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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER VOL. 4. No. 1. Page 1.

Clifford Grayson and Dorothy McCoy have sent money for the genealogy project on Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes county, N.C. of the 1780-1800 era. Counting myself that is 3 of us in the project. I will choose a North Carolina genealogist in the next step of the project.

D.A. Grayson of Nebo, N.C. notified me about a forthcoming book called the Grayson Family Heritage Book for \$19.85. I have ordered it and will publish any new material in the Newsletter. The book cannot be ordered after May 14 th so there is no possibility that any of you could order it in time.

I am out of material to publish; please send anything you have acquired lately.

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Watch the Genealogy Helper for an advertisement from our Grayson Family Association looking for family trees of Graysons to publish in the Newsletter. The ad will run for 4 issues.

THE GRAYSON FAMILY TREE.

Joseph & Elizabeth Patsy (Brazil) Grayson lived in Anderson County, Tenn. Joseph Grayson was a English descent and a farmer and blacksmith by occupation.

Elizabeth Patsy Grayson was the daughter of William (Willis) Grayson of South Carolina. Who is listed as a soldier of the Revolution.

Joseph Grayson who located near Stephens Chapel, where they later moved to Marion County, entering seventy acres of land, upon which Byron Hudson family now resides, and there his death occurred, while his wife died on a farm near the Burnette School house.

*** HENRY GRAYSON ***

Henry Grayson, the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Patsy Brazil Grayson was born in Anderson County, Tenn. Nov. 2, 1799. He married Nancy Hixson Sept. 11, 1820 in Bledsoe County. Nancy Hixson was born in Greene County, Tenn. July 22, 1799 the daughter of William and Ingola Hugles Hixson. Their children names are Pleasant C. Grayson was born 1821; Louisa Grayson was born 1823; William Hixson Grayson was born April 12, 1826; Patrick H. Grayson was born Sept. 4, 1828; James M. Grayson was born 1831; Houston Grayson was born June 8, 1834; Sarah C. Grayson was born 1837; Joseph A. Grayson was born 1839. Died in infancy; Anderson C. Grayson was born Dec. 23, 1841.

During his younger years Henry Grayson engaged in blacksmithing and wagonmaking but later gave his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits and milling business and also served as justice of the peace for a while.

Politically he was first a Whig and later a Democrat, and religiously inclined to the Christian Church, while his wife was a devoted member of the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Henry Grayson departed from this life Nov. 9, 1879 was buried at the Burnette Cemetery.

Nancy Hixson Grayson died Nov. 10, 1881 at the home of her son Anderson Cheek Grayson in Whitwell, Tenn. Also was buried at the Burnette Cemetery.

Pleasant C. Grayson the first child of Henry and Nancy Hixson Grayson was born 1821 a farmer on the west side of Sequatchie river in the Third District. Pleasant was a member of Gov. Andrew Johnson's body guard at Nashville.

Liza Louisa the second child of Henry and Nancy Hixson Grayson was born 1823; who married Josiah Burnett and had a son Elijah Anderson Burnett who married Mrs. Mary Jane White Hudson and had a son William Anderson Burnett of (Hartford Michigan).

William Hixson Grayson the third child of Henry & Nancy Hixson Grayson was born April 12, 1826 on the old Ashburn farm just above Whitwell, Tenn. William H. Grayson was married Dec. 5, 1849 the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Cowan who was born in Jackson County, Ala. April 1, 1827. Their children names are Joseph, Esther Louisa wife of Byron Hudson, Samuel H., Francis M. who was born April 13, 1852 and died in 1885; Henry C. and Nancy both died in infancy P.L. who died at the age of twenty seven years and Cynthia who married Thomas Smith and died in Arkansas.

William Grayson during his boyhood and youth pursued his duties in the Burnette school and those at Red Hill and Looney's Creek this acquiring a good practical education which has well fitted him for life responsible duties. Early in life he learned the blacksmith's trade which he followed in connection with farming until the Tennessee coal Iron and R.R. Company opened up their mines at Whitwell, when he took charge of their blacksmith shop but after conducting it one year he returned to the farm. He was a pronounced Republican in politics; acceptably served as justice of the peace in the Third district for fourteen years and several times acted as chairman. He and wife were member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Patrick H. Grayson the fourth child of Henry & Nancy Hixson Grayson was born Sept. 4, 1828. On the 26th of Sept. 1850 he led to the marriage altar Miss Martha J. Moore who was born in the Third district of Marion in June 1830 and is a daughter of George and Nancy E. (Davis) Moore.

Their children names are Nancy L. who married John W. Andes of the Third District; Sarah A. married John Lasater of Tracy City. Tenn. George W. who married Effie Myers and lived in the State of Oregon. Henry C. who married Ruth Bryson; Ada L. wife of George W. Bryson; Tula H. Single. James M. who married Anna Pryor; Amanda who died at the age of ten years. Ruth Bryson Grayson died Nov. 6, 1964. At the age of 98 years old.

Patrick H. Grayson was a Democrat in political sentiment and a master Mason, belonging to Altine Lodge at Sulphur Spring, Religiously both he and wife were Worthy Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

James M. Grayson the fifth child of Henry & Nancy Hixson Grayson was born 1831. He married Emeline Moore the daughter of George and Nancy E. Davis-Moore. He was a ranchman of Texas.

Houston Grayson the sixth child of Henry Grayson & Nancy Hixson Grayson was born June 8, 1834. He married Pricilla Sylvia. She was born Jan. 28, 1834.

Their children names are Nancy Elizabeth Grayson was born Dec. 1, 1860; Henry Grayson was born Feb. 1, 1862; Died Nov. 9, 1909 unmarried; James B. (Jim) Grayson was born Aug. 15, 1863. Died Feb. 8, 1944 unmarried; Fate Grayson was born 1865; Samuel (Sam) Grayson was born Aug. 25, 1866; Marzella Grayson born Sept. 13, 1867; Pleasant L. Grayson was born Aug. 23, 1869; William Grayson was born Aug. 16, 1871; Ethel Grayson was born July 25, 1875; Ella Grayson was born 1883, Lucy Grayson was born Feb. 13, 1880 Died Feb. 16, 1880

Date of Deaths

Houston Grayson Oct. 11, 1917. Pricilla Sylvia Grayson May 9, 1911.

Houston Grayson lived on the old homestead in Marion County, a prominent Agriculturist. He was a pronounced Republican in politics. Houston Grayson and his wife Pricilla Sylvia Grayson were member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church At New Hope.

Nancy Elizabeth Grayson the first child of Houston Grayson & Pricilla Sylvia Grayson married Elijah H. Hudson Nov. 6, 1881. He was born Oct. 20, 1849. He was the son of John Hudson & Isabelle Hackworth, Hudson.

Their children names are Henry Edwin was born Sept. 1, 1882; Walter was born Feb. 2, 1884; and died Dec. 23, 1887; Edith was born Sept. 10, 1885; Ethel Elizabeth was born Aug. 26, 1887; Sannel Houston was born March 15, 1889; Died July 27, 1898; William Looney was born Jan. 5, 1891; Lula Agnes was born Jan. 25, 1893; Priscilla was born March 18, 1895; Vivian Bryon was born July 25, 1897; Nina Ophelia was born Sept. 8, 1899; Vera was born Feb. 4, 1902; Anderson was born Aug. 2, 1904; died Sept. 2, 1905; Paul was born May 11, 1907.

Elijah H. Hudson departed from this life Aug. 20, 1945. He was buried at Hudson Cemetery At New Hope. Also Nancy Elizabeth Grayson Hudson passed away Dec. 20, 1945. She also was buried at the Hudson Cemetery.

Henry Erwin Hudson the first child of Nancy Elizabeth Grayson Hudson & Elijah Hudson married Janie Lay Nov. 16, 1910 the daughter of William Lay & Louisa Brown Lay at their home near Jasper, Tenn. Janie Lay was born Oct. 31, 1884.

Their children names are William Elijah was born Oct. 5, 1912; Edwin Dick was born April 12, 1917; James Robert was born Oct. 16, 1919; Thomas Lay was born Feb. 10, 1923.

William Elijah (Bill) Hudson the first child of Henry Edwin Hudson & Janie Lay Hudson married Emma Ruth Mahan June 26, 1937 daughter of Mr. & Mrs W. C. Mahan she was born Oct. 19, 1917.

Their children names are Anna Jane was born Jan. 2, 1939; Carl Edwin was born Oct. 11, 1945.

Date of Death

William Elijah (Bill) Hudson March 27, 1958.

Anna Jane Hudson the first child of William Elijah (Bill) Hudson & Emma Ruth Mahan Hudson married James Martin Mauldin Sept. 7, 1958 At the Whitwell, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Their children names are (Billy) William Lawrence Mauldin was born Jan. 21, 1960; (Scotty) James Scott Mauldin was born April 29, 1961.

PATRICK HENRY GRAYSON, one of the most prominent and highly respected farmers of the Third district of Marion county, was born September 4, 1828, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Hixon) Grayson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Our subject is indebted to the public schools of the county for his educational privileges, and being reared to farm work he became a most thorough and skillful agriculturist.

On the 26th of September, 1850, he led to the marriage altar Miss Martha J. Moore, who was born in the Third district of Marion county, in June, 1830, and is a daughter of George and Nancy E. (Davis) Moore. Her mother was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Bacon, who was killed by a horse. Mrs. Grayson was also educated in the public schools, and by her marriage she has become the mother of nine children, as follows: Nancy L., now the wife of John W. Andes, of the Third district; Sarah A., wife of John Lasater, of Tracy City, Tenn.; Fannie E., wife of John Lasater, a farmer of Pelham, Tenn.; George W., who married Effie Myers and lives in the state of Oregon; Henry C., who married Ruth Bryson, and is a farmer of the Fifth district of Marion county; Ada L., wife of George W. Bryson, an agriculturist of the same district; Tula H., at home; James M., who married Anna Pryor, and is a farmer of the Third district of Marion county; and Amanda, who died at the age of ten years.

During the Civil war, Mr. Grayson's sympathies were with the South, and in September, 1862, he joined the Confeder-

ate army, becoming a member of Capt. Patrick H. Price's company, Third Tennessee Cavalry. He first went to Kentucky, then to Chattanooga, later to middle Tennessee, and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Beech Grove, besides several skirmishes. He was captured in Marion county, in 1863, was paroled and sent home, where he afterward took the oath of allegiance to the United States government. His father lost several slaves during the war, and he lost two, besides considerable

other property, including horses, mules, cattle and sheep, amounting to several thousand dollars.

After his return from the war Mr. Grayson resumed farming in the Third district of Marion county, where he continued to carry on operations until 1880, when he removed to Yamhill county, Ore., but three years later he returned to Tennessee, and has since successfully engaged in farming in the Third district of Marion county. Since his return he has served for six years as justice of the peace with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public, and prior to the war also filled that office for eight years. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, and a Master Mason, belonging to Altine lodge, at Sulphur Springs. Religiously both he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

* PATRICK HENRY GRAYSON

1828.9.4 d. 1915

son of Henry⁵, Joseph⁶, Benj⁷

m. 1850.9.26

MARTHA J MOORE

1830.6 d. 1910

da. of George Moore and Nancy E. Davis
& sister of wife of James⁴1. 1860 Census: Tenn, Marion Co.
3^d district
p5: house # 32

PATRICK H GRAYSON	31	farmer
MARTHA J	29	
NANCY L	7	
SARAH ANN	6	
FRANCIS E	4	
GEORGE W	3	
ROBERT PURMAN	12	servant

note: Francis E. appears as Fanny E.
in the Houston Grayson family tree.

2. [land grant: Tenn, Marion Co.]

1853.9.3: # 2427: 50 acres to Patrick
Grayson, adjoining
Henry Graysons 150 acres.3. Tombstone: Pleasant
Grove Cemetery, Raulston
List # 77"P.H. Grayson 1828-1915
Martha Grayson 1830-1910"

NANCY L GRAYSON

1853

m. John W. Andes

SARAH ANN GRAYSON

1854

m. John Lasater of Tracy City, Tenn

FRANCIS E GRAYSON

1856

m. John Lasater, of Pelham, Tenn.

GEORGE W GRAYSON

1857

m. Effie Myers
moved to Oregon

HENRY C GRAYSON

m. Ruth Bryson who d. 1964.11.6 age 91
no children

ADA L GRAYSON

m. George W. Bryson

TULA H GRAYSON

unmarried

JAMES M GRAYSON *

m. Anna Bryson

AMANDA GRAYSON

d. age 10

February 12, 1980

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Dear Dr. Grayson,

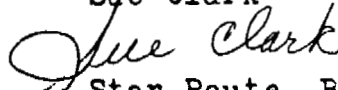
Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter with my letter of inquiry in it. Enclosed is my check for it and I certainly wish to remain a subscriber.

I have been corresponding with Howard Grayson of Alexandria, Va. for the past several months. We are working on the same line, his Grandfather Boone Grayson and my Great, Great Grandfather Benjamin Grayson were brothers. Their father was Jesse Grayson, born in North Carolina circa 1810. It will require more research in North Carolina before we will know anything else. I will send you my genealogy when I have it a little more complete.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sue Clark



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Natural Dam, Ark.
72948

By Chet Hale

"I understand you've been having your family tree looked up."

"Yep. Cost me \$5,000."

"Ain't that a lot of money?"

"Yep—\$1,000 to look it up, \$4,000 to hush it up."

DYKES — MRS. MINA GRAYSON, of 107 Brentwood Dr., died Monday evening in a local nursing home. She was the widow of Robert Anderson Dykes. She was born in Marion county, Tenn., the daughter of the late Anderson Cheek and Josephine Barber Grayson who were early residents of Sequatchie Valley. She was educated in the schools of Marion County, where she taught before her marriage. She was retired from Miller Brothers Co. and was a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Hannibal Seagle Bible Class. She was past Matron of the Sequatchie Valley Chapter Order No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by one daughter, Bobbie Dykes of Chattanooga; eight nieces, Mrs. Marguerite Lenham of Chattanooga, Mrs. Jonah Harris of Chattanooga, Mrs. Almeda Barksdale of Whitwell, Tenn., Mrs. Hubert Stultz of Graysville, Tenn., Mrs. Emmett Durrett of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Robert Jones of Savannah, Ga., Miss Josephine Monroe of Arcadia, Calif. and Mrs. E.W. Barton of Calif.; two nephews, Jack and Ed Manz of Chattanooga; also several great nieces and nephews. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the West Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home with Dr. J. Fred Johnson and Dr. J. Craig Martindale officiating. Interment will be in Chattanooga Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be nephews. The body is at the Chattanooga Funeral Home, West Chapel, 1724 McCallie Ave.

Died Jan. 1980 age 90+
see following 3 pages

* HENRY GRAYSON

1799.11.2 - 1879.11.9

Tenn.

son of Joseph⁶, Benj⁷
born in Anderson Co.

m. 1820.9.11

NANCY HIXON

1799.7.22 - 1881.11.10

born in Greene Co.

at age 6 moved to Bleckoe Co.

1. [letter: 1847.4.5: from Wren⁶ to Henry⁵] addressed "Dear Nephew", proves the connection between Wren⁶ & Joseph⁶.

2. [Compendium of Biographies for the Cumberland Region of Tennessee] After Nancy and Henry married they moved to Sequatchie Co., and later moved to a farm in Marion Co. In the Civil War Anderson and Patrick fought for the South, Pleasant and William fought for the North, and Houston remained home.

3. Tombstone in Burnett cemetery, Marion Co. [Nashville State Library]

HENRY GRAYSON

1799 - 1879

NANCY (BURNETT) GRAYSON

1799 - 1881

(Why does it say Nancy Burnett rather than Nancy Hixon?)

4. [TENN, MARION Co: land grants on file at courthouse: via John Abbott 1972]

18. 150 acres, SE side Sequatchie p. 220

1830.1.10: 2 1/2 " " " " " " 222

1834.8.26: 300 " " " " " " 260

1839.4.1.100 " " " " " " 365

1853.8.22: 800 " " " " " " 457

~1858 : 300 " " " " " " 497

5. [deeds, ibid]

1828.6.28: \$375/77 acres, Bk B p. 340
from John Kelly, both sides Seq. R.

1831.11.26 \$500/123 acres, Bk C, p. 64
from Andrew Wilson, SE side Seq. R.

1832.11.30 \$100/68 acres, Bk C, p. 168

from John Hicks, SE Seq. R, witness Benj F Grayson⁵

PLEASANT GRAYSON

1821.8.3 -

*

LOUISA GRAYSON

1823.8.3 - 1903 *

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* Tombstone. Burnett Cemetery Raulston List 109
" Louisa (Grayson) Burnett 1823-1903

WILLIAM H GRAYSON

1826.4.12

*

PATRICK H GRAYSON

1828.9.4

*

JAMES M GRAYSON

1831.5.16

*

SARAH C GRAYSON

1834.1.24

m. William Cowan
moved to Texas

HOUSTON GRAYSON

1837.6.8

*

JOSEPH A GRAYSON

1839.4.24 - 1840.7.1

ANDERSON C GRAYSON

1841.12.23

1832. : \$200/120 acres, Bk C p. 171, from Samuel H. Gott and Isaac Easterly, administrators, SE side Seg. R.
- 1833.2.1 : \$350/77 acres, Bk. C p. 173, to J. J. Ashburn, both sides de [typed copy]
- 1835.2.11 : \$330/106 acres, Bk C p. 328, from Benj. F. Grayson, SE side Seg. R, witnesses Hugh Grayson, Jessie Grayson [typed copy]
- 1836.4.9 : witnessed a deed for Benj. F. Grayson
- 1836.10.18 : \$56/11¼ acres, Bk C p. 469, from Absolom McReynolds, SE side Seg. R.
- 1837.5.16 : \$1700/5 slaves, Bk C p. 495, from Margaret Hughes.
6. [Hixson-Hixon of Tennessee, by Hixson and Armstrong, 1955, Hudson Printing Co, Chattanooga]
- This small book contains a detailed genealogy of the Hixon family. Nancy Hixon, was the daughter of William Hixon (1770-1827) and Angola Hughes (m. 1795.9.6 Green Co, Tenn.). William was the son of Joseph Hixon and Susannah —.
7. 1845.6.13 Henry Grayson from Benj. F. Grayson and Elizabeth \$500/121½ acres [Marion Co. typed copy]
- 1847.8.7 Benj. F. Grayson to Haley & Long, \$50/1500 acres witnessed by Henry Grayson, attested to by Hugh Grayson [typed copy]
- 1838.11.3 Jessie Shirley to Henry Grayson, \$250/50 acres Bk D p. 215
- 1839.2.21 James Brymer to Henry Grayson⁵ \$82½/100 acres witnessed: B. F. Grayson⁵
- 1840.2.4 John Burnett to Henry Grayson⁵ \$40/14 acres witnessed by Anderson Cheek
- 1839.12.25 James Roberts to Joseph E. Rogers & Henry Grayson \$200/100 acres
- 1843.2.8 Thomas Ridge to Henry Grayson \$300/88 acres
- 1838.3.12 " " to " " \$10/1¼ acre
8. 1840 Census, Tenn, Marion Co.

HENRY GRAYSON		0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-	40-	50-
M	2	2	1	1	1			1	
F	1	1		1	1			1	

The couple age 20-24 & the child female age 0-4 must be a family. Who are they?

* ANDERSON CHEEK GRAYSON

1841.12.23

son of Henry Grayson

m. 1869.5.6

JOSEPHINE L BARBER

1851.7.27

daughter of William R. Barber
and Nancy M. Real1. See his biography from Compendium of
Biography2. Also known as "Doc" [History of N & W
Texas]

FLORENCE N GRAYSON

m. Frank Kelly, a merchant
of Whitwell, Tenn.

LAWRENCE H GRAYSON

m. Lilla M Wilson, daughter
of Prof. W. H. Wilson, a business
partner of Mr. Kelly.

LULA F GRAYSON

m. Oscar W Monroe

ELLA ELIZABETH GRAYSON

single

MATTIE ELECTA GRAYSON

m. John Wilson

IRVIN ANDERSON GRAYSON

m. Myrtle Hilliard Hilton

ALVA JOSEPHINE GRAYSON

m. Sam Pryor

MYNA AGNES GRAYSON *

4731 So 26 West Ave
Tulsa Okla 74107.
Feb 26-1980.

Dr Richard Grayson:

Dear Richard! Thank you for the news letter. It was very interesting.

I sent copy that I thought would be of interest to your readers. The identity of Robert Grayson and Susan (Mrs) Monroe - first wife of Benjamin Grayson, youngest of the three immigrant brothers.

One bit of history - Washington County North Carolina was what is now Tennessee (to the Mississippi river). Wilkes County North Carolina was a large County taken from Surry County North Carolina. It was created 1777 with population of 45,000 people. Virginia was on the North. Washington County North Carolina on the west.

Ashe County North Carolina was created out of Wilkes County 1799. With population of 20,000 people. The Grayson family had been in all of this country before the revolutionary war. Thanks again for the newsletter.

Marylea Hale.

Benjamin Grayson (immigrant) brother of John and Ambrose Grayson;
married Susannah Monroe, daughter of Andrew Monroe. Their children
were:

Spence Monroe Grayson, who married Mary Elizabeth Wagner,
daughter of Dr. Peter Wagner, and

William Grayson, who married Eleanor Smallwood.

Susannah Monroe Grayson married John Orr.

GRAYSON'S REGIMENT OF
THE VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL LINE

In those ranks were:

Col. William Grayson,

Rev. Spence Grayson, his brother

Heabard Smallwood, his brother-in-law

William Grayson, his son

Robert Grayson, his son

1/28/80

I phoned Mrs. Marylea Grayson Hale, 4731 So. 26 Ave.,
Tulsa, Okla, 74107. Phone: 918-446-8657

She is a descendant of James William Monroe Grayson,
the Major Grayson who captured Tom Dula. His father
was a William Grayson, allegedly from England. She thinks
he might be descended from the Va. Graysons but has no proof
and does not know where he is buried, but knows that
his wife Rebecca Reese is buried in the Zionville Baptist
Churchyard, Zionville, N.C. next to her son James Wm.M.
Grayson. He has a head stone; she does not. *WAG*

State of Kentucky } I Robert H. Grayson do
Jefferson County } upon oath testify and declare
that I am a son and one of the heirs at Law of Col
William Grayson Deceased late a Colonel of the Virgin-
ia line of the army of the Revolution. Also I do for-
=more testify and declare that I have never received a war-
=rant from the United States for the Bounty land due
me in right of said deceased or that do I believe that
=the same were received or transferred his right to it in
any manner whatever.

Therefore I know all men by these presents
that I Robert H. Grayson as aforesaid do hereby
constitute and appoint Col Joseph Watson or Tho-
=mas J. Hodges or either of my true and lawful
attorney for me and in my name to ask demand
and receive from the Secretary at war of the United
States a warrant for the Bounty land due me in
right of said deceased. And my said attorney is
fully authorized and empowered to constitute and
appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him
for the special purposes above named and these things to
revolve at will. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal this fifteenth of November
1826

Witness
Saml Dickinson

Robert H Grayson Clerk

from Maryleia Grayson Hale

3611 Stanford St., Apt. 17
Houston, TX 77006

February 21, 1980

Richard R. Grayson, M. D.
GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER
103 West Main Street
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Dear Dr. Grayson,

RE: Grayson/Linton/Harrison/Monroe

- I. According to a small privately published book by Henry Tazewell Harrison, April 2, 1915, entitled, "A Brief History of the First Harrisons of Virginia, Descendants of Cuthbert Harrison, Esq., of Ancaster, England, From AD 1600 to AD 1915," Capt. Thomas Harrison (b. prob. c1700) of Dettington Parish, Prince William County, Virginia, married ANNE GRAYSON. Their children included: Benjamin, Anne, William, Thomas (m. _____ Butler), Burr, and Mary HARRISON. Thomas HARRISON (1726-1827) and _____ Butler went to Kentucky with some of their seven children: Benjamin, Thomas Grayson, Cuthbert, Anne, Allis, Elizabeth, and William Butler HARRISON, and were prominent figures in Central Kentucky pioneer history and Indian fighting. Who were the antecedents of ANNE GRAYSON? Was GRAYSON this ANNE GRAYSON's maiden name or was she a widow ANNE (_____) GRAYSON when she married Capt. Thomas Harrison?
- II. "Marriages of Some Virginia Residents, 1607-1800, Series I, Vol. 4" lists the following:

LINTON, _____, m. 1731 SUSANNAH GRAYSON, Spotsylvania Co. Marr. Records.

According to private correspondence from a Virginia genealogist (who is a descendant of Susannah Monroe through her first marriage to Charles Tyler II), SUSANNAH GRAYSON is the sister of BENJAMIN GRAYSON I, who married Susannah Monroe as her third husband. However, SUSANNAH GRAYSON is not listed as his sister in the genealogy presented in your last newsletter (Vol. 3, No. 5, page 6) by Mercer David Grayson, Jr. Is SUSANNAH GRAYSON (presumably the one mentioned in the above marriage) a sister of BENJAMIN GRAYSON I, or was she a widow SUSANNAH (_____) GRAYSON when she married (MOSES, per my source) LINTON in 1731?

There is even the possibility that ANNE GRAYSON and SUSANNAH GRAYSON were the same person.

I will appreciate any assistance offered, since one, and perhaps both, seem to be among the antecedents of my LINTON grandmother, CATHERINE LINTON, who married Wm. Joseph Lewis of Prince William County in 1766.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Thrawley
Mrs. E. K. (Dorothy Hodges) Thrawley

Grayson Family Assn.
Richard R. Grayson, M.D.
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St. Charles, IL 60174

Dear Doctor Grayson:

During reading back issues of Genealogical Helper I learned that you were researching the same Grayson family that my wife is related to. Her Great Graddmother was Rebecca Grayson. I have prepared a pedigree chart which I am enclosing which indicates all the information I have been able to gather.

My wife's father remembers very well a visit to his grandmothers home in Sharpsville, Indiana around 1910 and remembers a brother named Thorton who had served in the Civil War.

I have prepared family charts on the Joseph and Wren Jr Graysons and could submit them to the Family Assn if you feel they would be of any value.

Our family would very much like to become members of the Grayson family Assn. and would like to receive any information you can give us about it. We would also appreciate any information you may have about our particular Graysons.

Sincerely,

John P. Smith
5201 N. 43rd Place
Phoenix, AZ 85018

Enclosure (1)

Margaret Morgan Smith
 NAME
 5201 N. 43rd Pl.
 STREET ADDRESS OR P.O.
 Phoenix, AZ 85013
 CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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

ON CHART NO. _____

1 GRAYSON, Rebecca

BORN 12 Feb 1841
 WHERE Decatur Co, IN
 WHEN MARRIED 27 Feb 1861
 DIED 15 MAY 1926
 WHERE Sharpsville, IN

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Jeremiah Morgan

NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS
 INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO
 NAMES ON CHART BY NUMBER.

2 GRAYSON, Joseph

BORN CA 1815
 WHERE Tennessee
 WHEN MARRIED 27 JUN 1834
 DIED After 1880
 WHERE Indiana

3 Owens, Matilda

BORN CA 1817
 WHERE Kentucky
 DIED After 1880
 WHERE Indiana

PEDIGREE CHART

4 GRAYSON, Wren

BORN CA 1781
 WHERE
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED CA 1865
 WHERE IN & IN NA

WAR 1812 (Bledsoe Co, Tenn)
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 February 11, 1980

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
 103 W. Main St.
 St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I enjoyed your Christmas card. Thank you. And I appreciate the research which you make happen. My husband's line appears to be documented thoroughly enough for me to go on to other lines of research, but I admire what you are doing so much that I feel compelled to continue.

Although A.M. does not descend from your Benjamin Grayson, Sr., I studied the last page last night of the Newsletter concerning possible research and wanted to suggest different years for you to look for Benjamin to have been born. It is merely a different way to look at it. I know I may be wrong. Just thought I would pass my thoughts on to you.

This line of reasoning assumes that Benjamin is 21 or older when he appears in the records:

YEAR OF RECORD	EARLIEST POSSIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH	LATEST POSSIBLE YEAR OF BIRTH
1779 he entered land in Wilkes Co. (1779 - 21= 1758)		1758
1787 "he was under 60" (1787-60= 1727) (1787-21=1766)	1727	1766
1800 "under 45" (1800-45= 1755) (1800-21=1779)	1755	1779

Benjamin Grayson, Sr. was born ca 1755 to 1758

If he had to be 21 in 1779, then he could not have been born after that year, 1758.

If he was under 45 in 1800, then he could not have been born before 1755.

Sincerely,

Joyce Petty

Mrs. A.M. Petty

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Feb. 9, 1980.

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
St. Charles Ill.

Dear Doctor: The writer has recently come into possession of a copy of the Madison , Ind. Courier. This contains a copy of George Miller's Genealogy Column which he calls "Trees, Twigs and Chips". In this column you ask for information about any of the GRAYSONS who used to live in Madison..

The writer of this letter lived in Madison for about 25 years and knew Salathiel (BUD" Grayson and one of his daughters and also George Grayson who was my mail carrier for many years. I have a small memento from Mayme Grayson . I am almost through with it as I am 97 Years old today.

If you receive this letter and are still interested in what I may say about the Graysons , you may reach me at the address above. I have been retired for sev'rl years and am living in a Retirement Home at this address.

Very Truly,

Dr. C. R. Willson

CLARENCE R. WILLSON D.P.M.

* SALATHIEL GRAYSON

1837 - 1916

Ind

son of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

MARY LACKLAND

1837 - 1895

1. 1880 Census, Indiana, Jefferson Co,
Madison, 6th ward, Cemetery St.
p. 191 # 135 # 143

SYLATHIEL GRAYSON 43 IND KY KY

MARY 43 IND KY KY

CHARLES

WILLIE

MAMIE

GERTRUDE

2. [letter from Sylvia (Mandelbaum) Grayson²
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Bertie 1874-77 was a son of Salathiel.

2. [letter from Maude to W. Price:
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Bertie 1874-1901, born in Madison, was a
son of Salathiel.

3. gravestones in Madison, Ind:

MARY FRANCES GRAYSON

1865 - 1942

SALATHIEL GRAYSON

1837 - 1916

4. [Madison Courier, 1914 ?]

Salathiel Grayson served the paper for
60 years, and is editor now at age 77.

CHARLES MERRIAM GRAYSON

1857 - 1931

Ind

m. Josephine Dreiss

HELEN GRAYSON

1861 - 1952 *

WILLIAM GRAYSON

MARY FRANCES GRAYSON

1865 - 1942

no issue

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GERTRUDE GRAYSON

1868

m. John Bernier

BERTIE GRAYSON

1874 - 1877 or 1901

MAUDE GRAYSON

1881 - 1968-3-12 *

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Clarence Willson

Cinc., Ohio,

14 Feb. 1980

Dear Clarence,

Thank you for the letter. I enjoyed our telephone conversation this evening and I am most pleased to meet some one like yourself who was acquainted with some of the old Graysons of Madison., Ind. Writing was the profession of Salathiel Grayson whom you knew well, and also of his brother Andrew Jackson Grayson, who was my great grandfather. I have often thought this was more than a coincidence that I should enjoy writing so much from an early age.

I look forward to your reminiscences about my kin, and of course, I will appreciate the silver thimble heirloom of Mayme Grayson, the daughter of Salathiel, who gave it to your wife. I will safeguard your memento and pass it along to my son, Daniel, when the time is right. I have enclosed out Christmas poem for this year.

Best wishes to you, and thanks again,

Richard Grayson

DEAR DR. GRAYSON:: I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE SO NICE A LETTER FROM YOU
GLAD TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY. I CAN NOT FURNISH
MUCH OF GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION BUT JUST A FEW FACTS OF THE LIFE OF THE FEW
GRAYSONS WHOM I KNEW.

PERHAPS BEFORE I LAUNCH I NTO MY STORY I SHOULD TELL YOU SOMETHING OF MY LIFE
AND HOW I CAME TO KNOW THE GRAYSONS. I TAUGHT SCHOOL IN THE SMALL ONE ROOM
COUNTRY SCHOOLS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. I LIKED TEACHING BUT NOT THE DICIFLING
OF TE KIDS. I DISLIKED THE SFENDING OF ALL I EARNED SO I COULD KEEP ON TEACHING
TO EARN MORE MONEY TO TEACH SOME MORE. ALSO I DID NOT LIKE BEING OUT OF A JOB
SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND BEING UNCERTAIN WHETHER I WOULD HAVE A JOB WHEN
SCHOOLS OPENED AGAIN.

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO A LARGE SHOE STORE IN MADISON . I DID NOT
KNOW A RIGHT SHOE FROM A LEFT SO I STARTED AT THE BOTTOM . BECAUSE I HAD A LITTLE BE
BETTER EDUCATION I ADVANCED IN A FEW YEARS TO HEAD CLERK,BOOK KEEPER, AD WRITER
AND DID SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE FIRM. WE HAD A FAIR SIZE WHOLESALE
BUSINESS WITH ONE AND TWO TRAVELLING MEN WHO COVERED SOME COUNTIES IN INDIANA
AND ACRSS THE RIVER IN KENTUCKY. WE HAD THE BEST RETAIL BUSINESS IN MADISON,
HANDLING THE BETTER CLASS OF SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN . MY BOSS WAS ROBERT
F. STANTON. HE WAS AN ASTUTE BUSINESS MAN AND SEEMED TO TAKE A LIKING TO ME.
I HAD THE HONOR OF COACHING HIS SON ROBERT S. STANTON THROUGH THE DEGREES OF BLUE LODGE
MASONRY . I MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO THE COURIER OFFICE WITH ADVERTISING AND SAW BUD,
SALATHIEL GRAYSON. PERHAPS HE HAD THE TITLE OF CITY EDITOR. I SAW HIM OFTEN ON THE
STREET, WALKING WITH HIS FIRM QUICK STEP, PENCIL AND PAD IN HAND, HIS EARS AS BIG AS
DISHPANS FOR THE LEAST BIT OF NEWS BUT SO SMALL THAT HE NEVER HEARD ANY COMMENT,
EVEN A FRIENDLY " GOOD MORNING" FROM ANY PEDESTRIAN. IT WAS DURING THOSE
TEEN YEARS THAT THE NEW KINGS DAUGHTERS HOSPITAL WAS BUILT.. BOB STANTON AND FRED
GLASS WERE THE TWO PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN WHO SUPERVISED THE BUILDING OF THAT
HCSPITAL,BUD GRAYSON CAME INTO THE STORE FREQUENTLYTO TALK TO MR. STANTON ABOUT
THE DETAILS AND PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING. HE WALKED IN AND WALKED DIRECTLY TO THE
REAR OF THE STORE TO INTERVIEW MR. STANTON. NONE OF THE HELP EVER HEARD A WORD
BUDD GRAYSON SAID. HE LEFT THE STORE AS QUIETLY AND AS QUICKLY AS HE HAD ENTERED.

BUD WAS A SMALL MAN WITH AN IRON GREY BEARD, CLOSELY TRIMMED, PERHAPS WITH SCISSORS. I ATTENDED HIS CHURCH AND SAW BUD THERE OFTEN BUT HE NEVER WAITED TO MEET ANY FRIENDS OR SHAKE HANDS WITH THE MINISTER. HE WAS HALF WAY DOWN THE STEPS BEFORE THE AMEN WAS SAID AFTER THE BENEDICTION. BUD HAD A DAUGHTER, MAYME TO WHOM THIS THIMBLE BELONGED. I WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME AND MISS MAYME, AS SHE WAS CALLED WAS PERHAPS 5 OR 6 YEARS OLDER. SHE SANG ALTO IN THE CHURCH CHOIR AND I SANG TENOR. I COURTED THE PIPE ORGANIST WHICE SEEMED TO PLEASE MISS MAYME. MAYME WAS A TYPICAL OLD MAID. SHORT OF STATURE AND A BIT STOUT. COMBED HER HAIR STRAIGHT BACK FROM HER FOREHEAD. HAD A TONGUE WHICH WAS AS SHARP AS A TWO EDGED SWORD AND A TEMPER AS SHARP AS A FIRECRACKER. PERHAPS IT WAS FOR THOSE REASONSTHAT THE YOUNGER FOLKS IN THE CHOIR DID NOT LIKE MISS MAYME SO WELL.. MY GIRL FRIEND HAD A GOOD MOTHER BUT MISS MAYME MOTHERED HER ALSO. IT WAS DURING THESE YEARS THAT MISS MAYME GAVE MY G GIRL FRIEND THIS THIMBLE.

PERHAPS I SHOULD NOT RELATE THE FOLLOWING STORY BUT YOU ASKED FOR ANY THING I MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING THE GRAYSONS SO YOU MAY DELE THIS IF YOU LIKE. OUR CHURCH SECURED A NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR , A GOOD LOOKING WIDOW. A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE CHURCH WAS ON THE MUSIC COMMITTEE AND WAS ALSO MAYOR OF THE CITY. HE HAD A FEW MEETINGS WITH THE NEW DIRECTOR, PERHAPS ON CHOIR BUSINESS BUT MISS MAYME, AS IS THE WONT OF OLD MAIDS THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT THAT AND SAID SO !! I TRIED TO KID THE MAYOR A BIT ABOUT THOSE RUMORS AND HE SAID, " WELL, WILLSON, YOU KNOW THAT A SKUNK NEVER SMELLS HIS OWN STINK.)) IF THIS LITTLE INCIDENT IS IN POOR TASTE JUST CONSIDER THAT I DIDN'T TELL IT.))

SALATHIEL HAD A YOUNGER DAUGHTER WHOSE NAME WAS MAUDE. I NEVER SAW HER BUT SAW PICTURES OF HER. MY GIRL FRIEND KNEW HER AND SAID THAT SOME YEARS PREVIOUS MAUD GRAYSON WAS AWARDED THE PRIZE FOR BEING THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN MADISON . I SAW PICTURES OF HER AND I THINK THE JUDGES WERE RIGHT.. MAUDE MARRIED A HANDSOME YOUNG SWAIN FROM KENTUCKY. A MAN OF SOME STANDING IN THAT COMMONWEALTH. THEY HAD SOME CHILDREN. THE YOUNG FELLOW GOT TANGLED UP WITH THE LAW IN SOME WAY AND I NEVER DID KNOW JUST WHAT BECAME OF THAT FAMILY. AT LEAST NONE OF THEM EVER CAME BACK TO MADISON.

ABOUT THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TEENS I MARRIED THE PIPE ORGANIST. WE SLIPPED OUT OF MADISON AND WERE MARRIED IN CINCINNATI BY MY BROTHER, A MINISTER AND AT THE HOME OF SOME FRIENDS OF MY WIFE.. WE ELUDED A BIG CHURCH WEDDING WHICH WAS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN EITHER CARED FOR. OUR FRIENDS IN MADISON HAD PLANNED A GREAT CHARAVARI, WITH RIDING ME ON A RAIL ALL OVER TOWN. MAYBE WAS VERY ANGRY BECAUSE SHE DID NOT GET TO ARRANGE ALL THE WEDDING CEREMONY AND KISS THE BRIDE AND BE THE MAID OF HONOR, PERHAPS. SHE WAS SO ANGRY SHE WOULD NOT SPEAK TO US WHEN WE GOT HOME. LATER SHE WROTE ME A VERY NASTY LETTER IN WHICH SHE INDICATED THWASI WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR SO NICE A GIRL AND SHE PREDICTED THAT WE WOULD NOT LIVE TOGETHER MORE THAN A VERY FEW YEARS,. WELL WE DID LIVE TOGETHER IN GOOD COMPATIBLE RELATIONS AND HAD TWO CHILDREN AND SEEMED TO BE QUITE HAPPY FOR MORE THAN SIXTY FIVE YEARS.

AS I SAID IN OUR CONVERSATION I DO NOT REMEMBER ANDREW JACKSON GRAYSON BUT ONCE AND I SEEMED TO REMEMBER HIM AS A SHORT MAN LIKE BUD BUT RATHER STOUT I COULD BE THINKING OF SOMEONE ELSE. WAS HE THE FATHER OF GEORGE GRAYSON WITH WHOM I HAD SUCH PLEASANT RELATIONS AS OUR MAIL CARRIER. GEORGE WAS A RATHER SMALL MAN ABOUT 5 FEET 8 INCHES IN HEIGHT. A HANDSOME FACE WITH A SMALL TOOTH BRUSH TYPE MOUSTACHE. HE ALWAYS LEFT OUR MAIL ON THE END OF ONE OF THE LONG STORE COUNTERS NEAR THE DOOR.. NO MATTER HOW COLD NOR HOW WET NOR HOW SLICK THE WALKING GEORGE WAS ALWAYS ON TIME AND NEVER COMPLAINED. ALWAYS HAD A CHEERY " GOOD MORNING " IF THERE WAS ANY ONE IN HEARING DISTANCE. I SEEM TO REMEMBER THAT GEORGE LIVED FAR UP ON MAIN STREET. OUR STORE WAS 110 E. MAIN ST. AND GEORGE MUST HAVE LIVED 6 OR 7 BLOCKS EAST OF US. WHEN HE FINISHED HIS DELIVERY HE HAD TO WALK BACK TO THE POST OFFICE TO LEAVE HIS MAIL BAG AND PERHAPS CHANGE SHOES. THEN WALK 7 OR 8 SQUARES TO HIS HOME. SUCH IS THE LIFE OF A POSTMAN ! GEORGE HAD TWO CHILDREN, TWO LITTLE GIRLS. THE OLDER ONE WAS A PRETTY LITTLE DOLL, SMALL IN STATURE AND ALWAYS WITH A SMILE WHEN SHE PASSED THE DOOR, ESPECIALLY IF ONE OF THE YOUNG CLERKS WERE NEAR THE DOOR. WE ALL TOOK TURNS STANDING THERE TO PICK UP THE NEXT CUSTOMER. NONE OF THE GRAYSONS BOUGHT SHOES AT THE STANTON STORE . PERHAPS BECAUSE GEORGE DELIVERED MAIL TO TWO OR THREE OTHER SHOE STORES UP THE STREET.

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE THIMBLE AND IF IT IS IN GOOD
CONDITION. YOU ALMOST HAVE TO USE A MAGNIFYING GLASS TO SEE THE " M G " ON
THE BORDER OF THE THIMBLE.^E

YOU MAY NOTE THE DOUBLE "L" IN MY NAME. PEOPLE ASK ME, " WHERE DO YOU
GET THAT EXTRA L IN YOUR NAME. I REPLY, " I DIDN'T GET IT . IT WAS GIVEN TO ME.". MY ANCESTORS CAME FROM THE NORTH OF IRELAND IN ABOUT 1790 OR 1800 AND THAT
WAS THE FAMILY NAME. .

PEOPLE STILL CALL ME " DOCTOR " EVEN THO I HAVE BEEN RETIRED SOME TIME.
I STILL USE THE SIGNATURE C.R.WILLSON D.P.M. BECAUSE THAT HAS BEEN MY
BANK SIGNATURE FOR MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY . IT WOULD BE A BIT MORE
DIFFICULT TO FORGE THAN PLAIN C.R.WILLSON. AND THERE IS NEVER ROOM
ON MY BANK CHECKS TO SIGN MY FULL NAME, CLARENCE RAYMOND WILLSON!!
TO MY FAMILY I HAVE BEEN " CR. FOR ALL MY ADULT LIFE NONE OF MY COLLEAGUES
KNOW ME AS ANYTHING BUT CR. . I AM A LIFE MEMBER OF BOTH NATIONAL AND STATE
ASSOCIATIONS AND GET THE JOURNALS AND READ THEM. THERE ARE SOME NEW WORDS
AND TERMS WITH WHICH I AM NOT FAMILIAR. . WHEN I BEGAN PRACTICE INSULIN WAS ALMOST
UNKNOWN. ANTIBIOTICS WERE NOT DREAMED OF YET. TIME MOVES ON!!.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS AND TRULY YOURS,

C.R. Willson D.P.M.
DR. C.R.WILLSON.

DR. C. R. WILLSON
11130 SPRINGFIELD PK B221
CINCINNATI, OH 45246

ALABAMA OFFICIAL and STATISTICAL REGISTER 1915

MADISON COUNTY.

✓ **JOHN WILLIAM GRAYSON**, of Gurley, representative in the Legislature, 1915, from Madison county, was born May 23, 1838, in the Big Cove, in the same county; is the son of James Gordon and Paralee (Wright) Grayson; grandson of John and Sally (Carter) Grayson, and of William and Jerusha (Conally) Wright. John Grayson the elder, was one of the

early settlers of Madison county, accumulated a considerable landed property and was one of the incorporators and trustees of Green Academy of Huntsville, one of the first of educational institutions established in the State. William Wright was also a successful farmer of Madison county, tax assessor about 1846, a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, 1849-50, and was present when the capitol was burned. He came to Alabama from North Carolina in 1812. Representative Grayson was educated in the common schools of Madison county, at Somerville Academy, Morgan county, and at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. He began a successful career as farmer in 1866. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Ala., 1870-71; member of the Senate 1873-75, and again of the House of Representatives, 1880-1. He was a member of the board of convict inspectors, 1895-6, a member of the board of county commissioners of Madison county, 1912-14; and a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1901. He left college during his junior year and joined Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf. Regt., C. S. A., of which he later became captain. At the time the company was organized neither Alabama nor the Confederate Government could furnish it with arms, and hence it joined a Tennessee regiment rather than disband. Capt. Grayson is a Democrat, and took a leading part in organizing the party immediately after the War of Secession. He was active in the efforts to overthrow carpet-bag government in Alabama, and foremost in re-establishing a white man's government. He is a Presbyterian; and a Mason. He married, (1) July 11, 1861, Sarah, daughter of David and Sarah (Smith) Allison, (2) Sept. 7, 1887, Charity C., daughter of Rev. Alex and Isabella J. (Allison) Penland; and (3) March 1, 1893, Mrs. Azubah Martin, daughter of Edward T. and Mary Jane (Allison) Parker; all of Madison county.

✓ **CLAUDE ALBERT GRAYSON**, of Mobile, representative in the Legislature, 1915, from Mobile county, was born Feb. 23, 1882, at Gurley, Madison county, Ala.; is the son of John William and Sarah Smith (Allison) Grayson, the former also a native of Madison county, and a Captain in the Confederate Army. (For further ancestral details see sketch of Hon. John W. Grayson of Madison county, *supra*.) Representative Grayson received his education in the public schools of his native county; at Robert Donnell High School of Gurley; the Huntsville Business College; the Summer Law School of the University of Virginia; and a two years special course of literary and law studies at the University of Alabama, graduating from that institution in 1902 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to practice law in the Circuit Court of Madison county, Aug. 6, 1902, at Huntsville, where he remained until 1905 when he removed to Mobile. He is a Democrat; and enters upon his first public office with the Legislature of 1915. He is a Presbyterian; a Master Mason; and is a member of the D. K. E. college fraternity. He married on the night of her graduation from Judson College, May 25, 1905, at Marion, Ala., Sarah Fairbanks, daughter of John Lawrence and Fidelity Adams (Morris) Bowen, of Gurley.

from Howard E. Grayson

*a Standard History of
Oklahoma by Theoburn
1916 PP. 1669-70*

ANDREW J. GRAYSON. It was with a broad and thorough experience as a merchant and banker that Andrew J. Grayson entered upon his public duties as postmaster at Blanchard following appointment from President Wilson in July, 1913. Practically all his active career has been spent in the Red River country of Northern Texas or in what is now the State of Oklahoma. He is an Oklahoma pioneer and has lived at various points in old Indian Territory and the new state for fully twenty-three years.

The Grayson family was of Scotch stock and came to Virginia in colonial times. His grandfather, John Grayson, was born in Virginia and more than a century and a quarter ago settled the old Grayson homestead in Madison County, Alabama. It was in that county of Alabama that Andrew J. Grayson was born October 19, 1852. His father, James Gordon Grayson, was born in the same county in 1805 and died there in 1862, having followed farming and stock raising all his active days. He was a democrat in politics. James G. Grayson married Paralee Wright, who was born in Alabama in 1821 and died in 1876. Their children were: J. W., who is now seventy-seven years of age, is still living as a farmer in Madison County, Alabama, and has been quite prominent as a citizen and as a member of the State Legislature; C. A. Grayson, who occupies a part of the old homestead in Alabama; A. C. Grayson, a farmer in Madison County; Fannie, of Waxahachie, Texas, widow of Robert King, a farmer; Emma Polk, who married David Allison, a farmer in Madison County, Alabama; and Andrew J.

Andrew J. Grayson as a boy attended the public schools in Madison County, Alabama, and in 1872 completed his early education in the high school at Summit, Blount County, Alabama. Then until 1876 he remained on his father's Alabama plantation and then farmed independently in that community for three years.

In 1879 Mr. Grayson moved to Northern Texas, was

a farmer in Cooke County for three years, and in 1882 entered the service of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad at Denison, Texas. He was a railroad man four years and for two years conducted a grocery business at Denison. The next four years were spent in the furniture and grocery business at Wolf City, Texas. It was in 1892 that Mr. Grayson identified himself with what is now the State of Oklahoma, locating at Ardmore, Indian Territory, where for two years he was furniture dealer and undertaker. The same business he continued at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, for seven years, and in 1901 moved to Earlsboro, where he became active as a banker and for six years was president of the Bank of Earlsboro.

The Town of Blanchard was founded in 1907, the year of statehood, and Mr. Grayson has been one of the prominent factors in its development since the beginning. He established the principal furniture and undertaking business, and still continues the undertaking line in addition to his public duties as postmaster. He has done much other public service for this young town, having served two years as a member of the town council and four years as a member of the school board.

He is a democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for the past twenty years has been affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Chickasha.

In Madison County, Alabama, in 1873, Mr. Grayson married Miss Eugenia E. Wade. Her father was Robert Wade, a farmer in that county. They have two children: Russia, wife of A. E. Nelson, a cotton broker at Altus, Oklahoma; and Leonard W., who is connected with the Neil P. Anderson Cotton Company at Wichita Falls, Texas, and who married Miss Ruby Van Vactor of Elk City, Oklahoma.

*from Howard
Grayson*

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
MRS. MARIE B. OWEN, DIRECTOR

ALABAMA OFFICIAL
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REGISTER

1931

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1905, at Marion, Ala., Sarah Fairbanks, daughter of John Lawrence and Fidelia Adams (Morrow) Bowen, of Gurley. Children: 1. Frances Bowen; 2. Claude Albert; 3. John William, Jr.

Howard E. Grayson

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✓ JOHN H. GRAYSON.

John H. Grayson, who since 1909 has been connected with the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad, was born in Saline county, Missouri, in 1867, a son of James W. and Mary J. (Elder) Grayson. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred in 1908. His widow still survives him and makes her home at Sweet Springs, Missouri. To them were born eleven children: John H., of this review; Willie, the widow of L. L. McLeskey, of Sweet Springs, Missouri; Mildred M., who married L. M. Steel, of Marshall, Missouri; James E., a druggist in El Paso, Texas; Gabriella, the wife of James A. Walker, a banker of Marshall, Missouri; Frankie, deceased; Walter R., who is connected with the El Paso Foundry & Machine Company of El Paso; George Everett, a druggist in Los Angeles, California, who died February 19, 1915; Nellie, who married J. M. Thornton, a banker of Dunnebecke, South Dakota; and two children who died in infancy.

John H. Grayson acquired his early education in the public schools of Saline county, Missouri, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. He then worked upon the home farm until after he had attained his majority, entering at the age of twenty-one the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. He took a thorough business course and afterward began his active career as bookkeeper for a lumber firm. He held that position for four years and then spent two years in Sweet Springs and Kansas City, working in the interests of his first employers. At the end of that time he joined the clerical department of the Rock Island Railroad in Kansas City and from there went to El Paso, Texas, where he spent four years in the freight office of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad and four years as assistant city ticket agent. He went to Bisbee Arizona, in 1909 and entered the employ of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad. He is still with

that road but on the 1st of January, 1913, was transferred to Tucson as city passenger agent. Able, reliable and trustworthy, he has given the corporation conscientious and faithful service and is today considered one of the best men in the employ of the company. His services have been recognized and rewarded by his promotion to the position he now occupies in Tucson.

