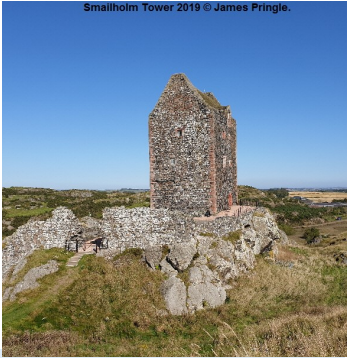




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From the Editorial Team:

Most recent update on plans for June 2025

Dear Friends,

We extend our warmest best wishes to all Pringles, and Pringle descendants, in various countries around the world. In the northern hemisphere we are enjoying the beauty of Spring, while down south we trust you are receiving the colors of Autumn.

Our most recent news update is from the CPA Board of Trustees. They met April 14 on Zoom for ninety minutes and worked on plans for the 2025 International Pringle Gathering in Scotland. Some twenty-five people responded to the previous announcement indicating their intention to attend. We hope that many more will plan to join us for this special Pringle celebration.

Among the Trustee plans update, we cite the following two:

- **Dates of the Event:** An Annual Scottish Braw Lads festival event will be held on June 25 hosted at Torwoodlee, while the main Festival events, parades, shows, games, etc. will happen on June 28. The Trustees feel that many of us might like to combine participation in these local events with dates for the Pringle event in Scotland, so we now propose the following date schedule:
 - ◇ Wednesday June 25, 2025: Braw Lads event hosted by Laird James Pringle at Torwoodlee.
 - ◇ Thursday June 26: Tours of local Pringle-related historic sites.
 - ◇ Friday June 27: the main Pringle Gathering event - Clan Pringle AGM, Chiefship Ceremony, Memorabilia displays, Membership Certificates, Guest Speeches, etc.
 - ◇ Saturday June 28; The Braw Lads Festival.
- **Promoting the Event.** The Trustees want every Pringle to know about this special Pringle Gathering. To date, we have only announced it in the Newsletter and on the CPA Website. How can we get the word out to every Pringle on the planet? Each Trustees has taken on to be responsible for promotion for one specific country (listed next page). In addition, we'll use pages such as Facebook, social media, etc. We have drafted a special advertising Poster to be used in mailings and contacts.

Now we reach out to ask for your assistance. Each of us will know some folks who are not yet aware of these plans. Beginning now and through to this time next year, reach out with "friendship" to all Pringles you know or are aware of and tell them what's being planned. Let's get together behind this effort and we'll succeed in having a grand International Pringle Gathering in Scotland June 2025.

Thank You!
Friendship reflects honor.

Derek Pringle, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

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A question raised from your January Newsletter greeting. "We appreciated Sir Murray's warm friendly greeting in his article. He cites the family motto about Friendship that I'm familiar with. He also mentions another motto "Faith Crowns" which I have not heard of before. Would he share some information on this, perhaps about its origin or history?"

THE CHIEF'S SPRING GREETINGS

Nature is a wonderful thing and Spring is a season of regeneration. The flowers are blooming, daffodils, daisies, buttercups and so on. Deciduous trees and bushes are growing their new cover. Spring is even in our steps, glad that winter is over. When I think of the seasons, I think of Spring as infancy and growth. Summer is growth to maturity. Autumn (Fall) is a season of decline but with the gift of wonderful colours in the falling leaves and the present of fruits. Winter is a cold season of degeneration. The seasons, in my mind, are also an analogy for our own Cycle of Life.



I urge Pringles to explore the Clan Pringle Association (CPA) website, which is a wonderful resource for all things "Pringle".

John Hoppringle of that Ilk, Chief of Clan Pringle, died in 1737, leaving a daughter Margaret as his only issue. Margaret married Gilbert the second son of the second Baronet of Stichel, thus bringing the lands of that Ilk and Torsonce into the family of the Pringles of Newhall and Stichel. Margaret pre-deceased Gilbert and Gilbert died without issue. Sir John Pringle, the second Baronet, became the heir of the Pringles of that Ilk and Torsonce. Subsequently, the two coats of arms were merged as shown on the CPA website in the section on the "Pringles of Newhall and Stichill". The motto of the Pringles of Stichill is Coronat Fides "Faith crowns". The two coats of arms remained merged for over 250 years, until quite recently. God bless and best wishes to all Pringles,

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

Trustee Meeting Notes

The Trustees met on Zoom on April 14, 2024. The two main items addressed are detailed in our Editorial of this Newsletter. Other issues:

1. There was a discussion on genealogical sites. In particular, we considered the free sites, WikiTree and FamilySearch, asking which has the greater participation of Pringle names or matches. We invite your thoughts and input on which you think has the greater benefit for Pringle searching.

