

## Summary of Wren Grayson, Jr.

Wren Grayson, Jr. b. ca. 1813 in Tenn. (1850 census, Decatur  
 co., Sandcreek twp., Ind., p. 287) m. Lucinda <sup>Williamson 16 Dec 1832</sup> / 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 ~~Barthson~~  
 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 Wynoose cemetery by his Masonic  
 brothers."

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

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\* BENJAMIN F GRAYSON  
1802  
son of Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

ELIZABETH  
1804 - 1882.2.12

FRANCIS GRAYSON \*  
1830

? JEFF GRAYSON (male) \*  
1827

JOHN GRAYSON  
1832

GRAYSON (male)

GRAYSON (male)

R GRAYSON (male)

DAVID GRAYSON  
1838

R GRAYSON (female)  
1840

MARTHA GRAYSON  
1842

m. William Gates of Phelps, Co.

THOMAS GRAYSON  
1844

SARAH GRAYSON  
1846

m. William Mc Masters (?)

GEORGE W GRAYSON  
1848

m. Susan Mayfield 1866.5.13

? E GRAYSON  
1848

1. 1840 Census, Jenn, Marion Co.  
BENJ. GRAYSON 0- 5- 10- 15- 20- 30-  
M | 5 | | | |  
F | | | | |

2. 1850 Census, Mo, Crawford Co, #30  
B F GRAYSON 42 M TENN  
E F GRAYSON 42 F TENN  
JNO 18 M TENN  
FRACIS 20 M TENN  
R 15 M TENN  
DAVID 12 M TENN  
R 10 F TENN  
M 8 F TENN  
THOS 6 M TENN  
S 4 F TENN  
G 2 M Mo

3. [letter: 1846.9.7 from Benj. 3]  
Benj. wrote from Mo, Phelps Co,  
Little Prairie.

4. 1857 Phelps Co was formed from  
Crawford Co. Little Prairie  
as a town no longer exists, but  
was included in Phelps Co.

5. Miss Dykes has several letters from  
Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Joseph<sup>5</sup> to  
Henry<sup>5</sup> (her ancestor).

4'. Little Prairie was located 6 1/2 miles  
from Rolla in Johnson Twp, Phelps Co.

6. Clifford Grayson<sup>2</sup>  
1601 Holloway St.  
Rolla, Mo

is a grandson of George W. and is  
interested in genealogy.

7. Obituary of Elizabeth [Rolla Weekly  
Herald, 1882.3.9] "Dead on Beaver  
Creek, Phelps Co, Mo, Feb. 12, 1882,  
Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of the late Benjamin  
Grayson, & mother of John Grayson on  
Beaver, in her 78<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs. Grayson  
has been a resident of this county for almost  
40 years, and within a few months of her  
death enjoyed good health and raised 13  
children, several of whom are now dead,  
but all lived to be grown. She was a  
thrifty and industrious woman."

\* BENJAMIN GRAYSON  
 1820 - 1884  
 son of Wren<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

WILLIAM ELIJA GRAYSON \*  
 1842.5.16 - 1897  
 Ind

LETITIA MARGARET (LOTTIE) TYNER  
 1822 - 1884  
 Ind.

NANCY GRAYSON  
 1843.10.6  
 Ind

1. 1850 Census, Indiana, Decatur Co,  
 Sandcreek Twp., p.310 #226

BENJAMIN GRAYSON	30	TENN	\$400 farmer	*
LETTITIA	28	IND		* ✓
WILLIAM E	8	IND		✓
NANCY	7	IND		✓
MARGARET	4	IND		
HENRY	2	IND		
JOHN	1	IND		

\* illiterate  
 ✓ attended school this year

MARGARET GRAYSON  
 1846  
 Ind

HENRY GRAYSON  
 1848.10.6  
 Ind.

2. 1840.1.24 Ind, Decatur Co, deed  
 [copy of original]  
 Benjamin Grayson from Charles  
 and Amy Owens, \$150 for  
 39.14 acres SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 2  
 twp 8 N of Range 8 E  
 Witnesses: A B Falconburg  
 John Cum.

JOHN <sup>H.</sup> GRAYSON  
 1849.6.30  
 Ind.

WREN GRAYSON \*  
 1851  
 m. America Brown 1877.3.8

3. 1841.6.2: Ind, Decatur Co.  
 [copy of original]  
 Benj. Grayson from Joseph<sup>5</sup>  
 and Matilda<sup>5</sup> Grayson.  
 \$100/11 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres SE corner  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 36 twp 9 N Range 8.  
 Witnesses: W H Belt  
 Ovid M Cracken

SAMUEL GRAYSON  
 1853

SILAS <sup>T.</sup> GRAYSON  
 1855.7.7.

MARY A. GRAYSON  
 1857.6.16

4. [deed, Decatur Co, Ind]  
 1835.8.31: Benjamin Grayson bought  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec 22,  
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec 23  
 1836.6.24: Benjamin Grayson bought  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 22

ELIZABETH GRAYSON  
 1860.11.30

MALINDA GRAYSON.  
 1863.11.1

(This land adjoins that of John<sup>5</sup>)

JOHN T. GRAYSON  
 1868

(Benj.<sup>5</sup> cont. , son of Wren<sup>6</sup> )

5. Tipton Co. Ind 1880 Census  
Prairie Twp 34 134 p.7 l.17

BENJAMIN GRAYSON	64	TENN
LETTIS	60	IND
SILAS	27	"
SAMUEL	24	"
MARY ANN	21	"
ELIZABETH A	17	"
MALINDA	16	"
JOHN M. JARRETT	6	" (not related)

BENJAMIN GRAYSON  
 1820 - 1884  
 Son of Wrenb, Benj<sup>7</sup>

LETITIA MARGARET TYNER  
 1822 - 1884

Chart from Mrs.  
 Mark McKinney

Rb 1  
 Kempton, Ind.  
 46049

Info is from  
 Ned Grayson  
 Rb 3, Tipton, Ind

who obtained it  
 from his grand-  
 father Silas  
 (pete) Grayson

WILLIAM ELIJA GRAYSON \*  
 5-16-1842 - 1897

NANCY GRAYSON  
 10-6-1843

MARGARET GRAYSON  
 1846  
 2nd.

HENRY  
 10-6-1848  
 2nd.

JOHN H. GRAYSON  
 6-30-1849

WREN "  
 7-17-1851 m. America Brown  
 m. 3-2-1877

SAMUEL "  
 18.53

SILAS T. "  
 7-7-1855

MARY A "  
 6-16-1857

ELIZABETH "  
 11-30-1860

MALINDA "  
 11-1-1863

JOHN T. "  
 1868

BENJAMIN GRAYSON

JOHN A GRAYSON

1832-10-23

Tenn, Marion

m. Avey R. Altman (b. 1844-12-12  
Madison Co, ?)

JANE LAMB

1. [a History of Tennessee: letter 1745-23  
from John Abbott]

Benjamin Grayson, b. East Tenn (Hibson  
Co.) d. 1843 E. Tenn, m. Jane Lamb,  
b. Va, d. 1855, Ark.; 10 children:  
John A., b. 1832-10-23 Marion Co, Tenn,  
m. Avey R. Altman, b. 1844-12-12, Madison  
Co, ?;

John joined Co. E 1<sup>st</sup> Ark. mounted  
riflemen in 1861 (Churchill), transferred  
to 13<sup>th</sup> Ark. Infantry as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. in  
Quartermaster Corps.

[Civil War Records, Ark. archives]

J.A. Grayson on duty in the Q.M. at  
Corinth, Miss, 1863-6. Detached  
from service by order of General Hardee  
1863-3-6. Whereabouts unknown.

1864-8 : on detached service in Ark.

1863-3-12: appointed A. Q. M. (?)

Further info. lists Special Order N. 202/38  
1864-8-26. "Adjutant & Inspectors General's  
Office, Confederate States, contains information  
relative to the man named on the subject  
above."

Note: according to the muster roll 1861-6-9.

John A. Grayson travelled 240 miles  
to Ft Smith, Ark, at age 29.

Is this Benj. our Benj<sup>6</sup> ?

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE,

*Benjamin Grayson* and *Henry Rigney*  
are held and firmly bound unto *Walter Blount*

Governor of the State of Tennessee, and his successors in Office,  
in the sum of *Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars*, to be void on  
condition, that there be no lawful cause to prevent a Marriage,  
shortly intended to be solemnized between *Benjamin Grayson*  
and *Henry Rigney* otherwise to remain in full force.

WITNESS our Hands and Seals this *24th* day of *May* 1815

*Wm. B.*

*D. W. Hutchins*

*Benjamin Grayson*

*Henry Rigney*

(Cont.)

8 Tombstones: cemetery next to the property where Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson lived:

JOHN W GRAYSON  
1869-1929

& wife

MATILDA J WOOLSEY  
1873-1955

& son

EVERETT M GRAYSON  
1906-1924

9. 1860 Census, Missouri, Phelps Co.

B F GRAYSON	59	m	TENN
E	12	m	TENN
MARTHA	18	f	TENN
SARAH	14	f	TENN
THOS	16	m	TENN
GEO	12	m	MO

← This is confusing.

