



# Clan Pringle Newsletter

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### From the Editorial Team:

Dear Friends:

We are using this editorial as a direct “follow-up” to the focus in the last issue, October 2023, in which we had the official announcement from the CPA Trustees that we will have an “International Gathering of Pringles” in Scotland, June 2025. A link was provided asking people to indicate if they would consider attending. To date only seventeen responses have been received. If we are going to have a great Pringle Gathering next year, we have a big challenge – how do we get the word out to all Pringles about this event?

FamilySearch tells us there are about 42,000 people around the world with the last name Pringle. We assume there is a similar number of descendants from Pringle daughters, thus a potential of over eighty thousand Pringle descendants around the globe. So how do we connect with all these Pringles? If we could connect with “one” of every “10” that would be approximately eight thousand. Is that feasible? Is that too big of a dream?

The CPA Board of Trustees plan to meet Feb 4 via Zoom. We are reaching out to all our readers asking for your input. We want to hear your suggestions and ideas for how we can do a better job communicating and letting everyone know about our International Gathering event. You can respond to our Board Secretary Alistair [alastair.pringle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alastair.pringle@yahoo.co.uk) or Chairman Derek [cdpringle@verizon.net](mailto:cdpringle@verizon.net)

How about a New Year’s Resolution that we all reach out and contact Pringles, by whatever means we can, and invite them to our June 2025 Gathering. If we all join in the effort, and communicate with a few Pringles each month this year, we’ll have a Grand Gathering, the first such Grand Gathering of Pringles in History!

Our love and best wishes to all for 2024

*The Editorial Team*



## Happy Hogmanay



A belated Happy Hogmanay to all of Scottish descent. December 31st saw colorful celebrations throughout Scotland as people celebrated the New Year by singing “Auld Lang Syne” written by Rabbie Burns in 1788. On January 25th Scots everywhere will celebrate and honor this famed Scottish Bard. And no celebration for Rabbie would be complete without the sounds of the bagpipes in the background.

To all Pringle Newsletter readers—we wish you the best for 2024. Reach out often to new-found cousins and nephews and spread Pringle “Amicitia” to each.



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## NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF *Sir Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt Chief of The Name and Arms of The Honourable Clan Pringle*

Early in each new year, is for most of us, a time when we assess our problems and achievements in the last year and look to new opportunities and goals for the new year. I believe that the opportunity for the Clan Pringle Association (CPA) in 2024 is to try to build up the membership of our Family in every country Pringles live, particularly in North America, where most of the worldwide diaspora of Pringles live.



In the pre-Jacobite era, a Chief's main duties involved looking after clan members and leading them into battle. Not so now. We have a Constitution registered with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator. The objectives now are to preserve family sites, traditions and records and most importantly to provide a forum for Pringles to get together and know each other.

I am mindful of the relevance, even today, of the ancient Pringle mottos in my Letters Patent for the Chiefship and the Stichill, respectively "Friendship Reflects Honours" and "Faith Crowns". I hope that Derek the Chairman of the CPA and the Trustees can lead us to a greater membership.

I always watch the fireworks and lights celebrating the New Year all over the world with delight. However, I am saddened about the tension in the hotspots of the world where aggression, war and cruelty lurk. Nevertheless, I hope that peace will prevail.

I wish all Pringles worldwide a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year and may God bless us all.

*Sir Murray*

## Pringles in Belgium

You may have noticed on the CPANA [Facebook page](#) a person who identified himself as Pringle Hopperingle. He tells me that his oldest known ancestor arrived in Belgium around 1690 (b. 1670), and that he came from Ireland. His name is Jean-Jacques. His uncle Pierre (wife Marie Louise), traveled to Ireland in the 1970's and researched five possible family branches. He continues to search to find the Scottish link to his 1670 Irish ancestor. He tells me there are other Pringles in Belgium.

He has been to Pringle country in Scotland and was delighted by the warm hospitality of Laird James at Torwoodlee. Jean-Jacques contact is [pringle.jj@gmail.com](mailto:pringle.jj@gmail.com) He is keen to continue Pringle research and welcomes assistance.

*Derek Pringle*

Colby Threed put this great link up on the CPANA Facebook Page "14 Must visit places for Clan Pringle Descendants:

<https://glentoglen.com/2023/11/01/8-place-every-clan-pringle-descendant-should-visit/>



## Scottish Events in New Zealand

November 11 2023, the Hororata Highland Games were held at Hororata, a rural town about 50 min. drive west of Christchurch. A crowd of several thousand supported this day by watching events and visiting displays which included the clan information sites. My wife Melva and our son Rodger represented Clan Pringle. The recently completed Pringle Clan Banner joined with those of 15 other clans in the parade.

November 19 members of many clans joined the congregation of The Village Presbyterian Church in Christchurch for The Kirkin of the Tartan service. Many folk also enjoyed the Scottish hospitality at a local pub, the "Rose and Thistle", which offered Scottish music, food and a wee dram. November 30 this included the address to the haggis on St Andrews Day.

