

Research Notes on the Pringles of Clifton

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Clifton lies northeast of Jedburgh and very close to the border. I believe the Pringles of Clifton were cadets of William Pringle, constable of Cessford Castle from 1467. William's first appearance in the records was as a member of the Jedburgh Assize in January 1465. For my part, I am a direct descendent of the said William. Mark Pringle, first of Clifton, made his fortune at the start of the 17th century when the two kingdoms (England and Scotland) were united, as did the Pringles of Stichill to which I belong. Later the Pringles of Clifton acquired The Haining just south of Selkirk and other lands. They were once a wealthy family but the assets passed down the female side.