10. 1860-8 sold land in Phelps Co [letter of John Abbott, 74-4-6]

11. [Abbott 1972-9-28]

Marion Co, Tenn. Land grants

1833-4-20	50 acres	to Benj. Grason
1834-3-28	200 ..	on top of Cumberland Mt.
1834-8-9	350 ..	on top of Walden's Ridge
1834-8-27	300 ..	" " " "
1836-9-5	150 ..	" " " "
1836-2-18	5000 ..	" " " "

} to Benj. F. Grason

\_\_\_\_\_ to Benj. F. Grason et al.

12. [Phelps Co. Marriage Records: letter: State Hist. Soc.]

George Grayson m. Susan Mayfield 1866.5.13

13. Mo, PHELPS Co. Deeds

1864-1868 Sanford Grayson  
 1864-1866 Samuel Grayson  
 1867 Daniel R. Grayson  
 1883-1896 George W. Grayson.

14. [deeds on file in TENN, MARION CO: via John Abbott 1972]

1831-7-1 Benj. F. Grayson from Thomas Gholston Bk C, p. 40  
 \$550 for 100 acres on SE side of Sequatchie R., adjoining Joseph Grayson

1835-1-26 B. F. Grayson to John A. Pickett Bk C, p. 319  
 \$50 for 45<sup>+</sup> acres, part of grant 1824-7-9, adjoining Joseph Grayson

1835-2-1 Benj. F. Grayson from Ephraim Brannon, Bk C p. 284  
 \$400 for 106 acres on SE side of Sequatchie River

1835-2-11 Benj. F. Grayson to Henry Grayson, Bk C, p. 328  
 \$330 for 106 acres on SE side of Seq. R., witnesses: Hugh Grayson,  
 Jesse Grayson

1836-4-9 Benj. F. Grayson to Jesse Shirley, Bk C p. 402  
 \$200/50 acres SE side of Seq. R., witnesses: Henry Grayson



(cont.)

- 1832.11.30 : Benj. F. Grayson witnessed a deed,  
Henry<sup>5</sup> Grayson from John Hicks. (see Henry<sup>5</sup>)
15. 1870 Census, Missouri, Phelps Co [Clifford Grayson: letter: 1971.5.3]  
F GRAYSON  
-  
-  
-  
-  
-  
ELIZABETH 66 f TENN
16. 1871.10. : Elizabeth Grayson sold land adjoining Benjamin's,  
and swore she had never been married
17. 1880 Census, Missouri, Phelps Co.  
WILLIAM McMASTER  
SARAH  
-  
-  
-  
-  
-  
ELIZABETH GRAYSON
18. 1870 Census, Mo, Phelps Co., (also 1880)  
JOHN GRAYSON 40 TENN  
NANCY 35 KY  
SARAH  
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19. 1845-6-13 : Benj. F. Grayson to Henry Grayson \$500 / 12½ acres  
approved by Elizabeth, wife of Benj. F.  
[Marion Co : typed copy]
- 1847-8-7 : Benj. F. Grayson to John C. Haley and Henry Long, \$50 / 1500 acres  
witnessed by Henry Grayson, registered on oath of Hugh Grayson  
[typed copy]

Transcript of a letter in the possession of Miss Bessie Dykes

Marion County  
Tennessee            Cheaksvill  
Henry Grayson            Paid 10  
Hugh Grayson  
Little Prairie Mo Feb 27

Crafford County            to Henry Grayson  
Masouria Feb 19            to Hua Grayson

and Columbus Grayson and all of the connections. I wrote one letter last night and I am up 3 of 4 hours before day - I could not get all in the other. You wrote to know what sort of money to send - Missouri or Kentucky or Tennessee. It's all of the states bank good here. I got the silver for that you sent to me. We have had a good spell of weather for the last month till now. There has been snow on the ground this past week and snow last night 4 or 5 inches deep and yet snowing. There is good places to settle on here as the place I left in the woods that probably will not be entered in many years. There's but few men here got their land entered. Improvements can be bought here at the worth of the labor on them. There is once and \_\_\_\_\_ of the winter fever yet. I have drank now liquor but twice. I got half gallon 2 times for bitters. I am ashamed to tell that I am too fat - that I am as pisagited as the old man Hawkins, though I have worked so hard and hunted that I have good wind and active than I have been for a long time.

I have wrote one letter to S\_\_\_\_\_ and has got no answer - want to hear whether you have or not.

Hugh Grayson - Write to me about all of my affairs there as soon as you can. I owe 75 dollars next winter and 75 the winter following. I want my mountain land there to pay it if possible.

Columbus Grayson - I promised to write to you I can't only describe this country. To them mountains with good land on them there's plenty of good places to take up. It is a first rate place for a young man to take a start, but you better fetch a wife with you - women is damn scarce here. Tell aunt this is a very good place for old cafer womening for when many wives falls to pieces here they have to cooper them up themselves. Tell Susan and your rest of your brothers and brother-in-laws howdy for me. My boys is all going to settle them a good place. They are the best satisfied that ever was and grows the fastest.

I willgive some directions how to move here. Go to Reese's Landing (?) and get a boat for little or nothing. Go down Tennessee to the mouth then down the Ohio to Mississippi then for a few dollars you can go up to St. Louis. Then one hundred miles to way shem's (?) post office, then eleven miles to my house. Wagons pass from Saint Louis by my house every week with goods. I am keeping one good wagon and team myself ready at any call for halls ny (?). 5 or 6 families could come that way with little expense.

Betsy and all the boys is satisfied. They say they would not move back to Sequatchie for ten (of) the best places there. Fox squirrels is as plenty here as gray squirrels is there on the ridges. The timber is t\_\_\_\_\_. The boys catch as many of them as they please and they are very fat. When we fence our ground and break it up it is cleared - no bushes nor sprouts nor trees nor stumps. I have good ground - soil 4 and 6 feet deep and as black as ground gets. There is plenty to take up here. So no more at present. Remain your friend forever. Feb 19th 1846

B F Grayson            to Hen and Hug and Columbus Grayson

Betsy Grayson  
to Ab\_\_\_an dua word

We are all well at this time, hoping these few lines may find you well. I am well satisfied of my country and are healthier than I ever was. I would be glad you would move here. The boys want you to come. They want you to know the fox squirrels is as plenty here as gray squirrels is there in the bottom we go on the ridge and catch as many as we want of them. They are fat as little possums. There is no danger of starving here - you can get land and live fat. Fetch all the girls with you that you can - they are good property here.

Sindy Smith - I left Daniel in minole (?) mate bid money with William and Louis T Johnson. He talked of going to work with them at the mines. Betsy wants to be remembered to you and says she is better satisfied than she would be in there with all the in the uall (?) Tell Joab there is no tailors here and plenty better places to take up that we left just lying ready to settle. My boys is all of them going to make improvements on the best places that there is. nde me misis burnt and John the same mrs p\_\_ty mrs thorp and all my neighbors the same  
Elizabeth Grayson

Henry Grayson I dont want you to sell out and move here on my say till you come and look for fear that you would not like the country, for when I first came here I hated the country so bad that I did cry and was not able to go no further. I thought there was no timber. Now I find ther is timber plenty and \_\_\_ thing easy to come at. When I came here I had no ax nor nothing to work with and no hea and saw as all of us (?)

If I had 2 forties entered it would spoil one thousand acres round me till nobody would enter it. Then I should consider myself settled for durin (?) life in a country that I am well pleased with. I was out of heart there for the 12 years. I now am of the opinion that I will get rich yet I haven't shiftend any man I ever seen since I go there. It's 10 o'clock, yet's rainy. Best B F G

I will give the decription of one doe that I killed - weighed one hundred & 2 lbs. Betsy run 17 candles of the guts tallow and spilt half of the tallow as sol\_s wif said by running the plails dear and turkee are plentyer here than I ever seen on the mountain there and fatter.

The description of one buck that I killed - horns less the big bemid zrinces the beam in length 38 inches long with six points. We have had deer candles ever since we have been here. We have bought our coffee and salt with the hides, and have not been out of coffee nor salt.

Partial Transcript of a letter

Marion County  
Tennessee

Cheeksville

Henry Grayson  
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BFG

Little Prairie Mo  
Sept 11

September the 7, 1846

Dear brother and mother and sisters and children and friends.  
Inform you that I am not well and some of my ~~family~~ <sup>family</sup> but out  
of danger at present time. I hope these few lines may find  
you all well. Of my recovering of my first sickness : I  
went to work too soon and took \_\_\_\_\_ and has just gotto  
\_\_\_\_\_ walk about the house again. I will first inform you of  
hard times while I lay sick on the bed fast. Bessy obey ed me  
as long as she wanted to then went to Pleasant's. Then the next  
morning I sent Carrol and James of the steers and I \_\_\_\_\_  
sons \_\_\_\_\_ day. They was making their way to Tennessee. Pleasant  
came up the same day that Bets went there and I told him to  
drive her off, that I would drather he would keep a horse thief  
there against me. The answer he said Patsy was sick and she  
would suit to wait on her. I told him then if (he) kept her  
there he never should have my friendship no more. Of his  
keeping her there 5 or 6 days I told \_\_\_\_\_ that if he did  
not drive her off I would tell a tale <sup>off</sup> in hisin (his relatives)  
in Tennessee that would put him as back as \_\_\_\_\_ me and he has  
wrote to you about it. He is spending the money that you gave  
him to please his wife for that is doing h~~om~~ no good and aint  
going to enter land at all.

