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GRAYSON NEWSLETTER # 1.

Dear Grayson Genealogists:

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I seem to have collected the names of at least 12 people seriously interested in all Grayson genealogy. Therefore it would seem convenient for us to have a clearing house for Grayson information.

I will start the ball rolling by sending this circular letter. Enclosed please find a copy of a computer print-out of certain Graysons which I purchased through an ad in the Genealogical Helper.

Notice the name Drury Grayson. The clerk of the Superior Court at Lincolnton, Lincoln county, N.C. recently wrote that the name is Drury Grissom in all records. (Also Gresom and Grissim.) These records include a will and 5 marriage bonds. Therefore, there is no Grayson in Lincoln county, N.C. (Corroborated by other letters.)

Question: Does anyone know the lineage of Benjamin Grayson, Franklin co., Tenn. (1820) or of George Grayson, Orange County, N.C. (1800)?

Please send me your questions for inclusion in the next newsletter. It would be helpful if each question is accompanied by an answer to some one's question or a bit of research you may have recently completed. I will include everything possible in the next newsletter.

Perhaps we can do this monthly at no cost for the time being.

Yours sincerely,

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER # 2

Mrs. Underwood's letter reply to Newsletter #1 came in first so I will make selected comments to her paper first. In addition I am enclosing a copy of her letter to all of you because it is so packed with information that you might need.

1. For a pamphlet decoding all the numbers in the computer print-out I sent with Letter #1, write to Accelerated Indexing Systems, 3346 So. Orchard Dr; Bountiful, Utah 84010. The print-out was for all Graysons in their computer which is only certain states for some censuses 1790-1850. See attached list.

2. The Fact that John Grayson who md. Sarah Wigg 14 Apr. 1754 came to S.C. via West Indies from England is new & welcome information. John Grayson died before Dec 22 1785 because: "John Mark Verdier, Esq., merchant of Beaufort md. Miss Elizabeth Grayson, second dau of John Grayson, Esq. deceased. Thurs., Dec. 22, 1785." Ref.: Marriage Notices in the S.C. Gazette, 1732-1801: Salley. Other ch. of John Grayson I have are: 1.) William John b. ca. 1755 Va., Pr Wm, md Susannah Green 1787.10.9; 2.) Thomas Wigg Grayson b ca 1757 Va Pr Wm m. Mary Hill 1794.2.27; 3.) Mary Grayson b. 1764.4.7, m. Michael O'Bryan 1790. William John Grayson and wife Susannah Greene b 1777 d 1854.3.4 Charleston S.C. had a son, William John Grayson, jr. who was a S.C. congressman, rec'd a bounty land in 1826, warrant #1179. William John Grayson, sr. who md. Sarah Wigg died Sept. 1797, and was a lt. in the Revol. War.

3. There was another Thomas Wigg Grayson, b. Beaufort, S.C. Aug 9, 1808, went to Texas 1835. He had a brother, Ben S. Grayson who died wealthy in San Francisco 8 July 1849. Thomas Wigg Grayson (B 1808) md. Tabitha Edwards in Austin Nov 1844, had 5 children. T.W.G. died in San Antonio 20 Aug 1873. WHO WAS THE FATHER OF TOM & BEN?

4. Ambrose Grayson died Hampshire cty Va 14 Jan 1816 & wife Sarah who died 30 March 1848. Both had wills, left estate to Benjamin Grayson b. 1798-9, in Hampshire cty Va, enlisted 21 Sep 1812 in War of 1812 as private, md. Mary Fout; Nobly Mt., Hampshire cty Va 3 May 1827; ch: Luisa Grayson died 27 Aug 1832; Susanah Grayson md William A. Baker 22 April 1851 who had son John Franklin Pierce Baker b 3 Nov 1852. Benjamin Grayson d 23 March 1850 New Creek, Hampshire cty, Va; His wife Mary b. ca. 1805 d. before 4 April 1892 age 87 probably in Washington, Washington cty, Iowa. WHO WAS THE FATHER OF THE ABOVE AMBROSE GRAYSON? "Early Records of Hampshire cty, Va by Sage & Jones, Wisc, 1939" ... plus wills of Ambrose, Sarah, & Thompson, list 10 children of above Ambrose & Sarah Grayson of Hampshire co.: Thompson, Catherine, Benjamin, Lydia, Nancy m. Liller, Elizabeth m. Liller, William, Maria m Hendrickson, Felix, and Reuben Grayson.

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This is part of an integrated index for the population schedules of the entire 1850 census of Tennessee. It is arranged by head of household, but the names of all individuals are included within their respective families. At the end of each family listing the place of birth of the first two family members is indicated, followed by a symbol representing the county of residence, the household number, and the microfilm page number. Except for the use of the letter "T" to denote Tennessee, common abbreviations are employed.

A key to the county symbols appears on the back of this sheet.

GRASON, David 33, Melissa 33, Mary 12, Fanny 9, Washington 11, Elvira 6, Tabitha 3, Sarah 3/12, NC SC, Mc-1771-701

GRASON, Rebecca 48, NC, Jo-30-39

GRASON, William 83, Anny 76, Synthia 34, Harvy 19, Clemantine 17, Joseph 6, John 10/12, Va NC, Mo-352-52

GRASON, William 24, Sarah 24, Joseph KELLEY 32, Mary J. 25, Jackson 10/12, T T, Mr-166-775

GRAYSON, John 43, Sarah 43, Francis 20, Mary 18, John 16, James 15, Elizabeth 14, Jane 12, Henry 10, George 8, Thomas 7, Zachariah 3, T T, H-430-797

GRAYSON, Pleasant 29, Vartis 21, William 6, Mary 4, Berry 2, T Ala, Mr-3-751

GRAYSON, Wm. 36, Nancy 34, Caroline 10, Marion 8, Emerilla 6, William 4, Clinton 2, NC NC, Hn-34-611

GRAYSON, William B. 35, Malinda 41, May 16, John 14, Wm. H. H. 10, G. W. 3, T T, Mo-342-51

The cross index to persons residing in homes where the head of household had a different surname is arranged to be used either with the main index or the microfilm. The second name on each entry is the name of the head of household.

GRASON, Benjamin C. 13, Brazilla Eggers, Jo-34-40
Hannah 66, David Cook, Mc-1792-701
James W. M. 19, Brazilla Eggers, Jo-34-40

GRAYSON, Horatio 19, Thomas Eastland, Li-538-288
Joseph 17, Oliver Dotson, Mo-1457-655

Martha 70, Martha Rogers, Mr-6-751

GREAR, David 62, Philip Baty, Fe-127-771
Mandy 9

Nenly 8, C. N. Blackmore, Sn-126-415

GREASON, John 43, Thomas Harris, Li-1084-371

(ABOVE ALL FROM BYRON SISTLER & ASSOCIATES.)

Below are names of GRAYSONS in the civil war from the Tenn. State Library. Unfortunately the librarian did not indicate the nature of the list; are they only Tennesseans? Were they on both sides in the war?

GRAYSON, Anderson C.-Sgt. Rankin's Co. 2nd (Smith's) Cav.

GRAYSON, Charles A.-Sgt. E Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, G. W.-7th Inf.

GRAYSON, J.-Pvt. D Co. 3rd Cav.

GRAYSON, James-Pvt. E Co. 39th MI

GRAYSON, J. B.-Pvt. E Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, Jerome-Pvt. D Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, Jerome-Pvt. D Co. 39th MI

GRAYSON, John C.-Pvt. E Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, John W.-Capt. E Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, L. F.-Cpl. I Co. 42nd Inf.

GRAYSON, Patrick Henry-3rd Cav.

GRAYSON, William-Pvt. D Co. 59th MI

GRAYSON, W. J.-Capt. K Co. 18th Inf.

GRAYSON, Wody-Cx. E Co. 37th Inf.

GRAYSON, W. P.-Pvt. D Co. 34th Inf.

GRAYSON, Joseph F.-Pvt. F Co. 10th Cav.

GRAYSON, Pleasant-Sgt. I Co. 10th Inf.

GRAYSON, Thomas M.-Pvt. E Co. 6th Inf.

GRAYSON, Washington-Pvt. I Co. 1st U.S. Cld.

GRAYSON, William-Pvt. E Co. 18th U.S. Cld.

GRAYSON, William H.-Cpl. A Co. 3rd Inf.

GRAYSON, William H.-Pvt. C Co. 3rd MI

GRAYSON, Benjamin C.-Pvt. G Co. 2nd U.S. Cld.

GRAYSON, Jack-Pvt. G Co. 2nd U.S. Cld.

GRAYSON, James-Pvt. 44th U.S. Cav.

GRAYSON, James W. M.-Lt. Col. 1st U.S. Inf.

GRAYSON, Jerome-Pvt. E Co. 2nd U.S. Cld.

Inf.

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KEY TO COUNTY SYMBOLS

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

March 14, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I was delighted to hear from you again and to learn you have set up a clearing house for Grayson information. It should be a big help. I haven't done much Grayson research as I have been trying to get into some order what information I do have.

I do not fully understand the computer print-out. Are the names those people are trying to learn more about? What are all the numbers? If the names are those whom others are trying to learn more about, I can help with some and have questions to ask about others. I will work on this assumption.

Grayson, Ambrose - Wythe Co., Va. -

~~Married Betsy Wysor~~ 28 March 1807 in Montgomery Co., Va. - he was the son of William and Rachel Cooley Grayson. William served in the American Revolution (record established) and died in 1801. Rachel died after 1842 as her will was made then. Ambrose and Betsy's children were: Randolph-m. his 1st cousin Cynthia Grayson 25 Apr. 1837 (Wythe Co., Va.), Henry-bachelor, James W. m. Emily Steele 21 June 1850 (Wythe Co., Va.), Folly m. John Grayson-her 1st cousin. William Grayson's (above) will is recorded in Montgomery Co., Va. and also the will of his widow, Rachel (Cooley) Grayson. I have information concerning the parents of William Grayson, his paternal grandparents, and his great-grandfather Grayson. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, Beverley Robinson-Yazoo Co., Mississippi - 13th child and son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson - emigrated to Mississippi in 1802, Adams Co.- married Mrs Sarah (Chew) Bowie-moved to Yazoo Co., Mississippi-Rev. Spence Grayson served in the American Revolution (record proven). I have much more on these Graysons. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, Joel - Madison Co., Va. - son of William and Eleanor (Sanford) Grayson-born 23 July 1777 Culpeper (in that part now Madison Co.) Co., Va.- died 30 August 1859 in Page Co., Va. - m. Tabitha Finks (b. Peola Mills in Madison Co., Va. 13 May 1783, died Page Co., Va. (near Luray) 27 Nov 1863)- CHILDREN: Andrew F., Eleanor, Patricia, Elvira, Benjamin F., William F. I have much more on the early and later history of this family. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, Rachell, Montgomery Co., Va. - mother of Ambrose Grayson who married Betsy Wysor. See Ambrose Grayson above. I can give information on her other children. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, Robert O. - Frederick Co., Va. - a. medical doctor (M.D.) - son of Benjamin Grayson III and wife Ann Bronough Grayson - m. (1) Susan Margaret Peyton, (2) Sarah Mason (Cooke) Selden, dau of Col. John Cooke and wife Mary Thomson (Mason) Cooke, and widow of Carey Selden - CHILDREN (by 2nd wife)-John Cooke (M.D.), Robert (M.D.)-Robert married Threlkeld - Robert O.'s (Osbourne) father, Benjamin Grayson III was the son of Benjamin Grayson II who was a brother of Spence Grayson who was the father of Beverley Robinson Grayson (above). I have much more of this line. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, William, Madison Co., Va. - b. 1732 in Spotsylvania Co., Va., died in 1829 in Madison Co., Va. - m. Eleanor Sanford-CHILDREN: William, Thomas, Judith, Susannah, Mildred (Milly) and Joel (see above). I have much more on this family some of which conflicts. PLEASE WRITE

Grayson, William T. - Yazoo Co., Mississippi - check Grayson, Beverley Robinson (above) - should be from same family - William is a family name.

Grayson, Sarah - Yazoo Co., Miss - see Grayson, William, 21

Grayson, Jane - Albemarle Co., Va. - see William Grayson below (should be Grayson)
 Greyson, John - " " " " see " " " "
 Greyson, William " " " " - same birth and death dates apply to him as to the William Grayson of Madison Co., Va. (above) - marriage record and names of children are different and herein lies the conflict - served in the American Revolution.

Grason, William - Henderson Co., Kentucky - see further

Grayson, A. - Greenup Co., Kentucky - see further

Grayson, Alfred - Fayette Co., Kentucky - son of Benjamin Grayson and wife Caroline Taylor (an English lady) - Benjamin Grayson was the son of Rev. Spence Grayson and wife Mary Elizabeth Wagener Grayson - see Grayson, Beverley Robinson. (NOTE: alphabetically, he should have been before Grayson, Ambrose-Wythe Co., Va.)

Grayson, Benjamin - Nelson Co., Kentucky - father of Alfred Grayson, Fayette Co., Kentucky - check Alfred Grayson, and Beverley Robinson Grayson for further information - m. Caroline Taylor - clerk of the court at Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky

Grayson, Frederick W. - full name Frederick William Spence - Bullitt Co., Kentucky - son of Benjamin (m. Caroline Taylor) and brother of Alfred Grayson (above) of Fayette Co., Kentucky. Marr. a Miss Ward, no children.

Grayson, John - Jefferson Co., Kentucky - see further

Grayson, Michael - Montgomery Co., Kentucky - see further

Grayson, Thomas - Hopkins Co., Kentucky - see further

Grayson, William - Barren Co., Kentucky - although nothing is known definitely (at least to my knowledge) about him or the other 5 above listed as being in Kentucky (see those I stated "see further") they could have descended from Benjamin Grayson (above) who settled in Nelson Co., Kentucky.

Grayson, James - Beaufort Co., S.C.

Grayson, James " " " - these 2 probably descend from John Grayson who was born in England, and came to the colonies and settled in South Carolina where he married Sarah Wigg 14 April 1754. (Check South Carolina Historical Genealogical Magazine, Vol. 23, pgs 106-111, St. Helena Parish) John Grayson came to the colonies from the West Indies

Grayson, Thomas - Beaufort Co., S.C. - see above

Grayson, Benjamin (II) - Loudoun Co., Va. - should be after Ambrose and before Beverley Robinson - son of Benjamin Grayson and wife Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Lynton - father of Rev. Spence (check Beverley Robinson Grayson) I have much more on this family. PLEASE WRITE if interested

I believe this is all I know about the Graysons (and those with other spellings) listed in the computer print-out. I want to hear from those who are interested in the following. Some of them I am interested in their first names and others because of where they lived.

Grason, Malinda - Stafford Co., Va. - interested because of where she lived

Grason, William - Franklin Co., Alabama - " " " " he lived - could be a branch of my line who settled in Madison Co., Alabama

Grason, William - Stafford Co., Va. - interested because of where he lived

Grasson, Ambros - Lunenburg Co., Va. - interested because of first name - Ambrose Grayson is a family name in my Grayson line.

Grayson, Ambrose - Hampshire Co., Virginia - interested because of first name - Ambrose Grayson is a family name in my Grayson line - Hampshire Co., Va. is now Hampshire Co., West Virginia and borders Frederick Co., Virginia

Grayson, Ambrose - De Sota Co., Mississippi - interested because of first name - Ambrose Grayson is a family name in my Grayson line

Grayson, Charles - interested because of where he lived - Montgomery Co., Va. - my Grayson ancestor, John Grayson, lived and died there in 1801 and his son John left there and settled in Madison Co., Ala. where my great-grandfather Ambrose Grayson was born.

Grayson, David - Prince George Co., Va. - interested because of where he lived - Benjamin Grayson I lived there and he was a brother of my great-great-great-great grandfather Ambrose Grayson.

Grayson, Henry - Fauquier Co., Va. - interested because of where he lived

Grayson, Nice - Spotsylvania Co., Va. - " " " " " - my great-great-great-great grandfather Ambrose Grayson died there in 1742/3 and my great-great-great grandfather John Grayson was born there. The later died in 1801 in Montgomery Co., Va.

NOTE - it is possible that Cameron, Chesterfield, Daniel, George, Joel, Katharine, Nancy, Samuel, and William P. Grayson who lived in various counties in Mississippi are branches of the family of Beverley Robinson Grayson who settled in Yazoo Co., Mississippi. See more about him on page 1.

I would love to hear from anyone interested in the Grayson family and if I have anything that fits in with their family I'll be more than willing to share with no charge.

Dr. Grayson, I do appreciate the service you are rendering. Please let me know about any cost involved. I have no question at this time but may in the future.

(End of Letter)

Sincerely,

Elia May Anderson
Grayson

SUMMARY:

1. This is Newsletter #2, an trial Grayson Genealogy periodical with at present a circulation of 20.
2. I am sure you enjoyed this and found some new material.
3. Do you want more of these newsletters? If so, the only way to get Newsletter # 3 is to write to me with queries and answers to be published. Money contributions to cover costs will be accepted in addition.
4. If you do not write, I will assume you are not interested.
5. We always say Happy Hunting, don't we? A hunting band works better than a lone hunter, right?

Happy Hunting,

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER No. 3:

As you all can see, just in a newsletter there are almost too many Grayson names to digest. What would you all think of computerizing the Grayson genealogy?

We need more members so we can get more data. I have listed the Grayson Family association with the Genealogical Helper in a forthcoming issue. Perhaps I will submit a boxed ad next.

QUERY: What is the lineage of Benjamin C. Grayson, b. 1838, Johnson co., Tenn, mother prob. Rebecca, b. 1802, N.C., brother of Benj. C. probably James Grayson b. 1832 whose wife was Julia A. & had 4 children. Benj. C. Grayson served in Civil War, had blind son Guillian Grayson b 1887 d 1930. Benj. md 2nd Martha Roark. Benj d. 31 Jan 1894, Martha d. Oct 2 1902. (Ref: War record of Ben; census of 1850, 1860.)

REMINDER: Who were the progenitors of the Graysons of Wilkes co., N.C.? (Benj. Grayson, b. ca 1745-50 & sons William, Jesse, Wren, Joseph, John, Benjamin jr. & 2 daughters.) Benjamin Grayson, sn., was in N.C. by ca. 1779.

THE FIRST GRAYSONS in the Colonies: (?)

1. Grayson, John, of merchant ship Prince Frederick of Whitehaven, Va., bachelor. Administration to Benjamin Grayson, attorney for mother Mary Grayson, widow, now at St. Bees, Cumberland. Sept. 1731. Ref: Nat'l Gen Soc Quart., Sept 1976 Vol 64 No 3 p.189: Am Adm & Probate acts in the Perogative Court of Canterbury 1731-1740. (Contributed by Mrs. Marie Davidson.)
 2. Grayson, Benjamin, mentioned as overseer att mines of Gov. Carter in Va., 1729 in book "The Virginia Dynasties" pp. 354-5, by Clifford Dowdey.
 3. John Grayson was att'y in fact to acknowledge release of dower, 1700, from Maria Gibson; Va., Lancaster co., Bk 2 p44-2. This John Grayson died intestate 1736; wife Susanna; children: Thomas, John, jr. m. Barbara; Ambrose, m. Alice James; Benjamin, m. Susanna Monroe; Ann; Mary; Elizabeth; Susanna; and ? Hoke.
- WHO KNOWS ANY EARLIER GRAYSONS ?

GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER #3

Enclosed is a copy of a recent letter from Leon Brooks which is detailed enough to include in toto here. I hope that some of you can help Leon find the father of THOMAS GRAYSON b. 1770 d. 1839. Leon points out that the neighbor of his Thomas Grayson in Logan co., Ky. was a Reuben Grayson. Enclosed, therefore is a list of REUBEN GRAYSONS for review. Does anyone know any more Reuben Graysons to add to this list? WHO WAS THE FATHER OF REUBEN GRAYSON OF LOGAN CO. KY? Leon, please note: I have placed the name of Robert Capell on the mailing list for the newsletter. I hope he replies with info & queries also. We should be able to help him because Mrs. Underwood's Grayson line comes from the same as his; i.e.; Marengo co., Ala.

Enclosed is another letter from Mrs. Underwood with a good deal of previously unknown data on the S.C. Graysons. In regard to her query about when John Grayson, sr., of S.C. died, I wonder if there were TWO old John Graysons, one who died before 1785, and the other who was the father of William John Grayson (1788-1863), author of *The Hireling and the Slave*. "His father, who had been an officer in the Revolution, died when young Grayson was ten years old." Ref.: *The South in American Literature*; p. 438. I have the war records of Lt. John Grayson from the National Archives and they say that he died Sept. 1797. The mystery deepens because I own a copy of the book "Marriage Notices in the S.C. Gazette, 1732-1801" by Salley, (obtained at a flea market for \$25!) wherein it says on page 81: "On Thursday last John Mark Verdier, Esq., merchant, of Beaufort, to the amiable Miss Elizabeth GRAYSON, second daughter of JOHN GRAYSON, ESQ., deceased. (Thursday, Dec. 22, 1785.)" Maybe somebody can research this and tell us if there were TWO John Graysons at that time in S.C.

REUBEN GRAYSONS: 1. Reuben son of Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰ b. ca 1720
2. Reuben son of Wm⁷ (& Rachel Cooley), John⁸, Ambrose⁹, John¹⁰
 b. ca 1775. 3. Reuben, son of Ambrose (d. 1816 Hampshire co., Va) b. ca 1790
 4. Reuben, son of Wyatt, son of widow Patience, b. ca 1835;
 5. Reuben Grayson of Logan co, Ky; capt. in the 23rd Reg, Ky militia, Aug. 13 1797; also in 1800 census, Logan co.;
 6. Reuben: Montgomery co., Tenn; bought land from Anthony Butcher; date? Ref.: Tenn. Cousins, p. 696 QUESTION: WHO KNOWS OTHER REUBEN GRAYSONS FOR THIS LIST?

Here are Tennessee GRAYSONS in the War of 1812 from the Tenn. State Library: I also know that my g.g.g. gn. Wren Grayson, sr., & his brother Jesse Grayson were in the war of 1812 from Tenn. Who were other Graysons in the War of 1812 (from anywhere?)?

Name-----Grayson, Benj.	Name-----Grayson, Benj.
Rank-----Sergt.	Rank-----Lieut.
Enlisted-----Sept 23, 1813	Enlisted-----Sept 20, 1814
Under-----Col. Wear	Under-----Col. Wm. Johnson
Capt. Chiles	Capt. Stewart

Br. Service---E Tenn Vol Inf. Br. Service---3 Regt. E Tenn. Mil.

The above are apparently the same person; the Benj. who md. Nancy Regney in Knox co. Tenn May 29, 1815. His father was possibly John Grayson of Knox co., son of Benj. Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C.

Name-----Grayson, Peter
 Rank-----Adj. Gen.
 Enlisted-----Nov. 12, 1814
 Under-----Maj. Gen. Wm. Carroll
 Br. Service---Tenn. Mil.

Was this the Peter Grayson, b. 1770, son of Spence (Benj John¹⁰). Peter d. 1816; md. Kitty Thorpe 1801. Had 7 children.

Dear Dr. Grayson:

I am excited with your idea of a Grayson newsletter, and let me express my thanks to you for the effort you are going to.

As I had expressed previously my "missing link" is the father and mother, brothers, etc. of Thomas Grayson b. 1770 d. 1839.

He first appears in the record in Logan County, Kentucky. There were several Graysons there at the same period - namely Rueben, who owned property next to Thomas. Since Rueben is a relatively unusual name and it crops up in several Grayson sources, it may have significance (Ambrose b. England 1680 - d. Spots County, Va., Sept. 6, 1742 m. Alice Y. Lists a son John and a son Ambrose; mentions other children not named. They may be Benjamin, William, Alice, Susannah, Ann, Rueben and Thomas).

Also in Logan & Christian both of which were formed from the same county in 1800 were Robert Grayson and William Grayson.

The info that my Thomas was born in Virginia comes from the family bible which does not show his parents or brothers and sisters. Below I will give info on this Thomas and his children. I list his children since some of them have unusual names and may give some clue as to who they were named for.

Grayson, Thomas - b. Jan. 1, 1770 in Va. d. Sept. 14, 1839 in La. m. August 24, 1795 in Logan County, Kentucky from Logan Co. Records. (The family bible gives August 18, 1795) to Sarah Stuart, daughter of John and Sarah Fulkerson Stuart.

Children of Thomas and Sarah above:

1. Alfred M. - married Eliza Ann Bowden
b. Sept. 1, 1796 Logan Co., Kentucky
d. July 25, 1835 Louisiana
2. Elizabeth m. (1st Robert Hall, 2nd George Mathews,
3rd James Monroe Stuart)
b. Feb. 21, 1798 Kentucky (Logan Co.)
d. 1857 Ouachita Parish, Louisiana
3. Catherine m. (1st John Stuart, 2nd Hill)
b. Oct. 16, 1799 Logan Co., Kentucky
d. Arkansas
4. Lucetta m. (1st Gaster, 2nd Thomas Rutland)
b. Nov. 1, 1801 Logan Co., Kentucky
5. Minerva m. (1st J.C. Caldwell, 2nd --- Williams)
b. Sept. 3, 1803 Logan Co., Kentucky
d. July 29, 1842 Caldwell Parish, Louisiana
6. Sarah T. m. (1st J. Wall, 2nd William Tew)
b. July 14, 1805 Christian Co., Kentucky
d.
(This child born in Christian Co. - which was formed by a
division of Logan.)
7. Wiley Blount m. (1st Martha Stokes, 2nd Marina Cole,
3rd Martha Buie)
b. February 16, 1807 Christian Co., Kentucky
d. 186? Franklin Parish, Louisiana

8. James Madison
b. June 7, 1809 Kentucky (Died Young)
9. Ann Eliza m. (1st --- Scott, 2nd --- Stokes, 3rd Fleming Noble
b. Oct. 25, 1812 Jefferson Co., Miss.
d. March 20, 1875 Alto, Louisiana
(This child born after family left Kentucky and moved to Mississippi, then to Caldwell Parish, Louisiana on the Ouchita River - where the next child was born.)
10. Zelia m. Dr. John B. Thomson
b. Nov. 13, 1814 Louisiana
11. Narcissa m. Isaiah Garrett
b. Dec. 22, 1816 Louisiana
d. March 12, 1890 Falls Church, Virginia
12. Andrew Jackson m. Frances Jane Timmons
b. Aug. 20, 1818 Louisiana
d. Aug. 17, 1869 Mazatlan, Mexico
13. James Stuart (C.S.A.)
b. Nov. 7, 1824
d. After Civil War he was assassinated by Federal Troops in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

As a matter of interest Andrew Jackson Grayson (#12 above) went to California in 1846 with his wife and few months old child. He began from St. Louis with Donner (of fame) but broke off with this group before they reached California (fortunately). He became a famous naturalist and was known as the Audubon of the West. His original paintings (birds) and other notes, etc. are at the Bancroft Library University of California, Berkley. His biography is soon to be published by the University of California Press. His biographer is Mrs. Lois M. Stone of Berkley, California.

ITEM:

1. Benjamin Grayson (son of Spence & M. Elizabeth Wagner) m. Caroline Malinda Taylor on July 27, 1785 Jefferson Co., Kentucky.

Also Jefferson Co., Kentucky - F. W. Grayson probably son of above Benjamin married Sally Ward, June 13, 1814.

ITEM:

2. A George Washington Grayson was a son of Col. William and Eleanor Smallwood.

In a letter from Mrs. Lovett Frescolon, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania a Genealogist, dated August 2, 1947

"George Washington Grayson born about 1803 in Grayson Co., Ky. is said to have been the son of Thomas Grayson of North Carolina."

ITEM:

3. From Henderson County, Kentucky cemetary records -

Grayson, Sophronia E. b. Albermarle Co., Virginia 3/4/1784
d. Henderson Co., Kentucky 11/26/1857.

I don't know if you have the name of Robert Capell, 630 Olympia Road, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 15211. One of his ancestors is Emiline Capell who married Young W. Grayson in 1829.

Young W. Grayson d. March 16, 1846 in Marengo Co., Alabama leaving wife Emeline and children James (age 17) Horatio 15, Susan Rebecca 13, Charles 11, Elizabeth 9, Sarah 7, Martha 4, and Alexander 2.

Robert Cappell says he has other records of the Cappell and Grayson lines and is particularly interested as to what happened to them when and if they left Alabama.

Looking forward to NL #3.

Sincerely,



Leon E. Brooks

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1830	Arkansas			
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1850	Minnesota			
Other Records				
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	1820 Illinois State Census	POR	Portraits from 32 states	
	1836 Iowa Territorial Census	S1803	Ohio State Census *	
	1855 Kansas Territorial Census		(Washington Co. Only)	

*ATTENTION: Many census records have been damaged. Names which have been damaged beyond recognition have not been indexed. Some counties may be missing in their entirety.

March 25, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

As usual it was good to hear from you again. I am writing again so soon because if I don't I might forget. I do hope what I am including this time will be useful.

First I wish to state all I know about the John Grayson family in Beaufort Co., South Carolina.

John Grayson born _____ from West Indies (England) married Sarah Wigg a spinster April 14, 1754
 GRAYSON, William John, of John and Sarah married October 9, 1787 to Susannah Green
 GRAYSON, William John of William John and Susannah born November 12, 1788, baptized April 12, 1789
 GRAYSON, Thomas Wigg, son of John and Sarah, married by Rev. Tate February 27, 1794 to Mary Hill
 GRAYSON, John Robert son of Thomas and Mary, Paris Island, born December 15, 1794; baptized March 25, 1798 by Rev. Tate
 GRAYSON, Thomas Wigg, son of William John and Susannah died _____ of fever
 GRAYSON, Edward James, son of _____ baptized July 9, 1797 by Rev. Graham
 GRAYSON, Mary Susan, daughter of Thomas and Mary born June 1, 1796; baptized July 9, 1797, died August 28, 1797 of fever
 GRAYSON, Susan Saltus, daughter of Thomas; baptized December 8, 1805 by Rev. Hicks *and Mary*
 GRAYSON, Elizabeth Mary, daughter of James and Mary, daughter of James and Mary; baptized December 8, 1805 by Rev. Hicks

This still has to do with the above family. It is easy to place each person above in the correct family except the last. There is no obvious record of a James and Mary. However, if you check the baptismal record for the last 2 children you will see it is the same. They were obviously twins and the children of Thomas Wigg Grayson and wife Mary (Hill) Grayson who married Feb. 27, 1794. I copied the above exactly as it came to me.

This still concerns the above family and will attempt to answer your 3rd question on the 1st page - WHO WAS THE FATHER OF TOM AND BEN. In my possession is a copy of the DAR papers of a Miss Bennie Campbell of College Station, Texas and filed in 1944. Her DAR number is 3497120 and she used for ancestor JOHN GRAYSON (Lieut.) of South Carolina. Her line from said JOHN GRAYSON was as follows:

JOHN GRAYSON - 1st Lieut. South Carolina Continental Artillery
 30 Nov 1779, taken prisoner at fall of Charleston
 18 May 1780. He died between 1780-1785. Marr. Sarah Wigg

WILLIAM JOHN GRAYSON - marr. Susan Green

JAMES LOWTHER GRAYSON - marr. Susan Green (can't be right)

Campbell THOMAS WIGG GRAYSON - marr. Mary Black 1810 . Born 1789

The latter was Miss Bennie _____ grandfather. He came to Texas early. Her mother's name was Bennie Grayson. This last Thomas Wigg Grayson doesn't seem to be one you were asking about. There was a Thomas Wigg Grayson who served in the Texas navy and was present (off shore in a ship) when the Battle of San Jacinto was fought April 21, 1835. All of his female descendants are eligible for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

One last question before I leave this family. You stated that "John Grayson died before Dec 22, 1785 -----" At the end of the same paragraph you stated "William ~~Grayson~~ John Grayson, Sr. who md. Sarah Wigg died Sept. 1797 and was a lt. in the Revol. War." Which is correct? Did he die before Dec 22, 1785 or Sept. 1797?

