



Clan Pringle Newsletter

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Editorial Team



Derek



Erika



Adam



Pam

From the Editorial Team:

We send our warmest greetings to all our members and friends.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Association was held on June 27, 2026, via Zoom. We began with a Pringle 'Friendship' social period, as attendees introduced themselves and shared brief exchanges and comments.

The chairman, Derek, called the meeting to order, and Andrew volunteered to take the minutes. The minutes of the previous AGM were presented. It was held at Torwoodlee, Scotland, 6/27/2025 as part of the International Pringle Gathering. That meeting had been preceded by a bagpipe procession and followed by a BBQ on the back lawn of the Torwoodlee Pringle Estate, hosted by Laird James and Alice.

Reports: This year's regular schedule of reports were presented, including Trustees, Treasurer, and each of the countries represented. Sir Murray gave a brief greeting to the group but was unable to continue with us due to his health condition. Laird James W. expressed appreciation for the comments regarding last year's hosting at Torwoodlee.

Presentation: Andrew gave a detailed overview of Clan Pringle Association's governance arrangements and constitution. He explained our relationship with the Bank of Scotland and OSCR, and suggested some changes were required. This issue will need further consideration and direction by the CPA Board of Trustees.

Elections: Andrew was elected as the new CPA Chairman, upon Derek's retirement. Garry – Secretary. Two new members were added to the Board of Trustees; Janis (Wales), and Doug (NZ).

Newsletter: Derek, Pam, Erika, and James M have served as the Editorial Team for the past six years. A vote of appreciation for their work was expressed by Dave. The current Team feel it is time for a new Team with new ideas and approaches. Three members volunteered to join in a new Team; Adam, Janis, and Mena. See more info about the Newsletter on the next page.

Best wishes and Amicitia to all. Derek.



**Clan Pringle Association North America
(CPANA)**

Virtual Gathering Saturday October 17, 2026

See details on page 4



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The Pringle Newsletter, 7/18/26

The first AGM of Clan Pringle Association that I attended was held in the dining room of Sir Murray's home in 2019. There were nine present, including my wife Pam and me. During our discussions I raised the question of an instrument whereby CPA members might interact and exchange ideas with one another on how to 'spread the word' about CPA. The Website had already done a good job in providing historical information, and the NA Facebook Page was attracting visitors. We considered the possibility of an Association's Newsletter. James M. was present at that meeting, and he and I drafted a proposal to form a small Editorial Team to produce a quarterly Pringle Newsletter.



The first issue was produced in April 2020, in the midst of the covid 19 virus outbreak. We have been able to produce a Newsletter each quarter since. I have drafted the 26 Editorial letters, and shared the news and information from the Board of Trustees. James M and Erika composed articles in the initial years, and Pam, the chief architect of our productions, arranged the basic set-up and overall lay-out of the articles, the news items, etc. Sincere thanks and well done to each of the Team.

At our AGM last month, we discussed whether this might be a good time to bring together a new Newsletter Team, with perhaps some new ideas and views. When we asked whether there might be some members interested, three members volunteered: Adam (Ireland), Janis (Wales), and Mena (Canada). So, for the next quarterly issue, October 2026, we begin the Team transfer.

The Pringle Newsletter has proven to be a valuable instrument for sharing news items and articles, and for promoting interaction and basic communication between members. We encourage all members to participate and contribute to the pages of our Newsletter, as we continue to work to grow the Association. We are the 'Amicitia' family, reaching out to Pringles and Descendants worldwide, with friendship and welcome. We love to read about your branch of the Family Tree, their stories, where they came from, and their connections to the motherland.

Amicitia to all, and God Bless,

Derek.

New Trustee & Member of Newsletter Editorial Team

Hi. My name is Janis Pringle. I've just become a trustee for Clan Pringle Association. I thought I'd tell you a bit about myself, and my reasons for wanting to join the trustees.

I suppose the main thing is that the aims and objectives of the CPA chime with my own. I was born in Aberdeen and grew up in Perth in Scotland. I spent six years in Edinburgh as a student and teacher. What I didn't know then is that my Pringle ancestors had lived and worked on farms for centuries in what are now the southern suburbs of Edinburgh, and that as a student I had unwittingly walked in their footsteps.