On the 8th of June, 1904, Mr. Grayson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Read, a native of Toronto, Canada, and a daughter of William and Margaret Read, both of whom were born in England, where the father was a Methodist minister. Mr. Grayson is a devout member of the Christian church and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar and a member of Commandery No. 36, at Horton, Kansas. He votes the democratic ticket but his railroad duties leave him very little time for active political work. He is, however, a public-spirited citizen, who is widely and favorably known, and his life history cannot fail to be of interest to his many friends.

from Howard E. Grayson

Alexandria, Va.
4 Feb. 1980

Dear Dick:

Re Sue Clark's request published in the last issue, my name was given to her by a first cousin and she contacted me at about the same time as she wrote to you. Her g g grandfather, Benjamin Grayson, was a brother to my grandfather, Enoch Boone Grayson, which makes us cousins at some level. Since that time we have exchanged information on several occasions. She identified more cousins for me. Local research in West Arkansas is being undertaken by her. When we have something that appears to be news worthy, we will forward it to you.

I haven't followed up on the passenger lists yet but will over the next few weeks.

Enclosed are copies of publications found at the DAR library. They are my only copies so if you don't publish them, please send them back to me or send a copy for my files. Thanks.

Enclosed also is a listing of "Graysons" in the Confederate Army as recorded at the Nat'l Archives. The records are not necessarily complete or correct. There are many duplications where a person served in more than one unit or used different variations of his name. It, too, is my only copy.

My check for the next issue is enclosed. I will be in travel status about 75% of the time over the next year or two but I should still be able to keep up my favorite hobby-the family roots.

I'm not sure that my roots go back to the Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes County, N.C., so will not participate at this time. If I come up with sure ties and the offer is still open, I will join you then.

Will close for now. Please keep up the good work.

With regards,

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P.S. I thought that you might get a chuckle out of the enclosed ads of houses for sale. I have considered calling to inquire as to how the title "The Grayson Collection" came into existence but haven't followed through.

CONFEDERATE MILITARY RECORDS
by Howard Grayson, Alex. Va.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Rank</u>
<u>Graysen</u>		
John G.	Co. F, Nelligan's La. Inf.	Pvt.
<u>Grayson</u>		
??	Co. F, Mann's Regt., Texas Cav.	Pvt.
A. B.	11th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
A. B.	Co. E, 24th S.C. Inf.	Corp.
A. D.	13th Ark. Inf.	LtCol.
A. F.	F&S Co., 97th Va. Militia	Adjutant
A. H.	Co. K, 12th Miss. Cav.	Pvt.
A. J.	Co. A, Batt'n Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
A. J.	Cap't. Stower's Co., Va. Militia	Lt.
A. J.	Co. F, Mead's Ala. Confederate Cav.	Pvt.
A. L.	89th Ala. Vol. Militia	Surgeon
Alexander	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	Cap't.
Alexander B.	Co. F, 17th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Alexander H.	Co. F, 6th Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
Alfred	Co. C, 18th, Marmaduke's, Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
Alfred Fortune	Co. F, 1st Confederate Engineer Troops	Pvt. 2nd. C.
Alfred M.	Co. C, 3rd, Harrison's, La. Cav.	Pvt.
Alfred M.	Co. A, 49th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
Anderson C.	Rankin's Co., 2nd, Smith's, Tenn. Cav.	Sgt.
Anderson C.	Co. H, 4th, McLemore's, Tenn. Cav.	Pvt.
Andrew F.	Gen. & Staff Officers	Adj. & 1st Lt.
Andrew F., Jf.	Co. K, 10th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Andrew J.	Co. F, 45th Va. Inf.	Cap't.
Arthur B.	Co. E, 24th S.C. Inf.	Corp.
A. T.	Co. D, 8th Mo. Inf.	Pvt.
B.	General & Staff Officers	B. General
Benjamin F.	New Co. C, 10th, Johnson's, Ky. Cav.	Pvt.
Benjamin F.	Co. D, 3rd Battalion, Mo. Cav.	Pvt.
Benjamin F.	Co. E, 35th Batt'n, Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Benjamin F.	Co. K, 10th Va. Inf.	Sgt.
Benjamin F.	Co. F, 97th Va. Militia	Pvt.
B. F.	Co. D, 40th Ga. Inf.	Pvt.
B. F.	Co. D, 3rd Battalion Mo. Cav.	Pvt.
B. P.	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
B. R.	Co. K, Wood's Regt., 1st Regt Miss Cav.	Pvt.
B. S., Sr.	Co. B, 20th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
C. C.	Co. B, 12th Texas Inf.	Lt.
C. C.	Cap't. Arnold's Co., Texas Inf.	Pvt.
C. D.	Co. K, 12th Miss. Cav.	Pvt.
C. E.	Co. A, Timmon's Reg't. Texas Inf.	Pvt.
C. E.	Co. B, Waul's Texas Legion	Pvt.
Charles	Co. F, 8th Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Charles	Cap't. Brander's Co., Va. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Charles A.	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Sgt.
Charles C.	Co. G, 37th Texas Cav.	1st Lt.
Charles W.	Co. A, 2nd Mounted Rifles, Ark.	Sgt.

Charles W.	Co. D, 17th, LeMoyne's, Ark. Inf.	3rd Lt.
C.J.	Co. C, 1st Battalion, N.C. Junior Reserves	Pvt.
Claiborne	Co. F, 16th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
C.O.	Co. K, 6th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
C.O.	Co. E, Jeff Davis Legion, Miss. Cav.	Pvt.
Crockett	Co. G, 4th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
C.S.	Cap't. Stower's Co. Va. Militia	Pvt.
Dallas	Cap't. Turner's Co. Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Daniel R.	Co. B, 13th Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
David C.	Co. K, 10th Va. Inf.	Cap't.
E.B. (Enoch Boone)	Co. A, 2nd Mounted Rifles, Ark.	Pvt.
E.B. (Edward)	Co. B, 8th Texas Inf.	Pvt.
E.B.	Gen. & Staff Officers	Major & Q.M.
Ed W. (Edward)	Cap't. Brander's Co, Va. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Edward	Co. B, 8th Texas Inf.	Pvt.
Edward	Cap't. Brander's Co., Va. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Edward H.	Co. D, 24th S.C. Inf.	Corp.
E.G.	Co. B, 12th Texas Inf.	2nd Lt.
Eli	Co. M, 1st Creek Indian Mounted Vol., Ark.	Pvt.
Enoch Brown	Co. A, 2nd Mounted Rifles, Ark.	Pvt.
Ephraim	Co. K, 22nd. Va. Cav.	Corp.
F.	Gen. & Staff Officers	Hosp. Steward
F.F. (F.Fitzhugh)	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	Major
F.M.	Co. H, 3rd Ark. Cav.	Pvt.
F.M.	Co. D, Well's Texas Cav. Reg't.	Pvt.
Francis M.	Co. E, 46th Tenn. Inf.	Sgt.
Franklin	Co. A, 11 Battalion Va. Reserves	Pvt.
Franklin	Cap't. Stower's Co., Va. Militia	Pvt.
G.	Co. B, 3rd S.C. Cav.	Pvt.
??	Gen. & Staff Officers	2nd Lt.
George	Co. F, 20th Texas Cav.	Pvt.
George W.	Co. D, 33rd Ark. Inf.	Sgt.
George W.	Co. C, 49th Va. Inf.	Sgt.
G.L.H.	Co. G, 37th Texas Cav.	2nd Lt.
G.W.	New Co. E, 5th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
G.W.	New Co. C, 10th, Johnson's, Ky. Cav.	Pvt.
G.W.	Co. A, 7th Batt'n, Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
H.A.	Co. F, 22nd Texas Inf.	Pvt.
H.C. (Horatio)	32nd & 58st Consolidated Ala. Inf.	1st Lt.
Henry J.	Co. C, 1st S.C. State Troops	Pvt.
Henry S.	Co. D, Co. H, 6th Ark. Inf.	Sgt.
H.E.F.	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	Sgt. Major
H. L.	Co. E, 1st, Hagood's, S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
H. L.	Co. C, 25th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
Horatio C.	Co. H, 32nd Ala. Inf.	1st Lt.
H. B.	Co. H, 1st Reg't, Charleston Guard, S.C.	Pvt.
H. Y.	Co. E, 13th Ga. Inf.	Corp.
J.	Co. G, 9th La. Inf.	Pvt.
J.	Co. D, 3rd, Forrest's, Tenn. Cav.	Pvt.
J. A.	Co. F, 13th Ark. Inf.	Cap't.
J. A.	Gen. & Staff Officers	
James	Co. D, 26th, O'neal's, Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
James	Co. K, 21st Ga. Inf.	Pvt.
James	14th Batt'n, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
James	Cap't. Turner's Co., Miss. Light Art'y	Corp.
James	Co. D, 24th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.

James	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.
James	Co., E, 39th Tenn. Mounted Inf.	Pvt.
James	Co. C, 136th Va. Militia	Pvt.
James A.	Co. E, 37th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
James A.	Co. K, 37th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
James B.	Co. H, 1st Maryland Inf.	Pvt.
James B.	Co. A, Allison's Squadron, Tenn. Cav.	Corp.
James F.	Co. B, 13th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
James J.	Co. F, Mead's Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
James J.	Co. C, 10th, Johnson's, Ky. Cav.	Pvt.
James S.	Co. B, 4th Batt'n, La. Inf.	Pvt.
James W.	Co. K, 8th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
James W.	Co. ?, 27th Miss. Inf.	2nd. Lt.
James W.	Cap't. Stower's Co., Va. Militia	
J.B.	Co. B, 3rd S.C. Cav.	Pvt.
J.B.	Co. D, 17th Batt'n S.C. Cav.	Pvt.
J. B.	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.
J. C.	Cap't. Turner's Co., Miss. Light Art'y	Corp.
J. D.	Co. H, 54th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
Jerome	Co. D & Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.
Jerome	Co. D, 39th Tenn. Mounted Inf.	Pvt.
J. G.	Co. F, 1st, Nelligan's, La. Inf.	Pvt.
Jim	Co. K, 1st. Creek Indian Mounted Vol., Ark.	Pvt.
J. J.	Co. F, 8th Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
J. M.	Co.??, 4th Ala. Vol. Militia	Pvt.
J. M.	Co. D, 6th Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
J. M.	Co. E, 1st, Hagood's, S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
J. M.	Co. D, 9th S. C. Inf.	Pvt.
J. M.	Co. C, 25th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
J. M.	Co. B, 12th Texas Inf.	Pvt.
John	Co. D, 21st Alabama Inf.	
John	Co. F, 32 Ark. Inf.	Corp.
John	Co. C, 15th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
John	Co. A, 18th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
John	Co. D, 17th Batt'n S. C. Cav.	Corp.
John	Co. F, 10th Va. Cav.	3rd Lt.
John	Co. A, 33rd Va. Inf.	Pvt.
John	Co. A, Choctaw & Chickasaw Indian Mounted Rifles	Pvt.
John A.	Co. E, 1st Mounted Rifles, Ark.	Pvt.
John A.	Co. F, 12th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
John B. J.	Co. D, 1st La. Heavy Art'y	Cap't.
John B.	Gen. & Staff Officers-Va.	Q.M. & A.Q.M.
John B.	Gen. & Staff Officers	Major & Q. M.
John B.	Co. D, 1st La. Heavy Art'y	Cap't.
John C.	Co. H, 49th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
John C.	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	2nd Lt.
John C.	Co. B, 22nd Texas Inf.	Corp.
Jno. C.	Gen. & Staff Officers	Surgeon
John F.	Co. D, 49th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
John H.	Co. ?, 10th Mo. Cav.	Pvt.
John J.	Co. D, 49th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
John L.	Gordon's Co., 1st, Olmstead's, Ga. Inf.	Pvt.
John L.	Co. F, 63rd Ga. Inf.	Pvt.
John L.	Co. C, 82nd Va. Militia	Corp.
John S.	Co. A, 49th N. C. Inf.	Sgt.
John W.	Co. F, 24th Miss. Inf.	Sgt.

John W.	Co. B, 27th Miss. Inf.	Sgt.
John W.	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Cap't.
Johnson	Co. G, 1st Creek Indian Mounted Vol., Ark.	Pvt.
Joseph	Co. J, 5th Ga. Reserves	Pvt.
Joseph	Co. G, 21st, Patton's, La. Inf.	Pvt.
Joseph	Co. ?, 14th Batt'n, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Joseph	Cap't. Yate's Battery, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Joseph	Co. F, Mead's C.S.A. Cav. (Ala. & ~~MISS~~ Tenn.)	Pvt.
Joseph H.	Co. K, 2nd Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Joseph W.	Co. F, Mead's Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
Joseph William	Co. F, 1st CSA Engineer Troops	Artificer
J.S.	Co. B, 4th Batt'n La. Inf.	Pvt.
J. T.	Co. B, Mosby's Reg't. Va. Cav.	Pvt.
J. W.	Co. F, 8th Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
K.J.M.	Co. F, 18th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
Lemuel F.	Co. I, 42nd Tenn. Inf.	Corp.
Leroy	Co. D, McCord's Frontier Reg't. Texas	Pvt.
L. F.	Co. I, 55th Ala. Vol.	Sgt.
L. F.	Co. I, 42nd Tenn. Inf.	Corp.
Martin P.	Co. B, 14th Batt'n Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Mathew (Matthew)	Co. E, 9th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
M. P.	Co. B, 14th Batt'n, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Napoleon	Co. F, 4th, Russell's, Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
N. B.	Co. F, 4th, Russell's, Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
Oliver G.	Co. H, 27th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Peter	Co. C, 9th Miss. Cav.	Pvt.
P. H.	Co. G, 3rd C.S.A. Cav.-Ala.	Pvt.
P. J.	Co. H, 3rd Ark. Cav.	Pvt.
Ralph	Co. E, 5th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
Randolph	Cap't. Stower's Co., Va. Militia	Pvt.
R.C.	Co. E, 7th Batt'n, Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
R.C.	Co. H, Mosby's Reg't., Va. Cav.	Pvt.
R.E.	Co. C, 1st Batt'n, State Troops, Miss. Cav.	Sgt.
R.E.	Co. F, Yerger's Reg't., Miss. Cav.	Sgt.
Reuben	Co. H, 14th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Reubin	Co. E, 37th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Richard D.	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	2nd LT
R.O.	Co. ?, 15th N.C. Inf.	Sgt Major
R.O.	Co. E, 9th Va. Cav.	
Robert	Cap't. Gartley's Co., Miss. Cav.	Pvt.
Robert	Co. C, 37th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Robert	Co. K, 7th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Robert O.	Co. D, Mosby's Reg't., Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Robert O.	Co. E, 13th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
R. W.	Co. E, 5th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
R. W.	Co. K, 7th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Samuel	Co. C, 10th Ky. Cav.	Corp.
Samuel	Sheldon's Co., State Troops, Texas Inf.	Pvt.
S. F.	Co. I, 42nd Tenn. Inf.	Corp.
S. H.	Co. G, 37th Texas Cav.	2nd LT
S. M.	Cap't. Darby's Co., Auburn Home Guard, Ala. Vol.	Pvt.
Spencer M.	Co. A, 2nd Batt'n, Md. Inf.	Pvt.
Squire	Co. B, 13th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
S. W.	Co. I, 21st Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
S. W.	Co. C, 10th, Johnson's, Ky. Cav.	Pvt.

T.	Co. B, Chalmette Reg't., La. Militia	Pvt.
T. B.	Co. A, Timmon's Reg't., Texas Inf.	Surgeon
T. B.	Co. B, Waul's Texas Legion	Pvt.
T. F.	Co. D, 3rd Va. Inf.	Pvt.
T. F.	Co. D, Mosby's Reg't. Va. Cav.	Pvt.
T. Fitzhugh	Co. F, 8th Va. Inf.	Sgt. Major
Thomas	Co. H, 3rd Ark. Cav.	Pvt.
Thomas	Co. D, 8th Mo. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas C.	Co. I, 5th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas H.	Co. B, 13th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas J.	Co. C, 37 Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas J.	Co. I, 5th Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas L.	Co. A, 14th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Thomas R.	Co. I, 3rd Miss. Inf.	Corp.
Thomas T.	1st Batt'n, Ala. Inf.	2nd LT
Thomas W.	Co. F, 16th Miss. Inf.	2nd LT
T. J.	Co. F, 6th Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
T. J.	Co. D, 54th Ga. Inf.	Pvt.
T. J.	Co. E, 8th Batt'n, Miss. ~~Inf~~ Inf.	Pvt.
T. J. R.	Co. B, 12th Texas Inf.	Pvt.
T. S.	Co. E & F, 1st Batt'n, Ala. Art'y	2nd LT
T. W.	Co. E, 8th Reg't., Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
T. W.	Co. E, 8th Ala. Cav.	Pvt.
T. W.	Co. J, 21st Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
T. W.	Co. B, 5th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
W. E.	Cap't. Keyser's Co., Va. Reserves	Pvt.
W. G.	Co. B, 10th Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
W. H.	Co. H, 14th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
W. H.	Co. G, 3rd Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Wiley B., Jr.	Co. I, 31 La. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm.	Co. E, 33rd Ark. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm.	Co. C, 37th Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm.	Cap't. Harbin's Co., Mo. State Guard	1st Sgt.
Wm.	Cap't. Gilchrist's Co., S.C. Heavy Art'y	Sgt.
Wm.	Co. E, Manigault's Batt'n, S.C. Art'y	Sgt.
Wm.	Co. D, 59th Tenn. Mounted Inf.	Pvt.
Wm.	Co. F, 7th Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Wm.	Co. G, 3rd Va. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm.	Blake's Scouts	Pvt.
Wm. C.	Co. H, 49th Ala. Inf.	2nd LT
Wm. E.	Co. E, 35th Batt'n, Va. Cav.	Pvt.
Wm. F.	Co. K, 10th Va. Inf.	Musician
Wm. G.	Co. G, 50th N.C. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm. H.	Co. F & H, 6th Ala. Cav.	Corp.
Wm. H.	Co. C, 37 Miss. Inf.	Pvt.
Wm. H.	Co. D, Wood's Reg't., Miss. C.S.A. Cav.	Pvt.
Wm. J.	Co. A, 3rd S.C. State Troops	2nd LT
Wm. P.	Co. F, 2nd Batt'n, Ala. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Wm. P.	Co. F, 13th Ky. Cav.	Col.
Wm. P.	Co. D, 34th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.
W. J.	Co. K, 18th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.
W. J.	Co. B, 12th Texas Inf.	Pvt.
W. L.	Bellinger's Co., 11th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
Wody	Co. E, 37th Tenn. Inf.	Cook
W. P.	Co. A, Mile's Legion-La.	Pvt.
W. P.	Co. D, 34th Tenn. Inf.	Pvt.

W.S.	Co. I, 4th S.C. Cav.	Pvt.
W.S.	Gilchrist's S.C. Heavy Art'y	Sgt.
W.S.	Co. D, 9th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
W.S.	Co. E, 24th S.C. Inf.	Pvt.
W.S.	Co. B, 5th Va. Cav.	Pvt.
W.S.	Gibson's Batt'n, Scott County, Ark., Militia,	Pvt.
	& Terrill's Reg't. & Tilsworth's Co., Thompson's	
	Reg't.-Ark.	
Y.W.	Co. E, 5th Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
Y.W.	Co. I, 21st Ala. Inf.	Pvt.
Z.	Co. ?, 14th Batt'n, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Z.	Cap't. Yate's Co., Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.
Zooney	Co. P, 14th Batt'n, Miss. Light Art'y	Pvt.

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kers, N.Y., Nov. 5, 1863; dau. of Gustavus Adolphus Rollins, of Yonkers, N.Y.; issue: 1—Charles Oliver, Jr., b New York, N.Y., Mar. 25, 1894; A.B., Yale, '17, B. Mus., 1922; m June 5, 1927, Mary Wilson; 2—Edward Rutherford, b Smithtown, N.Y., July 26, 1896; B.A., Tusculum, '16, Yale, '17; M.A., Harvard, 1921; Ph.D., Yale, 1930; 3—Walter Rollins, b Smithtown, Aug. 17, 1900; A.B., Tusculum, '20; LL.B., Yale, 1924.
1—A.B., Hamilton Coll., '90 (D.K.E., P.B.K.), A.M., 1896; grad. Union Theol. Sem., 1894; post-grad. work Columbia and New York univs. (D.D., Hamilton, 1908; LL.D., Tusculum, 1920). Ordained Presbytn. ministry, 1893; held pastorates at Smithtown Branch, N.Y., Marshall, N.C.; pres. Tusculum Coll., 1908— (see Who's Who in America). Served with Y.M.C.A. at Camp Gordon during World War. Mem. S.A.R., Religious Edn. Assn., Southern Sociol. Congress. Residence: Greeneville, Tenn.

- 1—GRAY, Carl Raymond, b Princeton, Ark., Sept. 28, 1867.
- 2—Robert Gray (qv);
- 3—Robert (d 1718), m Miriam Lovejoy;
- 4—Robert (1706-67), m Lydia Peabody;
- 5—Robert (1729-1806), m Mrs. Abigail Chandler;
- 6—Rev. Robert (1761-1822), A.B., Harvard, 1786; Congl. minister; soldier Am. Rev.; m Lydia Tufts;
- 7—Dr. Peter Tufts (1790-1839), physician, Jefferson, Me.; m Elizabeth Kennedy;
- 8—Oliver Crosby (2 below).
- 9—Gov. William Bradford, Mayflower Pilgrim (qv);
- 10—Mal. William (1824-1704), m Mary (Atwood) Holmes;
- 11—Israel (1679-1760), m Sarah Bartlett (1681-1761);
- 12—Joshua (1710-58), m Hannah Bradford (1719-58);
- 13—Sarah, m Lt. John Davis;
- 14—Cornelius (1765-1845), m Hope Adams (1763-1853);
- 15—George (1798-1870), m Catherine Young (1804-49);
- 16—Virginia Lafayette (1834-86), m 1858, Oliver Crosby Gray, LL.D. (1831-1906), prof. U. Ark.; issue: I—Carl Raymond (1 above); II—Ethel (1871-1909; m LeRoy Kramer).
- 17—m Dec. 6, 1886, Harriette Flora (qv for genealogy and issue).
- 18—Prep. dept., U. Ark.; (LL.D., Md. State College Agr., 1916, U. Ark., 1929). President U.P. System, 1920— (see Who's Who in America). Mem. S.M.D., I.A.G., etc. Clubs: Metropolitan (New York), Army and Navy (Chicago), Omaha Athletic University, Omaha Country, Jonathan (Los Angeles). Summer place: Pleasant Point, Me. Residence: St. Regis Apts., Omaha, Neb.

- 1—GRAY, Harriette Flora (Mrs. Carl R.), b Liberty, Kan., Sept. 17, 1869.
- 2—Johannes (Ster, Starin, Staring) Sterling (d 1699), sailor; from Holland to New Amsterdam and became Indian trader; settled at Ft. Orange ca. 1670;
- 3—Nicholas (1663-1759), m Catharine—;
- 4—Adam (1688-1778);
- 5—Col. Heinrich (1730-1808), judge, Herkimer Co., N.Y., m Elizabeth Kash;
- 6—John, began to write name Sterling; m Phoebe Ann Alhme;
- 7—Harriette Catherine (1824-1905), m 1845, Elijah Shults (1824-60);
- 8—Mary Elizabeth (1851-74), m 1866, John Alexander Flora (b 1845).
- 9—m Dec. 6, 1886, Carl Raymond Gray (qv for genealogy); issue: 1—Carl Raymond, Jr. (see Vol. I, p. 303); 2—Russell Davis, b Wichita, Kan., Nov. 2, 1899; Pvt. U.S. Marine Corps, World War; m Oct. 8, 1921, Eleanor, dau. of Herbert Pitt (issue: Eleanor Howard); 3—Howard Kramer, b St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28, 1901; Princeton, '23; Harvard Med. School, 1927, m Sept. 2, 1925, DeWeena, dau. of J. H. Conrad. Residence: St. Regis Apts., Omaha, Neb.

- 1—GRAYSON, Clifford Mallet-Prevost, b Philadelphia, Pa., July 14, 1857.
- 2—Benjamin Grayson (d 1757), from Scotland, settled at "Belle Air," Dumfries, Prince William Co., Va.; m Susannah Monroe (Andrew; Andrew, qv); sister of Andrew Monroe, who was g.father of Pres. James Monroe;

- 3—Rev. Spence (1734-98), ed. Oxford U.; rector of Dettinger Parish, Prince William Co., Va.; chaplain of Grayson's additional Cont. Regt. in Am. Rev.; married Mary Elizabeth Wagener;
- 4—Benjamin (b 1761), of Bardstown, Ky.; m Caroline Taylor, of Eng.;
- 5—Capt. Alfred, U.S.M.C. (d 1823), m 1816, Elizabeth Coulter (1794-1858);
- 6—Frederick William Spence (2 below).
- 7—Henri (Mallet) Mallet-Prevost (1660-1723), m 1688, Louise Flournoy;
- 8—Jean Gabriel (1688-1752), m Jeanne Marguerite Masson;
- 9—Henri (1727-1811), m Jeanne Gabriella Prevost;
- 10—Paul Henri, called P. H. Mallet-Prevost (1750-1835), came to U.S. at time of French Rev.; was judge of Circuit Ct. of N.J.; founded Frenchtown, N.J.; m Jeanne Elisabeth Patry (b 1757);
- 11—Andre (1780-1850), m Hannah Coulter;
- 12—Mary (1822-1905), m 1852, Frederick William Spence Grayson (1818-1901), mem. Phila. bar; issue: I—Frederick William Spence, Jr. (1853-1910; m Kate Julius); II—Clifford Mallet-Prevost (1 above); III—Dr. Charles Mallet-Prevost (b 1859).
- 13—m Jan. 21, 1902, Anna Lewis Steel, b Phila., Pa., Nov. 23, 1867; dau. of Edward T. Steel, founder of Edward T. Steel & Co., mfrs., pres. Phila. Bd. of Public Edn. many yrs., mem. bd. of finance of Centennial Exposition, Phila., 1876; issue: 1—Helene Steel, b Germantown, Pa., Oct. 31, 1902; Bryn Mawr, '26; 2—Clifford Spence Monroe, b Germantown, Phila., Pa., Mar. 14, 1905; Harvard, '27; Harvard Law Sch., 1931; Ed. U. of Pa.; Atelier Gerome, Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, France. Artist (see Who's Who in America). Mem. S.R. Clubs: Century, Salmagundi, Art. Residence: Old Lyme, Conn.

- 1—GREEN, Frederick William, b Rock Island, Ill., Apr. 30, 1877.
- 2—Thomas Davenport (qv);
- 3—Charles (bap. 1652-1720), first town clk. of Leominster, Mass.; m Waitstill Smith (1663-1747);
- 4—Charles (b 1700), m 1722, Jemima Tolman (d 1735);
- 5—Charles (1730-1805), m 1755, Mary Hart (1734-1830);
- 6—Jemima (b 1759), m Joseph Gilbert, soldier Am. Rev.;
- 7—Mary, m Disbrow Webb;
- 8—Mary (1803-79), m 1822, Jesse Johnson (1794-1876);
- 9—Harriet (1828-87), m 1850, William C. Green (1822-96);
- 10—William Edward (b 1853), m 1876, Alvira Anne Davis (b 1855; John C. [b N.Y.-d 1876?], m Jane Renfro, b 1834-living 1929).
- 11—m June 26, 1901, Jane Ryley Rhodes, b Wichita, Kan., Nov. 30, 1880; dau. of George Edwin Rhodes, of Harper, Kan., m Emma Myers Sharpless; issue: 1—William Edwin, b Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 24, 1902; Princeton, '25; m Feb. 23, 1928, Louise Elisabeth, dau. of Murray David Winston, of Hamilton, O. (issue: Frederick William, II); 2—Theron Rhodes, b Little Rock, Ark., June 25, 1905; Princeton, '29; 3—Dorothy Louise, b Stamps, Ark., Nov. 19, 1907.
- 12—Vice pres. and dir. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines, 1919— (see Who's Who in America). Comm. capt., 12th Engrs., U.S.A., May 7, 1917; maj., July 1, 1918. Served with 3d British Army in France; supt. Army Transport Service, Brest, and St. Nazaire, France; later cdr. 1st Grand Div. Transport Corps; hon. disch. Mar. 13, 1919. Awarded D.S.M. (U.S.); Officer Legion d'Honneur (France). Mem. S.R., M.O.W.W., A.L. Episcopalian. Clubs: Dallas (Tex.) Country, Bellerive Country, Noonday, Circle (St. Louis). Summer place: Alhaldie, Okoboji, Ia. Residence: 6203 Washington Av. St. Louis, Mo.

- 1—GREEN, Olive Luella Banwell (Mrs. Walter H.), b Vienna Cross Roads, O., Mar. 9, 1872.
- 2—Lt. Ralph Sprague (qv);
- 3—Ens. Phineas (1637-90), of Malden, Mass.; mem. Gen. Ct., 1689; in King Philip's War; m 1663, Sarah Hasey (1649-1718; Lt. William, officer in King Philip's War, m Sarah—);

*Submitted by Clifford Grayson
of Rolla, Mo.*

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER VOL. 4. NO. 2

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The first genealogy research project of the Grayson Family Association is now underway. Mrs. M.J. Barnette, a genealogist recommended by the Archives and Records section of the Department of Cultural Resources of the state of North Carolina, in Raleigh, wherein is the genealogy library of the state, has agreed to research Benjamin Grayson, senior, of Wilkes county. The first items printed in the current newsletter therefore are; 1. my letter to Mrs. Barnette; 2. my 2-page biography of what is known to this date about Benjamin Grayson, sr., of Wilkes; 3. Family sheets on the above Benjamin Grayson and his presumed sons:

The following members of the Grayson Family Association have each contributed \$100.00 to the Benjamin Grayson Research project: 1.) Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo.; 2.) Earl C. Grayson of Columbus, Ind.; 3.) Dorothy McCoy, of Arkansas City, Kansas; 4.) Helen Payne of Bushton, Kansas; 5.) Richard R. Grayson, of St. Charles, Ill. We therefore now have \$500.00 for initial research. Since Mrs. Barnette charges \$12.00 per hour, we have enough money for almost 42 hours of research plus the written reports. Each one of us therefore has purchased \$500.00 worth of genealogy for \$100.00. Or, to put it another way, 5 of us pay for each \$12.00 hour, making the cost to each \$2.40 per share, for each hour. I will send a xerox copy to each of the contributors as soon as any report from Mrs. Barnette is received. It is not too late for others to contribute and thus become eligible for these reports. There will be no publication of these reports in the newsletter unless all contributors agree.

The first 3 volumes of the Grayson Genealogy Newsletter are now available at the Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Ill., 60610. I donated the 3 bound volumes in May, 1980.

Earl Grayson writes that Margaret Smith's great grandmother and Earl's grandfather were first cousins and wants to know his relationship to Margaret. Margaret and Earl are 3rd cousins once removed. The once removed refers to there being a generation gap of one. Earl and Margaret's father are third cousins; Earl's father and Margaret's grandfather are second cousins. Earl's children and Margaret are fourth cousins.

Jean Mitchell, Rt. 2, Box 6, Clayton, Mo., 46118 asks: Who were the parents of Jane Grayson (b. 12/12/1800, d. 7/26/1882) who married Francis Edmonson 2/3/18 28 in Knox Co., Tenn. ?

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Mrs. M.J. Barnette
2811 Kittrell Drive
Raleigh, N.C. 27608

29 June 1980

Dear Mrs. Barnette,

Enclosed please find a biography of Benjamin Grayson senior of Wilkes county, N.C. and family data sheets for his presumed sons. One of these latter is for Wren Grayson who was my great great great grandfather.

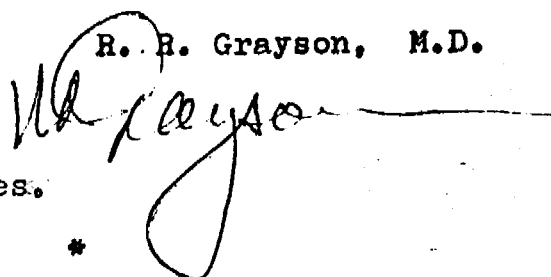
You stated in your telephone conversation recently that your research fee is \$12.00 per hour and that you usually submit a report after utilizing the first payment of a client. You also stated that you could begin work in September of this year.

I have enclosed a check for \$100.00 as a deposit toward genealogy research on Benjamin Grayson, Senior, of Wilkes county, N.C. We wish to prove his antecedents and his children.

Please acknowledge.

Cordially yours,

R. R. Grayson, M.D.



See next 12 pages for enclosures.

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An Ellzey Berkley married 2nd a Benjamin Grayson, according to a will book in 1761. Does any one have a clue to this Benjamin Grayson? Query from Merrill D. Berkley, 9145 Saddlebrook Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63126.

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The Grayson Genealogy Newsletter: Vol. 1: 126 pages; Vol. 2: 275 pages; Vol. 3: 239 pages; Vol. 4: 76 pages so far.
Total: 716 pages.

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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 Holt 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.

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.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON

JOHN GRAYSON
1765 ± 5 *JESSE GRAYSON
1772 ± 2 *WILLIAM GRAYSON
1768 ± 2 *WREN GRAYSON
1782 *JOSEPH GRAYSON
c1778 *

BENJAMIN GRAYSON *

NANCY GRAYSON

daughter

1. 1784-7 Census
Wilkes Co, NC p. 176
Capt. Debell's district

BENJAMIN GRAYSON
1 male age 21-60
5 males
3 females

2. 1790 Census
Wilkes Co, NC p. 123
Morgan's district

BENJAMIN GRAYSON
3 males age ≥ 16
2 males age < 16
2 females

3. In #1 are 6 males, in
#2 are 5 males. The
missing son is John, for
he is a neighbor in 1790.
(see John's).

4. [Roster of Soldiers from N.C. in the
American Revolution] Benjamin
Grayson in the Militia 4239,
Morgan district N.C., p. 381.

5. 1784.7.31 29 earned for
military service, NC, Morgan
district, Benjamin Grayson.
[photocopy]

6. 1778-12-7 Wilkes Co, N.C. [photocopy, partly illegible]
Grant #530 Benjamin Grayson
400 acres lying on King's Creek adjoining the land of Edmond Salley.

7. 1779-6-19 Wilkes Co, N.C. [photocopy, illegible,
Grant #1038 Benjamin Grayson name Edmond Salley(?)]

8. 1784 (date via Mr. Abbott)
Wilkes Co, NC. Book D, p. 651, #544
27 9/ for 290 acres paid by Benjamin Grayson to State of N.C.
This land adjoins Edmond Salley's Corner, Berk Co & the
dividing ridge, & Bresskey Mountain. (photocopy attached)

9. 1796. 8.16 witnessed a deed in Wilkes Co. (see Jesse's)

* WILLIAM GRAYSON
b. 1767, Va.

son of Benjamin?

(m) Annie
b. 1774, N.C.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

JOSEPH GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

JOHN GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

1. 1830 Census, Monroe Co, Tenn.

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
WILLIAM	M	3	0			0	0	9
p. 82	F	3	2			1	0	

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
JOSEPH	M	2	1	1				9
p. 83	F	3	1	1				

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
HENRY	M	1	1					5
p. 89	F	2	1					

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
JOHN	M	1		1	0			5
p. 101	F	2		0	1			

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
BENJAMIN	M			0	1			3
p. 102	F	1	1	0				

(verify these records again)

2. 1810 Census, Wilkes Co, N.C.

William Grayson 1 male age 26-44
4 males age 0-15
1 female age 26-44
1 female age 16-25
4 females age < 16

3. 1806-11-18 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. [p. 480] 100 acres £10
SHADRACH LAROS (?) TO WILLIAM GRAYSON on Moravian Creek

4. 1809-7-29 William Grayson witnessed a deed in Wilkes Co.

5. 1801-1-12 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. bought 50 acres for £25 on Moravian Creek

6. 1811-8-19 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. witnessed a deed

7. 1810-3-20 deed ... his land mentioned in the description

8. 1800-11-7 grant # 2310 Wilkes Co, to William Grayson, 50 acres on the
Yadkin River. (Photocopy attached)

9. 1799-10-23 deed Wilkes Co, bought for £84 from William Johnson 200 acres
on Moravian Creek

William⁶ (cont.)

10. 1810 Wilkes Co Census

WILLIAM
GRAYSON

1 male age 26-44
 4 males <16
 1 female 26-44
 1 female 16-25
 4 females <16

JOHN
GRAYSON

(neighbors)

1 male 16-25
 1 female 16-25
 1 female <10

11. [Abbott, 74.1] a land grant in 1815, purchase in 1807,
 sale in 1824 — all in Wilkes Co, N.C.,
 and 1807 } tax list, Knox Co, Tenn.
 1826 }

12. 1800 NC, Wilkes Co. Census

[Davidson: 74.5.23 letter]

WILLIAM GRAYSON

p.39

M 3 0 0 1 0
 F 2 0 1 0 0

13. 1850 Census, Tenn, Monroe # 332

WILLIAM GRAYSON

83 Va. 4

AMY

76 NC.

SYNTHIA

34 NC.

HENRY

19 Tenn.

JOSEPH

6 Tenn.

JOHN

10/12 Tenn.

CLEMANTINE 17 Tenn

} are these all
 children of Wm
 Unlikely.

14. 1840 Census, Tenn, Monroe, p.183

WILL GRAYSON

0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30- 40- 50- 60- 70- 80-

p.183

M

1

F

1

1

1

1

0 slaves

BENJAMIN GRASON

p.252

ISABEL GRASON

p.271

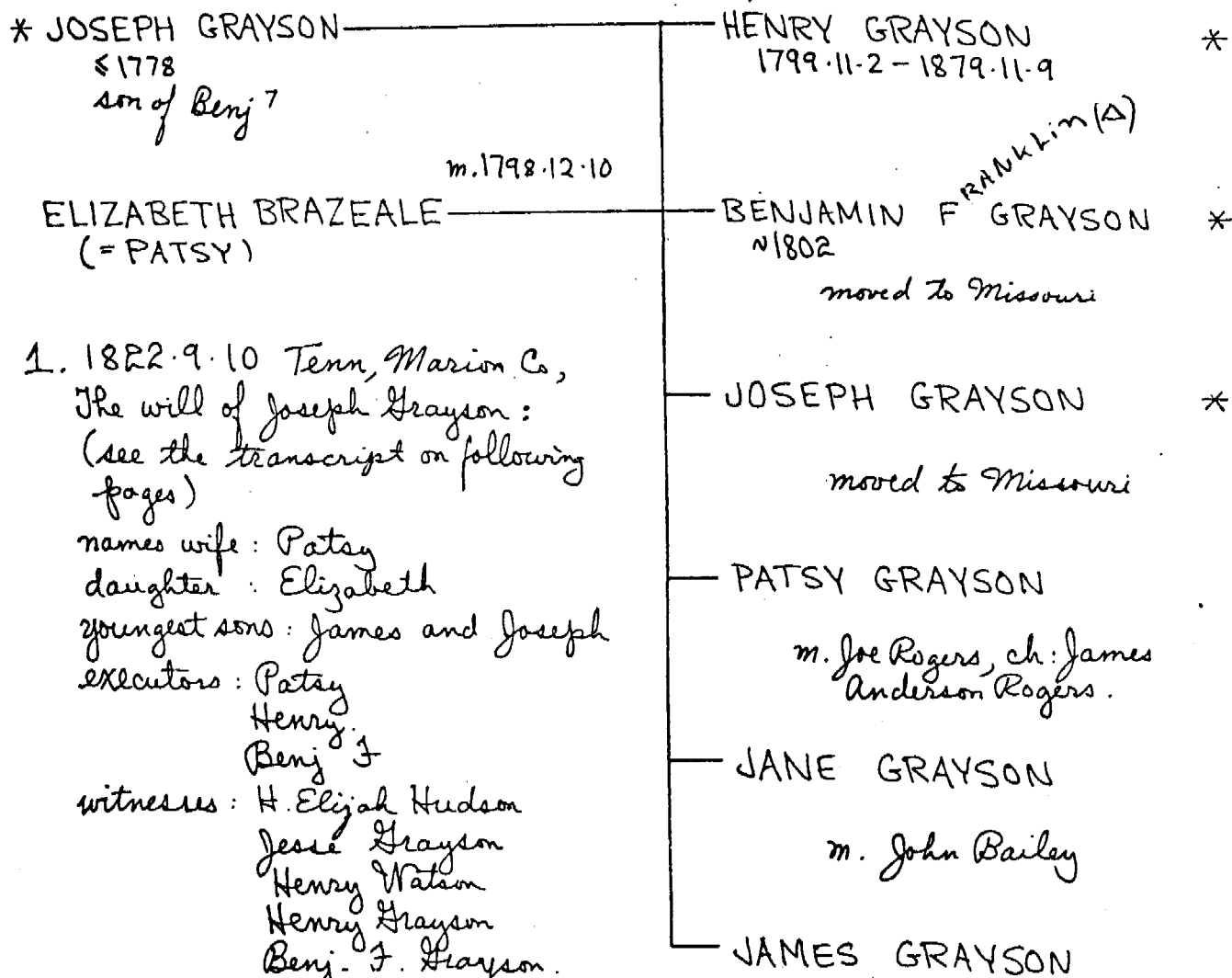
HENRY GRASON

p.273

JOSEPH GRASON

p.277

Isabel could be the widow of JOHN⁵.



1. 1822.9.10 Tenn, Marion Co,
The will of Joseph Grayson:
(see the transcript on following
pages)

names wife: Patsy
daughter: Elizabeth
youngest sons: James and Joseph
executors: Patsy
Henry
Benj. J.

witnesses: H. Elijah Hudson
Jesse Grayson
Henry Watson
Henry Grayson
Benj. J. Grayson.

2. 1798.12.10 TENN, KNOX Co. Joseph
Grayson m. Pattie Brazeale
bondsmen: Henry Brazeale

3. 1801.7.20 Joseph Grayson bought 400
acres for \$500 from Henry
Brazeale.

[copy of original: TENN, KNOX Co]

4. 1801.4.24 TENN, KNOX Co: Joseph
Grayson bought 400 acres for
\$400 from Stockley Donelson.
The deed was witnessed by St.
Brazeale and W. Brazeale.

[copy of original document]

5. 1801: TENN, ANDERSON Co. Joseph
Grayson was a member of the
committee formed to locate the
county seat for the new county.

(A) according to
Palmer Grayson
middle name was
Franklin

6. 1802 TENN, ANDERSON Co: Joseph Grayson was on the tax list in Captain Chiles' Company, listed with 1 free poll (male over 21) and owned 300 acres of land located at "Wolf 9"
7. 1805 TENN, ANDERSON Co: Joseph Grayson was on the tax list.
8. Joseph "belonged to a Virginia family" [source: ?]
9. 1830 TENN, MARION Co:
Census p. 52

PATSY GRAYSON	0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slaves
M		0	1	0	1			0		
F		1	1	1	0			1		6

(neighbors: p. 51 Jesse⁶ Grayson
 p. 51 Benj⁶ Grayson
 p. 63 Henry⁵ Grayson
 p. 51 Henry⁶ Fricks ← see John⁵, m. Sarah Fricks
 p. 50 Johnsey⁵ Lassiter) ←

10. The information on the daughters Jane and Patsy comes from Mary Elizabeth Rogers, Whitwell, Tenn. [source: ?]
11. 1828. 9. 20 TENN, MARION Co: land grant to Patsy Grayson for 78 acres on SE side of Sequatchie River joining the land of Benj. Grayson.
 [p. 184 of records on file at courthouse, via John Abbott 1972]

12.. We have copies of letters written by Wren Grayson and sons from Indiana in 1847 to Henry Grayson in Tenn. which show that Wren Grayson, sr., was the brother of Henry Grayson's father, Joseph Grayson.

* BENJAMIN GRAYSON, JR

son of Benjamin?

MARTHA GRAYSON

1820

m. — Rogers

MARTHA

1780

1. 1830 Census, Tennessee, Marion Co.

p. 51 BENJAMIN GRAYSON

	0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-	40-	50-	slaves
M	1	2	1	1			0		8
F	0	1	1	0			1		

(neighbor to Jesse & Patsy)

2. 1792.11.21 Benjamin Grayson
-
- witnessed a will of James M. Carthy
-
- in Knox Co, Tenn

3. 1802, Tenn., Roane Co, on tax list

4. 1805-6, Tenn, Roane Co, on first jury

5. 1806, Tenn, Knox Co, on tax list.
-
- in Capt Hardin's Co, 1 free poll

6. 1807, Tenn, Knox Co, on tax list
-
- [letter. John Abbott]

7. 1802, Tenn, Roane Co, on tax list
-
- in Capt Walker's Co

7. 1815, Tenn, Blount Co, on tax
-
- list; (
- Benj
- misread as
-
- Berry
- .)

Do these tax lists refer to the
same Benjamin?

Could any of 2-9 refer to Benj?

8. [Marion Co land grants, on file at courthouse,
-
- via John Abbott 197] 1824.4.5

p. 5 Benjamin Grayson, assn of Martha Grayson, 90 acres.#12 p. 5 SE side Sequatchie River, adjoining survey of Joseph for 70 acres.
Whereon Martha now lives.

assn = assign — but who is Martha?

9. [deeds, ibid]

1829.28 Benj. Grayson to Elijah Hudson, Bk C, p. 277, \$75 for 45 acres
adjoining 70 acres of Joseph Grayson; part of grant from State of Tenn

. [grants, ibid]

1833.4.20 p. 242 50 acres to Benjamin Grayson.

[typed copy]

* JESSEE GRAYSON

son of Benj⁷

1. 1796.8.16 NC, Wilkes Co; bought land from Nebuzradan Coffey, £100 for 145 acres on King's Creek, on "both sides of King's Creek" witnessed by Benjamin Grayson
2. 1798.11.13 NC Wilkes Co, witnessed deed
3. 1801.2 NC Wilkes Co, witnessed a deed
4. 1804.10.25 NC Wilkes Co; sold 150 acres on "both sides of King's Creek" acres to Edward Long for 100 pounds
5. 1804.12.21 NC, Wilkes Co; bought land from Lawrence Bradley, £70 for 80 acres on the middle fork of King's Creek.
6. 1805.11 NC, Wilkes Co; witnessed a deed: Sarah Herren to — Stanley
7. 1806.5 NC, Wilkes Co; witnessed a deed: John H. Owen to — Fletcher
8. 1806 Tenn, Knox Co, on tax list in Capt. Chiles' Co, 1 free poll.
9. 1814.11.4 NC, Wilkes Co, sold land to Moses Stansbury, \$75 for 55 acres on the middle fork of King's Creek
10. 1823 Tenn, Marion Co, witnessed the will of Joseph⁶ Grayson.
11. 1826.6.9 Tenn, Marion Co, was granted land (#1613) 200 acres on NW side of the Sequatchie River. [p.152, on file at court house, via John Abbott 1972]
12. 1830 Tenn, Marion Co, Census, p.51,

	0	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	slaves
M		2		1	2					
F	1	1	1					1		

 (neighbor to Patz⁶ & Benj⁶)
13. 1830.9.7 : TENN, MARION Co: Jesse Grayson sold to Amos Griffin 200 acres on the NW side of Sequatchie R. (the same land granted 1826.6.9) for \$200
 "Jesse now lives on property" (?)
 [Blk B, p.405, on file at court house, via John Abbott 1972]

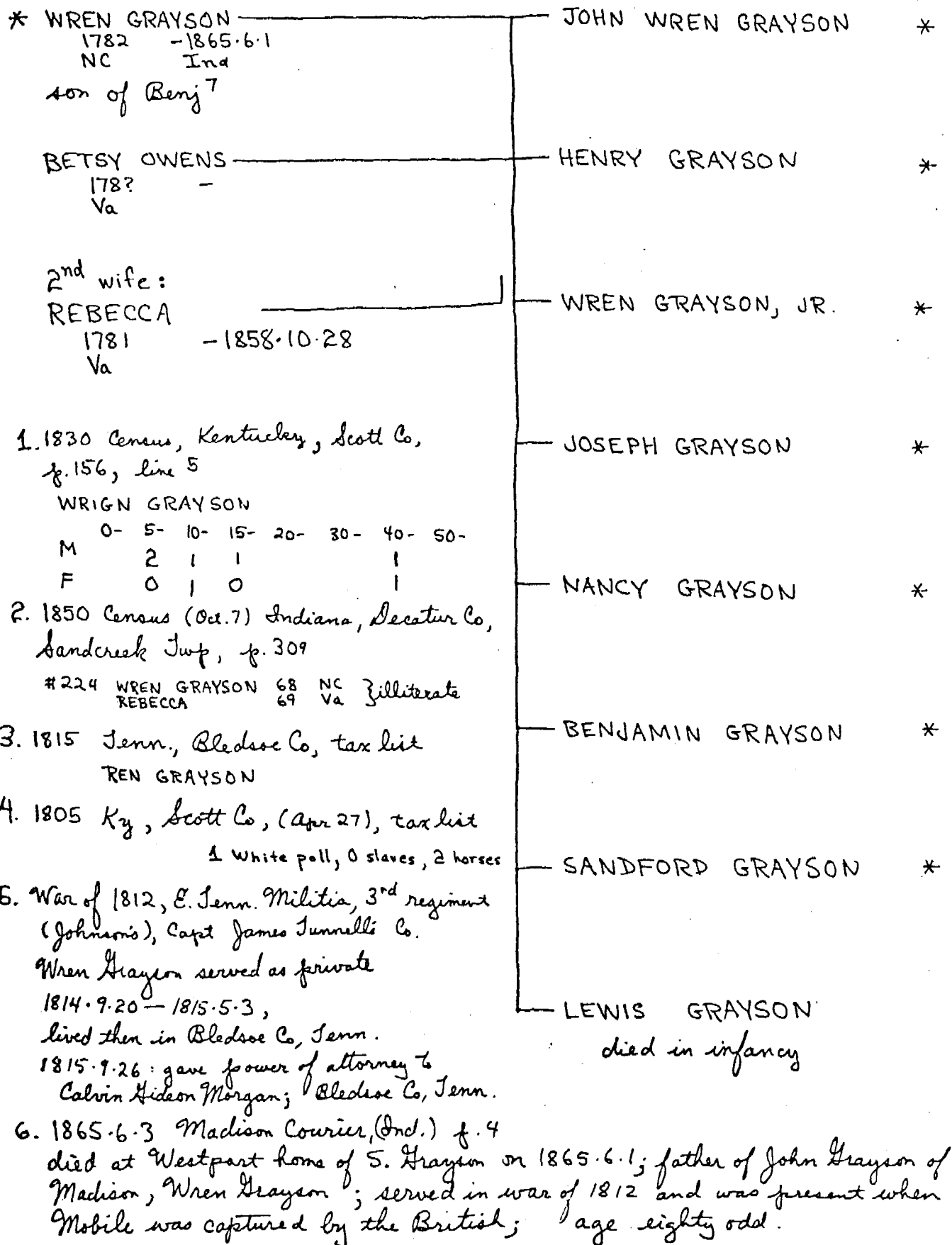
6 1/2. 4 Nov. 1805. Sold 55 acres on middle fork of King's Creek to Moses Stansbury. Deed 55 Wilkes Co. N.C.

(cont. JESSEE ')

14. 1835-2-11 : Jessie⁶ Grayson and Hugh⁵ Grayson witnessed
a deed : Benj. J.⁵ Grayson to Henry⁵ Grayson,
\$330 for 106 acres on SE side of Sequatchie R.
[Bk C, p. 328, ibid]

15. 1814. Jan 10 to May 13 served 4 mos
4 days as Pvt. in Clark's
Battalion, East Tenn. Militia
war of 1812. Paid \$53.03. (a.
Pay roll)

16. 1814. Company muster roll, dated
Bledsoe Co. East Tenn. May 13, 1814
Entered Jan 10, 1814 for 6
mos. Discharged May 13, 1814.
Jesse Grayson, Pvt. Capt
John Hawkins' Co. of E Tenn.
Drafted militia in Batt'n
commanded by Major Thomas
C. Clark.