That which follows has to do with the names of GRAYSONS in the Civil War from the Tenn. State Library. I can account for some of them. However, an explanation is first needed. When the Civil War started there was no organized group of volunteers in Alabama. Those in Madison Co., Ala. were so anxious to get into the fighting that they joined the first group they could find, which happened to be in neighboring Tennessee. That is why although they were natives and residents of Alabama they served in the Civil War with a Tennessee unit. I do not have a copy of the complete roster who served in this unit from Madison Co., Ala. but have seen it and can tell anyone interested who to write. Those I can place in specific families are as follows:

1. Grayson, Charles A. - son of James Gordon and Nancy Paralee Wright Grayson. James Gordon was the youngest son of John and Sally Carter Grayson and was my great-grandfather's brother.
2. Grayson, Jerome (D Co. 37th Inf) - son of George and Cynthia Hannah Grayson. George was the oldest child of John and Sally Carter Grayson.
3. Grayson, John C. - either the son of John Cullen and Nancy Glover Grayson, or the son of Napoleon Bonaparte and Anne Ellett Grayson. John Cullen's son John C. was born c1834 and Napoleon B.'s son John C. was born c1844. John Cullen Grayson and Napoleon Bonaparte Grayson were also sons of John and Sally Carter Grayson. (Interesting note - my grandfather's brother was also John C. Grayson. 3 first cousins with the same names)
4. Grayson, John W. - son of James Gordon and Nancy Paralee Wright Grayson and oldest brother of Charles A. Grayson (see above for rest)
5. Grayson, J.B. - probably the son of George and Cynthia Hannah Grayson and younger brother of Jerome (see above for rest)

Of the 5 above, 4 were with E co., 37th Inf. and 1 with D Co., 37th Inf. There was 1 other Grayson, Wody, listed with E Co. 37th Inf. There is no one by that name in the Grayson families in Madison Co., Alabama. It could be a nickname. In 1850 James Gordon Grayson, his brothers Napoleon Bonaparte G. and George, and their brother John Cullen Grayson's widow were all living in Madison Co., Ala. The other 3 brothers, Charles, Jackson, and AMBROSE (my great-grandfather) were living in Texas. All of the brothers in Alabama had 1 or more sons of the right age to have served in the Civil War.

That's all for now. I probably won't always have questions or queries but that doesn't mean I'm interested. KEEP IT UP, PLEASE! Enclosed is \$1.00. It's all I can spare now. I'll send more another time. THANKS for printing my letter in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER #3

Here is an informative letter from Mrs. Dorothy McCoy:

Last summer while I was in Enid, Oklahoma, I found an Alice Reasoner in the telephone directory and called her. I was able to, with her help, find 3 of my Reasoner cousins and the address of Clyde Grayson in Waynoka. I am enclosing the results of my correspondence with Mr. Grayson. I haven't enough information to identify the Thomas M. Grayson listed in the letter, but perhaps you will know who he is.

I will continue to search for the descendants of James H. "Jim" Grayson, son of Henry 1808-11 and Cynthia Yearn. The family has said that James H. moved to northern Oklahoma about 1905.

Please give my regards to Daniel and remind him that I haven't heard from him since he sent me a copy of your "Chapter 2, The Tennessee Connection, of Wren Grayson Sr.", along with the promise of a copy of our Grayson family genealogy, as soon as he had completed and compiled his records.

A check is enclosed to help with expenses of the Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Letter to Mrs. McCoy from Clyde Grayson, 313 S. Murrow St., Waynoka, Okla.: "My grandmother's name was Christenia Davis Grayson. Grandfather's name was Thomas M. Grayson. My father's name was James Marshal Grayson. My mother's name was Ella May Brian Grayson. My father purchased a claim on a $\frac{1}{4}$ section 2 miles East & $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Curtis. The only other Graysons in this county are my 4 brothers."

Oklahoma Federal Tract Books, Woodward county, Oklahoma. Historical Society, Ok. Cty.

1. James M. Grayson - farmer - Curtis, Woodward Co., Okla. -- Settled in county in 1906 -- Native of Kentucky -- Settled Sect. 3 - 160 acres upland farm and 45 in cultivation - 1000 forest - 200 fruit trees. All fenced. Two room frame house, stable 12x14 and grainary 8x14. Cave and Henhouse. Well and windmill. Land description: SW4 Section 3 - Township 22 - Range 18 W. Found on page 145B - Book 34 - Roll 4.
2. Christina Grayson - Record of her tract is on page 149 of same book as #1.

The above letter received from Mr. Clyde Grayson identifies James M. and Christina Grayson whose records are found in Woodward Co., Okla..

JAMES Marshal Grayson, a native of Ky., and his mother, Christina DAVIS Grayson both purchased claim land near Curtis, Okla. in 1906. It is not known whether James Marshal's father, Thomas M., was living at that time. Record of Deed shows Ernest Lafayette Grayson (1850), and his wife, purchased two lots in the town of Curtis, Okla. in 1906 and sold them in 1907. (Ernest L. was son of Henry (1808-11) and Cynthia Yearn Grayson.) Mooreland Cemetery, Mooreland, Woodward co., Okla., tombstones for this family as follows: Ella M. Grayson (Ella May BRIAN Grayson) () are mine.

May 10 1885

Dec 27 1955

James M. Grayson

June 1876

Dec 27 1955

(Note: Mrs. Alice Reasoner of Enid, Okla. and a friend of Mrs. Clyde Grayson wrote me that James M. shot his wife and himself 27 Dec. 1955.)

A son of Ella and James M., Alenze Grayson, is also buried beside his parents.

GRAYSON information and queries:

On Byron Sistler record of 1850 census for state of Tennessee;
Between GREESHABER, Anthony, and GREEWAY, David, is one GREESON, David 27,
Flora A. 28, Catherine E. 5, Henry 2, Mary S. 10/12, T NC, Hd-16-583.

Tennessee Cousins:

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GRAYSON, James May 12, 1779 Washington Co., Tenn. Witness to last will
and testament of Rebecca Vanderpool, the widow of Abraham Vanderpool.

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GRAYSON, Joseph no date Anderson county. Commissioner appointed to locate this county seat. Joseph belonged to a Virginia family, members of which settled in eastern Tenn.

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GRAYSON, Benjamin Nov. 21, 1792 Knox Co. 1792. Witness to James
McCarty's will and testament.

Monroe County Census 1830

P.372 (in Book)

GRAYSON, William, with 9 white persons in family.

GRAYSON, Joseph (nothing added).

GRAYSON --Aug. 20, 1763 - P.497

In the case of Thomas Grayson VS. Richard Parks, judgement was for
plaintiff on the verdict of the jury. (Case not given).

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Between the years of 1800 and 1806 deeds to land in Montgomery Co.
shown on old records of the courthouse. Anthony Crutcher to
Reuben GRAYSON.

1850 Missouri Slave Schedules; Green Twp. Platte Co.

1. George W. Grason, Owned 6 slaves. --Probably same as ancestor of
Mrs. Chas. W. Creek, 2709 Cassia St., Boise, Idaho. 83705

QUERIE:

1. Has anyone found CYNTHIA YEARNs GRAYSON and her three youngest children-
Ernest Lafayette, May E., and Emily E., or Henry W. b. 1845-46?, 1870 or
later???

Sons James H. (1834) and Sanford (1842) found 1870 Bartholomew Co., Ind.
Son John W. went to Illinois 1868-to Calif. ca 1879. 1883-87 to Oregon,
and then to Dayton, Columbia Co., Washington. After 1908 he moved to
San Francisco, Calif., and died there May 30 1912.

C.W. Pension papers show Cynthia Yearns Grayson P.O. Queensville, Ind.
(Jennings Co.) in 1864. She made affidavit Dec. 15 1871 in Bartholomew
Co., Ind., but is not found on 1870 census in Bartholomew, Jennings,
Decatur, Marion Cos.. I have had city of Indianapolis-2nd. enumeration
June 1870 Wards 1 thru 4 searched, but still have not found her nor any
of younger children.

--end of McCoy Letter --

Mrs. McCoy: The next 4 pages are from my files in response
to your query #1 above.R.G.

* HENRY GRAYSON

1812 - 1862-11

son of Wm⁶, Benj⁷

JAMES H GRAYSON

1834

m. Mary Schofield 1860-2-6

CYNTHIA ANN YEARNs

JOHN W GRAYSON *

1838-7-10 - 1912-5-30

Indianapolis San Francisco

1. 1850 Census, Indiana, Jennings Co,
Geneva Twp, #69 #69

HENRY GRAYSON 38 TENN \$1200 farmer

CYNTHIA 37 KY

JAMES H 16 IND farmer

JOHN W 12 IND

SANFORD 9 IND

HENRY W 5 IND

MARY S (?) 2 IND

LAFATE 4/12 IND

SANFORD GRAYSON

1841

HENRY W GRAYSON *

1846

Madison

MAY E GRAYSON

1847-4-18 - 1906

San Francisco Earthquake

ERNEST LAFAYETTE GRAYSON *

1850

Ind

-1921

Calif

EMILY E GRAYSON

1853-7-17 - 1906

San Francisco Earthquake

2. Civil War File
Company I, 6th 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 22nd 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
(Andrew⁴)] George³ Grayson
thought John⁵ had a brother named
James Harvey Grayson. Is he really
James H⁴ above?

* ERNEST LAFAYETTE GRAYSON

1850.3.8 - 1927.1.4
Ind Calif

son of Henry⁵, Wren⁶, Benj⁷

m. 1892.3.2

TESSIE MAY REASONER

1871 - 1941
Mo Kans

1st wife:

NETTIE

1. [Dorothy McCoy]

m. Jessie 1892.3.2 at Princeton, Mo,
Mercer Co.

d. 1927.1.4 in Los Angeles

occupation: Railroad switchman

According to his sons Ernest had
2 or 3 children by his first wife,
but he would never talk about
them.

1905: ran a trading post in
Curtis, Oklahoma. (Woodward Co)

HENRY CURTIS GRAYSON

1893.3.17 - 1962.7.1
Ia, Lucas Cal

m. Marnie Elizabeth Beach Reed 1916.7.19
no issue

LENORE MAY GRAYSON *

1897 - 1957
Mo Kan

HOWARD LOUIS GRAYSON

1899.10.6 - 1958.12.22
Mo, Harrison Calif

unmarried

GEORGE GLEN GRAYSON

1902.7.21 - 1955.7.21
Mo, Harrison Cal

m. Bernice Rathornel Arellanes 1949.11.15
no issue

FREDERICK JOSEPH GRAYSON

1905.7.21 - alive
Okla, Woodward

m. Doris Magdalene Dickenson 1931.9.2
no issue

NETTIE MARIE GRAYSON

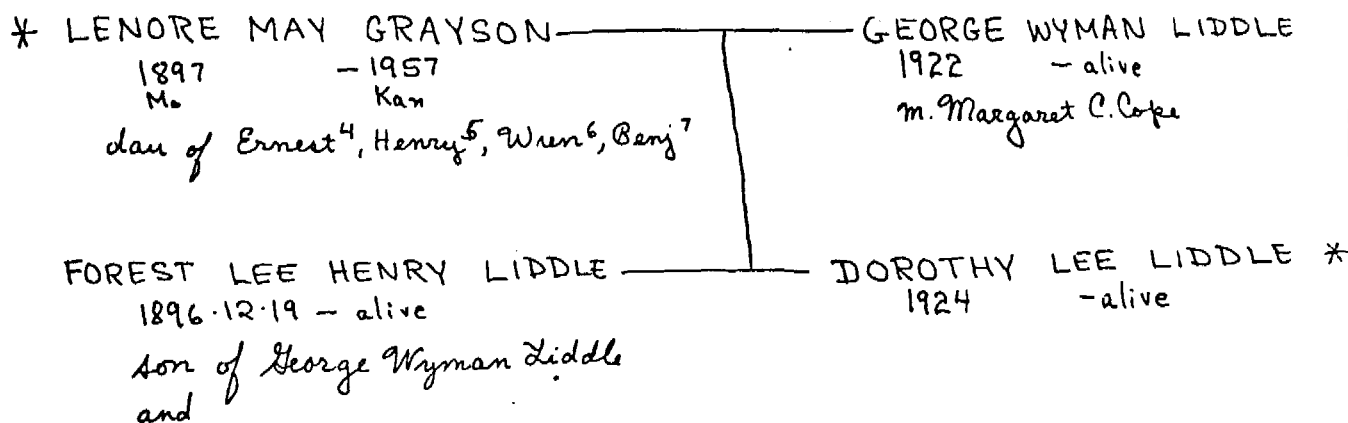
1909.6.3 - 1935.2.11
Okla, Woodward Kans

m. John K Taylor
m/2 John H. Pearson
no issue

ANN ELIZABETH GRAYSON

1911.8.13 - alive
Mo, Polk

m. Paul J. Kiernan
m. Gerald C. Wiggins 1949.1.29
no issue



From the Reasoner Family
Bulletin Vol 1, No. 1, pg 37:

Tessie May Reasoner Grayson
b. Feb. 5, 1873, Princeton, Mercer, Missouri
m. Ernest Lafaette Grayson 1892, Princeton, Mo.
d. April 2, 1941, Lenaxe, Johnson Co. Kansas. Buried
on April 4, 1941 in Memorial Prk., Cem., Kansas City, Mo.

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Ernest Lafayette Grayson was b. March 8, 1850 in
Jennings Co., Ind. This was his second marriage and his f:
first wifes name was Nettie. He was a R.R. Switchman.
He died in Los Angeles, Ca. in Jan. 1927.

HENRY CURTIS GRAYSON

b. March 17, 1893 Chariton, Lucas Co., Iowa
m. Mamie Elizabeth Beach Reed on Sept. 19, 1916
in Leslie, Searcy, Ark.
d. July 1, 1962 Lynwood, L.A. Calif.

LENORE MAY GRAYSON LIDDLE

b. Jan..8, 1897, Grant Twp. Harrison, Mo.
m. Forest Lee Henry Liddle, June 1, 1921, K.C.
Jackson Co., Mo.
d. Nov. 15, 1957, Kansas City, Kan.

Children:

1. George Wyman Liddle b. 1922
2. Dorothy Lee Liddle McCoy b. 1924

HOWARD LOUIS GRAYSON

b. Oct. 6, 1899, Ridgeway, Harrison, Mo.
m. Never married
d. Dec. 22, 1958, L.A., Cali., buried So. Gate, Ca.

I hope this information was of some help and anytime
you have a question please feel free to write.

Happy hunting and tree climbing.

Sincerely,

William Edmundson

The following is from the Reasoner Family files:

GEORGE GLEN GRAYSON 1314326-4

- b. July 21, 1902, Princeton, Mercer Co., Missouri
- m. Bernice Rathromel Arellanes on Nov. 15, 1949, Las Vegas, Nev.
- d. July 21, 1955 South Gate, Calif., buried in Rose Hill in So. Gate.

FREDRICK JOSEPH GRAYSON 1314326-5

- b. June 18, 1905, Curtis, Woodward Co., Okla.
- m. Doris Magdaline Dickenson on Sept. 2, 1931 in Dedrick, Vernon Co., Mo.
- d.

NETTIE MARIE GRAYSON TAYLOR 1314326-6

- b. June 3, 1909, Belva, Woodward Co., Okla.
- m. John K. Taylor on Aug. 8, 1925 Iola, Allen Co., Kans. (Div.)
- d. Feb. 11, 1935, Kansas City, Kans.

(second marriage was to John Howard Pearson 1927-1933?)

ANN ELIZABETH GRAYSON KIERNAN WIGGINS 1314326-7

- b. Aug. 13, 1911, Pleasant Hope, Polk Co., Mo.
- m. 1. Paul J. Kiernan Oct. 31, 1936 (div.) Olatha, Johnson Co., Mo.
- 2. Gerald Edwin Wiggins, Jan. 29, 1949 at Holton, Kans.

Now back to Lenore May Grayson Liddle 1314326-2 family.

GEORGE WYMAN LIDDLE 1314326-1

- b. Dec. 30, 1922 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.
- m. Margaret Catherine Cope on Oct. 10, 1948, Kansas City, Mo.
- d.

DOROTHY LEE LIDDLE MCCOY 1314326-2

- b. Sept. 26, 1924, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., Kansas
- m. Dewey Wayland McCoy on July 5, 1947, Galveston, Galveston Co., Texas
- d.

Children:

1. Yolinda Gail McCoy, 131432622-1, b. Sept. 5, 1949
2. Mark Amron McCoy, 131432622-2, b. Oct. 16, 1959

NEWSLETTER #3
GRAYSON GENEALOGY.

The Rutherford co., N.C. Graysons:

ALFRED L. GRAYSON born July 7, 1849 and Eliza GRAYSON, were the children of Joseph C. Grayson. Eliza married Rev. Washington Haynes Jan 26, 1864. Alfred was b. in McDowell co., N.C. moved to Rutherfordton while a young man, died Aug 12, 1917.Ref.: Elaine Soden letter, "found in a S.C. record."

GRAYSON, ELDER JOSEPH C., was born June 13th, 1804. Was baptized into the fellowship of Head First Broad Baptist Church ..March 20, 1825." Ref.: Broad River and Kings Mt Baptist Association Sketches." Source: sent by Elaine Soden.

ALFRED L. GRAYSON, connected with the West Carolina Record, was born July 7, 1849 in McDowell county, a son of Rev. J.C. Grayson, prominent minister of that county, and a representative in the General Assembly at one time. Ref.: The History of Old Tryon & Rutherford Co 1730-1936, by Griffin; p.575

JOSEPH C. GRAYSON married Eliza R. Wilson 23 Jan 1827. Ref.: Rutherford Co. Marriage bonds.

JOSEPH GRAYSON md. Rachel Vanzant 17 Dec 1807. Ref.: ibid.

JOSEPH GRAYSON md. Lettice J. Melton 19 Mar 1807; ibid.

Joseph Grayson who married Rachel Vanzant was the first Grayson in Rutherford co., was b. ca 1750; Rachel was his 2nd wife. Joseph Grayson, Jr. md. Lettice Melton, moved to Henderson co., Ky. Source: Letter, Harold W. Rollins.

QUESTION: WHO WAS THE FATHER OF JOSEPH C. GRAYSON? According to Miles S. Philbeck, Jr., deed books prove that the father of J.C. Grayson was Benjamin Grayson, son of Joseph Grayson, sr., of Rutherford co. Philbeck has written a nice genealogy of all the Rutherford co. Graysons which is at hand.

Now the interesting speculation is that the Joseph Grayson, sr., of Rutherford co. who entered land there in 1779 might have been the brother of the Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C., who entered land in Wilkes in 1779. Each started his own clan which have remained completely separated since that time. Philbeck states that Joseph Grayson, sr., came from Virginia and that the evidence is in the birth places of certain of the children as given in later records. Also there is a family tradition.

QUESTION: WERE JOSEPH GRAYSON, SR., OF RUTHERFORD CO. AND BENJAMIN GRAYSON, SR., OF WILKES CO., N.C., RELATED? We need to prove the ancestry of these two Graysons.

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER No. 4.

There were 3 Andrew Jackson Graysons: 1. My gr. grandfather A.J.G. b. 1838 son of John Wren G. son of Wren G. sr.; 2. A.J.G., b. 1818, the Audabon of the West, son of Thomas (& Sarah) Grayson b. 1770, Va. (see Newsletter no. 3.); & 3. A.J.G., b. ca. 1831-2, son of John William⁷ John⁸ Ambrose⁹ John¹⁰. Thus we have a query from Colleen Newberry, Harrisonburg, Va.:

JOHN GRAYSON, came from Culpepper Co., Va. to Montgomery Co., Va. in 1766. do not know when, where he born, died or married. Wife name Barbara ____?

WILLIAM GRAYSON, (son of John) born ____ in Montgomery Co., Va.--died 1801 in ____ married ____ to RACHEL COOLEY (dau. of ____). She b. ____ d. ____.

Rev. JOHN GRAYSON, (son of William) born ____ died ____ m. ____ to AGNES WHITLOCK, (dau. of ____). She b. ____ d. ____.

ANDREW JACKSON GRAYSON, (son of Rev. John) born 1832 in ____ d. ____ in ____ m. 1856 to ROSALIE VIRGINIA JOHNSON (dau. of L. F. JOHNSON) She b. ____ d. ____.

LaFAYETTE GRAYSON, SR. (son of Andrew Jackson) born 2/18/1861 in Bland Co. Va. died 8/10/1919 in Bland Co., Va. married 6/1/1887 in Frederick co. Md. to MARY KEMP SINN (dau. of JOHN HENRY SINN & MARY FACKLER. She born 3/13/1864 and died 10/30/1894 in Wytheville, Va.

Some Answers from my files: See accompanying charts on John Grayson (1727-1802), Ambrose Grayson (1680-1742), & John Grayson (-1736). Does anyone have dates to fill in the requests on the other items?

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James D. Turner of Ohio writes: "I am a descendant of John and Sarah (Grayson) Prillman and am interested in additional info on the brothers and sisters of Sarah. I have: William Grayson m Rachel Cooley; ch.: William Grayson, unmarried; Reuben Grayson, deed to heirs Elizabeth & Jacob Prillman; Ambrose Grayson m. Betsy Wyser 28 Mar 1807; John Grayson m. Agnes Whitlock; Elizabeth Grayson m. Jacob Prillman; Sarah Grayson m. John Prillman; Mary Grayson m. James Sayers; James Grayson m. ? his son m Mary Grayson a 1st cousin; she dau of Ambrose. I have a fair account of the descendants of John and Sarah Grayson Prillman if anyone is interested & will be glad to share this. I am interested in tracing the descendants of all the brothers & sisters & will be pleased to exchange data." address: 4575 W. David Rd. Kettering OH 45429.

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Page 2.. Grayson Genealogy Newsletter.

Here is another nice, informative letter from Mrs. Underwood:

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Newsletter #3 arrived this past week end and as usual I was happy to receive it. In my last letter I wrote about a Miss Bennie Campbell who used for her ancestor in the DAR Lt. John Grayson of South Carolina. What I failed to include was the fact that she stated the children of her Revolution ancestor, John Grayson of South Carolina, as follows:

William John Grayson, born 1757-married Susan Green 1787
Elizabeth Grayson, born 1760 - married JOHN M. VERDESIAN 1785
Mary Grayson, born 1764 - married M. O'Brien 1790

The above is exactly as stated in Miss Campbell's DAR papers. It seems without a doubt that the John Grayson whose children are listed above was the same John Grayson who served in ~~in~~ the American Revolution from South Carolina and died before the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth to John Verdier (misspelled above) Now as to the father of William John Grayson (1788-1863), an author. It was stated that "His father, who was an officer in the Revolution died when young Grayson was 10 years old." It seems fairly obvious that this last named gentleman was the son of William John Grayson (b. 1757-m. Susan Green) who in turn was a son of Lt. John Grayson of South Carolina. The William John Grayson born in 1757 would have sufficiently old enough to have also served in the Revolution along with his father.

I have a question and would appreciate a personal reply. Who sent in the 3 items on page 1 entitled THE FIRST GRAYSONS in the Colonies: (?) After number 1, you have: Contributed by Mrs. Marie Davidson. May I please have this lady's address and also the names and address of the the others who sent in items 2, and 3. The reason I ask this is the fact that all 3 items deal with my family of Graysons. Before anyone gets the wrong idea, I want to correct something in item 3 where the children of John Grayson, deceased, are listed. He did die intestate c1736 in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia and there is NO record of the names of his children. I personally checked the records in Spotsylvania Co., Va. and found none. I have also corresponded with others who also found no list of his children. The only known child of John Grayson who died c1736 in Spotsylvania Co., Va. was Thomas who was living in Deal, county Kent, Great Britain January 7, 1737 when a deed was recorded in Spots. Co., Va. This deed stated "Thomas Grayson of Deal, in Kent, eldest son of John Grayson of Spotsylvania County, colony of Virginia, lately deceased, to" I have another correction to make and this concerns part of item 3, on page 1. One of John Grayson's (d. c1736) children was listed as John, Jr. m. Barbara. Spotsylvania Co., Virginia records show a John Grayson, Jr. but not the name of his wife (if he had one). The John Grayson whose wife was named Barbara was the son of Ambrose Grayson who died in 1742 in Spotsylvania Co., Va. and whose wife was named Alice. I know this to be true because I have many records on this family as Ambrose Grayson (d. 1742) was my great-great-great-great grandfather. The John Grayson whose wife was named Barbara was my great-great-great grandfather and died in 1802 in Montgomery Co., Virginia.

This is for Mrs. Marie Davidson who sent in item 1, page 1. In Deed Book B Spotsylvania Co., Va. June 6, 1732 we find "Francis Thornton and Francis Thornton, Jr. Executors of the last will and testament of James Honsale, deed. and of St. Mary's Par., Caroline Co., to WILLIAM GRAYSON of St. Bee's Par., Cumberland Co., in Great Britain....." He must have been the father of the

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Benjamin Grayson, attorney for mother Mary Grayson, widow, now at St. Bees, Cumberland. Sept. 1733. I greatly desire to learn more about these Graysons as it might lead to the source of my Graysons in England. As stated, I know that Ambrose Grayson (d. 1742 Spotsylvania Co., Va.) was my great-great-great-great grandfather. The only known brother of his was Benjamin who married Susannah Monroe. In Ambrose Grayson's will he named "my brother Benjamin" as executor of his estate.

Again I ask - please send me the names and address of those who sent in the 3 items on page 1 entitled THE FIRST GRAYSONS in the Colonies.

On page 4, item 2 from a letter by Mr. Leon Brooks. Col William and Eleanor (Smallwood) Grayson did have a son named George Washington Grayson and I have the copy of someone's DAR papers who used him as her ancestor. Col. William Grayson was the son of Benjamin and Susannah Grayson of Prince William Co., Va.

Page 4, item 3. Sophronia E. Grayson would appear to belong, either by birth or marriage, to the descendants of a William Grayson who served in the American Revolution and died in Albemarle Co., Virginia in 1829 at the age of 97. This William Grayson is thought to have been a son of Ambrose Grayson who died in Spotsylvania Co., Va. in 1742. William Grayson (d. 1829) was the ancestor of Mrs. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, a professional genealogist, who lives in Naugatuck, Connecticut.

That's all for now so will close. I'll be looking forward to the next issue of the GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER (signed : Mrs. Underwood.)

Some answers to the above letter: Write to Mrs. Marie Davidson, P.O. Box 314, Burley, Idaho 83318. In regard to the names of the children of the John Grayson who died ca. 1736 (see chart no. 1, enclosed) my son Dan and I have assumed all of these except Thomas based on circumstantial evidence in the sources listed on the chart. These assumptions await the test of further documentation.

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Here is a correction to the Sophronia E. Grayson mentioned by Leon Brooks in the last newsletter: "Sophonisba E. Cabell, b. 1784; d. 1857; m. 1809, Robert H. Grayson, son of U.S. Senator William Grayson." Page 42: Pocahontas and Her Descendants. Also, see enclosed pages 493, 4, 5 from The Cabells and Their Kin for Grayson descendants. These were contributed by Mrs. Elaine Soden of Iowa.

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To summarize the S.C. Graysons: John Grayson, born in England, came to S.C. via the West Indies, md. Sarah Wigg a spinster April 14, 1754. This John Grayson died before 1785. Their children were William John Grayson, b. 1757, d. 1797, md. Susan Green 1787; Elizabeth, and Mary. The son of William John Grayson sr., and Susan Green was William John Grayson Jr., b. 1788 d. 1863, the author and congressman.

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Reminder: if you wish to keep receiving these Newsletters, you must contribute items for them from time to time. Contributions for cost of postage and Xeroxing are appreciated.

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A good letter from Robert G. Capell of Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Dear Sir:

To show my connection with the Grayson family, I am enclosing a copy of the Thomas Capell line. Please note the red-circled names, Emeline Capell who married Young W. Grayson in 1829. Young W. Grayson died on March 16, 1846 in Marengo County, Alabama leaving his wife Emeline and children - James 17, Horatio 15, Susan Rebecca 13, Charles 11, Elizabeth 9, Sarah 7, Martha 4, and Alexander 2. There must be many descendants of these children now living around the country. It would be a pleasure to learn something of how their mother managed after their father passed away. As far as I know, the members of my branch soon lost contact with the Graysons, although Emeline was mentioned in the will of her uncle Sterling Capell and inherited \$2000 from the distribution of the monies from the estate on June 10, 1839 in Jones County Georgia.

On page 2 of the Grayson Genealogy Newsletter #2, in the section dealing with the 1850 census of Tennessee and the cross index there is mention of a Horatio Grayson, 19. Could this have been Emeline's second child, Horatio, who was 15 in 1846?

It would be a pleasure to hear from anyone who may have more information to share on the descendants of Young W. Grayson and Emeline Capell Grayson.

JOHN GRAYSON
1770 - 1826
youngest son.

BARBARA

WILLIAM GRAYSON
- 1801
m. Rachel Cooley

1. 1750-10-2 Va, Culpeper Co, St. Marks (sold 331 acres)
Parish, a deed: John Grayson
and his wife Barbary. (sold 245)

2. 1751.10.1 Va, Culpeper Co, a deed (sold 245 acres)

3. 1754-7-2 Va, Culpeper, a deed con-
veyed by John & Barbry
Grayson

4. 1763 Va, Culpaper, many abstracts
of Court cases involving John
Grayson [County Court
Abstracts VA 125 30]

5. [letter: Mrs. Underwood: 1974.4.19]
1802 Va, Montgomery Co (date 1800.1.2)
Will of John Grayson mentions
youngest son John, witness:
James Gordon. (Since John⁶ then
named his youngest son James
Gordon Grayson, we may assume
that John⁶ is this John⁶.)

1'. } [letter: Leon Brooks]
2'. } The land sold above was in Spots. Co,
although they lived in Culpeper.

6. [letter: Leon Brooks]
1766: John and Barbara moved to
Pulaski Co.

7. [A brief of Wills & Marriages in Montgomery & Fincastle Co's. 1773-1831]
John Grayson: 1802: will probated: ch: Betty, Lucy, John, William, Mary, and Nancy. Mentions a partner William Hall of Wythe Co.

