



Clan Pringle Newsletter

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From the Editorial Team:

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all our Pringle friends and all of Pringle descent wherever you reside around the world. We trust this Newsletter finds you well and enjoying life in this post-Easter season.

There will be two special Pringle events coming up this year:

(1). The Annual General Meeting. Just a year ago those of us attending the International Pringle Gathering in Scotland were making our final travel plans and arrangements. It was a very special and wonderful happening. The Pringle Torwoodlee Estate was the perfect venue for the Gathering. Its extensive green fields, wooded areas, and grazing hills, became the focus of our Southern Borders visit. Laird James, and Alice, offered very generous hospitality. On the day of our AGM, Alice took a group of us to tour the grand historic residence, where Pringle ancestors have lived for hundreds of years. I still recall viewing the display of many portraits of Pringles of past generations, arranged around the walls of the grand dining room - Pringle ancestors in a multiple generation family tree.

Well, that was almost a year ago. This year the Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, June 27th, 1 pm. EST, and 6 pm, UK time. Along with the regular business agenda items, we will make time for greeting and social interaction – an opportunity for getting to know each other better.

(2). North American bi-annual Pringle Gathering. This year, 2026, is the year for this bi-annual special happening. Garry is the chair of the CPA NA Steering Committee. You will see his announcement notice on the following page. We are hoping to have this event in October, and as you can see in Garry's article, we want to invite Pringles from outside North America to join us in this Gathering for sharing and building friendships.

Our thanks to those who have contributed articles for this quarterly Newsletter. We have a lengthy one from Jeff Hoel with many amazing details and dates from past Pringle generations. Thanks to Jeff, his researcher, and to Laird James, for all their work to produce this article. Each of our individual family trees ultimately link back to those days, and all new research efforts help to fill in the gaps little by little.

Best to all. Amicitia, *Derek*



Clan Pringle Association

It is that time of year when we look to renew membership in the CPA!
If you plan to renew your CPA membership or join for the first time please go to the CPA website www.pringle.info and complete the online membership form

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My Pringle Family Lineage: From Scotland to Kentucky

Jeffrey S. Hoel

Scottish Origins and Early Lineage

Through extensive genealogical research, I have traced the Pringle family across several centuries. My documented ancestry spans over five hundred years, beginning in the Scottish Borders and ultimately reaching the American Midwest. This journey reflects the historic "Scots Irish" migration, which moved from Scotland to Northern England before crossing the Atlantic to the United States.

The lineage can be traced back to **William Hoppringill** (d. 1513), 1st of Torwoodlee, who was born in 1489 in Smailholm, Roxburghshire, Scotland. Even earlier origins point to **Robert de Hoppringle** (d. circa 1275). However, records documenting the Pringle family before the 1500s are limited. While I have identified eight generations during this early period, primary sources remain scarce. If anyone has information or documentation concerning the Pringle lineage predating the 1500s, please contact me at hoeljeff72@gmail.com.

Torwoodlee and the Lairds

The Pringle family in my lineage resided at Torwoodlee, near Galashiels, for six generations. The estate and lairdship passed through the family, including **William Hoppringle** (d. 1513), **Robert Pringle** (d. 1529), **William Hoppringle** (d. 1577), **George Pringle** (d. 1637), **Lord James Pringle** 5th Laird, (d. 1658), and **Willaim R. Pringle** (brother of George Pringle, 6th Laird, (d. 1690). The lineage also includes **David Hoppringle** (d. 1480), 4th Laird of Smailholm. Over time, the surname evolved from Hoppringill to Pringle.

The English Transition (1648–1729) and Subsequent American Migration

In the mid-17th century, the Pringle family moved from the Scottish Lowlands to Northern England, likely influenced by the instability following the English Civil War. My family's entry into the United States began with **William Robert Pringle** (d. 1758), born in Ryton, Durham, England, on May 14, 1712. He first married Elizabeth Atkinson in 1748, then Mary Rachel Trumbo, with whom he had eight children. William emigrated to the United States via Canada and died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 12, 1817.

