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DESCENDANTS OF JUDGE ROBERT PRINGLE

By MARY PRINGLE FENHAGEN

(Continued from July)

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John Julius Izard Pringle (1,3) married Jane Lynch of New York, and lived at his plantation "Greenfield," six miles up the Black River from "White House," where his mother lived with her second husband, Joel Roberts Poinsett. Life at "White House," or "Casa Bianca" as it was called by Mr. Poinsett, is described by Frederica Bremer in *The Homes of the New World*, I, 285-305: "A fine old couple, Mr. Poinsett and his lady, who remind me of Philemon and Baucis, live here quite alone in the midst of negro slaves, rice plantations, and wild, sandy forest land." Miss Bremer, who was most interested in the lot of slaves, finds much to comment on in this connection, little unfavorable to her host. The snipe bog was famous at "White House," and J. J. Izard Pringle is said to have been a famous shot.⁷⁷ In April 1861, "White Hall," by then the home of J. J. Izard Pringle, was visited by a British newspaper correspondent, William Howard Russell, who reported that Mrs. Pringle and the children were in Europe and Mr. Pringle anxious to join them.⁷⁸ He did get to Europe but died in Rome March 10, 1862(?). His three sons, who were studying in Heidelberg at the time of their father's death, immediately hurried back to South Carolina to enter the army. Landing in the North, by July 1862 they were at home after many adventures getting through the lines. They "walked, waded, rowed in boats, if boats they could find; swam rivers when boats there were none; brave lads are they."⁷⁹ Mrs. Pringle and her daughter soon followed, they too being spirited over the lines. Jane Lynch Pringle died August 9, 1896, at Dinard, France, in her eighty-sixth year.

- I John Julius Pringle, Born June 21, 1842, died Aug. 21, 1876, buried in Magnolia. He married in 1868 Elizabeth Waties Allston, daughter of Gov. Robert F. W. Allston and Adele

⁷⁷ Susan Lowndes Allston, "White House Plantation," *News and Courier*, Nov. 16, 1930; this *Magazine*, XLII, 52.

⁷⁸ William Howard Russell, *My Dairy North and South*, ed. Fletcher Pratt (New York, 1954), pp. 122, 127-134.

⁷⁹ Mary Boykin Chestnut, *A Diary from Dixie*, ed. Isabella D. Martin and Myrta Lockett Avery (2nd ed.; New York, 1929), p. 187.

Petigru, his wife. She was born 1845 and died 1921. No issue. She left in her two books, *A Woman Rice Planter* and *Chronicles of Chicora Wood*, a vivid picture not only of her own time but of preceding generations.⁸⁰

- II Joel Roberts Poinsett Pringle, killed in battle, aged twenty-one years. Name on St. Michael's plaque. Unmarried.
- 25 III Dominick Lynch Pringle
- IV Mary Pringle, married Conte Ivan des Francs, lived in France, had one son and one daughter.

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Emma Clara Pringle Smith (1,5), see No. 14.

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William Alston Pringle (1,7) married Emma Clara Pringle Smith, youngest child of his father's older sister, on February 6, 1845. They lived in the Judge Robert Pringle house on Tradd Street which William Alston Pringle eventually inherited. The latter was admitted to the Bar at Columbia in 1843. In 1850 he gave the Fourth of July Association oration in the Hibernian Hall—the same oration which his grandfather, John Julius Pringle, had given July 4, 1800, in St. Philip's Church at the invitation of the American Revolution Society. In 1858 he became Recorder, which office he held until his death.⁸¹ He was interested in maintaining the link with the Pringle cousins in Edinburgh, and several letters of Maj. Gen. John Pringle of Edinburgh are addressed to him.⁸²

Emma Smith Pringle died October 8, 1879, and was buried in St. Michael's. She left a will signed November 16, 1874, proved October 11, 1879.⁸³

In 1886, two years after his mother's death, William Alston Pringle sold the old Pringle home on Tradd Street and moved to 27 King Street to spend his last years with his unmarried sister, Susan Pringle. Edward McCrady, the historian, describes a visit with William Alston Pringle shortly before the latter's death.⁸⁴ He died February 27, 1895, and is

⁸⁰ For mention of Pringle and Poinsett family papers presented to this Society and the Historical Society of Penn., see this *Magazine*, XLIV, 60, 132; XLVIII, 60, 61.

⁸¹ *Year Book, City of Charleston*, 1895, p. v.

⁸² Pringle Papers.

⁸³ CPC, Wills Q, 16. Her miniature, signed J. Carlin, 1845, was exhibited at the Gibbs Art Gallery, 1936.

