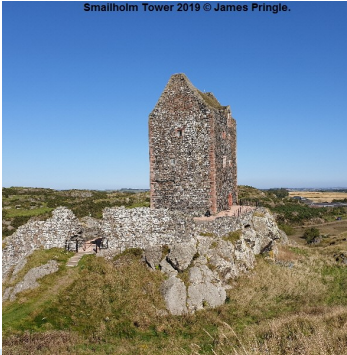




# Clan Pringle Newsletter

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## Editorial Team



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### From the Editorial Team:

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

Dear Friends,

As we were ending our Clan Pringle AGM on June 25, we were reminded that July 30<sup>th</sup> is the annual International Day of Friendship. This is of special interest to us in the Pringle family. Our Clan Motto is based on “friendship”, Amicitia Reddit Honores, Friendship gives Honor.

The United Nations introduced International Day of Friendship in 2011 as a special day for connecting people, building bridges between cultures, and encouraging people in different parts of the world to communicate with each other. An earlier version was proposed in 1958 by World Friendship Crusade to foster peace through friendship. Hallmark introduced Greeting Cards for friendship as early as 1930.

So, we raise a question, how might we, Pringles, with our unique family motto of Friendship, best celebrate July 30? We would like to get your ideas.

We could ignore the date, keep the proverbial stiff upper lip, and earn ourselves the reputation as the “unfriendly Pringles”, but that would not be true to our heritage in Amicitia Reddit Honores.

Let’s consider a few easy options; send a Hallmark Card with a handwritten greeting of friendship, an email to another Pringle in which you ask about their Family Tree, place a post about yourself on the Pringle Facebook Page or use the message option . . . you get the idea?

The goal is to reach out to another Pringle with a greeting of friendship, share some information, ask about their Clan Pringle interest, or offer some act of kindness. What would happen if we each did a few such reach-out efforts each year? We could increase our circle of friends within the Clan Pringle Association. And after that who knows what we might attempt, we might embrace that “cause greater than ourselves” and spread friendship into the wider global community?

*Affectionately, The Editorial Team.*



### A Pringle WhatsApp Group

“WhatsApp from Meta is a FREE messaging and video calling app. It’s used by over 2B people in more than 180 countries. It’s simple, reliable, and private, so you can easily keep in touch with your friends and family. WhatsApp works across mobile and desktop even on slow connections, with no subscription fees “ (Google)



Alistair Pringle, Secretary of the CPA Board of Trustees has set up a Pringle WhatsApp group. We encourage you to join this group. Please contact Alistair directly with your contact information. His wife Candice van Staden-Pringle has a notice up on the Pringle NA Facebook page. You can also message her with your information. This will allow Pringles to communicate with each other with no fees and share ancestry information and get to know each other better.

### CPA Board of Trustees

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CLAN CHIEF

Sir Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt  
Chief of the Name and Arms of the Honourable Clan Pringle

A clan is a family, and it is in this spirit I greet all Pringles. Many thanks to our retiring Chairman James and a warm welcome to our new Chairman Derek and the new Trustees Gary, Dave, and Adam. I invite Pringles to join the Clan Pringle Association and hope that more will do so. The more members we have the more we can promote the CPA's aims, in particular, the aspirations encouraging fellowship and the study of our unique genealogy. We would also appreciate help in the selection and promotion of our projects. The CPA website is a wonderful resource to make a start on all things Pringle.



### The Role of Clan Chief and the Jacobite Uprisings

*Sir Murray has also provided this article on the historical role of Clan Chief, the Jacobite Risings and how they changed that role and the traditional Clan system in Scotland.*

Traditionally, the principal functions of the Chief, who once exerted considerable authority, were to lead the Clan in battle, to manage communal land distribution, settle disputes and generally promote social harmony.

“According to former Lord Lyon Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, a clan is a community that is distinguished by heraldry and recognised by the sovereign. Without that recognition, a clan chief, and therefore the clan, would have no official recognition. Innes further considered clans to be a "noble incorporation" because the arms borne by a clan chief with supporters are granted or otherwise recognised by the Lord Lyon as an officer of the Crown, thus conferring royal recognition.” (*Recognition of Chiefs in Scots Law, Wikipedia*). However little authority remains today.

The first Jacobite rebellion of 1688 sought to replace Mary and William of Orange with **James Francis Edward Stuart son** of James VII, heir to the throne of Great Britain, some four months after Catholic James VII was deposed. The Jacobite army, comprised mostly of Scottish Highlanders, took control of the town of Perth.

The second Jacobite rebellion was the result of poor living conditions between 1690 to 1715 brought about by inclement weather leading to failed harvests, high taxation and poor economic growth in Scotland. Anne died in 1714 without living issue, and the crown passed to a foreign king, George I, a second cousin.