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9 June 1980

Richard R. Grayson, M.D.
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St. Charles, IL 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

In response to your ad in the May-June Genealogical Helper, I am enclosing a copy of my father-in-law's pedigree chart. My understanding is that Randolph and Cynthia (Grayson) Grayson were 1st Cousins, making Ambrose and John brothers.

I am also submitting a query for this information. How much does it cost to subscribe to this newsletter? I am most interested in receiving copies of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Widget Shannon".

Widget Shannon
(Mrs. Thomas Grayson Shannon)

Encl. (2)

Query for the Grayson Newsletter

Desire any information on Ambrose Grayson and brother John Grayson, whose children, Randolph & Cynthia Grayson were married 25 Apr 1837 in Wythe Co., Va. Randolph's parents were Ambrose & Elizabeth (Wysor) Grayson, and Cynthia's parents were John & Agnes (Whitlock) Grayson. Randolph b. 23 Jan 1808, d. 29 Dec. 1880. Cynthia b. 19 Nov 1816, d. 17 Feb 1902. Mary-Paul Shannon, 510 Fort Branch Rd., Pearisburg, VA 24134.

EDITOR'S ANSWER: I HAVE RETRIEVED FROM my files the family data sheets on the above Ambrose and John Grayson and their progenitors, William, John, Ambrose, and John Grayson. The latter, John Grayson, who died in 1736, is perhaps the oldest of the American Graysons and is one of the first immigrant Graysons. No one has proven his city or country of origin. Copies of these sheets follow the Shannon pedigree.

--R.R.G.

Address Mrs. Thomas G. Shannon
City 510 Fort Branch Rd.
State Pearisburg, VA 24134

Date July 1977

b - born p - place
d - died md - married

4-7: grandparents of #1

4 John Crowe SHANNON

b 22 MAR 1827
pd (Wythe) VA
d 27 Sept 1864
pd
md 16 July 1859
pmd (Wythe) VA

2 John Pierce SHANNON

b 1860
pb (Wythe) VA
d 21 Aug 1921
pd El PASO (El PASO) TX
md 18 OCT 1887
pmd (Smyth) VA

5 MARY JANE GRAYSON

b 28 Feb 1838
pb (Wythe) VA
d 12 Nov 1912
pd (BLAND) VA

1 EDGAR EARLE SHANNON

b 8 Nov 1903
pb BRISTOL (Sullivan) TN
d 21 Aug 1970
pd Pulaski (Pulaski) VA
md 10 Feb 1934
pmd (Pulaski) VA

6 Enoch J. McCarty

b 1818
pb VA
d 8 Sept 1894
pd (Smyth) VA
md 10 Apr 1856
pmd (Smyth) VA

3 CORA Lee McCarty

b 1859
pb (Smyth?) VA
d 15 MAR 1928
pd El PASO (El PASO) TX

7 LAURA PRATT

b 1838
pb (Smyth) VA
d 26 Sept 1878
pd (Smyth) VA
Elizabeth Anne Stickley

spouse of #1

#1 & 3 parents of #1

8-15: great
grandparents of #1

8 John SHANNON

b 26 Dec 1786
pb (Giles?) VA
d 2 MAR 1850
pd (Wythe) VA
md
pmd

9 JANE HUDSON

b 1798
pb
d 1860
pd

10 RANDOLPH GRAYSON

b 23 JAN 1808
pb
d 29 Dec 1880
md 25 APR 1839
pmd (Wythe) VA

11 Cynthia GRAYSON

b 19 Nov 1816
pb
d 17 Feb 1902
pd

12 JAMES McCarty

b
pb
d
pd
md 26 Sept 1811
pmd (Wash.) VA

13 MARY HAYES

b
pb
d
pd

14 Nicholas PRATT

b 1811
pb VA
d
pd
md
pmd

16 SARAH

b 1815
pb VA
d
pd

16-31: great great
grandparents of #1

16 Thomas SHANNON

b
d
md

17 AGNES Blowe

b
d

18 ISAAC HUDSON

b
d
md

19 SARAH Love

b
d

20 Ambrose GRAYSON

b
d
md

21 Elizabeth WYSON

b
d

22 John GRAYSON

b
d
md

23 Agnes Whitlock

b
d

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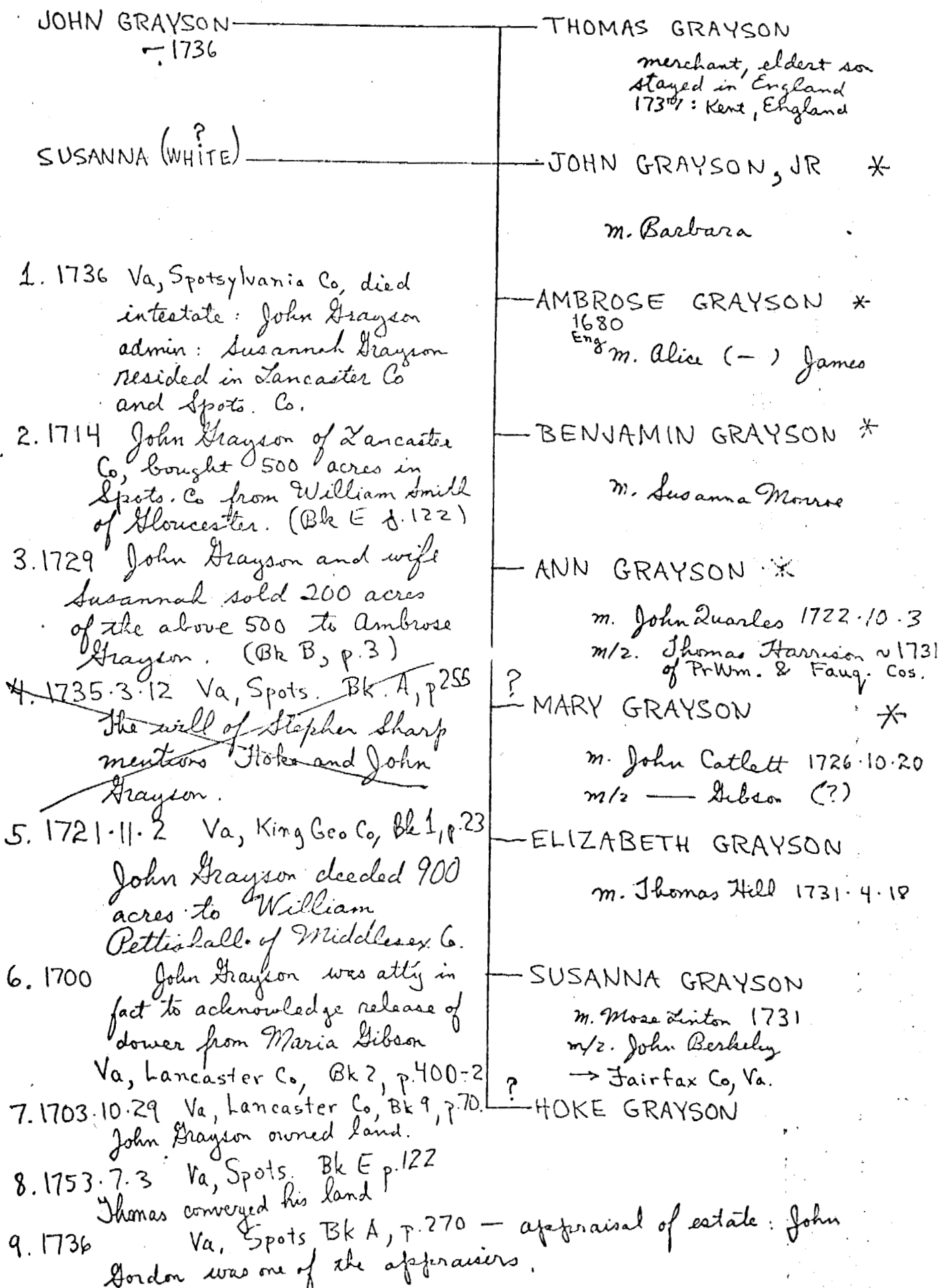
b
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b
d



(JOHN¹⁰ cont.)

10. 1725.6.26 John Grayson witnessed the will of John James.
 The will mentions wife Alice James, dau. Mary, and
 an unborn child. Probated 1726.3 (Va, Spots)

4. 1735.3.12 died Stephen Sharp
 1735.6.3 probated: witnesses: George Pool, Henry Chamble
 executor: Elizabeth Sharp — his legal wife.
 mentions also Hoke Grayson, Elizabeth James,
John Grayson, Mary Jones. (Bk A p. 255)
 (Va Spots)

* AMBROSE GRAYSON

1680 - 1742.9.6

son of John 10

m. $\leq$ 1726.11.1
Va, Spots.

ALICE () JAMES

widow of John James (d $\leq$ 1725.3.24)

m/3 1744.8.26

James Stevens

1. 1742.9.6 Va, Spotsylvania Co.

died Ambrose Grayson.

His will, probated 1743.3.6, mentions
one son: Ambrose.2. 1727.10.13 Va, Spots. Ambrose patented
1000 acres of land (PBl 13, p.191)3. 1729 Va, Spots. Ambrose and wife
Alice sold the same 100 acres4. 1729 Va, Spots. Ambrose witnessed
a deed.

sources: [letters: Mrs. Banchi]

[Stabbs:

[Crozier: Graysons of Spots. Co.]

[Va. Wills & Admin.]

[letter: Sam Brooks]

1. The will was executed by his
brother Benjamin.

5. [chart by Geo. MS. King]

1745: Va, Spots. Co.

Bk A ffp 429-430

estate settlement of Ambrose Grayson.

Shows widow Alice m. James Stevens;

Ambrose left 9 children as shown.

6. 1729.8.4 Va, Spots Bk A p.399
as church warden received a deed
from James Smith.

7. 1743 Va, Spots (WBl A. p.379)

will mention children: John,
Ambrose, Thomas, Benjamin;
brother Benjamin.8. 1726.3 : The will of John James
was probated, wife Alice, dau.
Mary, & an unborn child.
The will was witnessed byJohn Grayson

JOHN GRAYSON

1728 - 1802

m. Barbara

*

AMBROSE GRAYSON *

- 1754.8.6

unmarried

BENJAMIN GRAYSON

(Is this the Wilkes Co.
Benjamin, born ca.
1746 $\pm$ 4 ?) N:

THOMAS GRAYSON *

? m. Emily McNeal

ALICE GRAYSON

WILLIAM GRAYSON (Capt.) *

1732 - 1829

Va, Spots. Va, Madison

m. Ann Smith

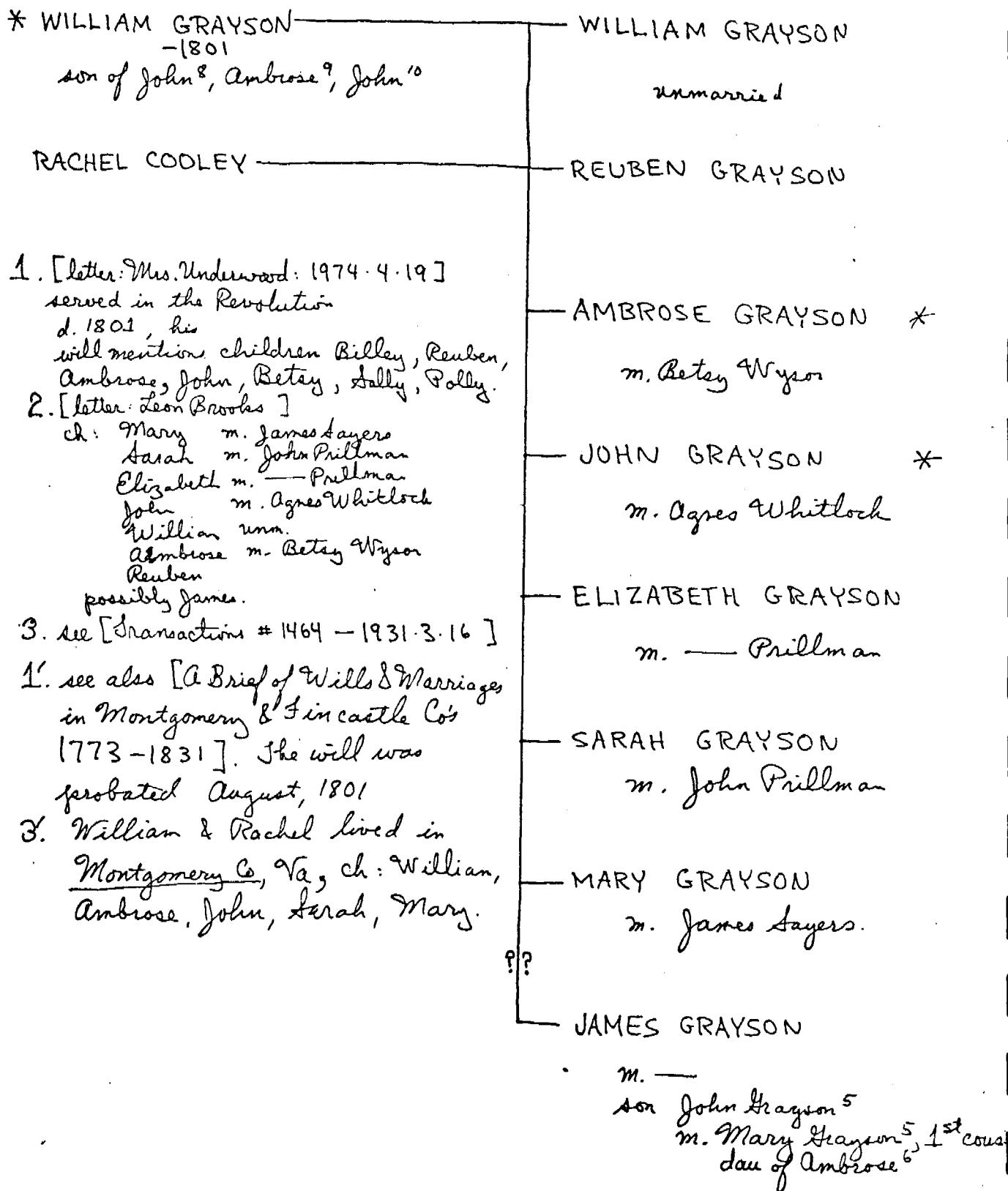
SUSANNA

ANN

REUBEN

1. 1742.9.6. died Ambrose Grayson
 1743.3.6 will probated
 witnesses: Robert Lovell, George Nix, & Peirce Perry
 executor: Benjamin Grayson, his brother
 wife: Alice son: John, Ambrose, mentions
 other unnamed children
 (Va, Spots. (Bk A, 379))

9. 1756-1758: will of John Spottswood mentions land he purchased from Ambrose Grayson. (Va, Spots Bk B p. 389)



* AMBROSE GRAYSON

son of Wm⁷, John⁸, Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰

m. 1807-3-28

BETSY WYSOR

* RANDOLPH GRAYSON *

m. Cynthia, his 1st cousin

HENRY GRAYSON

unmarried

JAMES W GRAYSON

m. Emily Steele

MARY GRAYSON

m. John Grayson⁵, her 1st cousin
son of James⁶1. [letter: Leon Brooks]
give this family.2. [A Brief of Wills & Marriages in Montgomery
& Fincastle Counties, Va.]Ambrose Grayson, (son of William,
deceased, and Rachel) m.

Betsy Wyser 1807-3-28

surety: Henry W. (?)

3. 1810 Census, Va, WYTHE Co.

AMBROSE GRAYSON	2 males < 10
	1 male 16-26
	2 females 16-26
	1 Negro.

4. 1830 Census, Va, WYTHE Co.

AMBROSE GRAYSON 2 slaves.

	0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-	40-	50-
M			1	1	1			
F			1	0	0		1	

* RANDOLPH GRAYSON

son of Ambrose⁶, Wm⁷, John⁸, Ambrose⁹,
John¹⁰

CYNTHIA GRAYSON

Source: [Letter: Leon Brooks]

MARY J GRAYSON

m. — Shannon

LOUISE GRAYSON

died young

CHARLES GRAYSON

unmarried

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

m. — McGinnic

JOHN A GRAYSON

unmarried

May 9, 1980

Richard R. Grayson, MD
Box 167
St. Charles, IL 60174

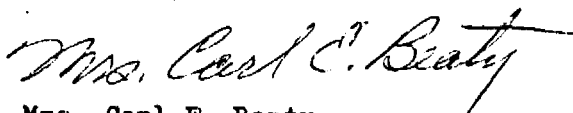
Dear Dr. Grayson:

I saw your query in the May 1980 issue of "The DAR Magazine", and send you herewith what I have on the Graysons.

Your Benjamin Grayson could be the son of Spence Grayson, being born 6 November 1761, Prince William County, Virginia. I have nothing in my records about going to North Carolina, but he possibly could have entered land there in 1777. I can't help you with Wren, either, but, if this is your Benjamin, then you have three more generations of ancestors for him.

If you have anything in your notes that could help me, I would appreciate having it.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Carl E. Beaty
2508 New Hampshire
Joplin, MO 64801

Person #1 on this chart
is the same person as
15 on chart # 2

8 GRAYSON, John

b.
at:
m.
at:
d. ca. 1735
9 Susannah
b.
at:
d.
at:

4 GRAYSON, Benjamin

b.
at:
m. ca. 1727
at:
d. 1757
at:

2 GRAYSON, Spence (Rev.)

b. 1734
at:
m. 1757
at: Colchester, VA
d. 1793
at: Belle Air Estate,
Prince William Co., VA

10 MONROE, Andrew

b. 1714
at:
m.
at:
d.
at:
11
b.
at:
d.
at:

5 MONROE, Susanna

b.
at:
d. 1752
at:

1 GRAYSON, Judith

b. Dec. 1730
at: Prince William Co., VA
m. about 1801
at:
d. 13 Sep 1851
at: New Orleans, LA
b.: Yazoo City, Miss. (Grayson vault)

LINDSAY, George William WAGNER, Peter (Lr.)
(Spouse of #1)

b.
at:
m. 1739
at:
d.
at:

12 WAGNER, Peter, D.D.

b. 5 April 1717
at: Sisted, Essex, England
m.
at:
d.
at:
13
b.
at:
d.
at:

3 WAGNER, Mary Elizabeth

b. 1741
at: 1810
d.
at:

14 ROBINSON, John

b.
at:
m.
at: 1749
d.
at:
15 BEVERLY, Catherine

7 ROBINSON, Catherine

b.
at:
d.
at:

b.
at:
d.
at:

The Children of the Rev. Sponco Grayson and wife Mary Elizabeth Grayson nee Wagener of "Bel Air" their seat in Prince William Co., Virginia the children all being born there.

1st.

Catherine born 5 April 1760, married John Hegeman of Stafford Co., Va. they had 2 sons & 3 daughters. Mrs. Hegeman died in Colchester, Va. in 1795.

2d.

Benjamin b. Nov. 6, 1761 m. Miss Taylor of Ky. settled in Bardstown, Ky. (Nelson Co.) of which he was the Clerk. He left children.

3d.

Mary b. 26 August 1764 m. James R. Dermott
Mrs. Dermott died in 1795 without issue.

4th

William b. 26 June 1776 m. his 1st cousin Mary E. Wagener in 1793 by whom he had 6 children.

5th

Susanna Monroe b. 29 May 1768, m. Lund Washington of Colchester, Va., son of Robert Washington a relative of Genl. Washington (See the Washington Record) She left several children among whom was Col. Peter Grayson Washington 1st Asst. Secy. of the U.S. Treasury in the Buchanan Administration.

6th

Peter b. May 14, 1770 m. Kitty Calaway Thrope of Bedford Co., Va. by whom he had several children. He served with distinction in the American Army Was a Lieutenant 4th U.S. Infantry Dec. 28, 1792

Captain

July 31, 1796

Colonel of Cavalry and Adj. Genl. in the War of 1812 & 15 with England, served under Wayne & St. Clair in the Indian Wars. Died in his prime from the effect of his wounds in service, in Tuscombia, Ala., Feb. 1, 1816.

7th

Anne b. August 1772, d. an infant.

8th

Spence Monroe b. in May 1774, m. a Miss Blount of Alexandria, Va. He had 2 sons Spence Monroe, and Wm. Henry who d. young. He died in 1829.

9th

Anne b. Nov. 1776, d. 1793 single.

10th

John Robinson twin b. 17 Sep. 1779. He was a Captain of a small squadron under Commander Campbell of Savanna, Ga. in the war of 1812. Later was a Captain of a vessel sailing between here and England. He married & left children.

11th

Thomas Robinson (Twin with the above b. Sep. 1779. He was impressed in the East Indies by a British vessel and lost sight of to his family, was under age at the time.

12th

Judith b. December 1780 d. in New Orleans, La. 18 Sep. 1851. Was married 3 times. 1st to George Walter Lindsay of Fairfax Co., Va. by whom she had 3 sons and 2 daughters, 1 John Grayson, d. at 21, 2d Major George F. Lindsay, Quarter Master U.S. Marine Corps, 3. Benj. Grayson Orr Lindsay who died (single) in New Orleans in

1831, while practicing Law there. ⁴Anne Lindsay who
d. quite young in Fairfax Co., Va. from the effects of
Burns received in play, and ⁵Mary Elizabeth Lindsay who
m. in Alexandria, Va., Dr. James Roberts of the same city
2d by a Mr. Lemon a rich Planter of Miss. by whom she
had a son which died an infant. Mr. Lemon died from
yellow fever in Miss. before his child was born. 3d by
a Mr. Richardson of New Orleans.

13th

Beverly Robinson b. Sep. 1782 m. a Mrs. Sallie Bowie nee
Chew of Calvert Co., Md. He removed to Adams Co., Miss.
in 1802. He served many years as the Land Register of
Adams Co., Miss. He had a son Wm. Spence Grayson a noted
Lawyer of New Orleans. He m. Miss Letitia Reed a daughter
of the Hon. Thos. R. Reed of Miss. a U.S. Congressman &
Lawyer of note years ago.

14th

Sallie b. in July 1784 m. the Hon. Samuel Smith a U.S.
Congressman from Erie Co., Pa. Mr. Smith was the 1st &
only Mayor of Washington, D.C. Only served a short term
of Office.

15th

Caroline b. 8 Oct. 1786, m. a Mr. James Hewitt of Md.
They ultimately removed to St. Stephens, Ala.

The above was taken from the Family Record of the Grayson Family
in my possession in MS form and which was principally compiled
years ago by my 2d cousin Col. Peter Grayson Washington, my late
Father's Major Geo. F. Lindsay's 1st cousin. Cousin Washington
had access I was told to the family Bible with all the records of
the Rev. Spence Grayson & wife.

Mrs. Margaret (Lindsay) Atkinson. West Roxbury, Boston, Mass.

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FORM 1179

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

NAMES: W, John Henry
PLACES: Sh Windsor, Vt.

DATE IN THIS ORDER
1794

DATE: 1794

ILY
UP REL
J

HUSBAND GRAYSON, Spence

Chaplain in Revolutionary War

Born 1734

Place Prince William County, Virginia

Chr.

Place

Marr. 1757

Place Colchester, Virginia

Died 1798

Place Belle Air Estate, Prince William County, Virginia

Sur. HUSBAND'S FATHER GRAYSON, Benjamin

HUSBAND'S MOTHER MONROE, Susanna

Husband GRAYSON, Spence

Wife WAGENER, Elizabeth

Word 1.

Examiners: 2.

Stake or

Mission

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WIFE WAGENER, Mary Elizabeth

Born 1741

Place

Chr.

Place

Died 1810

Place

Sur. WIFE'S FATHER

Place

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
F	GRAYSON, Catherine	5	April	1760		Pr. Wm.	Va.	1795 HEGEMAN, John			
M	GRAYSON, Benjamin	6	Nov.	1761		Pr. Wm.	Va.	TAYLOR			
F	GRAYSON, Mary	26	Aug.	1764		Pr. Wm.	Va.	DERMOTT, James R. 1793			1795
M	GRAYSON, William	26	June	1776		Pr. Wm.	Va.	WAGENER, Mary E. (1st cousin)			
F	GRAYSON, Susanna Monroe	29	May	1768		Pr. Wm.	Va.	WASHINGTON, Lund			
M	GRAYSON, Peter	14	May	1770		Pr. Wm.	Va.	1 Feb. 1816			
F	GRAYSON, Anne		Aug.	1772		Pr. Wm.	Va.	THROPE, Kitty Calaway			
M	GRAYSON, Spence Monroe		May	1774		Pr. Wm.	Va.	NEVER MARRIED (infant)			1829
F	GRAYSON, Anne		Nov.	1776		Pr. Wm.	Va.	BLOUNT,			1793
M	GRAYSON, John Robinson	17	Sep.	1779		Pr. Wm.	Va.	NEVER MARRIED			
M	GRAYSON, Thomas Robinson	17	Sep.	1779		Pr. Wm.	Va.				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

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Form 9-64 (Rev. 1-64)
FAMILY GROUP RECORD
ENTER ALL DATES: 14
IN THIS ORDER: 794
NAMES: WA* John Henry
PLACES: She Indr, Vrmn
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

BAND GRAYSON, Spence

Born 1734 Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Marr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER **GRAYSON, Benjamin**
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

HUSBAND'S MOTHER **MONROE, Susanna**

Husband **GRAYSON, Spence**
Wife **WAGENER, Elizabeth**

Ward 1. _____
Examiners: 2. _____
Stake or Mission _____

WIFE WAGENER, Elizabeth

Born _____ Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER _____

WIFE'S MOTHER _____

WIFE'S OTHER _____

HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
F	GRAYSON, Judith		Dec.	1780		Pr. Wm.	Va.	LINDSAY, George Walter	18	Sep.	1851
F	GRAYSON, Beverly Robinson		Sep.	1782				BOWIE (nee CHEW), Sallie			
F	GRAYSON, Sallie		July	1784				SMITH, Samuel			
F	GRAYSON, Caroline	6	Oct.	1786				HEWITT, James			

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

Kentucky Genealogist, Vol. 7, No. 4 (Oct. - Dec. 1965)

"First Census" of Kentucky - 1790

Pg. 41 → Grayson, Benjamin, Mercer County, Tax List Date 3/24/1789

Grayson, John, Fayette County, Tax List Date 6/19/1789

Grayson, Wm., Fayette County, 6/19/1789

Grayson, Wm., Woodford County, Tax List Date 5/28/1790

Colonial Families of The United States (1920)

Pg. 342 - Lewis Family. Pg. 345

* Pg. 345 - Lund Washington, d. 1853; married Susannah Grayson, daughter of Capt. Spence Grayson of the Continental Army and his wife Mary Elizabeth Wagoner, the daughter of Peter Wagoner, who married 1739, Catherine Robinson, the 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.

Susan Jean Washington, born 1795; died 1829; married 1815, Edward Simmons Lewis, of Washington, D.C.

Robert Washington, father of Lund (above), died 1798; married Alice Strother, daughter of Benjamin Strother.

Townsend Washington (Robert's father) married Elizabeth Lund, daughter Christopher Lund.

John Washington (Townsend's father), married Mary Townsend, daughter of Robert Townsend

Laurence Washington, John's father, died 1677; married Jane Fleming, daughter of Capt. Alexander Felming.

Film #855251

Louisiana Miscellaneous Records (1931-33)

Records of Spirit of '76 Chapter LAR, N.O., LA

* Grayson Line

John Grayson married Susannah _____; residing in Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, VA, 1700, returned in Christ Church Pa. list of tithables, died intestate cir. 1735.

Benjamin, cir. 1727, married Susannah, daughter of Col. Andrew and Elizabeth - - Spence Monroe, Aunt of President Monroe (Harrison, Landmarks of Old Prince William Col. William Grayson, distinguished Revolutionary soldier.

Susannah, married John Orr, son of Rev. Alex Orr of Haselaide co. Ayr Scotland, as his wife, Lady Agnes Dalrymple of Waterside County, Ayr, Scotland, 6-26 July 1726. Elizabeth Orr married Levin Powell, Jr., born August 4, 1772, married September 29, 1797, died September 9, 1807.

Wm. A. Powell, born July 24, 1799, died October 2, 1872, married December 20, 1820. Lucy Peachy Bee, born September 12, 1804.

Maria Antoinette Powell, born October 29, 1841, died September 25, 1908, married James Evans, born September 12, 1831, died July 16, 1909.

Lucy Peachy Evans, born July 22, 1879, married June 21, 1904, Caleb B. K. Weed.

10001 E. Lurlene Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85730
June 7, 1980

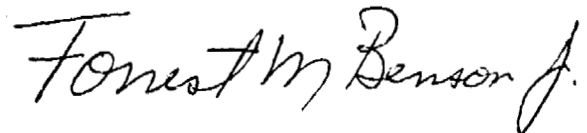
Dr. Richard R. Grayson
Box 167
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

In response to your inquiry in the May-June 1980 Geneological Helper, I am enclosing the Grayson lineage in my family. I have just recently initiated an attempt to trace this line, and unfortunately have been unable to verify my data on James William Grayson and have not reached beyond him at all. Any information you might provide would be greatly appreciated.

I am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for your use.

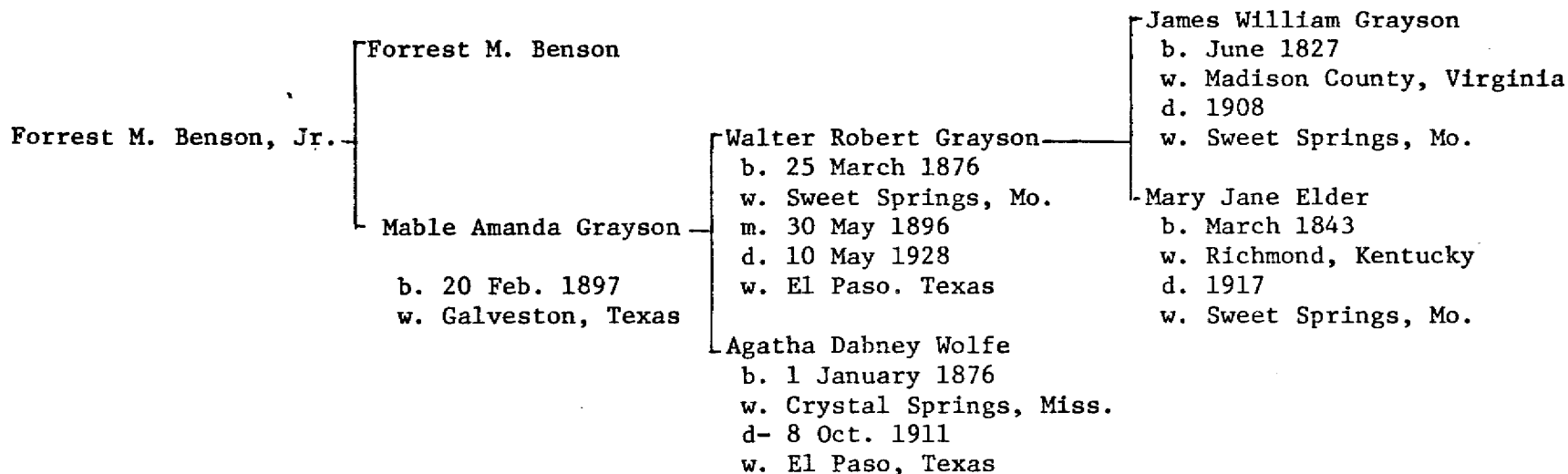
Sincerely yours,



Forrest M. Benson, Jr.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a James W. Grayson, born 1826 who married Emily Steele. James was the son of Ambrose Grayson and Betsy Wysor. The family sheet of James W. Grayson follows the Benson pedigree. The family sheet on his father Ambrose Grayson is reprinted previously in this newsletter in the Shannon material. You might wish to contact our member Leon Brooks for some of the proofs, as mentioned in the footnotes. His address: P.O. Box 7392, Shreveport, La. 71107. Please send me any correspondence, comments, and related material for inclusion in the newsletter, as we all will be interested.

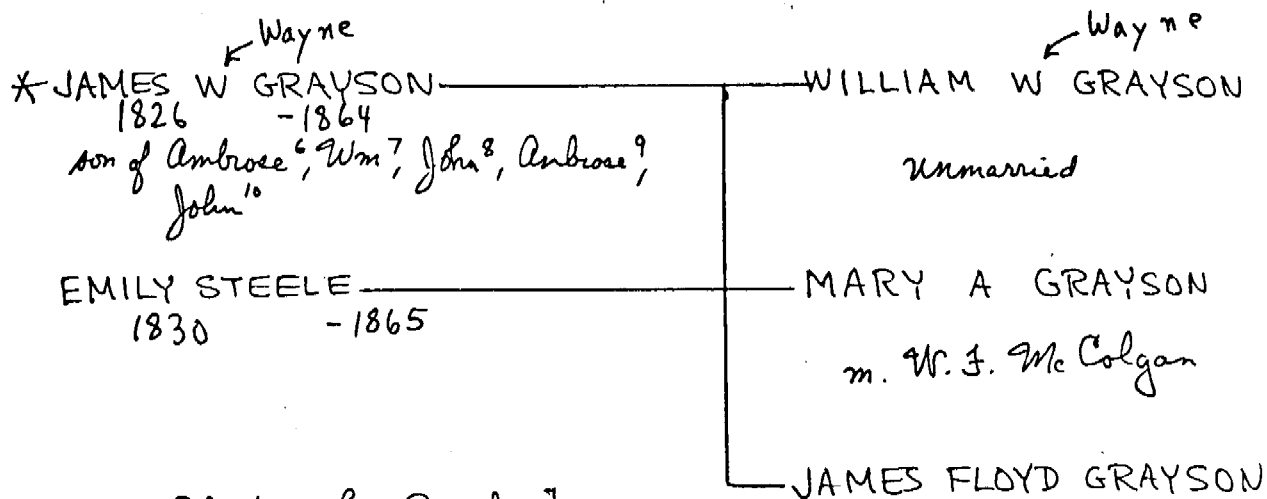
---R.R.G.



James William Grayson and Mary Jane Elder had 8 children besides Walter R. (my Grandfather). My unverified information is they were:

1. James Edward, b. 7 Nov. 1870, d. 6 May 1929, w. Hayward, calif.
2. Willie Emma, d. 27 Dec. 1932, w/ Canon City, Colorado
3. John H., d. 30 Nov. 1919, w. Tucson, Arizona
4. Molly or Mary Mildred, d. 1916, w. Marshall, Mo.
5. Gabriella, d. 2 July 1943, w. Marshall, Mo., m. James A. Walker
6. Sarah Frances, d. 1897 w. El Paso, Texas, m. John S. Marmaduke
7. George Everett d. 1915-18, w. Los Angelas, Calif., w. Wilma who remarried a Zack White
8. Nellie, b. Sept. 1884, M. James Marvin Thornton

Above data submitted by: Forrest M. Benson, Jr.
10001 E. Lurlene Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85730



source: [letter: Leon Brooks]

Colleen E. Newberry
575 N. Willow St.

Harrisonburg Va 22801 was the wife of James McNutt Grayson

gave this information to
E. E. Davidson

Grayson: Who were the parents of John C. Grayson b. Edwards County, Illinois 1839. died Wabash County, Ill. 1899? He was a Lieutenant in Company B, 63rd Infantry, Illinois. Married Ellen Nash 12 Feb. 1862 Edwards County, Illinois. Was he a grandson of John Grayson who came to Illinois from Indiana (where in Indiana) in 1814 with children Jackson, Susan, William, Napoleon, Elijah and Robert?

Any information deeply appreciated.

(Mrs.) Nina L. Bowen
553 Tenth St.
Wood River, Ill. 62095

22 February 1979
 DATE
 Nina L. (Grigsby) Bowen
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART
 553 Tenth St.
 STREET ADDRESS
 Wood River, Ill. 62095
 CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS
 THE SAME PERSON AS NO. 3

ON CHART NO. 1

PEDIGREE CHART

2. GRAYSON, John C.
 BORN 1839
 WHERE ALBION, EDWARDS, ILL.
 WHEN MARRIED 12 FEB. 1862
 DIED 9 FEB. 1899
 WHERE KEENSBURG, EDWS., ILL.

1. GRAYSON, FANNIE
 BORN 16 JULY 1870
 WHERE MT. CARMEL, WAB., ILL.
 WHEN MARRIED 12 SEPT. 1890
 DIED 30 OCT. 1951
 WHERE
 NIMMONS CLAY, ARK.
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

GRIGSBY, AMANDER C.

3. NASH, ELLEN
 BORN 1842
 WHERE ALBION, EDWS., ILL.
 DIED 9 JAN. 1895
 WHERE KEENSBURG, EDWS., ILL.

6. NASH, RICHARD
 BORN 1813
 WHERE ENGLAND
 WHEN MARRIED
 DIED APRIL, 1861
 WHERE ALBION, EDWS., ILL.

7. SARAH
 BORN 1813
 WHERE ENGLAND
 DIED
 WHERE

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR
 BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION
 WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES
 BY NUMBER.

- (1) Personal Knowledge
 M. Records Mt. Carmel, Ill.
 death rec. Peggett, Ark. (647)
 1850 Census
- (2) Military records, Obituary
 tombstone
- (3) Obituary - 1850 Census
 marriage record Edwards Co. Ill.

1317 Pennsylvania St.
Columbus, Indiana 47201
June 24, 1980

R. R. Grayson, M.D.
103 West Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dick,

I am ashamed for having been so long between letters and although I have very little to contribute I shall include what I do have. It seems since the death of my sister Virginia, on Labor Day September 3, 1979 my enthusiasm has waned but my interest remains strong.

Please find my check enclosed for the Benjamin Grayson project and the excess for the Family Association newsletters. Should any of the Tennessee Grayson papers still be available please deduct the cost, if not apply all the extra to my credit.

A distant cousin who lives in Shelbyville, Indiana has advised she has some papers given to her several years ago by my father. They are to be given to me as soon as a visit can be arranged. My father at one time had possession of some Wren Grayson documents. Too good to be true if these should happen to be the ones he had.

A letter to John P. Smith of Phoenix, Arizona (newsletter Vol. 4 No. 1 page 15) has brought a response. Mr. Smith and his wife Margaret visited our family Friday evening. They are here to visit her sister who of all things is also a resident of Bartholomew County. A very pleasant evening was spent discussing the Grayson Family and trying to decide our relationship. Margaret's great grandmother and my grandfather were first cousins. Does this make us third or fourth cousins? They are wonderful people and I understand they hope to visit you on their return trip home.

As a backup record I am collecting a pictorial history of the Grayson Family gravestones. If any members would care to contribute or exchange photos I would be glad to do so.

Sincerely


Earl Grayson

I enclose two stories on Eva Grayson Wheatley as she neared her 100th birthday.

Local Woman To Be 100

Mrs. Eva G. Wheatley will celebrate her 100th birthday anniversary at an "open house" to be held from 2 to 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home at 435 N. West St., Tipton.

Mrs. Wheatley was born in Prairie Township, Tipton County, the daughter of John T. and Lucinda Smith Grayson. She spent the first 37 years of her life on a farm.

At the age of 20, she and W. Seth Wheatley were married at Normanda on Dec. 23, 1892. They continued to live on the farm in Prairie Township until February, 1909.

After they moved to Tipton, Mr. Wheatley worked with the Binkley Buggy Co. and later the Stokely company.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley had been married more than 71 years when he died in March, 1963.

Mrs. Wheatley has one son and a daughter-in-law, Gordy and Fern McKinney Wheatley, living in Tipton. Seth J. Wheatley of Clinton, Tenn., and Mrs. Judy Hall of Houston, Tex., are her grandchildren. She also has six great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Maude Wilson, her sister who is 92 years old, lives in Tipton.

Mrs. Wheatley is a member and a regular attendant at the West Street Christian Church. She has been a member of an Extension Homemakers Club for more than 60 years.

Miss Dorothy Bunch, Mrs.



MRS. EVA G. WHEATLEY

Wheatley's friend and companion, said today that Mrs. Wheatley is still quite active, keeping busy crocheting. During the past year, she crocheted afghans for each of her six grandchildren.

During her senior years she has overcome a broken hip and a wrist injury and was also hospitalized for treatment for

injuries she received in a minor fall at home.

After she was dismissed from the hospital she has resumed crocheting a cape.

Mrs. Wheatley will be the second Tipton County woman to become a centenarian in 1972. On March 31, Mrs. Mary Cathern Wheatley of Kempton, believed to be not related, also marked her 100th birthday.

Dick

Mrs. Wheatley died at the age of 104 on May 30, 1976. I remember seeing her in her home in Tipton in ~~1940~~ 1940.

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER VOL. 4. NO. 3

Page 77.

Three more members have joined in the research project on Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes county of N.C. In the last issue were reported the first 5 participants. The new ones are: 6.) Mrs. Kathleen Grayson Johnson of Houston, Texas; 7.) Robert G. Grayson of Bradenton, Florida; 8.) Mrs. Katheryn Reeves Jean of Magnolia, Ark.

Previous volumes of the Newsletter are available Xeroxed at 10¢ per page in advance. Plus postage. See last Newsletter for number of pages in each volume.

Mrs. Barnette of Raleigh, N.C., reported by telephone to me that the Benjamin Grayson project is delayed about a month till late October due to illness in the family. If her first day's research looks promising I will commission her to do more. Her letter of acceptance is printed in this issue.

Mrs. Nina Bowen (see p. 73, last issue), looking for ancestors of John C. Grayson, (1839-1899), sends info on his 8 children: Frank, 1862-1906 m. Anna; Charles; Harry, 1875-1960, m. Etta Grigsby; James, 1878-1904, m. Maude Riggs; John; Mary; Fannie, 1870-1951, m. Amander Grigsby; Josephine, m. Lambert. The mother of John C. Grayson was probably a Mary P. Grayson, b. 1820 in Ill. and the brother of John was probably James R. Grayson, b. 1846. (Ref. 1850 census, Edwards co., Ill., town of Albion.) Other material sent has been in previous Newsletters, Thanks.

Note to Howard E. Grayson: please send copies of Federal pension records on John Grayson and John W. Grayson, filed in 1890-91. (See Howard's letter enclosed.)

Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes co. N.C. entered land about the same time Joseph Grayson entered land in nearby Rutherford co., N.C. Therefore I am printing the family sheets on Joseph Grayson and his probable sons William and Benjamin in this issue. I think that Benjamin of Wilkes was brother to Joseph of Rutherford and to prevent confusion in our research project we should keep in mind that there were two distinct Grayson clans in that part of N.C. at that time.

To Barbara Kelly: Welcome to the Association: we have published extensively on your line in past Newsletters, but please submit materials anyway for new perspectives on the Virginia Graysons. Thanks.

To all members: please try to answer queries enclosed from newcomers; send copies of correspondence to me for reprinting please. Note the small size and decreased cost of this issue; due to fewer contributions of data. Please send more material soon.

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THE GRAYSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

INFORMATION SHEET

FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

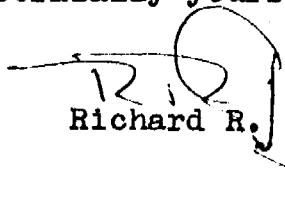
Thank you for your Grayson genealogy data. Your contribution will appear in the next issue of the GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER.

The Newsletter is published periodically when enough good material has accumulated for about 40 pages. Because of the small select membership printing is done by the expensive Xerox method and with envelope and 1st class postage, the cost has been \$6.00 per copy. There are no other fees.

The Newsletter began in 1977. To date the Newsletter totals 741 pages of good research material. There is no index. The first 3 volumes (640 pages) are in the Newberry Library in Chicago. Copies of these volumes can be purchased from me at cost by special arrangement; that is, new Xerox copies would be made on order.

I hope you choose to join us and to contribute your research. It is possible we might help one another with vital information. Also, keep in mind that this is one way you disseminate your Grayson genealogy and leave it to posterity.

Cordially yours,


Richard R. Grayson

Genealogical
Research

Mrs. M. J. Barnette
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July 6, 1980



Dr. R. R. Grayson, M. D.
103 West Main St.
St. Charles, Illinois

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Thank you for your letter of June 29th enclosing check for \$100 along with information that you have collected on Benjamin Grayson, Senior, and other Graysons, of Wilkes County, N. C.

I am looking forward to seeing how much I can find for you and the Grayson Family Association, and will send a report as outlined in your letter.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

10001 E. Lurlene Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85730
July 17, 1980

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

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Thanks for the inclusion of my letter in Vol. 4, No. 2 newsletter. Hopefully I will hear something from this.

The James W. Grayson lineage that I am attempting to locate was married to a Mary Jane Elder. Your Vol. 4, No. 1 newsletter, Page 28 refers to a son of this marriage.

I have a letter dated 12 August 1932 to my Mother from Mrs. Willie McLeskey (daughter of James W.) who states she does not remember her Grandfathers name, but that her Grandmothers maiden name was Hunt. She further states that her Father (James W.) had two brothers named Henry and Horace Grayson.

Can you, or your readers give me any help.

Sincerely,

Forrest M. Benson, Jr.

William Grayson, 58, Dies, Official at Smithsonian

William Cabell Grayson, 58, special coordinator for telecommunications at the Smithsonian Institution, died of cancer Tuesday at his home in Washington.

He joined the Smithsonian in 1964 and had a key role in developing its public information and radio-television programs.

A recent film, "Mirrors on the Universe: The MMT Story," won a Golden Eagle award from the Council on International Non-Theatrical Events (CINE) and a Gold Cindy from the Information Film Producers of America.

In 1977, Mr. Grayson helped produce "The Smithsonian Institution with S. Dillon Ripley," which won seven major awards, including a Washington Emmy.

Ripley, the secretary of the Smithsonian, said yesterday:

"His (Mr. Grayson's) memory will live on through the innovative programs he helped establish to broaden the links between the public and the institution."

Mr. Grayson had helped coordinate production of a film for the James Smithsonian bicentennial celebration in 1965 and of "The Smithsonian," a series of 26 half-hour programs shown on network TV in 1966-67.

His initiative led to creation of the Smithsonian Visitor Information and Associates Reception Center. More than 2,300 volunteers contributed their time in 1979 to work at the Smithsonian through the center's programs.

Mr. Grayson was born in Washing-

ton. A graduate of St. Albans School, he attended the University of the South in Tennessee and graduated from Yale University with the class of 1944.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in World War II and saw duty in the Pacific, including the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines. He was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant and remained in the Marine Corps Reserves until retiring with the rank of captain in 1958.

Mr. Grayson had worked for 14 years at the National Broadcasting Co. in Washington, where he became program manager for WRC-TV and WRC-Radio before joining the Smithsonian.

He was a partner, with his brothers, Gordon and Cary, in breeding thoroughbred horses at Blue Ridge Farm in Upperville, Va. They also operated another family farm in Culpeper County.

Mr. Grayson had conducted a program of breeding and banding ducks from his Virginia farms in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was a former president and chairman of the board of the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States.

He was a member of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, a director of CINE and the Washington Film Council and a member of the Committee of 100 for the Federal City.

Mr. Grayson was a former board member of St. Albans School and the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts, a founding director of the



GRAYSON, WILLIAM C.
On Tuesday, April 15, 1980, at his Washington D.C. residence WILLIAM C. GRAYSON of Blue Ridge Farm of Upperville, Va. Husband of Janet K. Grayson; father of William Cabell, Jr., Katherine M. and George Grayson; brother of Gordon and Cary T. Jr.; son of the late Admiral Cary T. Grayson and Gertrude Grayson Harrison. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 19, 1980, at 12 noon at Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville. Interment Ivy Hill Cemetery, Upperville. Arrangements by Wilshire Funeral Home.

A former Audubon Society president, Mr. Grayson is shown out in the field.

Upper Fauquier Association and a member of the D.C. Mayor's Committee on International Visitors and the Federal Interagency Media Council. He had served on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, and belonged to the Alibi, Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs.

He is survived by his wife, the former Janet Ketchum; three children,

William Jr., Katherine Mary and George, and two brothers, Gordon and Cary, all of Washington and Upperville.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central American States, St. Albans School or Yale University, class of 1944 Fund.

NEW ADDRESS AFTER AUGUST 15, 1980 . . . 2601 Bellefontaine St., Apt. C-103
Houston, Texas 77025

July 15, 1980

Richard R. Grayson, M. D.
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St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Thanks for the answer to my queries in the form of your chart on page 55. Curiously, the Harrison family of Northern Neck claims the marriage of their "Susanna Harrison, daughter of Thomas Harrison, Jr., of Chappawamsic" as the Susanna who married (1) Moses Linton and (2) John Berkeley (24V211) -- and part of their family tree is built around that connection, as is that of some of the Berkeleys.

This combination of marriages is documented in a "release of rights" in Loudoun County, Virginia, dated 1775 in which a John Linton releases all of his rights as an heir to a John Berkely, now husband of his mother Susanna (surname not mentioned), widow and administratrix of his father, Moses Linton, because John Berkely gave him his education.

There is also a will of a John Berkely dated 1808 in which he mentions (among others) John Linton (to whom he gives a slave); Susan (Lewis) Lewis and her husband Daniel Lewis (to whom he also gives a slave) on which I will comment in a later paragraph; and his deceased son, Scarlett Berkely. Scarlett Berkely had a son, Marmaduke Berkely, who went to Nelson County, Kentucky, in the early decades of the nineteenth century (see later paragraph).

There is also a deposition in Loudoun County dated 1763 taken in a suit by Susan Hancock and her husband John Berkeley against Scarlett Hancock (who died in 1740) and William Hancock, his administrator, in which the Berkeleys are trying to retrieve two slaves which Susan Hancock inherited through the will of Richard Brett at his death in 1740. Scarlett Hancock's will mentions only his wife Ann Hancock, his daughter Ann Hancock, and his son John Hancock. A witness to the will of Scarlett Hancock was a Moses Linton.

According to Hayden's "Virginia Genealogies," William Linton, son of John Linton and Ann Barton, married Susannah Monroe, and Ann Linton, William's sister, married John Brett. There are complex ties in the Barton/Smith/Scarlett/Hancock/Harrison/Grayson families in very early Colonial Maryland and Virginia.

My interest in these families is based on these facts:

I descend from William Linton Lewis, brother of Susan (Lewis) Lewis who married her first cousin, Daniel Lewis (Susan Lewis and husband Daniel are mentioned in John Berkeley's will of 1808).

I have Susan (Lewis) Lewis's Bible. In this Bible she says that her (and William Linton Lewis's) mother was Catherine Linton, and that Catherine Linton's mother "was before marriage, Susan Hancock." The Bible says that Catherine Linton was born in 1748.

Also in the Bible was a separate note saying that Catherine Linton's brother,

2.

John Linton, moved to Springfield, Washington Co., Kentucky. He is known in Kentucky as "Capt. John" Linton, and his Kentucky relatives say he was born in 1750.

from Loudoun Co., Va.

Susan (Lewis) Lewis and husband, Daniel Lewis, moved to Nelson Co., Kentucky (from which Washington Co. was taken). William Linton Lewis (my ancestor) moved from Loudoun Co., Va., first to Nelson Co., Kentucky, and later settled in Hancock Co., Kentucky, on the Ohio River across from Troy, Indiana (almost directly south of Indianapolis.)

Catherine Linton (daughter of Susan Hancock and _____ Linton) married (1766) Wm. Joseph Lewis, Loudoun Co., Va.

When Wm. Joseph Lewis died in Loudoun County, Va., in 1820, the word of his death was first received in Kentucky by Marmaduke Berkely (see paragraph 3) of Nelson County, according to a letter in the manuscript department of Duke University, and he told the Lewis children (now adults) of their father's death.

Mr. George Harrison Sanford King has established for us that Elizabeth Osborn Grayson, great granddaughter of Benjamin Grayson I and Susan Monroe (through Benjamin Grayson I, II, and III) married the Hon. Joseph Lewis, M.C. (Va.), son of my Catherine Linton and Wm. Joseph Lewis. Mr. King descends from the marriage of Susannah Monroe and her first husband, Charles Tyler. He told us that Benjamin Grayson I's sister, Susannah Grayson, had married William Linton's brother, Moses Linton, but it was a surprise to see in your chart that she had also married John Berkeley as her second (or third) husband. William Linton was Susannah Monroe's second husband, according to Mr. King.

