



Thomas M. Grayson
(Signature)

Christenia Davis Grayson
Born: April 29, 1831 Tenn.
Died: Nov. 24, 1915 Garrard
Co., Ky.

Born: Nov. 8, 1830 Virginia
Died: Jan. 14, 1898 Garrard Co., Ky.

Married: Jan. 23, 1857
Recorded at Tazewell, Claiborne Co., Tenn.

Enlisted in Civil War on March 6, 1862 at Cumberland Ford, Knox Co., Ky.
Served in Co "E", 6th Regt., Tenn. Vol. Inf. as wagoner under Capt. Wm.
Ausmus.
Discharged on April 27, 1865 at Nashville, Tenn.

Original picture in possession of John Thomas Grayson 848 North Hayes
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

"TOM"

HUSBAND THOMAS M. GRAYSON

Birth 8 NOV 1830 Place VA.

Chr Death 14 JAN 1898 Place GARREARD CO., KY.

Burial ON "OLD RAISED FARM" Place FLATWOODS, GARREARD CO., KY.

Father born VA Mother (US, then Tenn) GARREARD CO., KY.

Mar 23 JAN 1857 Place Recorded at TAZEWELL, TENN. Book 3, p. 81

Other Wives (if any) NONE

"CRISSY"

WIFE CHRISTENIA DAVIS

Birth 29 Apr 1831 Place TENN. (probably never Speedwell)

Chr Death 24 NOV 1915 Place GARREARD CO., KY.

Burial IN "COLLET FARM CEMETERY" Place FLATWOODS, GARREARD CO., KY.

Father Harmon DAVIS born 1793 VA. Mother ELIZABETH DERRABERRY 1786 S.CAR.

Other Husb. (if any) None

CHILDREN

Give names in full in order of birth

Male or Female

When born

Where born

Date of Country

Died

Married

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From my files

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER
VOLUME 2 No. 1. Page 1..

J. Wendell Grayson of Versailles, Ky. has kindly sent the family sheets on his gr gr grandfather Thomas M. Grayson and the 3 of his children who married and had issue, Isaac Creed Grayson, Rufus Milton Grayson, and James Marshall Grayson. See the next 5 pages for these families. It should be possible to trace the lineage of Thomas M. Grayson, born in Va. in 1830. For previous references to this line see the last Newsletter, pages 1 and 28, Letter no. 12. The information on page 1. was supplied by Mrs. Mitchell. Is the presence of a George Washington Grayson in the family of Thomas M. Grayson a clue to the lineage of Thomas? See page 10, Letter no. 11 for the other 5 George Washington Graysons; maybe one of these is a progenitor.

Many thanks to Mrs. M.J. Snider of Box 71, Dripping Springs, Texas, 78620 for the 7 pages of Grayson genealogy material in this Newsletter; see pages 7-13. Something in these lists will some day intersect with other data which we all have. The Grayson Genealogy Newsletter will serve as an encyclopedia for any and all Grayson information. However, memoranda from readers which analyse the data are most welcome and are furthermore interesting to read,

Mrs. Jean Mitchell of Rt 2 Box 6, Clayton, Ind., 46118, who gave us 3 Grayson-Edmundson family sheets in Newsletter 12 (p1-5) sent another Grayson-Edmundson Family sheet from a marriage in Md in 1699. See page 14. Who do you suppose Mary Grayson's husband, Robert Grayson was? Does any one have a suggestion? Note to Mrs. Mitchell: the correspondent mentioned in Letter 3 page 12 was William Edmundson, 1710 Van Stone Dr., Rockford, Ill., 61111, who I believe heads an Edmonson family association. On page 15 I reprint his letter to me of several years ago. On page 16 is part of a letter from Marilyn Blank from 1974 regarding Nancy Grayson-John Edmonson. This supplements the family sheet in Letter no. 12 as it contains more dates and 1 more child.

A descendant of Nancy Grayson-John Edmonson (Edmondson) in my files is Burton L. Garten, 7224 So. East Street, Indianapolis, Ind., 46227. He is looking for the lineage of Nancy Grayson.

Robert Strobeck, 1824 Amherst Ave., Orlando, Fla., 32804 sent a letter and Grayson lineage sheets. See pages 17 and following. Mr. Strobeck's grandmother was Valeria Amelia Grayson, dau of John Gugle Grayson, son of John Langdon Grayson, son of John Robinson Grayson (1779-1821). On page 19 is my family sheet for the siblings of John Robinson Grayson.

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
FROM MY FILES:
ENC # 1, 38, 79
SEARCH # 2, 14, 33

Birth: 8 SEPT. 1858
Chr: TENN
Place: TENN
Place: TENN
Place: CLAIRFIELD, TENN.
Place: NEAR SILER, KY.
Mother (Maiden Name): CHRISTENIA DAVIS
Place: RECORDED TAZEWELL, TENN. BOX 5, P. 41.

Death: 7 AUG. 1940
Burial: MOSSY GAP CEMETERY
Father: THOMAS M. GRAYSON
Mar: 25 DEC. 1879
Other Wives (if any):

WIFE: LUCINDA TEAGUE
Birth: 24 SEPT. 1861
Chr: TENN
Place: TENN
Place: LONGVIEW, WASH.
Place: KESLO, WASH.
Mother (Maiden Name): VIRGINIA BUCHANAN

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State of Country	DIED			MARRIED
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County	Country		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
M	1 GILLES WEST	16	JUNE	1891		CLAIBORNE	TENN	JELICO, TENN.	19	NOV	1967	Date: 1ST SEVA LIZ HAWN To: 2ND FLORENCE (MRS. 258)
M	2 OSCAR	26	DEC	1882		"	"	MARION CO., KY.	13	DEC	1937	Date: 10 NOV 1912 To: CERRITA MILLER 6/12 OCT 1993 Date: NEVER MARRIED
M	3 JAMES	2	JUNE	1895		"	"	CLAY SPRINGS, CALIF.	13	JUNE	1920	Date: NEVER MARRIED
F	4 MINNIE ALGIE	25	MARCH	1888		"	"	"	3	JUNE	1899	Date: DIED AS INFANT
F	5 MAGGIE ALICE	11	JUNE	1891		"	"	LIVING IN CLAIRFIELD, TENN.	24	FEB	1907	Date: 24 FEB 1907 To: WILLIAM MC CARTY d. 16 FEB 1971
M	6 WILLIE ELMER	18	SEPT	1893		"	"	NEAR PASADENA, CALIF.	11	MAY	1941	Date: To PEARL FRAZIER 1922
M	7 ROBERT JARVIS	11	OCT	1896		"	"	LONGVIEW, WASH.	11	MAY	1941	Date: To JULIA BRUCE 6. 24 AUG 1903
M	8 ERNEST GLADSTONE	2	MAY	1901		"	"	LIVING IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.	13	LILLIAN BEDETTE 2ND NITA DUFFRANE		Date: 13 LILLIAN BEDETTE To: 2ND NITA DUFFRANE
9												Date: To
10												Date: To
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HUSBAND

RUFUS MILTON GRAYSON

"MILT"

Birth. 15 JUNE 1870 Place. BELL CO., KY.
 Chr. Place.
 Death. 19 FEB. 1933 Place. POCA TELLO, IDAHO
 Burial. Place.
 Father. THOMAS M. GRAYSON Mother (Maiden Name) CHRISTENIA DAVIS
 Mar. 18 NOV. 1903 Place. LANCASTER, GARRARD CO., KY. BK. 20 P. 314
 Other Wives (if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

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WIFE

MARTHA ELIZABETH HOSKINS

"LIZZIE"

Birth. 13 FEB. 1885 Place. BELL CO., KY.
 Chr. Place.
 Death. 10 JUNE 1926 Place. POCA TELLO, IDAHO
 Burial. Place.
 Father. CLINT HOSKINS b. BELL CO., KY. Mother (Maiden Name) HENDRICKS
 Other Husb. (if any) b. BELL CO., KY.

	Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
			Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
[WS]	F	1 ROSA MAE	26	FEB	1901	CRAB ORCHARD	GARRARD	KY.	POCA TELLO, IDAHO			Date To 12 MOSE GIFFORD 2ND COOK
[WS]	M	2 WILLIAM THOMAS	17	SEPT.	1904	"	"	KY.	ROLL, OKLA.			Date To MARGIE
	M	3 ORLANDO WADE	27	JAN.	1906	ROLL	"	OKLA.	ROLL, OKLA.			Date To DIED AS INFANT
[WS]	F	4 ALTA VICTORIA	26	JUNE	1907	"	"	OKLA.	POCA TELLO, IDAHO			Date To CONNEL
[WS]	M	5 LAVALGHN MILTON	19	AUG.	1909	"	"	OKLA.	POCA TELLO, IDAHO			Date To VIOLET
[WS]	M	6 VIRGIL WASHINGTON	8	JULY	1913	OAKSDALE	"	WASH.	LIVING IN WALLA WALLA, WASH.			Date To WADA
[WS]	M	7 ROBERT FRANKLIN	3	JUNE	1915	POCA TELLO	"	IDAHO	LIVING IN NAPOLCON, MICH.			Date To 12 LOUISE BARKER & 3 LATER
[WS]	M	8 EDWARD LYNN	14	FEB.	1922	"	"	IDAHO	LIVING IN NOVATO, CALIF.			Date 9 AUG. 1941 To BETTY MARY BALES b. 8 FEB 1921
		9										Date To
		10										Date To
		11										Date To
		12										Date To
		13										Date To
		14										Date To

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HUSBAND

JAMES MARSHALL GRAYSON "JIM"

Birth 4 June 1876

Place BELL Co., Ky.

Chr.

Place

Death 27 Dec 1955

Place CURTIS, OKLA

Burial

Place CURTIS, OKLA

Father THOMAS M. GRAYSON

Mother (Maiden Name) CHRISTENIA DAVIS

Mar 1 JAN 1902

Place Recorded AT LANCASTER, Ky. Book 20, p. 38

Other Wives (if any)

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WIFE

ELLA MAE ELAM

"ELLA"

Birth 10 May 1885

Place GARRARD Co., Ky.

Chr.

Place

Death 27 Dec 1955

Place CURTIS, OKLA.

Burial

Place CURTIS, OKLA.

Father GEORGE W. ELAM

Mother (Maiden Name) MARY ELIZA BOIAN dau. of JEAN BOIAN

Other Husb. (if any)

Male or Female

CHILDREN

Give names in full in order of birth)

WHEN BORN

Day Mo. Yr. Town

WHERE BORN

County

State or Country

DIED

Day Mo. Yr.

MARRIED

Date 26 Sept 1923

To EVA L. RAMSEY

Date 25 MAR 1926

To VERA MILDRED GIBSON

Date NEVER MARRIED

Date 6 June 1932

To MARTHA HELEN GASH

Date 1932

To VERLA MARIE CLAYTON

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

Date

To

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M 1 ALONZO ISAAC

13 Oct 1902 HANNOK GARRARD Ky.

11 Nov 1966

[WS]

M 2 WILLIAM HENRY

12 Feb. 1904 [GARRARD] [Ky.]

3 Aug 1964

[WS]

M 4 CLYDE

8 JAN 1908 CURTIS WOODWARD OKLA.

LIVES IN WAYNOKA, OKLA.

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M 5 JOHN THOMAS

3 MAY 1921 " " "

LIVES IN POCATELLO, IDAHO

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Grayson genealogy:

George Grayson--Julia McWilliams Luker Grayson

George William Grayson, son of George Grayson, son of John Grayson, Madison Co., Ala. married as his second wife Julia McWilliams Luker in 1870. To this union were born the following children:

1. Ambrose Grayson, born April 2, 1871; died August 31, 1953, Athens, Tx. deputy sheriff, married, but no children
2. Maude Ann Grayson, born Jan. 17, 1873, Old Grayson Place later known as Cox's Chapel near Athens, Texas. Died Feb. 12, 1960. Married John "Jack" Cox, Aug. 8, 1895
Children:
 1. Marcus Watkins Cox, b. 2-18-1897, d. 7-20-1902,
 2. Orris Marietta Cox, born May 9, 1899, married Adolph Garfield Madsen Sept. 30, 1919, Cleburne, Tx. Their child: Adolph G. "Gary" Jr. born Dec. 9, 1920; died 5-26-1959. Adolph Jr. married Betty Sampey and had following children: Douglas Gary, b. 5-3-1950, Kansas City, Mo. Karen Sue, b. 6-14-1952, Kansas City, Mo.; Lisa Marie b. 10-8-1956, Wichita, Kan.
 3. Infant daughter born and died Jan. 20, 1901, Sunday.
 5. Alpha Omega Cox, born Mar. 31, 1904, married Merton Dee Smith 1925, Los Angeles, Calif. Child: Donald Bruce Smith married Julie Winter
 4. Guy Grayson Cox, b. Jan. 17, 1902, married Mildred Gertrude Pruitt in Kansas City, Mo. Their children: Maudie Lou b. 10-30-1929 and Patty Ann, b. 12-24-1932
 6. Johnnie Edith Cox b. Jan. 30, 1906, died about six months.
 7. Charles Bruce Cox, b. July 1, 1908, married Ruth Wahrenbrock in Kansas City, Mo. 1934. Children: Carolyn Ruth, Charles Bruce, Jr. and Judith Ann.
 8. George Arden Cox, b. Aug. 26, 1910, married Ruby Anders, Athens, Tx. Their children: Jack Britton b. 12-31-1935, Elaine b. 10-17- ? and Barbara Sue b. Dec. 31, 1944
 9. Triplets, born and died Dec. 22, 1912
 10. Twin girls born Feb. 25, 1914: Martha Pat married Henry M. Larkin, b. Sept. 20, ? Athens, Tx.. Their children: Patrick Henry Larkin, b. May 20, 1938 and twin daughters Janette and Nanette b. 11-23-1941. Other twin: Mary Ted Cox married G. Cleburn Pool, born Sept. 20, ? Athens, Tx.. Their children: Dolores and Garland Pool
 11. Julia Hazel Cox, b. Sept. 12, 1916, married Philip A. Born in Los Angeles, Calif. Their children: Diana Joyce Born b. 11-8-1943, Cynthia Jean Born, b. 3-26-1947 and Christina b. Aug. 6, 1949.
3. Samuel Mark Grayson, b. March 18, 1877; d. 4-2-1964, married Mattie Jo Neil. Their children: Samuel Mark, Jr. and Eunice Grayson.

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Durham
co.
Graysons: From microfische of English Counties in Norman Library, Austin

Jean Grayson m. Ralph Dixon 11-27-1577 Durham
Margaret, dau. George Ch. 1-17-1604 Witton Gilbert
William, son George Greson ch. 3-22-1619 Durham St. Giles
Thomas Grayson, son of John ch. 4-7-1622 Gateshead?
Ann Graston dau John ch. 4-17-1642 Durham
Wm. Gale son Wm. Gale ch. 4-12-1648 Gateshead
Jane dau. John Grayson ch. 2-5-1655 Gainford
George Gale son Matthew and Isabell ch. 5-15-1659 Hurworth on Tees
Ann Grason dau. John ch. 4-5-1664 Redmarshall
Wm. Gale son John Gale ch. 9-22-1667 Wickham
Thomas Gale, son Matthew & Isabella ch. 6-1-1673 Sunderland
Isabelle Gale dau. Mathew ch. 5-2-1749 Hunwerth on Tees St. Giles
Mary, dau. Thomas Grayson ch. 8-7-1688 Gateshead
Thomas, son of Thomas Grayson ch. 1-10-1689 Redmarshall
Richard, son of William Grayson ch. 5-10-1691 Gateshead
Thomas son of Thomas Grayson ch. 10-25-1691 Gateshead
Ann dau. Thomas, ch. 9-11-1690 Gateshead
John son of Thomas Grayson ch. 2-6-1693 Gateshead
Lancelot son Thomas ch. 4-9-1694 Gateshead
Anna dau. Thomas Grayson ch. 10-27-1695 Gateshead
Wm. son Thomas Grayson ch. 7-4-1710 Gateshead
Ann dau. Thomas ch. 3-25-1712 Gateshead
Sarah dau. Thomas ch. 2-7-1717 Gateshead
Thomas m. Elizabeth Richardson 8-29-1711 Stockton
William son of Thos ch. 8-2-1732 Coniscliffe
Martha dau Matthew and Eliz. Grayson ch. 9-24-1749 Sunderland
Ann Grayson dau. Matthew and Eliz. ch. 12-29-1754 Sunderland (Anthony)
Anthony Grayson son Mathew & Eliz. 10-25-1744 Sunderland (Ann)
Margaret dau Matthew ch. 4-21-1751 Bishop Wearmouth
Elizabeth dau. Matthew & Eliz. Grayson ch. 10-25-1747 Sunderland
John son of Wm. & Ann Grayson ch. 11-20-1765 Easington
William son of Wm. & Mary Grayson ch. 5-12-1798 Sunderland
Ann dau Thomas & Frances Graystone ch. 8-18-1793 Easington
Margaret Ann dau. John & Hannah ch. 6-6-1853 Gateshead
Wm. son of James and Rosa Grayson ch. 7-12-1845 Monkwearmouth

Essex

John Grayson, son of James ch. 5-14-1637 Romford

Gloucester

John Grayson m. Jane Williams 3-28-1871 Chedworth

Herford

Anthony Grayson m. Susanna Williamd 1-23-1714 Evesbatch

Kent

Benjamin Grayson and Mary Ann had Benjamin, John, Henry, and William 1830-47
Woolwich St. Mary Magadelen

Lancashire

William Grayson m. Elizabeth Marsden 4-25-1717 Walton Le Dale

William son of Mactsale Grayson ch. 4-2-1688 ~~WAXX/XA~~ Garstang

Wm. son Thomas ch. 3-18-1585 Ormskirk

Wm son John ch. July 1568 Kirkham

Wm m. Mary Moss 1682 Preston

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Graysons, Lancashire England, cont'd.

Thomas, son of Robert Grayson ch. 5-5-1700 Walton Le Dale
 Thomas son of John Greason ch. 12-24-1624 Blackburn
 Thomas Grason son John ch. 12-8-1570 Kirkham, St. Marys
 Thomas, son of Henry ch. 5-20-1604 Prescott, St. Mary
 Robert Grayson m. Luc Ashton 4-28-1561 Formby
 Robert son John ch. 6-11-1611 Lancaster St. Mary
 Myghall son Wm. ch. 9-1-1648 Garstang
 Thos in Whalley 1595
 John in Kirkham 1584

London

Elizabeth born to John and Elizabeth ch. 4-25-1743
 Benjamin son John and Elizabeth Grayson ch. 11-8-1755
 Catherine dau. John and Eliza. ch. 5-27-1750 London St. Botolph
 Elizabeth dau of Robert & Rebecca ch. 8-11-1728 St. Ann Blackfriars
 James Grayson married Hannah Hollis 1738 St. Dunston
 Mary dau. Robert and Sarah Grayson ch. 1715 St. Botolph
 Mary Ann dau. John & Eliz. 1758 St. Botolph
 Thomas son of John & Eliz. ch. 72-24-1745

Lincolnshire

Ambrosius son William ch. 8229-1563 Bilsby
 Andreas son of Wm. ch. 5-18-1562 Bilsby
 Annas dau Thomas Grayson ch. 1560 Belchford
 George Grayson married Ann Westlands 1673 Horncastle
 George and Ann had Joshua 1674 1674 Horncastle
 Edward and Margaret had Mary 1657 Horncastle
 George and Ann had Richard
 John had son Thomas 1648 Caistor
 Jos had Wm. 1605 Cunningham

Scotland

James Lawson married Elspeth Grayson 1599 Mid Lothian Edinburg
 John Grayson m. Betsy Miller 1716 Clackmannan
 John married Agnes Bell 1718 Dumfries
 York Co. England hundreds of Graysons
 Westmorland also many Graysons
 Ireland Thomas and Susanna Grayson had Mary 1706 Dublin
 Lizabeth and Thomas had Wm. 1702 Dublin St. Peters.
 Elizabeth Grayson m. Mr. Fener 1714 St. Peters.

Scotland

John Greson m. Barbary Smith 11-15-1656

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Montgomery Co., Va. summer research, 1977, County Court House

Marriages:

1793 John Grayson m. Sarah Carter A 349
1785 John Grayson m. Polly Ingles A5
1807 Ambrose Grayson m. Betsy Wysor All5
1903 Harry C. Grayson m. Mentie I. Hambrick
1904 W. C. Grayson m. Ola A. Simpkins 2-10
1905 James G. Grayson m. Millie A. Simpkins 2-15 109
1959 Archer W. Grayson m. Phylis Irvin 4-155, 187
1873 James Haden Grayson m. Fannie Hawkins
194) Charles Catlett III m. Eleanor Hutchenson
Also there were Choo, Cho, Chen, Cram
1798 Samuel Crockett m. Margaret REaburn
1799 Samuel Crockett m. Elizabeth Taylor
1800 Asher Crockett m. Sarah Blankenship
1814 Robert Crockett m. Sarah Harrison A 142
1829 Robert Crockett m. Elmira Craig
1839 Joseph P. Crockett m. Mary Pearce
1850 Harrison Crockett m. Caroline Taylor
1875 John T. Crockett m. Mary A. Dixon
1814 Polly Grayson m. James Sawyers A 362
1875 Synthia C. Grayson m. G. H. Matthews 1-43
1899 Myrtle L. Grayson m. Robert V. Cox 1-117
1969 Nancy Louise Grayson m Eric Mills Holmes 5-82
1976 Janet M. Grayson m. William Franklin Cofer 7-72

Montgomery County Court Records, County Court House, Summer 1977

John Grayson in 1805 was plaintiff against Meredith Rains defendant in common law #251

1801 William Grayson sued Rich Beckett defendant 253
1883 J. K. Grayson was plaintiff in suit #71
1891 Grayson and Shelor vs Hall & Smith #60
1804 Carter and Crockett vs. Andrew Thompson 170
1860 William Grayson was sued by Crockett Grayson 126
1773 John Grayson sued Hemphill 1-144
1774 Thomas Grayson sued Edward Price 2-21
1778 Thomas Grayson again sued Edward Price
1778 John Grayson sued Edward Price 2-173

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Montgomery Co., Va. Court House Records cont'd

1779, 1793 John Grayson's suit against Edward Price was still pending

1793 Robert Grayson sued John Blackmore 7-151

1795 William Grayson qualified as overseer of the poor

1795-1798 William Grayson sued various people

1799-1801 John Grayson sued James Gordon and others

1822 William Grayson was Lt. 1st Battl. 75th Reg.

Graysontown, Radford, Montgomery Co. was where Graysons lived and had electric plant and grist mill.

1810 John Grayson received captian rank 1st Batl. 75th Reg. VA. Militia

1811 John Grayson qualified for captain

1813 John Grayson was removed from rank of captian

1813 William Grayson qualified as captain.

1820 William became an ensign 1st Batl. 75th Reg.

1821 William was ensign in 2nd Batl. 75th Reg.

1822 Wm. was Lt. 1st BATl. 75th Reg.

1823 Wm. Lt.

1824 Wm. Capt.

1828 Wm. resigned as capt.

1803 Ambrose Grayson resigned as ensign in 2nd Batl. 75th Reg.

1804 Ambrose Grayson refused to serve

1807 John Grayson was Lt. 2nd Batl. 75th Reg. Militia of Commonwealth

1777 William Littlepage was dep. clerk

1799 John Grayson sued James Gordon, sheriff

1804 John Grayson was executor of father's estate

1806 estate administration was completed

1806-1809 William Grayson's estate was administered by wife Rachel Grayson

1844, 1841 and in between Crockett Grayson sued various ones.

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Grayson Genealogy:

Virginia Land Grants, State Archives

13-1727, Ambrose, Spotsylvania Co. Wm. Halloway's-Warners corners #13p191

Aug. 20, 1760, William, Albermale, 134 a. #13 p.853, South

Nov. 9, 1789, John Jr., Montgomery Co. 174 a. #20, p 682, New River Gerroid Menifee

Oct. 19, 1796, John Sr., Montgomery Co. 168 a. #34 p.652 on Clapboard Creek N.

May 21, 1799, John, Wythe Co., 19 a. #41 p. 247, Walkers Creek

Apr. 8, 1800, John, Wythe Co., 100 a. #42 p. 558, Walkers Creek. Also 214 a. #45 p. 303 on Walkers Creek

Jan. 10, 1810, Wm. Neuben, Montgomery Co., 150 a. Little River #59 p. 449

Jan. 10, 1810, Wm. Neuben, Montgomery Co., 150 a. #59, p. 451

Aug. 14, 1827, Ambrose, Wythe Co., 70 a. #75, p. 237, Walkers Creek

Aug. 14, 1827, John, Wythe co., 29, 14, 17 a. Walkers Creek #76, p. 233, 234, 241

Aug. 15, 1830, John, Tazewell Co., 315 a. #79, p. 220, Burkes Garden

Oct. 16, 1837, William, Montgomery Co., 45 a. #87 p. 455, Little River

Aug. 21, 1840, William, Montgomery Co. 31 a. #91 p. 98, Little River

Sept. 30, 1842, Henry, Wythe Co., 40 a. #93 p. 344 N. Brushy Mts. Hunting Crk.

Sept. 30, 1842, Henry, Wythe Co., 363 a. #93, p. 323, Walkers Creek

Jan. 3, 1856, James W. and John, Wythe Co., 4840 a. #112, p. 36 Walkers Ck.

Feb. 1, 1859, John, Wythe, 3060 a. #115, p. 846 Wakers Creek.

July 3, 1860, James, Wythe, #117 p. 143, Walkers Creek

Jan. 3, 1860, Andrew J., Wythe Co., 20 1/4 a. #16, p. 610 Walkers Creek

Sept. 1, 1864, Bland Co., 340 a. A. J. Grayson, where waters of Walkers run into Big Creek, #118, p. 417

Daniel and Mary Goodwin sold to Randolph Fewgate 300 a. on N. side of New River adjacent to John Grayson Jr.

Wythe Co. originated 1789 from Montgomery 1776-1789, Fincastle 1772-1776 Botetourt 1769-1772, Augusta 1738-1769

1735 Susannah Grayson, widow of John Grayson entered into bond with Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill. Witnessed by John Gordon, Francis Teliferreo, Rich Tutt, Francis Tunloy to administer John's estate.

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Grayson Genealogy:

Spotsylvania Co. Court Records:

St. George's Parish: Fredericksburg 1726-1745

1726 John Grayson, Thomas Chew, John Taliaferro, William Hansford were vestrymen.

1726 John and Benjamin Grayson were assigned to make the tax list and John Jr. and Ambrose Grayson planted on John's plantation.

Capt. Lightfoot and Thomas Chew viewed lands.

1728 John and Ambrose with John Robinson Esq. as warden were vestrymen. They were also vestrymen in 1729 & 1730.

John also vestryman 1731 & 1735. John and Ambrose 1731-32. Others were Robert Beverly, John Taliaferro, John Waller, Francis and John Taliaferro, William Robinson, Francis Thornton, Mosley Battaley, Richard Tutt, John Thornton, James Marye, John and Henry Waller.

No Graysons were vestrymen in 1745, but were in 1737 and 1740. Ambrose was till vestryman in 1743 and 43. Also Littleberrys there.

(John must have been the father of Ambrose, Benjamin, and John Jr.)

The First John was at Christ's Church

1735 Ambrose Grayson and John Waller brought suit for debt

1735 John Grayson, Jr. was on jury

1731 John Grayson was assigned to repair road

1732 John Grayson was on jury and was also allowed the value of timber

July 28, 1755 William Tandy of Caroline Co. sold Benjamin Grayson land. Benjamin lived in Dettingen Parish of Prince Wm. Co. 1755. Bought 263 acres patented by Moses Linton. Daughter of Seth Quarles m. William Tandy.

Grayson Genealogy:

Culpepper Co., Va. county records:

St. Mark's Church Parish Elizabeth Carter Grayson m. William DeHart Oct. 1871 and had children Annie, Roberta, John Grayson, etc.

July 2, 1761 Richard Burdyne died and left wife Catherine, son Reginald and daughters Hannah Shotwell and Barbara Grasson

1863 R. C. Grayson was a member of the Brandy Rifles.

Madison Co. Ala. Rueben Shotwell was guardian for John F. Burdine, July 12, 1830

*Cynthia Burdine
Born 7/1/1830
Died 7/8/20*

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Shuron, Windsor, Vi

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1994

FAMILY
GROUP
CORD

In indicate a child is an ancestor of the family representative place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

HUSBAND

THOMAS EDMONDSON

Born Ca 1679 Place TALBOT Co MD

Chr. Place TALBOT Co. MD. THIRD HAVEN MH (QUAKER)

Mort. 6/7/1699 Place TALBOT Co. MD.

Died 1719 Place TALBOT Co. MD.

Bur. Place JOHN EDMONDSON (DIED 1648)

HUSBAND'S MOTHER SARAH SHOUPPE (SHARP)

WIFE

MARY GRAYSON (GRASON) (GREASON) RELICT OF ROBERT GRAYSON

Born Place

Chr. Place

Died Place

Bur. Place

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S FATHER ROBERT GRAYSON

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN 2. In this column, whenever I note an issue in regard to birth, place an "X" behind the number representative of that child.	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED			
		SURNAME (CAPITALIZED)	GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
F	1	ANN EDMUNDSON								JOHN TIBBALDS (TIBBELS)			
F	2	SARAH EDMUNDSON								6/28/1720 DENNIS HOPKINS			
	3	MARY (GRAYSON) EDMUNDSON'S WILL PRO. 6/11/1742 - TALBOT Co. MD.											
	4	ROBERT HARWOOD - ACTING EXTR.; SURETIES - DANIEL POWELL AND RICHARD EWBANKS											
		GRANDCHILDREN MENTIONED IN WILL											
M		JOSHUA GRAYSON								12/20/1730 SARAH JOHNSON			
M		EDMUND GRAYSON											
F		ELIZABETH GRAYSON								2/3/1743-4 THOMAS CARSLAKE			
F		MARY GRAYSON											
M		FRANCIS HOPKINS											
F		ELIZABETH TIBBALDS											
M		? TIBBALDS											

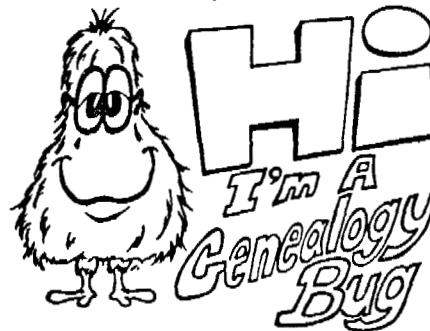
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

MARYLAND ACCOUNT BOOK # 20, P10, VOL. 4
MARYLAND MARRIAGES (1634-1777)

OTHER MARRIAGES

? SARAH GRAYSON m RALPH ALSTON
6/12/1739
ALL OF THESE MARRIAGES TOOK PLACE AT
THIRD HAVEN MEETING HOUSE - TALBOT Co. MD.



Richard Grayson
103 W. Main
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Mr. Grayson:

Here is the information that I have on the Grayson name in connection with the Edmundson name.

"Marriages From Manuscript Collection of Friends"
Thomas Edmondson and Mary Grayson - 1699

Thomas Edmundson b. Circa 1679 (under 20 in 1697 when father made will), d. 1719, married 7th day of June 1699 to Mary Grasum (Grayson), (a widow), her will was dated 5/11/1742 and probated 6/11/1742.

"Marriages in Knox Co. Tenn. 1812 to 1830"

✓ John Edmondson married to Sarah Grayson, Aug. 13, 1816.

"Edmondson Marriages - Miscellaneous Sources"

Thomas Edmondson married Mary Grasum (Grayson), June 7, 1699, Talbot Co., Maryland. Mary Relique, Robert Grasum (Grayson).

"Knox County, Tennessee Marriages 1792 -1900"

✓ Edmondson, Francis to Jane Grayson by William Morris, JP on February 3, 1828. bn. John M. Havron

✓ Edmondson, John to Sarah Grayson by Jonathan Ayres, JP, on August 20, 1816: bn John Edmonson Sr.

✓ Edmundson, John to Nancy Grayson; bn Samuel Edmundson Sept. 16, 1809

bn = Bondsman

This is all the information I have on Grayson- Edmundson connection. I have additional information on the Grayson- Reasoner connection and that information will be found on the next page. I didn't know if you wanted it or not but if you are like me any information is
(wanted)

William Edmundson
1710 Van Stone Dr.
Rockford, Ill. 61111

From Marilyn Blank of 19124 Parson Ave., Castro Valley, Calif.:

My ancestor Nancy Grayson was born 5-15-1791 in North Carolina. She married John Edmondson, b. 7-16-1786, NC, on September 19, 1803. Their children:

Polly (Marv)	b. 7-23-1810	Tenn. m. Wm. Toon Dec. 31., 1829
Thomas	b. 10-11-1811	in Lawrence Co. Ind.
Benjamin	b. 1-26-1814	
Solomon	b. 5-26-1816	
John Grayson	b. 11-6-1818	Tenn
William	b. 1-3-1821	
Wiley M.	b. 5-13-1823	
Elbert	b. 9-23-1825	
Elijah	b. 1-27-1828	
James	b. 3-6-1830	Ind.
Susannah	b. 2-23-1834	Ind.

*Sept. 16, 1809
Ref: Knox Co., Tenn. marriage
p. 415*

The above bible record was kept by John Grayson Edmondson (5th child of Nancy Grayson and John Edmondson above). It is in the possession of a relative in Danville, Indiana.

The 1790 census lists a Benjamin Grayson and a John Grayson in Wilkes Co. N.C. Also I noticed there were Edmondsons in that county, not that that proves anything.

WANTED: progenitors of WREN GRAYSON, born 1782 in N.C., probably in Wilkes county, probably son of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes who also had sons Jesse, John, Benjamin, Joseph, and William. Wren Grayson married first Betsy, then Rebecca. Wren went to Scot. co., Ky, Bledsoe co., Tenn, and Decatur co., Ind., died in 1865. Does any one know anything about the Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C. who entered land in 1779? From whence did he come? Who were his parents. Where and when did he die?

--R.R. Grayson

DATE ROBERT LYNWOOD STROBECK
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART
1824 HOLLERST AVE
 STREET ADDRESS
ORLANDO FLORIDA 32304
 CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
 THE SAME PERSON AS NO. _____

ON CHART NO. _____

sister: HELENE
 Frances ~~Elizabeth~~

brothers:
 Charles Wesley
 Lynwood Grayson

Willis,
 Valeria Grayson

BORN Jan 20, 1915
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.
 WHEN MARRIED May 29, 1938
 DIED
 WHERE

Strobeck,
 George William

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

GIVE HERE WHERE THIS INFORMATION
 WAS OBTAINED.

Frances Kenyon
 Grayson Strobeck
 2: obituary
 7, 14, 15 bible
 Grayson line: letter
 from W. L. Grayson
 to Fran Kenyon 1937
 & obituary of W. L.
 Grayson

Willis,
 Charles Wesley (Pappy)

BORN May 2, 1890
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.
 WHEN MARRIED JULY 5 1911
 DIED NOV 30, 1947
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.

brothers: Frank M.
 Leo M.
 J. P.
 Rev. J. S.
 sister: Mrs Seabrook
 Smith

Mrs R. L. H. H. H. H. H.
 SISTER: Frances ~~Elizabeth~~ Grayson
 (C. H. H. H. H.)
 DIED 1915 FLU EPIDEMIC
 BROTHERS: EDWARD PEARLY GRAYSON
 JOHN GUGLE GRAYSON

Grayson, (Rooney)
 Valeria Amelia (Bammy)

BORN Aug 2, 1890
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.
 DIED June 2, 1969
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.

cousin: Gen.
 William L. Grayson
 son of Edward Fahm
 Recker Grayson

FAMILY CHART

Willis,
 John Archibald

BORN
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED
 WHERE

English, (OLD BAMMY)
 Elizabeth Elzina

BORN
 WHERE Savannah, Ga.
 DIED
 WHERE

Grayson,
 John Gugle 1st. Joseph

BORN brother:
 WHERE Edward Fahm Recker
 WHEN MARRIED age 14 @ start of
 DIED Civil War born Sav.
 WHERE B. Mar 3 1847

sister:
 Henrietta Grayson
 married Collins,
 Jacob S.
 McIntyre,
 Harriet Thomson (Big Ma)

BORN Sep 9, 1861
 WHERE Columbus, Ga.
 DIED
 WHERE Savannah Ga. ?

Willis,
 Francis Marion

BORN
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

English, Joseph

BORN AUG 30 1841
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED JULY 29 1924

Ellerbee, Charlotte 1st
 Ellerbee, Clemantine 2nd

BORN
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

Grayson,
 John Langdon

BORN private - Seminole
 WHERE War of 1836
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

Hale, Amelia

BORN
 WHERE
 DIED
 WHERE

McIntyre, John P. D.

BORN Feb 22nd year?
 WHERE BLACKSMITH DURING
 WHEN MARRIED MADE SWORDS
 DIED
 WHERE BLANC BLANC
 2 Rosa

BORN
 WHERE
 DIED

CHART NO. 1W

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

AGE
SEX

English, ~~John~~ REUBEN

B. MAR 18 1797

D. MAR 10 1847

SHUMAN, ELIZA

ADDITIONAL
PHOTOS

B. SEP 15, 1804

D. OCT 15, 1885

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

2. ~~John~~ PLASSEE

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

Grayson, John Robinson

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

24

HARVEY, FRANCES ANN

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART

DATE

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS 24
THE SAME PERSON AS NO.

ON CHART NO. 1W

JOHN GRAYSON
1790
ALBERMARLE
4 WHITE
SOULS

Grayson, Spence

BORN chaplain of Grayson's

WHERE Additional Regiment

WHEN Revolutionary War

DIED VA. STATE MILITIA

WHERE PRINCE WILLIAM CO., VA.

1732
PRINCE WILLIAM CO., VA.

1798

G.G.G. GRANDFATHER

Grayson,
John Robinson

DAR ENTRY 2898
LISTS HIM AS
CAPT. U.S.N.

1779 BORN Lt. US Navy
WHERE War of 1812

1821 DIED a brother William
WHERE was Col. of
Grayson's Add'l
Regiment Rev War
and a senator of
Virginia

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

HARVEY, FRANCES ANN

GIVE HERE WHERE THIS INFORMATION
WAS OBTAINED.

SISTERS:

SUSANNA MONROE GRAYSON d.

JUDITH GRAYSON (LINDSEY) 1780-1851

WAGENER, MARY ELIZABETH

BORN WAGNER

WHERE 1741

DIED 1810

WHERE

DIED

Grayson, Benjamin

emigrated

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

WHERE

EPISCOPAL

MONROE, SUSANNA

BORN

WHERE

DIED

WHERE

(MT GGGG
UNCLE)

WILLIAM WAS AID-DE-CAMP
TO WASHINGTON, 1776-77.

B. 1732 - D. 1829

B. SP. TSILVANIA CO. VA.

D. ALBERMARLE CO.

M. ANN SMITH

BORN

WHERE

WHEN MARRIED

DIED

WHERE

3 SPILLINGS
IN D.A.R.

8

7

* SPENCE GRAYSON
1734 - 1798

son of Benj⁹, John¹⁰

MARY ELIZABETH WAGENER

*daur of Dr. Peter Wagener
d. 1810*

[source: Tyler's Quarterly 1924. 4]

Spence fought in the Revolution

1. [the old chart] gives Mary?

CATHERINE GRAYSON
1760.4.5

*m. John Hedgman of Stafford Co, Va
ch. known*

BENJAMIN GRAYSON *

1761.11.6

MARY GRAYSON

1764 - 1795, m. James R. O'Brien

WILLIAM GRAYSON *

1766.6.26 - 1806

m. Mary Wagener

SUSAN MONROE GRAYSON

1768.5.29 - 1822.4.20

m. Lund Washington

PETER GRAYSON *

1770.5.14 - 1816

m. Kitty Thorpe 1801

ANNE GRAYSON

1772 d. infant

SPENCE MONROE GRAYSON

1774.5.17 - 1809

*m. — Blount of Alexandria, Va.
ch. Spence Monroe Grayson* of Selma*

ANNE GRAYSON

1776.11.14 - 1793

unmarried

JOHN ROBINSON GRAYSON *

THOMAS ROBINSON GRAYSON

twins 1779.9.17

*impressed by the British
Thomas did not return
John went to S.C.*

JUDITH GRAYSON

1780.12. -

m. George Walter Lindsay

BEVERLEY ROBINSON GRAYSON

1782.9.3 -

→ Natchez Co, Miss.

son. Wm. Spence Grayson

m. Letitia Reed

CAROLINE GRAYSON

1783.10.17

*m. James Hewitt of Md.
→ Miss.*

SALLY GRAYSON

1784.7

m. Samuel Smith 1808 Pa (U.S. Congress)

→ Ala

December 14, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I am continually amazed at how wide spread the Graysons are. This is due partly to the large families of the earlier settlers. Then too they must have been an adventuresome people daring to go into frontier areas to carve out a place for themselves. It wasn't easy to leave family and friends and go to many areas where the Indians were far from friendly.

One of the early pioneer areas the Graysons settled in was the present day state of Kentucky. Probably 1 of the first to settle there was Benjamin Grayson, son of Spence Monroe Grayson and wife Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson. Spence Monroe Grayson was the son of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson. This younger Benjamin Grayson was born in 1761 and married Miss Caroline Taylor, an English lady. He settled in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky and became Clerk of the Court. They were the parents of: Frederick William Spence who married a Miss Ward and became an eminent lawyer and judge - no children; Alfred who married a Miss Coalter of Baltimore Maryland, and was a Marine Corps officer - children were Frederick William Spence, John Contee, and Alfred; Peter Wagener - went to Texas in 1830 - took active part in struggle for independence - hung himself - Grayson Co., Texas named for him.

Another Grayson known to have settled in Kentucky was Alfred William Grayson, son of William and Eleanor (Smallwood) Grayson. William was the son of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson. Alfred William Grayson married Miss Letitia Breckenridge and had 1 son - John Breckenridge Grayson. John Breckenridge Grayson married a Miss Searle and was an officer in the U.S.A and later a general in the C.S.A.

On page 8 of the last Newsletter are some lists of Kentucky taxpayers. This shows Benjamin Grayson (see above) in Nelson Co. in 1800 and 1810. The Frederick W. in Bullitt Co. in 1810 was his son and the Alfred Grayson in Fayette Co in 1810 was the son of William and Eleanor (Smallwood) Grayson (see above). He was listed as William in 1790, but his full name was

Alfred William Grayson.

The marriage record for Robert Osborne Grayson to Margaret Susannah Peyton is given on pg. 8 of the last Newsletter. He was an M.D. and the son of Benjamin Grayson III and wife Ann Bronaugh (daughter of William Bronaugh and 2nd wife Mary Cooke). Benjamin Grayson III was the son of Benjamin Grayson, Jr. and wife ? Osborne. Benjamin Grayson, Jr. was the son of Benjamin Grayson, Sr. and wife Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson. Dr. Robert Osborne Grayson and wife Margaret Susannah (Peyton) Grayson had no known children. After her death he married Sarah Mason (Cooke) Selden, dau of Col. John Cooke and wife Mary Thomson (Mason) Cooke and was the widow of Carey Selden. Dr. Robert Osborne Grayson and 2nd wife Sarah Mason (Cooke) Selden Grayson had 1 son, Dr. John Cooke Grayson (1832-1894) who was a doctor in the Civil War. Dr. John Cooke Grayson had 2 sons, one of whom was Admiral (Doctor) Cary Travers Grayson, personal physician of Pres. Woodrow Wilson.

On pg. 16 of the last Newsletter is an obituary for Capt. William Grayson in his 97th year. He was a son of Ambrose Grayson (d. 1742-Spotsylvania, Va.) and the ancestor of Mrs. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, a professional genealogist.

I was interested in the family chart submitted by Mrs. Marjorie (Grayson) Cardon of Chicago. Does she have proof that Benjamin Grayson was the son of John Grayson? If so, I would love to have it as this Benjamin Grayson was the brother of my Ambrose Grayson (d. 1742-Spotsylvania, Va.)

I want to make some corrections about information of pg. 22 of the last Newsletter. John W. Grayson WAS NOT the brother of Ambrose^{G.} Grayson (1810-1853) who married Sally Vann. Ambrose G. Grayson was a brother of James Gordon Grayson and thus an uncle of said John W. Grayson. The Census record you gave as being Jackson Co., Alabama should be Madison Co., Alabama. They might have lived in Jackson Co., Alabama later but in 1850 they were in Madison Co., Ala. I have checked this census several times. In the Census record you have John William Grayson: p. 110. born 1838 in Madison Co., Ala son of John Gordon and He was the son of James Gordon Grayson.

Some people might like to know something further about Mr. (Maj.) Maurice K. Gordon (pg. 26). He descends from Elizabeth Grayson (dau. of John and Barbara

Culpeper
 Burdyne Grayson of ~~Culpeper~~ Co., Va. and later Montgomery Co., Va.) who married John Gordon II. Maj. Maurice K. (Kirby) Gordon died about 2 years ago and a great-nephew, Mr. J. Fleming Gordon, fell heir to all of his papers. I will be happy to furnish his address if anyone is interested.

On pg. 28 of the last Newsletter Elaine Soden wishes to know the descendants of the Benjamin Grayson who was 1 of the 9 children of Benjamin and Ann (Bronaugh) Grayson. Of their 9 children - William, Benjamin, John, Alexander, Robert Osborne, Richard, George, Mary, and Elizabeth Osborne I have data on Robert Osborne (M.D.) and Elizabeth Osborne. I told what I know about Dr. Robert Osborne Grayson on pg. 2 of this letter. Elizabeth Osborne Grayson married (1) ? Lewis and (2) George Carter of "Oatlands" son of Robert and Frances (Tasker) Carter, and grandson of Robert "King" Carter of Lancaster Co., Va. By her 2nd husband she had Benjamin Carter (m. ? Fitzhugh) and George Carter (m. Kate Powell).

Congratulations to the lady who plans to index the Newsletters. That will be a big help.

I hope that you and yours will have a very merry Christmas and that the coming New Year holds many nice things in store for you.

from: Mrs. Ella May Underwood
 907 Picardy
 Lufkin, Texas

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

INDEX ON THE WAY! Mrs. Katheryn Reeves Jean, 1022 Lawton Circle, Magnolia, Ark., 71753, has volunteered to index the 1977 Newsletter. At her suggestion, the 1978 Newsletter will be Volume 2 and the pages will be consecutive for the entire year of 1978. Volume 3 will start in one year..

On the following 4 pages are data on Young W. Grayson. Refer to Newsletter no. 4, page 4 for the initial query which was from our regular member Robert Capell, 630 Olympia Rd., Pittsburg, Pa., 15211. Bob, I found this material in my files just recently. Would appreciate comments from you....R.G.

Mrs. Underwood. Thanks for the corrections above. May we have the address of J. Fleming Gordon? Perhaps I can obtain copies of those records. .R.G.

1411 Caplewood
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
December 11, 1955

Mrs. E. E. Davidson
287 Madison
Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Davidson:

Thank you so much for your interesting letter. Unfortunately I can not find the answers to most of the questions which you raise. However, let me tell you what I do know.

In Thomas M. Owen, History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography, Vol. III, pp. 3-6, there are biographical sketches of various close relatives of mine (all named Abernethy) which mention that William James Grayson and Susan Williams Grayson were the parents of Young Grayson who married Emeline Moore Capel Grayson. Other family data in these sketches have been verified by me from various sources and, while not without error, they are for the most part accurate. I have nothing else on William James Grayson except family tradition which says that he came from Virginia, without specifying the county. I have seen it stated that he came from Culpepper County but am uncertain about this. Another line (with two Grayson intermarriages), the Abernethy family, came from Brunswick County, Virginia. I have considerable information on these Abernethy ancestors.

My statement that William James Grayson was born in 177__? was conjecture. I ~~did not~~ find a statement that he died 6 January 1859, although I do not remember the source. As to the children of William James Grayson I have more information (marriage bonds, wills, census, deeds, etc.). His son, Young W. Grayson, was born 4 December 1803 in Montgomery County, Tennessee. In Marengo County, Alabama, he married (3 July 1828) Emeline Capel (born Northampton County, North Carolina, the widow of Moore). I presume that the W. in Young Grayson's name is for William.

Oliver Green Grayson was born in 1815 in Tennessee and moved to Alabama and was listed as Tax Assessor of Marengo County in the Marengo County Directory for 1859. He married Frances Lowery who was born in Kentucky in 1822. I presume that he was a brother of Young W. Grayson. [Incidentally, his son was tax assessor of Marengo County for many years and after him my grandfather, Thomas William Grayson was tax assessor of the same county for some 25 years, until he retired because of old age. I remember my grandfather well as I had finished college before he died.]

William James Grayson was born in 1818 in Alabama and was, I presume, a brother of Oliver Green Grayson and Young W. Grayson. These birth dates are from the manuscript Census returns. Evidently they mean that my Graysons moved from Tennessee to Alabama between the years 1815 and 1818. Alabama became a state in 1819 while James Monroe was president. I suppose that they were cousins of Monroe because of intermarriage between the Grayson and Monroe families. The Abernethy family and other settlers in Marengo and elsewhere in the Alabama Black Belt came into Alabama from Tennessee. This was one of the two chief routes for Virginia families moving into the Lower South when the cotton kingdom was opening up in the early decades of the nineteenth century.

Ralph Grayson, who married Catherine McCarty 18 January 1824, was, I presume, another son of William James Grayson.

Young W. Grayson had a son named James William Grayson, who was born in Alabama in 1829 and was buried in the Lucy Graveyard (Marengo County) about 1836. He was my great grandfather. He married 11 November 1845 (Marengo County) Rebecca Jane Abernethy about whose ancestors I have considerable information.

Other children of Young W. Grayson are mentioned here so that you can see their given names. His will and other legal documents indicate their names as follows: Horatio Capel Grayson, Susan Rebecca Grayson, Charles Oliver Grayson, Harriet Elizabeth Grayson, Sarah Grayson, Martha Grayson, Alexander Grayson, Kate Grayson, Young W. Grayson, and possibly others. There are many Graysons in Alabama and I know of some in Texas. Scores of these I can locate on family charts. Some others I cannot place.

If I can furnish you any information, I shall be most happy to do so. I appreciate the information which you have already given me. If you can advise me as to how to find the ancestors of William James Grayson (died 1859), I shall be most grateful. I should like very much to obtain copies of the family group sheets which you so kindly offered.

Since we are dealing with a problem in history and genealogy, perhaps I should identify myself further as I am a professional historian. I am Head of the Department of History, University of Alabama, and have taught here for 20 years.

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Summersell
Charles Grayson Summersell

P. S. Many, if not all of these Graysons were Methodists. However, I know of other Graysons (who may or may not be kin to me) who are Episcopalians and Catholics.

I see that I have not answered some of your specific questions. I guess that William James Grayson and Susan Williams were married in Virginia. If not, then Tennessee would be second guess. I presume that Susan Williams was born in Virginia. Unfortunately, I have no idea as to what county.

1411 Caplewood
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
November 28, 1955

Mrs. E. E. Davidson
287 Madison
Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Davidson:

I saw your article in the Newport News Virginia Gazette of 25 February 1955 answering the query concerning Thomas Grayson and Jane Field. I believe that he died in 1796. Since I am a member of the Grayson family and trying to fill in a gap in my genealogy, I have taken the liberty of writing this letter to make inquiry of you.

The following is a partial diagram of my ancestry:

<u>William James Grayson</u> born Virginia 177? ? (possibly 1777) died 6 Jan. 1859	married	<u>Susan Williams</u>
↓		
<u>Young W. Grayson</u> born 4 Dec. 1804 Montgomery County, Tennessee died 16 March 1846 Marengo County, Alabama.	married 3 July 1828	<u>Emeline Moore Capel</u> born Northampton County, N.C. died 30 Sept. 1861 Marengo County, Alabama

Brothers of Young W. Grayson were probably as follows:
Oliver Green Grayson, born 1815 in Tennessee.
William James Grayson, born 1818 in Alabama
Ralph Grayson, who moved to Alabama about 1817.

Could the Thomas Grayson of whom you write have been the father of my James William (177?)? Another possible theory for me to explore is that the line may have been that of the Benjamin Grayson-Spence Monroe--and Spence's son William Grayson. Some of the given names of my documented Grayson line are: Thomas, James William, Susan, Rebecca, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, Alexander. In each generation there has been a William and a Susan.

If you can suggest any answers or approaches to answers to these I shall appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Summersell
Charles Grayson Summersell

* YOUNG W GRAYSON
1804.12.4 - 1846.3.16

son of Wm. James Grayson.

m. 1828.7.3

EMELINE MOORE CAPEL
- 1861.9.30

Young was born in Montgomery Co.,
Tenn, his wife in Northampton Co.,
N.C., and they were married
and lived in Marengo Co., Ala.

The information on this page comes
from Charles Grayson Summersell.

1. [Marengo Co. Ala] #39 (Willbook?)

p. 58 : Young W Grayson dec'd died
16 Mar 1846 leaving Widow, Emelyn
Grayson, and ch'n James age 17,
Horatio age $\approx$ 15, Rebecca age $\approx$ 13,
Charles $\approx$ 11, Elizabeth $\approx$ 9, Sarah $\approx$ 7,
Martha $\approx$ 4, Alexander $\approx$ 2;

Ralph Grayson Executor.

Wit: Oliver H. Grayson, Wm. McCarty,
James V. Grayson.

JAMES WILLIAM GRAYSON
1829 - 1886
Ala.

m. Rebecca Jane Abernathy 1845.11.11

HORATIO CAPEL GRAYSON
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SUSAN REBECCA GRAYSON
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CHARLES OLIVER GRAYSON
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HARRIET ELIZABETH GRAYSON
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SARAH GRAYSON
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MARTHA GRAYSON
1842

ALEXANDER GRAYSON
1844

KATE GRAYSON

YOUNG W. GRAYSON

Note: Below is an obit submitted by Robert Strobeck which contains some very interesting Grayson genealogy.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

GEN. W. L. GRAYSON DIED HERE MONDAY

Continued from Page Sixteen.

with regret that Savannah had lost such an active and prominent citizen.

In attendance upon the funeral will be Hon. Frank E. Herrin, a past grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, now editor of the Eagles Magazine, and a friend of long standing of Gen. Grayson. Also Hon. E. S. Matthias, justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a past national president of the United Spanish-American War Veterans, will come from Columbus, Ohio.

The family received a message of condolence from Hon. James Farley, former Postmaster General, who expressed his sympathy for the family and his regret that his active friendship with Gen. Grayson had ended. He had high praise for Gen. Grayson.

Charles William Bernhardt, Atlanta, state commander of the United Spanish-American War Veterans, will attend.

Among the callers at the residence was Hon. Hugh Peterson, who expressed his sympathy before returning to Washington to the Congress.

Gen. Grayson was the only Savannahian probably in the memory of those now living who has held the presidency of two national organizations. He was the Grand Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and National Commander of the United Spanish American War Veterans. He was probably known in the nation personally to more people than any other Savannahian.

He was born in Savannah on August 21, 1870. He was the son of Edward Fahm Recker Grayson and Laura Amanda (Patterson) Grayson, the former born in Savannah, March 3, 1847, and the latter in Gillisonville, Hampton county, South Carolina, June 11 that same year. His ancestors in the paternal line were represented in the various wars in which the country has been involved. Rev. Spence Grayson, his great-great-grandfather, was chaplain of Grayson's additional regiment during the Revolution, and of this regiment William Grayson, his great-great-uncle, was colonel. He had also been one of the first senators from Virginia. John Robinson Grayson, Gen. Grayson's great-grandfather, was a lieutenant in the United States Navy in the War of 1812. John Langston Grayson, his grandfather, served as a private in the Seminole War of 1836. He had been commissioned a lieutenant by Governor Towns, but as only one company was taken from Savannah during the war he was not called into active service. At the inception of the War Between the States Edward F. R. Grayson was but fourteen years of age but during the latter part of the war he served in the defense of Savannah under Major Sherman.

Gen. Grayson entered the volunteer

service in Georgia militia in 1836 when he joined the Republican Blues. He rose to second lieutenant at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. In May, 1898, he volunteered and was commissioned a first lieutenant by Governor Atkinson. He was assigned to Company M and later became adjutant of the First Battalion, Col. A. R. Lawton, and so appointed him officer in charge of the regimental post exchange, which proved a flourishing institution under his direction. He was mustered out of service with his regiment in Mason on November 18, 1898. Upon returning to Savannah and feeling a deep interest in Georgia state troops, he at once bent his energies in gathering the fragments of his old company together. On December 6, 1898, he was tendered and accepted the captaincy of the Republican Blues and under his leadership it soon acquired a high standard of efficiency. On December 9, 1899, he was elected major of the First Battalion, First Regiment of Infantry, and in 1901 Governor Chandler appointed him a member of the state advisory board of military matters, on which he served for some years. He was one of a committee of three who revised and codified the military laws of the state in 1900. As he had not yet paraded as major of the first battalion, he declined the nomination, but on December 2, 1902, he was elected and became lieutenant colonel. In 1903 he was a member of the field officers' examining board. He qualified as a sharpshooter and was with a number of the famous rifle teams from Georgia that entered national shooting meets.

Gen. Grayson began life as an office boy in 1887 for Jacob S. Collins, of whom he later became a partner in Collins, Grayson and Company. This was four years later. In 1903 he became also secretary and treasurer of the Savannah Candy Company.

He was chairman of the fire commission and served two terms as alderman, being first elected in 1903. As an alderman he was chairman of the police committee. He became deputy clerk of the Superior Court under the late James K. P. Carr, and when the latter died he was elected clerk of the court, a position he held until his own death. He was a power in city and county politics, much of his prestige being obtained from his zealous support of the Democratic organization.

Gen. Grayson was a prominent member of the old Citizens Club, one of its organizers, and a leader when it was fighting the old Liberal Club, which took over local power for several administrations. When the Citizens Club was rejuvenated and returned to control of city politics Gen. Grayson was prominent in its councils.

He held a commanding place in the city's affairs and was a leader in many enterprises as well as a volunteer in many movements for the betterment of Savannah.

He was a past president of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia, and prior to that served many years on its board of managers. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia

and its registrar for many years. He was a member of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 15, F. and A. M.; a past chancellor commander of Savannah Lodge, No. 52, Knights of Pythias; had been captain of Savannah Company, No. 15, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias; a member of DeKalb Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Improved Order of Red Men; Savannah Lodge, No. 183, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; The Military Society of Foreign Wars, and Worth Bagley Camp, Spanish War Veterans, of which he became commander, later heading the Georgia command, and finally the national organization.

He was a life member of Savannah Aerz, Fraternal Order of Eagles, its past worthy president, and through this he rose eventually to become national president of that organization. He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club.

Gen. Grayson was married on February 7, 1893, to Miss Lillian Turner, daughter of the late George T. and Margaret Alice (Johnson) Turner,

who had come to live in Savannah from Richmond, Va. Mrs. Grayson died several years ago.

Gen. Grayson was in command of state militia during the riots in South Georgia. The first was at Darien in Augusta, 1899, when he commanded a composite company under direct authority of Governor Chandler and did this in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

Again at Statesboro in March, 1901, he gave courageous protection to seven prisoners from violence.

He was a man who served on innumerable enterprises of vital interest to the city and the county. Often he volunteered to labor for causes that appealed to him. Many times he was sought to lead campaigns, in all of which he gave his whole energy and ability. He was enthusiastic for Savannah and Chatham county.

Last year he was chairman of the important city bond issue campaign for one million dollars which passed with such large majorities. He had

been chairman of the campaign for substantial issues of school bonds in 1935, a program that likewise was successful by overwhelming vote. He had been chairman of such programs as those for Armistice Day, the President's Birthday celebration, the Paper Festival Parade in 1938, the Roosevelt-Wallace Chatham County committee. He was vice chairman of the National Democratic Committee's national veterans committee, serving as its vice chairman. He had been made commander-in-chief of the National Commandery of Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War. He was chief of staff of Governor Richard B. Russell, Jr.'s staff. He was a recipient of life member medal from Worth Bagley Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, and the Sons of Spanish War Veterans named their camp for him. These veterans will attend his funeral tomorrow in a body. The city of Savannah named Grayson Park for him some years ago.

FROM CLIPPING BY GRANDMOTHER W.L. WAS HER COUSIN

my father

Richard R. Grayson, M.D.

Internal Medicine

24 Hour Telephone: 584-2230

103 West Main Street. St. Charles, Illinois

GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER
VOLUME 2 No. 2. Page 28.

Howard E. Grayson of Alexandria, Va. has written in response to one of the Sodens' postcard Grayson surveys; He states that his great grandfather was Jesse or Jessie Grayson, born in N.C. probably in 1811 whose wife was Margaret, born in Tenn. about 1816; children of Jesse and Margaret were William Grayson born Feb., 1834 in Ill; 2 sons b. in mid-1830's in Mo.; Enoch Boone Grayson, b. 1843 in then Scott co., now Logan co., Ark. Howard E. Grayson and his brother Ralph Grayson are grandsons of Enoch Grayson, and are sons of Albert Grayson who was b. in Sebastian co., Ark Jan. 1894. Howard Grayson knows of "hundreds of descendants of Jesse Grayson" and thinks the family is of Scotch descent. Jesse died in the "early 1850's". Howard thinks that Jesse was related to the Graysons of Wilkes co., N.C., but needs proof. Ed note: I think that the above Jesse Grayson must be either a son of Jesse Grayson who bought land in Wilkes co., N.C. in 1796, or one of his nephews; for example, the Jesse Grayson born in 1811 could be the son of Jesse Grayson, sr., or one of the senior's brothers, John Grayson, Benjamin Grayson, jr., or of William Grayson, (but not the son of Joseph Grayson or of Wren Grayson, since we know the children of these 2 brothers, and there is no Jesse.) The Jesse Grayson in Ill. in 1834 above is possibly a different Jesse Grayson from the Jesse Grayson who witnessed a deed with a Hugh Grayson, Bk. C. p. 328 Deeds of Marion co. Feb 11 1835, Benjamin F. Grayson to Henry Grayson (Tenn.) \$330.00/ 106 acres on SE side of Sequatchie River. The above Benjamin F. and Henry Grayson were sons of Joseph Grayson, brother to the Jesse Grayson, sr., mentioned above. See page 41 of this letter for more on Jesse Grayson.

Does any reader have listed a Jesse Grayson born about 1811?

Another Soden postcard produced a letter from Mrs. Naomi Grayson Smith of Box 24, Louin, Miss, 39338, with some fragmentary but interesting family history. She writes, "There were 3 Grayson brothers whose father was Rube Grayson, who was known as Squire Grayson, who came from England to S.C., then to Ga, on to Miss. at Stonewall, Miss. Their names were Samuel, Cam, and Lee." Samuel Grayson lived in La., and Tex. Cam and Lee in Miss. Cam had 12 children. Lee had 22 children, among whom were Joe, Dick, Tom, Pete, Brown, George, Sallie, and Clairborn. Clairborn begot Wm Taylor Grayson, Ophelia Grayson Shoemaker, Richard Rosie Grayson Boyd, Monroe, Ollie, Ora, & Troy. William begot Wm Curtis Grayson, sr., Nettie Grayson Thompson, Etta Grayson Blackwell, Samuel J., Burtie, and the writer, Naomie Grayson Smith.

What is of interest above is the name Rube Grayson. It would appear that the name Rube is probably a nickname for the name Reuben. On page 30 is our listing of all known Reuben Graysons. Does anyone know anything that would further identify Mrs. Smith's Reuben Grayson?

Note to Cheryl Grayson in Savannah, Ga.: could you possibly visit Mrs. John W. Grayson, 1904 Rozella Rd., Augusta, Ga., 30904; phone 404-736-4153? She has the only existing copy of a book called "Our Grayson Family", publ 1952, 127 pages, which has some exciting genealogy in it that all of our readers are waiting to read. I think she needs help getting pertinent parts of it xeroxed, and promised long ago to send these to me.

The following information was copied from, "MARYLAND MARRIAGES 1634-1777" compiled by Robert Barnes, Genealogical Publishing Co. Baltimore, 1976.

- p.18 Botsfield, Michael, July 1746, Sarah Grayson, Talbot County
source: Leeds' List of Marriage Licenses; p.60 Handwritten
Copy of MS.801 at Maryland Historical Society.
- p.30 Carslake, Thomas, 3 FEB 1743/4, Eliza Grayson, Talbot County
source: Leeds' List of Marriage Licenses; p.47 Handwritten
Copy of MS.801 at Maryland Historical Society.
- p.58 Elston, Ralph, 12 JUN 1739, Sarah Greason, Talbot County
source: St. Peters Parish Records, p.167 copy made in 1895
by Harrison, at Maryland Historical Society.
- p.167 Smyth, Thomas, 12 MAR 1752, Sarah Gresham, Kent County
source: St. Pauls Parish Records, p.330 copy at Maryland Hist. Soc.
- p.200 Wooden, Sollomon, 17 AUG 1726, Sarah Gresham, Anne Arundel County
source: All Hallows Parish Records, p.103 of copy made in 1888 by
Lucy H. Harrison, at Maryland Historical Society

Note: While these references may have been noted in the newsletter, they were new to me, and suggested a new geographical area for possible research.

Jim Turner
Kettering OH
26 JAN 1978

REFERENCES TO REUBEN GRAYSON

1. REUBEN⁸, son of Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰. b. ~ 1720
2. REUBEN⁶, son of William⁷ (& Rachel Cooley), John⁸,
Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰ b. ~ 1775
3. REUBEN, son of Ambrose (d. 1816 Hampshire Co, Va)
b. ~ 1790
4. REUBEN, son of Wyatt, son of widow Patience —
b. ~ 1835
also Reuben Jones, his first cousin

1797. 8. 13 Reuben Grayson, Logan Co, Ky,
captain in the Ky militia, 23rd Regiment

1800 Logan Co, Ky Census

—? Montgomery Co, Tenn, bought land from
Anthony Crutcher. [Tenn. Cousins p. 696]

~~How Reuben's~~

Hypothesis: Reuben⁶ m. Patience, & was in Logan Co, Ky
and Montgomery Co, Tenn.

Many thanks to Mrs. Ella Underwood for the name and address of the Mr. Gordon who now has the Grayson genealogy papers of the late M.K. Gordon. I Have written to the holder of the papers and hope to have an answer soon. I wonder if there is any Grayson genealogy there which was not transmitted to Mrs. Wulfeck and to Mrs. Davidson, who both lent me their M.K. Gordon material for copying?

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Can anyone help with ancestors of Charles Tyler and his children, who was the second of three husbands to Susannah Monroe, b. 1695 in Prince Wm. co., Va., who married 3rd to Benjamin Grayson, the father of William Grayson, the senator from Va.? Charles Tyler died 1725. Inquiry is from Dorothy West of 23 Smart Rd., Acton, Ma. 01720. (Jan 6., 1978.)

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Thanks to Mrs. Marjorie Cardon for the name of Ruby Grayson of Norman, Okla. who has done some Grayson genealogy. I have written to her and requested information from her and offered to share data that we have.

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Several people have suggested I write Ernest C. Grayson, superintendent of schools in Louisville, Ky., for his family history, and I have now done so.

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Bob Strobeck reports that Cheryl Grayson has left a family bible with him to photograph and decipher which he will forward to the Newsletter.

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The next 7 pages (PP. 32 through 38) are from J. Wendell Grayson of Versailles, Ky. The letter and 3 family group sheets are from a David Grayson which resulted from Wendell's contact with Mrs. Walter Talmadge (Lillie Bynum) Grayson, Box 523 of Noble, Okla., 73068.

Does anyone know the ancestors of the William P. Grayson in the 1st group?

The next 3 pages (36,37,38) are on the formation of Ky., and Tenn. and should be valuable tools in researching the early genealogy in those states. These were done by Wendell Grayson also; many thanks.

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On page 39 is a query that J. Wendell Grayson found in the Tri-State Trader regarding a Robert Grayson born in Ireland who lived in Winchester, Ill. in 1845. If you are keeping a list of Grayson immigrants, this is one of the few we have found. Does anyone here have a file on this Robert Grayson?

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On page 40 is a nice biography of William Grayson of Spots, who died age 97 in 1829. Kindly sent by our faithful Elaine Soden. Mrs. Soden also asks if anyone has a record of a Sarah Hunter marrying a Grayson, particularly a Benjamin.

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Olton, Tex.

Oct. 23, 1977

(Letter to J. Wendell Grayson of
Versailles, Ky.)

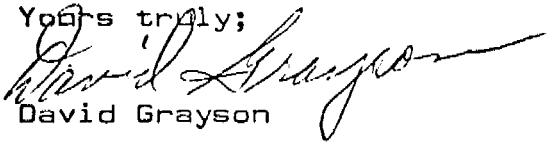
Dear Mr. Grayson:

Your letter of Sept. 28, was sent on to me by the widow of W. T. Grayson. W. T. was a brother of my father and they are both deceased.

It is pleasant news to learn that another Grayson is interested in tracing the Grayson history. I have been working on my family's record for several years, at least I started several years ago. Through various records, family information, and mere stories of family names I did know that a number of Graysons resided in Ky., Idaho, and Mississippi. It is my understanding that all of these originated in Va. However, you probably have as much information along this line as I, perhaps much more. With the limited records that I have I am unable to tie the line in with this Wm. T. Grayson. I will send the record of W. T. Grayson (who you wrote) also his father's family.

I will be happy to correspond with you further regarding our genealogy.

Yours truly;


David Grayson

Box 402

Olton, Texas 79064

Where was information obtained?
family record obtained?
Obtained by R.P. Grayson
from family Bible in
possession of Frank
Cline, 1960

Birth 26 November 1837 Place Scottsboro Jackson, Alabama
Chr.
Death 26 June 1913 Place Conover (Near Omaha) Texas
Burial
Father
Mar. 2 March 1858 Place Jackson Co., Alabama
Other Wives (if any)

WIFE ELIZABETH (BECKY) J. EVANS
Birth 12 August 1836 Place
Chr.
Death 30 November 1893 Place Jackson Co., Alabama
Burial
Father
Other Husb. (if any)

JWS 1-24-78

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M	1 FERNANDO C. GRAYSON	22	Sept	1860	Scottsboro	Jackson	ALA.	8	Jan	1861	Date To
F	2 EMILY T. GRAYSON	24	JAN	1862	"	"	"	10	Feb.	1889	Date To
M	3 JOHN HENRY GRAYSON	29	Apr	1866	"	"	"	23	Mar	1922	Date To 3 March 1889 To Margaret Ellen McKay
F	4 MARIAH J. GRAYSON	25	Sept	1867	"	"	"	31	Aug	1902	Date To
F	5 ANNIE LOU GRAYSON	4	MAY	1871	"	"	"	2	Dec	1955	Date To 10 Jan. 1904 To FRANK I. CLINE
F	6 HETTY G. GRAYSON	12	JUNE	1876	"	"	"				Date To
F	7 SARAH IDA GRAYSON	28	MAY	1878	"	"	"	16	Apr	1885	Date To
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HUSBAND JOHN HENRY GRAYSON
Birth 29 Apr 1864
Chr.
Death 23 Mar 1922
Burial ERICK CEMETERY
Father Billy Grayson
Mar. 3 Mar 1889
Other Wives None
WIFE MARGARET ELLEN MCKAY
Birth 26 Feb. 1869
Chr.
Death 11 July 1929
Burial ERICK CEMETERY
Father JONATHAN MCKAY
Other Husb. None
(if any)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Family Bible of John Henry Grayson obtained by little Bynum Grayson

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:
SCOTTSBORO, JACKSON, ALA.

