



Clan Pringle Newsletter

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From the Editorial Team:

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF PRINGLES SCOTLAND, JUNE 2025.

Dear Friends,

The Clan Pringle Board of Trustees held a Zoom meeting Sunday Oct 1. The main discussion was on the 2025 Pringle Gathering in Scotland. Laird James W. Torwoodlee, notified the Board of the official dates of the Braw Lads events – the “Torwoodlee Night” will be on Wed. June 25, 2025, and the main community “Celebrations”, Sat. June 28. Our opinion is that we should plan our International Pringle Gathering between these dates so that we have the option of participating in them. Then we would arrange for our AGM, tours of the Torwoodlee Pringle Estate, tours of historic Pringle sites and buildings in the area, visit the ancient Hoppringle site ruins, etc.

Laird James offers to host the AGM at Torwoodlee up to 30 people. Beyond that number we would require a booking at a local facility or hotel.

The consensus of the CPA Trustees is that we should now begin planning for an International Gathering of Pringles in the last week of June 2025. How do we get the word out? When do we need to make specific plans? We discussed various options and plans. Laird James W. made a request that we try to get an estimate of numbers interested in attending, then we’ll be in a better position to make our plans.

In order to get the ball rolling, Sir Murray proposed that we make the announcement in this Newsletter issue, and began promoting it now.

Sooo, the call goes out for an “INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF PRINGLES” in Scotland, June 2025. We are inviting folks to come together and visit the “homeland”, meet Pringle descendants from various branches of the family tree from other countries, and see some of those historic Pringle-related sites which have so much to tell.

Are you interested in attending this Gathering? To establish a list of interested persons we need names, emails, and phone numbers of those who are considering attending. Please use the link below to indicate you level of interest in attending in 2025.

[International Pringle Gathering, 2025](#)

Derek Pringle, Chairman, CPA Board of Trustees.



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A model for arranging a local Pringle Gathering;

Below this brief introduction you'll find an interesting article from Dennis Pringle. Dennis lives in southern Ireland, south of Dublin. His article describes a get-together of eight Pringles, most of whom had never met before. Back in May Dennis learned that Derek and Pam Pringle, Virginia, US, planned to visit Ireland in August. He contacted a few other Pringles with the suggestion of having a meet-up with the visitors. The group choose a central location and met in Castle Leslie, Co Monaghan, which is just a few miles from where Dennis' ancestor, Alexander Pringle, settled in 1650. We all enjoyed a beautiful mini, Pringle Gathering, as Dennis describes below.

We hold up this Irish Pringle experience as a possible model to be followed by other small groups of Pringles in other countries. (DP)

Irish Pringle Gathering

Wednesday 9th August, 2023 was witness to a momentous event - a gathering of the Pringle clan in Ireland. Well, in truth, it was just eight of us getting together for a spot of lunch, but as most of us had never previously met most of the others it was actually quite momentous in its own modest way.

The catalyst for the get together was Mike Pringle. Mike and his first cousin Dennis Pringle occasionally exchange emails on matters relating to family history, although Mike is by far the more active. Mike's research had brought us in touch with Yvonne Deegan (nee Pringle) through her exemplary genealogical research on a distant 18th-19th century relative, Michael Pringle of Sallyvale. Yvonne, it turns out, is Mike and Dennis's third cousin. Yvonne, in turn, put us in touch with Adam Pringle, who has been actively investigating the history of his own branch of the family and how it might relate to ours. Adam was recently voted to represent us on the Board of Trustees for the Clan Pringle Association.

Mike, Dennis, Yvonne and Adam had tentative plans to get together at some stage to put faces to the names, but the final incentive came when US-based Derek Pringle (whom Mike had met online following DNA tests) announced he would be visiting 'home' in July and August. This seemed too good an opportunity to miss, so the five of us, supplemented by Adam's father Kenneth, and Derek's wife Pam and his brother Walter agreed to meet up.

We initially considered Dundalk as a possible location, being fairly equidistant for those travelling north, south and east, but we were unable to find a suitable venue. Fortunately Adam came up with an inspired suggestion: Castle Leslie at Glaslough, Co. Monaghan. The Leslie estate has been in the Leslie family since it was acquired by the 'fighting Bishop' John Leslie in 1665, but was opened as a luxury hotel in the 1990s. Probably best known as the wedding venue for Paul McCartney and Heather Mills (which was officiated by Derek and Walter's brother Cecil), the castle is home to a number of ghosts and was allegedly the location for a few UFO sightings. However, what made it especially significant for us was that it is a mere five miles from Ballinahone, the original family home in Ireland of the Pringle ancestors of at least three, probably five, and possibly all of us (except Pam).