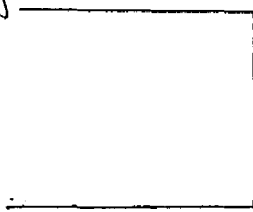
When I found out Pleasant was trying to sell the place that I wanted him to enter I bought it from him and my sickness has stopped me from entering of it till I lear some other person will enter it. My doctors bill is 253 \_\_\_ besides 5 dollars and 10 cents of medicine that I bought at another place. Tomorrow the money starts to Jackson to enter where I now live. I have about twelve dollars towards entering the other place. This last letter you sent states in one place that you sent 20 dollars and in another place it states you sent 10 which there was ten in it. You wrote that you thought you only owed me 20 dollars more to to make it out three hundred and that you lost 40 on the way. I don't think there has been any dollar lost ~~xxx~~ on the way and there is agreeable to the bill of amount in your own letters there is 56 dollars coming to me yet to make all amount to three hundred and I think the saddle and and saddle bags was charged too high. I can get better saddles than it were was here for 7 dollars. I want you to see something about Daniel's debt. You never write anything about it. I want it secured to pay 75 dollars Christmas 1 year without fail write to me about it.

Tell John and Briges to quit drinking of whiskey and try to please his old woman, and him and Patsy to quit their bad tricks and do some more and work the harder to feed \_\_\_\_\_ they have done and work as hard as I have since I have been in Missouri and they won't have \_\_\_\_\_ feelings for \_\_\_\_\_ ling arter. \_\_\_\_\_ was gone about 9 days. She came home with the fever \_\_\_\_\_ some of my neighbors was there waiting on me when I was bedfast with a high fever on me. She got some of them to tell me her condition. I told them to tell her to go in the other house and take her, as soon as the fever got off of me I went in and fell to doctoring of her and and has got her well and she \_\_\_\_\_ she will never do wrong no more. I dont think little falling out will last long. When I came to this country he had not but one ~~too~~ tool to work with \_\_\_\_\_ That was one old and worn out and stuck the handle of his rire shovel in a stick of wood to hoe his corn with. I have fixed him with good tools and when feed corn got \_\_\_\_\_ this summer I worked \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ him for it. He has to mind his wife and makes him make bad \_\_\_\_\_ me and Jefferson \_\_\_\_\_ I have made one hundred dollars in \_\_\_\_\_ we was too \_\_\_\_\_ sick. You see my need of money. about the other pãace it is worth one thousand as soon as entered and I want to live on it. Keep this letter to yourself.

B F Grayson

Mo  
Phelps

DANIEL R GRAYSON



MARY

- 1. [letter: 1846.9.7: Benj J<sup>s</sup> to Henry<sup>s</sup> ]

"I want you to see something about Daniel's debt. You never write anything about it. I want it secured to pay 75 dollars Christmas . . . ."

- 2. 1866.11.17 Mo, Phelps Co.  
Daniel R. Grayson & wife Mary sold 120 acres to Fred K. Williamson of St. Louis, which land Daniel had bought 1866.5.31 from W. D. Deen.
- 3. 1869.11.27 Mo, Phelps Co.  
D. R. Grayson - an indictment for obtaining goods under false pretence - dismissed.

\* HENRY GRAYSON  
 1799-11-2 - 1879-11-9  
 Tenn.  
 son of Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>  
 born in Anderson Co.

PLEASANT GRAYSON \*  
 1821-8-3 -

m. 1820-9-11

NANCY HIXON  
 1799-7-22 - 1881-11-10  
 born in Greene Co.  
 at age 6 moved to Blecksoe Co.

LOUISA GRAYSON \*  
 1823-8-3 - 1903 \*

\* Tombstone, Burnette  
 Cemetery Raufston List 109  
 "Louisa (Grayson) Burnett 1823-1903"

1. [letter: 1847-4-5: from Wren<sup>6</sup> to  
 Henry<sup>5</sup>] addressed "Dear Nephew",  
 proves the connection between Wren<sup>6</sup>  
 & Joseph<sup>6</sup>.

WILLIAM H GRAYSON \*  
 1826-4-12

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.

PATRICK H GRAYSON \*  
 1828-9-4

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

JAMES M GRAYSON \*  
 1831-5-16

HENRY GRAYSON  
 1799-1879

NANCY (BURNETT) GRAYSON  
 1799-1881

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

SARAH C GRAYSON  
 1834-1-24  
 m. William Cowan  
 moved to Texas

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

HOUSTON GRAYSON \*  
 1837-6-8

18: :150 acres, SE side Sequatchie p.220  
 1830-1-10: 2 1/2 " " " " " " 222  
 1834-8-26: 300 " , top of Walden's Ridge 260  
 1839-4-1: 100 " " " " " " 365  
 1853-8-22: 800 " , top of Cumberland Mt. 457  
 ~1858 : 300 " , Seq. sid of Walden's Ridge 497

JOSEPH A GRAYSON  
 1839-4-24 - 1840-7-1

5. [deeds, *ibid*]

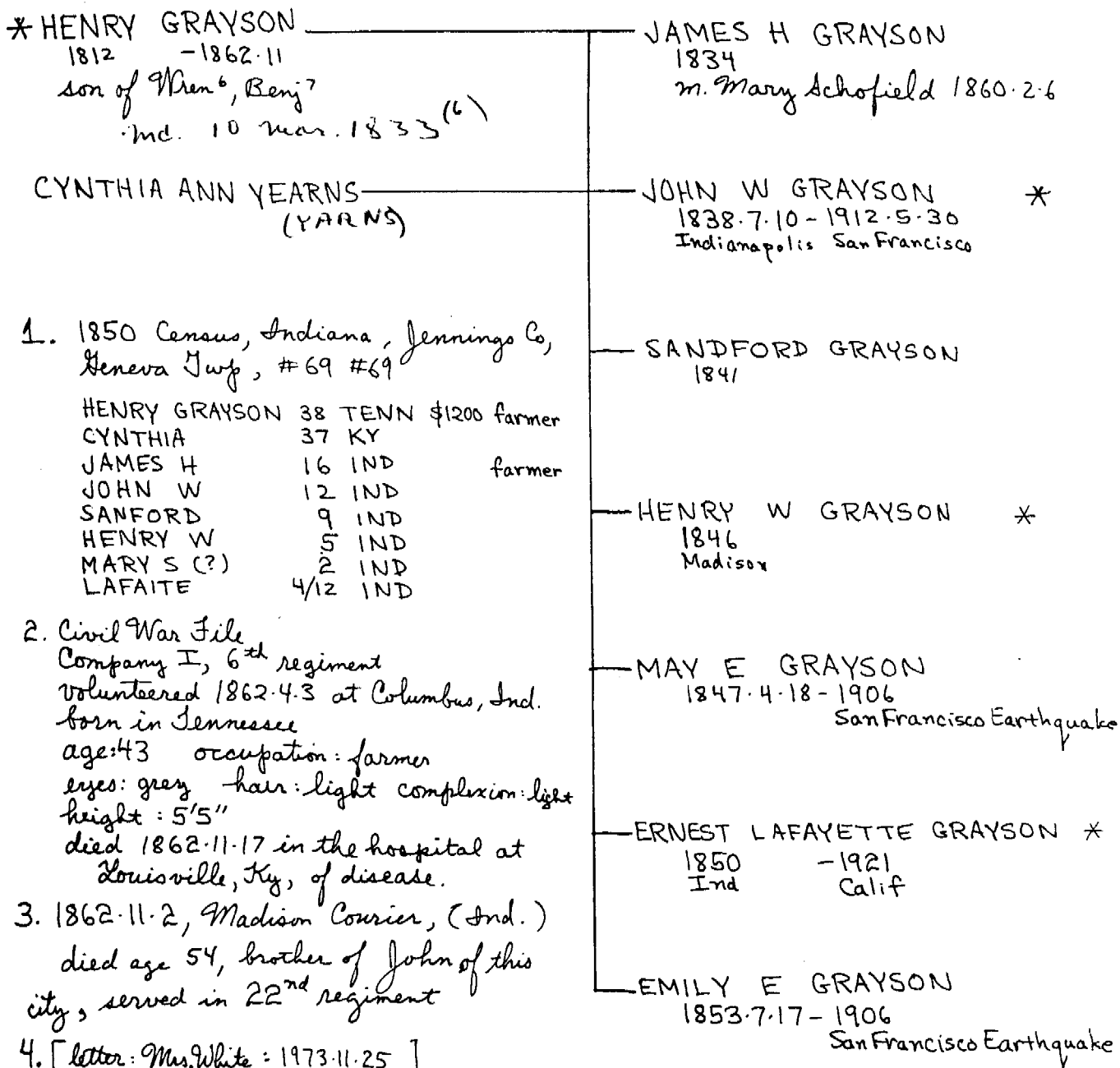
1828-6-28: \$375/77 acres, Blk B p.340  
 from John Kelly, both sides Seq. R.

