



Clan Pringle Newsletter

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From the Editorial Team:

Dear Pringles and Friends,

We hope you are well and looking forward to the opportunities of the new year. The Clan Pringle Association's Board of Trustees met via Zoom on January 17. We share with you here a few of the items of interest discussed.

Due to health problems Priscilla, our treasurer, and Sir Murray, were unable to join us. Those present took some time to reconnect with each other as we had not met since last June. By way of follow-up to the International Pringle Gathering in Scotland last June we addressed two issues; It was decided to send a letter on behalf of the Board to Laird James of Torwoodlee to express sincere appreciation for his hospitality in hosting the International Gathering. His warm Scottish welcome and his work in the necessary arrangements are appreciated by all who attended. Regarding expenses of the Gathering event, 2,619 sterling was paid from the CPA funds, which are generated from our annual CPA membership fees. The cost of producing the membership certificates has not been paid for yet – Adam to follow-up on this item.

We took time to discuss future planning possibilities. Garry informed us that the North American Steering Committee meets next month to consider plans for the bi-annual Pringle Gathering next Fall. As the NA Steering Committee has been active and quite successful since 2016, we discussed the possibility of establishing Steering Committees, as defined in the CPA constitution, in other countries. Rob asks for email contacts in South Africa, and Dave asks for contacts in New Zealand and Australia, so that they might work to this end. Adam already has a contact group in Ireland and would like more. Andrew and James M. are considering the possibility of a UK Steering Committee.

As we reflected together, the Trustees felt that we have come a long way since our founding in 2012. Yet there are still many Pringles in various countries that we are not yet in contact with. We want to encourage all to reach out to other Pringles in your area. Share with them about Clan Pringle. If you forward us their email contact we'll gladly include them in the Newsletter mailing.

Our best to all for 2026.

Amicitia, Derek



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Irish Pringle Y-DNA Theory Update

Although I hoped it would align with our Clan Gathering in June, it was in August 2025 that I finally realised a long-held ambition to find out my Y-DNA haplogroup and possibly decipher where my family originated. I had previously thought we linked into the Ballinahone, Monaghan family, but wondered why they didn't link to any of our test results. I got a shock when the haplogroup was confirmed as R-FTA91789, which actually matched Jean-Jacques Pringels' family in Belgium amongst others.



Old family notes had suggested our family came to Cavan via Armagh, so I thought we must link to another family in the Armagh/Tyrone/Monaghan area in the early 1600s. Jean-Jacques provided a theory from his uncle's research that suggested a Robert Pringle who moved from Stow, Scotland to Tandragee, Armagh in the 1670s. I thought it a bit late to be correct, but after researching, the theory lines up remarkably well, and actually may show our links to other families too. It's important to note this is a THEORY, we would like to prove it.

I know my family line back to about the 1780s in the Cavan/Meath area. There are notes of other tenant farming families moving down from Armagh to here in the 1750s and 60s, and I think it's likely that is when we moved. I calculated about three generations of unknown Pringle men between 1670s-1750s in my line, with one born in the 1660s/70s possibly moving from Stow with his theoretical father Robert (1633-c.1684). Jean-Jacques may be descended from another son of Robert's who moved to Belgium as a merchant in the 1690s. This link matches with the timeframe for our Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA).

Robert of Stow/Tandragee was reportedly son of James of Stow (1602-1638), who is also believed to be father of William Prindle (1628-1690), later of New Haven, Connecticut fame. This makes sense as I matched some of his descendants also, some of whom I met in Scotland! James of Stow was son of Andrew of Whytbank/Stow (1567-1604), himself then supposedly a son of James, 2nd Laird of Whytbank (1539-1592).

Andrew's brother James Pringle (1570-1616) is known to be the ancestor of the South African Pringles, such as the poet Thomas Pringle. Amazingly, sharing my exact haplogroup is a Pringle in New Zealand who descends from the South African family, meaning we are the same branch, despite this MRCA being from the 1570s in Scotland.