I've spent many years trying to find out more about my Pringle

ancestry. My family, like so many, lost contact with the network of cousins and aunts and uncles when my father moved from Aberdeenshire with his job. I guess that prompted a search later on for these lost relatives who only existed in dim memories of childhood visits: 'Wave goodbye to Auntie Jean' I'd be told, so I dutifully waved to the sweet old lady by the window, not having a clue who she was. (She was, it turns out, my grandfather's eldest sister Jane, or Jeannie Pringle, who died in 1966.) I'm fascinated by genealogy but, it seems, not everyone is. I've tried sharing my discoveries. Some have said Not interested! straight away, and some have just listened politely.

Sites such as [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) promise friendships with newly discovered relatives, but for many the aim is simply to fill in the gaps in their family trees. Once they realise I can't, they stop communicating. However in the CPA the aim is to foster and retain friendships around the world. How much better if genealogical research not only satisfied curiosity about past ancestors but also helped maintain relationships among the living too.

I'd like to continue the effort to achieve those goals, and to maintain links that have already been made.

It's been a great pleasure to discover that in Clan Pringle Association there are people just like me: interested in Pringle genealogical research, and who want to get to know, and belong to, the wider Pringle family.

I now live in South Wales. For the past six years I've volunteered on archaeological digs here. Genealogy and Archaeology appeal to me for the same reason: both unearth the secrets and mysteries of the past, and both can verify the accuracy of assumptions about history.

I hope my living in the UK, and my familiarity with Scotland, can be useful to the Association. I'd be willing to travel back to the Borders, for research ahead of CPA events for instance. It would be a great excuse to see the old country again!

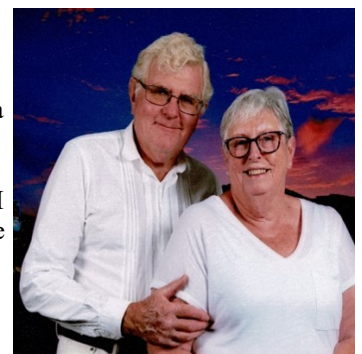
Apart from trustee responsibilities, I'll be working with two new colleagues, Adam and Mena, on the editorial team of the Association newsletter. I've always enjoyed writing and I see this as another way of bringing everyone together. I would hope that we could strengthen ties already formed by such enjoyable and successful enterprises as the International Gathering last year, by exchanging thoughts and ideas in the newsletter. I will very much look forward to gathering and publishing your input. I can't wait to meet you all.

*Best wishes
Janis, Wales*

New Trustee Douglas Roger Scott Pringle- New Zealand

It is an honour to be elected as a representative of Clan Pringle Association at the Annual General Meeting 27 June 2026. I am a descendant of a party lead by Thomas Pringle that left Scotland in 1820 to settle in South Africa. I was born in South Africa but have lived in New Zealand since 1954.

My interest in family history began when I was 17 years of age. My Grandmother Margret Pringle gave me her copy of *The Records of the Pringles* by Alex Pringle. My birth was recorded in *Pringle of Valleys* by Eric, Mark, and John Pringle which describes the South African settler's family trees in detail. I have been privileged to explore family history both in the Scottish Borders in 1989 and



2004; and then in South Africa in 2005, 2018. The pre 2016 trips were a bit rushed as I was overseas for work purposes. In 2020 Dave Pringle contacted my father to see if he was interested in Clan Pringle. He in turn forwarded Dave's email to me.

I have three grown children and seven grandchildren. My first wife Shona died in 2000 when the children were teenagers. I remarried in 2016 to Irene. We live on a lifestyle block named Stichill (in Gaelic means a *downward slope* as on a steep hill) for two reasons: firstly house is on a steep hill, and secondly genetically my late father is a descendant of the Stichill group of Pringles.

In Covid lockdown I managed to complete a record of the Ettrick Pringles of East Griqualand based on some very old photos an Uncle had sent to me. I have worked with other family members tracing ancestry of grandparents. I have collected Pringle books now having most of Thomas's works, and some books relating to Border life.

