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Cornish flags fly at highland games and Celtic fairs



Clockwise from upper right: Craig Pedlar and Alene Reaugh surviving the wind at the Newport Games; Bonnie LaDoe and a passer-by looking over the merchandise at the Portland Games; Terry Maves waving the flag at the Seattle Highland Games in Enumclaw.



It's not only a game in summertime

We have had a busy summer, starting with the Newport Highland Games in Oregon. The game site for this festival is relatively small in comparison to others where the PNCS has gone to share Cornish culture.

However, the attendance there allowed Alene, Reaugh, Bonnie LaDoe, my wife Colleen and me to meet some interesting people with Cornish ancestry. We actually gained a new member from those with whom we spoke and have continued to stay in contact with others.

In addition, PNCS members set up displays, and items for sale, at a few other locations in Washington and Oregon: Portland, Belfair on Hood Canal, and The Seattle Games (for the first time). Alene did Portland, Joan Huston and Claudia Hunt did Belfair, and Terry Maves and I did Seattle (in Enumclaw). I apologize if any person who helped, at these sites or others, was not included in this list.

I hope that next year we will be represented at the Skagit Valley Games in Mt. Vernon, WA. Seattle and Skagit Valley are the two largest events in Washington.

There is a reason for me starting this missive with some information about our participation in the various Highland Games festivals in Washington and Oregon. I would encourage you to help your organization at one of these, or others that we might do. Most of these events involve a Saturday and Sunday. Even a few hours on one day would be great and give you an opportunity to share your enthusiasm/knowledge about Cornwall.

This would also give you a chance to see what else goes on at these types of events which include many Celtic vendors and sporting events such as caber tossing, 56-pound weight throw, border collie herding of sheep and most importantly - men in kilts.

Please also come to one, or more of our meetings, during each year. I, for one, would really like to meet some of our members whom I have not met before. You are important to the PNCS and it would just be great to actually see you more often. If you have an idea about smaller groups getting together, like for a meal at a restaurant, please let me know.

The speaker for our October 24 meeting, is Steven



Photo by Joan Tregarthen Huston

Who? Staffs the Hood Canal Games in Belfair, WA.

Morrison, a member of the Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He has extensive genealogical experience in courses from the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research, the British Institute and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

He will share with us information about the "Peopling of the British Isles" - including where the indigenous peoples of Cornwall came from, and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The basis for his presentation is a book titled *The Origins of the British*, by an Oxford professor named Stephen Oppenheimer. I have spoken directly with our speaker and I am sure that you will find his information to be quite interesting.

Craig Pedlar
President

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Family search turns up mystery girl

By Dot Hosking Huntley
PNCS Treasurer

About 20 years ago I began delving deep into my Hosking background. The ancestor who intrigued me the most was my great-grandfather, William Henry Hosking. He was born in August 1839 (exactly 100 years before me) in St. Just in Penwith. His father was a miner and the church sexton in St. Just, as had been his grandfather. By the time William was 26 years old he was married, had four children, and had seen his only daughter die of *Scarlatina maligna* at age 3.

William had evidently become very wise in the ways of tunnel mining as he was recruited by coal mine owners from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, about 1865. He left St Just and his parents, his wife, Mary, and their three remaining children to seek his future in America. Mary, the children, and her younger brother, Thomas Oates, set sail in 1866 for Pennsylvania. Within a year she had died, and William married Mary Ann Neil, an Irish lass 10 years his junior.

By 1869 his two younger boys by his first wife, Martin Oats and Thomas Oats Hosking, had died at ages 4 and 7. They are buried in Wilkes-Barre City Cemetery. This was only the beginning of tragedy and death for William and Mary Ann. According to the 1900 census she had had 13 children and only four remained. Even if we discount the children of the first wife (4), Mary Ann still had nine children and only three were living in 1900. She also had a weak heart so these pregnancies must have taken a terrible



William Henry Hosking, 1839-1900

toll on her health.

About 1891-1892 William moved with his second family to Ohio for a year, and then on to Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington, by 1893, where he served as the mine superintendent for the Wilkeson Coal Company that mined coal and processed coke. William had his position at Wilkeson until about 1898, when his son, John Neil Hosking, my grandfather, became the mine superintendent and William was "retired."

