

Chapter 6

The Families of Andrew Jackson

Grayson

by Richard and Daniel Grayson

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1975

In the previous chapter the children and a few of the grandchildren of Andrew Jackson Grayson were mentioned. The relationships and names of his children and grandchildren are of importance because many are alive today and the great grandchildren and their children will be confused without some way to find a path through this thicket of people.

Therefore we have reprinted herein our rough charts of generations 2 and 3 with annotations and sources. The obituaries of George and William were available so these were included, as were 2 other clippings about William.

We have a book of charts of this nature which describe all the known Grayson relatives which is about 3 inches thick and perhaps other chapters of these charts will be appropriate later.

The title of the generation s was arbitrarily started with number one as being the generation of Richard Grayson, numbering backward in time. Andrew's generation becomes number 4; John Wren Grayson, his father, number 5; Wren Grayson, Sr., number 6; and his father Benjamin Grayson, number 7. Daniel Grayson's generation becomes number zero. Eventually we plan to re-number the generation s when we prove who the first Grayson to arrive in America was. The immigrant Grayson when found should be number 1.

We theorize that Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes county will be found to be either generation 2 or 3 in the new chronology.

* ANDREW JACKSON GRAYSON
 1838.12.26 - 1913.7.22
 Ind
 son of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

LAURA H GRAYSON *
 1862.6.13 - 1908.1.20

m. 1861.8.18

MATILDA LAWRENCE
 1843.1.16 - 1899.7.28
 Ia

WILLIAM MORTON GRAYSON *
 1865.7.22

1. 1880 Census, Indiana, Jefferson Co.
 Madison, 6th Ward, Cemetery St.
 p. 10 #100 #104

FRANK E GRAYSON *
 1868.6.8

A J GRAYSON	40	IND	IND	IND	printer
MATILDA	37	IA	IA	IA	
LAURA	18	IND			
WILLIAM	15	IND			
FRANK	12	IND			
GEORGE	9	IND			
LOTTIE	6	IND			
HOWARD	2	IND			

GEORGE EDWARD GRAYSON *
 1871.8.5 - 1954.1.2

2. Civil War file [Co. D, 6th regiment]

served 1861.4.20 - 1861.8.2
 as a Sgt in Co. E, 6th reg. Ind. Vols,
 served 1861.9.20 - 1862.5.21 (age 22)
 as 1st Lieut, resigning due to
 varicose veins on left leg caused by
 a forced march from Columbia, Tenn.

LOTTA B GRAYSON
 1874.3.25
 m. John Jones,

to Pittsburgh Landing 1862.4.4. (a seven day march)

1884.4.28: Indiana, Jefferson Co, Madison,
 filed a pension claim, age: 45 height: 5'8" complexion: light
 hair: dark eyes: hazel occupation: printer; he was 3/4 disabled due to
 varicose veins.

HOWARD GRAYSON *
 1877.10.15 - 1948.11.17

1898.5.4: answered a questionnaire for pensioners. wife: Matilda Lawrence,
 married 1861.8.18 in Madison Ind by Rev Burress.
 children living:

LAURA H	born	1862.6.13
WILLIAM M		1865.7.22
FRANK E		1868.6.8
GEORGE E		1871.8.5
LOTTA B		1874.3.25
HOWARD		1877.10.15

1912.6.1: Indiana, Johnson Co, Franklin,
 filed a pension claim (according to the acts of 1912.5.11) - he is now totally disabled
 1913.8.11: dropped from the pension roll - died 1913.7.22

3. Andrew wrote for the Madison Courier under the pen name Phelix Adair.
 According to one of these articles, he lived at 3300 Walnut Blvd, Kansas City,
 Mo, sometime between 1881 and 1900.