From left Mike, Yvonne, Walter, Kenneth, Adam, Pam, Dennis and Derek

We could not have been treated better. We were allocated a private room in the Coachhouse, where we enjoyed a marvellous lunch, before being transferred to another private room in the castle itself. Although primarily a social occasion, Derek assuming the role of master of ceremonies took the opportunity to organize us to focus on some business matters, including a mini-exhibition of family photos and other memorabilia. (Some of us suspect that Derek was himself organized by his delightful wife Pam, but he did an excellent job of moving things along).

All in all it was a wonderful day out, which unfortunately (despite our best intentions) may never be repeated. But who can tell? *Dennis Pringle*



Meet our third new Trustee

(In the July Newsletter you met two of our new Trustees, Garry Pringle from Canada and Adam Pringle from Ireland.)

David (Dave) Pringle, Christchurch, New Zealand



My election to the CPA Board of Trustees at the AGM this year was an honour and a special event in a long Scottish journey which started when I talked with a man who was born in Castleton in 1868. My Grandfather, David Pringle, emigrated with his siblings and parents in 1879 when he was 11 years old. At 73 years of age he lived with us after the death of his Welsh wife and as a young lad I enjoyed

listening to stories of his childhood. Now I am a grandfather and very recently blew out 85 candles while my wife Melva (nee Esler of Irish descent) blew 84 candles a week later. Messages from our daughter Julie (visiting from Indiana), sons Rodger and Grant plus 7 grandchildren ages 16 to 28 made our birthday week rather special. Melva and I have a great interest in sports. My other interests are/have been fishing, hunting, old Morris cars, rotary, and science teaching.

I joined the Clan Pringle Association in 2014, visited Scotland in 2016 with son Rodger, and have been a member of the Scottish Heritage Council in Christchurch for several years, joining with members of other clans at local Scottish events. The next big event will be the Hororata Highland Games in early November near Christchurch, where about twelve clans will display Clan information. This year I will have a Clan Pringle information display again and very likely a banner. Further contacts with Pringles in New Zealand, to extend the idea of "friendship", are important challenges for me as a C.P.A. Trustee.

David T. Pringle

Pringles in Charleston S.C. US

(Follow-up to Laura Pringle's article April 2023 issue)

Charleston is a great city to visit and for Pringles there are many points of interest. The plaque that Laura's article featured is in Battery Park. 32 South Battery was owned by a Pringle in the 1940's Ashmead F Pringle, Jr. Two historical churches have had many Pringle parishioners over the years. St Phillip's has a large collection of white marble topped graves for Pringles along the path to the main door. There are also many more Pringle headstones the far side of the church and in the cemetery across the street.



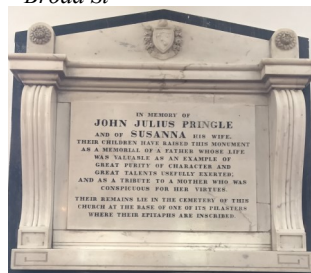
St Michael's 71
Broad St

Pringle graves fill a whole section of St Michael's cemetery. The church office can provide a written listing. In the entrance to the church is plaque listing those members who died for the "confederate cause" four Pringles are listed all in their early 20's. Inside the church is a

plaque for John Julius Pringle, son of Robert Pringle, and his wife Susanna.



St Phillip's
142 Church St



Judge Robert Pringle House 70 Tradd St

Robert Pringle was born in Symington, Edinburgh in 1702. He moved to Charleston SC in 1725, died 1776. He had 2 sons, John Julius (1753-1843), and Robert (1755-1811). John Julius inherited the house. He was appointed US attorney for S Carolina by George Washington in 1789. President Jefferson asked him to serve as US Attorney General in 1805 but he declined. The house remained in Pringle family until 1886.

Robert (1755-1811) was the father of James Reid Pringle (1782-1840) who served in S Carolina General Assembly and then the Senate. He served as

Plaque to right o the door

Mayor of the City 1830-1831.

Brewton Pringle House

Miles Brewton had this house built in 1765 but in 1775 on a trip to Philadelphia the whole family drowned when their ship went down. The house went to his two sisters. A granddaughter of one of the sisters Mrs William Bull Pringle inherited the house and thereafter it was known as the Pringle House. Susan Pringle Frost was born in this house in 1873 daughter of Rebecca Brewton Pringle and Francis LeJau Frost. She formed the Equal Suffrage League and joined the National Women's Party in 1913. She opened her own Real Estate office, 57 Broad Street in 1920. With 31 others in the same year she created a Preservation group which later became the Preservations Society of Charleston. She bought many old buildings in Charleston, restored and resold them. She was inducted to the S Carolina Hall of Fame in 2015.