I have degrees in Agricultural Science and Science which have enabled my employment as a specialist health and safety practitioner.

*Douglas
CPA Trustee, NZ*

New Member of the Newsletter Editorial Team



Hello, Adam here, you may recognise me as I have been the Irish Representative for Clan Pringle Association since 2023. I live near Bailieborough, County Cavan in Ireland, though slightly into County Meath. I studied film production and have worked on several short films and some documentaries and features too, and I also recently completed a genealogy diploma and will graduate from that later in the year. Outside this, I am vice-chair of our local heritage society, and on the board of Canadian-based website

AncestralHomes Network. My day job for the past year and a half is as Cultural & Tourism Officer in The Bailieborough Bridewell, a visitors' centre based in a nineteenth century gaol that also discusses the impact of the Ulster Plantation on our local area. I recently got back from Galway where I was at the Film Fleadh because a film I worked on a little bit was being shown.

Back home I'm currently helping put together an exhibition with the heritage society – and also putting together my own mini-exhibit in the Bridewell – all in preparation for Heritage Week in Ireland at the end of August.

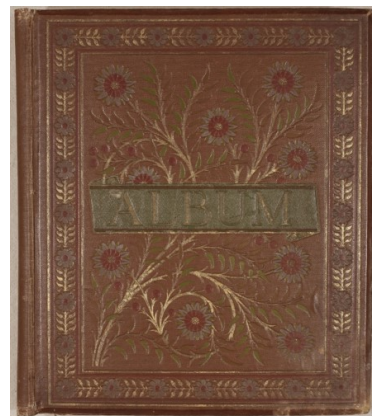
Myself, my father and my brother attended the Clan Pringle Gathering in Scotland last year and it was a great occasion! Everyone was so lovely and I really felt a connection to Scotland. I have written a few articles for this newsletter before, and I enjoy the community built around the Association and how enthusiastic everybody is.

Joining the Editorial Team is a new challenge for me, but hopefully the skills built up over the years will help me contribute alongside Janis & Mena and anybody else, and carry on the great work that has been done with the newsletter up to this point!

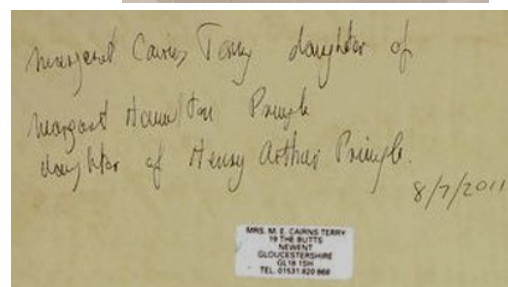
Adam, Ireland

Henry Arthur Pringle

Earlier in 2026 I made a chance discovery of a 'Pringle' who had been a notable resident of the Illawarra Region in New South Wales where I now live. I found a piece written by local Historian, Dr Joe Davis, who had come across a rare photograph album relating to the Coal and Coke industry in the region; photographs taken by one Henry Arthur Pringle. This wonderful photograph album had been in the possession of Henry's granddaughter (some sources say great granddaughter) until she sold it to Mr Barry Becarevic, an avid collector and alumnus of the University of Wollongong (UOW). **UOW now hold Henry Arthur Pringle's photograph album in their collection.** The inside cover of the album refers to Mrs Margaret Cairns Terry, granddaughter of Henry Arthur Pringle – handwritten and dated 8 July 2011.



This is only part of the story of Henry Arthur Pringle's quite remarkable life and I wonder if other Pringles around the world may have more information.



Henry Arthur Pringle was born in Hope, British Columbia, Canada circa 1864 to Reverend Alexander

St Francis David Pringle (b. India 1828 – d. Kew, London 1908) and Mary Louisa Mackenzie (b. London 1836 – d. Stirling, Scotland 1916). At the time of Henry's birth Alexander was Chaplain to the Bishop of Columbia. On the family's return to the United Kingdom Alexander was Vicar of St James, Norwich (1865-72) and then Vicar of Blakeney, Gloucestershire (1872-1903). From my understanding of records on our Pringle Clan page and further research using Ancestry.com this line of Pringles descends from the Pringles of Whytbank.