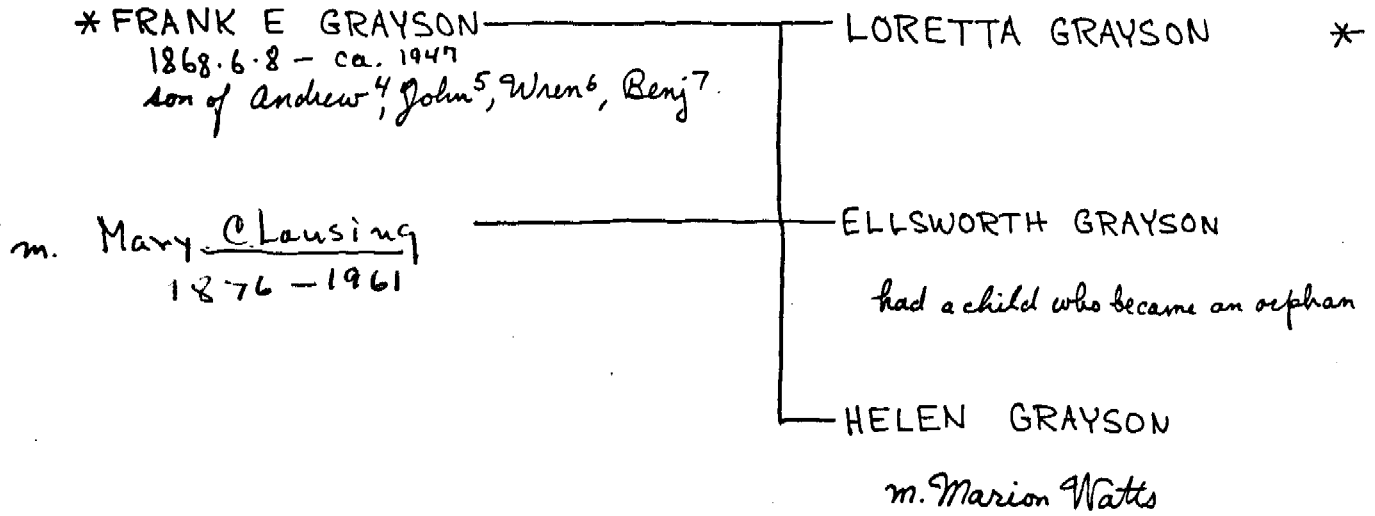
4. [gravestone: Madison, Ind.]
 LT. ANDREW JACKSON GRAYSON
 Dec 26, 1838 - July 22, 1913

1870 Census, Jefferson county, Ind.:

Grayson, Andrew J. 30, printer b Ind, 2-57

Matilda 26 k house, b Iowa

Laura 8; William 5 ; Frank 2 ; home b Ind.



Helen Grayson
2111 Elmwood Rd.
Riverside, Calif.

1. buried in Riverside, Calif: Edna Freese Letter: 7/23/74
2. see following 2 pages:

Frank Ellsworth Grayson
Born - Madison, Indiana
June 8 - 1868
Died - Oct 14 - 1949

Mary Elsa Clausing
Born - Chelsea, Indiana
April 21 - 1876
Died - June 13 - 1961
Married - Nov 13 - 1894
Daughter of - John Clausing
and Caroline Scholle

Frank + Mary were
divorced in 1928 -
Frank re-married in 1932 to
Hattie M. Milam = no
children

Children of Frank + Mary

1. - Lawrence
Born - Madison, Indiana
April 17 - 1896
Died - Dec. 18 - 1896

Send Len
Helen worth
3/11/76
see earlier

2. - Loretta Marie
Born - Madison, Indiana
Dec 6 - 1899
Present Address -
2008 E. Mesquite
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Edwin Hunger (divorced)
Madison, Indiana
William H. Lower (deceased)
Bloomington, Illinois
Don Gregory Waddilove
(deceased) Las Vegas, Nevada

Martha June Hunger
Born - June 22 - 1918
married to -
James Williamson
(musician)

3 - Ellsworth Vern
Born - Madison, Indiana
March 3 - 1908
Died - Aug 30 - 1936

married to -
Reginia Bird (deceased)
San Bernardino, Calif
Ellsworth + Reginia
were killed in auto
accident Aug 30 - 1936

children 2.

Lawrence Grayson
Born - Nov 12 - 1932
Riverside, Calif
Died - Oct 12 - 1951
Killed in Korea during Korean War

4 - Helen Louise
Born - Madison, Indiana
Nov. 27 - 1912

Present address -

2111 Elsinore Rd
Riverside, Calif 92506

married to -
Marion W. Watts
Born - Neodesha, Kansas
May 25 - 1906
married - Nov 26 - 1932
Retired as Lt. Col. 1958
with little more than
30 yrs in U.S. Air Force

children 2.

Richard Stanley Watts
Born - Feb 5 - 1934
Riverside, Calif
Present Address -
1488 Suffolk Ave
Thousand Oaks, Calif 91360
Manager of "Barclays Bank of Calif" at
Oxnard, Calif.

