



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## **Elizabeth W. Allston Pringle family papers, 1861-1926** **SCHS# 1003.00**

**Creator:** Pringle, Elizabeth W. Allston.

**Description:** 6.5 linear ft. (16 boxes)

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Georgetown County, S.C. plantation owner and author. Elizabeth ("Bessie") W. Allston Pringle was the daughter of South Carolina Governor Robert F.W. Allston (1801-1864). She married John Julius Pringle (1842-1876) in 1870 and lived with him at White House Plantation (S.C.). She became a widow at the age of thirty-one and moved to the Allston family plantation, Chicora Wood, to help her mother manage it and to care for her widowed brother's children. Eventually she assumed control of both White House and Chicora Wood. From 1903 to 1921 she was the South Carolina Vice-Regent for the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association. Pringle wrote under the name of Patience Pennington.

**Scope and Content:** Collection contains personal and family correspondence, diaries, plantation account books, manuscripts, photographs, and other items.

Pringle's correspondence is with members of the Pringle, Vanderhorst, and Allston families as well as other relatives and friends, and discusses subjects such as social and family matters, household expenses, rice planting and other plantation affairs, Pringle's writings, taxes, and other concerns. Collection also contains other Allston family correspondence, including letters of condolence on the death of John Julius Pringle.

Journals and diaries (1861-1920) concern family matters, personal finances, the Civil War, plantation life and work, and daily and social events. Much of the diary material was used as the basis for Pringle's books, *A Woman Rice Planter*, and *Chronicles of Chicora Wood*. Plantation account and time books (1864-1915) of Elizabeth W.A. Pringle and her mother Adele P. Allston are for White House, Chicora Wood, and other plantations, and contain rice planting and milling accounts, as well as accounts for labor and household expenses.

Manuscripts include both holograph and typewritten manuscripts of *A Woman Rice Planter* (partial), *Chronicles of Chicora Wood*, and various unpublished writings.

Other items include the journal and expense accounts (1890-1892) of Pringle's sister Jane Allston Hill, journals and other papers concerning the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association, and photographs of Chicora Wood Plantation and Allston family members.

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White House Plantation (Georgetown County, S.C.)  
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Diaries.  
Journals (accounts).  
Letters (correspondence).  
Photographs.

11/17/1-10 Allston Family, 1864-1876

Family and personal correspondence, 1864-1876. Approx 100 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. family. Correspondence of Elizabeth WA Pringle, Jane A. Hill, and Adele Petigru Allston with Minnie Bacot, Henry T. Williams, Adele A. Vanderhorst, Arnoldus Vanderhorst IV, Leila Lesesne, Benjamin and Charles P. Allston; from Georgetown, Charleston, Flat Rock, NC and elsewhere regarding courting, family matters, and condolence letters.

11/17/11-23 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Personal and family correspondence, 1877-1899. Approx 150 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co., planters. Correspondence of EWAP, Jane A. Hill and Adele P. Allston with Nellie M. Ford, Anna Wells, Adele A. Vanderhorst, Anna V. Conner, Adele P. Vanderhorst, Leila Lesesne, Eliza H. Ford, C.L. Pettigrew, Charles A. Hill, F.W. Lachicotte, Waverly Mills, Arnoldus Vanderhorst V, Charles P. Allston, Joseph Blyth, Mary N., Emily R., and RFW Allston; from Tryon and Flat Rock, NC, Georgetown, Charleston, Washington DC, New York, NY regarding family matters, rice planting, household expenses, social and land matters, and sale of rice crops.

11/18-20 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Personal and family correspondence, 1900-1906. Approx 1 ½ ft.

Plantersville, Georgetown Co planter and author. Correspondence of EWAP with Jane A. and Charles A. Hill; Charles P., Joseph B., Emily R., and RFW Allston; Arnoldus V, Adele A., Adele P, Robert, Frances, and Elias Vanderhorst; Eliza Ford, F.W. Lachicotte, H.W. Conner, Poinsett Pringle, Torrie Watson, Sarah B. Wister, Harriott H. Ravenel, Louise P. Ford, Rose P. Ravenel, Rosemary Izard, James P. Carson, J. Harleston Read, Charlotte A. Moore, Mary Pringle DesFrance, Harrison H. Dodge, FM Weston, Jr., Marianne P. Ford, Est. Hazzard, Jennie Meeker Ward, Tryon; from Flat Rock, NC, Georgetown, Washington DC, Charleston regarding family matters, social events, writings of EWAP under pseudo. Patience Pennington, Mt. Vernon Ladie's Association, taxes, household and plantation affairs, colonial Dames, and the sale of rice crops.

11/20-21 Pringle, Elizabeth W. A., 1845-1921

Family and personal correspondence, 1907-1909. Approx. 300 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Correspondence of EWAP and Jane A. Hill with Beatrice, Emily R., RFW and Susan Allston; Frederick Bancroft, Anna V-H Conner, Mary Pringle desFrance, Harrison H. Dodge, Marianne P. Ford, Susan P. Frost, Est. P. Hazzard, Charles A. Hill, P.R. Lachicotte, Charlotte A. Moore, Emma I. Parker, Elizabeth P. Shackelford, Elizabeth A. Simmons, Adele A., Adele P, Elias and Arnoldus V. Vanderhorst ; Jennie M. Ward, Mary Wister, Owen Wister (1908); from Flat Rock, NC, Georgetown, Washington DC, Charleston, New York, NY regarding Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association, social and family matters, taxes, rice plantation and household affairs, writings of Patience Pennington, the Orphan Aid Society of Charleston, sales of crops.

