

"Other Oceans, Other Worlds"

Grass Valley and Nevada City
Nevada County, California
July 21-26, 2009



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Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Grass Valley Male Voice Choir,
Grass Valley Cornish Carol Choir, Nevada City-Penzance Sister Cities
and California Cornish Cousins*

"Other Oceans, Other Worlds" focuses on the Cornish and their descendants who established themselves around the Pacific Rim, emphasizing their contribution as settlers, builders and leaders in the American West, Australia and New Zealand. The event is a homecoming in the Sierra foothills for those who share a Cornish heritage and value Cornish culture. Everyone is invited to become a Cousin Jack or Jennie for a week of activities, learning and fun.



PREFIXE MENU

Every Monday for two people

Bottle of house wine, hot appetizer, choice of salad or shrimp cocktail, choice of entrée: Petrale sole, filet mignon, leg of lamb or any of the 7 chicken entrées from the menu and dessert

\$39.95 TOTAL

PASTA NIGHT

Every Tuesday for two people

Salad, Any Pasta from the Menu, Bottle of House Wine and Dessert

ALL FOR JUST \$30

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

9am - 1pm closing

Drinks 1/2 Price & Live Music

(Bloody Marys, Mimosas & Bellinis)

ADULTS: \$14.95

KIDS 10 & UNDER: \$9.95

Some items may be subject to change without notice

LADIES' NIGHT

**Every Monday and Wednesday,
From 4-7 p.m.**

**All Well Drinks,
House Wine & Draft Beer**

HALF OFF

120 E. Main Street, Grass Valley • (530) 273-8111

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Dear Cornish Cousins:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you, on behalf of the citizens of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Nevada County, to the 15th Gathering of Cornish Cousins here in beautiful Nevada County, California.

Cornish roots grow deep in Nevada County and without your Cornish ancestors, we would have a different look and feel today. Without the hard rock mining skills and hard work ethic the Cornish brought to the gold country, it would not have been possible for mines such as the Empire, the North Star, the Idaho Maryland and many others to operate as efficiently and productively as they did. Without the strong moral values and cultural traditions the Cornish brought with them, Grass Valley and Nevada City would have been just some other rough and tumble mining camps.

We are proud of our Cornish roots and the legacy left to us. We hope that when the Gathering comes to a close you will be also. Enjoy your stay, find the common threads that bind you together and leave as a stronger family united by your pride in your heritage.

Sincerely,

Hank Weston
Chairman
Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Lisa Swarthout
Mayor
Grass Valley, California

Barbara Coffman
Mayor
Nevada City,

Grass Valley Downtown Association



We can now yell the Cornish are here! Ogy, Ogy.

After two years of waiting, historic downtown Grass Valley welcomes all of our Cornish friends and their families and friends. Grass Valley is historically the center of the gold industry, which would not have been as productive without the numerous cousin Jacks and Jennies that came to our community and made it hum. With the assembled masses of Cornish here now, Grass Valley will have the feeling of its heritage and bring that to the attention of the greater community.

We welcome you all and hope that we meet your expectations and you have a great time.

Sincerely,

Howard Levine
Executive Director
Grass Valley Downtown Association

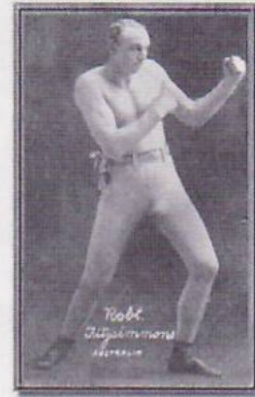
Cornish Milestones in the Far West

1850 — Captain James Rickard brings a stamp mill and a team of Cornish miners to John C. Fremont's Mariposa estate.

c1870 — Singer Eliza Prisk of Redruth, "Belle of the Cousin Jacks," tours the Nevada silver camps.

1893 — (June) William C. George elected Mayor of Grass Valley.

1897 — (March 17) In Carson City, Nevada, Robert Fitzsimmons of Helston, Cornwall, (pictured at right) knocks out James Corbett to become world heavyweight champion.



1903 — (October) California's Richard Jose, native of Lanner (pictured at left), records America's first popular hit song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," for Victor Records.

1915 — Harry Hooper leads the Grass Valley Band at the Panama-Pacific Exhibition in San Francisco.

1937 — William J. Trevorrow of Los Angeles (right, with granddaughter) becomes the first Cornish bard in America.



1940 — On Christmas Eve Harold J. George (conducting below) directs the Grass Valley Carol Choir from the 2000-foot level of the Idaho Maryland Mine for an NBC national radio broadcast—the first of several during the 1940s.

1991 — Cornish American Heritage Society gathers in Victoria, British Columbia.



1992 — The California Cornish Cousins hold their charter gathering in Nevada City.

1993 — California hosts the national gathering of the Cornish American Heritage Society in Sacramento.

2009 — Grass Valley-Nevada City: In July the Cornish Cousins host the largest Cornish gathering west of the continental divide since Fitzsimmons met Corbett.



california Cornish Cousins

Welcome, and warmest greetings from the California Cornish Cousins! We could not be more pleased that you are here.

We gather here from all parts of the world, with different dialects, customs, cultures, experiences. Though we have differences, our commonality is a strong one—a rich heritage of Cornish roots and a love of all things Cornish. We will gather as strangers but our hope is that we will part as “family,” united through the music, accumulated shared knowledge and diverse pasties!

Nevada County would not be as it is today if it had not been for the Cornish! I hope that the hospitality that is shown to you while you are here will reflect that gratitude, and you will want to come back to visit us again. *Kernow Bys Vycken!*

Eleanor Kenitzer
President, California Cornish Cousins

Cornish American Heritage Society



Greetings from the members of the Cornish American Heritage Society; we are anxious to join with our Cornish Cousins from around the world as we celebrate our unique Cornish history, heritage and culture during the 15th Gathering of Cornish Cousins—2009 at Grass Valley, California.

As always when Cornish are joined together we manage to enjoy the fellowship of meeting new and old friends. This event will be especially exciting as we take pleasure in the talents of so many of our Cousins in a truly Cornish area of North America.