Place of Birth SCOTTSBORO, JACKSON, ALA.
Place of Death ERICK, BECKHAM, OKLA.
Place of Burial "
Place of Father "
Place of Mother (Maiden Name) MATTIE COLSON
Place of Other Husb. None
(if any)

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M	1	Robert Paul	Grayson	18 June 1891	Scotsboro	Jackson, Ala.				25 July 1909			To HATTIE MORRELL 8 Dec 1912
M	2	James Weaver	Grayson	6 Nov 1892	"	"	8 May 1947						To Della Wilborn 18 Aug 1914
M	3	Walter Almage	Grayson	22 Nov 1894	"	"	[1969]						To Little Mary Bynum 25 Dec 1918
M	4	Henry Lee	Grayson	29 May 1897	"	"	7 Jan 1926						To Letta Reed 12 Jan. 1924
M	5	Samuel Fred	Grayson	10 Sept 1900	"	"							To Buena Renfro
M	6	Hugh Franklin	Grayson	16 Jan 1903	Omaha	Tex	26 July 1926						
F	7	Mattie Beatrice	Grayson	10 July 1905	"	"	8 Jan 1948						To Roy Hayes Piette 16 Dec. 1925
M	8	Ullman Ferris	Grayson	20 Aug 1907	Cookville	Tex							To 5 Dec 1931 Hill
F	9	Virgie Mae	Grayson	29 Jan. 1910	Cookville	Tex							To 29 Apr 1927 Odie Webster
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NAME Lillie May Bynum Birth 28 Oct 1896 Place Cookville, TENN.

Chr. _____ Death _____ Burial _____

Father ANDREW JACKSON BYNUM Mother _____ (Maiden Name) _____

Other Husb. NONE (if any) _____

Name and address of person submitting this sheet: _____

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DATES AND FACTS RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

- June, - Carolina Colony became the southern boundary
1677 of Virginia.
- April, - The boundary line, beginning at a place called
1727 Point Comfort, was approved between the two
colonies.
- 1769 - First settlers into western North Carolina
(now Tennessee).
- December, - The 36-30 parallel became the division line
1776 between the two colonies.
- November, - People in western North Carolina adopted a
1785 constitution and declared themselves the
State of Franklin, or Frankland.
- 1788 - State of Franklin went out of existence.
- February, - North Carolina conveyed to the United States
1790 soil and sovereignty of the western lands of the
State of North Carolina.
- April, - United States accepted; Tennessee created.
1790
- June 1, - State of Tennessee admitted to the Union.
1796

JWG
July 18, 1977

DATES AND FACTS RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

- 1606 - King James I of England issued the first charter to that vaguely defined part of North America called Virginia.

- 1612 - Colony of Virginia was established under the third charter.

- 1634 - Virginia divided into counties; Henrico County was the most westerly county.

- Virginia jurisdiction was supposed to extend as far west as any Virginian cared to go or had business to transact.

- So the civil district that Kentucky belonged to at this time would be to Henrico - it is doubtful, however, that Henrico was defined so far west as to embrace Kentucky.

- JUNE, - Carolina Colony became southern boundary of Virginia; Colony of Carolina included all of what is now the State of Tennessee.
- 1677

- 1734 - Henrico County became Orange County; and since Orange encompassed all of Virginia west of the Blue Ridge Mountains the same state of facts exists in regard to it as did in relation to the jurisdiction of Henrico.

- 1738 - Augusta County was the next frontier county of Virginia and extended to the same point west as had Orange; the eastern portion of Orange County became Frederick County.

- 1763 - Treaty of Paris made the Mississippi River the western boundary of Virginia, and consequently of Augusta County.

- 1770 - Botetourt County followed Augusta.

- 1772 - Fincastle County became the frontier county; it extended, like Augusta and Botetourt before it, to the Mississippi and embraced all of what is now Kentucky, as well as much of Southwestern Virginia.

JWG
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DATES AND FACTS RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

- December 31, 1776 - Fincastle County dissolved by Virginia legislation. Kentucky County, Virginia was now the western most portion of the original Fincastle County (all of what is now the state of Kentucky); the eastern most portion of Fincastle was divided into Washington and Montgomery Counties.
- May 1780 - Kentucky County, Virginia divided into three parts - Jefferson, Fayette and Lincoln. So thus for a time the name Kentucky passed out of history.
- 1784 - Nelson County formed from part of Jefferson.
- May 1, 1785 - Bourbon County created from Fayette.
- 1785 - Mercer County and Madison County formed from part of Lincoln.
- May 1, 1788 - Mason County created from portion of Bourbon.
- 1788 - Woodford County created from part of Fayette.
- This was the last of nine counties of Kentucky established by State of Virginia.
- 1789 - Cession by Virginia to the District of Kentucky.
- February 1790 - Cession ratified by Congress.
- June 1, 1792 - State of Kentucky admitted to the Union.

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Genealogy Sources

Questions, Commentary by the Genealogy Staff

Send question on sources to this column, P.O. Box 90, Knightstown, IN 46148. Note — We can't do research on a family but will try to suggest new approaches to problems at no charge.

(If you wish to contact someone whose question appears in this column, please write us mentioning their initials and town, and including the letter to be forwarded in a blank stamped envelope.)

WENT TO NEW ORLEANS

Q. Robert Grayson, originally from Ireland, lived in Winchester County, Ill., when he was widowed ca. 1845. He then took his two children to New Orleans. Prior to this his son, William, (born in Ireland 1832) had gone to Missouri in 1844 with neighbors, who had promised to return with him in three to four months. However, it was not until after Robert had left for New Orleans, thinking his son William had been drowned, that William returned to Winchester County only to find no trace of his family.

How could I find what happened to Robert Grayson and his children, Maria and Thomas Grayson? He may have remarried, of course. William never heard from his father again. J. H., Hazlehurst, Miss.

A. The 1850 Census from Louisiana should be checked, as well as for other states that seem a probable residence for Robert and his children. The Public Library at New Orleans has city directories from 1805, and there may be records at the courthouse that would help, perhaps including marriage records.

Coming from Ireland in the 1830s, the family might have been Catholic. Possibly William made an attempt to trace his family, and if he did not succeed it could be quite hard to do so now after so many years. — m.s.

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Name of Book
is + HISTORY OF ALBEMARLE *by Woods*
Virginia
 GRAYSON.

William Grayson was a native of Spotsylvania, and came to Albemarle some time before the Revolutionary War. In 1764 he bought land on the head of Mechum's River from Speaker John Robinson, who was then selling off the immense tracts in Rockfish valley, patented by his brother-in-law, John Chiswell. Having sold this property a few years after, he purchased from Gamaliel Bailey and Obadiah Martin at what was then known as the Little D. S., where the old Richard Woods Road forks with that passing through Batesville, and where his descendants have been living ever since. In 1804 he sold a small parcel at this place to William Simpson, who there established a tanyard that for many years went by his name, and afterwards by the name of Grayson, and that was one of the most noted landmarks in that neighborhood. Simpson in 1818 sold it to Joseph Grayson, a grandson of William. William died in 1829, having attained the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. His wife was Ann, daughter of Thomas Smith, and his children were John, Thomas, Martha, Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Sutherland, and Susan, the wife first of Isaac Wood, and secondly of a Tomlin. Joseph Grayson married Rhoda, daughter of Daniel White, and died in 1867. His children were Thomas, who married Mary, daughter of John Jones, Ann, the wife of James H. Shelton, Frances, Elizabeth, the wife of Benjamin F. Abell, John and William.

HAMNER.

Tradition relates, that the immigrant Hamner bore the name of Nicholas, that he came from Wales and settled in Middlesex County, and that he had six or seven sons. Three of them fixed their homes in Albemarle. The first who appears on the records was William. In 1759 he bought from Thomas Fitzpatrick nearly five hundred acres on the south fork of Hardware, not far from Jumping Hill. The same year he obtained a patent for nearly two hundred acres on the north fork of Hardware, and acquired near by upwards of seven hundred more, all of which he sold in 1782

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Howard E. Grayson just wrote a second letter since I typed page one of this issue in which his name and material on Jesse Grayson is described. Howard mentions one of his sources as being a Mrs. Rebecca Pickens of Booneville, Ark., who was married to a Houston Grayson, son of William Grayson who was the son of Jesse Grayson. Mrs. Pickens stated that Jesse and Margaret Grayson his wife are buried in a small cemetery just south of Booneville, Ark. in the small community of "Grayson". Comment one: We have listed 11 Grayson Places in the last year but the only one in Arkansas was Graysonia which no longer exists; Howard, can you tell us more about Grayson, Ark.? Be it recorded here that Grayson, Ark. is the 12th Grayson place found thus far. Howard Grayson sends this tentative family for his Jesse Grayson: (Wife Margaret)

1. William Grayson, b. Feb. 1834, Ill., d. Oct. 1915, Ark., buried French Prairie cemetery, Iona, Ark.
2. James Grayson, b. Mo. ca. 1835
3. John Grayson b. Mo. ca. 1837
4. Charles W. Grayson, b. 1839 Mo or Ark., d. 1862 Ft Pillow, Tenn
5. Enoch Boone Grayson, b. 1843, Ark., d. 1904, Ark.
6. Benjamin Grayson b. 1847, Ark., d. 1910, Ark.
7. Jesse Grayson, b. 1849, Ark. d.
8. David Lett Grayson, b. 1851 Ark. d. 1898 Ark.
- 9-13: 4-5 daughters. Caroline is only name recalled.

Comment 2: Regarding the Houston Grayson mentioned above; it may be a coincidence, but there was a Houston Grayson (1834-1917), son of Henry Grayson in Marion co., Tenn. Henry Grayson in turn was the son of Joseph Grayson whose brother was the Jesse Grayson (b. ca. 1772) who bought land in Wilkes co., N.C. I mentioned on page 1. (28) of this issue.

Comment 3: In summary, we seem to have 2 different Jesse Graysons here who might be related, one b. 1772, the other b. 1811. However, some records on the younger one might have been misinterpreted and might belong to the elder Jesse. Howard Grayson promises more research for us.

Clifford Grayson of Rolla Mo., a faithful member of our group, writes that he wishes to know what passenger lists others have searched for Graysons. He has searched these: Immigrant Ancestors, by Vinkus; Immigrants to America 1697-1707, by French; and Original Lists of Emigrants to America, by Hotten. Who has searched what others? Will somebody make us a list of all known Grayson immigrants for the next Newsletter?

A similar question, but one possibly easier to answer, is, how many Grayson lines are there? it might be useful for someone to tabulate all known Grayson lines. For example, in re-reading the pages of last year's Newsletter, I find that I get lost and confused with all the names. If we could assign each Grayson to some Grayson line and then to a generation, we could annotate each name. For example, the earliest generation might be number 10 and the lines could be letters. (E.g.: A.A. Grayson, A-5). I would appreciate comments on this idea or a volunteer.

One problem with lines of Graysons as fixed entities is that of the unidentified Graysons. These will go on a separate list. Daniel Grayson has constructed a list of these. You all will have fun looking through this list for names you know as belonging to lines or families in your files. Then please send me your information for the Newsletter. Also add more unidentified Graysons that you have.

UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE :

- 1779 ANNE GRAYSON m. CHARLES DULIN [Trans. 1934-12-21 #9609]
- ANN GRAYSON, dau. of WILLIAM GRAYSON, m. Dan Young at Jonesboro. Tenn, Davidson & Robertson Co's
- 1830 PATIENCE GRAYSON a widow, age 50-59, with two Ark, Pope Co. grandsons named Reuben.
- 1768 BENJAMIN GRAYSON died intestate, Va, Fairfax Co. [Va. Wills & Admin, C. Torrance]
(could be son of Benj.², John¹)
or son of Ambrose², John¹)
- 1786 BENJAMIN GRAYSON, wife Stacy Lewis, are mentioned in the will of Elzey Lewis [NEHGS # VA 131 76]
Va, Fairfax Co. (see Stacey Grayson, 1805, Tenn, Roane Co.)
- 1820 BENJAMIN GRAYSON, Census Tenn, Franklin Co. age 26-45
- BENJAMIN GRAYSON b. Tenn, Gibson Co, d. 1843, wife: Jane Lamb b. Va d. 1855 Ark.
10 children including:
JOHN A GRAYSON b. 1832-10-23 Marion Co, Tenn.
(could be Benj.² son of Benj.¹ of Wilkes Co, N.C, but for birthplace) [History of Tennessee.]
- PATIENCE GRAYSON m. James Bristow Va. [Va. Mar. - Wulfeck]
- 178? CHARLES GRASOM Census 1784-89 NC, Onslow Co.
1 male 21-60, 2 females
- 1687 THOMAS GRAYSON, wife Mary, son CHARLES b. 1687, Va, Middlesex Co. [Christ Church records]
- 1814 CHARLES GRAYSON, on tax list, 1 white poll, 86 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, Tenn, Washington Co.

- PROVEN TO BE "GRAYSON"
- 1800 DRURY GRAYSON, Census, 1833 42101
NC, Lincoln Co. 31001
- 1798 ELI GRAYSON, m. Dolly Dennis 1798.8.27
NC, Wake Co. m. Eliz. Power 1820.1.11
m. Mary Dodd 1824.4.15
- 1802.2.4 ELIZABETH GRAYSON m. George Bull 1802
Tenn, Grainger Co.
- 1817.12.30 ELIZABETH GRAYSON m. John Stubblefield
Tenn, Grainger Co.
- 1785.3.28 ——— GRAYSON m. Frances Hurt according
to the will of her father James Hurt, this date.
Va, Culpeper Co.
- 1817.12.10 FRANCIS GRAYSON m. Joseph Shedrick
bondsmen: Richard Ballard.
Tenn, Grainger Co.
- 1824.3.4 HANNAH GRAYSON m. Thomas Yarnell
Tenn, Knox Co.
- 1831.5.30 HENRY GRAYSON m. Sally Harrison
Tenn, Davidson Co.
- 1842.3. HENRY GRAYSON - a note on his death in
Tenn, Bledsoe Abstracts from Minute Docket at Pikeville.
1841-6
- 1756 JAMES GRAYSON m. Elizabeth 1756
Va, Goochland ch: Thomas b.1756
John b.1759.1.24
- 1779.5.12 JAMES GRAYSON & Elizabeth witness a will
of Rebecca Van der pool
Tenn, Washington
- 1814 JOHN GRAYSON } on tax list in Washington Co,
THOMAS GRAYSON } Tenn
JAMES GRAYSON }

- probably Supts. see Ken F. 1733

1781.11.19 JAMES GRAYSON & WILLIAM GRAYSON
witness the will of Elijah Berry
Va, Culpeper Co.

1763 and on WILLIAM GRAYSON - in numerous court cases
Va, Culpeper Co.

1780.4.17 WILLIAM GRAYSON purchased part of the estate
of Christopher Dicke (?)
Va, Culpeper Co.

1781 WILLIAM GRAYSON on the army list
Va, Culpeper

178? WILLIAM GRAYSON on tax list, 1 poll
Va, Culpeper

1805 JAMES GRAYSON on tax list
1810 " " census, age >45, 3 girls
Tenn, Grainger 1 woman 16-26, wife 26-45
County Court records refer to him often from
1796-1810 - usually "on jury"

1860 JAMES GRAYSON Census, age 28, and
Tenn, Johnson BENJAMIN GRAYSON, age 27,
in one household. James has a wife
Julia A and 4 children.

1828.2.3 JANE GRAYSON m. Francis Edmondson
Tenn, Knox

1755 JOHN GRAYSON died intestate,
Va, Orange Co. adm: Martha Grayson

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JOHN GRAYSON wife: Sarah Wigg, b.1733,
d.1780-5, son: Lt. John Grayson d.1797.9.
SC, see Letter from MRS.
UNDERWOOD FOR identification.

- 178? JOHN GRAYSON on tax list
Va, Fayette Co.
- 1846.10.27 JOHN GRAYSON m. MARY GRAYSON
surety HENRY GRAYSON
Va, Wythe
- 1791 JAMES GRAYSON m. Bathsheba Phelps
Va, Bedford Co.
- 1809.9.16 NANCY GRAYSON m. JOHN Edmundson, Tenn, Knox C
Nancy was born in NC, 1791.5.15, and is
Mrs. Blank's ancestor.
- 1812.9.16 NANCY GRAYSON m. Richard Ballard
Tenn, Grainger
- 1815.5.29 BENJAMIN GRAYSON m. Nancy Regrey.
Tenn, Knox. He was in Lawrence Co, Ind, in 1850,
and was born 1793.1.16 in NC.
(He and Nancy ^{GRAYSON} b. 1791.5.15 are perhaps siblings)
- 1642 RICHARD GRAYSON land grant
Va, Elizabeth Co,
- 177? ROBERT GRAYSON Private in Revolution
Va, Spots. Co.
- 178? ROBERT GRAYSON tax list: 1 poll
Va, Montgomery Co.
- 1769.3.20 SARAH GRAYSON m. Benjamin Anisley
- Va, Goochland Co.
(possible sister of James m. 1756 Elizabeth)
- 1816.8.13 SARAH GRAYSON m. John Edmundson
Tenn, Knox Co.

- 1805.10.28 STACEY GRAYSON m. William Brown
TENN, Roane Co.
(see Benjamin, 1768)
- 1753.6.24 THOMAS GRAYSON sold land to JOHN GRAYSON
Va,
(could be sons of Ambrose son of John)
- 1754 THOMAS GRAYSON a sale £6/12
1763.8.20 Va, Culpeper a court case
- 177? THOMAS GRAYSON in Revolution
Va
- 1780? THOMAS GRAYSON on Forbay prison ship at
NC Charlestown
- 1793.8.20 THOMAS GRAYSON grantor of power of
Tenn, Davidson attorney
- 1797.5.14 THOMAS GRAYSON Ky militia, Lt., 24th reg.
Ky, Christian Co
- 1800 Ky, Christian Co Census
1810 Ky, Hopkins Co Census
- 1635 WILLIAM GRAYSON age 20: migrated to Va. on
Va. ship "Safety"
- 1732.6.6 WILLIAM GRAYSON bought land here, living
Va, Spots. in England, Cumberland Co,
(brother of John d. 1736?) St. Bee's Parish.
- 1760 WILLIAM GRAYSON administrator's bond
Va, Spots.
- 1803 WILLIAM GRAYSON, d. 1803 Pa, Cumberland Co,
m. Agnes Waugh, ch: James Douglas Grayson
who had Robert 1816-1895
Pa.

ancestors
of Leon
Brooks

- 1793 WILLIAM GRAYSON died intestate
Va, Frederick
(Col. Wm. Grayson d. 1790 same county, testate)
- 1794.9.4 WILLIAM GRAYSON sold land to Richard Muse
Va, Wythe
(could be Wm. m. Rachel Cooley)
- 1802.9.8 WILLIAM GRAYSON m. Susannah Jennes
Tenn, Montg. Co.
- 1809.7.22 WILLIAM GRAYSON m. Aggy Peyton
Va, King George (could be Dr. Wm Grayson,
son of Benj², John¹, d. NY)
- 1828.3.11 WILLIAM GRAYSON m. Martha McCahan
Tenn, Knox
- 1830 WILLIAM GRAYSON Census 0000100 3 1/2
Tenn, Jefferson 0000100
- 1785 JOHN GRAYSON Census, 4 whites
1790 " " " , 4 "
Va, Albemarle Co.
- 1752 WILLIAM GRAYSON arrived in Va 1752, had
Va, Culpeper a son James
[letter: M.K. Gordon, 1956.5]
- 1729.5.10 NICHOLAS GRAYSON sold land to Philip Powlitz
Va, Spots. (Bk. A p. 391)
- 1732.6.5 WILLIAM GRAYSON of Whitehaven, Cumberland,
Va, Spots. England, received 300 acres
in Spots from James Horsemale's
executor.
- 1766.11.11 NANNY GRAYSON m. Robert Coleman
Va, Goochland dau. Betty b. 1766.11.11
[Douglas Register p. 177]

- 1831.12.5 RACHEL GRAYSON m. Thomas Javes
NC, Rutherford Co. [54784 pt 10, Bk 28]
- FRANCES GRAYSON m. James Elliott
Va. [Va. Marr. - Wulfech]
- 1770.12.19 JAMES GRASON m. Mary Christian
Va, Gloucester [Tyler's, 12:187]
- 1834.9.3 GEORGE W GRAYSON m. Juliet A. Murray
Va, Loudon
- 1845.8.4 JOHN GRAYSON m. Penelope Harris
Mo, Clay
- 1818.8.20 PETER W GRAYSON m. Waltha Dennis
Ohio, Clermont
- 1797.10.3 d. ROBERT GREYSON [Mont. Co. Estates]
w. ~~CA~~ Catherine
Va, Montgomery
- See Leon Brooks letter { 1795.8.24 THOMAS GRAYSON m. Sally Stewart
Ky, Logan
- 1840.3.19 THOMAS GRAYSON m. Ann Watts
Va, Brunswick
- 1804.2.13 WILLIAM GRAYSON m. Becky Pipes,
dau. of John Pipes & Polly.
Ky, Mercer
- 1865.10.28 FATIMA E GRAYSON m. R.P. Howard
NC, McDowell Co.
- 1790.9.6 MARY GRAYSON m. ~~Mary Grayson~~
Ky, Woodford m. Robert McLaughlin
- 1814.6.30 (?) POLLY GRAYSON, (dau. of Rachel)
Va, Montg. m. James Sayers

1865-1-23 THOMAS L GRAYSON enrolled in U.S. Army,
Ind, Gibson Co H, 143 regt.

~~1785-12-15 ELIZABETH GRAYSON m. John M. Verdier~~
~~SC, Beaufort [N&SC Marr. Records: Clemens]~~

1830 CHARLES GRAYSON in Census, 1002:31002
Ala, Jackson

1784-5 WILLIAM GRAYSON
N.C., Surry Co.

Will book 2, p. 29: "William Grayson of Albemarle County, Va, is bound to ~~3~~ Usley Ray, Execr of estate of Thomas Ray, decd., and to Richard Hood & Charles McAnnally as securities for Admr. of said estate for 600 pds. proclamation money 15 May 1777 as sd Grayson has produced a copy of a record from Albemarle Court showing him to be the proper guardian of a certain Eliza Ray which appears to be a legatee & heir...."

[This could be Wm? son of Ambrose?]

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[Tennessee census]

DAVID GRASON	33	NC	McMinn Co.
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FANNY	9		↑
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SARAH	3 1/2		

1850

REBECCA GRASON 48 NC

Johnson Co. (30.-39)

1850

WILLIAM GRASON 24 Tenn

Marion Co. (166-775)

SARAH " 24 Tenn

JOSEPH KELLEY 32

MARY " 25

JACKSON 10 1/2

Flash. Help. Elaine Soden needs help sending the printed postcards. She writes that she is about to give up on sending out these cards because of lack of money. Can anyone help? I think we all should chip in and send her contributions because of the good replies we are getting. I have published all of the replies in the Newsletter and if you will go through your copies you will see that there are many Grayson genealogists who have been contacted by the these postcards. Mrs. Soden has been mailing to Graysons in all major cities and her husband prints the cards. Below is a copy of the card. Send your thanks and contributions directly to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Soden, 5535 N.W. Fourth Court, Des Moines, Iowa 50313. Elaine, let me know how this works out; your surveys are valuable to all of us.

Grayson Data Desired:

We are searching for family histories and other genealogical records of all persons of British or Scotch descent, who are Graysons or who have Grayson family lines. We will be glad to exchange genealogical information. In particular we are interested in Graysons who lived in Wilkes County, N.C. from 1780 and on. If you have such family tree information of any Grayson lines please contact me and tell me what you have.

R. R. Grayson, M.D.
Grayson Family Association
Box 167
St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Note to Cliff: Received your material on Jessie Grayson. Will put that in the next issue.

Note to Leon: Thanks for the big contribution.

Note: I received good data from J. Fleming Gordon for the next issue the 1st Graysons in America: 6 pages. Thanks to Mrs. Underwood.

Note to Bob Capell: Am saving you letter for next time. Thanks.

Mrs. Cardon: my letter to Ruby Grayson came back as undeliverable.

See You All Next Month

---RRG***

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On the next 5 pages are Grayson excerpts from the Genealogy book written by Major M.K. Gordon now deceased, of Madisonville, Ky. and kindly sent to me by his nephew J. Fleming Gordon. These pages distill a lifetime of Grayson research. (52-56)

Clifford Grayson forwards information on an early Grayson, see pages 57-8: William Joseph Grayson 1821-1885 who was one of 4 boys according to family tradition. He moved to Ill., married 1st wife, had William Riley Grayson, b. 1842 & 3-4 daughters, later moved to Mo. and married Mary Jane Sweet and raised 2nd family.

The 6 pages following (59-64) are from Betty Stokes and are a welcome addition to the archives. Then the next 2 pages are also from Betty Stokes and contain an interesting story of a Grayson murder, which is our first in the Newsletter. This should liven up our reading of Grayson genealogy. (65-66).

Mrs. Katheryn Reeves Jean (Kitty) is working on the index to last year's Newsletter. (Thanks Mrs. J. for 1978 payment in advance.)

J.. Wendell Grayson adds 2 unidentified Graysons; do you know them? 1.) Elizabeth Grayson m. Charles Rapier. issue: Margaret, m. 11 Jan. 1829 to Stanislaus Spalding b. Nelson co., Ky., son of James & Eleanor Spalding. 2.) William E. Grayson, listed in deed books of Clairborne co., Tenn. 1859-68. Who is he?

Mrs. Underwood has a nice letter to us on pages 67-68.

On page 69 is a letter from the files of Mrs. Wulfeck from a year ago. Mrs. Wulfeck has just donated all her Grayson notes and correspondence to me and I will be gleaning the material for the Newsletter. Does anyone have comments on the page 69 letter from Mrs. Kathleen Grayson Johnson regarding her ancestor John Grayson b. 1807 in Tenn.?

Howard Grayson reports that his office is only 2 blocks from the National Archives in Washington! Does anyone have any leads for Howard in finding the parents of his gr. grandfather Jessie Grayson, b. 1811? I'll bet Howard would trade searches at the Archives for leads to his Jessie.

23 Grayson genealogists still on the active list as of last issue. If we could have 50 on the mailing list the Newsletter could be offset printed at a cheaper rate than the present xerox method.

To those who asked: sorry, no more back issues. The best is yet to come.

On page 70 is a family tree from a Mrs. Bandy requesting help. Will send her this issue and invite her to join us. --RRGrayson

CHART NO. I

CONTINUATION OF CHART NO. _____

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m
d Aug 19, 1782
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John Gordon I

8 b c 1699
m c 1718
d 1786
r

Barbara Cullom

b
d

Rev. Robert Gordon

16 b m
d r

Lady Grizel Gordon

17 b d

Henry McCullom

18 b m
d r

19 b d

Ambrose Grayson

20 b m 1726
d 1742 r

21 Alice Sharpe, widow of
b John James

Richard Burdyne

22 b m
d r

Catherine Burdyne

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27 b d

Mathew Talbot

28 b 1699 m 1737
d 1758 r

29 Minerva Jane Clayton
b d 1774

30 b m
d r

31 b d

John Grayson

10 b 1721
m 1748
d 1802
r

Barbara Burdyne

b 1730
d 1801

12 b
m
d
r

18 b
d

Isham Talbot, Sr.

14 b 1738
m 1765
d 1825
r

Elizabeth Davis

b
d

John Gordon III

b Nov 12, 1774
m Aug 23, 1802
d Oct 8, 1824
r

Elizabeth Grayson

b 1749
d 1814

ANCESTORS OF

Ambrose Grayson Gordon
See #16, Chart No. II

David Wright, Jr.

6 b Dec 15, 17
m Aug 23, 1782
d Aug 6, 1842
r

Elizabeth Janet Wright

b Dec 15, 1783
d Jun 8, 1842

Sarah Talbot

b 1766
d 1820

PATERNA

MATERNAL

CHART NO. II

CONTINUATION OF CHART NO. I

b—born
m—married
d—died
r—resided

John Fleming S. Gordon

4 bDec 7, 1866
mNov 4, 1914
dApr 30, 1930
r

James F. Gordon

2 bMay 18, 1913
mSep 1, 1942
d
r

5 Ruby James
bSep 18, 1877
d

ANCESTORS OF
Maurice Kirby Gordon, II
James F. Gordon, Jr.
Marianna Gordon

Edgar Monroe Young

6 bApr 25, 1887
mMar 26, 1919
dJun 22, 1947
r

8 Iola A. Young
b Oct 4, 1920
d

7 Anna Bishop
bApr 10, 1892
d

William Leonidas Gordon

8 bSep 23, 1837
mFeb 29, 1860
dAug 29, 1930
r

Cordelia A. Arnold

9 b 1840
dMar 1, 1897

Lemuel H. James

10 bJan 9, 1844
mApr 25, 1861
dNov 6, 1928
r

Elizabeth Jane Braley

11 bMar 28, 1843
dOct 12, 1917

Warfield M. Young

12 bJan 6, 1857
mDec 6, 1878
dJul 27, 1930
r

Iola Taylor Wynns

13 bSep 25, 1859
dJul 2, 1913

Robert F. Bishop

14 bJul 31, 1860
mJan 1, 1890
d
r

Sallie Agnes Barnhill

15 bNov 14, 1862
dMay 27, 1842

Ambrose Grayson Gordon

16 bOct 15, 1803mMay 20, 182
dJun 23, 1860r

Sarah A.W. Dobyns

17 bDec 2, 1803d 1871

William King Arnold

18 b 1791 m
d 1856 r

Clara Lavina Sale

19 b d

Bartley A. James

20 b. 1785 m
d 1855 r

Elizabeth Tucker

21 b d 1858

John Braley

22 b m
d r

Elizabeth Jane

23 b d

Warfield Young

24 b m
d r

Deliah Collins

25 bJan 17, 1817dJan 28, 1896

George W. Wynns

26 bMar 22, 1830mNov 30, 1858
dFeb 16, 1882r

Susan Davis

27 bMar 22, 1840dDec 17, 1872

Wesley L. Bishop

28 bJun 30, 1826mNov 11, 1856
dFeb 2, 1902 r

Adeline Quick

29 bFeb 23, 1839dJan 5, 1910

John Barnhill

30 bJul 12, 1829mMay 12, 185
dSep 1, 1915r

Nancy F. James

31 bApr 23, 1832dAug 27, 188

Elizabeth Grayson
wife of John Gordon, II
Daughter of John Grayson
and Barbara Burdyne

The accounts of the origin and relationship of the Graysons in Lancaster County, Virginia, are confusing, inconsistent and contradictory, which is strange considering some of the prominent descendants of the Grayson family. It is determined that John, Ambrose, Benjamin and sister Anne Grayson are immigrants from Scotland or Northern Ireland. Record has been found that these Graysons arrived in Christ Church Parish in July, 1690, or 1695, which gives rise to several accounts as to the beginnings of these four Graysons and their ancestors.

Of these four Graysons, the following is considered to be factual:

I. Anne Grayson (sometimes referred to as Mary). Married first John Quarles on October 3, 1722, in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and secondly Thomas Harrison, circa 1731, in Fauquier County, Virginia. Anne Grayson died testate in that county in 1774.

II. Benjamin Grayson. As it is reliably stated by Mr. George H. S. King (Register of First Families of Virginia) that Benjamin Grayson married Susanna Monroe, daughter of Andrew Monroe, (died testated 1714) in Westmoreland County, Virginia. She was successively the widow of Charles Tyler (died Stratford County, Virginia in 1725) and of William Lendt (died Prince William County, Virginia 1732-33). Susanna Monroe died in November, 1752. She was the mother of William Grayson, a U.S. Senator. Mr. King writes that the family seat of the Grayson family was a little below Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock and is shown on Lord Fairfax's map of the Northern Neck, 1737. Senator William Grayson received a 6,666 acre military grant of land in Hopkins County, Kentucky, for his services as a colonel in the Revolutionary War. This land was later conveyed by several deeds of record to his heirs. Colonel Grayson also received acreage by military grants in Fayette County, Virginia and it is considered that he had 90,000 acres of other grants in Kentucky. Other sons of Benjamin and Susanna Grayson were:

- i. John Grayson
- ii. Benjamin Grayson, Jr. -- died a prosperous citizen in Prince William County, Virginia in 1757.
- iii. Spence Grayson
- iv. William Grayson

III. John Grayson. It is "said" that he married Susanna White, daughter of Governor White. There is not a citation of record. At any rate, John Grayson of Christ Church Parish bought land in Lancaster County, Virginia, on October 29, 1703 (Deed Book 9, page 70) from Mark Gendron. He was involved in a lawsuit, was a church warden, bought property in King George County, and on April 2, 1714, bought 700 acres in Spotsylvania County, Virginia (Deed Book E, page 171) from William Smith. In 1719, he received a land grant of which he sold a part to Ambrose Grayson in 1729. John Grayson died intestate in Spotsylvania County, Virginia before March 31, 1736, survived by his wife, Susanna. For an inventory of his estate, see Spotsylvania Descendant Book A, page 270, which is signed by the widow, Susanna. John Gordon, Francis Taliferro, and Francis Turnley were appraisers. His eldest son, Thomas Grayson, inherited his land and conveyed (on January 6, 1737, Spotsylvania Deed Book D, page 1). There is no record of the children of this John Grayson.

IV. Ambrose Grayson. Married Alice James, widow of John James in 1726, daughter of Miles James and Elizabeth Oistin Ramsden. Alice James is mentioned in John James Will as having been with child by him (a daughter subsequently born) and her marriage to Ambrose Grayson occurred only a few months after the death of John James in the spring of 1726. She had two daughters by John James. Ambrose Grayson died testate in 1743, a resident of _____, Virginia. In his Will, he mentioned his brother, Benjamin, and the following children (it is also thought that he had a son named William but he is not mentioned):

- i. Ambrose Grayson, Jr.
- ii. Thomas Grayson
- iii. Benjamin Grayson
- iv. John Grayson -- married Barbara Burdyne, parrents of Elizabeth Grayson, wife of John Gordon, II.

It is thought Ambrose Grayson's widow later married James Stevens. In any event, she died a resident of _____, Virginia, 1745.

John Grayson
Husband of Barbara Burdyne
Father of Elizabeth Grayson

John Grayson was born circa 1729, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He resided in the counties of Orange and Culpeper. He married Barbara Burdyne in 1730, in Culpeper County, Virginia,

the daughter of Richard and Catherine Burdyne. She lived the majority of her adult life in Culpeper County, Virginia. Unto this union, seven known children were born:

- i. Ambrose Grayson -- killed by Indians near Logan's Ford two miles from Danville, Kentucky, on August 22, 1777, as was reported by George Rogers Clark, see Kentucky History Illustrated 1885 by J. H. Battle.
- ii. William Grayson -- married Rachel Conley in Montgomery County, Virginia, leaving issue.
- iii. John Grayson -- married Sally Carter in Montgomery County, Virginia and hence moved to Alabama territory.
- iv. Molly Grayson -- married William Hall, died leaving issue.
- v. Susan Grayson -- married one Thompson of Wyethe County, Virginia.
- vi. Nancy Grayson
- vii. Elizabeth Grayson -- married John Gordon, II, direct lineage.

John Grayson died in 1802, a resident of Montgomery County, Virginia. During his lifetime, however, he received a lease from George Taylor on July 7, 1749, for a plantation in Orange County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, page 169. Additionally, John Grayson served in Fincastle County Militia during the Revolutionary War. Barbara Burdyne died 1881, a resident of Montgomery County, Virginia.

On November 24, 1767, of record in Culpeper County Deed Book E, page 474, John Grayson and his wife conveyed to John Gordon 254 acres of land in Bromfield Parish on the Courdvine Fork of the Rappahannock and Beaver Run, which property seems to have been received by him under the Will of his father, Ambrose Grayson.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name WILLIAM JOSEPH GRAYSON

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
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MRS JESSIE GRAYSON
R.T. 1, Box 196
WEST PLAINS, MO.
65775

Birth	19	APR.	1824				
Chr nd							
Mar.							
Death	11	AUG.	1885				
Burial				Bartholomew Chapel Cem.	Crawford Co., Mo.		

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name (2) MARY JANE SWEET

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
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Birth

Chrnd

Death

Burial

Compiler

Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 ALICE GRAYSON	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	BOB CRAVETT	Death							
		Burial							
M	2 GEORGE "	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	SALLY	Death							
		Burial							
M	3 DANIEL "	Birth			1866				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
	ADALINE 1869-1898	Death			1944				
		Burial				Crawford Co., Mo.			
M	4 JAMES LORENZO "	Birth			3 MAY 1871				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			24 OCT. 1895				
	AMANDA JANE MARTIN	Death			29 SEPT. 1953				
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name JAMES LORENZO GRAYSON

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Hus.
Birth	3	MAY	1871	STEELVILLE	CRAWFORD CO	MO.	
Chr'd							
Mar.	24	OCT.	1895	"	"	"	
Death	29	SEPT	1953	"	"	"	
Burial	1	OCT.	1953	"	"	"	

MRS JESSIE GRAYSON
 RT. 1, BOX 1916
 WEST PLAINS, MO.
 65775

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father WILLIAM JOSEPH GRAYSON Mother's Maiden Name MARY JANE SWEET

Wife's Full Maiden Name ANNA JANE MARTIN

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	7	APRIL	1876	COOKSTATION	CRAWFORD CO	MO	
Chr'd							
Death	23	JAN.	1956	STEELVILLE	"	"	
Burial	25	"	1956	"	"	"	

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father JOHN WILLIAMS MARTIN Mother's Maiden Name DORRY ANNIS REEDS

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Child
F	1 EULAH EVADNA GRAYSON	Birth	2	DEC.	1896	COOKSTATION	CRAWFORD CO	MO.	
	Full Name of Spouse* EUGENE H. MARTIN	Mar.	16	FEB.	1921				
		Death			1968				
		Burial							
F	2 ETHEL ELIZABETH GRAYSON	Birth	6	SEPT.	1899	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* ARTHUR RAY BALL	Mar.	14	MAR.	1921				
		Death							
		Burial							
M	3 CLARENCE JOSEPH GRAYSON	Birth	13	OCT	1901	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* PEARL OLA ROBERTS	Mar.	2	JULY	1923				
		Death	21	AUG.	1971				
		Burial							
F	4 ELSIE ANNIS GRAYSON	Birth	25	MAR.	1904	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* WALTER IRVING CARR	Mar.	31	JULY	1922				
		Death							
		Burial							
M	5 JEWELL FRANCIS GRAYSON	Birth	24	JULY	1906	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* WIRENIA LOUISE WISE	Mar.	19	JAN.	1935				
		Death							
		Burial							
M	6 WILLIAM RILEY GRAYSON	Birth	14	AUG	1909	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* BEATRICE ISABELLE CRAGLE	Mar.	10	AUG	1936				
		Death							
		Burial							
F	7 PAUSY OPA GRAYSON	Birth	2	APR.	1912	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* CLAYTON WASHINGTON HOUSEWRIGHT	Mar.	15	SEPT.	1928				
		Death							
		Burial							
M	8 NORMAN NEVILLE GRAYSON	Birth	31	OCT.	1914	SLIGO	DEW CO.	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* FLORENCE HARRIET TEMMS.	Mar.	27	AUG.	1939				
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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February 15, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Probably everyone who is of this line has copied this, but I did put it in a little better order than I had it scribbled in my notes.

I hope it is accurate. If not, I tried to put references so people could check. It should be allowing for human error and typographical errors. The things that look oddest are exact copies.

Oh, this is something I found in my notes.

English Land Grants in Georgia

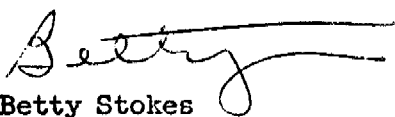
Grayson, John
500 Acres, St. Thomas Parish
Granted May 3, 1768 Grant Book G, page 100
Bounded on the west by said John Grayson

John Grayson
2500 acres on the head of Little Satilla River
Granted June 7, 1763 Grant Book K, page 5
Tract is a South Carolina grant and is located in either St. Patrick or St. Thomas Parish. Tract located on an inland swamp on the head of Little Satilla River, bounded on the east by land laid out for William Hazzard.

(I have no idea who this John Grayson is)

I am looking forward to the indexing as I am getting a little confused as to who are the Williams, Johns, etc. are. Perhaps then we can sort everybody.

Sincerely,


Betty Stokes

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia - Brock - 975.5 B

P. 184

Descendants of James Marye - Issue of Rev. James and Letitia Maria Ann (Staige) Marye

111 Rev. James², b 8 Sept 1731, educated in England. Minister of St. Thomas Parish, Orange Co. from 1761 to 1767 when he succeeded his father in St. George Parish and served there until his death in 1780, buried at Fayetteville. Married twice 1st Letitia Courtney; 2nd Elizabeth nee Osborne, widow of _____ Grayson, Loudoun County.

Virginia Co. Records, Spotsylvania County. 1721-1800

p. 17 "...I sold & conveyed to Col. John Thornton, 7 tracts containing in the whole 9,048 ac. and afterwards I purchased the said 7 tracts of land of the said Col. John Thornton, I give the said 9,048 acres of land to my son John Spotswood, also to him that tract of land which I bought of Ambrose Grayson...

Administration Bonds - Will Book A p. 56

£1000 Susannah Grayson, admx. of John Grayson, dec'd with Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill, sec. Mch 2-1735-6

Guardian Bonds Will Book A p. 70

£ 500 Alice Grayson guard. to John and Ambrose Grayson orphs. of Ambrose Grayson with Wm. Cowne and Wm. Williams, sec. July 3, 1744

Deed Book A 1722-1729 p. 106

May 7, 1729 Henry Willis of King & Queen Co., Gent., to Goodrich Lightfoot of Spts. Co. £ 60 Ster. 200 a. of land in Spts. Co. on S. side of the South West Mountains. Witnesses Wm. Johnson, Ambr. Grayson, Wm. Hackney, Rec May 6, 1729

Page 107 of above book

August 5, 1729 Joseph Smith of King & Queen Co., Gent., to John Robinson, Esqr., and Ambrose Grayson, Gent., Wardens of the Church of St. George's Parish, in Spts. Co. A purchase of the Glebe for the Rectors of St. Geo. Par. 22,500(lbs toh can't read notes), 544 a. of land in St. Geo. Parish, Spts. Co. On the South side about 1 mile above the falls of the River Po, a branch of York River. Witnessed G. Home, Wm. Johnson, Zachary Taylor, Rec. Augt. 5, 1729, Sarah wife of Joseph Smith, acknowledged her dower in the above land, etc.

Deed Book B 1729-1734 P. 111

Decr. 9, 1729

John Grayson of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., to Ambrose Grayson of same par. and county. £ ster., 200 a. part of Deeds formerly purchased by Jno. Grayson of William Smith of Gloucester, in St. Geo. Parish, Spts. Co. Francis Turnley, Henry Rogers, James x Roy. March 3, 1729-30. Susannah, wife of Jno. Grayson, acknowledged her dower, etc.

Deed Book B 1729-1734 p. 111 Decr. 10, 1729 Ambrose Grayson of St. Geo. Parish, Spots. Co. to Henry Rogers of same parish and county. £20 ster., 100 a. a part of pat. granted sd. Grayson in 1727, in St. Geo. Parish Spts., Co. John Chew, Zachary Taylor, Wm. Bledsoe. March 3, 1729-30. Alice wife of Ambrose Grayson acknowledged her dower, etc.

p. 125 May 1, 1733 Ambrose Grayson of St. Geo. Par. Spts. Co. to Matthew Gale of Gloster Co. £42 curr. 300 a. in St. Geo. Par. Spts. Co. Thomas Hill, C. Hoke, Francis Turnley; May 1, 1733, Alice, wife of Ambrose Grayson, acknowledged her dower, etc.

p. 191 June 3, 1752 James Stevens of St. Geo. Parish Spots. Co. Planter and Alice his wife, late relict and legatee of Ambrose Gresham (Grayson?) late of Par. and County afd., Planter, Deed. to Thomas Turner of same Par. and County, Gentl. £35 Curr. freed of lease. The plantation whereon the said Ambrose dwelt and 200 A. in the par. and county afd. Witnesses Thomas Horefield, John Dent, George Jones, Richard x Turnley, Augt. 4, 1752.

P. 191 Aug. 14, 1752 John Lea of Orange Co. North Carolina and Anne, his wife to Thomas McNeal of St. Geo. Parish Spts. Co. Va. £ 24 Curr. 185 a. whereon sd. McNeal now dwells and formerly being a patent granted George Carter and given by sd. Carter to the sd. John Lea, his son-in-law by Deed of Gift. Said land joining the lands of Humphrey Bell of London, John Williamson, Robert Huddleston, Colo. John Waller and Richard Coleman, etc., etc. No witnesses August 4, 1752.

p. 341 Nov 21, 1778 Matthew Gale and Joseph Gale sons Matthew Gale late of Spts. Co. Deed and executors of the sd. Matthew's will ... £ 600 curr. 300 a. in Spts. Co. purchased by the said Matthew Gale, decd. of Ambrose Grayson ...

Marriage Licenses p. 84

1726, Oct 20 John Catlett and Mary Grayson
1731 Apl 18 (Thom) as Hill and Elizabeth Grayson
Linton and Susannah Grayson
1744 Augt. 26 James Stevens and Alice Grayson

Will Book A 1722-1749 p. 1

James, John, St. George's Parish d. Jan 23, 1725, p. Mar. 1, 1725-6 Wit. John Grayson, Stephen Sharp, John Rattaille. Ex. Wife Alice James, Charles Taliaferro, Jun. Leg. wife Alice and daughter Mary, and the child my wife now goes with p. 24

Will Book A p. 5 Sharp. Stephen, St. Georges's Parish, d. Mar 12, 1735 p. June 3, 1735, Wit. George Pool, Henry Chamble. Ex. Elizabeth Sharp. Leg. wife Elizabeth Sharp; mentions Hoke Grayson; Mary Jones; Elizabeth James; John Grayson. (p. 255)

Colonial Militia p. 514 Captain William Hansford and his officer, John Grayson, Jr., took ye oath, October 7, 1729 (p. 355).

Roster of the Va. Daughters of the Amer. Rev. p. 508

William Grayson, b. Montgomery Co. Va. before 1750 d. Montgomery Co. Va. 1801
Res. Mont. Co. Va. Private pp. 54, 335

Virginia Tax Payers 1782-87 Other Than Published by U. S. Census - Fathergill & John Mark Naugle

Grayson

Robert	1 - Mont.
Rev. Spence	13 Lou
Col. Wm.	1/8 Lou
Col. Wm.	1/21 Pr. Wm.
Wm.	1/2 Spots.
Wm.	1/- Cul.

A Brief of Wills & Marriages in Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Va. 1773-1831

Marriages

Grayson, Ambrose (son of William, Dec. and Rachel), and Betsy Wyser, Henry Wyser, surety Mar. 28, 1807

Grayson, John and Sarah Carter Mar by Richard Whitt - 1792

Wills

Grayson, John, Will Probated October 1802 Names children Betty, Lucy, John, William, Mary, and Nancy. Also a partner Wm. Hall of Wythe Co.

William Grayson, Will Probated Aug 1801 Names wife _____; and children Billey, Rueben, Ambrose, John, Betsy, Sally, & Polly.

Grayson, Robert, dec. Dower assigned Catherine Grayson, his wife, Oct. 3, 1797

Heads of Families Va. 1875 Albemarle Co.

Grayson, John. 4 white souls no dwellings or other buildings

Virginia County Records

Grayson, Meades Old. Fam. & Churches. Woods Hist of Albemarle Va. Co. Records. I

Grason, Warfields Hist of Ann Arundel and Howard Cos. Md.

Tylers Quarterly, Vol. 5 July-Apr. 1923-1924 Heke - dau of Col. Wm. Grayson & Eleanor Smallwood married John Carter of Loudon Co. Va.

Spots. Deed Book B-1729-1734

P. 120 Jno Grayson Jr. John Gordon witnessed deed of Moseley Battaley, King Geo. Co. Nov. 2, 1731 to Henry Willis of Spots.

P. 116 John Grayson Jr. witnessed deed for Edward Price to Charles Burges

P. 111. Grayson witnessed Wm. Phillips to James Coward

Will Book A - Administration Bonds

1000 Joel Johnson, admr, of Richardson Johnson dec'd w/ John Grayson & G. Lightfoot.

p. 146. Jan'y 27, 1737 Thomas Grayson of Deal in Kent eldest son of John Grayson of Spots Co. Colony of Va. lately deceased to Thomas Turner of King Geo. Co. Va., Gent., etc. July 4, 1738

p. 183. John Grayson of St. Marks Parish Culpepper Co. & Barbary his wife

p. 193 John Grayson late of Christ Church Parish Lancaster Co. Dec'd as by deeds in G.. cont April 22, 1714 which said land descended to Thomas Grayson late of Deal in Kent Co. in G. B. from his father the sa. John Grayson dec'd who died intestate.

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Montgomery Co. Va. Circa 1790 - Transcribed and Edited by Nettie Schreiner - Ventic

<u>Persons Charged With Taxes</u>	<u>White Males over 21 Years</u>	<u>White Males</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Horses</u>
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1789 - Mar 30 Grayson, William	Grayson, William	0	0	7
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1790 Feb 24 Grayson, Robert	Grissom, Robert	0	0	6
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Mar 7 Grayson, John	Grayson, John	1	3	8
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Survey Book "D" p. 49 - John Bell 50 acres adjacent to Wm. Grayson 25 May 1785 (142)

Locating Tax Payers

1789 March 30 (Little River & Clapboard Creek) Thomas Alley (m) Wm. Grayson (m), Phillip Hagen (b), John Shilling

(Toms and Strobes Creeks)

1790 Feb 24 Robert Grayson, Wm. Lee (n), Andrew Martin, Boston Martin, Bryan McDonald (o), John McDonald (o), Joseph McDonald, Jr. (o), Joseph McDonald, Sr. (o), John McGee, Robert McGee (o), Wm. McMullin (o), George Price (o), Jacob Sailor (o), John Stuart, John Wash.
Gasper Eariger (o), Philip Eariger (o), John Black (c), Samuel Craddall (m).

March 7 (East & West sides of New River, R coon Branch, Elk 3 pring of Thorn Sprong, Little Sinking Spring, Crab, Pulmb, Meadow Creeks, Round Glade of Peak Creek, Den Creek of N. Fk, Roanoke, Hans Meadow, Kittle Hollow, Elliotts Creek, Neck Creek)

Joseph Baker (c), Ira Ball, Jesse Bryan (o), James Carnute (m, a), Henry Carnute, Sr., Jordan Chafin, Francis Charlton (m), James Charlton (m), Charles Coates, Reuben Collinsworth (m), Joseph Conyton (m), James Craig (RM) (o), David Crouch (m), Thomas Cunningham, Stephen Doyle (o), Thomas Farmer (m), Francis Gardner (m), John Grayson (m), John Harison, John Ingles, Samuel Ingram, Jr. (m), Joseph Langdon, John Lawrence Sr. (m), John Lawrence, Jr. (m), Thomas Lawrence (m), Wm Lawrence (m), Luke Malone, James Maxwell (b,c), Wm. Melle (m), James Moniffee (m), Jariot (m), Reuben Moniffee (m), Lewis Millam (m), David Patton, Henry Patton (m), Thomas Patton, (m,c), Henry Piper (m), John Fruit (b), Richard Rains (c,m), Norman Ratcliff (m), Peter Rife, Jr. (o), Robert Rowland, Vincent Searl, Andrew Stabaugh, John Stabough (m), John Taylor, Jonathan Thomas (c,g), George Waggoner, Archibald Whitt (m), Jesse Whitt, Richard Whitt (m), Adam Wigal.

Will Book A-1722-1749 Spotsylvania Co. Records p. 7

Ambrose Grayson, St. George's Parish, d. Sept. 6, 1742, p. Mar 6, 1743, Wit Robert Lovell, George Mix Peirce Perry. Ex brother Benjamin Grayson; My wife Alice Grayson; my son John Grayson, Leg wife Alice son John son Ambrose, mentions other children but does not name them p. 379

p. 19

Grayson, Ambrose Huncupative Will "To Mr. Thos. Grayson Spots. Aug 5, 1754, I Ambrose Grayson, etc. Bills drawn by Col John Spotswood for 60 Sterling be either sold or remitted home, and the money arising therefrom together with my part of my father's estate be equally divided between my unmarried brothers and sisters. Wit. John Crosse, Lawrence Dully. Proved Mar. 2, 1756 (page 286)
Will Book B, 1749, 1759

Wm. Grayson - 1 of 1st 2 senators from Virginia. Died at Dumfries Mar 12 1790 Age 64, Buried at Belle Air. Over 6 feet. Inclined to fullness. Florid complexion, black eyes, hair, finest teeth, sociable in disposition, agreeable, and impressive (?) in conversation. M. Eleanor.

February 14, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Time flies and I always have good intentions. I am sending you a copy of this Grayson account that I meant to send around the time you ran the Tom Dooley account.

This account was sent to me by Mrs. S. D. Watkins, Rt. 3, Box 54, Grapeland, Texas and I typed it for her. This is my file copy; however, I still have her handwritten account.

She said "This is a condensed version of a story entitled; "Marshal of the Red Hills," by Ernest Jones in True West Magazine, June 1961. His story was largely concerned with the life of Christopher Columbus Rogers, and how he solved the "Grayson murder," Ernest Jones is a cousin of mine and a reporter for our daily paper.

I live less than a mile from the scene of the Grayson murder. The small cemetery is all but lost now. I am sending you a copy of the grave markers still there. At least, they were when last I visited the cemetery. I will let you know if I find out otherwise."

I thought perhaps someone might be missing a Dr. R. P. Grayson from their family tree.

Hope to send more another time.

In haste,



Betty Stokes

GRAYSON FAMILY CEMETERY

1. Dr. R. P. Grayson, Age 45 years, Died April 23, 1878 (Murdered)
2. Marian Grayson, wife of Dr. Grayson, Age 38 years, died April 23, 1878 (Murdered)
3. Dora Lee, wife of J. S. Beason, Born Aug. 15, 1867, Died March 1, 1884
Age 16 years, 6 months, and 24 days
4. B. T. Sammons, Infant of Martin and Lou Sammons - (Date may be 1903 - illegible)
5. One unmarked grave.

Note: The Graysons were murdered at Ioni, in S. E. Anderson County, Texas, on April 23, 1878.

The others buried by the Graysons are not related to them. They were people in the community who had no family cemetery or burial place.

THE GRAYSON MURDER - APRIL 23, 1878

On the night of April 23, 1878, Dr. R. P. Grayson and his wife, Marian, were murdered in their home near the old Ioni Indian Village site, in Southeastern Anderson County, Texas.

Dr. Grayson, a physician, had come from the North to serve settlers in the pine-clad sand hills of southeastern Anderson County. While he cared for the sick, his capable wife, with the help of Negro retainers, operated a store, a grist mill, and a cotton gin on a small stream near their home. It proved to be a lucrative family partnership.

Late one night, a voice called to Dr. Grayson from the sandy public road; a woman in a camp up the road had suddenly been stricken ill. Would the doctor come?

Grayson shouted to his stable boy to saddle his horse. Dressing hurriedly the doctor found his saddlebags and stepped out the front door. A fusillade from a half-dozen weapons sent more than 50 buckshot slugs tearing through his body. Grayson fell dead on the step.

The assassins stepped over his dead body and shot Mrs. Grayson to death in her bed. The Grayson baby, sleeping in its crib, and a little boy, who hid under the bed, escaped harm. The boy lived to tell his story from a witness stand.

The young Negro stable boy escaped on the doctor's fine horse, and rode straight to Palestine, the county seat of Anderson County, some 20 miles away. He lost no time in finding the City Marshal Chris Rogers, whose medicine to "cure or kill" lawlessness had spread his fame far and wide. Gunslicks had come from everywhere to meet him. A shrewd judge of men by instinct, Chris could tell at a glance whether a troublesome character had to be killed or not. He always waited for an adversary to draw first. It was a very dangerous practice, but he never lost a gunfight.

At dawn, the morning after the murder, when a small group of farmers, who were shocked to silence by what they found, gathered at the scene of the crime, Chris Rogers was there. No one questioned his leadership of the investigation.

Chris deputized men whom he knew could be trusted, and set one deputy on each of five trails leading away from the spot where the night riders had parted.

"One man in that band of killers is a coward," Chris said. "See that tree in front of the house? Well, when the others fired the volley of shots that killed Dr. Grayson, this coward blasted a hole in the trunk of that tree. And his tracks faltered. He'd walk first on one side, then on the other side of his group. I'm going after that coward. When I find him, he'll turn states' evidence."

The little Marshal did not rest until he had tracked down his man - until indeed, seven men had been arrested. And as Chris had predicted, when the seven were arraigned before the Justice of the Peace, one of their number - who said he had fired into the tree trunk in a desperate effort to avoid participation in the murders - turned state's evidence.

Roland Rucker, a handsome and cynical young man, was the leader of the killers. He was condemned to be hanged, and others of the group received stiff sentences. Rucker boasted he would never be executed.

At dawn on the day set for the hanging, the special guard on duty outside of Rucker's cell in the Anderson County jail awakened Roland, who asked that he be allowed to nap ten minutes more. The guard agreed, but when he looked in again, Rucker was bleeding to death from slashed wrists. He died soon after a doctor arrived, and thus made good his boast that he would cheat the gallows.

907 Picardy
Lufkin, Texas
February 24, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I haven't had anything to contribute lately. That doesn't mean that I am not interested. Maybe I can help with some of the unidentified people in the latest Newsletter.

On Page 44 there are 5 references to a William Grayson in Culpeper Co., Virginia. I have always thought he was the brother of my great-great-great grandfather John Grayson who died in 1802 in Montgomery Co., Virginia. The William Grayson I am referring to married Ann Smith and died in Albemarle Co., Virginia in 1829 at age 97. He was a Captain in the American Revolution. There was another William ^{Grayson} living in either Culpeper or Spotsylvania Co., Va. If anybody can get these William Graysons separated I would love to hear from them. I know about William Grayson, son of Benjamin Grayson, who married Eleanor Smallwood. I also know about William Grayson, son of John Grayson (d. 1802) and who married Rachel Cooley.

On page 45 is a marriage record for John Grayson to Mary Grayson, surety Henry Grayson, Wythe Co., Virginia October 27, 1846. John Grayson was the son of James Grayson and he was the son of William and Rachel (Cooley) Grayson. William was the son of John and Barbara (Durdyne) Grayson, John was the son of Ambrose and Alice (James) Grayson, and Ambrose is thought to have been a son of John (d. 1735/6) and Susannah Grayson. Mary "Polly" Grayson was the daughter of Ambrose and Betsy (Wysor) Grayson and Ambrose was also the son of William and Rachel (Cooley) Grayson. In other words, 1st cousins married each other. The Henry Grayson, surety, was the brother of Mary "Polly" Grayson. He never married. Her father was probably dead when she married. The marriage date I have is 28 Sept. 1846. The date 27 Oct. 1846 was probably the date it was recorded.

On Page 47 is a record in 1794 Wythe Co., Virginia of a William Grayson

selling land to Richard Muse. You are probably right in saying it could be the William Grayson (son of John and Barbara) who married Rachel Cooley. This William Grayson lived in Wythe Co., Virginia.

Although I am not positive, I bet that the Peter W. Grayson on pg. 48 who married Weltha Dennis 20 August 1818 in Clermont, Ohio was probably Peter Wagener Grayson and a descendant of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson. Her father was Peter Wagener and his named was passed down to several of their descendants.

I would love to know about the following because they lived where my ancestors are known to have lived:

1. Pg. 46 - Thomas Grayson
2. Pg. 46 - William Grayson - the 1 in Spotsylvania, Virginia
3. Pg. 47 - " " - the 1 in Culpeper, Virginia
4. Pg. 47 - Nicholas Grayson
5. Pg. 47 - William Grayson - Spotsylvania, Virginia
6. Pg. 48 - Robert Grayson - Montgomery Co., Virginia

I am interested in the above because my great-great-great grandfather John Grayson (d. 1802) was born in Spotsylvania Co. (1727), married and lived in Culpeper Co. before settling in what is now Montgomery Co., Virginia where he died in 1802.

That's all for now. Maybe this will help somebody. I hope so.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

P.S. On Pg. 48 Polly Grayson m. James Sayers 30 June 1814. Her name was Mary and she was the daughter of William and Rachel (Cooley) Grayson. "Polly" is a nickname for someone named Mary.

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9 April 1977

Mrs. Dorothy Wulfeck
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Naugatuck, Conn. 06770

Dear Mrs. Wulfeck:

Mrs. Dewey Underwood of Lufkin, Texas, has very kindly suggested that you might be willing to provide me with information concerning my lineage.

I am the Great Grand-daughter of John Grayson, b. 1807 in Tennessee. He migrated from Hamilton County, Tennessee, to Ouachita County, Arkansas, ca 1859, along with his wife, Sarah Frick (Frix/Fricks?), and five sons and four daughters (Goodspeed's History of South Arkansas.

John Grayson's youngest son, Zachariah Taylor Grayson, was my Grandfather.

The 1880 Arkansas census shows that John Grayson's parents as having been born in North Carolina. I have found a John Grayson and a Benjamin Grayson family in the 1790 North Carolina census, but cannot connect either of them to my John Grayson.

I have the D.A.R. papers on a John Grayson (Nat. No. 506248), b. ca 1727 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and his descendents, but find no connection to my family. Recently, I sent for his son William's lineage, and hope to find a connection with him.

A North Carolina Tax list shows a William Grayson in Wilkes County in 1800, owning a land grant on the Yadkin River.

I have been able to eliminate a John Grayson of Madison County, Alabama, whose will of 1826 I have.

I would be very grateful to you for any information which you might have that might be of assistance in tracing my Grayson lineage. With many thanks for your assistance and with kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Grayson Johnson
(Mrs Tom Johnson)

TRACING your ROOTS

SKELETAL ANCESTRAL CHART

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Page 70

John Grayson

My g. grandfather

Susannah White

My g. grandmother

Miles James

My g. grandfather

Elizabeth Oistin

My g. grandmother

My g. grandfather

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Ambrose Grayson

My g. grandfather

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

1742

Alice James

My g. grandmother

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Thomas Smith

My g. grandfather

Born: before 1710

Where:

Died:

Where:

Albemarle Co., VA
1783

My g. grandmother

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Robert Field

My g. grandfather

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

My g. grandmother

Born:

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My g. grandfather

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My g. grandmother

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Capt. Wm. Grayson

My grandfather

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

1732

1829

Anne Smith

My grandmother

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

VA

Robert Field

My grandfather

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Amherst, VA

1824

Sallie Durrett

My grandmother

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Amherst Co., VA

Thomas Grayson

My father

Born:

Where:

Died:

Where:

Albemarle Co., VA
1796

Mary Grayson

September 24, 1788

Albemarle Co., VA

October 3, 1883

Barren Co., KY

Name of spouse

Barnett Smith, Jr.

Jane "Jenny" Field

September 18, 1767

Amherst, Co., VA

August 11, 1859

KY

Above are great-great-great grandparents

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER, VOL. 2 NO. 4.

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Some have asked about paying in advance and what to expect in costs for the future. I suggest paying 1 issue in advance but not for much more because if I should decide to take up another hobby, there is no organization as yet to provide continuity. That brings up the question: who would volunteer to be assistant editor of this sheet as a stand-by? At present I plan a 20 page Newsletter every 3 or 4 weeks for \$3.00, which is at cost for Xeroxing, envelope, 35¢ stamp, and statement.

The 13th Grayson place name: found by Howard E. Grayson of Alexandria, Va. and proven by a map he sent: There is a "Grayson Creek" which is 8-10 miles long. The creek is in the Fort Chaffee, Ark. military reservation. Howard's grandfather farmed in the area many years ago. Can someone tell us how the creek happened to be named Grayson?

Howard Grayson also reports that at the Alamo in Texas is an exhibit devoted to Thomas Wiggs Grayson and his wife; we have discussed the genealogy of this Grayson in these columns before. Howard says that Thomas Wiggs Grayson owned and captained the steamboat Yellowstone which was used to transport Houston's troops and supplies during the Texas Revolution. The exhibit is in the "Long Barracks" section.

Howard also reports that there is currently a Virginia State senator named George Grayson; Howard, why not contact him for his lineage for us?

Mrs. Davidson: thank you for the offer of the 1850 census indexes with the name Grayson. Perhaps we should put them in the Newsletter if they would fit in an issue.

On pages 72 through 78 is a 1969 report on Capt. William Grayson (1732-1829) by the genealogist George H.S. King. This report was in the material so graciously donated by Mrs. Dorothy Wulfeck. On pages 79-80 is another nice summary of the first Graysons from the same collection. On page 81 is a summary from Kozee. On pp. 82-3 is a story of the name Grayson and early families, author unknown to me, but from the Wulfeck collection. On page 84. is an old but intriguing letter suggesting that the first John Grayson might have been here as early as 1686. Does any correspondent have information on this? On page 85 is a copy of the 2nd page of the will mentioned on page 84 so you can see for yourself the name Joanna Graysdon and the date 1686/7. Page 86 is especially interesting since it is a photocopy of the original will of Ambrose Grayson dated 1748.

--See Page 87 for more commentary--

JOHN GRAYSON, GENTLEMAN
(16 -1735/6)
of Lancaster and Spotsylvania counties, Virginia
He died intestate, Spotsylvania Co.Va., 1735/6

=married=

SUSANNA

She was administratrix of her husband's estate
John Grayson had four sons and four daughters (*)

Thomas Grayson [Merchant, eldest son and heir; 1737 of Kent England]	John, Jr. [#]	John James (16 -1726)	-m- Alice m(3) 26 August 1744 James Stevens; by 1758 in Culpeper Co.Va.	-m(2)- Ambrose ² Grayson, Gent. (16 -1743/4) of Spotsylvania Co., Va.	Benjamin Grayson, Gent: (16 -1759) m. Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton (1695-1752); he died testate, Prince Wm.Co.Va.
Mary James m.by 1744 John Meneffe	Elizabeth James m., by 1744 James Kennerley		John Grayson (c.1727-1802) d.t., Montgom- ery Co., Va. m-Barbara -	Ambrose (c.1728- c.1756) d.s.p.	Benj ³ Thos ³ Alice ³ William ³ # # # (1732- 1829) m Ann Smith
				Susanna #	Ann #
					Reuben Grayson #

* Daughters of John Grayson, Gent:

- (1) Ann Grayson m. 3 Oct 1722 John Quarles; m(2) c.1731, Thomas Harrison, Gent. (170?-1774) of Prince William and Fauquier cos.
- (2) Mary Grayson m. John Catlett in 1726
- (3) Elizabeth Grayson m. 18 Apr 1731, Thomas Hill, Gent. (d.1741); m(2) 17 March 1744, William Cowne, Gent. of King Wm.Co.Va.
- (4) Susanna Grayson m. 1731 Moses Linton; m(2) John Berkeley. She lived in Fairfax Co.Va.

Denotes that I have at hand no further detail in regard to these parties.

Thomas Grayson was living in 1754 when his brother Ambrose wrote his will and it would appear therefrom that in as much as Alice (?) James Grayson was yet living he was expecting to receive a portion of his father's estate upon its final division. It also appears from Ambrose Grayson's will that at the time of writing he had unmarried brothers and sisters who were no doubt in the Spotsylvania - Orange - Culpeper area at that time.

George H.S. King
16 June 1969

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GRAYSON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

It appears from the Lancaster County, Virginia, records John Grayson was living in that county shortly after 1700. The name has been spelt Graysen, Grasson, Graison, Grasison, and apparently even Gresham! This report is not an exhaustive study of all these records, but to ascertain the parentage of William Grayson (1732-1829) of Spotsylvania and Albemarle Counties, Virginia.

Lee: Abstracts Lancaster Co. Va. Wills 1653-1800, p.123, cites from WB#10, p.41 the will of Andrew Jackson (16 -1710), minister of Christ Church Parish by which, among other things, he bequeathed land to James Jackson, his brother, then in Ireland.

Northern Neck Grant Book #3, p. 30 = 2 June 1704
Lord Proprietor of Northern Neck grants Andrew Jackson 908 acres in Richmond Co. adjoining John Waugh and James Innes.

Ibid., p. 35 = 29 July 1704
Same to Same, 1238 acres at the mouth of Deep Run about 12 miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River in the County of Richmond.

[This land, then in Richmond County fell into King George County upon its formation, 1721, into Stafford County in 1777 upon a complex alteration of the boundary lines between the last two mentioned counties and Deep Run is now the dividing line between Stafford and Fauquier counties on the Rappahannock watershed.]

Richmond County DB#6, p. 241 = 7 July 1714
John Sloss [or Slose] of Town of Belfast, Ireland, chief agent, manager and factor for James Jackson of the same place, deeds to John Grayson, Gent., of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co., Va., for £100, 908 acres per a survey by James Innis, said land being a patent to Andrew Jackson, Clerk, late of Lancaster Co. Va., deceased, dated 2 June 1704; also 2146 acres on Deep Run same being also a patent to Andrew Jackson, Clerk, deceased, dated 29 July 1704 which said land was by Andrew Jackson, Clerk, deceased, by his last will and Testament given to James Jackson aforementioned who was his brother and heir-at-law.

[This put John Grayson, Gent. of Lancaster County in possession of a very handsome landed estate in Richmond County about 12 miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River and which was to become a part of the county of King George upon its formation a few years later.]

King George County DB#1, p.24 - 3 November 1721
John Grayson, planter, and Susanna, his wife, of Spotsylvania County sell to William Pattishall of Middlesex County, 908 acres of land lying upon Gravilly

Run and being the same purchased from John Glose and being a patent to Mr. Andrew Jackson late of Lancaster County, deceased, dated 2 June 1704. It is stated the land lies about twelve miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River between Deep and Richland Run.

King George County DB A-1, p.3 = 4 February 1729

John Grayson, Gent., and Susanna, his wife, of Spotsylvania County to Thomas Turner, 619 acres in Hanover Parish being part of 1238 acres of land originally granted by the proprietors of the Northern Neck of Virginia on 29 July 1704 to Andrew Jackson of Lancaster County and lying upon and between the Deep and Richland Run same being now the fee simple estate of the said John Grayson.