2. The 2024 AGM is set for June 30. We encourage you all to update your paid membership and join us on June 30.

The following Trustees agreed to endeavor to promote attendance at the International Pringle Gathering, June 2025, in these countries:

Adam	Ireland
Alastair	Scotland
Andrew & Priscilla	England
Dave	New Zealand
Derek	US
Garry	Canada
James	South Africa
Murray	Australia.

We provide an updated Poster of the event in this Newsletter. We encourage all our readers to share it with all Pringles you know of, and help us in promoting "JUNE 2025".

Pringles in Belgium

Since my childhood, I was aware of a family "legend" which said that our family in Belgium was originally from Scotland, but I had no document in hand which spoke of this. Until the day, around 1999-2000, when I had the opportunity to meet one of my uncles, a member of another branch of our family in Belgium, Pierre Pringels. Pierre in his time wanted to know if this "legend" was true or the result of imagination. He then began genealogical research beginning in 1980 and continuing to the end of the 90s. He managed to demonstrate that our earliest ancestor known here in Belgium bore the name of Johannes Hibernicus Pringel and had married in our country in 1695 (who subsequently died in 1732 in the same commune). According to Pierre, everything indicated that Johannes had arrived in Belgium from Ireland, but Pierre had not been able to prove who Johannes' father was, probably because of the fire in Dublin in 1922 which destroyed the National Archives. At the time of his research, Pierre did not have access to all the tools, libraries and other documents that are available on the Internet today. Therefore, the "legend" could not yet become a genealogical truth. It was then at the beginning of 2021 that I became aware of "The Pringle DNA Surname Project" (see the page <https://pringle.info/dna/>) which I followed by carrying out a DNA test of the type Big Y-700. "Pierre was right and his research was accurate!", but unfortunately I couldn't tell him this good news since Pierre had already left us. These results indeed made it possible this time to demonstrate the Scottish origins of our family here in Belgium. Among the documents and books available, there is a document written by Pierre which explains how he arrived at his conclusions, this document is here <https://www.handyserv.com/hoppringle> (see in the drop-down menu at the top left and select the Hoppringle/Pringle Library option, then you can open the document "The origins of the Pringels family in Belgium and the painter Léon Pringels"). These DNA results have now been compared with the results of other members of the Pringle family who have also taken a DNA test. Thanks to this and thanks to the cross-checking currently made possible with the numerous Internet tools, I managed to determine that here in Belgium we have ancestors in common who lived around 1500, 1350 and even before that. Of course and even if there is a serious candidate (namely Johnne Pringel born in 1666; Johannes being the Latin translation of John, other information also seems to corroborate this hypothesis), we still do not know who the father was (or the grandfather, etc) of Johannes and if he actually came from Ireland. We are now able to reconstruct a family tree allowing us to go back to the 12th century. In this tree there is a part which will remain theoretical until its possible demonstration between the presumed year of Johannes' birth around 1660-1670 and the years 1400-1500 (dates on which our family branches come together in several cases of DNA comparisons). From this family tree it would appear that James Hoppringle, Fifth Laird of Smailholm and Second Laird of Pilmair (1435-1495) was a common ancestor to many of us now living in many places around the world, making us, 500 years later, his great-great-grandsons.... And it is largely thanks to the work and vast research of Pierre Pringels over more than 20 years on sites and in several countries that this new conclusion now exists.

Written by Jean-Jacques and Nathalie Pringels (Nathalie also has Scottish and Irish origins, this probably explains why we wanted one day to get married in Gretna Green in Scotland, marriage officially recognized by the Belgian state, which allowed us to bring us a little closer to our origins demonstrated today)"

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Cricketer Derek Pringle

Derek Raymond Pringle was born to Donald and Dora Pringle on September 18, 1958, in Nairobi, Kenya. His father Donald James Pringle was born in 1932 in Prestwich Manchester England. He and his wife Dora moved to Kenya in 1958.