As you have probably observed by now, I have reason to believe that my SUSAN HANCOCK is the Susanna who m. (1) Moses Linton and (2) John Berkeley of the "release of rights." I am working on the theory that Susan Hancock is the daughter Ann Hancock in the Scarlett Hancock will of 1740, who married (1) Moses Linton and had my Catherine Linton in 1748 and John Linton in 1750; then as a widow Linton she married (2) John Berkely who mentions Susan's granddaughter Susan (Lewis) Lewis and her son John Linton in his will of 1808. Scarlett Berkely, also mentioned in John Berkeley's will of 1808, was born in 1755, and, in this scenario, would be a half brother to my Catherine Linton who married Wm. Joseph Lewis. Marmaduke Berkely, Scarlett Berkely's son, would be a half first cousin to the Lewis issue of Catherine Linton and Wm. Joseph Lewis in Kentucky, and could reasonably in those times have gotten the first word of their father's death.*

I know that my Susan Hancock married _____ Linton, but did not know until we recently acquired John Berkeley's will of 1808 in which he mentions her son John Linton and her granddaughter, Susan (Lewis) Lewis (whose Bible I have), that she might also have married a John Berkely.* It is not my intention to disturb anybody else's line -- only to prove my own. I feel that I have fairly good basis in view of the previously mentioned documents to proceed with my research. In fact, there are ample Lintons by name of John, William, and Moses, and Berkleys by name of John, and Susannahs by all surnames for there to have been several marriage combinations as specified in the "release of rights." Perhaps we are all correct in our claims.

*Scarlett Berkely would be the grandson of Scarlett Hancock, if this theory proves to be correct.

xx Susan (Lewis) Lewis' sister Hannah named her children

3.

Since I have not proved my theory, I do not know positively who my Linton antecedent is. I may yet find a need to research the issue of Susannah Monroe and William Linton (whose estate Benjamin Grayson I evidently took over from his widow, Susannah (Monroe) Tyler-Linton after their marriage) or the issue of Susannah Grayson and (1) Moses Linton and (2) John Berkely. I will, thus, be interested in any response you might have that relates to the Monroe/Linton/Grayson marriage or the Grayson/Linton/Berkely marriage.

If you are interested in a copy of the "release of rights" dated 1775, on which the Harrisons, Graysons, and I seem to be basing our connections, I shall be glad to send it along.

Please make note of my change of address.

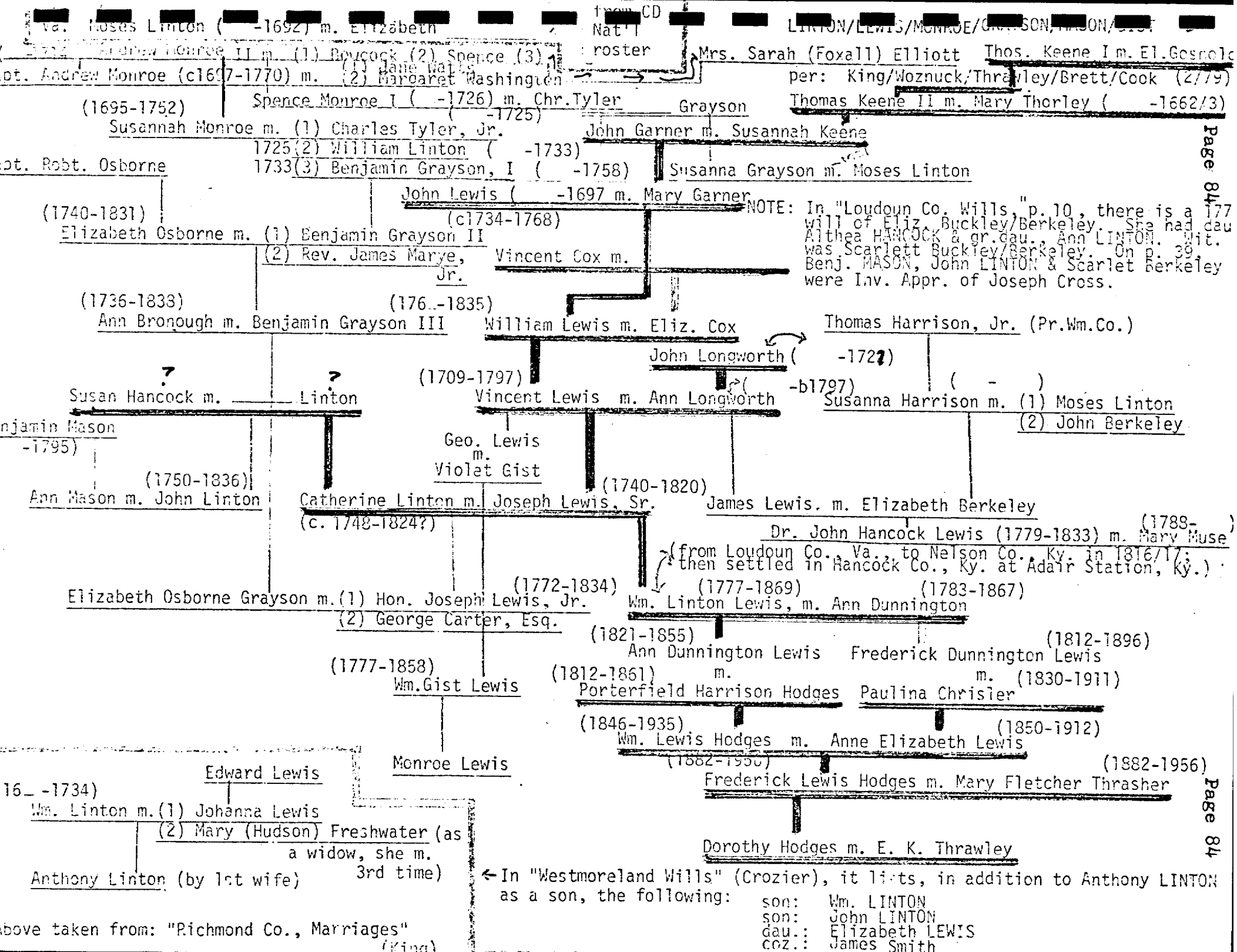
Sincerely,

Dorothy Thrawley

Mrs. E. K. (Dorothy Hodges) Thrawley

P.S. - At the risk of overburdening you with my own research, I am enclosing two Lewis charts which better explain my line of these entangled families. Obviously, it is a Grayson affair also, and on the strength of that fact, I keep writing.

dt



NOTE: In "Loudoun Co. Wills," p. 10, there is a will of Eliz. Buckley/Berkeley. She had dau. Althea HANCOCK & gr. dau., Ann LINTON. Wm. was Scarlett Buckley/Berkeley. On p. 39 Benj. MASON, John LINTON & Scarlet Berkeley were Inv. Appr. of Joseph Cross.

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Alexandria, Va.
5 Sept. 1980

Dear Dick:

Check enclosed for the last and the next news letter.

An obit which may be of some interest is also enclosed.

I've done very little research over the last several weeks and will likely be unable to do much before the Christmas Holiday period. This week I did get a chance to review the Federal Pension Listing for the period from 1861 to the early years of this century. There were several for Grayson's from Indiana as follows: Andrew J. filed in 1884; Baryl P. filed in 1874 & 1880, widow Elisa J. Armstrong; Henry filed in 1863, widow Cynthia A.; Hiram T. filed in 1863; John filed in 1891, widow Betsy A.; John M. filed in 1920; John T. filed in 1869; Lemuel filed in 1876, widow Ellen, grandson Thomas H. White; Roscoe filed in 1933; Thomas J. filed in 1906, widow ~~John~~ Sarah E.; John W. filed in 1890 and Larkin filed in 1890. If any of these

are of interest to you, let me know and I will request the files and check for any desired data.

Also the Oklahoma 1900 Census Records were reviewed. Few Graysons were listed but ~~one~~ two had an Indiana background. Data follows:

Patty C. Grayson

Born: Dec. 1869 in Indiana

Wife: Sarah born Nov. 1879 in Ky.

Son: Earl born Sept. 1899 in Okla.

Frank J. Grayson

Born: Feb. 1879 in Indiana

Will close for now.

Best wishes,

Howard

20 Aug 1980

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
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60174

Dear Dr. Grayson,

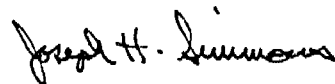
I am an amateur family genealogist working my lines in the Grayson and Edmondson families. Your name was sent to me by Ms. Helen Payne of Bushton, Kansas whom I wrote last month in search of information about one of my Grayson ancestors. She referred me to you, since she had no further information than I have.

I have written to the "Edmondson Family Bulletin" and had a query published; however, I have received no information. I am writing to you in hopes that you may be able to help me.

The ancestor in question is Nancy Grayson b. 15 May 1791 in North Carolina, married John Edmondson, son of Solomon and Susanna Edmondson, on 19 Sep 1803/9 in Knox Co., Tennessee. Nancy died in October 1865. Her husband, John, was born 16 Jul 1786 in North Carolina and died 28 Feb 1856 probably in Tennessee or Indiana. Do you happen to have any information about Nancy Grayson? I am descended from their son, John Grayson Edmondson and wife Elizabeth Jane Reilly. John Grayson Edmondson was a brother to Ms. Payne's ancestor, Wiley Manson Edmondson. This is all of the information that I have concerning Nancy Grayson.

Any assistance that you could give to me in this matter would be greatly appreciated. I would be glad to pay for any Xerox costs, postage, etc. that would be involved and would gladly send you more information on the Edmondson families of John Grayson Edmondson and his descendants, if you are interested in them. I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience. Thank you very much for your time and any assistance. I am

Sincerely yours,



Joseph H. Simmons
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Rosiclare, Illinois

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*Climbing
Your Family
Tree Can Be
Fun*

August 7, 1980

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

Dear Sir:

I have nothing to add to your family tree of GRAYSON.

But (and I am grasping at straws) the name ALFRED GRAYSON crops up in my Naylor family from 1811 down the line. I have been unable to make the connection - no marriages prior to 1811 .

Do you have an Alfred Grayson in your tree prior to 1800 - perhaps in Maryland or Virginia.

Some genealogists (amateur) have suggested that perhaps this name was used because children were sometimes named for important people or neighbors, but I can't buy that yet since it was passed down thru at least 3 generations in several of the different branches of Naylor's who were in Kentucky and on to Missouri.

I would appreciate anything you can suggest to clear up my mystery. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joy Ryckman

2212 Sutton Place
Richardson, Texas 75080
July 26, 1980

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Reference your inquiry in the D.A.R. Magazine in May of this year. I am enclosing copies of all of the material that I have on the Grason (Grayson) Family that I have at this time, and hope that it may be of some use to you. If they are related, they seem to have come first to either Virginia or Maryland - my earliest confirmed reference is in 1697 when Sarah Grason left land to her mother, Henrietta Marin Lloyd in Talbot County, Md. I do know that they scattered somewhat, and are found at a later date in Kentucky. At the Dallas Library last week, I found a Richard Grason (Grayson) listed as Head of Family in a 1790 Census of Providencetown, Rhode Island.

Captain

I am looking for a Richard Grason, who was the father of Mary Grayson who married Captain Robert Handy Dashiell about 1788 either in Somerset County Maryland or Baltimore. The Graysons were seafaring men, and it is possible that they moved up and down the coast as their business demanded it. Then again, they may not be related at all, but the name Richard seems to appear very frequently.

I do hope this helps you. If you find any information on this family I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy. Most of this was sent to me by a lady in Kentucky whose ad in the D.A.R. magazine I saw many years ago; especially the chart, the history by Lund and Peter Washington, and the excerpt from Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky.

Incidentally, if you believe that you are descended from these Grasons, let me know and I will clue you in on some of my speculations about them.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hoff

Ruth Hoff

(Mrs. E. H. Hoff, Jr.)

P.S. - I just found a copy of the ad in the D.A.R. magazine that I mentioned seeing many years ago, and realized that the lady was looking for the same Graysons you need. It Read: (January 11, 1972) "Grayson, Lackland-Salathiel Grayson of Madison Ind.D 1837 - where: Mar. Francies Lackland Father John B. 1805-where? How connected with Wren born in Tenn. & William born where? Want to connect with Benjamin of England who settled in Westmoreland Co. Va. mar. President Monroe's niece Susannah Monroe. Children: Rev. Spence of Alexandria, Va.
(over)

I have been looking for the parents of one of my ancestors, and am sure the answer is there at the Maryland Geneological Society. In fact, in the vault there is a collection of the papers of Benjamin Dashiell who compiled and published the Dashiell Family records. Her name was Mary Grayson (sometimes spelled Grason, especially in old records) and she Married Captain Robert Handy Dashiell (born 4-11-1766) D. about 1800-1801, marriage about 1788. In the 1802 Baltimore City Directory, Mary was mentioned living at 21 Market Street. The answer may well be in the notes of Benj. Dashiell. The day I was at the MGS when I saw you, I briefly glanced through the collection, but did not have time to go into them deeply. Incidentally, there is a collection of maps showing the location of the Dashiell Family khateau near Lyon, France, and I would love to have a copy of them. They are hand-drawn, but I hope some day to go to France, and would like to find the ruins. These maps are alsodi in Benjamin's notes. I had planned to do this in October, but probably will not have the opportunity. ~~xx~~ Back to Mary Grayson Dashiell. She was the daughter of Captain Richard Grayson. I have picked up notes about the Graysons from many different sources as follow:

1. A Richard Grayson lived at Wye Town, Q.A. County, 1774. He had Pew #18 in Chester Church, now St. Paul's Church, Centerville in 1792. (History of Q.A. County - Emory).
- ✓ 2. Q.A. Co. Wills - Will Book #1 Liber JE #11 Centerville, Md. Wills 1726-1816.
Folios 189, 190, 191, 192 Bryan, Mathew (deceased)
Feb. 8, 1767, May 21, 1767 Mentions Susannah, wife of Richard Grason
- ✓ Folios 195, 196, 197 March 1786, August 19, 1797
Richard~~m~~ Grason, deceased: Niece-Maria Grason, Brother Thomas, Sons Richard, John, Thomas, George, Wife-Ann, Grand-daughter Ann Grason, Dauphter-in-law=Susannah Grason, Daughters Amelia Grason and Maria Grason.
- ✓ 3. Grason-Richard - codicil March 1786, Folios 197, 198
4. Grason-Richard - Folios 346-348 Mar. 3 1808 Mar 29, 1808
Rebecca Black wife of Samuel Black, Brother William Grayson, Thomas Grayson, Sister Amelia Pinkney wife of William Pinkney, Ann Grayson
5. D.A.A. Patriot Index lists Richard Crayson, B c1760, D 1790, m. Bryan, 1st L. XXX Md.
6. Grayson, John Folios 238, 239, 240. Dec. 25, 1805, Jan 4, 1806
Bro. Richard Grayson, William Grayson, & Thos. Grayson

This is a record of a family of name who is a. P. Dashiell Grayson in Baltimore. There are some variations, but may be of use to you. Benj.

Sequence - Grason

- 1697 Talbot Sarah Grason left land ^{by} ~~to~~ mother, Henrietta Maria Loyd
- 1742 Talbot Mary Edmondson left property to grandchild Elizabeth Grason and Mary Grason (relationship not mentioned).
- 1743/4 Thomas Carslake m. Eliza Grayson.
- 1746 Talbot Michael Botfield m. Sarah Grayson - July 1746
- 1746 Talbot Will of Robert Grason.
- 1760 Richard Grayson B. 1760 D. 1790; M. _____ Bryan (Patriot index)
- 1766 Robert Handy Dashiell born (he married Mary Grayson 1788)
- 1767 Will of Matthew Bryan mentions Susannah, wife of Richard Grason - (Q.A. County)
- 1774 QA Co Richard Grason - reports runaway servant - Wyetown
- 1777 Q.A. Richard Grason reported collector of Blankets - Willacy Hundred
- 1777 Col. Wm. Grason - & Lt. George Grason - both in service
- 1779 Commodore Grason - mentioned in Dashiell records
- 1779 Q.A. Comm. Grason Commander of "Chester" commissioned
- 1780 QA List of Officers & men in navy: George Grason, Midshipman
Richard Grason, Commodore Thomas Grason, Lt. Thos. Grason, Jr.
- 1786 Richard Grason - Codicil 3/1786
- 1788 Mary Grason married Robert Dashiell
- 1790 Talbot Richard Grason 1790 census - 1 free white male over 16, 4 free white females under 16, 4 free white females & 4 slaves
- 1790 Richard Grason D. 1790 - Patriot Index (B1760)
- 1793 QA Richard Grason - Chester Church pew
- 1797 QA Richard Grason deceased - Niece Maria Grason, Brother Thomas, Sons: Richard, John, (D. 1805), Thomas, George; Wife - Ann, Granddaughter Ann Grason, Daughter in law Susannah Grason, Daughters: Amelia Grason & Maria Grason
- 1805- QA John Grayson - Will - mentions Bro: Richard, Wm & Thos.
- 1808 QA Richard Grason will - Rebecca Black, wife of Samuel Black, Brother William, Thomas Grayson, Sister Amelia Pinkney wife of William Pinkney, Ann Grayson

202 W. Morgan Ave.
Pennington Gap, Va. 24277
July 30, 1980

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
Box 167
St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I was overjoyed to find your ad for Grayson Family Association in May-June issue Genealogical Helper. Please send information on membership and publications. I enclose envelope for same.

I have worked on Grayson genealogy for several months and outline briefly my line. I have materials on some allied lines. My work has been entirely from Court Records and I have copies of wills and inventories of all listed.

I am looking forward to receiving information from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Kelly
Barbara J. Kelly

1. Barbara Jones Kelly b. 1934 Bland Co. Va. residing Pennington Gap, Va.
2. Virginia Caroline GRAYSON Jones b. 1911 Bland Co. residing Jonesville, Va.
3. LaFayette GRAYSON b. 1861 Wythe Co. Va. d. 1919 Bland Co. Va.
4. Andrew Jackson GRAYSON, Capt. C. S. A. b. 1831 Wythe Co. d. 1910 Bland Co. Va.
5. John GRAYSON b. 1787 Montgomery Co. d. 1874 Bland Co. Va.
6. William GRAYSON b. 1750/1760-d. 1801 Montgomery Co. Va.
7. John GRAYSON b. ca. 1727-d. 1802 Montgomery Co. Va.
8. Ambrose GRAYSON b. ?-d. 1742 Spotsylvania Co. Va.
9. John GRAYSON b. ? -d. 1735 Spotsylvania Co. Va. bought land there as early as 1714. Formerly of Lancaster Co. Va. Eldest son Thomas resident of Deal, Kent Co. Great Britain in 1737.

202 W. Morgan Ave.
Pennington Gap, Va. 24277
October 4, 1980

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
103 W. Main St.
St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Thank you for Grayson Family Newsletter which I received 9-25-80. I enclose check for \$6.00. I want to receive future Newsletters. Do I send check for subscription or what? Please advise.

I have documented materials which I can contribute on the Virginia Graysons. As my work progressed on Grayson genealogy I began to realize that many of the Graysons had gone West while my own ancestors had remained in Virginia. I have been able to assemble a great deal of material on these ancestors. This information may be sought by some descendants in the West and I will gladly send it for publication in your Newsletter, if you want it. Please let me know when you would need it so that I can prepare the materials with proper documentation and type it.

I am thrilled for the opportunity for contact with others of the same ancestry.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Kelly
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MRS. TOM M. JOHNSON
719 STORYWOOD DRIVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77024

4 August 1980

Dr. R. R. Grayson, M.D.
103 W. Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Enclosed herewith please find two checks, one in the amount of \$12.00, per your statement of 8 July.

The other check in the amount of \$100 represents my participation in the research project. I believe you are taking a very prudent approach and I wish to lend my support.

Also enclosed, please find a copy of my lineage which I would like to hope may be of assistance. Your bulletin has contained the Archives information noted; I have photocopies of considerable documentation from this source.

I look forward to the success of the project. With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Grayson Johnson
Kathleen Grayson Johnson
(Mrs. Thos. M.)

KATHLEEN GRAYSON JOHNSON

Daughter of Powell Clayton Grayson, (b. 1875, Clark County, Arkansas; d. 1966) and Velena Dare Filer (b. 1885, Antrim County, Michigan; d. 1975).

Powell Clayton Grayson was the son of Zachariah Taylor Grayson, b. 1848, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He died in Ouachita County, Arkansas, in 1937. He married Alice Hawkins, b. 1849, Ouachita County, Arkansas; died ca 1918.

Zachariah Taylor Grayson was one of eight sons and three daughters of John Grayson, b. 1807, in Hamilton County, Tennessee; d. 1881. Married Sarah Frick(s), b. ca 1800; d. 1873. Migrated to Nevada County, Arkansas in 1859.

The 1880 census of Ouachita County, Arkansas, shows the parents of John Grayson as having been born in North Carolina.

The 1790 census of Wilkes County, North Carolina, shows two Grayson families, as follows:

Benjamin Grayson , b. ca 1757 (see below)

Wife

1 Daughter

2 Boys under 16

2 boys over 16

John Grayson , b. ca 1770 (see below)

Wife

no children listed, but census required listing of only those over 16.

Regarding the birthdates of Benjamin and John:

N.C. State Archives contain a Pay Voucher (#4239) to Benjamin Grayson, for Military Service, Morgan District, 31 July 1784. Wilkes County Land Entries and Dead Book D list grants to Benjamin Grayson in 1778. He would have had to have attained his majority by 1778.

Wilkes County Deed Books B-1 and D contain deeds for purchase and sale by John Grayson in 1791 and 179(6?). He would have had to have attained his majority by 1791.

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?

2nd wife

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(Joseph⁷ cont.)

8. [marriage bond]

1807-12-17 NC, Rutherford Co

Joseph Grayson m. Rachel

Van Gandt, witness: James

Van Gandt.

9. will of William⁶ refers to "Rachel Grayson, deceased widow of Joseph Grayson", so Joseph died before 1828.

10. 1828-6-7 NC, Rutherford

Will of Rachel Grayson — gives a lot of family data.

* WILLIAM GRAYSON

-1841

son of Joseph?

m. 1807-10-17

SUSANNA LOGAN

BENJAMIN GRAYSON

m. ANNA

SALLY GRAYSON

m. — Deviney

PATSY GRAYSON

m. — Queen

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

1. [marriage bond]

1807-10-17 William Grayson
m. Susannah Login

bondsmen: Joseph Login

witness: W. McFarland J.P.

2. 1841-2-16 NC, Rutherford Co.

will: William Grayson

This will gives a lot of family
info.

3. 1820 Census, NC, Rutherford Co.

WILLIAM GRAYSON

2 males ≤ 10
 1 male 26-45
 1 female ≤ 10
 1 female 10-16
 1 female 26-45
 2 slaves

4. 1840 Census, NC, Ruth. Co.

WILLIAM GRAYSON

	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70
M	1	2		1					1	
F	1		1	1			1			

* BENJAMIN GRAYSON

-1843

son of Joseph?

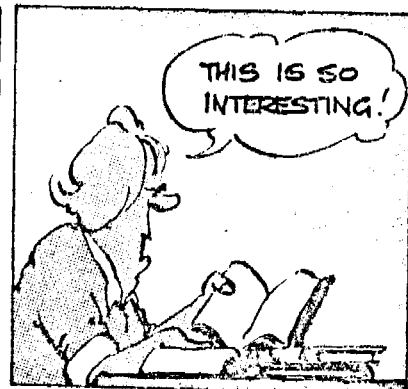
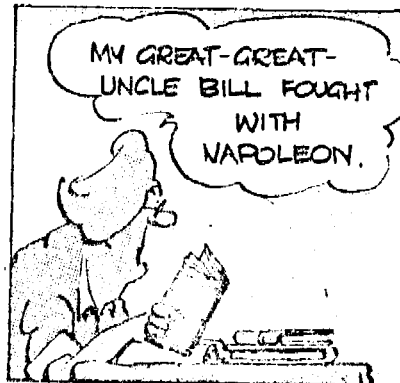
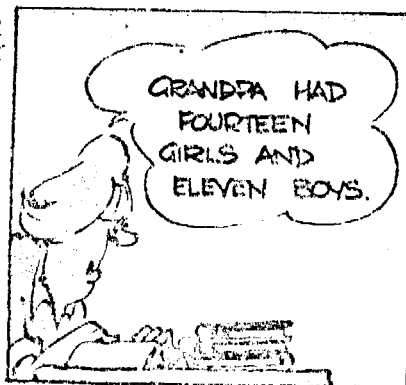
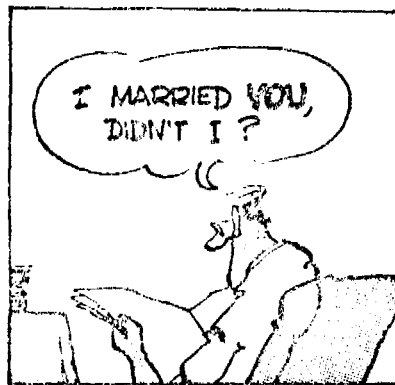
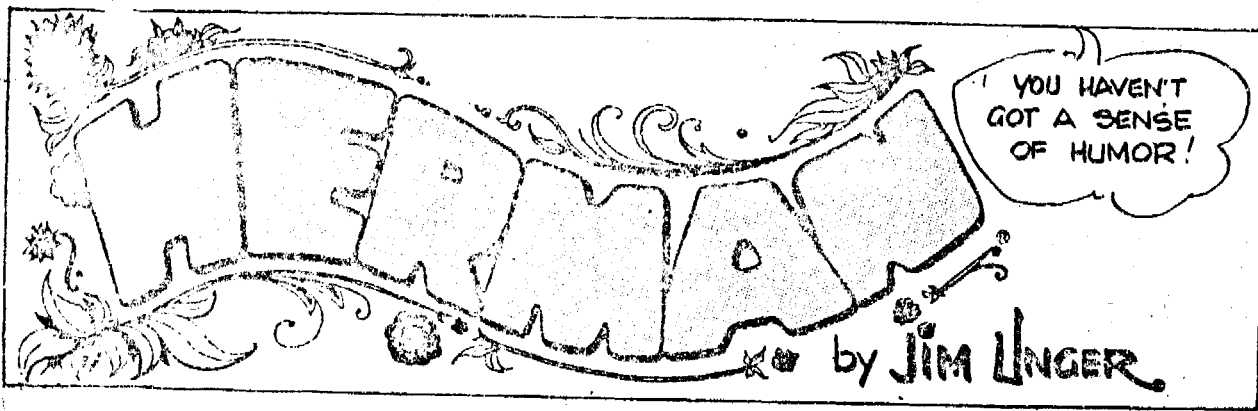
HANNAH MELTON

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1814

m. Christina McCurry

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Page 102.

The first report from the genealogist, Mrs. Ruth Barnette, of Raleigh, N.C. on the Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes county, N.C. research project has been distributed to the 8 members of the project.

Further aspects to the project are as follows:

- 1.. Mrs. Barnette sent 5 more pages of her report of Jan. 6th. I am awaiting another letter and statement from her before distribution.
- 2.. On Jan. 10th I sent a request to Mrs. Barnette asking her to research some newly found Graysons of Orange county, N.C. from 1762, thinking that these may be progenitors of Benjamin Grayson. Details appear on page 103 of this issue. Note the name Isaac Grayson; Could he be an antecedent of Isaac Grayson, son of Joseph of Rutherford County, N.C.? (Joseph Grayson is thought to be possibly a brother to Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes.) See the family chart of Joseph on page 104.
- 3.. Some of Benjamin Grayson's sons went to Knox county, Tenn., we believe, but have not proven. These Graysons should be researched in Knox county and their origins traced. If birthplaces could be shown, it might help in tracing Benjamin. Furthermore, many of our members come from these lines (John, Jesse, Joseph, and Benjamin, jr. were in Knox county, Tenn.) See page 105 for details.
- 4.. William Grayson of Monroe county, Tenn., might be the same William Grayson who appears in Wilkes county, N.C. in 1800. If I can locate a genealogist in Monroe county, I will commission that person to research William for the Project also, with the idea that further light on the Wilkes county clan might develop. See pages 107 and 108 for family charts and footnotes on William Grayson. More material from Howard Grayson about William and others is on pages 109-113. The William Grayson of Rutherford county, N.C. should not be confused with the William mentioned above. See family chart on page 114. Previous Wilkes research is on pp. 115-122.

Maryland Graysons: see good letter from Ruth Hoff, pp. 123-4.

Nice letter from Mrs. McCoy, p. 125. Thanks for the records also.

The 1860 Tennessee Census: PP. 126-129. Who sent this in? Thanks.

Gibson-Grayson connections: pp. 130-134.

Some Illinois Graysons, from Nina Bowen: pp. 135-137.

Copies of Grayson Newsletter Volumes available at cost, including
*postage: Vol. I: \$23.00; Vol. II: \$49.00; Vol. III: \$38.00. *

Who can send me Lewis F. Grayson's new address? It was Bixby, Okla.

*24 Hour Telephone: 584-2250**103 West Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois*

Mrs. M.J. Barnette
 2811 Kittrell Drive
 Raleigh, N. C. 27608

10 Jan 1981

Dear Mrs. Barnette,

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 15th regarding court minutes of Wilkes.

I now have a new request based on new Grayson clues..

Mrs. Mary Hammersmith of Naperville Ill. recently gave me a copy of an article which appeared in the May 1978 North Carolina Genealogy Society Journal proving that there were three Graysons in what is now Alamance county and what was previously Orange county, N.C. Land sales by a Henry McCulloh in the Granville District, on McCulloh Tract No. 11, included:

1. John Grayson 200 acres 10 Sep. 1762
2. Isaac Grayson 907 acres 11 Sep 1762
3. John Grayson 531 acres 28 June 1763
4. Nicholas Grayson 243 acres 25 June 1763

Inasmuch as Benjamin Grayson does not appear in Wilkes county until 1779, there is the possibility that he came from Orange county. One of Benjamin Grayson's putative sons was a John Grayson. If Benjamin named his son John after Benjamin's father, then Benjamin's father could have been a John Grayson. Thus it would be possible that John Grayson's son went West to Wilkes when Wilkes was created out of Rowan county around 1777, and that the son was our Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes.

It makes a pleasant theory. So perhaps you would consent to research the files for all available information on the Graysons of Orange and Alamance counties. You have told me that all such information has been sent by the counties to Raleigh and is available to you there. Please submit a statement for your services at any time.

Thank you,

R. R. Grayson
 R. R. Grayson

6. NC

7. 18

Joseph

may 77
June 77
July 77

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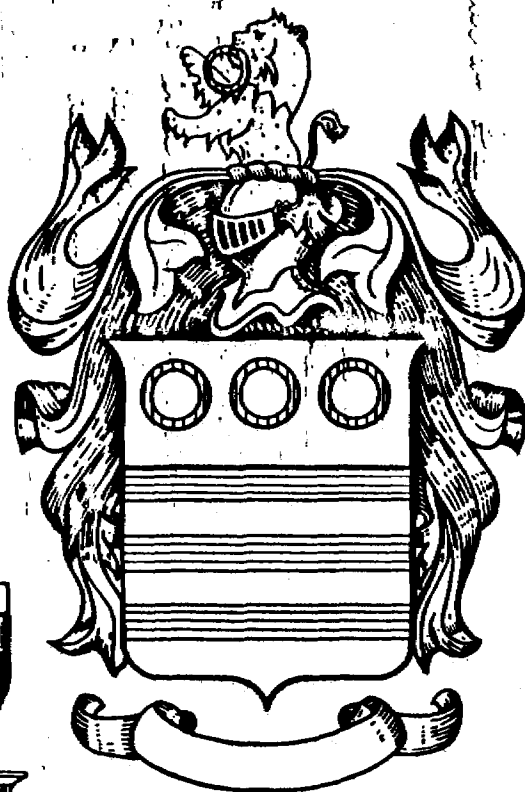
? ISHAM GRAYSON

JOHN GRAYSON OF WILKES AND KNOX:

- 1.. John Grayson bought 190 acres from Siehe Sea for 40 pounds ;
16 March 1797 Knox co.; Tenn.
- 2.. John Grayson.. 1806 tax list; Knox Co.; Tenn. Capt. Hardin's company.
- 3.. Nancy Grayson married John Edmundson Sept. 16, Knox co., 1809.
(Daughter of John Grayson?)
4. Benjamin Grayson married Nancy Regney, Knox co., Tenn. May 29, 1815.
This Benjamin Grayson was home in Knoxville, Tenn., 1814; was born
16 Jan 1793 (Military records, War of 1812). Was this Benjamin
Grayson the son of John Grayson of Knox co.?
5. John Grayson in census of 1790 in Wilkes co., N.C. listed 1 male over
16 and 1 female. (Probably the son of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes
who entered land in Wilkes 1779.)
6. John Grayson on Wilkes co. tax lists 1793, 1794, and 1795.
- 7.. John Grayson bought 100 acres on King's Creek, Wilkes co., N.C.
on 1 April 1791 and sold 100 acres on King's Creek to Ann Wisdom
on 16 Nov. 1794. Benj. Grayson gave oath on the 1791 document.
8. John Grayson on no further tax lists or census in Wilkes county
after 1795.
- 9.. John Grayson on Knox co. Tenn. tax lists in 1806, 1807, 1812, 1827,
and 1828..
- 10.. Joseph Grayson married Patsy Brazeale 10 Dec. 1798, Knox c. Tenn.
and Joseph Grayson bought 400 acres of land from Henry Brazeale 20
July 1801 in Knox co.. (Joseph was brother to John Grayson ?)
11. Benjamin Grayson witnessed will 24 Nov. 1792 Knox co., and was on
Knox co. tax lists 1802, 1806, 1807.. (However a Benj. Grayson was
on the first jury in Roane co 1805 and in 1802 was in Capt. John
Walker's company in Roane county..) Was the Knox co. Benj. Grayson
the brother or father of John Grayson of Knox and Wilkes?
- 12.. John Grayson and wife both 60-70 yrs old Knox co. census 1830. (both
born 1760-1770.)
13. Jessee Grayson on 1806 Knox co. tax list. (Brother to John et al.)
Theory: John Grayson, eldest son of Benjamin Grayson, sr., of Wilkes
county, N.C., moved to Knox county, Tenn. with his wife and children,
Benjamin Grayson and Nancy, in 1797 after selling his 100 acre
farm in Wilkes county, N.C.. His father or brother Benjamin Grayson
lived for a while in Knox county as did his brother Joseph Grayson.
John Grayson lived in Knox county until after 1830. Brother Jessee
lived in Knox co. for a short time before moving to Marion co., Tenn.

...Richard R. Grayson, M.D.
4 Jan 1981

Coat of Arms



Grayson

Historiography

The Grayson Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Grayson Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Ar. three closets az. in chief as many annulets gu."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

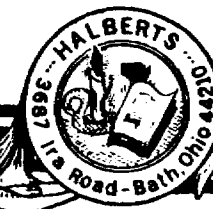
"A demi lion ramp. or, holding in his mouth an annulet, as in the arms."

When translated the blazon also describes the original colors of the Grayson Arms and Crest as it appeared centuries ago.

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times. A Motto was recorded with this Grayson Coat of Arms:

"PROESTARE ET PRODESSE"

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Grayson appears to be both characteristic and locational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning, "one who had a grey complexion, possibly pertaining to the hair", and "one who came from de Grey." The supplementary sheet included in this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations of Grayson to be Grey, de Grey, Gray, de Gray, Grayshon, Gresson, Greeson, Grierson, Grearson, Grason, Grayf, Grayfson, Grayfryn, Graysson, Graueson, Graue, Greveson, Graveson, Greyson and Gression. Although bearers of the old and distinguished Grayson name comprise a small fraction of the population there are a number who have established for it a significant place in history. They include: CARY TRAVERS GRAYSON (1878-1938) American naval physician who, for many years was the physician in charge of attending to President Woodrow Wilson. He was Medical Director in the United States Navy, holding the rank of Rear Admiral, and retired from the service in 1928. In 1935 he became Chairman of the American National Red Cross Association. WILLIAM GRAYSON (1736-1790) American revolutionary leader who served in the Continental Army as Aide-de Camp to Washington. Following the War, he was Commissioner of the Board of War, as well as being a member of the Continental Congress and a Senator. GEORGE WINDSOR GRAYSON (Graveson) (1873-1949) comedian who gave unique presentations of comic elderly men. His most memorable performance was as "Baron Papoff" in the "Merry Widow", and it has been recorded that he played many of the comedy leads in the productions given at Drury Lane Theater. Later in life he became successful in films. FREDERICK ROGER GRAYSON (Graveson) (1858-1940) Episcopal clergyman who served as a missionary in China before being consecrated Bishop of Shanghai in 1893; resigned this post in 1937. No genealogical representation is intended or implied by this report and it does not represent individual lineage or your family tree.



* WILLIAM GRAYSON
b. 1767, Va.

son of Benjamin? ??

Annie
b. 1774, N.C.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

JOSEPH GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

JOHN GRAYSON
b. 1791-1800

HENRY GRAYSON
b. 1801-1810

? William B. Grayson
b. 1815

Cynthia
b. 1816, N.C.

1. 1830 Census, Monroe Co, Tenn.

		0-	20-	30-	40-	50-	60-	slv.
WILLIAM	M	3	0			0	1	9
p. 82	F	3	2			1	0	
JOSEPH	M	2	1	1				9
p. 83	F	3	1	1				
HENRY	M	1	1					5
p. 89	F	2	1					
JOHN	M	1		1	0			5
p. 101	F	2		0	1			
BENJAMIN	M		0	1				3
p. 102	F	1	1	0				

(verify these records again)

2. 1810 Census, Wilkes Co, NC

William Grayson 1 male age 26-44
4 males age 0-15
1 female age 26-44
1 female age 16-25
4 females age < 16

3. 1806-11-18 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. [p. 420] 100 acres £10
SHADRACH LAROS(?) TO WILLIAM GRAYSON on Moravian Creek

4. 1809-7-29 William Grayson witnessed a deed in Wilkes Co.

5. 1801-1-12 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. bought 50 acres for £25 on Moravian Creek

6. 1811-8-19 deed Wilkes Co, N.C. witnessed a deed

7. 1810-3-20 deed ... his land mentioned in the description

8. 1800-11-7 grant # 2310 Wilkes Co, to William Grayson, 50 acres on the
Yadkin River. (Photocopy attached)

9. 1799-10-23 deed Wilkes Co, bought for £84 from William Johnson 200 acres
on Moravian Creek

William⁶ (cont.)

10. 1810 Wilkes Co Census

WILLIAM
GRAYSON

1 male age 26-44
 4 males <16
 1 female 26-44
 1 female 16-25
 4 females <16

JOHN
GRAYSON

(neighbors)

1 male 16-25
 1 female 16-25
 1 female <10

11. [Abbott, 74.1] a land grant in 1815, purchase in 1807,
 sale in 1824 — all in Wilkes Co, N.C.,
 and 1807 } tax list, Knox Co, Tenn.
 1826 }

12. 1800 NC, Wilkes Co. Census

[Davidson: 74.5.23 letter

WILLIAM GRAYSON

p.39

M 3 0 0 1 0
 F 2 0 1 0 0

13. 1850 Census, Tenn, Monroe # 332

WILLIAM GRAYSON

83 Va. ←

AMY

76 NC.

SYNTHIA

34 NC.

HENRY

19 Tenn.

JOSEPH

6 Tenn.

JOHN

10/12 Tenn.

CLEMANTINE 17 Tenn

} are these all
 children of Wm.
 Unlikely.

14. 1840 Census, Tenn, Monroe, p.183

WILL GRAYSON

0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30- 40- 50- 60- 70- 80-

p.183

M

F

0 slaves

BENJAMIN GRASON

p.252

ISABEL GRASON

p.271

HENRY GRASON

p.273

JOSEPH GRASON

p.277

Isabel could be the widow of JOHN⁵.

4921 Seminary Road, Apt. 424
Alexandria, Virginia 22311
27 December 1980

Dear Dick:

In Vol. 4, No. 2, Page 40, you provided information on the William Grayson of Wilkes County, N.C. and his sons. This William has been located on the Monroe County, Tenn., census records for 1830, 40 & 50 and some of his sons for 1830. Copies enclosed. His son Joseph was also located on the Gallaton County, Ill., census for 1850. Copy enclosed. No census record was found for Joseph for 1840 even though there is evidence that he was in Gallaton County at that time. I think that this William may have been the father of my g-grandfather, Jesse Grayson. A family sheet on Jesse is enclosed. The logic is presented below. Family lore, not firmly grounded, has it that my Jesse's father and grandfather were William and Benjamin with the order unestablished. If this William was my Jesse's father, is it possible that the Benjamin of Wilkes County was his father? This is an interesting thought. I note that in the referenced newsletter you indicate otherwise.

I would very much welcome any additional information that you or any of our readers may have relative to this William and his descendants. This is a cry for help.

My g-grandfather, Jesse Grayson, was born in N.C. between Nov. 1800 and Nov. 1810. Additional family lore is that Jesse was of a prominent Carolina family that moved to Tennessee while he was still quite young and that when he was grown he moved to Mo. and subsequently to what is now Logan County, Arkansas. Census records and pension file records reveal that Jesse's son, William S. Grayson, was born in what is now Saline County, Ill., in Feb. 1834. A copy of one page from his pension file is enclosed. Info in the pension file of Jesse F. Grayson, son of Joseph, indicates that Jesse F. was born in Monroe County, Tenn., in 1822 or 23, and that the family moved to Gallaton County, Ill., in about 1834. Joseph located in Shawneetown which is very near the Saline County Line. There is a small town of Grayson in Saline County, Ill., near Eldorado which is quite near to Shawneetown.

William Grayson of Wilkes County, N.C. and Monroe County, Tenn., was born in Virginia in 1777 and was in N.C. by 1800 based upon census data and Joseph's birth there in 1800 and was in Monroe County by 1822 or 23 per the evidence in the pension files of Albert H. & Jesse F. Grayson. Copies enclosed. Joseph came to Ill., Gallaton County, per the statement of Annie Belen Spears, Joseph's daughter. On the 1830 census of Monroe County for Joseph, there is a male 30-40 which is Joseph and another 20-30 who could very well be my Jesse. I think that my Jesse and Joseph made the trek to Ill. together or very close to the same date. Subsequently my Jesse moved to Mo., then to Miss. by 1837 and then to Ark. in 1838.

Other pension file extracts are enclosed which may be of interest to some. The Benjamin C. Grayson of Tenn., whose file is partially enclosed, was a brother of the Col. James Grayson of Tom Duly fame according to the file.

Sorry that I haven't gotten to the Passengership listings. Most of my time is devoted to attempting to trace my lines. I will still try to get to that very soon. However, my time is limited. I will be in travel status weekly beginning 5 Jan. 81 for six or seven months.

Will close for now.

With highest regards,

H.E.G.
Howard E. Grayson

Free White Males

Free White Females

-1830-

Grayson, William

Grayson, Joseph

Grayson, Henry

Grayson, Benjamin

Grayson, John

- 1840 -

Grayson, William

Grayson, Will

Grayson, Isabel

[illegible]

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	Emigration Date	Remarks
390			Grayson, Schsah A.	18	F	W			Ill.					
			Black, Agnilla	26	M	W	Farmer		Tenn.					
			, Elizabeth	26	F	W			Tenn.					
406			Grayson, Joseph	50	M	W	Farmer		N.C.					
			, John R.	5	M	W			Ill.					
			Bellevue, Jonathan		M	W	Farmer							
			, Annie	26	F	W			Tenn.					
			, Martha	9/10	F	W			Ill.					
410			Grayson, Benjamin	16	M	W	Laborer		Ill.					

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Husband Jesse Grayson
 Born October Nov. 1833 Boy 1810 Place N.C.
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died Mid 1850's Place Logan County, Ark.
 Buried _____ Place _____
 Wife Margaret
 Born 1815 + or - 1 yr. Place Tenn.
 Died After 1870 Place Probably Sebastian County
 Buried _____ Place _____
 Additional Information Jesse came to Ark. in 1838 probably from Miss. where he had lived for only a short time. He settled Sugar Creek in Scott County (Now Logan). A small community here is named for him.

Family Group No. _____
 Source of Information:
 Federal Census Records
 Ark. Vital Statistics
 Personal Knowledge
 Ark. County Records
 Fed. Pension Records of
 William S. & E.B. Grayson

CHILDREN	Born Date & Place	Died Date & Place	Married Date & Place Spouse
William S.	Saline County, Ill. Feb. 6, 1834	Ione, Ark. Oct. 30, 1915	Married 5 times. Last to Emma Webb.
James	Mo. 1836		
Martha	Miss. 1837		
Enoch Boone*	Logan County, Ark. 1843	26 Nov. 1903 Ink, Ark.	Rebecca Janes Hughes 30 July 1878 (1st)
Paulina Elizabeth (Note)	Logan County, Ark. 1844	Greenwood, Ark. 1910 + or - 1 yr.	John Preston Pearson (2nd) Prior to 1894
Benjamin C.	Logan County, Ark. Sep't. 1847	Central City, Ark. 1917 + or - 1 yr.	Izetta Fagin (2nd) 12 Feb. 1879 Sebastian. C.
Jesse (Ethelbert)	Logan County, Ark. 1849		
David L. (Latt)	Logan County, Ark. 1851	Ft. Smith, Ark. Jan. 11, 1898	Susan Ashworth (2nd) 15 Nov. 1894 Greenwood Ark.
Note: Jesse apparently died in the Mid 1850's. Margaret then married a man by the name of Taylor. A son named John Taylor was born to them in 1857. He was located on the 1870 census but there is no record since that time. The family moved to near Ft. Smith where Wm. S. was stationed during the Civil war probably seeking the protection of the Union Army. Wm. S., Ben, Boone and Elizabeth remained in the area for most of the remainder of their lives. There is a Grayson Creek on the Ft. Chaffee Reservation that is named for the clan-probably for Ben. Sugar Creek is about ten miles south of Booneville, Ark. The community of Grayson still exist. There are several listings in the Booneville Telephone Book for subscribers with a Grayson address. Jesse is reportedly buried in a now unmarked grave in a community cemetery in the small settlement of Grayson. Jesse may be the son of Wm. Grayson, born in Va., in N.C. in the early 1800's and in Monroe County, Tenn., from the mid 1820's to past 1850.			

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Note: Paulina Elizabeth was the foster mother of Albert Grayson and raised him from a few days after his birth.

* WILLIAM GRAYSON — BENJAMIN GRAYSON
 -1841
 son of Joseph⁷ m. ANNA

m. 1807-10-17

SUSANNA LOGAN — SALLY GRAYSON

m. — Deviney

1. [marriage bond]

1807-10-17 William Grayson

m. Susannah Login

bondsman: Joseph Login

witness: W. McFarland J.P.

2. 1841-2-16 NC, Rutherford Co.

will: William Grayson

This will gives a lot of family
 inf.

PATSY GRAYSON

m. — Queen

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

3. 1820 Census, NC, Rutherford Co.

WILLIAM GRAYSON 2 males \$10
 1 male 26-45
 1 female \$10
 1 female 10-16
 1 female 26-45
 2 slaves.

4. 1840 Census, NC, Ruth. Co.

WILLIAM GRAYSON

	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65	65-70	70+
M	1	2			1								1		
F	1		1	1				1							

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29 August 1975

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
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Dear Dr. Grayson,

Wilkes County tax lists have been one of our weaker records for the early period as well as into the 1800's. Last fall three years tax lists were found in the private collection of William Lenoir in the University of N. C. Library at Chapel Hill. About six weeks ago, eight more years were found. They are going to be published by the society this winter. I have copied two "batches" and have the third to do. I am telling you this to explain the enclosed chart.

I am just back from a trip to Raleigh where I did research in the Archives and in the Land Grant Office. I am also enclosing copies of the original land grants for Benjamin Grayson here in Wilkes and Joseph Grayson who entered his first land in Burke County. While in the land grant office I met a young man who, believe it or not, descends from Joseph Grayson in Rutherford County!! He has volunteered to send me information that he has compiled on those Graysons there. He is a graduate student at Chapel Hill and will not go to Rutherfordton for a few weeks, but I have all faith that he will keep his promise!

You will see from the chart that I have included the 1800 census of Wilkes on the Graysons. It would appear from the chart that Benjamin of Wilkes (1778) had sons John, Joseph, Jesse and Benjamin, Jr. and a male bet the ages of 16-26 in 1800 WHO COULD VERY WELL BE WREN, but there are no records here to prove it, as you have said.

Since the William (5) does not appear on the ¹⁷⁰⁰ tax lists, and since talking to the young man in the land grant office, it is quite possible that William Grayson belongs to Joseph in Rutherford County as he is supposed to have had a William, a Benjamin and a Joseph, Jr., I believe. William (5) I do not believe could belong to Benj. (1778) for that would give him an extra male and the census for 1787, 1790 and 1800 belie this fact.

Also from the 1800 census, I do not believe that Benj. 1778 left Wilkes until after the census was taken and by the 1805 tax list, Jesse still was paying on 80 ac and 1 poll, but by 1810 only William (5) was left.

My theory would be that William belongs to Joseph of Rutherford County. He came to Wilkes and bought land on Moravian Creek because his UNCLE Benjamin was here. Benjamin (1778) and his family left, but William remained. I have listed three sons for William (5). Note their names. Benjamin (2) is, I believe the one who married the widow Kilby and who was divorced by her. Sept. term 1826 for living in adultery. I have not gone beyond 1820 since your Graysons left here prior to that time.

The young man in the land grant office and I feel that Benjamin and Joseph were perhaps brothers. Benjamin getting his first land on the ridge bet Wilkes and Burke and Joseph getting his first land bet Burke and Rutherford Co. By both of them using the same names and then William (5) using the same, they almost certainly had to be very closely related.

Now, I have checked my own private collection of records in Virginia since I have not had time to go to the library and research in the material up there. There was an Ambrose Grayson who left a will in 1742 naming his brother BENJAMIN GRAYSON his Execr. Ambrose and a John Grayson obtained land in the 1720's. John sold Ambrose land in 1729. Ambrose had a son John and one Ambrose and "other childre", not named. There is mention of Col William Grayson in both the Spotsylvania Books and Augusta County Books. We have right much material in the library on the counties formed out of Augusta and around that area of Spotsylvania Orange, Caroline, etc. I do not know that there is enough to find a connection with the Benjamin and Joseph that came into Wilkes, but I can only tell you I will search through it all if you want to continue with the search.

The enclosed material exhausts the check mailed earlier. I will await your pleasure.

Sincerely,

R. Absher

Mrs. W. O. Absher

Encl.

P. S. I could not make copies of the zerox copies of the tax lists at this time. It might be possible for me to do so later, but one especially has to be cut and put together in a better order. I am speaking of copying only the Grayson references.



I'm Looking Up
My Family Tree

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Internal Medicine

September 5, 1975

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Dear Mrs. Absher:

Thank you for your excellent report on the Graysons. I see that one of the crucial points to resolve is the matter of WILLIAM GRAYSON whose family was recorded in Wilkes county in the census of 1800, 1810, and 1820. I have records indicating that he sold his land in 1824. I assume him to be the William Grayson who then shows up in Monroe county, Tenn., in the same area where four Grayson families the right age to be his sons are listed: namely Henry, John, Benjamin, and Joseph Grayson. This William Grayson according to your census schedules turned 45 between 1811 and 1820 and therefore was born between 1766 and 1775.

In Rutherford county in the 1810 census there were 2 William Graysons age 45 or older. One of them had one girl under 10 and a wife 26-45; the other had three girls under 10 and a wife 45 or older. Therefore the two William Graysons of Rutherford county in 1810 were not the same as the William Grayson of Wilkes county.

Furthermore, William Grayson witnessed the will of Rachel (VanZant) Grayson in 1828 in Rutherford county. Rachel was the widow of Joseph Grayson. I assume that William was the son of Joseph and Rachel. I have a letter from Harold Rollins of Winston-Salem, N.C., stating that the children of Joseph Grayson according to estate proceedings, were 1) William who married Susannah Logan in 1807 and died 1841, 2) Joseph, Jr., 3) Isaac, 4) Benjamin, 5) Elizabeth, and 6) Susan. Further, I have the will of William Grayson of Rutherford county dated 16 Feb., 1841, in which he names as his children Benjamin Grayson, Sally Deviney, Patsy Queen, and Elizabeth Grayson. This latter William Grayson must therefore be the William of the 1810 census with 3 girls under 10.