Ibid., p. 138 = 6 May 1731

John Grayson, Gent., of Spotsylvania County to Joseph Strother of King George County, 619 acres being the lower half of 1238 acres first granted by the Proprietor of the Northern Neck to Andrew Jackson of Lancaster County on 29 July 1704 and now the fee simply property of the grantor. The land is said to lie between Deep and Richland Runs and to be about twelve miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River. [Here the town of Falmouth had been laid out in 1727. Susanna Grayson signed these deed by mark.]

By these three deeds of 1721, 1729 and 1731, John Grayson, Gent., now established in Spotsylvania County on the opposite side of the Rappahannock River a few miles below the town of Fredericksburg, conveyed all his land holdings on the north side of the Rappahannock River.

The 1737 map of the Northern Neck of Virginia made at the insistence of Lord Fairfax shortly after he arrived in Virginia shows various plantations along the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers and about five miles below Fredericksburg GRAYSON and just below and adjoining NEW POST [well known plantation of Gov. Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740)] lying at the mouth of Massaponnax [Nassaponnax, Nassaponuks &c] Creek. This creek is shown on present day maps as well as NEW POST which is at the intersection of Route #17 [to Tappahannock] and Route #2 [to Bowling Green - Richmond]. Virginia State Library can furnish a photostat copy of this map.

As client has Crozier: Spotsylvania Co. Va. Records 1720-1800 this report will not duplicate the material therein. The King George Co. deed of 1721 shows that John Grayson (16 - 1735/6) was established in Spotsylvania County when same was formed and C:111 shows that John Grayson purchased at least some of his land from William Smith of Gloucester County. As this land lay upon Massaponnax Creek, the deed from William Smith to John Grayson should be of record in Essex Co. Va. as this portion of Spotsylvania County was formed from Essex. It is also possible that John Grayson may have gotten Crown grant(s) for land in the Spotsylvania County area.

I have checked the original recordings against the Crozier abstracts as these are not definitive by any means in an effort to pick up anything salient omitted.

ted and I will give the reference in case photostats are desired from VSLibrary.

Will Book "A"

p.267-8 = 2 March 1735/6: Bond of Susanna Grayson as administratrix of John Grayson, deceased, with Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill, securities.

p.270-1 Inventory of John Grayson, deceased, 31 March 1736, per Mrs. Susanna
p.272 Grayson's presentments to the appraisers of his goods and chattels.

Will Book "B"

p. 286 Will of Ambrose Grayson (Jr.) not mentioned by Crozier

To Mr. Thomas Grayson
Spotsylvania

August 5th 1754

I Ambrose Grayson in perfect mind and memory do dispose of my estate as followeth, viz: my will and desire is that these Bills Drawn by Col. John Spotswood for £60 Sterling be either sold or remitted home and the money arising therefrom together with my part of my Father's estate be equally divided between my unmarried Brothers and Sisters.

Ambrose Grayson

Teste: John Crosse
Lawrence Dully

John Crosse aged 21 makes his deposition re: the said will and same recorded 2 March 1756.

p.304 Bond Robert Jackson, 4 November 1756, as executor of Ambrose Grayson, deceased. [Crozier omits all executor's bonds so this Ambrose Grayson was greatly neglected by him.]

In 1729 John Grayson, Gent. granted to Ambrose Grayson (his son) 200 acres and in 1737 Thomas Grayson of Kent, England, sold 500 acres as son and heir of his father who died intestate and by law all of his landed estate not devised came to him. [C:111;146]. To the end John Grayson must have held by deed/patent 700 or more acres of land.

C:188 fails to give the details of 245 acres of land conveyed by John Grayson and Barbary, his wife, of Culpeper County and checking DB "E" p. 7 I found it was recited that the said 245 acres was part of a 1000 acres patent to Ambrose Grayson & Barbary, his wife, and by him given to his son the said John Grayson. I was reasonably certain this was garbled as Ambrose Grayson's wife was Alice and patents were rarely given in dual names to husband and wife.

Patent Book #13, p.191 - 13 October 1727

Ambrose Grayson 1000 acres of New Land in St.George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co, adjoining the land of William Holloway and Warner's patent.

Will Book "A" [1722-1749]

- p. 379 Will of Ambrose Grayson dated 16 Sept.1742 - 6 March 1743/4 names wife Alice, sons John & Ambrose and other children, and brother Benjamin Grayson.
- p. 389 5 April 1744: Appriaseement estate of Ambrose Grayson, deceased
- p. 393 3 July 1744: Alice Grayson as guardian to John and Ambrose Grayson orphans of Ambrose Grayson, Gent., deceased, with William Cowne and William McWilliams, securities
- p.429-430 Estate Accounts of Ambrose Grayson, Gent., deceased, 1745
Shows widow Alice has married James Stevens
Shows Ambrose Grayson left 9 children and they are named, viz:
John, Ambrose, Benjamin, Thomas, Alice, William, Susannah, Ann and Reuben Grayson.

By the time of Ambrose Grayson's death, 1743/4, his brother Benjamin Grayson had moved to Prince William County and he did not concern himself with the estate of his brother. Benjamin Grayson (16 -1758) styled gentleman and colonel in the records and his son Colonel William Grayson (c.1740-1790) were the two most distinguished members of the Grayson family in Virginia. Colonel Benjamin Grayson married Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton (1695-1752), daughter of Colonel Andrew Monroe of Westmoreland County and widow successively of Charles Tyler and William Linton. She had issue by her three spouses. She was a cousin of President James Monroe and her first husband, Charles Tyler, was a brother of KPresident Monroe's grandmother, Mrs. Christian (Tyler) Monroe Monroe Fry and the said Christian's first husband, Spence Monroe, was a brother of said Susanna. It was a very complex relationship to the end that when Colonel William Grayson, one of the first two U.S.Senator's from Virginia, died in office, 1790, he was succeeded by his younger cousin, the Honorable James Monroe (1758-1831).

Deed Book "A", p.399 of Spotsyl vania County shows that Ambrose Grayson, Gent. was a churchwarden of St.George's Parish in 1729.

There are probably many other references to the family in the poorly indexed will and deed books as well as the virtually unindexed court order books.

All of this is far beyond the scope of this report but it is seen that a closer examination of the recordings shows the crux of the situation - Ambrose and Alice (X) Grayson had a son named WILLIAM GRAYSON.

C:1 shows that John James died a young man and his will was proved 1 March 1725/6 and John Grayson was one of the witnesses. He left a widow Alice, a daughter Mary and a child expected. In 1726, shortly after the birth of the expected child, Elizabeth, Alice James, widow, m(2) Ambrose Grayson, Gentleman (16 -1743/4) and by him had nine children. At the time of John James' death he was negotiating for a land patent:

Patent Book #12, p. 486: John James 850 acres of New Land adjoining Robert Taliaferro and Lawrence Smith and lying upon Nussaponak Creek [i.e., Massaponax Creek]. This patent was dated 30 June 1726.

C:85 shows the third marriage of the said Alice on 26 August 1744 to James Stevens.

C:167 = 4 Dec. 1744 = John Menefee and Mary, his wife
James Stevens and Alice, his wife
James Kennerley and Elizabeth, his wife
TO

James Ball, Gent., of Lancaster County
850 a. granted John James by patent 30 Juen 1726.

[This proves the names of the two daughters of John James and Alice, his wife, their husbands, and she joined in the conveyance to surrender dower.]

C:167 = 4 Dec. 1744 = same to same, 249 acres. John James must have had a deed or patent for this land but I do not have the proof.

C:191 & 208 shows Alice and her third husband, James Stevens, moved to Culpepr county by 1758; her eldest son, John Grayson (c.1727-1802), settled there. An investigation of those records might well show further genealogical facts. I cannot see how Alice could convey the 200 a. in Spotsylvania County where Ambrose Grayson (16 -1743/4) lived as she had but a dower right but it is known that Thomas Turner, Gentleman, was a land speculator and maybe fixed it up somehow with Ambrose Grayson's heirs. The family were taking leave from the old plantation upon Rappahannock River and Massaponax Creek

and soon the name was not to be found upon the Spotsylvania County records.

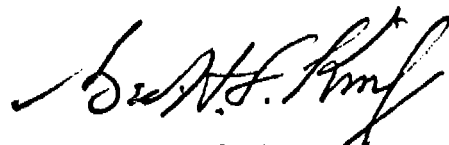
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The National Intelligencer of 4 June 1829 is quoted in 48 NGSQ 84 as follows:

Captain William Grayson, aged 97, died 17 May in Albemarle County, Va. He was born 25 Nov. 1732 in Spotsylvania Co. Va. In early life he was a soldier being in Forbes's campaign in 1758 in an expedition to Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh) to expel the French and Indians from that part of the country. During most of the Revolution he was also actively engaged, mostly as a ranger, and had frequent skirmishes with the Indians.

The will of Captain William Grayson (1732-1829) is of record in Albemarle County, Va. WB#9, p. 394. Those records contain other references to him.

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William Grayson (1732-1829) m. Ann Smith, Captain VA



George H.S. King
Fredericksburg, Virginia
16 June 1969

KINDRED FAMILIES

by

Irene Aldridge Williams

GRAYSON

"There is an unverified story that Benjamin, John, Amrose, and Mary Grayson (who married a man named Harrison whom nothing is known) landed in July 1695 in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia. No record is cited. The Grayson family is said to have migrated from Dumfries, Scotland, and greatly credited with founding Dumfries, Virginia, to which Benjamin removed from Colchester about 1710 having removed from Christ Church Parish earlier. Benjamin entered merchandising business at Dumfries, Va. (see Bishop Meade's History of Early Virginia Families)"—Major Maurice K. Gordon.

The name has been spelt Grayson, Grasson, Graison, Grason, Grasion, Grayrston, Gressen, and even Gresham. Several different spellings were found in the records of Lancaster County.

John Grayson probably came from England as his eldest son, Thomas Grayson of Deal in Kent, England, sold land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, which he received from his father. (DB-C, Jan. 27, 1737).

John Grayson first appears in the records of Lancaster County, Virginia, in 1700 as attorney for Marie Gibson, wife of Edward Gibson, a neighbor in Christ Church Parish, who released her dower in two deeds. (Deed Book 2, pp. 400-403) He bought land from Mark Gendron in 1704 in Lancaster County and reported tithes in 1716. (William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. John Grayson's List.)

John Grayson purchased two tracts of land, 908 acres and 2146 acres (Richmond County Deed Book 6, p. 241, 7 July 1714) from John Sloss of Town of Belfast, Ireland, agent for James Jackson of the same place who had inherited the land from his brother Andrew Jackson, Clerk, late of Lancaster County, Virginia. This land in Richmond County was about 12 miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River and was to become a part of the County of King George in 1720.

In three deeds (King George County Deed Book 1, p. 24, Nov. 3, 1721; Deed Book A-1, p. 3, Feb. 4, 1729; Deed Book A-1, p. 138, 6 May 1731) John Grayson, Gent., and Susanna his wife, now established in Spotsylvania County on the opposite side of the Rappahannock River a few miles below the town of Fredericksburg, convey all his land holdings on the north side of Rappahannock River.

The 1737 map of the Northern Neck of Virginia which Lord Fairfax ordered

made after he arrived in Virginia, show various plantations along the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. About five miles below Fredericksburg is GRAYSON and just below and adjoining NEW POST is the well known plantation of Gov. Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740) lying at the mouth of Massaponax Creek. NEW POST is shown on present day maps at the intersection of Route 17 to Tappahannock and Route 2 to Bowling Green and Richmond.

John Grayson was established in Spotsylvania County when the county was formed and he purchased land in this county from William Smith which lay upon Massaponax Creek. He may have also gotten Crown grants for land in this locality.

- I. JOHN GRAYSON died intestate in Spotsylvania Col, Va. 1735-1736 survived by his widow Susanna. (Estate Spots. Co., Will Book-A, p. 270) Susannah Grayson admx. of John Grayson decd. with Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill sec., Mar. 2, 1735-36. John Gordon, Francis Taliaferro, Francis Turnly were appraisers.

Children:

1. Thomas Grayson of Deal Co., Kent, Great Britain, received land which he sold 6 Jan. 1737 (Spots DB-D, p. 1)
 2. Ambrose Grayson grantee of land from John Grayson Dec. 9, 1729 (Spots. DB-E, 1729-34)
 3. John Grayson Jr. sworn as a militia officer Oct. 7, 1729 Order Book 1724-1430, p. 355)
 4. Benjamin Grayson named as brother in Will of Ambrose Grayson
 5. Ann Grayson m. John Quarles in Spotsylvania County in 1721
- II-2. AMBROSE GRAYSON, son of John Grayson and wife Susannah, married in 1726 Alice James, widow of John James who died testate in Spotsylvania County 1725. (WB-A, p. 24) After his death 300 acres of land in Spotsylvania County came into the possession of Ambrose Grayson as Spouse of his widow Alice James. Alice (James) Grayson married James Stevens 26 Aug. 1744 in Spotsylvania.

Alice James was the mother of one daughter and enceinte of another daughter. She may have been Alice Sharpe, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth Sharpe.

but died on his way to Washington before election. There is a county in Texas named after him.

4-4 Elizabeth, m. Philip Quentin, who soon died and she m. James D. Breckenridge, son of Gen. John Breckenridge, who soon died leaving one daughter, Eliza Grayson Breckenridge, m. Shakespear Caldwell of Va., and left issue:

3-3 Mary, b. 1764, m. 1794, James R. Dermott, an Irish gentleman, and d. 1795 without issue.

3-4 William, b. 1766, m. 1st Octavia Edmonds, dau. of Col. Elias Edmonds II; and had issue.

(Note: There is more in this book.)

"EARLY FAMILIES OF EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS," by William C. Kozee. Strasburg, Va. 1961.

pp. 273-274. The Grayson family of Virginia and Kentucky is of English or Scottish extraction. Yorkshire, England, appears to be the true early home of the family. However, members of the family lived in Scotland. The poll tax lists of Yorkshire, England, as of the year 1379, bear the names of Thomas Grayson, Johannes Grayfson, Thomas Grayfson, Emma Grefeson, Mary Grayson and George Grayson resided at Salwicke, England, in 1639 and John Greason lived at Leonaster, England in 1637.

1. Benjamin Grayson was the first of the name who emigrated to the American colonies of which there is any known record. He was believed to have come from Scotland* He settled in Prince William County, Va., where he was a merchant and acquired great wealth. He m. first, Susan or Susanna Monroe, a daughter of Andrew Monroe and great aunt of President James Monroe, and m. secondly, Mrs. Linton, a widow. (* Note by DFW. This tradition has been disproven.)

Children of Benjamin Grayson and his wife, Susan Monroe:

2. Benjamin Grayson, Jr.

3. Spence Grayson

*4. William Grayson

5. Susan Monroe Grayson.

4. William Grayson was b. Prince William County, Virginia, in 1726, was graduated from the College of Philadelphia in 1760 and is said to have studied law at the Temple in London. Entering the service of his country during the Revolutionary War, he was aid-de-camp to General Washington in 1776; was commissioned colonel on the Continental Line in 1777; and later, in 1779, was one of the Commissioners of the Board of War. He was elected as a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and was president of that body in 1788. Upon the organization of the Federal Government, he was chosen by Virginia as one of the two first United States Senators - Richard Henry Lee being the other one.

Colonel Grayson m. Eleanor (Hebe) Smallwood, one of the five sisters of Captain Heaberd Smallwood of Charles County, Maryland. Captain Smallwood had service in the Revolutionary War on the Maryland State Line.

Children of Colonel William Grayson and his wife, Eleanor Smallwood:

6. William Grayson d. without issue.

*7. George W. Grayson

*8. Robert H. Grayson

9. Heaberd S. Grayson. Very little has been learned concerning him.

*10. Alfred Grayson

*11. Hebe Smallwood Grayson; m. Robert Wormerly Carter of Loudoun County, Virginia. (See Carter Family)

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF GRAYSON

The name of GRAYSON is of Anglo-Saxon derivation and is said to mean "son of the reeve", the reeve (Old English greeve) being a bailiff or steward. In ancient English and ^Rearly American records the name appears in the various spellings of Grayfson, Grefeson, Graueson or Graveson, Gravesen, Greveson, Greeveson, Graysson, Greyson, Grason, Grayshon, Gration, Greason, Greeson, Gresson, Grasson, Grayson, and others. Of these, the last is the form most frequently used in America in modern times, while several of the others are still occasionally in evidence.

In early times the family was chiefly seated in Yorkshire, England, but branches of this family later settled in Lancashire, London, and various parts of Ireland. These lines were, on the whole, of the British landed and merchant classes.

Among the earliest definite records of the name in England are those of Johannes Grayfson or John Grayson, Thomas Grayfson, Emma Grefeson, Thomas Graysson, Johannes Graueson or John Graveson, and Mary Grayson, all of whom were living in Yorkshire about the year 1379 A.D. The records of these early bearers of the name are not, however, complete.

Cuthbert Greveson or Greyson, probably of Yorkshire, was registered in 1516 at the University of Oxford. A family of the name was early seated in the Parish of Kirkburton, in Yorkshire. Of this branch, record has been found concerning William Graveson, whose wife died in 1548 and who was married in the following year to a Miss Hall, probably that Johanna, wife of George Graveson, who died about 1556; George Graveson, who was married in 1557 to Johanna Elliston. The name of George continued in this line for many generations, and a George Grayson, of the same vicinity, married Martha in the latter eighteenth century.

The will of one John Graveson, of Warton, was recorded in 1565, among the Lancashire wills at Richmond; Joan Grayson, of Monk Fryston, County York,

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was married in 1567 to Denis Fawshed; and in 1593 Gervas or Gervase Graveson was living at Yealand Stors. In the following century record was made of George Grayson, who was living at Salwicke in 1639; of John Greason, of County Lancaster, in 1637; and of Parnell Greyson, of Salwick about the year 1668. These records are, however, fragmentary.

John Gresson, an early member of the Irish branch of the family, was living about the beginning of the eighteenth century, if not before, at Augher, County Tyrone. He died in 1733, leaving issue by his wife Elizabeth of two children, George and Mary. Of these, George Gresson resided at Swanlinbar, in the County of Cavan, Ireland, and was married in 1748 to the Widow Mary Cross. His son, William, married Margaret Leslie, by whom he had issue of the Reverend George Leslie, Henry, the Reverend Skelton, Alice, Mary, and Penelope Gresson.

While the exact ancestry of the first emigrants of the family to America is not in evidence, it seems probable that all of the Graysons were of common origin with the before-mentioned lines.

One of the first of the family in America was John Grayson, who purchased five hundred acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Va., in 1714. He was living at that time, and possibly earlier, in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Va. He died in 1736, leaving at least two sons, Thomas and John Jr.

Ambrose and Benjamin Grayson, who were living in Virginia during the same period, are believed to have been brothers of the first John, and these brothers also had a sister named Mary, who married John Catlett. Ambrose bought two hundred of John's five hundred acres of Spotsylvania land in 1729 and two years earlier had patented another hundred acres in that county. By his wife Alice, Ambrose was the father of at least one son, named John.

Benjamin Grayson, who is generally believed to have come to America from Scotland in the early eighteenth century, settled for a time in Westmoreland County, Va., and later made his home on the Occoquan River, near the place

which later became Colchester, in Prince William County. He married Susan (Monroe) Tyler.
You have this family line Linton

January 19, 1959

Miss Lula Harrison,
Tappahannock, Virginia.

Dear Miss Harrison:

- John Grayson -

I have a photostat of a transcription of the Will of Wm. Travis of Old Rappahannock dated 14 February, 1686/7 originally recorded on page 88 of No. 6 Deed & Wills, 1677-1682.

It purports to be witnessed by "Johanna Graydson".

I think this is an error in transcription, and that this Will was witnessed by John Grayson.

I have photostats of records of Lancaster County, 1700, where John Grayson's signature is Latinized by the Clerk in his certificates making his signature JOHANN: GRAYSON.

If you can find the original record from which this transcription was made, I think you will find the signature to be that of John Grayson, wither so written or Latinized to "Johann:"
E

I note the Latinizations in the Clerk's Certificates on this photostat "ut supra in Cur. Conv. Rappa 20 Martis ano 1686/7 ET recordat". "Probat ___ in Cur. Conv." etc.

This examination is desired by me as if what I think is verified, it moves back the arrival of said John Grayson in Virginia to 1686/7, and shows that he was in Old Rappahannock before he appeared in Christ Church, Lancaster County, in 1700.

Thanking you again, I am, as ever,

Yours truly,

M. K. Gordon

that he shall have the Liberty to pay the R^e:
 maying Part at any time from thence until
 the Birth day of October 10th 1689 in the
 year of our Lord God 1689

It. Do constitute & appoint my two loving
 Brothers Sam^l & Lawrence Gravers my
 Lawfull Excut: of this my last Will and
 Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto
 sett my hand & Seal this 4th day of February
 An: Dom 1689

W^m Gravers Dale

Signe Seale & depose
 in the presence of

W^m Henry Ritor

Geo: T Baker
 marks

Joanne Graydon

I the subscriber do make oath that I am
 the above & within I. stator Signe Seale and
 Publis the within & above Will. as his last
 Will & Testament & that he was of perfect
 sense & memory at the time of signing &
 sealing the same & further saith not

marks

Geo: T Baker

As above so depose

W^m Henry Ritor

Probat: in Cur. Com. Dappa 2^o di Martii
 an: 1689 Rector: J. J. Wm. Wm. Ritor

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In the Name of God Amen -

I Ambrose Grayson of St. George's Parish in Spotsylvania County in

and in memory to make and ordain this my last will and testament

Disposit of my Estate as follows: VIZ

I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Alice one Third part of my Estate

and all other personal Estate During her Natural Life and after her

Decease to be Equally Divided Between my Over all Children to have

and their heirs forever and further my wife and I do ordain that my wife

Alice do live on & possess and enjoy the plantation whereon I now dwell

During her Natural Life

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Grayson of Tractor parcel of Land

of 100 Acres whereon I have some 100 Acres containing three hundred

and 60 Acres to him and his heirs forever but if my son John Should die

without heirs then I give the above three hundred Acres to my son Benjamin

Grayson to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Ambrose Grayson of Tractor parcel of Land

whereon I now dwell containing two hundred Acres to him and his heirs

forever but if my son Ambrose Should die without heirs then I give the

above two hundred Acres to my son Thomas to him and his heirs forever

And further my will is that my Executors do sell two hundred Acres

Eighty three Acres Being part of a patent formerly granted to John

Smith and the money arising therefrom to go to my wife and

and all other Estate that is and shall be given to be Equally Divided between

my several Children and they receive their proportionable parts

the males at Twenty one years and the females at Eighteen

Day of December

And further my will is that my Executors do sell two hundred Acres

Eighty three Acres Being part of a patent formerly granted to John

Smith and the money arising therefrom to go to my wife and

and all other Estate that is and shall be given to be Equally Divided between

my several Children and they receive their proportionable parts

the males at Twenty one years and the females at Eighteen

Day of December

I make constitute and appoint my Brother Benjamin Grayson my

Wife Alice and my son John Grayson Executors of this my last will

and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

my Seal this 11 Day of September 1742

(1) Signed and sealed in presence of

Ambrose Grayson

Robert Smith

George Smith

Conceal Perry

A Court held for Spotsylvania County
on Tuesday March 7th 1742

This Will being Exhibited and Sworn to by Alice
Grayson one of the Exrs. therein named and was
proved by the Oath of Robert Smith George Smith
Pierce being three of the witnesses thereto and is
admitted to record

Test E. Waller Clerk

On page 51 in the last Newsletter was reported an unidentified William E. Grayson listed in deed books of Clairborn co., Tenn. in 1859-1868. I think I have information now: there was an old letter in the Wulfeck collection (1957) from a John D. Grayson of 3208 Michigan Blvd., Racine, Wisc. who said that "great grandmother Lucinda Marilly Bates, b. 12/11/1826 in Va. (?) d. St. Louis 5/25/1891, married William E. Grayson b. N.C. (?), married in Wytheville, Va. 1845, moved to Tenn. (?) about 1852, then to near Lebanon & Trenton, Ill. where the father of John D. Grayson, the late Charles Drayton Grayson and his brother William H. Grayson were born." John D. Grayson was b. Monroe City, Mo., 1905.

On page 88 is a new letter from another descendant of Zachary Taylor Grayson, Claude Grayson. Note to Kitty Jean: would you express our appreciation to Claude for his letter?

Page 88-90 are the 1st 2 pages of a 21 page summary of Grayson records by Mrs. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck of Naugatuck, Conn., now a retired genealogist. The last and 21st page is on page 81 of this Newsletter, inadvertently. I will gradually publish the other 18 pages in subsequent Newsletters.

The 14th Grayson place name has been uncovered; in the above mentioned 1957 letter from John D. Grayson, he states that there is a William Grayson Stadium in Savannah, Ga., and that a politician in that city at that time was a Clinton Grayson. Cheryl Grayson is in Savannah, Ga.: Could you look into this for us?

Fortunately I have more material this time than there is room to print, so there will be more issues definitely. I am trying to cull the material so that it is the most universally interesting and important.

Mrs. Soden, my contribution for your post cards will be free Newsletters, so please do not pay for anymore but keep up the good work and tell me each month what you and your husband are doing.

A letter came last week in response to a Soden post card from Thomas Grayson, P.O. Box, Pine Bluff, Ark., 71611, stating that his father Richard Grayson, d. 1962 came from Campbell, Ala in 1917, was son of a Frank Grayson who had 18 sons and a Daughter. Anybody know this clan?

Mrs. McCoy; noone has tried to trace the N.C. Graysons through the female names such as Wren or Sanford.

See you all again soon.,

cousin Dick Grayson
3/19/78

C. H. GRAYSON

Real Estate — — — — Investments

700 NORTH 39TH STREET, ROOM 222

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35222

March 9, 1978

Mr. R. R. Grayson, M. D.
Grayson Family Association
Box 167
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Mr. Grayson:

I have your card asking for data on the Grayson Family and I can give you a little but I cannot go back too far; however, my niece, Mrs. Kitty Jean, Lawton Circle, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753, has been working on the genealogy for some time and she probably knows more than I know but I will give you what I know, viz., my name is Claude Hayes Grayson, I am 85 years old, and was born at Prescott, Arkansas. I have three children: Mary Louise Grayson Carr, James Marshall Grayson, and Margaret Ann Grayson Dix. James Grayson has five children, three boys, James M. Grayson, Jr., Dr. Garry S. Grayson, Claude A. Grayson, and two girls, Cathy Grayson Crow and Vicki Grayson Blair. Mary Louise Grayson Carr has two children, Jack Carr, Jr., who has one child, Shannon Carr, and Jill Carr Lamb. Margaret Ann Grayson Dix has one boy, Grayson Henry Dix and he has one child, Britt Dix. James' oldest son's name is James, Jr., and he has two children, a boy named J. and a girl named Loren.

My father's name was Thomas Samuel Grayson. He lived to be 81 years old and is buried at Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Arkansas. He married Elizabeth Hayes and she lived to be almost 90.

My grandfather's name was Zachary Taylor Grayson and he married Alice Hawkins and they had 10 children, my father being the third child; and my grandfather Zachary Taylor Grayson and grandmother Alice Hawkins are both buried in the Hawkins Cemetery which is located 7 miles north of Camden, Arkansas. All of his children are dead except one and her name is Pearl Caldwell who lives at Stephens, Arkansas.

My great-grandfather was named John Grayson and he is dead and buried at White Church Cemetery at Nevada County, Arkansas. He migrated from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Arkansas sometime around 1850 and he was at one time a deputy sheriff in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

I do not know our records any farther back than our great-grandfather.

I hope you are successful in tracing us back to the country we came from.

Very truly yours,


Claude H. Grayson

CHG/sdh

cc/Mrs. Kitty Jean

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY RECORDS

by

William Armstrong Crozier

1. WBA, p. 24. Will of John James, dated Jan. 23, 1725, proven Mar. 1, 1725-6. Wit. John Grayson, Stephen Sharp, John Battaille. Ex. wife Alice James, Charles Taliaferro, Junr. Leg. wife Alice and daughter Mary, and the child my wife now goes with.
2. WBA, p. 255. Will of Stephen Sharp, St. George's Parish, dated Mar. 12, 1735, proven June 3, 1735. Wit. George Pool, Henry Chamble. Ex. Elizabeth Sharp. Leg. wife Elizabeth Sharp; mentions Hoke Grayson; Mary Jones; Elizabeth James; John Grayson.
3. WBA, p. 379. Will of Ambrose Grayson, St. George's Parish, dated Sept. 6, 1742, proven Mar. 6, 1743. Wit. Robert Lovell, George Nix, Peirce Perry. Ex. brother Benjamin Grayson; my wife Alice Grayson; my son John Grayson. Leg. wife Alice; son John; son Ambrose; mentions other children, but does not name them.
4. WBA, p. 380. Will of John Spotswood, dated May 6, 1756, mentions land he had bought of Ambrose Grayson.
5. WBA, p. 386. Nuncupative Will of Ambrose Grayson. "To Mr. Thos. Grayson, Spots., Aug. 5th 1754. I, Ambrose Grayson," etc. "Bills drawn by Col. John Spotswood for 60 pounds ster. be either sold or remitted home, and the money arising therefrom, together with my part of my father's estate, be equally divided between my unmarried brothers and sisters." Wit., John Crosse, Lawrence Dully. Proved Mar. 2, 1756.
6. WBA, p. 55. John Grayson and G. Lightfoot were securities on a 1000 pound bond for Joel Johnson as administrator of Richard Johnson, deceased Nov. 1726.
7. WBA. Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill were securities on a 1000 pound bond for Susannah Grayson as administrator of John Grayson, deceased. March 2, 1735/6.
8. WBA. Alice Grayson appointed guardian to John and Ambrose Grayson, orphans of Ambrose Grayson with William Cowne and William Williams securities on 500 pound bond. July 3, 1744.
9. Deed Book A. May 3, 1726. Benja. Grayson was a witness to a deed.
10. Deed Book A. Oct. 29, 1726. John Grayson, Jr., was a witness to a deed.
11. Deed Book A. May 2, 1726. B. Grayson was witness to a deed.
12. Deed Book A. June 3, 1728. Benjamin Grayson was witness to a deed.
13. Deed Book A. May 7, 1728. Jno. Grayson, Jr. was a witness to a deed.
14. Deed Book A. May 7, 1728. Jno. Grayson, Jr., and Benja. Grayson were witnesses to a deed.
15. Deed Book A. May 7, 1729. Ambrose Grayson was witness to a deed.

16. Deed Book A. Aug. 5, 1729. Joseph Smith of King and Queen Co., Gent., to John Robinson, Esqr., and Ambrose Grayson, Gent., Wardens of the Church of St. George's Parish, in Spts. Co. A purchase of the Glebe for the Rectors of St. Geo. Par. 22,500 lbs. tob., 544 a. of land in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., on the S. side, about a mile above the falls of the River Po, a branch of York River. Witnesses: G. Feme, Wm. Johnson, Zachary Taylor. Rec. Aug. 5, 1729. Sarah, wife of Joseph Smith, acknowledged her dower in the above land, etc.

17. Deed Book B. Dec. 9, 1729. John Grayson of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., to Ambrose Grayson of same par. and county. 50 pounds sterling., 200 a.—part of Deeds formerly purchased by Jno. Grayson of Wm. Smith of Gloucester, in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. Witnesses: Francis Turnley, Henry Rogers, James x Roy. March 3, 1729-30. Suannah, wife of Jno. Grayson, acknowledged her dower, etc.

18. Deed Book B. Dec. 10, 1729. Ambrose Grayson of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., to Henry Rogers of same par. and county. 20 pounds ster., 100 a.—part of pat. granted sd. Grayson, in 1727, in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. Witnesses: John Chew, Zachary Taylor, Wm. Blodsoe. March 3, 1729-30. Alice, wife of Ambrose Grayson, acknowledged her dower, etc.

19. Deed Book B. March 3, 1730, Jno. Grayson, Jr., was a witness.

20. Deed Book B. Dec. 13, 1730, John Grayson, Jr., was a witness.

21. Deed Book B. Nov. 2, 1731. John Grayson, Jr., was a witness.

22. Deed Book B. June 6, 1732. Francis Thornton and Francis Thornton, junr. Executors of the last will and testament of James Forsdale, decd. (see Will Book A.) and of St. Mary's Par., Caroline Co., to William Grayson of St. Geo's Par., Cumberland Co., in Great Britain. 50 pounds ster., 300 a. in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., purchased by James Forsdale of Augustine Smith. Witnesses: John Grame, John Bland, James x Roy. June 6, 1732.

23. Deed Book B. May 1, 1733, Ambrose Grayson of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., to Matthew Gale of Gloster Co. 12 pounds curr., 300 a. in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. Witnesses: Thomas Hill, G. Feme, Francis Turnley. May 1, 1733. Alice, wife of Ambrose Grayson, acknowledged her dower, etc.

24. Deed Book C. July 27, 1737. Thomas Grayson of Deal, in Kent, eldest son of John Grayson of Spts. Co., colony of Va., lately deceased, to Thomas Turner of King George Co., Va., Gent. 250 pounds ster. 500 a., lying in the colony of Va., in Spts. Co., near the falls of the Rapph. River and near adjoining the lands of Francis Taliaferro and Mann Page, Esqr., decd. Witnesses: James Hume, John Graham, John Moncure, Ignata Sommes, Peter Sims, Henry Donaldson, John Bean. July 4, 1737.

25. Deed Book D. Oct. 2, 1750. John Grayson of St. Mark's Par., Calpaper Co., and Barbary, his wife, to Martin True of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. 20 pounds curr. 331 a. in Spts. Co. Witnesses: Robert Huddleston, John x Elson. Oct. 2, 1750.

26. Deed Book E. Oct. 1, 1751. John Grayson and Barbara, his wife, of Calpaper Co., to Alexander Hawkins and Benjamin Martin of Spts. Co. 103 pounds curr. 245 a. in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. Witnesses: Jno. Battaley, Rob. Dudley, Richard Blanton. Oct. 1, 1751.

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On pages 92 through 97 are selected sections of the 127 page book "Our Gracen (Grayson) Family of South Carolina" sent to us by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Grayson, 1904 Rozella Road, Augusta, Ga., 30904. I have Xeroxes of the entire book on file if anyone needs further family data. What is remarkable is that this is a Grayson line which heretofore was unknown to any of us even though the immigrant, John Gracen came to South Carolina in 1775. At first glance, it would seem that this Grayson clan must be related to the Graysons of Beaufort, S.C. who included the early congressman, William John Grayson, who married Sarah Somarsall (1788-1863). The father of the congressman was William John Grayson who married Susannah Greene 9 Oct. 1787 in the St. Helena Parish of Beaufort, S.C. and who died Sept. 1797. William John Grayson senior had a brother, Thomas Wigg Grayson who married Mary Hill 27 Feb. 1794, a sister Elizabeth Grayson who married John Mark Verdier in 1785 at Beaufort, S.C., and another sister Mary Grayson born 7 April 1764 who married Michael O'Brien 1790.

The father of the above 4 siblings (of William John, Thomas Wigg, Elizabeth, and Mary) was apparently John Grayson, b. 173?, died before 1785, married Sarah Wigg on April 14, 1754. The famous Texas brothers, Thomas Wigg Grayson (1808-1873) and Ben S. Grayson (? - 1849), both born in Beaufort, S.C., were probably sons of either William John Grayson, sr., or of his brother Thomas Wigg Grayson, but there is no evidence for either lineage.

The point of the above digression is that we have two John Graysons in S.C. who died about 1785, each of whom had a son William and a daughter Elizabeth and they are different John Graysons. The origin of the Gracen family in the book by Dreyer seems to have been Ireland, whereas, the other John Grayson came to S.C. via the West Indies from England, according to my records. (See Newsletter Vol. I No. 2.) If it were important to anybody, actual proof of each step in the lineage would be necessary to be dogmatic about these two families, since it would be easy to assign Graysons to one line who belong in the other.

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Recently I was in Windsor, Canada where I stopped in Grayson's Jewelry store and asked the proprietor why he was using my name. He said that his grandfather came from Poland at the age of 4 and could not spell his last name which sounded like "Grekon", so the teacher spelled it Grasin or Gracin. The name was officially changed to Grayson later. The man said he had an uncle by that name in Detroit; I found a Grasin listed in the Detroit directory. Also, our new assistant hospital administrator is Al Grayson who says his family came from Poland and the name was changed but from what he did not know. The moral of the story is that all Graysons should not assume they are English, but must prove it.

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See page 98 for more commentary

"Our Gracen (Grayson) Family of South Carolina"

1775 - - - - 1952

By

GLADYS GRAYSON DREYER (MRS. ROMAIN DREYER)

INTRODUCTION

This book is dedicated to my mother, Mrs. Austin Bennett Grayson. For a period of fifteen years she assumed the task of obtaining information about her husband's family. His ancestor, William Gracen, was known of through Bible records possessed now by his descendants. Mrs. James Fulton Grayson, widow, and her two children have the Bible of William Gracen, with entries made in it in his own handwriting. They also have in their possession the Bible of William John Grayson, son of William. The Bernard Buckner Grayson (brother of William John) Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. Vibert Graham whose first husband was L. M. Grayson. William Gracen's sister, Elizabeth Ann (unmarried) lived with him. Their tombstones substantiate the Bible Record Dates. However the descendants of their brother, Edward who married Ann Sarah Burgess, were unknown. By chance, my mother located one of these descendants, Mr. L. A. Grayson. He supplied other names and addresses. From then on it was a matter of persistent research. The names of the key people, who helped, are as follows:—Mesdames—James F. Grayson, Ervin Graham, David W. Fender, T. W. Pryor, and Messers—Leland A. Grayson, James W. Preacher and Dudley W. Knox. Commandant Knox helped especially by searching out the census records at the Archives in Washington, D. C.

At the age of eighty, my mother turned over to me all her information and her unfinished task. When I realized what a tremendous wealth of information had been garnered, I conceived the idea of bringing the record up to date, though the year of 1952. I hoped to publish it the following year. Circumstances kept delaying the printing of the book, however, until now. I did accomplish my goal after my correspondence, many personal visits, cemetery searches and record searching in the state. I was able to ferret out every living descendant, thereby obtaining authentic and detailed information. A few of these descendants, however, withheld their families for various reasons. This lack of information will cause hurt and confusion in the future, because the next few generations will not understand "why" their families were left out of the book.

The expense of all the above research was paid personally by both Mrs. Grayson and myself. There has been no financial gain to either of us. There was one exception, where six interested people voluntarily donated money to pay a genealogist in Ireland. The unused portions of this money were refunded to Mrs. J. F. Grayson; Mrs. V. Graham, Mrs. George Sheldon and Mr. D. W. Knox, Mr. E. C. Grayson. I was the sixth donator. Several were kind enough to donate their refunds toward expense of postage stamps. The information sent from the genealogist in Ireland has not been "Proved" to connect with our first ancestors, in this country, namely—John and Isabella (Skilling) Gracen.

Here are some facts to prove that our search for the marriage date of this couple seems hopeless, unless a "Known" old Bible comes to light. The first census was made in 1787 for 1790. John Gracen's name is not found in this or any other census.

All land grants were given out in 1775, in Prince William Parish, Beaufort District, S. C.—so John's name does not appear on a land grant. They are supposed to have come to S. C. about that time. The census records of 1850 William and Edward show the former born in S. C. in 1777; the latter in 1787 in S. C.

William Skilling is in the 1790 census. Isabella Skilling is said to have had a brother, William, and a sister, Kate, to come over to America with her. Mr. James W. Preacher told of seeing the names of John Gracen and his wife—Isabella (Skilling) Gracen and their marriage date of 1775—in an old Bible in his family. This is our only source of information as to their names and dates, except that the names of both go on down in the family. This Bible is lost, but I hope that it will somehow show up somewhere. Old Sheldon Church, The Prince William Parish Church, was burned several times, thus destroying the birth, marriage and death records of people living in this Parish.

The "Old Skilling Cemetery," near Early Branch, S. C. (Where John Gracen lived) had no headstones before 1822; nor could their graves be found in adjacent cemeteries.

At Columbia, S. C., at the Historical Commission, there is a "Stub Indent" showing payment, made to estate of John Gracen, for services in the Revolutionary War. John appeared before them in July 1785 and testified to correctness of account. In Dec. 1785 he was named as deceased. There is not a record showing payment

of a pension to his widow, in existence. (Pension records in Washington, D. C. were searched.)

All of dates and names are proved in William Gracen's family—by his Bible and those of his two sons. Edward's birth and death dates are not in these Bibles—only his marriage date to Ann Sarah Burgess, and the birth dates of his first three children. According to the War Indent, Edward had to be born between the dates of his sisters' birth, 1783; and the death date on Indent of his father, Dec. 1785 (or soon after in 1786). The Indent proves the death of John, between his appearance in July 1785 and Payment made to his estate in Dec. 1785. The Census gives Edward's birth in 1787, which gives a difference of one or two years. According to his descendants, Edward died in the 1800's.

TRADITION

According to traditional facts, from descendants, we learn the following—John and Isabella (Skilling) Gracen were the first couple to come to America, S. C.—in our family. They came by boat, being married on the way over, 1775.

In an old French Bible (also lost), belonging to Isabella Skilling, there was a record. Her granddaughter, Jane Isabella Gracen (mar.—Nathaniel Rhodes) was told many times that she looked like her French grandmother.

Other descendants were taught to sew—handed down from a French ancestor. John Gracen was related to Lord Othold.

John and three brothers were children or grandchildren of Lord and Lady Gracen. This was told to a living great grandchild, by her mother and aunt—who were grandchildren of John and Isabella. Her mother was always told by her father (Edward, son of John) that her grandmother, Isabella, was French and that she looked like her, very pretty—with wavy black hair and rosy cheeks. Isabella was talented in the art of needlework—and they were all taught the art. When the estate was settled in the Old Country—John did not go back for his share.

Pertaining to "Gracen" Family or "Grayson"

My father, Mr. James W. Preacher, told me that the following was in his mother's bible. "John Gracen married Isabella Skillings in 1775."

They came to America from Ireland. They settled in Prince William Parish, Beaufort District, S. C. Isabella Skillings Gracen had a brother, William, and a sister, Kate (younger than she), who came over with them.

John and Isabella (Skillings) Gracen had three children, as follows: William was born in 1777; Elizabeth in 1783; and Edward in 1785 or 6. William moved to some other place and settled. Elizabeth never married. Edward lived in Beaufort Dist., then moved to St. Bartholomew Parish—near the present town of Walterboro, S. C.—in 1856.

The old Bible was in possession of my father's sister. She was blind, and unknown to her, must have been destroyed by her small children. This was the only record of the first Gracen couple in America that we know of. All records in Beaufort District were burned in the years of the War Between the States.

My father's grandfather, Edward Gracen, married Ann Sarah Burgis in 1816. They were parents of James Edward, Margaret Elizabeth, John Burgis, William, Arthur Bellinger, Sophia, Rebecca, Thomas and Isabella.

Isabella, after the death of her parents in 1860's, married Nathaniel Rhodes and moved to Ga. Aunt Sophia and Aunt Rebecca went to live with her, as they never did get married. Uncle John and Uncle Thomas also moved to Georgia. The others stayed in S. C. My grandmother, Margaret Elizabeth, married John Preacher in 1841. She and all of her brothers and sisters were born in Prince William Parish, Beaufort District, S. C. She was named for her Aunt Elizabeth.

James W. Preacher was son of Margaret Elizabeth (Gracen) and John Preacher. He was born September 23, 1855. I am the daughter of he and Ellen (Padgett) Preacher.

My father's mind was clear when he told me this at the age of 88. To the best of my knowledge, the above information is true.

LULA IRENE PREACHER FENDER.

Sworn before me this 28 day of June 1952

RAY U. BRELAND, Magistrate.

Pertaining to "Gracen" Family or "Grayson"

I will try to tell you what I know of the family history. I am the daughter of Jane Isabella (Gracen) and Nathaniel Rhodes; and am seventy six years old. J. Isabella Gracen Rhodes was the daughter of Edward and Ann Sarah (Burgis) Gracen. She and her brothers and sisters were born in Colleton Co., S. C. Edward was the son of John and Isabella (Skillings) Gracen.

Mother always told us that our Great Grand-parents were Lord and Lady Gracen from Ireland. They spelled the name "Gracen". Later members of family changed the spelling to "Grayson".

Mother had five brothers, John, James E., William, Thomas, and Bellinger. I am not sure, but I think she had a sister, Elizabeth, who married in S. C. Aunt Sophia and Aunt Rebecca came here to Georgia to live, soon after the War Between the States. They stayed with my Mother the rest of their lives, as they never married.

There was a little Bible, always kept in Aunt Sophia's trunk. Mother and Aunt Sophia always said, "Grand mother was French". The record in the Bible must have been written in French, as we could not read it. Mother said that her Father told her that she favored her French Grandmother, and the French people. Mother was beautiful, with pretty black wavy hair and rosy cheeks. Now all of this must be true, or Grandmother would not have told her about it so much.

When my Mother died, my brother Ivy (only child at home) broke up house-keeping, and stored the things, to keep, in one room of the house; and rented it. When he went back a year later, the stored things were all gone. The little Bible was lost with these things, as were our family pictures.

I do not know dates of marriage, births, and deaths of John and Isabella (Skillings) Gracen; nor the date that they came to America.

I married, first, William I. Wiggins in 1902. I married, second, Thomas M. Pryor in 1940.

MRS. ELIZABETH GRACEN RHODES PRYOR

Witness—JOHN W. DUGGER, Notary Public

July 1, 1952.

CENSUS REPORTS OF S. C.

John "Gracen" does not appear in any census reports.

1790 Census (taken 1787)—St. Helena Parish, S. C.

John Grayson—2 sons under 16—1 dau.—11 slaves—(no known connection).

Thomas Grayson—1 female over 16—2 girls under 16—41 slaves.—(unknown).

William Skilling—2 males under 16—2 females.*

*Note—Isabella Skilling (wife of John Gracen) had a brother William and a sister Kate who came over to S. C. the same time that she and John came. Since the Revolutionary War Record gives John's death between July and Dec. 1785—it appears that she and her daughter and two sons were living with her brother William in 1787 when this census was taken. He could have married which would mean then—2 sons and 1 female besides wife, possibly sister, Kate. There is no way of knowing—as the census reports did not give names in families until 1850.

1800 Census

No Gracen or Grayson listed in this census.

1810 Census—

Prince William Parish, S. C.

The brothers William and Edward first appear as household heads in this census (only family heads of households are named in all census reports up to 1840).

William Gracen—3 boys under 16.

There were 3 other men between 26 to 45 years and 6 minors in William's household.

Edward Gracen—head of house, but no family.

1820 Census—

St. Luke's Parish, S. C.

William Gracen—2 boys under 16.

1820 Census—

Prince William Parish, S. C.

Edward Grayson—6 slaves

1830 Census—

William Gracen—living in house of "A. Danner"—3 boys under 15.

1830 Census—

Prince William Parish, S. C.

Edward Gracen—1 boy under 5—4 girls under 20—3 slaves

1840 Census—

St. Bartholomew Parish, S. C.

Edward Gracen—4 boys and 4 girls (8 children)

James Edward—23 years of age, the eldest was named

2 male slaves—aged 24 and 36 years

1 female slave—age over 55

5 of household engaged in agriculture

all whites over 20 could read and write

B. B. Grason—

William Gracen moved to Williamsburg Co. in 1839—missed census taker

JOHN GRACEN

John Gracen

B—

D—

1785 Prince William Par., S. C.

mar.—Isabella Skilling—

1775

(dau. of

B—

D—

3 children—(according to Bible Record of a son)

I—William

B—May 10, 1777 Prince William Par., S. C.
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II—Elizabeth Ann

B—Sept. 30, 1783 Prince William Par., S. C.
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III—Edward

B— 1785/6 Prince William Par., S. C.
(This date not in Bible)
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Revolutionary War Record of John Gracen

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NO. 92

14 Dec. '85

JOHN GRACEN

His Acct. for 67 days duty from 15th March 1780 to 21st May following and for 57 days in 1781, both Tours in Capt. McCauley Company, Col. McDonald's Reg. Eight Pounds, seventeen shilling and one penny, half penny sterling.
Exe. J. Mc. d.

Gravin Witherspoon signed a paper on which was written the following:
"Personally appeared before me John Gracen who maketh oath that the above acct. of nine pounds six shillings sterling against the public is just and true. Sworn to before me this 13th day of July 1785."
This paper proves that John Gracen was living on this date.

Another paper signed by Gravin Witherspoon to the commissioner of the Treasury:
"Gentlemen, please to deliver to the bearer, McArthur Bradley the Indent due the Estate of John Gracen, deceased for the account against the Publick.
I am yr Obdt. Servt.

ELIZABETH her X GRACEN
mark

Another paper signed by Arthur Bradley:

"Rect. 14 Dec. 1785, full satisfaction for the within account Indent n 552 y"
This paper proves that John Gracen died between dates July 13, 1785, when he appeared before them — and Dec. 14, 1785 when account was paid to his estate.

II-Elizabeth Ann

B-Sept. 30, 1783 Prince William Par., S. C.

D-Aug. 25, 1853 Williamsburg Co., S. C.

Elizabeth Ann never married. She lived at Salters, S. C., with her brother William Gracen, at the time of her death. They are both buried at Frierson's Cemetery-near Salters, S. C. The tombstones are still in good condition, and the dates on them are correct with the Bible dates.

CHAPTER

EDWARD GRACEN (GRAYSON)

II-Edward	B- 1785/8 D- 1860's	Page 21
married-Ann Sarah Burgis	April 4, 1816	Page 21
	B- D- 1800's	
9 Children--A-I		
A-James Edward	b. Ap 11 1817 d. __	Page 21
Married-Dorothy Hubbard		
5 Children		
B-Margaret Elizabeth	1820-1884	Page 23
married-John Preacher		
8 Children		
C-Sarah Rebecca	1823-1872	Page 59
D-Sophie Devoe	1825-1916	Page 59
E-John Burgess	1827-1900	Page 60
married-Martha Hudson		
3 Children		
married-2nd Julia Ann Givens		Page 74
7 Children		
F-William Skilling	b. __ d. __	Page 76
married-Anice Wells		
1 Child		
married-2nd Mary Crosby		Page 82
1 Adopted child		
G-Jane Isabella	1838-1906	Page 83
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8 Children		
H-Thomas Jaudon	1840-1918	Page 100
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3 Children		
married-2nd Elizabeth Newton		Page 104
7 Children		
I-Arthur Bellinger	1841-1909	Page 116
married-Margaret Waters		
2 Children		
married-2nd Amanda Elizabeth Wells		Page 120
5 Children		

1850 Census—

Edward Gracen (name was misspelled "Green")

age—63, born in S. C. (note—he was born 1785/86 by father's war record)

Sarah, wife, age 53

children—Sarah

Sophia

William

Isabella

Bellinger

age 20

age 22

age 16

age 12

age 6

(note—Bible Record gives—Sarah B—May 13, 1823

Sarah B—Feb. 16, 1823

Sophia B—Aug. 4, 1825

Isabella B—Mar. 29, 1838

Tombstones give—

1850 Census—

William Grayson—age 73

(note—correct with Bible Date he changed spelling of name)

Elizabeth Grayson—age 65 (note—Bible gives her B—Sept. 30, 1783) and she was sister to William and Edward)

Isabella Grayson

Barnard B. Grayson

Mary A. Grayson

Sarah J. Grayson

William S. Grayson

John M. Grayson

Harvey L. Grayson

Mary Grayson

Ierusha Grayson

Charles E. Grayson

William S. Grayson

—age 40 (correct with Bible Date)

—age 42 (Bible gives—Oct. 18, 1807)

—age 38 (Bible gives—May 9, 1811)

—age 11 (Bible gives—June 20, 1838)

—age 10 (correct with Bible date)

—age 8 (Bible gives—Sept. 29, 1841)

—age 6 (Bible gives—Sept. 21, 1843)

—age 4 (Bible gives—Oct. 20, 1845)

—age 1 (Bible gives—Aug. 6, 1847)

—age 9/12 (Bible gives—Aug. 7, 1849)

A blacksmith

(Note—cannot place this name, but age coincides with age of William John, a brother of Barnard B. and Isabella Grayson)

Bible gives birth date of William John G.—Feb. 6, 1817. He did not marry until 1852)

1860 Census—

Edward Gracen

—living with wife, Sarah, and children—Sophia (27)

Bellinger (16)

all can read and write

Value of real estate \$1200 (Equivalent to several hundred acres of land and the house)

John Burgess Gracen (32)—and family, including one infant—James E.

1870 Census

John B. Gracen (spelled Grason)—and family

In locality then called Scott Township

These census records (except 1850 Williamsburg Dist.) were looked up in Washington, D. C. by Commodore Dudley W. Knox, who is a great grandson of Edward and Ann Sarah (Burgess) Gracen—through their oldest child, James Edward Gracen.

WILLIAM GRACEN (GRAYSON)

I—William

B—May 10, 1777

D—Oct. 8, 1853

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married—Sarah M. Buckner

Dec. 31, 1801

B—June 23, 1781

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D—Feb. 27, 1820

8 Children A—H

A—Elizabeth Margaret b. July 5, 1802 Pr WmPar.S.C.

d. Sept 24, 1802 " "

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B—Sarah Elizabeth b. Dec. 7, 1803

d. Feb. 3, 1807

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C—Bernard Buckner b. Oct. 18, 1807 Pr WmPar SC

married—Mary Ann McCullough d. Sep 22 1857 WmsburgCo SC

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9 Children

D—Jane Sheritt b. 1810 d. 1811

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E—Isabella Skilling b. April 28 1810 d. 1888 saltcree SC

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married—John H. Robinson

F—Sarah Rebecca b. 1814 d. 1820

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G—William John b. Feb. 6 1817 St Lukes Par SC

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married—Margaret (Howard) McBride d. 1891 Kingstree SC

5 Children

H—James Thomas 1818-1819

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In response to a Soden post card: Richard Grayson, M.D. of Selma, Ala. writes that he was born 1902, that his father was Claude C. Grayson born 1857 Auburn, Ala., and that his father was Spence Monroe Grayson born 1812 at Alexandria, Va., the son of Rev. Spence Monroe Grayson of Bel Air near Alexandria.

Mrs. Hodges reports that she is working on some Grayson material in the Draper mss. of the Wisc. State Hist. Soc. I have not heard of this material and it will be welcome for the Newsletter.

Thanks to Mrs. H.A. Brown for her data sent in. This has been printed in the Newsletter before, sorry, but keep trying.

On page 99 is an article on Ambrose Grayson of Texas from a Henderson newspaper of 1901 sent by Mrs. Petty. Also are reprints of Graysons from who's who of 1938 and of 1944 sent by Howard Grayson. These are interesting articles. Also from 1934 Who's who and a supplement are other articles on that page. On page 101 are 2 biographies sent by Howard Grayson, linking the S.C. congressman to the Va. senator. This appears to be a mistake in the record. The congressman was of a different lineage entirely.

Howard Grayson asks our new member Mrs. Robin Bandy if she is related to the Dr. William Bandy Grayson on page 99.

On pages 100-101 is an article from a 1975 Washington Post I found in the Wulfeck collection. Xeroxes of this were also sent in by Howard Grayson.

On page 102 is an interesting letter sent by Mrs. Underwood. In reply to her query: Mrs. Betty Stokes address is 5902 Warm Springs, Houston, Tex. 77035.

Pages 103 through 106 are from the Dorothy Ford Wulfeck Manuscript which I am serializing. The 1st 2 pages were printed last issue and are listed as pages 89 and 90. There are a total of 27 pages in this manuscript, so today's 4 pages makes a total of 6 printed serially, plus the page 21 which appeared out of order in last issue.

I plan to donate a copy of each volume of the Grayson Newsletter to the Newberry Genealogy Library in Chicago when the index is completed. Perhaps others of you might wish to do the same to your favorite library.

Pages 107, 8, 9 are War of 1812 Pension and Roster records from the National Archives sent from Howard Grayson. Many thanks, Howard; these should prove valuable. I notice my ancestor Wren, his brother Jesse, and his cousin Benjamin on the list. This will be convenient for Grayson researchers. Howard, I know of no Charles W. Grayson born about 1839. Does anyone else? Howard thinks the Grayson Stadium in Savannah, Ga. was named for a Lt. Gov. named Spencer Grayson. Howard, for the record, finds Grayson streets in: 1. San Antonio 2. Austin, Tex. 3. Woodridge, Va., and 4. Portsmouth, Va. I believe we listed the San Antonio street already, so the other 3 Grayson streets make the 15th, 16th, & 17th Grayson place names.

GRAYSON, David, author. See May Standard Baker.

GRAYSON, Theodore J(ulius), prof. finance; Mar. 4, 1890-Dec. 23, 1937. See Vol. 19 (1938-37).

GRAYSON, William Bandy, M.D.; b. Paragould, Ark., May 1, 1897; s. Adam Davis and Mary Louisa (Henderson) G.; student U. of Ark., 1915-17; M.D., Tulane U. Sch. of Medicine, 1921; m. Florence E. Townsend, Oct. 18, 1924; 1 dau., Betty Joanne. Interned M.P.R.H. Hosp., Little Rock, 1921-22; also instr. in physiol. chemistry, U. of Ark. Sch. of Medicine; sr. interne Charity Hosp., New Orleans, 1922-23; instr. in physiology and physiol. chemistry, U. of Ark. Sch. of Medicine, 1923-24; asso. prof. physiol. chemistry and physiology, 1924-25; dir. clin. and pathol. lab., Bank State Hosp., Jan.-July 1925; appnt. dir. surgeon M.P. Ry., at McGehee, Ark., Sept. 1925; engaged in pvt. practice until June 1932. Owned and operated Grayson Hosp., McGehee, 1927-31; state health commr. of Ark. since June 1932. Dir. pub. health activities for Ark. under Federal Emergency Relief Administration since Nov. 1933. Mem. S.A.T.C. Unit Co. No. 12, Camp Martin, Tulane U., Sept.-Nov. 1918; commd. 1st Lt. Med. Reserve, later capt.; surgeon R.C., U.S.P.H.S. Fellow A.A.A.S.; mem. Am. Med. Assn., Southern Med. Assn., Ark. State and Pulaski County med. socs., Aero Med. Assn. of America, Am. Pub. Health Assn., Am. Legion, Sigma Chi, Alpha Kappa Kappa, etc. Democrat. Baptist. Mission (Shrine). Confr. on med. subjects. Address: State Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.

GREACEN, Edmund, artist; b. N.Y. City, 1877; s. Thomas Edmund and Isabella (Wisconsin) G.; A.B., New York U., 1897; studied Art Students League and Chase Sch. of Art, New York; m. Ethel Booth, of New Haven, Conn., 1904; children—Edmund, Nanette. Exhibited portraits and landscapes at Paris Salon, Nat. Acad., Pa. Acad. Fine Arts, Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D.C., etc.; represented in Butler Art Museum, Youngstown, O., Newark, N.J., Art Museum, etc. Organizer and pres. Grand Central Sch. of Art, New York. Awarded Salamagundi Shaw Prize, 1922; Nat. Arts Club prize and medal, 1923, 25. Served as pvt., 7th regt., N.G.N.Y.; Y.M.C.A. sec. in France, World War; Nat. Academician; charter mem. Painters and Sculptors Gallery Assn. (New York); mem. Am. Water Color Soc. Clubs: Salamagundi, Zeta Psi, Nat. Arts (v.p.), Lotus. Home: 119 E. 12th St., New York, N.Y.

GRAYSON, Thomas Jackson, army officer; b. Mobile, Ala., May 5, 1886; commd. 2d Lt. Inf., U.S. Army, Aug. 1917; col. Miss. Nat. Guard, July 1932, and advanced to brig. gen., July 1933; active duty, Oct. 1940; dir. of the Mississippi Selective Service System, since Oct. 1940. Awarded Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, World War I. Address: Headquarters, Selective Service, Jackson, Miss.

GRAYSON, Gary Travers, rear admiral; b. "Salubria," Culpeper Co., Va., Oct. 11, 1878; s. John Cooke (M.D.) and Adeline (Petty) G.; William and Mary Coll., 1895-98; Ph.G., U. of the South, 1902; M.D., 1902; M.D., Med. Coll. of Va.; grad. U.S. Naval Med. Sch., 1904; hon. LL.D., William and Mary College; m. Alice Gertrude Gordon, of Washington, D.C., May 24, 1916; children—James Gordon, Gary Travers, Wm. Cabell. Interned, Columbia Hosp. for Women, Washington, 1902-03; commd. act. asst. surr. U.S.N., July 14, 1903; asst. surgeon, June 28, 1904; passed act. surgeon, June 28, 1907; surgeon, Aug. 1916; med. dir. with rank of rear admiral, Aug. 29, 1916. Surgeon U.S. Naval Hosp., Washington, 1903-05. U.S.S. Maryland, 1905-07; cruise around the world, 1905-07; surgeon of the President's yacht, Mayflower, and attending and consulting physician, Naval Dispensary, Washington, during the Roosevelt and Taft administrations; physician to President Wilson. Mem. pub. health com. of Nat. Food Administration; med. mem. Council Nat. Defense; mem. staff Emergency Hosp.; formerly mem. staff Lar. Nose and Throat Hosp. and Providence Hosp.; pres. Gorgas Memorial Inst. of Preventive Medicine and Tropical Research. Retired from Navy Dec. 30, 1928. Dir. The Warwick Memorial Clinic; med. dir. Washington Gas Light Co. Decorated: Navy Cross (U.S.), Commander Order of Leopold (Belgium), Commander Legion of Honor (France). Fellow Am. Coll. Surgeons; mem. A.M.A., Southern Med. Assn., Assn. Mil. Surgeons, D.C. Med. Soc., Phi beta Kappa, Kappa Sigma. Dir. Nat. Capitol Horse Show (Washington). Episcopalian. Clubs: Army and Navy, Metropolitan, Rutins and Hunt, Chevy Chase (Washington); Racquet (Phillips); Jockey, Maryland Jockey (dir.); Jockey of New York (dir.). Home: 2822 Wisconsin Ave. Office: 1333 G St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

GRAYSON, Charles Prevost, M.D. See Vol. 16 (1930-31).

GRAYSON, Cusford Prevost, artist; b. Phila., July 14, 1857; s. Frederick William and Mary Mallet (Prevost) G.; pupil of Gérôme, École des Beaux Arts, Paris; m. Anne L. Seed, of Phila., Jan. 21, 1902. Awarded \$2,000 prize Am. Art Galleries, New York, 1886; Temple gold medal, Pa. Acad. Fine Arts, 1887. Represented in the permanent collections of Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, and Chicago Art Inst. Clubs: Century, Salamagundi (New York); Art (Phila.). Address: Century Assn., 7 W. 43d St., New York, N.Y.



Ambrose Grayson.

1st. Deputy Sheriff, Henderson County, Athens, Texas.

Among the rising and useful young men of Henderson County, Mr. Grayson may be easily counted. He is a son of George William Grayson, who was reared in the state of Ala., and who in due time married a Mrs. Luker, who was a Miss Julia A. McWilliams. Mr. Grayson and Mrs. Luker were 32 years ago and Mrs. Grayson is yet living, but Mr. Grayson the husband and father died 20 years since. Our subject, his brother,

Sam Grayson and Mrs. Jack Cox, his sister, are yet living. Ambrose was born April 20, 1872, in Henderson County, and hence is a Henderson County product. He grew up on the farm with all of its difficulties and hardships, and yet enjoyed all of its advantages and benefits. He attended the Athens schools and after due preparation went to Omen, and secured the advantages of that old and useful Institution, Summer Hill Select School. Upon his return home he returned to the farm and is now essentially a farmer. While this is true he has been selected to occupy the responsible position of 1st Deputy in the Sheriff's office and be it to his credit, it is said that he is faithful and true in all things. Born and reared in the county, acquainted with its people, its towns, its creeks, its roads and by-paths, knowing it altogether, he is able to speedily perform his most arduous duties to the best advantage. He is young, handsome, enjoying a fine constitution and having a host of friends. No doubt a bright future awaits him.

GRAYSON, Theodore J(ulius), prof. finance; b. Beverly, N.J., Mar. 4, 1880; s. Frederick William and Katherine (Julius) G.; Havard Univ. Coll., 1897-99; LL.B., University of Pa., 1902; B.S. in economics from same univ., 1920; LL.D., Bucknell University, 1931; m. Grace Ebbelton, Dec. 15,

1917 (divorced 1933); 1 dau., Louise Blackston. Admitted to Pa. bar, 1902; now in practice at Philadelphia; instructor in finance, Wharton Sch. of Finance and Commerce, U. of Pa., 1914-20, asst. prof. finance, 1920-25, asso. prof., 1925-28, prof. since 1928, dir. evening and extension schs. of finance and accounting since 1918. Justice of the peace, Radnor Tp., Pa., 1911-13. Sec. and treas. N.J. Pub. Utility Information Com.; treas. N.J. Utilities Assn. Rec. of U. of Pa. in Assn. of Women Univs. Nat. Univ. Extension Assn.; pres. Nat. Univ. Extension Assn., 1932-33. Mem. Pa. State and Philadelphia bar assns., Nat. Inst. Social Sciences, Phila. Chamber Commerce (mem. ednl. com.), Am. Gas Assn. (ednl. com.), Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma, Sigma Kappa, Phi. Republican, Episcopalian, Mason, Claret University, Union League, Le Coin d'Or, Franklin Inn, Philadelphia Country. Author: Law of Beneficial and Social Associations in Pennsylvania, 1904; Investment Trusts, 1929; Leaders and Periods of American Finance, 1932. Confr. on finance, economics and pub. utilities. Home: 2203 DeLancey Pl. Office: Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

GRAYSON, Thomas Wray, M.D.; Nov. 22, 1871-May 17, 1933. See Vol. 17 (1932-33).

GRAYSON, William John, congressman; b. Beaufort, S.C., Nov. 2, 1788; s. William Grayson; grad. S.C. Coll. at Columbia, 1809; studied law. Admitted to bar, 1822, began practice of law, Beaufort; mem. S.C. Ho. of Reps., 1822-26; mem. S.C. Senate, 1826-31; elected commr. in equity for Beaufort Dist., 1831; mem. U.S. Ho. of Reps. (Whig) from S.C., 23d-24th congresses, 1833-37; collector of customs at Charleston, S.C., 1841-53; retired to his plantation; frequent contrib. to So. Quarterly Rev. Died Newberry, S.C., Oct. 4, 1863; buried Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston.

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"Bam! Before you know it, you're somebody's ancestor."



William Grayson was one of state's first two senators.



Grayson's cement-covered tomb is located on Omer B. Fisher's property south of Woodbridge.

By Linda Wheeler—The Washington Post

Plan to Restore Patriot's Grave Stirs Opposition

By Donnel Nunes
Washington Post Staff Writer

Until a few months ago, no one but Omer B. Fisher cared enough about the 185-year-old Prince William County grave of William Grayson, a patriot and one of Virginia's first two U.S. senators, to protect it from vandals or decay, and that was the way Fisher liked it.

Then, earlier this year, prodded by the approaching Bicentennial, the county's

historical groups voted to request \$12,500 from the county to restore the tomb so that it would be attractive to visitors.

It was a decision that angered Fisher, who owns the land on which Grayson was born and buried.

"We've had a good lifestyle here," said Fisher, who is not related to Grayson and bought the property with the grave in the early 1960s. "We don't want people thinking they can

just walk up on our property anytime."

Fisher said the pressure on him to grant permission to allow visitors on the property, located in the Marumsco Hills subdivision south of Woodbridge, is subtle but persistent. "It's been 200 years and we just don't want to be shoved," he said.

The restoration of the Grayson tomb is not the only Prince William Bicentennial restoration project that is

meeting some opposition from land owners on whose property lies a grave or landmark of historical interest, according to Sandra Kinsey, county Bicentennial coordinator.

The unmarked grave of Robert E. Lee's grandfather, also south of Woodbridge, lies on a tract owned by the Hawaiian Steamship Co. A \$5,000 restoration project there is being held in abeyance while the company

decides whether to allow public access, according to Mrs. Kinsey.

"I have a feeling that some people are getting a bit more excited about the historical facts than they warrant," said Fisher. "Look at Grayson. He didn't sleep in the same houses as Washington. Maybe he did something important because they named a county after him, but they went all

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the way to the other end of the state to do it." Grayson County touches North Carolina and Tennessee in Northwest Virginia.

Grayson was born in 1736 on the Belle Air estate where Fisher now lives with his family. Grayson practiced law in Dumfries and in 1774 he formed a militia group in Prince William. He later served as a military aide to Washington.

Later he served in the Continental Congress.

According to a locally produced history of Prince William County, Grayson was the author of a clause prohibiting slavery in the Northwest Territories that was designed as a concession to Northern sentiment.

That account is discounted in Scribner's Dictionary of American Biography, which claims that Grayson only approved of the clause.

Grayson apparently was not motivated by antislavery feeling in whatever action he took. He wrote to James Monroe, a fellow Virginian, that he agreed to it to prevent "tobacco and indigo from being made on the northwest side of the Ohio" and for several other political reasons. Tobacco and indigo were crops grown almost exclusively in the South and much of their cultivation depended upon slave labor.

Grayson, along with Richard Henry Lee, the great grandfather of Robert E. Lee, both opposed the federal constitution. Grayson told

Virginians during the debate on whether the state should ratify it that the new constitution would make the North the dominant power in the Union.

Following its approval, Virginia chose both Grayson and Lee as its first senators. Subsequent federal actions, which Grayson felt supported his earlier fears, led him to write Patrick Henry that the South was now destined to become "the milch cow of the Union."

Grayson was the third child of Benjamin Grayson and

Susana Monroe, the aunt of James Monroe. He married Eleanor Smallwood, sister of Thomas Jefferson's friend William Smallwood.

Described as skilled in debate, he was said to have excelled "in fascinating manners, in humor, in wit" and "in an almost unrivalled play of the intellectual powers."

He died at Dumfries during the second session of Congress.

"He was a relatively major figure in Virginia history," said Dr. Henry Ward, a

University of Richmond historian. "But you have a problem, because when compared to Washington and Jefferson (both Virginians) all the rest seem like secondary figures."

Grayson was buried on a hillside overlooking the Belle Air fields. Today those fields are covered with single-family homes, and the gravesite sits on about 4 acres of land owned by the Fishers—all that is left of the original 400-acres-plus plantation.

The county has agreed to pay for the restoration, but

only on the condition that the public is granted some form of access to Fisher's land, according to county officials.

"You just can't go invading private property," said Mrs. Kinsey. "That's certainly not what the county wants to do." She said that if Fisher rejects the county's restoration proposal the historical groups probably will try to build the memorial to Grayson elsewhere.

"It's sad that it's taken this long for anyone to get interested in protecting the grave," said Mrs. Kinsey.