The Pringle Brothers in Early America

William's sons, **John** (d. 1819) and **Samuel Pringle** (d. 1817), served in the British Army in a Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War under Colonel George Washington. Around 1761, they deserted from Fort Pitt and headed south into the American frontier. From 1764 to 1767, they lived inside a large sycamore tree at the mouth of Turkey Run on the Buckhannon River, near present-day Buckhannon Valley in Upshur County, West Virginia. Local legend holds that the sycamore's hollow was large enough to house both brothers, with an interior diameter of 8 to 12 feet. John and Samuel are recognized as the first white settlers in this area of West Virginia.

In 1768, John learned from a trading post that he and Samuel were no longer fugitives from the British Army.

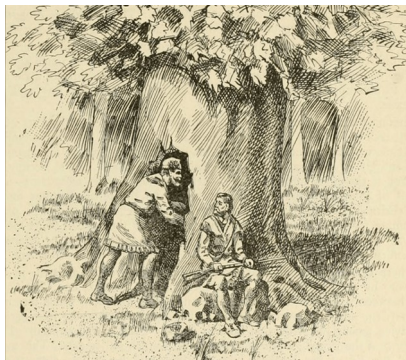
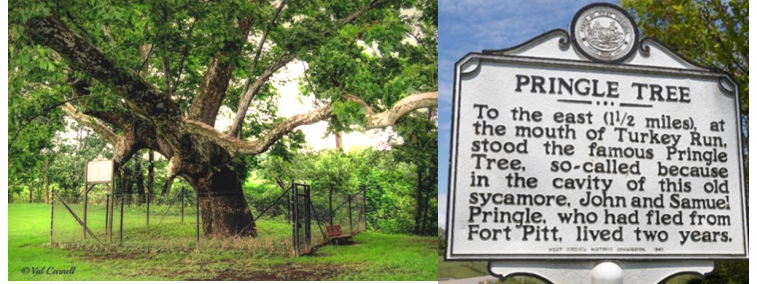


Image from p.177 of "The History of Upshore County, West Virginia from its earliest exploration and settlement to the present time" (1907)

They left their tree home in 1769 and helped establish the first permanent white settlement in Buckhannon Valley. During the Revolutionary War, both brothers served again under General Washington, this time in the Continental Army. After the war, they received Kentucky land warrants for their service. Their story marks the first white settlement west of the Alleghenies, and many locals today trace their ancestry to the Pringle brothers. The original sycamore tree no longer stands, but a third-generation descendant from the original tree roots remains at Pringle Park in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Wars, Engagements and Military Service

Many families have ancestors who lived through violent historical



The "Pringle Tree" Roadside Marker in Buckhannon, West Virginia

periods, and mine is no exception. **William Hoppringill** died at the Battle of Flodden Field in 1513 alongside many in his clan. During the Border Reivers era, **James Hoppringill, Robert Pringle, and George Pringle** experienced turmoil along the Anglo-Scottish border, with **George Pringle** (d.1637) dying in Pirne Gallowater. The family endured the English Civil War under **Lord James Pringle** (d. 1658) before migrating from Scotland to England and then to America.

In America, three of William Robert Pringle's sons - **William Pringle Jr.** (d. 1817), **John J. Pringle** (d. 1819), and **Samuels Pringle** (d. 1817) - served in both the British Army during the French and Indian War and the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Later generations fought in the War of 1812, the Spanish American War, and both World Wars. My father commanded a U.S. Navy nuclear ballistic missile submarine during the Vietnam War. I served twenty years as a Navy Officer during the Cold and Gulf Wars, and my son currently serves as a Major and V-22 Osprey Pilot in the Marine Corps reserves.

Nancy Pringle, end of the line

Nancy Pringle (d. 1861), my Great-Great-Great Grandmother, is the last ancestor I have traced in the Pringle line. Born in 1782 in Henry County, Kentucky, she married Elijah L. Garriott on June 23, 1799, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Their son, Jacob Elijah Garriott, was born in 1812. After Elijah's death in February 1830, Nancy remarried George Cortner on September 13, 1838. She passed away in Mahaska County, Iowa, in 1861 at the age of seventy-nine. Jacob Elijah Garriott served as a private in the Kentucky Cavalry for the Union Army during the Civil War and died in Fayette, Indiana. Since the early 1800s, the family has largely settled in Indiana and Ohio, where many descendants remain today.