The third Jacobite Rebellion from 1716 to 1719 was assisted by Philip V of Spain in an attempt to reclaim territory lost during the War of Spanish Succession. Some 5,000 Spanish soldiers sailed to fight for James, “but the fleet was devastated by a storm in the Bay of Biscay”. About 1,000 survivors were defeated by English forces at the Battle of Glenshiel.

“James returned to Italy to marry Maria Clementina Sobieska, a wealthy Polish princess. On December 31, 1720, Maria gave birth to Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie prince Charlie, the Young Pretender.” (*Thought Co*).

The final 1745 Jacobite Rising was when Bonnie Prince Charlie, disappointed at French unwillingness to invade in 1744, decided to finance his own rising. Initially it was success, once again drawing most of its support from the north-east and the Highland

clans. The Jacobite army captured Edinburgh in September and advanced as far south as Derby in England. However, with no sign of French support, the army retreated to their stronghold in the Highlands and was finally defeated at Culloden Moor near Inverness in 1746.

“A few months after the defeat at Culloden, Charles fled the country disguised as a woman. He died in Rome in 1788.” (*Thought Co*).

The consequences of the Jacobite 1745 rebellion were swift. The Heritable Jurisdictions Act 1746 and the Act of Proscription 1746 sought to crush the clan system and feudal relationships. Kilts, tartans, bagpipes, weapons, and the Gaelic language were banned, and the penalties were severe.

To ensure another rising would never occur, the Duke of Cumberland dispatched soldiers across the Highlands to find, imprison, and execute any suspected Jacobites. “The Hanoverian government implemented a system of forfeiture, confiscating private lands of suspected Jacobites and repurposing them for agriculture. This system, which became known as the Highland Clearances, lasted for nearly a century.” (*Thought Co*).

In this situation I believe my own Stichill family were reluctant to make our clan connections too obvious, but, nevertheless, they used a combined Stichill and Chief's arms in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

A relative of the Stichill Pringles, Sir Walter Scott of Abbotsford, through his writings, and Queen Victoria through her support of all things Scottish, glamorised the clan system in Scotland. There has been a revival of the clan system albeit in a very different form as exemplified by our own Clan Pringle Association.

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## Agnes Pringle 1853-1934

### A Famous Pringle Artist



Agnes Pringle was born in Gateshead in Tyne and Wear, in north east England, just south of the Scottish border. She was the daughter of a shipping agent. Not very much is known about her personal life other than the fact Agnes was a gifted artist. She first attended the Newcastle School of Art. Agnes studied under William Cosens Way for a time. Then, she went on to the Royal Academy Schools. There she won gold medals for “best drawing of an antique”, and “best drawing” of a statue.

Agnes created many beautiful paintings such as the painting here.



*A Group from the Scene 'The Coronation Procession of Edward VI, 1547' in the Church Pageant, Bishop's Park 1908*  
Agnes Pringle (1853–1934), Hammersmith and Fulham Archives and Local History Centre

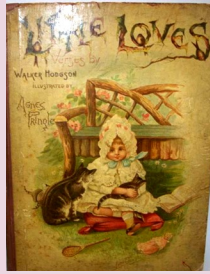
Agnes also provided the illustrations for a children's book, *Little Loves* by Walter Hodgson. It was published in 1890 by Raphael Tuck and also in 1910.

Agnes Pringle passed away in 1934 in Brentford, Middlesex.

We can still visit Agnes's beautiful artwork. Her paintings are on display in the Chiswick Town Hall, Hammersmith Archives and with the Artists of the Northern Counties exhibition at Newcastle's Laing Art Gallery.

Click [here](#) to see more of Agnes Pringles paintings.

*Erika Leonard*



## Clan Pringle Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place on zoom on June 25. Due to a technical hitch some members were unable to join the meeting but eleven members did attend. Following the welcomes and introductions the first item on the agenda was elections. Derek Pringle was elected Chairman and three new Trustees were elected to the Board of Trustees, Garry Pringle from Canada, Adam Pringle from Ireland, and Dave Pringle from New Zealand. Appreciation was expressed to the former Chairman James W. Pringle, Torwoodlee, and US Trustee Bill Pringle for their years of service on the board and their leadership in Clan Pringle.



Approval was given to each of the reports and resolutions that were sent out to members prior to the meeting.