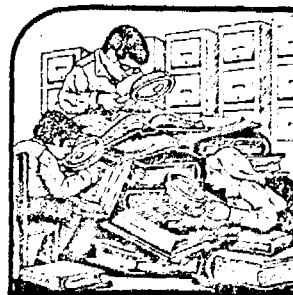
CONGRESSIONAL BIOGRAPHIES
(EXCERPTS)

GRAYSON, William (father of William John Grayson and uncle of Alexander Dalrymple Orr), a Delegate and a Senator from Virginia; born in Prince William County, Va., in 1740; attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; pursued classical studies in England, and was graduated from the University of Oxford; studied law at the Temple in London; returned to Virginia and practiced law in Dumfries; during the Revolutionary War was appointed aide-de-camp to General Washington August 24, 1776; commissioned colonel of a Virginia regiment January 1, 1777; distinguished himself at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778; member of the board of war in 1780 and 1781; Member of the Continental Congress 1784-1787; delegate to the Virginia convention of 1788 for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, which he opposed; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1789, until his death in Dumfries, Va., March 12, 1790; interment on the old family estate at Belle Air, near Dumfries, Va.

GRAYSON, William John (son of William Grayson and cousin of Alexander Dalrymple Orr), a Representative from South Carolina; born in Beaufort, S. C., November 2, 1788; pursued classical studies, and was graduated from South Carolina College at Columbia in 1809; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1822 and commenced practice in Beaufort, S. C.; member of the State house of representatives 1822-1826; served in the State senate 1826-1831; elected commissioner in equity for Beaufort District in 1831 and resigned from the senate; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses (March 4, 1833-March 3, 1837); collector of customs at Charleston from August 9, 1841, to March 19, 1853; retired to his plantation; was a frequent contributor to the Southern Quarterly Review; died in Newberry, S. C., on October 4, 1863; interment in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S. C.

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Lufkin, Texas
March 23, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

It was good to see so much of my Grayson lineage in the last issue of the Grayson Newsletter.

On page 56 it shows John Grayson married Sally Carter in Montgomery, County, Virginia and moved later to Alabama. Their marriage date was Oct. 23, 1792. If anyone is descended from this couple please feel free to contact me. They were my great-great grandparents and I have done considerable research on their family. Also on page 56 it shows William Grayson married Rachel Conley. Her name was Rachel Cooley. This is born out in DAR records. Also on page 56 it shows Barbara (Burdyne) Grayson as dying 1881. She died before January 1800 as her husband, John Grayson, wrote his will then and she was mentioned as being already deceased.

On page 61 it shows William Grayson born before 1750 in Montgomery Co. and dying there in 1801. He was born in Culpeper Co., Virginia. The place of death is correct. He is the one who was married to Rachel Cooley (pg. 56).

Page 62 - Albemarle Co., Virginia - 1875 - John Grayson. He was the son of William and Ann (Smith) Grayson. This William was a brother to the John Grayson who died in Montgomery, Co., Virginia in 1802. On this same page it shows Heke, dau. of Col. Wm. Grayson and Eleanor Smallwood married John Carter of Loudon Co., Virginia. Her name was Hebe, not Heke. Also on this page, where it shows the will of William Grayson as probated Aug 1801 - his wife was Rachel (Cooley) Grayson.

Page 63 - Virginia Wills and Administrations by Torrence - Index. In Spotsylvania Co. the Ambrose (1743) was my great-great-great-great grandfather and the father of John Grayson who died in Montgomery Co., Virginia (1802) and William Grayson who died in Albemarle Co., Virginia (1829 - at age 97). The other Ambrose Grayson on pg. 63 was the son of the 1 already mentioned.

May I please have the new address of Betty Stokes?

I'm sorry I have nothing new to relate this month. Maybe next month I will.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

27. Deed Book D. Sept. 28, 1750. William Grayson witnessed a Power of Attorney.

28. Deed Book E. June 3, 1752. James Stevens of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., planter, and Alice, his wife, late relict and legatee of Ambrose Gresham (Grayson?), late of Par. and county afsd., Planter, Decd., to Thomas Turner of same Par. and county, Gentl. 35 pounds curr. Deed of lease. The plantation whereon the sd. Ambrose dwelt and 200 a. in the par. and county afsd. Witnesses, Thomas Macredie, John Dent, George James, Richard x Turnley. Augt. 4, 1752.

29. Deed Book E. June 24, 1753. Thomas Turner of King Geo. Co., Gent., and Thomas Turner, the younger, of Spts. Co., Gent., and Mary, his wife, to Francis Taliaferro of Spts. Co., Gent. 1150 pounds ster. 500 a. in Spts. Co., near adjoining the sd. Taliaferro, part of a tract sold by Wm. Smith, late of Abingdon Par., Gloucester Co., unto John Grayson, late of Christ Church Par., Lancaster Co., Decd., as by deeds, in General Court, April 22, 1714, which sd. land descended to Thomas Grayson, late of Deal, in Kent Co., in Great Britain, from his father, the sd. John Grayson, Decd., who died intestate, and was by the sd. Thomas Grayson conveyed to the sd. Thomas Turner of King Geo. Co., Gent., as by Deeds, Jany. 27, 1727. Witnesses, Rd. Brooke, Edward Dixon, James Tutt, Robt. Brooke, jr.; Hy. Brooke, jr.; John Catlett, Lawrence Taliaferro. July 3, 1753

30. Deed Book E. July 2, 1754. Martin x True of St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co., and Sarah, his wife, to James Ball of Christ Church Par., Lancaster Co., Gent. 35 pounds curr. 331 a. oh Massaponnax Swamp, in Spts. Co., conveyed by John Grayson and Barbary, his wife, to sd. True, as by indenture dated Oct. 2, 1750. Witnesses, John Ballandine, James Pollard, Jas. Glendining. July 2, 1754.

31. Deed Book G. Sept. 4, 1766. William Grayson of Spts. Co. to Henry Allison of Whitehaven, Merch. 13 pounds 7s. 10d. curr. Mortgage. Goods and Chattels. Witnesses, John Battaley, Hudson Muse. Feby. 4, 1767.

32. Deed Book H. Sept. 28, 1771. William Grayson witnessed a deed of gift.

33. Deed Book K. Aug. 23, 1782. Benj. Grayson was a witness to a deed by Peter Marye of Culpeper Co.

GRAYSON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

(The complete King report is in V.2 No. 4; pp. 4-7 skipped here.)

NOTE: The following is a report from George Harrison Sanford King, certified Genealogist of Fredericksburg, Va., to Dorothy Ford Wulfeck in 1969. Mr. King unquestionably has done more research on and analysis of the Grayson family than anyone.

It appears from the Lancaster County, Virginia records, John Grayson was living in that county shortly after 1700. The name has been spelt Grayson, Grasson, Graison, Grasison, and apparently even Gresham. This report is not an exhaustive study of all these records, but to ascertain the parentage of William Grayson (1732-1829) of Spotsylvania and Albemarle Counties, Virginia.

Lee: Abstracts of Lancaster Co. Va. Wills 1653-1800, p. 123, cites from WB#10, p. 41 the will of Andrew Jackson (16 -1710), minister of Christ Church Parish by which, among other things, he bequeathed

"Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution: Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, 1775-1783" by John H. Gwathmey. 1938.

Grayson, Robert, Pvt. WD. Of Spotsylvania, E.

Grayson, Spence, Chaplain Grayson's Reg., May 1777; retired Apr. 22, 1779; died 1798.

Grayson, Thomas, 3 CL.

Grayson, William, Assistant Secretary to General Washington June 21, 1776; Lieut. Colonel and Aide-de-Camp to General Washington Aug. 24, 1776; Colonel one of the sixteen Additional Regiments Jan. 11, 1777; retired Apr. 22, 1779; Commissioner of the Board of War Dec. 7, 1779; resigned Sept. 10, 1781; died March 12, 1790. Awarded 6,666 and 926 acres.

Grayson, William, Captain, Albemarle Mil.

WD War Department has his record

Mil. Virginia Militia

E. Listed by Eckenrode

3 CL 3rd Regiment of the Continental Line

"History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley": Counties of Frederick, Berkeley, Jefferson and Clarke; edited by J.E. Norris. 1890.

WM. F. Hutchinson, surgeon dentist, was born in Page county, Va., 1856, son of Philip and Clarinda Ann Hutchinson. His mother was the daughter of Col. A. F. Grayson, lieutenant-colonel of the Ninety-seventh Regiment of the line in the Seventh Brigade, Third Division of Virginia Militia, being commissioned lieutenant-colonel May 1, 1852; was over sixty at the breaking out of the War, but went as volunteer; was division-adjutant for some time until captured one night while on leave of absence at his home near Marksville, Page Co., Va., by the Federals. He then withdrew from the Army.

"Historical Southern Families," Vol. IX by John Bennett Boddie. 1965.

Robert Black Deveny was b. 4/14/1773, in Rutherford Co., N.C. He evidently m. Sussanah Grayson who was listed in Aaron Deveny's Bible record as b. 5/25/1777. In the 1810 Census of Rutherford Co., N.C., Joseph Grayson and his wife were listed, both over age 45, and in the 1820 Census, Joseph Grayson and Benjamin Grayson, both age 26 - 45 were listed. Sussanah was probably the dau. of the older Joseph Grayson, as this was the name of one of her sons, and the sister of the younger Joseph and Benjamin Grayson, as the name Benjamin was also introduced into the Deveny family. Robert Deveny appears to have left Rutherford Co., by 1810, but he was still living in N.C. in 1818 when his son, Robert Black Deveny, Jr., was born. Robert Deveny had the following children: Jane, m. a Bracket; William; Jenkins; Joseph G., in Rutherford Co., in 1840; Benjamin, in Rutherford Co., in 1840 and 1850; Aaron J.; Sarah, m. a Pruet; Robert Black Deveny, Jr., b. 12/25/1818, in N.C., (of whom later). Robert Deveny, Sr., was a planter and he d. before 1854. A list of his

children appears in the will of Aaron Deveny, dated 2/15/1832, and proved in 1842, in Rutherford Co., N.C.

"Landmarks of Old Prince William: A study of origins in Northern Virginia," by Fairfax Harrison. 1924.

p. 151 Catesby Cocke and Benjamin Grayson, earliest speculators in Loudoun lands, followed (1731) with grants on the head waters of Limestone.

p. 156. Footnote 37. Benjamin Grayson, who voted at the Prince William election in 1741 (Boogher, 117) was one of the earliest of the Scots merchants to be established on Quantico, where Dumfries was to arise, for there, in 1736, was born his well known son, William. The latter, after brilliant service as colonel of a regiment of the line in the Continental army and subsequently in the Continental Congress, was the first Senator to represent Virginia in the Congress of the United States. Dying in 1790, he left a reputation which, says Grigsby, 'may fitly fill one of the brightest pages in our annals' (See Virginia Convention of 1788, i, 194). Grayson County was named for him in 1793.

p. 402. In January, 1762, John Ballentine and Benjamin Grayson entered into a partnership for the manufacturing of wheat and baking of bread at or near the falls of Occaquan.

p. 664. 1788. CARRBROUGH. Record: Hening, xii, 684. Description: 50 acres of land lying on the south side of the mouth of Quantico creek and on Potowmack river in the county of Prince William, the property of Willoughby Tebbs. Trustees: Cuthbert Bullitt, William Carr; John Hedges, Spence Grayson, John Linton, William Linton, William Grayson, Burr Harrison, John Cannon.

p. 668. 1813. UNION. Records: Acts, 1812-13, ch. 69, p. 98. Description: 20 acres of land at the village called and known by the name of Union in the county of Loudoun. Trustees: William Bronaugh, Benjamin Grayson, William Harned, William H. Handy.

"Culpeper County History," by Ralph Travers Green. Part II. p. 80.

Travers Cooke, son of John, m. Mary, dau. of Mottram Doniphan, and had Col. John Cooke, of "West Farms," Stafford, who m. Mary Thompson, dau. of George Mason, of "Gunston Hall." Million, dau. of Col. Jno. Cooke, of "West Farms," m. Hon. John W. Green, of Culpeper, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, and had Jno. Cooke, m. Morton; Thomas Claiborne, m. McDonald; Jas. Williams, m. McDonald; George Mason m. 1st. Ashby, 2nd. Lockwood; and Lucy Williams, died single.

Sarah Mason, dau. of Col. John Cooke, of "West Farms," m. 1st Cary Selden; 2nd Dr. Robert O. Grayson, by whom she had Dr. John Cooke Grayson, of Stevensburg, Culpeper county, and Robert O. Grayson, of Culpeper.

"Pocahontas, alias Matoaka, and her Descendants," by William Robertson. 1886.

- * p. 42. Robert H. Grayson, son of U.S. Senator William Grayson, m. Sophoniba E. Cabell, son of Col. Joseph Cabel and Pocahontas Rebecca Bolling, sixth in descent from Pocahontas and John Rolfe. They had 10 children: 4 sons and 6 daughters.

"The Register of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, Virginia, 1723-1758," compiled by George Harrison Sanford King.

p. 216. "Major Peter Hedgman (circa 1700-1765) and Margaret Mauzy (1702-1754), his wife, had three sons to live to maturity, viz:

(1) William Hedgman (1732-1765) died without issue. By their last wills and Testaments both he and his father disinherited their only heir, John Hedgman (1758-1796), and bequeathed their handsome estates to others.

(2) George Hedgman (1734-1760) married on November 27, 1756 Hannah Ball Daniel (1737-1829), daughter of Peter Daniel, Gentleman, (1706-1777), also a vestryman in Overwharton Parish. Their only child was John Hedgman (1758-1796); he married Catherine Grayson, daughter of the Reverend Mr. Spence Grayson (1734-1798), rector of Dettingen Parish, Prince William County, and left issue. Hannah Ball (Daniel) Hedgman married secondly on March 12, 1765 Gilson Foote, Gentleman, (1736-1770) of Fauquier County and thirdly, John Hardy (17 -1794) of Stafford County. The above account will correct several errors in Virginia Genealogies, page 303, by the Reverend Mr. Horace E. Hayden.

p. 221. Alice Strother (November 30, 1732-December , 1795) married on December 16, 1756 Robert Washington, Gentleman, (January 25, 1730-circa 1800) of Woodstock, Saint Paul's Parish, Stafford County, son of Townshend and Elizabeth (Lund) Washington of Green Hill, Saint Paul's Parish. This couple had several children among whom was Lund Washington (1767-1853), postmaster of Washington, D.C., to whom we are indebted for a most informative family manuscript written about 1848 in which he records many genealogical facts of several Stafford County families which would otherwise have been lost. He married first on February 11, 1793 Susanna Monroe Grayson May 29, 1768- April 20, 1822), daughter of the Reverend Mr. Spence Grayson (1734-17980, and secondly on April 11, 1823, Sally Johnson (October 9, 1797-August 15, 1871), daughter of John Johnson of Worchester County, Maryland. Lund Washington left issue by both wives; he and some other members of his family are buried in the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

p. 224. Travers Cooke, Gentleman, (circa 1730-1759) was the only son of John Cooke, Esq., (died 1733) and Elizabeth Travers, his wife, mentioned on page 223. He lived but two years after the Completion of Aquia Church, having married on February 26, 1754, Mary Doniphan (1737-1781), daughter of Mott Doniphan, Gentleman, also a vestryman in Overwharton Parish. Mary (Doniphan) Cooke married secondly on October 13, 1762 Colonel William Bronough (1730-1800) and had issue seven children.

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1. Grason, William
Unit: Capt. F. Addean's Co., Mich., Mil.

2. Grayson, Benjamin
Unit: Capt. Dunn's Co. Va., Mil.
Service: 1812-9-21 thru 1813-2-28
Wife: Mary Fout
Married: 1827-5-3 Nobley Mountain, Hampshire Co. Va.
Died: 1850-3-23 New Creek, Hampshire Co., Va.
Wife Died: About 1892
Wife's Residence: 1851 & 1855 Hampshire Co., Va.

3. Grayson, Thomas
Unit: Capt. John Field's Co. Va. Mil.
Service: 1814-8-31 thru 1815-2-23
Wife: Rhoda Merritt
Married: 1823-9-4 Albemarle Co., Va.
Died: 1854-9-21 Lincoln Co., Mo.
Wife Died: 1883-4-20 Louisville, Mo.
Residence: 1851 Lincoln Co., Mo.
Wife's Res.: 1855 Lincoln Co., Mo.
1878 Ashby Pike Co., Mo.

4. Grayson, John B.
Wife: "Mary"
Unit: Capt. James Stuart's Co. 24th Inf. (45.)

5. Grayson, John
Unit: Capt. Samuel Goodwin's Co. Ky., Mil.
Service: 1814-9-10 thru 1815-3-10
Wife: Polly Smith
Married: 1831-9 Bath Co., Ky.
Died: 1877-5-6
Wife Died: Prior to 1871-4-25

Pension Records

WAR OF 1812

6. Grayson, John

Unit: Stephen H. Moore's Co. Md. Mil. & Brigade

Service: 1812-9-8 thru 1813-2-21

1813-3-1 thru 1813-9-7

Residence: 1850 + 1871 Washington Co., Pa.

7. Grayson, John

Unit: Capt. Abraham Lange's Co. Va. Mil.

Service: 1814-9-1 thru 1814-12-1

Wife: Susannah Britt

Married: 1812-7-7 Albemarle Co., Va.

Died: 1862-4-14 Logan Co., Ky.

Residence: 1850 + 1855 Logan County, Ky.

Wife's Residence: 1879 Adairville, Logan Co., Ky.

Note: Land bounty numbers exist for some listings but they were not recorded.

Note: Source: National Archives - Complete Listing

WAR OF 1812 H. Grayson ROSTER 1972-12

Grayson (Greson), Abraham	Pvt	3 rd Regt. (Few's)	Pa., Militia
Grayson, Benjamin	Pvt	Huntan's Command,	Cal., Va., Mil.
Grayson, Benjamin	Lt.	3 rd Regt. (Johnson's),	E. Tenn., Mil.
Grayson, Alfred W.	Pvt	4 th Regt. (Pogue's)	Ky., Vols.
Grayson, Benjamin	Pvt	Green's Regt. Mounted Inf.	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Benjamin	Sgt.	1 st Regt. (Wear's)	E. Tenn., Vol.
Grayson, Benjamin	Pvt	2 nd Regt. (Evan's)	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Frederic W.S.	Capt.	3 rd Regt. (Miller's)	Ky., Mil.
Grayson, Frederick W.	Judge Advocate	Gen. Staff (Hopkins)	Ind. & Ill., Mil.
Grayson, Frederick W.	Judge Advocate	Gen. Staff	Ky., Mil.
Grayson, George	Pvt	2 nd Regt. Light Inf. (Bachus)	Pa., Mil.
Grayson, George	Pvt	43 rd Regt. (Hamilton's)	Md. Mil.

Grayson, George W.	Pvt	43 rd Reg't. (Hamilton's)	Md., Mil.
Grayson, George W.	Sgt.	56 th Reg't. (Taylor's)	Va., Mil.
Grayson, I. Lee	Capt.	Detachment 20 th Reg't. (Jenkins Jr's)	S.C. Mil.
Grayson, I. R.	?	" " " " " "	" " " "
Grayson, James	Pvt.	42 nd Reg't. (Smith's)	Md., Mil.
Grayson, Jesse	Pvt.	Clark's Battalion	E. Tenn. Mil.
Grayson, Jose?	Lt.	6 th Reg't. (Coleman's)	Va., Mil.
Grayson, John	Adjutant	McClure's Reg't.	N.Y. Vol. & Mil.
Grayson, John	Pvt	Capt. Moore's Co.	Md., Vol.
Grayson, John	Pvt	5 th Reg't. (McDowell's)	Va. Mil.
Grayson, John (AKA) Robert	Pvt	16 th Reg't. (Porter's)	Ky. Mil.
Grayson, John	Pvt	57 th Reg't.	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Joseph	Pvt	7 th Reg't.	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Lewis	Pvt	7 th Reg't. (Perkin's)	Miss., Mil.
Grayson, Peter	Pvt	Mounted Detachment	Ky., Vol.
Grayson, Peter	Adjutant	Carroll's Division	Tenn., Vol.
Grayson, Peter	Pvt.	1 st Reg't. U.S. Vol.	Miss., Vol.
Grayson, Robert	Pvt.	Nixon's Reg't.	Miss., Vol.
Grayson, Robert	Pvt.	Batt'n 7 th Reg't. (Perkin's)	Miss., Vol.
Grayson, Robert O.	Surgeon	4 th Reg't. (Beatty's)	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Thomas	Pvt	8 th Reg't. (Wall's)	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Thomas	Pvt	22 nd Reg't.	Md., Vol.
Grayson, Thompson	Pvt	77 th Reg't.	Va., Mil.
Grayson, Walter	Pvt	Morgan's Cherokee Indian Reg't.	
Grayson, Walter	Pvt	White's Brigade	E. Tenn. Vol.
Grayson, William	Pvt	Alexander's Batt'n	Ga., Mil.
Grayson, William	Pvt	Oliver's Co.	N.C., Mil.
Grayson, William	Surgeon	1 st Reg't.	D.C., Mil.
Grayson, William	2 nd Lt.	38 th Reg't. (Wright's)	Md., Mil.
Grayson, Wren	Pvt	3 rd Reg't. (Johnson's)	E. Tenn., Vol.

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WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE BONDS

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE OF BOND	BONDSMAN & WITNESS
Grayson, Be(n)j(a)min & Elizabeth Kilby		12 Apr. 1817	J. Hubbard (w) W. W. Martin
Grayson, Joseph	Dicy Dyer	10 Sept. 1816	Benj. Grayson
Grayson, William E.	Lucinda Baits	4 Dec. 1845	Richmond x Anderson (w) J. E. Mastin, D.C.

WILKES COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS, N.C.
(RATHERFORD Co.)

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GROOM	BRIDE	DATE OF BOND	BONDSMAN & WITNESS
Grayson, Jos(eph) C.	Eliza M. Wilson	23 Jan. 1827 1827	J(onathan) B. Wilson (w) T. F. Birchott, D.C.
Grayson, M. J. H(c)	Mary L. Melton	11 Nov. 1860 1860	H. A. McCurry (w) J. H. M. Price MA. 11 Nov. 1860 by J. H. M. Price, J. P.
Grayson, M. (Wm)	Sussana Legin Sussanna Legin	17 Oct. 1807 1807	Joseph Legin (w) W. McFarland, J.P.
Grayson, W(illia)m C.	Christina McCurry	23 Apr. 1835	J(oseph) C. Gray- son
Grayson, B(onj.) G.	Sarah Bowser	8 Aug. 1844 1844	H. H. Bowser (w) G. W. Logan, Clk.
Grayson, Isaac Isaac	Polly Melton	30 Mar. 1807 1807	John Fortune
Grayson, J. S.	Minerva Jones	23 Mar. 1861 1861	Wm. Gamble (w) L. Toms, Clk. MA. 27 Mar. 1861 by J. C. Grayson, M.C.
Grayson, John W.	Polly Melton	8 Jan. 1829	Lewis Vanzant (w) Jos. Taylor & Jos. C. Grayson
Grayson, John M. x	Rebecca Hunt	25 June 1836 1836	Thomas-x-Daves (w) L. B. Bryen
Grayson, Joseph	Rachel Vanzant	17 Dec. 1807 1807	Janna Vanzant (w) W. McFarland, J.P.

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Thanks to Mrs. Underwood for another informative and interesting letter included in the present issue. In answer, the sources for page 99 are on page 98. Mrs. Underwood traces the lineage of Dr. Cary Travers Grayson; by chance, in the current issue I give the families related to Dr. Grayson in the course of presenting Benjamin Grayson of Fort Dodge, Iowa, on whom I had on file some nice biographies and clippings. Mrs. Soden, of Des Moines was the one who suggested that I run the Benjamin Grayson material, in that she recently sent handwritten copies of the biographies. The family group sheets of Benjamin Grayson and related people are done by my son Daniel Grayson, of N.Y.

If you have sent in material which you do not see in print yet, please wait; there will be room in future issues. Note to Dr. Richard Grayson of Selma: we have files on the family and lineage of Rev. Spence Grayson, your ancestor. Do you need any of it? Also, who wrote the old family chart you sent? I have one like it; will publish it later.

Mrs. Cynthia Snyder of Dripping Springs, Tex. hopes to write a book about the Graysons; she sends her genealogy: Cynthia Ellidge Snider 1919; Artie Jewel Bateman b. 1897; Cynthia Sarah Louella Grayson b. 1865; George William Grayson b. 1830; George Grayson b. 1797; John Grayson (md Sarah Carter) b 1779; John Grayson (md Barbara Burdyne) b 1743?; Ambrose Grayson (md Alice) b ca 1700; John Grayson ? of Christ Church, Va.

Clifford Grayson reports a town of Grayson, Ala., pop. 500, in Winston county. If this is confirmed, it will be the 18th Grayson place name recorded in the Newsletter to date. Cliff will re-search this place. After what Grayson was it named?

Four more pages of the Wulfeck Grayson collection are printed in the current issue, originally pages 12-15. The total in the manuscript is 27, so about 3 more issues will give you the lot.

Ernest C. Grayson, son of Clay Grayson, whose ancestor is Jack Grayson probably of the Rutherford county, N.C. clan, has written and joined our group. He is superintendant of schools in Louisville, Ky. There are now 31 members..

I found the following spellings in the Chicago 1976 telephone directory: (How many more can you find...send them in.) Graesen, Grason, Gratton, Grayston, Grazian, Greasham, Grecian, Greenson, Gresen, Gresens, Gresham, Greyson, Grison, Grisham, Grison, Grissom, Grisson, Gritton.

Many thanks to Mrs. Davidson of Burley, Idaho, for her letter and her 1850 Grayson census which she so carefully typed. I'm sure this will be a valuable reference tool for all of us. We will be happy to obtain the 1850 Miss. and Calif. indexes also.

In this letter is a 1974 paper from a correspondent, Harold Rollins, about the Rutherford county Grayson clan. Note that he gives evidence that the clan came from Virginia. Can anyone suggest a clue as to where in Va. or to which Va. Grayson family?

Ms. Robin Bandy writes that she has been asked to identify Sarah Grayson of Va. who md. Major Wm. Martin of Maryland; ch: Wm G. Martin b ca 1775 md Sarah Michie; Caleb Martin md Mary Green. Ms. Bandy also reports on a Grayson Graveyard near Oakland, Warren co., Ky.: N.J. Grayson 7/16/1834- 12/16/1899; C.A. Grayson his wife 6/10/1853- 3/3/1903; H.W. Grayson 9/25/1880-10/5/1905. Any clues?

Howard Grayson writes that there were Creek Indian Graysons in the Confederate Army in the civil war, including Eli, Jim, & Johnson Grayson of the 1st Creek Mounted Vol. of Ark. Howard also writes that that his grandfather attended a murder trial in 1877 in which 2 Negroes Carolina and Peter Grayson were convicted of murder at Ft. Smith, Ark. It seems to me that I had heard before that there were a lot of Indian Graysons in Western Tenn. at one time.

Cheryl Grayson reports that Grayson Stadium in Savannah, Ga. was named for her grandfather's 1st cousin William L. Grayson, son of Edward Purley Grayson. William Grayson b. 1870 d. 1941 had 6 children: Spence, Lynne, Dorothea, Leon, Edith, and William Morris. Spence is Judge Spence M. Grayson, 208 American Bld., Savannah, age ca. 80 who told Cheryl they are descended from the Va. Grayson line. Note to Cheryl: have not heard from Bob Strobeck.

Rutherford Co., N.C. Graysons again: from a 1976 letter from Miles Philbeck, 612 Chateau Apts, Chapel Hill, N.C.: Joseph Grayson was probably from Va.; "based on the fact that his daughter Susanna Deviney's child, in 1880 said Susanna was born in Va in 1777." Ernest C. Grayson note this: "Among a number of Melton's who moved to Rutherford Co., N.C. from Albemarle co., Va., were Daniel Melton, Daniel's sister Sarah, and Sarah's husband and 1st cousin John Melton. Daniel's daughter Lettice Jones Melton married Joseph Grayson, jr. John and Sarah's daughters: Hannah Melton and Mary Melton married Benjamin and Isaac Grayson, resp. Daniel Melton's daughter Mary married John M. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah." (Ernest C. Grayson's ancestor Jack Grayson of Ky. married a Melton and came from N.C. or S.C.)

April 17, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I am interested in pg. 99. Where did this come from? I can identify 2 of the persons on this page. Ambrose Grayson (unmarried) was the son of George William Grayson and 2nd wife Julia A. (McWilliams) Luker Grayson. George William Grayson was the son of George and Cynthia (Mannah) Grayson. George Grayson was the son of John and Sarah (Carter) Grayson. The earlier generations have been fully covered. George Grayson was my great-grandfather's (Ambrose Grayson) brother.

Also on pg. 99 is Admiral (Doctor) Cary Travers Grayson, personal physician of Pres. Woodrow Wilson. He was the son of Dr. John Cooke Grayson (doctor in the Civil War). Dr. John Cooke Grayson was the son of Dr. Robert Osborne Grayson and wife Sarah (Mason) Selden Grayson. Dr. Robert Osborne Grayson was the son of Benjamin Grayson III and wife Ann (Bronough) Grayson. Benjamin Grayson III was the son of Benjamin Grayson, Jr. and wife ? (Osborne) Grayson. The latter was the son of Benjamin Grayson, Sr. and wife Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton. She was not the aunt of Pres. James Monroe but was the 1st cousin of his grandfather Monroe.

I am referring to the article on Pg. 101 from the "Washington Post." Although it has nothing to do with Grayson genealogy I wish to straighten it out in case anyone is interested. It states "Grayson, along with Richard Henry Lee, the great grandfather of Robert E. Lee." Richard Henry Lee WAS NOT the great grandfather of Robert E. Lee. Robert E. Lee's parents were Maj. Gen. Henry "Lighthorse Harry" Lee and 2nd wife Ann Hill (Carter) Lee. Maj. Gen. Henry Lee's parents were Col. Henry Lee and wife Lucy Grymes - they lived at Leesylvania. Col. Henry Lee was the son of another Col. Henry Lee and wife Mary (Bland) Lee. Col. Henry Lee was the son of Col. Richard Lee and wife Letitia (Corbin) Lee. Col. Richard Lee was the son of another Col. Richard Lee and wife Anna (Owen) Lee. Col. Richard Lee (marr. Letitia Corbin) had another named Thomas Lee of "Stratford". Thomas Lee married Hannah Ludwell and they had at least 3 sons - Philip Ludwell, Richard Henry, and Francis Lightfoot. In other words, Richard Henry Lee was a 1st cousin to the grandfather of Robert E. Lee who was Col. Henry Lee (marr. Lucy Grymes). Henry "Lighthorse Harry" Lee married 1st - Matilda Lee, daughter and heiress of Philip Ludwell Lee. It was through this marriage that "Stratford" came into the possession of this branch of the Lee family. To add to the confusion, Lucy Grymes Lee, daughter of Henry "Lighthorse Harry" Lee by his 1st wife married Bernard Moore Carter, brother of her father's 2nd wife, Ann Hill (Carter) Grayson.

Page 105 gives the maternal ancestry of Admiral (Doctor) Cary Travers Grayson.

The Graysons are a patriotic people. It appears that they show up in every war from the American Revolution up through the present..

I came across the data on the Lee family when trying to trace the ancestry of my great-great grandmother Sarah "Sallie" (Carter) Grayson.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

P.O. Box 314
Burley, Idaho, 83318

April 8 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I have typed up 5 pages of the 1850 census index on the surname of Grayson and Grason. I decided I had better type them up as it might be legal to xerox the pages and send them out. So suit yourself.

But I did xerox you a copy of the pages I took them from. In addition I am sending a page of the marked census index we have in our library. However, If there are any you would like on the list, we do not have, I can get them the next time I go to Salt Lake, They do have them all. However I couldn't do that for everyone, as My time when I go for a day is limited to research. Several of us go for a day, and It is 200 miles, and I usually have many goals set to accomplish.

I am also sending the 1820 index to Va. The 1850 index to Texas, but we do not have the book which gives the county, I have however put in to our library to get the book put out by the Bountiful group. So maybe before long we will have it.

For your help. I am sending the 1800 N.C. census. I am not sure, but I think I sent this before.

I am a professional genealogist, so my time has to be put in first with my patrons, But I will help where I can.

I do hope this will help others. I note we do not have Mississippi 1850 index. Hopefully soon we will have that. It might give answers to others. The 1850 Census to California, is Alphabetical by counties, If I get time, I will go thru them and abstract the Graysons, That also me be of help, but it will be a job.

Sincerely

Marie Davidson

NORTH CAROLINA - 1850-

David Grason.....	Gullford	444	Northern
David Grason.....	Alamance	035	South di.
Jonathan Grason.....	Gullford	428	Northern
William G. Grason.....	Rutherford	288	Whitesid

GRAYSON 1850 census index.

ALABAMA - 1850-	County,	page	twp.
A.L. Grayson	Choctaw	148	no twp listed
George Grayson.....	Dallas	313	Pence Be
George Grayson.....	Madison	395	District
James G. Grayson.....	Madison	394	District
James W. Grayson.....	Marengo	020	No twp l.
L.M. Grayson.....	Macon	215	District
Nancy Grayson.....	Madison	401	District
Nepoleon B. Grayson.....	Madison	395	District
Oliver G. Grayson	Marengo	020	No Twp L.
Ralph Grayson.....	Sumter	302	Panewil
S. G. Grayson.....	Wilcox	403	No twp l.
W.B. Grayson.....	Marengo	059	No twp l.

ARKANSAS - 1850-

Jessee Grason	Scott	160	Boon twp
Martha Grason.....	Scott	156	Boon twp.
Abraham Grayson.....	Crawford	309	Upper tw.
Adam Grayson.....	St. Francis	078	Franks T.
Alfred Grayson.....	Mississippi	343	Canadian
Daniel Grayson.....	Yell	473	Dardenel
Hugh Grayson	Green	193	Powell T.
Isaac Grayson.....	Crawford	306	Upper twp.
James Grayson.....	Ouachita	053	La Fayett.
Jane Grayson.....	Green	194	Powell T.
Jeremiah Grayson.....	Crawford	309	Upper Tw.
Lewis Grayson.....	Pope	277	No twp l.
Richard Grayson.....	Crawford	309	Upper tw.
Wyatt Grayson.....	Conway	238	Washingt.
Jane C. Greason	Johnson	146	Piney tw.

Illinois 1850-

Achsah A. Grayson	Gallatin	390	Sha
Benjamin D. Grayson.....	Gallatin	410	
Joseph Grayson.....	Gallatin	406	
Mary P. Grayson.....	Edwards	249	
Sarah J. Grayson.....	Wabash	428	
Sophia J. Grayson	Wabash	433	

INDIANA 1850

Alfred Grayson	Lawrence	457	Perry t.
Benjamin Grayson.....	Lawrence	404	Shaw
Benjamin Grayson.....	Decatur	155	Sand creek
Catherine Grayson.....	Lawrence	393	Shawswic
Henry Grayson.....	Jennings	294	Geneva T.
John Grayson.....	Lawrence	446	Pleasant
Joseph Grayson.....	Decatur	155	Sand Cre
Larew Grayson	Clark	150	Jefferson
Nancy Grayson.....	Clark	150	Jefferson
Sandford Grayson.....	Decatur	155	Sand Cree
Wren Grayson.....	Decatur	144	Sand Cree
Wren Grayson.....	Decatur	155	Sand Cre.

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<u>GEORGIA 1850-</u>	county	page	twp.
James M. Grayson.....	Montgomery	090	394th dist
John L. Grayson	Chat	278	# 13 Dist
Thomas Grayson.....	Carroll	055	11th div
Thomas Grayson.....	Carroll	055	11th div

IOWA 1850-

Henry Grayson	Jackson	340	Fairfield
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KENTUCKY- 1850-

Daniel Grayson.....	Henderson	333	District
Elizabeth Grayson.....	Jefferson	361	Louisville
George Grayson.....	Mason	011	District
James Grayson.....	Bracken	474	No twp l.
Jane Grayson.....	Franklin	018	District
Jane Grayson.....	Barren	445	Division
John Grayson.....	Bracken	474	No twp l.
John Grayson.....	Fleming	364	Division
John Grayson.....	Jefferson	236	Louisville
John Grayson.....	Logan	006	District
John Grayson.....	Lewis	159	District
John H. Grayson.....	Fleming	364	Division
Mary E. Grayson.....	Fayette	206	District
Michael Grayson.....	Jefferson	235	Louisville
Richard Grayson.....	Bracken	475	No twp l.
Sally Grayson.....	Jefferson	295	Louisville
Samuel Grayson.....	Henderson	313	District
Sophonesba Grayson.....	Henderson	272	Henderson
Thomas Grayson.....	Bracken	474	No twp l.
Thomas H. Grayson.....	Edmondson	004	No twp l.
William Grayson.....	Edmondson	004	No twp l.
William Grayson.....	Henderson	309	District
William Grayson	Henderson	332	District
William J. Grayson.....	Logan	021	District
T. D. Grayson.....	Kenton	219	Covington
Emanuel <u>Grason</u>	Jefferson	200	Louisville

MISSOURI- 1850-

Benjamin Grason.....	St.Louis	011	St. Louis
Edward Grason.....	Lafayette	167	
Benjamin Grayson.....	St.Louis	138	St.Louis
B. G. Grayson.....	St.Francois	159	Being 80
Benjamin Grayson.....	Marion	278	Palmyra
Edward Grayson.....	Lafayette	153	Being 46
George W. Grayson.....	Platte	390	Preston
Thomas Grayson.....	Lincoln	413	49th dis.

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SOUTH CAROLINA - 1850-

Alice Grayson.....	Charleston	305	St. Phil
Barnard B. Grayson.....	Williamsburg	161	William
William Grayson.....	Williamsburg	127	William
William Grayson..J..Jr....	Beaufort	012	St. Hellen.

TENNESSEE - 1850-

Hannah Grason.....	McMinn	351	23rd Sub.
Henry Grason.....	Marion	388	2nd Dist
James W.M. Grason.....	Johnson	020	9th civil
Rebeca Grason.....	Johnson	020	9th civil
William Grason.....	Marion	388	2nd Dist
William Grason.....	Monroe	026	4th Civil.
Horatio Grayson.....	Lincoln	144	1st Sub
Joseph Grayson.....	McMinn	326	23rd Sub
Martha Grayson.....	Marion	376	3rd Dist
Pleasant Grayson.....	Marion	376	3rd Dist
William J. Grayson.....	Henry	306	8th Civil
William Grayson	Monroe	026	4th civil—

VIRGINIA 1850-

Adeline Grayson.....	King George	224	King Geo.
Alexander, Grayson.....	Stafford	046	Eastern
Alexander Grayson.....	Alexandria	398	Alexandr
America M. Grayson.....	Russell	324	54th Dis
Ammy E. Grayson.....	Fauquier	208	Ashby Di.
Andrew F. Grayson.....	Page	281	49th Dis.
Ann Grayson.....	Spotsylvania	374	Eastern
Ann Grayson.....	Loudoun	217	No twp l.
Ann Grayson.....	Rappahannock	121	No twp l.
Armistead Grayson.....	Fauquier	304	304 Turners
Benjamin Grayson.....	Loudoun	309	No twp l.
Benjamin F. Grayson.....	Page	315	49th dis
Catharine Grayson.....	Fauquier	259	Ashby Di.
Charles Grayson.....	Loudoun	204	No twp l.
Crockett Grayson.....	Pulaski	257	48th dis
Daniel Grayson.....	Warren	029	69th dis
Emma J. Grayson.....	Pr. William	159	No twp l
Felix Grayson.....	Ritchie	211	Western
Francis Grayson.....	Pr. William	140	No twp l.
Franklin Grayson.....	Smyth	167	District
Frederick W.S. Grayson....	Fauquier	304	Turners
George Grayson.....	Warren	044	69th dis
George W. Grayson.....	Rappahannock	121	No twp l
Harriett Grayson.....	Spotsylvania	347	Frederic
Henry M. Grayson.....	Greene	364	No twp l.
Horace W. Grayson.....	Madison	072	No'twp l
J. C. Grayson.....	Rockbridge	470	Lexington
James Grayson.....	Pr. William	139	No twp l
James Grayson.....	Wythe	315	68th dis
James Grayson.....	Spotsylvania	388	eastern
James Grayson.....	Spotsylvania	422	Eastern d
James W. Grayson.....	Madison	068	No twp l.

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Virginia - cont.		
Joel Grayson.....	Page 295	49th dis
John Grayson.....	Loudoun 169	No twp 1
John Grayson.....	King George 208	King Geo.
John Grayson.....	K. George 220	King Geo
John Grayson.....	Pr. William 137	no twp 1
John Grayson.....	Wythe 340	68th dis
John Grayson.....	Stafford 016	Eastern
John Grayson.....	Hampshire 208	District
John B. Grayson.....	Pr. Wm. 156	No twp 1
John M. Grayson.....	Fauquier 206	Ashby Di.
Joseph Grayson.....	Loudoun 247	No twp 1.
Lewis Grayson.....	Fauquier 259	Ashby di
Lucy Grayson.....	Shenandoah 085	58th dis
Lurana Grayson.....	Hampshire 252	District
Margaret Grayson.....	Hampshire 262	District
Martha Grayson.....	Loudoun 199	No twp 1
Martha Grayson	Russell 230	54th dist.
Mary Grayson.....	Pr. Wm. 160	no twp 1
Mary Grayson.....	Fauquier 242	Ashby di.
Mary Grayson.....	Hampshire 215	District
Matilda Grayson.....	Culpeper 266	No twp 1
Matthew W. Grayson.....	Stafford 009	Eastern
Minor Grayson.....	Fauquier 262	Ashby di.
Nancy Grayson.....	Fauquier 262	Ashby di.
Rachel Grayson.....	Wythe 330	68th dis
Rady H. Grayson.....	Albemarle 252	No twp 1
Randolph Grayson.....	Wythe 317	68th Dis.
Raymond Grayson.....	Hampshire 197	District
Reuben Grayson.....	Hampshire 213	District
Robert Grayson.....	Augusta 309	2nd Dist.
Samuel Grayson.....	Loudoun 174	No twp 1
Samuel Grayson.....	Wood 107	65th dis.
Sarah Grayson.....	Stafford 017	Eastern
Sarah Grayson.....	Fauquier 240	Ashby di.
Sarah M. Grayson.....	Alexandria 387	Alexandr
Susan Grayson.....	Wood 149	65th Dis.
Susan J. Grayson.....	Alexandria 334	Alexandr
Thomas Grayson.....	Albemarle 252	no twp 1
Thomas Grayson.....	Stafford 018	eastern
Thomas Grayson.....	Culpeper 269	No twp 1.
Thomas Grayson.....	Madison 080	no twp 1
Watt Grayson.....	Alexandria 397	Alexandr
William Grayson.....	Hampshire 213	District
William Grayson.....	Culpeper 280	Fairfax
William Grayson.....	Montgomery 025	41st dist
William Grayson.....	Stafford 022	Eastern
William Grayson.....	Stafford 023	eastern
William Grayson.....	Wythe 331	68th dis
William D. Grayson.....	Albemarle 250	no twp 1
William F. Grayson.....	Page 296	49th Dist
Winney Grayson.....	Frederick 236	16th Dist.

2506 Cherokee Lane
Winston-Salem, N.C.
5 May 1974

*answered
6/17/74
sent
records*

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Thank you for your informative letter re the Grayson family of N.C., Tenn. and west.

The progenitor of my line, Joseph Grayson (b ca 1750?), received a land grant in Rutherford County, N.C. on the North Fork of the First Broad River at the Burke County line in 1779. Presumably, it was entered prior to that time. Later census returns indicate that his children were born in Virginia.

In the next 27 years, Joseph received six additional land grants and purchased six other tracts of land totalling well over 1,000 acres, all located in the present Golden Valley Community in the South Mountains of Rutherford County.

Nothing is known of Joseph Grayson's wife who apparently died prior to 1807. On Dec. 17th of that year, Joseph married again, this time to Rachel Van Zandt, a spinster of advanced middle age. He died, intestate, in Rutherford County sometime after 1810. Probably, he is buried in the old Grayson family cemetery which is now the site of First Broad Baptist Church.

Estate proceedings of the widow Rachel Grayson provide the only proof of some of the children of Joseph Grayson, all by his first wife or wives. They were (not in order):

1. Joseph Jr. m 1807 Lettuce J. Melton. Moved to Henderson Co., Kentucky.
2. Isaac m 1807 Mary (Polly) Melton. Died in Rutherford Co. in 1843.
3. Benjamin m Anna Melton and d 1843 in Rutherford County.
4. William m 1807 Susannah Logan and d 1841 in Rutherford County.
5. Elizabeth m Wm. F. Whitesides and d in Rutherford County.
6. Susan (Susannah) b 25 May 1777 m Robert Black Devinney & went to Georgia.

Isham Grayson who sued the other heirs of Joseph Grayson in 1815 apparently was another. He did not live in Rutherford County. A John Grayson who appears once in the early Rutherford records may have been another. Probably, there were more.

While the names of the children of Wren Grayson are suggestive of a familial connection, I have no evidence and no opinion on the matter. If you find any evidence connecting the two lines or any mention of Joseph Grayson in Virginia, I would like to know.

Incidentally, Joseph Grayson's grandchildren of record had the common family names--Joseph, John, Benjamin, William, Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary, there being several of each name.

I hope this helps.

Very truly yours,

Harold W. Rollins
Harold W. Rollins

* BENJAMIN GRAYSON^{II}
-1768 (?)

son of Benj¹, John¹⁰

ANN BRONAUGH

London Co, Va.

[Tyler's Quarterly] lists the first
five children.

1. [The old chart] attributes children

Richard (m. — Fitzhugh)

William

John

George

Bethie Carter

Mary Stephenson

2. [Hagden, Va. Genealogy, p. 534]
lists all the children.

3. [Va. Magazine 10:434]

1809.7.22 Va, King Geo. Co.

William Grayson m.

Aggy Peyton.

[Q: Is this William the son
of Benj⁸, Benj⁹, John¹⁰ ?

4. [Va. Wills & Admin., C. Torrance]

1768 Fairfax Co. Benjamin
Grayson died intestate.

[Q: Does this refer to Benjamin⁸ ?

5. 178? Va, Loudon, on tax list:
Benjamin Grayson, 8 slaves.

6. See group sheet on Benjamin Grayson of Fort
Dodge, Iowa.

WILLIAM GRAYSON (Dr.)

d. NY

(?) m. Aggy Peyton (see #3)

ROBERT^O GRAYSON (Dr.) *

d. Stafford, Va
m. Susan Peyton

m/2. Sarah M Cooke b. 1791

JOHN O GRAYSON (Dr.)

of Loudon

MARY GRAYSON

m. — Stephenson

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

m. — Carter

m/2 — Lewis

O.

RICHARD / GRAYSON *

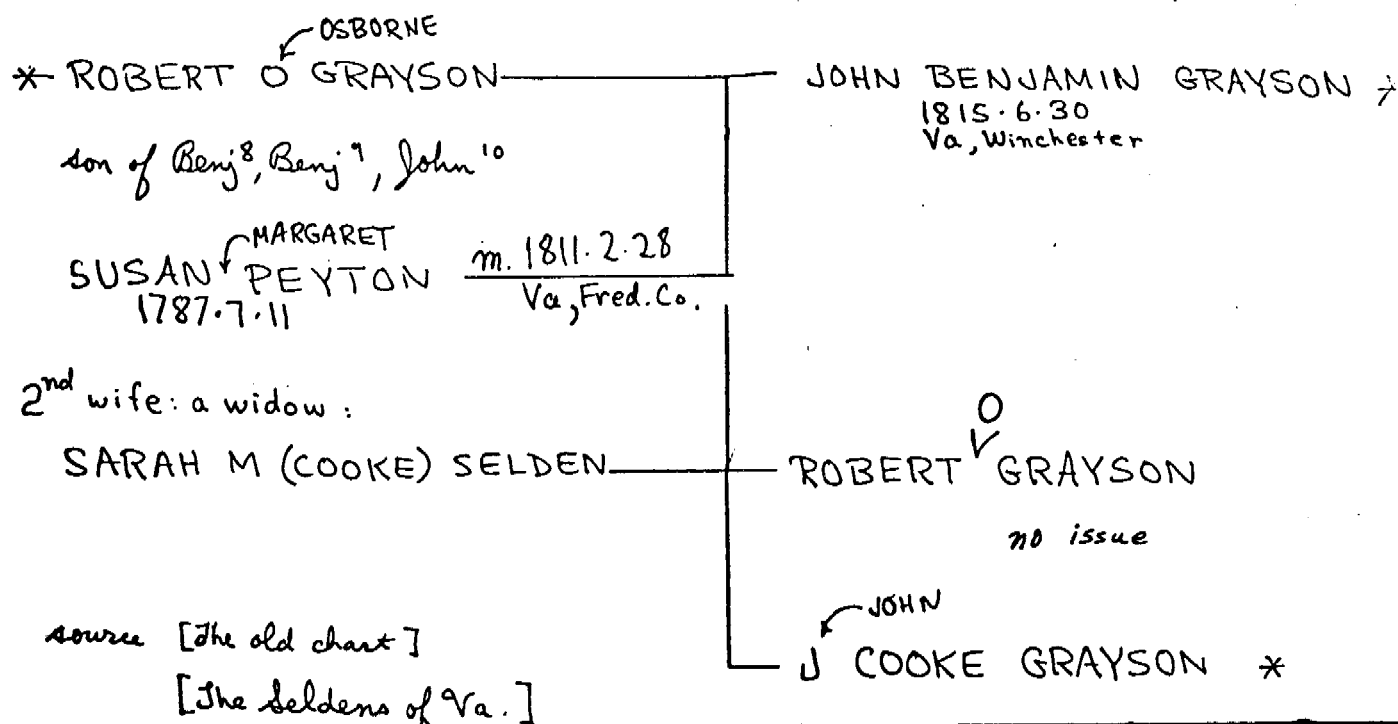
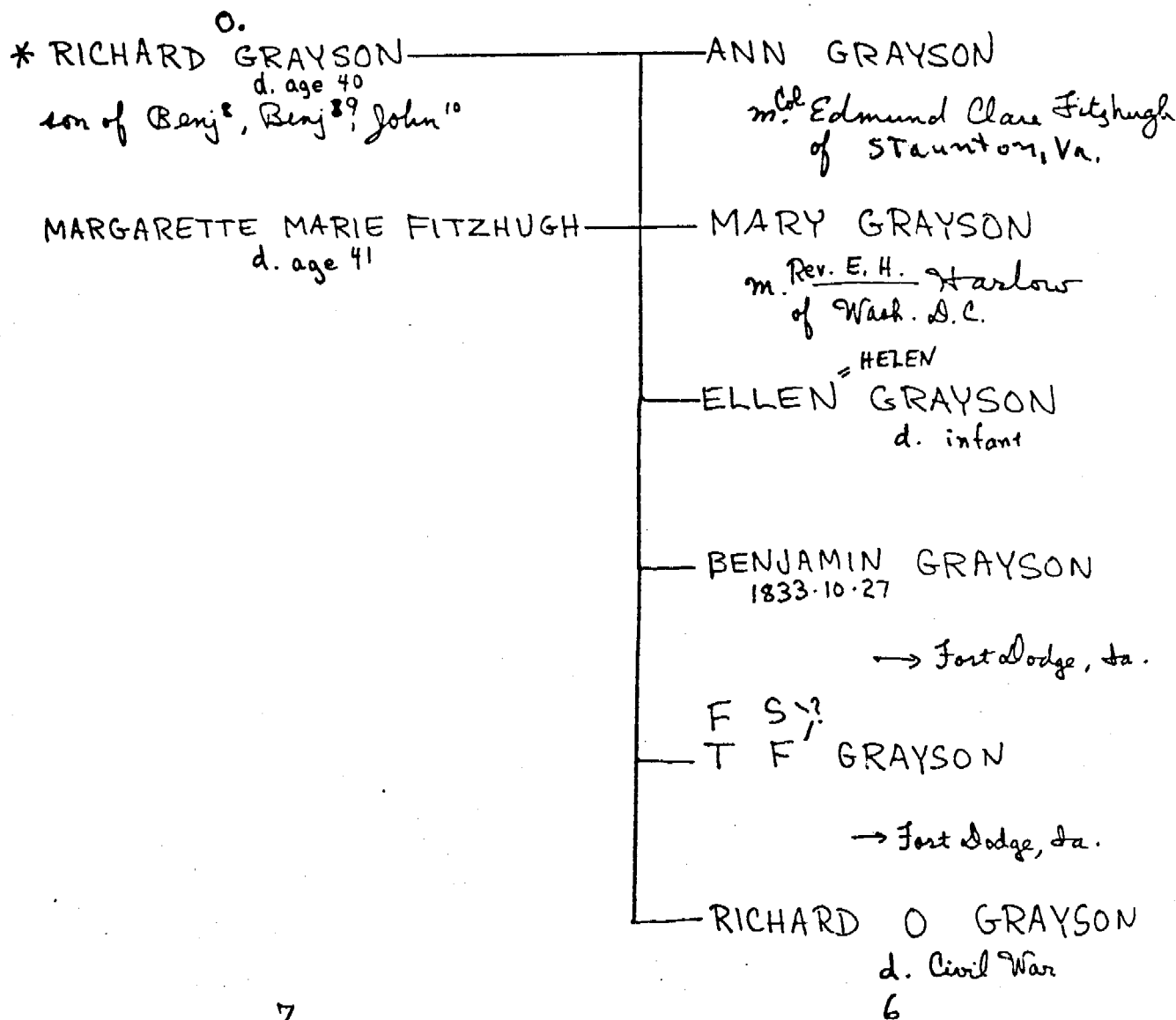
m. Margaretta Maria Fitzhugh
ch: Ann⁶, Mary⁶, Ellen⁶
4 Benjamin⁷, 3 T. F. (or F. S. ?)
and 6 Richard⁷ O.

GEORGE GRAYSON

ALEXANDER GRAYSON

[Was this the wife of
Benjamin³ b. ca. 1746 ?]

BENJAMIN^{III} GRAYSON



* JOHN COOKE GRAYSON (M.D.)
son of Robt⁷, Benj⁸, Benj⁹, John¹⁰

CARY TRAVERS GRAYSON (M.D.)
1878-10-11

ADELENA PETTUS

JOHN COOKE GRAYSON
1871

2nd wife

GEORGIE TALIAFERRO

John⁶ lived at the home place
"Salubria" in Culpeper Co, Va

From the Biographical Record & Portrait Album of Webster and Hamilton Counties, Iowa; Clarke Publ Co. 1902; pp 503,504,352-3:

BENJAMIN GRAYSON, a prominent and enterprising citizen of Fort Dodge, is a native of Virginia, having been born in Loudoun County, that State, October 27, 1833. He was educated at a mathematical school at Alexandria, then one of the most noted schools of the kind in the country. His intention, after completing his education was to enter the coast survey, but instead accepted a position as civil engineer in the construction of the Hannibal & St. Jo Railroad. In 1854 he came to Iowa in the interests of the capitalists of Baltimore, and after remaining at Des Moines about three months, the land office at Fort Dodge was established, when Mr. Grayson came to this place, as affording better facilities for operations in real estate, which has been his chief occupation since that time. During the war Mr. Grayson was Assistant Paymaster in the army with headquarters in New York City. Few men are living in Fort Dodge who became identified with the town as early as Mr. Grayson, the date of his settlement being October 1, 1855, since which time he has taken an active interest in the progress and growth of the place. He is a man of culture, and possesses natural ability in a high degree. His brother, Dr. F. S. Grayson, is also a prominent and respected citizen of Fort Dodge.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON.

Among the old and honored residents of Fort Dodge is numbered Benjamin Grayson, who is a native of the old Dominion, his birth having occurred in Loudoun county, Virginia, October 27, 1833. His parents were Richard O. and Margaret (Fitzhugh) Grayson, both representatives of old and distinguished families of that state. The father, who was a large landowner, died in Virginia, when about forty years of age, and the mother when forty-one. In their family were six children, namely: Ann, wife of Colonel Fitzhugh, of Staunton, Virginia; Mary, wife of Rev. E. H. Harlow, of Washington, D. C.; Benjamin, our subject; T. F., a resident of

Fort Dodge; Richard O., who was killed in the Civil war; and Helen, who died in infancy.

The subject of this review was principally reared and educated in his native county. He attended an academy at Leesburg, Virginia, and also the mathematical school at Alexandria, that state, where he took a course in mathematics and civil engineering. Leaving home in 1853, at the age of twenty years, he went to Missouri, and at St. Louis became connected with a civil engineer who had in charge the construction of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, and who appointed Mr. Grayson as superintendent of the building of the road along the first twenty-five miles east of St. Joseph. He was thus employed until the suspension of the work, when he came to Fort Dodge, October 1, 1855, as a civil engineer in locating land warrants. He also acted as agent for several eastern land agencies, and is to-day well known among the extensive land owners of Iowa.

On the 27th of October, 1858, Mr. Grayson married Miss Nannie S. Rhodes, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and a daughter of Captain H. H. Rhodes, of the United States navy, now deceased. Of the eight children born of this union, four are still living, namely: Marion, a resident of Hartford, Connecticut; Richard, a lumberman of Seattle, Washington; and Benjamin and Robert, both residents of Des Moines, Iowa.

When Mr. Grayson came to Fort Dodge there was not a settlement between this city and Sioux City, and those early days were fraught with considerable pioneer experience. He served as assistant paymaster in the Federal army for a time, returning to Fort Dodge in 1864, since which time he has made his home uninterruptedly here. He was made a Mason in 1858, being the first man initiated into the lodge at this place. Religiously he is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Grayson has made for himself an honorable record in business, as a citizen, friend and neighbor he is true to every duty, and justly merits the esteem in which he is held.

Old claims recall historic event

\$2 a day for privates who marched to Spirit Lake after '57 massacre

In March, 1857, a contingent of volunteers from Fort Dodge and Webster City made an expedition to Spirit Lake after news of a massacre there by a band of Sioux Indians led by Chief Inkpadutah. Several of the volunteers died during the expedition from the severity of the winter storms on the prairie.

Following is a copy of the application made to the state of Iowa for reimbursement for supplies furnished and for services rendered in the expedition.

To Hon. W. J. Cullen,
Superintendent Etc.
State of Iowa
Sir:

Application is hereby made in behalf of the persons herein-after named, for the payment out of the appropriation set apart by the Congress of the United States at its last session, for defraying the expenses incurred in the several expeditions against Ink-pa-du-tahs Band and in the liberation of the captives taken by him in the spring of 1857, of the amounts set opposite their names respectively, viz:

1. H. A. Cramer	\$32.00
2. John Shippy	5.53
3. Bostwick & Foster	45.60
4. W. Clark	28.00
5. W. R. Miller	4.00
6. Rhoderick Smith	5.50
7. A. S. White	10.00
8. Walter C. Wilson	129.00
9. David Black	6.25
10. Lalman Willsey	6.25
11. M. W. Howland	27.00
12. Jeremiah Evens	29.00
13. Robertson & Bartin	27.85
14. G. W. McClure	30.00
15. A. R. Tillis	18.50
16. Thomas A. Reid	11.00
17. John Shaffner	114.00
18. Harris Hoover	8.25
19. Sherman Casady	28.00
20. Benjamin Grayson	33.00
21. George W. Salsbury	23.00
22. John W. Cawson	45.00
23. John Rounke	
24. Woolbury	

the State of Iowa, and hence you will observe that all not charged to the general committee are charged to the State. These bills and vouchers thus approved should be regarded as satisfactory evidence that the articles charged were actually furnished to and received by the volunteers. Each is in fact a receipt executed by the officer designated for that duty by the volunteers.

But, secondly, these claims are fortified by additional evidence. Although the commissary was not acting under a commission from the Governor of Iowa, his certificates or receipts have been treated as valid by both the Governor and Legislature of that State. At the last session of the Iowa Legislature these bills and vouchers were submitted to the Committee on claims in the House of Representatives and were the basis of "House File No. 44." A bill for an act making appropriations for the payment of the expenses incurred in the Spirit Lake Expedition for the services of the volunteers in the same" the original of which duly authenticated by the certificates of the Governor and Secretary of State of Iowa, is herewith handed you. By observing the endorsement of the clerk of the House on the back of the bill, and the certificate of the Secretary of State thereto attached you will learn that the bill thus reported passed the House of Representatives on the 22nd day of March 1858 and the Senate on the 23rd of the same month (see certificate of the Secretary of State attached to the bill).

of March, and ranged above the average prices for that season in 1857. You may remember that that month was very inclement, that the roads were obstructed with snow and transportation almost impossible. I have already called your attention to the thorough scrutiny to which these bills have been subjected; it is only necessary to add that those who thus examined them were men familiar with the subject, and that the examination was made before any provision had been made for their payment by the general government.

Permit me to add by way of conclusion under this head, that nearly all of the claimants were poor frontiers men, who surrendered the provisions that they had been enabled by the most rigid economy to put in store for their families, not with a view to procuring a great price for it, but solely for the purpose of sustaining those who had taken the field at an inclement season to repel Indian invasion. The accounts are quite as regular in form, and the entire business conducted with as much system, as should be expected by those acquainted with the circumstances.

Application is also hereby made for payment out of said appropriation to the following named persons (officers and privates in said expedition) of the sums set opposite their names respectively, for the services herein set forth; viz,

OFFICERS	
NAMES	
Maj. Wm. Williams	19.
Chas. B. Richards	18
F. A. Stratton	16
S. C. Wright	15
Duncombe	14
Inn	13
Shens	12

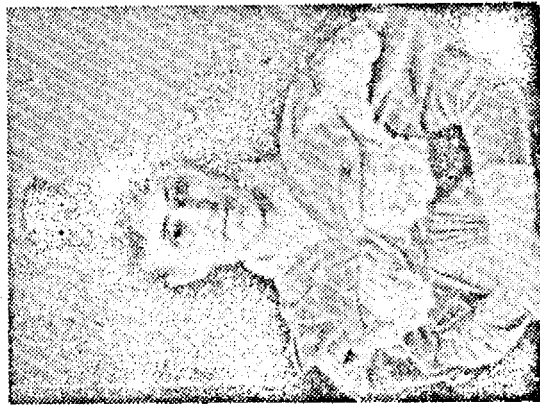
to the Committee on Claims with the other vouchers herewith submitted, as doubtlessly before the committee when the bill referred to was prepared and reported to the Representatives. The bill as certified evidence of the estimate of the State of Iowa proposed to be made for them out of her own funds. You will learn by the Secretary of the State that for the lack of a clerical of would today be and these claims have been paid to asking their account general government that the origin be found in Secretary of but unsuccessful made for the third section an act for the incurred Expedited of the be rechecked verified author and Iowa tific

Principals in the triangle of the 1850s...

...and the mother



JOHN DUNCOMBE
Playing it cool



MARY WILLIAMS
Woored by 2, then 3



BEN GRAYSON
Loses in the end



MRS. WILLIAM WILLIAMS
The decoy for John

ladies and in walking with them and visiting them to try the effect. I also talked of other sweethearts in such a cool, deliberate manner that she could not understand me. When I had leisure I always rode out with Mrs. W. and called for her instead of Mollie. This was to show Mollie that I did not care for her. To pay me back, when I did ask to ride out with her she was "engaged" or "unwell." "expected company," etc., so things went on.

Ben Grayson was engaged but intended to break it if he could get Mollie. He thought he could not, and set Dick (his brother) at it. Then there was a new rival. Mollie called them brothers and once she gave me a keen cut by calling me father. Duncombe, in her cutting manner, I was not fool enough to please her with the idea that I was mad — no, not I. For a time she made all sorts of sport of Dick. He was humely. No doubt of that, but he was a good hearted Virginian. He had time to court her affection, but I had not. My mind was bent on my business and I had as editor and lawyer enough to do not to spend my time in the study of floral

language of love.

"I had been married. Life was different to me from what it was to another. The scenes of my boy-love had long since passed. Experiences had taught me many things that imagination once made me think was all joy. From the time I was 17, I had been engaged to one I dearly loved. My whole life was changed after I had enjoyed all the joys of anticipation and of participating, and was in the zenith of pleasure and bright hope, and in three short days everything that I held dear — everything for which I lived was taken from me. No one knows what a terrible change this made in me.

"A reckless life of three years in Iowa had cured the wound and left me entirely changed, as different as the sun and moon. For this reason I could not let my heart out of the iron cage in which it had been confined, with that freedom of boyhood. In all this, I had not the means of making Mollie love me. So I concluded to make her hate me and be kind to her. I did not believe she should marry Dick or Ben. In my judgment I did not believe

it, but my fear made me think she would, for I honestly loved her. I loved her with a strong ardent affection and it required all my will to keep it concealed. Yet, I acted like a stone — callous and unfeeling.

"At my early acquaintance with Mollie at Des Moines, I loved her and that little devil Cupid kept me as uneasy as if I had a flea on my person all the time. I could not get rid of him. He made me write a letter, and then tear it up. He made me go to the major's house. I loved to see Mollie happy with my rivals. I loved them because she did, and not for any real worth that I had seen in them. They were not proper persons for her and I knew it. But I praised them to her for the reason that I knew if I said a word to her she would resent it like a flash of lightning. So things went on.

"A perfect farce from the beginning — myself being the clown and Mollie the manager, until Grayson's left. Dick, thinking everything was fixed and Ben to get married, Dick was perfectly brimming with love. His face would shine like a coal of fire when I would speak to him of Mollie

in my cool, unconcerned manner. The little fox — she knew it well but she loved Ben far better than Dick. She loved truly and did not intend to let the coquette, natural as it was for her to do so. She hoped to marry him at one time, and too proud to give him the least hope — that is so.

"Such was the state of the case on the first of November. I do not think that the mass of the community believe that I would ever marry Mollie. I did not think so myself. I had gone too far, however, not to have an understanding, so I concluded to visit Mollie a short time longer, and then to tell her all my feelings, explain my conduct and ask her pardon for being so mean and in case she should refuse my proposition to discontinue my visits, seal up my heart, explain my conduct to her father, who was a

Mason and my friend and I certainly was his and had been from the first. "I had gone to that point and her very goodness had fixed me with such ardent love that by day and night I was getting really miserable and

See TRIANGLE, page 12C

His proposal: law partnership

More About

TRIANGLE—

(Continued from page 11C)

began to talk of going to Pike's Peak where the great excitement for gold had become the cry of the day.

“Through November and December I did as I had intended. I thought Mollie began to love me. She knew better than to try to coquette me. She would kiss brothers Ben and Dick but I should have resented any of her fondling kindness if it had been extended and she knew it. I did not intend to be led on and she knew it. About the first of December, I cannot state the day of the week but think it was Monday, I proposed to go into a law partnership, giving her half the profits and I doing the work. She made me no reply.

"I then thought she would refuse me, and was preparing for it. I called at the time fixed for a reply, and she never mentioned the subject to me in any manner whatsoever. I went away with a sad heart. She treated me very kindly. I thought she rather pitied me. Of course, I shunned pity and her kindness to me I was in my mind preparing to turn into mockery, when on the 14th of December, 1858, I received her polite note stating that she knew I could make her happy and she thought she could make me happy — all she asked was for me to obtain her father's consent.

"I received the note from my clerk from the P.O. from W.W. White (publisher of the Sentinel). Several persons were in the office at the time I read the note. I had too much discretion to let any of them see my feelings. I put the note in my pocket and as soon as possible called to see

One of the sons of Andrew Jackson Azeltine was William Wallace, born Sept. 15, 1868, in Grundy County, Iowa. He married Ella Spry Hathaway March 6, 1895.

One of the daughters of the marriage was Clara Elizabeth born Jan. '22, 1908. Clara married John Hardcastle in 1927 and their children are Jack W., born Dec. 28, 1939, and Barbara Kay, born Oct. 6, 1936.

my dear Mollie

"I had used no endearing terms to her, I had never given her good cause to think I loved her until I had boldly spoken to her in plain English. I then loved her as I had never loved her before. I had not cooed her with flowers and presents. I had acted manly, except by the weakness of love I had been held to her like the needle to the pole, or magnet. . . .

"Such was the history of my courtship with my dear Mollie, whom I expect to be my wife, to share my joys and for whom may I always have a thousand good thoughts for her welfare to one for myself ... for whom may I redouble my exertion to be great and good, wise and true and by God's blessing if He will hear the prayer of a wicked man. I pray that I may be to her an ever faithful friend, guarding her as a tender flower from the frosts of life, a loving kind husband and one worthy of her brave heart, vivid, chaste love and true spirit. God help her and me for her.

"I have written by the foregoing chapter in my life for the eyes of no one ... for myself only. I have only two fears in this life. One is that Mollie will be but short lived, as she is a summer blossom and another is that I shall not willfully — hurt her deeply, neglect to do my duty and that some silent hour she will weep over my hard heart. God is my judge that I do not fear that I shall do this intentionally — no, never! I only fear my thoughtless nature.

"I believe that my dear Mollie will try to please me, and look to our mutual interests. I have no doubt of this. Her temper is quick and I have only to guard my own, as I am occasionally fool enough to get mad, which is simply a kind of insanity or lunacy, just as fatal as any other. Not that persons should never have feeling but that they should never have anything like madness, as dangerous in mankind as in the canine species, where it generally proves quite fatal."

Five months later on May 11, 1859, John F. Duncombe and Mary A. Williams were married. To the union were born seven children: William E.; Charles F., publisher of the Chronicle and a onetime mayor of Fort Dodge; Mary J., wife of U.S. Sen. W. S. Kenyon; Gertrude; and John A.

Duncombe died Aug. 2, 1902.

1860 Census; Fort Dodge,
Iowa; Webster county:

Benjamin Grayson	26	Mr	Civil Engineer	1800	500	Virginia	✓
Harriet	23	Dr				D	✓
Marcella	1	Dr				London	✓
Frank White	30	Dr	Surveyor			Ireland	✓

The only child to survive infancy of Travers and Mary (Doniphan) Cooke was Colonel John Cooke (1755-1819) who married on November 18, 1784, Mary Thomson Mason, daughter of the Honorable George Mason (1725-1792) of Gunston Hall. Colonel Cooke was possessed of a very handsome estate including Marlborough which he acquired from the Mercers. Colonel and Mrs. Cooke had a large family of children but I will mention only their daughter Sarah Mason Cooke (1791-1861) who, as the widow of Wilson Cary Selden (1772-1822) of Salvington, married secondly on March 15, 1825 her cousin Doctor Robert Osborne Grayson (1789-1841), grandson of Colonel William Bronough (1730-1800) and Mary Doniphan, his second wife, mentioned on page 220. Their son was Doctor John Cooke Grayson (1832-1894) of Salubria, Culpeper County and he was the father of the late Admiral Cary Travers Grayson (1876-1938), personal physician of President Woodrow Wilson and president of the American Red Cross.

"Abstract of Wills and Inventories, Fairfax County, Virginia, 1742-1801," by J. Estelle Stewart King.