What is next?

My wife and I have recently discovered that both of us share Scottish ancestry, tracing our roots to some of the same villages in the Scottish Lowlands. She also descends from several Lairds and Lords and has ancestors who died at the Battle of Flodden Field.

This summer, we plan to travel to Scotland with Ancestral Journeys and genealogist Jerron Atkin, who has researched our family history and sites. Recently Jerron was able to meet with James Pringle, the 14th Laird of Torwoodlee to finalize details for our trip in June. During our visit, we aim to explore several Pringle family locations and also hope to meet with Laird James Pringle..

Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA) Virtual Gathering 2026

The CPANA Steering Committee has begun discussions on a Gathering for 2026. It was decided that as much as an in person Gathering would be preferred, a virtual event would attract more attendees and would be more affordable given uncertainties with travel these days.

The committee has narrowed down the dates to either
Saturday October 3rd or 24th
12 noon EDT

Although hosted by the CPANA Steering Committee it will be
open to all Pringle's
including those outside of North America.

An agenda and firm date
will be available by the July newsletter.

Garry Pringle
Chair CPANA

CPANA Places and People and Cyrus Guernsey Pringle

Work is progressing on a listing of notable North American Pringle's and geographical locations incorporating the name Pringle. Although the listing will continue to evolve and will be a work in progress, my goal is to have a preliminary draft available by the beginning of 2027.

One interesting find in my research was that of the Pringle Herbarium located at the University of Vermont in Burlington. The herbarium (a collection of preserved plants) was founded by and contain numerous specimens collected by Cyrus Guernsey Pringle (1838-1911). Cyrus, who initially did not have a formal degree, collected plants throughout Vermont, Mexico and other North American locations. Around 3000 of Cyrus's specimens from Mexico are also housed at McGill University's Herbarium located in Montreal. A number of species were named after him and the Latinization of "Pringle" can be noted in some of the names. (e.g. *Pachycereus pringlei*, a large cactus from Arizona).

Cyrus also had an interesting, albeit short, military career. During the Civil War he was conscripted, but as a Quaker he refused to fight. He and two other Quakers were subsequently incarcerated physically punished. Eventually President Lincoln authorized a parole from service for Cyrus and his companions after an intervention by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Cyrus Pringle died in 1911 and an article of his experiences in the Civil War as a Quaker can be found in a posthumously published article (*The United States vs Pringle*) in the February 1913 edition of the Atlantic Monthly. If any of his descendants are reading this I would like to hear from you.

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Linton Kirk in the Scottish Borders

Letter from Southern Borders Kirk asking for help .

Dear Clan Pringle

As Chair of the Linton Kirk Heritage Appeal (LKHA), I am writing to ask for your help in saving **Linton Kirk** in the Scottish Borders, one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in Scotland, for future generations.

900 Years of Worship

"In the solitude of this sacred place far from the stress and strains of modern day living, perhaps, a person can find themself." Linton Kirk Visitor Book.

The African Poet

'Direct descendant of Thomas Pringle ... Thomas, the poet, was a champion of the oppressed and a courageous fighter for the freedom of the press.' Linton Kirk Visitor Book

As you may know, one notable son of Linton Parish is Thomas Pringle who was born at Blakelaw in 1789. He spent most of his early life in Linton before emigrating to South Africa in 1815 where he established a radical newspaper 'at loggerheads with the Government'. It was eventually shut down by the authorities and led to his decision to return to England.

Having witnessed slavery in South Africa, Pringle became Secretary of the London Anti-Slavery Society and spent seven years as one of William Wilberforce's lieutenants. The Act of Emancipation was published in August 1834 and is signed by one 'Thomas Pringle.' He died later that year in December.

