

SPOTSILVANIA COUNTY RECORDS

by  
William Armstrong Crozier

1. WBA, p. 24. Will of John James, dated Jan. 23, 1725, proven Mar. 1, 1725-6. Wit. John Grayson, Stephen Sharp, John Battaille. Ex. wife Alice James, Charles Taliaferro, Junr. Leg. wife Alice and daughter Mary, and the child my wife now goes with.

2. WBA, p. 255. Will of Stephen Sharp, St. George's Parish, dated Mar. 12, 1735, proven June 3, 1735. Wit. George Pool, Henry Chamble. Ex. Elizabeth Sharp. Leg. wife Elizabeth Sharp; mentions Hoke Grayson; Mary Jones; Elizabeth James; John Grayson.

3. WBA, p. 379. Will of Ambrose Grayson, St. George's Parish, dated Sept. 6, 1742, proven Mar. 6, 1743. Wit. Robert Lovell, George Nix, Peirce Perry. Ex. brother Benjamin Grayson; my wife Alice Grayson; my son John Grayson. Leg. wife Alice; son John; son Ambrose; mentions other children, but does not name them.

4. WBA, p. 380. Will of John Spotswood, dated May 6, 1756, mentions land he had bought of Ambrose Grayson.

5. WBB, p. 236. Nuncupative Will of Ambrose Grayson. "To Mr. Thos. Grayson, Spots., Aug. 5th 1754. I, Ambrose Grayson," etc. "Bills drawn by Col. John Spotswood for 60 pounds ster. be either sold or remitted home, and the money arising therefrom, together with my part of my father's estate, be equally divided between my unmarried brothers and sisters." Wit., John Crosse, Lawrence Dully. Proved Mar. 2, 1756.

6. WBA, p. 55. John Grayson and G. Lightfoot were securities on a 1000 pound bond for Jael Johnson as administrator of Richard Johnson, deceased Nov. 1726.

7. WBA. Ambrose Grayson and Thomas Hill were securities on a 1000 pound bond for Susannah Grayson as administrator of John Grayson, deceased. March 2, 1735/6.

8. WBA. Alice Grayson appointed guardian to John and Ambrose Grayson, orphans of Ambrose Grayson with William Cowne and William Williams securities on 500 pound bond. July 3, 1744.

9. Deed Book A. May 3, 1726. Benja. Grayson was a witness to a deed.

10. Deed Book A. Oct. 29, 1726. John Grayson, Jr., was a witness to a deed.

11. Deed Book A. May 2, 1726. B. Grayson was witness to a deed.

12. Deed Book A. June 3, 1728. Benjamin Grayson was witness to a deed.

13. Deed Book A. May 7, 1728. Jno. Grayson, Jr. was a witness to a deed.

14. Deed Book A. May 7, 1728. Jno. Grayson, Jr., and Benja. Grayson were witnesses to a deed.

15. Deed Book A. May 7, 1729. Ambrose Grayson was witness to a deed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24. Deed Book C. July 27, 1737. Thomas Grayson of Deal, in Kent, eldest son of John Grayson of Spts. Co., colony of Va., lately deceased, to Thomas Turner of King George Co., Va., Gent. 250 pounds ster. 500 a., lying in the colony of Va., in Spts. Co., near the falls of the Rappk. River and near adjoining the lands of Francis Taliaferro and Mann Page, Esqr., decd. Witnesses: James Hume, John Graham, John Moncure, Ignats Semmes, Peter Simms, Henry Donaldson, John Bean. July 4, 1738.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### GRAYSON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

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

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

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

land to James Jackson, his brother, then in Ireland.

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

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

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

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

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

King George County DB#1, p. 24 - 3 November, 1721. John Grayson, planter and Susanna, his wife, of Spotsylvania County sell to William Pattishall of Middlesex County, 908 acres of land lying upon Gravilly Run and being the same purchased from John Slose and being a patent to Mr. Andrew Jackson, late of Lancaster County, deceased, dated 2 June, 1704. It is stated the land lies about twelve miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River between Deep and Richland Run.

King George County DB A-1, p. 3 = 4 February, 1729. John Grayson, Gent., and Susanna, his wife, of Spotsylvania County to Thomas Turner, 619 acres in Hanover Parish being part of 1238 acres of land originally granted by the proprietors of the Northern Neck of Virginia on 29 July, 1704 to Andrew Jackson of Lancaster County and lying upon and between the Deep and Richland Run same being now the fee simple estate of the said John Grayson.