Tracing the Whytbank line back brings you to David, 6th Laird of Smailholm (1470-1535), who was a brother of William, 1st Laird of Torwoodlee (1475-1513). A common theory for the Ballinahone, Monaghan branch is that they may descend from William of Colligarrie, Tyrone, son of the 3rd Laird of Torwoodlee. My haplogroup supposedly split off as a branch around the 1400s according to FTDNA. The Ballinahone branch has a different haplogroup, could it be that this was where they split, in the 1470s? Is our haplogroup that of the Whytbank Pringles?

Adam Pringle

Did you know that the Bible tells us about "clans"?

What comes to your mind when you hear the word clan? We know that there are clans in many cultures and countries. No doubt, we Pringles will automatically think of historic ancient Scottish and Irish systems, traditions of group identity and ancestry which today because of emigration finds itself represented in various countries around the world.

However, centuries before clan formation in Scotland we learn of the place of clans in the ancient Hebrew world. The Bible speaks of clans in the Old Testament many times. So let's look at a few examples of this. First, let's clarify one important matter. In America when people hear the word clan, they may think of the racist term beginning with the capital letter "K". That is not who we are of course. The term clan in the Old Testament defines lineage and heritage and the group's placement within society.

A good example is found in the Book of Joshua (7, 14). "In the morning therefore, you shall come forward tribe by tribe. The tribe that the Lord takes shall come near by clans, the clan that the Lord takes shall come near by household . . ." Here we find that in the societal structure clans are arranged between tribe and household/family. The tribe is the wider community while the house/family is the individual family unit. The term clan is linked to a person, a name. Later in this chapter (16-17) we find these descriptions; "So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. He brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of Zerahites was taken, and he brought near the clan of Zerahites, family by family . . ."

Another good example is found in 1 Chronicles 1, 51-54. "The clans of Edom were: clans Timna, Aliah, Jetheth, Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, Magdiel, and Iram: these are the clans of Edom." (See also Genesis 36:15:43)

So the Scottish clan arrangement was not a new concept in the ordering of society. It's focus on family relationships and ancestry is an ancient system. For many of us it plays a valuable role in our personal identity, and explains why we have certain traditions, customs, and habits.

Maybe now, having raised this subject, we might encourage folk to further explore and research the history of clans in the Old Testament going back three to four thousand years.

Derek Pringle





Pringles at New Hampshire Highland Games

My name is Ray Pringle, I live in Sumner, Maine, USA. My family has been attending the New Hampshire Highland Games since 1999. We are a family dedicated to the Clan Pringle history and we have done a lot of research on our Clan roots. We attend the games every year dressed loosely within the 1600-1700's in Great Kilts made from the Pringle Tartan.

We are hoping to be a Clan Pringle Representative at the 51st New Hampshire Highland Games September 18-20, 2026, where we would have a Clan Tent. We would have books, reading materials, and visuals to show attendees and inform them of the history of Clan Pringle. We spend all day talking to people about our garb and the history as it is and it would be fantastic to have a Tent that represents our Great Clan for NH Highland Games to come.

Ray Pringle



"Thou Bonnie Wood O'Torwoodlee

Chorus:

*Thou Bonnie Wood o 'Torwoodlee
Thou Bonnie Wood o 'Torwoodlee
Near thee I spent life's early day
And won my Mary's heart in thee.*

The broom, the brier, the birken bush
Bloom bonnie o'er thy flow'ry lea
An' a' the sweet that ane can wish
Frae nature' hand are strew'd on thee.

Chorus

Far ben thy dark green plantin's shade
The cushat croodles am'rously;
The mavis down thy bughted glade
Gars echo ring frae ev'ry tree

Chorus

(Sung at the ceremony at Torwoodlee Tower in June 2025)



Happy Robbie Burns Day!

Burns' Night honors the iconic Scottish poet Robert Burns, who wrote the New Year's Eve anthem "Auld Lang Syne". Many Scots host a Burns Supper on January 25, the poet's birthday.



Burns Night is a time to enjoy Scottish traditions and celebrate his birthday with a classic combination of haggis, neeps, tatties and sometimes a warming dram.

"Robert Burns wasn't writing from a drawing room. He worked the land, knew farm life, and understood hardship first-hand. That's why his poetry feels grounded—it came from lived experience, not observation from a distance."