Derek first learned how to play cricket from his father. Sadly, when Derek was fourteen years old, his father was killed in a car crash on his way back from a cricket match. From there, his mother, sister Janet and Derek moved to England. Derek was educated at St. Mary's School in Nairobi, at Felsted School in Essex, then on to Cambridge University. As an undergraduate at Cambridge, he captained the University at cricket and won three Blues. He was quite versatile as a right-handed batsman and a medium pace bowler. His cricket career spanned from 1982 to 1993. He played 30 Tests, 44 One Day Internationals, and appeared in two World Cups. Another noteworthy fact, Derek appeared as an extra in the film "Chariots of Fire." Derek penned an autobiography, "Pushing the Boundaries; Cricket in the Eighties." The book offers a view of Derek's journey as a professional cricketer. His accounting of the eleven years he played is filled with humor and tales from behind the scenes of his career. Derek currently writes articles for Metro. Today, he offers his insights and analysis of the match from his own unique standpoint. He enjoys photography and collecting thousands of vintage vinyl albums. Derek currently resides in Cambridge, England and has one son.



Photo by Graham Morris

Erica Bentley

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Does anyone have a contact for Derek? maybe we could invite him as a special guest to our Pringle Gathering in Scotland June 2025

Irish-linked Pringle Families Project



I hope everyone has been having a wonderful springtime so far. As the year goes on, I hope that we can continue progress that we have been making in further understanding the origins of the Pringle branches that are in Ireland today, and also those that have passed through our country in the past and gone further afield. Due to lack of detail and gaps between records in Ireland, it can be difficult to decipher if two Pringle families are connected

or whether they are different branches, without further knowledge that may be hidden in family lore, and of course DNA advancements in recent times can give us more possible sources of information.

I am hoping, and asking, if you or someone you know descend from a Pringle family that lived for a period of time on the island of Ireland (perhaps still having some of the family living here today), can you please contact myself or the Clan Pringle Association in general, and let us know of the origins of your Pringle family, perhaps sending a family tree, and the areas in Ireland that they were linked to. If at all possible, if a member of each Irish Pringle branch could do a DNA test, especially the male line Y-DNA test, and add it to the Pringle DNA Project, (<http://www.familyreedna.com/groups/pringle>). It would also be super helpful for us trying to develop our understanding of the families in Ireland as we would have more data to work with and learn who is in what Pringle branch. You never know, we may be able to help you find out more about your own family in return!

We know that Pringles came in through the port cities such as Belfast, Dublin, and Cork amongst others, and gradually some families made their way inland, such as my family, who likely came in through Belfast towards Counties Armagh and Tyrone, perhaps being part of the Monaghan branch of Pringles, before moving to the County Cavan/County Meath border in the 18th Century. A branch also settled in County Carlow, said to be descended from a Pringle man in the Navy who would have come in through Dublin before settling further inland. There are also many Pringle families in Dublin and Belfast today from different branches, as well as other cities.

Also, it is to be noted, some families who emigrated from Ireland to places such as the United States or Canada simply said they were Scottish or British, which can be confusing nowadays, as the Republic of Ireland was part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland in the 19th Century. Also, many of the families identified as Scottish no matter where they were living! Another reason could be that it was difficult for Irish immigrants to get work as they were often discriminated against and looked down upon by locals, so they could say they were Scottish or British instead to improve their odds of finding work.

I look forward to hearing from you all and learning more about different branches of Pringles that were/are still in Ireland, and I'm excited about the possible discoveries we can make in the future. I am grateful for any information you can provide to us, no matter how small!

Thank you,

Adam K. Pringle

Irish C.P.A. Representative

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Our Trip to Scotland

Should the Pringle 2025 Gathering be your first trip, prepare yourself for a wealth of historical information, the people are very gracious and hospitable, and the scenery is amazing. I am hoping this will be our second trip to Scotland.

Last September our trip was spectacular. I had done the family research of places to visit but was not prepared for all the well documented history about the places we visited. There were 4 Pringles and 2 Yanks in our family group. We rented a Van taking routes that had stops along the way and each night an AirBnB. Our daughter did well with the driving routes. I drew a line from Glasgow to Edinburgh - North goes to the Highlands and South is the Border Clans including the Pringles.

I had allowed two full days in the borders, I recommend four. Rosslyn chapel, well worth the stop, and Traquair House together take a day if you truly read and look, no running through. We stopped at Abbotsford, estate of Sir Walter Scott, and could walk the grounds but it was too late in the day to tour the house. Day two-Torwoodlee Tower and Estate, Buckholm Tower, Melrose Abbey with the Pringle Crypts and on to Smailholm Tower. We did not go to: Old Gala House, Galashiels - somehow it got passed over, Selkirk for Haining House- Mark Pringle 1794 or Broadmeadows House- younger son of Pringles of Whytbank and Yair. Nor did we stop at Scott's view or Greenknowe Tower- passed to the Pringles mid-1600's- no time for Hadrian's wall. Just have to go again.