Will Book A. Will of French Mason, proven 18 Nov., 1748. (Excerpt) "To my youngest son the remaining half of my land including the plantation rented to Thomas Monteith and that rented to Mr. Ben Grayson on which the mill now is"

Will Book E. Will of Lewis Ellzey, dated 1 Oct., 1786; proven 19 Dec., 1786. Sons: William (to have land in Loudoun County), William. Daughters: Elizabeth (wife of William Hancock), Mary (widow of William West), Thomasin (?), Sarah (wife of William Turner), Patience (wife of Thomas Byrd), Stacy (her first husband was Burgess Berkley - second Benjamin Grayson). Stacy Grayson four youngest children: Benjamin, Susan, Sara and Ann. Grandson: Lewis Ellzey. Sibyl Beck (dau. by second wife). Exr. son William.

Will Book G. Will of Peter Wagner. Dated 21 April, 1795; proven 15 May, 1795. Wife: Sinah. Sons: Beverley Robinson Wagner and Peter Wagner. Daughters: Sinah, Mary Eliza (now I suppose wife of a certain "William Grayson"), Ann, Sally, Sarah. Exrs. wife, son Beverly R. and George Deneale ("my assistant clerk"). Father-in-law Col. Daniel McCarty.

"Annals of Southwest Virginia," by Lewis Preston Summers.

p. 640. The report of William McMullen, James Bane and Robert McGee the persons appointed to view the way from Michael Prices field to where Greshams path goes into the Catawba road being returned on consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the new road be opened as marked by the viewers, and that Philip Barriger with Robert Grayson, William McMullen, Robert McGee, Robert Ritche, John Crinor, Mickl Larke, George Feilder, John Ramy, Harmon Cook, Joseph McDonald, Jacob Seiler, James Bane, Wm. Preston, Michael Price and Jacob Smith, and their Tithables or any other who may settle within his Bounds do open and keep the same in Repair according to Law. Fincastle County.

p. 635.

*Beverly

p. 835. William Trigg sworn and admitted a Deputy Surveyor of Meddow Creek and running into the Pine Spur Road about a mile east of James Cornute's on the head of the fall branch. It is ordered that William Grayson, Jonathan Elswick, Thomas Mallet and William Lawson or any three of them being first sworn do view the ground proposed for a road agreeable to the aforementioned petition and make report thereof to court. (Montgomery County)

p. 861. Nov. 4, 1795. Edward Rutledge, William Wallace, James Hoge and William Grayson appointed overseers of the road. Daniel Howe qualified as Sheriff. Adam Souder appointed overseer of the poor. John Crow appointed overseer of the road. Henry Binhamin granted leave to build a water grist mill on his own land on Plumb Creek. Jacob Benjamin, John Charlton, William Taylor appointed overseers of the road. James Hoge and William Grayson qualified as overseers of the poor. Samuel Vancil appointed overseer of the road. David Cloyd qualified as Deputy Surveyor. (Montgomery County)

p. 863. April 6, 1796. William Grayson qualified as Overseer of the Poor. Frederick Smith fined for not serving as a Grand Juror. Matthias Crum exempted from payment of County levies and poor rates. Robert King qualified as Overseer of the Poor. Charles McFadden bound to John King. John Preston qualified as Lieut. Col., Commandant of a Regiment of Artillery, 3rd Division. (Montgomery County.)

July 21, 1784. William Grayson bought 100 acres on Little River Branch of Woods River for £ 300 from Henry Skeggs and Mary, his wife. (Montgomery County)

"Montgomery County, Virginia - Circa 1790," by Netti Schreiner-Yantis.

p. 33

1789	Person charged with taxes	White males over 21 years	White males 16 to 21 years	Slaves	Horses
Mar. 30	Grayson, William	Grayson, William	0	0	7
1790					
Feb. 24	Grayson, Robert	Grissom, Robert	0	0	6
Mar. 7	Grayson, John	Grayson, John	1	3	8
p. 49.	John Bell — 50 acres on Little River adjacent to William Grayson. 25 May 1785.				

p. 95. March 30, 1789. (Little River and Clapboard Creek) Thomas Alley^m, Wm. Grayson^m, Philip Hogen^b, John Shilling. (m—these names in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93; b—this name in Tax List B of Wythe County in 1793)

p. 100. February 24 ... (Toms and Stroubles Creeks) Gasper Bariger^o, Philip Bariger^o, John Black^c, Samuel Caddall^m, Robert Grayson, Wm. Leeⁿ, Andrew Martin, Boston Martin, Bryan McDonald^o, John McDonald^o, Joseph McDonald, Jr.^o, Joseph McDonald, Sr.^o, John McGee, Robert McGee^o, William McMullin^o, George Price^o, Jacob Sailor^o, John Stuart, John Wash. (c— this name appears in Tax List C of Wythe County in 1793; m—this name is in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93; n—this name is in List N of Montgomery County 1792/93; o— This name is in List O of Montgomery County 1792/93)

p. 101. 1790. March 7. (East and west sides of New River Raccon Cranch, Elk Spring of Thorn Spring, Little Sinking Spring, Crab, Plum, Meadow Creeks, Round Glade of Peak Creek, Den Creek of N. Fk., Roanoke, Hans Meadows, Kittle Hollow, Elliotts Creek, Neck

Creek) John Grayson^m, others included. (m--this name appears in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93.)

"Guardians' Bonds of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1783-1852," compiled and Published by Mary Catharine Murphy.

p. 4. Loose Bonds. Orphan: John Terrill; Parent: Reubin Terrill; Date: 11 Dec., 1788; Security: William Grayson; Guardian: John Wood; Amount of Bond: 1,000 pounds.

p. 40. Loose Bonds. Orphan: Patsy Grayson; Parent: Thomas Grayson; Date: 7 Sept., 1812; Security: William Wood; Guardian: Joseph Field; Amount of Bond: \$1,000.

p. 43. Loose Bonds. Orphan: Sarah Grayson; Parent: Thomas Grayson; Date: 6 Sept., 1813; Security: Benjamin Martin, John Wood; Guardian: Ralph H. Field; Amount of Bond: \$1,500.

p. 182. Bond Book III. Orphan: Mary Frances Grayson; Parent: Joseph Grayson; Date 1 Oct., 1849; Security: Thomas H. Grayson, John Grayson; Guardian: William D. Grayson; Amount of Bond: \$3,000.

"Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, Vol. II," by Bishop William Meade.

p. 62. Letitia Breckenridge, dau. of Attorney General John and Mary(Cabell) Breckenridge, m. (1) Senator William Grayson.

p. 72. Among the vestryman of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co., were William Grayson and Ambrose Grayson.

p. 206. — Grayson is listed as a Justice of the Peace in Stafford Co.

p. 213. In 1784, the Rev. Spence Grayson was chosen minister of Dettingen Parish, Prince William County.

p. 273. In the years 1773, 1774 and 1778, the Rev. Spence Grayson was the minister,.....(Cameron Parish, Loudon County).

p. 276. Benjamin Grayson was a vestryman in Cameron Parish, Loudon Co., sometime after 1777.

p. 435. Among the signers of the resolutions of the patriots of the Northern Neck of Virginia in the year 1765 were William Grayson.

"Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia," Transcribed and edited by Netti Schreiner-Yantis.

Will Book I, page 280. John Grayson was a purchaser at the sale of the estate of Catharina Suiter. Dec. 1828.

Deed Book 4, page 171. John Grayson of Washington Co., Va., in a deed. 1827.

Deed Book 8, pages 203, 236. John and Agnes Grayson of Washington Co., Va., in two deeds. 1844.

"The Virginia Genealogist," a quarterly edited by John Frederick Dorman.

Vol. III, p. 117. 1800 Tax List of Albemarle Co., Va.

Thomas Grayson, estate. 0 Tithable, 1 horse.

John Grayson. 1 tithable, 4 horses.

William Grayson. 1 tithable, 6 horses.

p. 143. Query 272. CATLETT. Reuben Catlett who died testate in Caroline Co., Va., 1794 was same Reuben Catlett who was son of John Catlett III and wife Mary Grayson of St. Mary's Parish, Caroline Co. Can anyone prove or disprove this statement? Hugh H. Hawkins, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Vol. IV. p. 35. The Virginia Gazette, 14 June, 1780. Charles Washington, escheator, advertises forfeited estates for sale in Spotsylvania Co.: John Grayson's 300 acres on Fall Hill about three miles from Fredericksburg, the greater part uncleared, with buildings.

p. 159. Notes from the Journal of John Mercer. John Hedgman (1758-1796) married Catherine Grayson, daughter of the Rev. Spence Grayson, and left issue.

Vol. VIII, p. 133. British Mercantile Claims. 1775-1803.

William Grayson, Fairfax. 3 pounds 4 shillings, due 10 Aug. 1773. Died about fifteen years ago: left a large estate, though involved.

Vol. X, p. 122. Botetourt Co. Tithables: 1770-1771, includes John Grayson 3.

p. 139. GRAYSON. Wish information on Capt. William Grayson's son John, believed born in Spotsylvania Co., Va. Who was his wife? John's son John Jefferson Grayson born 26 Nov., 1789, Albemarle Co., Va., died 14 April 1862, Logan Co., Ky., married Susanna Britt. Mrs. John J. Banchi, 200 Hazzard St., Warren, Ariz. 85642.

Vol. XII, p. 140. SUTHERLAND - COUNCIL. Would like to contact descendants of Joseph Sutherland and his wife Elizabeth Grayson of Albemarle Co., Va. Known children: Joseph and Susan. Joseph died 1801, Albemarle Co., Va. Would like to know parents of Jesse Council (born 1734-5, Va.; died before 1840, Knox Co., Tenn.) who lived in N.C., went to Knox Co., Tenn., before 1800. His wife was Elizabeth _____. Mrs. Frank C. Beard, 1201 W. Taylor, Lovington, N. Mex. 88260.

Vol. XV, p. 33. George Chilton, in 1762, was listed as overseer at Benjamin Grayson's quarter at the Mountains in Loudoun County.

p. 203. British Mercantile Claims, 1775-1802. p. 55. William Grayson, Albemarle, £ 14.16.1½ by account. He is living in Albemarle and has always been willing and able to pay his debts. Just before the commencement of the war he paid Richard Anderson, factor of the claimants, a hogshead of tobacco which amounted to more than the debt, but Mr. Anderson not finding it convenient to pay him the difference returned the tobacco and left the account open. He says he will pay the debt out of his present crop of wheat.

ORANGE COUNTY. Will Book 2

p. 43. Payment made to Robert Grayson. 3 Nov., 1745, in settlement of account of William Crosthwait.

p. 44. John Grayson was one of the appraisers of estate of Samuel James. (WB2, pp 201-02) Feb. 1755.

pp. 221-222. Inventory of estate of John Grayson. 28 Aug., 1755.

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Mrs. Irene Grayson Tait of Florida states that she has verified there is no Prince William Parish in S.C. "The S.C. line came through the fact that one of the mothers had been born there and returned later with her children after they had been born in Virginia." the plot thickens; for those of you who have been following the S.C. Graysons, you will recall that the current theory is that there were two S.C. Grayson lines and that both came from overseas and not from Virginia. Mrs. Tait; we are all awaiting eagerly for your evidence. (refer to page 91, Vol. 2, No. 5.) (Also see letter p.135.)

Contents of this issue: p.132: Ky. Land Grants, from Howard E. Grayson; 133-4: Edmunson-Grayson connections and query from Mrs. Mitchell; 136-144: Virginia Grayson resume's from Dr. Richard Grayson of Selma, Ala. who is descended from Rev. Spence Monroe Grayson of Bel Air through Spence Monroe Grayson, b. 1812 and Claude Grayson b. 1857 at Auburn, Ala.; 145-6: a nice letter from Mrs. Underwood with all the 1850 Texas Graysons; p. 147: a nice letter from Cliff Grayson with 1890 Tenn. civil War vets; 148-150: 3 more pages from the 27 page Wulfeck manuscript.

Below is a list of 1974 professors from the National Faculty Directory. Mrs. Soden of 5535 N.W. 4th Court, Des Moines, Iowa sends out the Grayson Family Association Cards. Elaine, would you mail to this list? If any of you want cards for a list or want Mrs. Soden to mail to a list, feel free to negotiate with her directly. The list was kindly sent by Howard E. Grayson.

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Hampton Inst, Hampton Va 23368
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Brooklyn NY 11210
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Henderson County Jr Coll, Athens Tex
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THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS

by Willard Rouse Jillson

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Page 13 - Grayson County, Kentucky was founded in 1810 from Hardin County, Ohio.Page 54 - Virginia Grants -

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date Surveyed</u>	<u>County</u>
Grayson, Wm.	400	10	69	1784-3-15	Jefferson
Grayson, Benjamin	600	13	27	1785-3-7	Fayette
Grayson, Benjamin	6,212	13	118	1785-3-15	Fayette
Grayson, Benjamin	1,400	13	120	1785-3-7	Fayette

Page 179- Old Kentucky Grants -

Grayson, William	70,000	5	110	1785-12-2	Fayette
Grayson, Wm.	12,000	6	57	1786-4-17	Fayette
Grayson, Wm.	10,000	6	98	1786-11-15	Fayette
Grayson, Wm.	1,500	15	561	1785-1-6	Military
Grayson, Wm.	1,500	15	562	1785-1-20	Military
Grayson, Wm., Heirs	1,500	16	111	1785-5-23	Military
Grayson, Wm., Heirs	666	16	112	1786-6-13	Military
Grayson, Wm., Heirs	1,500	16	114	1785-5-4	Military
Grayson, F.W.S.	2,000	16	353	1798-9-19	Mason
Grayson, Wm.	15,455	17	157	1809-3-6	Gallatin
Grayson, Co. Court	230	18	68	1812-7-8	Henderson
Grayson, Co. Court	320	18	69	1812-7-8	Henderson
Grayson, Co. Court	3,000	18	117	1812-11-27	Union
Grayson Academy	119	19	334	1812-7-8	Henderson
Grayson Seminary	201	19	362	1821-7-3	Union

Page 318- Grants South of Green River -

Grayson, Wm.	200	2	331	1804-8-30	Logan
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Page 1272- Grants in County Court Orders

Grayson, Joshua	57	48	305	1854-9-6	Fleming
Grayson, Thomas M.	200	115	235	1890-11-21	Bell
Grayson, Thomas M.	200	115	492	1890-11-19	Harlan

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(HOWARD E.
GRAYSON, ALEXANDRIA,
VA.)

April 29, 1978
Clayton, Ind.

Dear Dr. Grayson--

Enclosed please find check for No. 6 of Grayson Bulletin and also advance payment for next issue. I hope there will be many more, because, as yet, I have not had one clue that would link my Grayson line to that of any of your contributors. I would like to correspond with any of the 31 members who might be in Tennessee or Indiana, for surely, surely, one of them has an Edmondson or Edmonson in their family tree if we can just shake him down! With at least three Grayson-Edmondson marriages in Knox Co. Tenn. and one in Talbot Co. Maryland, whose descendants later migrated to Tenn. and then to Indiana, I can not believe that there are not several living descendants of these four unions. I can furnish updated information on the Francis Edmonson-Jane Grayson branch if anyone is connected.

I realize that I have sent much of the following data to you some time ago, and you have printed it in the Bulletin, but possibly some of the new members have not seen it, so I am sending it again--along with old family stories and clues sent to me through the years from various correspondents. Please put it out there--surely one of you is a long-lost cousin!!

Sincerely--

Jean (Edmonson) Mitchell

RR 2 Box 6

Clayton, Ind. 46118

MARYLAND:

Thomas Edmondson, son of John Edmondson, Tred Haven, Talbot Co. Md., was born ca. 1679 and died 1719. On June 7, 1699, he married Mary Grayson(Grasum, Greason) in Talbot Co. Md. Mary was the widow of Robert Grayson, presumably from Talbot Co. also. I have searched in vain for Robert's will, but Mary Grayson Edmondson's will was dated May 11, 1742, and probated, Talbot Co. Md. on June 11, 1742 naming Daniel Powell and Richard Ewbanks as Sureties. Mary's will mentions the following Graysons(Greasons) who were, presumably children or grandchildren of Robert Grayson, her first husband:

Elizabeth
Edmund
Mary
Joshua

Mary had at least two daughters by her second husband, Thomas Edmondson:
Ann, who married John Tibbalds and had at least, one son
Sarah, who married Dennis Hopkins and had at least two children:
Francis and Elizabeth

Also, in my searching through Talbot Co. Maryland records, I found the following:

Joshua Grason married Sarah Johnson 6/20/1730
Eliza Greason married Thomas Carslake 2/3/1743
Sarah Greason married Ralph Alston(Elston) 6/12/1739
Sarah Grayson married Michael Botfield July, 1746
George Grayson listed in 1790 census

TENNESSEE:

9/16/1809 Nancy Grayson married a John Edmundson at Knox Co. Tenn. Samuel Edmundson was Bondsman. This couple migrated to Lawrence Co. Indiana. (I have corresponded with one of their descendants, Burton L. Garten of Indianapolis, Ind., and have sent you the information he has, but he does not know who either John's or Nancy's parents were.)

8/20/1816 Sarah(Sally)Grayson and John Edmondson were married by Jonathan Ayres, J.P. at Know Co. Tenn. Bondsman John Edmondson Sr.?

2/3/1828 Jane Grayson and Francis Edmondson were married by William Morris, J.P. at Know Co. Tenn. Bondsman John M. Havron

Now, supposedly, the latter John and Francis Edmondson were two of eight children born to Samuel Edmondson(1761-1857)who migrated to Tenn. in 1802 and bought 175 acres on Beyer Creek, about 12 miles northwest of Knoxville. Samuel's wife's name was, supposedly, Susannah Kemp, but I have never found documentary proof of this. Samuel died in Knox Co. Tenn.

John(1795-1867) and Sarah(ca.1796-?) Edmondson migrated to Lewis Twp. Clay Co. Indiana, in 1840. He was a well-known Methodist minister. They had three children that I know of definitely:

Wesley(1823-1903) who married Caroline Moss

Mary(1832-?) who married George Puckett

Susan Jane(1846-?) who married Joel Bucklew from Tenn.

Both John and Sarah Grayson Edmondson are buried near Jasonville, Ind. Clay co.

Francis(1802-1885) and Jane Grayson Edmonson lived for a short time near the Clinch River in Tenn. before migrating by wagon to Morgan Co. Indiana, in 1829. In 1831, they came to Hendricks Co. Ind., where they died and are buried.

According to family stories, Jane and Sarah Grayson were sisters, and the daughters of one "Big Ben" Grayson of Knox Co. Tennessee, who was "sandy haired and had considerable musical ability". No one seems to know what Ben's wife's name was, but, again, supposedly, before Jane and Sarah left for Indiana, the mother gave each of the girls a piece of family furniture to remind them of their Tennessee home. Sarah was given a bedstead, and Jane, a cherry bureau. The bureau was handed down to my family by Jane, my great-great grandmother.

Sincerely hope that all of this miscellaneous information will ring a bell somewhere--it's all I have been able to gather after years of searching.

M

1310 Flagler Avenue
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May 3, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Our progenetor was John Grayson, of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, Va. in 1700. His father was John Sr. who went back to 1636 but we have nothing on him except that he existed in Lancaster. John Jr. was the father of Capt. Benjamin Grayson who married Susanna Monroe, grandparents of John Williams of Belle Air, Albermarle, Va. My grandfather was the son of Congressman John Williams Grayson of Ala. I will send you all that I have as soon as I recieve some information from the last of our line.

Proud to be a Grayson,

Steve Grayson Tait

These records have been compiled principally by Walter L. Sanders Jr. and James W. Alvey Jr., and substantiated by: County Court records; family Bibles; Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine; Encyclopedia of Biography - Virginia, edited by Lyon G. Tyler; Hayden's Virginia Genealogies; the William and Mary Quarterly; the Blackwell Genealogy, by E. M. Blackwell; Beverley Family of Virginia; McCartys in Early American History, by Michael J. O'Brien; the Authentic Guide Book of the Historic Northern Neck of Virginia and by various sources in the genealogy sections of libraries in Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington and Warrenton, as well as the Mary Ball Library, Lancaster, Virginia, and the Library of Congress.

The sketches concerning the individual families were written principally by Lurd Washington, Peter Crayson Washington, and Spence Morraz Crayson.

Because of the limitations of time and space the families and persons covered herein are limited, with several exceptions, to the direct ancestors and direct descendants of George William and Roberta (Crayson) Sanders.

Special thanks are given to Philip K. Sanders for his assistance and to Ruth Sanders for many hours spent in typing.

Grayson Family

<u>Benjamin Grayson - -</u> (- 1757)	<u>Susanna Monroe</u> (- 1752)
<u>Spence Grayson - -</u> (1733 - 1798)	<u>Mary Elizabeth Wagener</u> (1741 - 1810)
<u>William Grayson - -</u> (1766 - 1806)	<u>Mary Elizabeth Wagener</u> (1779 - 1810)
<u>Frederick William Spence Grayson - -</u> (1791 -)	<u>Sarah Ella Bowen</u>
<u>Roberta Grayson - -</u> (1832 - 1902)	<u>George William Sanders</u> (1831 - 1875)

Benjamin Grayson came from Scotland. He married Susanna Monroe, aunt of President Monroe and mother, by her first marriage, of John Tyler, founder of the Tyler family in Prince William County, Virginia. He was colonel of militia in 1740. His home was "Belle Air," a large estate on the Potomac River near Colchester, Prince William County, Virginia. Benjamin Grayson's sister married an ancestor of Col. Burr Harrison of the Revolutionary Army. He had one daughter, Susan Monroe Grayson, and the following three sons:

Spence Grayson, the eldest son of Benjamin Grayson, inherited "Belle Air." He studied theology at Oxford in England and was ordained by the Bishop of London, May 24, 1771. He was Rector of Dittergen Parish in Prince William County and was chaplain of the regiment of his brother, Col. William Grayson, in the Revolution with the rank of captain. Spence and his brothers and sister were cousins of President Monroe. Spence had 15 children. One of his daughters, Susanna Monroe Grayson, married Lund Washington, whose father was Robert Washington and whose mother was Alice Strother.

William Grayson (1736 - 1790), a colonel in the Revolutionary Army, was a graduate of Oxford University and Temple Bar, in England. He was appointed military aide to General Washington, August 24, 1776, was a member of the Continental Congress, and the Virginia House of Delegates, and served in the Virginia Convention of 1788 which ratified the Constitution of the United States. William Grayson was the first U. S. Senator (with Richard Henry Lee) from Virginia. Grayson Co., Va., was named for him.

Benjamin Grayson 2nd (1730 -) was the direct ancestor of Admiral Cary Grayson, physician to President Woodrow Wilson. Mt. Vernon and Belle Air were not far apart on the Potomac River. The Washingtons and Graysons were related through the Balls. They were also close friends and visited each other often. One of Frederick William Spence Grayson's sons, George Washington Grayson, was the father of John B. Grayson, of Warrenton, Virginia, and Keller Grayson, of New Baltimore, Virginia.

Wagener FamilyRev. Peter Wagener D. D. - -Dr. Peter Wagener - -
(1717 - 1776)Catherine Beverley Robinson
(1715 -)Mary Elizabeth Wagener - -
(1741 - 1810)Rev. Spence Grayson
(1733 - 1798)William Grayson - -
(1766 - 1806)Mary Elizabeth Wagener
(1779 - 1810)Frederick William Spence Grayson - -
(1791 -)Sarah Ella BowenRoberta Grayson - -
(1832 - 1902)George William Sanders
(1831 - 1875)

Rev. Peter Wagener, D. D., was Rector of Sisted in the County of Essex, England.

Dr. Peter Wagener, an English gentleman and physician and Clerk of Stafford County, Virginia, married Catherine Beverley Robinson, daughter of John Robinson who was one of His Majesty's Council in Virginia, and later Speaker of the Virginia House of Burgesses.

Monroe Family

David Monroe - -

Andrew Monroe - -

Andrew Monroe 2nd - -
(1661 -)Susanna Monroe - -
(- 1752)Rev. Spence Grayson - -
(1733 - 1798)William Grayson - -
(1766 - 1806)

Frederick William Spence Grayson - - Sarah Ella Bowen

Roberta Grayson - -
(1832 - 1902)

Eleanor Spence

Benjamin Grayson
(- 1757)Mary Elizabeth Wagener
(1741 - 1810)

Mary Elizabeth Wagener

George William Sanders
(1831 - 1875)

Andrew Monroe came from Scotland to Virginia in 1650. He belonged to an ancient Highland clan and was captain in the army of Charles I. He received a grant of land on the borders of Monroe Creek (so-called after the clan) about one mile from Bluff Point and four miles from Popes Creek on the Potomac in Northumberland County. At the restoration of the Stuarts he returned to Scotland for a time and received another extensive grant of land near his other land. Andrew Monroe 2nd and Elinor Spence, the parents of Susanna Monroe, were also the parents of Spence Monroe, father of President James Monroe. Therefore, Spence Grayson was a first cousin of James Monroe and Susanna Monroe was James Monroe's aunt.

Spence Family*Patrick Spence - -**Andrew Monroe 2nd - -
(1661 -)**Susanna Monroe - -
(- 1752)**Rev. Spence Grayson - -
(1733 - 1798)**William Grayson - -
(1766 - 1806)**Frederick Wm. Spence Grayson - - Sarah Ella Bowen**Roberta Grayson - -
(1832 - 1902)**Eleanor Spence**Benjamin Grayson
(- 1757)**Mary Elizabeth Wagener
(1741 - 1810)**Mary Elizabeth Wagener**George William Sanders
(1831 - 1875)*

From "Historic Northern Neck" —

Spence's Point, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, was a seat of the Spence family. The present tall square dwelling was built during the early eighteen hundreds. It was established by Alexander Spence, son of the immigrant (Patrick Spence). Alexander's brother Patrick Spence 2nd married Penelope Youell, a daughter of Major Thomas Youell and his wife, Ann (Lee) Youell. Their sister, Eleanor Spence, married Andrew Monroe 2nd, so supplying the name (Spence) that became indispensable in nearly every Monroe and Grayson generation. Her sister, Elizabeth Spence, married John Sturman, son of Thomas Sturman, who settled on the eastern side of Nomini River below Deep Point, and who accompanied the immigrants, Andrew Monroe and Thomas Youell, to Virginia in 1647.

From the writings of Lurd Washington and extensions by Spence Monroe Grayson and Peter Grayson Washington.

The Grayson Family

The first of the Graysons in America of whom there is any record at hand was Benjamin who, with his sister, emigrated from England or Scotland to Westmoreland County, Virginia, afterwards settling on the Occoquan River near the spot which later became Colchester. He was a man of exceedingly fine address and notably was of good blood. He came to America in the early part of the 17th century, and was supposed to be the youngest son of a refined and wealthy family, as his acquirements, person and habits bore ample evidence of it. In his new home he became a merchant trading in tobacco, largely with vessels in the then Bay of Occoquan, and carried on a large commission business for the captains and super-cargoes. His great industry and judicious management of his affairs enabled him to acquire a large estate, and he was made executor to some considerable estates and the guardian of some wealthy children of the day.

Benjamin Grayson was colonel of the militia in 1740, a large purchaser of lands in Virginia (and that part afterwards Kentucky) from persons with whom he had dealings, and was among the most popular and esteemed gentlemen in the country. He married the rich widow Linton, whose maiden name was Susanna Monroe, sister of Spence Monroe, the father of President James Monroe, who was from an old distinguished Scotch family. Susanna Monroe first married a Mr. Tyler, and then Linton, both of whom left her large estates. The sister of Benjamin Grayson married Mr. Harrison, the ancestor of Colonel Burr Harrison, of the Revolutionary Army and of Matthew Harrison, an attorney of Dumfries.

After the death of Susanna Monroe, Benjamin Grayson married the widow Ewell. This lady was of the same family as was the late Lt. General Ewell of the Confederate Army. Benjamin Grayson departed this life in 1757, at his residence "Belle Air." The funeral services were performed by the Rev. Scott of England. He left a large estate and an unblemished name for the glory of his posterity, for their edification and example.

John Tyler, the son of Mr. Tyler and Susanna Monroe, was for many years inspector of tobacco at Dumfries and was the founder of the Tyler family in Prince William County. The family of President Tyler are of the stock of Susanna Monroe's first husband, as was President Harrison of the same stock as the ancestor who married the sister of Benjamin Grayson. Mr. Lund Washington, the husband of my grandfather's sister, Susanna Monroe, lived during the times of the lives of most of the persons in this record, and in the main I am but relying upon and copying the papers written by him many years ago. I am also indebted to some data from my cousins, the late Col. Peter Grayson Washington, and Mr. Frederick William Spence Grayson, of Philadelphia, and from what I have heard from the older members and friends of the family.

Lund Washington wrote "I am persuaded there was not a family with whom General Washington was acquainted that stood higher in his estimation than did the Grayson family, and I know it has always been the case with myself from my first acquaintance with the family and I am grateful for it."

The issue of Benjamin Grayson and Susanna Monroe were three sons and one daughter as follows:

Benjamin, born 1730 and married Miss Osborne and had one son, Benjamin, who married Miss Bronaugh of London and left a large family of children and fine estate. One daughter married Bronaugh of London.

Rev. Spence Grayson, b. 1733 - - of whom later.

Col. William Grayson, b. 1736, died 1790 - - of whom later.

Susan Monroe, unmarried.

Rev. Spence Grayson

Spence Grayson, second son of Benjamin Grayson and Susanna Monroe, was born in 1733 and died November, 1798. He married Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of Dr. Peter Wayener. He died at his residence (Belle Air) in Prince William County, Virginia. Spence Grayson studied theology at Oxford, England, and was ordained by the Bishop of London, May 24, 1771. He had charge of Parishes in Loudoun County, Virginia, and was made Rector of Dettingen Parish in 1784. He was chaplain, ranking as captain in Colonel

William Grayson's Virginia Regiment in the Revolution, and was a fighting as well as praying parson. Rev. Grayson was a personal friend of George Washington and the two families were intimate. He was a large, handsome man of distinguished bearing and manner and an eloquent speaker. He was a sterling patriot and did the state some service. When George Washington's nephew, Major George Washington, was married there were three clergymen present. The General chose Rev. Grayson to perform the ceremony and gave him \$100.

Mrs. Spence Grayson was a woman of rare virtues and best friend / (Lund Washington) ever had. She died at my home in Washington, D. C., in 1810. Rev. and Mrs. Grayson had 15 children.

"Belle Air" was situated in the southeast corner of Prince William County, Virginia. The broad Potomac flowed in front about a mile distant south, Colchester was distant two miles to the east, Occoquan three miles north and Dumfries six miles west. The view of the Potomac was particularly fine, extending as it did up and down many miles and including Indian Head directly opposite on the Maryland shore, the point at which in 1814 the American batteries opened fire on the British squadron under Com. Gordon on its descent down the river after plundering Alexandria. The plantation consisted of 1,000 acres of fine rolling and well-watered land. In nearly the center of the plantation there rose a beautiful tableland, elliptical in shape, large enough for the dwelling, the out-houses, shade trees, walks, gardens, lawns, etc., and exclusively used for that purpose.

After the death of the Rev. Spence Grayson in the year 1798, his widow continued with her two unmarried daughters, Sally and Caroline, to reside at "Belle Air." All the other daughters had married, some going to various parts of the South. Later, when the two youngest daughters had married and gone to Mississippi, Mrs. Grayson removed from "Belle Air" to Washington, D. C. There she died in 1810 at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Lund Washington.

Two of the 15 children of Spence Grayson and Mary Elizabeth Wagener were:

1. William, born June 26, 1766, died in the home of Lund Washington in 1806. Married his cousin Mary Elizabeth Wagener in May, 1793.
2. Susanna Monroe Grayson, born May 29, 1768, married Lund Washington, Feb. 11, 1793, and died April 20, 1822.

Frederick William Spence Grayson, the son of William Grayson and grandson of Reverend Spence Grayson, was born in 1791 at Colchester, Virginia, near present Woodbridge in Prince William County. His father died in Washington, D. C., when he was 15 years of age and his mother died when he was 19. It is believed he spent some time with his uncle by marriage, Lund Washington, thus naming one of his sons George Washington Grayson. He probably visited his cousins in Fauquier County where he met his wife, Sarah Ella Bower.

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Lund Washington died 1853. Married Susannah Grayson, daughter of Capt. Spence Grayson of the Continental Army and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Wagener, she daughter of Peter Wagener who married 1739, Catherine Robinson, she daughter of John Robinson, Speaker of Virginia House of Burgesses who died 1749 and his wife Catherine Beverley who was the daughter of Robert Beverley who was married in 1679 to Catherine Hone who died 1687, she the daughter of Theophilus Hone of Virginia.

May 5, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

We all owe Marie Davidson a vote of gratitude for the 1850 Censuses which she sent in and were printed last month. I am happy to say that I am able to help along this line

Our library here in Lufkin, Texas is small but it does have a very excellent genealogy collection in its own separate room. Among the many items we have is a 4 volume set of the complete 1850 Census of Texas plus a separate volume which is an index to the 4 large volumes. It is my guess that the reason this was put into bound volumes is because the 1850 Census was the first one taken after Texas became a state in January 1846. Texas was voted into the United States in 1845 but it wasn't until sometime in January 1846 that the Stars and Stripes was first raised in Texas. For the benefit of those who might desire to check on these books here is the title, name of transcriber, publisher's name and address:

The State of Texas
Federal Population Schedules
Seventh Census of the United States
1850

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The following are all the Graysons in Texas in 1850:

COMAL COUNTY

#70	T.W. Grayson	41	S.C.	hotel keeper
	Tabitha Grayson	27	Ala.	wife
	William "	10	Miss.	
	Elizabeth "	5	Tex.	
	Benjamin "	2	Tex.	

GILLESPIE COUNTY

#243	John Grayson	25	England (living in a colony of Latter Day Saints)	
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LEON COUNTY

#36	A.G. Grayson	40	Ala.	farmer
	Sarah "	36	N.C.	wife
	John C. "	19	Ala.	student
	Charles C. "	15	Ala.	
	Nancy C. "	13	Ala.	
	Caledonia "	11	Ark.	
	Parilee "	10	Tex.	
	Henry A. "	4	Tex.	
	Infant(F) "	1	Tex.	

1850 Census - Texas - continued

MACOGDOCHES COUNTY

#372	Jackson Grayson	44	Virginia	farmer
	Anna "	43	Tennessee	wife
	Laurenna "	17	Alabama	
	Samuel "	15	Louisiana	
	George "	11	Texas	
	Sarah "	7	Texas	
	Mary "	5	Texas	
#399	Charles Grayson	47	Virginia	farmer
	Elizabeth "	46	"	wife
	Washington "	17	Alabama	
	Thomas "	11	Texas	
	James "	8	"	
	Navaline "	6	"	
#405	Malvina Grayson	19	Tennessee	
	(She was living with the family of S.W. Tate, 27, born in Tennessee and wife Martha Tate, 24, born in Tennessee)			

RUSK COUNTY

#1004 William Grayson 20 Alabama
 (living with family of B.B. Lyles - 36 - born in S.C. - miller by occupation - William Grayson evidently worked for him)

I will now identify some of the above:

1. A.G. Grayson - Leon Co. - full name was Ambrose G. Grayson - he was my great grandfather - my grandfather was Henry A. (Ambrose) - born 1810 in Madison Co., Alabama - son of John and Sallie (Carter) Grayson. 10th child and 1st born in Alabama. Married Sarah Vann.
2. Jackson and Charles Grayson - Macogdoches County - brothers of my great grandfather Ambrose G. Grayson. Married sisters Anna and Elizabeth Craft. They were in Texas as early as 1837.
3. William Grayson - Rusk County - son of Charles Grayson above.

I have no information concerning the others. I hope this will be useful to someone. That's all for now so will close. Oh yes, I almost forgot. On May 24 I am leaving for London, England to take a tour through England, Scotland, and Wales. Cheerio!

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

5-5-78

ROLLA, MO

DEAR RICHARD,

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF 1890 CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF TENN.
FROM BYRON SIKLER & ASSOCIATES —

GRAYSON, BEN C., JO-148-1; PUT G CO 4TH TN INF;
25 AUG 62 TO 23 MAY 65; LAUREL BLOOMERY PO;
RHEUMATIS CAUSED PARALYSIS.

GRAYSON, JOHN R., O-142-1; OBIDU PO; I WENT TWICE BUT FAILED TO
SEE HIM, DISCHARGE IS IN WASHINGTON DC.

GRAYSON, JOSEPH F., MO-119-1; PUT F CO 10TH TN CAU;
10-20-63 TO 8-4-65; SWEETWATER PO; MEASLES SETTLED
ON LUNGS, DRAWING A PENSION.

GRAYSON, PLEASE C., MR-96-2; SGT I CO 10TH TN INF;
7-23-62 TO 6-23-65; SHERLEYTON PO; DEFTNESS.

GRAYSON, WILLIAM, MR-95-1; PUT C CO 6TH TN INF; 9-2-64 TO
7-11-64; WHITWELL PO.

SOME OF THESE CHECK WITH NEWSLETTER #2 PAGE 2. I FAILED
TO CHECK FOR OTHER SPELLINGS PERHAPS THERE ARE MORE. I'LL
INQUIRE LATER.

NO WORD ON GRAYSON, ALA. YET & I NEED SODEN'S ADDRESS.
ALL FOR NOW —

SINCERELY,
CLIFFORD

GRAYSON RECORDS

Dorothy Ford Wulfeck

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p. 226. John Grayson. Additional inventory. 7 April, 1756.
pp. 312-314. Martha Grayson gave a receipt to settlement of
estate of Timothy Crosthwait. 26 June, 1761.

Virginia Taxpayers 1782

Grayson	Poll	Slaves	County
Benjamin	0	8	Loudoun
John			Fayette
Robert	1	0	Montgomery
Rev. Spence		13	Loudoun
Col. William	1	8	Loudoun
Col. William	1	21	Prince William
William	1	2	Spotsylvania
William	1	0	Culpeper

Some Grayson marriages in Virginia before 1800

Grayson

Alfred, son of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood); m. ____ Breckinridge of Ky. 5T207

Alice m. 26 Aug., 1744, James Stevens. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. She was Alice (____) Grayson, widow of Ambrose. Proven by deed, 1752, that county.

Ambrose m. bef. 1 Nov., 1726, Alice (____) James, widow of John, who d. bef. 24 March, 1725, when William McConico gave bond as admr. of his estate. Spotsylvania Co. Records prove the marriage.

Benjamin, d. 1757; res. Westmoreland Co.; m. (1) Susan (Susannah) Monroe, b. ca 1695; d. 1751, dau. of Andrew; he was her 3rd husband; he m. (2) ____ (____) Sinton. 5T195, 196; 3W(2)174. (DFW: Prob. the widow Linton.)

Benjamin, b. 6 Nov., 1761, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); rem. to Ky.; res. Nelson Co., Ky.; m. in Ky., Caroline Taylor. 5T261.

Beverley Robinson, b. 3 Sept., 1782, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. ____ (Chew) Bowie of Patuxent River, Md.; rem. to Miss. 5T268.

Catherine, b. 6 April, 1760, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson; m. John Hedgman of Stafford Co. 5T261.

Elizabeth m. (1) Thomas Hill, d. 1741; m. (2) 17 March, 1743, William Cowne of Spotsylvania Co. 43V173 Elizabeth m. 18 April, 1731, Thomas Hill, Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. Elizabeth Hill m. 17 March, 1743, William Cowne. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.

Elizabeth, dau. of William (d. 1829, Albemarle Co.); m. Joseph Sutherland. Albemarle, p. 214.

Frances m. 1796, James Elliott. Botetourt Co. Kegley, p. 597.

Hebe, dau. of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood) m. John Carter of Loudoun Co. and Ky. 5T207.

Joseph, son of William, who d. 1829, m. Rhoda White, dau. of Daniel, who d. 1818. Albemarle, pp. 214, 343.

Judith, b. Dec., 1780, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. George Walton (or Walter) Lindsay of Colchester, who d. 1818/9, Washington, D. C. 5T267.

Mary, dau. of John, m. 20 Oct., 1726, John Catlett. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. He m. bef. 20 Oct., 1706, Elizabeth Taliaferro, dau. of John. Proven by Court Records, Essex Co. 11T13

Sarah m. 20 March, 1769, Benjamin Ainsley. Both of Goochland Co. Douglas Register, p. 11

Spence, Minister, b. 1734; d. Dec., 1798, son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Mary Elizabeth Wagener, dau. of Dr. Peter. 5T196, 197. He, b. 1732, Prince William Co.; m. Mary Elizabeth Wagner. DAR No. 56 009

Spence, m. 1 June, 1799, Betsey Bowler. Sur. Thomas Baker. Norfolk Co. Mar. Bond.

Spence Monroe, b. 17 May, 1774; d. 1809, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. _____ Blount of Alexandria, Va. 5T266.

Susan, dau. of Capt. William Grayson, (1732-1829), m. Isaac Wood, son of William, Albemarle, p. 349. She m. (2) _____ Tomlin. Albemarle, p. 214.

Susan Monroe, b. 29 May, 1768; d. 1823, dau. of Rev. Spence Grayson and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. 11 Feb., 1793, Lund Washington, b. 25 Sept., 1767; d. 4 April, 1853, son of Robert and Alice (Strother). 5T263; 11T119; 23V100; 33V156; 3W(2) 174.

Susan Monroe, dau. of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) m. 1761, John Orr, b. 25 July, 1726, son of Rev. Alexander Orr of Waterside, Dumfriesshire, Scotland and Agnes (Dalrymple). 4T49; 5T208; 13T258. Their son, Benjamin Grayson Orr, Mayor of Washington D. C., 1814, m. _____ Flood.

Susannah m. 1731, _____ Linton. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.

Thomas m. 11 July, 1788, Jenny Field, Spinster. Sur. William Buster. Albemarle Co. Mar. Bond. Jane Field was dau. of Robert, who d. 1824. Albemarle, p. 194.

William bought land, 1764, Albemarle Co.; d. 1829, age 97; m. Ann Smith, dau. of Thomas. Albemarle, p. 214.

William, b. 26 June, 1766; d. 1806, Washington, D. C., son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. his cousin, Mary Wagener. 5T263

William, Col., b. 1736, Prince William Co.; d. 12 March, 1790, Dumfries, Va., son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Eleanor Smallwood, (not Hebe), sis. of Heabard Smallwood, whose will dated 1778, Charles Co., Md., and dau. of Gen. Smallwood of Md. 5T205, 207; 8T119-20.

"THE BEVERLEY FAMILY OF VIRGINIA," by JOHN MCGILL
The R. L. Bryan Company. Columbia, So. Car., 1956

p. 939. Mary Elizabeth Wagener, d. 1810, Washington, D. C., dau. of Peter Wagener, Jr., and Catherine (Robinson), m. Rev. Spence Monroe Grayson, b. 1734; d. Dec., 1798, Prince William Co., Va., son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe) Grayson of "Belle Air," Prince William Co.

Rev. Spence Grayson inherited from his father the "Belle Air" mansion and a 1000 acre tract on the Potomac in Prince William Co. He, an Oxford graduate, studied theology in England, was ordained 5-21-1771 by the Lord Bishop of London; returning to Virginia he first preached in Loudoun Co. and in 1784 succeeded Rev. John Scott as Rector of Dettingen Parish, Prince William Co. He was chaplain of his brother, Col. William Grayson's Regiment 5-1777 to 4-1779.

Children: (dates and descendants are given in this book)

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Catherine | 9. Anne |
| 2. Benjamin | 10. Thomas |
| 3. Mary | 11. Capt. John Robinson |
| 4. William | 12. Judith |
| 5. Susanna Monroe | 13. Beverley |
| 6. Peter | 14. Sally |
| 7. Anne | 15. Caroline Sarah Ann |
| 8. Spence Monroe | |

NOTE: This lineage continues for 20 to 30 pages with descendants in some lines down to 1956.

GRAYSON - KENTUCKY RECORDS

"SECOND CENSUS OF KENTUCKY: 1800" by G. Glenn Clift. 1954

p. 114 Grayson Taxpayers

Christian County: Thomas and William

Logan County: Reubin and Robert

Mason County: George and Robert

Nelson County: Benjamin

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"VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY LAND BOUNTY WARRANTS," by Samuel M. Wilson

Col. William Grayson. Warrant No. 1005 for 6666 2/3 acres.
Served 3 years in Va. Continental Line. Issued June 23, 1783.

"KENTUCKY RECORDS" by Mrs. William Breckenridge Ardery. 1926. (No Grayson)

"KENTUCKY PIONEERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS" by Ila Earle Fowler. 1941-1950.

p. 29. Christian Co., Ky. Deed Book A, p. 88. 9 June, 1803. Samuel Smyley of Nelson Co., Ky., to David Young of same county for \$300, 100 acres survey date 15 July, 1799, Christian Co. on Little River and granted to Smyley (Smiley) by Gov. Wm. Rogers. Jno Campbell, Testator; Ben Grayson, Wm. A. Rogers, J. Lewis, J. P. S. C. Nelson Co.

"KENTUCKY MARRIAGES" by G. Glenn Clift. 1938

p. 6. Alfred Grayson of Washington, Ky., to Miss Letitia Breckinridge, daughter of John Breckinridge of Fayette Co. Married Oct. 26, 1804. Announced in the Kentucky Gazette Oct. 20, 1804.

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I am running low on material, so feel free to send more genealogy for the next newsletters.

A Soden postcard answer this May 23rd: from J. Glenn Grayson, Ph.D., Greensboro College, Greensboro, N.C.: he is the son of William Albert Grayson, md a Bridges, who was the son of John Kenneth Grayson md a Walker who was the son of Kenneth William Grayson md a Melton and lived in Golden Valley, N.C., in Rutherford Co. A family tradition is that either Kenneth or his father came from Ireland. An interesting observation of Dr. Grayson is that 30,000 Scots came to N.C. after the failure of the uprising in 1745 in Scotland.

There is no question that the above Graysons are from the Rutherford Grayson Clan. I have reviewed the article on pages 7&8, Vol. 1 No. 8, by Miles Philbeck on this clan, but find none of the above names. I do note that, Kenneth, William, John, and Albert are common names in the article.

Thanks to J. Glenn Grayson. Howard note: this is from your faculty list.

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South Carolina Graysons:

<u>John Grayson</u> of the West Indies		married 14 April 1754	<u>Sarah Wigg</u> b? d: 1806 age 73 (b.ca. 1733)
<u>Mary</u> b. 7 Ap 1764 md Michael O'Brien	<u>Elizabeth</u> md John Mark Verdier 1 Dec 1785	<u>William John</u> md d: 1797 Susannah Green 9 Oct 1787 had sons Wm John Grayson b. 12 Nov 1788 & Thomas Wigg Grayson b? d: 1795	<u>Thomas Wigg Grayson</u> md Mary Hill 27 Feb 1794 had John Robert Grayson b. 15 Dec 1794 Mary Susan b. 1 June 1796 Susan Sathus b. 1805

The above chart is a summary of information from Mrs. Cynthia Snyder kindly sent this month and agrees with material on page 91 Vol. 2, no. 5. Mrs. Snyder gives as references Beaufort co., S.C. marriage and death notices.

Mrs. Snyder has a query: Who was the Robert Grayson and who was the John Grayson who lived in Montgomery County, Va., in 1780 and were tried as Tories?

May 15, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Another informative issue of the Grayson Newsletter has arrived. Sorry I'm so forgetful in forwarding what I owe. It isn't intentional I assure you. Right now I am busy getting ready to leave on a long trip and it seems to distract my mind from other things.

Yesterd^{ay} I had a call from Mrs. Irene Grayson^{Scott} of Key West, Florida. Our great-grandfather Graysons were brothers and from that point backwards we are working on the same line.

May I identify 1 of the professors as listed on page 131. He is James M. Grayson, Department of Entomology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. I corresponded with his elderly mother, Mrs. Ida M. Grayson, in 1972. At that time she was 83 and lived with a daughter in Wytheville, Va. She did not give me her husband's name but she did fill me in on his background as to his Grayson heritage. Professor James M. Grayson's father was the son of James Floyd and Lucy A. (McNutt) Grayson. James Floyd Grayson was the son of James W. and Emily (Steele) Grayson who married 21 June 1850 in Wythe Co., Va. and lived in same county on Walkers Creek. James W. Grayson was the son of Ambrose and Betsy (Wysor) Grayson who married 28 March 1807 in Montgomery Co., Va. Ambrose was the son of William and Rachel (Cooley) Grayson. William was the son of John Grayson, John was the son of Ambrose, and Ambrose is thought to have been the son of John Grayson who died in 1735/36 in Spottsylvania Co., Va.

I think it wise to identify persons when we can because then if are trying to identify someone with the same name ~~then~~ we can either eliminate said person or latch on if it is who we are seeking.

I now go back to Prof. James M. Grayson of Virginia Tech. This university is in Montgomery Co., Va. which is the same county in which his great-great-great-great grandfather John Grayson settled in the 1760's. He has a long history with the county he now lives in.

Enclosed please find my back payment and for May also.

Ella May Underwood

Alexandria, Virginia
7 May 1978

Dear Dick:

Great news--for me at least. The family of my Charles W. Grayson has been identified. He was the son of Daniel and Cathrine Grayson of Dardanelle on the Arkansas River in Yell County, Arkansas which is 35-40 from where my great grandfather, Jessee, lived. The identification would have come earlier except for the condition of the census microfilm. Finally, I was able to gain access to the paper documents and spotted the family immediately. Transcripts of the 1850 and 1860 census records are enclosed. In 1840 the family was in Lafayette County, Mississippi. Charles' brothers and a sister are identified on the 1850 and 1860 records. According to the 1840 record there was probably an older brother who was not at home in 1850. In 1840 there were other members of the household who appeared to be possibly brothers to Daniel and perhaps his mother or mother-in-law. A Joel Grayson was a neighbor. Don't know who he is. I was going to send a transcript of the 1840 record but decided to recheck one item that doesn't look correct. Will send a copy then.

I think that there is a strong possibility that Daniel and my Jessee were brothers and that both were sons of your Jessee. However, the Virginia birth of Daniel raises a question. My search will continue.

Maps with Grayson place names identified were sent. At least some of the places undoubtedly had been previously identified. Please disregard any duplicates. I was reluctant to send Lake Greeson because of the spelling but decided to let you decide if it should be included. Incidentally, has Grayson, Saskatchewan, Canada been identified? If not, I will send a map. Place names have been of interest to me for years.

My check for the last news letter is enclosed. I'm enjoying the news letter very much. It is doubtful if one could ever gather so much data on the family by one's self.

I have located a book on the battles of the American Revolution which goes into great detail. Col. William's role is detailed to a greater extent than I have previously encountered. Copies will be sent when I have time to find the right copier for the job. Of course I am referring to Col. William Grayson.

Will close for now.

Best wishes,

H.E.G.
Howard

State ArkansasCounty Yell

1850 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

11 Oct. 1850

Township Dardanelle

Call No. _____

Page	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
473			Daniel Grayson	45	M	W	Carpenter	500	Va.					
			Catharine	37	F	W			Va.					
			Daniel F.	16	M	W	Farmer		Fla.					
			Robert H.	15	M	W			Fla.					
			Charles W.	10	M	W			Miss.		1			
			Sarah S.	5	F	W			Miss.					

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State ArkansasCounty Yell

1860 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

June 1st, 1860

Township DardanelleP.O. DardanelleCall No. 1009

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal Property	Birthplace	Married in Year	School in Year	Can't Read or Write	Enumeration Date	Remarks
5	36	36	Daniel Grayson	57	M	W	Master Car-		100	Virginia					
							porter								
			Catharine	49	F	W				Virginia					
			Charles	20	M	W	Student-			Mississippi					
							At-Law								
			Sarah S.	15	F	W				Mississippi					

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Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace	County	Page	Dwelling
1. James Grayson	30	M	Farmer	Miss.	Clarke	355	431
Nancy Templeton	80	F		Tenn.			
2. Chesterfield							
Grayson	40	M		Miss.	Clarke	358	450
Mary	25	F		Miss.			
Robert	11	M		Miss.			
William	6	M		Miss.			
Polly	5	F		Miss.			
Lavisa	3	F		Miss.			
3. Thomas W. Grayson	25	M	Merchant	Miss.	Jasper	119	388
???????	18	F		Miss.			
Mary L.	1	F		Miss.			
4. Margaret Grayson	4	F		Miss.	Jasper	110	330
Resided with a							
James D. Lee Family							
5. Samuel Grason	52	M	Farmer	Tenn.	Jasper	90	198
Mary Ann	40	F		S. C.			
Louiza	18	F		Miss.			
Margaret	16	F		Miss.			
James	17	M		Miss.			
Hugh	14	M.		Miss.			
Mary Jane	12	F		Miss.			
6. John W. Grayson	25	M	Farmer	S. C.	Jones	251	148
Sarah	19	F		Miss.			
Anema	2	F		Miss.			
7. John Grayson	72	M	Farmer	S. C.	Jones	251	149
Susanna	60	F		S. C.			
8. Joel Grayson	45	M	Ginner	Ala.	Lafayette	196	1368
Adelin	34	F		Tenn.			
9. William Grayson	20	M	Farmer	S. C.	Perry	750	86
10. ??????? Grayson	39	M	Farmer	??	Wayne	503	20
Sarah	32	F		??			
Lavernia	17	F		??			
Thomas	14	M		??			
William	12	M		??			
Rheubin	10	M		??			
James	8	M		??			
Dallas	.6	M		??			
Bruce	3	M		??			
Elin	2	F		??			

(Continued on page 170)

This and the next 5 pages are from Dr. Richard Grayson of Selma, Ala.

William Grayson

"William Grayson, third son of Benjamin Grayson and Susanna Monroe, was born in 1736. Like his brother, Rev. Spence Grayson, he received his education, classical and professional, in London, England. Upon his return to Virginia he entered upon the practice of law at Dumfries, Prince William County, Virginia. Having a liberal education and good estate, he exerted himself all in his power for the improvement and advancement of his young cousin, James Monroe, afterwards president of the United States, and son of his uncle, Spence Monroe, of Westmoreland County, Virginia. As he enjoyed the intimacy and esteem of General George Washington, to a large extent no doubt the General was much influenced by him (Col. William Grayson) in bringing James Monroe forward in the arena of the world's notice in the favorable manner in which he did.

"At the commencement of the Revolutionary War, William Grayson was appointed captain and as aide de camp to General Washington. In 1776 he was appointed colonel of one of the Virginia regiments. That regiment suffered so much in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth that it was broken up and Colonel Grayson returned to the staff of General Washington. He was twice a member of the Board of War and president thereof. He was a member of the Continental Congress, and a member of the convention which formed our Constitution, and a member of the Virginia Convention that ratified it, and the first senator elected by the Legislature of Virginia to the U. S. Congress under the present Constitution, and held that position at the time of his death March 12, 1790, at the age of 56 years. He was a very large and remarkably handsome man of noble appearance and charming manner, and was certainly the most honorable, distinguished and popular man of his day. I first had the honor of meeting Senator Grayson at a dinner given by Rev. Spence Grayson at "Belle Air" in the fall of 1786."

Sketch of the Life of Colonel William Grayson of Dumfries, Virginia, Senator from Virginia, by Peter Grayson Washington

With the single exception of the "Father of his Country," there was no more patriotic and enlightened man engaged in the Revolutionary struggle than Colonel William Grayson. There were none who rendered before, during and after it more useful or varied public services.

On the 11th of November, 1774, a company was formed in Prince William County, Virginia called the Independent Company of Cadets which chose William Grayson for captain. Sparks, the historian, makes mention of this movement of Virginia in raising companies and reference to the matter of the removal of powder from the public magazine at Williamsburg by Lord Dunsmore and the action taken by the Virginia companies of which Capt. Grayson was the leader, and the correspondence between Grayson and Col. George Washington. Mount Vernon and Dumfries were in easy visiting distance, and in that day there was much social intercourse between the Grayson and Washington families. In the diary of the General, Col. Grayson is frequently mentioned as a guest at Mount Vernon and joining the General in his favorite recreation, hunting.

Col. Grayson was with Gen. Washington when he crossed over to Brooklyn in August, 1776, whilst the action was going on, and was employed by the General after the action had ceased in reconnoitering along the line of the East River to enable him to effect a safe retreat from the immediate front of the victorious enemy to York Island. Col. Grayson was at the battle of White Plains, and tradition says that he was in command of a column. The Archives contain letters of Col. Grayson as Aide de Camp from October 3 to December 15, 1776, which are of historical value. Col. Grayson was one of a commission to confer with Lord Howe on the subject of treatment and exchange of prisoners of war. At first he declined to serve on the commission, but Gen. Washington insisted and sent for him and stated that he had particular reasons for desiring him to act and Col. Grayson yielded. It is not improbable from what is known of Col. Grayson that his commanding figure, elegance of address, polished manners and splendid

abilities may have suggested it to the pride or policy of the General to send him on this mission to Lord Howe as a specimen of the men of America whom he was striving to subdue.

When the British evacuated Philadelphia and proceeded across the Jerseys toward New York to be in connection with the fleet, they were followed closely by the Americans and overtaken at Monmouth. Lossing is the only historian who mentions the part Col. Grayson took, saying "Before daylight Col. Grayson, with his regiment leading the brigades of Scott and Vanner, was in the saddle moving slowly in the direction of Monmouth. Lee followed with the brigades of Wayne and Maxwell, and sent an order to Col. Grayson to press forward and attack the enemy. Grayson had passed the Freehold Meeting House $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Monmouth when he received Lee's order." Col. Grayson thus placed in the rear of the army and with a command above his actual rank is conclusive of his ability and his gallant conduct in the action that fully vindicated the prestige which has assigned him to that distinguished position. After the battle of Monmouth there was not much more fighting during the year. At this period also Col. Grayson's services in the field appear to have ceased, a resolve of Congress having placed him in an administrative position as Commissioner of the Board of War in place of Lt. Col. Harrison.

The Rev. Spence Grayson of "Belle Air," brother of Col. Grayson, was chaplain of his regiment with the rank of captain.

Col. Grayson was elected a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and continued to serve in it until that special Congress was superseded by the present Constitution formed in 1788. On the 24th of December, 1784, the Commissioners of the States of Massachusetts and New York applied to Congress for a court to decide as to certain disputes between those states as to boundaries and Col. Grayson was named by Congress as one of the Commissioners and accepted by the aforesaid states; all the members were eminent men and to most persons distinctive enough to be placed on the roll of leaders so illustrious.

Col. Grayson was a member, and it appears an active member (from Elliott's Debater) of the Virginia Convention called to deliberate and decide on the adoption of the Constitution. He opposed the adoption. His principal objection appears to have arisen from a belief that seven of the northern states were then willing to yield to Spain the Mississippi River, temporarily if not permanently, and his apprehension that as under the proposed Constitution nine states would have the power in the Congress to ratify a treaty to that effect, that the two additional states required might be for that end gained. His opposition was happily ineffectual, yet such was the estimation in which he was held, although in the minority, and such was the zeal, ability, patriotism and statesmanship he exhibited that despite his opposition, upon the adoption of the Constitution he was (with Richard Henry Lee) chosen first U. S. Senator from Virginia. He took his seat in the Senate May 21, 1789 and the Journal records that on the same day his name was added to the committee appointed May 13, 1789 to define the crimes and offenses that shall be cognizable under laws of the U. S. and the penalty due. Sickness probably prevented Senator Grayson from making the journey to New York to attend Congress in December, 1789. He died at Dumfries, Virginia, March 12, 1790 and his remains were placed in the vault on the "Belle Air" estate, the residence of his brother, the Rev. Spence Grayson.

In person Senator Grayson was over six feet tall, inclining to fullness, with clear, florid complexion, black eyes and hair. He possessed all the genteel and gallant accomplishments of the day; was refined in manner and speech, social in disposition, full of animation in conversation, and well informed in the arts, sciences and literature.

He married a sister of General Smallwood, former governor of Maryland. Gen. John Breckinridge Grayson, U. S. and C. S. Armies, was his grandson.

Hon. John Robinson b. 2-3-1704 d. 5-11-1766; was known as "Speaker Robinson," being speaker of the House of Burgesses and Treasurer of the Colony, 1738-1765, a Member of that body for 39 years from 1736. He was an able and gifted man, an eloquent speaker and a leader of his day. He was often confounded with his father, the President of the Council.

Catherine Robinson b. 2-23-1715 m. 7-5-1739 Peter Wagener Jr. b. 4-5-1717 at Sisted, Essex Co., England d. 1776 son Rev. Peter Wagener, Rector of that place. Peter Wagener, an Attorney was Clerk of both Fairfax and Prince William Courts.

1. Mary Elizabeth Wagener. (See further)
2. Peter Wagener III.

Mary Elizabeth Wagener d. 1810 Washington, D. C. m. Rev. Spence Monroe Grayson b. 1734 d. 12-1798 Prince William Co. son Benjamin & Susan (Monroe) Grayson of "Belle Air," Prince William Co. Rev. Spence Grayson inherited from his father the "Belle Air" mansion and a 1000 acre tract on the Potomac in Prince William Co. He, an Oxford graduate, studied theology in England, was ordained 5-21-1771 by the Lord Bishop of London, returning to Virginia he first preached in Loudoun Co. and in 1784 succeeded Rev. John Scott as Rector of Dettingen Parish, Prince William Co. He was Chaplain of his brother Col. William Grayson's Regiment 5-1777 to 4-1779.

1. Catherine Grayson b. 4-5-1760.
2. Benjamin Grayson b. 11-6-1761.
3. Mary Grayson b. 8-26-1764 m. 1794 James R. Dermott and d. 1795. No issue.
4. William Grayson b. 6-26-1766. (See further)
5. Susanna Monroe Grayson b. 5-29-1768.
6. Peter Grayson b. 5-14-1770.
7. Anne Grayson b. 1772 d. in infancy.
8. Spence Monroe Grayson Jr. b. 5-17-1774.
9. Anne Grayson b. 11-14-1776 d. 1793 unm.
10. Thomas Grayson b. 9-17-1779.
11. Capt. John Robinson Grayson b. 9-17-1779.
12. Judith Grayson b. 12-1780.
13. Beverley Grayson b. 9-3-1782.
14. Sally Grayson b. 7-1784.
15. Caroline Sarah Ann Grayson b. 10-17-1786.

William Grayson b. 6-26-1766 d. 1808 Washington, D. C.

m. 1st Octavia Edmonds b. about 1790 d. in a few years dau. Col Elias Edmonds II and his 1st cousin, Frances (Edmonds) Edmonds. Frances Edmonds is said to have rejected John Marshall, later Chief Justice, for her cousin.

1. Frances Edmonds Grayson.

m. 2nd 1793 Mary Eliza Wagener, his 1st cousin, dau. Peter & Sarah (McCarty) Wagener.

2. Peter Grayson who entered U. S. Army and d. without issue.

3. Sarah Grayson m. Dr. M. B. Melvin of Washington, D. C.

4. Fred William Spence Grayson b. Colchester. (See further)

5. George Washington Grayson, merchant, New Baltimore, Fauquier County.

6. John Thomas Grayson m. in Mississippi and left a dau. Mrs.ilagee.

7. Edward Grayson m. widow in Natchez, Miss. No issue.

Fred William Spence Grayson b. Colchester m. Ella Bowen of Fauquier Co.

1. John W. Grayson d. 1924 in Jefferson City, Mo.

2. George Washington Grayson b. 12-8-1835.

3. Alexander Bennett Grayson Member of Prince William Rifles, 17 Virginia Infantry CSA killed at battle of Williamsburg.

4. Roberta Grayson b. 12-6-1832 d. 8-5-1902 m. George Sanders of Prince William Co.

5. Mary Grayson m. Richard R. Sanders.

6. Martha Grayson m. James Sidduth.

7. Elizabeth Grayson b. 1841 d. 1912 unm.

8. Belle Frances Grayson b. 5-1-1850.

"KENTUCKY GENEALOGY and BIOGRAPHY" Vol. IV.

p. 275. Dr. David Morehead married 6 May, 1841, Elizabeth N. Grayson, a native of Rutherford Co., No. Car., and a daughter of Joseph and Lettice Grayson. Children: Lettice J., William W., Celia E., Samuel J., Enoch R., James D. and Joseph D. Morehead. Res. 1886, Webster Co., Ky.

"KENTUCKY CEMETERY RECORDS" by Soc. DAR, Vol. IV.

Samuel Grayson, b. 10 Oct., 1821; d. 26 Oct., 1860; bur. Salem Cemetery, Webster Co.

COMMISSIONER'S CERTIFICATE - Book 1, p. 54, Fayette Co. Ct. Clk. Off. Ky.

"At a Court continued and held for adjusting disputed land titles to the Kentucky lands at Harrodsburg this the 4th November 1779, present William Fleming, Stephen Trigg and Edmund Lyne, Gentlen.

John Gordon this day claimed a right to a settlement and pre-emption to a tract of land lying on the water of Shawnee Run, by the said Gordon who raised corn on the premises in the year 1776. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of the opinion that the said Gordon has a right to a settlement of 400 acres including the said settlement and the preemption of 1000 acres adjoining and that a certificate issue accordingly.

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John Grayson this day claimed a right to a settlement and pre-emption to a tract of land lying on the waters of Cain Run joining the lands of James Wilkeys by improving the same and raising a crop of corn in this country in the year 1775. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of the opinion that the said Grayson has a right to settlement of 400 acres including the same improvement and the pre-emption of 1000 acres adjoining and that a certificate issue for same accordingly.

"BLACKWELL GENEALOGY," by Commander E.M. Blackwell, U.S. Navy, Retired. Richmond. 1948.

p. 81. GRAYSON. The paragraph giving the origin of Benjamin Grayson has several errors as indicated by a certified genealogist who has concentrated on early generations of the Grayson family.

p. 82-83. The issue of Benj. Grayson and Susana Monroe were three sons and one daughter as follows:

2-1 Benjamin, b. 1730 and m. Miss Osborne and had one son, Benjamin, who m. Miss Bronaugh of London and left a large family of children and fine estate. One daughter m. Bronaugh of London.

2-2 Rev. Spence Grayson, b. 1732 - of whom later.

2-3 Col. William Grayson, b. 1736, d. 1790, was the first Senator from Va. and was a most trusted Aid-de-Camp of Washington. He was Col. of one of the 16 Additional Continental Reg'ts. and at one time had the command of a Brigade. He organized a company of Cadets in 1774, anticipating war. He m. Miss Smallwood, sister of Gen. Smallwood and ex-Governor of Maryland. Issue.

3-1 Alfred William, who m. Miss Breckenridge and had one son, John Breckenridge, who was an officer in the U.S.A. and afterwards Gen. C.S.A. He m. Miss Searle and had one son, John Breckenridge of Demopolis, Ala.

3-2 Hebe Grayson, Col. Grayson's only daughter, m. John Carter of Loudon Co. and they went to Kentucky. Her eldest son, Alfred Wm. Grayson, lived in Tennessee.

2-4 Susan Monroe, Benjamin Grayson's only daughter, never married, and it is said that Benjamin, her brother, squandered her property and she was cared for by her brothers Spence and Wm.

2-2 Reverend Spence Grayson, b. 1732, d. 1798. He inherited Belle Air, a fine mansion, with 1,000 acres of land attached, on the Potomac River in Pr. Wm. Co., Va. from his father and m. 1759 Mary Elizabeth Wagoner. He and his brother, Col. Wm. Grayson, graduated at Oxford. He studied theology in England and was ordained by the Lord Bishop of London May 29, 1771. He returned to Va. and preached in Loudon Co. In 1784 he succeeded Rev. John Scott as Rector of Dettingen Parish, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. where he died and was succeeded by Rev. Thos. Harrison. He was Chaplain in his brother, Col. Wm. Grayson's Reg't. during the Revolution, and Justice in Pr. Wm. Co. in 1769. His issue were six sons and eight daughters, as follows:

3-1 Catherine, b. 1760, m. John Hedgeman of Stafford, Issue:

4-1 John Grayson; 2-George; 3-Mary; 4-Susan Monroe Grayson; 5-Catherine.

3-2 Benjamin, b. 1761, m. Miss Taylor, an English lady. He went to Kentucky and became Clerk of the Court at Bardstown Nelson Co. and had issue:

4-1 Frederick Wm. Spence, who was an eminent lawyer and judge. He m. Miss Ward and died without issue. 4-2 Alfred, m. Miss Coalter of Baltimore, Md. He was an officer in the Marine Corps and at Norfolk in the War of 1812. In 1824 he commanded the Marines in Porter's fleet against the pirates off the coast of Florida and in the West Indies and on his return, died of yellow fever a few hours after his landing. He left:

5-1 Frederick Wm. Spence; 2-John Contee; 3-Alfred.

4-3 Peter Wagoner m. Miss Taylor and went to Texas in 1830; took an active part in the struggle for independence and went twice to Washington as a commissioner. He was Nominated for President of Texas,

but died on his way to Washington before election. There is a county in Texas named after him.

4-4 Elizabeth, m. Philip Quentin, who soon died and she m. James D. Breckenridge, son of Gen. John Breckenridge, who soon died leaving one daughter, Eliza Grayson Breckenridge, m. Shakespear Caldwell of Va., and left issue:

3-3 Mary, b. 1764, m. 1794, James R. Dermott, an Irish gentleman, and d. 1795 without issue.

3-4 William, b. 1766, m. 1st Octavia Edmonds, dau. of Col. Elias Edmonds II; and had issue.

(Note: There is more in this book.)

"EARLY FAMILIES OF EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS," by William C. Kozee. Strasburg, Va. 1961.

pp. 273-274. The Grayson family of Virginia and Kentucky is of English or Scottish extraction. Yorkshire, England, appears to be the true early home of the family. However, members of the family lived in Scotland. The poll tax lists of Yorkshire, England, as of the year 1379, bear the names of Thomas Grayson, Johannes Grayfson, Thomas Grayfson, Emma Grefeson, Mary Grayson and George Grayson resided at Salwicke, England, in 1639 and John Greason lived at Leonaster, England in 1637.

1. Benjamin Grayson was the first of the name who emigrated to the American colonies of which there is any known record. He was believed to have come from Scotland. He settled in Prince William County, Va., where he was a merchant and acquired great wealth. He m. first, Susan or Susanna Monroe, a daughter of Andrew Monroe and great aunt of President James Monroe, and m. secondly, Mrs. Linton, a widow. (* Note by DFW. This tradition has been disproven.)

Children of Benjamin Grayson and his wife, Susan Monroe:

2. Benjamin Grayson, Jr.

3. Spence Grayson

*4. William Grayson

5. Susan Monroe Grayson.

4. William Grayson was b. Prince William County, Virginia, in 1726, was graduated from the College of Philadelphia in 1760 and is said to have studied law at the Temple in London. Entering the service of his country during the Revolutionary War, he was aid-de-camp to General Washington in 1776; was commissioned colonel on the Continental Line in 1777; and later, in 1779, was one of the Commissioners of the Board of War. He was elected as a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and was president of that body in 1788. Upon the organization of the Federal Government, he was chosen by Virginia as one of the two first United States Senators - Richard Henry Lee being the other one.