Family History

Surrounding the Church, several of the stones in the graveyard are of interest for their carvings as well as for the information they give about the people of the neighbourhood (including **Pringles**).

If you are interested in further information on what the Linton Kirk Heritage Appeal (LKHA), have been doing and their successes, use this link www.lintonkirk.org There is a lovely short video on this website which provides some history of the church which is in the Kelso region of the Scottish Borders.

Alastair Fleming, Chair, LKHA





Clan Pringle Association Annual General Meeting



Saturday June 27, 2026
1pm EST 6pm UK

The meeting will be held via Zoom. There will be time for greetings and social interaction - an opportunity to get to know one another, as well as time for the regular business agenda. If you would like to attend the meeting via zoom please use the link below to register giving your name and email address by June 20. All who register will be sent an email with the meeting link prior to the meeting.

[Register Here](#)

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).

We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting!

Pringles researching the surname in Ireland

Below are notes from two groups researching their Irish Pringle connections.

Adam and Mike Pringle

Adam completed his DNA testing. It did not show what he thought it would in terms of the branch of Pringles from whom he believed he was descended. He reached out to some other Irish Pringles to try and rework his connections.

Mike encouraged him to look on the results as an opportunity to learn more. Is it possible that Adam might be connected directly to the Caledon Pringles distinct from the Ballynahone line from which both Mike and Derek descend. The earliest ancestor in Adam's Tierworker family tree, William Pringle (b.1750) provides a small possibility of this connection.

Below is a link to the Caledon Pringles. If you are a Pringle of Irish descent do you have connections to the Caledon Line?

[Caledon Pringles](#)

Share your information with Adam and Mike and maybe you can each expand your family tree connections.

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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 2025. 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

Yvonne Deegan and Christine Tuita

I've been looking back at Yvonne's work. Her document 'Descendants of William Pringle' (*1744 - 1798) tells us he was married twice, his second wife being Eleanor Marshall. Their son William (1781-1852) also married twice, firstly to Elizabeth Anketell (1784-1811) with whom he had four children, Eleanor (1805-1855), Henry** (1808-1824), Esther (1809 - 1836) and William (1809-1827). He then married Rebecca Ann Scott (1783-1853) and they had daughter Mary (c1827-1910).

* *Yvonne has William's birth in 1744 not 1738. Find-a-Grave has 1741.*

** *Yvonne has a question mark against Henry's death year. I don't have any further info about him as yet.*

William Snr belonged to **The Hearts of Steel** --an organization which fought landlord oppression in Ulster and apparently was tried for high treason in 1765 but was honorably acquitted. George Russell - a Pringle from the United States - has provided a great deal of information in Ancestry.

Mary Pringle married Thomas Morgan 3 May 1855 and they had eight children including William Pringle Morgan. There is quite a lot of information about the family to be found on Ancestry.com. I've not delved into this in detail as yet but found some interesting info about Dr William Pringle Morgan (Louise' great grandfather) [The Sussex Doctor who discovered Dyslexia – Quirky Sussex History by Kevin Gordon](#)

We visited St John's Church of Ireland, Caledon, Co Tyrone in 2025 and saw William and Rebecca's headstone (also children William, Essy and Ellen) - no mention of Henry.

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* *Adam, Mike, Derek and a few others are sharing information.*

Helmuth James von Moltke

Born 11 March 1907 and sentenced for treason and hanged January 1945 by the German Reich. He became a "symbol of moral opposition to the Nazi regime" A documentary of his life was made in 1992 titled "*The Restless Conscience: Resistance to Hitler Within Germany 1933-1945.*"

His mother was Dorothy Rose Innes. She was the daughter of **Jessie Pringle** who married Sir James Rose Innes. Jessie was the daughter of **William Dodds Pringle**. He came to South Africa as a child with the Scottish Party under the leadership of **Thomas Pringle**.

There is a very interesting article about Helmuth in Wikipedia which chronicles his opposition to what was happening in Germany. There are also links in the article to Jesse Pringle and her ancestry.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_James_von_Moltke

Some of you may feel you are not authors

But we say:

*"Why not give it a whirl".
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