

FROM EDINBURGH

		MONDAY TO SATURDAY			SUNDAY	
EDINBURGH		8 15 a.m.	10 45 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	8 15 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
HERIOT		9 15 a.m.	11 .45 a.m.	5.30 p.m.	9 15 a.m.	6.00 p.m.

Single Fares were:-	1st Class	3/9d	(19p)
	2nd Class	2/9d	(14p)
	3rd Class	1/10d	(9p)
	4th Class	1/7d	(8p)



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Where Have All The Pringles Gone?

Today in the Parish of Heriot, there is no-one with the surname Pringle and yet a perusal of the older gravestones found at the back of the churchyard reveals that this well-known Border name was once very numerous in the locality. The name certainly has not died out in the Borders; the nearest members of the clan live near Stow to the South and at Arniston to the North. The latter can easily trace their ancestry back to Pringles resident during the last century in Heriot.

Why did they leave? The answer at this stage is conjectural. John Pringle (born 1748) had six children born around the turn of the century and three of his sons followed in their father's footsteps as wrights, presumably cartwrights. Now was there sufficient business to support three sons where it had only supported their father? For some time it appeared there was, but in 1850 James became a tenant farmer on the Arniston Estate and his descendents are still there to this day.

Thomas also went into farming about this time. One theory is that they had accumulated enough capital to make a move into a better occupation. The author of this article suggests that business for the three sons was probably rather thin anyway. The opening of the railway in 1848 (4th August) quickly killed stage coaches and any other long-distance horse-drawn traffic so the