Vivienne Trevithick Bradley

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President—2005–2009—Cornish American Heritage Society

Grass Valley Venues & Sponsoring Churches

Emmanuel Episcopal Church — Episcopalians organized in Grass Valley in April 1855 and erected a carpenter gothic church atop a former placer claim. Among the foundmine manager Melville Attwood, whose mine donated the land, Ann Jenkin, a Cornish couple from Mineral Point, Wisconsin. attended the first confirmation class with Isabelle Attwood. To church the two girls rode horseback through the gold fields, colnuggets from the open hands of the placer miners. The registers include Cornish names: Penberthy, Moyle, Penrose, Henwood, Scoble, Hooper, Prisk, Drew, Body and many more. The church church in continuous use in the West. In 2005 it celebrated 150 2009 installed a new rector, the Rev. Seth Kellerman.



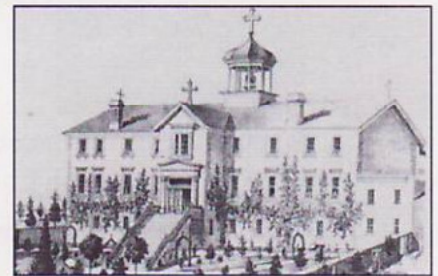
ers were English-born and John and Mary Their daughter Jennie help in building the lecting gold dust and of Emmanuel Church Polkinghor, Rodda, is the oldest Episcopal years and at Eastertide

Grass Valley United Methodist Church — In 1849 Methodist missionary Issac Owen came overland to the place that would become Grass Valley, stuck his cane in the ground, placed his hat on top for a pulpit and began to preach. Owen helped to establish churches through every region of California, including Nevada City (1851) and Grass Valley (1852). With the influx of Corand in 1872 construction steeple. That church stood 1936 fire, the steeple burn-cooled one of the faithful new church was dedicated ols chime from the steeple. Methodist Church has served Grass Valley for 157 years.



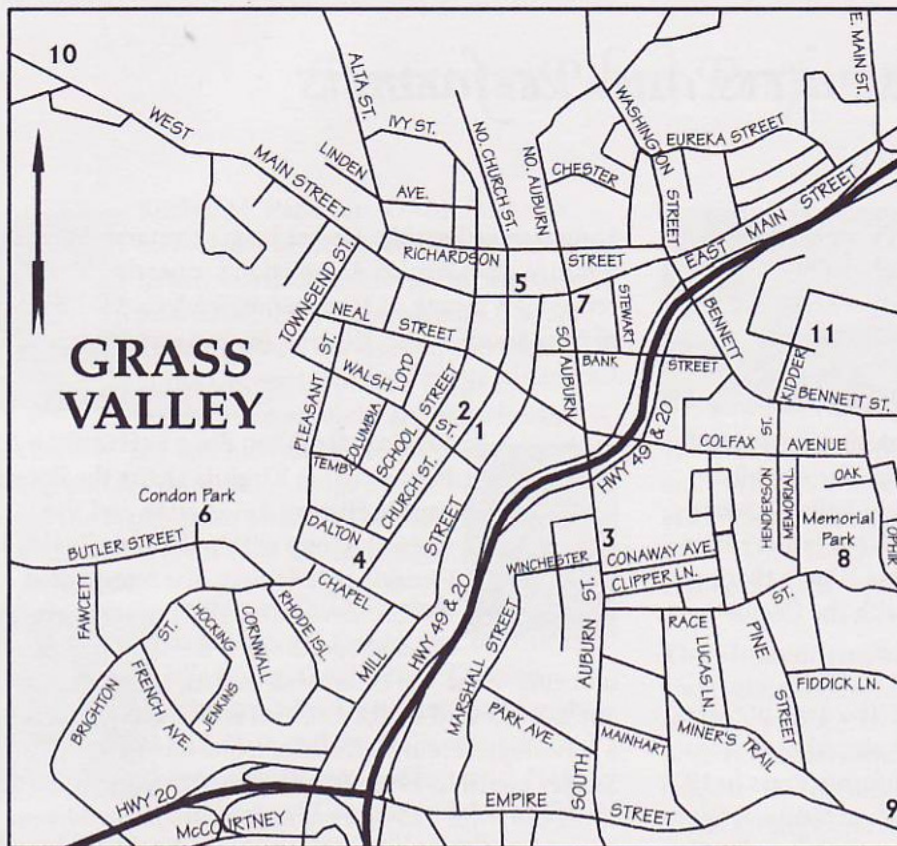
nish families the Grass Valley church grew rapidly began of a magnificent new church with a 75-foot for 63 years before being destroyed in a spectacular ing like a Roman candle. Before the ambers had (a Cornish descendant) was raising funds and a on Palm Sunday 1939. At Christmas Cornish car- Through changing times and circumstances, the

St. Joseph's Cultural Center — St. Joseph's Cultural Center is a regional landmark operated for cultural activities by the Historic Mt. St. Mary's Preservation Committee. In 1866 the building was completed as a convent for the Sisters of Mercy who operated a school. After being inundated with children orphaned by mining accidents, the pioneering Father Dalton and the Sisters established an orphanage. By the 1890s about 60 sisters were nurturing and educating over 400 orphans from as far away as Oregon and Nevada, including many of Cornish parents. The Sisters also operated day and boarding schools, a music academy, high school and business college.



Grass Valley Veterans Building — Completed in 1932 with privately donated materials and labor, the Veterans Building pre-dated the New Deal and was jokingly called a project of the "Cousin Jack WPA." It is made available for the gathering by Nevada County through the auspices of the City of Grass Valley.