William opened a grocery store and ran it for about a year until he really did retire.

According to the 1900 census for Wilkeson, sometime before 1900 William and Mary Ann had "adopted" a girl named Jenny I. Hosking, born in August 1888 in Washington. Mary's heart condition seemed to require that she had help in the home, as she also had a young girl living with them in 1880 in

Pennsylvania. When Mary Ann died in July 1900 from a heart attack and falling out a window, the remaining household was then made up of William, Jenny, and William's 21-year old son, Elmer Tate Hosking. William died in December 1900 and the question comes up, "What happened to Jenny?"

Jenny simply disappeared and was not to be found. There was no record of her "adoption," a marriage, or a death under the name Hosking. After years of searching online and by letter, all was revealed when Ancestry.com posted U.S. Wills and Probate Records at the end of August 2015.

William's probate file and will are the only Hosking files for Washington State in this database and they proved to be a gold mine. They give the true surname for Jenny and tell that her father was living in British Columbia, Canada, and had retrieved his daughter after William's death in December. No wonder she was not to be found in any Washington records!

So now the search begins again. I am determined to find descendants of Jenny and her father. I wonder if her life with William and Mary are part of their family lore. What happened to Jenny's mother? What happened to 12-year-old Jenny when she moved back with her father in BC? What kind of life did he bring her to? Did she marry and have children? Did they stay in BC?

I have a couple of likely candidates for her father. Proving them may be difficult, but this is why we do this!!

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Clark County Genealogical Society
[717 Grand Blvd Vancouver, WA 98661](http://www.ccgenealogy.com)

Social time 11-11:30; lunch 11:30 (bring something to share); business meeting at noon with program to follow.

Program: "Peopling of the British Isles" presented by Steven Morrison, a member of the Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Minutes of the summer meeting

President, Vice President switch roles

The July 11, 2015, meeting of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

As agreed during last year's election, ShaSha Alsdorf elected president would change positions with Craig Pedlar, vice president, in July 2015. Craig has now taken over as president and called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved without reading because they were printed in the newsletter.

The treasurer's report was discussed and approved.

Discussion followed about where the meeting are held and if we should change from three to four meetings a year. We discussed having two meetings in the north and two meeting in the south. Craig will check the bylaws to determine if changes can be made without a bylaws change.

Based on the last meeting, it was agreed to have the March meeting in

the Centralia area, and we will check with Bob Bruce who was asked to check churches in the area for a meeting place.

The October meeting is set for Vancouver and Alene Reaugh will check with the Vancouver location for availability and get it reserved.

Dick Colenso suggests we try quarterly meetings. Craig will work on a survey to send/e-mail to members only regarding locations and frequency of meetings. Colleen will work with Craig on this project.

Bonnie LaDoe reminded people to write up their family histories for consideration of a book of members' family stories. Some were all already completed from years ago.

She also requested that new members complete a "profile sheet" so we have on file the information about who each person is and the Cornish Connections of each member.

Celtic Games have been a good draw for new members, one new person here today is a direct result of

the Newport Games in June. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- Portland Highland Games - Alene Reaugh & Bonnie LaDoe 7/18/15
- Seattle Highland Games - Craig Pedlar and Terry Maves 7/25/15
- Tacoma Highland Games No one scheduled.
- Hood Canal Highland Games - Joan Huston and Claudia Hunt 9/5 & 9/6/15
- Douglas County Games - Dot Huntley.

Craig will send a thank-you to Carolyn Bawden for the laminated list of Cornish names.

The meeting was adjourned at 1: pm

Following the meeting, people gave an informal discussion of their family history.

Respectfully submitted,
Alene Reaugh
Acting Secretary

Cornishness shared at annual meeting

By Ann Holiday

Secretary and Newsletter Editor

If I'd been able to get to the summer meeting in Woodburn, Oregon, I'd have had a few stories to tell.

Like the first time I went to England. I'd been working as a nanny and English teacher in Stockholm, and after a winter there, I made my way to Greece via Norway, Denmark, Italy and what was then Yugoslavia. I saved England for last.

If my camera hadn't broken when I tripped up the stairs at the youth hostel in Plymouth, I would probably have pictures of my first trip to Cornwall. I'll have to rely on my memory.