⁸⁴ Edward McCrady, *The History of South Carolina under the Royal Government* (New York, 1899), p. 707, n.

buried in St. Michael's. He left a will naming his four surviving children,⁸⁵ nine having predeceased him, unmarried.⁸⁶

- I Anna Tilghman Smith Pringle, born Dec. 23, 1845, died Sept. 18, 1850.
- II William Bull Pringle, birth date uncertain. Survived his father.
- III William Alston Pringle, birth date uncertain. Married Minnie Lomax, no issue. Survived his father.
- IV Robert Smith Pringle, birth date uncertain. Survived his father. Married Maria H. White and had one son, Robert Smith Pringle (Nov. 11, 1883-Dec. 9, 1937), who married Sibylla Walker on Oct. 10, 1910. Issue three daughters and one son, living in Atlanta, Ga.
- V Mary Motte Pringle, born March 23, 1853, married March 3, 1880, Benjamin Rhett and left issue.⁸⁷ She survived her father.
- VI Elizabeth S. Pringle, born July 16, 1854, died May 2, 1871.
- VII Emma Smith Pringle, born June 24, 1856, died Jan. 30, 1878.
- VIII Susan Pringle, born Nov. 14, 1857, lived only a few hours.
- IX Rebecca Motte Pringle, born Nov. 14, 1857, died Feb. 15, 1884. Twin of the above.
- X John Julius Pringle, born Feb. 2, 1866, died Dec. 26, 1872.
- XI Susan Reid Pringle, born Sept. 12, 1867, died May 9, 1884.
- XII Anna Tilghman S. Pringle, born April 24, 1869, died Dec. 30, 1881.
- XIII Edward Jenkins Pringle,⁸⁸ born March 25, 1870, died June 22, 1871.

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John Julius Pringle (1,7) when he was sixteen, toward the end of 1840, was sent to school in England with his older brother William Alston Pringle, eighteen years old, and his younger brother Edward, then fourteen. They stayed more than a year, postponing their return home on the advice of their tutors, and passed a "well-spent" vacation elsewhere. In 1846, John Julius Pringle attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis, subsequently serving in the Mexican War. The family

⁸⁵ CPC, Wills T, 44.

⁸⁶ Obituary notice in the *News and Courier*, Feb. 28, 1895.

⁸⁷ *This Magazine*, IV, 122, 166.

⁸⁸ St. Philip's Register carries burial dates for this whole family, but all the bodies lie under marked stones at St. Michael's, except for the child who lived only a few hours. Where there are discrepancies between the two records, I have used the epitaphs.

have preserved a letter he wrote on board the U. S. *Germantown*, Vera Cruz, September 18, 1847, in which he explains he has declined a leave granted him because of a wound. He signed himself "J. J. Pringle, Pass. Midshipman."

He married in 1849 Maria L. Duncan (Jan. 13, 1826-Oct. 15, 1908), daughter of the wealthy Natchez planter, Stephen Duncan. Her lovely home there, "Auburn," was later given by her son and her brother, Dr. Stephen Duncan, to the town of Natchez as its local public park. Many references to Dr. Stephen Duncan and his attractive wife fill the letters of Wade Hampton, III, whose plantation "Wild Woods" was in the neighborhood of the Duncans' holdings. Dr. Duncan was a Unionist during the War, and their relations cooled but seem to have resumed at the War's end.⁸⁹ In May 1849 John Julius Pringle and his wife left Charleston for their first trip abroad together. They journeyed back and forth many times but spent the war years in Europe. Immediately thereafter, he brought his family to Newport for a few months, where their reception there, soon after Lincoln's assassination, was not friendly. He returned to France, building in 1870 his large villa at Biarritz, where his family made their headquarters except for the summer months, spent in a cottage in Versailles. He came each year to Charleston, later bringing his son with him, while the ladies remained in France. His daughters performed great services in World War I, for which they were honored by the French Government, and again in World War II, remaining in Biarritz during the German occupation. John Julius Pringle died at Biarritz October 30, 1901. Here he lies in a tomb at Sabaou Cemetery with his wife and children. Only one daughter married, and she left no issue.⁹⁰

- I Stephen Duncan Pringle, born Jan. 17, 1854, died July 13, 1917. Unmarried.
- II Catherine Pringle, died before 1942.
- III Susan Pringle, died Jan. 21, 1942.
- IV Mary M. Pringle, died May 5, 1945.
- V Maria Duncan Pringle, died Jan. 5, 1940.
- VI Charlotte Pringle, married—? Radcliffe, of Devon, England. No issue.