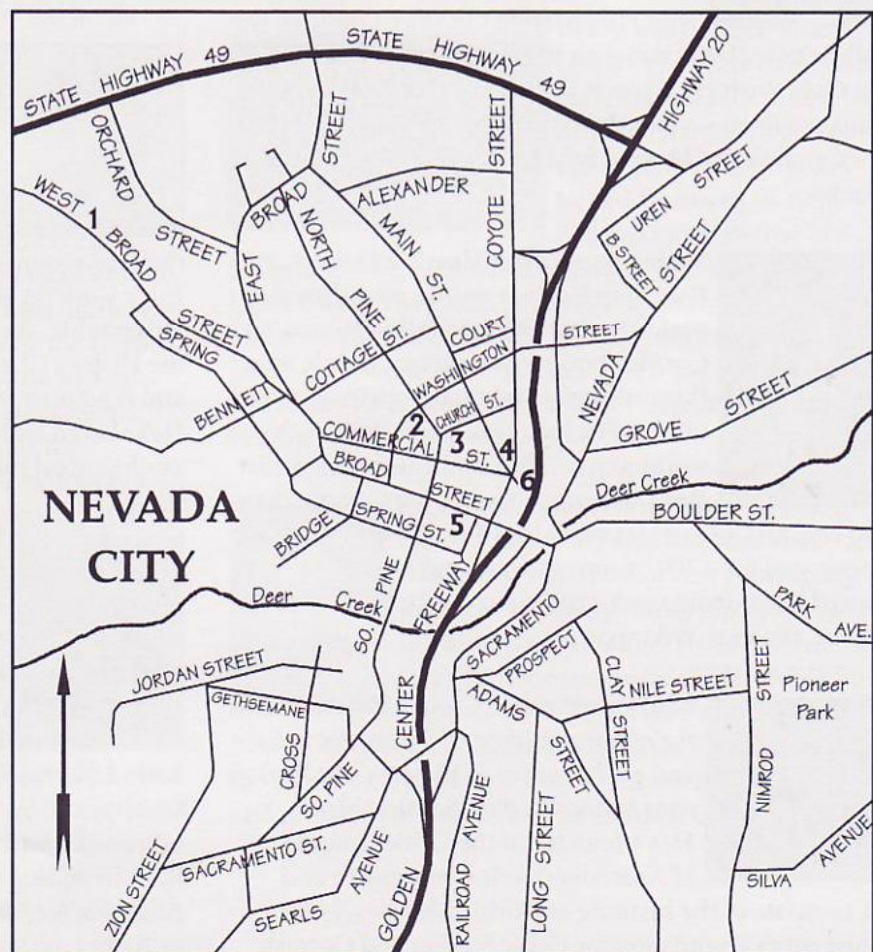
GRASS VALLEY

- 1 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
235 South Church St.
- 2 United Methodist Church
236 South Church St.
- 3 Veterans Auditorium
255 South Auburn St.
- 4 St. Joseph's Cultural Center
at St. Mary's Convent
410 South Church St.
- 5 Golden Gate Saloon at
Holbrooke Hotel
212 West Main St.
- 6 Condon Park
Butler and Minnie streets
- 7 City Hall Parking Lot
125 East Main St.
- 8 Memorial Park
415 Central Ave.
- 9 Empire Mine State Park
10791 East Empire St.
- 10 Greenwood Cemetery
West Main St.
- 11 Elm Ridge Cemetery
Kidder Ave.

*Gathering
Venues*

NEVADA CITY

- 1 Pioneer Cemetery
West Broad St.
- 2 Doris Foley Library of
Historical Research
211 North Pine St.
- 3 Searls Historical Library
214 Church St.
- 4 Firehouse No. 1 Museum
214 Main St.
- 5 National Hotel
211 Broad St.
- 6 Nevada City Chamber of
Commerce



Presenters and Performers



Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman: Vanessa was born in Nairobi, Kenya and absorbed her heritage through regular visits to Cornwall. Her Grandfather Hocking especially inspired

her. She earned archaeology degrees at Manchester and Liverpool universities, taught, and helped to establish the archaeology department at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. She became a bard in 1993 (with her father) after studying the Cornish language. Vanessa is keen that we should celebrate our vibrant culture with the Cornish language at its heart.



David A. Comstock: The dean of Sierra foothill historians, Dave resigned from the University of California Press in 1971 to settle beside the Tahoe National Forest and far from asphalt or power poles. He wrote the *Nevada County Chronicles*, the

authoritative book series on the foothill region during the Gold Rush era. Dave is the principal of Comstock Bonanza Press—now celebrating its 30th year—that offers a wide catalog of history, field guides and fiction. He also paints.



Singer/Songwriter Heather Dale:

Canadian Heather writes, records and performs drawing inspiration from a Cornish heritage. Her musical style mixes the traditional and modern with elements from Celtic folk, jazz, blues, folk-rock and world music. With multi-instrumentalist Ben Deschamps she performs more than

100 concerts a year. Her recording *The Hidden Path* was nominated for a 2007 Aurora Award and her songwriting earned her a double nomination for the 2005 Pegasus Award. (Source: Wikipedia.)



Chris Dunkerley: Chris has roots in the copper districts of South Australia and gold country of Victoria and lives near Sydney in New South Wales.

He's a founder of the Celtic Council of Australia steering committee and an associate of the Institute of Cornish Studies, Sydney University's Foundation for Celtic Studies and Cornish

Language Fellowship. He has been secretary of the New South Wales Cornish Association for nearly 25 years. He retired last month as Manager of Tendering for the State of New South Wales. His wife Joy has accompanied him to California.



Virginia Graham: Born in Hamilton, New Zealand, Virginia chairs the Pomeroy Family History Association and the Cornish group within the New Zealand Genealogists Society. She represented the Cornwall Family History Society in NZ and coordinated the transcribing and

indexing of the 1851 Cornwall census, a nine-year project. She has lectured on the Cornish in NZ and organized a genealogical tour to Cornwall. She received the Paul Smales award in 1993. As a church archivist she wrote *Cross Currents: 125 Years of Methodism in Kirikiriroa-Hamilton* (1989).



Ron James: Ron studied folklore at University College, Dublin, where he began research on Cornish oral traditions. He is the Nevada Historic Preservation Officer and has authored five books and dozens of articles on

the Intermountain West, its people, folklore and history. Ron's work on Virginia City has appeared on National Geographic, the Public Broadcasting System, CNN, and the History Channel. He contributes to Cornish Studies and is adjunct faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno. He's also an authority on Tommy Knockers (or knackers), mythological inhabitants of the mines.