1831-11-26 \$500/123 acres, Blk C, p. 64  
 from Andrew Wilson, SE side Seq. R.

1832-11-30 \$100/68 acres, Blk C, p. 168  
 from John Hicks, SE Seq. R, witness Benj F Grayson<sup>5</sup>

ANDERSON C GRAYSON  
 1841-12-23





2. Civil War File  
Company I, 6<sup>th</sup> regiment  
volunteered 1862-4-3 at Columbus, Ind.  
born in Tennessee  
age: 43 occupation: farmer  
eyes: grey hair: light complexion: light  
height: 5'5"  
died 1862-11-17 in the hospital at  
Louisville, Ky, of disease.

3. 1862-11-2, Madison Courier, (Ind.)  
died age 54, brother of John of this  
city, served in 22<sup>nd</sup> regiment

4. [letter: Mrs. White: 1973-11-25]  
James H. Grayson of Queensville, Ind  
(where is that?), m. 1860-2-6 at  
Ladoga, Ind, (Montgomery Co):  
Mary Schofield.

5. [Intro. to Phelix Adair's writings  
(Andrew<sup>4</sup>) ] George<sup>3</sup> Grayson  
thought John<sup>5</sup> had a brother named  
James Harvey Grayson. Is he really  
James H<sup>4</sup> above?

6. Letter from a correspondent. No document listed.

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 [typed copy], SE side Seg. R, witnesses Hugh Grayson, Jessee Grayson [typed copy]
- 1836.4.9 : witnessed a deed for Benj. F. Grayson [typed copy]
- 1836.10.18 : \$56/1¼ 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-Hixson of Tennessee, by Hixson and Armstrong, 1955, Hudson Printing Co, Chattanooga]
- This small book contains a detailed genealogy of the Hixson family. Nancy Hixson, was the daughter of William Hixson (1770-1827) and Angola Hughes (m. 1795-9.6 Green Co, Tenn.). William was the son of Joseph Hixson and Susannah — .
7. 1845.6.13 Henry Grayson from Benj. F. Grayson and Elizabeth \$500/12½ 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 Jessee Shirley to Henry Grayson, \$250 / 50 acres Bk D p. 215
- 1839.2.21 James Brymer to Henry Grayson<sup>5</sup> \$82½ / 100 acres witnessed: B. F. Grayson<sup>5</sup>
- 1840.2.4 John Burnett to Henry Grayson<sup>5</sup> \$40 / 14 acre witnessed by Anderson Cheek
- 1839.12.25 James Robert 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 / ¼ 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 20-29 & the child female age 0-4 must be a family. Who are they?

\* HENRY GRAYSON  
 ? brother of John Grayson

1. 1840 Census, Tenn, Hamilton Co.

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

0 slaves

Mills Point Fulton County Ky Feb 18 1824

Dear Brother

I received your letter dated January 19<sup>th</sup> 1824 which gave me great satisfaction to hear from you all and hear that you was well. but I am very sorry to hear that you are uneasy about me as to this country being sickly, you are very much mistaken for it is as healthy here as it is there or has been since I have been here and I have started I will travel all over Arkansas and Missouri before I will come back there you may rest assured of that when I get ready and want to go where I please I will go and I expect to go either in March or April and you need not be uneasy about me as it is very healthy here and I can make money here my family has had their health very well since I have been here. I live opposite Mills Point in Missouri on an island in the Mississippi and I see ~~and~~ as old people here as they and for a sample come and see Benjamin McIntosh 49 years old and weighs 275 pounds and as healthy as any body, and he has raised children to be 24 years old and never sick until last winter and that is not often the case there I have sick to Pleasant but I have had no answer I wrote to him two months ago and requested him to direct his letter to Mills Point and there is no mistake but what I can get to Pulaski county when I get ready to go I have nothing more but remain your affectionate Brother  
per James H. McIntosh  
Joseph Sawyer

Transcript of a letter

outside:

Henry Grayson  
Marion County  
Cheeksville Post Office  
Tenn

inside:

Mills Point Fulton Co Ky Dec 20 1845

Dear Brother

I am still on my way to Missouri but I have stoped opposite Mills Point in Missouri and have engaged to chop a hundred cords of wood for wich I am getteng forty cents per cord. I have had verry bad luck in getting to the place where I now am and was treated bad and had my things thrown out at forked deer river and from there I had to hire my goods halled to Mills Point Ky. I want to no of you how much money you have paid for me and if you have paid any more money for me than you have collected I will pay you when I have an oppertunity. Benjamin R was the most dissipated man I have ever seen when I found him and I found him in the forked deer country. I want to no of you if you have heard of your son Pleasant Grayson, as I have wrote to him and cannot get any answer and if you have I want you to write to me where he is so I can write to him and if he has moved to any other place I want you to write to me where he has gone. I want to hear from mother so as to no whether she is well or not also the balance of my relations. I want to no whether Cousin Hugh has done according to promise or not give my respects to him. I am not settled yet out I expect if I cannot get any answer from Pleasant I shall settle where I am chopping wood and I want you to write to me whether there is anything coming to me as I think I will need it and if I owe anything there I want to no it as it will be some satisfaction to say to those that I do I am in a country where money is plenty and I can pay it as I am making sixty cents per day. If I had have stayed with the people that I was with it would have killed my wife and children. I have nothing more but remain your most affectionate brother

Joseph Grayson

p James M McIntossh

Mills point is fifteen miles below the \_\_\_\_\_.

Benjamin Grayson would not let his wife ride in the waggon but made her walk and carry her child and the last I heard of her she was a nite behind the waggon. we are all well at present and the country is generally healthy. I shall expect an answer in haste.

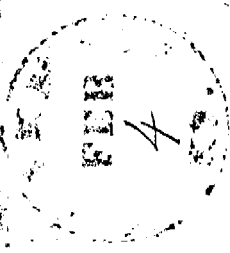
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Henry Brown

Union County

Chickasaw Post Office

Tenn



Mills Point Fulton County Ky Dec 30 1845

Dear Brother

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"I am not settled yet but yet but I expect if I  
cannot get any answer <sup>from</sup> pleasant I shall settle where  
I am chopping wood and I want you to write to  
me whether there is any thing coming to me or not  
and if there is I want you to send it to me as I think  
I will need it and if I owe any thing there I want  
to owe it as it will be some satisfaction to say to those  
that I do I am in a country where money is plenty  
and I can pay it as I am making sixty cents per  
day if I had have stayed with the people that I  
was with it would have killed my wife and children  
I have nothing more but Remains your most  
affectionate Brother Joseph Brogson  
P Samuel M. Gatesth

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the waggon but made her walk and carry her  
child and the last I heard of her she was a mile  
behind the waggon we are all well and at present  
and the country is generally healthy  
I shall expect an answer in haste



Transcription of a letter

Westport Ia. April \_th  
Mr. Henry Grayson  
Cheeksville P.O.  
Marion County  
Tennessee