* GEORGE EDWARD GRAYSON
1871.8.5 - 1954.1.21

son of Andrew⁴, John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

GLADYS GRAYSON *

1898.10.23 - 1953.3.3

MARY ELIZABETH WINNEFELD

1878.1.10 - 1959.12.19

LUCILLE GRAYSON

1900.12.12 - alive

m. John McGuire

1. We've spoken to Lucille McGuire, of
Madison, Ind.

2. [obituary of Andrew⁴]

address in 1913.7.22:

624 E 2nd St.

Madison, Ind

Emma Winnefeld.

Ref: "Lucille's Aunt Emma
Winnefeld died May 20, 1971" (- letter
from John McGuire)

3. Jane Crawford McCulloch - a
cousin of Lucille. (letter from John M.)

SHORT ILLNESS
IS FATAL FOR
GEO. GRAYSON

George E. Grayson, a retired letter carrier and formerly a city councilman, died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at his home, 624 E. Second street, after an illness of two week's duration.

Mr. Grayson was 82 years of age and a native and life resident of Madison. He was a son of the late Andrew J. and Matilda Lawrence Grayson and the last member of his immediate family.

When a young man he accepted a position with the U. S. postal service and served as a letter carrier 43 years, having retired 20 years ago last month.

Mr. Grayson was interested in civic affairs and served the public in several capacities during his later years. He was elected to the city council and served as chairman of the board of public works and safety under the late Mayor Marcus R. Sulzer.

During the disastrous 1937 flood Mr. Grayson was head of city activities, and was in charge of a vast cleanup and rehabilitation program that followed.

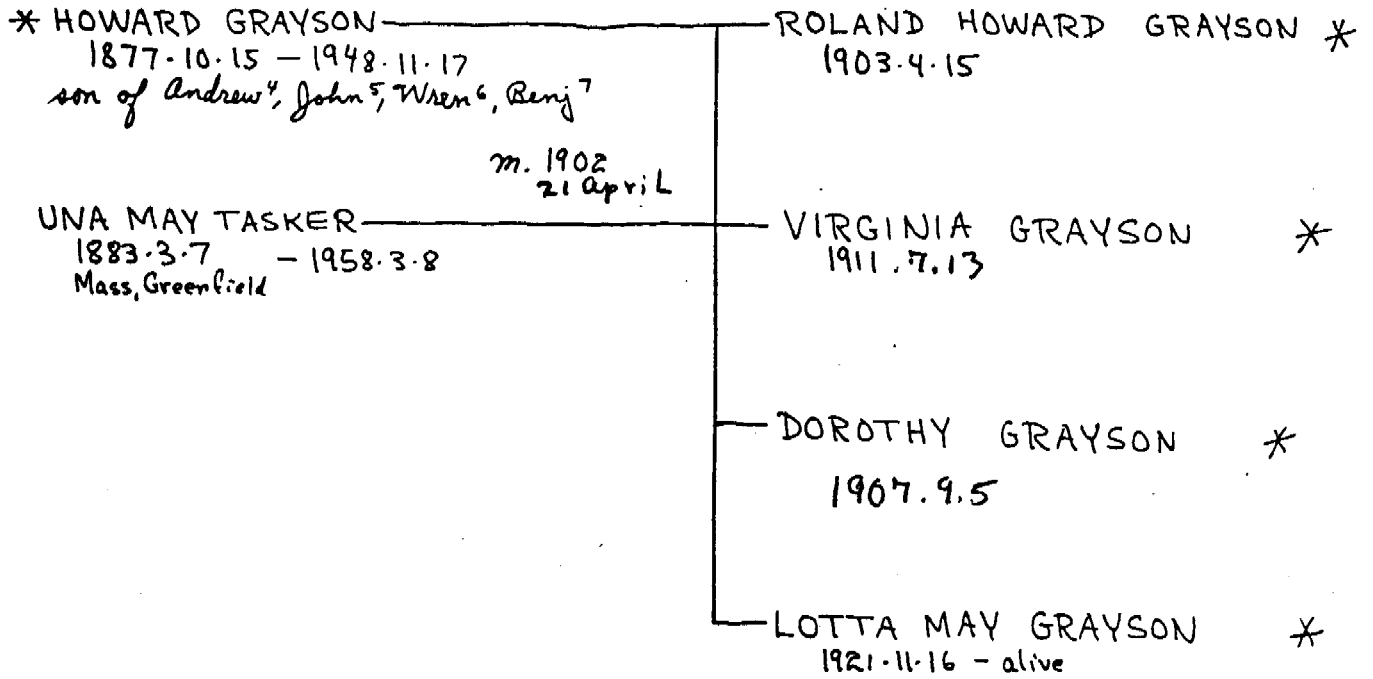
As board of works and safety chairman he also supervised construction of Crystal Beach the following year. A tablet in the ~~pool~~ stone pool bath house wall at the pool bears the name of Mr. Grayson, Mayor Sulzer, Paul Dowell, then city attorney; George H. Shaffer, superintendent of construction (WPA representative) and Lester Rott, architect.