Gary Kurutz: Gary has directed the Special Collections of the California State Library for more than 25 years. He is executive director of the California State Library Foundation and publications director of the Book Club of California.

He was previously head librarian at the Sutro Library; library director, California Historical Society; and bibliographer at the Henry E. Huntington Library. He has written extensively on the California Gold Rush including *The California Gold Rush: A Descriptive Bibliography* (1997). He last spoke to the Cornish Cousins in 2000.

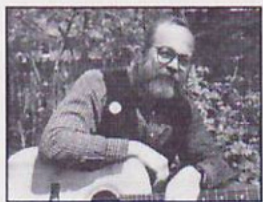
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Roslyn M. Paterson, OAM: Roslyn is co-founder of Kernewek Lowender, the largest Cornish festival in the world, held biannually in South Australia's Copper Triangle. Born in Adelaide and educated at the University of New England, she served as an archivist and state history project officer. She and husband Neil farm 100 miles from Adelaide and she once trained pigs on television. Roslyn received the Paul Smales award for service to Cornwall in 1999 and Order of Australia Medal in 2001.



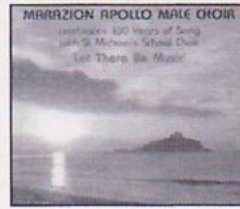
Professor Philip Payton: No one in the world can tell the story of the Cornish like Philip, the doyen of Cornish scholars, who has studied and taught in Britain and Australia and followed the Cornish around the world. He is Professor of Cornish and Australian studies at the University of Exeter in Cornwall and director of the Institute of Cornish Studies. His books include *Making Moonta* (2007), *The Cornish Overseas* (1999) and the acclaimed *Cornwall—A History* (1996 and 2004). Philip and his wife Deidre are both retired Royal Navy officers. (Source: *Wikipedia*.)



Jim Wearne: As a folksinger Jim creates a rich fusion by superimposing American culture on traditional Cornish music. He has carved a place for the Cornish ballad in a field dominated by Scottish and Irish antecedents.

Jim's CDs include *Kowetha*, *Howl Lowen* and the acclaimed *Cousin Jack and Me*. He's a loyal member of the Illinois Cornish and Cornish bard. He hosts a website more about Cornwall than about his own work. Look for Jim at various venues during the gathering. (Sources: *Cornish World* and *Celtic Beat*.)

Ann Hicks: Chair of Cornwall Family History Society, she has been studying Cornish genealogy for more than 40 years and loves to share her passion for Cornwall with one and all. During the gathering she will display the CFHS database of over 5 million entries, including almost 50,000 photographs of gravestones. As an authority on family history and Cornish cemeteries she will participate in two genealogical seminars in cooperation with Maria Brower, a founder of the Nevada County Genealogy Society.



Marazion Apollo Male Voice Choir: Formed in 1904 and reputedly the oldest male choir in Cornwall, the choir is based in the ancient town of Marazion that faces the jewel in the Cornish crown, St. Michael's Mount in Mount's Bay.

The group won its first county-wide competition in 1910 and performs a concert schedule every year. The choir celebrated its centennial by releasing the CD *Let There Be Music*, Directed by Timothy Hosken, the choir draws an audience to the Town Hall even when it is only practicing.

Tim Hosken: Tim has directed the Marazion Apollo choir since 2002 and in 2004 led the choir in a series of centenary concerts. He also directs the Penzance Choral Society and performs at the organ in churches and chapels. He recently received the Cornwhylan Cross for "outstanding contribution to the music in Cornwall."



Grass Valley Male Voice Choir: The choir continues a male voice tradition that has defined Grass Valley since the Gold Rush. The group toured Cornwall in 2000 and produced its first live

recording *When Miners Sang* (2001) with the GV Cornish Carol Choir. The group performs regularly in the foothills and annually raises thousands of dollars for charity. The group performed at the gathering in Mars Hills in 2005. Its recent CD is *What Would I Do Without My Music* (2008).



Eleanor Kenitzer: A daughter of Dixie, Eleanor found her way to Grass Valley and was drawn into the Cornish community when she began directing the Grass Valley Cornish Carol Choir. A visit to Cornwall inspired her to organize the GV Male Voice Choir in 1997. She is also music director at Nevada City United Methodist Church, past president of the Grass Valley–Nevada County Chamber of Commerce and president of the California Cornish Cousins.

Schedule

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 3:30 PM

Cornish American Heritage Society Board of Directors meeting, City Hall, East Main Street, Grass Valley.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, DAYTIME TOURS

Bus Tours Departing from the Emmanuel Church parking lot (next to the Chamber of Commerce). (Visit the Information Center at Buck Hall, Emmanuel Episcopal Church for location and to confirm times of bus departures.)

- **Virginia City, Nevada, 7:30 AM–5:30 PM.** See this fabled western town and enjoy a walking tour led by Ron James, State of Nevada Historic Preservation Officer. Water and soft drinks provided on bus. No-host food services at Virginia City.
- **California Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM.** Tour of State Railroad Museum and walk near the old rail yards where many Cornish immigrants worked. No-host food services at Old Sacramento.
- **Sixteen-to-One Gold Mine Tour, Alleghany, California, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.** Tour deep into one of the rich gold mines of the Sierra Nevada. Be prepared to walk steep terrain. Boots or sturdy shoes, long pants and light jacket recommended.
- **Nevada County Winery Tour, Nevada County, CA, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM.** Enjoy a leisurely day in scenic Nevada County while visiting local wineries. Wine tasting and lunch included.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 7:30 PM

- **Lecture about the Cornish on the Pacific** by Philip Payton, Professor of Cornish and Australian Studies University of Exeter in Cornwall. Author of *Making Moonta, A. L. Rowse & Cornwall*, *The Cornish Overseas* and other books. This free public lecture will be held at St. Joseph's Cultural Center, at Mount St. Mary's, 410 South Church Street (corner of Chapel) Grass Valley. Preferred seating for gathering registrants.