All the Pringles in this article are buried in either St Michael's or St Phillip's.

Fort Pringle was built as an artillery battery in 1863 on James Island as a defense during the Civil War. It was named for Capt. Pringle of the Lucas Battalion South Carolina Regular Artillery. He was killed in 1863 on Morris Island. One of the 4 Pringles on the plaque in St Michael's entry is Capt Robert Pringle.

This is believed to be one of the best preserved earthwork fort from the Civil War era.

The information in this article is a mix of what we learned on our trips and various Wikipedia sites listed below.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Pringle_House
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Pringle_Frost
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miles_Brewton_House
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Pringle
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_R._Pringle



Judge Robert Pringle House

1774
A Private Residence

The builder of this outstandingly handsome "single" house was a native of Scotland, an eminent merchant of Charleston, and a provincial lay judge who helped to open the Revolution by resisting the Stamp Act. His residence situated on Lots 87 and 88 of the Grand Model of 1672 is remarkable for its fine proportions and beautiful decorations; also because in its long history it has belonged to only two family connections besides his. The current owner's family has owned the house for almost 100 years.



Miles Brewton House
later the Pringle House



Happy Halloween



Did you know that Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh, has been considered by some the most haunted capital in the

world. Tales of mysterious occurrences, figures walking through walls, and stories of phantom pipers strolling through underground tunnels, is part of Edinburgh's spooky past. So be careful how you go on October 31st - you might meet a Scot from the past!

Halloween (All Hallows Eve) is the Eve of All Saints. Thank God for those "ancestors" who were truly "saints" in their love and good deeds and who left to their descendants an example of fully living out the Pringle motto of "friendship" and "honor"

International Pringle Gathering June 2025

- Attend the Clan Pringle AGM
- Tour of Torwoodlee with Laird James
- Visit the Homeland
- Meet Pringles from other countries
- Visit historic Pringle sites
- Experience Torwoodlee Night & other "Braw Lads" events



Check out the additional information in the Editorial and let us know if you are interested in attending the "Gathering" in Scotland June 25.

[International Pringle Gathering, 2025](#)

Clan Pringle Association Website

<http://pringle.info/>

North American CPA Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clanpringleassociationofnorthamerica>

Explore the great information on the CPA Website, become a member of the association.

Join the conversations on the NACPA Facebook page, connect with others who may have pieces for your ancestry tree!

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: January 2024. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by **January 13**

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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 help/edit wherever it is needed.

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Comments & Questions

- "The Newsletter is my lifeline to the world of Clan Pringle, and a printed copy of each issue is kept in a special folder."
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Thank you for your kind comment. We encourage all Pringle Newsletter readers to respond with your comments and your thoughts and opinions on issues raised. It is the interaction, the mutual verbal engagement which helps stimulate discussions. Thank you.
- *Condolences to Bil Pringle, Michigan, US, former CPA Trustee. Bill shared this tragic news: "My 28 year old daughter, Paige, who was living in Jacksonville, Florida was killed on August 9, 2023. She was stopped at a railway crossing and was shot by someone in the car behind her. She did not know this individual and it appears to be random. The individual also killed another person on a bike who was waiting for the tran. The killer fled ...committed suicide." Our hearts and prayers go out to Bill and his family at this time.*
- *Condolences also go to Trustee Adam Pringle, Ireland. His 92 year old grandmother passed away this month. "Laird" Walter Pringle, Monaghan traveled to Bailieboro, Cavan to be with Adam and this Pringle family for the funeral (10/25/2023).*
- *I am working to discover my Pringle connections. Paternal side is still a NPE (1 of 4 boys), however thanks to DNAn-gels, they were able to discover my grandparents, great and great great grandparents.*
Joanna (Pringle) Yager (1915-1983) is my grandmother. Her father was William E Pringle (1885-1957) of WA and ID. His father is Willam Pringle (1846-1933) born in NY (although I suspect Ontario). I am looking for documentary evidence for all and then tracing back to Scotland. Filling in puzzle pieces slowly. Julie Spahn
If anyone has some "pieces" to add to the puzzle, please respond to Julie via her post on [NACPA Facebook](#) page.
- *Looking for information on Arthur William Pringle b. 1883, m. Clara Gray b.1881 d. 1918. Sue Myers NC, USA suem8526@gmail.com*

We look forward to more comments, responses, or questions from all readers as we move forward. We would love to know where our readership is located, please use the link and share.

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