Ibid., p. 138 = 6 May, 1731. John Grayson, Gent., of Spotsylvania County to Joseph Strother of King George County, 619 acres being the lower half of 1238 acres first granted by the Proprietor of the Northern Neck to Andrew Jackson of Lancaster County on 29 July, 1704 and now the fee simply property of the grantor. The land is said to lie between Deep and Richland Runs and to be about twelve miles above the falls of the Rappahannock River. (Here the town of Falmouth had been laid out in 1727. Susanna Grayson signed this deed by mark.)

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

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

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

I have checked the original recordings against the Crozier abstracts as these are not definitive by any means in an effort to pick up anything salient omitted and I will give the reference in case photostats are desired from Virginia State Library.

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

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

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

To Mr. Thomas Grayson  
Spotsylvania

Note

August 5th 1754

I Ambrose Grayson in perfect mind and memory do dispose of my estate as followeth, viz<sup>t</sup> my will and desire is that these Bills Drawn by Col. John Spotswood for 60 pounds Sterling be either sold or remitted home and the money arising therefrom together with my part of my Father's estate be equally divided between my unmarried Brothers and Sisters.

Ambrose Grayson

Teste: John Crosse  
Lawrence Dully

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

p. 304. Bond Robert Jackson, 4 November 1756, as executor of Ambrose Grayson, deceased. (Crozier omits all executor's bonds so

this Ambrose Grayson was greatly neglected by him.)

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

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

Patent Book #13, p. 191 - 13 October 1727. Ambrose Grayson 1000 acres of New Land in St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co, adjoining the land of William Holloway and Warner's patent.

Will Book "A" (1722-1749)

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

Shows Ambrose Grayson left 9 children and they are named, viz: John, Ambrose, Benjamin, Thomas, Alice, William, Susannah, Ann and Reuben Grayson.

By the time of Ambrose Grayson's death, 1743/4, his brother Benjamin Grayson has moved to Prince William County and he did not concern himself with the estate of his brother. Benjamin Grayson (16 -1753) styled gentleman and colonel in the records and his son Colonel William Grayson (c.1740-1790) were the two most distinguished members of the Grayson family in Virginia. Colonel Benjamin Grayson married Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton (1695-1752), daughter of Colonel Andrew Monroe of Westmoreland County and widow successively of Charles Tyler and William Linton. She had issue by her three spouses. She was a cousin of President James Monroe and her first husband, Charles Tyler, was a brother of President Monroe's grandmother, Mrs. Christian (Tyler) Monroe Monroe Fry and the said Christian's first husband, Spence Monroe, was a brother of said Susanna. It was a very complex relationship to the end that when Colonel William Grayson, one of the first two U. S. Senator's from Virginia, died in office, 1790, he was succeeded by his younger cousin, the Honorable James Monroe (1758-1831).

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

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

All of this is far beyond the scope of this report but it is seen

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that a closer examination of the recordings shows the crux of the situation - Ambrose and Alice ( ? ) Grayson had a son named WILLIAM GRAYSON.

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

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

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

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

James Ball, Gent., of Lancaster County  
850 a. granted John James by patent 30 June, 1726. (This proves the names of the two daughters of John James and Alice, his wife, their husbands, and she joined in the conveyance to surrender dower.)

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

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

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"Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800: An Index," by Clayton Torrence.

Fairfax Co.: Benjamin Grayson - 1768 i

Frederick Co.: William Grayson - 1790 w, William Grayson - 1793 i

Orange Co.: John Grayson - 1755 i

Prince William Co.: Sponce Grayson - 1799 i

Spotsylvania Co.: John Grayson - 1735/6 a, Ambrose Grayson - 1743 w, Ambrose Grayson - 1756 w.

Chalkeley's "Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia," Vol. I, p. 132. March 18, 1767 - Augusta Co. Court Records, Order Book 10, p. 477. Thomas Grayson on petition re - road from Vanse's, by Ingles's Ferry to Peak Creek, on north side of New River.

Augusta Co. Order Book 10, p. 496. William Grayson from Albemarle - a witness March 21, 1767.

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

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

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

Grayson, Thomas, 3 CL.

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

Grayson, William, Captain, Albemarle Mil.