CAPTAINS OF THE GATHERING

Harold T. George
Sibley Bennallack Hansen
Marian Tremewan
Helen Williams

LATE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

For details on public entertainment during the week, visit the Information Center at Buck Hall, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

- Entertainers affiliated with the gathering will perform at the Holbrooke Hotel's Golden Gate Saloon and at Kane's Restaurant on Main Street, across from City Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Opening Ceremony: St. Piran's Day in July, 8:30 AM at Grass Valley City Hall Parking Lot, Main and Auburn streets, "the most Cornish spot in America." Ceremonies include Town Crier Robert Russell, color guard, pipers, flag raisings, singing by the combined Marazion Apollo and Grass Valley choirs; welcome by Grass Valley Mayor Lisa Swarthout, Nevada City Mayor Barbara Coffman, and Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman; Master of Ceremonies Howard Levine, director of the Grass Valley Downtown Association.

- **Compete in the Pasty Olympics:** sign up in advance for the Pasty Olympics at the Information Center. At least 24 contestants are needed to participate in the pasty toss competition.
- **Empire Mine State Park Tours.** Tours of the mine yard, gardens and Bourn Cottage by Empire Mine State Park Association volunteers. Tours have staggered starts. (See the ticket in your registration packet to determine when your tour begins.)
- **Alternates:** Nevada County Railroad Museum, North Star Power House Museum, Nevada City Fire House Museum.
- **Pasty Lunch.** Staggered scheduling—check the tickets in your registration packet for the time of your tour, and if you registered for meals, the time of your pasty lunch.
- **Proclamation** by Gorseth Kernow (Congress of Bards), 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman will preside with a company of Cornish bards in full regalia at Memorial Park, Colfax Avenue, Grass Valley.
- **Pub night sing-along**—"Battle of the Choirs"—6:30 P.M.–9:00 P.M. Featuring the Marazion Apollo and Grass Valley male voice choirs at the Holbrooke Hotel, West Main and North Church streets. No-host drinks and pub food (while it lasts).

Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Morning lectures at Grass Valley United Methodist Church, South Church Street, in the church sanctuary:

- **The Cornish Invasion** by David A. Comstock, historian and owner of Comstock Bonanza Press, 9:00–9:30 AM.
- **Kernewek Lowender— the Cornish Festival** by Roslyn Paterson, OAM, South Australia, 9:30–10:00 AM.

Daytime workshop presentations and walking tours, 10:00–11:30 AM and 1:30–3:00 PM. Location: Grass Valley United Methodist Church. (See pages 14–17 of this booklet for a complete description.)

- **Cornish Cream Tea**, seatings at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM (included in registration). Tea is served in Wesley Hall, Grass Valley United Methodist Church, by the ladies of the church. (Check the ticket in your registration for your seating time.)
- **Evening concert, 7:30 pm.** Heather Dale with the Marazion Apollo and Grass Valley male voice choirs at the Grass Valley Veterans Auditorium, South Auburn Street. Additional tickets included with full registration. (Tickets also available for \$20 at the Information Center or at the door.)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Morning lectures at Grass Valley United Methodist Church, 9:00–10:00 AM in the church sanctuary:

- **The Farthest Promised Land—Cornish Settlement in New Zealand** by Virginia Graham, New Zealand, 9:00–9:30 AM.
- **Some Cornish Experiences in Australia** by Chris Dunkerley, New South Wales, 9:30–10:00 AM.

Daytime workshop presentations and walking tours, 10:00–11:30 AM and 1:30–3:00 PM. Location: Grass Valley United Methodist Church. (See pages 14–17 of this booklet for a complete description.)

- **Note: The Searls Library and the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research**, both beside the County Courthouse, Nevada City, will be open in the afternoon from 1:00–4:00 PM.

- **Joint Annual General Meetings (AGMs)**, Cornish American Heritage Society and California Cornish Cousins, 3:30 PM. Grass Valley United Methodist Church sanctuary.

- **Evening Banquet.** No-host social hour 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM. Keynote speaker, Gary Kurutz, Director, California State Library. (Buffet banquet, included in registration, features beef, chicken and vegetarian dishes.)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

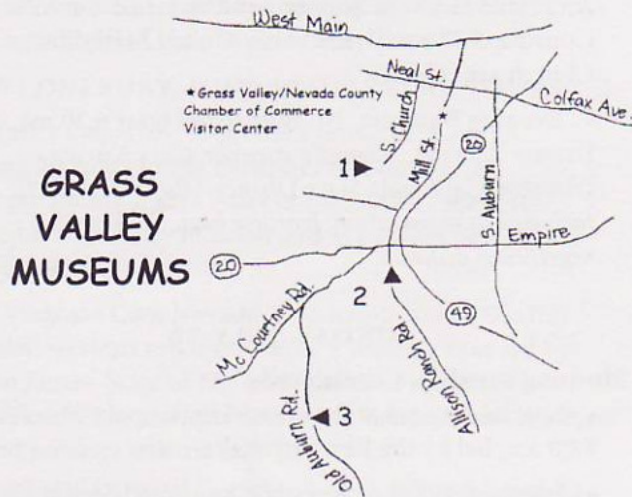
Morning worship, Cornish style.

- Special services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 8:00 AM. led by the Rev. Seth Kellerman.
- Special services at Nevada City United Methodist Church, 433 Broad Street, at 9:00 AM. featuring the male voice choir.
- **Farewell Pancake Breakfast** 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON at Memorial Park, Colfax Avenue, Grass Valley, hosted by Mayor Lisa Swarhout and the City of Grass Valley. The City of Grass Valley will provide shuttle service from the churches to the park beginning shortly before 10 A.M. (Breakfast ticket included with registration.)
- CAHS board meeting at Wesley Hall, Grass Valley United Methodist Church, 1:00–2:30 P.M.

Schedule is subject to change
For updated information visit the
INFORMATION CENTER

Buck Hall, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
235 South Church Street, Grass Valley
Hours: Tuesday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM;
Wednesday 7:30 AM–5:00 PM;
Thursday and Friday 8:00 AM–5:00 PM;
Saturday 8:30 AM–5:00 PM.