Mr. Grayson had served on the county board of tax adjustment and also for some years was deputy assessor in the city.

At the time of last illness and death he was a member of the county alcoholic beverage board, a position he held for a number of years. He was also a member of the United Evangelical Church, Modern Woodmen of America, and was secretary-treasurer of the Jefferson Association, and organization of members of the former Knights of Pythias lodge in Madison.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Grayson; a daughter, Mrs. John E. McGuire, of this city, and a grand-daughter Miss Mary Elizabeth Demaree, also of Madison. Another daughter, the late Mrs. Gladys M. Demaree, preceded him in death last March.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Gans Funeral Home, and burial will be in Springdale cemetery. Friends may call at the residence until Sunday.



* LAURA H GRAYSON
1862.6.13 - 1908.1.20
Ind

daughters of Andrew⁴, John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

Albert J. MERRITT

^{Alene}
FAYE MERRITT *

3 - step-half sister:

* Eliz. Klein's father was a
Dr. who died. Then his widow
married the widower Albert J.
Merritt. Ref: letter from
John + Lucille McQuirk 9/19/76.

Mrs. Elizabeth Klein*
120 Taff Drive
President of Estates
Makam, Ind.
47205

* FAYE MERRITT
1885.8.19 - 1958.5.1

Vernon Ivan REED

2nd husband:

Harry F. HARMS

~~JANE~~ HARMS REED (?)

JANE FAY or

↳ md. Lloyd Stewart
2 out ↳ Jane Lloyd, jr

MERRITT HARMS REED

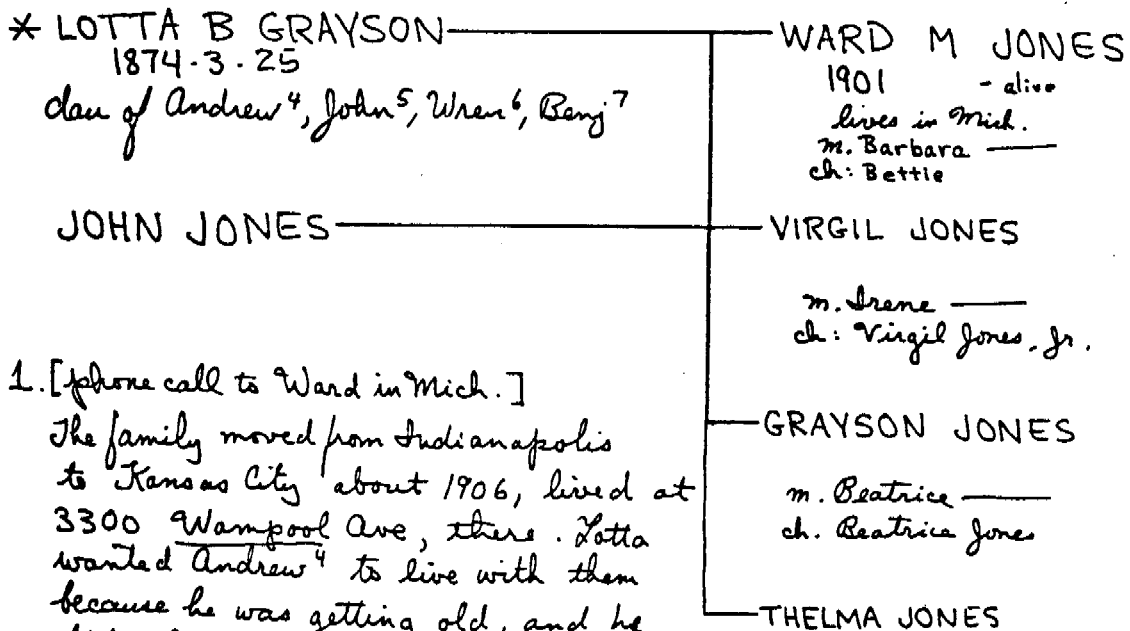
md. 1st

↳ David Bruce Reed
↳ Frederick Vern Reed
Md 2nd Sept 1, 1977

Merritt Reed
9115 Neptune Dr.
Indianapolis, Ind
46229

Moved to:
3688 No
Sallier Dr.
Indianapolis
46226

is married, and claims that Andrew⁴ J. Grayson
had debates with the editor of a paper in N. or S.
Carolina & those debates are in the Library of Congress.
He also says that we are related to Cary Travers Grayson -
is this a fact?