WD War Department has his record  
Mil. Virginia Militia  
E. Listed by Eckenrode  
3 CL 3rd Regiment of the Continental Line

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

p.156. Footnote 37. Benjamin Grayson, who voted at the Prince William election in 1741 (Boogher, 117) was one of the earliest of the Scots merchants to be established on Quantico, where Dumfries was to arise, for there, in 1736, was born his well known son, William. The latter, after brilliant service as colonel of a regiment of the line in the Continental army and subsequently in the Continental Congress, was the first Senator to represent Virginia in the Congress of the United States. Dying in 1790, he left a reputation which, says Grigsby, 'may fitly fill one of the brightest pages in our annals' (See Virginia Convention of 1788, 1, 194). Grayson County was named for him in 1793.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHART FROM MAJ. M.K. GORDON

John DeKeyser, alias Lempereur, alias Emperour, Esqle from Brabant in Flanders, 1567, (spouse unknown) with wife and six children settled in Norwich in Norfolk, (all descendants except in Direct Line omitted; also in this interval to about 1639 during which the family was established in Norwich, and in Barbadoes.)

(Virginia Hist. Mag. Vol. V.p. 417)

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Francis Emperour

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Sarah Emperour married Edward Oistin, Gentleman, son of Edward Oistin, Gentleman, of Oistin Town, Christ Church Parish, Barbadoes, March 1, 1659. He died 1669.

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Elizabeth Oistin, married (1) Henry Ramsden  
Christ Church, Barb. (2 daughters)  
Married (2) Miles James, Sr.  
Christ Church, Barb., 1701

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Miles James, Jr.                      Alice James                      Elizabeth James  
m. (1) John James, who  
died 1726 - 2 daughters  
m. (2) Ambrose Grayson,  
Spotsylvania Co., Va.  
1726  
m. (3) James Stevens,  
1743, d. 1744

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CHILDREN OF AMBROSE GRAYSON AND ALICE JAMES

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John Grayson, b. 1727, and others  
Spots. Co., Va., Revolutionary  
Soldier, Fincastle Co., Va. 1777.  
Died Montgomery Co., Va., 1802.

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Elizabeth Grayson, wife of John  
Gordon, II and other children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

p. 221. Alice Strother (November 30, 1732-December , 1795) married on December 16, 1756 Robert Washington, Gentleman, (January 25, 1730-circa 1800) of Woodstock, Saint Paul's Parish, Stafford County, son of Townshend and Elizabeth (Lund) Washington of Green Hill, Saint Paul's Parish. This couple had several children among whom was Lund Washington (1767-1853), postmaster of Washington, D.C., to whom we are indebted for a most informative family manuscript written about 1848 in which he records many genealogical facts of several Stafford County families which would otherwise have been lost. He married first on February 11, 1793 Susanna Monroe Grayson May 29, 1768- April 20, 1822), daughter of the Reverend Mr. Spence Grayson (1734-1798), and secondly on April 11, 1823, Sally Johnson (October 9, 1797-August 15, 1871), daughter of John Johnson of Worcester County, Maryland. Lund Washington left issue by both wives; he and some other members of his family are buried in the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

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

\* Sophonisba

The only child to survive infancy of Travers and Mary (Doniphan) Cooke was Colonel John Cooke (1755-1819) who married on November 18, 1784, Mary Thomson Mason, daughter of the Honorable George Mason (1725-1792) of Gunston Hill. Colonel Cooke was possessed of a very handsome estate including Marlborough which he acquired from the Mercers. Colonel and Mrs. Cooke had a large family of children but I will mention only their daughter Sarah Mason Cooke (1791-1861) who, as the widow of Wilson Cary Selden (1772-1822) of Salvington, married secondly on March 15, 1825 her cousin Doctor Robert Osborne Grayson (1789-1841), grandson of Colonel William Bronough (1730-1800) and Mary Doniphan, his second wife, mentioned on page 220. Their son was Doctor John Cooke Grayson (1832-1894) of Salubria, Culpeper County and he was the father of the late Admiral Cary Travers Grayson (1876-1938), personal physician of President Woodrow Wilson and president of the American Red Cross.

"Abstract of Wills and Inventories, Fairfax County, Virginia, 1742-1801," by J. Estelle Stewart King.

Will Book A. Will of French Mason, proven 18 Nov., 1748. (Excerpt) "To my youngest son the remaining half of my land including the plantation rented to Thomas Monteith and that rented to Mr. Ben Grayson on which the mill now is . . . ."