Westport 5th April 1847

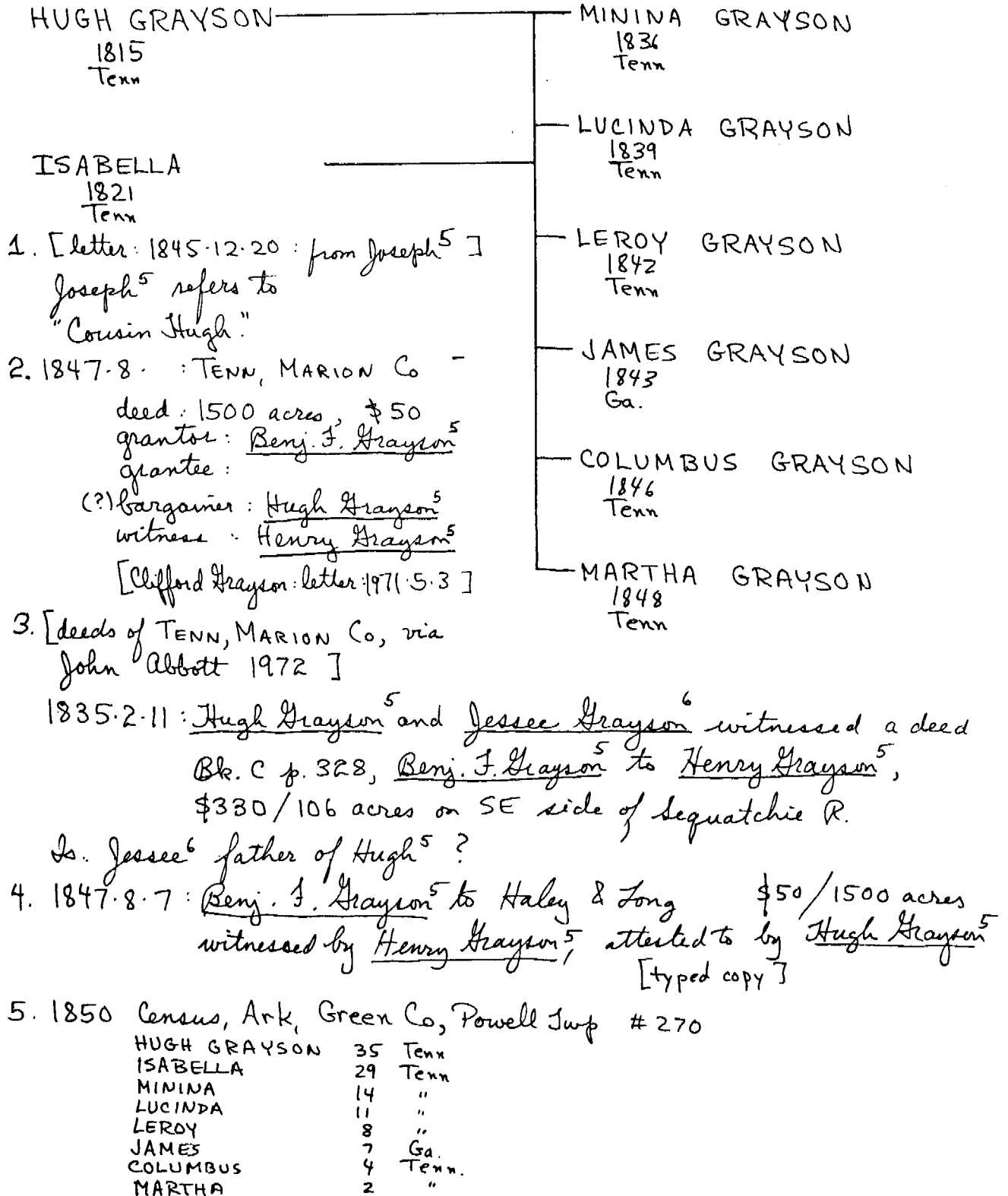
Dear Nephew,

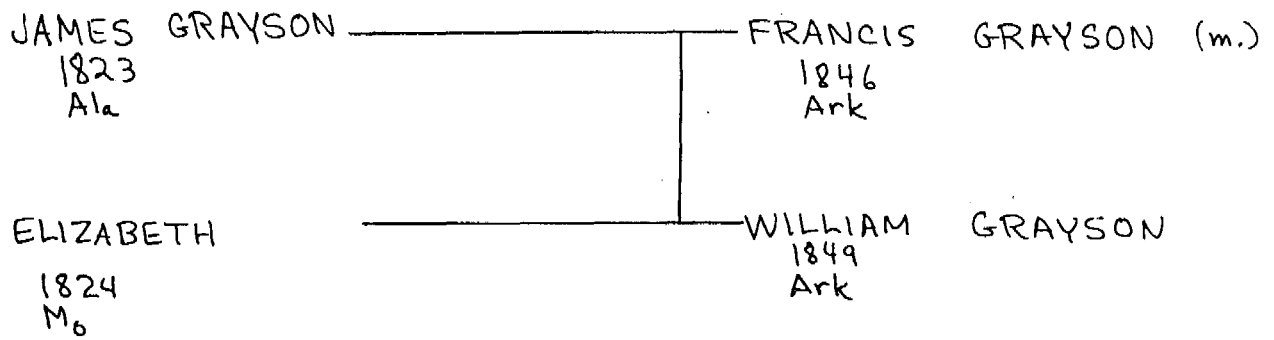
I take this as an opportunity to inform you that I am in reasonable health Hoping you are in a good state of Health. I would like to see you and the rest of my friends in that part of the country. As I am getting advanced in years and becoming quite feeble, And as I have a prospect of a Pension for my services in the last War, I wish you to interseed for me in procuring a affidavit from some of my old soldiers that suffered the same that I did, Certifying that he was with me in the last war. I suppose some of them is living yet near you. This being likely the last time I shall ever have an opportunity of addressing you in this life you will please attend to it as soon as you can convenient if you can get it accomplished you will please enclose it in a letter to me.

But if you cannot find any of my old friends that was with me in the army I shall expect a immediate letter in reply to this stating where they are all or some of them if there is not some of them yet living.

I am in haste your most dear uncle

Wren Grayson Sr





1.1850 Census, Ark, Ouachita Co, #114

JAMES GRAYSON	27	m	Ala	farmer
ELIZABETH	26	f	Mo	
FRANCIS	4	m	Ark	
WILLIAM	1	m	Ark	

possibly a brother of John Grayson  
m. Sarah Ficks, who also was  
in Ouachita Co.

\*JOHN GRAYSON  
1807

SARAH FRICKS

1. [letter: John Abbott: 1972]

1834-18 Marion Co, sold  
130 acres on the northwest  
side of the Sequatchie River  
for \$650 to Matty B.  
Warren (or Natty M. Warren)

2. 1850 Census  
Hamilton Co, Tenn

JOHN GRAYSON	43 M	TENN, deputy sheriff
SARAH	43 F	
FRANCIS	20 M	← farming
MARY	18 F	
JOHN	16 M	
JAMES	15 M	
ELIZABETH	14 F	
JANE	11 F	
HENRY	10 M	
GEORGE	8 M	
THOMAS	7 M	
ZACHARIAH	2 M	

3. [Hoodspeed's History of South Arkansas  
1890] John was a native of Hamilton  
Co, Tenn, where he was sheriff for several  
years. He moved to Ouachita Co, Ark,  
in 1861, died in 1882 age 63, his  
wife died in 1873, fought for the  
Union in the Civil War. [from  
Zachariah's biography] He came to  
Ouachita Co. in 1859, bought 500  
acres & later 400 acres, died in  
1881, his wife in 1875.

4. occurs in 1840 Census Hamilton Co,  
but not in 1830.

5. he owned land in Hamilton Co in early  
1830's [county records, via Mr. Abbott]  
and was a member of the commission  
appointed to lay out the Town of Harrison.

6. Mrs. Jean is a descendant of Zachariah.

6. Alice Grayson - Mrs. Abbott, is a descendant of John<sup>5</sup>. (

FRANCIS GRAYSON \*  
1830-1870

died age 40 in Ouachita Co, Ark.

MARY A GRAYSON  
1832

m. William Donaldson, farmer in Washington

JOHN GRAYSON  
1834

died in Tenn. when a young man

JAMES GRAYSON  
1835

killed in Price's raid through Missouri

ELIZABETH GRAYSON  
1836

m. John C. Alexander, of Ouachita Co.

MARTHA  
JANE GRAYSON  
1839

m. James M. Douglas, farmer of Ouachita.

HENRY L GRAYSON  
1840

a farmer in Ouachita Co, Ark

GEORGE W GRAYSON  
1842

a farmer in Clark Co, Ark.  
a farmer in Washington

THOMAS J. GRAYSON  
1843

farmer in Ouachita Co.

ZACHARIAH GRAYSON \*  
1848-3-13

postmaster at Prescott, Ark.

6. Cemetery : Harrison, Tenn, Hamilton Co.

GEORGE W GRAYSON d. 1841-7-27 age 27  
F L GRAYSON 1833-1-26 - 1852-10  
JOHN F GRAYSON 1833-1-26 - 1852-10-10

son of John<sup>5</sup>

? Why are the dates for FL & JOHN F the same?

The tombstone for GEORGE W is not George W,<sup>4</sup> son of Jon<sup>5</sup>

7. Hamilton Co Records, Book 11, p. 349

John Grayson and George Grayson had a joint interest in some land -  
George died - his heirs were John Grayson, Thomas Grayson, Mary Lassiter  
all of Bledsoe Co, Tenn. (Mr. Abbott assumes John, Thomas, Mary, and  
George were siblings)

8. 1860 Census  
Bledsoe Co, Tenn.

JOHNSEY LASSITER	64	TENN	
MARY	66	NC	!
NANCY	29	TENN	
THOMAS	18	TENN	
MILLY	87	NC	

9. See the census 1830, Marion Co (see Joseph<sup>6</sup> Grayson)  
Henry Fricks & Johnsey Lassiter are neighbors to Jesse<sup>5</sup> & Benjamin<sup>5</sup>  
& Patay<sup>6</sup> Grayson

10. See the promissory note on the letter to Henry<sup>5</sup> Grayson from  
Wren Jr,<sup>5</sup> and his brothers. It was signed in Hamilton Co, Tenn  
and involves Thomas Grayson.

11. [Abbott] we suppose John, Sarah, and first child were living in  
Henry Fricks' household in 1830.

note: John has children named Francis, John, Thomas, George,  
and so does Benjamin F.<sup>5</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>6</sup>. Is John a son of  
Joseph?

\* JOHN WREN GRAYSON  
1805-11-2 - 1882-1-31  
son of Wren<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

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 1851-7-8  
(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  
F 1

MARY C GRAYSON \*  
1834  
m. Sewell Lloyd 1860-7-30  
CATHERINE (KATE)

(neighbor to Wren<sup>6</sup>)

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

JOHN GRASON	45	TENN	Carpenter
PERMINA	43	KY	
REBBECCA	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 Joseph<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> sec 2,  
adjoining land of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Grayson.