Other Business Items discussed:

- Alistair Pringle, Board Secretary, raised the use of WhatsApp as a method to better facilitate communication among members of the wider Pringle family. He undertook to set up a WhatsApp group and share link and directions (*see details on page 1*).
- Appreciation was extended to James M Pringle for his work on the CPA website. Requests were made that an online system for CPA membership be set up along with an online link to leave messages, suggestions and ideas for the Board of Trustees.
- The Annual International Day of Friendship is on July 30. There was brief discussions about how members might reach out and contact other Pringles on this date in honor of the Pringle motto "Friendship gives Honors".
- Questions were raised about the International Gathering of Pringles in 2025. James W of Torwoodlee asked that an organizing committee be established for this event. He offered to be the "man on the ground" locally to assist in the venture.

*Derek Pringle, Chairman*

## Meet the New Trustees

### Garry Norman Pringle—Canada

I was honored to be elected as a Trustee of the Clan Pringle Association at the Annual General Meeting on June 25. I have been involved with Clan Pringle North America since 2016 when I attended the first gathering of North American Pringles in New Haven, Connecticut. I assisted as a member of the Clan Pringle North America Steering Committee, in organizing the three subsequent gatherings in 2018 (Niagara Falls), 2020 (Virtual) and 2022 (Virtual).

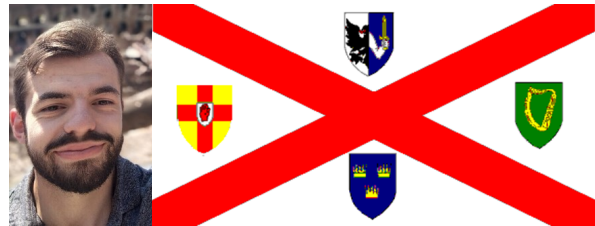


I am a recently retired professional geologist, was born in Victoria, British Columbia. My grandfather William Pringle hails from Melrose, Scotland and moved to Canada after World War I and worked as a gardener for the City of Calgary. My father, Norman Ronald Pringle, moved his young family to Los Angeles, California where I grew up. He would show me old (WW2) pictures of my uncle (James) in the Pringle crypt at the Melrose Abbey. I moved back to British Columbia for my university education and subsequent career as a geologist and ended up in Toronto, Ontario. That photo of my uncle fascinated me, and I went on to visit Scotland for my 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

As a Trustee I hope to reach out and get more Canadian Pringles interested in the organization. I signed up for the DNA project and was tested but I need to dig deeper into the whole project (and genetics) now that I have more time on my hands. I am also interested in history of Pringles in terms of their role in the slave trade in the Americas, as well as their role in the abolitionist movement.

*Garry Norman Pringle*  
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### Adam Pringle—Ireland



Greetings from Ireland! I am honoured to have been elected as Irish Representative on Clan Pringle's Board of Trustees at June's AGM. I have been involved in genealogy work for a few years now and through researching the Pringle surname I came across Clan Pringle but at the time I couldn't link my family to anything on the website. I was later officially introduced to Clan Pringle by my late friend and cousin Russell Pringle of Chehalis, Washington in the United States. He added me to our North American group on Facebook and I was fascinated by all the different Pringle's everywhere! It made me really want to find where our family fits in. Russ also sent, in the post, a gift of a Clan Pringle mug, which sits on my desk and will come with me wherever I go in the future. His greatest gift to me though was his friendship. Our conversations usually centred on the vast amount of Pringle research he had gathered in the previous decades – he had been in contact with my grandfather Hammie (Hamilton) the year I was born! It meant that he could help me with details I hadn't figured out and then I helped him figuring out the family back home in Ireland. In the few years since, I have been in contact with hundreds of people, finding cousins in the US, UK, Canada, Australia, Italy, France, and even China. Helping people piece together their families has given me a newfound sense of purpose and confidence that I didn't expect at all when I started vaguely looking into my family history in the summer of 2019.

I feel I am entering the Clan Pringle Association at an interesting and exciting time. There are lots of possibilities, and looking ahead to the planned Pringle Gathering in Scotland in 2025, I hope to introduce many of the Pringle cousins I have met online over the years to Clan Pringle, and also find others. I'm also hopeful that the Pringle DNA projects will help me figure out where my family fits into the Clan, with a connection to the Pringle's of Ballinahone, Co. Monaghan currently most likely. As the International Day of Friendship approaches, I remember Russ, and hope to help other Pringle's further their research and understand just how big their family actually is, as he helped me with mine.

*Adam K. Pringle* [pringlefamily1820@gmail.com](mailto:pringlefamily1820@gmail.com)

## Dr John Adams Pringle 1910 – 2002

*A Scholar, Scientist and Author*

*(Part I of this article was presented in April 2023 issue.)*

Dad became interested in wild life at an early age. An uneducated farm worker, Mauf, showed him a Cape Cobra. The stories that Mauf told him enthralled him. He gained firsthand knowledge of animals, birds, plants etc.

