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Gail Willard Pringle and Ruth Armstrong Foster Pringle Collection

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2 Boxes; 2 Linear Feet**

Biographical Note

Gail Willard Pringle (March 6, 1897-July 5, 1981) married Ruth Foster Pringle (February 5, 1899-March 19, 1977) on June 27, 1925. They had two children – Robert G. Pringle and Margaret Pringle Harmon. They lived at 1004 First Street in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and in addition to being active in other civic organizations, Gail Pringle was past master of the Crawford Lodge #234 F. & A.M., and Ruth Pringle was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.



Kenneth, Gladys, and Ruth Foster in 1913; and Gail Willard Pringle, High School Graduation in 1915

Born in Tiona, Warren County, Pennsylvania, Gail Willard Pringle was the son of Robert A. Pringle (June 28, 1866-May 12, 1951) and his wife Sarah Francis McCalmont Pringle (June 15, 1866-December 19, 1951). He attended Rocky Grove High School. After serving in World War One, he graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1922. Gail Pringle was employed by Joy Manufacturing, and the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company from 1922-1939. From 1939 until he retired in 1962, he was employed by the Talon Division of Textron as a design engineer. Gail Pringle also taught engineer drafting at the Meadville Area Vocational-Technical School.

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Ruth Armstrong Foster was the daughter of George W. Foster (1876-1958) and Catherine A. Foster (1875-1951) and she was born in Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Franklin High School, she attended Indiana State Normal School (ISNS). In 1919, she graduated from the four-year teaching curriculum at ISNS in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and she was on the honor roll. Ruth Foster Pringle taught at the Rocky Grove elementary and high schools, and she later taught at the Third District Elementary School in Meadville from 1950 until she retired in 1964.

Scope and Content Note

This collection includes photographs, memorabilia, photographs, a school plant study project, and a scrapbook from Indiana State Normal School (1915-1919), and the wedding dress worn by Ruth Armstrong Foster when she married Gail Willard Pringle on June 27, 1925.

Provenance

This collection including Ruth Foster Pringle's wedding dress was donated by their daughter Margaret Pringle Harmon and granddaughter Margaret Paige Harmon Salera in 2015.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on September 30, 2015.

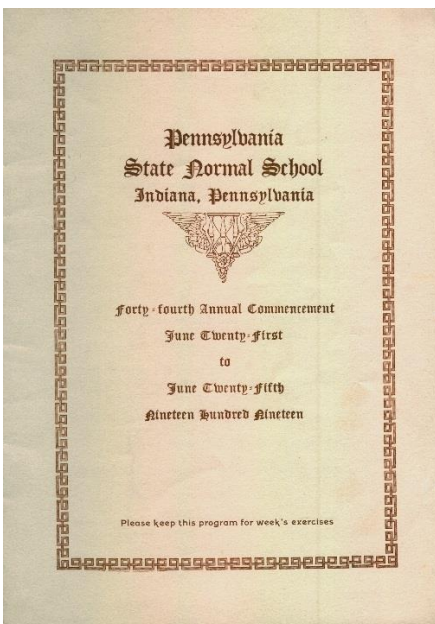
Content List

Box 1 (6 folders and 1 box)

1. Gail Willard Pringle: Photographs – High School graduation
2. Ruth Armstrong Foster Pringle: Photographs
 - a. Childhood photograph of Ruth and her siblings: Kenneth, Ruth, and Gladys Foster, 1913
 - b. Student Class photographs from Rocky Grove Elementary and High Schools, no date, and 1961-1962
3. Family Portrait Photographs of their daughter Margaret Pringle Harmon
4. Ruth Armstrong Foster: Franklin High School Yearbook *Senior Annual*, 1917
5. Memorabilia from Indiana State Normal School (ISNS), 1919
 - a. Sketchbook used for Senior Drawing Class, 1918
 - b. ISNS Commencement Program, 1919
 - c. Dance Card with attached pencil: Alumni Banquet and Dance, Indiana State Normal School, Normal Refectory and Recreation Hall, June 24, 1919
 - d. [1919 Instano ISNS Yearbook](#)
6. Obituaries and Funeral Notices

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- a. Ruth Foster Pringle (1977)
- b. Gail Willard Pringle (1981)
7. Gail and Ruth Foster Pringle: Photographs (1920s)
 - a. Portraits of Gail Willard Pringle and Ruth Armstrong Foster
 - b. Wedding day photograph on June 27, 1925 (see below), wedding to place at Ruth's family home, left to right: Robert A. Pringle, Sarah Frances McCalmont Pringle, Kenneth Braden Foster, Lorraine Dale Foster, Audley Snyder, Gail W. Pringle, Gladys Foster, Ruth Foster Pringle, Catherine Houser Foster, Dana Pringle, and George W. Foster.
8. Box: white lace wedding dress worn by Ruth Foster Pringle on the day of her wedding, June 27, 1925



1919 ISNS Commencement Program; and Gail and Ruth Foster Pringle's wedding day on June 27, 1925

Box 2 Oversized Sketchbooks, Plant Study, and ISNS Scrapbook (4 bound items)

1. Plant Study prepared by Gail Willard Pringle, Rocky Grove High School, 1912-1913
2. Scrapbook prepared by Ruth Armstrong Foster, Indiana State Normal School, 1915-1919
3. Sketchbooks for Senior Drawing Class prepared by Ruth Armstrong Foster, Indiana State Normal School, 1918 (2 Sketchbooks)

Box 3 Textbooks (7 books and 1 folder)

1. Smith, William Griswold. (1916). *Practical Descriptive Geometry*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. Textbook used by Gail Willard Pringle
2. Seely, Fred B., and Ensign, Newton E. (1921). *Analytical Mechanics for Engineers*. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Textbook used by Gail Willard Pringle
3. Merriman, Mansfield, and Jacoby, Henry S. (1920). *A Text-book on Roofs and Bridges*,

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- Part I.* New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Textbook used by Gail Willard Pringle
4. Finch, Rev. James B. (1898). *Caesar's Gallic War Book I.* Reading, Pennsylvania: Handy Book Company. Latin-English Textbook used by Ruth Foster Pringle
 5. Sanford, Frederick Warren and Scott, Harry Fletcher. (no date). *Supplementary Latin Readings: Perseus and Hercules from a Junior Latin Reader.* New York: Scott, Foresman and Company. Textbook used by Ruth Foster Pringle
 6. Harper, William R., and Gallup, Frank A. (1898). *Ten Orations of Cicero.* New York: American Book Company. Textbook with notes written by Ruth Foster Pringle
 7. Collar, William C., and Daniell, M. Grant. (1901). *The First Latin Book.* Boston: Ginn & Company. Textbook used by Ruth Foster Pringle
 8. Notes written by Ruth Foster Pringle removed from Book 6: *Ten Orations of Cicero* (1898)