8. [letter: M.K. Gordon: 1956.5.5] Ambrose Grayson, eldest son of John, d. 1779
in Indian fighting near Logan's Fort, Lincoln Co Va (now Lincoln Co Ky), un-
9. [ibid] 1773 Va, Fincastle Co, John Grayson raised 5070 lbs of hemp.
1777-11-10 " " " " sworn in to Capt. McCorkle's Co.
By Stephen Trigg - see "Lorse Papers" of Fincastle

JOHN GRAYSON — 1736	THOMAS GRAYSON merchant, eldest son stayed in England 1730: Kent, England
SUSANNA (WHITE?)	JOHN GRAYSON, JR * m. Barbara
1. 1736 Va, Spotsylvania Co, died intestate: John Grayson admin: Susannah Grayson resided in Lancaster Co and Spots. Co.	— AMBROSE GRAYSON * 1680 Eng m. Alice (-) James
2. 1714 John Grayson of Lancaster Co, bought 500 acres in Spots. Co from William Smith of Gloucester. (Bk E & 122)	— BENJAMIN GRAYSON * m. Susanna Monroe
3. 1729 John Grayson and wife Susannah sold 200 acres of the above 500 to Ambrose Grayson. (Bk B, p. 3)	— ANN GRAYSON * m. John Quarles 1722.10.3 m/2. Thomas Harrison ~1731 of PrWm. & Fauq. Cos.
4. 1735.3.12 Va, Spots. Bk A, p. 255 The will of Stephen Sharp mentions Hoke and John Grayson.	? MARY GRAYSON * m. John Catlett 1726.10.20 m/2 — Gibson (?)
5. 1721.11.2 Va, King Geo Co, Bk 1, p. 23 John Grayson deeded 900 acres to William Pettishall of Middlesex Co.	— ELIZABETH GRAYSON m. Thomas Hill 1731.4.18
6. 1700 John Grayson was atty in fact to acknowledge release of dower from Maria Gibson Va, Lancaster Co, Bk 2, p. 400-2	— SUSANNA GRAYSON m. Mose Linton 1731 m/2. John Berkeley → Fairfax Co, Va.
7. 1703.10.29 Va, Lancaster Co, Bk 9, p. 70. John Grayson owned land.	? — HOKE GRAYSON
8. 1753.7.3 Va, Spots. Bk E p. 122 Thomas conveyed his land	
9. 1736 Va, Spots Bk A, p. 270 — appraisal of estate: John Gordon was one of the appraisers.	

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ii. Clara Virginia⁷ Megginson, b. March 31, 1893.

318. Mary F.⁷ Megginson, born May 23, 1859; died April 7, 1888; married, May 10, 1880, William D. Moon. Issue, three:—

i. Fannie Edna⁷ Moon, b. June 9, 1881.

ii. Carrie Lottie⁷ Moon, b. April 5, 1884.

iii. William Richard⁷ Moon, b. May, 1887.

18. JOSEPH³ CABELL, JR.'S DESCENDANTS.

78. Sophonisba E.⁴ Cabell, born at "The Glebe," in Albemarle County, Va., March 4, 1784; married, at "Cabell's Dale," Fayette County, Ky., September 3, 1809, Robert Harrison Grayson, a lawyer, son of Senator William Grayson, of Virginia. He was born in Maryland, March 12, 1788; emigrated to Greenup County, Ky., and died in Jefferson County, Ky. Senator Grayson married Eleanor Smallwood, sister of Gen. William Smallwood, governor of Maryland. He was the son of Benjamin Grayson (who came to Virginia, probably from England, early in the eighteenth century) by his wife, Mrs. Susanna Linton, daughter of Capt. Andrew Monroe, whose ancestor emigrated from Scotland, President James Monroe and Senator Grayson being his grandsons. Mrs. Sophonisba E. Grayson died November 26, 1857, having had issue:—

319. i. William Powhatan Bolling⁵ Grayson.

ii. Joseph Cabell⁵ Grayson, b. 1812; d. 1824.

320. iii. Hebe Carter⁵ Grayson.

iv. Robert Bolling⁵ Grayson, b. 1815; d. 1816.

v. Mary Ann Elizabeth⁵ Grayson. } Twins;

vi. Robert H.⁵ Grayson. } d. infants.

vii. Benjamin Blair,⁵ d. infant.

- viii. Pocahontas Rebecca Bolling^s Grayson; d. infant.
- ix. Sarah Bolling^s Grayson, d. infant.
- 321. x. Eleanor Smallwood^s Grayson.

319. William P. B.^s Grayson, born at Little Sandy Salt Works, Greenup County, Ky., September 9, 1810. "During the late war, he raised a regiment and brought them out of Kentucky, and did all he could for the South; was captured, put in the penitentiary, and treated with great cruelty, but remained true to the C. S. A." He married, June 15, 1837, Susan, daughter of Capt. Henry Dixon, of Henderson County, Ky., and had issue:—

- i. Robert Harrison^s Grayson, d. infant.
- ii. Mary Eleanor^s Grayson, b. September 24, 1839; m. Henry Dixon; their daughter:—
 - i. Sarah^r Dixon, m. Edward Irvine.
- iii. Joseph Cabell^s Grayson, b. 1842; d. 1845.
- iv. Susan Bailie^s Grayson, b. December 25, 1843; m. William Norman, and had: i. Phelps^r Norman.
- v. Sophonisba^s Grayson, b. November 9, 1845; m. Young Watson, and had: i. Jennie^r, m. Howell Watson; ii. Mary^r, m. Milton Grymes; and iii. Bertha^r Watson, m. J. Stanley Dennis.
- vi. Hebe Carter^s Grayson, b. May 27, 1848.
- vii. Elizabeth Frances^s Grayson, d. infant.
- viii. Elizabeth Cabell^s Grayson, died infant.
- ix. William Powhatan^s Grayson, died infant.
- x. Henry Dixon^s Grayson, d. infant.
- xi. Roger Dixon^s Grayson, b. January 28, 1858; m. Mamie Grymes.

320. Hebe Carter^s Grayson, born January 8, 1814; married (first), January 8, 1833, William Preston Smith, of

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Henderson, Ky., who, by legislative enactment, took the name of Preston. He was the son of John Smith by his wife, Chenoe Hart, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Hart, a pioneer of Kentucky. "She was the first white child born in Kentucky, and her name, Chenoe, is the Indian name for Kentucky." John Smith was the son of Francis Smith, Esq., of Virginia, who removed to Kentucky, by his wife, Ann Preston (born in Ireland; died in Kentucky, 1813, aged 74), daughter of John and Elizabeth Patton Preston, the emigrants. Although they emigrated from Ireland, the Prestons were English. Capt. Nathaniel Hart, Sr., was born in 1734, in Hanover County, Va. He was the business man of Henderson & Co., in their purchase of Kentucky from the Cherokee Indians. Boone was an agent. Hart was killed by the Indians at Boonesboro, in August, 1782. Richard Henderson was born in Hanover, Va., in 1735, and, like Hart, removed to North Carolina in his youth. William Preston died February 12, 1850, leaving an only child:—

i. Sophonisba G.^e Preston (born October 27, 1833), who married Carter H. Harrison, Esq. (427).

Mrs. Hebe Carter^e Preston married (second), October 31, 1852, her cousin, William Peartree Smith, of Henderson County, Ky.; no issue. He descended from Obadiah Smith and his wife, Mary Burks.

321. Eleanor Smallwood^e Grayson, born in Jefferson County, Ky., March 1, 1827; married, November 28, 1844, Mr. Joseph Adams, a native of Boston, Mass., a merchant of Hendersontown, Ky. Their children are:—

- i. Eleanor^e Adams, b. 1845; d. 1850.
- ii. Joseph Grayson^e Adams, b. September 21, 1849.
- iii. William Smallwood^e Adams, b. July 17, 1851.
- iv. Ellie^e Adams, died infant.
- v. John Cabell^e Adams, b. August 12, 1854.

vi. Robert Grayson^e Adams b. Feb 28 1854
 m Martha Elam + dau
 1. Baxter Harrison
 2. Robert Adams

GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER # 5.

How many places do you know named Grayson?

1. GRAYSON, a village near West Jefferson in Ashe county, N.C., was named after Col. James William Moore Grayson. Col. Grayson was the Grayson in the song about Tom Dooley. Grayson captured Tom Dula who was wanted for murder in 1866 in Wilkes county, N.C. (Ref.: letter from Librarian in Jefferson.) Father, lineage of Col. Grayson undetermined.
2. GRAYSON COUNTY, Texas: named after Peter W. Grayson, b. 1788 in Ky. Ref.: Texas State Library. Hist of Tex p. 78.
3. GRAYSON County, Ky.: named for Col. William Grayson of Va., aide de camp to Gen Washington 1776. Ref.: Vol 2 of Collins' Hist Sketches of Ky, 1874
4. GRAYSON County, Va. Named after same Col. William Grayson above. Ref.: Place Names in the U.S.; p 142
5. GRAYSON Town, Carter County, Ky.: named for Col. Robert Grayson. Ref.: ibid. p. 142.
6. GRAYSON Village, Province of Saskatchewan, Canada. "When the branch of the C.P. R. came through in 1903-4 it was named after a construction contractor...Grayson..." Ref.: letter from Village of Grayson Secretary-Treasurer. 1973. CPR refers to the rail-road.
7. GRAYSONIA, Ark. There is no longer a town of Graysonia. It was a large mill town named after William Grayson who came to the U.S. as a young man from England in the late 1800's, settling 1st in St. Louis. Wife, Margaret. 4 sons: George, William, Ingraham or Ingrahm, & ___?; The lumber mill went out of existence in 1914-5 when William Grayson died in ST. Louis. Ref.: Letter; Clark co. Hist. Assoc., Arkadelphia, Ark. 1973.
8. GRAYSON, La.: Named after a Mr. W.B. Grayson in the 1820's, a plantation owner who gave right of way to the R.R. CO. across his land with the stipulation that a town be established. Inc. in 1916. Pop. 468 in 1965. Located in Caldwell Parish. Ref.: La. State Library, Baton Rouge, La.

Questions: who knows the lineage of COL. James Grayson in #1?
Who was W.B. Grayson in #8?
Are there any more Grayson places?

Grayson Genealogy Newsletter #5; page 2

Here is Mrs. Underwood's welcome letter in full again; we all really appreciate comments after each newsletter because it immediately provides good copy for the subsequent communique.

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Your welcome newsy Newsletter No. 4 arrived yesterday. I have some additions to make to the family charts and a partial answer to Colleen Newberry's query on Page 1.

First of all for my additions to the charts. Chart no 2: Ambrose Grayson (1680-1742) married Alice (James) James. Although there is no definite proof, it is believed by many that the above is correct. I have copies of charts and information collected by the late Maj. Kirby Gordon. I understand he went all over the world checking on this line of Graysons. Now the last chart: John Grayson (1770-1826) youngest son of John (1727-1802) and Barbara (Burdyne) Grayson married Sarah Carter.

The following is for Colleen Newberry of Harrisonburg, Va.:

1. John Grayson - moved from Culpeper Co., Va. to Montgomery Co., Va. in 1766. He was born c1727 in Spotsylvania Co., Va. and was the son of Ambrose and Alice (James) James Grayson. If you get the newsletter check No. 4 - last chart. *He served in the A. Revolution*
2. William Grayson - born c1750 in Spotsylvania Co., Va. and not Montgomery Co., Va. He married Rachel Cooley c1770. Her will was made in 1842 and may be found in Montgomery County Deed Book H Folios, 587, 646.
3. Rev. John Grayson - are you sure he married Agnes Whitlock? I have seen her name several places as Agnes Whitlock? I have some more data on this couple but can't locate it now. If interested please write and I'll make an effort to dig it up.
4. Note: I have a copy of the DAR papers of a Mrs. Marianna Tubor Hall, wife of Captain Thomas Elmo Hall filed about 5 years ago and she used for her ancestor William Grayson who married Rachel Cooley. This lady was descended through his daughter Sarah who married John Prillaman. Her national number is 566988.

1837

The following is for James D. Turner of Ohio. I have very little other than what you have. I can give you some information on the family of Ambrose and Betsy (Wysor) Grayson. They had the following children: Randolph-married 1st cousin Cynthia Grayson 25 Apr in Wythe Co., Va., Henry-a bachelor, James W. - married Emily Settle 21 June 1850 in Wythe Co., Va., and Polly (Mary) who married John Grayson, son of James W., 28 Sept. 1846 in Wythe Co., Va. Randolph and Cynthia had: Mary J.-marr. a Shannon, Louise-died, Charles-a bachelor, Lizzie-marr. a McGinnic, and John A.-a bachelor. James W. and Emily had: William-a bachelor, Mary A.-marr. W.F. McColgan, and James Floyd-marr. Lucy A. McNutt. The last named couple were the parents of the deceased husband of an elderly lady in Wytheville, Va. who furnished the above information in 1972. She was 82 then. Do you know Mrs. Thomas Elmo Hall, nee Marianna Tubor who went into the DAR using William Grayson (marr. Rachel Cooley) as her ancestor? She descended from him through Sarah Grayson who married John Prillaman. Her mother's maiden name was Prillaman. Her national number is 566988 and at the time her papers were filed she was a Junior member (under 35 yrs of age) and lived in Martinsville, Virginia. I would be interested in knowing about the children of Sarah and John Prillaman - names and who married.

Dr. Grayson, I do hope you come across something in your Grayson line. If you keep at it long enough maybe something will turn up. I searched 15 yrs for 1 man before finding him. It was worth it. Keep up the good work.

Ellen Gray Underwood

Grayson Gen. Newsletter #5; p. 3

From Mrs. Betty Stokes of Houston, Texas comes this query:

I would like proof on the Ambrose Grayson-Alice James line which would be accepted by the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century - proof of ancestor being here by 1700. I have seen various references to late 1600 to early 1700 residence in Christ Church Parish, but when I check sources, I cannot find definite proof.

My ancestor was Jackson L. Grayson, son of John Grayson b. 1770 son of John Grayson b. ca 1729, son of Ambrose, son of John

Mrs. Marie Davidson has massive Grayson Genealogy files. Here is her interesting problem for us to ponder and hopefully, to help solve:

Want Parents of James Grayson born 1760 in Va. Where?
He married 21 May 1791 in Bedford Co. Va. to Bathsheba Phelps.
Family tradition says he was in the Revolutionary War. He was in Personal Taxes Bedford Co. Va. from 1791 to 1799. He shows up in the 1830 census of Pike Co. Ind. Where was he in between this period of time? He died 12 Feb 1848 in Algiers Pike Co. Ind. It is known he had at least one daughter, Jemima born 29 Aug 1800 in Va.

Write Marie Davidson, P.O. Box 314, Burley, Idaho, 83318

Mrs. Davidson suggested I include the current list of active supporters of the Newsletter so we all can add more names to the list if we can think of any others. The current active list includes: Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo.; Ella Underwood, Lufkin, Tex.; Elaine Soden, Des Moines; Leon Brooks, Shreveport, La.; Dorothy McCoy, Ark City, Ka; Dan Grayson, NYC; Robert Capell, Pittsburg, Pa; James Turner, Kettering, Ohio; Betty Stokes, Houston, Tex; Colleen Newberry, Harrisonburg, Va; Marie Davidson, Burley, Idaho; Rhoda Cross Sunderland, Burbank, Ca. This is 12 people. About a dozen others are inactive by virtue of never having answered the first 2 or 3 newsletters.

Thank you all for the money contributions also. Xerox costs here are 10 ¢ per sheet of printing (2 sides of 1 sheet is 20¢), so if you add stamps you can arrive at basic costs.

Grayson Genealogy Newsletter #5; p. 4:

My copy of the song TOM DOOLEY goes like this:

Hang down your head Tom Dooley, Hang down your head and cry,
Hang down your head Tom Dooley, Poor boy, you're bound to die.
I met her on the mountain, and I took her life,
I met her on the mountain And stabbed her with my knife.
This time tomorrow, Reckon where I'll be?
If it hadn't been for GRAYSON I'd-a been in Tennessee.
This time tomorrow, Reckon where I'll be?--
In some lonesome valley A-hangin' on a white oak tree.
Hang down your head, Tom Dooley, Hang down your head and cry,
Hang down your head, Tom Dooley, Poor boy, you're bound to die.

Now refer please to the Grayson village of Ashe county, N.C. on page one of this newsletter. The village was named after the Grayson in the song Tom Dooley. I recently telephoned the grandson of that James Grayson and talked to his wife; Luke Grayson was too ill to come to the phone. Here is the letter, since it has genealogical import. After you read it please look through your records and try to find the lineage of the Col. James Grayson of the song, Tom Dooley and write to me for the next newsletter. This story certainly has a lot of human interest, even if we get little genealogy from it. However, frankly, I have a suspicion that Col. James Grayson, being from Wilkes county, N.C., could be in MY Grayson line, since my ancestor Wren Grayson, b. 1782, came from the Wilkes county, N.C. Grayson clan. I hope you all try on this one:

Mrs. J. Luke Grayson
Mountain City, Tenn.

28 April 1977

Dear Mrs. Grayson,

It was nice speaking with you this afternoon. You mentioned that your husband is 89, is ill and I regret to hear this. He said that he was the son of Frank Grayson who was the son of Col. James Grayson who came from Wilkes co., N.C. You agreed that Col. James Grayson was the Grayson in the song about Tom Dooley. I have a letter from the Ashe co. Public Library wherein is stated that "Colonel James Grayson was the one who the post office was named for and that Colonel Grayson was the one who captured Tom Dula who was wanted for murder in Wilkes County in 1866." You stated that Col Grayson captured Dula using a rock as a weapon while Dula was resting with his boots off and that he had borrowed the boots from Frank Grayson, the son of James.

Enclosed is a dollar for costs of zeroes of the newsclippings you have. I would like to distribute this information to the other Grayson genealogists I know. They will be greatly interested. We would also like to know of all cousins, children, grandchildren, and other Grayson kin.

My files show that Col James Grayson (you say his full name was James William Moore Grayson) is buried in Zionsville, N.C., Watauga County, Methodist cemetery, and that he had at least 3 children: William Hamilton Grayson, Frank Grayson, and Gilbert Grayson. The Hon. Stacey J. Grayson of Bristol, Tenn., was a great grandson of Col. James Grayson, and a grandson of Frank Grayson. A ~~Gilt~~ Gilder Grayson of Madisonville, Ky. is or was a son of William Hamilton Grayson.

Grayson Genealogy Newsletter #5; p. 5:

You state that you thought the father of Col. James Grayson was a William or Billy Grayson.

There was a Lt. Col. James W. M. Grayson of the F. & S. 4th Infantry in the civil war; no doubt the same Col. James Grayson.

In 1850, in Johnson county, Tenn., there lived Benjamin C. Grayson age 13, and James W. M. age 19, in the household of Brazilla Eggers.

Benjamin C. Grayson was a private in G. Co., 6th inf., in the civil war. He was born 1838 in Johnson co., Tenn, and his mother was probably a Rebecca Grayson. Benjamin and his 2nd wife Martha Roark had a blind son, Guillian Grayson (1887-1930). Ben died 1894. Martha died 1902. I assume that Benjamin C. Grayson and Col. James William Moore Grayson were brothers.

I have a reference here to the 1860 census which apparently mentions James W.M. Grayson with 4 children and a wife named Julia A., all in Johnson county, Tenn. Col. James W. Grayson was born in 1832. You state he came from Wilkes, co., Tenn., where my ancestors came from. I will try to establish the link.

The register of deeds in Johnson county, Tenn., shows 2 Graysons: Hugh Warren conveyed land to J.W.M. Grayson in 1860 and John Reece conveyed land to W.M. Grayson in 1855.

On the previous page there might be an error: the son of Col. James was a "Gil" Grayson which might NOT be short for Gilbert, but could also mean Gilden or Guillian.

The Ashe County Public Library would like a copy from me of any Grayson History I am able to compile; I hope you can help me do so. Certainly, all your recollections about the history of the song of Tom Dooley and your news clippings will be of great help. Don't forget to list all known Grayson kin with their ages and addresses. Also list all dead kin with whatever you know of them. Ages, birthplaces, kinfolk, burial dates and places are all important.

Incidentally, a cousin of mine, Seth J. Wheatley, of Clinton, Tenn., told me that he has seen a grave stone of a TOM DULA in southern Kentucky near Williamsburg. What do you know of the fate of Tom Dula who was captured by Col Jim ?

I see that Mountain City is the county seat of Johnson County, Tenn., that you are adjacent to Ashe county, N.C., which is next to Wilkes county, N.C. The town Grayson, too small to be on my map, is next to West Jefferson, Ashe county, N.C. and is the town named after Col. Jim.

- end of letter to Mrs. J. Luke Grayson -

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If anyone has an answer for a query, send the answer to me for inclusion in the newsletter, or at least send a copy of your reply to me if you have sent the original answer to the party who queried.

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To Jim Turner of Kettering, Ohio: Thanks for the charts on the Prillmans. Jim is descended from Sarah Grayson, 1789-1884, dau Wm John Ambrose John¹⁰.

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Has anyone yet found the lineage of the following Grayson:

THOMAS J. GRAYSON (1840-41-45 to 1906) son of

Extracts from Civil War File of Thomas J. Grayson-File: WC-638-262.

Dept. of Interior-Bureau of Pensions-Fills out Applications & signs in his own hand.

THOMAS J. GRAYSON-----

b. 1840-41-45- In Indiana.

Age- 20 yrs. at enlistment, 12 Dec 1861 on 1 muster Roll.

Age- 21 yrs. at enlistment, 12 Dec 1861 on 2nd. Muster Roll.

Age- 39 yrs, on Declaration for Invalids Pension, dated 28 Feb 1884.

md.1) 7 June 1867- Red Cloud, Indiana.

wife- Harriet E. Couch.

Harriet E. Couch Grayson d. between 28 Nov 1888 & 12 May 1889-probably at St. Francisville, Lawrence Co., Illinois.

CHILDREN: (1898 Rec. Request was for list of LIVING children.).

1. Walter S. Grayson- 9 Dec 1869.

2. Mary M. Grayson - b. 21 Aug 18 ? (He left year blank).

3. John M. Grayson - b. 29 Sep 1878.

4. Rennie V. Grayson- b. 1 Mar 1883.

5. Rosa L. Grayson - b. 9 Dec 1885.)

6. Lillie M. Grayson- b. 9 Dec 1885.) TWINS.

7. Rosco C. Grayson - b. 28 Nov 1888.

md.2) 12 May 1889- Lawrence Co., Illinois, by Rev. Frank Kettring.

wife, Sarah E. Gould Barthelmy- a widow with no children.

b. 1853- age 53 in Pension Application dated 6 Aug 1906.

d. 12 Mar 1920- St. Francisville, Lawrence Co., Illinois. (Pension Rec.).

Record shows both she and Thomas J. had been previously md.

NO CHILDREN by this 2nd. marriage.

died; 27 July 1906- In Knox Co., Indiana.

Places of Residence;

Knox and Gibson Co.s', Indiana, and Wabash and Lawrence Co.s' in Illinois. All 4 counties abut, seperated by the Wabash River- with Knox and Gibson on the Indiana side, and Wabash and Lawrence Cos. on Illinois side.

Thomas J. enlisted at Princeton, Gibson Co., Ind. in C.W. 2 times. In 1861 & again in 1865. He states in Rec. of 1884 that he has resided in Wabash & Lawrence Cos., Ill. 1865 to present (1884), and that his address 1884 was St. Francisville, Lawrence Co., Ill. Probably his children were b. Ill.

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER # 6

Who were all the Graysons in the Revolutionary War? According to the microfilm from the Chicago branch of the National Archives no. T-515, the only Graysons in that War were:

1. Chaplain Spencer Grayson, Grayson's Regiment, Continental Troops
2. Private Thomas Grayson, 3rd Virginia Regiment
3. Colonel William Grayson, Grayson's Regiment, Continental Troops
4. Private Robert Grayson of Virginia.

No other spellings of Grayson were found in this list.

Questions:

1. Who was the above Robert Grayson?
2. Who was the above Thomas Grayson?
3. In the last Newsletter, Mrs. Underwood stated that John Grayson who was the son of Ambrose and Alice James Grayson served in the Revolution. Also William Grayson who married Rachel Cooley. Are there any more?

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More than you ever wanted to know about the song
of Tom Dooley and the Grayson
who caught Tom:

Telephone information from Mrs. Luke Grayson, wife of the grandson of the Col. James Grayson who caught Tom Dula in 1866:

- Col. James Grayson md. 1st Julia William, had 6 children: (Md. 2nd Jane Carpenter, no issue) 1. Rebecca Grayson md. Dr. Roy Butler; 2. Hamilton (Ham) Grayson, whose son was Gilder Grayson, who died recently. Ham's wife was Sally Eggers. (Note Egger's was the household in which Col Jim grew up.) 3. Gilliam Grayson 4. John Grayson 5. Elizabeth Grayson d. age 29 md Dr. James Butler, brother of Roy. 6. Wm. Franklyn Grayson
- Col. James Grayson was born in Cove Creek, Watauga co., N.C., d. 19 Feb. 1901; buried in Zionville, N.C. by his mother. His father was William (Billy) Grayson who came with his brother (possibly Charles ?) from England to Wilkes co., according to Luke Grayson and his aunt Rebecca Grayson Butler (says Mrs. Luke Grayson.) William Grayson, the father of Col. Jim Grayson and of Benjamin Carroll Grayson, disappeared. It is said he was unhappily married, that he took his gun and went hunting and never returned. No body was ever found. (In the 1850 census James and Benjamin Grayson are in the household of Brazilia Eggers. Was Brazilia the mother, remarried ?)
- Benjamin C. (Carroll) Grayson had a son who was a blind fiddler, Gilliam Bandman Grayson, who had 5 children. The grandchildren are known to the Luke Grayson family.

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William Franklyn (Frank) Grayson was father of Luke Grayson.
Frank md. 1st Mattie Elizabeth Rhea from N.C. April 12, 1876;
they had 6 children. Md. 2nd Julia Wittington; no issue.
Children: 1. James Connolly Grayson; lived and d. in Wilkesboro
N.C.; b. 5 Feb. 1877. 2.) Holla Grayson b. Dec 18 1878 (dau)
3.) Roger Rayburns Grayson, b. Nov 2 1883; shot & killed Sept.
21, 1906 age 22; 4.) Thomas Roscoe Grayson b. Jan 12 1886;
5.) John Lucas (Luke) Grayson, prominent attorney, b.
Nov 27 1887; 6.) Mary Elizabeth Grayson b. April 7 1895; d.
ca. 1975.

Attorney Stacey Grayson of Bristol, Tenn; was son of Luke Grayson
and his 1st wife; The children of the 2nd wife and Luke
are Jean; Marion Frank Grayson; and James Payne Grayson.

Luke's brother James Connolly Grayson's son, Jay Grayson
about age 60, lives in Wilkesboro, N.C.

The Hattie House Hotel in Knoxville was owned by Col Jim
Grayson.

At Winston-Salem, N.C., another of James Connolly Grayson's sons
lives: Buster Grayson. (First name not known.)

Gilder Grayson was Ham's son. Gilder came from Johnson Co., Tenn.

Here is another version of the Tom Dooley song, and on following
pages are copies of news articles about the famous event, sent fr
Mrs. Luke Grayson via her daughter Mrs. Jean Grayson Greer of Oak
Ridge, Tenn.:

"Tom, Tom Dula hang your head and cry,
For you killed poor Laura Forrester,
And now you have to die.

You led her to the hillside,
God A Mighty knows
You led her to the hillside,
And there you hid her clothes.

This night and one more,
Oh, where would I be,
If it hadn't been for Grayson,
I would have been in Tennessee.

Tom Dooley Ballad Tells Stirring Area Legend

By Robert Loving

"This time tomorrow,
Reckon where I'll be—
If it hadn't been for Grayson,
I'd been in Tennessee.

Hang down your head, Tom Dooley,
Hang down your head and cry;
Hang down your head, Tom Dooley,
Poor boy, you're bound to die."

The "Grayson" mentioned in the currently popular recording of an old mountain ballad was the late Col. James W. M. Grayson of Johnson County, Tenn. He was the grandfather of Luke Grayson, prominent Mountain City attorney and former district attorney general and great-grandfather of Jimmy and Frank Grayson of Mountain City and Stacy Grayson of Bristol. Jean G. Greer, Oak

Colonel Grayson shortly before had returned from service as an officer in the Union army in the Civil War and at the time of the incident responsible for the writing of the ballad was serving as sheriff of Johnson County. He tracked down and arrested Tom Dooley, wanted for the slaying of a young Yaddin Valley, N. C., mountain woman, named Laura. Dooley was hanged for the crime.

Many of the mountain folk believed and old timers to this day say they think another young woman Dooley courted also, named Ann, actually did the killing. According to the old belief, Tom



COLONEL GRAYSON

Dooley held Laura in an embrace in a mountain glen while Ann slipped from behind with a knife and plunged it into Laura's heart.

The Rev. R. A. Brown, 88-year-old retired minister of Mountain City, lived as a young boy in the area of the killing and is one of the living authorities on the Tom Dooley story.

Colonel Grayson was living in a still-standing brick house, known as "Seven Gables," at Cut Laurel Gap. The house stands part in Johnson County, Tenn., and part in Ashe County, N. C.

Brown said the slaying took place in Wilkes County and that the motive for the killing was that Laura was in a condition to claim Tom Dooley all for her own and prevent him from dividing his attentions with Ann. The body was buried in a shallow grave in the mountain glen and searchers found the grave about a week later, when their horses reared on getting the scent.

"My great-uncle, Joel Brown, found the body," the veteran Mountain City minister said. "He came to a soft place in the ground, stuck his cane about three inches into the earth and it touched a box containing the body of the slain woman."

When Grayson read in a North Carolina newspaper a description of the wanted Tom Dooley, with a reward offered for his capture, the Johnson County sheriff knew that the young man who left his farm the same morning was the fugitive. Dooley had come barefooted to the Grayson farm three days before and asked for work long enough to get himself a pair of boots. Arising earlier than Colonel Grayson, whom he did not know was a sheriff, he read the "wanted" notice and fled.

Colonel Grayson rode after Dooley, the trail leading through Mountain City and to Pandora, in Doe Valley, Johnson County, when he came upon Dooley. The exhausted

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Tom Dooley

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fugitive, was seated on a big rock, holding in his hand his new boots, which had blistered his feet.