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

(cont. JOHN<sup>5</sup> WREN GRAYSON )

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: Luell S. Lloyd and Mary C. Grayson, daughter of  
John of this city.
11. 1870 Census, Jefferson Co., Ind. (2-132)  
JOHN GRAYSON 64 KY sexton at church  
PERMELIA 64 KY r. house

(cont. JOHN<sup>5</sup>)

9. 1836-4-8 Ind, Decatur Co, Jackson Twp. : Tract Book  
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10. [Madison Courier]  
1860-7-30 married: Luell 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.
12. McCoy. John Wesley, News & Times 1874-9  
of Jefferson Co., Ind. Obituary. Dec 6, 1878



\* JOSEPH GRAYSON  
1814 - 1900  
son of Wren<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

SERELDA GRAYSON  
1835

m. 1834.6.29

MATILDA OWENS  
1817 - 1900

EMILIA GRAYSON  
1837

1. 1850 Census, (Oct. 7), Indiana, Decatur Co.  
Sandcreek Twp, p. 309, #222

JOSEPH GRAYSON	36	TENN	farmer	\$400
MATILDA	33	KY		
SERELDA	15	IND		
EMILIA	13	IND		
MARY J	12	IND		
REBECCA	10	IND		
THORNTON	4	IND		
PERMELIA	1	IND		

MARY J GRAYSON  
1838

REBECCA GRAYSON  
1840

2. 1834.5.25 Indiana, Decatur Co, deed  
grantor: Haraway and Betsey Owens  
grantee: Joseph Grayson  
witnesses: David Longneker, John Grayson  
Joseph bought 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres for \$23  
in SE corner of E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 36, twp 9,  
N of Range 8, Jeffersonville district.

THORNTON GRAYSON  
1846

PERMELIA GRAYSON  
1849

3. 1841.6.2: Ind, Decatur Co, deed,  
Joseph Grayson to Benjamin<sup>5</sup>  
Grayson. (see Benj<sup>5</sup> for details)

NANCY GRAYSON  
1851

4. 1843.8.19, Ind, Decatur Co, deed  
Joseph Grayson from Benj.  
and Rebecca Stevens \$150 for  
40 acres: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> sec 25  
twp 9 N of Range 8.  
Witnesses: William Schultz  
William Young.

"Ca Marine" 1853 (Female)  
"E." see #13

ANNA GRAYSON  
1857

5. [obituary of John<sup>5</sup>: 1882] Joseph Grayson  
lived in Tipton Co, IND.

6. [Marriage, Decatur Co, Ind.]

Book C, p. 40: 1834 6.29: Joseph Grayson & Matilda Owens

7. [deed, Decatur Co, Ind.] Jackson Twp.

Joseph Grayson bought 39.14 acres in NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 2, Twp 8, N Range 8 E

(Joseph<sup>5</sup>, cont.)

8. 1837.6.27 Ind. Decatur Co. Joseph Grayson  
deed for Sect 2 Twp 8, N. of Range 8E  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  39.14 acres.

9. 1870 Census

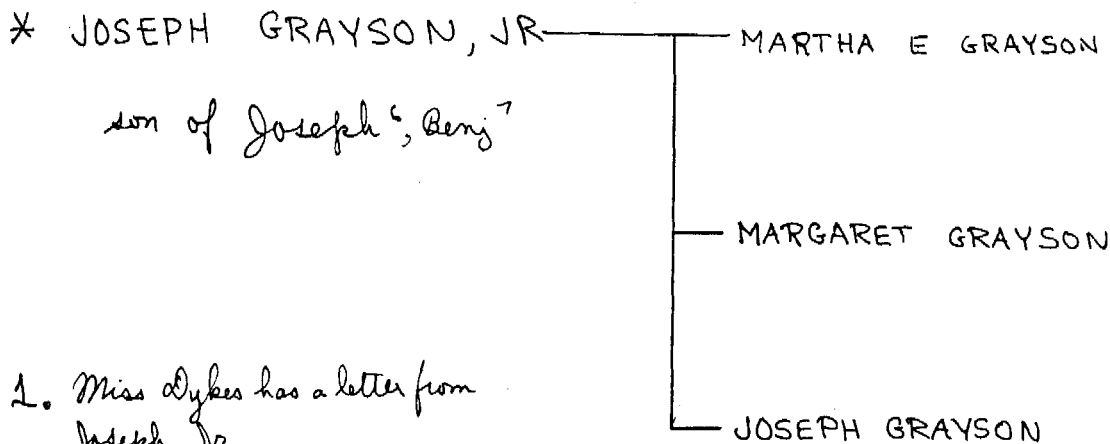
10. 1841.8.19 Ind, Decatur Co., deed  
Benjamin Stevens sold to Joseph Grayson for \$150  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25 Twp 9, N of Range 8E.

11. 1846.4.6 Ind, Decatur.  
a transfer of the land in #10 above (1841.8.19)  
40 acres of which were mortgaged for \$60 at 7% interest.

12. Sharpville Cemetery, Liberty Township,  
Tipton County, Ind.; tombstone inscriptions:  
Joseph Grayson 1815-1904; Matilda, his wife,  
1817-1900; Loloska Grayson 1834-1924.  
(Letter from Ind. State Library)

13. 1860 Census. Decatur Cty. Sandcreek Twp:

Joseph Grayson	age 45	Farmer	b. Tenn.
Matilda	43	—	Ky
Rebecca	19	Domestic	Ind
Thurston	13	—	"
Paimela	11	—	"
Nancy	9	—	"
Caroline	7	—	"
Ann E.	4	—	"
Wren Grayson Sr.	79	—	N.C.



1. Miss Dykes has a letter from Joseph Jr.
2. Joseph appears in his father's will.
3. [Compendium of Biographies, Cumberland Region, Tenn]  
 Joseph<sup>5</sup> went to Missouri, but died.  
 Henry<sup>5</sup> came and got his children & brought them back to Tennessee.

4. 1860 Census, Tenn, Marion Co

p. 62	HENRY WOOD	29 m
	MARY C	24 f
→	MARTHA E <u>GRAYSON</u>	18 f
p. 9	WILLIAM COWEN	28 m
#60	SARAH	25 f
→	MARGARET <u>GRAYSON</u>	10 f

These two children could be Joseph's orphans.

5. 1824-8-5 Tenn, Marion Co, land grant #22329 for 70 acres to Joseph Grayson. [Tenn. Gen. Grants, Book Y, p. 572]

4' (cont.)

p. 5	HOUSTON GRAYSON	23 m farmer
#33	PRISCILLA ANDERSON	26 f
→	<u>JOSEPH GRAYSON</u>	7/12 m. 10 m.

This Joseph could also be a son of Joseph<sup>5</sup>.

JOSEPH GRAYSON

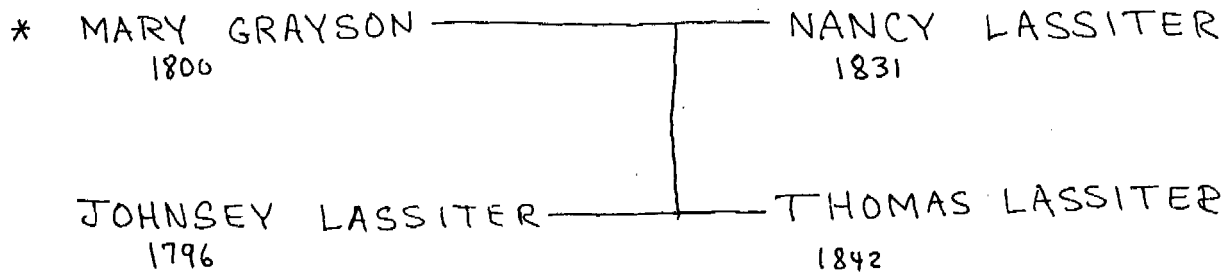
DICY DYER

m. 1818.9.10  
Wilkes Co, N.C.

1. [marriage Bond, Wilkes Co, N.C.,  
: letter : Ms. Abbott ]

1818.9.10: Joseph Grayson m.  
Dicy Dyer. The bondsman  
was Benjamin Grayson

If we assume Joseph was about 20  
when married, then he must be a  
grandson of Benjamin? But we do not  
know who his father is.



1. 1860 Census, Tenn, Bledsoe Co,

JOHNSEY LASSITER	64	TENN
MARY	60	NC
NANCY	29	TENN
THOMAS	18	TENN
MILLY LASSITER	87	NC

2. 1830 Census, Tenn, Marion Co, p.50

		0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-
JOHNSEY	M		2	2	1	0	1
LASSITER	F	1	0	0	1	0	0

(note: as neighbors they have  
Benj<sup>6</sup>, Patag<sup>6</sup>, & Jesse<sup>6</sup> Grayson,  
and Henry Fricks, father of  
Sarah, John's<sup>5</sup> wife.)