⁸⁹ *Family Letters of the Three Wade Hamptons, 1782-1901*, ed. Charles E. Cauthen (Columbia, 1953).

⁹⁰ Birth dates not known to me, but death dates copied from Sabaou Cemetery.

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Edward Jenkins Pringle (1,7) graduated from Harvard in 1845, standing third in his class. After reading law in H. A. DeSaussure's office for two years, in 1847 he was admitted to the Bar in Columbia. He then went abroad, travelling on the continent, and was in Paris at the time of the fall of Louis Philippe. In England a letter of introduction to John Forster, editor of the London *Examiner*, resulted in a dinner invitation; much to his delight he found the other guests included Dickens, Carlyle, and Ralph Waldo Emerson, with Carlyle doing most of the talking.⁹¹ He returned to Charleston in 1849, and practised law for three years.⁹² But California attracted his attention, and he sailed for the west, landing in San Francisco December 31, 1853. Early in 1854 he formed a law partnership with two Harvard classmates, A. C. Whitcomb and John B. Felton, the firm being Whitcomb, Pringle, & Felton. He handled many of the largest land cases in California's history, and made a deep study of Spanish and Mexican land grants.⁹¹

He remained in California during the war. A letter from him dated November 30, 1860, says: "I see Mr. Chestnut has resigned and that South Carolina is hastening into a Convention, perhaps to secession. Mr. Chestnut is probably to be President of the Convention. I see all of the leaders in the state favor secession. But I confess I hope the black Republicans will take alarm and submit some treaty of peace that will enable us now and forever to settle the question, and save our generation from the prostration of business and the decay of prosperity that must come to the North and South from a disruption of the Union. However, I won't speculate. Before this reaches you, South Carolina may be off on her own hook—a separate republic."⁹³

When his younger brother, James Reid Pringle, came out to California in 1868, they formed a partnership and practised together until the former's death in 1871. In 1874-80, Robert Y. Hayne, his first cousin through their Alston mothers, practised with him.⁹⁴ He had just been appointed Commissioner of the Supreme Court in California, when

⁹¹ Ethel Whitmire, "Pringle Family Clings to Memorable Traditions," San Francisco *Examiner*, Apr. 18, 1937.

⁹² Wallace, *South Carolina, A Short History*, identifies as the work of Edward J. Pringle an article signed "P" in *Southern Quarterly Review* in 1850 which lamented that S. C. judges were so overworked that their decisions were often poorly written. It seems likely that *Slavery in the Southern States* "by a Carolinian" (Cambridge, 1852), identified as Edmund J. Pringle, is also his work.

⁹³ Chestnut, *A Diary from Dixie*, pp. 3, 4.

⁹⁴ This *Magazine*, IV, 263, 313.

he died April 21, 1899. Edward Jenkins Pringle married May 12, 1868, Cornelia Letitia Johnson (December 28, 1847-July 1, 1941), third daughter of Sidney L. Johnson of California. In 1875 they moved across the bay to Oakland, where they built a house and raised a family of seven children.⁹⁵

- I Edward Jenkins Pringle, Jr., born Jan. 29, 1870, died Oct. 21, 1944. He married Miriam Phillips Moore and had one daughter, Frances Pringle.
- II Cornelia Covington Pringle, born April 6, 1871. Unmarried.
- III William Bull Pringle, born Sept. 16, 1872, died Dec. 19, 1916. He married Anne Isabel Hutchinson and had two children, William Bull Pringle and Isabel Alston Pringle.
- IV Sidney Johnson Pringle, born Aug. 17, 1875. Unmarried.
- V Mary Motte Pringle, born Jan. 18, 1878, died July 2, 1930. She married Sept. 1, 1909, William Morris Houghton of Plainfield, N. J. They had three children, Mary Motte Houghton, Sarah Bryan Houghton (deceased), and William Pringle Houghton.
- VI Charles Alston Pringle, born Oct. 12, 1879, died Jan. 10, 1916. Unmarried.
- VII Euclid Covington Pringle, born April 26, 1881. He married (1st) Kathleen Bull (deceased) and had two children, Euclid Covington Pringle and Kathleen Pringle. He married (2nd) Mrs. Bert Meek.