North of the Glasgow to Edinburgh line was, Blair Castle, Pitlochry Highland Games, traveling the Cairnwell Pass through Cairngorms NP, Ballater/Balmoral, Aberdeen, St. Andrews, Coaltown of Wemyss, all the while having time for several stops a day. Two days touring Edinburgh and on to the Highlands, Isle of Skye, Inverness, Loch Ness cruise, the Culloden Battlefield, Jacobite Steam train to Malliag and the Highland Folk Museum then back to Edinburgh. Our last full day is spent at Sterling castle and in Falkirk to experience the Falkirk Wheel boat trip- an engineering marvel and to view the Kelpies.

You will need a car if you wish to see some of the Pringle ruins and estates and I suspect to get to the reunion. Otherwise, for those who do not want to drive, there are excellent tours from either city that include Rosslyn Chapel, Melrose Abbey, Abbotsford, Hadrian's wall and tours in the highlands that have a combination of stops.



Cheryll Pringle

INTERNATIONAL PRINGLE GATHERING June 2025

Please use the link below to let us know your interest in the "Pringle Gathering, Scotland 2025"

(Interested in attending, Definitely hope to attend, unlikely to attend).

This will help the Board as we plan for this event. Please use the attached Flyer to let other Pringles know about this special event.

[International Pringle Gathering, 2025](#)

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: July 2024. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by **July 13**
to the email below as a Word doc or within the body of your email

pringlenewsletter@gmail.com

Comment Section

- Condolence: We express our sincere condolences to Dave Pringle, member of the Board of Trustees, on the passing of his dear wife, Melva, who passed away on April 3, 2024.
- "I have always liked the name Pringle, it has a friendly sound to it". (Steven Akins on CPANA Facebook)
- Correction: The email for Jean-Jacques Pringels, Belgium, in the January Newsletter, was incorrect. Our apologies. See his article in this issue. pringels.jj@gmail.com
- We enjoy the newsletter and did join the Pringle DNA project establishing a clear link to the homeland. I researched the ancestry of my husband Walter Robert Pringle III (Skip). His grandfather was Walter R. Pringle, Merchant Marine and later Captain and owner of the Pringle Barge Line operating on the great lakes and great grandfather Robert C. Pringle later Master of a Fire Tug out of Duluth MN. Skip's father W. R. Pringle Jr. was a Lieut. in the Merchant Marines retired in 1945 at age 23 and was going to purchase a ship when the plane went down. He did not survive. Great great GF is Capt. John C. Pringle-Parents William Pringle, Edinburgh and Ellen Thompson, England. Should you have information from records about these two please let me know. Thank you Cherie skipncherie@aol.com

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

[Comments & Questions](#)

CLAN PRINGLE NA 2024 GATHERING EVENT

The CPNA steering committee is considering a Clan Pringle Gathering for the Fall of 2024. This year the meeting will be virtual using Zoom as we did in 2022.

If you are interested in attending please email Garry Pringle at garrypringle@yahoo.ca and rank the weekends below in order of preference 1,2 and 3.

October 19 - 20
November 9 -10
November 16 -17

Agenda and more information in July Newsletter.

CPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Clan Pringle Association AGM will be held on June 30, 2024, at 3 pm EST and 8 pm UK time. (Please check for your local time).

This meeting will be available via Zoom link to all subscribed members. Use the link below to become a member of CPA. For questions about membership please contact Priscilla or Alastair.

<https://pringle.info/contents/association/>

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.

Click [here](#) to have Newsletter sent to your email



INTERNATIONAL PRINGLE GATHERING AT TORWOODLEE, SCOTLAND JUNE 2025

**WE INVITE ALL PRINGLE FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD TO
COME TO THIS HISTORIC OCCASION, WHERE YOU CAN:**

- **WITNESS OUR CLAN CHIEF CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**
- **ATTEND THE AGM OF THE CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION**
- **EXPLORE DISPLAYS OF PRINGLE MEMORABILIA**
- **TOUR TORWOODLEE ESTATE & OTHER HISTORIC PRINGLE FAMILY SITES**
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**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING
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