11/21-23 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Personal and family correspondence, 1910-1917. Approx 500 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Correspondence of EWAP and Jane A. Hill with Joe Addison and other overseers, Emily R. Allston, Charles P. Allston, Susan L. Allston, James P. Carson, Anna V-H Conner, H.W. Conner, H.H. Dodge, Susan P. Frost, Alice Galbraith, Est. P. Hazzard, Charles A. Hill, Rose Mary IZard, Charlotte A. Moore, P.R. Lachicotte, Elizabeth M. Paine, Adele P.V-H Ravenel, Adele A., Arnoldus V., Elias and Francis Vanderhorst; and Owen Wister (1911, 1913); from Charleston, Georgetown, Washington DC, New York, NY, regarding family, social and land matters, EWAP's will, plantation, and household affairs, Mt. Vernon Ladies Association, Colonial Dames, and publication and readers' letters for Patience Pennington's *A Woman Rice Planter* with galley proof of introduction.

11/23-25 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Personal and family correspondence, 1918-1925 + n.d., Approx 600 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Correspondence of EWAP and Jane A. Hill with overseer Joe Addison, Charles P., Emily R., and Richard L. Allston; Harriett T. Barber, James P. Carson, Anna V-H Conner, Harrison H. Dodge, Marianne P. and Louisa P. Ford; Alice Galbraith, First Lady Florence Harding (1921), Phoebe A. Hearst, William R. Hearst, (1919 telegram), Charles A. Hill, Helene Hyde, Albert, Benjamin, and Charlotte A. Moore; Emma Parker, Yates Snowden, James R. and Poinsett Pringle; Adele V-H Ravenel, Arnoldus V, Elias, and Frances Vanderhorst; Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, regarding paintings of Chicora Wood; Bessie V-H and William Weston; from Washington, DC, Georgetown, Charleston, New York, NY, Pleasanton, CA, regarding Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association, family and social affairs, land matters, scale of rice plantations, historical concerns, and social life.

11/25-28 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A. , 1845-1921

Diaries, 1861-1920. 46 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co., planter and author. Journals and diaries (1861-1920) of EWAP regarding family matters, personal finances, daily and social events, the Civil War, sea travel up the US coast (1868); bereavement at the death of family members, plantation life and work, addresses and lists of letters received. Much of the diary material was used a basis of EWAP's books, *A Woman Rice Planter* by Patience Pennington (written 1903-1913) and *Chronicles of*

Chicora Wood (1920). Also journal and expense accounts of her sister, Jane A. Hill (1890-1892).

11/29/1-6 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Plantation account books, 1864-1915. 13 bound items, Approx 50 loose items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Plantation accounts and time books of EWAP and her mother, Adele P. Allston for White House, Chicora Wood and other Plantations regarding rice planting and milling accounts, labor, and household expenses (1864-1915).

11/30/30-45 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Non-fiction mss., 1903-1914. Approx 300 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. author and planter. Holograph mss. portions of A Woman Rice Planter by EWAP, psedu. Patience Pennington, published in serial form in the New York Sun (1904-1910) and later (1913) book form by MacMillan and Co. Bound clippings of NY Sun articles, clippings of reviews, advertisements, fragments of galley proof, and typescript fragments including the introduction by Owen Wister.

11/30/30-45 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Non-fiction mss., 1918-1921. Approx 200 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Mss. of EWAP memoir Chronicles of Chicora Wood. Early holograph version, 138 pp. Typed and holograph versions of chapters on the Allston family, extracts from her diary during the Civil War, misc. fragments and galley proofs.

11/31/1-5 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Non-fiction mss., 1913-1914. 30 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Holograph and typescript mss. fragments and tear sheets from Atlantic Monthly (Nov. 1914) of publication of "Rab and Dab" by EWAP, pseudo. Patience Pennington. Also "Rab and Dab" updated and the "Regeneration of Dab." Stories of black orphans raised by a woman rice planter. Portions of the story appeared in EWAP's A Woman Rice Planter (1913).

11/31/6-15 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Misc. fiction and non-fiction mss., 1863-1864, 1885-1915. Approx 125 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. author and planter. Holograph versions of non-fiction mss. (mostly unpublished) of EWAP, some under pseudo. Patience Pennington. Includes "fun in the fort," published in *Women in the War*, 1885, from EWAP's diary 1863-1864; *World's Fair*, Chicago, 1893; "How Women Should Rule the World," regarding motherhood; "A Situation Saved," a play regarding a small town in the South; a play regarding Joan of Arc (June 1915); "The Hoof of the Sheep is Golden;" and other misc. writings regarding Mrs. Phoebe Hearst; a "Russian Cradle Song;" a Gullah story, "Romulus Wineglass," with a list of Gullah translations and "The Ancestral Mansion..."

11/31/16-17 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Association papers, 1902-1920. 15 items

Plantersville club member. Journals, by-laws, notes, appointment as regent, letters regarding Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association (1902-1920) in SC and Washington DC.

11/31-32 Pringle, Elizabeth W.A., 1845-1921

Misc. business and organization papers, 1900, ca. 1916-1926. Approx 50 items

Plantersville, Georgetown Co. planter and author. Business papers, mostly bank receipts (1916-1926); scrapbook regarding Theodore Roosevelt; notes on Church and religion, social items, programs and invitations. Notes on edible wild plants by Ida Morris Jervey; misc. notes, circulars, advertisements, news clippings, and photos of Chicora Wood plantation and Allston and related families' photos. Misc. book of verse. Reminiscences of W. Hasell Wilson with some correspondence (1900).