Will Book E. Will of Lewis Ellzey, dated 1 Oct., 1736; proven 19 Dec., 1736. Sons: William (to have land in Loudoun County), William. Daughters: Elizabeth (wife of William Hancock), Mary (widow of William West), Thomasin (?), Sarah (wife of William Turnor), Patience (wife of Thomas Byrd), Stacy (her first husband was Burgess Berkley - second Benjamin Grayson). Stacy Grayson four youngest children: Benjamin, Susan, Sara and Ann. Grandson: Lewis Ellzey. Sibyl Beck (dau. by second wife). Exr. son William.

Will Book G. Will of Peter Wagner. Dated 21 April, \* 1795; proven 15 May, 1795. Wife: Sarah. Sons: Beverley Robinson Wagner and Peter Wagner. Daughters: Sarah, Mary Eliza (now I suppose wife of a certain "William Grayson"), Ann, Sally, Sarah. Exrs. wife, son Beverly R. and George Deneale ("my assistant clerk"). F Father-in-law Col. Daniel McCarty.

"Annals of Southwest Virginia," by Lewis Preston Summers.

p. 640. The report of William McMillen, James Bane and Robert McGee the persons appointed to view the way from Michael Princes field to where Grashass path goes into the Catawba road being returned on consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the new road be opened as marked by the viewers, and that Philip Barriger with Robert Grayson, William McMillen, Robert McGee, Robert Ritchie, John Criner, Mickl Larkin, George Feilder, John Rany, Harmon Cook, Joseph McDonald, Jacob Seiler, James Bane, Wm. Preston, Michael Price and Jacob Smith, and their Tithables or any other who may settle within his Bounds do open and keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Fincastle County.

\* Beverly

p. 835. William Trigg sworn and admitted a Deputy Surveyor of Meddow Creek and running into the Pine Spur Road about a mile east of James Cornute's on the head of the fall branch. It is ordered that William Grayson, Jonathan Elswick, Thomas Mallet and William Lawson or any three of them being first sworn do view the ground proposed for a road agreeable to the aforementioned petition and make report thereof to court. (Montgomery County)

p. 861. Nov. 4, 1795. Edward Rutledge, William Wallace, James Hoge and William Grayson appointed overseers of the road. Daniel Howe qualified as Sheriff. Adam Souder appointed overseer of the poor. John Crow appointed overseer of the road. Henry Binhamin granted leave to build a water grist mill on his own land on Plumb Creek. Jacob Benjamin, John Charlton, William Taylor appointed overseers of the road. James Hoge and William Grayson qualified as overseers of the poor. Samuel Vancil appointed overseer of the road. David Cloyd qualified as Deputy Surveyor. (Montgomery County)

p. 863. April 6, 1796. William Grayson qualified as Overseer of the Poor. Frederick Smith fined for not serving as a Grand Juror. Matthias Crum exempted from payment of County levies and poor rates. Robert King qualified as Overseer of the Poor. Charles McFadden bound to John King. John Preston qualified as Lieut. Col., Commandant of a Regiment of Artillery, 3rd Division. (Montgomery County.)

July 21, 1784. William Grayson bought 100 acres on Little River Branch of Woods River for £ 300 from Henry Skeggs and Mary, his wife. (Montgomery County)

"Montgomery County, Virginia - Circa 1790," by Netti Schreiner-Yantis.

p. 33

1789	Person charged with taxes	White males over 21 years	White males 16 to 21 years	Slaves	Horses
Mar. 30	Grayson, William	Grayson, William	0	0	7
1790					
Feb. 24	Grayson, Robert	Crissom, Robert	0	0	6
Mar. 7	Grayson, John	Grayson, John	1	3	8

p. 49. John Bell — 50 acres on Little River adjacent to William Grayson. 25 May 1785.