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Jacob Motte Alston Pringle (1,7) was the Major in charge of the Quartermaster Department during the defense of Charleston harbor. "They were often in great straits for boats, small and large, and sometimes for captains willing to land at the fort under any fire at all. . . . The transportation, under the direction of Major M. A. Pringle, post-quartermaster, was admirably managed."⁹⁶

He married on May 21, 1850, Gabriella Ravenel. She was born July 31, 1827, the sixth child of John Ravenel and Anna Elizabeth Ford, of Morristown, N.J., and a sister of Dr. St. Julien Ravenel.⁹⁷ J. Motte Alston

⁹⁵ Information about children of E. J. Pringle has been supplied by Miss Cornelia C. Pringle of San Francisco, California.

⁹⁶ John Johnson, *The Defense of Charleston Harbor*, (Charleston, 1890), p. 184, Ap. cxix.

⁹⁷ This *Magazine*, XLIV, 19.

Pringle died November 27, 1886, leaving children but no male descendants today of the Pringle name.

- 26 I Anna Eliza Pringle, born March 16, 1851.⁹⁸
II Hess Alston Pringle, born Nov. 9, 1852, died May 18, 1861, buried in St. Michael's.
III John Ravenel Pringle, born June 21, 1855, died Oct. 9, 1855, buried in St. Michael's.
- 27 IV William Bull Pringle, born Oct. 5, 1857.
- 28 V Mary Ravenel Pringle, born June 6, 1859.
VI Fannie Ravenel Pringle, born Feb. 23, 1861. She married April 28, 1897, James Reid Pringle Ravenel, son of Eliza Butler Pringle (2,9) and William Ravenel.⁹⁹ No issue.

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Mary Frances Pringle (1,7) was married in Charleston on May 31, 1853, to Donald Grant Mitchell, professor at Yale and author of a number of books written under the pseudonym of Ik Marvel.¹⁰⁰ He was born April 12, 1822, at Norwich, Connecticut, son of the Rev. Alfred M. Mitchell, and died December 15, 1908. He studied law in New York, was United States Consul at Venice in 1853-54, but lived most of his life thereafter on his farm, "Edgewood," on the outskirts of New Haven. Mary Pringle Mitchell died in December 1901.

- I Hesse Alston Mitchell, born June 5, 1854 in Venice, died in Charleston while on a visit to her grandmother, on Dec. 27, 1861; buried in St. Michael's Churchyard.
- II Mary Pringle Mitchell, born Aug. 1855, married in 1879 Edward Larned Ryerson of Chicago. Left issue.
- III Elizabeth Woodbridge Mitchell, born Dec. 26, 1856, died about 1943. Unmarried.
- IV William Pringle Mitchell, born Aug. 5, 1858, married Kate—?, died about 1900. No issue.
- V Susan Pringle Mitchell, born July 3, 1860, died April 1932, married James Mason Hoppin, who predeceased her. No issue.
- VI Donald Grant Mitchell, Jr., born Dec. 9, 1861, died April 1950, married Mary Dews Rees. Issue.

⁹⁸ Henry Edmund Ravenel, *Ravenel Records* (Atlanta, 1898), p. 154.

⁹⁹ *This Magazine*, XLIV, 20.

¹⁰⁰ Mitchell-Hart genealogy, this *Magazine*, XLVII, 238, n. 13.

- VII Hesse Alston Mitchell, born Sept. 14, 1863, died about 1936. Unmarried.
- VIII Rebecca Motte Mitchell, born Jan. 20, 1865, died when on a trip abroad with her husband at Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, on April 22, 1928. She married June 3, 1889, Walter Tillman Hart. Issue, three sons and two daughters.
- IX Harriet Williams Mitchell, born Jan. 20, 1870, died in 1939. Unmarried.
- X James Alfred Mitchell, born June 14, 1871, died Jan. 1892, married—?, left issue.
- XI Walter Louis Mitchell, born March 11, 1875, still living in 1960, in Newark, N.J. He married Hetty Buckner of New Orleans. Issue, two sons.

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Rebecca Brewton Pringle (1,7) was just twenty-two when she and perhaps her sister Susan, ten years older, called on Mrs. Chestnut, who thus described them: "Then came those nice, sweet, fresh, pure-looking Pringle girls. We had a charming topic in common—their clever brother Edward."¹⁰¹ She married at St. Michael's Church on December 11, 1866, Dr. Francis Le Jau Frost (June 1, 1837—September 4, 1912), son of Edward Frost and Harriet Vanderhorst Horry, his wife. She died in Saluda, July 4, 1905, and is buried with the rest of her family at Magnolia Cemetery. All her children were born at her mother's house, 27 King Street, which her surviving daughter, Miss Rebecca Motte Frost, still owns. None of her children married.