Further analyzing the age of William Grayson of Wilkes, I note that in the 1800 census his wife was 16-26 and he had 3 sons and 2 daughters under 10. His wife must have been close to 26 and they must have been married about 10 years previously in 1790. If William was 21 at marriage, his birth would have been about 1769. This still lies in the bracket 1766-1775 as calculated from the 1810 and 1820 census, between which he turned 45. HOWEVER, if he was born BEFORE 1774, as is likely (could a 26 year old man have 5 children?) then William Grayson of Wilkes, no doubt the William E. Grayson of other records, might NOT be a son of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes. Further, the son of Benjamin in the 1800 census who was 16-26 and the last child at home out of 7 children (5 boys, 2 girls) could have been WREN GRAYSON, 1732.

If William Grayson of Wilkes is the same William Grayson of Monroe county, Tenn., then he was born in 1767 in Virginia and his wife was Anny, born 1774 in N.C. (1850 census of Monroe county, Tenn.) This fits well with the calculations above for William Grayson of Wilkes.

We can try to calculate the age of Benjamin of Wilkes from his son, John, who was married by 1790. If John was 21, and if Benjamin had been 21 at John's birth, then Benjamin was born at least 42 years before the 1790 census: 1748. If we give a 2 - year margin plus or minus for John and also for Benjamin, we have 1748 plus or minus

4 years, or 1744-1752. We know that Benjamin Grayson, Sr., was born before 1755 because in the 1800 census he was over 45 years of age. In addition to this we have the census of JOHN GRAYSON of Knox county, Tenn., in 1830: (I assume this to be the son of Wilkes for reasons stated elsewhere). In 1830 John was 60-69; thus he was born 1760-1770, and this proves that he was over 20 in the 1790 census.

The 5 sons of Benjamin of Wilkes were:

1. JOHN, the eldest, who had his own family in 1790.
2. JOSEPH, who went to Knox county, married Pattie Brazeal in 1798.
3. JESSE, who left for Tenn. after 1805, had a large family in Marion county, witnessed the will of Joseph.
4. BENJAMIN, Jr., proven the son of Benjamin, Sr., in the 1799 tax list which mentioned Sr. and Jr.
5. WREN, proven the brother of JOSEPH elsewhere.

From all of the above, we usually have concluded that there were only 5 sons of Benjamin of Wilkes, mainly because in the 1787 census there were 5 sons, and in the 1790 census when John Grayson was in his own household there were 4 sons in the home of Benjamin. But suppose TWO sons left the home of Benjamin 1787-1790, and one was BORN. Then there would be 6 sons, and there would be room for William E. Grayson on the list. William could have left during the period 1787-1790 (age 20-23) as well as John (21?)

The only trouble is, who was the boy in Ben's house age 16-26 in 1800? Wren or the youngest? To answer, let us examine the sons: 1) It was not John because he married, went to Tenn. to Knox county before 1800. 2) Joseph went to Knox county, married 1798, and there is no reason to think he returned. 3) Jesse Grayson must have been born before 1777 because he had land and paid taxes 1797-1805, so it was not Jesse at Ben's house in 1800. 4) Benjamin, Jr., was on the tax record in 1799 but owned no land. From Marion county, Tenn. records we have concluded previously that the wife of Benjamin, Jr., was Martha, born in 1780. Therefore, Benjamin is likely to have been born before 1780. Furthermore, Benjamin Grayson, Jr., might be the one who witnessed the will of Jane McCarty in Knox county, Tenn., in 1792.

Therefore, we have no evidence for the theory stated above, that there might have been a son younger than Wren and that 2 rather than 1 son left 1787-1790.

However, suppose there had been 6 sons BEFORE 1787 and one left before the 1787 census and then John left after that census. If William instead of John was the eldest, and if William had left before 1787, he could then be a brother to Wren. William was born about 1767 (1850 census in Monroe County, Tenn.). He leaves home age 19-20, evading the 1787 census, and leaving 5 brothers at home. John leaves in 1790, leaving 4. Wren is the last at home in 1800. Now we have 6 sons of Benjamin of Wilkes.

I prefer the last theory. Therefore William would have been the eldest son, not John, and if William was born when his father was at least 21, then his father Benjamin would have been born in (1767-21) about 1746 instead of 1748 (+ or - 4).

There are two other N.C. Graysons: in the 1800 census for Lincoln county is DRURY GRAYSON 833, 42101-31001. Also an ELI GRAYSON in Wake county, N.C. in three marriages and as a witness in 1798, 1810, 1820, and 1824.

You mentioned the Virginia Graysons. I have the genealogy collections of 3 of the descendants of these Graysons, including the collections of 2 certified genealogists who have Grayson lines. The material amounts to hundreds of pages and hundreds of Graysons. I have given up trying to go from that family to mine but have decided that I must go backward from my Graysons to find the connecting link.

Incidentally, would you explain to me the meaning of 1 poll and 0 poll? If that means 1 poll tax, when would they NOT pay 1 poll tax? When not voting?

I shall appreciate the material on the Rutherford clan if you obtain it from the person you met. Maybe he has some new clues.

It is significant that Benjamin Grayson, Sr., left (or died?) Wilkes between 1800 and 1805 because Wren Grayson married Betsy Owens in 1805 in Scott county, Ky., suggesting that when the last son (Wren) left home, so did the father leave for other lands. I note that the first jury in Roane county, (1805) Tenn., had a Benjamin Grayson on it. Further, Bledsoe county, Tenn., was created out of Roane county in 1807, the year that Wren Grayson and his wife and first child, John Wren Grayson, left Scott county, Ky., for Bledsoe county. Benjamin Grayson (Jr. or Sr?) and Wren Grayson signed a petition in 1815 in Bledsoe county. In 1813, Marion county was created out of Bledsoe county and Indian lands, and in 1830, Jesse Grayson, Benjamin Grayson, (Jr. no doubt) and the widow of Joseph Grayson are in Marion county with large families. Joseph is proven to be the brother of Wren in a bounty application and Jesse witnessed the will of Joseph, this linking all these people. Further I have a letter from Wren to his nephew Henry, the known son of Joseph.

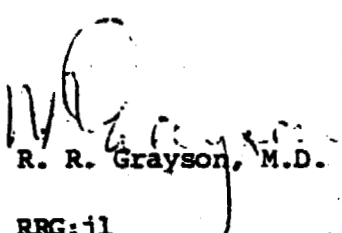
I was happy to obtain the copy of the 290 acre grant of Benjamin of Wilkes because it was entered June 19, 1779, this being the earliest date of a document that I now have. I note that Wilkes was created from Surrey county in 1777. Could there be Grayson records in Surrey? Perhaps you could check deeds, deaths, marriages, courts, taxes, etc., there.

What if Benjamin, S.r, had come directly to Virginia or to North Carolina from England? Are there immigration records?

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for more searching.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Mrs. Absher

7 Sept. 1975

This is a follow-up letter to the letter of last week detailing our knowledge of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes and his sons. I would like to set down the evidence for certain connections to Virginia:

1. Hypothesis: Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes, born ca. 1746, came from Virginia.
 - a. It is said that "later census returns" from Rutherford county show that some of the children of Joseph Grayson, sr., of Rutherford co., N.C., were born in Va. We both agree that this Joseph might be the brother to Benjamin of Wilkes.
 - b. William Grayson of Monroe county, Tenn., age 83 in the 1850 census, was born in Va., his wife in N.C. My last letter details presumptive evidence that William was the son of Benjamin of Wilkes.

2. Hypothesis: Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes might have come from Fairfax County or Culpepper County, Va.:

- 1.) A Benjamin Grayson was in Roane county, Tenn. in 1802 and 1805. (Tax and Jury records).
- 2.) A Stacey Grayson married William Brown 28 Oct. 1805, Roane county, Tenn.
- 3.) A Stacey Ellzey, daughter of Lewis Ellzey, married 1st Bergess Berkley, 2nd BENJAMIN GRAYSON; their "youngest children" were Benj., Susan, Sara, Ann Grayson (Ref.: Va. Co. Records; Fairfax co. wills, p. 62.)
Dates on will: 1 Oct. 1786; 19 Dec. 1786; (will of father?)
- 4.) Rachel (Van Zant) Grayson, 2nd. wife of Joseph Grayson, sr., Rutherford county, his widow in her will of 1828 mentions her daughter Jane Crow and Jane's children Rachel, Elizabeth, Lettis, Issac, James G., & Abraham Crow.
- 5.) A James Crow witnessed the will of Frances (Hurt) Grayson, dtr. of James Hurt, in a will in Culpepper county, Va., 15 June, 1789.
- 6.) William Grayson, John Crow, and Will Hurt were among the purchasers of an estate of Christopher Dickens 17 April 1780 in Culpepper county, Va.
- 7.) Also in Culp. co.: James Grayson, wit. will 1781; Thomas Grayson, sale, 1754.

Note: Another note I have: it was Ellzey Lewis, not Lewis Ellzey: the will was his.

Perhaps some of these clues will be of help,

Sincerely, R. R. Grayson, M.D.

Hypothesis:

AMBROSE GRAYSON (d. 1742) his wife Alice mrd 3rd timeto:
 sons: Ambrose, jr., went to Culpepper county, Va.
 John
 BENJAMINE*

*BENJAMIN GRAYSON married Stacey Elzie in Fairfax county,
 in ? _____ went to Wilkes co., N.C. by 1779

BENJAMIN GRAYSON Left Wilkes, 1800, went to Knox
 county, Tenn., and died.

Wm
 Widow Stacey Grayson, married a Mr./Brown in 1805, Roane
 county, Tenn.

Ref.:

1. *Ambrose married Alice James, daughter of Miles James, and widow of John James in 1726. He died testate in 1743, his will naming only John, Ambrose, Thomas, and Benjamin as his children and Benjamin, Sr., as his brother and executor. (Spots. W.B.A., page 379.) quoted by M.K. Gordon letter to Mrs. Davidson, 19 May 1956.
2. Ambrose's son John was born about 1727.. ibid. He removed to Montgomery co., Va., died 1802. His sons were Ambrose, John, & William. Ibid. William d. 1801. Ambrose killed 1779.
3. Ambrose, Jr., died unmarried without issue 6 March 1756. (W.B.B.), p. 206..
4. John and Ambrose, jr. were under 21 in 1744 as their mother was qualified as their guardian (order book) ibid.
5. Ambrose's son John married Barbary. His son William mar. Sarah ? and had Billy, Rubin, #Ambrose, Betsy, Sally, & Polly. William d. 1801. in Montgomery co., Va. #Ambrose mrd. Betsy Wisor in 1807.
6. Culpepper co. was erected from a portion of Spts co. Prince William co., birth place of Col. Grayson, adjoins spts. In 1734 Orange co was formed from Spts. so Orange included what later became Culpepper co.
7. Will of Ambrose Grayson, Sr. in file from M.K. Gordon to Mrs. Davidson. Dated 16 Sept., 1742. Sptxs co., Will Bk A. 1722-1749 p. 379
8. Ambrose Grayson mrd. Alice James in 1726, the widow of John James who died early in 1726, testate in Spts, she the mother of 1 dtr. & enciente of another dtr.
9. Abstracts of Wills & Inventories, Fairfax co., Va. 1742-1801, by Estelle Stewart King
 Will book E. Will of Lewis Elzey dated 1 Oct. 1786; proven 19 Dec. 1786. Sons, William. Daughters: Elizabeth, Mary, Thomasin ?, Sarah, Patience, STACEY (HER FIRST HUSBAND WAS BERGESS BERKLEY, SECOND, BENJAMIN GRAYSON.) STACEY GRAYSON 4 youngest children: BENJAMIN, SUSAN, SARAH, AND ANN. (Ref. see Wulfeck papers to Mrs. Davidson.) No Wren!
10. Stacey Grayson mrd. William Brown, Roane co., Tenn.: 1805. Was this the same Stacey Grayson as above?

Dear Dr. Grayson:

Please forgive me for being so long in mailing you this check for the package I received from you. I was waiting for the copies of wills and other legal documents I had ordered from the Maryland Hall of Records so I could add to your newsletter. I enjoyed very much the information I received from you, and want to be on your permanent mailing list. I want to correct one item that I sent in previously. I had the abstract of a will which stated that in 1697 in Talbot County, Maryland Sarah Grason was left land by her mother, Henrietta Maria Lloyd. I found the original copy of the will, and the land was left to Sarah Grason, but the will listed Sarah Grason right after the daughters, and did not state that she was a daughter. All of the other daughters were specifically referred to as daughters. This information appeared on page 93 of Volume 4, No. 3 of your newsletter.

From "Marriages and Deaths from Baltimore Newspapers":

P. 133 Capt. Alfred Grayson U.S.M.C. M. Eliza Coulter

5/13/1816 2nd Presbyterian Church, Baltimore

P. 133 John Grason M. Martha Wray 1st Presbyterian Church

5/13/1816

For those who are looking for ties with the Wren family, I found Wrens mentioned in Virginia when doing some research, in a book The Beverly Family of Virginia. If someone is interested and does not have access to this book I will go to the Dallas Public Library and research it for them.

Following is information I received from copies of original wills from the Hall of Records, St. of Maryland; note that some of the information mentions Grason, some Gresham. At first I thought They were the same family, now I doubt it.

Will of Richard Grason, Talbot Co., written 1786, probated 1797:
Niece Maria - daughter of Brother Thomas, Deceased; Son-John;
Son Richard (died before the father); Son Thomas (Died before the father), Son George (died before their father); Granddaughter Ann -daughter of Son Richard & Susannah; Daughter Sarah Dashiell; Daughter Maria Grason; Daughter Amelia Grason; Wife Ann.

Deed - Talbot Co., Md. 1773 - Land in Talbot County deeded to Richard Grason from Thomas Grason and Wife Ann. Land left to Thomas by his Father, Richard Grason. At that time Thomas Grason was a Mariner, Master of H.M.S. Somerset. I believe that this is the Thomas Grason who during the Revolution was a Commodore in the Maryland Navy. Thomas Grason was brother To Richard to whom he deeded this land.

Will of Richard Grason, St. Michaels Parish, Talbot Co. probated 1746.
Sons: Richard Grason & Thomas Grason, wife Sarah.

Inventory of Estate of Robert Grason of Goods and Chattels in Stockton, England (1698), Talbot Co. Records, Mary Grason Executrix.

Will of John Gresham 1723, Anne Arundel Co. Md.: Eldest son John, son Thomas, Daughter Priscilla, Son Richard, Daughter Sarah, daughter Elizabeth, God-son John Gassaway, wife (possibly Sarah).

Sarah Gresham - 1756 Son Richard, 3 Granddaughters who were daughters of Daughter Sarah Wooden; Grandson John Gresham -son of John deceased; Grandson Richard Gresham - son of John Deceased, Granddaughter Mary and Grandson Thomas children of son John Deceased (over)

Will of Sarah Gresham - 1756 - continued: Daughter Elizabeth Jones

Will of John Gresham - 1752 - Kent Co., Md. : Wife, Daughter Sarah, Son John, Son Richard, William - "Son of my wife", Daughter Mary.

Will of Richard Gresham, Kent Co., Md. - 1780 - Son Richard Montgomery Gresham, Son John, daughters Maria and Ann Gresham.

Land Valuation Kent Co. 1783: land and Plantation of John Gresham, orphan of Richard Gresham

Land Valuation 1783 Kent Co. - Mary Gresham minor - under age 14, Ann Dean, Guardian

Will of Sarah Gresham - widow of Annapolis - 1756: Son Richard Gresham, 3 granddaughters- daughters of Sarah Wooden, daughter; Grandchildren John Gresham, Richard Gresham, Mary Gresham, Thomas Gresham, all children of ~~daughter~~ deceased son John; daughter Elizabeth Jones.

will of Richard Gresham, Kent Co. 1773: Grandson Richard Gresham Smyth; Grandson Thomas Smyth; Thomas Gresham - Son of Sophia Whalon deceased and Grandson to Edward Whalon; nephew Thomas Gresham, son of Brother John; son-in-law Thomas Smyth who is named guardian of Thomas Gresham, son of Sophia Whalon.

Will of John Gresham, Kent. Co. 1772: Brother Richard, Brother Thomas, Nieces Mary Grason and Sarah Grason, daughters of Sister Mary Grason. (So apparently the Greshams and Grasons intermarried here).

In Maryland Genealogies V. 1 P. 462 I found: James Frisby M. in 1746/50 Sarah Gresham (B.14 July 1730) daughter of John Gresham of "Greshams College" Kent Co., and wife Hannah Hynson, dau of Col. Nathaniel Hynson.

Vol 1. p. 269 - same reference - Sarah Chew, B July 11, 1770 D. Sept. 10, 1843 m. (3) Beverly R. Grayson.

In Prillaman Family by Rogers : Jacob Prillaman m 1-Elizabeth Grayson about 1806 in Va. She dau of Wm & Rachel Cooley Grayson of Montgomery Co. Va. In 1801 Wm. Grayson mentions her in his will as his unmarried daughter and in 1802 Rachel mentions "heirs of my deceased daughter Eliz. Prillaman".

Same Reference: John Prillaman m/1807 Sarah (Sally) Grayson, B. March 4, 1789 d. March 1 1884, dau of Wm & Rachel Cooley Grayson.

If anyone can help me trace my Mary Grason (Grayson), daughter of Captain Richard Grayson who married Capt. Robt. Dashiell about 1788 in Maryland, I would be deeply indebted.

Thank you,

Ruth Hoff
Ruth Hoff

P.S. For Jean Mitchell, There was a connection between the Grason and Edmondson families in Talbot Co., Md. A Mary _____ m. 1 Robert Grason and 2. Thomas Edmondson (1699) at the Third Haven Meeting of Friends in Talbot Co., Md. Had son Joshua Grason who M. Ruth Hopkin. and I believe had another wife. Issue: Edmond B 1731, Joshua B 1733 and Mary B. 1736

Oct. 16-80

Dear Dick:

I'm enclosing my check for the Newsletters, and ^{the} the two Nat. Archives records you requested from Howard E. Grayson in the Vol.4-No. 3- Pg.77 Newsletter I received today. The records are for John and John W. Grayson- Sorry they smell mouldy, but I've had them stored in the basement a number of years. You should already have condensed copies of them and others I sent to Dan in 1976 or early 1977. I assumed he had given you copies because one of them was printed in Newsletter #5- pg.6 for Thomas J. Grayson (1840-1906).

The John W. Grayson (1838-1912) was son of Henry and Cynthia Yearns Grayson, and the one whose death cert. I tried to get- Newsletter #7- pg. 6 #5. (1977). He is also John W. md. Susannah Wagner 14 Jly 1860 given by Earl Grayson Vol.3 -No.1 -pgs. 5&6. The Mary E. Grayson who md. Jeremiah Pool should be MAY E. (not Mary). The records Earl found in Napa, Calif. and the ones I've found, put Henry's widow Cynthia and her children James H.- May E. -Emily E.- John W.- and my grandfather, Ernest L. Grayson, all in California around 1900. The other enclosed John Grayson who md. Betsy Ann Peters was b. 1820 & d. 1891 and Dan told me he was son of Benjamin (Bro. of Wren Sr.).

I don't find an address for Howard E. Grayson- His letter head reads only Alexandria, Va. Perhaps you'll want to write him a note to tell him you have the Nat. Archives records and he won't need to order them.

Wish I had more to contribute.

Sincerely,

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1860 TENNESSEE CENSUS INDEX

Directions

An asterisk in front of an entry indicates that this is not the entire household. Absence of an asterisk means the entire household, including those with differing surnames, is shown. In most cases the household is set forth in its entirety, so that persons with differing surnames appear twice, once with the household head and once under their own surnames.

Numbers after the names indicate ages. At the end of each entry is the county symbol (see reverse for key) followed by either one or two numbers. If one number, it is the handwritten number shown on the original schedule. If two numbers, the second one is the stamped number in upper right corner of original schedule.

So called "free colored" are identified by a (B) or (M) after the individual's name, or by (black family) if that applies to the entire entry.

Where sex of an individual seems otherwise in doubt we have usually inserted (m) or (f) after the name.

A Decatur

Byron and Barbara Sistler

B DeKalb

C Dickson

D Dyer

F Fayette

Fa Fentress

Fr Franklin

G Gibson

Gt Giles

Gr Grainger

KEY TO COUNTY SYMBOLS

A	Anderson	H	Hamilton	Mg	Morgan
B	Bedford	Ha	Hancock	O	Obion
Be	Benton	Hr	Hardeman	Ov	Overton
Bl	Bledsoe	Hd	Hardin	P	Perry
Bo	Blount	Hw	Hawkins	Po	Polk
Br	Bradley	Hy	Haywood	Pu	Putnam
C	Campbell	He	Henderson	R	Rhea
Ca	Cannon	Hn	Henry	Ro	Roane
Cr	Carroll	Hi	Hickman	Rb	Robertson
Ct	Carter	Hu	Humphreys	Ru	Rutherford
Ce	Cheatham	J	Jackson	S	Scott
Cl	Claiborne	Je	Jefferson	Sq	Sequatchie
Co	Cocke	Jo	Johnson	Se	Sevier
Cf	Coffee	K	Knox	Sh	Shelby
Cu	Cumberland	L	Lauderdale	Sm	Smith
D	Davidson	La	Lawrence	St	Stewart
De	Decatur	Le	Lewis	Su	Sullivan
Dk	DeKalb	Li	Lincoln	Sn	Sumner
Di	Dickson	M	Macon	T	Tipton
Dy	Dyer	Ma	Madison	Un	Union
F	Fayette	Mr	Marion	V	VanBuren
Fe	Fentress	Ms	Marshall	W	Warren
Fr	Franklin	Mu	Maury	Wa	Washington
G	Gibson	Mc	McMinn	Wy	Wayne
Gi	Giles	Mn	McNairy	We	Weakley
Gr	Grainger	Me	Meigs	Wh	White
Ge	Greene	Mo	Monroe	Wi	Williamson
Gu	Grundy	Mt	Montgomery	Wl	Wilson

GRAYHAM, Thomas 55, Mary 36, James P? 20, Almira J. 18, Elizabeth M. 15,
John T. 12, Mn-161-434

GRAYHAM, Thomas 43, Susannah 17, Joseph 14, Nancy 37, Jane 12, Aaron 10,
Mary 8, Thomas 6, George 5, John 4, Andrew M. 1, Mr-71-261

GRAYHAM, Washington 40, Lavicy 36, Sarah 22, William 20, Martha 15, Charles
10, John 12, Mn-114-410

*GRAYHAM, Wm. 35, Di-112-257

GRAYHAM, William 44, Mary C. 20, Virginia 11/12, Elizabeth 70, Mn-29-368

GRAYSBY, John E. 49, Mashly 43 (f), Benj. F. 19, Mary C. 14, Ann R. 12,
Hanah A. 11, Charles N. 9, James C. 8, Susan 6, Br-143

GRAYSDEN, J. B. 36 (m), Aramaty 31, Nancy 13, Susanah C. 12, Aramaty 7,
Cornelia E. 2, Mary A. 10/12, Robt. HAYS 64, Pu-145-86

GRAYSON, Henry 60, Mm Nancy 60, Anderson 19, James ROGERS 22, Sq-43-254

GRAYSON, Houston 23, Priscilla 26, Anderson 7/12, Joseph 10, Mr-5-228

GRAYSON, James W. M. 28, Julia A. 26, William F. 6, Mary E. 5, James H.
3, Rebeca E. 2/12, Benjamin C. 22, William ARNOLD 27, Mary KILBY
20, Jo-162-58

*GRAYSON, Margaret 13, Mr-9-230

*GRAYSON, Martha E. 18, Mr-62-256

*GRAYSON, Nancy 21, Sarah A. 3, Rebeca J. 1, Jo-37-17

GRAYSON, Patrick N. 31, Martha P.? 29, Nancy L. 7, Sarah Ann 6, Frances
E. 4, George W. 3, Robert PARNARY? 12, Mr-5-228

GRAYSON, Pleasant 38, Vashtie 31, William 15, Mary 14, Tennessee 10, George
6, Pleasant 3, Mr-11-231

GRAYSON, Thomas 25, Christena 25, Isaac C. 2, Roxannah 6/12, Mary DAY 7,
Cl-47-271

*GRAYSON, William J. 23, Wl-65-281

GRAYSUM, E. L. 70 (m), David 18, George 16, Mary 13, Milly 11, We-19-469

GRAYSUM, J. J. 35 (m), Elizabeth 31, Nancy 8, William 6, Rachel 4, Ten-
nessee 2, We-18-469

*GRAYSUM, William 15, Susan 13, Jessee 10, We-19-469

GREASON, Elizabeth 59, J. L. 25 (m), E. J. 23 (f), H. C. 20 (m), Isaac
DANIELS 9, Wy-29-303

*GRANY, Wm. 21, Ce-110

GRARROD?, Robt. 28, Ellen 23, Eliza 2, Sh-91-46

GRASHAM, Duncan 45, Lucinda 30, Calvin? 12, Robert F. 4, Robert V.2, Bl-36

GRASON, Anna 85, Syntha 49, Dauthula C. FIRESTONE 24, Joseph GRASON 14,
John 12, Saml. P. FIRESTONE 18, Mo-43-211

GRASON, Jacob 58, Amand 26, Celina 20, Jessie 23, G-334-355

GRASON, W. B. 47 (m), Malinda 52, William 20, G. W. 13 (m), S. E. 7 (f),
Mo-43-211

GRASS, Frederick 30, Clara 26, Fed G. 1/12, H-103-117

*GRASS, Wm. 35, Sm-147-297

*GRASSE, Dedrich 38, Mary 25, Eliza 4, Dedrick 4/12, Sh-77-39

*GRASSHAM, Anderson 18, Mg-52-496

GRASSHAM, John 51, Mary 45, Sarah 25, Mary A. 18, George W. 15, Wesley
ELDRIDGE 17, Joseph W. 15, Rebeca C. 12, Sarah L. 6, Cu-80-530.

*GRASSHAM, John 15, Me-90-182

GRASSHAM, Wesley 30, Nancy 35, William E. 18, Mary J. 15, John W. 14,
Hudson R. 10, Nancy E. 6, Anthony L. 1, Cu-78-529

*GRASSI, Randolph 31, Sh-70-124 .

*GRASSMAN?, John T. 13, Sh-216-276

GRASTAFF, Wm. 47, Catharine 50, Eli 25, James 23, Mary 20, Sarah 18, Wm. B.
17, Martha 15, Rebecca 14, Nathaniel H. 9, Eleanor ROWLAND 73,
Dk-12-86

*GRASTEY, Margaret 23, Wh-156-73

GRASTON, Josiah 67, Ann 54, John L. 19, Huldah 17, David E. 14, Rebecca
J. HITCH 6, Susan C. 4, Bo-101

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Dear Dr. Grayson:

I just read your query in the May 1980 DAR Magazine. I wish I could help you and I will keep your request in mind, should I find something later.

I have just seen the "Register of Ancestors, The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia" 1979. This shows a Benjamin Grayson b. ---- d. 1757; m. Susannah Monroe; Justice, Prince William Co., 1752-1755; Captain of Militia.

You may have all this, as I imagine it is the same family.

I am trying to complete my line back from Susan Harrison Grayson Gibson. A name with so many possibilities. I am enclosing a Pedigree Record with as much as I surmise and hoping you have some information to fill in the blanks. Some of it proven, but not all. I will * the proven information.

I would appreciate hearing from you, and am enclosing a SASE.

Sincerely,

Patricia Rule Stebbins

Patricia Rule Stebbins

14 May 1980

Dear Ms. Stebbins: It looks as if I am able to help you; see copies of charts enclosed. Your Anne and Mary Grayson apparently were the daughters of the first Grayson in Virginia, John Grayson, sr. I do not believe that the children of John Grayson, sr. are all proven; the chart is tentative. It is not known where John came from. As I recall, the putative sons Benjamin, John, Thomas, and Ambrose are listed in various histories as being immigrants also, variously thought to be from either England or Scotland, the trail growing cold at that point. My Benjamin Grayson appears in N.C. in 1779, but from where, no one knows. Thank you for the pedigree chart.

Sincerely,

Grayson

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

OTHER INFORMATION

Genealogical Record

PEDIGREE

SURNAME 1

GRAYSON

NAME
CONTINU
ON CHART

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

Jonathan Gibson

BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

Sister Rachel Gibson ?
b.4 May 1717
m.George Taylor
Orange Co.

Mary Catlett

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

Thomas Harrison

BORN 1701
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED bt. 26 Sept. 73 -
WHERE 25 Sept. 74
Faquier Co.Va.

have will

Ann (----) Quarles

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE (wid.of John

Jonathan Gibson

BORN 1679
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 1745
WHERE Orange Co., Va.

Marie Catlett

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

John Catlett

BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED 20 Oct. 1726
DIED

WHERE
* (2) Mary Grayson

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

Thomas Harrison

BORN 7 Sept, 1665
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED 13 Aug. 1746
WHERE

Ann(e) Grayson

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

14

BORN
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

15

BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

OTHER INFORMATION

Are Mary and Ann(e) sisters and daughters of Benjamin Grayson or of William Grayson b. 1682; d. 1736; m. Mary (Crawford) Seward; Burgess, Surry Co. 1723-1726, 1732-1734

Benjamin Grayson b. ? d. 1757; m. Susannah Monroe or is William the father of Benjamin?

PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

NAME Mrs. Albert Kellogg Stebbins, Jr
STREET ADDRESS 2070 Waverley Street
CITY Palo Alto STATE Ca. 94301

#1 is my great, great grandmother.

JOHN GRAYSON
— 1736

SUSANNA (WHITE?)

THOMAS GRAYSON

merchant, eldest son
stayed in England
1737: Kent, England

JOHN GRAYSON, JR *

m. Barbara

— AMBROSE GRAYSON *

1680
Eng

m. Alice (-) James

— BENJAMIN GRAYSON *

m. Susanna Monroe

— ANN GRAYSON *

m. John Quarles 1722.10.3

m/2. Thomas Harrison ~1731
of PrWm. & Fauq. Cos.

? MARY GRAYSON *

m. John Catlett 1726.10.20

m/2 — Gibson (?)

— ELIZABETH GRAYSON

m. Thomas Hill 1731.4.18

— SUSANNA GRAYSON

m. Moses Linton 1731

m/2. John Berkeley

→ Fairfax Co, Va.

? HOKE GRAYSON

1. 1736 Va, Spotsylvania Co, died
intestate: John Grayson
admin: Susannah Grayson
resided in Lancaster Co
and Spots. Co.

2. 1714 John Grayson of Lancaster
Co, bought 500 acres in
Spots. Co from William Smith
of Gloucester. (Bk E & 122)

3. 1729 John Grayson and wife
Susannah sold 200 acres
of the above 500 to Ambrose
Grayson. (Bk B, p.3)

~~4. 1735.3.12 Va, Spots. Bk. A, p.255
The will of Stephen Sharp
mentions Hoke and John
Grayson.~~

5. 1721.11.2 Va, King Geo Co, Bk 1, p.23
John Grayson deeded 900
acres to William
Pettishall of Middlesex Co.

6. 1700 John Grayson was atty in
fact to acknowledge release of
dower from Maria Gibson
Va, Lancaster Co, Bk 2, p.400-2

7. 1703.10.29 Va, Lancaster Co, Bk 9, p.70.
John Grayson owned land.

8. 1753.7.3 Va, Spots. Bk E p.122
Thomas conveyed his land

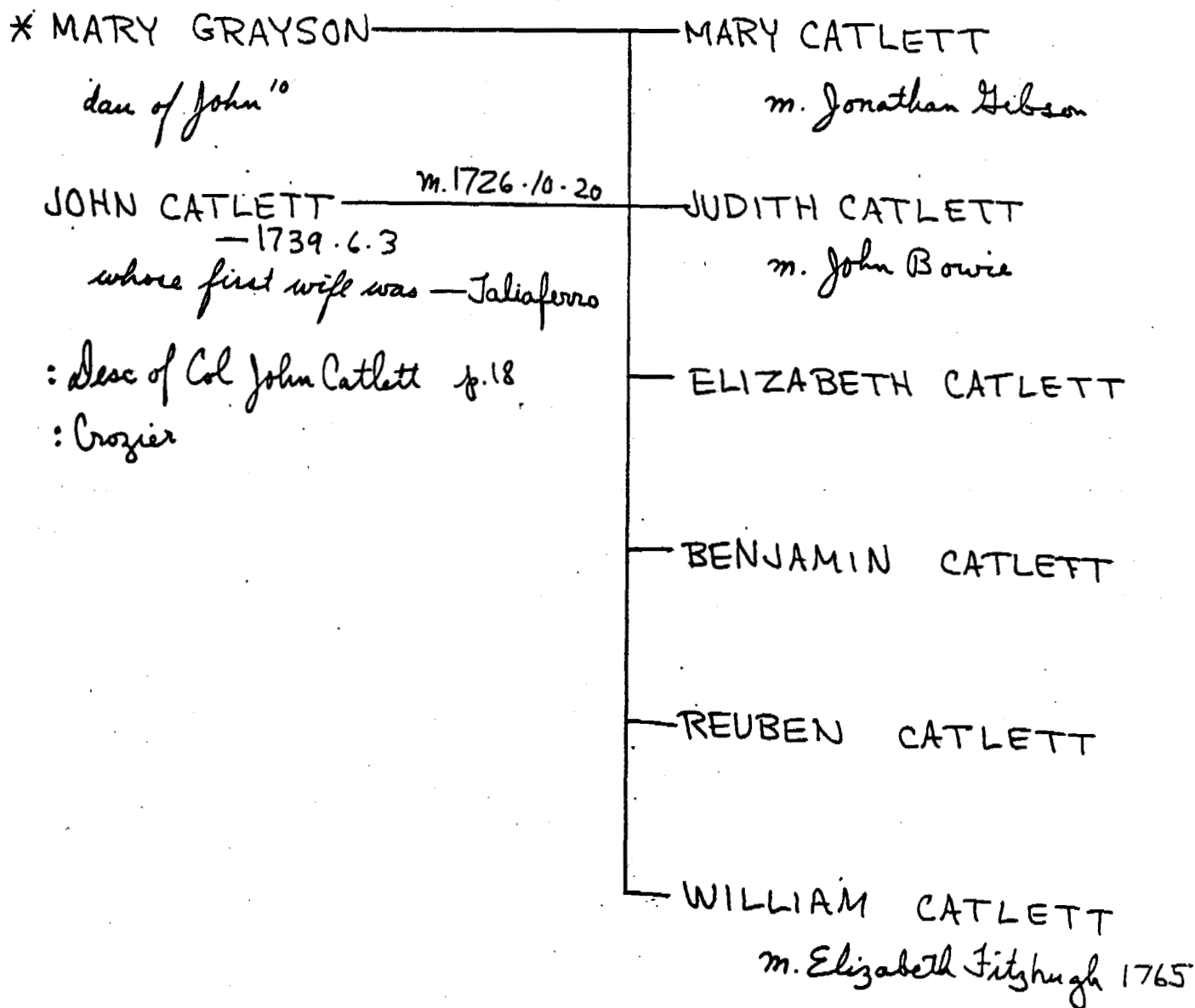
9. 1736 Va, Spots Bk A, p.270 — appraisal of estate: John
Gordon was one of the appraisers.

(JOHN¹⁰ cont.)

10. 1725.6.26 John Grayson witnessed the will of John James.
The will mentions wife Alice James, dau. Mary, and
an unborn child. Probated 1726.3 (Va, Spots)

4. 1735.3.12 died Stephen Sharp
1735.6.3 probated: witnesses: George Pool, Henry Chamble
executor: Elizabeth Sharp — his legal wife.
mentions also Hoke Grayson, Elizabeth James,
John Grayson, Mary Jones. (Bk A p. 255)
(Va Spots)

9



9

8

*ANN GRAYSON

JOHN QUARLES

JOHN QUARLES m. 1722.10.3

MOSES QUARLES

BETTY QUARLES

2nd husband:

THOMAS HARRISON m. ~1731

BENJAMIN HARRISON

of Pr. Wm. & Fauq. Co's, Va.

WILLIAM HARRISON

1. The names of the children
come from query 5868 in the
1960 Virginia Gazette, Genealogy,
(Edited by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck,
1965) placed there by

Gary Edward Young
1115 N. Jefferson
Carrollton, Mo.

MARY HARRISON

m. Chandler Fowlkes

ANNE HARRISON

THOMAS HARRISON

m. — Butler

Nina L. Bowen
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Wood River, Ill.

Nov. 9, 1980

Dear Doctor Grayson:

I received the last newsletter, Vol. 4 #3.
Find check enclosed.

I was able to do some research at Albion,
Illinois and at least found the parents of
my John C. Grayson.

I didn't have time to search probate records,
and tax records were inaccessible at this time
due to recent death of Custodian.

I am sending along copies and hope they
are usable.

Charles Burns with whom the boys lived
in 1850 was their grandfather and Mary
P. was their Aunt, having married Romelia P.
Grayson.

~~Salah~~ Mosh was John C. Grayson's mother-in-
law, his children being her heirs.

also, John C. and James R. received an
land warrant which must have been from
the war of 1832 as a James and a Will-
iam Grayson served in that war.

Grayson, John L. b. 1839 d. 1899
 Ellen, Wife b. 1842 d. 1895
 Franklin, Son b. June 1862 d. 1909
 mar. Anna Brewer? b. 1866 d. 1944
 Charles, Son b. Nov. 1864
 Mary, dau. b. Nov. 1868
 mar. George Brust
 Josephine .. b. 1872
 mar. ? Lambert
 Harry Son, Mar. 4, 1874 d. Mar 4, 1960
 mar. Etta Briggs
 my grand-
 parents ~~Fannie dau. July 16, 1870 d. Oct 30, 1951~~
 mar. Amanda Cole Briggs
 James son, Dec 22, 1878 d. May 9, 1904
 mar. Maude Rigg
 John .. May 1880, d. c 1950's
 mar. 2nd Gladys Brown

- Grayson, — mar. Thomas H. Nelson 22 Sept. 1834
 Bondsman Wm. L. Grayson
- Grayson, George Octavia Edmonds 9 Mar. 1804
 Joseph Blackwell
- Grayson, George W. Nancy Carter 4 Feb. 1808
 Daughter of George
- Grayson, Frances Richard H. Foote 27 May 1824
 Elias Edmonds
- Grayson, Mary Samuel Porter, Jr. 22 Feb. 1819
 Samuel Porter, Sr.
- Grayson, Roberta George W. Saunders 26 Dec. 1858
- Grayson, Mary M. Robert H. Sanders 19 Dec. 1850

Sata McIntosh age 4 daughter 1880 Census

Sarah Grayson died 7 July 1876 Allendale, S.C.
 1st. Wife of A. J. McIntosh, Physician, Surgeon and
 druggist. Born Wabash Co., Ind. 1842

Jane Grayson wife of M. B. Armstrong, Wabash
 County, Ind. 1837

Partial list Lawrence Co., Ind.

Thomas J. Grayson M.D.

Born: Wabash Co., Ind. Settled at St. Francisville,
 Ind. in 1867. married H. E. Couch

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Tom Dooley May not be, but the Graysons are still in Tennessee!

Jim Grayson, great-grandson of the late Col. James W. M. Grayson, who is credited in song and mountain folklore with the capture of Dooley, is enrolled in U-T's College of Law.

The Kingston Trio's ballad of Dooley's fateful hanging for the murder of his sweetheart, which has caught on over the nation and is Knoxville's No. 1 song is certainly not new to the youngest Jim Grayson. He says the story has been told in Mountain City for almost 100 years and that he has been singing the mountain version of the song since he was a child.

Following Footsteps

In fact, Jim, who is following in the legal footsteps of his father, a Mountain City attorney, says the family still has the gun Col. Grayson took with him, but did not use, in the capture of Dooley. Jim, who is told he strikingly resembles his great-grandfather, tells this story of the Colonel's encounter with Dooley.

Grayson, a Colonel of the 13th Tennessee Cavalry, employed the poorly-clad Dooley on one of his farms at Trade, Tenn., for a few days, where he earned a pair of boots. He had already left the farm when the Colonel learned that Dooley was accused of murder in North Carolina. He overtook him in Doe Valley and, instead of using his gun, only had to threaten the not-so-dangerous Dooley with a rock.

Col. Grayson delivered him to Wilkesboro, N.C., but due to prejudice, Dooley was moved to Statesville where, as the ballad says, he was hung. Jim doesn't know, however, if the hanging was from "a white oak tree."

Dooley Fiddled

An old newspaper account of the story pictures Dooley as debonair and carefree and says that the 20-year-old youth sat on top of his coffin playing his fiddle on the way to the hanging. Dooley is also said to have maintained his innocence until the time of execution.

Many are also said to have believed that Dooley was shielding the sister of his sweetheart who was also in love with him. Some accounts say that the jealous girl murdered her sister on the mountain where she was supposed to meet Dooley to elope and that her handkerchief was even found on the scene.

Jim says the mountain ballad which has immortalized Dooley is somewhat different than the one currently climbing to the top. He says there are dozens of verses of the original ballad and cites a couple he remembers best:

Tom, Tom Dooley, hang your head
and cry,
For you killed poor Laura Forrester,
And now you have to die.
You led her to the hillside,
God A Mighty knows
You led her to the hillside,
And there you hid her clothes.
This night and one more,
Oh, where would I be,
If it hadn't been for Grayson
I would have been in Tennessec.

Transcription of a letter

From: Westport, Ind.
12th May
25

To: Henry Grayson
Cheeks Mill
Marion County
Tennessee

May the 1st 1842

Dear Cousins I take this oportunity to in form you that we are all well at present except Wrens wire She has bin ill for some time we received your letter the 22nd day of April which gave us much satis faction to hear from you all that you are well your letter stated that some of our connection wer desceased and some of them has moved to Texas we would like to know some more about them when you write again you wish to know about our country and land and grain you want to know about Aunt Nancy we heard from her last fall she is well and hearty except she is draud down like her Mother the rest wer all well as far as I know. as for our country it is Healthy as any county that I know it is remarked by all person who have lived hear we have great prospect of a crop of wheat this fall our land is as productive as it is in kentucky it raises good corn wheat and oats and potatoes the land is generally good and cheap as it can be wished and as for health it cant be beat by any country wich I know ther was a farm sold joining Father a few days ago that had a saw mill and griss mill on hit and about fifteen acres cleard for four hundred and fifty dollars a track or forty acres ther is land that is second rate that is _____ it that he Entered at one dollar an a quarter per acre and land that is second handed very cheap and good it would be great consolation to us all if you would come to this country and by land and live in our country we would like to see you all face to face and injoy the sweet community of our long absence. as for the price of produce wheat is worth forty cents now and corn twenty cent per bushel and it is orlering to ingage wheat after harvest at twenty five cents per bushel sault is cheap the railroad cars comes with in eight miles of us salt is worth 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel and sugar is 5 cents per pound and coffee is eight cents per pound laborn men ther wages is generly fifty cents per day money is scarce and times is tolerable hard we wish you to come if you think it will soot you it would be the greatest consolation all your friends we want you to write write to us every month we reel willing to receive al ter any time and as many as you will and we wish you to write to our friends

in texas and then write to us and find out the postoffice that we may write to them and them to us we all live at the same place that we did and expect to remain here we have no notion of leaving this country we want you to write about all our old friends and how they all are doing and their health and _ we want you to write if you do not move and if you think you will come it will be great satisfaction to us all and I think that you will be very well pleased with our country and satisfied with our state we wish you to come and see us any now it is not so far but what some of you might come and see us all we want you to not forget us no how if we should not meet in this world try to meet in the next where parting is no more. No more at present but remain your affectionate friends
Cousins until death ...

Present Wren Grayson Jr
 Henry Grayson
 Sanford Grayson

(on the outside of the letter occurs the following note:)

On the oath after date I promise to pay Thomas Grayson five dollars for value recd of him this the 20th day of November 1842

State of Tennessee
Hamilton County

Thomas Sr (?)

Henry Grayson
Thomas Grayson
William Grayson
Patrick Grayson
James M Grayson
Thoma

Summary of Wren Grayson, Jr.

Wren Grayson, Jr. b. ca. 1813 in Tenn. (1850 census, Decatur co., Sandcreek twp., Ind., p. 287) m. Lucinda ^{Williamson} ~~16 Dec 1832~~ b. ca. 1815 in Ky., was a farmer, had children Burrell, b. 1834, Ind.; John Thomas, b. 1836, Ind.; Hiram, b. 1838, Ind.; Nancy, b. 1840, Ind.; Catherine, b. 1842, Ind.; Rebecca J., b. 1844, Ind.; William H., b. 1846, Ind.; Samuel, b. 1848, Ind.; Eliza E., b. 1850, Ind.; Mary, b. 1854; Lucinda, b. 1856; Ann, b. 1858. (Last 3 children in 1860 census.) Wren Grayson married (apparently 2nd) Martha C. Galloway in Pendleton county, Ky., 6 Mar 1883. (Wren Grayson, Sr. had died 1865.) (Marriage reported by Marie ~~Davidson~~ Davidson, Burley, Idaho). Wren Grayson was "the husband and sole heir of said Martha C. Grayson" finally settled by administrator Milton M. Meirhinney 28 Feb 1888 after the death of Wren Grayson. An estate for Wren Grayson with administrator Milton M. Mewhinney who was appointed 19 April 1887 shows one-third to Emily C. Grayson, widow. One third is the amount usually given to the widow of the deceased. Was this his 3rd wife? Wren Grayson, Jr. was buried 8 April 1887 in the Wynoose Cemetery near Westport, Ind. He was given a Masonic burial, and as it reads in the minutes of the Westport Masonic Lodge (reported by the secretary, Mr. Jonathin E. Porter, Westport, Nov., 1973), "He was escorted from his residence to the Baptist Church and from there to the Wynnoose cemetery by his Masonic brothers."

by R. Grayson, M.D.
5/28/74

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The Benjamin Grayson research project of Wilkes county, N.C. has exhausted the leads given to the genealogists for Wilkes and Orange county, N.C. , and for Knox and Monroe counties, Tenn. All project members have received reports. The genealogist, Mrs. Starnes, returned her last check with a letter, and therefore since this letter is free, I am publishing it here: see pp. 160-162. Note well the family tradition she quoted: that John B. Grayson, b. 1833 in Monroe co., Tenn., came from a William Grayson who came from Dunfries, Va. , Strafford county. Does anyone have records verifying this?

We still have money in the Benjamin Grayson project fund, so please think of a way to spend it on further research.

Thanks to all who contributed material for this Newsletter. Please redouble your efforts and find more papers for the next Newsletter.

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February 8, 1981

Richard R. Grayson, M. D.
GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER
24X 103 West Main St.
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson,

As a possible descendant of Susannah Grayson who m. Moses Linton, I continue to be very much interested in your publication.

I was also interested in Mrs. Stebbins' pedigree chart since her SUSANNAH HARRISON #3 is the one who is reputed to have married (1) Moses Linton and (2) John Berkeley, rather than SUSANNAH GRAYSON, according to the printed histories of the Berkeley and Harrison families. I think it is my SUSAN HANCOCK who m. (1) Moses Linton and (2) John Berkeley. Eliminating Mrs. Stebbins' SUSANNAH HARRISON is one step toward proving that my SUSAN HANCOCK is the one who fits into all of the Berkeley/Hancock/Linton documents and letters. Do you have the documentation for the second marriage of SUSANNAH GRAYSON to John Berkeley? The GLASS COLLECTION in the Clayton Genealogical Research Library here in Houston shows that her second marriage was to William Berkeley, but they give no documentation.

As a native Kentuckian, born within a "stone's throw" of Grayson County, Kentucky, I cannot help but feel that some of your Grayson researchers are overlooking an important area by not considering Kentucky as a fertile field for producing Tennessee and North Carolina Graysons. My Upper Northern Neck Virginia LEWIS family is inter-married several times over with those families into which the Grayson family married. In fact, one of my Lewis uncles married Elizabeth Osborne Grayson, the great granddaughter of Susannah Monroe and Benjamin Grayson I. Old correspondence and other records show that these related families, plus other families I've researched, moved back and forth through Cumberland Gap to North Carolina, and up and down the Cumberland River, which took them in and out of Tennessee, over and over again.

I am enclosing copies from THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS (Jillson) from which you can see that Grayson men took up enormous amounts of land in Kentucky through the various systems identified as Virginia Grants, Old Kentucky Grants, Grants South of Green River, and Kentucky Land Warrants. One category, Grants West of Tennessee River, showed no Grayson grants. Note that Benjamin Grayson held over 8,000 acres in 1785 in Fayette Co., Kentucky, under the Virginia Grants system. Under the Old Kentucky Grants system, William Grayson held 95,000 acres in Fayette Co., Kentucky, at about the same time, and another William Grayson held 15,455 in Gallatin County, Kentucky, under the same system in 1809. Note the land held by the William Grayson heirs in 1785/6 under the same system. Grayson County, Kentucky, is said to be named for Col. William Grayson.

I thought you might like to print these land grants in your newsletter. Graysons were plentiful in Kentucky, once an extension of Virginia called Kentucky County. Settlers entered Kentucky via the Ohio River and Cumberland Gap or up from Middle Tennessee through Kentucky's flat barrens, as they are called, into Central Kentucky where these land grants are.

also enclosing Jefferson Co Ky. also enclosing marriage from Vol I

Sincerely,

Mrs E. K. Thrawley
Mrs. E. K. Thrawley

THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS

Systematic Index to All of the Land Grants Recorded

in the Land Office at Frankfort, Kentucky

1782--1924

BY

WILLARD ROUSE JILLSON, Sc.

VIRGINIA GRANTS

Grantee	Acres	Book	Page	Date Survey	County	Remarks
Graves, Richard	1,450	14	377	5-5-1787	Bourbon	Big Sandy R.
Graybell, Jacob	3,000	6	268	5-12-1785	Fayette	Licking Cr.
Graybell, Jacob	950	9	254	11-25-1784	Jefferson	Bear Cr.
Graybell, Jacob	1,050	9	260	11-26-1784	Jefferson	Bear & Reedy Crs.
Grayson, Wm.	400	10	69	3-15-1784	Jefferson	Beach Cr.
Grayson, Benj.	600	13	27	3-7-1785	Fayette	Slate Cr.
Grayson, Benjamin	6,217	13	118	3-15-1785	Fayette	Lumbergreed & R.
Grayson, Benj.	1,400	13	120	3-7-1785	Fayette	Slate Cr.
Grant Co. Academy	1,243	19	534	10-25-1825	Adair	Littrells Cr.
Grant Co. Seminary	750	20	60	11-11-1823	Adair	Caney Fk.
Grayson, Wm.	70,000	6	410	4-17-1786	Pulaski	Wolf Cr.
Grayson, Wm.	12,000	6	57	4-17-1786	Fayette	Licking
Grayson, Wm.	10,000	6	98	11-15-1786	Fayette	Licking
Grayson, Wm.	1,000	15	561	6-6-1785	Military	Highland Cr.
Grayson, Wm.	1,000	15	552	6-6-1785	Military	Highland Cr.
Grayson, Wm. Heirs	1,000	16	111	6-6-1785	Military	Ohio
Grayson, Wm. Heirs	1,000	16	112	6-6-1785	Military	Ohio
Grayson, Wm. Heirs	1,000	16	114	6-6-1785	Military	Ohio
Grayson, F.W.S.	1,000	16	353	9-19-1787	Mason	Deer Cr.
Grayson, Wm.	15,000	17	157	3-6-1789	Mason	Ohio
Grayson Co. Court	250	18	65	7-4-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Grayson Co. Court	320	18	69	7-4-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Grayson Co. Court	3,000	18	117	11-15-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Grayson Academy	119	19	324	7-4-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Grayson Seminary	201	19	362	7-4-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Gray, Joseph	170	3	150	7-4-1812	Madison	Highland Cr.
Graham, Jacob	150	19	306	5-17-1797	Logan	Muddy Cr.
Ganter, Nicholas	200	1	360	10-7-1797	Warren	Long Cr.
Grayson, Wm.	200	2	311	8-30-1804	Logan	Big Water Cr.
Gwatttry, Jno.	200	6	350	1-31-1807	Logan	1st Fk. City
	200	7	357	4-26-1805	Christian	Blue Lick Fk.
					Madison	Isaac Cr.
Gray, Mathew	200	H-2	359	3-27-1816	Caldwell	Cumberland
Grayson, John	50	V	383	6-22-1822	Lawrence	Drebbin
Grayson, John	50	X	318	7-23-1822	Lawrence	Durbin Cr.
Grayson, John	100	Q	185	1-18-1825	Caldwell	Donaldson

EARLY SPOTSYLVANIA MARRIAGE LICENSES

(In most of the Virginia counties very few, if any, traces of marriage licenses

granted prior to the year 1775 are preserved in the county records. On a recent visit to Spotsylvania Courthouse, however, I found in the first order-book, which covers the period from the formation of the county, in 1722, down to 1750, in the account of "The Governor's Dues," a list of the marriage licenses that had been granted by the clerk during that time. The "Governor's Dues" for each marriage license was £1. The record is not continued after 1750, and for the first few years the name of the man only was given.—A. C. Quisenberry.)