3. [Hixson-Hixon of Tennessee, 1955]

George W. Hixon<sup>4</sup> (1830.10.31-1905.10.2) (Bledsoe Co, Tenn)

married Temperance Lassiter<sup>4</sup>

and was a nephew of Nancy Hixon<sup>5</sup> who  
m. Henry Grayson<sup>5</sup>.

\* NANCY GRAYSON

~1819

dan of Wm<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

WILLIAM HAMILTON

1818

1. 1860 Census, Indiana, Decatur Co,  
Sandcreek Twp.

WM. HAMILTON	52	m
NANCY	41	f
REBECCA	24	f
MANERVA	15	f
CYNTHY	13	f
DARCUS	10	f

2. Interview with C.  
Sherman ~1917

REBECCA C HAMILTON

1836

CATHERINE HAMILTON

1838

MINERVA E HAMILTON

1845

CYNTHIA A HAMILTON

1847

DARCUS HAMILTON

1850

\* Benjamin Hamilton

d. ca. 1910

NANCY GRAYSON  
1791-5-15-  
NC

JOHN EDMONDSON  
1786-7-16  
NC

m. 1808-9-19  
or 1809-9-16

POLLY (= MARY) EDMONDSON  
1810-7-28  
Tenn m. Wm Joon 1829-12-31  
in Lawrence Co, Ind.

THOMAS EDMONDSON  
1811-10-14

BENJAMIN EDMONDSON  
1814-1-26 - 1835-5-8

SOLOMON EDMONDSON  
1816-5-26 - 1846-9-26

JOHN GRAYSON EDMONDSON  
1818-11-6  
Tenn

WILLIAM EDMONDSON  
1821-1-3

WILEY M. EDMONDSON  
1823-5-13 - 1842

I.  
ELBERT EDMONDSON  
1825-9-28

ELIJAH EDMONDSON  
1828-1-27 - 1848

JAMES EDMONDSON  
1830-3-6  
Ind

MARGARET  
SUSANNAH EDMONDSON  
1834-2-28 - 1835  
Ind

1. Mrs. Herbert Blank  
19124 Parsons Ave  
Castro Valley, Calif. 94546  
is a descendant of Polly.
2. Perhaps this Nancy is  
actually Nancy's sister of Wren's
3. [Mrs. Blank] Her family lived  
in McCameron, Martin Co, Ind  
in 1850, and in Lawrence Co  
in 1830. Benjamin Grayson  
& Nancy Regney lived there, too,  
suggesting Benj is Nancy's brother.

REBECCA GRAYSON  
1794.9.27 - 1859.9.22

MALINDA HIXSON

*m. in Blecksee Co,  
Tenn.*

HOUSTON HIXON  
1797.5.22 - 1868.11.18

MARGARET HIXSON

1. [Hixson - Hixon of Tennessee, (1955)]

Houston Hixon<sup>5</sup> is a cousin of  
Nancy Hixon<sup>5</sup> (m. Henry<sup>5</sup> Grayson)

ELIZA HIXSON

MARY ANN HIXSON

JOHN HIXSON

WILLIAM HIXSON

EPHRAIM HIXSON

HENRY GRAYSON HIXSON

Rebecca is certainly related to  
us, but how?

She cannot be the daughter of  
Joseph. Perhaps she is the  
daughter of Jesse<sup>6</sup> or Benj.<sup>6</sup>



\* SANDFORD GRAYSON  
 1824.7.27 - 1895.3.24  
 son of Wm<sup>6</sup>, Benj<sup>7</sup>

JULIUS E GRAYSON  
 1846

NANCY ANN RAY  
 1823.11.10 - 1901.4.24

m. 1845.5.7

ELIZA J GRAYSON  
 1848

1. 1850 Census (Oct 7) Indiana,  
 Decatur Co, Sandcreek Twp.  
 p 309 # 225

SANDFORD GRAYSON	26	TENN	farmer
NANCY	25	IND	
JULIUS E	4	IND	
ELIZA J	2	IND	
MONROE	1	IND	

MONROE GRAYSON  
 1849

JOSEPH M GRAYSON  
 1850

2. [  
 1881 & 1882: Sandford Grayson of  
 Westport was a Justice of the Peace  
 for Decatur Co, Ind.

THOMAS B GRAYSON  
 1851

3. [Marriages, Decatur Co, Ind, Book F p 470]  
 Sandford Grayson m. Nancy Ann Ray  
 1845.5.7

m. Alice V. Grayson<sup>3</sup>  
 no children

OSCAR B GRAYSON  
 1855

4. See the Revolutionary War record of  
 Harraway Owens for references to  
 Sandford Grayson.

DAVID M GRAYSON  
 1857

5. 1870 Census (July 6) Indiana,  
 Decatur Co, Sandcreek Twp.  
 p. 12 # 89

SANDFORD GRAYSON	45 m	farmer	Tenn.
NANCY	46 f		Ind.
JULIUS A	24 m	farmer	
ELIZA J	22 f		
JOSEPH M	20 m	farmer	
THOMAS B	19 m	farmer	
OSCAR B	15 m	farmer	
DAVID M	13 m	(invalid)	
EMMA S	11 f		
SANDFORD	9 m		
MARGARETTA	5 f		

EMMA S GRAYSON  
 1859

SANDFORD GRAYSON  
 1861

\* could not read or write  
 6. Tombstones: New Westport Cem.

THOMAS B GRAYSON 1851 - 1937  
 ALICE V GRAYSON 1861 - 1927

MARGARETTA GRAYSON  
 1865 \*

(Sandford<sup>5</sup> cont.)  
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SAMUEL GRAYSON \*

[source: Gertrude Richardson<sup>3</sup>]

(Sanford<sup>5</sup> cont. 1)

7. Tombstone: Old Westport Cem. (in town)

SANFORD GRAYSON b. July 27, 1824  
d. Mar 24, 1895

NANCY A. RAY wife of SANFORD GRAYSON  
Nov 10 1823 - Apr 24 1901

8. [Gertrude (Richardson) Sherman<sup>3</sup>]

Sanford: "a very gentle and very dignified person.  
Westport postmaster"

Nancy: "a fun person and spiritualist medium"

\* THOMAS GRAYSON  
1820.6.16 — 1891.10.10  
brother of John Grayson

MARY A GRAYSON  
1853  
Ga

ELIZABETH J  
1834.12.10  
Ga

JOHN C GRAYSON  
1856  
Ga

1. [John Abbott. letter :1974.5.23 ]  
The data on this chart are obtained  
from Censuses and tombstones in  
Ouachita Co, Ark.

a. 1850 Census, Georgia, Dade Co.  
THOMAS GRAYSON

JAMES H GRAYSON  
1857.7.2  
Ga

JOSEPHINE GRAYSON  
1862  
Ga

b. 1850.5.7 Ga, Dade Co, deed  
Thomas Grayson bought 160 acres  
for \$500

GEORGE GRAYSON  
1864  
Ga

c. 1860.8.21 Ga, Dade Co, deed  
Thomas Grayson sold this land  
for \$1600

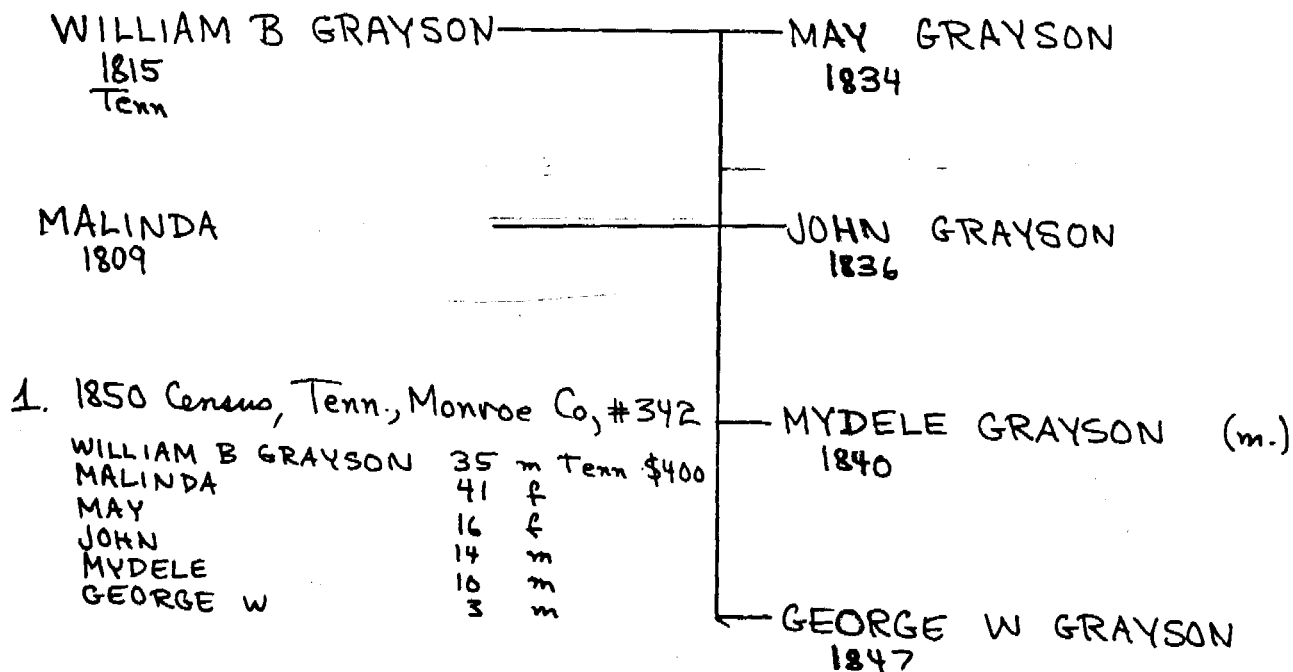
ROBERT LEE GRAYSON  
1867.12.4  
Ark

2. [letter 1842.5.1 to Henry Grayson ]  
On the back of this letter is a  
promissory note to Thomas Grayson  
for \$5 dated 1842.11.20 TENN  
Hamilton Co. (see the letter )