- I William Pringle Frost, born Dec. 30, 1867, died March 31, 1891.
- II Edward Frost, born June 8, 1869, died Oct. 19, 1871, buried at St. Michael's.
- III Mary Pringle Frost, born March 1871, died April 1943.
- IV Susan Pringle Frost, born Jan. 21, 1873, died 1960.
- V Francis Le Jau Frost, born March 27, 1875; Protestant Episcopal clergyman; died in the *Morro Castle* disaster, Jan. 24, 1935.
- VI Rebecca Motte Frost, born Aug. 12, 1877.

¹⁰¹ Chestnut, *Dairy from Dixie*, p. 27.

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James Reid Pringle (1,7) ninth son of William Bull and Mary Motte Alston Pringle, served as a captain in the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Artillery. He studied law, was admitted to the Bar in San Francisco in 1868, and formed a partnership with his older brother, Edward Jenkins Pringle. In December 1868, he married Cora Butterworth. On June 9, 1871, he died just a few months short of his twenty-ninth birthday and is buried at St. Michael's, where his stone says, "He had much to live for in his wife, his children and what the world calls fortune."¹⁰² The will of his older sister, Susan Pringle, states that the kindness of his widow enabled them to maintain the old home, 27 King Street.

I James Reid Pringle, married and left issue in California.

II Henry Butterworth Pringle, died in early manhood, unmarried.

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James Reid Pringle (2,9) married Sarah Gilmer Ladson, daughter of James H. Ladson (died April 3, 1868, in his seventy-second-year) and Eliza Ann Fraser (November 20, 1796- January 4, 1873), his wife.¹⁰³ The Ladsons lived at 8 Meeting Street in a house built by Major James H. Ladson (1753-1812),¹⁰³ who had married Judith Smith (1762-1820).¹⁰⁴ Here Robert Gilmer of Baltimore visited in February and March 1827, with his wife, the former Sarah Reeve Ladson, sister of James H. Ladson, and left in his diary an interesting picture of this whole family connection.¹⁰⁵ Ladson had lived with the Gilmors for three years in Baltimore, at an earlier date, when he attended St. Mary's Seminary there. Eliza Ann Fraser was the daughter of Frederick Fraser and niece of Charles Fraser, the miniaturist, who has left a charming sketch of Capt. Frederick Fraser's plantation in Prince William's Parish. At the time of Gilmer's visit, Sarah Gilmer Ladson (born July 8, 1824) was not quite three years old, and James Reid Pringle was a lad of thirteen. Even then there seems to have been friendship between the two families.

As treasurer of the vestry of St. Michael's, James Reid Pringle exerted himself after the War to secure the return and repair of its bells.¹⁰⁶

¹⁰² Epitaph in St. Michael's Churchyard.

¹⁰³ Alice R. Huger Smith and D. E. Huger Smith, *Dwelling Houses of Charleston* (Philadelphia and London, 1917), p. 203.

¹⁰⁴ *This Magazine*, IV, 251.

¹⁰⁵ "Gilmer's Diary," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, XVII, 237-8.

¹⁰⁶ George W. Williams, *St. Michael's, Charleston, 1751-1951* (Columbia, 1951), pp. 281, 282, 285, 290.

His wife died January 9, 1877, and left no surviving issue. He died June 30, 1884, and with his family is buried at St. Michael's. By his will (signed May 28, 1883, proved June 1, 1885) he left the portrait of his wife by Sully to Miss Mary F. Ladson, his wife's sister; the portrait of his son James to his sister, Rosa Pringle; "Miniatures of my brother John and of our grandfather, Dr. Robert Pringle, to my brother Julius." His sister, Rosa Pringle, was chief legatee; executors were William Alston Pringle and nephew James R. Pringle.¹⁰⁷ His miniature, painted in 1855 by Henry Bounetheau, is now owned by the Carolina Art Association, as are all the family portraits. A collection of his papers (1847-1873) is in the Duke University Library.¹⁰⁸

I James R. Pringle, Jr., born Sept. 23, 1846, died May 7, 1872. Epitaph says he served in the War.

II J. H. Ladson Pringle, born Feb. 8, 1854, died July 23, 1858.