October 3, 1722—John Quarles
 June 7, 1723—Robert Slaughter, Junr.
 October 12, 1723—William Johnson
 June 5, 1725—Zach: Lewis
 October 20, 1726—John Catlett and Mary Grayson
 November 22, 1726—Benjamin Winslow and Susannah Beverly
 August 5, 1727—Richard Phillips and Catherine Smith
 November 25, 1727—Alexander Howard and Joana Tripilo
 October 16, 1727—George Home and Elizabeth Proctor
 March 3, 1728—Samuel Hensley and Martha Snell
 October 22, 1728—Morley Battaley and Elizabeth Taliaferro
 April 9, 1729—John Ward and Alice Symonds
 June 3, 1729—Francis Slaughter, Ann Lightfoot
 June 26, 1729—John Chew, Margaret Beverly
 October 3, 1729—George Wheatly and Mary Henry
 March 3, 1730—Chichely Thacker and Hannah Clowder
 June 1, 1730—Rodham Kenner and Judith Beverly
 June 27, 1730—John Tennant and Dorothy Paul
 October 6, 1730—Joseph Fox and Susana Smith
 March 1, 1731—Henry Palmer and Ann Burnett
 April 18, 1731—Thomas Hitt and Elizabeth Grayson
 October 7, 1731—Richard Tutt and Elizabeth

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October 21, 1737—John Mansfield and Ann Waldo Gratty (Grasty)
 October 16, 1737—John Gregg and Elizabeth Waugh
 October 6, 1737—Samuel Wharton and Ann Williams
 May 21, 1738—Giles Thompkins and Valentine Chiles
 June 21, 1738—William Waller and Ann Beverly
 May 13, 1739—James Dunn and Elinor Savage
 November 23, 1725—Jonathan Woods and Elizabeth Barefoot
 September 15, 1739—John Gordon and Margaret Tennant
 November 17, 1739—Joseph Calvert and Lucy Webb
 October 17, 1739—Robert James Marye and Ellen Pursel Dun
 July 18, 1740—James Martin and Mary Lynes
 October 18, 1740—Edmund Waller and Mary Penileton
 October 28, 1740—John Thornton and Mildred Gregory
 October 12, 1741—John Blake and Elizabeth Thurston
 March 22, 1742—Thomas Minor and Alice Thomas
 December 2, 1742—Henry Elley and Esther Herndon
 April 29, 1743—Henry Willis and Elizabeth Gregory
 March 17, 1743—William Cowne and Elizabeth Hill
 April 5, 1744—William Hunter and Martha Taliaferro
 June 6, 1744—William Hughes and Sophia Dowdall
 July 6, 1744—William Johnston and Betty Taylor
 August 26, 1744—James Stevens and Alice Grayson
 November 29, 1744—Parmenas Bowker and Ann Stevens
 February —, 1745—Robert Dudley and Joyce Gayle
 February —, 1745—Samuel Mildrup and Elizabeth Taliaferro
 July 3, 1745—Elijah Morton and Elizabeth Hawkins
 June 18, 1746—Patrick Connelly and Ann French
 July 28, 1746—James Anderson and Margaret

Feb. 3, 1981

Re: GRAYSON

Dear Mr. Grayson:

WM GRAYSON, age 20, is in list of names to be transported to Virginia, imbarqued in the Safety, John Grant, master, Aug. 1635, prob. from port of London.

THOMAS GRAYSON (living in Virginia 1754, &c.), Spotsylvania county, in 1753; was "late of Deal in Kent, Eng.," though son of JOHN GRAYSON, of Lancaster county, Va. - is listed in "Some Emigrants to Virginia".

RUTH GRAYSON, 20, female, is in passenger list of ship Ganges, James Tompkins, master, to New York, arriving during Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1820. She belonged to G. Britain, but planned to inhabit the U. S.

The following quote from "Irish Settlers in America - Christopher O'Brien, Revolutionary Soldier," - "The record shows that Christopher O'Brien - or, as he is variously recorded on the muster rolls, Obrien, O'Brian and O'Bryan - enlisted for three years on April 9, 1777, in Captain Cleon Moore's company of "Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment," also known as the Eighth Regiment of Virginia infantry, commanded by Colonel WILLIAM GRAYSON".

These are the only listings I have for Grayson.

Sincerely,

Chadwick

N. Dale Talkington
400 E. Northrup Dr.
Midwest City, Okla. 73110
405/733-1838

Dear Genealogist:

These Cousin-Finder charts are really an old idea of basic relationships, but I was the first person to use this format and have it copyrighted.

I developed this format while trying to explain by mail my relationship to a Fourth Cousin, Twice Removed. After two long letters without any results, I finally drew the squares and filled in the blanks with our names. He was so thrilled at the results he called long-distance to thank me for the clear explanation.

From that moment on I figured that if this system worked for me, it would help others in their understanding of distant cousins.

However, the bottom-line for me is that thru the widespread use of these Cousin-Finders, I have made many direct contacts with others who were either working on my TALKINGTON line or were thoughtful enough to send me family data they found while working on their lines.

Even with the copyright, you hereby have my blessing to reproduce limited copies of these charts for your personal and family use. Just don't let me catch you selling them.

Yes, I know there is one word misspelled on the form. I left it in to help strengthen my legal case in event of a copyright infringement, and also to give those who enjoy finding errors something to talk about.

Before you think that I might be getting rich from selling these simple forms, let me say that I try to give away enough free copies to various societies, workshops and libraries to offset any profit.

I would welcome any comments you might have on how to improve this form. I've even thought about adding a full page on the reverse side about the more technical aspects of descendency and ascendancy thru the different degrees of kindred relationship.

If you live in or near the following counties and have early Oklahoma relatives, I'll be happy to exchange courthouse work: Camden Co., N.J.; Hunterdon Co., N.J.; Cecil Co., Md.; Indiana Co., Pa.; Chester Co., Pa.; Butler Co., Ohio; Jennings Co., Ind.; Appanoose Co., Iowa; Wayne Co., Iowa; Riley Co., Kans.; Cloud Co., Kans.; Chase Co., Kans.; Stafford Co., Kans.; or Collin Co., Tex.

Sincerely,

N. Dale Talkington

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	Brother/ Sister	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G. G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	G.G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece
3	Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	FIRST COUSIN	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	First Cousin 5 Times Removed	First Cousin 6 Times Removed
4	Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	SECOND COUSIN	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed	Second Cousin 5 Times Removed
5	Great, Great Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	THIRD COUSIN	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed	Third Cousin 4 Times Removed
6	G. G. G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 3 Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	FOURTH COUSIN	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin 3 Times Removed
7	G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 4 Times Removed	Second Cousin 3 Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	FIFTH COUSIN	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed
8	G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 5 Times Removed	Second Cousin 4 Times Removed	Third Cousin 3 Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	SIXTH COUSIN	Sixth Cousin Once Removed
9	G.G.G.G.G.G. Aunt/Uncle, Nephew/ Niece	First Cousin 6 Times Removed	Second Cousin 5 Times Removed	Third Cousin 4 Times Removed	Fourth Cousin 3 Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	SEVENTH COUSIN

INSTRUCTIONS: Block 1 should be a common grandparent, with their direct descendents across the top and side of this form. Start with a simple problem first, then try the more difficult ones. Print YOUR name in block No. 3 across the top. Print a known FIRST COUSIN's name in block No. 3 along the side. Print your Mother or Father in block No. 2, your common grandparent in No. 1, your aunt or uncle in No. 2 along the side. To show SECOND COUSINS, add your children in No. 4 at top and your cousin's children in No. 4 along the side, etc.

COUSIN-FINDER

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400 East Northrup Drive

Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

would appreciate any TALKINGTON data

Birch Creek Ranch
Marquez, Tx 77865
March 10, 1981

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I am sorry to have been late sending my check but I keep trying to find time to write this letter to send along.

I have a mystery which I haven't been able to solve. A cousin to my husband gave us an old picture of a dapper young man. I can't say for sure but I would guess the picture was made 1890 to 1900. On the back of the picture is written, "Gidding Grayson--my own brother--Margaret Grayson."

The handwriting is my husband's grandmother's, Margaret Pearlea Grayson Petty. She was born in 1865, according to our records the fourth and youngest child of John Clan and Sarah Ann Gibson Grayson. Her known brothers were named "J.C." and "Luther Ambrose." Her parents divorced about 1870 and we don't know what happened to Sarah Grayson. This picture of "Gidding/Gideon" Grayson leads me to believe that Sarah had a fifth child which she took with her.

If I could locate this Gidding/Gideon Grayson, then perhaps I could find Sarah Grayson. I have checked the 1880 Texas Soundex but found neither Gidding nor Margaret--and Margaret certainly should have been listed since she didn't marry until 1881. And Gidding should have been listed as he would have been of school age.

I am stumped and can't think what else I should do. No one in the family ever heard of Grandma's brother Gidding even though she lived until 1949. If any of your subscribers ever come across a Gideon Grayson, I would appreciate knowing about it.

Do you think you will ever find someone with a computer to put all your Grayson data in? There is so much material in the newsletters now that I no longer can remember, when I come across something in my research, whether you have it or not.

I learned that the 1880 Texas Soundex cards spelled our Grayson "Grason."

Sincerely,
Joyce D. Petty
Joyce Dashiell Petty (Mrs. A.M.)

314 843 9062

12 March 1981

Dr. Richard M. Arapson
103 N. Main St.
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Dear Dick,

I appreciate your letter 2 February and enclosing the enclosure, pp 102-141.

Stacey (Stacia) Elysey, dau. of Lewis Elysey, first Sheriff of Fairfax Co. Va. was m. 1st to Burgess Berkeley, son of William (1690-1762) and Elizabeth (Hemlock?) Berkeley. William d. in Fairfax Co., Elizabeth in Loudoun Co. Wm. Berkeley's will - Will Book A, p. 22, 1742-1801, pre. 16 Feb 1762 Elizabeth Berkeley's will - Will Book B, p. 9. Will pre. 26 May 1772. Burgess Berkeley Inventory - Will Book #1, p. 40, 19 August 1755.

Burgess and Stacia (Elysey) Berkeley were supposed to have had minor children but no names mentioned. In the will of William Berkeley (1762 above) mention is made of sons and daus. including "son - Burgess, deceased - & Lewis."

There is supposed to be papers purporting that Thomasen, a son of Lewis Elysey and brother

of Stacia (Ellyz) Berkeley had been appointed guardian of the ch. of Burgess and Stacia and also that Benjamin Grayson had "wickedly the friends of his wife ch. by her first husband".

Enclosed is a list of her suits from 1756-1762 of the Court Order Book of Fairfax Co. Va. on microfiche of the Fairfax Library. The attached could bear witness to the handling of the Benj. Berkeley estate.

I have never been able to find Stacia (Ellyz Berkeley) Grayson in Va. but note she and her husband went to Wetzel Co. N.C. by 1779. I also have never found out who the ch. of Stacia (Ellyz) Grayson were by her 1st husband, Burgess Berkeley and what happened to them.

In "Northern Virginia Heritage" by Eleanor Lee Templeman and New River on p 119 there is a picture of "Owenstone Pasture", a property deeded by Ferdinando Fairfax to Benjamin Grayson before 1787 and the house was used by the Muller who operated Dry Run or is two miles west of Fairfax, Va.

In Ben Mitchell "Beginning of a White Oak" on p 182 "Grayson, Benjamin, 484 acres, 15 June 1743 - N. H. F. 112 L5. These 7 valleys that fall into drain of North Run Potomac adjacent Revermoot. Benjamin Grayson was a West Merchant. See Spruce,

Potomac 16:26:27 "The Benjamin Grayson"

Merrill D. Berkeley
9145 Saddlebrook Drive
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18 March 1981

Dr. Richard R. Grayson
103 West Main St.
St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Dear Dick,

In response to your letter again, of 2 March and your two subsequent phone calls it appears I have made a serious genealogical error in quoting a statement as primary evidence. In this case I refer to p.p. 102-101 vol. 4, no. 4 which you sent to me with your original letter.

On pp 121-121 you note as a hypothesis that a Benjamin Grayson of Wake Co. might have come from Fauquier or Culpeper Co. Va. and also that Benjamin Grayson m. Stacy Elzey (Elzey) in Fauquier Co. in ? - and went to Wake Co. N.C. by 1779, and leaving there in 1800 removed to Knox Co. Tenn. where he d. with his widow, Stacy Grayson later m. to a Mr. John Pearson in Boone Co. Tenn in 1805.

I am extremely sorry for this fault of genealogy on my part and apologize for it.

The correspondent to whom I referred as Mrs. Dorothy

Shrawley, 2601 Bellefontaine St. Apt. C-103, Houston
 St 77025. We have corresponded primarily on our
 Berkeley / Berkeley and Linton lines. There is men-
 tion of Ben. Grayson in her voluminous research
 not only in Virginia. I have checked her material
 thoroughly to see if I could find something of value
 as far as your problem is concerned, to no avail.
 It is probably presumption of me to make suggestion
 for your research but it is possible that University
 Microfilms International, 300 North Zeeb Rd., Ann
 Arbor, Mi. 48106 may have something on Grayson
 family genealogies. Their Catalog of Demonstrative Re-
prints # 779 can be purchased for 1.00 at the above
 address.

Enclosed is \$10.00, \$6.00 for a subscription to your news-
 letter and \$4.00 for copies of pages received.

Again, I'm sorry for raising your hopes re your Gray-
 son line.

Sincerely,

Merrell

~~BERKLEY, BURGESS~~ - Admx1756-p.104
5-18-1757CO-PLT. with ~~BENJAMIN GRAYSON~~
v. HUGH DELIE

BERKLEY, BURGESS - Admx

p.217
3-23-58Co-plt. with husband ~~BENJ~~
~~GRAYSON~~ on a scire pacias
DELIE 21,Def. not found. Awarded 605 lbs. tobacco 15/
or 150 lbs. tob plus costs

P6

BERKLEY, BURGESS - Admx

1756-p.132
6-22-1757

PLT v. HUGH DELIE

Writ not executed

~~BERKLEY, BURGESS, dec'd, Admx~~p.48
15 Mar 1757~~deceased~~~~BENJAMIN and STATIA GRAYSON, Adm~~~~to give counter-security~~

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BERKLEY, Burgess - Admx

1756-p.143
7-20-57Plt. v. HUGH DELIE
Cont.BERKLEY, BURGESS, dec'd-ADMX
CO-PLTp. 468
23 May 1760

vs. HUGH DELIE

Scire pacias

Suit

Awarded 2/. 821 lbs. tobacco plus 30/ or 300
lbs tobacco plus costs

p.5

~~BERKLEY, BURGESS~~ Admx.1756-p.152
8-16-57Co-Plt. with husband ~~BENJAMIN GRAYSON~~
on a scire pacias v. HUGH DELIE

BERKLEY, BURGESS - Admx

~~See also~~~~BERKLEY, STATIA~~

Richard R. Grayson, M.D.

Internal Medicine

24 Hour Telephone: 584-2230

103 West Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Absher

7 Sept. 1975

This is a follow-up letter to the letter of last week detailing our knowledge of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes and his sons. I would like to set down the evidence for certain connections to Virginia:

1. Hypothesis: Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes, born ca. 1746, came from Virginia.
 - a. It is said that "later census returns" from Rutherford county show that some of the children of Joseph Grayson, sr., of Rutherford co., N.C., were born in Va. We both agree that this Joseph might be the brother to Benjamin of Wilkes.
 - b. William Grayson of Monroe county, Tenn., age 83 in the 1850 census, was born in Va., his wife in N.C. My last letter details presumptive evidence that William was the son of Benjamin of Wilkes.
2. Hypothesis: Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes might have come from Fairfax County or Culpepper County, Va.:
 - 1.) A Benjamin Grayson was in Roane county, Tenn. in 1802 and 1805. (Tax and Jury records).
 - 2.) A Stacey Grayson married William Brown 28 Oct. 1805, Roane county, Tenn.
 - 3.) A Stacey Ellzey, daughter of Lewis Ellzey, married 1st Bergess Berkley, 2nd BENJAMIN GRAYSON; their "youngest children" were Benj., Susan, Sara, Ann Grayson (Ref.: Va. Co. Records; Fairfax co. wills, p. 62.)
Dates on will: 1 Oct. 1786: 19 Dec. 1786: (will of father)
 - 4.) Rachel (Van Zant) Grayson, 2nd. wife of Joseph Grayson, sr., Rutherford county, his widow in her will of 1828 mentions her daughter Jane Crow and Jane's children Rachel, Elizabeth, Lettis, Issac, James G., & Abraham Crow.
 - 5.) A James Crow witnessed the will of Frances (Hurt) Grayson, dtr. of James Hurt, in a will in Culpepper county, Va., 15 June, 1789.
 - 6.) William Grayson, John Crow, and Will Hurt were among the purchasers of an estate of Christopher Dickens 17 April 1780 in Culpepper county, Va.
 - 7.) Also in Culp. co.: James Grayson, wit. will 1781; Thomas Grayson, sale, 1754.

Note: Another note I have: it was Ellzey Lewis, not Lewis Ellzey: the will was his.

Perhaps some of these clues will be of help,

Sincerely, R. R. Grayson, M.D.

Dear Dr. Grayson

Sorry for delays in not writing (and catching up to date on my sketches).

Many other interests have prevented me from having any time for my favorite past time. So your newsletters are most welcome relief.

I did have occasion to be in Salt Lake City recently on business and spent several hours in the LDS Genealogical Library (as it is open until 10:00 p.m.). Although I found several references to my gr-gr grandfather Thomas M. Grayson I came up with no new clues as to his father's name. I looked through several hundred Grayson names in their family group sheet section - there were many, many Graysons from York Co., England. All in all it was an interesting experience visiting the library and I was able to discuss my research problems with several people who gave me a few tips on what I need to do.

One of those tips is to explore the possibility that William E. Grayson might be a relative of my Thos M. Grayson. Perhaps you or one of my fellow subscribers/readers have some knowledge of this Wm E. Grayson - here's what I have on him:

- listed in } • 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856 Tax Records, Claiborne Co, Tenn.
• 1859 Index to Deeds, Claiborne Co, Tenn

- he does not show up in 1860 Tenn. Census (ref. newsletter # 4, p. 128)

- my Thos. M. also is listed in 1855-56 Tax Records (same District # 3) & is in 1860 Tenn. Census, Claiborne County.

Would appreciate any help.

Sincerely,
Melvin Grayson

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Houston, TX 77025

April 7, 1981

Richard R. Grayson, M. D.
GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER
103 West Main St.
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I am enclosing some pages from JEFFERSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA/KENTUCKY, EARLY MARRIAGES, BOOK 1, 1781 - JULY 1836, which show some Grayson names.

In Book 2, June 1826-June 1837, is the following listing:

Page 18

22 Blasser, George; bd. Barthomew Meeks (X) and Robert H. B. 6-16-1828
Grayson.

Meeks, Mary; f. Barthomew Weeks (above, c.in.p.

That is the only Grayson in the index of Book 2.

There are no Graysons in the index of Book 3 and Book 4. The series includes only the four books.

From KENTUCKY GENEALOGIES AND HISTORICAL RECORDER, Vol. IV (Burns, 1942), wills in Nelson County, Kentucky show two Grayson names. This excerpt was sent to me so I do not have anything further to send you from that publication.

I have not been able to get to Rice University for better copies of the land grants, and hope that from the two sets I sent you will be able to read the other copies. If not, please let me know and I'll make a special effort to get better copies.

Sincerely,



Mrs. E. K. Thrawley

2 Grayson, Benjamin; bd. Dan'l Brodhead, Jr.
Taylor, Caroline Matilda; f. Wm. Thomas Taylor.

B. 7-27-1785

70- 63 Belsha, Jeremiah; bd. Worden Pope; wt. F.W.L. Grayson. L. & B. 2-15-1809
McCasland, Hester; f. James McCasland, o. in. w. 2-15-1809, M.
wt. Jas. Patton.

74 Davis, Moses.
Bryan, Leah O; s-f. John Grayson, c.p.

L. 1-21-1813

M.

John Todd

80 Grayson, F.W.S.
Ward, Sally; f. David L. Ward, c. cert.

L.I. 6-13-1814

L. ret'd. or (M.) 6-14-1814

Jas. Vance

88 Wood, Peter; bd. Fred'k. W. L. Grayson.
Long, Anna; l.a.

7-5-1816

L. & B. 7-5-1

M. 7-10-1

James W

James WARD

117 Chaddick, Elijah; bd. J.S. Vail (sig.); wt. Samuel
Tyler.

L. & B. 7-5

7-6-1820 M. 7-6

Obrian, Eleanor; m. Mrs. DBrian, now Mrs. Grayson,
c.p. by sd. Jos. Vail.

Wm. F. FARQUAR

152 Miller, George P.; bd. Peter Wolford; wt. Robert Tyler. L. & B. 3-16-1824
McLeme, Catherine; f. Michael McLeme, dec.;
m. Elizabeth McLeme, now Elizabeth Grayson, c.p.
by Elijah Chaddick.

M. 3-18

John-Joi

3-18-1824

John Johnson

*Richard R. Grayson, M.D.**Internal Medicine**24 Hour Telephone: 581-2250**103 W. Main Street, St. Charles, Ill. 60174*

Mrs. Bill Starnes
3405 College Street
Madisonville, Tn. 37354

21 April 1981

Dear Mrs. Starnes,

You have certainly come up with a lot of Graysons in your county. I would like to encourage you to keep searching for their ancestors.

I do not want copies of anything yet. What I want you to do is to somehow trace them back to their origins. For example, you say that John B. Grayson, born in 1833, was the son of a William Grayson. Was he the William Grayson of the 1830 census listed as age 50-60? And where did that William Grayson come from?

That's our main question. What was the ancestry of that William Grayson?

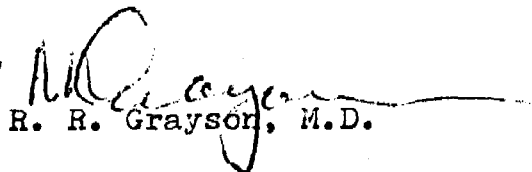
Hopefully he came from Wilkes County, N.C. and was related to my Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes county.

However I do note the family tradition that you quote: "John B's family came from Strafford co., Va., between Fredericksburg and Washington, D.C. at a place called Dumfries, Va."

I have records indicating that the first Virginia Graysons were in Dumfries, Va., and I have extensive files on those Graysons.

I am enclosing a check for \$25.00 to cover your next research and report.

Sincerely,


R. R. Grayson, M.D.

Mr Grayson -

1 May 1981

I work only in Monroe Co records. I have a few other sources but feel I checked "everything in sight" on that first search.

I really had hoped for more proof - but -

I found one more marriage - Monroe Co John C. Grayson & Sarah C. Grayson

12-20-1871. Have really not checked post 1870 time period. Where was that Wm. H. Grayson who (died Civil War) in 1850 census.

John B. already in Calif. ?? John B's sister Sarah above ?? Where was she in 1850? I did not check the 1850 census of Tenn or you had that. I just wish I could get these "Monroe Co Graysons - fixed". I tried 1850-1860 Cherokee Co. N.C. census for Grayson. Grayson. (none). Let me know if you ever locate this family in 1850? Or is this they? ↓

1850 Monroe Co. # 342-51 - Sister

Grayson, William B. 35, Malinda 41, May 16, John 14, Wm. H. H. 10, D. W. 3 (Wm B. & Malinda born Tn). This fits but I can find possibly Sarah born later. This is in 'Philadel-phia area - (Now Loudon Co - since 1872)

So few records here on these people - especially old Wm. - ??? ? ? ? ?

Surely "old man wms" didn't live till 1872!
Will would be Taulson Co after that!!!

Barney said John B's father wms lived
in John B.'s place at Philadelphia. Those
records would be there. Wms B & Matilda
may have records in Taulson Co. Ed. McQueen
is Taulson Co. Historian. He has cemetery lists
also of Taulson Co. - Write Taulson, In.

I really did more than \$500 worth on that
first ~~check~~ check (preliminary) as I checked
deeds and all - But, no way, I can save
the last \$25.00 because I've already
covered our county's records.

I checked the cemetery lists I have in the area
of Philadelphia. They are incomplete & not in-
dexed. Found no Grayson.

An index from Rule Book 1869-1874

Chancery Court - ~~has~~ page 507 - John B.
Grayson et al vs W.N.B. & W.P. Jones
These often contain original newspaper
clippings.

Am returning your check. If I can send
copies of any records listed in first letter &
this letter, let me know.

Dwain Starnes

MARRIAGES OF SOME VIRGINIA RESIDENTS

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GRAY (cont.)

Robert, son of Thomas, m. Mary Nicholson. 5V202.
 Samuel, Minister, of Middlesex Co. m. Ann () Cary Seagar (or

MRS. EZRA E. DAVIDSON
 P. O. Box 314
 Burley, Idaho - 83318

May 5, 1981

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I'm not sure I ever sent
 enclosed Grayson marriages
 hope they will help someone

Sincerely,

Mary Davidson

and Sarah (family), m. _____

Willis m. 23 Jan., 1796, Frances Crocker. Isle of Wight
 Record.

Winifred m. William Johnson.

GRAYBILL

Christina m. Jacob Gammon.

GRAYSON

Alfred, son of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood); m. _____ Breck-
 inridge of Ky. 5T207.

Alice m. James Stevens.

Alice () m. James Stevens.

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 Monroe, dau.
 of Andrew; m. (2) () Sinton. 5T195, 196. (DFW: Prob.
 the widow Linton.)

Benjamin, b. 6 Nov., 1761, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth

GRAYSON (cont.)

(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 m. John Hedgman.

Elizabeth m. Joseph Sutherland.

Elizabeth m. Thomas Hill.

Frances m. James Elliott.

Hebe m. John Carter.

Joseph, son of William, who d. 1829, m. Rhoda White, dau. of Daniel, who d. 1818. Albemarle, pp. 214, 343.

Judith m. George Walter Lindsay.

Mary m. Col. John Catlett.

Patience m. James Bristow.

Sarah m. Benjamin Ainsley. 1768 *Gorhamland Co. Va*

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 m. (1) Isaac Wood; m. (2) _____ Tomlin.

Susan Monroe m. John Orr.

Susan Monroe m. Lund Washington.

Susannah m. _____ Linton.

Thomas m. 11 July, 1788, Jenny Field, spinster. Sur. William Duster. 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.

GREADY

Frances m. Wright Bond.

GREATHOUSE

Gabriel m. 1789, May Hustead. Harrison Co. Mar. Record.

John m. 1793, Phoebe Thompson. Harrison Co. Mar. Record.

John m. 1793, Milly Gillespie. Harrison Co. Mar. Record.

GREEN

_____ m. Thomas Cowles.

_____, a dau., m. _____ Eaton.

_____ m. John Poindexter.

SUPPLEMENTAL

RCVD. ACCTG. MAR 29 1977

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

who assisted in establishing American _____

soldier

VA

My ancestor's services during the Revolutionary War were as follows:

Oath of Allegiance in Capt. McCorkle's Company Nov. 10, 1777

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.

Fincastle and Montgomery Co., Virginia Revolutionary War
Records 1775-1783 p. 145

Check DAR number 506248, Mrs. Irene Aldridge Williams

O. C. C.
H/15/15
date in f c

I was born on 9 June 1923 at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas
 married on 26 June 1950 at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas
 to Dewey Douglas Underwood who was born on 23 January 1926
 at Sanford, North Carolina deceased/divorced on _____
 at _____
 Married (2) on _____ at _____
 to _____ born _____ at _____

The following form of acknowledgement is required:

Applicant further says that the said John Grayson (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies to applicants for membership within the United States of America and its territories.

(Signature of Applicant)

(First name)

(Middle or Maiden name)

(Last name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

(City)

(State)

I Ellen May Martin Underwood being of the age of eighteen years and
 upwa. I hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from
John Grayson who was born in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia
 on the _____ day of _____, 17 27 and died in Montgomery Co., Va. on the
 aft. 23 day of Jan., 1800

His place of residence during the Revolution was Fincastle Co. (later Montgomery Co.) Va.

Please give all dates by date, month in writing, year (example: 10 Feb. 1825). Given names must be in full. First two generations must be filled in completely.

I am the daughter of

1.

Marvin Roy Martin born 3 Sept. 1891 at Ioné Oak, Texas
 died at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas on 2 Jan. 1940 and his (first or only) wife
Jewell Grayson born 15 Sept. 1897 at Marquez (Leon Co.) Tex.
 died at Corsicana, Texas on 27 June 1976 married on 10 October 1918

2. The said Jewell Grayson # 567605 was the child of

Henry Ambrose Grayson born 13 Apr. 1846 at Freestone Co., Texas
 died at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas on 24 Feb. 1926 and his (first or 4th) wife
Nary Ella (Monroe) Burkhalter born 25 Aug. 1857 at Benton Co. (now Calhoun) Ala.
 died at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas on 13 Jan. 1935 married on 5 Sept. 1886

3. The said Henry Ambrose Grayson # 567605 # 553074 was the child of

Ambrose Grayson born 5 Apr. 1810 at Madison Co., Alabama
 died at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas on 8 Nov. 1853 and his (first or only) wife
Sarah (Sallie) Mann born 5 Dec. 1813 at North Carolina
 died at Marquez (Leon Co.) Texas on 3 Dec. 1885 married on 30 Dec. 1829

4. The said Ambrose Grayson # 567605 # 558074 was the child of

John Grayson born 9 Aug. 1770 at Fincastle Co. (now Monte)
 died at Madison Co., Alabama on 20 July 1826 and his (first or only) wife
Sarah (Sallie) Carter born 2 Jan. 1776 at Virginia
 died at Madison Co., Alabama on 13 Sept. 1838 married on 27 May 1793

5. The said John Grayson will of John was the child of

John Grayson born c1807 at Spotsylvania Co., Va.
 died at Montgomery Co., Virginia on aft. 2 Jan. 1800 and his (first or only) wife
Barbara Burdette born c1730 at War Virginia Co., Virgi
 died at Montgomery Co., Va. on before 1800 married on c1748

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

(By each marriage, if married more than once)

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married, noting if Married more than once
<u>Barbara</u>		<u>Unmarried</u>
<u>Elizabeth (Dett)</u>	<u>✓ 1780</u>	<u>Capt. John Gordon</u>
<u>John</u>		
<u>John</u>		
<u>John (Sallie)</u>		<u>William Hall</u>

February 22, 1981

Richard R. Grayson, M.D.
103 West Main St.
St Charles, Illinois

Dear Dr. Grayson,

My hobby is genealogy and I am working on the GRAYSON family tree. I would appreciate corresponding with you if you have information on the following GRAYSON families:

Henry GRAYSON, born 1811 in Tennessee
wife, Cynthia YEARNs, born in 1813 in Kentucky

sons, please see enclosure

My wife's mother was Ann Elizabeth GRAYSON. We have no first hand info on the Grayson family, Ann Grayson apparently did not stay in touch with her family, consequently we are attempting to reconstruct the family history.

I understand you may have a wealth of information on the GRAYSON surname. I will gladly re-imburse you for copy, printing fees and mailing expenses on the above family lines. A self addressed, stamped envelope is provided for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Ward
1928 Forane St.
Barstow, CA 92311

NAME: WATSON, John Henry
PLAC: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATE: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

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

HUSBAND: GRAYSON, Henry
Born (1811 ?) Place Tennessee (he was 39 during the 1850 census)
Chr. _____ Place _____
Marr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____
HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE: YEARN, Cynthia

WIFE: YEARN, Cynthia
Born (1813 ?) Place Kentucky (she was 37 years old during the 1850 census)
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____
WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname		WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR			WHERE BORN TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR		
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	James H	GRAYSON			(1834)	age 16 in 1850		IN				
2	John W	"			(1838)	" 12 "		"				
3	Sanford	"			(1841)	" 9 "		"				
4	Henry W.	"			(1845)	" 5 "		"				
5	Mary E.	"			(1847)	" 3 "		"				
6	Layfette	"			(1850)	" 4/12 "		"				
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11												

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Search #21, by Mrs Doroth LIDDLE MC COY from U.S. Census
Jennings County, Indiana, Geneva Township,
1850 Census.
Mary is May GRAYSON;

OTHER MARRIAGES

Proof read by S. W.

PLA. 14 Apr 1994
To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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RECORD

Sharon, Windsor, VT

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HUSBAND GRAYSON, Ernest Lafayette Railroad Switchman
Born 8 March 1850 Place Jennings Co., Indiana
Chr. 1892 Place Mercer Co., Missouri
Marr. 4 January 1927 Place Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., California
Bur. GRAYSON, Henry HUSBAND'S FATHER
HUSBAND'S MOTHER YEARNS, Cynthia Ann
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

WIFE REASONER, Tessie May
Born 5 Feb 1872 Place Princeton, Mercer Co., Missouri
Chr. 2 April 1941 Place Lenexa, Johnson Co., Kansas
Died 4 April 1941 Place Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS; Memorial Park Cemetery
Bur. REASONER, Sheplar Peter WIFE'S FATHER
WIFE'S MOTHER RHODES, Elizabeth; wife mother's name on tombstone is "Caroline"
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

PLA

DAY 14 Apr 1794

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SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
1	Henry Curtis	GRAYSON	17	Mar	1893	Chariton	Luce	IA	19 Dec 1916	1 July 1962	Mamie Elizabeth BEACH REID		
2	Lenore May	"	8	Jan	1897	Grant Township	Harrison	MO	1 Jun 1921	15 Nov 1957	Forest Lee Henry LIDDLE		
3	Howard Louis	"	6	Oct	1899	Ridgeway	Harrison	MO		22 Dec 1958			
4	George Glenn	"	21	Jul	1902	Princeton	Mercer	MO	15 Nov 1949	21 July 1955	Bernice Rathromal ARELLANES		
5	Fredrick Joseph	"	18	Jun	1905	Curtiss	Woodward Co	OK	2 Sep 1931		Doris Madalene DICKERSON		
6	Nettie Marie	"	3	Jun	1909	Belva	Woodward Co	OK	8 Aug 1925	11 Feb 1935	(1) John K TAYLOR		
7	Ann Elizabeth	"	13	Aug	1911	Pleasant Hope	Polk	MO	31 Oct 1936		(1) Paul J. KIERNAN		
8													
9													
10													
11													

Copies to Kay ✓
Marlye ✓
Larry ✓
Pat ✓

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
Search #21, by Mrs Dorothy Liddle McCoy (Mrs McCoy research papers were well documented and should be accurate)

OTHER MARRIAGES
#1 Henry div (1) about 1940, did not remarry.
#6 Nettie div (1), md (2) about 1932 John Howard Pearson
#7 Ann div (1) md (2) Gerald Edwin WIGGINS on 29 Jan 1949
Proof read by S.J.

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These are not in stock but are printed by Xerox on special order. Thus, the exorbitant price. There is no index.

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also: p. 179: our ad in The Gen. Helper

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Notes: to Robert G. Grayson: my records show only the 4 children of Benjamin Grayson that you have in your letter.

To H.E. Grayson: I wish you success on looking for data in your area. I hope you can find a genealogist there we can hire, also. Please notify me of anyone for the project.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON, Sr., of Wilkes co., N.C.:

We are still searching for his ancestors. However, we are not without some clues; we have clues that suggest that Benjamin Grason came from Fairfax, Stafford, or Culpepper county Virginia: (see previous letters for documentation.)

1. CULPEPPER COUNTY: Joseph Grayson of Rutherford co., N.C. was probably the brother of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes. Rachel Van Zant Grayson, the 2nd wife of Joseph, had a daughter, Jane Crow, and 2 of Jane Crow's children were James Crow and Abraham Crow. (will of 1828.) A James Crow witnessed the will of Frances (Hurt) Grayson in Culpepper co., Va. in 1789. Also, William Grayson and John Crow were among purchasers of an estate in Culpepper co., Va., 1780.

2. FAIRFAX COUNTY: A Stacey Ellzey married 2nd a Benjamin Grayson before 1786 in Fairfax co., Va. A Stacey Grayson married William Brown 1805 in Roane co., Tenn. A Benjamin Grayson was on tax and jury records in Roane co., Tenn., in 1802 and 1805. The sons of our Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes were known to be in Tenn. after 1800, in and around Roane county. Our Benjamin Grayson might have been in Tenn. in 1805 or might have died in Tenn. before then; there are no records of what happened to him. He did leave a son, Benjamin Grayson, jr., and grandsons named Benjamin Grayson.

3. STAFFORD Co., Va.: Family tradition of John B. Grayson of Monroe co., Tenn., son of a William Grayson who was probably the William Grayson of the 1830 census in Monroe co., is that this William Grayson came from or was born in Stafford co., Va. We have long thought that this Grayson clan of Monroe co. was related to Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes because of the similarity of first names of sons (William, John, Joseph, Benjamin.) It is thought by many that William Grayson of Monroe of 1830 was the William Grayson of Wilkes of 1800.

Two other clues to the origin of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes:

1. Benjamin Grayson, jr. who md. Ann Bronaugh, b. 176_ had a son, Benjamin Grayson III, b. about 1762 in Colchester, Fairfax co., Va. There is no information further about this Benjamin Grayson. Could he be the Benjamin who went to Wilkes Co., N.C. ?
2. Ambrose Grayson of Spotsylvania C., Va., 1680-1742, son of the first John Grayson, md. Alice James. He had a son, Benjamin Grayson, about whom I have no records. Could he be our Benjamin ?

Howard E. Grayson suggests we research Prince William Co., which is near Stafford and Fairfax counties. If some one will suggest a good genealogist for that area, I will commission him or her to search for Benjamin Grayson's ancestry in that region. We still have money in the project fund.

R. R. Grayson 3 Aug. 1981

P.S.: 1850 census, Monroe co., Tenn: William Grayson, age 83, b. Va.; wife Amy, 76 b. N.C.; this is consistent with the theory above that they came from Va. to Wilkes to Monroe co. Tenn.

June 1981

To: R. R. Grayson, Grayson Family Association, St. Charles, Ill.

From: Gene Goodman & Robert G. Grayson, Bradenton, Fl.

We are researching the KENTUCKY GRAYSONS in an effort to find the parents of THOMAS GRAYSON, who is listed on the 1860 census of MASON county, Ky. He is listed age 28, along with his wife ELIZABETH MOORE, age 30, B. BROWN COUNTY, OHIO. (THOMAS B. in KY.) one dau is listed, ANDELIA AGE 9/12.

We know from family sources two sons were also in this family, Sylvanus, age 39 on the 1900 KY. census and JOHN WILLIAM, AGE 38 ON SAME CENSUS.

We have read every GRAYSON family on the 1850 census, and have one possibility, the Fleming county 1850 census (Fleming adjoins Mason), the census lists a

JOHN GRAYSON,	age 56,	b. KY
Polly "	"	33, b. KY
Eldrige "	"	30, b. KY
THOMAS E. "	"	21, b. KY
John N. "	"	9, b. Ky
William E. "	"	7, b. Ky.

We would like to exchange info on KENTUCKY GRAYSONS with anyone who might have any.

also, does any one out there have a complete list of the children of BENJAMIN GRAYSON, son of REV SPENCE GRAYSON? This Benjamin remove to KY. in the 1790's and was county clerk of NELSON Co., Ky.

The four children of BENJAMIN (B. 6 Nov 1761) mentioned in prior newsletters:

FREDERICK WILLIAM SPENCE
ALFRED
PETER WAGENER
ELIZABETH

Were there any more?

We are sending some census records and other info of our research.

Sincerely,

Bab

Robert G. Grayson

712-60th ST. N.W.
BRADENTON, FL. 33505

KENTUCKY

SCHEDULE OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF PERSONS WITHIN THE DIVISION ALLOTTED

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William Grayson	Henderson	244	No TWP listed
William P. Grayson	Henderson	221	No TWP listed

1462 East Kenwood Avenue
 Anaheim, California 92805
 July 1, 1981

I am interested in establishing contact with anyone working on the same Grayson line and would be very interested in a newsletter.

My great-great grandfather was William Karridge Grayson, M.D. who received his training in medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. He emigrated to this country from England and moved about quite a lot, finally settling in Texas with his son, Joseph Beauregard Grayson, where he died in 1900.

Kathleen L. Pringle

Kathleen L. Pringle

KENTUCKY CENSUS - 1850

FLEMING COUNTY 2ND DIVISION 15 AUGUST 1850

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		Nercepa	22 F		Ky	
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LOGAN COUNTY DISTRICT 7 30 SEPTEMBER 1850

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		Jane	21 F		Ky.	
		Susan C.	18 F		Ky.	
		Margaret A.	16 F		Ky.	
		Mary A.	13 F		KY.	
		Noe, Virginia S.	14 F		Ky.	
		GRAYSON, JOHN T.	25 M	Farmer	Ky.	

21	303-313	GRAYSON, WILLIS	23 M	Farmer	Ky.	
		Mary Jane	23 F		Ky.	
		Infant	2/12 F		Ky.	

21	304-314	Grayson, William J.	28 M	Farmer	Ky.	
		Lydia E.	19 F		Ky.	
		Sarah J.	1 F		Ky.	
		John Thomas	6/12 M		Ky.	

HENDERSON COUNTY DISTRICT 2 6 SEPTEMBER 1850

333	346-346	GRAYSON, DANIEL	41 M	Farmer	N. C.	400.
		Darcus	40 F		N. C.	
		Caroline	14 F		Ky.	
		Benjamin	12 M		Ky.	
		Samuel	10 M		Ky.	
		Joseph J.	8 M		Ky.	
		Elizabeth	6 F		Ky.	
		Lettuce	4 F		Ky.	
		Daniel	2 M		Ky.	

332	336-336	GRAYSON, William	33 M	Farmer	N. C.	250.
		Eura	32 F		Ky.	
		Mary A.	14 F		Ky.	
		Elvira	12 F		Ky.	
		George W.	10 M		Ky.	
		Melvina	8 F		Ky.	
		Clementine	6 F		Ky.	
		Elizabeth	4 F		Ky.	
		Louisa	3 F		Ky.	
		Lettuce	1 F		Ky.	

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HENDERSON COUNTY (CONTINUED) DISTRICT 2 6 SEPTEMBER 1850

13	48-48	GRAYSON, Samuel	27 M	Farmer	Ky.	300.
		Olley V.	24 F		Ky.	
		Sarah E.	4 F		Ky.	
		Lettuce	2 F		Ky.	
		Lettuce	65 F		Ky.	
		Joseph A.	22 M	Schoolmaster	Ky.	

309	565-578	GRAYSON, William P.	38 M	Farmer	Ky.	20,000.
		Susan	34 M		Ky.	
		Mary E.	10 F		Ky.	
		Susan	6 F		Ky.	
		Sophonesba	4 F		Ky.	
		Hebe	2 F		Ky.	
		Eliza F.	6/12 F		Ky.	

272	39-39	GRAYSON, Sophonesba	66 F		VA.	16,000.
		Preston, Hebe C.	35 F		Ky.	12,000.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, Louisville, District 3, 3 September 1850

235	41 41	GRAYSON, Micheal	40 M	Laborer	Ireland	
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236		GRAYSON, John	23M	Mason	Germany	
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295	216 216	GRAYSON, Sally	50 F		Ky.	10,000.
		Payne, Ada	16 F		Ky.	In School
		Sally	12 F		Ky.	"
		Ward	15 M		Ky.	"
		Johnson, Sedediah	33 M	Gentleman	Ky.	
		Mary E.	23 F		Ky.	5,000.
		Frank	4 M		Ky.	
		Sally	2 F		Ky.	
		Eliza	7/12 F		Ky.	
		Montague, Leatharino	22 F		Ireland	

63		GRAYSON, Elizabeth	?? F		Pa.	
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KENTUCKY CENSUS - 1850

MASON COUNTY District 11 July 1850

11 — — GRAYSON, George 21 M Laborer Ky.

BRACKEN COUNTY 7 September 1850

474 1362-1362 GRAYSON, Thomas 48 M Stone Mason Ky. 900.
 Johnson 21 M Farmer Ky.
 David 14 M Ky.
 Mary 13 F Ky.
 Thomas 11 M Ky.

474 1363-1363 GRAYSON, John 42 M Farmer Ky. 300.
 Adilia 35 F Ky.
 Melissa 10 F Ky.
 America 8 F Ky.
 Sarah 3 F Ky.

474 1364-1364 GRAYSON, James 46 M Stone Mason Ky.
 Mary 40 F Ky.
 Missouri 18 F Ky.
 Sarah 15 F Ky.
 Francis 12 M Ky.
 Lydia 9 F Ky.
 Vincent 7 M Ky.
 Not Named 2 F Ky.

475 1365 1365 GRAYSON, Richard 44 M Farmer Ky.
 Elizabeth 30 F Ky.
 George 12 M Ky.
 John 9 M Ky.
 James 7 M Ky.
 Sarah 5 M Ky.
 Not Named 2 F Ky.

EDMONSON COUNTY No Township listed 27 July 1850

4 40 40 GRAYSON, William 67 M Farmer Va. 500.
 Susan D. 44 F Va.
 Nancy M 18 F Ky.
 John W. 17 M Ky.
 Nathaniel 14 M Ky.
 Elizabeth A 3 F Ky.

4 41 41 GRAYSON, Thomas H. 25 M Laborer Ky.
 Isabella 24 F Ky.
 Mary L 2/12 F Ky.

KENTUCKY CENSUS - 1850

GRAYSON COUNTY

17 August 1850

39	266 266	GRAYSON, William	26 M	Farmer	Va. 100.
		Elizabeth	28 F		Va.
		Adelia	5 F		Ky.
		Sarilda	3 F		Ky.
		John W.	1 M		Ky.
41	271 271	GRAYSON, Robert P.	54 M	Farmer	N.C. 200.
		Martha	49 F		N. C.
		John B.	17 M		Ky.
		Martha	16 F		Ky.
		Eliza A.	14 F		Ky.
		Willis G.	12 M.		Ky.
		James C.	10 M		Ky.
		Sutton, Campbell	67 M		N. C.
41	272 272	GRAYSON, Robert P.	24 M	Farmer	Va.
		Martha	24 F		Ky.
		John W.	1 M		Ky.

GRAYSON**Family Association**

Looking for new members to contribute Grayson genealogy to quarterly newsletter.

R. Grayson, M.D.

Box 167, St. Charles, IL 60174

GRAYSON Kentucky Births - 1852 - 1904

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>County</u>
Grayson - (female)	12-8-1855	Joshua	Susan McClain	Bath
(male)	5-12-1877	Daniel R.	Mary J. Fulkerson	Grayson
(female)	12- 3-1901	Joseph	Annie Smith	Louisville
(male)	2-22-1904	Charlie	Lelia Layne	Webster
(female)	5-17-1904	David	Anna Schmitz	Covington
Allen	7- 7-1859	John	Mary Powers	Campbell
Annah	1-12-1858	James		Greenup
Cynthia	8- 8-1856	John	Elizabeth Stewart	Harrison
Cynthia	5-30-1858	R.G.	Mary Ann Gose	Bath
Elizabeth	1-18-1853	W.H.	Mary Rutherford	Logan
F.	3-14-1858	Chas	E. Miller	Campbell
Frances M.	1-14-1861	John	Sally A. Lawson	Casey
John H.	1-13-1856	R.G.	Mary Ann Gose	Bath
Malissa Jane	8-18-1852	James	Mary Martin	Bracken
Mary E.	9-22-1852	J.J.	Lucy Kinsoling	Crittendo
Samuel	3- 2-1854	Samuel	Olivine Melton	Henderson
Sarah C.	1- -1852	Thomas	Elizabeth Jones	Edmonson
T.H.	11-21-1857	J.W.	A.M. Keath	Warren
William	2-18-1859	Wm. H.	Mary E. Thomas	Logan
William P.	8-19-1853	Wm. P.	Susan Dicon	Henderson

TAX LIST ** 1800

GRAYSON, Benjamin	Nelson County	7 July 1800
George	Mason "	8 Aug "
Reubin	Logan "	26 Aug "
Robert	Logan	26 Aug "
Thomas	Christian	22 Jul "
William	Christian	22 Jul "

Kentucky Wills

GRAYSON, Fred W. S. Jefferson County Page 364 Will Book #2 1827

Kentucky GRAYSONS in the war of 1812

GRAYSON, Alfred W. Pg 100, Private, Capt. Thompson Wards' Co., Pogue's Reg, 8/27/-9/26/1812.

GRAYSON, F. W. S. pg 49, Captain, 3rd Reg, 9/1/-12/29/1812.

GRAYSON, John Pg 323, Private, Capt. Samuel Goodin's Co. Ky Vol Militia. 9/10-10/9/1812.

GRAYSON, Peter, Pg 337, 364, Sargent, Capt. Carey Nicholas Co. 7th Reg, U. S. Infantry, 1/01/-6/30/1814.

Revolutionary Pension Applications of GRAYSONS who were living in Ky. at time of application.

GRAYSON, John/William John, S. C., Susan JOYNER, Former Widow, #W 21474, BLWT # 1179 200.

GRAYSON, William, Cont. KY. Resident of son in 1836, BLWT # 1366 500.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of death</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>POD</u>
Grayson, Birdie P, J.V. Nichols	28	6-30-1904	Grayson	Grayson
Grayson, Crittie P,G.R. & Mary E Grayson	22	3-12-1904	Grayson	Grayson
Grayson, George E. P, R.P. & Martha Grayson	38	1904	Grayson	Grayson
Grayson, Martha P, James and Mary Watts	26	3-10-1856	Woodford	Shelby
Grayson Polly P, unknown	34	9- -1855	Fleming	Fleming
Grayson, Robert P, John B. and Rebecca Grayson	3 days		Grayson	Grayson
Grayson, R.P. P, R.P. and Martha Grayson	78	9-1 -1904	Virginia	Grayson
Grayson, Sarah P, John and Rebecca Grayson	2	1-10-1856	Grayson	Grayson
Grayson, Sally A. P, John and Nancy Lyons	28	11- -1862	Casey	Casey
Grayson, Susan P, Henry Holeman	46	9-28-1854	Virginia	Edmonson
Grayson, WilliamJ. P, unknown	2	11-18-1854	Crittendon	same
Grayson,William P, unknown, farmer-widower	70	9-19-1858	Virginia	Warren

Howard E. Grayson
4921 Seminary Road, Apt. 424
Alexandria, Virginia 22311
31 May 1981

Dear Dick:

With my travels back of me for a while at least, I am now ready to get back to family research. I haven't done any research since Christmas time and will have to wait another ten days or so. Fortunately, Sue Clark of Natural Dam, Ark., is working on the same line and she has been quite active.

Enclosed is an obit from the Wash. Post for Howard A. Grayson, Sr., of Washington, D.C. and Temple Hill, Md., which identifies another Doctor Grayson for us and contains some data of genealogical value. On the same page is a clipping re the election of Richard Grayson to head the Rail Division of Burlington Northern. In previous editions of the Grayson News Letter a clipping from Who's Who for Richard was included. His birth place was listed as Cuba, Mo., which is near where the Benjamin Grayson of the Marion County, Tenn., clan settled. He is likely a relative of yours.