Grass Valley



Grass Valley Museum (1)

Corner of South Church and Chapel streets
273-5509

Former convent, orphanage and school built in 1865 with memorabilia of early Grass Valley and Mount St. Mary's Academy

North Star Powerhouse, Mining & Pelton Wheel Museum (2)

South Mill Street at Allison Ranch Road
273-4255

One of the best and most complete mining museums in California

North Star House (3)

12075 Old Auburn Rd. 272-3939

Designed by famed 20th architect Julia Morgan, this historic mansion is being restored by the North Star Historic Conservancy and Nevada County Land Trust. (Enter on left, 0.6 miles from McCourtney Road)

Nevada City



Nevada County

Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum (4)

5 Kidder Court at Bost Avenue
470-0902/www.ncngrrmuseum.org

Nevada County's newest museum is filled with railroad and transportation exhibits, including historic Engine No. 5.

Firehouse No. 1 Museum (5)

214 Main Street • 265-5468

Relics of the Donner Party, Maidu Indian display, items of the Gold Rush era, Chinese and Pioneer exhibits

Imaginarium of Nevada County (6)

Ridge Road and NC Highway
478-6400, ext. 231 or info. line: 478-6415

Interactive science museum with hands-on exhibits and activities in science, nature and technology for children of all ages

Local museums: Throughout the week registered Cousins have free admission at all the Nevada County Historical Society Museums, including the North Star Power House and the Railroad museums. Wear your Gathering name badge.

A. C. Todd Cornish Studies Collection

The most extensive collection of Cornish materials in the Far West is located at the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research, 211 North Pine Street (beside the County Courthouse) in Nevada City. The collection was assembled and is maintained by the California Cornish as a tribute to the late Dr. Arthur Cecil Todd, author of the *Cornish Miner in America*, *The Cornish Miner in Mexico* and other seminal works. Dr. Todd taught primarily for the University of Exeter in Cornwall and was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. He visited California regularly and was keynote speaker at the 1993 North American gathering in Sacramento.

The collection is growing. It was recently enhanced with a collection of music and culinary books contributed in the name of Judy Chamberlain, who baked pasties at the fall lunches in California. It will eventually include the largest collection of material on Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch in North America and several hundred volumes pledged by an anonymous collector. Due to budget cuts the collection is available limited hours. It will be opened especially for this gathering on Saturday from 1:00–4:00 PM. In addition to other significant holdings, the library also houses the collection of the Nevada County Genealogical Society. The Searls Library, an archive operated by the Nevada County Historical Society, is nearby. The Searls is open every day of the gathering (except Sunday) from 1:00–4:00 PM.

Young Cornish Program Brings Heritage To Life

Young people who attend the July gathering won't be hearing about their culture—they will be living it. The Young Cornish program will include opening the traveling trunk of a Cornishman who came to Grass Valley more than 100 years ago. Carolyn Jones-Rogers will share the trunk of her grandfather, Mr. Body, who developed his skills among the shipbuilders at Padstow and became a millwright in the gold fields.

Participants will also get their hands on the implements of mining presented by former hard-rock miner Dick Chamberlain. Then they will visit the North Star Powerhouse to see ore crushed and a Cornish pump in operation. They will participate in walking tours, and (with enough participants) will stage "St. George and the Dragon," a play once popular in Cornwall.

Empire Mine State Historic Park

Thursday, July 23rd, gathering attendees will tour the world-famous Empire Mine State Historic Park, three miles from downtown Grass Valley. Operating from 1850 to 1956, the Empire was the richest gold mine in California. Knowledgeable docents will guide everyone through the Bourn Cottage and gardens. Come get the flavor of the hard-rock mining days by touring the mine yard and buildings. Follow the footprints of the Cousin Jacks into the mouth of the main shaft.

Pasty Lunch

Those participating in the meals will enjoy a pasty lunch served by volunteers in period costumes on the Clubhouse patio. Built in 1905, the Clubhouse was a showplace that featured social and recreational activities for mining engineers and visiting dignitaries. The mine owners and their wives enjoyed lavish dinners and costume parties in the Clubhouse as members of the exclusive Empire Club.

Grass Valley Museum, Saint Joseph's Cultural Center

The Grass Valley Museum depicts the rich history of the Gold Rush days to 1930 with displays of furniture, art, objects d'art, clothing, musical instruments and artifacts of the Victorian era. You can almost hear the echoes of children reciting their lessons as you stand behind the teacher's desk in the restored classroom. The Museum also features a Victorian bedroom, a lace-making exhibit, Lola Montez's bathtub, and a table on which the United Nations Charter was signed in 1945, and much more. You're in the Gold Country, so take a few minutes to see how life was lived here in the olden days. It's waiting for you at the Grass Valley Museum, 2nd floor, St. Joseph's Cultural Center. Open Tuesday–Friday 12:30–3:30 PM.

Seminars & Walking Tours

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 24

<i>Seminar/Walking Tour</i>	<i>10:00–11:30/room or location</i>	<i>Presenter/tour leader</i>
1) Young Cousins workshop	Third floor, GV Methodist	JulieBeth Lamb, Carolyn Jones-Rogers, Dick Chamberlain
2) Grass Valley Greenwood Cemetery tour	Meet at main entrance on West Main St	Jerry Angove, Bob Angove, Gage McKinney
3) Grass Valley Downtown Historic tour	Meet on lawn in front of GV Methodist Church	Michel Janicot
4) Nevada City Downtown Historic tour	Meet in Nevada City (see below)	Mayor Steve Cottrell and Allan Rogers
5) North Star House Tour	Meet in GV Methodist parking lot to drive	Peggy Levine/Kitty Quayle
6) A. L. Rowse, Paradoxical Patriot in Cornwall and California	Room A, GV Methodist	Professor Philip Payton
7) Cornish Identity? Cornwall and the Cornish	Room E, GV Methodist	Chris Dunkerley of New South Wales
8) Genealogical Resources in California and Cornwall	Room 7, GV Methodist	Maria Brower and Ann Hicks

1) **Young Cousins workshop**—Third floor, GV United Methodist Church. (*See description on page 13.*) *Presenters:* Carolyn Jones-Rogers, educator; Dick Chamberlain, retired educator, JulieBeth Lamb, past president California Cornish Cousins.