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Harriett Maxwell Pringle (2,10) was not quite eighteen when she married Daniel Pinckney Johnstone, on January 22, 1829. As her father had died the year before, her marriage settlement names William Rivers Maxwell, her mother's brother, and James Reid Pringle, her father's older half-brother, her trustees. The witness was Amelia Garden Pringle her father's oldest sister.¹⁰⁹ William R. Maxwell had married on February 16, 1819, Anna Maria Johnstone, Pinckney Johnstone's older sister.¹¹⁰

Daniel Pinckney Johnstone, born January 15, 1807, was the son of William Johnston¹¹¹ of North Santee and his wife, Anna Maria Pinckney.¹¹² In 1824 he attended a military academy in Norwich, Vermont.¹¹³ He died in 1871; the date of his wife's death is uncertain.¹¹⁴

I Sarah Celestine Johnstone, married John R. Wilson, lived on Sullivan's Island. Issue.

¹⁰⁷ CPC, Wills, R, 17.

¹⁰⁸ This *Magazine*, XLVIII, 230.

¹⁰⁹ Marriage Settlements, X, 98.

¹¹⁰ This *Magazine*, XLV, 196; XXXII, 202.

¹¹¹ Early generations of this family did not use the final "e".

¹¹² Daniel Pinckney Johnstone's paternal grandmother, mentioned in William Johnston's will (proved Aug. 13, 1840. CPC, Wills, I, 82), was before her marriage to Andrew Johnston (1748-January 9, 1795) Sarah Elliott MacKewn. The latter was the older half-sister of Harriett Pringle's grandmother, Harriett Rowand Maxwell, through their mother, Mary Elliott. This *Magazine*, XI, 67, 68.

¹¹³ *Ibid.*, XLV, 148.

¹¹⁴ Record of children has been supplied by William C. Johnstone, Louisville, Ky.

- II Anna Maria Johnstone, married—? Tarrant, had a daughter Rose who lived in California.
- II Andrew Beaumont Johnstone, supposed to have run away from home.
- IV Harriett Maxwell Johnstone, married—? Bethanay.
- V Eliza Pringle Johnstone, died Dec. 25, 1919, buried in St. Philip's Churchyard. Unmarried.
- VI Daniel Pinckney Johnstone,¹¹⁵ called "Pinckney" by his family. Wounded at battle of Petersburg in 1864.
- VIII Amelia Clarkson Johnstone.
- IX Francie McKewn Johnstone.
- X Maxwell Pringle Johnstone, called "Maxwell" by his family.

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Amelia Garden Pringle (2, 10) married William Clarkson October 1839. He was a connection of her sister, Harriet Pringle Johnstone, and of her aunt, Mrs. William Rivers Maxwell. Sophia Beaumont Clarkson (August 24, 1808-September 17, 1845) married December 13, 1826, Andrew Johnstone, as his first wife, so became a sister-in-law of Daniel Pinckney Johnstone and of Anna Maria Johnstone Maxwell. She was the only sister of William Clarkson.

William Clarkson, born August 17, 1807, was the oldest surviving son of William Clarkson (December 1760-September 13, 1825), who was the son of John Clarkson of Nottingham, England, and Mary Loocock, his wife. William Clarkson came to Charleston in 1773 from Whitby, Yorkshire, with his uncle, Aaron Loocock,¹¹⁶ married on December 30, 1794, Elizabeth Anderson Harris, daughter of Dr. Tucker Harris and Christiana Boston, his wife.¹¹⁷ They had fourteen children, only four living to maturity. William Clarkson left a will, signed July 17, 1824, proved October 19, 1825, which states that he leaves three sons and one daughter, his wife, Elizabeth Anderson Clarkson, and a sister, Caroline Beaumont, in Yorkshire.¹¹⁸ He requested that his son, William Clarkson, be made an executor when he reached the age of 21. The latter so quali-

¹¹⁶ See "Diary of John Berkley Grimball," this *Magazine*, LVII, 98, for mention of Pringle Johnstone and D. Pinckney Johnstone, Jr.

¹¹⁷ Clarkson genealogical file, this Society. Many dates and facts have also been supplied by Mrs. Edward Claytor, Hopkins, S. C., and Blanding D. Clarkson, Hartsville, S. C.

¹¹⁸ *St. Philip's Register*, II, 258; this *Magazine*, XXVII, 34, 35.

