

CLAN PRINGLE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2014
AT TORWOODLEE, GALASHIELS, SCOTLAND

WELCOME

The Chairman warmly welcomed the members to his home for the Association's first Annual General Meeting, particularly those who had travelled from afar. He was pleased to see that members were present from Scotland, England, Canada, the United States and Australia.

A list of the members present at the Annual General Meeting is attached hereto.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND PROXIES

Noted:

Apologies were recorded from members together with proxy nominations as follows:

James Michael Pringle	nominated James Bruce Pringle
John Prindle	nominated James Bruce Pringle
David Alexander Pringle	nominated James Bruce Pringle
Christine Collier	nominated James Bruce Pringle
William Russell Slye	nominated Norman Murray Pringle
James Orlo Pringle	nominated James William Pringle
Jeffrey Logan Pringle	nominated William Leon Pringle III
Patrick Pringle	
Des Pringle	

2. CONFIRMATION OF CO-OPTED TRUSTEE

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the appointment of William Leon Pringle III as a Trustee with term to run concurrently with the first Trustees appointed under the Constitution.

3. CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

Noted:

The proposed amendment of Article 10 (a) of the Constitution of the Association would enable members to participate fully in the Association on payment of the annual subscription.

Resolved:

Unanimously to amend Article 10 (a) of the Constitution to replace:
“... been a member for six months ...” with “... paid their membership fee ...”

4. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Tabled:

Trustees' Annual Report.

Noted:

- (1) The inaugural meeting of the Clan Pringle Association was held on 3rd October 2012 at Pewterer's Hall, London. A Board of Trustees for a three year term was appointed in accordance with the Constitution which was approved by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 18 March 2013 and is published on the Clan Pringle Association website.
- (2) The Board of Trustees is as follows:

Executive Committee

Chairman: James W. Pringle, 14th Laird of Torwoodlee
Secretary: Norman Murray Pringle (Pringle DNA Surname Project Administrator)
Treasurer: James B. Pringle

Trustees

Alastair S. Pringle (Co-Administrator of the Pringle DNA Surname Project)
Andrew E. Pringle
James M. Pringle (Clan Pringle Association Website Owner/Administrator)
William Leon Pringle III (North American Trustee)

- (3) The Clan Pringle Association Board of Trustees was established, a mission statement was produced and Scottish charity status was obtained. A further achievement is this present gathering of the Clan. The Website Administrator has updated the Clan Pringle website to include these achievements.
- (4) 48 people have joined the Association, but only 25 are currently paid-up members. The Trustees urged members to pay or renew their annual membership fee to help fund our missions. Membership is £15 or US\$25 per annum, per household.
- (5) Next year we intend to continue working on activities related to our mission statement, in particular preservation of Pringle historical sites. The main source of revenue is members' subscriptions and we need to devise ways of increasing our membership.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Trustees' Report.

5. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Tabled:

Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report thereon.

Noted:

- (1) 26 members are currently paid-up with four of those making additional donations. The Sterling balance in the accounts is £721, which does not include the expected Gift Aid tax rebate of £105, giving a total of £826. There were no expenses except commission deducted by PayPal.
- (2) UK based members based can Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations and the Association is then able to recover 25% from HMRC.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the Receipts and Payments Accounts with Independent Examiner's Report.

6. NORTH AMERICAN TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Tabled:

North American Trustee's Report.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle surname is concentrated in four states primarily, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and South Carolina.
- (2) James M. Pringle and Jeffrey Pringle have done a great job in establishing a social media presence for the Association. Jeff has established the Pringle Heritage Preservation Society as means to raise awareness and funding for the preservation of historic Pringle sites in need of conservation/restoration. See below:

Twitter: [Twitter.com/PringleHeritage](https://twitter.com/PringleHeritage)

MySpace: [MySpace.com/PringleHeritage](https://myspace.com/PringleHeritage)

Facebook Group: [Pringle Heritage Preservation Society](https://www.facebook.com/PringleHeritagePreservationSociety)

Yahoo Groups: [Pringle Heritage Preservation Society](https://groups.yahoo.com/join/PringleHeritagePreservationSociety)

Yahoo Groups: [Clan Pringle Association](https://groups.yahoo.com/join/ClanPringleAssociation)

- (3) Plans for the Association in North America next year follow:
 - (a) Establish a non-profit entity to represent the Association, if required
 - (b) Maintain active dialogue on social media sites and genealogical forums
 - (c) Encourage donations to preserve Pringle sites in Scotland
 - (d) Organize a North American gathering of the Pringle family
 - (e) Investigate participation in Scottish festivals in states/provinces with higher relative concentration of the Pringle surname.

Resolved:

Unanimously to approve the North American Trustee's Report.