January 1 2024 The 152nd Waipu Highland Games were held (2 hours north of Auckland). My plans were to carry the banner in the parade and to meet more Pringles. Unfortunately, covid forced me into isolation. Waipu has a rich Scottish history based on the "pilgrimage" of a church minister and his flock leaving northeast USA and settling in Waipu in the mid 1800's after a sojourn in Australia. (a great story on the website).

Events to come soon, include NZ National Pipe Band Championships in Auckland in mid-March and, of course, Burn's birthday celebration later this month.

Kia ora tatou nga hoa iwi Pringle. (Greetings to Pringle friends )

*Dave Pringle*



## Thinking of Visiting Scotland?

If you are considering visiting Scotland in 2025, you may want to begin your planning this year. You will want to explore which sites you might visit, how to get there, money, travel documents, etc. You can visit some online sites and get plenty of information.

- [www.lovetovisitscotland.com](http://www.lovetovisitscotland.com) offers lots of helpful information and free travel guides. Currently they offer a free digital copy of "The Ultimate Scotland Travel Guide". This provides a great deal of information and helps us become aware that Scotland has much to offer the visitor: the many attractive scenes, the historic sites, the ancient castles, the lochs and the highlands – the options are endless.
- In addition, our [CPA website](#) gives information on those sites in the Southern Borders of particular 'Pringle' interest. Scroll to the bottom of the Home Page click "Tour of Pringle Sites" below "Visiting Scotland". We encourage you to explore these sources of information and begin some mental planning now with the goal of getting the most benefit from your visit.
- An Invitation: Some of you, our readers, have already visited Scotland. We invite you to share with us, through the Pringle Newsletter, some of your experiences, what you found of greatest interest and what you recommend for other Pringle visitors. Please send your write-up, with a few photos, to [pringlenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pringlenewsletter@gmail.com)

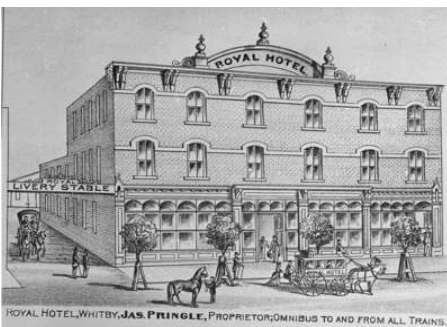
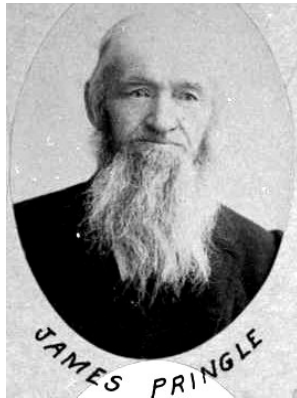
## Pringles in Canada

### 19th Century Pringle Immigrants to Ontario

Whitby Ontario, an unassuming bedroom community 50 km east of Toronto (Canada's largest city), is home to Pringle place names, most notably Pringle Creek and the Pringle neighbourhood located generally east of the historic downtown. There is also a Pringle Creek Park, Pringle Playground, Pringle Public School, and a Pringle Drive. I've driven past a number of these places over the past 30 years and was always curious as to the origin of these place names. Setting out on a walking visit to Whitby and a shallow dive into the Internet my preliminary research into the Pringles of Ontario led me here.

An early trace of Pringles in Whitby goes back to a James "Jas" Pringle (b. 1824 in Edinburgh) who at eleven years old came to nearby Coburg and then to Whitby in 1836 when he was eleven. Information on his father John Sr., according to the *Find a Grave* website, suggests John Sr.'s mum, Agnes, was interred in the Melrose Abbey (Scotland) cemetery in 1839. John Sr. (b. 1788) had at least four sons and two daughters which he brought to Canada. Two of the siblings eventually migrated to the Bruce Peninsula (nestled between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay) while Alexander, Margaret, Agnes and James ended up in Whitby. Jas grew up to be a hotel proprietor for both the National Hotel down at Port Whitby and the Royal Hotel in the centre of Whitby.

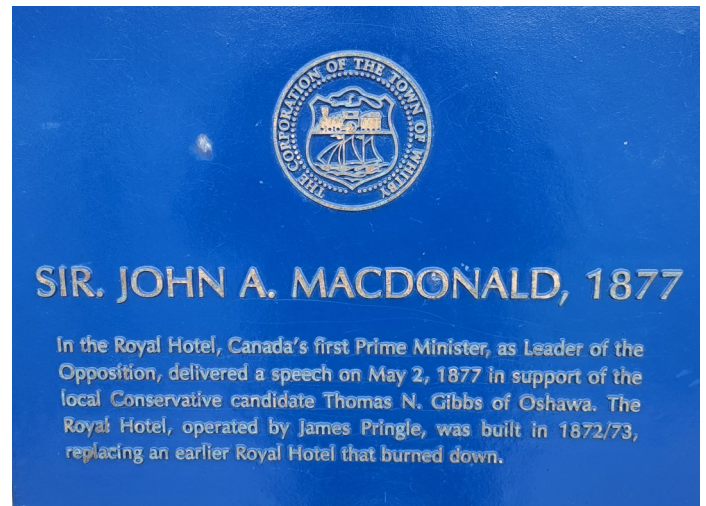
I walked about 2 km from the train station to the centre of Whitby and another 1 km to find Pringle Creek east of downtown. I stumbled upon the Royal Hotel which still exists and is operating. Designed by Toronto architect Henry Langley the hotel was constructed in 1873 and subsequently operated by Jas.