In Vol. 4, No. 4, of the Grayson News Letter, on Page 102, you indicated an intent to commission a genealogist in Monroe County, Tenn., to research William Grayson of that county. Sue Clark has already been into this area on a limited basis. She was specifically attempting to locate a record of my g-g-grandfather, Jesse Grayson. This proved fruitless. A copy of the report is enclosed. Consideration was given to extraction of selected data but after study, it was decided to forward the entire findings. Sue invited me to furnish this data to the New Letter. Sue did not ask for research on the elder Wm. Grayson. If you elect to contact Mrs. Gwen Starnes, the genealogist who did the research, I am sure that she would be willing to perform a search for us.

I did not originally opt to participate in the research project, but if it isn't too late, I would like to do so at this time. My check is enclosed. If it is too late, simply return the remittance please.

Will close for now. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

H.E.G.

Howard E. Grayson

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Tuesday, April 28, 1981

THE WASHINGTON POST

H.A. Grayson Sr., Headed Heating Company Here

Howard A. Grayson Sr., 55, the president of H.R. Grayson & Son, Inc., heating and air conditioning firm in Washington, died at Southeast Community Hospital Sunday following a heart attack.

Mr. Grayson was born in Charlotte, N.C., moved to Washington with his family as a child and graduated from Anacostia High School. During World War II, he served in the Navy. He then earned a degree in engineering from George Washington University.

His first job was with T.B. Bourne Associates, an engineering firm, in Japan. After his return to this area, he worked for Griffith Consumers, an air conditioning contractor.

About 1955, Mr. Grayson joined H.R. Grayson, the company which had been founded in 1934 by his father, Howard Roy Grayson. He remained with it for the rest of his life.

Mr. Grayson, who lived in Temple Hills, was a member of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and a director of the United Bank & Trust Company of Maryland. He also was a past president of the Anacostia Lions Club and a member of the Anacostia Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Marian,



HOWARD A. GRAYSON SR.

of Temple Hills; a son, Dr. H. Avory Jr. of Gales Ferry, Conn.; two daughters, Mary Dale and Gaye Grayson, both of Temple Hills, and a grandson.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Taylors Island Volunteer Fire Department, Taylors Island, Md., 21669.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL,
Friday, May 29, 1981

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Who's News

Management —
Personnel Notes

Burlington Northern Elects Richard Grayson To Head Rail Division

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

ST. PAUL — Burlington Northern Inc. elected Richard C. Grayson to the new post of president and chief executive officer of its railroad business.

His election follows Burlington Northern's reorganization into a holding company, and Burlington Northern Railroad will be one of eight divisions. The company also operates other transportation and natural resources businesses.

Mr. Grayson, 60 years old, began his career as a brakeman and conductor with the former St. Louis-San Francisco Railway in 1941. He formerly was vice chairman and president of Burlington Northern's transportation division. The holding company plans to move its corporate headquarters to Seattle by Aug. 1, but Mr. Grayson will head the railroad operations from St. Paul and serve as chairman of the company's Colorado & Southern and Fort Worth & Denver railway subsidiaries.

Deaths

GRAYSON, HOWARD A.
On Sunday, April 26, 1981, HOWARD A. GRAYSON, the beloved husband of Marian I. Grayson; father of Mary Dale, Gaye I. and Howard Avory Grayson Jr., M.D.; grandfather of Geoffrey T. Grayson; nephew of Mrs. Arvin Pearson. Friends may call at the GEORGE P. KALAS FUNERAL HOME, 6160 Oxon Hill rd., Oxon Hill, Md., on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held Wednesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of Leeland, 14111 Oak Grove rd., Upper Marlboro, Md. Interment Washington National Cemetery.

Howard E. Grayson
Alexandria, Va.

For various reasons I answer letters into the County on old records. We have many indexed easily available Court records 1820-1870. I also have hundreds of chancery Court abstracts from original "loose papers", Census records & civil war posters.

I found a will for a Wm. B. Grogan after the 1870 period. Could that be yours? In my index as under Grogan are: A.H., Albert H., E.B., W.B. & Wm. B., Ann, Clementine, Frances, George C., John B., Joseph F., Mely & W.H. (This does not include deeds) Under these original "loose papers" - there under Grogan. I know a descendant of John B. Grogan.

I usually do a preliminary search for \$5.00, giving you abstracts of what is here. Then, if you like, you can get copies at a reasonable fee. I can usually copy a record for \$3.00. I do not have an abstract of Wm. B. Grogan's will as it is after 1870 period, I can copy for you this.

If you want me to try, send all dates you have - names of parents, children, husbands & wives, brothers & sisters.

Gwen Starnes

Grayson

Marriage Co. Marriages 1838-1870 (lost 1830-1838)

Ann Grayson to Alexander Cline Apr. 22, 1841
by C. L. Walker J. P.
P. Clementine ^{Grayson} to Samuel P. Firestone Apr. 14, 1859

Francis C. Grayson to Lewis A. Gray Sep 5, 1843

George D. Grayson to Sarah A. Cardin Feb 28, 1867
by R. A. Purdy J. P.
John B. Grayson to Louiza Ape Feb 4, 1867
(my friend's ancestor) Eliza

Joseph F. Grayson to Mary J. Simms Feb. 21, 1867
by R. A. Purdy J. P.

Milly Grayson to William Cline Dec 24, 1839
by C. L. Walker J. P.

W. B. Grayson to Mary Harrison Oct 19, 1865
by Thomas Brown M. D.

W. H. Grayson to W. C. R. Martin Feb 23, 1857

W. H. Grayson to Eliza Ape March 19, 1861

A. B. Howard of Blount Co to John B. Grayson
of Monroe Co.

(this is not a total deeds search - just one
I "ran into") I usually do not do a deeds
search on this preliminary

Guardian Settlements 1864 - 1868 (p. 112)

1 ~~Sept 1861~~ May 1862; paid clerk of
Cherokee Co, N.C.; paid A. H. Walker alias
A. H. Grayson - paid by Lawson A. Walker,
Exec. of Caswell L. Walker

Will Book B - 29 - exec 15 Dec 1861

Caswell L. Walker - Albert H. Walker alias
Albert H. Grayson + ~~Miranda Green~~ -
in will of Caswell L. Walker - I can give total
abstract but seems Albert H. is Caswell's
illegitimate son. - Miranda Green is also
" " daughter - (mother of her is Sarah
Boyles. Six legitimate children

Thomas White Collection - 13, 1857 Letter from
E. B. Grayson, Washington, concerning pension
for widow of Luke Kenhaugh - - - - - War of 1812.

17 Mar 1852 - Letter from E. B. Grayson Washington -
to J. D. Wight brought claim of Mrs Boyles
Da. case - - - - -

Guardian Settlements - 1864-1868 37

8 Jan 1864 - W. B. Grayson Idm & Martha
Lunlap; received sum from adm. of James
Lunlap, dec'd.

Will Book B - 23 - James Lunlap will - 24 Jul
1861 - witness was William B. Grayson

Will of Caswell Walker - 1861, Dec 15:

"Will examined 2 Mar 1862, above Albert
H. Walker alias Albert H. Grayson being in
arms of C. S. A.

Will of Wm. B. Grayson - Book C - page 297
I do not have abstract of this will as
it is late after 1870 -

Chancery Court loose papers from original
papers - # 629, 660, 957 all after Civil
War

1830 East Tenn Census

Jesse Grayson - M. 51 Marion Co

males 02012001 - 01110001

Jesse oldest male 50-60

Too old for your Jesse

Chancery Court case # 629 - W. B. Grayson et al VS
Archd. Boone et al - Filed 10 Feb 1877

File contains will of James Dunlap - he died
29 Jul 1861 Monroe Co testate leaving legacies:

1. Martha Dunlap, an afflicted sister who
died 21 Dec 1863 intestate without issue
2. Charity E. Harrison - sister in law who died
16 Jan 1874 without issue - her heirs are
complainants (lists nephews & nieces)
3. Elizabeth Harrison - sister in law - who
died Oct 1865 without issue
4. Mary E wife of Orville Carden
5. Nathaniel Harrison & wife Jane both
died. - children are:
 - a. Wm. J. who died 28 Dec 1863 without
issue
 - b. Mary E wife of W. B. Grayson
 - c. Charity Ann
 - d. Sarah M wife of Wm. Littlejohn
 - e. Fannad. W.
 - f. Sophronia I wife of John Rixes

660 - Filed 2 Jun 1877 - B. S. Feltz et al VS

J. M. Giles et al

Elyza Feltz, wife of B. S., who was widow of —
Gazoon & her children by Gazoon are Wm. H.
and Sarah M. Gazoon, minors. During her
widowhood she bought land from James M.
Giles. Dependent are James M. Giles, Nancy E.
Giles wife of Squire Aep, Thomas Giles, Amanda
Giles wife of — Yates, Wesley Giles, Sally Ann
Giles wife of Harrison Aep, Emeline Giles &
husband Anderson Kirkland, Wm. Giles, James M.
Giles, Rufus Giles, Columbus Giles, & Mary Giles,
last 5 being minors, all children seem to
be the children of the first def. James M.
Giles

957 - Filed 7 Mar 1887. John B. Gazoon ^{et al} VS
Heirs of Benj. Aep. et al - Benj. Aep died

Dec 1885 leaving widow Sallie & children:

1. Louisa wife of John B. Gazoon
2. Squire
3. Benjamin
4. C. H.
5. Thomas died - has children
6. Elyza wife of B. S. Feltz
7. Annas Weas, died. whose children are
Matilda & Margaret Weas of Ga
8. Bettie Aep died. whose children are
Rufus, Benj, Daniel & Nancy Aep

10. Add

11 Pally Cattrell died. whose children are:
Annas wife of Jacob Levine
Maggie Cattrell
Hally wife of Joseph Byson
Benjamin Cattrell

1850 Monroe Co Census

#342 William B. Grayson 35 Farmer \$400 Ban TN
Malinda 41 TN
Mary 16, John 14, Wm. H. H. 10
Geo. W. 3 (all TN)

352 William Grayson 83 Farmer Va
Anny 76 NC, Cynthia 34 NC
Harney 19 NC, Clementine 17 NC
Joseph 6, John 1 1/2 NC
4th civil district

This is the area close to Philadelphia
(now Loudon Co) I think -

The library has a civil war roster - Union
& Confederate - I usually do not do that
worded on a preliminary search but I
can later if you like.

Gunn Stearns

M^c Minn Co, In

Marriages of M^c Minn 1820-1870 Boger
 Mary C. Grogson & John W. Washam 12 Dec 1858
 Sarah Ann Grogson & Thomas Parrett 20 Aug 1845

1850 M^c Minn Co Census - Boger

- # 1457 - Joseph Grogson 17 Tn. living in household with Oliver Watson
- # 1792 Hannah Grogson 60 Sc living in household with Harriet Coale? 36 Cumberland preacher 4000 Tn
 wife: Priscilla 34 Tn., Jesse 23 Tn,
 Boyd 20, James 16 Tn

M^c Minn Wills & Estates 1820-1870 - Boger
 No Grogson in index

Chancery Court Records of M^c Minn Co
 No. Grogson in index

Early East Tenn Tax papers - Pollyanna Cuckmore
 p. 70 - Jesse Grogson - no land - 1 white poll
~~Benjamin Co~~ - Tax list 1806 - Knox Co -
 Benjamin Grogson p. 77 - 1 white poll - Knox Co 1806

John Grogson p. 77 - 200 Acres - 1 white poll
 # Knox Co. 1806 -

Joseph Grogson 3-19 Anderson Co. 1802

Joseph Grogan - Anderson G. - 300A - Way V
1802

M & Mem 1850 Census (2c)
Gason, David 33, Malissa 33, Mary 12
(NC) 1
Fanny 9, Washington 11, Elvira 6, Tabitha 3
Sarah 3 1/2 # 1771-701

Checked Tenn 1850 Census by Sister
Gason - Grogan - No Jesse Grogan (head of household)
No Jesse in Cross Reference

1840 - Md & Tenn Census

Gason, Mary	Roane	048
" Wm. B.	"	048
Gason Almira	Mari	070
" Isabel	Whit	049
Gayson, Daniel	Hami	153
" George	Hens	471
" Henry	Hami	183
" Will	Morse	182

I would like for you to return this letter (or a copy of it) with any comment or request for copies. Could you will want any copies unless this tells you more than it does me. We copied so much on Georgian - spent hours hunting & recording - I do not keep duplicate of this letter & it would help me if I have other inquiries on Georgian - I covered many books in the library which may be moved to other libraries.

If you can without a great deal of trouble, return this. I see no evidence - that Jesse was here - if we could get a later connection of who his father was. Needs might help - the last resort. I am not encouraged though and would not advise you to spend more. I do doubt last as they are extensive & so hard to read - but do occasionally have family 'info'.

Gwen Starnes

If you get a Moore Co connection - share with us. I'll keep a file on Georgian with your charts. Hope I can later refer someone to you.

"Our Gracen (Grayson) Family of South Carolina"

1775 - - - - 1952

By

GLADYS GRAYSON DREYER (MRS. ROMAINE 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.

"Description of Arms"

"Shield: Or (gold) a bend (broad diagonal stripe from upper right to lower left of shield) chequy sable (black) and argent (silver).

Crest:—grehound courant (running)

(My note—no punctuation etc.—copied exactly).

In heraldy gold denotes strength, authority & wealth; while black signifies sorrow, sin, mourning & dignity. Silver denotes purity, eloquence, virginity & innocence. Black & silver are called the colors of the 2nd Crusade, and the combination is found in many ancient arms. The greyhound (from grew hound) is a sign of messenger of the King.

There is no motto to the Grayson family coat of arms on account of its antiquity."



Grayson

Shield, (Gold) (Black) (Silver)

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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 1800'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.

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 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 1860'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.

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—8 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

55 2 Y

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 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.

1850 Census—

St. Bartholomew Parish, S. C.

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	age 20
Sophia	age 22
William	age 18
Isabella	age 12
Bellinger	age 6

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

Tombstones give—	{	Sarah B—Feb. 16, 1823
		Sophia B—Aug. 4, 1825
		Isabella B—Mar. 29, 1838

1850 Census—

Williamsburg District, S. C.

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	—age 40	(correct with Bible Date)
Barnard B. Grayson	—age 42	(Bible gives—Oct. 18, 1807)
Mary A. Grayson	—age 38	(Bible gives—May 9, 1811)
Sarah J. Grayson	—age 11	(Bible gives—June 20, 1838)
William S. Grayson	—age 10	(correct with Bible date)
John M. Grayson	—age 8	(Bible gives—Sept. 29, 1841)
Harvey L. Grayson	—age 6	(Bible gives—Sept. 21, 1843)
Mary Grayson	—age 4	(Bible gives—Oct. 20, 1845)
Jerusha Grayson	—age 1	(Bible gives—Aug. 6, 1847)
Charles E. Grayson	—age 9/12	(Bible gives—Aug. 7, 1849)
William S. Grayson	—age 33	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—

St. Bartholomew's Parish, S. C.

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

D—Feb. 27, 1820

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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

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married—Mary Ann McCullough d. Sep 22 1857 Wmsburg Co SC

9 Children

D—Jane Sherritt b. 1810 d. 1811

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E—Isabella Skilling b. April 28 1810 d. 1888 salters 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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Keys to Record

Explanation of generations markings

Example

John Gracen	8th Generation
3 Child.-I-III	
I-William Gracen (Grayson)	7th Generation
8 child.-A-H	
C-Bernard Buckner Grayson	6th Generation
9 Child.-1-9	
2-William Salters Grayson	5th Generation
5 child.-a-e	
c-Austin Bennett Grayson	4th Generation
2 child.- (1)-(2)	
(1) Gladys Grayson Dreyer	3rd Generation
2 child.- (a)-(b)	
(a) Betty Jo Dreyer Koopman	2nd Generation
1 child. 1*	
1* Karen Freya Koopman	1st Generation

John Gracen was in the Revolutionary War so 1* Karen F. Koopman is descended from him through 8 generations.

Child.-abbreviation for children

I-William	B-May 10, 1777 D-Oct. 8, 1853	Prince William Par., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
mar.-Sarah M. Buckner	Dec. 31, 1801 B-June 23, 1781 D-Feb. 27, 1820	Prince William Par., S. C. Prince William Par., S. C. St. Luke's Parish, S. C.
(dau. of Bernard and Sarah (Heape) Buckner)		
8 children-A-II		
A-Elizabeth Margaret	B-July 5, 1802 D-Sept. 24, 1802	Prince William Par., S. C. Prince William Par., S. C.
B-Sarah Elizabeth	B-Dec. 7, 1803 D-Feb. 3, 1807	Prince William Par., S. C. Prince William Par., S. C.
C-Bernard Buckner	B-Oct. 18, 1807 D-Sept. 22, 1857	Prince William Par., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
mar.-Mary Ann (Polly) McCullough	Dec. 8, 1836	Williamsburg Co., S. C.
(dau. of John and	B-May 9, 1811 D-Nov. 1, 1881	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
9 children-1-9		() McCullough)
1-Sarah Josephine	B-June 20, 1838 D-Feb. 5, 1908	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
2-William Salters	B-Mar. 19, 1840 D-Aug. 25, 1919	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
mar.-Sarah Elizabeth Miller	May 19, 1866 B-Dec. 4, 1845 D-Sept. 26, 1923	Black Mingo, S. C. Black Mingo, S. C. Charleston, S. C.
(dau. of Eliphalet Hewitt and Margaret Eleanor (McConnell) Miller)		
5 children-a-e		
a-Thomas	B-Sept. 11, 1807 D-Nov. 2, 1895	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Gourdins, S. C.
b-Mary Ellen	B-July 26, 1870 D-Sept. 18, 1874	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Williamsburg Co., S. C.
c-Austin Bennett	B-Oct. 13, 1873 D-living-	Williamsburg Co., S. C. Spartanburg, S. C.
mar.-Cora Martha Smith	Nov. 12, 1898 B-Jan. 30, 1870	Fort Smith, Ark. Port Clinton, Ohio
(dau. of Delos W. and Martha Jane (Lawrence) Smith)		
2 children-(1)-(2)		
(1)-Gladys Pauline	B-Apr. 27, 1900 D-living-	Mountain Grove, Mo. Spartanburg, S. C.
mar.-Romaine Dreyer	Dec. 4, 1924 B-Sept. 25, 1894	Spartanburg, S. C. Spartanburg, S. C.
(son of Albert Henry and Addie Blancet (Garrett) Dreyer)		
2 children-(a)-(b)		

Keys to Record

Explanation of generations markings

Example

John Gracen

8th Generation

3 child: I-III

III-Edward Gracen (Grayson)

7th Generation

9 Child.-A-I

B-Margaret Elizabeth married John Preacher

6th Generation

8 child.--1-8

2-Sarah Margaret married Steven A. Martin

5th Generation

9 child.--a-i

a-James Edward Martin

4th Generation

10-child-(1)-(10)

(2)-Sarah S. Martin married Walter F. Grayson

3rd Generation

8 child.--(a)-(b)

(b)-Norman Evelyn married Edwin M. Goodman

2nd Generation

4 child.--1*-4*

1* Edwin M. Jr.

1st Generation

Child.-abbreviation for children

EDWARD GRACEN (GRAYSON)

III-Edward Gracen

Born- 1785/6 Prince William Par., S. C.
 Died- 1860's Colleton Co., S. C.
 Apr. 4, 1816 Prince William Par., S. C.
 B-
 D- 1860's Colleton Co., S. C.

9 children--A-I

A-James Edward Gracen

B-Apr. 11, 1817 Prince William Par., S. C.
 D-

mar.-Dorothy Hubbard-

B- 1820?
 D- 1858? Washington, D. C. S. C.

(dau. of Humphrey and Catharine Ann (Gates) Hubbard)

5 children--?--(3 known) 1-5

1-Edward H.

B-June 20, 1845 Colleton Co., S. C.
 D-Feb. 12, 1930 Denmark, S. C.

mar.-Mrs. Eliza Creech-

Kline, S. C.

mar.-2nd-Mrs. Savannah Kemp

Denmark, S. C.

mar.-3rd-Mrs. Fairy Belle (Birt) Garrison

Elko, S. C.

She had 3 children by former marriage.

He had no children by any of 3 wives.

2-Marie (or Mariah)

B-
 D- Colleton Co., S. C.
 Augusta, Ga.

mar.-?

2 children--a-b

a-Julie

B-June 11, 1876 Augusta, Ga.
 D-Jan. 18, 1939 Augusta, Ga.

mar.- DeLoach-

1 son-deceased

mar.-2nd-James Garner-

1 child--whereabouts unknown.

b-Daisy

B- 1880 Augusta, Ga.
 D- 1945 Augusta, Ga.
 Augusta, Ga.

mar.-Joseph Wise

D-Nov. 15, 1952

3 children--(1)-(3)

(1)-Joe

B- Barnwell, S. C.

(2)-Willie Mae

mar.-
 both died in 1945

Howard-

(3)-Blanche

mar.-Mr. Martin

she and her baby both died at time of baby's birth.

3-Dorothy (or Susan Katharine) B- 1850 Colleton Co., S. C.
 D- 1882 Washington, D. C.
 (her name was changed to Cornelia M. when she was adopted by Mrs. Butler)
 mar.-Lieut. Thomas T. Knox B-July 3, 1874 Benecia, Cal.
 D- 1849 E. Tenn.
 1925 Washington, D. C.
 (son of William White and Margaret (Seckerson) Knox)
 3 children--a-c
 a-Cornelia Grayson Butler B-Mar. 2, 1875 Benecia, Cal.
 D- living- Washington, D. C.
 mar.-Col. J. R. Kean 1918 France
 B- 1861 Lynchburg, Va.
 D- 1950 Washington, D. C.
 b-Dudley Wright B-June 21, 1877 Washington, State
 D- living- Washington, D. C.
 mar.-Lily Hazard McCalla May 18, 1908 Santa Barbara, Cal.
 B-Apr. 2, 1878 Annapolis, Md.
 D- living-
 (dau. of Bowman Hendry and Elizabeth Hazard (Sargent) McCalla)
 1 child--(1)
 (1)-Dudley Sargent B-Dec. 14, 1909 Philadelphia, Pa.
 D- living- Washington, D. C.
 mar.-Lalla Harrison Lynn 1934 Washington, D. C.
 B- 1908 Leesburg, Va.
 D- living-
 (dau. of Henry and Jane (Harrison) Lynn)
 2 children--(a)-(b)
 (a)-Janet Fauntleroy B-Jan. 17, 1935 Washington, D. C.
 (b)-Elizabeth Sargent B-Aug. 7, 1939 Washington, D. C.
 c-Thomas McCallister B-May 13, 1880 Fort Lapwai, Idaho
 D- living- Victoria, British Col.
 mar.-Edith Arms 1925
 B- 1890?
 D- living-

The family of James Edward Gracen is not complete. However, the proof of information above was given by the following descendants. The third wife of Edward H. Gracen gave for him. He is buried at Long Branch Cemetery, near Barnwell, S. C. Julie DeLoach Garner, during her life time, established definitely her branch of the family thru her mother, Marie, and her grandfather-James Edward. She

gave the names of the brothers and sisters of her grandfather. She spoke of her uncle Edward; and, she gave family of her own sister, Daisy. She verified the fact that several of the sisters of her mother were adopted. The family of Marie are all buried at Westview Cemetery, Augusta, Ga. The inscription on tombstone of Marie is not legible for dates. Commodore Dudley Knox gave all of the information for his mother's family. He said that his mother, at the death of her mother, was adopted as a niece by Mrs. John Butler. She was taken by her to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1833, and her name changed to Cornelia Manigault Grayson. She was bequeathed property in the will of Mrs. Butler. Mr. Knox also said that there were two other sisters adopted by Mrs. Manigault. She took them to England with her, during the Civil War. They died there without issue. A fourth daughter remained in Ga., or S. C.

Mrs. Lizzie (Hubbard) Pinckney of Bluffton, S. C. and her brother, W. R. Hubbard said that they were first cousins of Dorothy Hubbard who married James Edward Gracen.

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It is not known for sure whether James Edward Gracen married a second time. There is a "Trust Deed" record, Columbia, S. C.--showing marriage of James E. Gracen to Emily Lucinda Wallford-June 21, 1856--in St. Peter's Parish, S. C.

MARGARET ELIZABETH (GRACEN) PREACHER

B-Margaret Elizabeth B-July 7, 1820 Prince William Par., S. C.
 D- 1884(after) St. Bartholomew Par., S. C.
 mar.-John Preacher Apr. 3, 1841 Colleton Co., S. C.
 B-Apr. 7, 1815 Colleton Co., S. C.
 D- 1888 Colleton Co., S. C.
 8 children--1-8
 1-William Edward B-Feb. 1, 1843 St. Bartholomew Par., S. C.
 D- 1861/5 during Civil War

GRAYSON FAMILY

John Grayson and wife, Susanna, of Lancaster Co., Va., are believed to be the ancestors of all of the name in Virginia, but proof is lacking except for a son, Thomas, who was in England when he sold the land he had inherited from his father, who died in Spotsylvania Co., Va., before 27 Jan., 1737, date of the deed.

The following data from a deed given by Thomas Turner, 1753, Spotsylvania Co., prove the former residence of John Grayson and the date when he bought land in Spotsylvania Co.:
 ". . . 500 acres in Spotsylvania Co., near adjoining the said Taliaferro, part of a tract sold by William Smith, late of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., unto John Grayson, late of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co., dec'd., as by deeds in General Court, April 22, 1714, which said land descended to Thomas Grayson, late of Deal, in Kent Co., in Great Britain, from his father, the said John Grayson, dec'd, who died intestate"

Many Grayson descendants have tried to prove the children of this couple and the consensus of opinion is that the following were their children: (Order not known.)

1. John Grayson, Jr., in Spotsylvania Co., by 29 Oct., 1725, when he witnessed a deed.
2. Mary Grayson m. 20 Oct., 1726, Spotsylvania Co., John Catlett.
3. Elizabeth Grayson m. 18 April, 1731, Spotsylvania Co., Thomas Hill.
4. Susannah Grayson m. 18731, Spotsylvania Co., _____ Linton.
5. Benjamin Grayson in Spotsylvania Co. by 3 May, 1726, when he witnessed a deed.
6. Ambrose Grayson in Spotsylvania Co. by 7 May, 1729, when he witnessed a deed.
7. Thomas Grayson as noted in above deed.

Hoke Grayson is unidentified except when mentioned in the will of Stephen Sharp, 1735, Spotsylvania Co., which mentions also Mary Jones, Elizabeth James and John Grayson. Hoke could have been a grandson. No further record of him has been found.

An intricate puzzle arises from the Deed of Gift, 7 July, 1742, Spotsylvania Co., of Mary Grayson to "her loving children," Mary Johns, William Grayson and Rachael Grayson. Witnesses were John Waller, John Gordon and James Allan.

1. Is this a clerical error and should be "Mary Jones?" A Mary Jones is mentioned with Graysons in the will of Stephen Sharp (above) and a Mary Jones was mentioned in the will of Mary Taliaferro, widow, 1771, Spotsylvania Co., who devised to "Mr. Joseph Jones, husband of my daughter, Mary Jones."

2. Did Mary Grayson, as a widow, marry a Taliaferro?

3. Who had been the husband of Mary Grayson? Was it Thomas Grayson, the only one who seems to have died before 1742, when she made her Deed of Gift?

4. Is her son, William Grayson, the one who was born in Spotsylvania Co., in 1732 and moved to Albemarle Co.? (See him below.)

The earliest guardians' Bonds on record in Spotsylvania Co. for any Grayson orphans follows:

500 pounds. Alice Grayson, guardian to John and Ambrose Grayson, orphans of Ambrose Grayson, with William Cowne and William Williams, securities.

SECOND GENERATION

This remains a question. Capt. William Grayson of Albemarle Co., Va., was born, 1732, in Spotsylvania Co. He was certainly a grandson of John Grayson and could have been a son of Thomas, who died in England, leaving no will, or of Ambrose, who is believed to have had two wives and two sets of children, not mentioning all of his children in his will. Was Mary Grayson who made a Deed of Gift, 1742 to a son, William Grayson, mother of Capt. William Grayson of Albemarle Co.? Answers to these questions have evaded even the most intensive searchers.

THIRD GENERATION

William Grayson remains the earliest PROVEN ancestor in this line for Joseph Wallace Wulfeck. Concerning him we quote from "History of Albemarle Co., Va., by Rev. Woods:

"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 tract 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. (written in 1900)

"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.

Howard E. Grayson
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31 July 1981

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is my remittance of \$7.50 for past issues of the Grayson News letter. Sorry to have been so long in sending it. First there was an oversight and then I waited to see if I could come up with a contribution for the news letter. I'm pretty much at a deadend on my family research. Few leads and none that are promising. The material from the research project was reviewed in detail but no connection with my family was identified. There were two elder Graysons in Monroe County in 1850, Will Grayson and William Grayson. I wonder if we have gotten a good line on both from the project. Probably not.

Enclosed also is an excerpt from Burke's Peerage and Baronetage which lists a Grayson baronetage of County Anglesey which is an island in the Irish Sea just off the coast of Wales. It may be of some general interest to some of our readers.

There appears to be some confusion as to the location of "Belle Aire" the Virginia home of Spence Grayson and the burial site of Senator William Grayson. It was located in Prince William County on a hill overlooking the point where the Occoquan River enters the Potomac River. It is now included in the city of Woodbridge which is only about 15 miles South of my home. I have visited there several times. This is in turn about 15 miles North of Dumfries, Va. If it is decided to charter research in Virginia, the following may be of some interest. Stafford County was established in 1666 and Stafford is the county seat: Prince William County was established in 1727 and Manassas is the County seat: and Fairfax County was established in 1742 and Fairfax City is the county seat. All of these counties were at one time the site of homes and/or business activities of Senator William Grayson and his family to a great extent. In my opinion, Prince William County would probably offer the best prospects. Manassas is only about 30 miles from my home. I may take a run down there over the next couple of weeks and see what material is available. I'm on vacation until 24 August and should find the time. I will let you know of my findings.

Will close for now. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard
Howard E. Grayson

GRAYSON OF
RAVENSPPOINT.

Sir Ronald Henry Rudyard Grayson, 3rd Bt., of Ravenspoint, co. Anglesey, *educ.* Harrow, served in World War II, in R.A.F., *b.* 15 Nov. 1916, *s.* his father 1955, *m.* 1stly, 28 Dec. 1936 (*m.* diss. by div. 1944), *P.* *Baroness Vivienne Hol-lander.* He *m.* 2ndly, 23 Nov. 1916, *•* Dorothy Vera Hoare, dau. of Charles Serrell, of Hoyleake, Cheshire.

Lineage—HENRY HOLDREGE GRAYSON, J.P., of Birkenhead, *m.* Elizabeth (*d.* 1868), dau. of James Millenrux, of Liverpool, and *d.* 11 Feb. 1904, leaving issue.

Sir Henry Mullensux Grayson, 1st Bt., K.B.E., M.L.S., N.A., hon. Lt.-Col. Royal Marines (ret.), served in World War I (O.S. and Victory medals), mem. of Executive Cttee. Standing Council of the Baronetage; K.St.J., Commr. for Anglesey St. John Amb. Bde. 1939-45; mem. of Jt. War Cttee. Order of St. John and British Red Cross Soc.; Life Gov. Princess Beatrice Hosp.; Freeman of City of Liverpool; M.P. West Birkenhead 1918-22; was dir. of Ship Repairs, Admiralty, 1916-19, O.S.O. 1917; High Sheriff for Anglesey 1917-18, and Pres. Assoc. of Lancastrians in London 1921-22; Cmdr. of Order of the Crown of Italy and of the Order of Leopold of Belgium, and Offr. of Legion of Honour, *b.* 26 June, 1865, created C.B.E. 1920, K.B.E. 1920 and was created a Baronet 12 Jan. 1922, *m.* 1stly, 16 April 1891 (*m.* diss. by div. 1927), *Dora Beatrice* (*d.* 31 Dec. 1916), dau. of Frederick Harrington, of Clarinade Gardens, W., and had issue

1. DENYS HENRY HARRINGTON (Sir) 2nd Bt.
2. RUPERT STANLEY HARRINGTON, K.L. of the Holy Sepulchre, novelist, late Lieut. Irish Guards, served in World War I 1914-18 (wounded twice), and in World War II as King's Foreign Service Messenger, founder mem. of Red Duster Syndicate, *his presumptive* (*1. Lyall Street, Chesham Place, S.W.1*), *b.* 22 July, 1897, *educ.* Harrow, *m.* 1stly, 13 Aug. 1919, *Victoria Florence*, dau. of Walter Henry Banks, He *m.* 2ndly, 12 Nov. 1950, *•* Val Colette only dau. of Major Henry O'Shea, late Dublin Fus., of Cork.
3. Brian Harrington, Capt. C.M.P., served in World War II, has Humane Society Silver medal for life saving (*Summerfield, Ditchling, Sussex*), *b.* 21 Oct. 1900, *educ.* Harrow, and Pembroke Coll. Camb., *m.* 1stly, 5 June, 1930 (*m.* diss. by div. 1946), *Sofia*, 4th dau. of late George Buchanan, and has issue.
4. Jeremy Brian Vincent (17, *Brumerton Street, S.W.3*), *b.* 30 Jan. 1933, *educ.* Downside, *m.* 1958, *•* Sara, dau. of C. F. Upton, and has had issue.
- (1) Simon Jeremy, *b.* 1959.
- (1) Caroline Mary, *b.* 1961.
- (2) Anna Katherine, *b.* 10 Oct. 1962.
- (3) Mary, *b.* 4, *d.* 5 Feb. 1964.

He *m.* 2ndly, 5 Aug. 1919, *•* Mrs. Ruth Gange, dau. of late O. L. Anders, of Littlethorpe Hall, Ripon, and by her has issue,

2. Alicia Lorraine, *b.* 1951.
4. Tristram Hugh Harrington, O.B.E. (1951), Col. late Irish Guards, served in World War II; Dep. Provost Marshal, London Dist. 1947-48, Commandant R.M.P. Depot, 1948-50; Dep. Provost Marshal Brit. troops Egypt, 1950-52; Provost Marshal Far East Land Forces, 1952-54, Chief Constable C.K. Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary from 1955 (25, *Cheyne Place, S.W.3*; *White's Club*), *b.* 15 April, 1902, *educ.* Harrow, and Clare Coll. Camb., *m.* 5 Nov. 1928, *•* Barbara, yst. dau. of late Morgan Ignatius Finucane, M.R.C.S., J.P., of 10, *Anglesey Place, S.W.1*, and has issue.
1. Patrick Tristram Finucane, Capt. Irish Guards (25, *Cheyne Place, S.W.3*; *Guards Club*), *b.* 7 July, 1942, *educ.* Downside, and R.M.A. Sandhurst, *m.* 9 Sept. 1965, *•* Vivienne Mary, yr. dau. of Hector Rowcliffe Munro, of Godford Lodge, Cranbrook, Kent.
1. Mary Dora Finucane, *b.* 19 May, 1944; *m.* 1 May, 1958, John Owen Blakley (*The White House, Goswami, Hibernia, Herts.*), only son of J. H. Blakley, M.C., T.D., of 59, Drayton Gardens, S.W.10, and has issue.
- (1) John Patrick, *b.* 21 April, 1959.
- (2) Richard Edmund, *b.* 6 July, 1961.
2. Angela Mary Finucane, *b.* 7 July, 1944; *m.* 3 Feb. 1955, Major Michael John Drummond Brady, The Royal Sussex Regt., son of E. J. Brady, of Westbourne Terrace, W.2, and has issue.
- (1) Simon Michael Grayson, *b.* 12 Nov. 1955.
- (2) Mark Frederick Grayson, *b.* 8 Sept. 1957.
- (1) Emma Angela, *b.* 21 Aug. 1962.

5. Andrew Desmond Harrington, formerly a King's Foreign Service Messenger (14, *Burgston Mews West, H.1*), *b.* 2 Aug. 1913, *educ.* Downside.

6. Godfrey Ramsay Harrington (*The Old Forge, Fawley Green, nr. Henley-on-Thames*), *b.* 2 Aug. 1913 (twin), *m.* 18 Feb. 1939, *•* Ida Samestad, dau. of S. Aune Haaland, of Denmark, and has issue,

1. Karen Grethe Maria, *b.* 24 April, 1940.
2. Ida Marianna, *b.* 5 July, 1945, *m.* 5 March, 1966, Colin Michael, Edmund's eldest son of Sir Michael Justin Creswell, K.C.M.G., H.B.M.'s. Amb. to Argentina.
3. Lorna Theresa, *b.* 15 Sept. 1948.
1. Adia Margaret Harrington, *m.* 20 Dec. 1916, Col. Arthur Richard Rawlinson, O.B.E. (*Quince, South Drive, Ferring, Sussex*), and has had issue.
1. Michael Grayson, P.O., R.A.F., served in World War II, *b.* 27 March, 1918, *d.* in action, 1941.
2. Peter Anthony Grayson, (Rt. Hon. Sir), P.C. (1964), Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, 1946, Q.C. 1959, served in World War II



1930-45, as Major, Irish Guards (despatches), M.P. for Epsom, Div. of Surrey from May, 1955, Recorder of Salisbury, Solicitor General 1962-64 (35, *Chelton Square, S.W.3*), *b.* 26 June, 1913, *educ.* Downside, and Christ's Coll. Camb., *m.* 1stly, 1940 (*m.* diss. by div. 1954), *Haidee*, dau. of Gerald Kavanagh, of Dublin, and has issue,

- (1) Michael, *b.* 1941, *m.* Jonathan Irwin, son of John Irwin, of 30, Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick, W.4, and has issue.
1. John son, *b.* 28 Dec. 1964.
2. Charles, *b.* 24 Sept. 1945.
- (2) Daniel, *b.* 1943, *m.* 8 Dec. 1965, Harry Garnett, son of Major Henry Garnett, of 22, Chelsea Square, S.W.3.
- (3) Haidee, *b.* 1948.
- He *m.* 2ndly, 1954, *•* Elaine Angela, only dau. of Vincent Luis Dominguez (*see below*), and by her has issue.
- (1) Michael Vincent, *b.* 24 Jan. 1957.
- (2) Anthony Richard, *b.* 28 Dec. 1964.
- (1) Angela, *b.* 3 Sept. 1962.

2. Nancy Dorcas Harrington, *m.* 20 Jan. 1919, Louis Clapier Norris Drexel, yst. son of Antony J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, and *d.* 4 Aug. 1962, leaving issue. He *d.* 11 Oct. 1962.

3. Auriol Dora Harrington, *m.* 25 Nov. 1927 (*m.* diss. by div. 1937), Walter Bruce Barvle, son of J. W. Barvle, of Kingsmead, Bideford, Cheshire, and has issue,

1. John Bruce, *b.* 16 June, 1928.
1. Auriol Jill, *b.* 28 Oct. 1929.
2. Susan Dora, *b.* 26 June, 1933.
4. Monica Sheila Harrington, *m.* 1stly, 30 July, 1925 (*m.* diss. by div. 1930), Edward Charles FitzGerald, Lieut. Res. of Offrs., late Irish Guards, son of late Fitz-Gee, Charles FitzGerald, V.C., and has issue (*see MONSTER, E.*). She *m.* 2ndly, 1949, Robert W. Symonds, F.R.I.B.A., and *d.* 5 Oct. 1958. He *d.* 5 Sept. 1958.
5. Meryl Lorraine Harrington.
6. Angela Doreen Harrington, *m.* 1stly, 18 April, 1934 (*m.* diss. by div. 1946), Vincent Luis Dominguez (*d.* 8 Dec. 1965), and has issue.

• Luis Carlos, *b.* 5 Aug. 1939.

• Elaine Angela, *b.* 17 Nov. 1935; *m.* 1954, Rt. Hon. Sir. Peter Anthony Grayson Rawlinson, P.C., Q.C., M.P., only surv. son of Col. Arthur Richard Rawlinson, O.B.E. (*see above*) and has issue.

She *m.* 2ndly, 1946, C. Matthews Dick (*Clover Patch, Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A.*).

Sir Henry *m.* 2ndly, 20 Dec. 1927, Yonise Mary, C.St.J. (*d.* 4 June, 1954), widow of Capt. Ronald Hamilton Earle (*see EARLE, R.L.*) and dau. of Richard John Delaney, of Warwick, and *d.* 27 Oct. 1951, when he was *s.* by his eldest son.

Sir Denys Henry Harrington Grayson, 2nd Bt., *educ.* Harrow, and

Pembroke Coll. Camb., served in World War I 1914-18, as Lieut. Irish Guards, Chm. Grayson, Rolls and Clover Docks Ltd., and Liver Securities Ltd., Assoc. mem. of Standing Council of the Baronetage, *b.* 10 July, 1892, *m.* 1stly, 9 Feb. 1916 (*m.* diss. by div. 1927), *Elke May*, dau. of late Richard Davies Jones, of Fernlea, Cardiff, and had issue,

RONALD HENRY RUDYARD (Sir), 3rd and present Bt.

He *m.* 2ndly, 10 Sept. 1927 (*m.* diss. by div. 1937), Sylvia Ironside, yst. dau. of late Richard Kesson-Bovd, of Ballyvaughan, co. Down. He *m.* 3rdly, 15 Sept. 1951, *•* Jeanette (1, *St. Augustine's Mansions, Vincent Square, S.W.1*), dau. of late John Evan Glen, of Edinburgh, and *d.* 22 Feb. 1955, when he was *s.* by his only son.

Creation—Baronet (U.K.) 12 Jan. 1922.

Arms—On a fesse between a portullis in chief and a lymphad in base or, two ravens of the field, *Or* - In front of a rising sun or, a tower ppr. issuant therefrom a demitlion sal., holding between the paws a spur gold. *Motto—Virtus Tutissima Turris.*

Residence—23, Kimberley Road, Vaucluse, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Wood River, Ill.
July 8, 1981

Dear Mr. Grayson,

I received the last newsletter on the Grayson family and I enjoy reading the lines from all your subscribers. I find it all very interesting and perhaps one day there will be someone whose lines will be the same as mine.

I have written Nelson County, Kentucky for the will and settlement of Benjamin Grayson but so far, I have received nothing concrete except, that there was no will found (still hoping to hear of a settlement) and the only Grayson there in 1820 was an Eliza.

I have determined that there were two John Graysons before my great grandfather John C. Grayson.

There was the first John Grayson I wrote you about, Vol. 4. No. 2. page 73 who came to Illinois from Indiana in 1814. According to County history.

the and several family members died in the 1820's possibly of malaria fever.

I have land records showing where my great grandfather James Grayson sued for his share of the estate of a John Grayson who died around 1840.

I wrote for a will and settlement of the above John Grayson and was informed that records in Wabash County Illinois were destroyed by a tornado and fire and they only have records from 1857. Yet, I did find earlier land records. Perhaps they meant some records were destroyed.

Can anyone tell me in what other areas I might search?

Please find check enclosed for latest bulletin.

Sincerely,

Nina L. Lowen

July 26, 1981

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Dear Dr. Grayson:

Would you be kind enough to put us in touch with those who are tracing the Col. J.W.M. Grayson of Tom Dula fame?

I note in vol. 3. NO. 4 pg 2 you interviewed a Barbara Gross in Wilkesboro, N.C. who is a descendant of that Grayson line and she mentioned the fact of some Graysons removing to Ky and Texas in the late 1700's.

We would like to correspond with them in an effort to prove parentage of my Graysons in Ky.

Sincerely,

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NOTES: No more news on the Grayson project yet. We need a good new trail to follow or a new genealogist to contact..

This issue has been delayed; I hope the next one will be published faster.

I would appreciate some analyses of Grayson materials from some of the Grayson correspondents. Why not take it upon yourself to analyse some aspect of all this data, type it up, and send it to me for printing in the next Newsletter? A biography or a long theory makes interesting reading.

Cordially yours,

Richard Grayson

WILLIAM L. GORDON 1837 - 1930
MAURICE K. GORDON
JAMES F. GORDON
MAUBERT R. MILLS
THOMAS B. SPAIN
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September 1, 1958

Daniel Hay, Esq.,
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My dear Mr. Hay:

Your letter of April 23 has just been brought to my attention, and remind me that I have been remiss very much indeed in my courtesy to you for your kind favors, and attempts to assist me in ascertaining the origin of the Grayson family of Virginia from which I descend.

My excuse must be that while I am still active in my profession as senior of a very busy and active firm of attorneys, life in these United States becomes very complicated indeed, especially under an administration unfortunately weak and vacillating, with no fixed policies or consistencies, which condition inspires no faith in it abroad or at home, and when the outlook for a change is not encouraging. Taxes are increasing and will increase. Debt, private and national, exceeds all bounds, and inflation, that is increasing prices, or the decreasing purchasing power of the dollar, we have a semblance of unmeasured prosperity, which can only be doubtful in duration. Lawyers and doctors and undertakers are busy, and I suppose our most prosperous classes, but to return where I got off -- I am in my eightieth year, and in my preoccupation with my professional and personal affairs, I overlooked the expression of my hearty appreciation of your efforts on my behalf.

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Or perhaps about that time another countryman of yours was offering to sell me the old ancestral castle of Kenmure, once the seat of the Gordons in Galloway, and from which it is said my ancestors timely fled hence, a purchase which I was constrained by many practical considerations from entertaining, and this may have produced some confusion of mind.

Now that I have written my excuse, or apology, it sounds pretty thin, does it not?

Your material arrived safely, and in due time, and at that time I studied it and was unable to make it fit into my family line, as I could not find any Benjamin or Ambrose Grayson, or a John Grayson that could be reconciled with my data or traditions. This was due perhaps in part to the fire damage to the Register of St. Bees Parish in the decades of 1670 to 1700.

At that time, I had seen in an old "Who's Who", two Graysons of distinction in Anglesea, and started barking up that trail. I found they originated from a Grayson in Lancashire, also a person of some prominence, so I tried for some data in Lancashire Parish records, to no avail, and later in the West Riding of Yorkshire, where there were some Graysons, of rather low estate.

Then someone suggested Colchester in Essex, and Dumfries; and I made like inquiries in parishes there, with no results.

In a deed of 1750, or thereabout, conveying land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Thomas Grayson, styling himself Merchant of Deal, in Kent, asserted that he was the eldest son of John Grayson, of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County,

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Virginia, later of Spotsylvania, and so sold his patrimony, so I wrote to Deal with no result.

The above John Grayson with his brothers, Ambrose and Benjamin, and their sister Mary is said "to have landed in Christ Church Parish in Lancaster County, Virginia, in July, 1695".

Mark, it is said, but so said, it is without any evidential support that I could find.

I make the guess that the family may have been in Maryland some years and drifted down the Coast of Virginia.

The above John Grayson, I found, of record to have actually been settled in Chirst Church Parish, Lancaster in 1700; to have bought land there in 1704, and before 1714 was a Vestryman in Christ Church Parish.

Vestrymen in Virginia in Colonial days, were in fact the real governing authority not only in religion but in all local matters of business and civil life in minute detail, even down to counting the number of plants of tobacco set on each plantation!

This John Grayson bought 1,000 acres in King George County, Virginia, sold it, and bought land in Spotsylvania in 1714, on Massaponax Creek, and the Rappahannock River, about ten miles below Fredericksburg, where he settled and died in 1735; the deeds he received identified him perfectly and without doubt as having been of "Christ Church Parish" in Lancaster County, Virginia.

His wife was named Susanna, in deeds in 1714, and she survived him. He died intestate; and she administered his personal estate.

I have a photostat of the ORIGINAL formal inventory and

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appraisal of the personal estate of John Grayson, which bears the facsimile autographs of John Gordon and Francis Taliaferro as appraisers.

They were his neighbors on Massaponax.

Ambrose Grayson appeared in Spotsylvania County in 1726, and married in that year, received a grant of 1,000 acres of land on Massaponax, from the Crown, and purchased other land from John Grayson and others, and died there testate in 1743. His will named his brother, Benjamin, as one of his Executors.

John Grayson and Ambrose Grayson were vestrymen in St. George Parish in Spotsylvania; and Ambrose was Church Warden also, and the vestry book 1729 shows that John Grayson, Junior (probably son of the above John) and Benjamin Grayson were appointed to count tobacco plants of the Parish.

Benjamin Grayson removed northeastward into Prince William County, Virginia, and became very wealthy; and his descendants have been quite distinguished in politics, the Army and the Church. Notwithstanding this, they seem to have made no serious inquiries into the birth place of Benjamin Grayson, or parentage, or the origin of their family, which seems a little odd in such a prominent or pretentious family.

There are now Graysons scattered all over the United States, all of them doubtless of the same stock, as the name was a very unusual one in America in Colonial times.

I am directly descended, as shown by public records, from Ambrose Grayson.

I have been unable to find out anything about him, before 1726.

It is this, to me, peculiar situation which intrigued me, in examining a memorandum made in 1850, by my grandfather, Ambrose Grayson Gordon (1803-1860).

That memorandum indicated that the immigrant John Gordon was of the Kenmare-Lochinvar-Earlstown line of Galloway.

The name Grayson is itself a puzzle, and the general derivation of origin is said to be "Griggson", a variant of the several names of the proscribed McGregors.

But I have found the name "Greyson" in Belgium, of old, and "Greysolon" in Normandy; and as in the cases of other surnames there may be other ideas of its origin. The name was even sometimes in Virginia written "Gresham".

Heraldry does not interest me particularly, and I have made no study of it, but there is a claim of purported Grayson arms dated 1600 which, so far as I can learn, is altogether apochryphal.

It seems to me to violate the heraldic canon against metal on metal for one thing; and there are two gyrons, neither bearing relation to the fesse-point, as I suppose by the definition and derivation of that word, they are required to do.

Consulting the shipping lists available I did find January 1634, a 14 year old immigrant, William Greggson, but no further suggestion of his fate. Also Richard Greggson and Robert Greggson went to Barbados 1639-1679 and William Grasson age 20, to Virginia, August 10, 1735.

The William Grayson to whom you refer in your kind letter of the 23rd April ult. is undoubtedly William Grayson (1756-1790) a son of the above Benjamin. I have two different portraits of him. He was unquestionably a man of wealth and affairs, in the era of George Mason and Patrick Henry. Benjamin Grayson had in fact married

Susannah Monroe, an aunt of President James Monroe.

This William Grayson had grants of land for military service in the Virginia Line, of which some 3,000 acres lay here in this, the county of my own residence, and his sons Alfred Wm. Grayson and Robert Harrison Grayson, on March 14, 1807, conveyed a part of this land in D.B. 1, page 254, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, and the rest was conveyed by his grandson later.

I may add that on June 6, 1732, William Grayson, of St. Bees Parish, in Cumberland bought of Francis Thornton, etc., Executors of John Horsenale, land in Spotsylvania County.

I have made no attempt to trace this William, as he entered on the scene too late to be of my line.

I may also add that this William had transactions with Matthew Gale, Sr. and Jr., and another of that name, and December 7, 1766, mortgaged this land to Henry Allison, merchant of Whitehaven. Matthew Gale also bought land of Ambrose Grayson.

I mentioned "wealth" a time or two. Wealth in this country generally or quietly is taken prima facie as evidence of enterprise, courage, character, ability, diligence, responsibility and integrity. Of course there are undoubted exceptions, and in most such cases, they are those who get in the newspaper columns and courts.

I started writing this letter sometime ago, but it was delayed in transcription and so overlooked.

I am still interested, and grateful for your interest and offers of assistance, and I am,

Yours truly,

M. K. Gordon

N.B. If you can turn up any record of the Graysons immigrating to

Will of James Greshon, Prince William Co. Filed 25 June, 1744.

Dau. Mary Greshon Dau. Eliz. Morris. Son-in-law Thomas Morris.

Will of Lewis Ellzey, dated 1 Oct., 1786; filed 19 Dec., 1786. Fairfax Co

Sons: William (to have land in Loudoun County), William. Daus.:

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's four youngest children: Benjamin, Susan,

Sarah and Ann(Grayson?) Grandson: Lewis Ellzey. Sibyl Beck (dau. by

second wife). Extr. son William Ellzey.