<https://lovescotland.substack.com/>

Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) Winter Update

On behalf of Mena, Bob and Derek, the current members of CPANA steering committee, we wish you a happy and prosperous new year. We have yet to meet in 2026 but will do so sometime in February. We are always looking for folks to join our committee and if you are interested please contact me at the email below. There are two items of interest that we will be discussing at the upcoming meeting. 1) North American Gathering for 2026. Do we want to have one? When? and most importantly are we inclined to meet in person, virtually (Zoom) or a hybrid format. 2) North American Pringle place name and notable Pringle project. Preliminary work has begun on developing a database but much more work is needed. Some of the initial findings will be presented in the next newsletter. If you are interested in helping out with the steering please reach out to garrypringle@yahoo.ca.

Garry Pringle, CPANA Chair

Pringle Library on the Web

During my research on the Internet, I managed to gather 12 books and 4 documents on archaeological excavations concerning our ancestors. All of this is available in a library on the web (but can only be accessed from a PC or a Mac with a large screen). Here's how to open it: First, go to the website whose link is provided below. Then, open the menu located at the top left of the page, scroll down in that menu, and click on the option "Hoppringle/Pringle Library (access restricted to family members only)." A password will be required, which can be obtained by sending a request via a private message to the account "Pringle Hoppringle" on Facebook. This library is perfect if you want to learn more about your origins or those of other branches of our family around the world. If you have any "Hoppringle/Pringle" writings that are not already included in this library, please feel free to submit them to the above-mentioned Facebook profile so they can be added.



Best regards,
Jean-Jacques Pringels

Hoppringle - Pringle Library on the web:
<https://www.handyserv.com/hoppringle>

"Pringle Hoppringle" on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552969820351>

Henry Arthur Pringle

I've found some information regarding one Henry Arthur Pringle who was a notable character in the Illawarra region of New South Wales where I now live. Not my Pringle line, but I do get excited whenever I discover more Pringles!

The below link should take you to an article published in 2011 which is now archived with the University of Wollongong. It appears Henry Arthur Pringle descends from the Pringles of Whytbank, specifically David Pringle (1806-1889) by his son Alexander David (Vicar of Blakeney). To my knowledge Henry had only one daughter, who also had one daughter Margaret, born in London in 1929.

[Illawarra Historical Society Bulletin July-August 2011 | University of Wollongong Archives](#)

Christine Tuita

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: April 2026. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by **April 13**
to the email below as a Word doc or within the body of your email

pringlenewsletter@gmail.com

Clan Pringle Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 27, 2026

We invite nominations for new members to the Board of Trustees. Derek our Chairman, has completed three years in this role, and would welcome the election of a new chair.

Self-nominations or recommendations of others should be sent to Derek at cdpringle@verizon.net or to any of the Trustees.

Please include name and contact information of the individual being nominated (self or other).



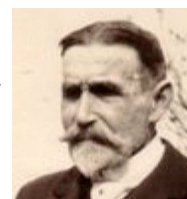
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Derek has acted as Editor in Chief for six years now. He suggested to the Board of trustees that perhaps it is time for him to pass the torch to a new editor. James M had already asked that he might step down from the team. So, we are looking for suggestion for some new member for the editorial team. Share your suggestions with a board member or email them to

pringlenewsletter@gmail.com

Ancestry Queries

- Ubba Ymirsson. Through some research I have discovered that my last name Prangle is a variation of Pringle. I am curious to know if you had any information on the Scottish relationships. My dna test show I am mostly Scottish and Irish. Please contact me if you have any information that could help me to make some connections. nsprangle@gmail.com
- Mark Pedder I am enclosing a "look alike" photo of my Dad. Dad's mum was called Jane Pringle, her dad was called Thomas Pringle Fairgrieve. If anyone has some information that would help me make some more connections I would greatly appreciate it. markpedder00@gmail.com



If you have information that could help Ubba or Mark please respond directly to them.

If you have an ancestry query please use the link below and we will place it in this section of the April Newsletter.

[Ancestry Queries](#)

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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