Royal Hotel late 1800s



Royal Hotel in 2024



A historical marker (of national significance and listing James Pringle) is attached to the façade. John A. MacDonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was a guest at the hotel and delivered a speech in support of a local candidate. This was in 1877.

Continuing with my walk I found a view of Pringle Creek from a bridge which presented a small wetland and a humble meandering stream draining the Pringle neighborhood.



Pringle Creek

Jas appears to have had seven children including twin daughters, Mary and Harriet. The twins remained in Whitby, married, and Harriet was honored as the Queen of Whitby when she was 92 years old. *Find a Grave*



Harriet and Mary Pringle

identifies her as being interred in a nearby Oshawa cemetery, but no mention is made of where Mary is buried. The cemeteries of Whitby and Oshawa indicate twenty-six Pringle burials most of them with birthdates in the 1800's.

If you are a descendant of the Pringles of Whitby and want to share any stories or provide any clarifications on my initial research, please reach out to me at [garrypringle@yahoo.ca](mailto:garrypringle@yahoo.ca).

Images courtesy of the Whitby Archives.

Garry Pringle

### Latin Phrases about Friendship

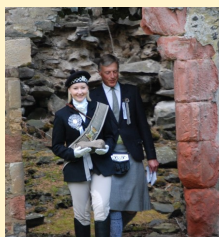
"Amicitia semper prodest" - Friendship always benefits

"Amicitia vera illuminat" - Authentic friendship shines

"Amicitia pulchra est" - Friendship is beautiful

## 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



Please use the link below to let us know your interest in the “Gathering, Scotland 2025” (*Interested in attending, Definitely hope to attend, unlikely to attend*). This will help the Board as we plan for this event. (For additional information check out the Editorial in the October issue).

### [International Pringle Gathering, 2025](#)

### Clan Pringle Chat

Mena Ryan is one of the admin folks who take care of the CPA North American [Facebook page](#). From her home in Canada she organized a Facebook Page Zoom Clan Pringle Chat event on January 5. We encountered some technical glitches at first, but a small group of us met and shared about our family tree connections, stories of how our families came here, research surprises, etc. This was a good experiment of how we can meet and chat. Thank you, Mena, for this fun initiative.

Anna Claspell was on this zoom chat. She shared about an app she has been using to search for more Pringle connections. She has created a Clan Pringle Relative finder Private Group for us. You need to sign up on FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/> if you do not have an account, and then go to the link [www.relativefinder.org](http://www.relativefinder.org). The password to get into the group is ClanPringle. If you have any problems getting connected connect with Anna [aclaspell@gmail.com](mailto:aclaspell@gmail.com)

### 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!

## Comments & Questions

- George Pringle wants to know if there are any Pringles with a middle name Sifton—respond to George on [Facebook page](#)
- “Good job on the recent newsletter. I have a piece in progress for a later newsletter”
- “There are no strangers here only **friends** you have not yet met” *W.B. Yeats*
- We draw your attention to the program “*Finding Your Roots*” hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr. on PBS TV.
- IF you like traditional celtic (Scottish and Irish) music tune in to “*Thistle & Shamrock*” on PBS radio Sunday at 6:00 EST hosted by Fiona Ritchie

We look forward to your comments, responses, or questions. We would love to know where our readership is located, so please use the link and share.

### [Comments & Questions](#)

## CPA Notices

**CPA Board of Trustees:** Meeting Sunday February 4 via Zoom (8pm UK time, 3pm US)

**CPA Annual Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for the end of June. Full details will be provided in the April Newsletter.

**CPANA BiAnnual Pringle Gathering:** 2024 is the year for this biannual Fall happening. The last time we met in person was in Niagara Falls, New York, in 2018. 2020 and 2022 were via zoom. This year again we are considering whether to meet in person, or via zoom. Our CPANA steering committee members are Garry, Bill, Bob, Jim and Derek. More details will be available in the April newsletter.

## CPA Membership Renewal

The annual membership in Clan Pringle is £15 UK, or \$20 US (other currencies, check exchange rate). April 1 is the due date for renewal. See details on the [CPA website](#) under the “Association” tab. We want to encourage people to pay their annual membership fees this year, as we are aware there will be extra financial needs related to the International Pringle Gathering June 2025. For questions contact Priscilla (Pringle) Dorman, CPA Treasurer at [priscilladorman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:priscilladorman@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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.

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.

**Next Issue:** April, 2024. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by [April 13](#)

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