My aunt, the late Sadie Uglow, a PNCS Society member from the early days, had given me a contact in Plymouth. I called her. She invited me to dinner with her father.

Tom Rundell was about to move back to Cornwall and needed to check out the property. So next morning we were on the train to Par.

Par was where my grandmother, Florence Rosevear Uglow, grew up. Her father was superintendent of the Wesleyan Chapel Sunday school for a number of years. We went there.

He took me to what had been Garfield House when our Grandma grew up there. In 1967 time it contained a small market with living quarters behind and above. The shopkeeper gave me a tour, knocking on walls here and there to sound out where he guessed had been a door.

We walked around town, and in front of the meat market he stopped to chat with a local.

"This is Florrie Rosevear's grand-

daughter," he told her, by way of introduction..

"I remember Florrie Rosevear," she said. "She used to walk me to school." Then she turned to me. "Is this your first time home? Has your mother been home?"

It was my first time, but not my last. Cousin Ken Tamblyn took me there when I stopped over in England on the way home from Kenya in 1979, and I've been to two huge (600 Rosevears—also spelled Rosvear and Roseveare) family gatherings, in 1985 and 1990.

If I have a case of the wanderlust, I'm sure I inherited it from Grandma. The story is that her father went to sea and came back with stories of California. Grandma made it her goal in life to end up in California.

Ernest John Uglow, who grew up in Merther, went to Canada and worked on the railroad. He wrote to Grandma and asked her to marry him. She agreed, but told him he'd have to come and get her. I've seen their names on the register in Truro Wesleyan Church. There was some travel involved, and it was closer to



Florence Rosevear Uglow, 1882-1966, on the go in 1962

California, so they left Liverpool for Montreal a month before the Titanic left Southampton for the iceberg.

By the time I was born, they had moved to California. Half of her nine siblings left Cornwall for the Americas, Australia and New Zealand, and in 1961, at age 79, Grandma went Down Under to visit and have Christmas dinner on the beach with cousins.

Just after I left for Sweden, she died walking down the street in Puyallup, Washington. She's buried in California.

That's my story, but I didn't get to tell it. I was traveling somewhere.

Others, however, were there to tell theirs. Alene Reaugh talked of her great-grandfather, Joseph Martin Hosking, who immigrated from Penzance to Hancock, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He was not a miner but a stonemason putting up buildings for the copper boom.

Dot Hosking Huntley's story is on Page 3 of this issue.

Craig Pedlar invited Maggie Crago to the meeting because she has an extensive chronology of people surnamed Crago(e)), which was Craig's grandmother's maiden name. She joined at the meeting

Also joining as a attending the meeting was Douglas Hambley, who had attended the Newport games and shared information about his Cornish ancestors.

PNCS has been collecting members' Cornish family histories for several years and encourages members to share their stories for the archives. See the suggested questions on the next page.

What's your Cornish connection?

To complete the work started by member Shirley Ewart, the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society is seeking family stories from members who know about their connections to Cornwall. Here are some questions to get you started. Fill in the blanks on this page or create your own!

What family names can you trace back to Cornwall? How far back can you trace them?

What locations in Cornwall are connected with your family? Who lived there? When?

What were the occupations of your Cornish ancestors?

Who left Cornwall? When? Why? Where did they go?

Have you visited any of your family sites? When? What were your impressions?

Do you have any photographs of people or places? Are you willing to share copies?

Tell us some of the family stories you remember hearing!

Send your family stories to Alene Reaugh, softwalk2@yahoo.com

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

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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 library welcomes donated books about the Cornish. You can bring donations 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. Tregarthen@gmail.com or phone (360) 613-1718.

Visit Pacific Northwest Cornish Society on Facebook for information on Cornish happenings!

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:

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society
486 Plat B Road
Sutherlin, OR 97479-9799

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

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>

West Penwith Resources

Links to resources concerning the far west end of Cornwall.

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

Cornish Global Migration Programme

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

www.cornishmigration.org.uk

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. The founder spoke at the March 2011 PNCS meeting.

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/

BYU Idaho Special Collections

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

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

Festivals and Events

Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games

169 SW Coast Highway

Newport, Oregon 97365

www.newportcelticfestival.com