Will of Peter Wagner. 21 April, 1793; 15 May, 1795, Fairfax Co. Wife:

Sinah. Sons: Beverly Robinson Wagner and Peter Wagner. Daus.: Sinah,

Mary, Eliza ("now I suppose wife of a certain William Grayson"), Ann,

Sally, Sarah. Extrs: wife, son Beverly R. and George Deneale ("my

assistant clerk"). Father-in-law Col. Daniel McCarty.

"English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records," by Louis des Cognets, Jr.

Justices of the Peace, Spotsylvania Co. 1729. John Grayson and John

Grayson, Jr.

List of Patents Signed Oct. 1706.

Ann Gregson 30 acres, Essex Co. Lapsed.

Ann Gregson 37 acres, Essex Co. Lapsed.

King and Queen Co. On Fork of Mattaponi. 1525 acres to Jno. Rogers,
Peter Rogers, Edward Pigg, Jno York and Tho. Gresham.

Anne Gregson 90 acres, Essex Co. Lapsed Land.

Anne Gregson 97 acres, Essex Co. Lapsed Land.

King and Queen Co. 1704

Jno. Gresham had 200 acres

Edw'd Gresham had 175 acres

George Gresham had 150 acres

Thomas Gresham had 200 acres

List of Ships Entered and Cleared York River from 24 June, 1705 to 22
Aug., 1706.

Mack Jacks Adventure of Virginia. Sloop 20 tons. Master- James
Gregson.

"Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution: Soldiers,

Sailors, Marines; 1775-1783, " by John H. Gwathmey.

p. 321. GRASUM, Thomas (Gresham) 3 CL. Also given as GRASHAM.

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GRAYSON, Robert, Pvt. WD. Of Spotsylvania. (From Eckenrode's
List.)

GRAYSON, Spence, Chaplain Grayson's Regt. May, 1777; retired
April 22, 1779; died 1798.

GRAYSON, Thomas, 3 CL (Continental Line.)

GRAYSON, William, Assistant Secretary to General Washington
June 21, 1776; Lieut. Colonel and Aide-de-Camp to General Washington,
Aug. 24, 1776; Colonel of one of the sixteen Additional Regiments
Jan. 11, 1777; retired April 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 Militia.

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GRESAM, John (Gresham) 1 and 10 CL, 2 Va. Brigade.

GRESHAM, Ambrose, Sgt. 6 CL.

GRESHAM, Archibald, 13 CL., E. (From Eckenrode's list.)

GRESHAM, Benjamin (Grisum) 5 CL.

GRESHAM, Benoni, E. (From Eckenrode's list.)

GRESHAM, James, Capt., Amherst Militia. qualified May 3, 1784.

Gresham, John (Grisham) 1 Va. State Reg., and 10 CL, 2 Va.
Brigade, 14 CL.

GRESHAM, John, Corp. War Dept. information.

GRESHAM, John, 73, Pickens Co., So. Car. Militia Pension List.

GRESHAM, Joseph, soldier from Louisa, Mary was his wife.

GRESHAM, Machem (Mitoham) 7 CL.

GRESHAM, Thomas 3 CL.

GRESHAM, Ambrose (Gresham) Sgt. 6 CL.

GRESSUM, Benjamin, 5CL., E. (Eckenrode's List.)

GRESSUM, Thomas (Gresham) 3 CL.

GRESTHAM, Joseph, Artificer, (Eckenrode's List.)

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GRISSAM, John (Gresham) 1 and 10 CL., 2 Va. Brigade.

GRIPSON, Benjamin (Grisum) 5 CL.

GRISHAM, Austin (Eckenrode's List)

GRISHAM, John, 1 Va. State Reg. 1 and 10 CL., 2 Va. Brigade,
10 CL.

GRICHAM, Joseph, 14 CL. Of Louisa. (Eckenrode's list.)

GRISHAM, Mitcham (Gresham) 7 CL.

GRISHAM, Reuben (Eckenrode's List.)

GRISHAM, Thomas (Gresham) 3 CL.

GRISON, Benjamin (Grisum) 5 CL., 7 CL.

GRISON, ^{John} ~~Benjamin~~ (Grisum) 1 and 10 CL. 2 Va. Brigade.

GRISON, Milcham (Gresham, Mitcham) 7 CL.

GRISSEM, William, Capt. Albemarle Mil. (Eckenrode's list.)

GRISSON, Robert, Va. Battalion.

GRISSUM, Benjamin (Grisum) 5 CL.

GRISUM, Benjamin 5 CL.

p. 331. GRUSHAM, Ambrose (Gresham) Sgt. 6 CL.

GRUSHMAN, John (Eckenrode's list.)

NOTE; by DFW. It is not proven which of all of these men belonged to the GRAYSON family being traced but the entries regarding Thomas and spelled many, many ways but always in 3CL. give a good example of the difficulty paymasters and pension applicants had spelling the name - or even pronouncing it correctly. This has made for great difficulty in searching wills, deeds and marriage records, also.)

Mecklenburg Co., Va. Susanna Gresham m. 15 Jan., 1821, Daniel Hazelwood. Sur. Daniel Daly. Mar. 17 Jan., by Rev. Charles Ogburn.

"Historical Southern Families, Vol. II," by John B. Boddie.

p. 5. William Armistead was evidently deceased by April 4, 1636, for on that date Mr. Justin Aylmer patented 495 acres in Gloucester Co., 300 of which had been granted to Richard Grigson, 13 Sept., 1658, and by Grigson assigned to William Armistead, John Armistead "his lawful heir," sold the said 300 acres to Mr. Aylmer.

"Genealogical and Historical Notes on Culpeper County, Virginia," by Raleigh Travers Green.

Part II, p. 50. Will of James Hurt. March 28, 1785. Wife, Sarah Children: William, Frances m. Grayson, Anna m. Acra Berry, Mary m. Berry and Sarah m. Yowell. Filed 15 June, 1789.

Part II, p. 80. Sarah Mason, dau. of Col. John Cooke, of "West Farms," Stafford Co., m. (1) Cary Selden; m. (2) D. R. O. Grayson, by whom she had Dr. John Cooke Grayson of Stevensburg, Culpeper Co., and Robert O. Grayson of Culpeper.

Part II, p. 85. William DeHart m. Miss Elizabeth Carter Grayson, Oct. 18, 1871. (A list of their children and marriages appears in this lineage.)

Amelia Co., Va. Joel Watkins m. 15 July, 1752, Rhody Gresham, dau. of Barbary Gresham, who consents. Sur. John Pride. Page W-;.

Goochland Co., Va. Edmund Duke m. 26 May, 1769, Jane Gresham, dau. of James and Elizabeth Gresham. Sur. Robert Coleman. Wit. William Gresham and James Gresham, Jr. Charles Christian, Jr., is guardian of Edmund Duke. p. 14.

Orange Co., Va. Thomas Loyd m. 27 April, 1780, Sally Gresham, widow. Both of St. Thomas' Parish. Sur. John Loyd. p. 8.

Col. William Grayson mentioned in will of James Marye, 1774, Spotsylvania Co. as owing him money.

Administration Bond, \$200 for Mary Peacock, admx. of Richard Peacock, dec'd., with William Grayson and John Bakestraw, securities. Aug. 4, 1760, Spotsylvania Co.

June 6, 1732. Francis Thornton and Francis Thornton, Jr., Executors of the last will and testament of James Horsnale, decd. (See Will Book A) and of St. Mary's Parish, Caroline Co., to William Grayson of St. Bee's Parish, Cumberland Co., in Great Britain. 450 ster. 300 acres in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania Co., purchased by James Horsnale of Augustine Smith. Wit.: John Grame, John Bland, James X Roy. Recorded June 6, 1732, Spotsylvania Co.

William Sutton of Spotsylvania Co., planter, power of Attorney to Mary Whitehouse of same county. Dated Sept. 28, 1750. Wit.: Cuthbert Artrip, William Grayson. Recorded 4 Dec., 1750, Spotsylvania Co.

Sept. 4, 1766. William Grayson of Spotsylvania Co. to Henry Allison of Whitehaven, Merchant. \$13 7s. 10d. curr. Mortgage. Goods and Chattels. Wit.: John Battaley, Hudson Muse. Recorded Feb., 4, 1767, Spotsylvania Co.

Sept. 28, 1771. Joel Parish to his dau., Sarah Parish, now Sarah Ellis, of Spotsylvania Co., Deed of Gift. "Sd Sarah Ellis and John Ellis, her husband," etc. Two negroes. Wit.: Agness Ellis, William Grayson. No date of Record. Spotsylvania Co.

*Mary X Gresham of Spotsylvania Co. to her "loving children," Mary Johns, William Gresham and Rachael Gresham. Deed of Gift. Goods and Chattels. Wit.: John Waller, John Gordon, James Allan. July 7, 1742.

* This deed is signed "Mary X Grayson."

AMBROSE GRAYSON. Noncupative Will. "To Mr. Thomas Grayson, of Spotsylvania Co. Aug. 5, 1754. I, Ambrose Grayson," etc. "Bills drawn by Col. John Spotswood for £80 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. Prov. 2 March, 1756, Spotsylvania Co.

AMBROSE GRAYSON, of Spotsylvania Co. Will, dated 6 Sept., 1742; prov. March 6, 1743. Wit.: Robert Lovell, George Mix, Pierce Perry. Extr. 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. Spotsylvania Co. Will Bk. A p. 379.

AMBROSE GRAYSON mentioned in Will of John Spotswood, dated 5 May, 1756; prov. 5 Dec., 1758, Spotsylvania Co. . . .that tract of land which I bought of Ambrose Grayson, also all my part of the estate in England which will descend to me and my cousin, John Bengier, after the death of my mother and her three sisters."

SUSANNAH GRAYSON, Administratrix bond, \$1,000, as admx. of John Grayson, dec'd., with Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill, sec. March 2, 1735/6, Spotsylvania Co.

ALICE GRAYSON, guardian's bond, \$500, as guardian to John and Ambrose Grayson, orphans of Ambrose Grayson, with William Cowne and William Williams, sec. July 3, 1744, Spotsylvania Co.

(Note by DFW- If William Grayson was born 1732, would be 12 years old in 1744, and WAS son of Ambrose, then why was not Alice named as guardian to him, also?)

AMBROSE GRAYSON wit. deed. May 6, 1729, Spotsylvania Co.

AMBROSE GRAYSON mentioned in deed, 1729, as Warden of the Church of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON wit. deed May 3, 1726, Spotsylvania Co. of William Hansford, and a deed, May 2, 1726, Spts. Co., of Thomas Graves, and a deed, June 3, 1728, Spts. Co. of George X Proctor, and a deed, May 7, 1728, of Leonard Holms of St. Mary's Parish, Caroline Co. to John Quarles of Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON wit. a deed, Aug. 23, 1782, Spts. Co. of Peter Marye and Eleanor, his wife, of Culpeper Co. to Lodowick Oneal of Spts. Co.

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Mary Grayson m. 20 Oct., 1726, John Catlett. Spotsylvania Co.

Elizabeth Grayson m. 18 April, 1731, Thomas Hill. Spts. Co.

Susannah Grayson m. _____ Linton. No date given but it appears between other marriages dated 1731.

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STEPHEN SHARP. Will, dated March 12, 1735, St. George Parish, Spotsylvania Co.; prov. 3 June, 1735. Wit. George Pool, Henry Chamble. Ex. Elizabeth Sharp. Leg. Wife Elizabeth Sharp; mentions Hoke Grayson, Mary Jones, Elizabeth James, John Grayson. NB A, p. 255.

John Grayson and G. Lightfoot were securities on Administration bond of Jael Johnson, admr. of Richard Johnson, dec'd. \$1,000. Nov. 1726, Spotsylvania Co.

Thomas Grayson of Deal in Kent, eldest son of John Grayson of Spotsylvania Co., colony of Va., lately deceased, to Thomas Turner of King George Co., Va., Gent. \$250 ster. 500 acres lying in the colony of Va., in Spts., Co., near the falls of the Rappahannock River and near adjoining the lands of Francis T. Giaferro and Mann Page, Esqr., dec'd. Wit.: James Hume, John Graham, John Mordure, Ignatz Semmes, Peter Simms, Henry Donaldson, John Bean. Dated 27 Jan., 1737; Recorded 4 July, 1738, Spotsylvania Co.

Oct. 2, 1750. John Grayson of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper Co., and Barbary, his wife, to Martin True of St. George Parish, Spts. Co., 1-20 curr. 331 acres in Spts. Co. Wit. Robert Huddleston, . . .
Recorded . . .

John Grayson page 2

Oct. 1, 1751. John Grayson and Barbary, his wife, of Culpeper Co., to Alexander Hawkins and Benjamin Martin of Spts. Co. 4103 curr. 245 acres in St. George Parish, Spts. Co. Wit.: Jno. Battaley, Rob. Dudley, Richard Blanton. Oct. 1, 1751, Spts. Co.

June 24, 1753. Thomas Turner of King George Co., Gent., and Thomas Turner, the younger, of Spts. Co., Gent., and Mary, his wife, to Francis Taliaferro of Spts. Co., Gent. 41,150 ster. 500 acres in Spts. Co., near adjoining the sd. Taliaferro, part of a tract sold by William Smith, late of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., unto John Grayson, late of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co., Dec'd., as by deeds, in General Court, April 23, 1714, which sd. land descended to Thomas Grayson, late of Deal, in Kent Co., in Great Britain, from his father; the sd. John Grayson, Dec'd., who died intestate and was by the sd. Thomas Grayson conveyed to the sd. Thomas Turner of King George Co., Gent., as by Deeds, Jan. 27, 1727. Wit. Richard Brooke, Edward Dixon, James Tutt, Robt. Brooke, Jr., Hy. Brooke, Jr., John Catlett, Lawrence Taliaferro. Recorded July 3, 1753, Spotsylvania Co.

July 2, 1754. Martin X True of St. George Parish, Spotsylvania Co., and Sarah, his wife, to James Ball of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co., Gent. 4-35 curr. 33 a. on Massaponax Swamp, in Spts. Co., Conveyed by John Grayson and Barbary, his wife, to sd. True, as by indenture, dated Oct. 2, 1750. Wit.: John Ballandine, James Pollard, Jas. Glendinning. Recorded July 2, 1754, Spotsylvania Co.

John Grayson, Jr., Thos. Smith, G. Home wit. Deed. 12 Aug., 1728, Spts. Co. of Larkin Chew, Sr. to James and Uriah Carton.

John Grayson, Jr., wit. deed, 7 May, 1728, Spts. Co. of Leonard Holmes of Caroline Co. to John Quarles of Stafford Co.

John Grayson, Jr., and George Home wit. deed. 3 March, 1730, Spts. Co. of William Phillips to David Phillips.

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Spotsylvania Co. Order Book (1724-1730), p. 335. Captain William Hansford and his officer, John Grayson, Jr., took ye oath. Oct. 7, 1729.

John Grayson, Jr. with John Blake, Thomas Phillips, and Bryan X Shannon wit. deed dated Dec. 13, 1730, Spts. Co. of Edward Price of St. Geo. Parish, Spts. Co., to Charles Burges of St. Mary's White Chappell in the County of Lancaster, Merchant, 1000 acres.

John Grayson, Jr., James Williams, John Gordon, wit. deed 2 Nov., 1731, Spts. Co. of Moseley Battaley of Hanover Parish, King George Co., to Henry Willis of St. George Parish, Spts. Co.

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Gary Edward Young, 1115 North Jefferson St., Carrollton, Missouri, is a descendant of Ann (Grayson) Harrison, sister of Ambrose Grayson, Sr. So is Frank Tull of Columbia, Missouri. The former corresponded with a descendant of Susannah Monroe Linton (m. 3rd Col. Benjamin Grayson), who is a well-known genealogist and he thinks that Ambrose, Benjamin, Susannah and Ann Grayson were children of John Grayson of Lancaster Co., Va. We know that John, Jr., and Thomas were sons of his, as so stated in Court Records in Spotsylvania Co., Va.

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A Report from General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D. C., lists Thomas Grayson as in 3rd Virginia Regiment in Revolutionary War.

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Tyler's Quarterly Vol. IV, pp. 49-52, 96, 97, 211, 212, 213, 215, 227, 231, 232, 233 have Grayson data which I have not copied. It related to Col. Benjamin and Col. William of Prince William Co., of whom we have considerable data.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF THOMAS SMITH

Albemarle Co., Va. Will Book E, p. 414. Date of will not given.

Probated: Nov., 1783. Legatees:

Sons: Thomas Smith, John Smith, Lawrence Smith.

Daus.: Sarah Crawford, Susannah Smith, Lizzy Coffey, Ann Grayson and Mary Burster (or Bustin), dec'd, her two sons, John and David Burster.

Wit.: James Massie, William Smith, Thomas Smith.

(Note by DFW: Other records give this name as BUSTER.)

Thomas Grayson m. 11 July, 1788, Jenny Field, Spinster. Albemarle Co., Va. Marriage Record.

Albemarle Co., Va. Will Book I, p. 139. Will of Stephen Martin,

dated 16 Dec., 1768; probated Aug., 1769.

Wife: Ann, land, money, household furniture.

Son, John 20 lbs. currency.

Sons, Gideon and Stephen, land.

Daus.: Ann Smith, Elizabeth Gragg, and Mary Martin.

Extrs. William Martin, Francis Merewether, James Martin and William Hardeman.

(Note-DFW. It would require very careful research in Deeds with description of property and names of slaves to ever PROVE that this is our ANN SMITH.

Sarah Grayson m. 6 Sept., 1813, Gipe Wood. Albemarle Co. Mar. Record.

William Grayson m. 2 Feb., 1835, Dulcinea Hays. Albemarle Co. Mar. Record.

Torrence: "Virginia Wills and Administrations."

GRAYSON

Benjamin 1768 inv. Fairfax
William 1790 will Frederick
William 1793 inv. "
John 1785 inv. Orange
Spence 1799 inv. Pr. William
John 1735-6 admn. Opts.
Ambrose 1743 will "
Ambrose 1786 " "

GREGGION James 1740 inv. King George

GREGSON Thomas 1705-6 will Essex

GRESHON James 1744 inv. Pr. William

GRESHAM- many found in Brunswick, Cumberland, Essex, Goochland, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Middlesex, Louisa, Northumberland, Orange.

(List all these in the book.)

M E M O

As a necessary preliminary to any genealogical research in Colonial Virginia it is essential that there be taken into account the divisions and subdivisions of the Counties, and Parishes, where the records of marriages, wills, deeds and legal proceedings during any former period may be found, if existent; and in cases where land grants or copies of county records have been placed in the Archives Division of the State Library at Richmond, it is required that an applicant for photostats thereat, should be able to state the particular county and date and book and page where a desired record may be found.

Hence the divisions of the counties where records pertaining to the TALBOT family in Colonial Virginia records thought to be pertinent is here given from the division headed "Counties" in "An Exact Abridgement of all the Acts of Assembly in Force and Use" January 1, 1758.

In 1661, there were but seventeen original counties then erected. The following table shows the time of erection, what counties they were taken from, etc.

<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>WHENCE TAKEN</u>	<u>TIME ERECTED</u>	<u>PARISHES</u>
Albemarle	Goochland	1744	St. Ann
Amelia	Prince George & Brunswick	1734	Raleigh, Nottoway
Augusta	Orange	1738	Augusta
Bedford	Lunenburg	1753 -1771	Russell
Brunswick	Isle of Wight & Surry	1720	St. Andrew
Culpeper	Orange	1748	St. Thomas, Bromfield
Cumberland	Goochland	1748	St. James, South-hampton
Essex	Rappahamock	1692	So. Farnham, St. Ann
Goochland	Henrico	1627	St. James, North-hampton
Henrico	Original	1627	Henrico
James City	Original	1627	James City
Isle of Wight	Original	1627	Newport
Lancaster	Original	1627	Christ Church, St. Mary
Lunenburg	Brunswick	1746	Cumberland, Cornwall
Middlesex	Lancaster	1675	Christ Church
Nansemond	Original	1640	Chuckatuck, Suffolk
New Kent	Original	1654	Biflans, St. Peter
Norfolk	Lower Norfolk	1691	Elizabeth River
Orange	Spotsylvania	1734	St. Mark
Prince Edward	Amelia	1753	St. Patrick
Princess Ann	Lower Norfolk	1641	Linhaven
Richmond	Rappahamock	1691	No. Farnham
Spotsylvania	Essex	1720	St. George
Stafford	Westmoreland	1675	Overwharton, St. Paul
Surry	Original	1652	Southwark
Amherst	Albemarle	1761	
Buckingham		1761	
Campbell		1784	

ORDER OF
FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA
1607-1620

Mr. George Harrison Sanford King, Registrar
1301 Prince Edward Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia

7-23-54

Mr. Maurice K. Gordon,
Gordon & Gordon & Mills,
The Kentucky Bank & Trust Bldg.
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Gordon:

My cousin, Mr. Laurence Gouverneur Hoes of Washington, D. C. requested me to answer your letter of 13 July 1954.

Fairfax Harrison in his monumental work: Landmarks of old Prince William County (Va) makes out few errors, but one of these is to be found on page 151 when he says Benjamin Grayson was one of the earliest Scots merchants to be established at Quantico, where Dumfries was to arise, for there, in 1735, was born his well known son "William".

Benjamin Grayson, Gentleman, referred to variously in the records as Captain, Major and Colonel, was not one of the numerous Scotchmen who settled at Dumfries. Mr. Lund Washington (1767-1853) in his family manuscript circa 1845 says his first wife Susanna Monroe Grayson was the granddaughter of Colonel Benjamin Grayson of Prince William County, Virginia. Mr. Washington interested himself with the family history and genealogy and undoubtedly made notes over a long period of years preparatory to putting his manuscript in final form. He says: "Colonel Benjamin Grayson died about the year 1757. The Rev. Mr. Scott preached his funeral sermon. He said of him: That he had come into the county from the lower parts of Virginia, his broad axe on his shoulder, that his industry and good management, his being executor of some good estates and his marrying a rich widow, had enabled him to acquire a large estate.

An examination of the Spotsylvania County Va. records shows the presence of Benj. Grayson in this county and indicates the family were earlier resident of Lancaster County, Va. He was a brother of Ambrose Grayson who died testate in Spotsylvania Co. 1743, and as Cousin Lund Washington says, of Ann Grayson who married first in Spotsylvania Co. 3 Oct. 1722, John Quarles (died Stafford Co. 1729/30); married secondly circa 1731 Thomas Harrison, Gent. of Fauquier County who died testate in that county, 1774.

Col. Benjamin Grayson married Mrs. Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton, twice a widow, the daughter of Colonel Andrew Monroe (died testate 1714 Westmoreland Co., Va.) and widow successively of Charles Tyler (died Stafford Co. Va. 1725) and of William Linton (died Prince William County, Va. c. 1732/3). Parson Douglas who had been

Hon. Stacy J. Grayson
Bristol
Tennessee

Dear Mr. Grayson:

I thank you for your letter of 26th with reference to the Grayson Genealogy. Any help you may be able to give me will be highly appreciated, and I earnestly desire you to join in the hunt.

Grayson is a most uncommon name, as you know, whatever the origin of the name itself may be. I am a grandson of Ambrose Grayson Gordon (b. 1803-d. 1860), an engineer, lawyer and promoter. About 1856 he made a memorandum of his lineage which has descended to me.

His grandmother was Elizabeth Grayson, who married John Gordon II in Culpeper County, Virginia. John Gordon II entered land in Lincoln now Mercer County, Kentucky, in 1776, was back in the Virginia line, and surveyed his 1400 acres of land in January, 1781.

The Battle of Blue Licks was "the last battle of the Revolution" and in it John Gordon II was killed. He was my grandfather's grandfather. Elizabeth Grayson, wife of John Gordon II was a daughter of John Grayson of Culpeper (Spotsylvania) County, Virginia.

In 1767, John Grayson and Barbara, his wife, conveyed the last tract of his land in Culpeper to John Gordon and Elizabeth, his wife.

My grandfather ignored all dates and made this statement as to the children of John Grayson, his great grandfather namely.

1. Ambrose Grayson, killed in Indian fighting near Station then in Lincoln County, Kentucky, 2 miles from Danville, 1779.

2. William Grayson married Rachel Conley and settled in Montgomery County, Virginia.

3. John Grayson married Sallie Carter, moved to Montgomery County, thence to Alabama Territory.

4. Susan Grayson married Thompson, Wyatt County, Virginia.

5. Nancy Grayson married _____.

6. Mollie Grayson married William Hall, Montgomery County and was the mother of Ambrose Hall,

7. Elizabeth Grayson married (1) John Gordon, killed at Blue Lick, August 19, 1782. (2) Joseph Dans, moved from Mercer County formerly Lincoln to Hopkins then Henderson, 1797. And so did three Dans children.

Elizabeth Grayson, married John Gordon II. killed in Battle of Blue Licks, August 19, 1782, leaving eight (8) children. Elizabeth Grayson Gordon then married Joseph Davis and bore four Davis children. Her son, John Gordon III, was my great grandfather.

All this is of no interest whatsoever to you or me when you should happen to be a descendant of the above named John Grayson, who removed from Culpeper to Montgomery County, Virginia, and thence to Alabama Territory, except possibly to aid in identification of my ancestor John Grayson, father of Elizabeth Grayson who married John Gordon II.

In a deed dated October 1, 1751, this John Gordon and Barbara, his wife, of Culpeper County conveyed to B. Martin 245 acres in Spotts. part of 1,000 grant formerly granted to Ambrose Grayson and given to said John and his wife Barbara. (Spots. D. B. "E", page 7.)

On June 26, 1737, (Spots. D. B. "G", page 281) Thomas Grayson, of Deal, County Kent, England, merchant, claiming by right of primogeniture as the eldest son and heir at law of John Grayson, Deceased, conveyed to T. Turner and another 500 acres near the falls of the Rappahomock. I think he was the son of John Grayson of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, and the oldest brother of my ancestor Ambrose.

There was another Ambrose Grayson who in 1726, married Alice, widow of John James, and died in 1743, leaving four sons John, Ambrose, Thomas and Benjamin.

In 1744 Alice Grayson was appointed guardian for John and Ambrose Grayson her infant sons.

This John Grayson being of non age in 1744 would have been too young to have married and been the father of 7 children, the youngest of whom, Elizabeth, was my ancestress, who married John Gordon II before 1767.

In 1767 John Grayson and Barbara, his wife, conveyed to John Gordon and Elizabeth Grayson Gordon the last of his lands.

Returning to the above Ambrose Grayson who married Alice James, widow of John James in 1726 and died in 1753, his will is in Spots. W. B. "A", page 379, and appoints his brother Benjamin as an Executor. It is very clear, it seems to me, that this Ambrose Grayson was the brother of the Benjamin Grayson who removed to Dumfries, Prince William County, married Susannah Monroe, widow of (1) Tyler and (2) Linton, and was the father of (1) John Grayson of St. Thomas, (2) Benjamin Grayson, (3) Spence Grayson, (4) William Grayson (1736?-1790) Colonel Grayson's Dragoons, A.D. C. to Gen. Washington and U. S. Senator from Virginia.

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DEED PHOTOSTATS

Lot 2

1. September 1751 - John Grayson, and Barbery Grayson, of Culpeper, to Benjamin Martin and Alex Hawkins of Spots., for 5 shillings, demises 245 acres in the Parish of St. George in Spots, cornering with Matthew Gale and Rogers, Warner, to a white oak with some brick bats under it Millers Line, for 1 year yielding, paying one pepper corn at the feast of St. Micheal the Archangel if demanded. Signed by John Grayson, Barbery x (her mark) Grayson, Witness John Battales, Robert Dudley, Richard Blanton, Test Edmond Waller, Cl.Cur. Spots Co. D. B. E, page 7.
2. October 1, 1751. John Grayson and Barbery, his wife, of Culpeper to Alexander Hawkins and Benjamin Martin of Spots., for \$ 103 (Virginia Money) conveys 245 acres, part of 1000 acres part of tract containing 1000 acres granted by the Hon. Govenor and council the Ambrose Grayson and Barbery his wife (error of draftsman) and by him given to his son John Grayson and Barbery, his wife, in the Parish of St. George, Spots., adjoining Matthew Gale and Rogers, Warner to the white oak with several brick bats under it, Millers line. Signed John Grayson, Barbery x (her mark) Grayson. Witnesses as above. Text as above. See Ambrose Grayson's will naming his son John (9 in office).
3. October 2, 1750. John Grayson of St. Marks Parish, Culpeper, and Barber his wife, for \$ 20, conveys to Marlin True 331 acres in Spotsyevania County;, lying off Nassaponox swamp adj. Robert Taliaferro, Lawrence Smith, after due determination of the lives of James Ball, of Lancaster County, Gent. Signed John Grayson, Barbery (x her mark) Grayson. Witness Robert Huddleston, John Eison.
4. 9th December 1729. John Grayson, of St. George Parish, Spots. conveys to Ambrose Grayson of the same for 5 shillings sterling, 200 acres, part of the lands demises to John Grayson by William Smith of Gloucester County calling for "Massaponax", adjoining Lawrence Taliaferro and John Graysons line, for 1 year reserving rental of one ear of Indian Corn at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel if demanded. Witnesses Francis Lumley, Henry Rogers, James Loy. Susanna S. Grayson wife of John, releases dower by atty in fact ~~to~~ Lewis. *Susanna*
5. 10 December 1729. John Grayson of St. George Parish, Spotsylvania County conveys to Ambrose Grayson of the same, for 50 pounds sterling money of England 200 acres, conveyed to said John by William Smith of Gloucester County on Massaponex Run side adjoining Lawrence Taliaferro and John Grayson now in possession of said Ambrose, Jno Grayson signs. Susanna, wife of Jno. releases dower by Zackary Lewis, her atty in fact.
6. 9th December 1729. Ambrose Grayson of St. George Parish, Spots. County to Henry Rogers, 5 shillings sterling money, sells and demises 100 acres part of land patented to Ambrose Grayson in 1727, adjoining William Holloway and Ambrose Graysons other land, for one year rent reserved of one ear of Indian Corn at the feast of St. Micheal the Archangel, if demanded. Signed Ambros Grayson. Alice Grayson appoints John Snell, attorney in fact to waive dower.

Owing to the great increase in the families of the first Benjamin's sons, the inconvenience and difficulty of travel in early times, emigration of many of the descendants to various parts of the South, may have had a tendency to darken their memory as to direct traces of the first Benjamin without the aid of a table of genealogy, but it has never upon any of the name or blood chilled that warmth of fraternal feeling so evident between the three sons of our great, great grandfather Benjamin, and which they, the many descendants have inherited one toward another even to what some term sole kinship as has ever been evident in that spirit of clanship which has been the marked characteristic of the Grayson family. The fraternity and affection of the ancestors have not it is believed been without its influence upon their descendants; or at least the blood after many generations has not lost its parent instincts, however remote in degree the relationship, or separated by circumstances or distance. Whereever there is a common name and blood there is with most rare exception a genial and kindly feeling, the one toward the other. The same sentiment has also prevailed in the hearts of the descendants of John and Lawrence, the ancestors of General Washington and Lund Washington.

The Reverend Spence Grayson died at his residence, "Belle Air" in Prince William County, Virginia, in the fall of 1798, aged sixty-four years. His widow died at the residence of Lund Washington

her son-in-law, in Washington City in 1810, and was interred with her husband in the family vault at "Belle Air". She was a lady of rare virtue of heart and mind, and the best type of the old Virginia lady. The issue of the Reverend Spence Grayson and Mary Elizabeth Wagoner will be given in the closing portion of this record.

William Grayson, third son of Benjamin Grayson and Susanna Monroe, was born in the year 1736. Like his brother, the Reverend Spence Grayson, he received his classical and professional education in England. Upon his return to Virginia he commenced the practice of law at Dumfries, then a thriving town in Prince William County. Having a liberal education and a good estate, he exerted himself all in his power for the improvement of his young cousin, James Monroe, and as he enjoyed the intimacy and esteem of General Washington to a large extent the General, no doubt, was much influenced by him in bringing James Monroe forward in the arena of the world's notice in the favorable manner he did. At the commencement of the War he was appointed Captain and entered the General's military family as Aide-de-Campe.

In 1776 he was appointed Colonel of one of the Virginia Regiments. This Regiment suffered so much in the Battle of Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth that it was broken up and he was again in General Washington's staff. 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 that ratified it, and the First Senator elected by the Legislature of Virginia, under the

present constitution, and held that appointment at the time of his death in 1790, aged about fifty-six years.

He was a very large and remarkably handsome man of notable appearance and manners, and was certainly among the most amiable and honorable and popular men of the day in which he lived. Uncle Lund Washington expresses the above. He met with and dined in the company of Colonel Grayson at "Belle Air" in the fall of 1786. William Grayson married a sister of General William Smallwood, Governor of Maryland, distinguished in the Revolutionary War, by whom he had issue. (See appendix.) Alfred William, son of Senator Grayson, married Miss Breckenridge, sister of and father of John Cabell Breckenridge, Vice President of the United States in President Buchanan's Administration and General and Secretary of War in the Confederate States, and left one son. John Breckenridge Grayson, an officer in the United States Army, who was afterwards a general in the Confederate States Army and died at Tallahassee in 1862. He died in the faith of the Holy Catholic Church. He left one son, but no record is at hand concerning him.

Alfred William Grayson, third son of Colonel William Grayson (See note I), was born April 16, 1780, at the family residence in Prince William County, Virginia. He received a thorough education and in 1801 went to Kentucky and commenced the practice of law at Lexington. On October 24, 1804, he married Miss Letitia Preston Breckenridge, daughter of the Honorable John Breckenridge, an eminent lawyer, Senator in the United States Congress, and Attorney General of the United States in the cabinet of president Jefferson, by which union there were three children, all of whom died in infancy, except John B. Grayson.

The interesting history of Colonel William Grayson, which follows, is copied from the papers of Colonel P. G. Washington, in which he was assisted by our cousin, F. W. S. Grayson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"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 was none who rendered before and after it more useful and varied public services. There was none whose memory is more fondly cherished in his native state, and yet strange to say, his name is scarcely mentioned in the early histories of that period. The solution of this neglect is perhaps twofold. In the first place, he does not appear to have been ambitious of posthumous fame, nor to have taken any thought or provision for it, and in the second, he died before any of these histories were written, and when they came to be written, the minds of the writers naturally turned to the Marshals, the Monroes, and the Hamiltons, his compatriots, not more distinguished in the Revolution than he was, but who had survived and were then occupying high public positions and filling a large space in the public eye. All the patriots of the Revolution being now gone, the latter consideration has ceased to operate. In place of former histories and biographies posthumous as to him, but contemporaneous as to other distinguished actors in that contest in which authors may have been led under the influence of personal motives or the absence of historic materials to panegyrize a living patriot and let down or ignore one that was no more. Documents, archives, and papers of late years are being published in which Lossing,

Schroeder and other searchers for original truth have found many remedial facts yielding partial but tardy justice to departed worth. Robert H. Harrison of Maryland, in like manner not surpassed in patriotism and ability by any during the Revolution, dying as he did too soon after its close, may be cited as another instance of this ill considered discrimination. It does not fall within the scope of this sketch to write a panegyric or even a biography of Colonel Grayson. All that it can do is to present a synopsis of the prominent events of his life.

GRAYSON

"There is an unverified story that Benjamin, John, Ambrose, and Mary Grayson (who married a man named Harrison of 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. 21, p. 107, "Christ Church List of Tithable, Mr. 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 the Rappahannock River.

The 1737 map of the Northern Neck of Virginia which Lord Fairfax ordered made after he arrived in Virginia, shows 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 Co., 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 1724-1730, 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 800 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 coeinte of another daughter. She may have been Alice Sharpe, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth Sharpe.

Note by M.K.G. - This is my reading and comment on
a history of -

"THE GRAYSON FAMILY IN AMERICA"

In the month of July, 1695, there landed at Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia, three brothers and one sister. The brothers were Benjamin, John and Ambrose. The sister was named Mary. All had the surname of Grayson. All migrated to Spotsylvania Court House or vicinity.

Mary married a Mr. Harrison from that general vicinity.

Benjamin entered the merchandising business at Dumfries, Virginia. (See Bishop Meade's History of Early Virginia Families.)

Ambrose married Alice who bore him Ambrose, John, Benjamin, William, Thomas, Alice, Susannah, Ann and Reuben.

John married Susannah _____, undoubtedly someone of real worth since the family in regard to its choice of wives has always exhibited excellent taste and very good judgment.

Comment:

1. There are no dates or records cited for the entry of July, 1695.

There is no record found in Lancaster of any Grayson except John who was there in July, 1700 - Lancaster County Deeds No. 21654 - 1702 Pk. See photostat- from State Library.

2. Benjamin migrated to Spotsylvania Court House or vicinity and entered merchandising at Dumfries, which is located on the map 25 miles across the Rappahannock from Spotsylvania Court House, on the Potomac.

This family genetic infallibility is a noteworthy attribute.
But hardly receivable as evidence.

A little later on, the Grayson family "is said to have migrated from Dumfries, Scotland, and are greatly credited with the founding of Dumfries, Virginia, to which Benjamin removed from Colchester about 1710 having removed from Christ Church Parish earlier.

Comment: I can't find Colchester on any map, nor in the 1850 Gazetteer. At any rate Benjamin was somewhat of a nomad!

I wrote to Librarian at Dumfries, Scotland. No Grayson ever there! I wrote to the Librarian at Colchester in Essex, England. No Graysons in Essex. Geo. H.S. King says not Mary, but Anne, was sister of Benjamin and Ambrose. Says that Benj. Grayson was NOT was of the first Scottish colonists at Dumfries.

Hon. George Harrison S. King of Fredericksburg, a man

honored and of note, says that Ambrose Grayson's sister was Anne, who married John Quarles, and then Maj. Francis Harrison of Fauquier.

John Quarles was security for Alice James Grayson, widow of John James.

M.K.G.

Many of the notes here entered have been obtained from my own study of records existing at Spotsylvania Court House.

"The first of the Graysons in America of whom there is any record at hand was Benjamin, who with his sister emigrated from Scotland to Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, Virginia, afterwards settling on the Occuquan River in 1710 near the spot which later became Colchester.

His family in England are now not known to his descendants. He was supposed to be the younger son of a refined and wealthy family, if not of nobility, etc."

A few lines later.

"Benjamin Grayson left Westmoreland County in 1710 or 1720 and settled in the town of Dumfries, Prince William County, where he was largely engaged in the mercantile and shipping business. Dumfries was then the County seat of Prince William County.

WILLIAM GRAYSON, MONROE CO., TENN.

The evidence that William Grayson of Monroe County, Tenn. (census, 1830, 1840, 1850.) was the same William Grayson of Wilkes county, North Carolina (census, 1800, 1810, 1820.);

William Grayson of Wilkes turned 45 between 1810 and 1820. Therefore he was born 1765 (1810-45) to 1775 (1820-45).

William Grayson of Monroe co., Tenn. was age 83 in the 1850 census, therefore was born in 1767.

William Grayson of Monroe has a wife Anny, born in N.C., age 76. Thus she was born in N.C. in 1774. The children of William Grayson of Wilkes were all born after 1791 (census schedules for Benjamin b. 1791-1800; Joseph b. 1791-1800; John b. 1791-1800; Henry b. 1801-1810. Thus these boys would all have been born after Anny was 15 if she was their mother.

Cynthia Grayson age 34 was in the house of William and Anny (or Amy ?) in Monroe co., Tenn., in 1850, born in N.C.. Cynthia (Synthia) was therefore born in 1816 in N.C. and could have been the female listed age 16-26 in the 1820 Wilkes census for William Grayson. ^{not} 1816

William Grayson of Wilkes apparently sold all his land in Wilkes in 1824.

William, John, Benjamin, and Joseph Grayson of Wilkes are in the 1820 census in Wilkes, but not the 1830 census or in any other records thereafter.

In Monroe county, Tenn. in 1830 there suddenly appear 5 Grayson families: William, Joseph, Henry, John, and Benjamin. All are of the right ages to have been the Graysons of Wilkes who sold out in 1824.

Conclusion: William Grayson of Monroe county, Tenn. was born in Va., went to Wilkes county, N.C. where he married Anny, had children who included Joseph, Henry, John, Benjamin, and Cynthia. He and all the children and their families settled in Monroe county, Tenn. by 1830.

---R. R. Grayson

Grayson first names:

Benjamin of Wilkes:

sons: John son: Benjamin

Joseph sons: Benjamin

Joseph

Henry

James

Benjamin

Jesse

Wren sons: John

Henry

Wren

Joseph

Benjamin

Sandford

Lewis

William of Monroe:

John

Joseph

Benjamin

Henry

Joseph of Rutherford:

Joseph

Benjamin

William son: Benjamin

Isaac

Note that the name Benjamin appears 7 times in this set of 3 families, Joseph 6 times, John 3 times, and Henry 2 times. The names Joseph and Benjamin are common to all families.

Conclusion: the first names of these families are compatible with the theory presented elsewhere that Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes was the father of William Grayson of Wilkes and Monroe, and was the brother of Joseph Grayson of Rutherford.

-- R. R. Grayson

THE AGE OF BENJAMIN GRAYSON
of Wilkes co. N.C.

Benjamin can be shown to have been born between 1727-1746:

1. The first calculation: In 1787 he was listed as under the age of 60. $1787-60=1727$. Therefore he was born after 1727.
2. The second fact: In 1800 census in Wilkes he was listed as over the age 45. $1800-45=1755$. Therefore he can not have been born after 1755.
3. If John Grayson of Wilkes who appeared first in the 1790 census was the son of Benjamin and if he married at the age of 21, then John was born about 1769. ($1790-21=1769$.) This is compatible with the age of John Grayson of Knox co., Tenn., who in the 1830 census was listed as being 60-70 years old. Therefore born 1760-1770.
4. If William Grayson of Monroe county was the son of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes, then we have an even earlier birth date of one of Benjamin's children: William Grayson was born in 1767. (Age 83 in 1850 census: $1850-83=1767$.)
5. If William Grayson above is Benjamin's son, and if Benjamin had William at the age of at least 21, then Benjamin could not have been born after the year 1746. ($1767-21=1746$.)
6. If William Grayson is not the son of Benjamin, but John Grayson is, then the birth of Benjamin changes only 2 years to before 1748 ($1769-21=1748$.)
7. Therefore the birth of Benjamin Grayson was 1727-1746-8.

--R. R. Grayson

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23 August 1981

Dear Dick:

My check is enclosed for the last news letter. Your efforts in publishing the material is greatly appreciated. Please keep up the good work.

Trips to Prince William and Fairfax Counties were made recently. I was somewhat disappointed in what I was able to accomplish. It takes time to learn one's way around the court houses, etc. Time flies. At Manassas I met a Mr. Gordon Smith who ^{was} quite helpful. He is the supervisor of records at the county court house. He supplied two names of possible researchers as follows:

Mrs. June Whitehurst Johnson
4134 Minton Drive
Fairfax, Va. 22032
Tel. 703-323-9399

Mrs. Barbara F. Korich
8511 Yorkshire Lane
Manassas, Va. 22110
Tel. 703-361-1677

I talked with Mrs. Johnson on the telephone and was reasonably impressed. She is a certified researcher, charges \$6.50 per hour plus 10¢ per mile for local travel plus two-fifty per hour for long distance travel and does research in all parts of Virginia. She is also in the process of creating a person file of Va. deeds to supplement local files which are incomplete in some counties due to losses. She will be on a trip to England from mid-September until 1 October.

Only a few wills are on file in Va. for the period prior to 1800. They are as follows:

Benjamin Grayson	Fairfax County	1768
Wm. Grayson	Frederick County	1790
Wm. Grayson	" "	1793
Jno. Grayson	Orange County	1755
Spence Grayson	Prince William County	1799
Jno. Grayson	Spotsylvania County	1735-6
Ambrose Grayson	" "	1743
Ambrose Grayson	" "	1756

I reviewed the will of Spence Grayson and ^{found} nothing of value. Additionally I reviewed the inventory of ~~your~~ assets. Copies of this were made and will be sent to you at a later date. It was of interest because Lund Washington was one of those appointed to complete the inventory and dispose of same. We have encountered a Grayson connection for him before.

In addition to wills there are many probates of estates where a will was not found. Some in Prince William County were as follows:

1743	Bond	Benjamin Grayson ET AL
1808	Inventory	Wm. Grayson
1808	Inventory	Spence Grayson
1866	Various	John B. Grayson
1872	Various	Henry Grayson
1878	?	Henry Grayson

I reviewed most of these without finding anything of genealogical value. At a dollar per page for copying, I didn't have copies made.

I'm not sure how productive research in Va. will be. However, I know of only one way to find out. That is to give it a try. The early wills of Spotsylvania County look interesting. Copies could undoubtedly be secured by mail for a small fee. The same for Frederick County wills.

Enclosed is the fly page of a history of Prince William County and selected pages which you may find of interest. There were other listings for Graysons but little that was new. Belle Air was located on what was known as Grayson's Hill or very near by. At 50¢ per page copying fee, I elected not to copy all pages. Please return these copies to me if you elect not to publish them.

A late decision was made to send the Spence Grayson Inventory of Estate also. Pages one and two make up Page one of probate and Pages 3 & 4 make up Page 2. The machine wouldn't copy the entire page in full so it was divided.

Will close for now. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard

Howard E. Grayson

P.S. Mr. Forrest Benson of Tucson wrote to me about James William Grayson of Sweet Springs, Saline County, Mo., who died in 1908. I responded directly to but subsequently reviewed material ~~which~~ on the subject. His first born son apparently was a John H. Grayson who was born in 1867 in Saline County. There was another John H. Grayson who served in a Mo. Confederate Army Unit and a James W. Grayson who served in a Va. Confederate Army Unit. The second John H. could possibly have been a brother to James William Grayson and the James Wm. who served in the Va. Confederate Army Unit very well could be the same as the one who later turned up in Saline County. I will follow-up as time permits but if anyone has time or info it will be appreciated. Vol. 4, # 1, has a write-up on the original James W. & his children. I, too, am interested because my g-grandfather Jesse Grayson was in Mo. in the 1830's.

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At 2.2 m. from Occoquan Creek on U. S. 1 is the entrance (R) to the *SITE OF BELLE AIR*. On a hill, commanding a view of the Potomac, a frame house succeeds the house in which was born William Grayson (1736-1790), one of Virginia's first two United States senators. William Grayson fought in the Revolution and was a member of the Continental Congress. Though he made his home at Dumfries, he is buried in the family vault at Belle Air.

Benjamin Grayson (.....-1757), a Scottish immigrant, patented land here in 1743 and subsequently added adjoining tracts. He safeguarded the future of his progeny by marrying Susannah Monroe (1695-1752), whose father, Andrew Monroe (1661-1714), was the eldest son of Andrew Monroe, the paternal great-great-grandfather of President James Monroe. Benjamin Grayson was Susannah's third husband, her first having been William Linton and her second Charles Tyler. Belle Air passed to Benjamin Grayson's eldest son, the Reverend Spence Grayson (1734-1798), then to Dr. John Spence (1766-1829). It was subsequently owned by Mary Tyler Spence. The Reverend Spence Grayson was ordained by the Bishop of London, received the "king's bounty" in 1771, was minister of Cameron Parish, Loudoun County (1773-1776), and during the Revolution was chaplain of Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment. Later he was rector of Dettingen Parish (1784-1789), and was appointed by the Virginia diocese in 1787 as head of a committee to pass on the qualifications of ministers. His wife was Elizabeth Wagener.

A daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Grayson became the wife of John Orr (1726-.....), a Scot who settled in Westmoreland County, later moved to Fairfax, and owned land in Prince William. In 1766 John Orr was among the 115 patriots who signed the Leedstown Resolutions. Three of his children attained distinction: Alexander Dalrymple Orr (1765-1835), who represented Kentucky in Congress; Benjamin Grayson Orr, mayor of Washington (1817-1819), and Dr. John D. Orr of Dumfries, who married Lucinda Lee—known as the author of *Journal of a Young Lady of Virginia*.

At 2.7 m. is a junction with County 636 (L), which leads to *DAWSON'S BEACH*, 1.7 m. from the main highway. From high ground at this point on U. S. 1 there is an open view of Occoquan Bay and the Potomac River beyond—together forming a stretch of water nearly five miles across. The beach area is part of an estate where once lived Martin Scarlet, a pioneer of Old Prince William. He acquired the neck of land from Henry Corbin and was living here in 1689 during Parson Waugh's Tumult. Though taking part in the agitation, he did not side with those who believed the stories an Indian later discredited circulated against Catholic settlers.

William Fitzhugh (1651-1701) and Martin Scarlet, in the matter of grabbing one of Stafford County's two seats in the House of Burgesses, played the childish game of "going to Jerusalem," alternating

BENJAMIN C. GRAYSON 1838	— 1894.2.1	GILLUM B GRAYSON 1887.11.11 — 1930.8.16 blind from birth d. Abingdon, Va. buried: Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.
2 nd wife: MARTHA J. ROARK 1848	m. 1885.2.8 Johnson Co., Tenn. — 1902.10.2	m. Fannie — had children

We have the Civil War record of Benj:

Enlisted at Nashville, Tenn.
Aug 25 1862

Co. G 4th Regt Tenn Vol. Infantry
Discharged at Nashville, Tenn.
July 7 1865

Died 1894.2.1 at Laurel Bloomery, Johnson Co.,
Tenn., from paralysis, etc.

He was sick in the hospital at Camp Nelson, Ky., from 1863.12.26
to the end of the war.

FILE DESIGNATION: Grayson, Benjamin C.
Min. C. # 593,980
Co. G, 4 Tennessee Infantry
Will A. Robinson took care of Gillum after 1902

Benjamin's first wife died 1892.12.4.

Benj. was 5'5" tall, had fair complexion, black hair, & black eyes.
He was a farmer when he enlisted.

Gillum was buried by a Fannie Grayson, age 40 in 1930,
left a child or children under the age of 16.

Fannie is his wife; Gillum died in an auto accident.

Martha died in Grayson, Ashe Co, N.C., in the presence of
Eliza Owens.

Who is the father of Benjamin C. Grayson? Is Benjamin
C. Grayson the brother of James W. M. Grayson?

JESSE GRAYSON, son of BENJAMIN GRAYSON, SR. OF Wilkes co., N.C., Had a son born in about 1795_ named Benjamin Grayson in Wilkes county. When Jesse sold his land in Wilkes county in 1804-5, the family moved to Marion county, Tenn. Benjamin Grayson (son of Jesse) had a son Arthur Thomas Grayson, b. 1821, Hamilton Co., Tenn. His son was John Calhoun Grayson, b. 1855, in Gorgia. One of his was Josephine Grayson Fee, now age 95 and living in San Carlos, California. Her son related the above lineage to me. He is James A. Fee, Ph. D. (of Ed.), of 509 De Anza street, San Carlos, Calif., 94070. Phone: 415-366-0437. Dr. Fee states that the above lineage is family tradition, mainly from the recollections of his mother, and are undocumented.

John Calhoun Grayson also had a son, Albert Stanley Grayson, b. 1875 in Ark. His dau. was Johnnie Lee Grayson, b. 1910 in Ark. Her daughter is Johnnie (Mrs. Charles) Mitchell of 11711 Birtchwood Drive, Little Rock, Ark., 72211. Ph.: 501-224-1078, who answered my ad in the Genealogical Helper and gave me the name of Dr. Fee above.

JESSE GRAYSON above, please recall, was born 1772 and had brothers John, Wren, Joseph, Benjamin, jr., and possibly William. We have heretofore had no direct knowledge of the descendants of Jesse.

An interesting connection to Arthur Thomas Grayson, also probably known as Thomas Grayson, is a promissory note on a letter made out to Thomas Grayson, witnessed in Hamilton County, Tenn. The letter was sent to Henry Grayson of Marion county, son of Joseph Grayson, the brother of Jesse, Benjamin, and Wren. The letter was sent from Indiana by Wren Grayson, jr., the son of Wren who was the brother of Jesse, et al. I have a Xerox copy of this letter and have seen the original letter which is owned by Miss Bobbie Dykes of Chattanooga, Tenn.