Our Henry was educated at Kings College Gloucestershire (parts of which were transformed into Hogwarts School for the Harry Potter movies). He went on to train at the Durham Mining College where he met a young Henry Osborne McCabe, a member of an important Illawarra Mining family. Henry passed his examinations as a Mining Engineer and worked for approximately 5 years with English mining companies.



'The H.A. Pringle Album' held in the University of Wollongong Archives.

By 1888 Henry has been wooed to Australia's Illawarra region seeking opportunities in the burgeoning coal mining industry, seemingly having kept in touch with his Mining College friend

Henry Osborne McCabe. This friendship helped our relatively inexperienced Henry to score the job of Mine Manager with the Southern Coal Company. To keep a long story short, there was considerable competition among Coal and Coke companies in the region and Henry suffered numerous setbacks. Geological disturbances, rival Australian companies and imports, as well as delays in the railway line being completed to enable transport of coal and coke to Sydney ports, proved extremely costly and would leave his investors back in the United Kingdom less than happy with his performance.

In 1892 Henry married Miss Maud Alice McCabe sister of his friend Henry Osborne McCabe, who would later be dubbed the hero of the [Mount Kembla Mining Disaster](#) in 1902 which claimed the lives of 94 miners and 2 rescue workers.



Perhaps fleeing from his troubles in the Illawarra, Henry decamps to Western Australia in 1894 to try his luck following a gold discovery in Norseman. It seems his wife chose not to accompany him, not surprising given the primitive accommodations in the West Australian gold fields. She possibly remained with her parents in the Illawarra before returning to England. Henry remained in Norseman until his own departure for England in 1896, having had some success in the gold fields.

*Christine Tuita, Australia
(see part II of this article in the October issue)*

Maude Alice Pringle (nee MacCabe) circa 1890.
(photo from an Ancestry Member)



Clan Pringle Association North America (CPANA)

Virtual Gathering Saturday October 17, 2026

The CPANA is hosting a Virtual Gathering via a zoom link on
Saturday October 17, 2026 at 1:00pm EST (6pm UK)

**Pringle descendants from all over the world
Are invited to join us.**

We are excited to share that we will have **Special Guests**
join us for part of the Gathering

Ruaridh JM Anderson, 2026 Braw Lad
Chloe Logan, 2026 Braw Lassie
from Galashiels, Scotland

This Gathering will be mostly informal. It is a great way to make connections, share stories, provide feedback, and have fun while learning more about our ancestry.

*Use the link below to register by October 10, 2026
a zoom link & agenda will be emailed to registered participants
prior to the event*

Register Here

*If you have questions please email
Garry Pringle at garrypringle@yahoo.ca*

Ancestor Queries

****** I am a curator at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, Connecticut. We have two wonderful drawings of tigers in our collection by **Elizabeth Pringle**, one of which is dated 1796. (You can see them both [here](#)).

I'm trying to find more information about Elizabeth Pringle, particularly her birth and death dates and married or maiden names. The level of accomplishment makes me wonder if she was from an aristocratic family. She certainly was familiar with the work of George Stubbs. She probably would have been born in the 1760s or 1770s. I did note an Elizabeth Pringle born to Sir James Pringle of Stichill in 1774. But it seems that there are many other Elizabeth Pringles alive at the turn of the nineteenth century.

If anyone in your association is aware of an Elizabeth Pringle who was an artist alive and working around 1800, I'd be very grateful for any leads! Laurel Peterson laurel.peterson@yale.edu

****** Kevin Hennessey has been researching his family. He is a descendant of Edmund Galligan (1705-1795) who is a grandson to Andrew M Pringle (1630-1702) and Violet Rutherford (1653-1705) through their son Lord oSLH Pringle (1674-1754). If anyone can provide any further info Kevin would be very appreciative. ud7579@yahoo.com

****** My mother's name is Pringle, she is from Leeds UK. Her paternal line traces back to the Scottish Borders. Earliest relative I have found is Craster Pringle born 1773. His Father's name was George Pringle but there were many George Pringles in the Earlston area at that time. Any information that could help me would be greatly appreciated. Richard Preston rncpreston@virginmedia.com

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: October 2026. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by October 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.*

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