Colonel Grayson m. Eleanor (Hebe) Smallwood, one of the five sisters of Captain Heaberd Smallwood of Charles County, Maryland. Captain Smallwood had service in the Revolutionary War on the Maryland State Line.

Children of Colonel William Grayson and his wife, Eleanor Smallwood:

6. William Grayson d. without issue.

*7. George W. Grayson

*8. Robert H. Grayson

9. Heaberd S. Grayson. Very little has been learned concerning him.

*10. Alfred Grayson

*11. Hebe Smallwood Grayson; m. Robert Wormerly Carter of Loudoun County, Virginia. (See Carter Family)

Will of Martha H. Grayson

In the name of God Amen. I, Martha H. Grayson of Albemarle County, being of sound mind and memory, do make this last will and Testament, in and form as follows: To wit -

Item 1st. I direct that all my just debts be paid by my executor herein after named

Item 2nd. I give unto Sally Martin the following negroes: Newman, Susan, Elijah and Seth. Also two horses all my stock of every description, household and kitchen furniture during her natural life or as long as she may remain single but in case she should marry no longer. And at her death or marriage the above named negroes with their increase to be equally divided between William Sutherland, Jr., William Martin, Matthew Martin and John Martin the last named three children of Sally Martin.

Item. 3rd. I give unto William Sutherland, Edward Sutherland, Joseph Sutherland, Jr., William Martin, Matthew Martin and John Martin the following negroes: , Jim, Judy, Mary and Lindsay, also the increase in those I have given Sally Martin. If there should be any in ten years after my death to be equally divided between them.

Item the 4th. I give unto Joseph Sutherland, Sen^r., all the money that may be in his hands at my death or that may be coming to me from the estate of William Grayson, dec'd.

Item the 5th. I give unto William Sutherland, Edward Sutherland, Joseph Sutherland, Jr., William Martin, Matthew Martin and John Martin ~~and~~ the residue of my estate wherever found. I that no division of my estate be made until ten years after my death but remain in the possession of Sally Martin and her children for their support except something should occur to make it necessary and proper that a division should earlier be made and, in that case, I fully empower my executor to my property to be divided as herein directed. My request that my man Newman be hired out if he desire it. Lastly, I constitute and appoint Joseph Sutherland, Sr., and William Sutherland my Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 15 day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Witness:

Garrett White
E.L. Williams

Martha H. Grayson (seal)

At a court held of Albemarle County the 2 day of Jan'y 1843 the foregoing last will and Testament of Martha H. Grayson was proved by E.L. Williams and the hand writings of the other witnesses G. White proved by Mo. White and B.P. Mates and the same was ordered to be recorded.

Will Book 13 p. 3
A Copy teste
Shelby G. Marshall

Teste,

Ira Garrett cc

Dec. 17, 1957 M. K. Gordon to John D. Grayson, Esq.
3208 Michigan Blvd.
Racine, Wis.

Excerpt

"Wytheville, Va. was founded in 1790, when Wythe Co. was erected. It was first called "EVNASHAM." Wytheville was the place of residence of Nancy Hall and her husband William Hall. They were the parents of Ambrose Hall. My grand-father, Ambrose Grayson Gordon (1803-1860) so stated in a memorandum made in 1850 and that she was a dau. of John Grayson and a sister of his grandmother, Elizabeth Grayson, wife of John Gordon II, his grandfather.

In the same memorandum, it was stated that William Gordon, brother of his father, John Gordon III (1774-1824) was born in Wythe Co., Feb. 21, 1779.

Wythe Co., Va. is near Montgomery Co., erected 1770, and only the small county of Pulaski (1839) lies between Wythe and Montgomery, and probably Pulaski came off of Montgomery. At any rate, all of these counties and Kentucky came off of Fincastle Co., Va. extinct in 1777.

In the Fincastle Loose Papers Military Lists, now in Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., it appears that on Nov. 10, 1777, John Grayson was sworn into Capt. McCorkel's Co., in the Fincastle Militia by Stephen Trigg; and so had Rev. service. I think this service was in the Cherokee campaign.

John Grayson produced his certificate to the County Court of Fincastle for making 5070 pounds of tobacco in 1773. Fincastle Minute Book I (6) p. 104.

Oct. 19, 1796, John Grayson received a grant of 168 acres on Clapboard Creek, a branch of New River, in Montgomery.

New River runs through Pulaski and Wythe as well as Montgomery. His son, John Grayson, Jr., on Nov., 1789 received a grant in Montgomery on New River below the mouth of Clapboard Creek.

I can give you the book and page for these grants if important to you.

On Jan. 2, 1800, John Grayson made his will, proved at the October term 1802. Montgomery Will Book I, p. 156) I have here a photostat of the record of this will. He desired that he be buried near where his late deceased wife lies interred; he states that his eldest daughters Betty and Lucy have already received all and everything he ever designed or intended for them to have, and gives to his youngest son John Grayson, Jr. for the term of 3 years, and no longer, all his estate; and at the expiration of 3 years the whole estate is to be divided between his children: John to take the Cathole survey, and another tract held by testator in partnership with William Hall of Wythe County lying on Fall Banks of New River and the negro girl Judah, and the remainder of the estate to be equally divided among his 4 children: John, William, Mary and Nancy.

James Gordon is a witness to this will (he was the son of John Gordon I, d. 1786, testate). I have photostat of the inventory of John Grayson's estate, also of the will and estate of his son, William, probated August term 1801 (Montgomery W. B. I, p. 116)

intestate in Spotsylvania in 1735. I have a photostat of the original inventory of his estate showing the autograph of John Gordon as an appraiser, whom I assume to have been my ancestor, John I. I have found Graysons in Cumberland, Yorkshire and Lancashire, but cannot identify John I or his brothers or sisters, if any.

Thomas Grayson, Merchant, Deal, County Kent, England, was the eldest son of John Grayson of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, later of Spotsylvania Co. and I inherited and conveyed his father's land as his eldest son.

It looks to me that you are descended from one of the sons of John Grayson II of Montgomery Co., Va. (d. 1802) through John, Jr. or one of his sons, or the sons of William (son of John, Sr.) who died 1801, named in his will as Billy, Reuben, John and Ambrose Grayson.

I have never tried to trace any except my own direct line of descent, and that has been quite an extensive undertaking and so know nothing of the collaterals.

But I hope I have opened a field of research for someone possessed of more sapience, patience and diligence, and more time than is mine.

I hope some of your connection will be interested, and if they can trace the origin of Ambrose Grayson of Spotsylvania, who died in 1743, and his wife, Alice James, (widow) and of Barbara, wife of John Grayson, b. circa 1727; d. 1802; I shall be glad to have their data, and be grateful and well paid for this long letter.

Y
Marriages of Some Graysons Before 1800

- Alfred, son of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood); m. ____ Breckinridge of Ky. 5T207.
- Alice m. 26 Aug., 1744, James Stevens, Spotsylvania Co. Mar. License.
- Alice (____) widow of Ambrose, m. James Stevens. Proven by Deed, 1752, Spotsylvania Co.
- Ambrose m. bef. 1 Nov., 1726, Alice (____) James, widow of John, who d. bef. 24 March, 1725, when William McConico gave bond as admr. of his estate. Spotsylvania Co. Records prove the marriage.
- Benjamin, d. 1757; res. Westmoreland Co.; m. (1) Susan (Susannah) Monroe, b. ca 1695; d. 1751, dau. of Andrew; he was her 3rd husband; m. (2) ____ (____) Sinton. 5T195, 196, 3W(2)174. (DFW: Prob. the widow Linton.)
- Benjamin, b. 6 Nov., 1761, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); rem. to Ky.; res. Nelson Co., Ky.; m. in Ky., Caroline Taylor. 5T261
- Beverley Robinson, b. 3 Sept., 1782, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. ____ (Chew) Bowie of Patuxent River, Md.; rem. to Miss. 5T268.
- Catherine, b. 5 April, 1760, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener), m. John Hedgman of Stafford Co. 5T261.
- Elizabeth, dau. of William (d. 1829). m. Joseph Sutherland. Albemarle p. 199.
- Elizabeth m. 18 April, 1731, Thomas Hill. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.
- Frances m. Botetourt Co., 1796, James Elliott. Kegley, p. 597.
- Hebe, dau. of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood) m. John Carter of Loudoun Co. and Ky. 5T207.
- Joseph, son of William, who d. 1829, m. Rhoda White, dau. of Daniel, who d. 1818. Albemarle, pp. 214, 343.
- Judith, b. Dec., 1780, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener), m. George Walton Lindsay of Colchester; d. 1817/8, Washington, D. C. 5T267
- Mary m. 20 Oct., 1726, John Catlett. He m. (1) bef. 20 Oct., 1706, Elizabeth Taliaferro, dau. of John. Proven by Court Records, Essex Co.; 28V72; 11T13.
- Sarah m. 20 March, 1769, Benjamin Ainsley; both of Goochland. Douglas Register, p. 11.
- Spence, Minister, b. 1734; d. Dec., 1798, son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Mary Elizabeth Wagener, dau. of Dr. Peter. 5T196, 197.
- He, b. 1732, Prince William Co.; m. Mary Elizabeth Wagner. DAR No. 56 009.
- Spence m. 1 June, 1799, Betsey Bowler. Sur. Thomas Baker. Norfolk Co. Mar. Bond.
- Spence Monroe, b. 17 May, 1774; d. 1809, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. ____ Blount of Alexandria, Va. 5T266.
- Susan, dau. of Capt. William, m. (1) Isaac Wood, son of William; m. (2) ____ Tomlin. Albemarle pp. 214, 349.
- Susan Monroe, dau. of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe), m. 1761, John Orr, b. 25 July, 1726, son of Rev. Alexander Orr of Waterside, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and Agnes (Dalrymple). 4T49; 5T208; 13T 258.

Susan Monroe, b. 29 May, 1768; d. 1823, dau. of Rev. Spence Grayson and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener), m. 11 Feb., 1793, Lund Washington, b. 25 Sept., 1767; d. 4 April, 1853, son of Robert and Alice (Strother). 5T263; 11T119; 23V100; 33V156; 3W(2)174.

Susannah m. 1731, _____ Linton. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.

Thomas m. 11 July, 1788, Jenny Field, spinster. Sur. William Buster. Albemarle Co. Mar. Bond. Jane Field was dau. of Robert, who d. 1824. Albemarle, p. 194.

William bought land, 1764, Albemarle Co.; d. 1829, age 97; m. Ann Smith, dau. of Thomas. Albemarle, p. 214.

William, b. 26 June, 1766; d. 1806, Washington, D. C., son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. his cousin, Mary Wagener. 5T263.

William, Col., b. 1736, Prince William Co.; d. 12 March, 1790, Dumfries, Va., son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Eleanor Smallwood, (not Hebe), sis of Hebard Smallwood, whose will was dated 1778, Charles Co., Md., and dau. of Gen. Smallwood of Md. 5T205, 207; 8T119-20.

Code for References:

Albemarle	"Albemarle County in Virginia," by Rev. Woods. 1932.
DAR	Lineage Books of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
Douglas Register	"The Douglas Register," edited by W. Jones. 1928.
Kegley	"Kegley's Virginia Frontier," by Frederick Bittle Kegley. 1938
T	"Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine," edited by Lyon G. Tyler
V	"The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," a quarterly by the Virginia Historical Society. 1893-
W	"The William and Mary Quarterly," published by William and Mary College.

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(Continued from page 155)

11. George W. Grayson	37	M	Farmer	??	Wayne	519	134
Cathrine	33	F		??			
Mary E.	14	F		??			
James	12	M		??			
Thomas J.	10	M		??			
William	8	M		??			
Rheubin	6	M		??			
Squire	4	M		??			
Martha A.	2	F		??			
Elizabeth Jane	20	F		Ala.			
12. Sarah R. Grayson	33	F		Miss.	Yazoo	977	139
Thomas F.	16	M	Student	??			
Francis F.	37	M	Lawyer	Tenn.			
13. Mary J. Grayson	28	F		Va.	Yazoo	993	301
???? A.	12	M		Miss.			
Mary	10	F		Miss.			
Robert E.	7	M		Miss.			

Note: Greeson Hinds County Family No. 1654
 Gresham W. Chickasaw County Family No. 637
 " W. Choctaw County Family No. 474 and 501
 " Copiah County Family No. 920
 " Itawamba County Family No. 975
 " Jefferson County Family No. 501
 " Kemper County Family No. 6, 7 & 8
 " W. Monroe County Family No. 107
 " Pontotoc County Family No. 723
 " Tippah County Family No. 44, 212 and 318
 " N. Tishomingo County Family No. 1076, 1077 and 1078
 " S. Tishomingo County Family No. 159
 " Yazoo County Family No. 8, 18 and 447

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Page 172:

Welcome to new member Mrs. W. Harry Sutherland (Evelyn W.) whose husband's ancestor was Joseph Sutherland who married Elizabeth Grayson, the daughter of Capt. William Grayson and his wife Ann Smith. See the next page for a family sheet on Wm.

Back issues will now be available at a premium: \$5.00 each. There were 12 numbers in Volume 1. "Each" refers to each number.

Thanks to Leon Brooks for his philanthropic contribution, number 4..

Page 173:

Mrs. Underwood drew my attention to page 24 which is missing from the last issue between pages 166 and 167. I am printing the missing page in the current issue.

Pages 174-5:

On the 2 pages following I have summarized some of what I know about Benjamin Grayson, sr., of Wilkes county, N.C., who was probably the father of my great great great grandfather, Wren Grayson, sr., of Westport, Indiana. Recently I offered a hundred dollar reward in the Genealogical Helper to anyone who could tell me the parents of Benjamin, but there have been no takers. I plan to summarize the children, one by one, in future issues, of Benjamin Grayson, sr., of Wilkes.

Page 176:

Thanks to Howard E. Grayson for the lists of Grayson places. Don't forget the many Grayson places listed throughout all the past Newsletters. These places are valuable in that they were named after people named Grayson and in some cases clues to our ancestors can be found by researching the origin of the place name.

Pages 177-185:

Next is a nice 9-page letter (1974) from John Abbott which traces a number of Tennessee Graysons.

Page 186:

Next a good letter from Robin Bandy with 3 more Grayson places and a query about Thomas Grayson and Jennie Field.

Pages 187-190:

Howard Grayson in the last Newsletter, page 153, said that a Joel Grayson was a neighbor to his ancestors in Yell county, Ark. It is not clear which Graysons. Joel seemed to be an uncommon name so I have retrieved 4 family sheets of Joel Graysons and printed them. Perhaps these will help.

I am out of material from correspondents for the next Newsletter. Please everybody, write something and send it in.

*WILLIAM GRAYSON (CAPT.)

1737

-1829

son of Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰

JOHN GRAYSON

1753

or 1766-3-21 - 1840-10-18

m. Ida Sutherland

ANN SMITH

m. 1777

daughter of Thomas Smith

see next page

THOMAS GRAYSON

-1796

m. Jenny Field 1788-7-11

1. [Woods: History of Albemarle Co, VA-103-1]

[Virginians in the Revolution] Thwathmay

a Captain in the Militia,

1764 Va, Alb. Co, bought land

from John Robinson

family as shown according to Woods.

Woods gives his birthdate as 1732,

but Leon Brooks says he died in 1829 age 92.

2. [OAR Patriot Index, p.282]

Wm. Grayson, Capt., Va,

b 1732 d 1829, m. Ann Smith

3. see: Albemarle Co, Va

Court Booklet p.2, p.43

Commissioner's Bk I

II

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MARTHA GRAYSON

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

m. Joseph Sutherland 1770
ch: Joseph, Susan

SUSAN GRAYSON

-1832

m. Isaac Wood, son John
m/2 — Tomlin

JOSEPH GRAYSON *

m. Rhoda White

4. 1828-10-1 Va, Albemarle

The will of William: see next page

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Oklahoma City
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is related somehow to William Grayson, who owned a tannery yard in Albemarle Co, Va, about 1800, and lived next to the Berry family, with whom they went to Barren Co, Ky.

6. Mrs. J. D. Copeland
1529 Bradford Terrace
Portsmouth, Va.

is a descendant of John⁹.

7. 1767-3-21 Va, Albe. Co, Wm. was a witness in Augusta Co, Va.

8. Mrs Dorothy Wulfeck
51 Park Ave
Naugatuck, Conn

is a descendant of Wm.⁹, is interested in genealogy, and edits a column in the Va. Gazette.

Samuel Thompson married Susan Grayson, daughter of John Grayson in Montgomery 3 Jan., 1775. Worrell's Montgomery Co., Mar., p. 40.

John Grayson, Jr. and his wife, Sarah (born Sarah Carter, March, 1792 Worrell's, p. 19) conveyed to Andrew Thompson of Wythe County 200 acres in Wythe County - August 12, 1806.

The above John Grayson, Sr. who died in 1802 was the eldest son of Ambrose Grayson, who died testate in Spotsylvania County, 1743. I have photostat of his will.

Ambrose Grayson in late 1726 married Alice James, widow of John James, who died testate in early 1726. Reference, if desired.

I have never been able to find the record of the marriage of John James which would show the premarital name of his wife Alice.

She may have been the daughter of Miles James, Sr. of Barbados, or she may have been Alice Taliaferro; (guess work). At any rate, John, son of Ambrose was under guardianship in 1743 and his mother Alice was his guardian. He married Barbara ____ about 1747, I should guess. I have no record. But he and Barbara sold and conveyed their lands on Massaponax adjoining Francis Taliaferro, Oct. 2, 1750; and on Nov. 24, 1767, John Grayson and Barbara, his wife, conveyed to John Gordon 216 acres in Culpeper adjoining land conveyed by John Grayson to Joseph Strother and John Gordon and Betty, his wife conveyed the same land to John Lillard, March 17, 1768.

I have photostats of these deeds and others and can give record references if desired.

This was John Gordon II, who married Elizabeth Grayson according to a memorandum of Ambrose G. Gordon, to which I have referred above. He was a soldier, first in the militia (associated with Stephen Trigg in Virginia). He and Stephen Trigg later were both killed as members of the militia of Lincoln County, Va. (now Kentucky) at the Battle of Blue Licks, 19 Aug., 1782. John Gordon at some interval in his revolutionary service in Virginia, came to Lincoln Co., Ky. and raised corn in 1777, on Shawnee Run, a branch of Dix River (now in Mercer Co., Ky.) and received a head right of 400 acres and pre-emption of 1,000 acres, subsequently granted to him. I have copy of these records.

It seems that on his way westward, John II and Elizabeth Grayson Gordon were in Bedford Co., Va., in 1774, for our Bible shows that their son John Gordon III was born in Bedford in that year, and I have shown that their son, William, was born in Wythe in 1779. An elder son, Ambrose Grayson Gordon, served as 1st Lt. in the Va. Continental line. I have my grandfather's listing of other children of John Gordon II. After his death, his widow and children sold their land at Gordon's Station (Blackhouse) in Mercer Co. and came to Hopkins Co. (then in Henderson Co.) in 1797. My grandfather, Ambrose Grayson Gordon, was born here 1803, son of John Gordon III and Elizabeth Janet Wright, daughter of David Wright, Jr. and his wife, Sarah Talbot of Bedford, in 1782. I have the record of this marriage.

I do not know the relationship of the above Ambrose Grayson to John Grayson of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co., Va., present there in 1700, vestryman in 1714, and removed to Spotsylvania in 1717, but Ambrose, Benjamin, Mary and John are said to have "landed in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co. in June 1690." I have not located any record of this nor of the origin of this John Grayson I, who died

BENJAMIN GRAYSON, SENIOR, of Wilkes county, N.C..

by R. R. Grayson, M.D.

Benjamin Grayson first appears on 7 Dec. 1778 in the Wilkes county land book, entry no. 530, where Benjamin entered 400 acres of land on King's Creek adjoining the land of Edmond Tilley.

It is of interest that in the same month and the same year, a Joseph Grayson entered land in the county adjoining, that is, in Burke county. On 31 Dec. 1778 Joseph Grayson entered 100 acres of land lying on both sides of a branch of the first Little Broad River in Burke county. (Grant no. 387, book 44, p. 153.).

The second record of Benjamin Grayson in Wilkes county was 19 June 1779 for entry of 150 acres of land next to Edmond Tilley, no. 1038.

In 1784 on November 9th, in file no. 544, the state of N. C. granted to Benjamin Grayson 290 acres of land in Wilkes county on King's Creek near Edmond Tilley's farm.

Mrs. Mary Hammersmith of Naperville, Ill., has done a reconstruction of the map of the area and has written that the farm of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes containing 290 acres, was adjacent to Joseph and William Helt and to Edmond Tilley. Benjamin Grayson's land was on the then Burke-Wilkes county line. This area is now within Caldwell county.

On July 31st, 1784, the Board of auditors of the State of N. C. paid Benjamin Grayson 9 pounds for militia service in the Morgan district.

Tax lists from Wilkes county show Benjamin Grayson every year from 1785 through 1800. In the year 1799 he was listed as Benjamin Grayson, senior. In 1799 also, a Benjamin Grayson, junior, was on the tax list for the first and only time, with zero acres and 1 poll. Benjamin, sr., had 290 acres and no polls that year.

In the first census, 1787, Benjamin Grayson was listed as 1 male age 21-60; 5 males under 21, and 3 females. In the 1790 census, there were 3 males over 16, 2 males under 16, and 2 females.

In the same year, 1790, John Grayson appears in Wilkes county in his own household as 1 male over 16 and 1 female.

Joseph Grayson appears on the 1794 tax list for the first time, then Jesse Grayson appears in 1797.

In the 1800 census Benjamin Grayson is listed: 1 male over 45, 1 male 16-26, and 1 female over 45. John Grayson, Joseph Grayson, and Benjamin Grayson, jr. are gone in the 1800 census. Jesse Grayson was present as 3 males 16-26, 1 male under 10, 2 females under 10, and 1 female 16-26.

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The birth year of Benjamin Grayson, sr., was sometime between 1727 and 1755. This is calculated as follows: In 1787 he was listed as under age 60 ($1787-60=1727$) and in 1800 he was ~~under~~^{over} age 45 ($1800-45=1755$).

A William Grayson first appeared in Wilkes county in the 1800 census as 1 male 26-45, 3 males under 10, 2 females under 10, and 1 female 16-26. In the 1810 census, William Grayson was age 26-45, and in the 1820 census of Wilkes county, William was over 45. William Grayson was therefore born sometime from 1755-1775. (Under 45 in 1800; $1800-45=1755$; over 45 in 1820; $1820-45=1775$.)

William Grayson attested to the handwriting of Jesse Grayson 15 Sept. 1802 in a deed recorded in Wilkes county in the May term of 1806

A new John Grayson presumably the son of William Grayson, appeared in the 1810 census a few doors away from William: 1 male 16-26 (born 1784-1794).

A new Benjamin Grayson appears in 1820 near William and John born 1794-1804.

A new Joseph Grayson appears nearby in 1820, born 1794-1804, also.

Inferences: Benjamin Grayson, sr. entered land in Wilkes county the same year that Joseph Grayson, who was probably his brother, entered land in Burke county. Joseph Grayson became the patriarch of the Rutherford county Graysons.

Benjamin Grayson, sr., had 5 sons and 2 daughters. The sons were John, Joseph, Jesse, and Benjamin, jr., and one other. The names of the daughters are unknown. The 5th son was apparently at home in 1800 at the time when a William Grayson appeared with his own family in the Wilkes census. The 5th son in 1800 was aged 16-26. The 5th son was thus born 1778-1784. This age is compatible with the known birth of Wren Grayson, sr., born 1782. Wren Grayson is the probable 5th son of Benjamin Grayson, sr., therefore.

William Grayson of Wilkes in 1800, therefore is not a son of Benjamin, but might have been a brother. The "new Graysons", John, Benjamin, and Joseph, in 1810 and 1820, were sons of William Grayson.

Grayson City/Town Place NamesSource: Rand McNally World Atlas-National Archives-1974 Edition

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>
1. Grayson	Ala.	Winston	Double Springs
2. Grayson	Calif.	Stanislaus	Modesto
3. Grayson	Ga.	Gwinnett	Lawrenceville
4. Grayson	Ill.	Saline	Harrisburg
5. Grayson	Ky.	Carter	Grayson
6. Grayson Springs	Ky.	Grayson	Leitchfield
7. Grayson	La.	Caldwell	Columbia
8. Grason	Md.	St. Marys	Leonardtown
9. Grasonville	Md.	Queen Ann	Centreville
10. Grayson	Mo.	Clinton	Plattsburg
11. Grayson	N. C.	Ashe	Jefferson
12. Grayson	Ohio	Miami	Troy
13. Grayson	Oklahoma	Okmulgee	Okmulgee
14. Greeson	Penn.	Cumberland	Carlise
15. Graysontown	Va.	Montgomery	Christianburg

Source: Rand McNally World Atlas-National Archives-1912 Edition

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>County Seat</u>
1. Grayson	Ala.	Henry	Abbeville
2. Graysonia	Ark.	Clark	Arkadelphia
3. Grayson	Ark.	Crittenden	Marion
4. Grayson	Ga.	Gwinnett	Lawrenceville
5. Grayson	Oklahoma	McIntosh	Eufaula
6. Grayson	Ohio	Miami	Troy
7. Grayson	Iowa	Boone	Boone
8. Grayson	Ill.	Saline	Harrisburg
9. Grayson	Ky.	Carter	Grayson
10. Grayson Springs	Ky.	Grayson	Leitchfield
11. Grayson Springs Station	Ky.	Grayson	Leitchfield
12. Grasons	Md.	St. Marys	Leonardtown
13. Grayson	Mo.	Clinton	Plattsburg
14. Grayson	Nebraska	Sheridan	Rushville
15. Grayson	La.	~~XXX~~ Caldwell	Columbia
16. Grayson	N. C.	Ashe	Jefferson
17. Greason	Penn.	Cumberland	Carlise
18. Grayson	Utah	San Juan	Monticello
19. Grayson	Va.	Carroll	Hillsville
20. Grayson Creek*	Calif.	Near Oakland	

* Not a City/Town but a creek.

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A SEARCH FOR THE ANCESTORS OF JOHN GRAYSON
(of Tennessee and Ouachita Co. Ark.)

According to family tradition, (1) John Grayson and wife Sara Fricks Grayson together with their children, came from Hamilton Co. Tenn. to Ouachita Co. Arkansas, about 1860. He is said to have brought \$1500.00 in gold which he used to buy a large amount of land near Goodhope for 25¢ an acre. He settled on this land, but just where is not known at this time.

They were buried at White Church Cemetery, Nevada County, Arkansas, just across the county line a few miles south west of Goodhope. There is no marker at the graves, but an iron fence was around the site until a few years prior to 1970, when it fell into disrepair and was removed. The location of the fence is known.

John Grayson had a brother, Thomas Grayson, who also came to Ouachita County, from Tennessee apparently settling north of Chidester in the Missouri Church area. He and his wife and several descendants are buried in Stinnets Cemetery at Missouri Church.

Some of the children of John Grayson were Franz, George, Thomas, Henry, Z. T., Mary, and another girl. (1)

Some of the children of Tom Grayson were Jim and John.

The above data was all the information the writer had to start the search for John Grayson's ancestors.

Goodspeed's History of South Arkansas (1890) has two references to John and Sallie Fricks Grayson. The first (Z. T. Grayson) says he was a native of Hamilton Co., Tenn., moved to Ouachita Co. Arkansas in 1861, and was a sheriff in Tenn. for several years. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He died in 1882 in his 63rd year, his wife died in 1873. He was a Mason, in politics, first a Whig and afterward a Republican and a Union man in the Civil War. This account

(1) Powell Clayton Grayson, Stephens, Ark., G. Son of John Grayson.

says there were eight sons and three daughters, a partial list as follows:

- James - (was killed in Prices raid through Missouri)
- Francis - (the eldest, died in Ouachita Co. in his 40th year)
- Elizabeth - (the wife of John C. Alexander, of Ouachita Co.)
- Jack - (died when a young man in Tennessee)
- Henry L. - (a farmer in Ouachita Co.)
- George W. - (engaged in tilling the soil in Washington)
- Zachariah Taylor - (postmaster at Prescott, Ark.)

Seven of the sons served in the Confederate Army.

The second account in Goodspeeds History of South Arkansas (Henry L. Grayson) says John Grayson was born in 1807 in Tennessee. He was a farmer and for a number of years was a deputy sheriff in Tennessee. He came to Ouachita Co. in 1859, purchased 500 acres and later added 400 acres. His wife's name is given as Sarah Frix. He was a Mason, and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John died in 1881 and Sarah in 1875. They had five sons and four daughters, some of whom were:

- Mary A. - (wife of William Donaldson, a farmer of Washington)
- Martha J. - (wife of James M. Douglas, a farmer of Ouachita Co.)
- Henry L. - (a farmer of Ouachita Co., Ark.)
- Thomas J. - (a farmer of Ouachita Co., Ark.)
- George W. - (a farmer of Clark Col, Ark.)
- Zachariah Taylor - (Postmaster of Prescott, Ark.)

You will note that these two accounts differ in some respects and neither gives a complete list of children.

A check of 1830 Census of Hamilton Co., Tenn. fails to show the John Grayson family.

The family does appear in the 1840 Census of Hamilton Co. The 1850 Hamilton County Census gives probably the most accurate information available about the family as follows:

John Grayson	- 43 M Deputy Sheriff b. Tenn.
Sarah	43 F
Francis	20 M Farming b. 1830
Mary	18 F
John	16 M
James	15 M
Elizabeth	14 F
Jane	11 F
Henry	10 M
George	8 M
Thomas	7 M
Zachariah	2 M

The 1840 Census of Hamilton Co. shows a Henry Grayson b. 1800-1810 and family and possibly a Daniel Grayson? and wife, both born 1820-1825.

(1) Monroe Co. - William Grayson, b. 1760-1770 & family

John Grayson b. 1790-1800 & family

Joseph Grayson b. 1790-1800 & family

Henry Grayson b. 1800-1810 & family

(It seems likely that John, Joseph, and Henry above are married sons of William and if that is correct he is not the father of the subject since his son John is too old and also had several children in 1830.)

(1) Later comparisons lead me to believe that this William Grayson and related families are the ones who show up in Wilkes Co., N.C. thru 1820 census but are missing in the 1830 census.

Marion Co. (1830 Census)

Benjamin Grayson & family age not given wife b. 1730-1790.

Henry Grayson & family b. 1790-1800.

Jessie Grayson & family b. 1770-1790.

Patsy Grayson & family - widow - b. 1770-1780.

No other Grayson families showed up in surrounding counties.

1880 Census, Ouachita County, Ark. was searched for John Grayson. He was found living with his daughter and son in law, James M. Douglas and Martha Jane Grayson Douglas. This Census shows John Grayson's father and mother both being born in N. C. Since John Grayson was born in 1807, his father must have been born before 1790.

The Census of N. C. shows only two Grayson families both living in Wilkes County as follows:

Benjamin Grayson (est. b. 1750-1755)

2 boys - b. before 1775

2 boys - b. between 1775 & 1790

1 wife

1 girl

John Grayson & wife - (no children only age is over 16)

(Probably a married son of Benjamin)

It seems probable that John Grayson, above or one of the four boys still at home with Benjamin Grayson was John Grayson's (1807) father.

A trip to Nashville and Chattanooga revealed the following data concerning John Grayson:

1. John Grayson was a land owner in Hamilton Co. in the early 1830's.

2. was a deputy sheriff at Chattanooga for a number of years and his name is on many legal documents in the county records as a witness, etc.
3. was a commissioner to lay out the town of Harrison, Hamilton County (1) and his name appears on many of the old lot deeds as the lots were sold.
4. Old Harrison, Tenn. cemetery records show:

George W. Grayson d. 27 July 1841, 27 years old.

(2) F. L. Grayson b. 26 Jan. 1833 d. Oct. 1852.

(2)(3) John F. Grayson b. 26 Jan. 1833 d. 10 Oct. 1852.

(A visit to the cemetery failed to reveal any headstones.)

5. Hamilton Co. Records Book 11, Page 349, a document some what like a quit claim deed. Seems John Grayson & George Grayson had a joint interest in some land and George conveyed to John but the deed was never filed. George died (probably the George W. Grayson buried at Harrison.) The heirs of George Grayson in the deed were John Grayson, Thomas Grayson and Mary Lassiter of Blount County, Tenn.

A limited and incomplete search of Marion County Tenn. records revealed the following data concerning the Graysons:

1. Book A, Page 100

Patsy Grayson & heirs from Joseph Grayson. Will, 10 Sept. 1822, proven 22 May 1823.

Patsy-wife, James Grayson & V. Joseph Grayson, sons, possibly younger children.

Patsy Grayson, Henry Grayson & Benjamin Grayson, Exect.

Jessie Grayson & Henry Grayson, witnesses.

- (3) Fits John on 1850 Census and Jack as reported by Goodspeed.
- (2) Dates are obviously incorrect.
- (1) Harrison is 12 miles up river from Chattanooga. Town and Cemetery moved when lakes formed.

2. Joseph Grayson apparently had proved a land grant of 70 acres on the Sequatchie River. This land is mentioned several times in other land grants to Benjamin Grayson (1824) and others.
3. Jesse Grayson from State of Tenn. 200 acres NW side Sequatchie River. 9 June 1826. Grant #1613.
4. Many land transactions by Benjamin Grayson (sometimes Benjamin F. Grayson even in same document) and Henry Grayson in 1820s, 30s, and 40s.
5. A deed from John Grayson to Matty B. Warren 8 Jan. 1834 - 130 acres - \$650.00 on N.W. side of Sequatchie River.

Bledsoe County, Tenn. 1860 Census shows:

Johnsey Lassiter 64 b. Tenn.

Mary 60 b. N.C.

Nancy 29 b. Tenn.

Thomas 18 b. Tenn.

Milly Lassiter 87 b. N.C.

Another look at 1830 Census of Marion County this time looking for Lassiter and Fricks as well as Graysons revealed Johnsey Lassiter and family and Henry Fricks and family living amongst the Grayson families previously mentioned as follows:

	MALES									FEMALES									Census Page
	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60		
Laaniter, Johnacy	0	2	2	1	0	1				0	1	0	0	1				50	
Grayson, Benjamin	1	2	1	1						0	1	1	0	0	0	1		51	
Grayson, Patsy	0	0	1	0	1					0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	51	
Grayson, Jesse	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	1		0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	51	
Grayson, Henry	2	1	0	0	0	1				0	1	0	0	0	1			63	
FRICKS, Henry	2	2	3	1	1	0	1			0	1	1	1	1	0	1		51	

John Grayson (1807) married Sarah Fricks and their first child, a son, was born in 1830. Since no John Grayson is listed separately here or in adjoining counties, it seems probable that John married a neighbor girl, daughter of Henry Fricks, and the family was living with Henry Fricks in 1830 (1 boy 0-5; 1 M. 20-30; 1 F. 20-30). This is consistent with the Census.

Mary, John's sister married Johnsey Lassiter and was living in Bladsoe Co. in the 1850's but in Marion Co. in 1830, probably near her family.

Patsy Grayson was the widow of Joseph Grayson (Goodspeed) and mother of Benjamin and Henry.

That leaves Jesse as likely to be the father of John, Thomas, Mary and George. In 1830, age groups in Jesse's family do not fit John and his family so, Mary was in her own household. George was born in 1815 and could be the 15-20 yr. old boy of Jesse. Thomas Grayson was born in 1820, and could be one of the 5-10 yr. old boys of Jesse. The two 20-30 year old males in Jesse's family probably were hired help. If this is true, then from 1830 to about 1850, Jesse and his wife, one 5-10 yr. old boy, and three girls died, since George's only heirs in 1854 were John, Thomas, and Mary.

A trip to North Carolina and a search of land records in Wilkes Co. show the following:

1. 1784 - Benjamin Grayson granted 290 acres by N.C. on Kings Creek in Wilkes Co. (Benjamin Grayson 1790 Census)
2. 1791 - John Grayson bought land in Wilkes Co. and apparently sold all his land before 1800. (He does not appear in 1800 Census)
3. Jesse Grayson bought land in 1796 and apparently sold out about 1805.
4. William Grayson - land grant - 1800 and 1815, and bought land in 1799, 1801, & 1807. He sold land in 1824.

All of above land was on Kings Creek.

It seems from the above that, John, Jesse, and William were most likely sons of Benjamin, and if so, accounts for all but two of the males in the 1790 census. Who were the others and where did they go?

Correspondence with Mr. Otto Grayson of Marion Co., Tenn., brought a photo copy from a biographical History showing Joseph Grayson m. Elizabeth Brazil and lived in Anderson Co. and Knox Co., (before Anderson formed) later moving to Blaine Co. and then to Marion Co. Printed data on two of their sons, James (History of Texas, Dallas Library) and William H. (above biographical History) show that they are not the parents of John, Thomas, Mary & George. However they were living adjacent to Jesse, in 1830. Where was Jesse from 1805 to 1825?

A check of records in Knox County revealed following:

1. Joseph Grayson m. Patty Breazeale 10 Dec. 1798.

2. Tax list. 1806 Jesse Grayson
John Grayson
Benjamin Grayson

1807 John Grayson
Benjamin Grayson
William Grayson

1812 John Grisson

1826 William Grayson

1827 John Grayson

1828 John Grayson

3. 1830 Census shows only John Grayson and wife, both 60 to 70 years old.

Grainger Co. records have many references to a James Grayson and family from 1800 - 1810 to 20. Another reference is to a James Grayson and wife Elizabeth in this area as early as 1792.

From all this I am of the opinion now that it is probable that Benjamin Grayson's (1790 census) sons were, John, Jesse, Joseph, William, and possibly James and Ben.

In 1790, John and Ben (1790) with 4 sons at home were living in Wilkes Co. James had probably already crossed the mountains to Tenn.

The Benjamin appearing in Knox Co. in 1806 and 1807 could very likely be Benjamin (1790) since he had far more land than the other. (600 acres.) However, he could have been a son of the Ben in 1790 N.C. Census.

In any event it looks like Joseph and his brother (assumed) Jesse moved on down the river to Marion County, stopping off in Bladscoe Co. for awhile.

Bladscoe Co. tax list show Ben Grayson and a Perry Grayson in 1815. These are Ben and Jesse. *Most likely Wren - see Let. Rich. R. Grayson M. D. 3 Apr. 74*

1800 and 1810 census of North Carolina have a Joseph Grayson and a young Ben Grayson. They lived in an adjoining county to Wilkes. It seems very olikely that this Joseph and Ben (1790) were brothers as the names Joseph and Ben seem to appear in both gfamilies. It also seems likely that some of Joseph's family appear in Monroe Co., Tenn., in 1830 but I have done no further checking.

I think it likely that the above Ben and Joseph were grandsons of (1) John Grayson, Spotsylvania Co., Va. (will 1735) Wife Susannah and Son John Jr., since the name John seems to appear in nearly all later generations.

- (1) Later date printed in Tyler's Quarterly indicates that John Sr., & Susannah probably had the following children: Thomas, Ambrose m. Alice _____; John Jr., m. Barbara _____; Benjamin m. Susanna _____; (much printed material available on his descendants); Mary, m. John Catlett; Elizabeth, m. Thomas Hill; Susannah, m. (W.M.) Linton; and Hoke, (possibly a brother and not a son of John).

Near Dr. Grayson,

For your place names file: Grayson Springs,
a group of white sulphur springs near Clarkson,
Kentucky.

Are you aware of "The Grayson House" on Sixth
Street near Main, Louisville, Kentucky. It was
built by John Gwathney before 1810, sturdily and
with detailed care, of bricks brought down the
river on keelboats from the East. It was the
first brick house built in Louisville, and was on
the site of an ancient Indian mound and was slightly
elevated. Originally, it was surrounded by extensive
grounds which led down to "Grayson's Lake" where
there were parties and picnics in the summer and
ice skating in the winter. A few years later, it
was owned by the Frederick Grayson family. (Who
were they?) It has been years since my mother
lived in Louisville, but it would be nice to think
that such a historic structure still stands.

Can anyone give the names of the children of
Thomas Grayson and Jane "Jenny" Field (Marriage
Bond July 11, 1788, Albemarle County, Virginia),
in addition to Mary Grayson who married Barnett
Smith, Jr.?

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WILLIAM GRAYSON
1732 -1829

WILLIAM GRAYSON

ELEANOR SANFORD m. 1755

THOMAS GRAYSON

1. [letter: Leon Brooks:
b. 1732 in Spots. Co, Va.
d. 1829 in Madison Co, Va.
m. Eleanor Sanford 1755
ch: as listed]

son: Thomas Shirley Grayson *

JUDITH GRAYSON

2. [Mrs R. Jean Grayson
414 Villanova Rd
Oak Ridge, Tenn.]

SUSANNAH GRAYSON

She sent to Leth Wheatley a
genealogie for Joel's descendants.
Her source seems to be a family Bible

MILDRED GRAYSON

m. — Hood, of Va. Madison Co.
ch(1) Zockey 1800.4.19 - 1851.7.17
(2) Wm. Henry

JOEL GRAYSON *

1777.7.23

moved to Page Co, Va.

* JOEL GRAYSON — ANDREW F GRAYSON
 1777-7-23 — 1859-8-30
 Va, Culpeper Va, Page
 son of William^s

TABITHA FINKS — ELEANOR GRAYSON *

† 1783-5-13 — 1863-11-27
 Va, Madison Va, Page

1. Tabitha's mother maiden name was
 VAWTER.

Joel & Tabitha are buried in
 the Isaac Printz graveyard,
 near Luray, Va.

Tabitha came from Peola Mills, Va.

PATRICIA GRAYSON

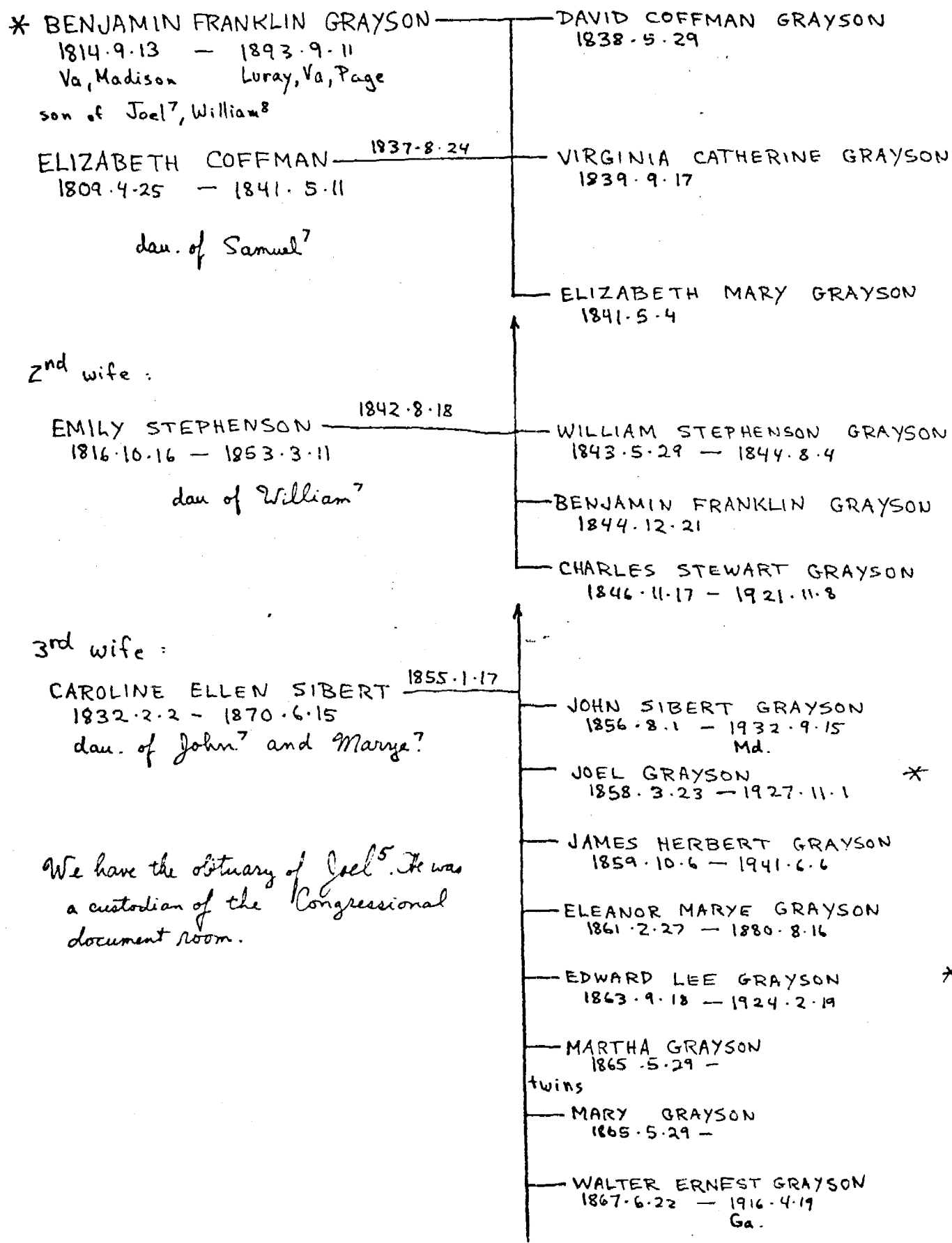
m. Isaac Printz of Luray, Va.

ELVIRA GRAYSON

m. — Koontz, of Luray, Va.

BENJAMIN F GRAYSON *

WILLIAM F GRAYSON *



* JOEL GRAYSON

son of Benj⁶, Joel⁷, Wm.⁸

JOEL GRAYSON

m. C. C. Jones.

GLADYS GRAYSON

m. — Reisinger

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The first letter is from Dr. Roy David Grayson of Albuquerque, N.M., whose father David Grayson was a son of George Washington Grayson (1803-1888). Roy Grayson is a cousin, I believe, of our correspondents Harlan A. Brown and Marjorie Grayson Cardon, in that they all share the same grandfather, G.W. Grayson. See Vol. 1, No. 11, p. 10; No 12, pp.16-21, 30 for background. Dr. Roy Grayson relates family tradition about the father of G.W. Grayson, that he came from England to the Carolinas; this is possibly in error, in that Kezee in Early Families of Eastern & S.E. Ky (Shenandeah Publ, 1961) pp 273,4, states that George Washington Grayson, (son of the Col. William Grayson, the aide de camp to Gen. George Washington,) was the father of a George W. Grayson, jr., and that the father George, died in Fauquier co., Va., prior to March 27, 1832, leaving 3 children: Francis; m. Richard Foote, George W. Grayson, jr., & William Grayson. Tyler's has many references also. However, I note that there is no proof that the George Washington Grayson (of 1803-1888) is the SAME George W. Grayson, jr. who was the grandson of the Col. William Grayson. So perhaps Dr. Roy Grayson is correct and his great grandfather Grayson is somebody else and was an immigrant from England. If so, then who was the great grandfather? On the other hand, I have a reference which could be verified: 1810 census, Greenup co., Ky., p. 276: George W. Grayson & wife Octavia with children Frances, George W., and William. George W. Grayson b. 1803, Oct. 20. Since children were not named in 1810, this interpolation might be incorrect and needs proof. Can anyone prove this line?

Next, an interesting and helpful letter from the encyclopedic Ella Underwood.

Next, a query on Jane Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C.

Then, my two chapters on my ancestry, Wren Grayson, sr., et al.

Then, a letter followed by much good biographical material on notable Graysons from Howard Grayson.

Then a DAR lineage re: William Grayson 1750-1801 from our member James Turner, sent this month; should be useful.

Finally, 2 lines of descent from Capt. William Grayson & Ann Smith sent by Robin Bandy with a query.

Note you get a 4-page bonus this time. Please send more for next issue, every one.

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Dear Doctor Grayson:

I must apologize for my delay in answering your letter, but I am not a youngster anymore - in fact I am eighty-eight years old and crippled up with rheumatism, but the information that I am about to furnish you is, I believe to be, fairly authoritative as it came to me from my father when he was ninety-two years old some fifteen or sixteen years ago.

He told me that his father, who was my grandfather, was born in Kentucky in the year 1803, in a little village which is now known as Grayson, Kentucky, but that his father, my great grandfather, came from England to the Carolinas somewhere around the year 1740; then, in later years, my grandfather left Kentucky and came to Missouri. At the time my grandfather came to Missouri it was not a State of the Union.

My grandfather's name was George Washington Grayson and he settled in Platte City, Missouri. He was a slave holder but he did not believe in slavery. He did believe in State's Rights, and he freed his slaves before coming to Kansas in 1850 in an endeavor to make Kansas a free state. While still in Platte City Missouri he owned a tobacco plantation. He staked a claim and pur-

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chased something over 2000 acres of land about 20 miles west of Leavenworth, Kansas where he met and married my grandmother in 1854. She, as I recall, was my grandfather's third marriage

My grandfather, George Washington Grayson, fathered three children by a former marriage; one was George Washington Grayson, Jr., who went to California and happened to be lucky in the gold mining fields and also owned some gold mines and land in California, old Mexico and Idaho. He organized what is known as the Grayson Cattle Company which still exists in San Francisco, although no Grayson is now connected with the firm. This Junior Grayson had two daughters and one son and the husband of one of the daughters became Congressman from California, I think.

My grandfather, George Washington Grayson, died in his eightys and is buried on one of his farms near Oscalosa, Kansas. All of his children that I have any knowledge of, including my father, David, are now dead.

My father, David Grayson, died at the age of ninety two, as did my grandmother die at the age of ninety two. My grandfather, George Washington Grayson, by this last marriage to my grandmother, had three sons and three daughters. As far as I know all of these children are now dead.

I have two daughters and four grandsons.

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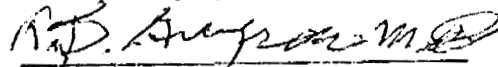
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One grandson is a practicing Psychiatrist in Tucson, Arizona and another is an Airline Pilot for Continental Airlines, flying out of Denver, Colorado.

If there is any further information that is pertinent that I can give you I will be glad to do so. I am a retired Medical Doctor after serving some fifty odd years in this profession.

I trust this information will be of some benefit to you.

Cordially yours



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Dear Dr. Grayson,

Another newsy letter has arrived. I don't see how you are able to obtain such a wide range of material for these newsletters.

May I please make an addition to the chart on Benjamin Franklin Grayson on page 189? Before I do so let me explain from whom I acquired this data and how. In the spring of 1963 we were living about 40 miles north of Charlottesville, Virginia and my husband was taking part of his chaplain's training in the University Hospital there. One day he came across a patient who told him that her maiden name was Grayson. She said that she had a lot of material on the Grayson family and would be happy to loan it to me. Her husband brought it 1 day and my husband brought it home to me. After making a copy of everything she had, I returned her material. She lived a short piece from us across the mountain, and by that time was home from the hospital. I never doubted the authenticity of the material I received from her until I heard from Mrs. Wulfeck several years later. It was only then that I learned that the William Grayson I had listed as married to Eleanor Sanford was also supposedly married to Ann Smith. There is no doubt that it is the same William Grayson. It is improbable that there were 2 William Graysons, each born in 1732, and died in 1829, and each serving in the American Revolution. I have wondered if this William Grayson had 2 separate families. It has happened before. If anyone can give an answer to this puzzle, please let me know.

Now back to my addition to the chart on page 189. The chart I received from Mrs. White (lady I mentioned above) was exactly like the 1 on pg. 189 except for 1 thing. Benjamin Franklin married a 4th time. His 4th wife was Mrs. Mary E. Holtzman (Mary Ellen Miley) whom he married October 28, 1873. She died June 21, 1921. Their children were Annie Rhodes Grayson, Irene Tabitha Grayson, and HATTIE CLEVELAND GRAYSON. Annie Rhodes Grayson married a Mr. Lauck and her son owned (1963) the newspaper in Luray, Virginia. HATTIE CLEVELAND GRAYSON married Hubert White. It was Mrs. White who gave me so much of my material on the Grayson background. She also lived in Luray, Virginia - 108 High Street. She was an elderly lady in 1963. It was her nephew, newspaper editor in Luray, who had done all the research on the Grayson family. I doubt that Mrs. White is still living, but her nephew, Mr. ? Lauck might be. I do not know his first name or the name of the paper. Luray is a small town and would only have 1 newspaper.

Thanks for printing the missing page from last month. I hope nobody gets the wrong impression from an item on that page (pg. 173). It says "John Grayson, Jr. and his wife Sarah (born Sarah Carter, March 1792 Worrell's, p. 19) conveyed". She was born 2 January 1776 and married John SEBASTIAN, Jr. 23 October 1792 in Montgomery Co., Virginia. They were my great-great grandparents.

I have a correction to make on an item on the bottom of page 185. This deals with an article which appeared in Tyler's Quarterly and listed the probable children of John Grayson who died 1735/6 intestate in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. It lists John Grayson, Jr. as marrying Barbara ? It was NOT this John Grayson whose wife was named Barbara. The John Grayson whose children these probably were

was thought to have had a son named Ambrose and he is listed. His (Ambrose) oldest son was named John, and it was this John Grayson who married Barbara Burdyne. They in turn were the parents of John, Jr. who married Sarah Carter on 23 October 1792 in Montgomery Co., Virginia. There was a John Grayson who lived in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia as early as 1729 but there is no record as to who he married, if he married at all. In fact there is no mention of him at all after the early 1730's. I have often wondered if he wasn't the same John Grayson who died 1735/6 intestate in Spotsylvania, Virginia. He could have dropped the Jr. from his name by that time.

Thanks for the opportunity to make corrections and additions. I have spent 18 years researching the Graysons and I am continually amazed concerning how much I still don't know.

Sincerely,

*Ella May
Tuckermore*

3 July 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

In reviewing the November 1974 issue of the WGS, I noted your inquiry regarding exchange of information on Graysons. I am trying to gather information about one Jane Grayson born ca 1819 in Wilkes County, N.C. She married Harvey Meadows and they had two known children-William C and Sarah E. Meadows. Would appreciate any help you can give me re Jane Grayson.

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WREN GRAYSON, SR.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BY

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The progenitor of the Graysons of Madison, Indiana, and Decatur County, Indiana, was Wren Grayson. He was born in North Carolina in 1782 and died in the home of his son, Sanford, June 1st, 1865.

The earliest available document of his life is a tax list for Scott County, Ky., dated April 27, 1805: "GRAYSON, WREN: 1 white male above 21. No slaves. 2 horses." No land was mentioned. The tax lists do not show white females and therefore the presence of his first wife, Betsy nee Owens, is not shown. Surprisingly, he was not on the tax lists for previous years (to 1794) and for years after 1805. Other Scott County records are not extant because the court house burned with all records in 1838.

Wren Grayson was 23 years old in 1805 and possibly had migrated from North Carolina to Kentucky either on the Wilderness trail of Daniel Boone, who also came from North Carolina, or down the great water highway, the Ohio River. Three years earlier the father of his future daughter-in-law, Permelia, had arrived in Kentucky from a state as yet undetermined by way of the river. In the obituary of ANDREW CLARK CUMMINS, who died Jan. 1st, 1864, at the residence of his son-in-law, John Grayson, in Madison, Ind., it was stated: "He passed down the Ohio River in 1802 and stopped this side of Hanover and the men chased a deer."

The first child of Wren and Betsy was born six months after the tax list mention. This was JOHN WREN GRAYSON, born Nov. 2nd, 1805, in Scott County, Ky. He was the only one of eight children of Wren to be born in Kentucky, and 25 years later John's first child, Rebecca, would be the only grandchild of Wren to be born in Kentucky.

Let some of the next years fall directly from the pen of Wren's son, John, whose brief autobiography was included in his obituary published by the Madison Courier Feb. 1st, 1882:

"I was born in Scott County, Ky., the second day of November, 1805. My father's name was Wren Grayson and my mother's maiden name was Betsy Owens. I have six brothers and one sister: brother Lewis died in childhood and another, Henry, died after raising a large family. My other brothers are Wren and Sanford Grayson of Decatur County and Joseph and Benjamin Grayson of Tipton County, Indiana, all men of honest repute among those who know them. My only and beloved sister is Mrs. Nancy Hamilton, widow of William Hamilton of Decatur County.

"In 1807, when I was two years of age, my parents moved to Tennessee and settled in Bledsoe County. There I almost grew to manhood and was familiar with the scenes

and incidents attendant upon those early times, in adventures with Indians and wild animals in Sequatchie Valley and upon the Cumberland mountains."

Why did Wren Grayson move to Tennessee in 1807? For one thing, the grass looked greener to a great many people on the frontier at that time. Movement was common then as now, and if we think that the mobile society with its future shock began with the automobile, we should re-read the history of America. Bledsoe County was created at the time the Graysons were moving into it, making them among the first settlers there. The county was formed by an act of the legislature Nov. 20, 1807, from a part of Roane County and named in honor of Col. Anthony Bledsoe, a Revolutionary hero and a judicial and military leader in the formation of the state of Tennessee (1796).

By 1810 the population of this frontier county had grown to over 3,000 with more than 200 black slaves. Bledsoe was the only county in the Sequatchie Valley all the way down to the Alabama line until 1817 when Marion County was created at the lower end of the Valley. By 1820 the population of Bledsoe County was 4,000 with 400 slaves.

A description of the settlement of Tennessee from a history of that state suggests the method whereby Wren and Betsy with their little two-year-old arrived: "Home-seekers poured in from the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and even New England. They came with Revolutionary War land-grants, either earned in service or purchased from veterans or speculators. Many of them came simply as squatters. The old Wilderness Road and Avery's Trace were congested with movers during the summer months - great top-heavy Conestoga wagons drawn by oxen, broad-tired farm wagons piled high with household goods, and crude sledges with runners of hickory or oak; befrilled gentlemen astrid blooded horses, rawboned farmers on hairy plow-nags, immigrants too poor to afford horse or ox plodding through the dust clouds with their meager belongings and children on their backs - all moving toward the promise of land in Tennessee. Other thousands came by keelboats poled up the Cumberland and Tennessee from the Ohio."

By the time four of their children had been born, namely John (1805), Henry (1808), Wren Jr. (1812), and Joseph (1814), the War of 1812 had come too close for Wren to stay out of it. He traveled 100 miles to Knoxville at the age of 32 where he enlisted as a private on Sept. 13th, 1814. He was in Capt. James Tunnel's company of the East Tennessee militia in the 3rd (Johnson's) regiment.

Wren's obituary mentions that he was at the "Fall of Mobile". This was possibly Feb. 11th, 1815. Although the peace had been signed the war was continuing. At the end of January, 1815, the British decided to use their defeated New Orleans force to salvage something from their disastrous expedition. They attacked Fort Bowyer at the mouth of Mobile Bay. On the night of the 7-8 Feb., 600 British troops were landed three miles east of Fort Bowyer. It was decided to avoid losses by erecting batteries in a position to bombard the fort. These were completed by the 11th, and the American garrison surrendered. The American garrison consisted of less than 400 men along with a small number of women and children.

Before further operations could be carried out, Admiral Cochrane on Feb. 13th received news of the treaty of Ghent. Operations were suspended in order to await the news of the ratification of the treaty.

Wren was discharged from service May 3rd, 1815, after serving 7 months and 20 days, including 6 days travel time. He was paid at the rate of \$8.00 a month and received a total of \$61.33. This information is from copies of his military records on file in the National Archives.

Two other proofs of the Graysons' sojourn in Bledsoe County have been discovered: Wren signed a petition in 1815 in Bledsoe County "to delay enactment of the Land Law during the war between Great Britain and the United States" (his name was mis-spelled Ren) and his name also appears on a tax list for 1815. Again the fiery finger of fate inhibits our search for documents: the Bledsoe County courthouse in Pikeville burned with all its records in 1908 and the Marion County courthouse where Wren conceivably could have had records burned in 1922.

We know that the family stayed in Tennessee at least through 1824 because the last of the children, Sanford, was born in Tennessee that year as shown in later census schedules from Indiana. Sometime before 1829 they apparently left for Scott County, Ky., where that year John married Permelia Cummins.

It is not easy to speculate why the Graysons left Tennessee to return to Kentucky. Perhaps some day we shall know. Did they leave relatives in Tennessee? This question is of importance for future genealogical research into Wren's origins. We have a clue passed to us from Mrs. Winslow Price of Louisville. (Her mother was Maude, daughter of Salathiel Grayson, who was one of John Wren Grayson's three sons). Mrs. Price remembers her grandfather, Salathiel (b. 1837, d. 1916) saying that when he was about 11 (1848) "they visited relations in Tennessee". This is a most tantalizing tale because we know from the census and other historical records that there were many other Graysons in Bledsoe and Marion Counties. Even today many of their descendants still live in Marion County.

In 1830 the Federal census for Scott County, Ky., showed two Grayson families and one Cummins family grouped on the same enumerator's page and therefore neighbors:

ANDREW CUMMINS; male 1, 50-60; female 1; 50-60; 0 slaves

JOHN GRAYSON: male 1, 20-30; female 1, 20-30; 1 under 5; 0 slaves

It is obvious from these first two census entries that John Wren Grayson, age 25 (1830) had married and moved out of his father's (Wren) house. He moved to his own domicile near not only his parents' home but also his in-law's house. Andrew Clark Cummins was living with his wife and no children. We know from his obituary that there was only one Cummins child, Permelia. We know also from later records that the first child to be born to John and Permelia was Rebecca and thus we can reconstruct the 1830 census and state categorically that John, Permelia, and baby Rebecca were living in Scott County.

Another interesting inference becomes possible regarding the name Rebecca. It is likely that Rebecca, the baby, was named after John's stepmother. Therefore, despite the absence of marriage records we can assume that Betsy Owens Grayson died sometime between John's birth in 1805 and baby Rebecca's birth in 1830, giving Wren time to remarry and John time to accept his new step-mother.

Two lines further down the enumerator's page in the 1830 census of Scott County, Ky., we find Wren's name (mis-spelled Wriqn Grayson). According to both the 1830 and the 1850 census, neither Wren nor Rebecca could read or write. However, the power of attorney note he signed in 1815 is signed in an experienced manner suggesting he could write at least in a limited way.

WREN GRAYSON: Males, 1 40-50 (Wren at age 48)
2 5-10 (Benjamin age 10, Sanford 6)
1 10-15 (Joseph 15-16)
1 15-20 (Wren, Jr., age 17)
Females, 1 40-50 (Rebecca age 41)
1 10-15 (Nancy age 11)

The one child not accounted for seems to be Henry Grayson, the second eldest. If his age was correct in his death notice in 1862 (age 54) he was born in 1808 and therefore would have been 22 years old in the 1830 census. It is possible he had left home to work elsewhere. A complicating factor, however, is the fact that Wren Grayson, Jr., stated in 1872 that he came to Decatur County, Ind., in 1827. He would have been only 14 years old at the time, however.

When and why did the Graysons remove to Indiana? We know that everyone in all three households did in fact go to Indiana even including Andrew Cummins. In regard to the question of when they moved, we have a number of fixed dates which set the time before May, 1832.

Fact one: John and Permellia's second child, Sarah, was born in Indiana May 12th, 1832.

Fact two: Wren Grayson, Jr., age 20, married Lucinda Williamson Dec. 11, 1832; the license was issued Dec. 3rd in Decatur County, Ind. He was the second of Wren's children to marry.

If we assume that John and Permellia would have avoided a move during the latter part of her second pregnancy, say the last five or six months, then it becomes possible to speculate that the Graysons moved to Indiana during 1831.

The second question, why did they move to Indiana, can be answered only in broad outlines. John Wren Grayson apparently decided to find his fortune in the largest city in the midwest, Madison, Indiana, while the others went 60 miles to the north of that city to settle in Sandcreek township of Decatur County. Madison is in Jefferson County. Whatever John did in Madison is not known, but he temporarily changed his mind in 1836 and entered land near his brother on April 8th, 1836. On Oct. 31st of that year he registered his stock mark (brand), a swallowfork. The answer to the question, then, is that these Tennessee farmers went to Indiana for land.

In 1820 a new land law had been passed by the Congress called the Land Law of 1820. This act provided that public lands would be offered for cash at public auction for not less than \$1.25 per acre and that if any lands remained unsold after the auction they could be sold at private sale for the minimum amount.

Sandcreek Township, where the Graysons all lived for a time after John joined them in 1836, was established in May, 1825. This township contains some excellent bottom lands on Sand Creek which meanders through its entire length north and south. It also contains a large amount of level, rich land, some very hilly and broken, and also some of the white, flat, poor woods land.

Decatur County was a new part of the American frontier - make no mistake about that. The first marriage and the first birth recorded were in 1819 and the first death in 1820. The first brick house to be built in Sandcreek Township was in 1834. The completion of that home must have been worth celebrating!

Nothing more is known of Wren Grayson and his wife, Rebecca, until the 1850 census

when they are found living on the 9th of October in dwelling 224. Their son Sanford and family were in dwelling 225, Joseph Grayson and family in dwelling 222, and Benjamin Grayson with his family in dwelling 226. All were in Sandcreek Township, including Wren, Jr., in dwelling 64. Son Henry was in Jennings County at this time, and John Wren had moved back to Madison. The daughter, Nancy Hamilton, was living next to brother Wren, Jr., in dwelling 65 with her husband and children. Wren, Sr., was listed as age 68, farmer, born North Carolina. Rebecca was listed as 61, thus establishing for the first time her birth year as about 1789, born Virginia.

The Westport Baptist Church, according to the Rev. John N. Cassaday, was constituted Jan. 4th, 1851. There were 24 charter members. Among these was Leticia Grayson, probably Benjamin's wife. She was received into the church by baptism and dismissed by letter in 1857.

Rebecca Grayson, three years before her death, was baptised in the Westport Baptist church Jan. 5th, 1855. Wren Grayson's name is not found in the records of this church. His son, Wren, Jr., however, was buried from the same church in 1887. John Wren Grayson, who had been converted to the Presbyterian faith, Cumberland church, at age 17 in Tennessee, and his wife Permelia are found in the records of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Madison, Ind.

Rebecca Grayson died "at an advanced age, near Westport, Ind., on Oct. 28, 1858" according to an old newspaper account on file in the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. She was about 69 years of age.

No further records of Wren Grayson are available except for his obituary which appeared in the Madison Courier June 3rd, 1865, on page 4, column 1. It was written so poignantly I suspect that his grandson, Andrew Jackson Grayson, a printer for that newspaper, might have written it:

"A letter from Sanford Grayson, Esq., dated at Westport, Decatur County, Ind., informs us of the death of Mr. Wren Grayson at his home in that place on Thursday, June 1st, 1865. The deceased was the father of John Grayson, Sr., who is one of the old inhabitants of Madison, and at the time of his death was eighty odd years of age - nearly as old as the Declaration of Independence. He served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812 and was present at the fall of Mobile when that city was captured by the British. He had in early life some thrilling adventures as a pioneer settler among the Indians, the wild animals of the forest, etc, but he will relate those scenes to eager listeners no more; his earthly journey is ended forever, and many who loved him mourn."

AMEN

March 1, 1974
St. Charles, Illinois

Chapter 2

THE TENNESSEE CONNECTION

of

WREN GRAYSON, SR.

by

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A letter written by Wren Grayson, Sr., dated April 6, 1847, has been discovered which proves that one of his brothers was Joseph Grayson of Marion county, Tenn. A second letter written by the sons of Wren Grayson, Sr., - Wren Grayson, Jr., Henry Grayson, and Sanford Grayson - to "Dear Cousins" and kept in the family of Henry Grayson, the son of the Joseph Grayson above, corroborates that the Wren Grayson, Sr., above, was the Wren Grayson of Decatur county, Indiana. Furthermore, both letters state that they were written at "Westport" (Ind.) The second letter is dated May 1, 1842.

Letter number one above written by Wren Grayson, Sr., is directed to "Dear Nephew". The letter was in the hands of Henry Grayson, born Nov. 2, 1799, in Anderson county, Tennessee, the son of Joseph Grayson and Patsy Braizealle. Henry's son, Anderson Cheek Grayson, passed these and other letters down to his daughter, Myna Grayson, who is alive and lives with her daughter, Miss Bobbie Dykes, at 107 Bridgwood Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Miss Dykes owns the family Bible of Henry Grayson which lists the birthdates of Henry and Nancy plus their nine children. She has transmitted this information to me.

Wren Grayson, Sr., wrote the 1847 letter to his nephew, Henry, and, therefore, since Henry was the son of Joseph, Wren was the brother of Joseph. The letter by the sons of Wren, Sr., written to Joseph's son, Henry (and others), as Cousins further substantiates the conclusion that Wren and Joseph were brothers.

When Joseph married Patty (Patsy, Elizabeth) Breazeale on Dec. 10, 1798, the bondsman was Henry Breazeale (Knox county, Tenn., marriages, p. 415). Joseph Grayson paid \$500.00 to Henry Brazeal for 400 acres of land in Knox county, Tenn., on July (?) 20, 1801. (From copy of deed). Joseph Grayson also bought 400 acres of land from Stockley Donelson for \$400.00 on April 24, 1801. (From copy of deed).

Joseph Grayson was appointed one of the commissioners to select a place on the north bank of the Clinch River, between Isaac Ford and Samuel Worthington's home, for a court house, prison, and stocks for the use of Anderson county, which was created out of Knox county. The town was named Burrville, later

changed to Clinton. The six other commissioners were William Lea, Kenza Johnson, William Standifer, William Robertson, Solomon Massengale, and Hugh Montgomery. The first court of pleas met in June, 1802, in the house of John Lieb where it continued to meet until the completion of the courthouse the following year (from History of Anderson county, Tenn.).

Joseph and Patsy Grayson came to Bledsoe county during their son Henry's childhood, locating in the neighborhood of Stephen's chapel. Later the family moved to Marion county. Marion county was created out of the southern part of Bledsoe county in 1817 (Compendium of Biography, publ. by Ogle Co., 1898).

Joseph Grayson, Sr., was said to be a blacksmith and a farmer and of English descent. (Biography of William H. Grayson, p. 341 in the Compendium above). He had two sons in addition to Henry (according to the History of North and West Texas, p. 105). They were Benjamin and Joseph Grayson, Jr. A land grant is recorded (Tenn. Archives) #22329, made to a Joseph Grayson for 70 acres of land in Marion county, Tenn., on Aug. 5, 1824. This must be Joseph, Jr., as the father apparently died in 1822-23. His will was probated in 1823 and is in the hands of Miss Dykes. The 1830 census furthermore places his death before that census in that Patsy Grayson was listed as a widow and as the head of the household in Marion county, age 50-59, with one man 20-29, one boy, three girls, and six slaves.

A Benjamin Grayson on April 5, 1824, claimed 90 acres of land in Marion county on the Sequatchie River next to the farm of Scott Terry. Was he the brother or son of Joseph Grayson, Sr.? There was a Benjamin Grayson in the 1830 Marion county census, possibly a brother to Joseph Grayson, Sr.: "Benjamin Grayson, oldest man 15-19 (father away?); five boys under 20, one woman 40-49; two girls under 15, eight slaves."