¹¹⁹ CPC, Misc. Records, XXXVI, 1181; handsome memorial tablet in St. Paul's Church, Charleston.

fied on August 19, 1828, two days after reaching his twenty-first birthday. Elizabeth Anderson Clarkson, widow of William Clarkson, left a will which names her three sons as William Clarkson, T. Boston Clarkson, and John Clarkson, and her daughter Sophia Beaumont Johnstone. Her three sons and her son-in-law, Andrew Johnstone, are to serve as executors. Her daughter died about the time of the signing of the will, which was Sept. 25, 1845.¹¹⁹ When it was proved on July 30, 1849, Andrew Johnstone had been married since February 24, 1848, to Mary Barnwell Elliott.¹²⁰

William and Amelia Garden Pringle Clarkson lived on the Clarkson plantation, "The Raft," in lower Richland County near Eastover. The Clarksons had been acquiring land in this region since the early 1800's. An unmarried brother of the first William Clarkson, Aaron Loockock Clarkson, had died at McCord's Ferry and left a will signed March 1, 1804, and proved June 20, 1804.¹²¹ He styles himself as "of Yorkshire, England, but now in South Carolina," and leaves legacies not only to his brother, William Clarkson, but to his sister, "Caroline Beaumont in Yorkshire," and a sister, Mrs. Bremar.

William Clarkson died August 8, 1858, and is buried in Trinity Churchyard, Columbia.¹²² His will names his wife, Amelia G. Clarkson, as his executrix and mentions four surviving children. He left to his wife his house and lot near Columbia with all the plate, furniture, etc.; the remainder of his estate was to be divided into three parts, his wife to receive one, the other two-thirds to be divided among his four children, "share and share alike," when each child reached his twenty-first birthday. The witnesses were his brother, Thomas Boston Clarkson, Hugh S. Thompson, who had married in 1858 Thomas Boston Clarkson's daughter, Elizabeth Anderson Clarkson, and Len C. Clark. The will was signed July 1858, proved October 1, 1858.¹²³

Amelia Pringle Clarkson survived her husband until February 17, 1893, dying in her eighty-first year. She lived at "The Raft," which was planted by her youngest son, Alexander Garden Clarkson, surrounded by many grandchildren and often visited by Charleston relations, particularly her name-sake niece, Amelia Clarkson Pringle, who also shared her aunt's nickname of "Minnie".

¹¹⁹ CPC, Misc. Records, XLV, 547.

¹²⁰ This *Magazine*, IV, 113.

¹²¹ Edwin L. Green, *A History of Richland County* (Columbia, 1932), p. 241.

¹²² Tombstone inscription.

¹²³ Photostatic copy of document from the Probate Court, Richland County.

- I William Anderson Clarkson, b. Oct. 23, 1840, died June 6, 1880, married March 26, 1863, to Sallie Bryce.
- II Sarah Pringle Clarkson, born June 27, 1842, died Nov. 10, 1855, buried in Trinity Churchyard. Unmarried.
- III Harriet Sophia Clarkson, born Sept. 16, 1844, married Dec. 5, 1865, the Rev. Albert Rhett Stuart, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C. She left issue, five sons and two daughters. See this *Magazine*, IV, 132.
- IV Edward McCrady Clarkson, born Jan. 7, 1846, died Nov. 8, 1918, married March 23, 1865, to Sallie Hopkins Adams, born 1845, died Oct. 12, 1878, leaving issue.
- V Alexander Garden Clarkson, born Feb. 14, 1854, died May 20, 1924, married Dec. 11, 1878, Emily Barnwell Heyward, born Aug. 7, 1855, died Nov. 22, 1928. Issue listed in this *Magazine*, IV, 138; Heyward genealogy, LIX. Both are buried in Trinity Churchyard in the lot with William and Amelia Garden Pringle Clarkson.

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Joseph Pringle Clarke (2,11) was a student at the College of Charleston in 1843 but did not graduate. He married Rowena Morris Buist, sister of Dr. John Somers Buist and aunt of Agnes Ewing Buist.¹²⁴ Rowena Morris Pringle, born April 30, 1829, died September 29, 1910, and is buried in St. Philip's Churchyard. J. Pringle Clarke died January 16, 1877, aged 51 years.¹²⁵ They had many children, but the names of only two are known to me.

- I Marie Buist Clarke, 1853-April 25, 1936.¹²⁵
- II Rosa Garden Clarke, May 1857-April 3, 1862.

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Dominick Lynch Pringle (1,3,12) married Caroline Lowndes (September 7, 1846-August 3, 1919), daughter of Richard Henry Lowndes. They lived at "Greenfield" on the Black River after the War and for about ten years tried to grow rice successfully. Then relatives at the North helped him to obtain the appointment as Consul-General to Turkey. Their small son, Poinsett, at the age of eight was sent to the Porter Military Academy, spending his vacations with his Lowndes

¹²⁴ Agnes Ewing Buist married, April 25, 1889, Walter Pringle, son of Robert Alexander Pringle, first cousin of Joseph Pringle Clarke.