7. TORWOODLEE TOWER

Noted:

- (1) Work on stabilising Torwoodlee Tower will start in spring 2015, but the tower will not be restored. A 50% matching grant will be supplied by Fellago Rig Wind Farm as part of its community commitment. Historic Scotland's funding rounds are now dated July each year and an application will be made at that time. It may be that further applications will be made to other bodies.
- (2) Post meeting note: Historic Scotland's application was made on 31st July 2014.
- (3) Other projects to be considered for the future are conservation of Buckholm Tower and Hoppringill Hill.

8. PRINGLE SURNAME PROJECT AND CHIEF OF THE CLAN

Tabled:

Paper on the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project.

Noted:

- (1) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project started in 2009 and Norman Murray Pringle became the Project Administrator. Our Project was hosted by the testing company DNA Heritage until 2011 when the company was sold to Family Tree DNA which now hosts the Pringle Surname Project. Participants receive a sample kit and instructions for taking mouth swabs, to be returned to the laboratory in the return-addressed envelope provided, together with a signed consent form.
- (2) To date, 48 men have joined our Y-DNA Surname Project.
 - (a) Of these, 27 men are shown to be related by varying degrees of closeness. Seven of these related men do not have the surname Pringle.
 - (b) Of the 21 unrelated men, five have the Pringle name probably because of a past adoption or illegitimacy, or an ancestor may have taken his wife's Pringle surname for some reason. The remaining 16 unrelated men had different surnames or did not provide their names.
- (3) One of the Clan Pringle Association's missions is to identify the Clan Chief through our Y-DNA Surname Project and genealogical research. Clan Chiefs are customarily the highest ranking members of the Clan. There are 264 Scottish Clans registered by the Court of the Lord Lyon of which 149 have Clan Chiefs. Of these Clan Chiefs, 55 have hereditary titles ranking from Baronet up to Duke.

- (4) A difficult period followed the Jacobite rebellion in 1745, when the UK government passed the Proscription and the Heritable Jurisdictions (Scotland) Acts in 1746 to end the Jacobite military threat. Jacobites were rounded up, imprisoned or executed. Estates were forfeited, the clan system dismantled and weaponry, plaid and pipes were outlawed (except in the military). However, in 1782 the Highland dress proscription was repealed.
- (5) The Lord Lyon King of Arms does not recognise as Chief of the Clan any person other than the head of the family. In our case, the Chiefship became linked to the Pringle of Stichill Baronetcy in 1765.
- (6) The Baronetcy was created in 1683 when King Charles II granted a diploma to Robert Pringle of Stichill and “his male heirs from his body” the title of Knight Baronet. In 1765 his grandson Sir Robert Pringle, 3rd Baronet of Pringle of Stichill became Chief of the Clan and was designated of that Ilk, thus linking the Chiefship to the Baronetcy. He amended his Pringle Baronet’s coat of arms to incorporate the crest, motto and supporters of the Chief.
- (7) On 15th May 2013 a formal report was obtained from Dr Susan Pope Forensic Consultant who was Principal Scientist for DNA Interpretation at the government owned Forensic Science Service. She considered the DNA and documentary evidence relating to the Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project. Her report concluded, in short, that Sir Norman Hamilton Pringle, 9th Baronet and Sir Steuart Pringle, 10th Baronet were not genetically the son and grandson of Sir Norman Robert Pringle, 8th Baronet. The report confirmed that Norman Murray Pringle was the genetic grandson of the 8th Baronet.
- (8) Norman Murray Pringle’s nomination to the Chiefship includes lineage and Y-DNA evidence showing that he is the senior direct descendant of Sir Robert Pringle, 3rd Baronet of Pringle of Stichill and Chief of Clan Pringle. Consequently, on 25th May 2013, the Clan Pringle Association Board of Trustees accepted his nomination as Chief of the Clan.
- (9) The Pringle Y-DNA Surname Project proved that Ronald Steuart Pringle was the true eldest son of the 8th Baronet of Pringle of Stichill and should have succeeded as 9th Baronet. Norman Murray Pringle should have succeeded as 10th Baronet. His claim to the Baronetcy has been referred to the Privy Council and his Petition to the Lord Lyon to be officially recognised as Baronet and Chief of the Clan Pringle has been stayed.

Resolved:

To unanimously (except for close relatives of Norman Murray Pringle who abstained) support the Petition of Norman Murray Pringle to the Lord Lyon to be officially recognised as Baronet and Chief of the Clan Pringle

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

9.1 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Noted:

The importance of supporting the Association's missions by increasing memberships and other ways of raising funds was emphasised.

Resolved:

- (1) To include a donations line on the PayPal page on the website for standard donations to be made.
- (2) To run annual subscriptions from the date members joined the Association.
- (3) To look into buying or designing a program to manage memberships and subscriptions.

9.2 VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was made to the Chairman and his wife for their hospitality in hosting the AGM and the barbeque at their home.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings:

James W. Pringle of Torwoodlee

CHAIRMAN

Dated: 10th August 2014