2) **Grass Valley Greenwood Cemetery tour**—Meet at the cemetery entrance on West Main Street in Grass Valley (*see map on page 7*) for a walk back into a time when Cousin Jacks and Jennies considered this foothill town their duchy on the Pacific. Visit also the graves of luminaries such as Father Dalton, who built an orphanage, and author Mary Hallock Foote, who told the Cornish story. *Guides:* Jerry Angove, Bob Angove and Gage McKinney.

3) **Grass Valley Downtown Historic tour**—Meet on the lawn in front of GV Methodist Church to begin a walking tour that reveals a rich history through architecture that various from Gold Rush to Art Deco—mindful that the whole city sits above more than 300 miles of mining tunnels, drifts and adits. (*Note: limited to the first 20 persons; repeated on Saturday morning.*) *Guide:* Michel Janicot, historian and author of numerous books on Grass Valley and Nevada County.

4) **Nevada City Downtown Historic tour**—Meet at the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce Building (#6 on page 7 map) for a tour of the city known as the “Queen of the Northern Mines,” and a major Cornish settlement. (*The tour begins about 10:00 am—after people arrive from Grass Valley.*) *Orientation:* The Honorable Steve Cottrell, former Mayor and local historian. *Guide:* Allan Rogers, chair, Penzance Sister City.

5) **North Star House Tour**—Meet in GV Methodist parking lot to drive 10 minutes to the home of Arthur and Mary Hallock Foote, the mine engineer and his novelist wife depicted in the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *Angle of Repose*. They were admired by the mining families of New Almaden, and Mrs. Foote wrote accounts of the Cornish at the mercury mine and in the gold fields near Grass Valley. *Guides:* Peggy Levine of the North Star Conservancy, a descendant of the maritime Penhollows of Cornwall; and Kitty Quayle, a descendant of the prominent Harry family of New Almaden, and president-elect of the California Cornish Cousins.

6) **A. L. Rowse, Paradoxical Patriot in Cornwall and California**—Room A, GV Methodist. Learn about Cornwall’s greatest man of letters in the 20th century, the mercurial Rowse, a fellow of All Souls, Oxford and a fellow and winter guest at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California. *Presenter:* Professor Philip Payton knew the famous Dr. Rowse and had access to the extensive personal archive he left.

7) **Celtic Identity? Cornwall and the Cornish**—Room E, GV Methodist. Explore what “Celtic” means in the context of Cornwall and the Cornish, and answer the provocative question: does it matter? Consider “identity” given the “dual nature” of being Cornish. For Cornish Americans and Australians the questions can be eye-opening, thought-provoking and fun. *Presenter:* Chris Dunkerley of New South Wales became a bard in 1988, taking the name Kevrenor (“builder of links”).

8) **Genealogical Resources in California (Session 1)**—Room 7, GV Methodist. Bring your genealogical questions and learn about the resources available in Grass Valley and Nevada City, in California and in Cornwall from experienced researchers and authorities. *Presenters:* Maria Brower, founder Nevada County Genealogical Society; Ann Hicks, president, Cornwall Family History Society.

Seminars & Walking Tours

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 24

<i>Seminar/Walking Tour</i>	<i>1:30–3:00/room or location</i>	<i>Presenter/tour leader</i>
1) Young Cousins workshop	Third floor, GV Methodist	JulieBeth Lamb, Carolyn Jones-Rogers
2) North Star Powerhouse	Meet at powerhouse, end of Mill St., GV	Museum staff
3) St. Joseph's Rose Garden/ Cultural Museum	Meet under covered passage behind GV Methodist Church for short walk to St. Joseph's	Docents and Master Gardener Joy Feller
4) Cornish Folklore in the Far West— Virginia City, Nevada	Room A, GV Methodist	Ron James, Nevada Historic Preservation Officer
5) King Brown Snakes, Wedgetail Eagles and Kangaroos —Cornish Mines in Australia	Room E, GV Methodist	Ros Paterson, OAM, Cornish Bard
6) Cornish History 101	Suzanne Wesley Room, GV Methodist	William Curnow
7) Hard-rock Mining Cornish style	Room 7, GV Methodist	Dick Chamberlain

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2) **North Star Powerhouse**—Meet in the cool of the powerhouse, end of Mill St., where you can operate the last Cornish pump in the American West. See the famous Pelton Wheel that powered the mines and the stamps that once shook Grass Valley day and night. *Guides:* North Staff Powerhouse staff.

3) **St. Joseph's Rose Garden/Cultural Museum**—Meet under covered passage behind GV Methodist Church for a short walk to St. Joseph's. There enjoy the shade of the garden and hear stories of the Catholic orphanage that cared for many Cornish children. Then continue on a tour of the Grass Valley Cultural Museum. *Guides:* Docents and Master Gardener Joy Feller.

4) **Cornish Folklore in the Far West—Virginia City, Nevada**—Room A, GV Methodist. Learn from the foremost authority the truth about the tommy-knockers (or knackers) who inhabited the mines of Cornwall and followed the Cousin Jacks to America. Discover how Cornish culture—including folklore—found a permanent place in Virginia City and elsewhere. *Presenters:* Ron James, Nevada Historic Preservation Officer, and Susan James, Scholar in Residence and author of *Virginia City and the Big Bonanza* (2009).

5) **King Brown Snakes, Wedgetail Eagles and Kangaroos—Cornish Mines in Australia**—Room E, GV Methodist. Learn about the isolated mines and settlements where the Cornish lived and worked on the driest continent. See in a multi-media presentation the strange land and animals they encountered, and trace where they left their names on maps and cemetery stones. *Presenter:* Ros Paterson, OAM, and genuine South Australian farmer.