SARAH E GRAYSON  
186\_—  
Ark

3. (see item # 7 under John Grayson)

ALICE M GRAYSON  
1877  
Ark

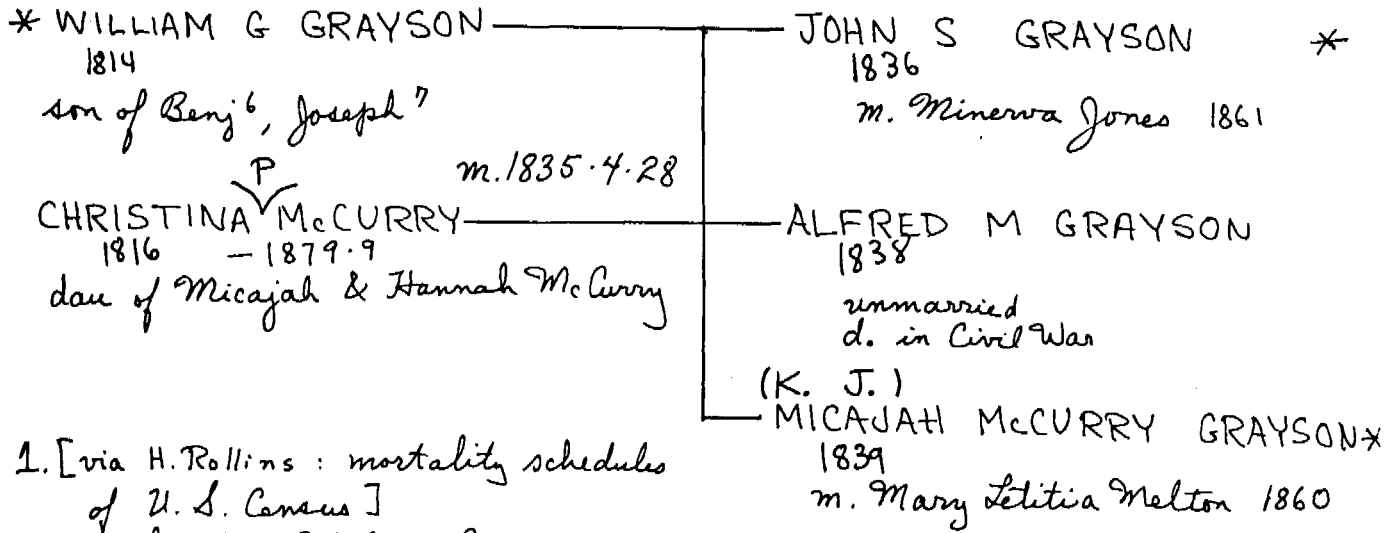


Probably a son of William<sup>6</sup>, since  
he also was in Monroe Co, Tenn.

2. 1840 Census, Tenn, Roane Co, p. 49

WILLIAM B GRAYSON	0-	5-	10-	15-	20-	30-
	M	I			I	
	F					

3. [Monroe County, Tenn., Records 1820-1870, by R. B. Boyer, 1969]  
WILLIAM B. GRAYSON witnessed the will of James Dunlap, exec.  
1861. 7. 24, Will Book B, Probated Sep. Term. 1861,  
Record Bk p. 400, Codicil 1861. 7. 24. Other names:  
Martha Dunlap, Charity Ann Harrison (da. of Nathaniel &  
Jane Harrison ~~+~~ +, siblings William J. Harrison,  
Mary C., ~~the~~ Sara M., Louisa J. W., Sophrona J.)
4. [ibid, Monroe Co.] W. B. Grayson m. Mary Harrison,  
by Thomas Brown, M. G., 1865. 10. 19. Could this  
be William B.?)



1. [via H. Rollins : mortality schedules  
of U. S. Census]  
Christina McCurry Grayson  
d. 1879.9 in Rutherford Co, NC  
of chest dropsy.

2. [marriage bond]  
1835.4.28 NC, Rutherford Co.  
William G. Grayson m.  
Christina McCurry,  
bondsmen Joseph C Grayson

3. 1852. : NC, Ruth. Co.  
deed: Christy P. Grayson to  
Micajah McCurry.

4. Donald Mc Graw  
Box 265  
Glendale SC 29346

is a gr. gr. gr. grandson of Elizabeth McCurry, a sister  
of Christina. He sent us some information  
about the Grayson family from a 1937 manuscript  
written by Judge Wilson A. Taylor of St. Louis.

\* WREN GRAYSON, JR  
1813.2.14 - 1887.4.8  
TENN

1st (on grant stone)  
LUCINDA WILLIAMSON

m. 1832.12.16

LUCINDA WILLIAMSON

1815  
Ky

da. of William

2nd wife on Tenn  
W. Owens  
3rd wife:

MARTHA C GALLOWAY  
- 1885.11.24

m. 1883.3.6

Ky, Pendleton Co.

4th wife

EMILY C WILLIAMSON

1. Wren became the guardian for the children of Beryl when Beryl died in the Civil War. (see Beryl<sup>4</sup>)

2. 1850 Census, Indiana, Decatur Co, Sandcreek Twp, #64 #64 p.287

WREN GRAYSON	37	TENN	\$900
LUCINDA	35	KY	
BURRELL	16	IND	
JOHN T	14	IND	
HIRAM	12	IND	
NANCY	10	IND	
CATHERINE	8	IND	
REBECCA J	6	IND	
WILLIAM H	4	IND	
SAMUEL	2	IND	
ELIZA E	5/12	IND	

(Wren's sister Nancy<sup>5</sup> Hamilton lives next door in house #65)

3. 1832.12.16 Wren Grayson m. Lucinda Williamson in Decatur Co, Ind. [Book B, p.186]

4. 1832.12.28 a deed: Indiana, Harraway and Elizabeth Owens of Jennings Co, Ind. Wren Grayson of Decatur Co. The Owens gave land to Wren in "consideration of the natural love and affection" they held for him. witnesses: John Scriptor, John Owens

MARY JANE GRAYSON  
1833 - 1833

BERYL P GRAYSON  
1834

JOHN THOMAS GRAYSON  
1836

HIRAM T GRAYSON  
1838

NANCY GRAYSON  
1840 - 1860

m. John Ray

CATHERINE GRAYSON  
1842

REBECCA J GRAYSON  
1844

WILLIAM H GRAYSON  
1845.10.7 - 1924.1.29

SAMUEL B GRAYSON  
1848

ELIZA E GRAYSON  
1850

MARY ELIZABETH GRAYSON  
1851.9.21 - 1899.10.28

LUCINDA M GRAYSON  
1854 - 1933

ANNA B GRAYSON  
1858

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(Wren<sup>5</sup> cont.)

5. 1837-12-12 Indiana, Decatur Co, deed  
grantor: Thomas Owens of Jennings Co.  
grantee: Wren Grayson of Decatur Co.  
witnesses: John Herron, William Schultz  
Wren paid \$200 for 40 acres: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 25,  
town 9, N of range 8E, Jeffersonville district.
6. 1883-3-6 Ky, Pendleton Co, marriage: Wren Grayson & Martha C.  
Galloway.
7. 1887-4-8 [Death Records of Decatur Co, Ind.] died: Wren Grayson
8. [letter: J.E. Porter] Wren was buried in Wynoose Cemetery, 4 miles NW  
of Westport.
9. 1880-4-13 Wren was county commissioner in Decatur Co, Ind.  
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10. Tombstone: Hovermale Cemetery (Wynoose) 4 mi. N of Westport, Ind.  
WREN GRAYSON  
b. 1813-2-14  
d. 1887-4-8  
74 y 1 mo 24 D.
11. Lucinda was the daughter of William Williamson of Tennessee.  
[Article in Tipton Tribune about 1913 - we have a copy]  
[The article is about John J. Grayson<sup>4</sup>.]
12. Wren had a second wife before Martha:  
Hanna, who died 1880-7-14  
[Elaine Toden]  
Martha's name could be Calloway, died 1885-11-24  
~~Em~~ Emily Williamson was Wren's 4<sup>th</sup> wife, & she was a  
sister of Lucinda  
Wren's first child was Mary Jane, born & died in 1833  
Nancy Jane lived 1838-1860 & married John Ray.