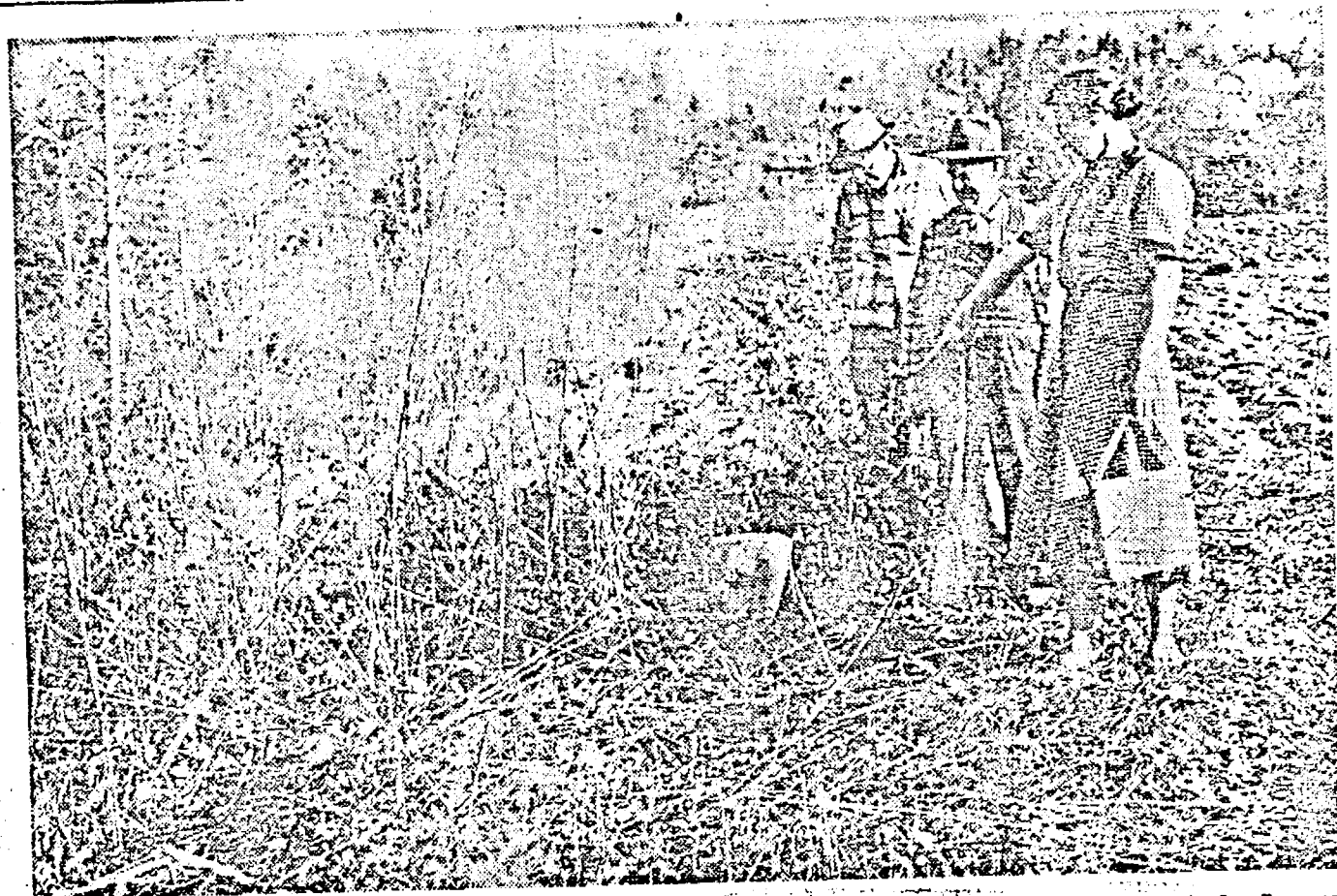
"I was just a young boy, living at Brownwood in Ashe County, N. C., about 35 miles from Mountain City, when Colonel Grayson came riding by with his prisoner, headed for Wilkesboro, N. C.," the Rev. Mr. Brown said. "Mother and I were down at the spring house. She didn't know Grayson at the time, but he yelled to her, 'I've got him.' She yelled back, 'Got who?' and he answered, 'I've got Tom Dooley'."

"Dooley was riding behind Colonel Grayson," Brown related. "His wrists were secured with a rope and his legs tied around the horse with the same rope."

Three times Dooley came to trial and three times he was convicted. People came from far and wide, many sleeping in their wagons, to attend the trials. His first two convictions were set aside because of technicalities but the third trial verdict stood.

"Before and during his trials, Dooley denied the killing but would not accuse anyone else," Brown said. "Some of the people in the section where the killing took place accused Ann of it but she only laughed and said, 'There'll never be a rope around my neck. I'm too pretty to be hanged.'"

When Dooley was taken from the Statesville prison to the scaffold he sat on his coffin, played his fiddle, joked and said, "I never harmed a hair on that fair woman's head."



Staff Photos by Roy Thompson

Three Ferguson residents—Mrs. George Carter, T. W. Ferguson (left) and Greene Eller—visit Tom Dula's grave.

'Hang Down Your Head and Cry' *The Story of Tom Dooley*

By Roy Thompson
Staff Reporter

FERGUSON—Above the ambling Yadkin as it meanders between the Brushies and the Blue Ridge on its way to the sea there's a grave of a fiddling man named Tom Dula.

It's been nearly a century since Tom danced to the hangman's tune.

The weeds are taking his grave and the two river-smoothed flints that mark it.

But, after all these years, the memory of Tom Dula grows green as the Yadkin bottomlands in spring.

His legend has lived and grown, as legends will.



Today, with Tom Dula's ballad being sung the world over, his legend is lively as a cricket here in southwest Wilkes.

Two things they don't like about the popular version of the old ballad:

They mis-spelled Tom's name. He pronounced it as if it were "Dooley" the way the song has it. But it was spelled D-U-L-A.

And in the song, they have Tom confessing.

Every man, every woman, every child within a day's walk of Ferguson can tell you the story of Tom Dula.

And each time the tale is told, it varies slightly from the previous telling.

There's Agreement on One Point

Culling the fiction from the facts is almost as impossible as getting beggar lice out of a tweed suit.

But on one part of the Tom Dula story, Ferguson folk stand shoulder-to-shoulder and sing in close harmony:

They think the public gallows down Statesville way had the wrong victim when Tom Dula was hanged.

"Throughout history there have been many stories about the eternal triangle. This next one is about a Mr. Grayson, a beautiful woman and a condemned man named Tom Dooley. . ."

A triangle it was. Tom Dula was in it. And there was a beautiful woman. But Mr. Grayson? He wasn't part of the triangle. He didn't get into the story until the triangle had been destroyed.

Tom Dula was a black-haired, fair-skinned, blue-eyed man who was too handsome, too skilled at fiddling and too interested in the women folks for his own good.

He wasn't much of a hand to work, and he spent more time with fiddle and jug than he spent with a plow.

But he was a charmer, and Mrs. George Carter of Ferguson, who was brought up on the Dula legend, will admit to you today that, "Tom's been a hero to me since I was just a little girl."

Tom, she says as if talking about a man who'd left Yadkin Valley last week, "always had spices in his shirt that made him smell nice."

He Had Just Returned From War

"Tom."

That's the way they all refer to him nowadays.

"Tom."

Tom Dula had just come home from war back in 1865. He'd been with Zeb Vance's 26th North Carolina Regiment.

The 26th had had it tough at New Bern, at Malvern Hill and, finally, at Gettysburg.

But Tom came home with a smile on his lips and a fiddle at his chin.

He'd promised a lot of pretty girls he'd come back to them, and come back he did.

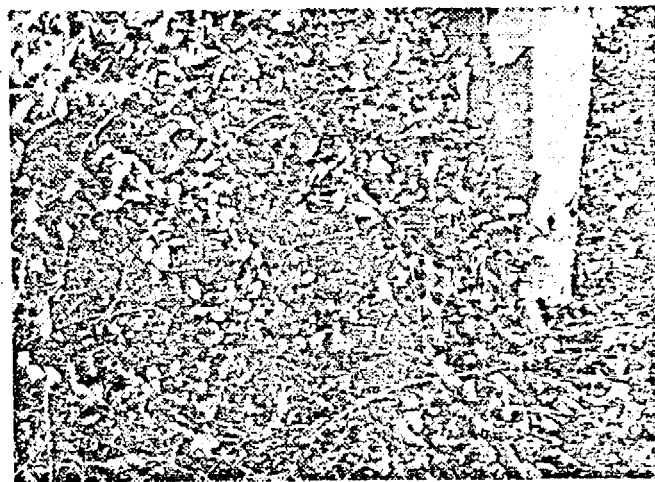
Two of his girls were Laura Foster and her first-cousin, Mrs. Ann Melton.

Ann had been a Foster when Tom rode away to war. She'd loved him, but she hadn't waited.

She was a beauty, Ann was. That's one of the few details of the legend on which everyone agrees today.

And when Tom came back, Ann started slipping off from home to see him.

Then there was Laura Foster. Some say she was



T. W. Ferguson at Laura Foster's grave.

pretty, too. Mrs. Carter refers to her as "mousy and drab."

Laura was one of Will Foster's girls. She lived six miles upstream at Barnett Field at the foot of German Hill.

Tom started seeing a lot of Laura; Ann Melton didn't like it. Tom Dula's more industrious neighbors had predicted trouble for him since he reached manhood. It was gathering about him.

You get a lot of opinions today about what it was that put Laura Foster in her grave.

Some say she had a venereal disease and passed it on to Tom. They say he killed her for it.

But most folks nowadays go along with the theory advanced by Hill Carter who, like his mother, has grown up with the legend.

Hill's great-grandfather, Dr. George N. Carter, performed an autopsy on Laura. He said she was expecting a baby.

Whatever the provocation, Laura Foster saddled her horse, Belle, before light on a Sunday morning in May back in '65 and rode off downstream toward the Dula "house place."

A Mother's Story Is Remembered

("Cousin Ella" McDowell, now 92, remembers hearing her mother tell about seeing Laura that morning.)

What happened next? Well, the jury apparently believed that it happened the way the world was to hear it in 1958:

"I met her on the mountain. There I took her life. Met her on the mountain. Stabbed her with my knife."

Maybe so. Maybe so.

Laura Foster went up a mountain, a mountain now called "Laura Ridge." She apparently rode up a little trout stream that some now call "Reedy Branch" and others call "Laura Creek."

Her father and brothers started hunting for her in a day or so. Later, some of the neighbors joined the search.

The Story of Tom Dooley

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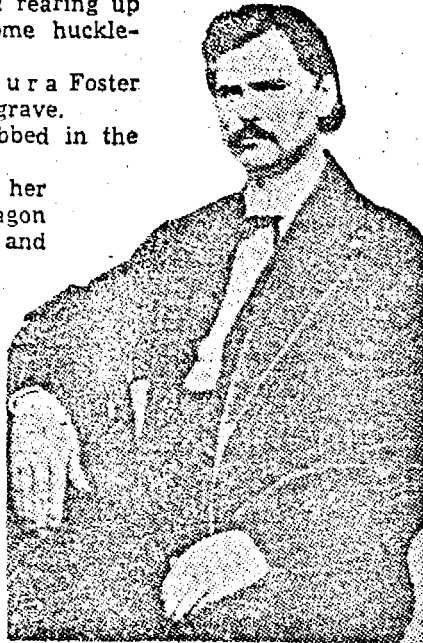
Two or three weeks later, Col. David Eagles Horton was riding his big horse, Mike, up the stream, and the horse, according to Mrs. George Carter, "commenced rearing up and snorting at some huckleberry bushes."

They found Laura Foster there in a shallow grave.

She'd been stabbed in the left breast.

They brought her back home on a wagon filled with straw, and "Cousin Ella" McDowell's mother, who saw her ride away for the last time, saw her come back down the mountain on that wagon.

"This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be? Hadn't of been for Grayson I'da been in Tennessee."



Zeb Vance
... fought another lost cause ..

~~Grayson was Sheriff Jim Grayson of Wilkes. (No)~~

It was some time before he arrested Tom Dula, and nobody agrees today as to where the arrest was made. Some say in North Carolina; some, in Virginia; some, despite the song's version, say Tom actually made it as far as Tennessee.

The day after Tom was taken to Wilkesboro jail, Ann Melton was arrested, too.

Both were charged with Laura's murder.

Then came Zeb Vance. One of his men in the 26th was in danger, and Zeb Vance left his law practice in Charlotte to ride to the rescue.

Lawyer Gets Change of Venue

He convinced the court that Tom would never get a fair trial in Wilkes, and he got a change of venue to Statesville. Tom Dula was moved to the jail there to await trial.

Today, though nearly a century has rolled by since Tom Dula went to Statesville jail, folks around Ferguson are still riled up about the treatment he got.

"They made him sleep on the floor," Mrs. Carter said indignantly. "They wouldn't even let him have sheets. Said the floor was good enough for a murderer."

And they fed him none too well.

They put a couple of big river flints to mark his grave. One at his head; one at his feet.

"This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be..."

The grave is still there. Three more alongside it. None are marked save by river flints. No names. Greene Eller, a Ferguson oldtimer who's been around the old Dula place for a mighty long time, thinks Tom's grave is the one nearest to where the house used to be.

Tom Ferguson, the Yadkin historian, and others think some kind of a marker should be placed there so that nobody will ever forget about Tom Dula.

Forget? Not likely!

They'll tell you today that Ann Melton was right. They never put a rope around her pretty neck. They tried, but the jury said, "Not guilty."

But there are those who say...

Hill Carter got the story from his grandfather, Dr. Carter. He's the one who performed the autopsy on Laura, saw Tom in Statesville jail and, finally, tended Ann Melton as she met death.

Dr. Carter, Hill says, told members of the family that Tom told him that Ann Melton slipped Laura a dose of laudanum and then stabbed her before Tom could interfere.

Tom wouldn't tell the story because he had to protect Ann, Dr. Carter always said.

Then there was the business of Ann's death years later.

Some say she died of blood poisoning following childbirth; others say a heavy ox cart tumbled over and pinned her underneath it.

Dr. Carter, his great-grandson says, always used to say that Ann asked him to let her know when her time had come.

"I have a confession to make," she is said to have told the doctor.

When Ann came to death's door, the doctor told her where she stood, and she asked that her husband be summoned. When James Melton came in, Dr. Carter left them alone, to the everlasting dismay of the surrounding countryside.

The Secret Is Buried With James

Ann Melton carried her secret—whatever it was—to the edge of the grave.

James took it into the grave, and it was buried with him.

"This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be?..."

That blood in Tom's old room stayed a long, long time. Stayed while the house stood.

"You couldn't scour it up," Mrs. Carter says today. "They tried and tried. There was things to be SEEN in that house. Some said it was hanted."

The house was rented to a lot of different families. It has changed hands many times. Daniel Boone was the first owner of the land. Nobody ever seemed to stay there long.

Tom's mother did what she could for her boy. She was a tiny, frail woman who spoke in a voice so quiet that you had to strain to hear her.

But she was stout enough to walk from Ferguson, across the Brushies to Statesville, taking home-cooked food and clean clothes to Tom.

It was about 40 miles, and there are those who say that she made the trip on foot at least once a week through all the long weeks that Tom sat in Statesville jail.

Ann Melton, meantime, sat in a cell in Wilkesboro. Her attorneys won trial delay after another. It is said that Ann never fretted about her trial.

If you believed the stories told on her nowadays, she kept telling her friends. "They'll never put a rope around THIS pretty neck!"

Keeping Company With Laura

Then Tom's day in court came.

He'd been keeping company with Laura. She'd told people she was running off to marry him. Dr. Carter's autopsy showed that she was pregnant.

After her body was found, Tom had left the Yadkin country and headed out.

It looked bad, and when he took the witness stand, he did nothing to help himself.

Today, they say he was protecting Ann Melton, and Tom Dula is widely regarded as the picture of Southern chivalry.

Whatever his intent, he contradicted himself onto the gallows.

Zeb Vance made an eloquent speech to the jury, which included a number of men who, like Tom, had fought for the Lost Cause, but Vance was fighting yet another lost cause.

"Guilty," they all said.

Then came the long wait for the rope. Tom Dula, the light-hearted fiddler, was a changed man.

Over and over and over again he told visitors he'd give anything he had if he could just get back home and sleep on his old feather bed one more time before he hanged.

And the night before the hanging came. . . .

*"This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be.
Down in some lonesome valley hangin' from a
white oak tree."*

It wasn't a white oak tree; it was the gallows Statesville had standing ready for such grim business.

They tell two stories about Tom's last words.

Tom Dula Hanged on a Pretty Day

Some say he held his right hand high and said, "Gentlemen, do you see this hand? Does it tremble? I never hurt a hair on the girl's head."

But there are those who say it went this way:

"Boys, stay clear of fiddlin', women and whiskey."

Then on a morning so pretty that it made leaving this world even more of a chore, they hanged Tom Dula.

His folks came down for the body. Took it back to the old house place. Laid it out on his old feather bed the way Tom had longed to be.

The body lay there overnight, and it bled some, and today . . . but that's getting ahead of the story.

Next day they buried him. Down toward the river from the house.

Just the blood.

One family had a pack of boys. They slept in Tom Dula's old room. They slept in mortal fear that they might fall out of bed "into Tom's blood."

And, when the boys had a falling out, as boys will, there was always a contest, Hill Carter says, "to see who could throw whom into Tom Dula's blood."

Eventually, the house was torn down. Time and the plow have now erased all trace of it.

The field on which it stood is freshly-plowed, and if you follow the furrows downhill toward the Yadkin, you'll come to a place where they veer quickly to the left; and then, turning once more, start to the river once again.

There, where the furrows change direction, lies Tom Dula.

A few miles upstream, just over the line in Caldwell County, is Barnett's Field, where the old Foster place once stood. It, too, is gone.

Laura Foster's Grave Is Unmarked

Over in one corner, in another spot that has been spared by the plow, lies the unmarked grave of Laura Foster. No stone. Just honeysuckle and briars and two sticks that somebody recently stuck up there to let people know which was the right clump of honeysuckle and briars.

They're gone, but the story lives on.

Over in Ferguson, Mrs. Stewart Green has an old, old Victor record with Tom Dula's ballad on it. The tune's a bit bouncier than the 1953 version, but it has more details in it.

It's sung by a fellow named Grayson. Some say it's Sheriff Grayson, the one who brought Tom back for trial.

("Tom Dooley," incidentally, was 3rd on "The Hit Parade," Friday night.)

"Cousin Ella" McDowell was different from the rest.

She's 92, and she's confined to her bed, and she's heard about Tom Dula for nearly a century now.

She's got little confidence in the stories that "they" tell—or the ones that busybody reporters write—about Tom and Laura and Ann.

She frowned sternly as she fixed the reporter in her steady gaze and said, "You can put a lot of truth in this story or a lot of lies. One thing you can know for sure about this, and that's about all . . .

"Tom Dula's been dead a long time, and it's about time people stopped talking about this thing."

Then she smiled.

"Cousin Ella's" been around too long. She knows they won't.

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QUIZ: (someone please answer.) Who was William Grayson, age 20 who immigrated to Va. on ship "Safety" in 1635 & his ancestors if any. (Listed in Holten's List of Immigrants to America; ref. from Leon Brooks.) Is this the earliest Grayson?

The next documented reference is to Richard Grayson in Eliz. Co. Va. in a 1642 land grant. The third is in 1687 where the records of Middlesex co. Va. record the birth of son Charles to Thomas and Mary Grayson. (From Leon Brooks.)

Editor's note: I thought that John Grayson of Spts co d. Va. 1735, his brother Thomas of Deal & sons John jr., Ambrose, and ? Benjamin were the oldest Grayson group. Landed in Lancaster co., Va. July 1695(acc. to L. Brooks.)

Question: Who were James and Elizabeth Grayson of Washington Co., Tenn. who witnessed the will of Rebecca Vanderpool on 12 May 1779? (p. 32, Tenn. Cousins.) Were they the same James & Elizabeth Grayson who married in Gootchland co., Va. in 1756, had son Thomas 1756, son John 24 Jan 1759? (Ref.: Va. Genealogies.) And who were all their descendants?

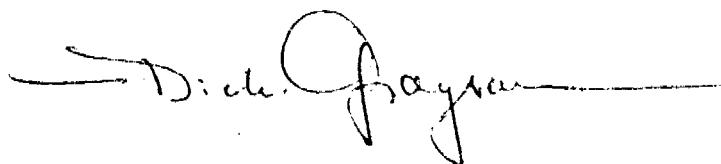
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Not enough queries and minor notes from all of you this time. Please each of you send me something for the next newsletter. Do it this week so you don't forget.

Threemore for the mailing list this time, making 15: Randall F. Richardson of Humboldt, Ka; Jean Grayson Greer of Oak Ridge, Tenn, and Katheryn Reeves Jean of Magnolia, Ark.

Thank you all for the monetary contributions. I will not set dues or subscription prices because then it will be so business-like that I will have deadlines and obligations. For example, if you all fail to provide me with material for this newsletter it will automatically stop.

Happy Hunting



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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER # 7

It appears that there were 8 Graysons in the Revolutionary War; the National Archives lists 4 of them: Spencer, Thomas, Col. William, and Robert. The DAR Patriot index lists John, Richard, Spence, and 3 Williams. The latter list was sent by Mrs. Martha Jean Hodges of Lake Jackson, Tex.:

On page 282 of the 1966 DAR Patriot Index, the following is listed:

Grayson: John b 1733 d 1780 - 1785 m Sarah Wigg
 1 Lt South Carolina
 William b 1736 d 3-12-1790 m Eleanor Smallwood
 Co ADC (Aide-de-camp) PS (Patriotic Service)
 Virginia
 William b 1732 d 1829 m Ann Smith Capt Virginia
 William b s. 1750 d 1801 m Rachel Cooley
 Private Virginia
 Richard bc. 1760 d p 1790 m ___ Bryan
 1 L Maryland
 Spence b 1732 d 12- - 1798 m Mary Elizabeth Wagoner
 PS Chaplain Virginia

(Re: Newsletter #6, page 1 -- The National Archives no. T-515 lists two men who are not listed in the DAR - Thomas and Robert. Thus, according to my records, there were eight Graysons in the Revolutionary War.)

The following is our line of descent:

Henry Robert Hodges, Sr. (1935 -) m Martha Jean Harvey
 Henry Ambrose Hodges (1903 -) m Ella Fay Gregg
 Eulalie Grayson (1875 - 1969) m Henry Isaac Hodges
 Henry Ambrose Grayson (1846 - 1926) m Mary Eudora Petty (3rd wife)
 Ambrose G. _____ Grayson (1810 - 1853) m Sarah B. _____ Vann
 John Grayson (1770 - 1826) m Sarah Carter
 John Grayson (1727 or 1729 - 1802) m Barbara Burdyne
 Ambrose Grayson (1680 - 1743) m Alice James
 John Grayson (?) m Susannah _____ (He bought land
 in Spotsylvania Co Va. 1714)

(Note: I have no verified information relative to the Graysons past Henry Ambrose (1846 - 1926). The above data was sent to me by Mrs. Underwood.)

No. 7, page 2.

At Clayton Library, Houston, Texas, I found the following information in a book called Lendmarks of Old Prince William, (Fairfax Harrison 1964, Chesapeake Book Co., Berryville, Va.)

"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 a colonel of a regiment of the line in the Continental army and subsequently in the Continental Congress, was the first Senator to represent Virginia in the Congress of the United States. Dying in 1790, he left a reputation which, says Grigsby, 'may fitly fill one of the brightest pages in our annals' (see Virginia Convention of 1788, i, 194). Grayson County was named for him in 1793."

p. 156 (footnote #37)

"Those of them resident at Dumfries who had built that town were almost all Glasgow men, bearing names well known in that city."

p. 389

QUERY: The above would indicate that the Grayson family, (John, Ambrose, Benjamin), who landed in Lancaster County, Va. in 1695 were Scottish. Is this true and, if so, were either Glasgow or Dumfries the ancestral home?

In our books on Texas, I found a quote about B. S. Grayson in Texas Independence by Andrew Jackson Houston (son of Sam Houston), The Anson Jones Press, 1937.

"March 10th, from New Orleans, Benjamin S. Grayson applied to the President for reissue of letters of marque and reprisal to the privateer schooner, Thomas Toby, Captain Hoyt, and offered to sell the vessel to the government for fifteen thousand dollars, in land script at fifty cents per acre." p. 284

In Sandbars and Sternwheelers; steam navigation on the Brazos by Puryear and Winfield, Jr. (Texas A & M Univ. Press, 1976), we find on page 116:

"Brazos River Steamboat Captains and Their Boats"		
Captain	Boat	Years
Grayson, Thomas Wigg	Yellow Stone	1835 - 1836
	Ocean	1836
	Laura	1837

There is an illustration of The Yellow Stone but it is too poor to copy. The engraving is by Charles Bodmer and the original engraving is in the Engineering-Transportation Library of the Univ of Michigan.

No. 7/ page 3.

There are many references to Peter W Grayson in our books. I am sure that you already have most of the information about him. Among the material we have relative to him are:

Andrew Jackson Houston, TX. IND.; pp. 64, 255, 271, 281
 James A. Creighton, A Narrative Hist. of Brazoria Co.;
 pp. 86, 87, 104, 107, 108
 Carroll and Gutsch, Tx. Hist. Theses; p. 32, #90
 Elliott, Theses on Tx. Hist.; p. 5, #12
 Jim Dan Hill, The Texas Navy; pp. 62, 105, 107
 Eugene C. Barker, The Life of Stephen F. Austin;
 pp. 337, 384, 387, 432
 T. R. Fehrenbach, Lone Star; pp. 183, 254
 James M. Day, The Texas Almanac, 1857-1873; pp. 10,
 57, 248, 284, 294, 403, 405, 406, 408,
 418, 601, 602

(End of excerpts from Mrs. Hodge's letter)

Here are comments from Mrs. Underwood of Lufkin, Tex.:

1. Chaplain Spence Grayson - his name was Spence, not Spencer - he was the son of Benjamin Grayson of Prince William Co., Va., and Benjamin was a brother of Ambrose Grayson who died in Spotsylvania Co., Va. in 1742 - he was also the brother of Col. William Grayson in whose regiment he served.
2. John Grayson - born c1727 Spotsylvania Co., Va., died 1802 Montgomery Co., Va. - took Oath of Allegiance in Capt. McCorkle's Company (Fincastle Co., Va.) Nov. 10, 1777 - 1st cousin of Chaplain Spence Grayson and Col. William Grayson. He was the son of Ambrose Grayson (d. 1742 Spotsylvania Co., Va.) NOTE Fincastle Co., Va. was later divided among other counties but John Grayson lived in that part which became Montgomery Co., Va.
3. Private Robert Grayson - don't know who he was, but there was a Robert Grayson living in Montgomery Co., Va. in 1789 and could be related to the Spotsylvania, Co. line.
4. William Grayson - 3 with the same name and all related
 - a. Col. William Grayson - son of Benjamin Grayson and brother of Chaplain Spence Grayson (above) - m. Eleanor Smallwood
 - b. Captain William Grayson - son of Ambrose Grayson, (d. 1742 Spotsylvania Co., Va.) - brother of John Grayson (above) and 1st cou. of brothers Chaplain Spence and Col. William Grayson (above) - m. Ann Smith
 - c. Private William Grayson - son of John Grayson (#2 above) and nephew of Captain William Grayson - m. Rachel Cooley

The above is all I know about Graysons in the Revolutionary War. John Grayson (#2 above) because of age, probably never saw actual action, BUT he did sign an Oath of Allegiance and that makes all of his descendants eligible for either the DAR or the SAR. He let it be known where his sympathies were.

I would love to contact any descendant of John and Barbara Grayson. He died in Montgomery Co., Va. in 1802. I descend from his youngest son (perhaps youngest child) John who married Sarah (Sally) Carter.

No. 7.. page 4..

Dear Dr. Grayson

After writing letter #1 I came across some old letters I had forgotten about having. I am sharing them with your readers in hope that they might be useful in some way. I now remember going to Tyler, Texas 4 years²⁻²⁻³ and checking the telephone directory and copying down the names and addresses of all Graysons living there. I heard from 2 of them and a third sent my letter to his brother in Lawton, Oklahoma and I heard from him. I will give the letterwriter's name, address, date of letter, and any vital information contained therein.

I. Mr. Doyce W. Grayson - 3807 Ferris, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501 - date of letter, April 15, 1973

1. Writer was 35 at time of writing and had lived all of his life in Lawton, Oklahoma.
2. Father was Benjamin Franklin Grayson, born January 20, 1898 in Comanche, Oklahoma, Indian Territory. Living at time letter was written.
3. Grandparents were Theodore Edgar "Ed" Grayson and Mattie Carrie Rimer ~~Wimer~~. He was supposed to have been born near Belton or Temple, Texas 20 Nov. 1871. He died 10 Feb. 1942 and is buried in Coombs, Texas with his wife.
4. Theodore Edgar Grayson's parents were William Harvey "Frank" Grayson and Dorthula Roxanna Clemantine Martin. William Harvey Grayson was born in 1830 in Monroe Co., Tennessee (he thought) and married in same county 23 Feb. 1857. William Harvey Grayson was born 29 Jan. 1830 in Tennessee and died 21 March 1906 and is buried in Montague Co., Texas. After marrying he left Tennessee and ~~went to Missouri~~ and went to Missouri around 1860. In 1871 he was in Bell Co., Texas and on to Montague Co., Texas between 1872-1890 and died there.
5. Writer thought that William Harvey Grayson's parentz was William B. Grayson.
6. Children of William Harvey Grayson were:
 - a. Charlie - born c1858 - buried in Waco, Texas
 - b. Jim - born c1859 - buried in Merkle, Texas
 - c. Mary Alace - born in Missouri 2 May 1860, died 28 Oct 1946, buried in Chillicothe, Texas - m. ? Holt, ? Willingham, ? Caswell.
 - d. Joe - buried near Belton, Texas
 - e. Robert Calvin "Callie" - born 1867, died 1930, buried Montague County
 - f. Hugh - buried at Merkle, Texas
 - g. Marion - buried at Cloud Chief, Oklahoma
 - h. Theodore Edgar - see 3 above
 - i. Sam - buried at Merkle, Texas
 - j. Frank "Babe" - buried in Lubbock, Texas

7. Children of Theodore Edgar and Mattie Carrie (Rimer) Grayson
- a. Charles William "Charlie" - b. 27 Oct 1894, Montague Co., Texas - died 8 May 1968 Ft. Worth, Texas - buried in Lawton, Oklahoma.
 - b. Floyd - stillborn 4 March 1897 Montague Co., Texas.
 - c. Benjamin Franklin and twin Buclah - born 20 Jan. 1898 near Comanche, Oklahoma. Buclah Mae Grayson Vowell Pannell died in May 1947 in Lawton.
 - d. Rufus Earl - born 23 Jan 1900 in Comanche Okla, died in Harlingen, Tex. 16 Oct. 1967 - buried in Coombs, Texas
 - e. Henry Lester - born 30 June 1901 Comanche, Oklahoma - living at time of letter in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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II. Mr. M.M. Grayson - 314 Kathy Circle, Tyler, Texas - date of letter, March 23, 1973.

1. Father was Joseph B. Grayson who died in 1919. Father had 1 brother - John W. Grayson who died in late 1800's.
2. Father was William Kerridge Grayson, M.D., lived in Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas mostly in Bell and Williamson. He came here from England and was supposed to have a brother but writer never knew anything about him. William Kerridge Grayson was the grandfather, not the father, of the writer as I have in the 1st line. He died in 1900 at about 90 yrs of age.
3. Great-grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth Grayson and lived in England in the 1800's.

III. Mr. Carl W. Grayson - 525 N. Clayton, Tyler, Texas 75701 - date of letter, April 9, 1973.

1. Father was Horatio Alexander Grayson who died in 1962 at age 92.
2. Grandfather was Charlie Oliver Grayson who moved to Smith Co., Texas from Clark Co., Alabama in 1883.
3. His grandfather's father (not named) came to U.S., shortly after the pilgrims settled, along with 2 brothers from England. One brother started back, the ship was wrecked, and never heard from again. They settled in Tennessee
4. Father had 3 brothers, Bela, Alex, and John Grayson. One went North, 1 west, and 1 settled in Nacogdoches, Texas.
5. Claimed he had a distant cousin who was a Texas Ranger, "that Grayson County" was named for was when Texas was Nacogdoches territory."