1. [phone call to Ward in Mich.]

The family moved from Indianapolis to Kansas City about 1906, lived at 3300 Wampool Ave, there. Lotta wanted Andrew⁴ to live with them because he was getting old, and he did, but in 1910 moved back to Madison and stayed with George until his death in 1913. John got a job with the Hoover vacuum cleaner co. in Chicago, so they moved there, where John³ got Roland² (son of Howard³, Andrew⁴) his first job at age 15 repairing and selling Hoovers. Howard³ also worked at this small business.

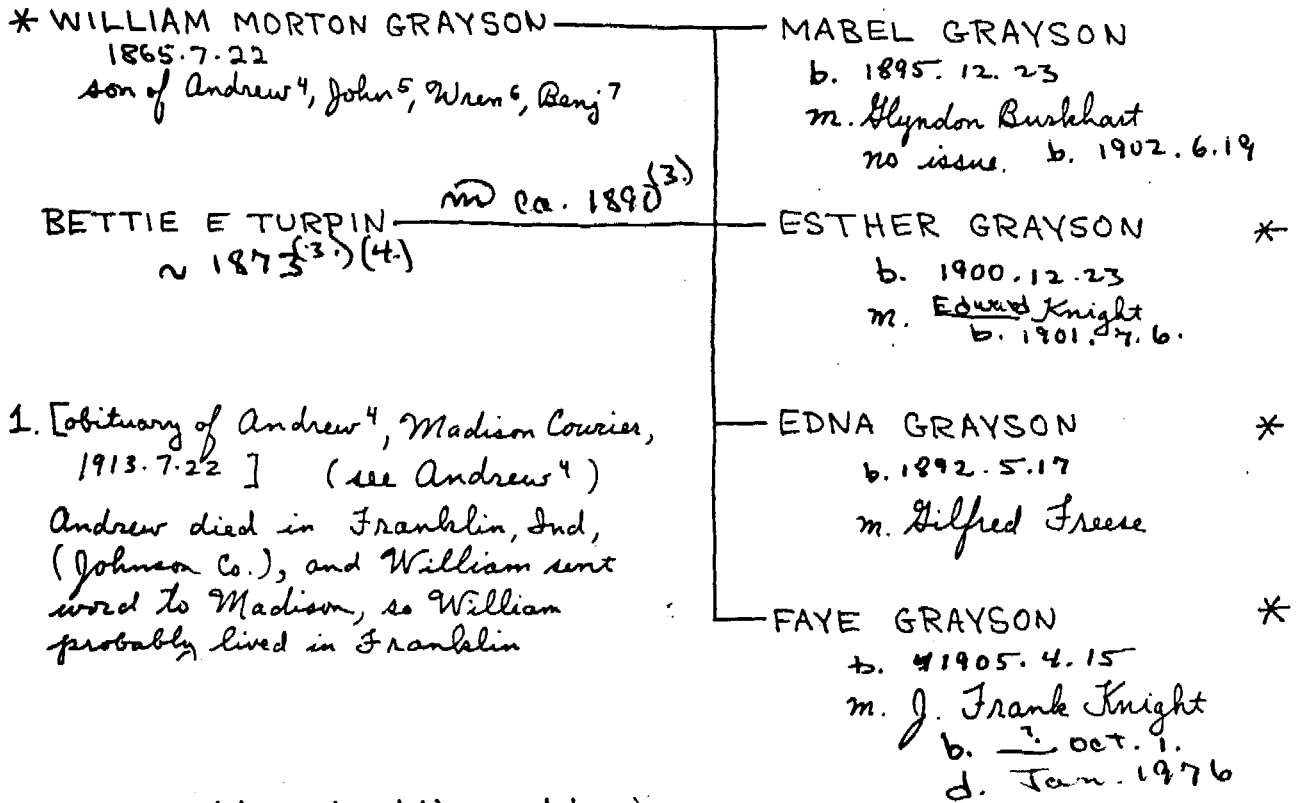
Wampool should be Walrond

Andrew⁴ was in Kansas City before 1900.(?)

2. Bettie Jones¹

1324 Peniman

Plymouth, Mich, - a daughter of Ward.



3. See Golden wedding clipping

4. Betty Turpin: b. 21 July 1872
 d. 14 March 1947
 m. June 1889

(Letter from Edna Freese, June 194)

Golden Wedding.



