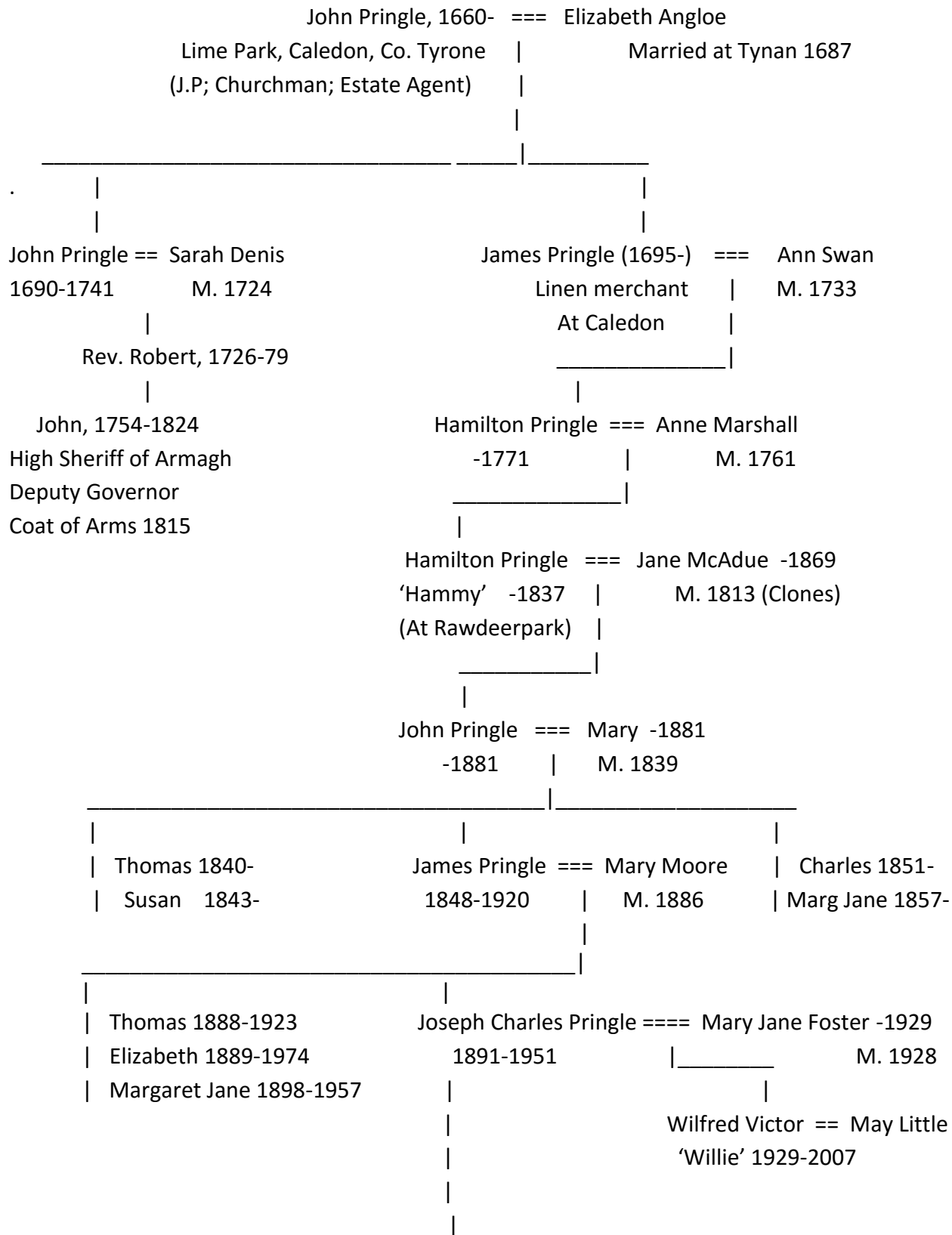


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A GENEALOGY AND FAMILY STORY

INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY TREE

Let us begin by reviewing the Family Tree ancestry listings and adding some pieces of information to create a fuller picture of this family's journey from the thirteenth century to today.

Let's start with John Pringle of Caledon who was born in 1660. He was a resident of Lyme (or Lime) Park, Caledon, Co. Tyrone (northeast of town of Monaghan). He married Elizabeth Angloe at Tynan on May 27, 1687. John is described in records as a "J.P., churchman, and agent/tenant" to John Hamilton, proprietor of Caledon Estate. His signature is found co-signing wills with the Rev. William Hamilton, 1722, who later became Archdeacon of Clogher, the position served by Cecil T. Pringle prior to 2013. (The Pringle and Hamilton names were connected in a landlord/tenant relationship and later by marriage).

John's eldest son, also named John, heads up a large family with many descendants, several of whom became accomplished leaders in politics and military, and a number are ordained in the Church. (see Family Cousins). He has a grandson John who became High Sheriff of Armagh and later Deputy Governor of Co's Armagh and Tyrone. In 1815 this grandson was awarded an Irish Pringle Coat of Arms.

His younger son was 'James', and he is the one through whom our family is linked to the Pringles of Caledon. James married Ann Swan in 1733 and they had a son, Hamilton. This Hamilton marries a woman, also called Ann, and, between 1761 and 1771, they had a son named after his father, Hamilton. No record is found of descendants, etc. of this younger Hamilton in the Caledon Pringle Family Tree. However, in Killeevan parish death records the first record of a Pringle death is of a Hamilton in 1837. There are several reasons why it appears that this is the same Hamilton as found in the Caledon Pringle Family Tree. (1). The dates identified show a similar time period and would have him between 66 and 76 years old when he died. (2). The name Hamilton does not appear elsewhere in Pringle genealogy listings of that area in that period. Also, in the Killeevan death records it identifies the Hamilton listed there as "Hammy". As father and son were both named Hamilton, and in order to identify the one from the other, it would be quite natural for the younger to become known as Hammy. (3) The Caledon Pringles were Church of Ireland. Hamilton (Hammy) was married in Clones C. of I. in 1813. Hammy's marriage puts a Pringle in the Clones/Rateerbane area over 200 years ago.