NOTE - Mr. Carl W. Grayson enclosed a ~~print~~ Xerox copy of a letter written by his grandfather Grayson to the young lady he later married. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army at the time and it was dated Jacksonville, Alabama, Oct. 16, 1864. I realize that his grandfather's father couldn't have come to these shores shortly after 1620 but I am only giving the facts as he gave them in his letter of April 9, 1973.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

P.S. Enclosed is a letter and an application for membership in the Colonial Dames which I received in August, 1975 from Mrs. Tom M. Johnson (nee Kathleen Grayson) of Houston, Texas. Her address is at the top of the letter. You may keep this material as I have no further need of it.

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

My father
Powell Clayton Grayson
B 21 March 1875
D 6 August 1966
M 12 October 1905

Zachariah Taylor Grayson M
B 12 March 1845
D September 1937
M 21 January 1862

Joan Grayson
B 1867
D 1861
Sarah Fricks
B ca 1890
D 1873

Here is an interesting query from Mrs. Justin Salyards of Pass Christian, Miss.:

I am compiling a history of the ROBERT GRAYSON family who resided in CLARK COUNTY, INDIANNA.

ROBERT GRAYSON b. 11 Jan 1790, Kentucky

d. 24 Apr 1845, Clark County, Indiana

He had six children, the seven child died before the age of 20; leaving two children. I also have descendents of three of the children; and would like to exchange information.

(signed by Mrs. J. S.)

On pages 7 and 8 are what I have on Robert Graysons from Ind. Who knows more about these? I am particularly eager to find the father of Robert Grayson of Clark co., b. 1790.

Mrs.. McCoy of Ark City Ks sent the following good miscellaney:

1. Ripley County, Missouri....Marriage bk. 1, also called Bk.2..1860-1881
GREYSON, John G.-md. Lucinda CARTER 28 Feb 1869by Fingado.
2. Early Virginia Marriages-34 Vol.-copied by Gayle Blevin from Pittsburg, Kansas Library. Marriages 1700-1850.
 - 1.GRAYSON, Mary-md. John CATLETT- 20 Oct. 1726- Caroline Co., Va.
 - 2.GRAYSON, Alice-md. James STEVENS- 26 Aug. 1744-Spotsylvania Co., Va.
 - 3.GRAYSON, Sarah-md. Benjamin AIMSLEY- 20 Mar. 1769-Goochland Co., Va.
 - 4.GREYSON, Elizabeth-md. Benjamin MOSS- 18 Sept. 1786-Louisa Co., Va.
 - 5.GRAYSON, Thomas-md. Jenny FIELD- 11 July 1788- Albemarle Co., Va.
 - 6.GRAYSON, James-md. Bathsheba PHELPS- 21 May 1791-Bedford Co., Va.
 - 7.GRAYSON, Frances-md. James ELLIOTT-No mo. or day given-1796-Botetourt Co., Va.
 - 8.GRAYSON, Spence-md. Betsey BOWLER- 1 June 1799-Norfolk Co., Va.
 - 9.GRAYSON, Robert-md. Margaret PEYTON- 28 Feb. 1811-Frederick Co., Va.
- *NOTE: #2 above-6th. pg. Newsletter #44 shows James Stevens Culpeper Co., Va.
3. William and Mary Quarterly- MISCELLANEOUS NOTES--Prince William County,Va.
"Library of William Dunlop, son of Alexander Dunlop, Greek Professor in the University of Glasgow---valued at L55, 14s. 9d. --199 titles.
Reported by Capt. Benjamin GRAYSON in 1741." (Ref;Cat.144-Borderland Bks.-P.O. Box 3021,Bartlesville, Okla. 74003).(No longer in business).
4. GRAYSON, David- American author- Wrote "Adventures in Contentment" and "Adventures in Friendship".....Check with Biographical Names shows David GRAYSON is a "pen name" for RAY STANNARD -1870-1946.
5. Request for Death Certificate for JOHN W. GRAYSON- son of Henry and Cynthia YEARNIS Grayson-1838-1912 C.W.File SC 09750545 Nat. Archives, -died San Francisco, Ca.- Negative results----They sent death certificate for; JOSHUA GRAYSON-
b. 2 Jan. 1838 in Ky.
md. Record shows he was married, but wife not mentioned.
d. 15 Feb. 1910 at his home, 838 S. Second, San Jose, Ca. at 3P.M.-death due to Intestinal Obstruction....Age 74yrs. 1 month 13 days.
He was a retired Carpenter-Contractor and had lived in California 14 years (1896) and at the address above 14 years.
Charles Rayburn of Placerville, Calif. gave the information for the death cert.
Burial was Feb. 17, 1910 in the Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, Ca. by Undertaker, W.L. Woodrow.

ROBERT GRAYSON

MICHA J GRAYSON

m. Hiram Akers 1844.8.6

m. 1825.10.26

NANCY LONG

1802

JULIANN GRAYSON

1829

m. John F. Straw 1845.11.4

ch: Nancy J. b. 1847
John R. b. 1849

1. Ind, Clark Co, marriage records [1825-1854:
Books A-F]

1825.10.26 (B.71) Robert Grayson m. Nancy Long
1844.8.6 (E.65) Micha J Grayson m. Hiram Akers
1845.11.4 (E.87) Julian Grayson m. John F. Straw
1854.3.11 (F.489) Lavine Grayson m. John McBride

2. 1830 Census Ind, Clark Co. p. 68

Robert Grayson 0-5-10-15-20-30-40-50-60-
M 2 2 1
F 1 2 2 1

3. 1850 Census Ind, Clark Co. p. 300 #154

Nancy Grayson 48 f Ky \$2500
Julian Straw 21 f Ind
Robert Grayson 18 m "
Lavin Grayson 16 f "
George Grayson 12 m "
Elizabeth " 11 f "
Isaac F " 9 m "
Alfred Ling 15 m "
Nancy J Straw 3 f "
John R Straw 1 m "

ROBERT GRAYSON

1832

LAVINE GRAYSON

1834

m. John McBride 1854.3.11

GEORGE GRAYSON

1838

ELIZABETH GRAYSON

1839

ISAAC F GRAYSON

1841

Apparently Robert⁵ Grayson and
John F. Straw⁴ are gone or dead.
Robert⁵ would be very old, ≥ 70 yrs.

ROBERT GRAYSON
1835

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ARMAND GRAYSON (fem.)
1867
IND

ROBERT GRAYSON
1870
IND

JULIA GRAYSON
1869
IND

RAVEN GRAYSON

also

ISAAC GRAYSON
1845

1. Clark Co. Ind. 1880 Census
Jeffersonville Twp 5 25 7 45

ROBERT GRAYSON 45 N.R.

ARMAND 13 f. IND

ROBERT 10 "

JULIA 11 "

RAVEN 5 "

ISAAC GRAYSON 35 " (not related)

ROBERT GRAYSON
1846

JOHN GRAYSON
1869

MARGARET
1851

MARY GRAYSON
1872

1. Monroe Co., Ind., Census 1880
Perry Twp. 4 285 1 36

ROBERT GRAYSON 34 IND

MARGARET 29 IND

JOHN 11 MO

MARY 8 MO

JULIA 5 IND

WILLIAM 3 IND

ELIZA $\frac{3}{2}$ IND

JULIA GRAYSON
1875

WILLIAM GRAYSON
1877

ELIZA GRAYSON
1880

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Some nice material from Mrs. Katheryn Jean of Magnolia, Ark.:

FROM THE 1860 U.S. Census Ouachita County, Arkansas Page 6

Listing	Name	Date	Dwelling	Families	Age	Sex	B'Place
1	John Grayson	19/June	39	44	50	M	Tenn.
2	Sarah "	"	"	"	"	F	N.C.
3	Samuel M.	"	"	45	30	M	Tenn.
4.	James M.	"	"	46	25	M	Tenn.
5.	Henry D.	"	"	"	21	M.	Tenn.
6.	Thomas J.	"	"	"	16	M	Tenn.
7.	Taylor	"	"	"	11	M	Tenn.
8	M. V. Temple	"	"	"	90?	M	Tenn.

(Have been told this was a hired man living with the family--No proof)

9thru 13 James Cooper Family all from Tennessee

14-15 Henings from Mississippi & Alabama

16	G. W. Grayson	1	42	49	19	M	Tenn.
17	Lucinda	"	"	"	17	F	Ga.
18	Granville	"	"	"	1	F ?	Tenn.

19 thru 21 Capt. J. Dodd Family

22 R. Bensoney

23-24 A. M. Jones & Wife

25-33 J. Parkes Family

(Note: John & Sarah Grayson are buried at White's Church Cemetery just across the county line in Nevada County, Arkansas. There are some Jones and Parkes buried there also)

We, John Abbott of Eldorado, Arkansas, who married my second cousin, and I think John Grayson's father was Jesse, who was the son of Ben Grayson of Wilkes County, M. C. John was born 1807 This John Grayson Family was in Hamilton County, Tennessee for the 1950 U. S. Census. *1860 - U.S. Cen. Ouachita (dine)*

From a book I copied Virginians in the Revolution P. 323

The following Graysons are Listed: (1 more than you had)

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; Lt. Colonel and Aide-de-Camp to General Washington Aug 24, 1776; Colonel of 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 Mch. (Mar.?) 12, 1790. Awarded 6,666 and 926 acres.

Grayson, William, Captain, Albermarle Mil.

From: 929.37755 Fothergill and Naugle

Virginia tax payers, 1782-87

other than those published by the U.S. Census Bureau

Grayson, Robert	1 Poll	Slaves	Montgomery County
Rev. Spence	13	"	Loudon "
Col. William 1	8	"	" "
Col. William 1	21	"	Prince William "
William 1	2	"	Spotsylvania "
William 1	"	"	Culpeper
Benjamin	8	"	Loudon
John	"	"	Montgomery

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Leon Brooks of Shreveport, La. has an answer to a previous query as follows:

Your Item #8 in Newsletter #5 also asked about the Grayson for which Grayson, Louisiana was named. The Lineage is given below and as a matter of interest the Alfred M. (2.) and A.J. of California were brothers.

"Grayson, Louisiana named after W. B. Grayson"

1. Thomas Grayson md. Sarah Stuart

b. 1770 d. 1839 b. 1779 d. 1833

Oldest son of Thomas and Sarah was

2. Alfred M. md. Eliza Ann Bowden

b. 1796 d. 1835 d. 1855

5th of 8 children of Alfred M. and Eliza Ann was

3. Wiley Blount Grayson

b. November 3, 1829 Caldwell Parish, Louisiana

Planter, Mason, Tax Collector

Prominent in Caldwell Parish

Married Josephine Boatner in 1851. They had 12 children.

This must be the Wiley Blount that Grayson, Louisiana was named after. My Great Grandfather was named Wiley Blount, and was a brother to Alfred M.

Recall that in Newsletter number 5 are listed 8 place names of Grayson. Leon Brooks has a 9th Grayson place: it is Grayson, California. Leon has sent a 6 page speech that was given in 1960 commemorating this town, which I will abstract here.

Andrew Jackson Grayson came to the San Joaquin Valley in 1849. The town was founded in 1850 and first named Graysonville. It was a part of Tuolumne county, until 1854 when Stanislaus County was carved out of the western portion of it. Andrew Jackson Grayson, later known as the Audubon of the Pacific was appointed a Lieutenant in the Mexican War in 1846 shortly after he and his wife and son arrived in Calif. from La. In 1867, his only child, a son age 22, was murdered "by a band of cut throats at San Blas. Andrew Jackson Grayson died of a fever Aug 17, 1869 and was buried at Mazatlan. In 1873 his remains were moved to Coloma. See Newsletter # 3 & 4 for more on this Grayson.

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From The Handbook of Texas, Vol 1, sent by Mrs Hodges:

GRAYDON, TEXAS

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GRAYSON COLLEGE

sician, suggested the name, Grayburg. The mill, with a capacity of 160,000 feet daily, employed 450 men and ran until 1928, when it was dismantled because of depletion of the timber supply. Population at the peak of activity was 1,800. In 1948 population was 400.

Graydon, Texas. Graydon, a rural community in central Chambers County, was a post office from 1903 until 1910. In 1946 the community had a church and a general merchandise store. Ross Sterling⁹ was born in the community.

Grays Creek. Grays Creek rises in central Harrison County and flows north about nine miles into Little Cypress Bayou. The stream was probably named for Thomas Gray, who patented land at its mouth. The creek is dammed four miles north of the town of Marshall to create a reservoir with a capacity of 1,044 acre-feet. The lake is owned by the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

Grays Prairie, Texas. Grays Prairie, in southwestern Kaufman County near Scurry, its post office, is a farming community which reported a population of seventy-five and two businesses in 1940.

Grayson, Ben S. Ben S. Grayson, brother of Thomas Wigg Grayson,⁹ was born in South Carolina. He and J. M. Shreve were part owners, with Toby and Brother Company⁹ in New Orleans, of the *Thomas Toby*,⁹ a Texas privateer. Grayson was a merchant at Velasco soon after the Texas Revolution and his partnership with Shreve, at Marion, was dissolved in September, 1837. In August, 1840, Grayson was a candidate for mayor of San Antonio. He acquired a considerable amount of Texas land in the San Antonio area by purchasing land scrip which had been used to pay Texas soldiers. He went from Texas to Mexico to escape malaria and established stores at Camargo and Monterrey. After the Mexican War he took a mule train of supplies to Los Angeles, California. He grubstaked miners, bought property around San Francisco, and acquired considerable wealth before his death in San Francisco on July 8, 1849.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Telegraph and Texas Register*, September 16, 1837; *State Gazette*, October 20, 1849; *Texas Sentinel*, August 15, 1840.

Grayson, Peter William. Peter William Grayson son of Benjamin Grayson, was born in Bardstown, Kentucky, in 1788. On December 2, 1830, he applied for a league of land in Stephen F. Austin's colony and set up his law practice at San Felipe. The usual land grant to a single man was one-fourth league, but Grayson felt his extensive capital entitled him to a full league. In the summer of 1834, he and Spencer H. Jack⁹ went to Mexico City to argue in behalf of the release of Austin, then imprisoned there. They succeeded in having him released on bail within the bounds on the Federal District of Mexico. Grayson and Austin became good friends, and when Austin was chosen to head the company of volunteers organized at Gonzales in October, 1835, he appointed Grayson his aid-de-camp.

Grayson was appointed attorney general by President David G. Burnet,⁹ and as such he signed the treaty of Velasco.⁹ On May 26, 1836, Burnet sent Grayson and James W. Collinsworth⁹ to Washington, D. C., to negotiate with the United

States was not in session, their efforts proved fruitless. On February 18, 1837, President Sam Houston appointed Grayson attorney general of the Republic of Texas. In October, 1837, he was back in Washington, possibly as Houston's confidential agent, and on December 31, 1837, Houston authorized him to purchase ships for the Texas Navy. In the presidential campaign of 1838, Grayson's friends in Texas nominated him to succeed Sam Houston as president, but on July 9, 1838, at Bean's Station in eastern Tennessee, Grayson took his own life. The suicide was attributed to ill health.

Grayson County, created in 1846, was named in honor of Peter W. Grayson.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Amelia W. Williams and E. C. Barker (eds.), *Writings of Sam Houston*, II (1939).

Grayson, Thomas Wigg. Thomas Wigg Grayson was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, on August 8, 1803. He was in Texas as early as August 9, 1835, when he signed a petition for a Texas convention being circulated by John A. Wharton⁹ at Brazoria. On September 1, 1835, Grayson was bringing the steamer *Laura*,⁹ loaded with lumber, into the mouth of the Brazos when the steamer *San Felipe*⁹ encountered the Mexican war vessel *Correo*. Being short of fuel, Grayson burned his cargo of lumber to insure sufficient steam to assist in capturing the *Correo*. Captain William A. Hurd⁹ of the *San Felipe* took the *Correo* as a prize to New Orleans and left Lieutenant Grayson in charge of the Texas vessels. Grayson was master of the *Yellow Stone*⁹ in the fall of 1835 and on December 31 brought it to Texas loaded with volunteers from Alabama and a cargo of musket balls, flints, and bar lead for the Texas Revolution. In the summer of 1836 he brought to Texas the steamer *Ocean*⁹ loaded with supplies donated to the Texas cause by the citizens of Mobile, Alabama. In October, 1836, Grayson advertised that the *Yellow Stone* would make regular trips between Quintana and Washington-on-the-Brazos. He had the vessel at Velasco on November 15, 1836, but on November 30 he was back at Velasco on the *Thomas Toby*.⁹ In January, 1837, Grayson took the steamer *Laura* to Houston. By August, 1837, he was captain of the fast running steamer *Sam Houston*, plying between Houston, Galveston, Velasco, and Matagorda.

In August, 1839, Grayson was living in Austin when he applied to Mirabeau B. Lamar⁹ for appointment as a notary public. Grayson married Mrs. Tabitha Edwards in Austin in November, 1844; they were parents of five children. He farmed for a time at LaGrange and in 1848 located at Salma on a horse ranch, from which he sold mounts to the United States cavalry. He established a ranch on the Chupederas Creek fourteen miles from San Antonio in 1857. The Graysons maintained a home in San Antonio, where Grayson died on August 20, 1873.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: C. A. Gulick and others, *Papers of Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar*, III (1923); Alex. Dienst, "The Navy of the Republic of Texas," *Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*, XII (1908-1909); *Telegraph and Texas Register*, February 21 and August 21, 1837; *Texas State Gazette*, November 16, 1850; Ship Registers and Enrollments of New Orleans, Louisiana, III, 1831-1840 (Mimeographed).

Emma E. Pirie

Grayson College. Grayson College, founded

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The following are the Grayson names from microfilm of the regional Branch of the National Archives in Chicago for the Civil War for the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Anybody wishing further information on a soldier should request it from the National Archives in Washington. Ill. Civil War Graysons:

1. John R. Grayson, Pvt	1 Ill Cavalry	B Co.
2. Joseph Grayson, Pvt	22 Ill Inf	I co.
3. James Grayson, Pvt	11 Ill Cav.	B Co.
4. John C. Grayson, Lieut.	63 Ill Inf	B Co.
5. David C. Grayson, Pvt.	37 Ill Inf	B co.
6. Edward Grayson, Pvt	22 Ill Inf	
7. William Grason, Sgt, Capt.	116 Ill Inf	A co.

Ind.:

8. Andrew J. Grayson, Sgt.	60 Ind Inf	G, E co.
8. Andrew J. Grayson, Lieut.	60 Ind inf	D co.
9. Beryl P. Grayson, Sgt.	82 Ind Inf	E Co.
10. George Grayson, Pvt	1 Ind Heavy Art'y	G Co.
11. Henry Grayson, Pvt	60 Ind Inf	I co.
12. Henry W. Grayson, Pvt	137 Ind Inf	B co.
13. Hiram T. Grayson, Pvt. 52	Ind Inf	B co.
14. Henry W. Grayson, Pvt.	1 Ind Heavy Art G co.	
15. Henry W. Grayson, Pvt	9 Ind Legion	H co.
16. John Grayson, Pvt.	24 Ind Inf	H Co.
	also 67 Ind Inf	K co.
17. John F. Grayson, Pvt.	7 Ind Inf	D Co.
18. John W. Grayson, Pvt.	1 Ind Heavy Art'y	G co.
19. Thomas L. Grayson, Pvt. Cpl 42	Ind Inf	E co.
	also filed under "Graisson"; also 58 Ind Inf, K co.; 143 Ind Inf H co.	
20. William W. Grayson, Pvt	52 Ind Inf; B co. & 52 Ind Inf	, A co.
21. Alfred Greason or Greeson	70 Ind Inf	D co.

Ohio:

22. James D. Grayson, Pvt; Cpl	1 Indpt Batt Ohio Light Art'y	
23. Thomas Grayson, Pvt	89 Ohio Inf	E co.

QUERY: from Jack Markwood Grayson, jr, of Cumberland, Md.: his grandfather Benjamin Hopkins Grayson, b. 20 July, 1878 in Antioch, W. Va., md. Emma A. Markwood; Father of Benjamin Hopkins Grayson was Benjamin Grayson, b. 1858, d. 23 June 1926, md. 1st Catherine ? , 7 children: Martin, Vernon, Lola, Florence, Jesse, Aaron; md. 2nd: Florence Maloney, 3 children: Benjamin Hopkins Grayson, Frederick Elsworth, Zula B. The father of Benj. Grayson b 1858 was "L.W. Grayson" who md. 1st Leona Tettenburn, md 2nd Elizabeth A. Boseley. The question is, who was L.W. Grayson?

Announcement: The Sodens of Des Moines are sending cards to all Graysons in large cities looking for family histories and the answers are to come to the Grayson Association here; will publish any good replies.

Thank you who have sent all this information and especially for the money contributions for expenses. Please keep it up. Those who neither send money nor genealogy will be assumed to have no interest and will not be on the mailing list.

Happy Hunting,

- R.G.

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER # 8

I have 6 new letters sitting before me plus new census reports which I purchased from the Genealogical Company so it looks as if this bulletin is popular and necessary. I am glad you are all enjoying this. We should try for a preponderance of analysis and synthesis and not too much undigested material so that the reading of the newsletter is interesting. Therefore answers to queries and summaries of your research will be especially wanted.

The Soden's postcard mailing to Graysons is starting to bring in replies; Donald S. Grayson of 2600 Meadow Drive, Louisville, Ky., writes: "My brother Wendell and I have spent considerable time on our line only to be stumped on our great-great grandfather, Thomas M. Grayson. Who were his parents, etc.? He was born Nov. 8, 1830 (in Va. acc. to 1880 Bell co., Ky census; in N.C., acc. to 1870 Bell co Ky census.) Married Christena Davis Jan 23, 1857, dau of Harmon Davis, b. Va 1783 & Eliz Derraberry b S.C. 1786. We will supply you this line if you wish it. Thomas M. Grayson was a Tenn. Vol. in the Civil War." Ed Note: I do not have a record of this line, does anyone have a clue?

Has anyone ever found the father of the Grayson girls of Knox co., Tenn.? Here is a descendant who just wrote... Jean Mitchell of Rt. 2, Box 6, Clayton, Ind., 46118: "I have come to a dead end on my Grayson line-- please help. My great-great grandfather was Francis Edmonson, b. 7/26/1802 in Knox co., Tenn., d. 11/19/1885, in Clayton, Ind. He married Jane Grayson, b. 12/12/1800; d. 7/26/1882 They marr. in Tenn. on 2/3/1828.

"His brother, John Edmonson, b. ca 1795-d. 1867, married Jane's sister Sarah (Sally) Grayson on 8/13/1816 in Knox co., Tenn.

"Francis and Jane migrated to Morgan co., Ind. 1829. John and Sarah went to Clay co., Ind. in 1840.

"I have heard that the father of Jane and Sarah was called "Big Ben" Grayson, and I know that the girls were born in Tenn. Mr. Garten tells me that you are a descendant of a Wren Grayson who had a brother, John, who settled in Knox co., Tenn. Could John Grayson of Knox co. be Jane and Sarah's father or uncle?"

Ed Note: I agree with the writer's conclusion above but have no proof. It is interesting that there is tradition about the father being Big Ben, which would be a Benjamin Grayson. There is much evidence that a brother of Wren and John was Benjamin, jr. and that their father was Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C. In 1820 there was a Benj. Grayson in Franklin co., Tenn.; Benj. Grayson, Sr. in Marion co., Tenn. 1830; Benj. Grayson in Monroe co., Tenn 1830. Benj. Grayson in Marion co Tenn again in 1840. The only Grayson in Knox was John, 1830.

907 Picardy
Lufkin, Texas
June 29, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Newsletter #7 has arrived, been read, and duly appreciated. I do not have a query this time but do have some additions on Peter Wagener Grayson who we find on page 11 of the newsletter. The book from which this article appears has his name Peter William but all family records I have seen concerning him give his name Peter Wagener. This is the same person as old Grayson records tell about his adventures in Texas and what happened to him. I will thusly refer to him as Peter Wagener Grayson. I thought some might want to know which family he belongs to.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON of Prince William Co., Va. - married Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton - brother of Ambrose Grayson who died in Spotsylvania (1742)
SPENCE GRAYSON - a minister, chaplain in the American Revolution in his brother Col. William Grayson's unit - married Mary Elizabeth Wagener, dau. of Honorable Peter Wagener Jr. and wife Catherine Beverley (Robinson) Wagener. Son of Benjamin and Susannah.
BENJAMIN GRAYSON - born 1761 - married Caroline Taylor, an English lady - went to Kentucky and became Clerk of the Court at Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky. Son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth.
PETER WAGENER - son of Benjamin and Caroline - article on pg. 11 of Newsletter 7 tells about his activities. The article says his suicide was attributed to ill health. It is more likely that he did so because he lost the election. It seems he thought a lot of himself and had already envisioned himself as President of Texas.

I want to add my comments to the Virginia Tax Roll, 1782-87 as appears at the bottom of Newsletter #7, pg. 9. In case people don't realize it, the 1st Federal Census of Virginia in 1790 was destroyed by fire during the War of 1812. This tax roll then is the only indication as to the Graysons living in Virginia and owning property during that time. There could have been other Graysons who didn't own property and thusly didn't get on the tax roll.

That's all for now so will close for now. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Ella May Anderson

Grayson Newsletter # 8 page 3.

Another relative of the Grayson of Tom Dooley fame wrote in response to a postcard from the Sodens.: Mrs. X.E. Grayson, 905 Central Drive; Kannapolis, N.C. 28081. Mr. X.E. Grayson died 1969, was born in Trade, Tenn. in 1900. Mother was Mary Heck Grayson, father was Frank W. Grayson who was raised in and around Trade, Tenn. and Damascus, Va.. Frank had one brother who moved to Tex, another brother who was a $\frac{1}{2}$ brother named J.C. Grayson who lived in No. Wilkesboro, died ca. 1968. Mrs. X. E. Grayson is age 70. Her husband had "one brother, Dana H. Heck that was chief of police in Damascus, Va."...and a half-brother in Mountain City, Tenn., " a retired lawyer named Luke Grayson."

Ed Note: Mrs. X.E. did not tell what the initials mean so I cannot place her deceased husband in the family of Luke, but see Newsletter No. 5, page 4 & 5, then # 6, page 2 about Luke and his lineage. Mrs. X.E. has 4 dau & 1 son and would like to hear from us if we learn more of her family tree.

Here is a 10th Grayson place: Grayson Street in San Antonio is one of the exits from Fort Sam Houston according to Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo. His searcher was unable to find when or why the street was so named.

Clifford Grayson also sent the following census of 1820 Beaufort South Carolina:

1. William Grayson 1 M to 10 yrs; 1 F to 10 yrs.
1 M 25 1 F 25
- 2.. Edward Grayson 2 M to 10 1 F to 10
1 M 45 2 F 35
- 3.. Col. James L. Grayson 1 M to 10 yrs 1 F to 16
1 M 16; 1M 18; 1 M 20; 1 M 45

Ed Note: I have nothing on these Graysons; Does any one?

Also From Clifford are tax lists from Sistler & Assoc. for early Tenn:
Bledsoe Co.: Berry (prob Benj.) Grayson, 1815

Ren. Grayson, 1815

Washington Co.: Charles Grayson 1814

James Grayson 1814

John Gresson 1814

Thomas Gresson 1814

Grainger co.: James Grayson 1805

James Grayson 1804

Anderson co.: Joseph Grayson 1805

Monroe co.: Joseph Grayson 1825

Cliff suggests that Pvt Robert Grayson in the Revolution was the son of Col. Later Gen. William Grayson, Aide de Camp. True?

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Mrs. Salyards of Pass Christian sends more on the Robert Grayson of Clark County, Ind. She has lists of more descendants if anyone is interested. It would be most important to find the father of Robert Grayson b. 1790; can anyone help?

ROBERT GRAYSON

b. 11 Jan 1790 Kentucky
 m. 26 Oct 1825
 d. 24 Apr 1845
 bu. Family graveyard, between Ryan Lane & Blackiston Mill Rd.
 Jeffersonville Twp, Clark Co., Ind.
 farmer

NANCY LONG

b. 1801-1803 Kentucky
 d. (after 1880 census ?; no stone in graveyard)

children:

grandchildren:

JULIANN GRAYSON

b. 1829 Ind.
 m. John F. Straw (m. 2nd. ? McComb)

Nancy J. Straw b. 1847
 John R. Straw b. 1849

JAMES GRAYSON

b. 1830 Ind.

ROBERT GRAYSON, Jr.

b. 1832 Ind.
 m. Mary _____ b. 1847 d. (before 1880 census)

Amanda Grayson b. 1867
 Robert Grayson b. 1870
 Julia Grayson b. 1880

LAURA GRAYSON

b. 1834 Ind.
 m. John Ross McBride m. 11 Mar 1854
 d. 15 Jan 1905
 bu. McBride Family graveyard

John Wesley McBride b. 1854
 David Wellington McBride b. 1856
 Isaac Newton McBride b. 1858
 Douglass McBride b. 1862
 George McBride b. 1864
 Samuel H. McBride b. 1866
 Charles McBride b. 1868
 Robert McBride b. 1870

GEORGE M. GRAYSON

b. 1838 Ind.

ELIZABETH NANCY GRAYSON

b. 1839 Ind.
 m. Andrew Jackson Stewart m. 10 Nov 1856; Rev. D. G. Stewart
 Methodist Minister
 d.
 bu. (his stone in Grayson graveyard)

Elliott I. Stewart b. 1858
 Hirima Stewart b. 1858
 Caroline Stewart b. 1859
 Elizabeth Stewart b. 1866
 Anna Rebecca Stewart b. 1868
 Flora Stewart b. 1870
 Cora May Stewart b. 1875

ISAAC GRAYSON

b. 1841 Ind.
 d. (after the 1880 census)

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Mrs. Salyards ends her nice letter thus: "I appreciate your help; since I am so new I need any suggestions from you.. Thank you for putting in a query into your newsletter. Should I be part of your Grayson Family?"

Ed Note: yes, you all should be part of this research effort into Grayson genealogy by continually sending in the results of your research, queries, suggestions, summaries, answers to questions, anecdotes of Grayson material, and whatever else will help one another trace Graysons into the past. Please also send contributions for xerox and mailing costs. Now..how about some ideas for Mrs. Salyards on how to find the lineage of her Robert Grayson?

GRAYSONS in 1830 might be of interest if we place them together on this page: (From Gen. Co., Cendex Div., Austin, Tex.);

Tenn. 1830. heads of households:

Marion county;	Benjamin Grayson, <u>Sr.</u>
	Jessee
	Patsy
	Henry
Monroe Co.	William Grayson
	Joseph
	Henry
	John
	Benjamin
Henry Co.	Eli Grayson
	Francis
	George
	Ambrose
Knox Co.	John Grason
Obion Co.	Stephen H. Gryson
Jefferson Co.	William Grayson
Wayne Co.	Henry Greeson

N.C. Heads of households for 1830:

Ashe Co.	William Grayson
Burke Co.	E. Butler Grayson (This person is also listed in Carteret, Halifax, Montgomery, & Stokes counties!)
Rutherford Co.	William Grayson
	Joseph C.
	John M.
	Isaac
Wilkes Co.	Elizabeth Grayson
Guilford Co.	16 Greeson's are listed. (I assume these are not Graysons.)

Does anyone see anything new in this list?