THE WILLIAM GRAYSONS.

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GRAYSONS TO OBSERVE 50TH WEDDING YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. William Grayson, formerly of Franklin, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at their residence at 403 South Tennessee street in Danville.

Mr. Grayson was born at Madison 75 years ago and for 31 years was employed with The Franklin Star. He is now manager of the Polar Ice station at Danville, having been with the company 20 years.

Mrs. Grayson was born in Franklin and is 67 years old. Before her marriage she was Miss Bettie E. Turpin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grayson are in good health.

They have four daughters, Mrs. Edna Freese of Granite City, Ill., Mrs. Esther Knight of Shelbyville, Mrs. Faye Knight and Mrs. Mabel Burkhardt, both of Indianapolis. They also have seven grandchildren.

The Graysons will hold open house in the afternoon.

The birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. William Grayson were celebrated with a picnic dinner at the park. Mrs. Grayson's birthday fell on July 21; Mr. Grayson's was on July 22. The Grayson recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here. The four daughters of the couple and their families were here for the picnic dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Freese of Granite City, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knight and son of Shelbyville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burkhardt of Indianapolis.

William M. Grayson

William M. Grayson, 81 years old, former printer 30 years for the Franklin Star, died Wednesday night in his home, 134 West 21st Street.

Mr. Grayson, who had lived here three years, was born in Madison, was a member of the Knights of Pythias in Madison and Franklin, Methodist Church in Shelbyville and Modern Woodmen of America in Franklin.

FUNERAL services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Wald Funeral Home and burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Betty Turpin Grayson; four daughters, Mrs. Edward M. Knight of Shelbyville, Mrs. Gilford Freese of Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. Glenn H. Burkhardt and Mrs. J. Frank Knight, both of Indianapolis, and three brothers, George Grayson of Madison, Howard Grayson of Chicago and Frank Grayson of Riverside, Cal.

Chapter 7

The Brothers & Sisters

of Andrew Jackson

Grayson

by Richard & Daniel Grayson, 1975

This chapter could as well be labeled the "Children and Families of John Wren Grayson".

It seems important at this point to clarify the relationships of the brothers and the sisters of Andrew and to mention what is known of their descendants, inasmuch we found that Andrew's brothers were also printers and figured prominently in his life.

Furthermore, we have been in contact with descendants of the brothers Salathiel and John W. Grayson, and they have made this story come alive through their letters.

Mrs. Winslow Moore Price of Louisville, Ky., the daughter of Maude Grayson DeWeese who was a daughter of Salathiel Grayson has written extensively and has a keen interest in her heritage. Mrs. Price has children and grandchildren.

The descendant of John Wren Grayson, jr. whom we know is Mrs. Earl (Grace) D. Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Alice Virginia Grayson Bragdon who was a daughter of John W. Grayson.

It would be of interest to find descendants of the sisters of Andrew, Rebecca, Sarah, and Mary and to correspond with them.

A news story of Salathiel Grayson is at hand and is included in the chapter.

* JOHN WREN GRAYSON
1805-11-2 - 1882-1-31
son of Wren⁶, Benj⁷

REBECCA J GRAYSON *
1830
JANE

m. 1829

PERMELIA CUMMINS
1806 - 1882-2-14
daughter of Andrew Cummins

SARAH A GRAYSON
1832-5-12 - 1896-4-7
m. John W. McCoy
(1827-10-25 - 1878-11-2)

1. 1830 Census, Ky, Scott Co, p. 156, line 2

JOHN GRAYSON
0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30-
M 1 1
F 1 1

MARY C GRAYSON *
1834
CATHERINE
m. Sewell Lloyd 1860-7-30
see Note II.

(neighbor to Wren⁶)

2. 1850 Census, Indiana, Jefferson Co,
Madison, 8th Ward, p. 238, #613#645

JOHN GRAYSON	45	TENN	Carpenter
PERMINA	43	KY	
REBECCA	20	KY	
SARAH A	18	IND	
MARY C	16	IND	
CELITHA	14	IND	
ANDREW	12	IND	
JOHN R	10	IND	

SALATHIEL GRAYSON *
1837 - 1916

ANDREW J GRAYSON *
1838-12-26 - 1913-7-22

3. 1834-5-25: Ind, Decatur Co:
witnessed a deed for Joseph.
(see Joseph⁵ Grayson)

JOHN W GRAYSON *
1840

4. 1840-1-23: Ind, Decatur Co, deed, [original - photocopied]
John Grayson from Charles and Amy Owens
\$125/40 acres NE $\frac{1}{4}$. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 12 twp 8 N of Range 8 E.
(this land was entered by Charles Owens at the Jefferson Land Office,
1837-10-13)

5. 1882-1-31 died John Grayson, [Jefferson Co, Ind, death certificate]
age 76, born Ky,
cause: malignant disease of stomach and lungs
Dr. J W Conway, Vail's Memorial funeral home, Madison, Ind.
1882-2-14 died Permelia Grayson [ibid]
age 76, born Ky,
cause: pul - consumption, Dr. Conway, Vail's Home.

