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1783-1800

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Pringle, William, fl. 1783-1800

Creator

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

Washington (D.C.)--History--18th century

Apprentices--United States--History

Gardening--United States--History--18th century

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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 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.

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 Thirlkeld 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)