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It looks as if we are officially the Grayson Family Association; see our note in the Genealogy Helper. Unincorporated of course. Please everybody be reminded this newsletter needs your help each issue. How often is the Letter? So far, there has been enough material for one about every 2 weeks. The first was 8 March 1977. Please continue to contribute genealogy and/or costs.

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The same treatment for the year 1840. (census from Cendex again.)
I have reel and page numbers if needed.

Tenn. 1840. Heads of Households:

Bradley co.	Almira Grason
Haywood Co.	Eli Grayson
Giles Co.	A.A. Greson
	John "
Hamilton Co.	John Grayson
	Henry "
Johnson Co.	Abraham Greyson
Monroe Co.	Will Grayson
Marion Co.	Benjamin Grayson (Grason)
	Isabel
	Henry
	Joseph
Smith Co.	Peter Greson
Roane Co.	William B. Grason
	Mary "
Wayne Co.	Henry Greeson

N.C.. 1840 Heads of Households:

Ashe Co.	Rebecca Grayson
Burke Co.	Joseph C. Grayson
	John M. "
Rutherford Co.	John M. Grason
	William "
	William G. " (Plus 12 Greesons
Wilkes Co.	Mary Grayson in Guilford co
Wake Co.	Eli Grayson

QUERY: Does anyone have any information on the descendants of the Benjamin F. Grayson of Phelps co., Mo., 1850 through the 1880's? They raised 13 children "to be grown" according to Elizabeth's death notice 9 March 1882.....from Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo.

Question to Mrs. Salyards: Christian Edward Grayson, James Richard Grayson, and Milton Ernest Grayson are the sons of Christian Isaac Grayson, b. 1909 in Clark co., Ind. Christian Isaac Grayson, Clifford Raymond Grayson (b. 1913), and Mary Louise Tinsley are the children of Samuel Owen Grayson (1875-1944) of Clark co., Ind., who married Mary Kopp about 1890. Who is the father of Samuel Owen Grayson? Was it Robert Grayson, jr., the son of Robert Grayson who was born in 1790 in Ky.? (Christian Edward Grayson was living at Hanover (Jefferson co.), Ind. in 1974 when I last contacted him; his grandfather was Samuel Owen Grayson. The death certificate of Samuel states he was 69; the grandson states he was 85 at death in 1944.)

The next few pages are from an article on the Rutherford co. N.C.. Graysons by Miles S. Philbeck, jr., of Chapel Hill, N.C. :

This week's history of the Grayson family of Rutherford County, was written by Mr. Miles Philbeck, Jr., R-1, Bastie, N.C. We appreciate his sharing his records with the readers of this column. Any other descendants whomight have additional data on this family is invited to correspond with Mr. Philbeck. The sketch of the Grayson family will appear in two parts and will be concluded in next week's column.

In almost all family lineages there are lines which present themselves virtually impossible to untangle except for scanty bits of information derived from the public records. Such is certainly the case with the GRAYSON family of Rutherford County.

Joseph Grayson established himself in this area by 1779 when he received a tract of land from the state. He made further purchases from the state in 1782, 1785, 1787, 1796, 1797, and 1801. He also purchased land from James Whitesides (1789), Moses Moore (1789), Thomas Whitesides (1793), John McNitt Alexander (1799), Peter Watt (1802), and Frary Logan (1806). The total content of these tracts is well over one thousand acres primarily situated on First Broad River in northeastern Rutherford County.

From Virginia, it is not known where Joseph Grayson first married, nor to whom he was first married. However his first marriage(s) produced at least five children: Joseph, Jr., Benjamin, William, Isaac, and Susannah. When Joseph's sons became of age he sold them various parts of his estate: Joseph, Jr., 159 acres; Benjamin, 78 acres; William, 72 acres; and Isaac, 159 acres. These tracts were primarily from Joseph Sr.'s purchases of 1796, 1799 and 1802.

On Dec. 17, 1807, Joseph Grayson, Sr., married again, this time to Rachel Van Zandt, daughter of Garrett Van Zandt. No children are known to have been born to this marriage. After Joseph, Sr.'s death, dower was assigned to his widow Rachel, whose will was filed for probate in 1828. Rachel's legatees were Green Crow and wife Jane (Street) Crow, and their children Rachel, Elizabeth, Lettis,

Isaac, James G., and Abraham Crow, Lewis Van Zandt and Joseph Grayson, Jr. were her executors and witnesses to the will. Her dower assignment was divided, at least in part, among her husband's sons: Isaac Grayson, lot #3; Benjamin Grayson, lot #4; Joseph Grayson, Jr., lot #5; and William Grayson, lot #6. William Grayson subsequently acquired each of these lots, as indicated in his will, dated 16 February 1841 and recorded in Rutherford Will Book E, pp. 77-78. The legatees of William Grayson were (1) his son Benjamin Grayson, the homelace; (2) his daughter

Patsy Queen, the dower allotment to Benjamin Grayson; (3) his daughter Elizabeth Grayson, the dower allotment to Joseph Grayson, Jr.; and (4) his daughter Sally Deviney, the dower allotment to Isaac Grayson and his own dower allotment.

The above WILLIAM GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married Oct. 17, 1807, Susanna Logan. Their son Benjamin G. Grayson married Sarah Houser, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Hefner) Houser of Lincoln County, N.C. Benjamin G. Grayson later moved to St. Francois County, Missouri. Of the daughters of William and Susannah (Logan) Grayson, Patsy married James A. Queen, Elizabeth (Betsy), b. ca. 1810, married William W. Jones, and Sally, b. ca. 1808, married Jenkins Deviney. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Minutes indicate that Sally Deviney died 30 November 1880 and Jenkins Deviney died 17 February 1881.

JOSEPH GRAYSON, JR. married March 19, 1807, to Letty Melton and subsequently moved to Kentucky.

BENJAMIN GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married by 1800 Hannah Melton. A comprehensive list of their children is not in the writer's possession. However, RC Dd. Bk. 29-el, p. 328; RC Dd. Bk. 48, p. 465; and RC Dd. Bk. 48, p. 469 indicate clearly that their children included three sons: Joseph C. Grayson, John M. Grayson, and William G. Grayson. These deeds concerned a tract which Benjamin Grayson

received from his father - in-law's estate.

Joseph C. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson, was born 13 January 1804, died 23 April 1884, and married Jan. 23, 1827 Eliza R. Wilson, who was born 4 November 1804 and died 31 December 1856. Joseph C. Grayson was a Baptist clergyman, and he and his wife, are buried in the Harmony Grove Baptist cemetery in McDowell County, N.C. Joseph C. and Eliza R. Grayson were the parents of:

- (1) Jonathan Baly Grayson, b. ca. 1830;
- (2) Elizabeth A. Grayson, b. ca. 1832;
- (3) Elizabeth A. Grayson, b. ca. 1834;
- (4) Mary J. Grayson, b. ca. 1835;
- (5) Margaret E. Grayson, b. ca. 1838;
- (6) Fatima E. Grayson, b. ca. 1840;
- (7) Joseph W. Grayson, b. ca. 1842;
- (8) Louisa C. Grayson, b. ca. 1844;
- (9) Alfred F. Grayson, b. ca. 1846;
- and (10) Albert L. Grayson, b. ca. 1848.

John M. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson, was born about 1808, died about 1855, and married Mary Melton. Their children included:

- (1) Benjamin Grayson, b. ca. 1830;
- (2) Elizabeth L. Grayson, b. ca. 1834, m. A. W. Hunt;
- (3) Samuel Grayson, b. ca. 1838;
- (4) Narcissa Elnaline Grayson, b. ca. 1842, m. Calvin Melton;
- (5) J. Columbus Grayson, b. ca. 1846;
- and (6) Amanda A. Grayson, b. ca. 1850, m. Elisha Hunt.

William G. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson, was born about 1814 and married 28 April 1835 Christiny McCurry, who was born about 1816 died Sept. 1879 of chest dropsy, daughter of K. J. and Hannah McCurry. William G. and Christiny Grayson were parents of three children:

- (1) John S. Grayson, b. about 1836, married Minerva Jones;
- (2) Alfred M. Grayson, b. about 1837, d. 8 August 1862 in Civil War service;

and (3) K. J. Mc. Grayson, b. 16 December 1838, d. 10 September 1903, m. 11 November 1860 Mary Letitia Melton, b. 12 January 1841, d. 30 April 1911, daughter of Daniel and Narcissy (Fortune) Melton.

John S. and Minerva Grayson were the parents of seven children: (1) Eliza A. Grayson, b. 27 Oct. 1861, d. 8 Oct. 1949, m. Johnny Yeton;

(2) John Marion Grayson, b. 12 January 1864, d. 23 April 1910, m. Mary Jane Curley;

(3) Mary Emily Grayson, b. 4 August 1866, d. 7 April 1917, m. Opeconough (Cattle) Melton b. 31 August 1861, d. 20 Dec. 1931 (the writer's great-grandparents);

(4) William Jackson Grayson, b. 10 May 1870, d. 29 December 1967, m. Hattie Gurley;

(5) Joseph Wilson Grayson, b. 2 May 1872, d. 6 April 1954, m. Martha Ida Yelton;

(6) George Washington Grayson, b. 13 Oct. 1875, d. 21 January 1917, m. Alice E. Curley. and (7) Alberta Narcissus Christina Grayson, b. 16 March 1877, d. 1 November 1966, m. Jasper Young Yelton.

Bridges To The Past

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The Grayson Family History

We are continuing this week the second part of the GRAYSON family from the records of Mr. Miles Philbeck, Jr., Rt. 1, Bortie, N.C. In last week's column, as occasionally happens, the gremlins got into column, causing a family mixup; and rather than attempt to place the correct children with their proper parents, we are asking you to disregard the last part of the column beginning with the family of William G. and Christiny (McCurry) Grayson. The corrected family lineup is

repeated in the following.

William G. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Hannah Grayson was born about 1814 and married 23 April 1835 Christiny McCurry, who was born about 1816, died September 1879 of chest dropsy, daughter of K. J. and Hannah McCurry. William G. and Christiny Grayson, b. ca. 1836, m. Minerva Jones; (2) Alfred M. Grayson, b. ca. 1837, d. 3 August 1862 in Civil War; and (3) K. J. Mc. Grayson, b. 16 Dec. 1838, d. 10 September 1903, m. 11 Nov. 1860 Mary Letitia Melton, b. 12 Jan. 1841, d. 30 April 1911, daughter of Daniel and Narcissy (Fortune) Melton.

John S. and Minerva Jones Grayson were parents of: Sara Fina Grayson, m. Duffie D. Freeman; Alfred B. Grayson; William J. S. Grayson; and Marion B. Grayson.

K. J. Mc. and Mary Melton Grayson were the parents of seven children (1) Eliza A. Grayson, b. 27 October 1861, d. 8 October 1949, m. Johnny Yelton; (2) John Marion Grayson, b. 12 January 1864, d. 23 April 1940, m. Mary Jane Gurley, b. 12 January 1864, d. 23 May 1917, m. Cyprianough (Catie) Melton, b. 31 August 1861, d. 20 December 1931 (the writer's great-grandparents); (3) William Jackson Grayson, b. 10 May 1870, d. 29 December 1967, m. Mattie Gurley; (4) Joseph Wilson Grayson, b. 2 May 1872, d. 6 April 1954, m. Martha Ida Yelton; (5) George Washington Grayson, b. 13 Oct. 1875, d. 21 Jan. 1917, m. Alice E. Gurley; and (7) Alberta Narcissus Christina Grayson, b. 18 Mar. 1877, d. 1 Nov. 1966, m. Jas-

per Young Yelton.

***** b. 1866

ISAAC GRAYSON, son of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married August 20, 1807, Mary (Polly) Melton, who was born about 1786, and died in November, 1859. A comprehensive list of their children is also not known by the writer. However, two of their daughters were the third and fourth wives of Henry H. Houser, son of Peter and Sarah (Hefner) Houser of Lincoln County, N.C. Lucy M. Grayson, b. 3 December 1827, d. 20 July 1856, m. 4 August 1854, Henry Houser. Lucy died during childbirth of their only child, a stillborn infant. Mary Caroline Grayson, b. about 1822, d. in March, 1880 of pleurisy, m. 7 April 1858, Henry H. Houser. They were parents of two sons, John Franklin Houser, b. 1859, and Jefferson Davis Houser, b. 1861.

Circumstantially and traditionally, it is apparent that Isaac and Polly Grayson were the parents of a son John M. Grayson, who was born 9 June 1813, died 7 July 1891, and married 25 June 1836 Rebecca Hunt, who was born 10 April 1816, and died 21 September 1910. John and Rebecca Grayson were parents of at least twelve children:

- (1) Mary L. (Polly) Grayson, b. 13 April 1838, d. 13 June 1924, m. Hampton Weaver;
- (2) William G. Grayson, b. 20 August 1840, d. 9 January 1920 m. Julia Melton;
- (3) J. H. Grayson, b. 19 March 1842, d. 8 February 1843;
- (4) Martha Grayson, b. ca. 1845, unmarried;
- (5) Sarah L. Grayson, b. 17 May 1847, d. 21 June 1922, m. Elijah D. Mooney;
- (6) John M. Grayson, b. 19 April 1850, d. 23 February 1937 m. Louisa J. Davis;
- (7) Rebecca Elizabeth Grayson, b. 6 Sept. 1852, d. 8 October 1940, m. John C. Weeks;
- (8) Williamson Fortune Grayson, b. ca. 1854, m. Sarah Melton;
- (9) Lucy M. Grayson, b. 8 December 1857, d. 20 October 1948, m. J. Thomas Ross;
- (10) Eliza Lorena Grayson b. 22 March 1859, d. 19 Feb-

ruary 1919, m. John Decator Freeman (also the writer's great-grandparents);

(11) Nica Caroline Grayson, b. 21 July 1861, d. 9 September 1918, m. Samuel W. Harrison;

(12) Isaac (Leonard) Grayson, b. ca. 1863, m. Alice Smith

SUSANNAH GRAYSON, daughter of Joseph Grayson, Sr., married Robert Black Deviney, son of Aaron and Sarah (Black) Deviney. Proof of Susannah's relationship to Joseph Grayson is found in RC Dd. 12, 45, p. 397. Robert B. and Susannah Deviney were the parents of at least seven children.

- (1) Sally Deviney, m. John Prewet;
- (2) Jane Deviney, b. ca. 1861, m. John Brackett;
- (3) Joseph G. Deviney;
- (4) Jenkins Deviney;
- (5) William Deviney;
- (6) Benjamin Deviney;
- and (7) Aaron J. Deviney

Jul 1977

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I am reminding you -- per your note on Letter #3 to please send me Letter #4. Also if #7 has been released please forward same. These are so full of info I do not want to miss a single issue.

Hope the enclosed check will not only take care of some of your postal expenses but will act as an incentive to others on list to contribute what they can. Nothing we can do will repay you for the time and effort you are expending in our behalf. Money and news items are vitally needed from all.

With the peculiar given name of Zoon I thought my GRAYSON would be a cinch to research. After 10 years all I have is his CW record and the 1880 census! I tried to pin his birth in MS to Yazoo Co (to account for his wierd name!) but no luck. He entered the CW at the age of 14, was "home sick" a great deal of the time -- was captured and escaped several times and was on the prisoner-of-war exchange list at the end. He became a building contractor in Panola Co, MS and married the sister of a 17-year-old buddy with whom he enlisted, Nancy Elizabeth BIVENS in 1879 ca. My mother-in-law was his only child (born in Batesville). Nancy presumably died at childbirth and Zoon was shot to death while chasing horse thieves (as a deputy sheriff) over Long Creek Bridge outside of Batesville in the mid-1880's.

Charles A. GRAYSON, per enclosed classic letter of the 'boll weavile,' dated 1916, Courtland, MS was my Zoon's brother. The only thing I am really sure about is that their father was born in VA and their mother in TN....

The child, Ethel May GRAYSON was raised by Aunt Kannie BIVENS, a spinster lady who was too busy taking care of the orphaned and left-behind-by-divorce children of her many brothers and sisters to ever marry. In 1889 she and two of her siblings moved to Phoenix, AZ where Ethel met and married Robert SUNDERLAND. In 1922 this family moved to Glendale, CA where I met and married their youngest son.

If you don't subscribe to the "Ridge Runners" let me know as I have much info on many GRAYSONs from this magazine.

Have a letter from a Daniel R. GRAYSON of MA naming a Wren b 1782 IN and Wren, Jr. b 1813 in TN. Interested?

QUERY

Need info on any male GRAYSON b VA and unknown wife b TN who were living in MS in the late 1840's. Son; Charles A. and ZOON. Please contact Rhoda C. Sunderland, 1329 N. Niagara St., Burbank, CA 91505.

Happy hunting to all....

Rhoda

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Ed Note to Mrs. S.: 1. Please send all Grayson info from Ridge Runners; do not get this. Will reprint in newsletter. 2. Dan Grayson is my son; now age 25 & Prof of math @ Columbia; N.Y.C. 3. No am not retired; b. 10/21/25, mch.; 4 ch., 2 @ home. 4. Thanks for all clippings. Please send more info for more newsletters. 5. Note to all: Mrs. Sunderland is a professional genealogist and teaches the subject.

1880 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES (Sent by Mrs. Sunderland.)

State: MISSISSIPPI County: PANOLA Town-City: SARDIS VOTING PRECINCT
 Film No. T9-661 Page No. 235-A Enumeration Date June 19 & 21, 1880 (Beat #5)

Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in 1880	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Misc. Info.	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Remarks
380	GRAYSON, Zoon	W	M	32				X				Contractor			MS	VA	TN	b pre-June
"	" Mary E.	W	F	23		W		X					Nancy Eliza.*		"	TN	"	1850 cen-f b NC
"	" Ethel M.	W	F	1		dau							Ethel May *		"	"	"	
102	GRAYSON, Sarah A.	W	F	15				X				Farmer	p. 236-C		AL	SC	SC	sis-i-1 of m/3 ?
"	JONES, Jentry	W	M	19		s	X					"			MS	AL	AL	m/1 ?-JONES
"	MILLER, William	W	M	13		s									"	MS	"	m/2 ?-MILLER
"	GRAYSON, Harry M.	W	M	9		s									"	"	"	m/3 ?-GRAYSON
"	" Charles L.	W	M	7		s							plus 1 black male servant		"	"	"	
118	GRAYSON, M. T.	W	M	19				X				Farmer	p. 237-A		MS	VA	TN	Zoon's bro/unc ?
"	" Rosana	W	F	19		W		X							TN	TN	"	
"	" Cherry Louisa	W	F	24		dau	X								MS	MS	"	
"	" Fany	W	F	22		dau	X								"	"	"	
"	" Nancy E.	W	F	19		dau	X								"	"	"	
"	" William	W	M	16		s									"	"	"	
"	" Peter	W	M	11		s									"	"	"	

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER NO. 9.

Mrs. Rhoda Sunderland on page 9 of Newsletter no. 8. was looking for ancestors of her Zoon Grayson ancestor and his brother Charles A. Grayson in Miss. She thinks that Yazoo county, Miss. might be a place important in her genealogy, but has no proof. Mrs. Sunderland then reminded me that Mrs. Underwood in Newsletter No. 2 had mentioned Yazoo county; (Mrs. Ella May Underwood, 907 Picardy, Lufkin, Tex.)

What Mrs. Underwood had said was that the William T. Grayson in the 1840 census in Yazoo county, Miss. as described in the census report in the Newsletter No. 1. might be from the same family as that of Beverly Robinson Grayson, the 13th child and son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson who emigrated in 1802 to Adams co., Miss., married Mrs. Sarah (Chew) Bowie, then moved to Yazoo co., Miss..

I looked up my own records and find additional data: In Tyler's Quarterly, page 268 is stated, Beverly Robinson Grayson was born 3 Sept. 1782, "emigrated to Miss and married the widow Bowie nee Chew of Patuxent river Maryland. He resided for some years near Natchez, but at the time of his death, near Benton and near the estate 'Eutaw Place,' the residence of his nephew Spence Monroe Grayson, in Yazoo Co., Miss. He left one son William Spence Grayson, who married Miss Letitia Reed, daughter of Thomas R. Reed, who was in the Senate of the U.S. from Miss. He left several children now living in Miss."

Another record from Mrs. Mae A. Johnson, 1626 Calle Colorado, Vista Calif., 92082, indicates that Beverly Robinson Grayson had another son, Thomas Grayson, "born about 1796 in Md., Pr. Geo."

A third record is an unsigned manuscript from Mrs. R. Jean Grayson Greer of Oak Ridge, Tenn.: Beverly Robinson Grayson in Adams co., Miss. was Register of the land office. Mrs. Sarah Bowie came from Calvert Co., Md., formerly was Miss Chew and sister of William Locke Chew, father of Sarah R. Chew who married Spence Monroe Grayson, and of Thomas R. Chew, who married Mary Caroline Grayson, dau of Edward B. Grayson, brother of S.M. and of the Beverly Grayson Chew who married Betty Smith, dau of Frederick S.G. Smith. Beverly Robinson Grayson left one son, William Spence Grayson, born 1808, md. Letitia Reed 1834, died in Yazoo county, Miss, in 1865, leaving a widow and the following issues: Mary Grayson who md Dr. Samuel Dyer of Va.; Beverly Grayson who md a dau of Dr. Henry Vaughn of Yazoo; and Letitia and William Spence Grayson who remained single. Letitia Reed, his widow died 1876. "The family of William Spence Grayson reside in Yazoo county, Miss. One dau, Letitia Grayson, md Mr. Hamilton, a merchant of St. Louis, Mo., they afterwards removed to San Antonio, Tex., where they now reside, 1887."

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In Tyler's quarterly, again, page 265, the Spence Monroe Grayson of Miss. is identified as the son of Peter Grayson, who was the son of Spence Grayson. Peter's "son Spence Monroe Grayson was an eminent lawyer of Miss., and married Sarah Role Chew, dau of Wm. Locke Chew of Maryland."

In the unsigned Greer manuscript, page 24, is more: "children of Col. Peter Grayson and Kitty Callaway Thorpe are: Spence Monroe Grayson, b. 1803 and died Aug., 1839, md Sara Belle Chew, dau of Wm Locke Chew and Rebecca Freeland, and had 3 sons now deceased, viz.: Spence Monroe, William and Thomas Thorpe, the latter dying left a son, Francis Thorpe. He was a distinguished lawyer and wealthy planter in Yazoo co. Miss. Thomas Thorpe Grayson's 3rd child, Mary Elizabeth being the 1st, b. 1805 and died in Natchez, Miss. At the time of his death he was and had been for several years partner in the practice of law with his elder brother, Spence M. Grayson. Peter Grayson, the last child-died when young. Mary Elizabeth, dau of Col Peter Grayson and Kitty Callaway Thorpe, md a Mr. Green and died without issue. William Preston Grayson b 1810 died Feb 1866 md Frances Henry of Natchez and left issue: Peter Wagoner Grayson, killed under Gen. Walker in the Nicauga Expedition in 185-; Eli Grayson, single; William Preston Grayson of Tex.; Sarah Grayson who md Mr. Johnson.....Thomas Thorpe Grayson, lawyer, died single. Francis Thorpe Grayson, b. 1812, died in New Orleans, 1876, md the widow of Spence Monroe, his brother, no issue. He was a lawyer."

Ed Note:

The above sounds like many old time biographical sketches, complete with the old poor grammar and mixed-up syntax, apparently intended to confuse everybody who is unwilling to take off an hour to dissect the paragraph with charts and graphs. Anyway, there are a lot of (Miss.) Graysons there and some of them must be relatives of Mrs. Sunderland. This may be a copy of the original; should ask Mrs. Greer where the original was published and check that for accuracy.

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Below is an interesting portion of a manuscript sent in by Elaine Soden of Iowa some time ago, "compiled by the Media Research Bureau of Washington, D.C., now no longer in business."

The Grayson name is of Anglo Saxon derivation. In early times the family was chiefly seated in Yorkshire, England. Branches of the family settled in Lancashire, London, and various parts of Ireland. John grayson, Thomas Grayson Spelled grayfson, Emma Greveson, Thomas Grayson, Johannes Graueson, grayson and spelled Graveson and mary Grayson, all of whom were living in Yorkshire about the year 1379. A.D. These Records are not complete. Cuthbert Greveson Spelled also Greyson was registered at the University of Oxford in 1516. A family of that name was early seated in the Parish of Kirkburton, in Yorkshire. Of this branch, record has been found concerning William Graveson, whose wife Agnes died in 1548. George Graveson's wife Isabell died in 1548. Geo. was married in 1549 to Miss Hall. Wife of Geo died in 1556. in 1557 he married Johanna Elliston. The name George continued in this line for many generations. A George Grayson of this same vicinity married a Martha Hall in the latter 18th century.

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The will of one John Graveson of Warton was recorded in 1565. Among the Lancashire wills at Richmond, Joan Grayson of Monk Fryston county York. was married in 1567 to Denis Fawshed and in 1593 Gervase Graveson was living at Yealand Stors. George Grayson was living at Salwicke in 1639. John Greason of County Lancaster in 1637. Parnell Greyson of Saewick about 1668. Records are fragmentary. John Greason, an early member of the Irish Branch of the family, early 18th century, at Augher County Tyrone. He died in 1733. leaving wife Elizabeth and two children, George and Mary. Of these George resided at Swanlinbar, in county of Cavan, Ireland, and was married 1748 to Widow Mary Cross. Georges son William married Margaret Leslie by whom he had issue of. Rev Geo Leslie, Henry, Rev Skelton, Alice, Mary and Penelope Gresson. No direct evidence of 1st emigrants to America. Seems probable that all the Graysons might be of some common origin. One of the first families in America was John Grayson who bought 500 acres of land in Spotsylvania county Virginia. in 1714. He was living at that time and maybe earlier in christ church Parish, Lancaster county Va. He died 1736 leaving at least two sons Thomas and John Jr. Ambrose and Benjamin Grayson who were living in Virginia during the same period are believed to have been brothers, of the 1st John, and these brothers also had a sister Mary, who married John Catlett. Ambrose bought 2 hundred acres of Johns 500 Acres. of Spotsylvania land in 1729 and 2 years earlier had patented another hundred acres. Same county. By his wife Alice, Ambrose was the father of at least one son named John. Benjamin Grayson, believed to have come to America from Scotland in the early 18th century, settled for a time in Westmoreland county Virginia. and later made his home on the Occoquan River near the place which later became Colchester in Prince William county. He married Susan Monroe, dau. of Andrew Monroe of Maryland. By Susan he had 4 children. Benjamin. Spencer, William, and Susan Monroe Grayson.

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Ed. Notes: I have placed the bibliography here so that when we go to a proper library next we can look up those specific books for source material on Graysons: if we do not already have it on file. Note that the claim is made above that Greeson is an Irish branch of the Grayson family. If so, the Greesons of N.C. & Tenn. in the last newsletter might be relevant genealogically. The Scottish ancestry of Benjamin Grayson is no doubt taken from Tyler's quarterly. To my knowledge no one has ever proved this. Also I do not see why it is "probable that all the Graysons might be of some common origin."

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Here's a good letter from Martha Jean Hodges of Lake Jackson, Tex.:

Here's an involved inquiry which I would like to address both to you and to the "Newsletter" readers. In reference to Thomas Grayson and Deal, Kent, England, I'm wondering whether the one you mention as "Merchant, eldest son. Stayed in England, 1737; Kent, England" is the same one mentioned on p. 39 of Some Emigrants to Virginia, compiled by W. G. Stanard, 2nd edition, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976, where a Thomas Grayson is cited as living in Virginia in 1754 and in Spotsylvania County in 1753. The quotation says, "I . . . late of Deal in Kent, England,"* though the son of John Grayson of Lancaster County, Virginia." (*quotation cited as being from "Spotsylvania Records", p. 193.) If the two are the same, then did Thomas accompany his father and brothers to Virginia and then return to Deal? Did Thomas die in England? Are his descendants still living there? Did I draw the wrong inference from your chart that John¹⁰ remained in England and that the citations you give for John Grayson are for John Grayson, Jr.? Another possibility might be that instead of being Thomas⁹ it might be Thomas⁸, for Thomas⁹ would have been -- using your dates -- likely in at least his mid-70's in 1754. However, note that the quotation specified that it is Thomas, the son of John¹⁰. Of course, another possibility is that Stanard's dates/facts are wrong. Do you and/or any of the readers know the answers to these questions?

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Hodges' letter cont'd:

I have been sent information which states that John, Ambrose, Benjamin and Mary Grayson arrived in Lancaster County, Va. in 1695. Since we do not yet have copies of the first five issues of the "New-letter" I do not know whether you or anyone else has the above information and whether or not it has been verified. On the basis of your charts the information would seem questionable, but I would like information about the date of arrival, (the letter from Mrs. Underwood, issue #7, p.5, in which she cites the Colonial Dames application of Mrs. Tom M. Johnson would tend to support a 17th century arrival), those arriving together, and who was born in England and who in the colonies.

Since my previous letter, citing the reference to Harrison's Landmarks of Old Prince William, I have encountered another reference to a possible Scottish origin. Horace E. Hayden, in Virginia Genealogies, etc., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1891, footnote on p. 303, states "Benjamin Grayson, emigrant from Scotland to Virginia, became a merchant at Dumfries, married Susan Monroe" Since Deal, Kent, was one of the Cinque Ports and was flourishing as a point of debarkation during the latter part of the 17th century (Lord Baltimore having chosen to sail from there) it might be that both the Deal, Kent and the Scottish connections could be correct. Have you received any information on this matter? What is your evaluation?

Additionally, would you mind explaining what the asterisks are which you use throughout the sheets? I don't find an explanation given for them. Are family sheets available for the other children of John¹⁰ and Susanna Grayson? We have only the Ambrose and Alice James line.

(end)

Ed Notes: In regard to Thomas Grayson above, I find in Tyler's Quarterly, pages 181-9, vol. 7, under the heading, Grayson Family Addenda, by Evans: "It is certain that Benjamin Grayson's father was John Grayson, who was a resident of Christ Church parish, Lancaster county, in 1700. He appears there first in that year and repeatedly thereafter until 1716. Prior to 1721 he removed with his family to St. George's parish, Spotsylvania county where he died about 1735 leaving numerous descendants prominent in that community. His son (probably the second) Ambrose Grayson was a church warden of St. George's parish in 1726, (showing a family association with the established rather than the traditional dissenting Scotch church.) His eldest son, Thomas, who was resident at Deal in the County of Kent, England in 1737 where he executed a deed to Thomas Turner of King George County, Virginia, for 500 acres of land lying near the falls of the Rappahannock River, Spotsylvania County, Va. stated to have been inherited from his father."

The author, Evans, very interestingly speculated further that the John Grayson of 1700 in America might not have been an immigrant but could possibly have been descended from one of the older Graysons known to have been here, such as William Grayson who came on the ship Safety in 1635, and further could have been related to the Richard Grayson (Greyson), "landholder of Elizabeth City Co., and Charles Grasson and his parents, Thomas and Mary, of Middlesex County of 1687." This would be a fine joke on all of us who have assumed that the John Grayson of 1700 was the immigrant if it turned out that he was born here. Has anyone checked this theory?

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This is all I have on Thomas Grayson of Deal. Further, it appears that there is no basis for any dogmatic statement about whether the Graysons of this line are Scotch or English or in fact, who was the immigrant.