6. gravestones in Madison, Ind, Springdale Cemetery.
JOHN GRAYSON 1805-1882 FOR 30 YEARS SEXTON OF THIS CEMETERY
PERMELIA, wife of John Grayson, 1806-1882

7. 1836-1-9, Ind, Decatur Co, deed, John Grayson bought 40 acres SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 2
adjoining land of Benjamin⁵ Grayson.

8. 1836-10-31, Ind, Decatur Co, Sandcreek Twp, a stock mark registered by
John Grayson

(cont. JOHN⁵)

9. 1836.4.8 Ind, Decatur Co, Jackson Twp. : Tract Book
John Grayson - 38.29 acres : NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 1, twp 8, Range 8 East
10. [Madison Courier]
1860.7.30 married: Lowell S. Lloyd and Mary C. Grayson, daughter of
John of this city.
11. "Aunt Kate" (Mary F. Grayson Lloyd d. 1913-20 buried
at Madison, had a son John (single) + married
son who had 2 daughters Goldie + Pearl
Lived in Indpls. : Edna Freese 7/23/74.

* JOHN W GRAYSON
1840

son of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

LUCINDA V WILSON

1843
Va

VIRGINIA

ALICE V GRAYSON
1862 - 1927

1. m. Dr. George Eugene Bragdon
3. * 2nd m. Thomas B. Grayson, son
of Sanford

VIRGINIA

STELLA GRAYSON

1864

HARRY GRAYSON

1867

BERTHA GRAYSON

1869

JOSEPH GRAYSON

1872

LUELLA GRAYSON

1875

HERBERT GRAYSON

- 1964

1. Mrs. Earl D. Thomas² (Grace)

3007 Mountview Rd.
Columbus, Ohio, 43221

is a daughter of Alice T.³

2. 1880 Census, Indiana, Jefferson Co,
Madison, 6th Ward, Cemetery St.

JOHN W GRAYSON 40 IND TENN TENN
printer

LUCINDA	37	VA	VA	VA
ALICE	18	IND		
STELLA	16	IND		
HARRY	13	IND		
BERTHA	11	IND		
JOSEPH	8	IND		
LUELLA	5	IND		

1. [Mrs. Thomas]

Lucinda was a second cousin
of Pres. Woodrow Wilson.

3 * Related by Gertrude Sherman, 11/9/74

*REBECCA J GRAYSON
1830

dan of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

WILLIAM
1857

DEMENT
-1860.1.30

WILLIAM^P DEMENT

1. 1860.1.30 Madison Courier (Ind.)

died age 2, son of Wm. P. and
Rebecca J; burial from home of
John Grayson, Sr, Presby. Ave.

* SALATHIEL GRAYSON ————— CHARLES MERRIAM GRAYSON
 1837 — 1916 1857 — 1931
 Ind Ind
 son of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷ m. Josephine Weiss

MARY LACKLAND —————
 1837 — 1895

HELEN GRAYSON *
 1861 — 1958

1. 1880 Census, Indiana, Jefferson Co,
 Madison, 6th ward, Cemetery St.
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SYLATHIEL GRAYSON 43 IND KY KY
 MARY 43 IND KY KY

CHARLES
 WILLIE
 MAMIE
 GERTRUDE

WILLIAM GRAYSON

MARY FRANCES GRAYSON
 1865 — 1942
 no issue see photo #15

2. [letter from Sylvia (Mandelbaum) Grayson²]

Bertie 1874-77 was a son of Salathiel.

2'. [letter from Maude to W. Price:]

Bertie 1874-1901, born in Madison, was a
 son of Salathiel.