¹²⁵ St. Philip's register.

grandparents in Asheville. He was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1888 at the age of fifteen. His grandfather Lowndes had been for years in the Navy, having passed his examinations in June 1837, before the Naval Academy was established.¹²⁶ Poinsett was a vice admiral when he died.

- I Joel Roberts Poinsett Pringle, b. Feb. 4, 1873, d. Sept. 25, 1932, married Jan. 25, 1899, Cordelia Phythian. Left issue, Cordelia Phythian Pringle.
- II John Julius Pringle, b. Aug. 10, 1876. Has issue living in Columbia, S. C.

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Anna Eliza Pringle (1, 7, 17) married March 4, 1875, Errington Burnley Hume, an Englishman. She died January 1896.¹²⁷

- I Joseph Hume, born Oct. 1, 1876, married Mary Alston Read, was a distinguished doctor in New Orleans. Is deceased without issue.
- II Arthur Pringle Hume, born Feb. 3, 1879. No issue.
- III William Burnley Hume, born Aug. 16, 1880.
- IV Fanny Eliza Hume, born Sept. 7, 1882, died Aug. 27, 1950.
- V Gabriella Hume, born Oct. 14, 1883.
- VI Errington Burnley Hume, born June 12, 1886.
- VII William Pringle Hume, born Aug. 3, 188—, married Millicent Blackman. No issue.

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William Bull Pringle (1, 7, 17) born October 5, 1857, married Beulah Beatrice Arnold of Newnan, Georgia, April 3, 1895. After the death of his first wife, William Bull Pringle married her sister, Elizabeth Irene Arnold, on March 19, 1912. He died April 4, 1914. Issue by the first wife, one daughter; none by the second.

- I Olive Berry Pringle, born Aug. 3, 1898.¹²⁸

¹²⁶ Susan Lowndes Allston, "Admiral Pringle, Carolinian," *News and Courier*, Feb. 5, 1933.

¹²⁷ Although there were seven children from this union, none of these had issue.

¹²⁸ Information supplied by Mrs. Olive Pringle Brown, Newnan, Ga.

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Mary Ravenel Pringle (1, 7, 17) married April 10, 1883,¹²⁹ Miles Brewton Hamilton.

- I James Hamilton, born Sept. 4, 1884.
- II Gabriella Ravenel Hamilton, born May 11, 1886, married C. C. Pinckney. Issue.
- III Rebecca Motte Hamilton, born May 11, 1888.
- IV Daniel Heyward Hamilton, born Feb. 13, 1893.
- V Mary Pringle Hamilton, married Edward Manigault. Issue.
- VI Motte Pringle Hamilton.
- VII Francesca Hamilton.

Pringle is a very common name in Scotland as Alexander Pringle's *The Records of the Pringles or Hoppringills of the Scottish Border* shows. There have been Pringles in South Carolina from an early date who were not related to Judge Robert Pringle. In an effort to assist the genealogist, I will mention just a few.

In the first party of Ulster men who took up the grant, in 1732, made them by William of Orange along the Black River, there was a James Pringle.¹³⁰ Anne King Gregorie in her *History of Sumter County* mentions Pringles in that county from a fairly early date. In December 1773, Corporal James Pringle of Captain Saunders' company is appointed a sergeant.¹³¹ On June 25, 1815, Mr. George Pringle, merchant, was married to Miss Louise Liber of this city (Charleston).¹³² Thomas Pringle, bachelor, married Barbara Miller, widow, April 28, 1785, in St. Helena's.¹³³ Alexander Pringle was buried April 10, 1802, in Charleston.¹³⁴ Lawrence Quackenbush married Mary Pringle April 10, 1802.¹³⁵

A young James Pringle came from Scotland just in time to fight in the Confederate War in which he died. His name is on a tablet to the War Dead at the Scotch Church. His widow and young son, James Brown Pringle, returned to Edinburgh after the War.

¹²⁹ *Ravenel Records*, p. 154.

¹³⁰ Virginia Ravenel, "Old Hopewell Church Is Mother of Presbyterianism in Peedee," *News and Courier*, Dec. 12, 1954.

¹³¹ *This Magazine*, VII, 130.

¹³² *Ibid.*, XL, 103.

¹³³ *Ibid.*, XXIII, 150.

¹³⁴ *St. Philip's Register*, II, 371.

¹³⁵ *This Magazine*, XXXIII, 39

None of the above are members of Judge Robert Pringle's family, nor do they represent all the people bearing the surname of Pringle who figure in records of this state. This article attempts only to list Judge Robert Pringle's descendants down to 1865 but indicates holders of his Pringle surname down to a later date.