The two sons of Joseph Grayson, Sr., Benjamin and Joseph, Jr., "removed to Missouri where Joseph and his wife died, leaving a family of small children without means of support. Henry then went to that state and took the children back to Tennessee with him, caring for them until they were able to care for themselves." (History of North and West Texas, p. 105).

Another Grayson was in the 1830 census in Marion county:

Jessie Grayson, age 50-59; three men over 19; three boys; one woman 50-59; three girls; ten slaves.

This undoubtedly is the same Jesse Grayson who signed the 1822-23 will of Joseph Grayson as a witness, making it certain that they were related. Since Jesse was born 1770-1780, and Joseph was born before 1777 (because of his marriage in 1798) the probability is that they were brothers.

Therefore, Wren Grayson, Sr., Joseph, Jesse, and probably Benjamin, all of Bledsoe and Marion county, were brothers; the first two proven, the last two probable. Two other brothers and two sisters of this group are suspected and are currently being traced through census and other records.

The father of Joseph and Wren Grayson is not known. However, it is stated in the biography of James M. Grayson, one of the sons of Henry, that his grandfather was Henry Grayson who came from England to Virginia. However, in this account (p. 105) an error is obvious, naming another Henry Grayson as the father of Henry Grayson who married Nancy Hixon, whereas we know conclusively that the father was Joseph. The suspicion remains, however, that if part of this account is correct, we might look for a Henry Grayson as the father or grandfather of Joseph and Wren, Sr.

Henry Grayson was married Sept. 11, 1820, to Nancy Hixon in Bledsoe county. She was born in Greene county, Tenn., July 22, 1799, died Nov. 10, 1881. Henry died Nov. 9, 1879. They had nine children:

1. Pleasant Grayson, b. Aug 3, 1821.
2. Louiza Grayson, Aug. 3, 1823.
3. William H. Grayson, April 12, 1826.
4. Patrick H. Grayson, Sept. 4, 1828.
5. James M. Grayson, May 16, 1831.
6. Sarah C. Grayson, Jan. 24, 1834.
7. Houston Grayson, June 8, 1837.
8. Joseph A. Grayson, April 24, 1839, d. July 1, 1840.
9. Anderson C. Grayson, Dec. 23, 1841.

(from the Henry Grayson family Bible through Miss Dykes).

Descendents of these Graysons with whom the author of this paper has spoken or corresponded so far (in early 1974) include:

1. Miss Bobbie Dykes, grand-daughter of Anderson Cheek Grayson, through Anderson's daughter, Myna Grayson Dykes.
2. Hallie Grayson Barker (m. Paul Barker), the daughter of Joseph Grayson, the grand-daughter of William H. Grayson. Address: 3613 Redding Road, Chattanooga, Tenn.
3. Miss Olive Grayson, Whitwell, Tenn., has brothers Roy and Oren Grayson; she is the daughter of William Grayson whose father was Marion Francis Grayson who was the son of William H. Grayson.
4. Otto P. Grayson, age 68, retired, in the field of public education and agriculture, son of James Moore Grayson, who was a son of Patrick H. Grayson. Address is Rt. 1, Whitwell, Tenn.
5. Frank W. Morrison, POB 462, Jasper, Tenn., states that E. Louisa Grayson, who married Joseph Burnette, is his grandmother "four times removed."
6. Mrs. Lee Grayson, age 62, Rt. 1, Whitwell, Tenn. Her husband, Lee Grayson, died age 81 in 1966 and they had no children. Lee was the eldest and only son of Joseph Anderson Grayson, who was the son of William H. Grayson.
7. Mrs. Walter C. Grayson, Rt. 1, Whitwell, Tenn. Her husband is deceased, was the son of William Grayson who was a son of Houston Grayson. They have 3 sons and 4 daughters.
8. Miss Mary Elizabeth Rogers, Rt. 3, Box 21, Whitwell, Tenn. Her mother was Edith Hudson who married Mr. Shirley Rogers. Edith was the daughter of Nancy Elizabeth Grayson who married Eliza H. Hudson. Nancy was a daughter of Houston Grayson. Miss Rogers wrote the "Houston Grayson Family Tree" of Marion county, Tenn.

Miss Rogers further stated that Henry Grayson (b. 1799) had two sisters: Patsy Grayson married Joe Rogers and they had one son, James Anderson Rogers. Jane Grayson married John Bailey.

March 18, 1974.

HISTORY OF CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Eliah A. Woolverton, among those prominently and successfully engaged in agriculture in Conway, and one of the representative citizens of Lick Mountain Township, owes his nativity to McNairy County, West Tennessee, where he was born in the year 1851. He was reared on a farm, receiving his education at the best schools of Henry County, Tennessee, where he was reared from about 12 years old, and in 1871 came with his parents to Conway County and homesteaded 100 acres of land on Woolverton Mountain, where he has since resided, being the present owner of 200 acres of land. His marriage occurred in 1873 to Miss Lydia Grayson, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Grayson. The former was born in Middle Tennessee, and the latter in Lawrence County, Arkansas. They married in Craighead County, and from there they removed to Phelps County, Missouri, thence to Howell County, but are now residents of Van Buren County, Arkansas. Mr. Grayson was a soldier in the Southern army. Mrs. Woolverton was born in Craighead County in 1858, and on April 3, 1880, was called to her eternal home, leaving a family of five children, viz.: Garland H., Mary A., William A. (deceased), Walter and Houston. Mrs. Woolverton was a devout member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and was a lady of culture and refinement. Mr. Woolver-

ton is a practical surveyor, and has followed the art of surveying in nearly every section of Arkansas, but chiefly in the Counties of Van Buren, Conway, Ashley, Desha, Arkansas, Jefferson and Chicot. In the last named county he spent nearly one entire year surveying for an English company. He is perhaps more familiar with the topography of Arkansas than any other man in Conway County. In 1912 he was elected Surveyor of Conway County for a term of two years, after which he served two years as deputy County Surveyor, and since that time has done the principal part of the surveying for the county. He is an active member of the Democratic party and of the Missionary Baptist Church. His father, William L. Woolverton, a prominent farmer of Woolverton Mountain, was born in Maury County, Tennessee, in 1822, being a son of James and Aggie (Williams) Woolverton, who were born near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1797 and 1800, respectively. When young they went to Maury County, Tennessee (the mother with her parents). There they married, and in 1833 removed to Hardeman County in West Tennessee, but in 1842 removed to Fippah County, Mississippi, and about 1854 to McNairy County, Tennessee, where Mr. Woolverton died about 1879, and Mrs. Woolverton died about 1875. Both were Missionary Baptists, the former for probably 60 years. He was a son of Andrew Woolverton, who was a native of England, where he served seven years as an apprentice at the tailor trade, and while yet a young man immigrated to the United States, married in Virginia, and about the last of the last century removed to Central Kentucky, when the principal inhabitants of that State were Indians. Here he spent the remainder of his life at his trade. He died abt 1812. His parents came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, but it is not known whether Andrew came with them or not. Robert Williams, the maternal grandfather of W. L. Woolverton, was born in Indiana, but in quite an early day removed from Kentucky to Maury County, Tennessee, where he died between the years 1835 and 1840. He was of Irish descent. His wife died there also. W. L. Wool-

verton received a common country school education, and was married the first time in 1824 to Eliza J., a daughter of J. Surr and Martha Curtis, who died in Maury County, Tennessee, where Mrs. Woolverton was born. She died in McNairy County, Tennessee, in 1855 and was the mother of five children, three of whom survive, Eliah A., being the eldest. Mr. Woolverton married his present wife, Lydia H. Goodenow in the latter part of 1873, and by her he has two surviving children. Mr. Woolverton resided in McNairy County till 1863,

when he removed to Henry County, and in 1871 came to Conway County and purchased his tent on top of the mountain that bears his name. He at once built a cabin in the woods, where he has since lived, although the forest has been converted into a fine farm, and this old long since supplanted by a fine modern residence, making one of the most beautiful and attractive country homes in Conway County. Mr. Woolverton is one of those noble-hearted, industrious citizens whom every body esteems and nobody despises, and his chief aim in life has been to educate and in the good citizens of his children. His politics have been Democratic all his life, and for about thirty years it has been a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and for forty years a Missionary Baptist.

HISTORY OF POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Dr. J. W. Bruton. As a man of business Mr. Bruton's name and home is so extensive with Pope County and the surrounding country. He has been closely identified with every interest of this section, and as a merchant has built up a large and paying business by his ability and foresight. He was born in Pope County, Ark., on January 15, 1827, to James and Sallie (Angell) Bruton, who were born in Kentucky and Tennessee in 1796 and 1806, respectively, the former passing to his long home in 1892, and the latter in 1854. James Bruton was a minister of the Baptist Church, and represented Pope County in the State Legislature for three terms, being one of the leading citizens of that section during his day. J. W. Bruton has spent the most of his life in Pope County, and, notwithstanding the fact that his early advantages were poor, he has by self application become a well posted and intelligent man. Upon attaining his majority he began making his own way in the world, and after devoting considerable time to the study of medicine he, in 1865, began practicing that profession, but in 1886 was compelled to give up this calling on account of failing health. He then threw open to the public a general mercantile store at Appleton with a stock of goods worth about \$2,000, and this calling he has continued with flattering success up to the present time. Dr. Bruton is also a minister of the gospel, and first began preaching the doctrine of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1878. He was married in October, 1858, to Miss Jennie Montgomery, a daughter of John C. and Matilda (Grayson) Montgomery, by whom he became the father of three children: Elliot R., James H., Elvora V. (deceased), Viola E., Theora A., Nettie L. and Mattie M. Dr. Bruton volunteered in the Confederate Army in 1862, but was discharged at the end of three months on account of ill health.

James Bruton, father of Dr. J. W. Bruton, as a punster was elected chaplain of the State Senate

of Arkansas in 1854, and filled the position with credit to himself, giving satisfaction to all interested. He organized very nearly all of the Baptist Churches that existed in Pope, Conway and Johnson Counties before the war. He participated in the convention that constituted the first Baptist association in that part of Arkansas. Politically he was ever a firm Democrat, and as a legislator he was always earnest, working for the interest of the people. His name will be long remembered by the older citizens of Arkansas. J. L. C. Montgomery, father of Mrs. Jennie Bruton, held the office of clerk of Monroe County, Ark., for eight successive years, and until his death. He was a prominent man in said county. Dr. J. W. Bruton's children are as follows: Elliot R. Bruton (twice married to Mr. J. J. Williams, who is in the mercantile business at Appleton, Ark.), James Homer Bruton (a young man with good business qualifications, who has written much for different newspapers; he is a merchant of Appleton, Ark.), Viola E. Bruton (married John A. Lewis, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Appleton).

Note: The Daniel Grayson mentioned is Daniel R. Grayson. He was a Pvt. in the 13th Ark. Inf.. He was enlisted by A. D. Grayson, a Lt. Col. who commanded the unit. A. was killed at Shiloh in April 1862. The enlistment was at Harrisburg, Ark. in July 1861. The family relationship, if any, is unknown to me.

H. Grayson
Alexandria, Va.
June 1978

1932-33

1930-31

Not Available

1928-29

GRAYSON, Cary Travers, rear admiral; b. "Salubria," Culpeper Co., Va., Oct. 11, 1878; s. John Cooke (M.D.) and Adeline (Pettus) G.; William and Mary Coll., 1895-98; Ph.G., U. of the South, 1902; M.D., 1902; M.D., Med. Coll. of Va.; grad. U.S. Naval Med. Sch., 1904; hon. LL.D., William and Mary College; m. Alice Gertrude Gordon, of Washington, D.C., May 24, 1916; children—James Gordon, Cary Travers, William. Interned, Columbia Hosp. for Women, Washington, 1902-03; commd. acting asst. surgeon U.S.N., July 14, 1903; asst. surgeon, June 28, 1904; passed asst. surgeon, June 28, 1907; surgeon, Aug. 1916; med. dir. with rank of rear admiral, Aug. 29, 1916. Surgeon U.S. Naval Hosp., Washington, 1903-05. U.S.S. Maryland, 1905-07; cruise around the world, 1905-07; surgeon of the President's yacht, Mayflower, and attending and consulting physician, Naval Dispensary, Washington, during the Roosevelt and Taft administrations; physician to President Wilson. Mem. pub. health com. of Nat. Food Administration; med. mem. Council Nat. Defense; mem. staff Emergency Hosp.; formerly mem. staff Ear, Nose and Throat Hosp. and Providence Hosp. Decorated: Navy Cross (U.S.), Commander Order of Leopold (Belgium), Commander Legion of Honor (France), Fellow Am. Coll. Surgeons; mem. A.M.A., Southern Med. Assn., Assn. Mil. Surgeons, D.C. Med. Soc., Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Dir. Am. Security & Tr. Co., Nat. Capitol Horse Show (Washington), Episcopalian. Clubs: Army and Navy, Metropolitan, Riding and Hunt, Chevy Chase (Washington), Racquet (Phila.); Jockey, Maryland Jockey (dir.). Address: Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.

GRAYSON, Charles Prevost, M.D.; b. Phila., Oct. 15, 1859; s. Frederick William and Mary Mallet (Prevost) G.; ed. pvt. schs. and acad.; M.D., U. of Pa., 1881; studied in Vienna, Berlin, Paris; unmarried. Appld. phys. in charge throat clinic, Univ. Hosp., 1892; lecturer in laryngology, 1895, professor since 1904, Univ. of Pa. Mem. Coll. Physicians of Phila., Phila. Co. Med. Soc., Pathol. Soc., Pathiatric Soc., S.R., Hist. Soc. Pa. Clubs: Rittenhouse, Racquet, University, St. Anthony. Author: Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear, 1902. Am. editor Grunwald's Atlas of Laryngology, 1898. Address: 262 S. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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GRAYSON, David, author. See Ray Stannard Baker.

GRAYSON, Thomas Wray, M.D.; b. Meadville, Pa., Nov. 22, 1871; s. Thomas Wray and Mary Elizabeth (Green) G.; A.B., Washington and Jefferson Coll., 1892, A.M., 1897; M.D., West Penn Med. Coll. (now Med. Dept. U. of Pittsburgh), 1897; m. Mary Elizabeth Bard, of Meadville, Pa., June 9, 1920. Interned, West Penn Hosp., 1898. First lieut. Medical R.C., 1917; in active service, Sept. 1, 1917, at Camp Greenleaf, Ga.; gastroenterologist, Base Hosp., Camp Shelby, Miss., Nov. 20, 1917; chief med. service, rank of maj., Base Hosp. No. 77, France, and comd. officer, Camp Hosp. No. 108, to July 1919. Fellow Am. Coll. Physicians; mem. A.M.A., Am. Soc. Gastroenterologists, Coll. of Physicians (Pittsburgh), Phi Gamma Delta, Am. Officers of World War. Trustee P.E. Diocese of Pittsburgh. Progressive Club. University. Home: 5738 Kentucky Av. Office: 8113 Jenkins Arcade, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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GRAYSON, Theodore (Julius), prof. finance; b. Beverly, N.J., Mar. 4, 1880; s. Frederick William and Katherine (Julius) G.; Haverford (Pa.) Coll., 1897; LL.B., U. of Pa., 1902, B.S. in Economics, 1920; LL.D., Barnard U., 1931; m. Grace Blackiston, Dec. 15, 1917 (divorced 1933); 1 dau., Louise Blackiston; m. 2d, Margaret Jacobs Whitstone, April 2, 1934. Admitted to Pa. bar, 1902; practiced at Philadelphia; instr. in finance, Wharton Sch. of Finance and Commerce, U. of Pa., 1914-20, asst. prof. finance, 1920-25, asso. prof., 1925-28, prof., 1928-37. Dir. evening and extension schs. of finance and accounting, 1918-37. Sec. and treas. N.J. Pub. Utility Information Com.; treas. N.J. Utilities Assn.; R.p. of U. of Pa. in Assn. of Urban Univs., Nat. Vch. Extension Assn.; pres. Nat. Univ. Extension Assn., 1932-33. Republican. Episcopalian (Gestemman Ch. of St. Luke and Epiphany). Mason. Author: Law of Beneficial and Social Associations in Pennsylvania, 1904; Investment Trusts, 1925; Leaders and Periods of American Finance, 1932. Home: Philadelphia, Pa. Died Dec. 28, 1937.

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1926-27

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1960-61

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1954-55

GRAYSON, William Bandy, physician; b. Paragould, Arkansas, May 1, 1897; s. Adam Davis and Mary Louisa (Henderson) G.; student U. of Ark., 1915-17; M.D., Tulane U. Sch. of Medicine, 1921; A.B., Arkansas State Teachers College, 1927; married Florence E. Townsend, Oct. 18, 1924; children—Betty Jeanne, Shirley Ann, Intern M.P.R.R. Hosp., Little Rock, 1921-22, also instr. in physiol. chem., U. of Ark. Sch. of Med.; sr. intern Charity Hosp., New Orleans, 1922-23; instr. in physiology and physiology chemistry, U. of Ark. Sch. of Medicine, 1923-24, asso. prof. physiol. chemistry and physiology, 1924-25; dir. clin. and pathol. lab. Bapt. State Hosp., Jan.-July 1925; apptd. div. surgeon M.P. Ry., at McGhee, Ark., Sept. 1925; engaged in private practice until June 1933. Assoc. prof. medicine, U. of Ark. School Med., 1947. Owned and operated Crayson Hosp., McGhee, 1927-31; state health commr. of Ark., June 1933-Nov. 1943; cardiol. Vets. Adminstr. (Regional Office) since July 1, 1948. Dir. pub. health activities for Arkansas, Federal Emergency Relief Administration November 1933 to November 1943. Pres. State and Provincial Health Officers Conf. of North America, 1939. Mem. S.A.T.C. Unit Co. No. 12, Camp Martin, Tulane U., Sept.-Nov. 1918, commd. 1st lt. Med. Reserve, later capt.; surgeon R.C., U.S.P.H.S. Fellow Am. Coll. of Physicians; mem. A.M.A., Southern Med. Assn., Ark. State and Pulaski County med. socs., Am. Public Health Assn., Am. Legion, Sigma Chi, Alpha Kappa Kappa, etc. Democrat, Baptist, Mason (Shriner). Contrib. on med. subjects. First pres. Assn. of State and Territorial Health Officers, 1942. Home: 401 Colonial Court. Address: 635 Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

1948-49

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1958-59

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1946-47

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1950-51

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1944-45

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1970-71

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DESCENDANT OF WILLIAM GRAYSON:
LINEAGE

I Marianna Tubor being of the age of eighteen years and upward, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from William Grayson who was born in Montgomery County Virginia on the ? day of Before 1750 and died Montgomery County Virginia on the ? day of ? 1801. His place of residence during the Revolution was Montgomery County Virginia.

I AM THE DAUGHTER OF:

- 1: Elmer Tubor born on June 7, 1912 Critz, Patrick Co. Va. died at still living and his wife Bessie Prillaman Tubor born on February 16, 1907 Franklin County Virginia still living married on August 18, 1943.
- 2: The said Bessie Prillaman was the child of Nathaniel Bacon Prillaman born on March 20, 1863 at Franklin County Virginia died at Basset, Virginia May 11, 1951 and his wife Mary Lize Ingram born January 30, 1882 Henry County, Virginia died at Basset, Virginia on May 13, 1964 married on December 27, 1905.
- 3: The said Nathaniel Bacon Prillaman was the of David Prillaman born on August 26, 1818 at Franklin County Virginia died at Franklin, County, Virginia on May 20, 1876 and his wife was Mary LeSueur born March 5, 1827 at Franklin County, Virginia died at Franklin County, Virginia on November 15, 1893 married on January 8, 1856.
- 4: The said David Prillaman was the child of John Prillaman born on August 30, 1782 Henry County (later Franklin County) Virginia died at Franklin County Virginia on October 6, 1853 his wife was Sarah (Sally) Grayson born March 13, 1789 at Montgomery Virginia died at Franklin County Virginia on March 1, 1884 married on ____ 1807.
- 5: The said Sarah (Sally) Grayson was the child of William Grayson born on before 1750 at Montgomery County Virginia died at Montgomery County Virginia on ____ 1801 and his wife was Rachel Cooley born on ____ at ____ died at Montgomery County Virginia on ____ 1842 married on approx. 1770.

Marianna Tubor was born August 7, 1946 at Shackelford Hospital Martinsville Henry County, Virginia married on February 1, 1969 at Martinsville, Virginia by Chevis Horne to Thomas Elmo Hall who was born on August 4, 1945.

PRIVATE WILLIAM GARYSON CONTINUED

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR:

John Grayson Jr. born ?
 Ambrose Grayson born ?
 Mary (Polly) Grayson born ? married James Sawyers
 Sarah (Sally) Grayson born 3-4-1789, married John Prillaman (These
 Elizabeth Grayson born ? married Jacob Prillaman (husbands
 cousins)

William Grayson's will of 1801 mentioned his daughter Sarah
 (Sally) Grayson wife of John Prillaman.

Rachel Cooley Grayson's will was made in 1842, Montgomery
 County Deed Book H Folios 587, 646 mentions John Prillaman and
 Sally, his wife.

See DAR Patriot Index page 282 (This List William Grayson)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

My ancestor's services in assisting the establishment of
 American Independence during the Revolution were as follows:

William Grayson served as Private in the Virginia Company.
 Note: National No. 321550 Mrs. Frances W. Soinkel (Garrett)
 National No. 301453 Helen Calfee.

Both of these parties used William Grayson as a supplemental
 line.

The said William Grayson is the ancestor who assisted in
 establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity
 of Private in the Company of Virginia.

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(Sent by James Turner, Jr., of Kettering, Ohio.)

Capt. William Grayson (Rev. War. Service) (1732-1824)
Ann Smith, of Albemarle Co. Va.

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| John Grayson, (1753-1786) | 2 | Thomas Grayson (- 1796) |
| Mary Sutherland (1762-) | W | Jane "Jenny" Field m. 1788 |
| Malinda Grayson, m. 1824 | 3 | Mary Grayson (1790-) m. 1808 |
| William Andrew Alexander " | W | Barnett Smith, Jr. (1776-1847) |
| James Grayson Alexander (1815-1890) | 4 | Thomas Grayson Smith (1811-) |
| Edmonia Clementine Day (1844-1910) m. 1877 | W | Mary Polly Jane Cox (1811-1850) |
| Willis Day Alexander (1881-1929) | 5 | Barnett Smith (1847-1894) |
| Ethelyn Neal Walton (1881-1946) m. 1903 | W | Blanche Buford Wallace (1854-1937) |
| Pauline Mae Alexander (1907-) | 6 | H. Price Smith (1888-1960) |
| James B. Saunders (1901-) m. 1929 | W | Ruby Kate Sydnor (1888-1961) |
| Patricia Ann Saunders (1932-) | 7 | Vivian Smith (1918-) |
| Richard Brown Wingo (1924-) | h | Donald C. Bandy (1913-) |
| Janet Eileen Wingo (1953-) | 8 | Robin Bandy (1954-) |

The chart for Capt. William Grayson and Ann Smith was interesting, but we find a few minor discrepancies. Am enclosing a copy of two lines of descent from them. Perhaps others will contribute theirs. Also, we think Joseph, who married Rhoda White, was a grandson, not a son. Anyone else care to comment?

Sincerely,

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Pages 216 & 217 contain a list of early Graysons I bought from the computerized Accelerated Indexing Systems company this month. Explanations of entries are on the following 3 pages. There are some listings I have not seen before. One puzzler is Abraham Grayson in Warren co., Ga. and then again the year before (1793) in Wilkes co., N.C. I think there must be a mistake, but on the other hand, does any one have a listing for Abraham?

Next is a delightful, long letter from Irene Grayson Tait followed by 4 pages of her lineage.

In deference to late-comers as suggested by Mrs. Tait, re-runs of past issues will be \$3.00 each instead of \$5.00.

A note to Ella Underwood: Please stay well so you can continue your comprehensive letters.

Note to Elaine Soden: Maybe you could send cards to the Who's Who people in this and the last issue. Also: I found that I could get, FREE, all the telephone books for an entire state from the phone company; so I asked for and received 3 cubic feet of N.C. phone books and have already sent xeroxed letters with return envelopes to all the Graysons in the 704 call area, which is half the state of N.C. Who wants to volunteer to do the same for another state such as Va., Tenn., or Ky.? Be sure to say you are looking for those that came out of the British Isles.

On pages 230-233 are old records from the Dorothy Wulfeck archives which I have on file. These are interesting in that we have published here the same quandary about the genealogy of George Washington Grayson born 1803 in Ky.

On the last page is information sent me as a result of my N.C. Grayson mail survey; a tantalizing tradition tends to corroborate previously printed tradition that the father of Col. James William M. Grayson was named Billy Grayson of N.C. and was from England. Refer to material in Vol. I, no. 6 and 12.

Mrs. Tait; I will try to print the maps as space permits.

Please all of you try to send more material for the Newsletter; there is always a question of whether we will have enough.

NAME	LOCATION	STATE	ZIP	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING
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GRASON, JOHN	MONTGOMERY CO.	KY	NO TWP LISTED	TX179			
GRASON, JOHN	WARREN CO.	GA 190	HILLS DISTRICT	TX180			
GRASON, MALILDA	STAFFORD CO.	VA127	00000-00000-30	181			
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GRAYSON, A.	GREENUP CO.	KY 275	00210-20000-00	181			
GRAYSON, ALFRED	FAYETTE CO.	KY 48	31010-00110-00	1810			
GRAYSON, AMBROSE	WYTHE CO.	VA833	20100-00200-01	1810			
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GRAYSON, BENJ.	FAIRFAX CO.	VA	RENT ROLLS	RR1761			
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GREYSON, JOHN JR.	WARREN CO. GA 156	CAMPBELLS DISTRICT	TX1794
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GREYSON, WILLIAM	FREDERICK CO. VA	RENT ROLLS	RR1759
GREYSON, WILLIAM	ALBEMARLE CO. VA 6	00001-00010-00	1810

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USING YOUR COMPUTER SEARCH

FORMAT

The Computer has placed each requested surname spelling variation separately in alphabetical sequence by first name. For example:

COB, AARON	NOTICE that there is no spacing
COB, JOHN	between spelling variations.
COBB, ABEL	
COBB, ZEBULON	

TWO TYPES of entries are contained in your Computer Search:

1. Entries from CENSUS RECORDS, as shown in the example:

BAKER, ABRAHAM RENSSELAER CO. NY 871 00110-00100-01 1800

These entries all have a census year in the far right hand column. Sometimes the year is prefixed with letters. For example: S1803
These are codes for the following:

S=STATE CENSUS	CL=COLONIAL CENSUS
T=TERRITORIAL CENSUS	CT=CONTINENTAL CENSUS

To understand an entry from a census record, match the census year with those shown in the TABLE OF CONTENTS. Turn to the page number indicated for an explanation of the entry.

2. Entries from BIOGRAPHICAL and other sources. For example:

BAKER, GEORGE F. LANCASTER CO. PA 681 BIOCAM

The far right hand column shows a "BIO" or "POR" prefixed code. This means that we have indexed a Biography or a Portrait on this individual. We can not provide copies of this information at this time. However, we will be publishing in the future an index which will help you locate such information. Watch for future adds introducing this volume.

1800 & 1810

KEY

FEDERAL CENSUS

SAMPLE FORMAT:

NAME	COUNTY	STATE	PAGE	TOWNSHIP or COLUMNS abcde fghij kl	YEAR
JOHNSON, JOSEPH	Bedford Co.	PA	219	00010-00010-00	1800
BALDWIN, THOMAS	Randolph Co.	ILL	74	12010-11010-00	1810
EWING, JAMES EDWARD	Washington Co.	OH	23	Marietta Twp.	1800
EWING, JAMES E.	Washington Co.	OH	15	Middletown Twp.	1810

NAME: This is the name of the head of the family. The last name is listed first and is followed by the first given name or names of the individual.

COUNTY & STATE: The names of the county and state where the census was taken are given as indicated in the original census records. Place names are spelled as given by the census enumerators.

PAGE: The page number indicates where the name may be located in the original census record.

COLUMNS: a thru l

- a. Number of males under 10 years of age.
- b. Number of males between 10 to 16 years of age.
- c. Number of males between 16 to 26 years of age.
- d. Number of males between 26 to 45 years of age.
- e. Number of males over 45 years of age.
- f. Number of females under 10 years of age.
- g. Number of females between 10 to 16 years of age.
- h. Number of females between 16 to 26 years of age.
- i. Number of females between 26 to 45 years of age.
- j. Number of females over 45 years of age.

TOWNSHIP or District: Number of Free People of Color in the household.
l. Number of slaves in the household.

TOWNSHIP: This is the Township, Town, City, Ward, Parish, Hundred, Precinct, or District in which the family was living at the time of the census enumeration.

YEAR: This indicates the year in which the census was taken.

KEY

1790

FEDERAL CENSUS

SAMPLE FORMAT:

NAME	COUNTY	STATE	PAGE	TOWNSHIP or COLUMNS					
				a	b	c	d	e	
JONES, DAVID	Hartford Co.	MD	51	01	03	02	01	00	1790
KELLEY, ANDREW	Chester Co.	PA	168	Allenville Twp.					1790
RILEY, JAMES M.	Barnwell Co.	SC	62	03	02	04	00	23	1790

NAME: This is the name of the head of the family. The last name is listed first and is followed by the first given name or names of the individual.

COUNTY & STATE: The names of the county and state where the census was taken are given as indicated in the original census records. Place names are spelled as given by the census enumerators.

PAGE: The page number indicates the page number in the printed volumes of the 1790 census records as published by the United States Federal Government in 1909. Most public libraries have a copy of this series.

COLUMNS: a thru e

- a. Number of free white males 16 years and upwards, including heads of families.
- b. Number of free white males under 16 years of age.
- c. Number of free white females, including heads of families.
- d. Number of all other free persons.
- e. Number of slaves in the household.

TOWNSHIP: This is the Township, Town, City, Ward, Parish, Hundred, Precinct, or District in which the family was living at the time of the census enumeration.

YEAR: This indicates the year in which the census was taken. Vermont 1790 census was actually taken in 1791. In many places the census enumerator required many months to complete taking the census.

NOTE: Sometimes the census enumerators omitted items from the original records. Items omitted from the original records are not included in the index by Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc.

1310 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida
August 22, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I have been wanting to get some things to you for the newsletter for some time but due to a bloodclot I have been unable to sit and type.

Ella Mae Underwood has been so lovely to send me some very interesting things about our ancestors and I was sad that I was unable to share with her a few of the things I had, but health has a way of interfering with plans at times.

I have met some wonderful people and found a few of my family I did not know I had through your interesting newsletter. I also have a few answers to some of the questions posed now and then by some of your contributors that I will endeavor to send to them when I am able to remain up longer.

My family particularly enjoyed the writings of Lund and Peter Grayson Washington and Spence Monroe Grayson. I hope that what I have enclused here will help to fill out that line. As you can see, this is all about our side of the family beginning with the lineage of the brothers Benjamin, Ambrose, Thomas, their sisters, Elizabeth and Mary and our ancestor John Grayson.

I can't help but agree with my beloved aunt Margaret Grayson, Grand Dame of our Grayson Clan, that it is most interesting to study the genealogy of "your roots" because it is as though those who have gone before you come alive for a moment and speak out to your age through you, but what is really important is not so much what your ancestors may have been, as "what kind of a person you are today, and what kind, through your own efforts and God's guidance, you are becoming."

As we read the pages of this newsletter, we see such beautiful examples of courage, honor, integrity, good-breeding, application of education and talents for the benefit of God, country and the fellowman, but most of all, the message that comes to me from the pages of our earliest heritage is from Matt 6:33

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." That and the cherished words of Grandfather James Gordon Grayson, "Your name came from your father, it was all he had to give. So it's yours to use and cherish as long as you may live. If you loose the watch he gave you it can always be replaced, But a black mark on your name, dear, can never be erased. It was clean the day you took it and a worthy name to bear, When I got it from my father

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There was no dishonor there. so make sure you guard it wisely- After all is said and done. you'll be glad the name is spotless when it's given to your son." and, "The distance a man goes is not as important as the direction that he takes."

I wish each and everyone of you had had the opportunity of knowing James Gordon Grayson. He was the most dynamic person I have ever known. Impressive in size and appearance, a typical Virginia Gentleman whose very presence commanded attention.

He was more than 6 foot 7 inches in height. as tall and as wide as the doorway and when he walked into a room, all eyes were on him. And yet a more kind and gentle man I have never known.

I am glad he shared his love of God and the beauty of nature with me and his unending storehouse of knowledge in philosophy. literature and poetry. He never spoke without quoting something pertaining to the situation to leave a deeper impression upon one.

Lund Washington's words about the "first of the Graysons in America.....'He was a man of exceedingly fine address notably of fine blood.....of a refined and wealthy family, as his acquirement, person and habits bore ample evidence of....'" could well have been written of him. So pure has the line been handed down to us.....I was so pleased for his description for I could not have said it better.

James Gordon Grayson was strong of constitution and morals and yet tender and mild in disposition and manner. A giant of a man.

Ask other readers to give us a glimpse of at least one of their earlier ancestors. I think it would be interesting to know what others of our ancestors were like or what the family life was like. Just a thumbnail sketch or an episode.

I have found it very helpful to have a map of the locations of the different lines so as to understand where they came from in keeping the different ones sperate and so I have enclosed one of each of the states where Graysons have been found in their earliest locations. They can be cut to fit and you could enclude one each month if you did not want to run them all together.

Thank Ella for me and know that we thoroughly enjoy the newsletter and put it to good use. There is so much about my family in it. My only objection is to the \$5. reruns. That isn't fair to the late-comers. We would have been in on the beginning if you had let us know. Keep the news coming.

With best wishes to all,

Irene Grayson Tait
Irene Grayson Tait

GRAYSON FAMILY

JOHN GRAYSON

Came from England, settled in Lancaster County, Va.

JOHN GRAYSON, JR., his son

Was in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Va. in 1700. Was first Vestryman of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania County, Va. 1726. Took "Ye Oath" as an officer Oct. 7, 1729 in Virginia Colonial Militia (from Crozier, p. 122). d. 1734 in Spotsylvania County, Va. = SUSANNAH WHITE in Spotsylvania County, Va. A Deed recorded in Spotsylvania County March 3, 1729 made her Executrix and Guardian of JOHN and AMBROSE GRAYSON, orphans of JOHN GRAYSON, JR. Other children were THOMAS, BENJAMIN, ELIZABETH and MARY. Captain BENJAMIN GRAYSON was "of age" in 1726 = SUSANNA MONROE. They lived in Bel Air.

AMBROSE, son of JOHN JR. and SUSANNAH, b. "about 1700" d. Sept. 6, 1743. He patented land in Spotsylvania County, Va. in 1727. His will is recorded in the County Will Book, p. 321 = ALICE JAMES. Their children were JOHN, WILLIAM (b. 1732, moved to Albermarle County before the Revolutionary War. He was a Captain in the State Militia, in Revolutionary Service, Albermarle County, Va. = ANNE SMITH and they had a large family), AMBROSE, JR. and THOMAS.

JOHN GRAYSON, son of AMBROSE and ALICE, b. about 1725, d. 1822. Moved from Spotsylvania Co. to Orange Co. in 1734; to Culpepper Co. in 1748. He patented land in Culpepper Co. in 1751 = BARBARY BIBB.

JOHN, their son, b. August 9, 1770; d. July 29, 1826; went from Culpepper Co. to East Tenn., then to Alabama in 1806 as a surveyor. He lived at Haden, Madison Co., Alabama = SALLY CARTER.

SALLY CARTER of Carters' Grove family, Charlottesville, Va., moved to Dandridge, E. Tennessee at age 15. At age 16 she married JOHN and they came to Alabama. They had seventeen children. GEORGE, the eldest, b. 1794 = CYNTHIA HANNAH; POLLY, b. 1795 = BRYANT COBB; JOHN and WILLIAM, twins, b. 1797, d. young; JOHN CULLEN, b. 1799 = NANCY GLOVER and moved to Texas; ROBERT, b. 1801, d. young; CHARLES, b. 1803 = BEATRICE CRAFT and moved to Texas; JACKSON, b. 1805 = ANNIE CRAFT and moved to Texas; NANCY, b. 1808 = JOHN SARTAIN and moved to Texas; AMBROSE, b. 1810 = SALLIE VANN and moved to

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Texas; SALLY ANN, b. 1811 = WASH SARTAIN and moved to Texas; NAPOLEON BONEPART, b. 1815 = ANN ELLET and stayed in Madison Co.; and JAMES GORDON, b. 1817. These children were born in Madison Co. before the territory of Alabama became a state.

JAMES GORDON, b. 1817, d. 1864 = PARALEE WRIGHT, b. 1820, d. 1876. They stayed in Madison Co., and they also had seventeen children.

JOHN WILLIAM, the eldest, b. May 23, 1838, d. April 17, 1917;
SARAH JANE, b. 1841 = JAMES THOMPSON DAVIDSON in 1860;
 CHARLES ALBERT, b. 1843 = ALMIRA AVA JORDAN in 1867, second marriage to MAYME WATTS in 1901; GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. 1844, d. 1854; JAMES FRANKLIN, b. 1846, d. young; AMBROSE CARTER, b. 1848 = MATTIE LOGAN in 1876; JERUSHA ANN, b. 1850 = RICHARD MEDLIN in 1867; ANDREW JACKSON, b. 1852 = EUGENIA ELIZABETH WADE in 1874; MARY PARALEE, b. 1857 lived only five months; FANNIE ELIZABETH, b. 1860 = WILLIAM R. KING in 1892; HENRY, b. 1861, d. 1870; EMMA POLK, b. 1863 = DAVID E. ALLISON in 1879; LULA, b. 1864 = HENRY POLK MC GAHA in 1895; SALLY, b. 1866, d. 1878; CHARLES, b. 1868 = ETHEL JAMES in 1905; JOHN WILLIAM, b. 1870 = KATIE BLYSTONE in 1899; MINNIE, b. 1872 = FRANK S. HENRY in 1807.

JOHN WILLIAM, eldest son of JAMES GORDON and PARALEE WRIGHT GRAYSON = SARAH SMITH ALLISON in 1861, b. 1834, d. 1883. She bore all his children. Following her death he married her niece, CHARITY PENLAND. Following her death he married his first wife's cousin, AZUBAH PARKER. A Captain in the Confederate Army where he served four years, JOHN WILLIAM was a teacher for two years, a farmer for most of his life and a member of the Alabama State Legislature 1870-72 and 1884-86. He also served in the State Senate 1873-75. In 1913 he wrote a brief but interesting autobiography. A few copies of this are available.

NANNIE PARALEE, b. 1864, d. 1906, the eldest daughter = MURPHY LAUGHINGHOUSE. They had three daughters; SALLY, b. 1885 = THOMAS WILEY, MARGARET = WHITLOCK; MATTIE, b. 1893 = SHAW.

JAMES GORDON, eldest of four sons of J.W. and SARAH GRAYSON, b. 1862, d. 1942 = NANNIE ELIZA MOSELEY, b. 1874, d. 1913. Their children are: EDITH, who died in infancy; ETHEL, b. 1886, d. 1904; WILLIAM GORDON, b. 1899, d. 1975 = LOUISE, b. 1895; MERCER DAVID, b. 1902, d. 1954 = LOIS CADDELL, b. 1907, d. 1972; MARGARET GRAYSON, b. 1904, never married.

DAVID ALLISON, second eldest son of J.W. and SARAH GRAYSON, b. 1871, d. 1947 = NANNETTE DUBOSE then JULIET PATTERSON, had one child, JULIET.

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NOTES REGARDING GRAYSON FAMILY INFORMATION

The Virginia records of the GRAYSON family were compiled by Mrs. Jennie Grayson who "has done genealogical work for forty years". Her home, Charlottesville, Albermarle Co., Va. She authenticated her findings copying court records, parts of deeds and wills and other legal papers. She was painstaking and thorough. Judge Claude Grayson and later Margaret Grayson were happy to have secured her capable services.

The Grayson line was also traced by Sarah Davidson Riley, granddaughter of James Gordon and Paralee Wright Grayson. Her chart of the early Graysons differs in no way from Mrs. Jennie Graysons. She was able to provide names of many more members of the later families and their spouses and numerous offspring.

Additional information was obtained from family Bibles, tombstones and the recollection of older living Graysons.

All the written authenticated copies of deeds, wills, etc. will be kept with one copy of the genealogy for reference if questions arise.

AMBROSE TILDEN, third son of J.W. and SARAH GRAYSON, b. 1876, d. 1972 = TELETTE KELLY. They had one son, SOLON KELLY; and one daughter, AVALYN, b. 1914 = WILFRED VAN VALKENBERG, d. 1968.

CLAUDE ALBERT, youngest son of J.W. and SARAH GRAYSON, b. 1882 = SARAH BOWEN, b. 1886, d. 1971. Their children are: Daughter, FRANCES BOWEN, b. 1907, d. 1957 = FLOYD MASON FLETCHER. Elder son, CLAUDE ALBERT, b. 1912, d. 1929. Younger son, JOHN WILLIAM, b. 1914 = ELVYN.

NOTE: CAPT. GRAYSON'S daughter, NANNIE, was a graduate of the Female Seminary of Huntsville, Ala. All four sons were graduates of the University of Alabama. JAMES GORDON became a life insurance agent; DAVID, a lawyer, AMBROSE, a physician, and CLAUDE, a lawyer, was for many years presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Mobile, Alabama.

EXPLANATIONS OF SYMBOLS

= means married

Names underlined show direct line of descent

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF INTEREST

...from a letter from Dr. A.T. Grayson to his brother, Claude. "Green Bottom Inn belonged to your great grandfather, John Wm. Connally. His daughter, Jerusha Ann, married Robert Wright, Sr. Their son, William, had a daughter, Paralee. She was your grandmother."

...from Alabama records in the DAR library in Washington, D.C. "Paralee Wright, b. 1820, wife of James Gordon G. who was born in 1817, was granddaughter of Robert Wright who was born in 1762 in Amhurst Co., Va. He entered the Virginia State Militia subsequently inducted into the patriot Army of the War of 1776 the war of the American Revolution. He was at the Siege of York and assisted in the capture of Cornwallis. In 1808 he purchased 160 acres of land near Flint River in N. Alabama where he lived until his death at 85 in 1847."

...from a letter inviting Judge C.A. Grayson to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution written by Col. Wm. T. Carpenter, historian, October 1, 1956. "Knowing that all Graysons are eligible for Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, the Alabama Society extends to you a cordial invitation to become a member. ...There were five Virginia Graysons in that war; Robert, Spence, Thomas and two Williams, one of whom was the famous Col. Wm. Grayson. We have here in Tuscaloosa Dr. Charles Grayson Summersell as a member of the S.A.R. and also of the Sons of Confederate Veterans."

Thomas Grayson, eldest son of John Jr. and Susannah Grayson was a merchant of Deal County, Kent, England. (Recorded in a deed.)

For membership in Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, if wished:

Robert Wright (name on DAR plaque in Huntsville, Ala. honoring veterans of the Revolutionary War - Keziah Bibob.

Their son, William Wright - Jerusha Connelly, whose daughter Paralee Wright - James Gordon Grayson, whose son, John Wm. Grayson - Sarah Smith Allison, parents of Nannie Paralee, James Gordon, David Allison, Ambrose Tilden, and Claude Albert.

For membership in Colonial Dames if wished:

John Grayson, Jr. "took ye oath as an officer Oct. 7, 1729 in Virginia Colonial Militia" (Crozier, p. 122). He died in 1784 in Spottsylvania Co., Va.

August 15, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I have been sick so therefore do not have anything to contribute. This doesn't mean that I am not interested. I was especially glad to see the Who's Who in the last issue. The data on Dr. James McDonald Grayson, professor of Entomology at VPI, enabled me finish a chart I had started on his family line. I had corresponded with his mother several years and she was able to give me some data on her husband's family. Dr. James McDonald Grayson is the son of James McNutt Grayson son of James Floyd Grayson son of James William Grayson son of Ambrose Grayson son of William Grayson son of John Grayson (d. 1802 Montgomery Co., Va.) etc. The last John Grayson was my great-great-great grandfather.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Ellen Gray McDonald

August 2, 1978

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I do not have any further news to write for the Grayson Genealogy Newsletter, but was delighted to read the letter written by my cousin, Dr. Roy D. Grayson from Albuquerque, New Mexico. In the very near future, I will drop him a note and identify myself to him. His parents and the one sister were the only ones in his family that I knew.

You must be extremely happy to have the Wren Grayson, Dr. Biographical Sketch brought up to date, and this Newsletter as well as all of the ones sent out are real treasures. One of my nieces is doing some research now and may have something to add at a later date.

On the sad note, my brother William Lowell Grayson died this Spring, April 28, 1978.

I am sending a check for this issue and the next issue coming; No. 10 and No. 11.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Cardon
Marjorie Cardon



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

MILO B. HOWARD, JR., DIRECTOR
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130

June 21, 1978

Mr. Clifford Grayson
1601 Holloway Street
Rollo, Mo. 65401

My dear Mr. Grayson:

With reference to your letter of June 7, I regret that we are not able to find in our files any information concerning the naming of the town of Grayson, Alabama. We find no information in our Houston county file and none in The History of Houston County by Watson. I regret that we are not able to be of any assistance to you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Milo B. Howard, Jr.
Milo B. Howard, Jr.
Director

H/sms

Towns named Grayson from the U.S. Zip Code Directory
(1972)

State	Name	Zip
Georgia	Grayson	30221
Kentucky	Grayson	41143
Louisiana	Grayson	71435
Maryland	Grasonville	21638
North Carolina	Grayson	28632

-- R. R. Grayson, M.D.

7773 Charing Square
St. Louis, MO 63119
28 August, 1978

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
103 West Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I am writing to inquire about any information that you might have concerning the parentage of Judith Grayson who married Pleasant Emmerson in Albemarle County, Virginia, 3 October, 1808. Shortly thereafter they moved to Barren County, Kentucky.

I am also interested in an Elizabeth Grayson who married Joseph Sutherland, Jr. in Albemarle County in the 1790's.

Any information that you might be able to give me would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Sylvia

Linda H. Sylvia

GRAYSON, ELLIOTT SAMUEL, restaurant chain exec.; b. Marion, Ind., Mar. 6, 1924; s. Harry and Gertrude (Schiff) G.; B.S., Ohio State U., 1947; m. Ruth Patricia Gumble, June 10, 1947; children - Michael E., Kathryn Ann, Grayson Gorenoff, Julie; Regional dir. individual shoe stores Shoe Corp. Am., Columbus, O., 1947-65; owner Franchise Burger Chef Systems, Inc., Columbus, 1965; York Steak House Systems, Inc., Columbus, 1969. Served with P.A. A.S., 1943-45. Decorated Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Mem. Mens Am. ORT (dir.).

Zeta Beta Tau, Jewish religion. Mem. B'nai Brith Club. Winding Hollow Home, 346 Nanche Ct Columbus OH 43213 Office: 4323 East Port Dr Columbus OH 43227

GRAYSON, HERBERT FINK, adst. agy. exec.; b. Detroit, Mar. 13, 1926; s. Harry and Sylvia (Fink) G.; B.S., Northwestern U., 1951; m. Mary Evelyn Owen, May 23, 1953; children - Lisa, Robert, Richard, Jeffrey, Steven. Promotion supt. Continental Casualty Co., Chgo., 1951-52; safety engr. Portland Cement Assn., Chgo., 1952-56; dir. info. services CBS, Chgo., 1956-58; pub. relations counsel Klau-Van Petersom-Dunlap, Milw., 1959-63; v.p. merchandising and promotion Cooper Stock Scannell, Milw., 1963-73; v.p. account supt. Hoffman, York, Baker & Johnson, Milw., 1973. Served with A.S., 1945-46. Mem. Civil War Round Table, Sales and Mktg. Execs. Milw. (pres. 1968-69), Acacia, Sigma Delta Chi Clubs, Milw. Ad. Milw. Press. Home: 2452 N 83d St Wauwatosa WI 53213 Office: 2300 N Mayfair Rd Wauwatosa WI 53226

GRAYSON, LEONARD DAVID, physician; b. Bklyn., Aug. 20, 1921; s. Irving Al and Elizabeth Pearl (Maller) G.; B.S., L.I. U., 1943; M.B., Chgo. Med. Sch., 1950; M.D., 1951; postgrad., N.Y. U., 1952-53; m. Rosalyn Esther Berman, Dec. 25, 1946; children - Laura (Mrs. Gerald Timmerwille), Elizabeth, Gail, Mitchell. Intern U.S. Marine Hosp., S.L., N.Y., 1950-51; resident VA Hosp., Bklyn., 1951-52; preceptor Dr. M. Sulzberger, N.Y.C., 1953-55; clin. asst. in dermatology N.Y. State U., Bklyn., 1954-55; practice medicine specializing in allergy, immunology and dermatology, Quincy, Ill., 1955. mem. staff Blessing Hosp., St. Mary's Hosp.; mem. staff Physicians and Surgeons Clinic, Quincy, 1955-; treas. exec. bd., 1960-70; chmn., pres. exec. bd., 1973. Asst. in clin. medicine Washington U., St. Louis, 1963-70; cons. McDonough Dist. Hosp., Macon Dist. Hosp., Meml. Hosp. Mem. exec. bd. Adams County (Ill.) chpt. Am. Cancer Soc., 1967-74; sec. Western Ill. Found. for Med. Care, 1973-74. Served with A.S., 1943-46. PTO Diplomat Am. Bd. Dermatology, Am. Bd. Allergy and Immunology, Fellow Am. Acad. Dermatology, Am. Acad. Allergy, Am. Geriatric Soc., Am. Med. Writers Assn., Am. Assn. Clin. Immunology and Allergy, mem. A.M.A., Ill. State, Adams County (pres. 1975) med. socs. Pan Am. Med. Assn. (life), Quincy C. of C. (chmn. community affairs 1966-69), Editor Quincy Med. Bull., 1959-68, Adams County Mental Health Assn. Bull., 1962. Contrib. articles to prof. jour. Home: 2109 N. Wilmar Dr Quincy IL 62301 Office: 1101 Maine St Quincy IL 62301

GRAYSON, MELVIN JAY, mag. exec.; b. N.Y.C., May 29, 1924; s. Sydney and Rose (Sherman) G.; B.Litt., Rutgers U., 1947; M.S., Columbia U., 1948; m. Gloria Medof, Aug. 24, 1947; children - Scott Alan, Cathy Ann. Reporter, A.P., Trenton, N.J., 1948-50; feature writer Newark Star-Ledger, 1950-51; rewrite man, asst. night city editor N.Y. Herald Tribune, 1951-53; copywriter Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, N.Y.C., 1953-55; promotion writer Look mag. Look div. Cowles Communications, Inc., N.Y.C., 1955-60; promotion mgr., 1960-67; dir. promotion, 1967-70; v.p. sales promotion, 1970-; Chmn. printing-pub. sect. Heart Fund, N.Y. Heart Assn., 1966-71; head dr. for printing sect., 1967-71. Served with A.S., 1943-46; ETO Decorated Bronze Star. Mem. Mag. Promotion Group (pres. 1962-63; v.p. 1964-65), Sales Promotion Execs. Assn. Home: 16 Clive Hills Rd. Edison, NJ 08817. Office: 488 Madison Av. New York City, NY 10022

GRAYSON, MORTON, investment co. exec.; b. N.Y.C., June 13, 1919; s. Philip and Frieda (Zolenge) Goldstein; P.A., N.Y.U., 1940, M.B.A., 1943; m. Annette Dawer, Feb. 23, 1946; children - Ellen B., Philip S. With Sutro Bros. & Co., N.Y.C., 1943-71, mgr. research dept., 1950-53, mgr. investment banking dept., 1953-55; partner, 1955-71; mng. partner Grayson, Burger & Co., N.Y.C., 1972-; Mem. N.Y. Soc. Security Analysts Club; N.Y. Stock Exchange Luncheon. Home: 20 Leatnerstocking Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Office: 30 Broad St. New York City, NY 10004

GRAYSON, WILLIAM RUSSEL, physician; b. Moose Jaw, Sask., Can., Nov. 16, 1928; s. Frederick Russel and Florence Augusta (Walters) G.; M.D., U. Man., 1955; m. Katherine Margaret Nichol, June 1, 1955; children - William David, John Nichol. Intern. Winnipeg (Man.) Gen. Hosp., 1954-55; gen. practice of medicine, Atikokan, Ont., Can., 1955. mem. staffs Atikokan Gen. Hosp., coroner Dist. Runy River Ont., 1969. Mem. Atikokan Bd. Edn., 1971. chmn. 1971. Mem. Canadian Ont. med. assn. Zeta Psi Home: 141 Pine Atikokan ON Canada Office: Marks St Atikokan ON Canada

WHO'S WHO IN MIDWEST
1974-1975

WHO'S WHO IN FINANCE &
INDUSTRY 1974-1975

Above Who's Who from
Clifford Grayson of Mo.

WHO'S WHO IN MIDWEST
1976-1977

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August 2, 1947

Corresponding Secretary
Kentucky State Historical Society
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me any information of George Washington Grayson, born 1803? (my information says in 1803 in Grayson Co. but I find Grayson Co. was not formed until 1810). He was married three times, the last time to Mary (Rowe) Stevens and had David Rowe Grayson.

He is said to have been the son of Thomas Grayson of North Carolina. He no doubt belonged to a line of the Graysons of Va. I find a George W. Grayson who had a son George W. in Tyler's Quarterly (Va) and in Historical Collections of Va. Vol. IX. p 210 I find George W. as a son of Col. Wm. Grayson, who left a son George W. but no further data on the names. George, the son of Col. William Grayson was "of Fauquier Co. and died before 1832, leaving issue."

I also find in "Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds" by W.R. Jillson, page 494 under "Court of Appeals- Grantors - George W. Grayson res.- Mason, a large grant dated 2,18,1803 Book N, 435. Also a Deed dated 8,27,1805 to "George W. Grayson and wife both on Little Sandy River and two others, one on same river and the other "6 m of Salt Works". These are in Book "K" pages 259, 271, and 274.

The name of his wife is not given, nor do I understand why the record is under "Court of Appeals". Could it be that he George W. Grayson was one of the "Heirs of Wm. Grayson" who laid claim to lands in Kentucky?

I have no record of when George Washington Grayson died but he is said to have removed about 1860 to Jefferson Co. Kans.

Can you help or advise me in any way?

Very Truly yours
Mrs. Lovett Frescoln
500 Harvard Ave.
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
Genealogist.

August 8. 1947

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Dept. of State
Frankfort.
Charles K. O'Connell
State Secretary of State

Mrs. Lovett Frescoln,
500 Harvard Ave.
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The deed recorded in Book K, page 259, shows that George Grayson was from Fauquier County, Virginia and that his wife's name was Octavia.

By deed recorded in Deed Book N. page 435, George Washington Grayson of Mason County, Kentucky, on March 18th, 1803, conveyed to Alfred W. Grayson a certain interest in 70,000 acres of land on Little Sandy River, as an heir of William Grayson.

Grayson County was created in 1810.

Yours very truly,

Charles K. O'Connell, R.
Secretary of State.

John M. Millis
Clerk, Greenup County Court
Greenup, Kentucky
Oct. 20, 1947.

Mrs. Lovett Frescoln,
500 Harvard Ave.
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Madam:

I am unable to find any record of a Will of George W. Grayson in this office. the thing I can find along this line is the Division of 70,000 acres of land belonging to William Grayson in the year 1838. This covers approximately six pages written in long hand and parts of it are almost illegible. If we can furnish you any further information we shall be glad to do so.

Yours very truly

John M. Millis, Clerk

by Rebecca C. Thomas - Deputy.

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Mrs. Lovett Frescoln
500 Harvard Ave.
Swarthmore, Penn.
Oct. 23, 1947.

Mr. Bayless E. Hardin
Secretary-Treasurer Kentucky Hist. Soc.
Old State House
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hardin:

A letter from you dated Aug. 6, 1947, states that it would be necessary to know the name of the county in which the Grayson family lived before you could furnish any possible information.

I wish to learn something of the family of George Washington Grayson who was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, on 20, Oct. 1803 and was there reared and educated. He is said to have removed in 1837 to Missouri, becoming one of the pioneers of the Platte purchase there. He died 1888, Jefferson Co. Kans.

His father was said to be also George Washington Grayson, who had a wife "Octavia" in 1803, in Kentucky.

There is a story told to the effect that this man was killed by Indians while crossing the river in a canoe, going from Virginia into Ky. date or place unknown.

I enclose a copy of a letter received today which seems to bear out the statement that George W. Grayson was the son of George W. Grayson who was the son of William Grayson, but I need proof, what I particularly wish is data on George W. Grayson Sr., He is said to have been from Fauquier County, Virginia to Kentucky.

I am enclosing also a letter from the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky. Can you tell me if the record he sent is the same as I would receive from the Land Office?

I wrote Mrs. W. E. Bach, Lexington, Ky., who ^{has} never done work on the Grayson line. I regret I cannot afford her services.

Your Very truly

Mrs. Lovett Frescoln

GRAYSON FAMILY
(for Mrs. _____ Miami, Okla.)

Col. William Grayson, for whom Grayson Co., Ky., was named was the son of Benjamin Grayson, wealthy merchant of Colchester, England and Susan Monroe Grayson, of Westmoreland, England. He was born in Prince William Co. Va. in 1740, (one record says 1736).

He attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; pursued classical studies in England and was graduated from the University of Oxford; studied law at the Temple in London; returned to Virginia and practiced law in Dumfries.

During the Revolutionary War he was appointed aide-de-camp to General Washington, Aug. 24., 1776. Commanding Colonel of a Virginia Regiment, June 1, 1777; distinguished himself at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778; Member of the Board of War in 1780 and 1781; Member of the Continental Congress 1784-1787; Delegate to the Virginia Convention in 1788 for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, which he opposed; elected to the U.S. Senate and served from March 4, 1789 until his death in Dumfries, Va. March 12, 1790; interment in the old family estate at Belle Air, near Dumfries.

(This was taken from a letter written by Mr. Bayless Hardin. Sec. of the Ky. Hist. Soc., to Wm. R. Bagby, of Grayson, Ky. Most of the information was gotten from an old History of Prince William Co., Va., which is at the Historical Society, Frankfort, Ky.)

Grayson, Col. Wm. - From the will of Major General Charles Lee, (found in Tyler's Quarterly. p 46 v. 3) "I give and bequeath to my worthy friend, Col. Wm. Grayson of Dumfries, the second choice of my two colts---" 1782.

Letter from Gen. Geo. Washington to Wm. Grayson- 5T 199-206, 252, 263.
He is frequently mentioned in Gen. Washington's diary as a visitor at Mt. Vernon. He married Eleanor, sister of General Smallwood of the Maryland line. He left Frederick, George, Robert and Alfred and one daughter, Hebe. Alfred Grayson, his son, married Miss Breckinridge, of Kentucky, an aunt of Gen. John Breckinridge. (The latter, according to Brock in Grigsby Convention 1788, p 210).

George W., son of Wm., of Fauquier Co. died before 1832, leaving issue; 1st Frances, who md. Richard H. Foote. Heirs of Wm. Grayson; Certifies J. Worden Pope, 10th June. 1830, 39th year of the Commonwealth. of Kentucky.

(George W.'s other two children were George W. and William).

"George W. Grayson, of Rappahannock Co. Va. appointed Henry Worthing as his ally to obtain warrant due him in right of the service of Capt. Heband Smallwood, brother of my late grandmother Grayson, the wife of Col. William Grayson".
June 1838, Jefferson Co. Ky. - (8T 121, 124, 125.)

Below is the lineage of J.R. Grayson, sr. of Rt.2, Box 62, Brevard, N.C. as written Aug. 30, 1978. He states that this information came from his cousin, an amateur genealogist. I have written to her: She is: Mrs. Marylea (Grayson) Hale, 4731 So. 26 West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

What is of great interest is that this genealogy ties in with the families previously discussed here in Vol. I, no. 6 & 12. James William Grayson was the Col. who caught Tom Dula (re: the song of Tom Dooley.) I am most interested to learn whether the father, William Grayson of N.C. was in Wilkes county where my Wren Grayson came from. And further, was the father of Col. James Grayson the same William Grayson who appears in 1800 in Wilkes county? Probably not, since the latter had a large family already in 1800.

William Grayson born in England
 married Rebecca Reese born in N. Carolina
 buried in Zionville Baptist Church yard
 Zionville N.C.
 ↓
 James William M. Grayson
 born 1833 in N. Carolina
 married Apr. 1852 Johnson County Tenn. to Julia Ann Williams.
 Died Feb. 18, 1901 Mt. City Tenn. buried in Zionville Baptist Church yard Zionville, N.C.
 ↓
 James Hamilton Grayson
 born 1858 in Tenn.
 married Mar. 20 1878 Johnson County Tenn. to Sarah Eggers
 died Apr. 25 1905 at Mt. City Tenn. buried at Eggers Cemetery near Trade, Tenn.
 ↓
 James Roy Grayson
 born Trade Tenn. Sept. 16 - 1882
 married Sarah Catherine Cole - Johnson Co. Tenn.
 died Oct. 23, 1901 buried in Eggers Cemetery near Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.
 ↓
 James Roy Grayson
 born Nov. 30, 1901
 married Mar. 12, 1927 to Ida Ellen Bair
 we have a son James Roy Grayson Jr. and he has a son James Roy Grayson III

Richard R. Grayson, M.D.

Internal Medicine

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER VOL. 2. No. 12:

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D.A. Grayson of Nebo, N.C. sends a clipping (p. 236.) about J. Wesley Grayson for general interest. Thank you.

Lewis F. Grayson of Okla. reports some history: "There is the possibility that some Graysons are of Scottish descent in that by reason of the King of England proscribing the name MacGregor, many changed their names, such as Gregor, Gregson, Gregg, Greyson, Grayson," etc. "Thereafter they migrated to Northern Ireland and there were driven out by King William of Orange--most came to the U.S.A." See pages 237, 8 for material on Lewis Grayson's line.

Mrs. Walton Grayson III of 10525 Strait Lane, Dallas, Tex., 75229 writes that her husband's great grandfather was Thomas W. Grayson born July 18, 1825 Waynesboro, Wayne co., Miss. who married Ann Hyde of Augusta, Perry co., Miss. Does anyone have further info on this line to put in the Newsletter and to forward to Mrs. G.?

On page 239 is a nice letter from Howard E. Grayson with 2 more Grayson place names. Also a Grayson obit. Pp. 241, 2, 3, 4, 5 are printed here to document that Col. Wm. Grayson was not just an Aide to Gen. Washington, but actually led troops in battle. Sent by Howard Grayson.

A clipping from Robin Bandy re. C. Merwin Grayson for general interest on p. 236, and on p. 246 the will of William Grayson who md. Rachel Cooley. Thank you.

Mrs. Calvin Grayson of 1919 Hillview Dr. Mesquite, Tex., 75149 needs genealogy info re. Calvin Grayson who md. Tempe Pierce, came to Tex. from Miss. in late 1800's, had 7 children 4 boys, 3 girls: Lee, James, Wesley, Quill, Minnie, Mattie & Ada, all now dead, lived near Kossie in McClendon co., Tex. & other co's in East Tex. Tradition is that Calvin Grayson was Scottish. The eldest son of Quill Grayson is the husband of the corespondent, Calvin Grayson.

Pp. 247, 8: correspondence from and to a 3rd cousin of mine. On p. 249, 250 another copy of the paper by Lund Washington and Peter George Washington (Written when?) in good condition and therefore re-printed here: a Grayson genealogy.

A biography of Judge Spence Grayson, p. 236, sent by Howard G. A biography of Andrew Jackson Grayson, the painter, also from Howard, 251.

P. 252: a query from new member Bob Grayson who is with the Prudential Ins. co. in Fl. Glad to have all you new members. On pp. 253, 4, 5 are family group sheets on Bob's line forwarded by Bob's relative, Gene Goodman for the Newsletter. They want further clues to the origins and ancestors of the 1st Thomas Grayson. Can anyone help? Note they think Thomas Grayson was b. in Ireland.

Commentary continued on p. 275 (last page).

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Graysons Visit Mars Hill

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Grayson of Nebo, visited on the campus of Mars Hill College last Monday, meeting with the Rev. M.H. Kendall in the McCormick Building. Kendall is the professor of Bible at Mars Hill and a former pastor of Clinchfield Baptist Church. He was pastor during the time the present new building was getting on blueprints.

The Graysons also visited with Bill Walker, football coach at the college and head of the athletic department. They were Bill's luncheon guests at the faculty dining area; then toured the campus, noting the many improvements including new paved streets, new buildings and the friendly students.

Bill, formerly of Marion, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur (Red) Walker of Pleasant Valley Development, Old Fort.

An unexpected highlight of the Graysons annual visit happened during a visit with the Mars Hill president, Dr. Fred Bentley, in his office, when J. Wesley Grayson of Laguna Hills, California, who donated a million-dollar gift to the college appeared for a visit.

Later in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were invited to the home of Mrs. Clara Wall and also visited with her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Grayson, the benefactor's wife, the former Sarah Pauline Wall of Mars Hill, an alumna of Mars Hill College in the Class of 1934.

'63 University of Kentucky
C. Merwin Grayson Jr. '63 has been named president of the Covington Trust and Banking Co. Grayson, who in 1970 was named outstanding young man of Kenton County by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, moved up from executive vice president, a position to which he has appointed after resigning as vice president of Peoples Liberty Bank and Trust Co., Covington. Grayson's participation in community activities and organizations is widespread. Among them are St. Elizabeth Hospital, treasurer, member of the board of trustees and executive committee; Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK), secretary-treasurer; UK Fellow; UK Alumni Association-Northern Kentucky Alumni Club, vice president, treasurer and president; Northern Kentucky Leadership Council, chairman; Northern Kentucky Unit of the American Cancer Society, director and former president; Center Civic Opera, Inc., chairman; Boys Club of Northern Kentucky, board member, and Junior Achievement, advisory board.

GRAYSON, Spence Monroe (Magistrate, United States District Court for Georgia Southern District) Appointed to term beginning Dec 1, 1970. Term expires Dec 1, 1978. Born Savannah Georgia Dec 7, 1900 to William L. and Lillian Turner Grayson. Wife Margaret (Deceased), married Dec 1, 1925. Son William L. II Sept 2, 1926. Episcopalian. Educated at U.S. Military Academy at West Point 1917-18, Georgia Institute of Technology 1919-20 and University of Georgia LL.B. 1924. Admitted to practice Georgia 1924.

Member Georgia House of Representatives and State Senate 1926-62 (President Pro Tem Georgia Senate 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952). Savannah City Attorney 1937-46. Member Savannah Bar Association and State Bar of Georgia. Received Lucas Trophy from City of Savannah 1949. Democrat. Member Society of Colonial Wars and American Legion. Enjoys athletics.

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"That's it, in a nutshell!"

September 14, 1978

Mr. Clifford Grayson
1601 Holloway Street
Rolla, MO 65401

Re: Grayson Clan

Dear Sir:

I have been advised by Richard R. Grayson, M.D. that you might furnish me with some information concerning the Grayson family genealogy, and the particular branch I belong to. The following is the only available information I have concerning our family:

1. Great Grandfather: Frank (or Franklin)
Married: Martha Jane Smith
Lived in Newberg, MO, Phelps County
Following Children born of Marriage:
 1. William
 2. Jerone (Jerry)
 3. George
 4. James (Jim)
 5. Lewis (Louis) Franklin
 6. Elizabeth (Betty)
 7. Sarah
 8. Martha AnnThe above are the only names I can recall.
2. Grandfather: Lewis (Louis) Franklin
Born: Newberg, Phelps County, Married
Thena (?) Harris, also of Newberg.
Following children born of Marriage:
 1. Lewis Elmer
 2. Jane
 3. George
 4. Everett
 5. Gladys
 6. William
 7. Vernon
 8. Earl
 9. Opal
 10. Alice
 11. Woodrow

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3. Father: Lewis Elmer, Born Newberg, MO.
Married: Mary Loraine Brooks, Cartage, MO
Children Born of Marriage
1. June Rose
 2. Richard Lee
 3. Lewis Franklin
 4. Jack Edward
 5. Robert Elmer
 6. Clifford Eugene
 7. Charles Fred

There is some information that would indicate my Great Great Grandfather's name was Benjamin Franklin Grayson and he is buried in the "Ol' Kentuck" Cemetery in Newberg.

Any information you could supply me would be greatly appreciated. I have enclosed a self addressed and stamped envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Lewis F. Grayson
Executive Assistant

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Dear Mr. Grayson —

Was pleased to hear from you (by way of brother Charles). Your Grayson ancestral line as of yet are not in my lineage; but your information can be of help to the many Graysons that share the same ancestors as you. There are several people who can help you in your search — more on this later.

The brief facts you recounted in your letter are for the most part accurate.

Your (great) grandfather Lewis (Louis) Franklin Grayson was born July 19, 1869 in Phelps Co., Mo.; he is son of (Benjamin?) Franklin Grayson, born 1823 (31), probably in Knox Co., Tenn., died Carnegie, Jasper Co., Mo. — Franklin married Martha J. Smith, born 1831, Mo.

Franklin is son of Benjamin Franklin Grayson (b. 1802). This Benjamin went to Missouri about 1846 from Marion Co., Tenn. He and his wife Elizabeth (1804-1882) had 13 children. Benjamin's father is Joseph Grayson (b. c. 1778) who married Patsy (Elizabeth) Brazeele (Brazil) in 1798.

If the above facts fit with other information you know of, then here are some people who would I'm sure be very interested in communicating with your family:

Bob & Ginger McManaway
116 Springing Rd.
Kaysville, Ohio 45431

Clifford Grayson }
Rolla, Missouri }

Alexandria, Virginia
20 August 1978

Dear Dick:

The copies of the text previously mentioned have finally been made. Our Col. William Grayson is mentioned in four chapters of the text, only briefly in the first three, and in some detail in the last. All pages of each chapter were copied as well as the index and several introductory pages. Each page copied is sequenced numbered in red in the upper left corner for use if the pages become separated. How much use, if any, that you make of these is up to you. I won't be offended if you deem all or any part unworthy of publication. I was impressed with the subject because it is the only detailed account of Col. Wm. Grayson's war efforts that I have encountered and it indicates that he conducted himself with valor and honor at a time when some around him did not. I take pride in his performance.

An obit for a Mrs. Almira L. Grayson is enclosed. I know nothing of this family.

My check for the next two issues of the news letter is also enclosed.

During my tour in the Richmond, Va., area, my schedule and that of the Historical Society were such that I did not get to visit there. However, I do have another Grayson Place Name for us. A coded map of Petersburg, Va., is enclosed which reflects a Grayson Street. I walked along it and visited the City Library to attempt to learn how it received its name but to no avail. While at the library I looked thru a world atlas and spotted a large lake named Grayson. It is just North of Lake Superior in Ontario Province. There are hundreds of lake in the area. This one appeared to be sixty or so miles long and twenty or so miles wide. I expect to be back in the Richmond area within a few months and will likely get to the Society Building at that time.