GERTRUDE GRAYSON
 1868

m. John Bernier

BERTIE GRAYSON
 1874 — 1877 or 1901

3. gravestones in Madison, Ind:

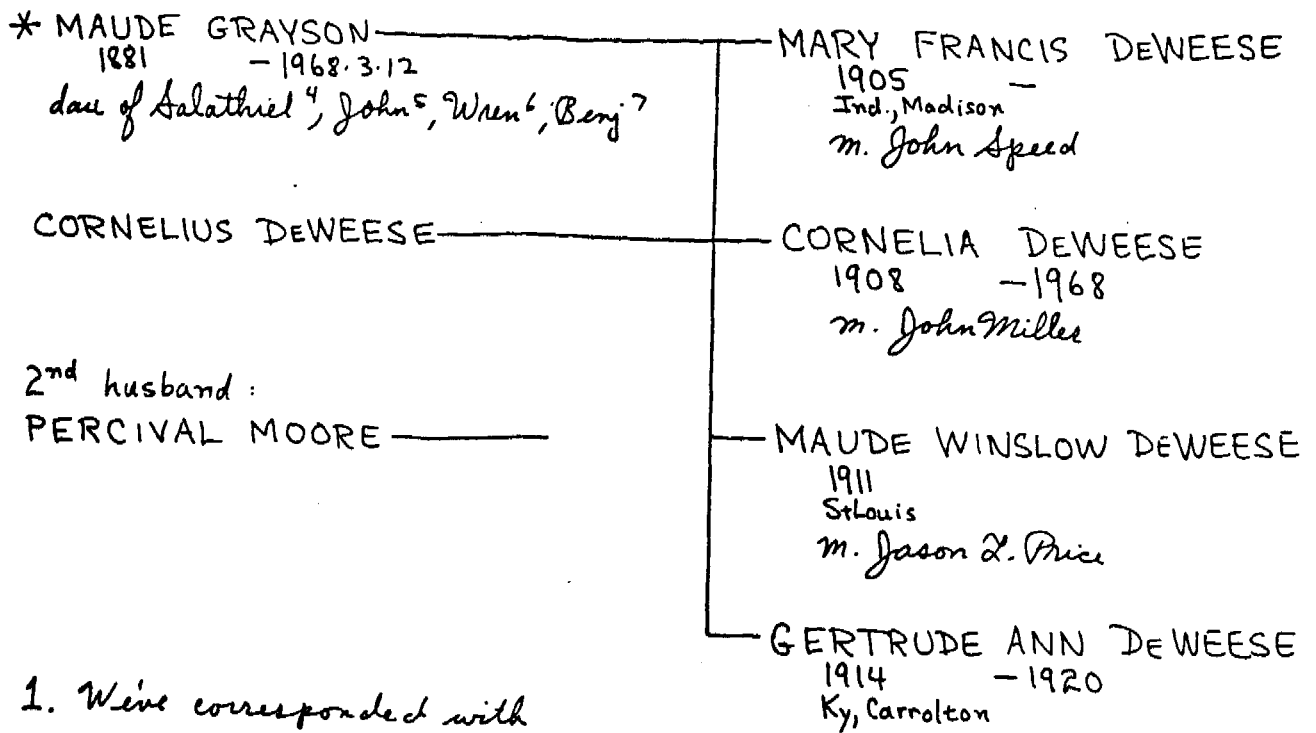
MARY FRANCES GRAYSON
 1865 — 1942

SALATHIEL GRAYSON
 1837 — 1916

MAUDE GRAYSON *
 1881 — 1968-3-12

4. [Madison Courier, 1914 ?]

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



1. We've corresponded with
 Mrs. Winslow Moore Price,
 1306 Willow Ave,
 Louisville, Ky 40204

She has children and grandchildren.

A Veteran of the Tripod.

On Monday, Nov. 7th, Salathiel Grayson, brother of Col. A. J. Grayson, finished sixty years of service on the Madison Courier, faithful service, if we understand aright. Mr. Grayson began as a boy around the Courier office and worked at the desk several years before starting out as a reporter. He then became city editor, which position he still fills, as well as the columns of the Courier testify. Mr. Grayson used to make his rounds and then go to the office to "stick" what news he had gathered, a thing most city editors would not do if they could. He is still very active in mind and body and is a well known figure in Madison. In his 60th year Mr. Grayson is still a force for good in his home city, and the Courier would probably be lost without Mr. Grayson's presence. His brother, A. J., was on the Courier for forty-five years as compositor and foreman, and he can tell many an interesting story of the old days down in Madison. — Franklin Republican.

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4.

Sarah A. Grayson

1832.5.12 - 1896.4.7
dan of John⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

John W. McCoy

1827.10.25 - 1878.11.2