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The asterisks on my charts (charts are done by son Daniel): mean that we have further family charts on those individuals. Not available unless published in the Newsletter in regard to a specific query or point of interest.

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For those keeping track of the number of Grayson Places: The 11th place is the old Grayson Tavern of Danville, Ky. The tavern was completely restored in 1974 according to a letter from Mr. Enos Swain, of the Danville Advocate-Messenger. The tavern was built in 1786 and was acquired by Benjamin Grayson in 1787. Benjamin Grayson was a man of importance in the community, but beyond this, his lineage is not known. I assume that this was Benjamin Grayson, b.: Nov. 6, 1761, son of Spence Grayson, who at an early age emigrated to Ky. where he married Carolyn Taylor and settled at Bardstown, Nelson county, Ky.

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THE NOW SOCIETY



"That's it, in a nutshell!"

907 Picardy
Lufkin, Texas
July 13, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Grayson Newsletter #8 has been received and read. I'm sorry I have nothing to add, but I do have some comments.

In Newsletter #8 pg. 3 regarding 1820 Census of Beaufort, South Carolina. These persons are undoubtedly the descendants of John Grayson who came from the West Indies and settled in Beaufort before the American Revolution. This family was discussed in Newsletter #2 pg. 1, and Newsletter #3 pg. 6.

Pvt. Robert Grayson could have been the son of Col William Grayson. The latter was born in 1736 and could easily have had a son in the American Rev. Col. William Grayson married Eleanor Smallwood and did have a son named Robert. This Robert Grayson married Sophonisba E. Cabell, daughter of Col. Joseph Cabell and Pocahontas Rebecca (Bolling) Cabell, 6th in descent from Pocahontas and John Rolfe.

I was interested in the 1880 Census for Panola Co., Mississippi as appears on pg. 10 of Newsletter #8. Family #402 has Sarah A. Grayson, head of the house, age 45 and married - BUT no husband listed. Had her husband left home? It seems obvious that she was married 3 times.

The only Grayson I know of who was born in Virginia and went to Mississippi was Beverly Robinson Grayson, son of Rev. Spence and Mary Elizabeth (Wagener) Grayson. Beverley Robinson Grayson emigrated to Mississippi in 1802 to Adams Co., married Mrs. Sarah (Chew) Bowie and later lived in Yazoo Co., Miss. He was born 3 Sept. 1782.

I have been most fortunate to be able to trace my Grayson line back to Ambrose Grayson who died in 1742 in Spotsylvania. It is thought by many that John Grayson who died there in 1736 without a will was the father of Ambrose. If anyone ever comes up with anything along this line I would appreciate knowing.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood

17 Jul 1977

Here are some odds 'n ends from The Ridge Runners. Thanks for supplying the missing newsletters. Hate to miss any....

Vol VI, Aug/76 - From the Loudoun Co, VA Guardian Accounts of 1759-1823: Benjamin GRAYSON, guardian of William GRAYSON, returned 9 Jun 1761. Final account returned 14 Jun 1763 Wm. GRAYSON being now of age.

Smith Graveyard, Barren Co, KY. Located 1 mile north of Coral Hill on road to Hiseville, KY on Smith Farm:

Mary GRAYSON b 24 Sep 1788, Amherst Co, VA d 3 Oct 1803 .

Jane GRAYSON b 18 Sep 1767, Amherst Co, VA d 11 Aug 1859

Abstracts from Chart of Mrs. J.B. SAUNDERS, 4539 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304:

#4 - James GRAYSON Alexander, d 31 Jul 1889, m 23 Jan 1877 Albermarle Co, VA.

#9 - Malinda GRAYSON b & d Albermarle Co, VA.

#18 - John GRAYSON b 1753, d 1785 Spottsylvania Co, VA, m 1780 Albermarle Co, VA.

#36 - William GRAYSON b 25 Nov 1732 Spottsylvania Co, VA, d 1829 Albermarle Co - Captain in RW Army.

#72 - Ambrose GRAYSON b 1695, d 1743, m Alice JAMES.

#144 - John GRAYSON d 1735 Spottsylvania Co, VA.

Will send more of these for your next issue.

Here's some info from the Census Index Book of 1810 VA:

GRAYSON, Ambrose, Hampshire Co. p29

" " Wythe Co, p833

" Benjamin, Loudoun Co. p289

" Charles, Montgomery Co, p30

" David, Prince George Co, p293

" Henry, Fauquert Co, p242

" Joel, Madison Co, p354

" Nice, Spottsylvania Co, pl13

" Rachell, Montgomery Co, pl0

" Robert O, Frederick Co, p326

" William, Madison Co, p354

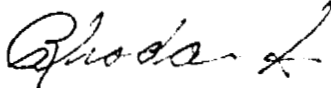
Index Book 1785 VA:

GRAYSON, John, Albemarle Co (4 white souls in household(!)

1790 Prince William Co

W. GRAYSON was assistant census taker.

Sincerely hope the above info will be of help to some of our GRAYSON researchers. Keep up the good work Doctor Grayson....



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Below is a Grayson biography from The Biographical Record, a history of Hamilton co., Iowa, sent in by Mrs. Soden of Des Moines. Does anyone recognize any Grayson relationships in this record to any others on file?

IT is not always that the strong, courageous spirit is found in men, for women oftentimes displayed as resolute purpose and as undaunted courage as has been shown by fathers, husbands or brothers. Mrs. Grayson of this review certainly deserves great credit for what she has accomplished. Left a widow with six children, she carefully reared her family, providing for their support and putting forth every effort to enhance their happiness and promote their welfare. She now resides in Webster City, where she is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends.

She was born twenty miles west of Toronto, Canada, October 2, 1831, her parents being William Edward and Eliza (Lucas) Nesbitt, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England, their marriage being celebrated, however on the merrie isle. The father was a physician, but at length was forced to abandon his professional duties on account of ill health and, believing that he might enjoy better health in the new world, he sailed with his family for Canada, in 1830, settling in Chengancia, where he lived in retirement upon a farm until his death, which

occurred in 1838. The executors of his estate then sold the farm and his widow removed to the vicinity of Woodstock, making her home upon another farm until her own death several years later. She passed away about 1870. In the family were nine daughters and four sons.

Mrs. Grayson of this review was reared under the parental roof and became acquainted with all the duties of the household. On the 17th of April, 1853, she gave her hand in marriage to Emanuel Grayson, the wedding being celebrated near Ingersoll, Canada. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1821, and his parents died in that country. He had one brother who came to America, while four members of the family remained in the old country.

After their marriage Mr. Grayson rented land and engaged in farming in Canada for two years, on the expiration of which time he came to the Mississippi valley, settling in Ogle county, Illinois, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, residing thereon until 1867. He was killed through the accidental discharge of a gun in Marengo, Illinois. A telegram at once summoned his wife to his bedside and she returned with him to Rochelle, Illinois, but his death occurred nine days after the accident and his remains were interred in Rochelle. At the time he was wounded he was on his way to Iowa in order to establish a new home for his family, upon the prairies of that state. The journey was being made by team, but fate interposed and he never reached his destination.

Mrs. Grayson then took up the burden that devolved upon her, making the best of her condition and providing as she could for her children. She carried out

her husband's plan of seeking a home in Iowa and removed to the Huff settlement in Dallas county, bringing with her her six children, the eldest of whom was then only fourteen years of age. She purchased a tract of land and resided thereon for two years. Prosperity seemed to crown her efforts during that period. With the aid of her children she carried on the work of the farm and had succeeded in stocking it with a good supply of domestic cattle and farm implements, but disaster overtook her, a prairie fire sweeping across this district, and in it she lost horses, cattle, hogs and in fact everything upon the farm, save the house. All of the family were spared, but there was nothing left except the land and Mrs. Grayson had to sell this in order to get a new start. She then rented land for three years in Dallas county. The sons had in the meantime left home and Mrs. Grayson then removed to Greene county, purchasing a lot and building a home in Scranton, where she and her daughters en-

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gaged in dressmaking for a living. Afterward they rented their home in Scranton and removed to Des Moines in order that one of the daughters might be under the care of a physician. This was in 1883, and for ten or twelve years thereafter Mrs. Grayson remained in the capital city. She engaged in sewing and in nursing in private families, dividing her time in this work and the care of her daughter, whose eyesight was badly affected. Subsequently, however, the daughter recovered and is now the wife of W. J. Pilkington of Webster City. For two years Mrs. Grayson was a resident of Knoxville and then came to Webster City, where she has made her home for four years and in this period she has won many friends in the county seat.

✓ Her children, six in number, are all living. William is engaged in farming in Louisiana. John B. married Miss Mary Marshall, now deceased, and makes his

home in Wauke, Iowa. Elizabeth is the wife of John Martin of Des Moines. Anna B. is the wife of Low Hill, a farmer living near Wauke. George married Alice Weaver, now deceased, and later wedded Minnie Harvey, their home being in Ortonville, Iowa. Susan M. is the wife of William J. Pilkington, who is employed in the Journal office of Webster City.

Mr. Grayson, the father of this family, was a member of the Episcopalian church and in political belief was a Republican. Mrs. Grayson, however, is a Baptist, having been identified with that church from the age of seventeen years. She is a most estimable lady and her life is indeed worthy of the highest commendation, for she has displayed untiring loyalty and devotion to her children, doing everything in her power in their behalf. She is also a faithful friend and one highly esteemed by all who know her.

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BOOKS: 1. The Ballad of Tom Dula; Moore Publ Co., Durham, N.C. by John Foster West. Publ recently. Contains a 5 page biography of James W. M. Grayson, who helped capture Dula. (The St. Charles Public Library borrowed this book for me from the "William Madison Randall Library Unc at Wilmington.")

2. The Graysons: a Story of Illinois; by Edward Eggleston, copyright 1887, publ by The Century Co. of N.Y....This is a novel founded "on a legendary account of one of President Lincoln's trials." I have an antique copy of my own. I see nothing genealogical in it.

3. Adventures in Contentment, by David Grayson, copyright by Doubleday 1907. I have a copy of this book. David Grayson also wrote Adventures in Friendship; The Friendly Road; and Adventures in Understanding.

Who was David Grayson?

Note to all: Please send more genealogy for the newsletter. Also send at least a dollar for each issue of the newsletter...or more if you can.. These are all xeroxed, which is more expensive than printing in large quantities. I have dropped a number of persons from the mailing list because they do not correspond. You faithful correspondents are appreciated.

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER NO. 10.

Page 1.

William John Grayson, b. 1788, the Congressman, of Beaufort, S.C., was said to be the son of William John Grayson, who was the son of John Grayson who came from England via the West Indies; refer to Letter 3, page 6. (From Mrs. Underwood.) I find in Tyler's Quarterly (vol. 5, p. 208.) that William J. Grayson, b. at Beaufort, S.C., Nov. 1788 was the son of William Grayson, the Colonel, of Va., who was one of the first two senators from Va., according to Brock, in Grigsby, Convention of 1788 I., p. 210. Can we prove that the latter is in error?

Does anyone know of a New York Grayson line? Here is a letter which came in response to one of the Soden's postcard surveys: "My Graysons are all New Yorkers; Elizabeth Grayson of 1 Magazine Street and 30 Elm Street, 1802-1820; Mary Grayson, widow of James Grayson, 30 Elm Street, Leonard Street, and, after 1830, Brooklyn on Sands Street; Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, plot of Mrs. Mary Grayson: 1. William H. Grayson June 3, 1850 2. George Grayson June 3, 1850 3. Elizabeth Grayson 1751 Or 1761 - 1839; Mary Grayson 1788 ? - 1868. My descent is Grayson - Somes - Lane."

Signed: Trace Lane Blank (Mrs. Ralph E.), 17 Dogwood Drive, Summit, N.J. 17901.

We are going to need an index to the Newsletter. Will some one volunteer to make one ?

Many thanks to Ernest Clay Grayson, 1214 Afterglow Ct; Louisville, Ky, 40214, for the following letter, sent in response to one of the Soden's postcard suveys: "I received your letter inquiring about the Graysons here in Ky; I only know that my great grandfather's name was Jack Grayson, that he came to Ky. as a little boy, from we think, S.C., as he had a son killed in the Civil War fighting for the South. He married a woman whose last name was Melton. They had 6 children: 2 girls, Hulda and Lettia; the boys were John, Samuel, Daniel, Joseph, and Benjamin who was killed in the civil war.

My gāndfather's name was Samuel Grayson. He had 5 children: One daughter Tiney; the boys: Jack, Audie Guy, John Thomas, and William D. Grayson. My father's name was William D. He had 3 children: 1 girl May; 2 boys, Chester, and myself (Clay). Chester Grayson has a son and a dau: William and Marylin. My sister May had 2 girls: Marcella and Dorothy. I, Clay Grayson, have 2 sons: James V. Grayson, retired mach. and Ernest C. Grayson who is Supt of Louisville and Jefferson co. schools. James V. Grayson never married. Ernest C. married Patsy Sipes. They have 3 children: Ernest Carson; Deborah Ray, attorney; and Amy Sipes, student." Resp. yours, Clay Grayson 3 Aug 1977.

HELP ! NEED MORE LETTERS & CONTRIBUTIONS!

No 10 Page 2.

In response to Clay Grayson's letter: See Newsletter no. 8, pages 7 & 8 regarding the Graysons of Rutherford county, N.C.: Note that a number of the Graysons of this clan, all descended from a Joseph Grayson who settled in Rutherford co in 1779, married Melton girls: Joseph Grayson, jr. married March 19, 1807, to Letty Melton, and subsequently moved to Ky. (!) Now look back in the Clay Grayson letter and note that Jack Grayson married a Melton and one of his 2 daughters was named Lettia. Letty could be a shortened form of Lettia and the daughter could have been named for her mother. I would suggest to Clay Grayson that he try to find the full name of his great grandfather from death records or tombstone to see if he was really Joseph Grayson, jr. The other Graysons mentioned who married Melton girls do not seem to fit as possible candidates for Clay Grayson's gr grandfather. Does any one have any other suggestions?

Letter from Mrs. Underwood:

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I have another addition to your Grayson Places: Graysontown - a small village in Montgomery Co., Virginia - named for a descendant of William Grayson who married Rachel Cooley and was the brother of my John Grayson Jr. who married Sarah Carter. In the early 1900's it was the sight of a generating plant and furnished the first electricity for Christiansburg, county seat of Montgomery Co.

I am interested in the abstracts from Chart of Mrs. J.B. Saunders of Alexandria, Va. I want to know more about #18 - John Grayson b 1753, d. 1785 Spotsylvania Co., Va. m 1780 Albemarle Co., Va. I can place the others into families but not him. This was on pg. 8 of Newsletter #9

You mentioned on pg. 10 2 books written by David Grayson and asked who was David Grayson. That was a pseudonym for author Ray Stannard Baker (1870-1946) He won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize in biography with a biography on Woodrow Wilson.

Mrs. Cynthia Snider, Box 71 Dripping Springs, Texas 78620 is gathering material for a book on the Grayson family as descends from Ambrose Grayson (died Spotsylvania Co., Va. 1742). She descends from the oldest brother of my great-grandfather Ambrose Grayson.

That's all for now. Keep it up!

Ed Notes: Mrs. Sunderland provided the abstract on page 8 number 9; maybe she can help identify the John Grayson above. Was he perhaps the same John Grayson who was the son of Captain William Grayson (1732-1829). My records show this John to have been born 1753, which is the same birth year as in the abstract, but to have died in a different year.

The 12th Grayson place is provided by Mrs. Underwood in her letter above: Graysontown, Va. Something else missing from my Atlas!

HELP ! NEED MORE LETTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS !

No. 10. page 3.

Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo. writes: "How many Graysons can we account for easily? There seems to be room for much research around each place where our ancestors lived also..." Clifford sent xerox copies of pages from the "California Trail" by George R. Stewart mentioning Andrew Jackson Grayson, the painter. On page 148: "grayson was so quarrelsome that he got along with practically no one." (In the emigration to Calif in 1846.) On page 153: Andrew Grayson quarreled with everybody, and traveled for a while with his wife and single wagon." On page 185: "By '47 the political importance of the opening of the trail had become manifest. ... In Nov. of 1846 Fremont enlisted a battalion, to ensure the conquest of southern California. It numbered 428;...it was composed of volunteers from the American settlers, chiefly themen of '45, and the emigrants which have arrived in this country within a few weeks. The list of officers included....Grayson..."

Below is a list of books by David Grayson and his biography:
(Sent by Clifford Grayson.)

Source: New Century Cyclopedia of Names. Vol. 1. P. 315

Baker, Ray Stannard. [Pseudonym, David Grayson.]
b. at Lansing, Mich., April 17, 1870; d. July 12, 1946.
American journalist and author. A prominent contributor to *McClure's Magazine* during the era of muckraking journalism and a close friend of Woodrow Wilson, he later served as U.S. press director at the Versailles Peace Conference. The authorized biographer of Wilson, he was the author also of *Boys' Book of Inventions* (1899), *Second Boys' Book of Inventions* (1913), *Our New Prosperity* (1911), *Seen in Germany* (1901), *Following the Color Line* (1918), *New Ideals in Healing* (1919), and *Spiritual Unrest* (1910). His major works on Wilson were *Woodrow Wilson and World Settlement* (3 vols., 1922) and *Woodrow Wilson: Life and Letters* (8 vols., 1927-39; vols. 7 and 8 awarded a Pulitzer prize in 1941). Author also of *Native American* (1941), and *American Chronicle* (1945). Under the pseudonym David Grayson he wrote several collections of essays, including *Adventures in Contentment* (1937) and *Adventures in Solitude* (1931). With William E. Dodd, he edited a collection of Wilson's public papers (6 vols., 1925-26).

Dr Grayson:

Your name was given us as a resource in compiling data for our Grayson family tree. Mr Clifford Grayson of Rolla, Mo. has assisted us to date Our lineage is through a daughter of Frank Grayson and Martha J. whose children removed first to Joplin and later into Oklahoma.

I am enclosing a cy of the most recent family group sheet we have on file. We just returned from Oklahoma where we met with many of my wife's second cousins and great aunts who supplied us with photos and other documents.

Of particular interest is the locale of marriage for Martha J. And Franklin Grayson. We have checked the records for Crawford and Phelps counties and have not located them there. The marriage occured about 1853/4.

If we can be of any assistance to you, or you can offer us any information, we would be glad to exchange. We look forward to hearing from you,

Bob
Bob and Ginger McManaway
116 Spinning Road
Dayton, OH 45431

No. 10 page 4.

Family group sheet from McManaway:

Franklin Grayson b. 1823 Or 1831 in Tenn., farmer, prob Knox co., died Ownago, Jasper, Mo.; father Benjamin Grayson, b. Va. married Martha J., Poss. Brown, b. 1831 in Mo. children: all b. Phelps co., Mo.: Jeremiah H. Grayson 4 Dec 1855; M.K. (a dau) b abt 1856; William C. b 9 June 1857; Elin or Elma Elizabeth b. abt 1862; Martha Ann b 1864; Sarah Jane b 1867; Louis Franklin Grayson b 19 July 1869; George b. abt 1871-2; James Thomas Grayson b 17 May 1875.

Ed Note: My records show the father of Franklin Grayson above to be Benjamin F. Grayson, b. 1802, (son of Joseph Grayson the brother of Wren Grayson), who went to Mo. about 1846 from Marion co., Tenn. He and his wife Elizabeth (1804-1882) had 13 children. His father Joseph Grayson, b. abt 1778, (son of Benjamin Grayson of Wilkes co., N.C. (unproven),) married Patsy (Elizabeth) Brazeale in 1798, had 6 children: Henry (1799-1879), Benjamin Franklin Grayson, Joseph Grayson, jr.; Patsy who married Joe Rogers; Jane Bailey; and James Grayson. I havemore details if needed.

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Im re-reading my notes on page 2 of this issue about Joseph Grayson, jr. who married Letty Melton in 1807 and then moved to Ky.....The grandfather of Clay Grayson was Jack Grayson who had a son killed in the Civil War. It is likely that Jack Grayson would have been younger than Joseph Grayson, jr., but it is unlikely that Joseph's son, Jack would have married a Melton also. Also, Jack is not a nickname for Joseph. This uncertainty needs to be resolved by facts.

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Those of you who have not written recently, please send a letter soon. We need your genealogy facts for the next Newsletter.

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August 12, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

I'm afraid that this may have to be my last communication for a while, since both my husband and I are teachers and will be having to resume school this next week -- thusly research time will be drastically reduced. However, we will try to contribute an occasional item as time and research material permits. We would like to express our appreciation to you for your response to our initial inquiry in The Genealogical Helper and for your subsequent responses to our inquiries. Please leave us on the mailing list for "The Grayson Newsletter" as we enjoy it greatly.

I must begin with an apology and a correction of a statement made by me in issue #9. I stated that Lord Baltimore had chosen to sail from Deal, Kent, to the American Colonies. My error was that it was William Pitt, (in 1682). Further information about this may be found on p. 413, Vol. III, of the 1975 edition of Encyclopedia Britanica, (to cite a readily available source.) I appreciate your responses to my queries in Newsletter #9.

No. 10 Page 5.

There's a question which I'd like to direct to you as both an M.D. and as a genealogist. (I don't know how prevalent this practice is, but -- from personal experience -- I've found that the M. D. Anderson Clinic, in Houston, is most interested in family medical histories.) My husband and I are most interested in twins. I am a twin and my husband's maternal grandmother was a twin. Additionally, there is a strong pattern of twins in that line. We read of James and William Grayson, twin sons of John and Sarah Carter Grayson, and brothers of my husband's great-great grandfather Grayson. However, in that line, Ambrose G. Grayson's, we find no other twins nor do we know of any of his children and their descendants having had twins. To your knowledge what is the prevalence of multiple births among the Graysons? Did the "twins" gene come from the Carter line?

I have noted the continued responses to your question about places named after Graysons and would like to propose a similar question. How many Grayson family cemeteries are known to your readers and what are the cemeteries' locations? (e.g., the one begun by Ambrose G. Grayson, son of John and Sarah Carter Grayson, is located on the old Grayson ranch west of the small town of Marquez, Texas, and is still in the hands of his descendants -- currently owned by one of Ambrose's grandsons, B. A. Grayson.) Can your readers, additionally, provide a listing of the graves located in each? (I am enclosing a copy of such a list for the Marquez Grayson-founded cemetery.)

One, final, topic that I would like to raise -- taken from Newsletter #9, p. 5, concerns your quotation from Tyler's Quarterly and the Scottish "connection." Can either you or some of your readers explain the parenthetical remark, ". . . showing a family association with the established rather than the traditional dissenting Scotch church . . ." What is the reference here -- to the established faction of the Presbyterian church or to the established Church of England, (which, in the 17th century, constituted a very small minority in Scotland)? Did St. George's, Spotsylvania Co., belong to either the Church of England or to the "established" Presbyterian faction of the Scottish Presbyterian church? If we know the answers to these items then, it would seem, we've got both an excellent lead as to both the place of familial origin and to the time of arrival over here -- not to mention possible motives for migration.

Let me pass along a further research lead which we've uncovered this summer and which someone might be able to follow-up on before we're able to resume our investigations. We've never done any research in English records ourselves, primary sources -- as opposed to secondary ones and/or general British histories, but someone who has may be able to secure additional information about Thomas, merchant of Deal, and the other early Graysons of the 17th and 18th centuries. The following quotation comes from The Face of the Home Counties, by Harold P. Clunn, published by Spring Books of London, non-dated but probably written shortly before WW II, p. 279.

Upper Deal, which lies about one mile to the south-west on the other side of the railway, is the oldest part of the town, and the site of an ancient Deal described by Leland in his itinerary as a "fisher village". . . . It still retains some quaint buildings and the parish church of St. Leonard dates from about 1051. It was rebuilt in 1684, enlarged in 1819, and restored in 1915. . . .

No. 10. Page 6.

Someone might wish to examine the parish records of St. Leonard's to see if there was a Thomas Grayson, merchant, listed on the rolls during the 1690-1750 period. Also, whether or not there were any of the other Graysons -- John and his wife Susanna, John, Jr., Ambrose, and Benjamin seemingly being the most likely children who might appear on the parish rolls and, of course, Thomas' family -- if any.

While checking your charts on the above names I noticed that you do not seem to have the maiden name of John, Jr.'s wife. The following information comes to us from Mrs. Underwood and, if you'd like documentation of it, you may wish to contact her. John Grayson, b. circa 1729, (which would rule out the St. Leonard's possibility mentioned above), Spotsylvania Co., Va., married Barbara Burdyne, b. 1730, Culpepper Co., Va. In circa 1748 they were married in Orange Co., Va. He died, 1802, and she died, 1801, in Montgomery Co., Va. She was the daughter of Richard and Catherine Burdyne who died in Va. in 1761 and 1770, respectively.

Good hunting and keep up the good work you're doing with the "Newsletter." We'll try to contribute as we can during the next nine months.

Martha Jean Hodges

GRAYSON CEMETERY, LEON CO., TEXAS

(Located west of Marquez approximately 2 miles on old Grayson Ranch on a rocky hill.)

Aman, Mr. - unmarked

Grayson, Ambrose, Apr 5, 1810 - Nov 9, 1853

Grayson, Charlie, 1838 - 1853

Grayson, May, dau of Henry Ambrose & M. Eudora (Petty) Grayson, Dec 27, 1876 - Nov 30, 1885

Grayson, M. Eudora (Petty), wife of Henry Ambrose Grayson, Jun 19, 1851 - Nov 30, 1885 - "Dear ones, your bones were all I found To lay beneath this sacred ground. O! Horrid fire on those so dear as wife and daughter laying here. All I have to bathe my mind Are not the few who live behind But blessed thought by none forgot. It's providence. I'll murmur not; Jesus, they are thine."

Grayson, Parilee, 1840 - 1858

Grayson, Sarah, Dec 5, 1813 - Dec 3, 1885

Greer, Molly - unmarked

Handa, Joseph, May 1, 1862 - Sep 18, 1912

Jones, James M., May 13, 1832 - Nov 6, 1880

Jones, James M., son of J. M. & Amanda Jones, May 23, 1868 - Aug 13, 1870

Jones, Inf son of J. M. & Amanda Jones, Jun 14, 1866 - Jun 19, 1866

J. E. J. -

Petty, Earl Scott, son of S. H. & L. V. Petty, Apr 16, 1892 - Sep 21, 1897

Petty, Houston, Dec 1, 1918 -

Petty, Lina Louise, Jul 14, 1910 - Oct 8, 1920

Petty, Lona Valley, Feb 21, 1900 - Aug 19, 1909

Petty, Lona Valley (Mullen), Feb 14, 1874 - Feb 1931

Petty, Sam Houston, Mar 31, 1863 - Mar 12, 1947

Grayson, Vessie Alva, dau of H. A. & M. E. Grayson, Apr 2, 1882 - Jul 14, 1895

(Researched by Billie Douthitt, Jeanette Douthitt, Mrs. Winnie Payne, Sep 5, 1966.)

Ed Notes in response to letter of Mrs. Hodges: 1.) In regard to the prevalence of twins in the Graysons antecedent to John and Sarah Carter Grayson: I find no record of any twins back to the first John Grayson who came to America, but then, many of the family groups are without birthdates, so it would not be possible to be dogmatic. 2.) Grayson Cemeteries: Mrs. Hodge's Texas graveyard will be number one and I will add number (2) here: There is a Grayson Cemetery "above Looneys Mill Creek" listed by Raulston in Cemeteries of the Sequatchie Valley, in the Tenn. State Library at Nashville. Houston Grayson 1834-1917 is the oldest one listed; Houston was the son of Henry Grayson 1799-1879 who was one of the sons of Joseph Grayson, sr., of Marion co., Tenn., the brother of Wren Grayson, Sr. 3.) I cannot comment on the history of the religions Mrs. Hodges refers to in her letter, nor in reviewing Tylers Quarterly can I find additional help except to say that Evans preceded his comment with the statement that he thought the Graysons were of English descent.

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THE ORIGIN OF ENGLISH SURNAMES: by P.H. Reaney; publ by Routledge & Kegan Paul, London:

Others are taken from the father's occupation, the earliest noted being Ulfwin *Teperesune* (c1095 Bury) 'son of the tapper of casks', the beer-seller or taverner. Neither this nor William *le Harpersone* or Adam *le Skymerson* (1332 SRLa) have survived, but we still have Cookson, Cuckson and Cuxon, Herdson, Hindson, Serjeantson, Sarginson, Sargeson and Surgison, Shepherdson, Sheppardson, Shepperson and Shipperdson, Smithson and Smisson, Taylorson, Wrightson, Rightson and Wrixon, along with Parsonson, Parsison and Parsizon. *Clarkson* is one origin of *Clarson*.¹ Margaret *Clarsome* was the wife of Francis *Clarsom* (1588). Both are called *Clarkson* in 1608. The once common *Revesson* is now *Reeson*, from OE (ge)rēfa 'reeve'; *Grievesson*, *Greavison* and *Greeson* are northern names with a similar meaning, 'son of the grieve or farm-bailiff' (ONorthumb *grāfa*); also northern, but of Scandinavian origin, are *Graveson*, *Grayson*, *Grason*, *Graveston* and *Grayston*, 'son of the greyve or steward' (ON *greifi*).²

Grayson (Eng.) The son of Grieve (lead), or of the grave. See Grieve.

AMERICAN SURNAMES:

A small class of patronymics is formed from occupations. The principal English names that have survived are *CLARKSON*, *COOKSON*, *GRAYSON* "grieve's son," *SMITHSON*, and *WRIGHTSON*. *HINSON* is the "son of the hind or servant." *MASTERTON* designates the "son of the leader or teacher." Some Irish names are *McCAHEY* "son of the horseman," *McCord* and *McCurdy* "son of the navigator," *McInerney* "son of the steward of church lands," and *Macoun* "son of the smith." Greek *PAPADOPOULOS*, in various spellings, is "son of the priest," and *MARANGOPOULOS* is "son of the carpenter." The Scots prefixed *Mac* to words indicating occupation, description or status. There are *McIntyre* "son of the carpenter," *MacPherson* "son of the parson," *MacGowan* "son of the smith," and *McWard* "son of the bard." *MacMillan* is the "son of the bald or tonsured one"; *McIntosh* is the "son of the chief or leader";

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GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER NO. 11.

Page 1.

In the last Newsletter, No. 10, is a list of names in the Grayson Cemetery, Leon Co., Texas, submitted by Martha Jean Hodges of Lake Jackson, Texas. In this list is a Parilee Grayson, 1840-1858 plus 6 people with the last name Petty. Thus it was of interest to receive the following postcard:

September 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Grayson,

My husband, Alfred Marion Petty, had a grandmother named Margaret Pearlee Grayson, and I am doing research on her line. I would appreciate your sending me THE GRAYSON NEWSLETTER and a bill. If you have any back issues available, please let me know which ones and how much they cost.

I look forward to hearing from you, and will send you my husband's pedigree.

*Binch Creek Ranch
Marquez, Texas 77865*

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. M. Petty
Mrs. A.M. Petty

I sent Mrs. Petty all the Newsletters and received the following:

As to the name "Paralee", spelled in various ways, Ambrose G. Grayson's brother, James Gordon, married Nancy Paralee Wright. Ambrose named a daughter after her. Whether the tomb cutter spelled the name the way Ambrose would have wanted, we don't know. My husband's grandmother was the granddaughter of Ambrose, an unschooled child. She spelled her name "Pearlee," of "Pearlea", it is hard to read the last letter.

