamar!’

The recent proposal to move the traditional Cornish border to include part of Devon has come to the attention of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society located in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. Our group of 50 Cornish descendants oppose such a move. We feel it important to honor our Cornish ancestors by keeping the Cornish traditions and values, and feel strongly that such a border change would dilute Cornish social and cultural issues. One tradition that was passed on to all Cornish descendants is that we are "Cornish, not English". We continue to take pride in our Cornish ancestry and although we may not all be able to visit the land of our ancestors, the kinship we feel with the people and the land is very strong.

Cornwall has had to fight to keep its language and traditions alive; please do not force them to fight for their border too.

Regards,

The membership of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

On a motion passed by the membership of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society, this letter was sent to the powers that be in London opposing a bill that would give one Member of Parliament responsibility for parts of Cornwall and Devon. For updates, search for "Devonwall" on the BBC Cornwall website, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/cornwall/hi/default.stm>

Surprise ending to Beatrice's story

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for four years until Bessie, suffering from coronary heart disease, may have fallen victim to the widespread flu epidemic and died in August 1918.

So now with Bessie gone, Beatrice found herself riding alone on a train, making the long trip to see her other siblings. She is an elegant woman, finely dressed and accessorized with nice jewelry; just the kind of woman that Harry M. Lewis was looking for. He exuded culture and good manners and upon introducing himself to Beatrice, she found him an affable companion for the trip. When she reached her destination, he asked if he could call on her again. She said yes.

Meanwhile, at the war's end, Joseph Hosking

moved his family to Tacoma, Washington. He secured a job building bridges for the Northern Pacific Railroad and felt the move would give his boys a better future. However, the three girls were still quite young, and their care was hard for Joseph. So, he wrote to Beatrice in Rossland, B.C., and asked her to come to Tacoma, marry him and again care for his family. Beatrice wrote Joseph that she regretted not being able to accept his proposal because she was betrothed to another – a gentleman she had met on the train.

So on February 5, 1919 in Tacoma, Washington, after an acquaintance of only three weeks, Beatrice Andrewartha married the suave, well-dressed Harry M. Lewis. She was never heard from again.

Lismore
St. Efredes Rdth
Torquay
Nov^r 26th

My dear Brother
Just sending you a
line to say that our
dear sister is at rest
she suffered terribly
for a week & then
she was easy for
2 days & quite conscious
to the last it is
indeed a happy release

to her but I shall
miss her it seems
like a dream to me
she is going to be buried
on Tuesday in the
same grave as poor
Grace was buried in
it is now 11 years
& they both ~~died~~
at 41 years of age
poor Kate had wasted
to a skeleton not
a bit of flesh

left on her I went down
last night & staid there
while she was laid in
her coffin it is a nice
coffin polished with
brass mountings & I was
with her Thursday night
& she told me she had no
fear that all was joy
before I don't feel able
to write more today
so will conclude with
fondest love to all
your affectionate sister
A Kessell

Letters give insight into ancestors' lives

by Bonnie LaDoe

My great-great Aunt Amelia Kessell left a legacy of letters she wrote to her brother, my great-grandfather, William Carlyon Kessell, and his youngest daughter, Clara Gertrude Kessell.

Amelia was born in St. Ewe, Cornwall, but by the time of the letters, she was living in Torquay, Devon. In the 1880 census, Amelia and her youngest sister, Kate, are working for the Boyce family with Amelia the "housemaid" and Kate (Carolyn Frances) the "cook." There is some evidence that an older sister, Grace, was also working in Torquay.

The first letter from Amelia is to her brother and sadly tells of Kate's death in November 1905. It is from Lismore in Devon, a house where Amelia was living. Kate was only 41 years old when she died and Amelia makes note that Grace also died at

age 41. Notice the black edging on the first page of the letter. Found with the letter, but probably not sent with it, is the death notice for their sister, Grace, who died in 1894.

Kate was married in 1888 to William Lory, but had no children. She was the only sister who married.

Here is my transcription of the letter:

Lismore,
St. Efredes Rd,
Torquay,
Nov. 26th

My Dear Brother,

Just sending you a line to say that our dear sister is at rest. She suffered terribly for a week and then she was easy for 2 days and quite conscious to the last. It is indeed a happy release to her, but I shall miss her. It seems like a dream to me. She is going to be buried on Tuesday in the same grave as poor

Grace was buried in. It is now 11 years and they both died at 41 years of age. Poor Kate had wasted to a skeleton, not a bit of flesh left on her. I went down last night and staid there while she was laid in her coffin. It is a nice coffin polished with brass mountings and I was with her Thursday night and she told me she had no fear, that all was joy before. I don't feel able to write more today, so will conclude with fondest love to all.

Your Affectionate Sister, A. Kessell
(More of Amelia's letters will follow in future newsletters.)

Share your family history

Your newsletter welcomes stories like Bonnie's. Have you unearthed some interesting Cornish family lore? Share it! Just e-mail it to Ann Holiday, newsletter editor, aholiday@seanet.com.

Cornish Connections

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

Cornish Heritage Organizations

Federation of Old Cornwall Societies

<http://oldcornwall.org>

The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation

www.cousinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association

www.busby.net/nzca/

The California Cornish Cousins

www.califcornishcousins.org

Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)

www.cornishvic.org.au

Festivals and Events

Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games

169 SW Coast Highway

Newport, Oregon 97365

www.newportcelticfestival.com

Cornish Websites

Cornwall Connections

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

www.cornwallconnections.peoples.com

Cornish Global Migration Programme

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

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>

Keep Cornwall Whole

A campaign set up by Adam Killeya, Mayor of Saltash, in response to the threat of parts of Cornwall, possibly including Saltash, being split off and joined with parts of Devon for parliamentary purposes.

<http://keepcornwallwhole.org>

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

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.

www.cyndislist.com

FamilySearch

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

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

Bureau of Land Management

Search for land patent records by name and state.

www.glorerecords.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/

Steven Morse.org

A collection of links to genealogical websites.

<http://stevemorse.org/>

BYU Idaho Special Collections

Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Idaho.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/>