6) **Cornish History 101**—Suzanne Wesley Room, GV Methodist. Take a fast-paced tour through 3000 years of Cornish history, and ask the questions that have puzzled you about the history of the place where our roots run deep. Take away a time-line of Cornish history. This illustrated presentation is back by popular demand from previous gatherings. (*Repeated on Saturday afternoon.*) *Presenter:* William J. Curnow is a Cornish bard, former CAHS officer and self-confessed “dabbler” in Cornish history.

7) **Hard-rock Mining Cornish style**—Room 7, GV Methodist. Let a former Mojave prospector and hard-rock miner show you the implements of the trade and teach you the Cornish words and phrases that go with them. This is a hands-on demonstration-everything's live except the explosives. *Presenter:* Dick Chamberlain former hard-rock miner and President of the California Cornish Cousins.

Seminars & Walking Tours

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 25

<i>Seminar/Walking tour</i>	<i>10:00 - 11:30/room or location</i>	<i>Presenter/Leader</i>
1) Young Cousins workshop	Third floor, GV Methodist	JulieBeth Lamb, Carolyn Jones-Rogers
2) Grass Valley Downtown Historic tour	Meet in front of GV Methodist Church	Michel Janicot
3) Elm Ridge Cemetery tour, Grass Valley	Meet at Kidder and Bank streets	Jerry Angove, Bob Angove, Gage McKinney
4) Cornish Country Dancing	Wesley Hall, GV Methodist	Albert Jenkin
5) The Cornish Influence in Early British Columbia	Room E, GV Methodist	Al Kline
6) The Bards and Gorsedd	Room A, GV Methodist	Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman

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3) **Elm Ridge Cemetery tour, Grass Valley**—Meet on the lawn of Emmanuel Episcopal Church to walk to the cemetery (approx. 1/2 mile), or meet at the entrance on Kidder Street (*see map on page 7*). Experience the Cornish history of Grass Valley by visiting the graves of the Cousin Jacks and Jennies who established themselves and raised their families in the richest mining district in California. *Guides:* Bob Angove, Gage McKinney and Jerry Angove, former president of Sierra College.

4) **Cornish Country Dancing**—Gather in Wesley Hall at GV Methodist to see a video and take a turn at Cornish country dancing, such as circles, reels and processional dances like the Helston Furrey. The tradition nearly disappeared in Cornwall, but was preserved in certain towns and is alive again, a vital and essential element of Cornish heritage. *Presenter:* Albert Jenkin of Pennsylvania, first overseas member of the Cornish Dance Society, and a veteran of Welsh dance troupes, as well as actor, singer, and dancer at Renaissance Faires.

5) **The Cornish Influence in Early British Columbia**—Room E, GV Methodist. Gold lured the Cornish to British Columbia, and when the rush ended many chose to remain, assuming a wide range of roles and occupations. This presentation will introduce the more colorful characters, explain what the Cornish contributed and identify the rich legacy they left behind. *Presenter:* Al Kline, a retired design engineer, is currently engaged in research for two Cornish-based projects—one that examine interrelationships between parishes, and another that develops biographies of Cornish pioneers.

6) **The Bards and Gorsedd**—Room A, GV Methodist, the Grand Bard reveals the ancient origins of the Cornish Gorseth (the Congress of Bards) and explains the significance of the Cornish language in preserving the culture. *Presenter:* Grand Bard Vanessa Beeman.

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3) The Cornish in New Zealand	Room A, GV Methodist	Virginia Graham
4) Forming a Cornish Society	Wesley Hall, GV Methodist	Tommi O'Hagan, Nancy Heydt, Burnett Tregoning
5) Genealogical Resources in California	Room 7, GV Methodist	Maria Brower, founder Nevada County Genealogical Society <i>E, Ann Hicks</i>
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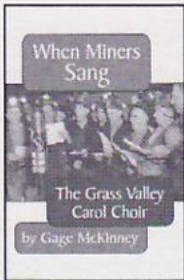
3) **The Cornish in New Zealand**—Room A, GV Methodist. Learn about the legacy the Cornish left in community life, architecture and the written word in a land at the bottom of the world. Hear the stories of families that arrived from the nineteenth to the twenty-first centuries, many who came by America and other countries. Their time “down-under” may fill in your American family histories. *Presenter:* Virginia Graham spoke at the 5th British Family History Conference in Newquay, Cornwall, and often speaks in New Zealand.

4) **Forming a Cornish Society**—Wesley Hall, GV Methodist. Consider the Cornish societies in America and around the globe with attention to their formation, development and continuing success. If you want to start a new association, or to see your current association flourish, don't miss this seminar. *Panel:* Tommi O'Hagan, CAHS president-elect; Nancy Heydt, past president; Burnett Tregoning, editor *Cornish Cousin*; and others.

5) **Genealogical Resources in California (Session 2)**—At the Doris Foley Library for Historic Research, 211 North Pine Street, Nevada City (by the Court House) discover the A. C. Todd Cornish Studies Collection and the Nevada County Genealogical Collection, together with the resources of an outstanding research library. *Presenters:* Maria Brower, author of *Nevada County Mining Camps* and Ann Hicks, president, Cornwall Family History Society

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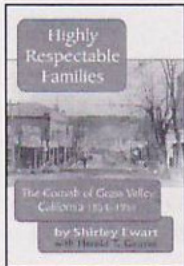
7) **Off to Butte, Back to Cornwall: Surviving the Lusitania**—Room E, GV Methodist. Hear the story of a miner from Breage parish who joins his brothers in Butte, Montana and later decides there's no place like Cornwall and heads home! Learn how this remarkable story of the last survivor of the Lusitania was researched so it could be told. *Presenter:* Jean Timmermeister is international secretary of the Photographic Society of America and illustrates her talk with original slides.



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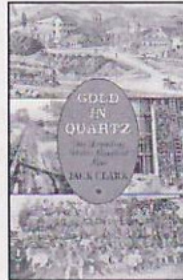
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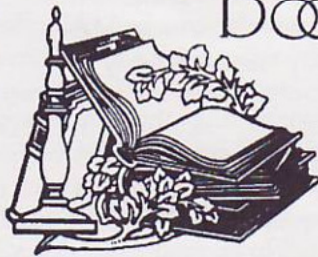
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