p. 95. March 30, 1789. (Little River and Clapboard Creek) Thomas Alley<sup>m</sup>, Wm. Grayson<sup>m</sup>, Philip Hogen<sup>b</sup>, John Shilling. (m—these names in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93; b—this name in Tax List B of Wythe County in 1793)

p. 100. February 24 ... (Toms and Stroubles Creeks) Gasper Bariger<sup>o</sup>, Philip Bariger<sup>o</sup>, John Black<sup>c</sup>, Samuel Caddall<sup>m</sup>, Robert Grayson, Wm. Lee<sup>n</sup>, Andrew Martin, Boston Martin, Bryan McDonald<sup>b</sup>, John McDonald<sup>b</sup>, Joseph McDonald, Jr.<sup>o</sup>, Joseph McDonald, Sr.<sup>o</sup>, John McGee, Robert McGee<sup>o</sup>, William McMullin<sup>o</sup>, George Price<sup>o</sup>, Jacob Sailor<sup>o</sup>, John Stuart, John Wash. (c— this name appears in Tax List C of Wythe County in 1793; m—this name is in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93; n—this name is in List N of Montgomery County 1792/93; o— This name is in List O of Montgomery County 1792/93)

p. 101. 1790. March 7. (East and west sides of New River) Raccoon Cranch, Elk Spring of Thorn Spring, Little Sinking Spring, Crab, Plum, Meadow Creeks, Round Glade of Peak Creek, Den Creek of N. Fk., Roanoke, Hans Meadows, Kittle Hollow, Elliotts Creek, Neck

Creek) John Grayson<sup>m</sup>, others included. (m--this name appears in List M of Montgomery County 1792/93.)

"Guardians' Bonds of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1783-1852," compiled and Published by Mary Catharins Murphy.

p. 4. Loose Bonds. Orphan: John Terrill; Parent: Reubin Terrill; Date: 11 Dec., 1786; Security: William Grayson; Guardians: John Wood; Amount of Bond: 1,000 pounds.

p. 40. Loose Bonds. Orphan: Fatsy Grayson; Parent: Thomas Grayson; Date: 7 Sept., 1812; Security: William Wood; Guardian: Joseph Field; Amount of Bond: \$1,000.

p. 43. Loose Bonds. Orphan: Sarah Grayson; Parent: Thomas Grayson; Date: 6 Sept., 1813; Security: Benjamin Martin, John Wood; Guardian: Ralph H. Field; Amount of Bond: \$1,500.

p. 182. Bond Book III. Orphan: Mary Frances Grayson; Parent: Joseph Grayson; Date 1 Oct., 1849; Security: Thomas H. Grayson, John Grayson; Guardian: William D. Grayson; Amount of Bond: \$3,000.

"Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, Vol. II," by Bishop William Meade.

p. 62. Letitia Breckenridge, dau. of Attorney General John and Mary (Cabell) Breckenridge, m. (1) Senator William Grayson.

p. 72. Among the vestrymen of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania Co., were William Grayson and Ambrose Grayson.

p. 206. \_\_\_\_\_ Grayson is listed as a Justice of the Peace in Stafford Co.

p. 213. In 1784, the Rev. Spence Grayson was chosen minister of Dottingen Parish, Prince William County.

p. 273. In the years 1773, 1774 and 1778, the Rev. Spence Grayson was the minister,.....(Cameron Parish, Loudon County).

p. 276. Benjamin Grayson was a vestryman in Cameron Parish, Loudon Co., sometime after 1777.

p. 435. Among the signers of the resolutions of the patriots of the Northern Neck of Virginia in the year 1765 were William Grayson.

"Archives of the Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia," Transcribed and edited by Notti Schreiner-Yantis.

Will Book I, page 280. John Grayson was a purchaser at the sale of the estate of Catherina Suiter. Dec. 1828.

Deed Book 4, page 171. John Grayson of Washington Co., Va., in a deed. 1827.

Deed Book 8, pages 203, 236. John and Agnes Grayson of Washington Co., Va., in two deeds. 1844.

"The Virginia Genealogist," a quarterly edited by John Frederick Darman.

Vol. III, p. 117. 1800 Tax List of Albemarle Co., Va.

Thomas Grayson, estate. 0 Tithable, 1 horse.

John Grayson. 1 tithable, 4 horses.

William Grayson. 1 tithable, 6 horses.

p. 143. Query 272. CATLETT. Reuben Catlett who died testate in Caroline Co., Va., 1794 was same Reuben Catlett who was son of John Catlett III and wife Mary Grayson of St. Mary's Parish, Caroline Co. Can anyone prove or disprove this statement? Hugh H. Hawkins, Route 3, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Vol. IV. p. 35. The Virginia Gazette, 14 June, 1780. Charles Washington, escheator, advertises forfeited estates for sale in Spotsylvania Co.: John Grayson's 300 acres on fall hill about three miles from Fredericksburg, the greater part uncleared, with buildings.

p. 159. Notes from the Journal of John Mercer. John Hodgman (1758-1796) married Catherine Grayson, daughter of the Rev. Spence Grayson, and left issue.