Your presentation of the Wren Grayson background was very much enjoyed and appreciated. I'm convinced that my roots are in the same family in N. C. and Tenn. Perhaps someday I will get a break thru that will lead beyond my Jesse Grayson.

In the Who's Who clippings that you published is one on the actress, Kathrine Grayson. Do we have anything in the Family Archives relative to her family tree? With her N.C. birth, I would particularly be interested in learning her family history. If we have nothing, a mailing address is provided in the Who's Who clipping. I'm willing to try if a contact is required.

Enough from me for now. Please keep up the good work. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

GRAYSON, ALMIRA L. On Monday, July 24, 1978, at Fairfax Nursing Center, ALMIRA L. GRAYSON of Falls Church, Va., wife of Harry Grayson, mother of James Isaac Warner, Francis Sheppard, Shirley Elizabeth Herbert, Clara Grayson, Edward A. Lincoln; she also is survived by twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Friends may call at EVERLY'S FAIRFAX FUNERAL HOME, 10465 Main St., Fairfax, Va., on Wednesday, July 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be Thursday, July 27, at 2 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant Church Interment Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery, Aldie, Va.

The Washington Star

Wednesday, July 26, 1978

Best wishes,

Howard E. Grayson
Howard E. Grayson

CHAPTER LVI.

THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH, 1778.

THE Battle of Monmouth was fought during the afternoon of June twenty-ninth, 1778, at Wenrock Creek in Monmouth County, New Jersey; General Washington and General Sir Henry Clinton in person respectively commanding the American and British armies. The original purpose of the American Commander-in-chief has been already stated. The division of General Lee advanced too late in the morning to realize that purpose, and the mismanagement of the troops after they marched, as certainly imperiled the whole army.

The criticisms of the battle of Monmouth do not appreciate that relation of the two columns which gave to five thousand American troops an immense advantage, by striking just where General Washington expected the blow to fall, *viz.*, upon the flank, or rear of a marching column, covering at least four miles of heavy road.

The preliminary movements already adverted to in the evidence cited, will be again noticed for a more definite appreciation of the battle itself.

The first skirmish, was that of Dickinson's reconnoitering party, on the hill just east of the west ravine, between seven and eight o'clock in the morning. Colonel Grayson had advanced with his select detachment, beyond the Freehold Meeting House, half a mile. General Dickinson sent a messenger to Washington and Lee with notice of the British retreat, as early as five o'clock in the morning.

When Colonel Grayson approached the first ravine, he "saw firing, and a party of militia retreating from the enemy."

General Dickinson was then engaged with a small flanking party which had been detached from the British left wing, and which he erroneously supposed to be the advance guard of their returning army. He sent for aid. Colonel Grayson crossed the bridge with one regi-

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ton that the enemy had commenced their march. Washington immediately sent orders to General Lee to "move forward and attack the enemy, unless very powerful reasons prevented," and advised General Lee that "the entire army had thrown aside their packs and was advancing to his support."

The following remarkable statement taken from Lee's defense, is cited in this connection without comment. "I had no idea that his excellency was to move from Englishtown, where I was informed he was posted; and that situation appeared to me the best calculated to support my corps, of any I knew of in that country." In another connection, he says, that on the march he noticed the hill where the final stand was made to be an excellent position. The movement of the troops was very loosely made; was simply putting them on the march, and General Lee did not in person superintend that movement.

Colonel Grayson "received orders about three o'clock, to put Scott's and Varnum's brigades in readiness to march and to give notice when they were ready." "Upon reporting to General Lee at Englishtown;—was ordered to advance and halt three miles from the enemy, and send repeated intelligence of their movements. At the same time a written paper from General Washington to General Lee was placed in his hands directing General Lee to send out six or eight hundred men as a corps of observation, to give frequent information of the enemy's movements and to attack them in case they began their march."

"At a distance of two and a half miles from Englishtown, was ordered to march slow; shortly after, to advance." This brought Grayson to the bridge over the west ravine; where the *first skirmish*, hereafter mentioned, took place.

General Scott "had orders about five o'clock to follow Maxwell's brigade;—passed Englishtown; was ordered to halt; received an order from one of General Lee's aids to march in the rear of General Wayne's detachment. About this time there was a halt of an hour; marched to the Meeting-house, where there was a second halt; advanced a mile and then halted, when several pieces of cannon were fired, and some small arms, in front of the column.

This brought *Scott* to the west ravine: He continues,—“Soon after I was ordered on, and soon took a road to the left and then an old road to the right which brought us into a field to the left of some of our troops that were formed where there was a pretty brisk firing of cannon on both sides.” This was the location of the *third skirmish* hereafter mentioned.

General Maxwell; "received orders after five o'clock, to put my brigade in readiness to march immediately. Ordered the brigade to be ready to march; went and waited on General Lee. He seemed surprised I was not marched, and that I must stay until the last, and fall in the rear. I ordered my brigade to the ground I understood I was to march by, and found myself to be before General Wayne and General Scott, and halted my brigade to fall in the rear."

(A temporary diversion made by this brigade under General Lee's

Queen's rangers were driven through the village, General Wayne hastened Colonel Butler across the east ravine, and placed his detachment, with two guns, upon a small eminence in the plain, while the other brigades were following the general lead of those in advance, until they formed an irregular line as far as Briar Hill.

The third skirmish took place just after Butler reached the position last referred to, and while the troops were moving from the woods near the Amboy road, to the plain beyond the east ravine, under the general direction of General Wayne. The British light dragoons made a charge upon Colonel Butler which was successfully repulsed. Colonel Grayson was in advance with an orchard to his left; Jackson about a hundred yards in his rear; then Scott somewhat detached, and Maxwell on the edge of the morass. Grayson was informed by a messenger from General Wayne, that he must hold his ground, as the enemy was retiring. He "hallooed to Jackson to come and form upon the hill, (Briar Hill) upon his left." This movement was one which threatened Knyphausen's column, just when it was buried in a long defile, and Clinton was at once aroused to activity to save the baggage train which he supposed the Americans were attempting to attack. Colonel Jackson disregarded the request of Colonel Grayson, because he had no artillery. Scott was then a little to the rear and right of Jackson. Maxwell expected Scott to move to the right, to join on Wayne, close the gap, and let him into the line. Wayne meanwhile held the regiments of Wesson, Stewart, and Livingston to the left of Varnum, to cover Butler with whom he advanced still further into the plain, and also to cover Oswald's artillery, which had drawn two additional guns from Varnum's brigade, and was exchanging shots with the artillery of the enemy. Major Mercer of General Lee's staff told Grayson that his place was in the rear of Wayne, who had no right to order him to the position he held on the left. General Lee states that "he sent Major Mercer, and then a second officer, with express orders to General Scott to hold his position." As a matter of fact, Scott was under Grayson's command, and both were so associated with Wayne, that when he moved toward the Court House, as subsequently ordered, they followed his movements, and received no intimation that they should have done otherwise until the movement was actually made, and the whole army was retreating, by detachments, before the advance of the British army. The American troops had deployed quite at their own discretion. Oswald maintained his guns in position until his ammunition was exhausted, and

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House. The British troops appeared in the edge of the woods, hardly a mile distant, and were variously estimated at from fifteen hundred to twenty-five hundred men. The force of Lee then disposable for attack or resistance, if properly in hand, was not less than three thousand men, besides Grayson's detachment. Wayne, during the hour and a half while he was in the plain, sent three times to urge General Lee to advance with the troops, and as he states, refrained from pressing the attack too strongly under instructions, and constantly expecting that General Lee would carry the left wing around the right of the British line to cut it off from the main body.

General Lee's purpose, as understood by General Wayne, and as stated by Lee himself *was* to so swing his left about the British right as to *take them*, and he also states that when he notified General Washington, who sent to learn the progress of the army, that he was confident of success, he supposed the British rear-guard not to exceed fifteen hundred men. His estimate was correct, at the time, as his whole division was then pressing to the front, eager to engage the enemy; but at noon the British army had realized the weakness of the pursuit, and gained time to turn it into a failure. General Lee, in his defense, ridicules the application of General Wayne for support; but *not* in connection with his statement that he placed him at the post of honor, nearest the enemy, and with the largest control which any subordinate officer had over the movements of the picked troops then in front. General Lee admits that he sent no messenger to Washington to advise him of the retreat, and in his appeal to the Court Martial, states that he could appreciate the feelings of Washington when the column rolled back upon him without previous notice of disaster; but that when he met Washington and exchanged words with him, he did not know that the men had thus disorderly fallen back upon the main body.

The retreat. The British army emerged from the woods, and pressed toward the Court House. General La Fayette first reported to General Lee that the right was threatened, having previously been checked in his advance of the American extreme right, by General Lee's personal direction. General La Fayette then consulted General Wayne, and placed the regiments of Livingston and Stewart in position to resist the British advance, which was steady, solid, and in good order.

The details of the retreat of different brigades and regiments are not to be considered. An entirely erroneous opinion prevails as to

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Copied from "Virginia Soldiers of 1776" by Louis Burgess

WILL OF WILLIAM GRAYSON

Mr. P. D. Stewart, Richmond, VA., contributed the following copies of the wills of William Grayson and Rachel Cooley, from original.

"In the name of God, Amen.--This is my first and last will. Jonathan Elswick and Curtis Elliott, my trusty friends to act and do for me after my decease.

"Unto my good and lawful wife, I give the use of the plantation on which we now live, during her life, and the working tools to support the farm. Likewise ten cows; after Billy and Reuben come of age, the above mentioned plantation to be equally divided between Billy and Reuben; and after the boys arrive to age, that they give to the girls, two hundred and forty pounds in good property.

"I likewise give and bequeath to my son Ambrose, the plantation, Cole Partick's Place, on Walker's Creek.

"I will that my two sons, Ambrose and John do pay their equal part of the two hundred and forty pounds to the said girls, that is, to Betsy and Sally and Polly.

"I give to my daughter Betsy, a gray mare and colt, to be for her, but to remain on the plantation, for the use of my wife, until she (Betsy) shall come of age or marry, or die, but if she die without an heir of her own body; her legacy to be equally divided among the other legatees; and so I wish it to be done, should any of the rest die without heirs."

He leaves further legacies to his wife on terms as above. The will was signed 15 June 1801. Witnesses, Richard Whitt, Israel Lorton, and Sarah Grayson. Recorded Montgomery County court 1801. Teste, Charles Taylor, Clerk Montgomery County Court.

Copy of the will of Rachel Cooley Grayson: "To my daughter Mary Sayers my servant Lydia. To my daughter Sarah Prilman (wife of John Prilman); my set of silver spoons, also my bed and bedclothes. To my son Ambrose, my big Bible; to my son William all my cows, sheep and my short clock; to my grandson John Grayson (son of William), my long clock; to my daughter Sarah Prilman, my saddle and clothes press; to my grandchildren, the heirs of my deceased daughter, Elizabeth Prilman, one dollar each."

She appointed her son William Grayson as her sole Extr. Signed and sealed in the presence of Creed Taylor and Mary Taylor, 23 Apl. 1802.

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9/9/78

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of Sept. 4.
 It seems that you and I are related.

First there was Wren Grayson, sr., 1782-1865. His first son
 was John Wren Grayson, 1805-1882.

John Wren Grayson's children were Rebecca, Sarah, Mary,
 Salathiel, Andrew Jackson, and John Wren jr.

Salathiel, 1837-1916 was your ancestor.

His brother Andrew Jackson Grayson, 1838-1913 was my
 great grandfather.

Salathiel's children were Charles Merriam Grayson, Helen,
 William, Mary Frances, Gertrude, Bertie, and Maude.

Maude married Percival Moore 2nd. Maude: 1881-1968.

Her brother Charles Merriam (Merwin?) Grayson 1857-1931
 married Josephine Dreiss. was your grandfather.

Our relationship is:

	John Wren Grayson	
Salathiel	brothers	Andrew
Charles	1st cousins	Howard
Raymond	2nd cousins	Roland
J.G. &	3rd cousins	Richard
Charles		

I am doing research on the ancestors of Wren Grayson and
 also I have barrels of information on all of our relatives. I
 have reams of material on the Benjamin and Col. William Grayson
 and the other Virginia Graysons mentioned in the monograph you
 sent but so far, we are not related to them.

Perhaps we could trade family charts. My main interest is
 researching the immigrant ancestor, however.

Please write,

Dick Grayson

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Richard R. Grayson
Internal Medicine

Coral Gables, Fla.
Sept. 4, 1978

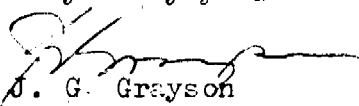
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In response to your recent inquiry proposing an exchange of any genealogical data related to the Grayson lineage, I have enclosed a copy of a paper which my father (Raymond G.) now deceased, obtained from his cousin Mrs. Moore Price, whose last known residence was in Louisville, Kentucky.

For your further information I have a brother Charles Merwin Grayson who resides in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Our father Raymond Goold Grayson was born in Newport, Kentucky. His father Charles Merwin Grayson was a brother of Mrs. Percival Moore, who was also identified in the enclosure.

I trust the above will contribute to the research of the Grayson family line. If the information offered fits in with what you have previously developed I would be interested in a response from you.

Very truly yours.


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THIS HISTORY WAS COPIED FROM BENJAMIN GRAYSON HISTORY BY LUED WASHINGTON AND PETER GRAYSON WASHINGTON.

The history of the Graysons of which there is any record is that of Benjamin. He came from England or Scotland to West Moreland, Va. He was a man of fine address. He married a wealthy widow, Mrs Susana Monroe, sister of Spence Monroe, who was the father of President Monroe, James, a Scotsman. Susana first married Mr. Tyler, then Mr. Linton.

Benjamin's Grayson's sister married William Harrison, an ancestor of Colonel Burr Harrison of the Revolutionary Army, and Matthew Harrison, lawyer and relative of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Great Grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, in 1888. The name of Spence was introduced into the Monroe family by the marriage of a woman named Spence. After Susan's death Benjamin Gray married into the Swell family, the same family as that of Lieutenant General Swell of the Confederate Army. Benjamin Gray died in 1757 in Prince William County, Virginia. The children of Benjamin and Susana were named Benjamin, Spence, William and Susana Monroe. Upon marriage with Miss Swell he had no children.

The family of President Tyler were of the Susana Monroe's first husband, as was President of the same stock that married Ben Gray (most of this data came from Colonel Peter Grayson Washington and Frederick William Grayson). After the death of Benjamin Gray in 1757 his estate was left to his son, the Reverend Spence Grayson, of the Church of England, and the oldest son of Benjamin and Susana Gray. He married Miss Osborne and had one son, Benjamin II. After he died his widow married Mr. Macee.

Benjamin II became involved financially. His half brothers, Linton and Tyler, and his brother Reverend Spence Grayson became his security for large sums and lost heavily. His sister Susana also lost heavily. William, being at the College of Ley in England, was not a loser. His widow received valuable land belonging to Reverend Spence Grayson in Virginia.

The widow of Benjamin Gray married Reverend Macee. Her son, Benjamin III married a Miss Brough, of Loudon County, Virginia. His sons were Dr. William Grayson, of New York, the late Dr. Robert Osborn Grayson, Dr. Richard Grayson and two daughters, Mrs. Betty Carter and Mrs. Stevenson. Some are in Virginia and some emigrated to the West since the Civil War. Alexander and Richard Gray were officers in the Confederate Army. Betty Carter, daughter of Benjamin Gray III, married Mr. Lewis, who died. She then married Mr. Carter and had two sons, Benjamin Gray Carter and George Carter. In 1861 Betty Carter, Josephine Stevenson and Mary Grayson were living at Belle Aire, Virginia.

Owing to the great increase in family of the sons of the first Benjamin Gray, with emigrations of the descendants to various parts of the South, the descendants have inherited animosity. The emigrations had the tendency to darken the memory as to direct tracings to Benjamin Gray III, but it has never been up on the same or blood chilled that to or with warmth of fraternal feeling between the three sons of Benjamin Gray, the great grandfather has ever been evident in that spirit of closeness which has been marked characteristic of the Grayson family. The same with John and Lawrence, ancestors of General George Washington and Lund Washington.

Spence Gray, second grandson of Benjamin and Susana Monroe Grayson, was born in 1734. He inherited and resided on the Belle Aire estate, the former residence of his father, in Prince William County, Virginia. He married Mary Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of the Reverend Doctor Peter Wagner, rector of the Episcopal Church. The mother of Mrs. Wagner was a sister of Speaker John Robinson, graphically described by Wirt as presiding officer of the House of Burgesses, when she received the General, then Colonel Washington, upon his return from his campaign in 1769. She also was the sister of Colonel Beverly Robinson, Royalist of New York. The name of Beverly came from Catherine Beverly, the grandmother of Elizabeth Wagner. Doctor Wagner was an English gentleman.

Peter Wagner is mentioned by Bishop Heade as a member of the vestry of the parish and uniting with George Washington in a deed to the Reverend Leo Massey for a pew in Bollick Church. From this gentleman the name of Peter Wagner was established in the Grayson family. A son of Doctor Wagner was clerk of Fairfax Court House. Wagner appears in the annals of the revolution. Spence Grayson, after marriage, studied for the ministry. Bishop Heade states that Spence was chosen Minister of Centigen parish, Prince William County, 1784. His sermons were masterpieces of composition. He was a personal friend and great favorite of

Above copied from a "typing" by Winslow Price (Mrs. Moore Price), daughter of Maude Grayson Moore (Mrs. Percival Moore), daughter of Salathiel Grayson. Salathiel was a newspaper man in Madison, Indiana. Copies made for Raymond G. Grayson, a grandson of Salathiel Grayson.
September 1, 1966

Was born in the State of Louisiana; he, with his wife and child, arrived in California with the overland emigration of 1846. Full-length portraits of himself, wife and child, appear in the celebrated painting of emigrants crossing the plains, called "Westward Ho," now in the capitol at Washington.

On his arrival he at once joined Fremont's battalion as lieutenant and induced many of his fellow-emigrants also to join, but he did not himself accompany the battalion south, but acted with those of the battalion who remained about San Francisco. When hostilities ceased, he opened the first stationery store in San Francisco in the City Hotel, corner of Clay and Kearny Streets.

He founded the town of Graysonville, on the south side of the San Joaquin River.

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About 1850 he removed to San Jose and soon gave himself wholly to the science of ornithology, which had been his favorite study in his school-boy days. In 1857 he removed to Mexico, as presenting a wider field for his researches. He discovered and named many theretofore unknown specimens belonging to the several branches of that science, his artistic drawings and descriptions of which soon gave him a world-wide fame, and he was dubbed by many the Audubon of America. He died in Mexico in 1869. His widow is the present wife of Dr. G. B. Crane, now residing at St. Helena, Napa Valley. She is a most estimable lady, and one of the very few of the real pioneer women of California that still survive.

Mr. Grayson, in physique, was a splendid specimen of manhood. He was a man of education, and of very abstemious habits. He was a gentleman in every sense, socially above reproach, and worthy to rank with the best elements of the society of those early pioneer days.

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Dear Bob,,

Thank you for your enthusiastic letter about the Grayson genealogy.

I will publish your query in the next Bulletin of the Grayson Family Association to see if any one knows who your ancestors were. Let's see if I have this correct:

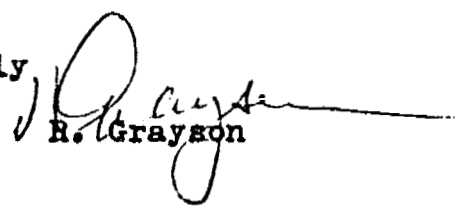
Thomas Grayson, your great grandfather, married Elizabeth, came from Brown County, Ohio, went to Montgomery County, Ky.

Their son John Grayson, after marrying went to Texas, where his 1st 2 sons William Grayson and Thomas Grayson were born, then returned to Ky. about 1890 where your father Claude Bright Grayson was born, in 1898.

Perhaps if we had more identifiers from you such as dates of birth and death, names of brothers and sisters, names and dates of wives, the county in Texas, the descendants of brothers and sisters, we could find your Thomas Grayson in one of our files.

I am enclosing a sheet for prospective members about our Grayson Family Association.

Sincerely,


R. Grayson

ONE FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband THOMAS GRAYSON Birth _____ Place IRELAND

Date of Marriage _____ Place _____

Date of Death _____ Place _____

His Father's Name _____

His Mother's Name _____

Other Marriages _____

Maiden Name ELIZABETH MOORE Birth _____ Place _____

Date of Death NOVEMBER 2, 1904 Place _____

Her Father's Name _____

Her Mother's Name _____

Other Marriages _____

CHILDREN

BIRTH

DEATH

MARRIAGE

SPOUSE

1	VENIE				ZORA
2	RUFUS				
3	JOHN WILLIAM	MAY 20, 1859	JAN 8, 1929		MARY E. WILLIAM
4	ANNE				WHITLINE
5	ALFRED				
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ONE FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband JOHN WILLIAM GRAYSON Birth MAY 20, 1859 Place MAYSVILLE MASON CO. KY
 Date of Marriage _____ Place _____
 Date of Death JANUARY 8, 1929 Place _____
 His Father's Name THOMAS GRAYSON
 His Mother's Name ELIZABETH MOORE
 Other Marriages _____

Malden Name MARY IDONIA WILLIAM Birth MAY 20, 1869 Place MT. STERLING MONTGOMERY CO. KY
 Date of Death SEPTEMBER 22, 1939 Place MT. STERLING, MONTGOMERY CO. KY
 Her Father's Name THOMAS WILLIAM
 Her Mother's Name ELIZABETH FIZER
 Other Marriages _____

CHILDREN	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE	SPOUSE
1 INFANT DAUGHTER	STILL BORN IN	WICHITA FALL,	TEXAS	✓
2 WILLIAM RICHARD		1949		NETTIE DYKES
3 THOMAS		1961		NANCY SHOTE
4 FRANK DILLIARD	MAR 18, 1895	1975		CATHERINE MAY
5 CLAUDE BRIGHT	DEC 21, 1897	JAN 18, 1959	10 12-1928	LAURA E. JONES
6 FOREST NICHOLS	MAR 17, 1900	1954		DORIS SHELLEY
7 ELIZABETH	NOV 2, 1904			RUSSELL SHROUT
8 CLAYTON HOWELL	1908	1972		HELEN CRUMP
9 PATSEY CATHERINE	FEB 6, 1912			LEROY HOCK
10				
11				
12				
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ONE FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Husband CLAUDE BRIGHT GRAYSON Birth DECEMBER 21, 1897 Place MT. STERLING, MONTGOMERY CO. KY
 Date of Marriage OCTOBER 12, 1928 Place JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, CLARK CO.
 Date of Death JANUARY 18, 1959 Place FLORENCE, KY BOONE CO.
 His Father's Name JOHN WILLIAM GRAYSON
 His Mother's Name MARY IDONIA WILLIAM NO "S"
 Other Marriages _____

Maiden Name LAURA ELIZABETH JONES Birth FEBRUARY 7, 1907 Place WINCHESTER, CLARK CO. KY
 Date of Death APRIL 6, 1977 Place BRADENTON, FLA. MANATEE CO
 Her Father's Name ASA BEAN JONES
 Her Mother's Name ADELAIDE ELIZA FARNEY
 Other Marriages _____

CHILDREN	BIRTH	DEATH	MARRIAGE	SPOUSE
1 <u>ROBERT GENE</u>	<u>JAN 31, 1931</u>			<u>ANN STANTON</u>
2 <u>MARY JANE</u>	<u>NOV 29, 1933</u>		<u>7-15-1958</u>	<u>LONNIE E. GOODMAN</u>
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1. Joseph Grayson - Dates unknown

Married - " "

Elizabeth Brazil- " "

Their children:

2. Henry Grayson, born 11-2-1799 died 11-9-1879

Married 9-11-1820

Marcy Hixson, born 7-22-1799 died 11-10-1881

Their children:

Pleasant C. Grayson, born 8-3-1821

Married a Miss King

Liza Louise Grayson, born 11-12-1823

Married Josiah Burnette

3a. William Hixson Grayson, born 4-12-1826 died 11-1-1917

Married Sarah Convan, born 4-1-1827 died 5-16-1904

Patrick H. Grayson, born 9-4-1828 died 7-23-1915

Married Martha Moore

James M. Grayson, born 5-16-1831

Married Emeline Moore

Sarah C. Grayson, born 1-24-1837

Married William Cowen

Houston Grayson, born 6-18-1834 died 10-11-1917

Married Priscilla Sylvia

Joseph A. Grayson, born 4-24-1839 died in infancy

Anderson C. Grayson, born 12-23-1841 died ---1865

William Hixson Grayson and Sarah Convan Grayson had 12 children

were:

3b. Francois Xavier Grayson, born 4-13-1841 died 1-1-1865

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Married

Henrietta Elizabeth Parker, born 1-28-1855 died 10-12-1885

Henry Cowen Grayson, born 6-13-1854 died in infancy

Cynthia Elizabeth Grayson, born 10-28-1855 died in infancy

Married Thomas Smith

Patrick L. Grayson, born 10-3-1858 died ---1885

Joseph Anderson Grayson, born 12-9-1860 died---

Married Sarah Elizabeth Barker

Esther (Ester) Louisa Grayson, born 11-10-1863 died---

Married Byron Hudson

Samuel H. Grayson, born 12-11-1866 died in infancy

Helen Grayson---died in infancy

Francis Marion Grayson and Henrietta Elizabeth Parker's children were:

Benton Clarence Grayson, born 12-30-1877 died 10-10-1906

Married Gladys Thompson

Martha Matilda Elizabeth Grayson, born 2-27-1878 died 12-31-1902

Married William Andy Hartman, born 1-11-1878 died 3-11-1900

Sarah Esther Josephine Grayson, born 4-11-1875 died 11-4-1900

Married Lawrence Hudson

William Patrick Grayson, born 5-6-1880 died 11-1-1900

Married Martha Josephine Barker born 6-30-1880 died 11-1-1900

Arthur Eugene Grayson, born 10-13-1880 died 11-1-1900

Married 12-2-1900 to

Nattie Ella Hudson, born 2-29-1890 died 1-1-1900

Their children:

Helen Josephine Grayson, born 1-19-1900

Continued

Married Royal Grayson

6. Alton Atwood Grayson, born 10-26-1909 died 2-14-1976

Married Wanna Tompkins

Married Myrtle Grayson, born 1-16-1912

Married Charles Colie Holder died in 1962

Later married Wiles A. Blankenship

Dorothy Florence Grayson, born 8-2-1915

Married Vincent Patrick Lavelle

Clifford Benton Grayson born, 11-7-1917 died 2-2-1970

7. Clifford Lee Grayson, born 3-12-1937

Married Barbara Jean Jones

Their children:

Clifford Lee Grayson, Jr. born December 10, 1958

Karen Denise Grayson and Sharon Diana Grayson (twins)
born August 30, 1961

Wanna Hope Grayson born September 11, 1965

My father has a brother -
Alton Grayson, II who lives in
Munt Hill. His sisters

Judy Miller of Munt Hill
Brenda Fern of Kentucky
The late Joyce Harster of Mississippi
Barbara Gray of Chicago
S.C.

and his mother is in Munt Hill, NC
Wanna Grayson-Nelson Beach

Our new family

C. H. GRAYSON
Real Estate — — — — Investments

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August 18, 1978

Richard R. Grayson M. D.
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Dear Mr. Grayson:

Referring to your recent letter I am enclosing \$3.00 for your expenses and I feel quite sure I have told you all about the Grayson family I know and also my niece Mrs. Kitty Jean, Magnolia, Arkansas has been working on the Grayson genealogy for several years and should be able to give you more information than I can but at any rate I'll tell you the following.

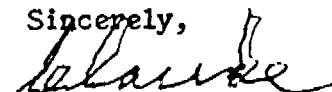
My great grandfather's name was Johnny Grayson and he moved his family to Quachita County, Arkansas and lived there until he died and is buried now in Nevada County, Arkansas. He moved from Hamilton County, Tennessee to Quachita County, Arkansas and during part of the time he lived in Hamilton County, Tennessee he was a deputy sheriff. I'm pretty sure he moved from Hamilton County, Tennessee before the Civil War.

My grandfather Zackery Taylor Grayson was one of his children and he lived in Arkansas until his death on a large farm and he raised 10 children. My father being Thomas Samuel Grayson and all the children are dead now except Mrs. Pearl Caldwell and she lives at Stephens, Arkansas and is rather to old to write a letter.

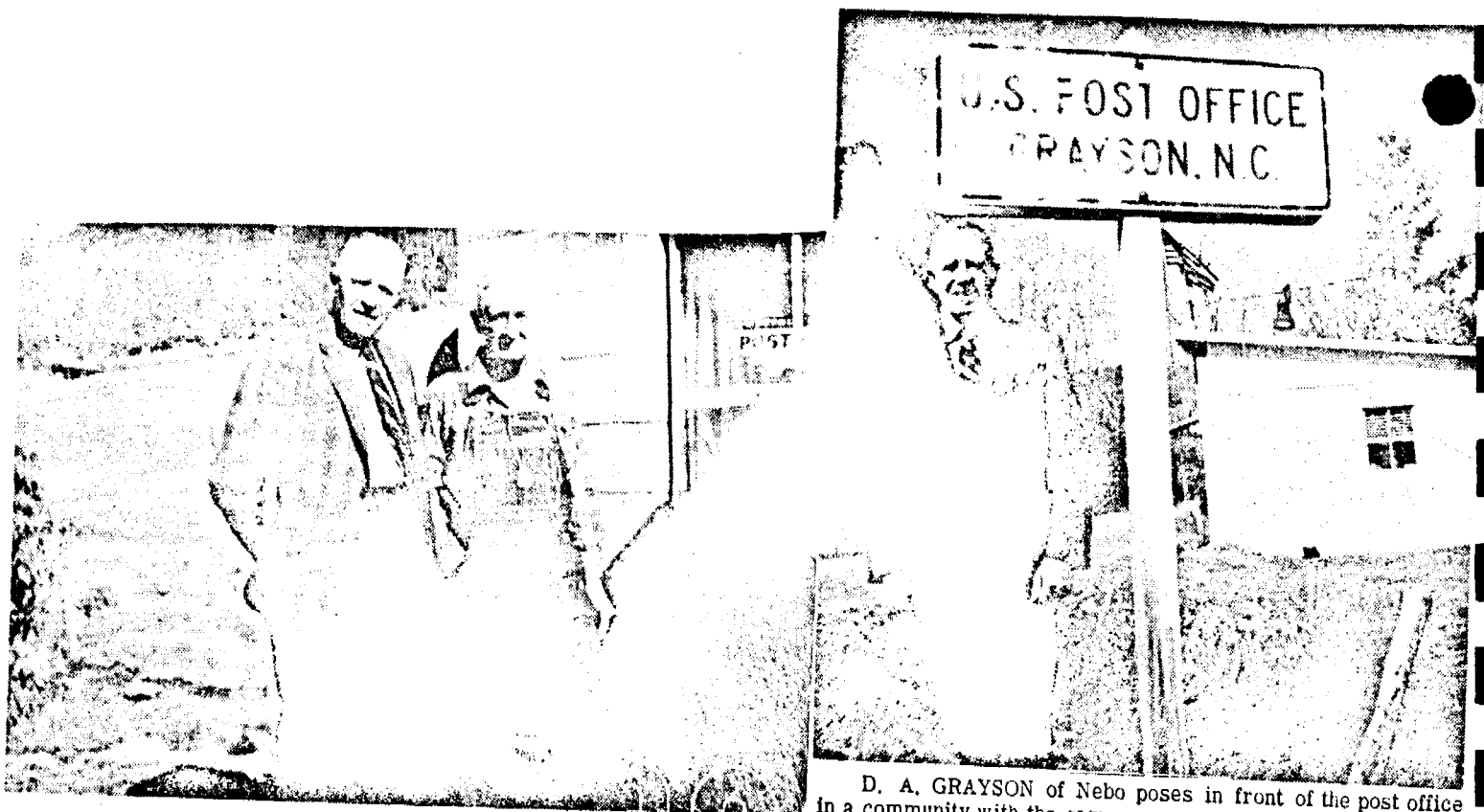
There are a group of Graysons, one was named David that lived at Huntsville, Alabama but I never was able to make any blood relationship with them and one of the sons of this family was a judge, Claude Grayson at Mobile, Alabama, one of the sons of the family ran an ice cream parlor in Birmingham, Alabama but he passed away several years ago.

I feel condifent we are related to the Grayson family that was reared in Huntsville, but I never could make connections.

Sincerely,


C. H. Grayson

CHG/aj



D. A. GRAYSON of Nebo poses in front of the post office in a community with the same name.

Postmaster at Grayson, N. C. (right) with D. A. Grayson of Nebo.

D. A. Grayson Visits Grayson, N.C.

By D. A. GRAYSON

A pleasant visit was made to the United States Post Office at Grayson recently by the writer of the same name. We traveled 90 miles to West Jefferson, thence 27 miles via part hard surface road and a graveled road winding up the big mountain side to near the top where the North Carolina - Tennessee border line runs westward.

A Mr. Miller is Postmaster, and this office has two rural routes serving 200 families by jeep delivery over the vast mountain and lower valley covering many square miles. The Postmaster stated that from there all the way down to the deep lower parts where the large school is known as the Grayson Territory.

Further information by Mr. Miller on the origin of the Post Office of around 100 years ago is that a Lt. Col. James W. M. Grayson started it. Also as the story goes on record, he was the man who apprehended Tom Dooley years ago.

After visiting the Post

Office, Mrs. Grayson and I drove to Trade, Tenn. and then the highway toward Boone. We stopped just inside the North Carolina line and on the right side, visited the gravesite of the founder of the Post Office at Grayson. On the grave marker were these lines:

Lt. Col. James W. M. Grayson - (Masonic Emblem), 4th Tenn. Infantry, 1833-1902, "A friend to the poor".

Many phases of joy and extra knowledge was received on this wonderful mountain trip - the kindness and friendliness of the people especially when they all learned of the visitors' name being the same as theirs. One pickup truck loaded with "Baptists" led the way amid the several turns of roads so we would get there O. K.

We visited one large farm place and were treated with delicious red and yellow apples from the big bins in the storage building.

Most impressive was to view this beautiful region,

clear streams, tractors plowing the dark rich soil, nice farm house, very kind people, in the yard the genial shepherd dog and little kittens nearby - all so very peaceful with the mountains in the background majestically rising toward the sky. Only our Great Master's handiwork is as such.

Grayson Family History

Is Hard To Untangle...

- Aug-16-1972.

This week's history of the Grayson family of Rutherford County, was written by Mr. Miles Philbeck, Jr., R-1, Bos-
N.C. We appreciate his showing his records with the readers of this column. Any other descendants who might have additional data on this family is invited to correspond with Mr. Philbeck. The sketch of the Grayson family will appear in two parts and will be concluded in next week's column.

In almost all family lineages there are lines which present themselves virtually impossible to untangle except for scanty bits of information derived from the public records. Such is certainly the case with the GRAYSON family of Rutherford County.

Joseph Grayson established himself in this area by 1779 when he received a tract of land from the state. He made further purchases from the state in 1782, 1785, 1787, 1796, 1797, and 1801. He also purchased land from James Whitesides (1789), Moses Moore (1789), Thomas Whitesides (1793), John McNitt Alexander (1793), Peter Watt (1802), and Lrury Logan (1805). The total content of these tracts

Bridges To The Past

by Mrs. Ernest Newton
Route 2, Ellenboro, N.C.

and Roy Brooks
Box 661, Forest City, N.C.



Patsy Queen, the dower allotment to Benjamin Grayson; (3) his daughter Elizabeth Grayson, the dower allotment to Joseph Grayson, Jr.; and (4) his daughter Sally Deviney, the dower allotment to Isaac Grayson and his own dower allotment.

The above WILLIAM GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married Oct. 17, 1807, Susanna Logan. Their son Benjamin G. Grayson married Sarah Houser, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Hefner) Houser of Lincoln County, N.C. Benjamin G. Grayson later moved to St. Francois County, Missouri. Of the daughters of William and Susannah (Logan) Grayson, Patsy married James A. Queen, Elizabeth (Betsy), b. ca. 1810,

(7) Joseph W. Grayson, b. ca. 1842;

(8) Louisa C. Grayson, b. ca. 1844;

(9) Alfred F. Grayson, b. ca. 1846;

and (10) Albert L. Grayson, b. ca. 1848.

John M. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson, was born about 1808, died about 1855, and married Mary Melton. Their children included;

(1) Benjamin Grayson, b. ca. 1830;

(2) Elizabeth L. Grayson, b. ca. 1834, m. A. W. Hunt;

(3) Samuel Grayson, b. ca. 1838;

(4) Narcissa Emaline Grayson, b. ca. 1812, m. Calvin Melton;

(5) J. Columbus Grayson, b.

per Young Yelton.

ISAAC GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married August 20, 1807, Mary (Polly) Melton, who was born about 1786, and died in November, 1859. A comprehensive list of their children is also not known by the writer. However, two of their daughters were the third and fourth wives of Henry H. Houser, son of Peter and Sarah (Hefner) Houser of Lincoln County, N.C. Lucy M. Grayson, b. 3 December 1827, d. 20 July 1856, m. 4 August 1854, Henry Houser. Lucy died during childbirth of their only child, a stillborn infant. Mary Caroline Grayson, b. about 1822, d. in March, 1880 of pleurisy, m. 7 April 1858, Henry H. Houser. They were parents of two sons, John Franklin Houser, b. 1859, and Jefferson Davis Houser, b. 1861.

Circumstantially and traditionally, it is apparent that Isaac and Polly Grayson were the parents of a son John M. Grayson, who was born 9 June 1813, died 7 July 1891, and married 25 June 1836 Rebecca Hunt, who was born 10 April 1816, and died 21 September 1910. John and Rebecca Grayson were parents of at least twelve children:

(1) Mary L. (Polly) Grayson, b. 13 April 1838, d. 13 June 1924, m. Hampton Weaver;

(2) William G. Grayson, b. 20 August 1840, d. 9 January 1920 m. Julia Melton;

(3) J. H. Grayson, b. 19 March 1842, d. 8 February 1843;

(4) Martha Grayson, b. ca. 1845, unmarried;

(5) Sarah L. Grayson, b. 17 May 1847, d. 21 June 1922, m. Elijah D. Mooney;

(6) John M. Grayson, b. 19 April 1850, d. 28 February 1937 m. Louisa J. Elliott;

(7) Rebecca Elizabeth Grayson, b. 6 Sept. 1852, d. 8 October 1940, m. John C. Weeks;

(8) Williamson Fortune Gray-

sides (1793), Moses Moore (1789), Thomas Whitesides (1793), John McNitt Alexander (1799), Peter Watt (1802), and Drury Logan (1806). The total content of these tracts is well over one thousand acres primarily situated on First Broad River in northeastern Rutherford County.

From Virginia, it is not known where Joseph Grayson first married, nor to whom he was first married. However his first marriage(s) produced at least five children: Joseph, Jr., Benjamin, William, Isaac, and Susannah. When Joseph's sons became of age he sold them various parts of his estate: Joseph, Jr., 153 acres; Benjamin, 178 acres; William, 72 acres; and Isaac, 153 acres. These tracts were primarily from Joseph Sr.'s purchases of 1796, 1799 and 1802.

On Dec. 17, 1807, Joseph Grayson, Sr., married again, this time to Rachel Van Zandt, daughter of Garrett Van Zandt. No children are known to have been born to this marriage. After Joseph, Sr.'s death, dower was assigned to his widow Rachel, whose will was filed for probate in 1828. Rachel's legatees were Green Crow and wife Jane (Street) Crow, and their children Rachel, Elizabeth, Lettis, Isaac, James G., and Abraham Crow. Lewis Van Zandt and Joseph Grayson, Jr. were her executors and witnesses to the will were Hugh Watson and William Grayson. After Rachel's death her dower assignment was divided, at least in part, among her husband's sons: Isaac Grayson, lot #3; Benjamin Grayson, lot #4; Joseph Grayson, Jr., lot #5; and William Grayson, lot #6. William Grayson subsequently acquired each of these lots, as indicated in his will, dated 16 February 1841 and recorded in Rutherford Will Book E, pp. 77-78. The legatees of William Grayson were (1) his son Benjamin Grayson, the homeplace; (2) his daughter

G. Grayson later moved to St. Francois County, Missouri. Of the daughters of William and Susannah (Logan) Grayson, Patsy married James A. Queen, Elizabeth (Betsy), b. ca. 1810, married William W. Jones, and Sally, b. ca. 1808, married Jenkins Deviney. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Minutes indicate that Sally Deviney died 30 November 1880 and Jenkins Deviney died 17 February 1881.

JOSEPH GRAYSON, JR. married March 19, 1807, to Letty Melton and subsequently moved to Kentucky.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married by 1800 Hannah Melton. A comprehensive list of their children is not in the writer's possession. However, RC Dd. Bk. 29-el, p. 328; RC Dd. Bk. 48, p. 465; and RC Dd. Bk. 48, p. 469 indicate clearly that their children included three sons: Joseph C. Grayson, John M. Grayson, and William G. Grayson. These deeds concerned a tract which Benjamin Grayson received from his father - in-law's estate.

Joseph C. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson, was born 13 January 1804, died 23 April 1864, and married Jan. 23, 1827 Eliza R. Wilson, who was born 4 November 1804 and died 31 December 1856. Joseph C. Grayson was a Baptist clergyman, and he and his wife, are buried in the Harmony Grove Baptist cemetery in McDowell County, N.C. Joseph C. and Eliza R. Grayson were the parents of:

- (1) Jonathan Baty Grayson, b. ca. 1830;
- (2) Elizabeth A. Grayson, b. ca. 1832;
- (3) Elizabeth A. Grayson, b. ca. 1834;
- (4) Mary J. Grayson, b. ca. 1836;
- (5) Margaret E. Grayson, b. ca. 1838;
- (6) Fatima E. Grayson, b. ca. 1840;

(3) Samuel Grayson, b. ca. 1838;

(4) Narcissa Emaline Grayson, b. ca. 1812, m. Calvin Melton;

(5) J. Columbus Grayson, b. ca. 1846;

and (6) Amanda A. Grayson, b. ca. 1850, m. Elisha Hunt.

William G. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson was born about 1814 and married 28 April 1835 Christiny McCurry, who was born about 1816, died September 1879 of chest dropsy, daughter of K. J. and Hannah McCurry. ~~William G. and Christiny Grayson, b. ca. 1836, m. Minerva Jones; (2) Alfred M. Grayson, b. ca. 1837, d. 8 August 1862 in Civil War; and (3) K. J. Mc. Grayson, b. 16 Dec. 1838, d. 10 September 1903, m. 11 Nov. 1860 Mary Letitia Melton, b. 12 Jan. 1841, d. 30 April 1911, daughter of Daniel and Narcissy (Fortune) Melton.~~

John S. and Minerva Jones Grayson were parents of: Sara Fina Grayson, m. Duffie D. Freeman; Alfred B. Grayson; William J. S. Grayson; and Marion B. Grayson.

K. J. Mc. and Mary Melton Grayson were the parents of seven children (1) Eliza A. Grayson, b. 27 October 1861, d. 8 October 1949, m. Johnny Yelton; (2) John Marion Grayson, b. 12 January 1864, d. 23 April 1940, m. Mary Jane Gurley, b. 12 January 1864, d. 23 May 1870, d. 29 December 1967, m. Hattie Gurley; (3) Joseph Wilson Grayson, b. 2 May 1872, d. 6 April 1954, m. Martha Ida Yelton. (6) George Washington Grayson, b. 13 Oct. 1875, d. 21 Jan. 1917, m. Alice E. Gurley; and (7) Alberta Narcissus Christina Grayson, b. 18 Mar. 1877, d. 1 Nov. 1966, m. Jas-

April 1850, d. 28 February 1977 m. Louisa J. Elliott;

(7) Rebecca Elizabeth Grayson, b. 6 Sept. 1852, d. 8 October 1940, m. John C. Weeks;

(8) Williamson Fortune Grayson, b. ca. 1854, m. Sarah Melton;

(9) Lucy M. Grayson, b. 8 December 1857, d. 20 October 1948, m. J. Thomas Ross;

(10) Eliza Lorenza Grayson b. 22 March 1859, d. 19 February 1919, m. John Decator Freeman (also the writer's great-grandparents);

(11) Nica Caroline Grayson b. 21 July 1861, d. 9 September 1948, m. Samuel W. Harrison;

(12) Isaac (Leonard) Grayson, b. ca. 1863, m. Alice (?).

SUSANNAH GRAYSON, daughter of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married Robert Black Deviney, son of Aaron and Sarah (Black) Deviney. Proof of Susannah's relationship to Joseph Grayson is found in RC Dd. 45, p. 397. Robert B. and Susannah Deviney were the parents of at least seven children.

(1) Sally Deviney, m. John Prewet;

(2) Jane Deviney, b. ca. 1801, m. John Brackett;

(3) Joseph G. Deviney;

(4) Jenkins Deviney;

(5) William Deviney;

(6) Benjamin Deviney;

and (7) Aaron J. Deviney.

There remain several Grayson's who were perhaps grandchildren of Joseph Grayson, Sr., but who have not at present been proven by the writer to have been children of Isaac, Benjamin, William, or Joseph, Jr. These include: (1) Elizabeth Grayson, b. 1810, m. Williamson Fortune, son of William Fortune, Jr., and his first wife Sally Melton; (2) Letty Grayson, who married Elijah Parker; (3) Rachel Grayson, who married Thomas Daves, or Davis; and (4) Sarey M. Grayson who married John Hutch-

Grayson History- copied by me in 1937 in the library at Salt Lake City Utah. - I never copied the source, and have tried several times since then to locate the same material without luck.

Susan Monroe,

father- Andrew Monroe - he immigrated to Md. About 1640
moved to Va. son of Capt. Andrew Monroe.

brother of Susan was Andrew Monroe who was the father of Spence who is father of Pres. James Monroe.

Susan Monroe married Benjamin Grayson

- 1 Benjamin
2. Daughter married Mr. Bronaugh.

Benjamin Grayson- son of Benj. and Susan

1. Dr. Wm. Grayson
2. Dr. Robert Grayson
3. Dr. John Grayson
4. Mrs. Stephenson
5. Mrs. Elizabeth Carter
6. Louis Grayson

Susan Married Benjamin Grayson

1. Spence born 1734, married Elizabeth Wagener
died Dec. 1798.
2. Col. William Grayson
6 ft. high, florid complexion, black eyes and hair.
married Eleanor Smallwood
 1. Frederick
 2. George
 3. Robert
 4. Alfred md. Miss Breckenridge of Kent
 5. Hebe md. John Carter
 - 6 Susan - in 1761 mar. John Orr.

Spence and Elizabeth Wagener

1. Catherine b. April 5, 1760, md. John Hedgman
2. Benjamin born 6, Nov. 1761, md. Caroline Taylor - went to Kentucky
 1. Frederick William Spence, married Sally Ward
 2. Alfred md. Daughter of Dr. John Caulter
 3. Peter Wagener - went to Texas
 4. Elizabeth md. Philip Quinton
3. William born June 26, 1766 d. 1806, married his cousin
Mary Wagener
 1. Peter Wagener
 2. John Thomas
 3. Linah
 4. Mary.

4. Susan Monroe born 29, May. 1768 died April 20, 1822
married Lund Washington, a relation to Lawrence Washington bro of Pres.

Descendants of Col. John Catlett

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Descendants of John Catlett the third.

Descendants of Third John, d. 1739, who is believed to have married (1) Mary or Elizabeth, dau. of John Taliaferro, and had a son, John 4th, of age at father's death 1739, who is mentioned in the will. "John and my minor children", and names his son John and brother Thomas as Executors. He married (II) 20, Oct. 1726, Mary Grayson of Spotsylvania Co. Va. He witnessed a deed in 1724 and signs John Catlett, Jr. and in 1730 he made a deed to his son, John Catlett, Jr. and signs himself "John Catlett, Gent" He was the Vestry of St. George, 1738.

Issue:

1. By first marriage he had John⁵, born Circa 1705, d. Dec. 13, 1744, to whom he made a deed in 1730; mar. Sept. 25, 1727, Alice Gibson, d. Mar. 15, 1761. daughter of Jonathan Gibson, Justice and Burgess for Caroline, 1736-38-40. He was of Orange Co. and of Vestry of St. Mark's. His will, Mar. 28, 1744. prob. 1745. recorded in Richmond Co. Va.
2. Issue by second marriage, Mary⁴ mar. ~~Jonathan~~ Jonathan Gibson, who had lands in King George Co., 1748 and had issue, among others, Catlett, who mar. Martha Hall, whose mother was a dau. of Chas. and Mildred (Thomson) Washington. Jonathan Gibson was sheriff of King George Co., 1736; Tobacco inspector at a warehouse on Rapp. River, opposite Roy's in Caroline.
3. Judith⁴ one of the sponsors of President Madison, 1751, married John Bowie on the "Hill" Caroline Co. Va. and had dau., Catherine, mar. Col. Jas. Pendelton and had nine children, among them, Catlett, died unmarried, and Catherine mar. Archibald Tutt, (See Slaughters St. Mark's).
4. Elizabeth,⁴ ~~married 1762 James Catlett~~ one of Sponsors for President Madison 1751.
5. Benjamin⁴ sold in 1762 lands to James Garnett, in Caroline, and a suit in same county in 1762. No further information of him.
6. Reuben,⁴ living in N.E. part of Caroline Co. in 1776.
8. William⁴ mar. 1765, Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. Am. and Martha (Taliaferro) Fitzhugh. nothing further known of him. No descendants have been found of either Benjamin, Reuben or William.

Encyclopedia of Va. Biography, Vol. 2. page 10.

William Grayson, was born in Prince William Co. Va. in 1736, son of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) Grayson. His father ~~xxx~~ emigrated from Scotland to Dumfries, Prince William Co. Va. and his mother was an Aunt of President James Monroe. He graduated from the college of Philadelphia, and studied law at the Temple London, and began practice in Va.

On Nov. 11. 1774, a company formed in Prince William Co. called the Independent Company of Cadets, chose William Grayson for Captain, and adopted as their motto; Aut Liber Aut Nulas. On August 24, 1776, he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to General Washington; and January 1. 1777 became Colonel of Grayson's additional Continental Regiment, organized by him. His brother Rev. Spence Grayson, was Chaplain. Colonel Grayson distinguished himself at the battle of Monmouth, when he commanded his Regiment in the advance corps, displaying great valor. During 1780 -81, he was Commissioner on the Board of War; and at Valley Forge he was appointed a Commissioner to treat with Sir William Howe respecting prisoners. At the close of the War he was elected a member of the Continental Congress in 1784, serving three years with distinguished ability. In 1788 he was sent to the Virginia Convention, called to consider the Constitution of the United States; and with Patrick Henry powerfully opposed the instrument, and in a letter shortly after, declared that the south was destined to become the "milch cow of the union". He was chosen a Senator to the first Congress, which met Marcy 4, 1789, took his Seat May 21st and Aug. 7th. was granted leave of absence in order to recuperate his health, but died at Dumfries, Va. Marcy 12, 1790. He was regarded as a man of the first order of talent, and was one of the leaders of Congress.

Descendants of Col. John Catlett

page 99. - Grayson, of Spotsylvania Co. Va.

John Grayson, of Christ Church Parish Lancaster Co., bought 500 acres in Spotsylvania Co. in 1714, of William Smith, of Gloucester Co., and with his wife Susannah sold 200 acres of this tract to Ambrose Grayson in 1729. He died 1736, leaving sons Thomas, John Jr., and perhaps others. Executrix, his widow; and her bondsmen were Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill. (This Thomas Hill had married in 1731 Elizabethe Grayson, and died 1741, leaving daughters Sarah and Susannah . His brother, Humphrey Hill his administrator).

October, 1725, John Grayson, Jr. witnessed, with John Catlett, William Taliaferro and Francis Slaughter, a deed of Augustine Smith to Jonathan Gibson, Jr. Gent., of Essex Co. 400 acres in Spotts. for £ 400. In 1729 he was lieutenant in Capt. William Hansford's company.

In 1727 Ambrose Grayson, probably brother of John, patented 100 acres in Spotts. He and wife Alice sold this tract in 1729, and in that year Ambrose Grayson, Gent. was church warden in St. George Parish, and also witnessed a deed of Henry Willis, Gent. of King and Queen Co., to Goodrich Lightfoot. In 1733 he and wife Alice sold to Matthew Gayle, of Gloucester Co., 300 acres in St. George Parish and in 1736 he was bondsman for Mrs Susannah Grayson, above. His will (St. George Parish, Sept. 6. 1742. Prob. March 6, 1743) mentions legatees: Wife Alice, sons John and Ambrose, and "other Children" Executors; wife, brother Benjamin Grayson, and Son John. In 1754 the non-cupative will of Ambrose Grayson bequeathed "my part of my father's estate to be divided between my unmarried brothers and sisters". proved 1756.

October 20, 1726; Mary Grayson married the Third John Catlett. She was probably sister of Ambrose and Benjamin Grayson.

Benjamin Grayson was of age 1726, and living 1732. *This Benjamin was probably brother of Ambrose*

Grayson notes and correspondence found in the Ky. Historical Society at Frankfort.

1. Hebe Grayson md. Robert Carter
 2. Robert H. Grayson
 3. Alfred W. Grayson
- *****

begin
Henderson City Cemetery

Grayson, Sophronia E., born Albemarle Co. Va. 4, Mar. 1784. d. Henderson Co. Ky. Nov. 26. 1857.

William R. Bagby
Editor Sandy Valley Enquirer
Grayson, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bagby:
For your information:

Col. William Grayson, for whom Grayson County, Ky. was named was born in Prince William Co. Va., in 1740; he attended the university of Penn. at Philadelphia; pursued classical studies in England, and was graduated from the University of Oxford; studied law at the Temple in London; returned to Va. and practiced law in Dumfries. During the Revolutionary War he was appointed Aide-de-camp to General Washington Aug. 24. 1776; commissioned Colonel of a Virginia Regiment Jan. 1. 1777; distinguished himself at the Battle of Manmouth in 1778; member of the Board of War in 1780 and 1781; member of the Continental Congress 1784-1787; delegate to the Virginia convention of 1788; for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, which he opposed; elected to the United States Senate, and served from March 4, 1789, until his death in Dumfries, Virginia, March 12, 1790; interment on the old family estate at Belle Air, near Dumfries.

946 Courtlandt St.
Houston 8, Texas
16, June. 1946

Kentucky State Library
Frankfort, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

I am anxious to obtain, and quite willing to meet the expense of obtaining information about Peter Wagner Grayson, of Ky., who was active in the Texas Revolution. He was the son of Benjamin Grayson who is said to have been clerk of the county court of Nelson County for many years beginning about 1785. His eldest brother Frederick W. Grayson, is said to have been attorney general of the Commonwealth in 1829. In either 1825 or 1826 Peter Wagner Grayson moved from Bardstown to Louisville, where he practiced law, and between his removal

to Louisville and 1830, when he came to Texas, he is said to have been a member of the legislature. In July, 1838, about the eighteenth day of the month, Grayson committed suicide in Bean's Station, Tennessee, and I think that his death was noticed in the Kentucky newspapers. I should like to verify these facts and to obtain citations to such sources as do verify them.

Thanking you,

Very Sincerely yours,
Andrew Forest Muir.

June 24, 1946.

Dear Mr. Muir:

Your letter to the State Library has been referred to us for reply.

Regarding your query, our records seem to show little about Peter Wagner Grayson. We do find that he was a member of the House of Representatives from Jefferson County in 1828.

The Memorial History of Louisville, by Johnston, does not refer to him, but does refer to Frederick W. Grayson, who dug up a mound on the corner Walnut and 6th streets in Louisville to fill Grayson's Pond, on 6th St. near Walnut.

Frederick W.S. Grayson was Attorney General of Kentucky from July 1825 to Dec. 21 1825.

Marriage Records of Jefferson county show that a Benjamin Grayson married Carolin Malinda Taylor July 27, 1785; also F.W. Grayson married Sally Ward, June 13, 1814.

Do not find Graysons in Nelson county. They must have been connected mostly with Jefferson county.

The Filson Club, 118 W. Breckinridge, Louisville, Ky., may be able to give you further information

Sincerely yours.

Bayless Hardin.

1790 tax list of Ky.
by. Heinemann and Brumbaugh

Grayson
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Benj.	Mercer	1789
John	Fayette	- 1789
Wm.	"	1789
Wm.	Woodford	1790

1800 census of Ky. by Clift

Grayson

p 114. - Benjamin - Nelson 1800
George Mason 1800
Reubin Logan 1800
Robert Logan 1800
Robert Mason 1800
Thomas Christian 1800
William " 1800

South Carolinians in the Rev.
by Ervin

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John Grayson Lt.

M. and S. Carolina marriages by Clemens

p 108, Elizabeth Grayson and John M. Verdier - 15, Dec. 1785- Beaufort S.C.

The Douglas Register - by Rev. Wm. Douglas 1750-1797

p 66, Sarah Grayson and Benjamin Ainsley, both of this Parish.
md. 20, Mar. 1769

p 203 James Grayson and Elizabeth Williams a son born 1756 named Thomas
James Grayson and Elizabeth Williams a son John, 24, Jan. 1759.

1770 Fairfax Rentals:
Benjamin Grayson heirs
Spencer Grayson.

1764 Culpeper Rentals
John Grayson

Prince Wm. Co. 1750
Col. Benj. Grayson

Prince Wm. Co. 1760.
John Grayson Clk.

Prince Wm. Co. 1761
Spence Grayson

Edmonson Co. Ky. deaths 1852-1860

Susan Grayson, aged 26, married d. Sept. 28, 1854, of Flux at Big Beaver Dam
born in Va. a daughter of Henry Holman

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Lt. Gov. De Treville married, first Feb. 23, 1826, Esther Hutson, daughter of Alexander Frazier Gregorie and Esther Hutson, both of Prince William's Parish S.C. She died Nov. 21, 1826. He married, second, at Gillisonville, S.C. 4, Aug. 1829, Cornelia Matilda, daughter of Capt. William Joyner,* of the Continental Artillery, who married the widow of Capt. William Grayson, of the Revolution, her maiden name being Susan Greene; born Beaufort, S.C. about 1777; died in Charleston, March 30, 1854. Has issue -

* She was also a niece of Capt. John Joyner, of the Continental Navy during the Revolution, and half-sister of Hon William John Grayson, the poet, biographer, and member of Congress. Susan Green claimed to be closely related to Gen. Nathaniel Greene, and was probably a dau. of Daniel John Green, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace. Hon. William John Grayson married Sarah Matilda Somersall a grand-daughter of Daniel Stevens (marriage settlement in office of Secretary of State 1814). and among their issue were the late Mrs. T.L. Ogier, of Charleston, S.C. and Henry Grayson who married his cousin Cornelia, a second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Brantley.

Va. Wills and Administrations 1632-1800
by Torrence

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Fairfax, Benj. - 1768 inv.
Frederick Wm. - 1790 W.
Wm. - 1793 inv.
Orange John - 1755 - inv.
Prince William - Spence 1799- inv.
Spottsylvania - John, - 1735 - 6- A
- Ambrose 1743- W.
- Ambrose 1756 - W.

Va. Tax payers 1782-87¹ Other than those published by the U.S. census.
by Fothergill.

p 51. Benjamin Grayson - Loudon
John Fay (?) Fou?
Robert Montgomery
Rev. Spence Loudon
Col. Wm. Grayson Loudon
Col. Wm. Grayson- Prince Wm.
William Spottsylvania
William - Culpeper.

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p. 8.

The family of Henry Peers' mother Eleanor Grayson Orr, was likewise identified with the history of Virginia. His grandfather, John Orr, a Scott who came to America as a youth, was a merchant of Leestown, (21) with a plantation, Waterside, on the Rappahannock. He was one of the 115 signers of the Leadstown Resolutions of 1766, one of the first public expressions of resistance to English tyranny. (22) Henry Peers' grandmother, Susanna Monroe Grayson (wife of John Orr) was the sister of Colonel William Grayson (1740-1790), the Virginia soldier statesman who was a member of the Continental Congress and one of the first two United States senators from Virginia. (23)

Several members of this family circle of old Prince William County came to Kentucky after the Revolutionary War. Alexander D. Orr (1761-1835), the uncle of Henry Peers, was perhaps the first of these, moving to Bourbon County about 1782, and to Mason County soon after. He was a Kentucky representative in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1790, was elected to the Kentucky Legislature in 1792, and served in United States Congress from 1792 to 1797 (24) The sons of Colonel Grayson, Frederick, George, Robert and Alfred, who had land and salt interests in Kentucky, were early residents of the state. Their sister, Hebe (Eleanor Grayson) Carter, widow of Robert Carter, joined the Valentine Peers household in Paris in 1813. (25)

21).- Lyon G. Tyler ed., "The Family of Orr," Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine v. 4, p 47 ff.

(22) - William Meade, Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Va.
2 vol. II 434-44 436.

(23)- He married Eleanor Smallwood, sister of General Heabard Smallwood of the Maryland Line. for a biographical sketch of Col. Grayson see James L. Harrison (ed) Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949, Washington D.C. U.S. Government Printing Office 1950.

(24) Biographical Directory of the American Congress.

(25) - Three place-names in Kentucky came from the Grayson family: Grayson County. named for Col. William Grayson, the town of Grayson, named for his son Robert Grayson, and Carter County was named for his grandson William G. Carter.

and Grayson Springs

WOODPLUMPTON (1604-1659)

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Baptisms

1600 Jne 30 Anne d Henry Grayson
 1614 May 10 John S. Henry Grayson
 1616 Aug 9 John s Hnerie Greson
 1616 Aug 25 Robt Greson supposed s Robt. Tumblinson
 1647 May 2 Anne fa. Thomas Grayson de Ley

Burials

1614 May 16 John s Henery Grayson
 1631 Dec 17 Grace w. of Henrie Grayson
 1631/2 Jan 19 Anne d Henrie Grayson of Bartell
 1635 Oct 1 Alison Greson sp. servant unto Wm. Chrichlaw

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Marriages

1607 Nov 23 Edward Houghton & Issabell Grayson

STALMINE (1583-1724)

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1636 Jne 24 Hennery Greasonn of Stayhall bapt.
 1639 Jly 6 Julian Greason of Staynall bapt.
 1638 Dec 20 a child of Robert Greason of Staynall bur.
 1639 Oct 30 Uzor Francis Greason of Staynall bur.
 1635 Apr 19 Francis Greason & Jane Danson of Staynall marr.

RIBCHESTER (1593-1695)

(vol 26)

1638/9 Jan 5 Edward Grayson & Tabitthay Moody
 1690/1 Jan-- Edward Grayson & Tabbitha Moody of Stid
 1694 Sep 14 Robert Read & Allison Grayson both of Stid

CHIPPING (1559-1694)

(vol 14)

1677 Jne 3 Margret Beesley relict of Henerye Beesley late of
 Inglehaad deceased & supposed wife of George
 Graysonn, buried.

GRAYSON FAMILY OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA AND CARTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The Grayson family of Virginia and Kentucky is of English or Scottish extraction. Yorkshire, England, appears to be the true early home of the family. However, members of the family lived in Scotland. The poll tax lists of Yorkshire, England, as of the year 1379, bear the names of Thomas Graysson, Johannes Grayfson, Thomas Grayfson. Emma Grefeson, Mary Grayson and George Grayson resided at Salwicke, England, in 1639 and John Greason lived at Leonaster, England, in 1637.

1. BENJAMIN GRAYSON was the first of the name who emigrated to the American colonies of which there is any known record. He was believed to have come from Scotland. He settled in Prince William County, Virginia, where he was a merchant and acquired great wealth. He m., first, Susan or Susanna Monroe, a daughter of Andrew Monroe and great aunt of President James Monroe, and m., secondly, Mrs. Linton, a widow.

Children of Benjamin Grayson and his wife, Susan Monroe:

2. Benjamin Grayson, Jr.
3. Spence Grayson.
- *4. William Grayson.
5. Susan Monroe Grayson.

4. WILLIAM GRAYSON was b. in Prince William County, Virginia, in 1726; was graduated from the College of Philadelphia in 1760 and is said to have studied law at the Temple in London. Entering the service of his country during the Revolutionary War, he was aid-de-camp to General Washington in 1776; was commissioned colonel on the Continental Line in 1777; and later, in 1779, was one of the Commissioners of the Board of War. He was elected as a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and was president of that body in 1788. Upon the organization of the Federal Government, he was chosen by Virginia as one of the two first United States Senators—Richard Henry Lee being the other one.

Colonel Grayson m. Eleanor (Hebe) Smallwood, one of the five sisters of Captain Heaberd Smallwood of Charles County, Maryland. Captain Smallwood had service in the Revolutionary War on the Maryland State Line.

Children of Colonel William Grayson and his wife, Eleanor Smallwood:

6. William Grayson d. without issue.
- *7. George W. Grayson.
- *8. Robert H. Grayson.
9. Heaberd S. Grayson. Very little has been learned concerning him.

*10. Alfred Grayson.

*11. Hebe Smallwood Grayson; m. Robert Wormerly Carter of Loudoun County, Virginia. (See Carter Family).

These children and/or their descendants received from the United States Government large tracts of land in Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland by reason of the military service of their father, Colonel Grayson, and their uncle, Captain Smallwood. In the early 1800's they migrated to and entered large tracts of land under the Grayson grant on the little Sandy River at the present Grayson, Kentucky, then Greenup County, now Carter County.

7. GEORGE W. GRAYSON was enumerated in the U. S. Census of Greenup County for 1810 as head of family and as owning five negro slaves. Apparently he subsequently returned to tidewater Virginia as he d. in Fauquier County, Virginia, sometime prior to March 27, 1832, leaving three children:

12. Frances Grayson; m. Richard H. Foote.
- *13. George W. Grayson, Jr.
- *14. William Grayson.

8. ROBERT H. GRAYSON, lawyer, large landowner and slaveholder, owning the greatest number of slaves of any person (49) in Greenup County in 1810; m., September 3, 1809, Miss Sophonisba Cabell, daughter of Joseph Cabell of Virginia.

Issue:

15. William Preston Grayson.
16. Hebe C. Grayson; m. Preston Smith.
17. Ellen S. Grayson.

The records indicate that this family removed to Henderson County, Kentucky.

10. ALFRED W. GRAYSON; m. October 26, 1804, Miss Letitia P. Breckenridge, daughter of Hon. John Breckenridge, of Fayette County, Kentucky, Attorney General in the administration of President Jefferson. Miss Breckenridge was aunt of General John Cabell Breckenridge, Vice-President of the United States in administration of President Buchanan and sometime Secretary of War in administration of Jefferson Davis.

Alfred W. Grayson removed to Washington County, Arkansas, where he died in 1816 or 1817. His widow, Letitia, m. at Princeton, N. Jersey, October 16, 1818, Major General Peter B. Porter, U. S. Army, of New York.

Children of Alfred W. Grayson and Letitia P. Breckenridge:

18. John C. Breckenridge Grayson. He was captain, major and lieutenant colonel in U. S. Army in the Mexican War; was a brigadier-general in the Confederate Army in the Civil War; and d. October 21, 1861.

LUND WASHINGTON, *b.* in King George's Co., Va., 25th September, 1767; *d.* at Washington, D. C., 4th April, 1853; was Postmaster at Washington, D. C.; *m.* 11th February, 1793, Susan Monroe GRAYSON, *b.* 29th May, 1768; *d.* 22d April, 1823; dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (WAGENER) GRAYSON of Belle Air; he was *b.* 1734; *d.* 1792; graduate of Oxford University, England; ordained by the Lord Bishop of London, 29th May, 1771; Rector of Dettingen Parish, Prince William Co., Va.; Justice of Prince William Co., 1769.

ISSUE

- I. Susan Jane, *m.* 3d December, 1815, ——— Edward S. LEWIS of District of Columbia.
- II. Lund, *b.* 1793-4; *d.* 24th August, 1849; *m.* ——— BIGGS.
- III. William, *d.* unm.; educated at West Point; Professor of Mathematics. He is said to have been engaged to marry a daughter of the Marquis de Lafayette, with whom he stayed when on his way to assist the Greeks in their struggle for independence.
- IV. PETER GRAYSON, the subject of this memoir.
- V. Sally Hay, *m.* Socrates MAUPIN, Prof. of Chemistry, Univ. of Virginia.
- VI. Smith, *d.* unm.; Cadet in the U. S. Navy; lost at sea on the *Hornet*.

Arms—Argent two bars gules, in chief three mullets of the second.

Crest—Out of a ducal coronet or, an eagle issuant, wings endorsed sable.

Motto—Virtus sola nobilitas.

Commentary, continued:

Howard Avery Grayson, Jr., M.D., of 15501 N.E. 6th Ave., #308 N. Miami Beach, Fla., 33162, wants genealogy info on his line. His grandfather Howard Roy Grayson was born in either Forest City or Shelby, N.C., md. Callie Harmon from King's Mountain, N.C. Their only child was Howard's father, Howard Avery Grayson, sr. The grandfather was b. in 1900.

J. Wendell Grayson writes a note from J.R. Grayson and Mrs. Grayson Hale (see p. 234, Vol. 2 no. 11.): General Index to deeds, Garrard Co., Ky.--Grantors. 1923: Grayson, Ida Roy. (Wendell note: I cannot double check your check; please look for canceled check & tell me.)

Pp. 256,7,8: a genealogy of Joseph Grayson, bother of Wren Grayson, sr. from Mrs. Clifford Grayson, 4135 Wilson Lane, Charlotte, N.C., 2806.

On p. A nice letter from C.H. Grayson regarding his family.

Ella May Underwood wants a better way to organize her material. The best way is to find a lot of money and computerize all the Grayson genealogies. This could be a Grayson Association project. Any donors around?

New member Alton E. Grayson, brother of Clifford Grayson, both of Charlotte, N.C., also a new member, reports that he will visit King's Creek village, N.C. to research the Graysons who were there in 1778-1800. I hope he finds something; a lot of us are descended from those Graysons. Alton; suggest you look at some cemeteries there.

On. p. 260 is a very interesting clipping from D.A. Grayson regarding the town of Grayson. D.A. Grayson also sent the Material on pp. 261,2 which has been printed here previously but is re-printed for those who are recent members. To make a complete page, 262 is the lower half of 261.

Pp. 263-272 are miscellaneous interesting papers from the Wulfeck collection containing important source material for your files.

The last 2 pages, 273,4, are a reprint of previous material for the newcomers and for the rest of us who like to re-read Grayson genealogy to refresh our memories..sent by Mrs. H.A. Brown of Toledo, Ohio, last March.

NOTE: This issue is double size: 41 pages. The cost is therefore double. I hope you enjoyed it. I now need more genealogy from all of you for the next issue. The next issue will be Vol. 3., no. 1. This ends Vol. 2, in the current issue.