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Pringle, John, fl. 1783-1800

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## **Scope and Contents**

Letters, 1783-1800, written by William Pringle to his brother John Pringle, a tailor in Georgetown [District of Columbia]. William Pringle carried a seed business in America with his brother acting as agent. Other subjects discussed in letters include the new city of Washington; the war between France and England; politics and the economy in America and England; and the sending of William Pringle's son to America to apprentice as a tailor.

## **Keywords**

Correspondence

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## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **William Pringle to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143004

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345044

**Unit Date** 1783 February 24

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Comments on his brother's move to Georgetown; exchange of seeds; informs he may acquire tulip tree seeds from a Mr. Cox at Bladenburg, Md.; includes note from Ann Pringle to her uncle, John Pringle.

### **William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Baltimore**

**Unit ID** id143005

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345045

**Unit Date** 1783 October 12

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Has recieved four letters from his brother in the last eight years; family news; mentions Wilson "our minister in London."

**William Pringle to John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143007

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345046

**Unit Date** 1784?

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Family news; urges his brother to marry a woman who is both a "professor and "possessor"of religion.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143008

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345047

**Unit Date** 1787 August 16

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Sends seed and catalogues; seeds his brother sent failed to produce; thanks him for recommending his seed business to gentlemen in America.

**William Pringle to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143009

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345048

**Unit Date** 1789 February 2

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Sent a box of garden seeds and other items; son John wants to be a "taylor" but can't afford the expenses of an apprenticeship.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143011

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345049

**Unit Date** 1789 July 10

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Accepts his brother's invitation to take son John as an apprentice; exchange of seeds; suggests not sending tree seeds since he can purchase them in London; family news.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to Son John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143013

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345050

**Unit Date** 1789 December 23

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Regrets that his son is unhappy in America but thinks he will enjoy the new country more in the spring; news from Sydenham; wants to know about the trees, etc., in America.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to son John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143017

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345051

**Unit Date** 1790 August 27

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Family News; hopes he is enjoying America more; too expensive to send any more seeds to America because of custom duties; talk in England of war because of the impressment of sailors.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143021

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345052

**Unit Date** 1790 October 7

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Hopes his son is doing well; family news; gave Capt. William Bond credit for seeds in August of 1787 which he still hasn't paid. Includes a note from his son William to his brother John Pringle in Georgetown.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143024

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345053

**Unit Date** 1790 December 13

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Pleased to hear his son is better reconciled to America; hopes his brother will be gratified in his wish to have the new city built near him; peace between England and Spain; new buildings around London.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143025

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345054

**Unit Date** 1791 November 15

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Comments on the laws in America, Indians, and the new city; hopes his son continues to do well.

**William Pringle to John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143027

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345055

**Unit Date** 1793

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Decided not to accept John Thirkeld and his brother's invitation to come to America; has sent large order of trees and seeds to Boston; comments on U.S. Congress; England at war with France.

**William Pringle to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143028

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345056

**Unit Date** 1794

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 13 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Has received some large orders from American customs; hopes the new city will be blessed with good inhabitants, good laws, and good trade. ALS.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to J[ohn] Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143030

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345057

**Unit Date** 1794 August

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 14 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Has many correspondents and customs in Boston to whom he sends seeds; Thanks his brother for his good care of his son John.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to his brother John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143031

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345058

**Unit Date** 1794 August 17

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 15 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Plague in Philadelphia; deaths in England; fire in London; comments on the quantity of fruit this season. Includes a letter to his son John giving advice.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143033

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345059

**Unit Date** 1794 September

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 16 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Son John's illness; business is bad in England; inquire as to what kind of seeds he should send; "Morse's History of America is the best that has been published yet."

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143034

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345060

**Unit Date** 1795 January 27

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 17 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Difficult times in England for the poor; local news France has taken Holland; Prince of Orange has come to London; has seen plan for the city of Washington; thinks America will shortly be a "noble country."

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown.**

**Unit ID** id143035

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345061

**Unit Date** 1795 June 28

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 18 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Notes problems with Indians in America; "Everything in England is very dear" -- Pays his men 12s per week, "Allow[s] them Beer & find[s] them tools"; will send all the seeds his brother requests.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143036

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345062

**Unit Date** 1796 June 30

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 19 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Local news; reports that Christopher Gore of Boston has arrived having been appointed by Congress to help settle dispute about trade between England and America; expects him to come to Lydenham as he is a "customer of mine for seeds and trees"; wants orders for seeds from his brother from "the gentlemen that are improving their estates." 2 pp

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143037

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345063

**Unit Date** 1797 January 20

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 20 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Has sent garden seeds; reports of missionaries sent from England to the South Sea Islands.

**William Pringle, Sydenham, to John Pringle, Georgetown**

**Unit ID** id143038

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345064

**Unit Date** 1800 January 31

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 21 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Has received orders for seeds and trees from Boston and other parts of America; had heard of the death of George Washington; family news.

**Cover for "Certificate of Naturalization at Prince George County Court."**

**Unit ID** id143039

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345065

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 22 (Folder)