Vol. VIII, p. 133. British Mercantile Claims. 1775-1803.

→ William Grayson, Fairfax. 3 pounds 4 shillings, due 10 Aug. 1773.

Died about fifteen years ago; left a large estate, though involved.

Vol. X, p. 122. Botetourt Co. Tithables: 1770-1771, includes John Grayson 3.

p. 139. GRAYSON. Wish information on Capt. William Grayson's son John, believed born in Spotsylvania Co., Va. Who was his wife? John's son John Jefferson Grayson born 26 Nov., 1789, Albemarle Co., Va., died 14 April 1862, Logan Co., Ky., married Susanna Britt. Mrs. John J. Barchi, 200 Hazzard St., Warren, Ariz. 85642.

Vol. XII, p. 140. SUTHERLAND - COUNCIL. Would like to contact descendants of Joseph Sutherland and his wife Elizabeth Grayson of Albemarle Co., Va. Known children: Joseph and Susan. Joseph died 1801, Albemarle Co., Va. Would like to know parents of Jesse Council (born 1734-5, Va.; died before 1840, Knox Co., Tenn.) who lived in N.C., went to Knox Co., Tenn., before 1800. His wife was Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs. Frank C. Beard, 1201 W. Taylor, Lovington, N. Mex. 88260.

Vol. XV, p. 33. George Chilton, in 1762, was listed as overseer at Benjamin Grayson's quarter at the Mountains in Loudoun County.

p. 203. British Mercantile Claims, 1775-1802. p. 55.

William Grayson, Albemarle, £ 14.16.1½ by account. He is living in Albemarle and has always been willing and able to pay his debts. Just before the commencement of the war he paid Richard Anderson, factor of the claimants, a hogshead of tobacco which amounted to more than the debt, but Mr. Anderson not finding it convenient to pay him the difference returned the tobacco and left the account open. He says he will pay the debt out of his present crop of wheat.

ORANGE COUNTY. Will Book 2

p. 43. Payment made to Robert Grayson. 3 Nov., 1745, in settlement of account of William Crosthwait.

p. 44. John Grayson was one of the appraisers of estate of Samuell James. (WR2, pp 201-02) Feb. 1755.

pp. 221-222. Inventory of estate of John Grayson. 28 Aug., 1755.

p. 226. John Grayson. Additional inventory. 7 April, 1756.  
pp. 312-314. Martha Grayson gave a receipt to settlement of  
estate of Timothy Crosthwait. 26 June, 1761.

Virginia Taxpayers 1782

Grayson	Poll	Slaves	County
Benjamin	0	8	Loudoun
John			Fayette
Robert	1	0	Montgomery
Rev. Spence		13	Loudoun
Col. William	1	8	Loudoun
Col. William	1	21	Prince William
William	1	2	Spotsylvania
William	1	0	Culpeper

Some Grayson marriages in Virginia before 1800

Grayson

Alfred, son of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood); m. \_\_\_\_\_ Breckinridge of Ky. 5T207

Alice m. 26 Aug., 1744, James Stevens. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. She was Alice (\_\_\_\_) Grayson, widow of Ambrose. Proven by deed, 1752, that county.

Ambrose m. bef. 1 Nov., 1726, Alice (\_\_\_\_) James, widow of John, who d. bef. 24 March, 1725, when William McConico gave bond as admr. of his estate. Spotsylvania Co. Records prove the marriage.

Benjamin, d. 1757; res. Westmoreland Co.; m. (1) Susan (Susannah) Monroe, b. ca 1695; d. 1751, dau. of Andrew; he was her 3rd husband; he m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) Sinton. 5T195, 196; 3W(2)174. (DFW: Prob. the widow Linton.)

Benjamin, b. 6 Nov., 1761, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); rem. to Ky.; res. Nelson Co., Ky.; m. in Ky., Caroline Taylor. 5T261.

Beverley Robinson, b. 3 Sept., 1782, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. \_\_\_\_\_ (Chew) Bowie of Patuxent River, Md.; rem. to Miss. 5T268.

Catherine, b. 6 April, 1760, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson; m. John Hedgman of Stafford Co. 5T261.