Mom and Dad got married on 7 October 1939 and were happily married for 44 years. Mom died on 12 October 1983. They spent one night on their honeymoon at Melrose Farm near Bedford, where Oubaas spent his youth.

My sister Margaret was born in Port Elizabeth on 20 March 1941. I was also born in Port Elizabeth, on 9 October 1943.

Dad began collecting data for the book “Pringles of the Valleys” that he co-authored with Mark and Eric Pringle. He became interested in the history of the Scottish Party of the 1820 Settlers. A meeting was held at Eildon, where the Scottish Party settled. The farm is still owned by Alex Pringle, a descendant of William Pringle. It was decided to erect a memorial church on the farm.

In 1970 the remains of the leader of the Scottish Party, Thomas Pringle, were exhumed from Bunhill Fields in London and were reburied in the church in October 1970. This was to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1820 Settlers.



In 1940 Dad began collecting snake embryos as materials for his PhD thesis. He didn't have a computer. An antiquated microscope with an old camera lens was used to make most of the drawings. The manuscript was accepted by the University of the Witwatersrand in 1954.

In 1953 the family moved to Pietermaritzburg when Dad was appointed Director of the Natal Museum. There he became a Rotarian and later was President of the local club.

Dad was very interested in nature and became president of the Wildlife Society of South Africa. He retired in 1975 and spent 7 years writing the history of wild life conservation in South Africa. The coffee table book is called “The Conservationists and the Killers.”

When he became Director of the Natal Museum in 1953, Dad realised that the museum had inadequate space for a modern museum. He applied for, and got, a Carnegie Grant to visit the USA in 1957 to study American Museums. Plans for a large new addition, including exhibition space, a lecture hall, a library and rooms for scientists were finally approved. The new building was opened in 1968.

*Robert Pringle, S. Africa*

*(Our thanks to Robert for this wonderful family story).*

Join [NA Facebook Page](#) meet other Pringles and share ancestry information and stories.

### Share Your Stories

- \* You have a story to tell; how you found a family contact, a fun incident, a surprise find.
- \* A unique Pringle man/woman – their noted accomplishments, good character, scandal.
- \* Tell us about your primary interest in the overall Pringle story?
- \* Offer ideas or suggestions about how to prevail with ancestry research.
- \* You've got a question – perhaps some other Pringle reader has the answer.

**Next Issue:** October 2023. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by **October 13**

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### Comments & Questions

In the April issue of the Newsletter the editorial posed the question “what will we leave our descendants?” Any further thoughts on this theme? This was in celebration of Earth Day asking how will our descendants view us, as they evaluate our efforts to take care of/enhance the environment, which we leave to them?

On July 7 the New York Times reported “the past three days were quite likely the hottest in earth’s modern history, scientists said Thursday, as an astonishing surge of heat across the globe continued to shatter temperature records from North America to Antarctica”. It reported that June was the hottest on record and July 4th the hottest day in the world on record. We Pringles are not behind in our understanding of the challenges to nature itself in the world. The need to care for the environment is becoming increasingly real, and each of us “Pringles” can do our little bit to help. In our clan we celebrate good things done by past ancestors. Let us be intentional and active in doing good things for the environment we leave to future Pringle descendants.

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it”. (Genesis 2.15)*

**Torwoodlee Tower:** Hamish Pringle has been communicating with Laird James on whether AI simulation of Torwoodlee’s built history might reveal new insights. Hamish’s son Benedict, and the tower repair architect, have also got involved in this study. We look forward to their findings and to learning how AI can be used in this type of situation.

**Ancestry search:** My great grandmother a Pringle connects back directly to Robert Pringle b. Feb 26 1764, married to Helen Forsyth and later to Margaret Agnes Burnett in 1787, Melrose. Died July 8, 1814. I cannot find a reliable father for him. Two possible options George Pringle b. 1739, Earlston or James Pringle b. 1746. Both had sons Robert born in 1764. Any help/insight would be appreciated. Margaret Watkins  
[steveandmags1@btinternet.com](mailto:steveandmags1@btinternet.com)

*We hope to see more comments, questions & responses from readers*

[Comments & Questions](#)

### International Pringle Gathering

Scotland 2025

We hope many of you will join us in Scotland in the summer of 2025. The current plan is to have the Pringle Gathering just prior to the Braw Lads Event in Galashiels so that those who wish can include that as part of their trip. Part of this event takes place at Torwoodlee with Laird James participating.

Laird James has suggested a planning committee be set up to plan the trip. He will act as “feet on the ground” for the group. If you are interested in being part of this planning group please email your name, and contact info.

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Some of you may feel you are not authors

*But we say:*

*“Why not give it a whirl”.*  
*Share your Pringle story.*

The Editorial Team is ready to

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