Elizabeth m. (1) Thomas Hill, d. 1741; m. (2) 17 March, 1743, William Cowne of Spotsylvania Co. 43V173 Elizabeth m. 18 April, 1731, Thomas Hill, Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. Elizabeth Hill m. 17 March, 1743, William Cowne. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.

Elizabeth, dau. of William (d. 1829, Albemarle Co.); m. Joseph Sutherland. Albemarle, p. 214.

Frances m. 1796, James Elliott. Botetourt Co. Kegley, p. 597.

Hebe, dau. of Col. William and Eleanor (Smallwood) m. John Carter of Loudoun Co. and Ky. 5T207.

Joseph, son of William, who d. 1829, m. Rhoda White, dau. of Daniel, who d. 1818. Albemarle, pp. 214, 343.

Judith, b. Dec., 1780, dau. of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. George Walton (or Walter) Lindsay of Colchester, who d. 1818/9, Washington, D. C. 5T267.



Mary, dau. of John, m. 20 Oct., 1726, John Catlett. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record. He m. bef. 20 Oct., 1706, Elizabeth Taliaferro, dau. of John. Proven by Court Records, Essex Co. 11T13

Sarah m. 20 March, 1769, Benjamin Ainsley. Both of Goochland Co. Douglas Register, p. 11

Spence, Minister, b. 1734; d. Dec., 1798, son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Mary Elizabeth Wagener, dau. of Dr. Peter. 5T196, 197. He, b. 1732, Prince William Co.; m. Mary Elizabeth Wagner. DAR No. 56 009

Spence, m. 1 June, 1799, Betsey Bowler. Sur. Thomas Baker. Norfolk Co. Mar. Bond.

Spence Monroe, b. 17 May, 1774; d. 1809, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. \_\_\_\_\_ Blount of Alexandria, Va. 5T266.

Susan, dau. of Capt. William Grayson, (1732-1829), m. Isaac Wood, son of William, Albemarle, p. 349. She m. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Tomlin. Albemarle, p. 214.

Susan Monroe, b. 29 May, 1768; d. 1823, dau. of Rev. Spence Grayson and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. 11 Feb., 1793, Lund Washington, b. 25 Sept., 1767; d. 4 April, 1853, son of Robert and Alice (Strother). 5T263; 11T119; 23V100; 33V156; 3W(2) 174.

Susan Monroe, dau. of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) m. 1761, John Orr, b. 25 July, 1725, son of Rev. Alexander Orr of Waterside, Dumfriesshire, Scotland and Agnes (Dalrymple). 4T49; 5T208; 13T258. Their son, Benjamin Grayson Orr, Mayor of Washington D. C., 1814, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Flood.

Susannah m. 1731, \_\_\_\_\_ Linton. Spotsylvania Co. Mar. Record.

Thomas m. 11 July, 1788, Jenny Field, Spinster. Sur. William Buster. Albemarle Co. Mar. Bond. Jane Field was dau. of Robert, who d. 1824. Albemarle, p. 194.

William bought land, 1764, Albemarle Co.; d. 1829, age 97; m. Ann Smith, dau. of Thomas. Albemarle, p. 214.

William, b. 26 June, 1766; d. 1806, Washington, D. C., son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener); m. his cousin, Mary Wagener. 5T263

William, Col., b. 1736, Prince William Co.; d. 12 March, 1790, Dumfries, Va., son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe); m. Eleanor Smallwood, (not Hebe), sis. of Hebard Smallwood, whose will dated 1778, Charles Co., Md., and dau. of Gen. Smallwood of Md. 5T205, 207; 8T119-20.

"THE BEVERLEY FAMILY OF VIRGINIA," by JOHN MCGILL

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p. 939. Mary Elizabeth Wagener, d. 1810, Washington, D. C., dau. of Peter Wagener, Jr., and Catherine (Robinson), m. Rev. Spence Monroe Grayson, b. 1734; d. Dec., 1798, Prince William Co., Va., son of Benjamin and Susan (Monroe) Grayson of "Belle Air," Prince William Co.

Rev. Spence Grayson inherited from his father the "Belle Air" mansion and a 1000 acre tract on the Potomac in Prince William Co. He, an Oxford graduate, studied theology in England, was ordained 5-21-1771 by the Lord Bishop of London; returning to Virginia he first preached in Loudoun Co. and in 1784 succeeded Rev. John Scott as Rector of Dettingen Parish, Prince William Co. He was chaplain of his brother, Col. William Grayson's Regiment 5-1777 to 4-1779.