Ms. Eudora Petty Grayson, third wife of Henry Ambrose Grayson (uncle to Pearlee) was the sister of my husband's grandfather, Alfred Marion Petty. Our ranch boundary is not far from Grayson land. The Grayson cemetery is in this area.

Did you know there used to be a Dr. Grayson, many years ago, about 35 miles from here in Fairfield, Texas?

Page 2. No. 11.

If there is any way in which I can help you, please let me know. I write a local news column for three of our county weekly papers and usually include some genealogy queries. I am Vice-chairman of the Leon County Historical Commission, and Chairman of our county Genealogical Committee.

I am enclosing my husband's ancestor chart and some newspaper articles, plus a letter on Sheriff Ambrose Grayson.

Sincerely,

Joyce Alashell Petty
Mrs. A.M. Petty

Photos below deleted
to conserve space

THIS PICTURE IS A COPY of a tintype made of Mrs. Ambrose G. Grayson, probably the unknown ancestor of many of the readers of this newspaper. Ambrose G. Grayson was the second sheriff elected to the office in Leon County. He served from the fall term of 1850 through the spring term of 1852. Before that time he served as Commissioner of Precinct 1. Ambrose G., one of twelve children, was born April 5, 1810, in Madison Co., Alabama, to Dr. John Grayson and Sarah Carter Grayson, natives of Virginia. He married December 20, 1829, in Madison County, Alabama, to Sarah Buchanan Vann, born December 5, 1813, to Thomas Vann, Jr. and Martha Buchanan Vann, natives respectively of North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Grayson came to Freestone County, Texas, about 1844 and moved to Leon County in 1847. He died November 8, 1853, and she died December 3, 1885. Both are buried in the Grayson Cemetery west of Marquez. Many descendants of this couple live in or near Leon County. Three living grandchildren are: Bully Grayson and Mary Norris of Marquez, and Exa Love of Corsicana. Some of their other grandchildren were: Sug Menefee McGuire, Margaret Grayson Petty, Susan Ledbetter People, Mary Rogers Price, Lilly McCormack Thomas, Leta Grayson Lanier, and Ada Greer Keller. Ancestor charts and family group sheets will eventually be placed in the Leon County Clerk's office as a service of the Leon County Genealogical Committee. The following is a listing of all the indictments returned during the District Court Terms from the Fall Term, 1850, through the Spring Term, 1852, while Ambrose G. Grayson was Sheriff of Leon County: Assault with intent to kill-6; Assault-2; Assault & battery-5; Unlawfully playing at cards-17; Keeping and exhibiting a Faro Bank-1; Affray-1; Stealing a horse-1; Petit Larceny-1; Assaulting an officer-1; Unlawfully permitting cards to be played in his house-2; and Unlawfully carrying away a cow and calf-1. The indictment on the cow and calf was later dismissed due to the term "carrying away." During this period, Judge R.E. Baylor was District Judge.

THIS PICTURE was taken approximately June of 1896 on a farm near Jewett, Texas. From left to right are: Luther Alva Petty (15 Sep 1890-6 Mar 1955), Margaret Grayson Petty (born 29 Mar 1865 in Leon County to John Grayson and Sarah Gibson and died 24 Jan 1949) holding Troy Otto Petty (16 Feb 1896-29 Oct 1967), Bertha Ona (20 Mar 1888-11 Dec 1965, married Charles Monroe Bryant), Alfred Marion Petty (born 13 May 1958 in Nacogdoches County, Texas, to James Flint Petty and Sarah Ann Pace who moved to Leon County in 1862. He died 2 May 1946), Artie Myrtle (27 Jul 1893-4 Sep 1971, married Isaac Newton Johnson) Columbus Alfred (30 Oct 1885-28 Nov 1951) and Campbell Clan (1 Jul 1882-27 Dec 1885). Finis Eric and Lula Elizabeth were not yet born. Of eleven children born to the couple, eight lived to rear families. (Picture property of Mrs. A.M. Petty)

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Mrs. A.M. Petty

Address Birch Creek Ranch

City, State Marquez, Texas 77865

Date July 12, 1977

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. on chart No. .

Chart No. _____

4 PETTY, Alfred Marion

b. 13 May 1858 (Father of No. 2)
 p.b. Nacogdoches Co., Texas
 m. 23 Jul 1881 at Marquez
 d. 2 May 1946
 p.d. Marquez, Leon, Texas

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

2 PETTY, Finis Eric

b. 13 Oct 1898 (Father of No. 1)
 p.b. Crystal Falls, Stephens, Texas
 m. 24 Dec 1924 Normangee, Tex.
 d. 2 Sep 1974
 p.d. Waco, McLennon, Texas

5 GRAYSON, Margaret Pearlee

b. 29 Mar 1865 (Mother of No. 2)
 p.b. Leon, Texas
 d. 24 Jan 1949
 p.d. Levelland, Hockley, Tex.

PETTY, Alfred Marion

b. 16 Feb 1928
 p.b. Teague, Frestone, Texas
 m. (2nd) 14 July 1962

d.
 p.d.

6 FAIL, William Luther

b. 20 Jan 1880 (Father of No. 3)
 p.b. Jasper Co., Miss.
 m. 20 Dec 1903
 d. 22 Mar 1920
 p.d. Marquez, Leon, Texas

3 FAIL, Vesta Una

b. 24 Jan 1906 (Mother of No. 1)
 p.b. Marquez, Leon, Texas
 d.
 p.d.

7 WILLIAMS, Margaret Elizabeth

b. 24 Jul 1879 (Mother of No. 3)
 p.b. Venetia, Leon, Texas
 d. 17 Oct 1928
 p.d. Venetia, Leon, Texas

2nd DASHIELL, Ruth Joyce (Mrs. L.ewis)

b. 12 May 1925 d.
 p. Jacksonville, Texas p.d.

8 PETTY, James Flint

b. 1820 (Father of No. 4)
 p.b. Franklin Co., Tenn.
 m. 23 Apr 1846 Noxubee Co. Miss.
 d. Jun 1882
 p.d. Texas

9 PACE Sarah Ann

b. 1828 (Mother of No. 4)
 p.b. Ala.
 d.
 p.d.

10 GRAYSON, John Clan

b. 13 Nov 1830 (Father of No. 5)
 p.b. Madison Co., Alabama
 m. 18 May 1859 Madison Co.
 d. 7 Aug
 p.d. Limestone, Texas

11 GIBSON, Sarah Ann

b. Sep 1843 (Mother of No. 5)
 p.b. Madison Co, Ala.
 d.
 p.d.

12 FAIL, William Dixon

b. 7 May 1857 (Father of No. 6)
 p.b. Butler Co., Ala.
 m. 19 Mar 1879
 d. 12 Sep 1939
 p.d. Jewett, Leon, Texas

13 JONES, Amanda Lena

b. 16 Jun 1857/59 (Mother of No. 6)
 p.b. Clarke Co., Miss.
 d. 13 Apr 1937
 p.d. Jewett, Leon, Texas

14 WILLIAMS, Samuel Wright

b. 30 Nov 1853 (Father of No. 7)
 p.b. Venetia, Leon, Texas
 m. 24 Nov 1874
 d. 6 May 1926
 p.d. Venetia, Leon, Texas

15 THOMPSON, Sarah Eliza

b. 13 Sep 1854 (Mother of No. 7)
 p.b. Robertson Co., Texas
 d. 26 May 1897
 p.d. Venetia, Leon, Texas

16 PETTY, Alfred

b. 1795 (Father of No. 8, a)
 m.
 d. ca. 1847 Miss.
 17 TUBB, Mary (Polly) (Mother of No. 8, b)
 b. 2 Feb 1797 N.C.
 d. 1872 Noxubee Co. Miss.

18

b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No.)
 m.
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 19 b. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No.)
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20 GRAYSON, Ambrose G.

b. 5 Apr 1810 (Father of No. 10, c)
 m. 20 Dec 1829
 d. 8 Nov 1853
 21 VANN, Sarah Buchanan (Mother of No. 10, d)
 b. 5 Dec 1813
 d. 3 Dec 1885

22 GIBSON

b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No.)
 m.
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 23 ELLIOTT, (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No.)
 b.
 d.

24 FAIL, Lovard

b. 14 Feb 1818 (Father of No. 12, e)
 m. ca. 1841
 d. 10 Oct 1900
 25 WILLIAMS, Mary Jane (Mother of No. 12, f)
 b. 20 Oct 1823
 d. 20 Apr. 1887

26 JONES, John Ransome

b. 8 Feb 1829 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 9)
 m. 1850
 d. Sep 1904
 27 MOODY, Catherine L. (Mother of No. 13, h)
 b. ca. 1828
 d. Nov 1906

28 WILLIAMS, F. B. (2nd)

b. 7 Nov 1826 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No.)
 m. 28 Mar 1850
 d. 2 Mar 1898
 29 EVANS, Mary J. (Mrs. Moore) (Mother of No. 14, i)
 b. 22 Oct 1812
 d. 22 Mar 1891

30 THOMPSON, B.R. Sr.

b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.)
 m.
 d. 7 Mar 1880
 31 SAMPSON, Margaret M. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No.)
 b. 1 Sep 1819
 d. 27 Feb 1880 Robertson County

Name of Compiler Mrs. A.M. Petty
 Address Birch Creek Ranch
 City, State Marquez, Texas 77865
 Date _____

Ancestor Chart
 Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
 person as No. 20 on chart No. _____

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4 GRAYSON, John
 (Father of No. 2)
 b. 1727
 p.b.
 m. ca. 1748
 d. 1802
 p.d.

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

2 GRAYSON, John
 (Father of No. 1)
 b. 9 Aug 1770
 p.b. Montgomery Co., Va.
 m. 23 Oct 1792 Montgomery Co.
 d. 29 July 1826
 p.d. Madison Co., Ala.

5 BURDYNE, Barbara
 (Mother of No. 2)
 b. 1730
 p.b.
 d. 1801
 p.d. Montgomery Co., Va.

GRAYSON, Ambrose G.

b. 5 Apr 1810
 p.b. Madison Co., Ala.
 m. 20 Dec 1829 Madison Co.
 d. 8 Nov 1853
 p.d. Leon, Texas

6 CARTER, George
 (Father of No. 3)
 b. 1735 - 37
 p.b. Va.
 m. 1758
 d. 1810
 p.d. Cooke Co., Tenn.

3 CARTER, Sarah (Sallie)
 (Mother of No. 1)
 b. 2 Jan 1776
 p.b. Charlottesville,
 d. 13 Sep 1838
 p.d.

7 Mary
 (Mother of No. 3)
 b. 1740
 p.b. Va.
 d. 1795-6
 p.d.

VANN, Sarah (Sallie) Buchanan

b. 5 Dec 1813
 p.b.
 d. 3 Dec 1885
 p.d. Leon County

8 GRAYSON, Ambrose
 (2nd hus.)
 (Father of No. 4)
 b. 1680
 p.b.
 m. 1 Nov 1726 Spotsylvania Co.
 d. 6 Sep 1742
 p.d.

9 JAMES, Alice (3rd James Stevens)
 (1st John James)
 (Mother of No. 4)
 b. 1701
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

10 BURDYNE, Richard
 (Father of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d. 1761
 p.d.
 11 Catherine
 (Mother of No. 5)
 b.
 p.b.
 d. 1770
 p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.
 13 (Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.
 15 (Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

16 GRAYSON, John
 (Father of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d. 1736 Spotsylvania Co., Va.
 (White?) Susanna
 (Mother of No. 8,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)

18 JAMES, Miles Sr.
 (Father of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b. 1701
 p.b.
 d.

19 OISTIN, Elizabeth
 (Mother of No. 9,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

20 (Father of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

21 (Mother of No. 10,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
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22 (Father of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
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23 (Mother of No. 11,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
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24 (Father of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

25 (Mother of No. 12,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
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26 (Father of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
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27 (Mother of No. 13,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

28 (Father of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

29 (Mother of No. 14,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

30 (Father of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 m.
 d.

31 (Mother of No. 15,
 Cont. on chart No. _____)
 b.
 d.

Family memories live at 123-year-old farm

By DONNA McCARVER
Eagle Correspondent

MARQUEZ—The head of Grayson family, Bernice Ambrose Grayson, doesn't like to sell land. No more did his ancestors, which is one of the big reasons why the Grayson Farm has been in the family almost as long as Texas has been a state.

At almost 90 years of age B. A. "Bully" Grayson says he doesn't do much any more: "All I do now is raise cattle and cut some hay." But he used to farm and raise hogs and "trade some — I bought and sold oil leases. I'd go all over the state of Texas. If I had it to do over, I'd be a trader."

Grayson is presently watching with interest an oil well that is being drilled on his land in Leon County.

Still an imposing figure, Grayson sat in the living room of his comfortable three-bedroom house and reminisced about his growing up on the farm.

"We worked hard, me and my brother," he recalled. "My daddy had between 15,000 and 20,000 hogs. In one year he marked 10,000 shoats. During the depression I remember one time I sold four shoats for 20 cents and bought four 'Cokes.' I remember when land was selling for \$1 an acre. Most of my land was \$5 an acre and under."

The Grayson Farm is registered in

Volume II under the Texas Farm Land Heritage Program. A Certificate of Honor from the Texas Department of Agriculture attests that the farm was acquired in 1854 and has been lived on continuously since then by one or more members of the Grayson family.

The original 240 acres was acquired in 1854 from the M Conception Marquez Grant by Grayson's grandmother, Sarah Grayson, widow of Ambrose, who died that same year. Sarah farmed the land with the help of her nine children and also ran a mill on Grayson's Mill Creek.

The Graysons are a close knit family. "Bully" Ambrose is one of 10 children, of whom three survive. One sister, Exa Love, lives in Corsicana, and the other, Mary Norris, lives in Marquez.

Bernice's father, Henry Ambrose Grayson, was married four times. His first and second wives were sisters, Nannie and Sarah Winn, who both died in childbirth. His third wife was Mary E. Petty, who died with their daughter Mary in a house fire. He later married Mary E. Monroe, who was the mother of the present owner of the Grayson Farm, Bernice Ambrose, also nicknamed "Bully" was born "in potato diggin' time" October 31, 1877.

Bernice Ambrose and his first

wife, Miss Zeama Goodwin, had two children, a son Bernice Darwin, who lives 1/4 mile down the road from his father, and a daughter, Mildred Burleson, a retired school teacher who lives in Wortham. Mrs Zeama Grayson died in 1962.

The present Mrs. Grayson is the former Myrtis Allison Stockton. The Graysons and the Allisons were life long friends. Bernice and Myrtis went together as teenagers but it was 55 years later that they met again and married. This was not the first marriage that linked the two families. The two sisters that Bernice's father married were Myrtis's aunts.

The Grayson house is interesting. It is six-gabled and its walls are covered with slabs of petrified wood.

"I hauled hundreds of tons of that stuff (petrified wood) for that house from four counties," recalls son Darwin Grayson.

Of Darwin and Neta Mrs. Grayson says, "I don't know what we'd do without them." Grayson says, "That boy of mine can fix anything."

Neta reminisced about her father-in-law: "When I first came here Mr. Grayson had a gray mare he rode. He was the most beautiful horseman you ever saw. He and the horse were just one. He still rides."

Then she recalled, "He roped a deer once."

Next is the story of John Brady Grayson from "Virginia Biography" pp. 882-884 sent in by Elaine Soden of Des Moines:

John Brady Grayson. The first of the Graysons in America of whom there is any record at hand was Benjamin Grayson, who, with his sister, emigrated from England or Scotland to Westmoreland county, Virginia, afterwards settling on the Occoquan river near the spot which later became Colchester, his immigration finding its date in the early part of the seventeenth century.

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In his new home he became a merchant, trading largely in tobacco, and by great industry and the judicious management of his affairs acquired a large estate. He left Westmoreland county about 1715, settling in Dumfries, Prince William county, Virginia, and engaged extensively in mercantile business and shipping. Benjamin Grayson married at Dumfries a wealthy widow, Mrs. Linton, whose maiden name was Susanna Monroe, sister of Spence Monroe, of Westmoreland county, father of President James Monroe, an ancient and distinguished Scotch family. After his second marriage, to a Mrs. Ewell, he built a residence on a large tract of land that he owned near the Occoquan and Potomac rivers, naming the estate "Belle Air," the name of the former home of his second wife. The residence was a handsome mansion, built in manorial style, with massive carved oaken doors, wainscotted throughout, and with lofty columned front, and there he died in 1757. The first husband of Susanna Monroe was a Mr. Tyler, of the stock of the family of President Tyler. The sister of Benjamin Grayson married a Harrison, a member of the family of that later produced President Harrison.

Among the children of Benjamin and Susanna Grayson was William Grayson, who gained the military rank of colonel in the war of the revolution, a close friend of Gen. George Washington, and elected a member of the first senate of the United States of America to take seat under the newly adopted constitution, but died a few months after taking his seat in that honorable body. On November 11, 1774, a military company called the "Independent Company of Cadets" was formed in Prince William county, Virginia, and William Grayson was chosen its captain. Mount Vernon and Dumfries were within easy visiting distance, and in that day there was much social intercourse between the Grayson and Washington families, while, in the diary of General Washington, Colonel Grayson is frequently mentioned as a guest at Mount Vernon, often joining General Washington in his favorite recreation of hunting. Colonel Grayson was with General Washington when he crossed to Brooklyn during the action in August, 1776, was afterward at the battle of White Plains. He was later one of a commission appointed to confer

with Lord Howe on the subject of the treatment and exchange of prisoners of war, and soon after a resolve of congress placed him in an administrative position as commissioner of the board of war, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Harrison. Colonel Grayson was elected a member of the Confederate congress in 1784, and continued in membership therein until the articles of confederation were superseded by the constitution as now in force. On December 24, 1784, the commissioners of the states of Massachusetts and New York applied to congress for a court to decide certain disputes between them as to boundaries, and Colonel Grayson was named by congress as one of the commissioners, his appointment immediately accepted by the contesting states. Colonel Grayson was a member of the Virginia convention called to deliberate upon the adoption of the constitution and although he opposed such action the zeal, ability, patriotism and statesmanship that he had exhibited was such that after the final ratification of that code he was, with Richard Henry Lee, chosen Virginia's representative in the senate of the United States. He took his seat in the senate, May 21, 1789, and on that day his name was placed on the committee to define the crimes and offences cognizable under the laws of the United States and the penalty due. He died at Dumfries, Virginia, March 12, 1790, and was buried in the family vault on the Belle Air estate, the residence of his brother, the Rev. Spence Grayson. He married a sister of General Smallwood, former governor of Maryland.

From such an ancestry is descended John Brady Grayson, of this chronicle, son of George Washington and Mary Elizabeth (Brady) Grayson, and grandson of Frederick William Spence Grayson. His father was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, and now resides at New Baltimore, Virginia. His lifelong occupation has been that of merchant, and in the war between the states he held the rank of sergeant in Company "C," Forty-ninth Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Confederate States army, being wounded in the action at Seven Pines. George Washington and Mary Elizabeth (Brady) Grayson had children: George Bennett, born May 3, 1868; Thomas Keller, born November 3, 1880, married Mary Sanders and is the father of George Wallace

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and Delia; Catherine Noel, married Thomas Smith Allison, and has one daughter, Mary; Mary, married Richard R. Sanders; Roberta, married George Sanders; Martha, married James Sudduth; Belle, married Oscar Lynn; Elizabeth, unmarried; John Brady, of whom further.

Besides the services of George Washington Grayson to the Confederate cause in the years from 1861 to 1865, this line of the family was represented in that conflict by his brother, A. Bennett Grayson, a soldier of the Seventeenth Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, killed in the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia. There was still another brother, John W. Grayson, who did not participate in the war; he died in Jefferson City, Missouri. So did this branch of the family send its full quota of men in patriotism and courage to the front, while the record of General John Breckenridge Grayson, United States and Confederate States armies, reflects further credit upon the family name, already so rich in memories of devoted service to country.

John Brady Grayson, son of George Washington and Mary Elizabeth (Brady) Grayson, was born in New Baltimore, Virginia, May 14, 1871, and in his youth attended the public schools of New Baltimore and Scottsville. After leaving school he was first employed as clerk in mercantile houses in the place of his birth and in Warrenton, and in 1894 entered the United

States Railway Postal Service. In 1903 he embarked in mercantile dealings in Warrenton, a venture that from its inception seemed marked for success and in which he has prospered, his establishment holding position among the foremost in the place in point of favor with the public. Since 1907 Mr. Grayson has been postmaster of Warrenton, appointed first by President Roosevelt, reappointed by President Taft, and holding office under President Wilson, his term to expire, July 8, 1914. His tenure of office was distinguished by no extraordinary incident, and the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his office brought general public satisfaction. Mr. Grayson affiliates with Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 133, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Warrenton; Warrenton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Warrenton Lodge, No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; and the Royal Ar-

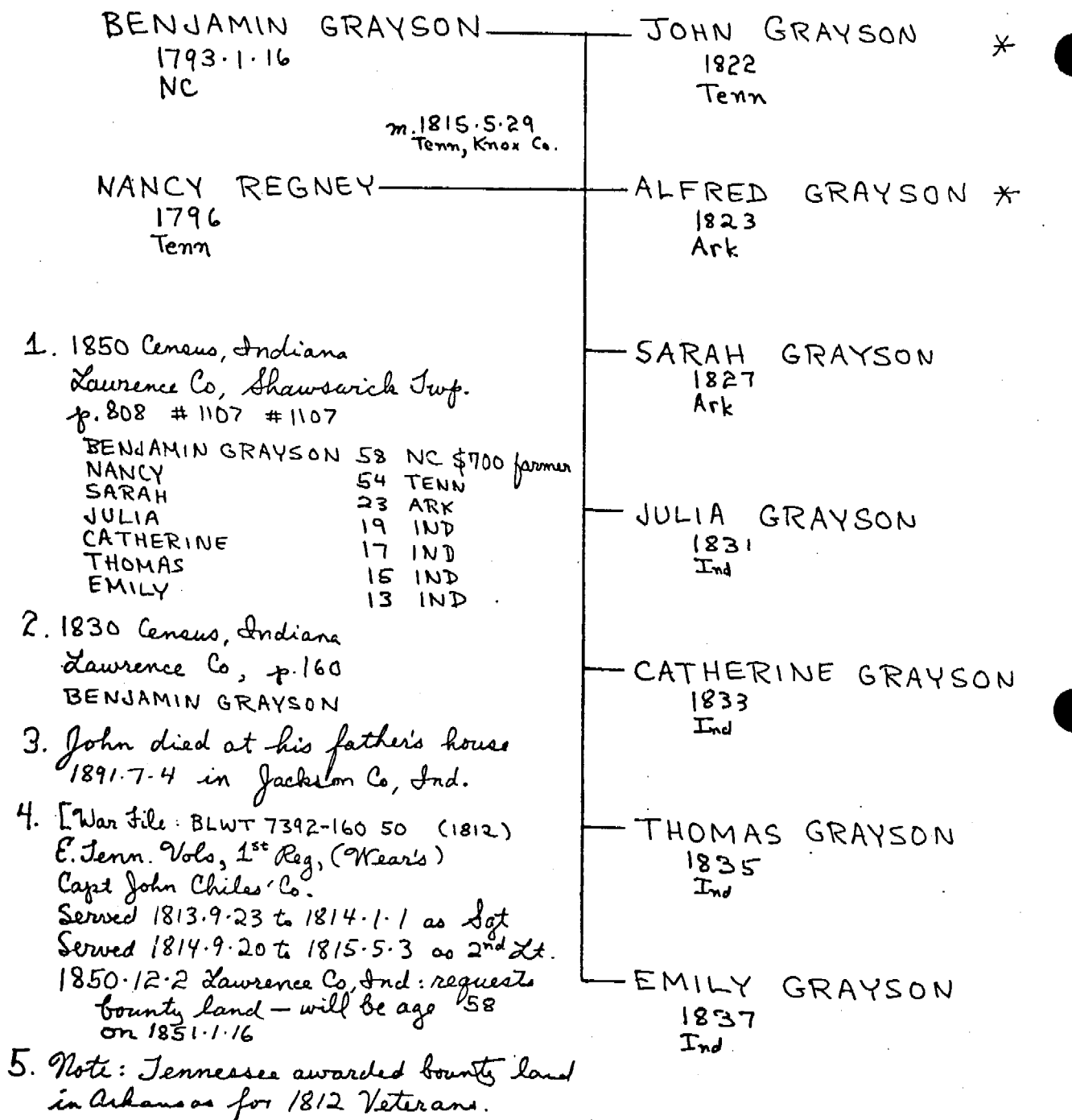
canum, of which he is past grand regent. His political party is the Republican, and he holds membership in the Baptist church.

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QUERY: Who was Benjamin Grayson of the 1830 census in Lawrence county, Ind.?.....Elaine Soden: Answer from R. Grayson: He probably was the son of John Grayson of Knox county, Tenn., who was a brother to our Wren Grayson, sr., but this theory is not proven. See next page for my family group sheet on this Benjamin Grayson.

Query: Who was Robert Grayson who married Nancy Long in Clark County, Ind., in 1825?.....Elaine Soden. Answer: I wish I knew., because he has descendants still living near there at present. See page 9 for my summary of Robert Grayson of Clark county, Ind.

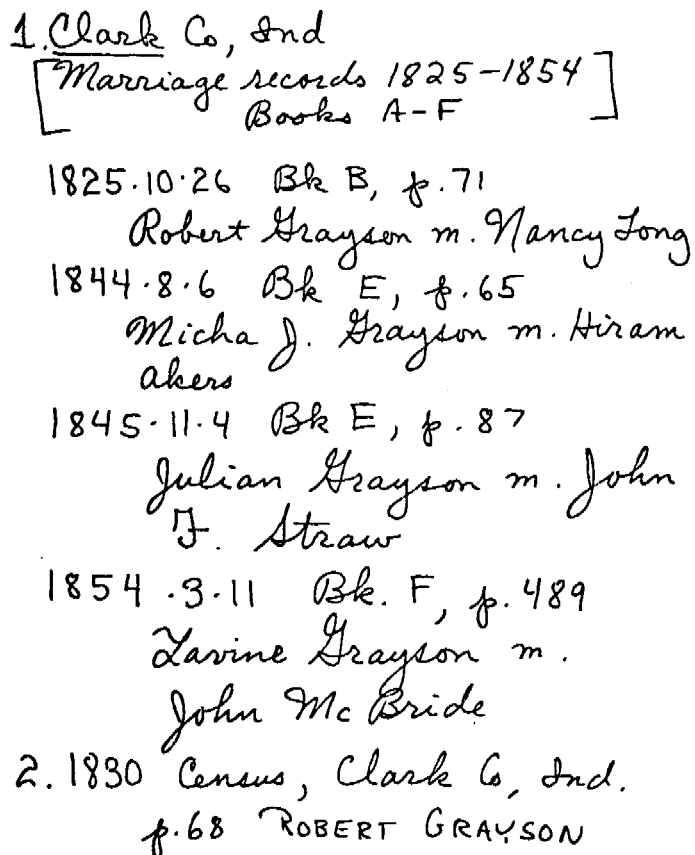
Note to Elaine Soden: The post card from Mrs. Petty came as a result of your post card survey. Another good contact with a Mrs. Cardon was made last week due to your postcards and her family tree may come in time for this issue of the Newsletter. We all thank you and Mr. Soden for the survey and wish to encourage you to send postcards to all Graysons you can. How many have you sent so far?



Benjamin's travels from
NC to Tenn
and finally to Ind make it
very likely that he is related
to us. How?

6. 1815.5.29 Tennessee, Knox Co.
Benjamin Grayson m. Nancy Regney
bondsmen Henry Regney
witness A. Hutchison

I assigned him to generation #5 because we already have a Benj. in #6, and
all our relatives in gen. #6 are assumed to be sons of Benj.⁷
see also Nancy⁵ (b. 1791.5.15), a possible sister because they were
both in Lawrence Co.



We don't know if Robert is related to us. Clark Co, Ind abuts Jefferson Co, Wrens home after ~1837.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON GRAYSON: Sometimes the research into commonalities such as identical names can lead to new insights in genealogy. The name George Washington Grayson is an unusual name in this century, but apparently was a common name at one time.

1. The first George Washington Grayson was the son of WILLIAM GRAYSON, son of Benjamin, John⁶ and obviously was named after George Washington, to whom Col. William Grayson had been aid de camp. This George W. Grayson according to my records married Octavia, died in Fauquier co., Va.

2. The second George Washington Grayson was the son of the first, was born Oct 20, 1803 in Greenup co., Ky., died 1888 Kans, Jefferson co., married 1st Sally, b. 1804, md. 3rd Mary Rowe, and appears in the 1850 census of Platte co., Mo.

3. The 3rd George Washington Grayson was the son of the 2nd. and was born in 1829 in Ky. I have no further information on him.

4. A 4th George Washington Grayson according to the Encyclopedia of Biog., vol 5, p. 882, was b. Dec. 8, 1835, d. June 22, 1919, md. Mary Elizabeth Brady, was son of Frederick⁶, William⁷ Spence⁸ Benj⁹ John¹⁰. John Brady Grayson, whose biography appears on page 5 of this Newsletter was the son of this 4th George Washington Grayson.

5. A 5th George Washington Grayson, apparently unrelated to the others was cited in Newsletter No. 8, page 7. This was George Washington Grayson b. 13 Oct 1875, d 21 Jan 1917, m. Alice E Curley or Gurley, was son of John S. and Minerva Grayson. John Grayson b. ca. 1836 was son of William G. Grayson b. ca 1814 and Christiny McCurry. William G. Grayson was son of Benjamin Grayson who married Hannah Melton by 1800. Benjamin Grayson was son of Joseph Grayson, sr. who came to Rutherford co., N.C. from Va., by 1779 and whose antecedents are not known.

I can find no connection between the 5th George Washington Grayson and the other 4. Can anyone else? For example, if you look for Joseph Grayson as a link with the others, there seems to be none.

It would be important to try to find a link because the origins of the North Carolina Graysons in Wilkes co., and in Rutherford co. are as yet unknown. These 2 clans are possibly related to each other but even that is unknown. Did they come from Virginia or from England?

A descendant of George Washington Grayson no. 2 above has called me recently in response to a Soden post card and has promised to send more group information which I shall pass along in the next Newsletter. She is Mrs. Marjory Grayson Cardon of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Daniel Lowell Grayson, b. Dec. 12, 1864 (!), d. 1945, son of George Washington Grayson, 1803-1888.

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William T. Grayson of Evansville, Ind., has written in response to a Soden postcard stating that he is nearing completion of the family tree of Jackson Grayson who was in Henderson co., Ky., before the Civil War, and who married a Melton. "The Grayson and Melton family entered a port in N.C. on the same ship and traveled to Ky. together" according to family tradition. The uncle of William T. Grayson is Clay Grayson whose letter was printed in Newsletter no. 10 on pages 1 & 2. In my opinion, Jackson Grayson was almost certainly one of the Graysons of Rutherford co., N.C., and possibly was K.J. McGrayson, b. 1838 d. 1903, married Mary Letitia Melton. (Ref. Newsletter No. 8.)

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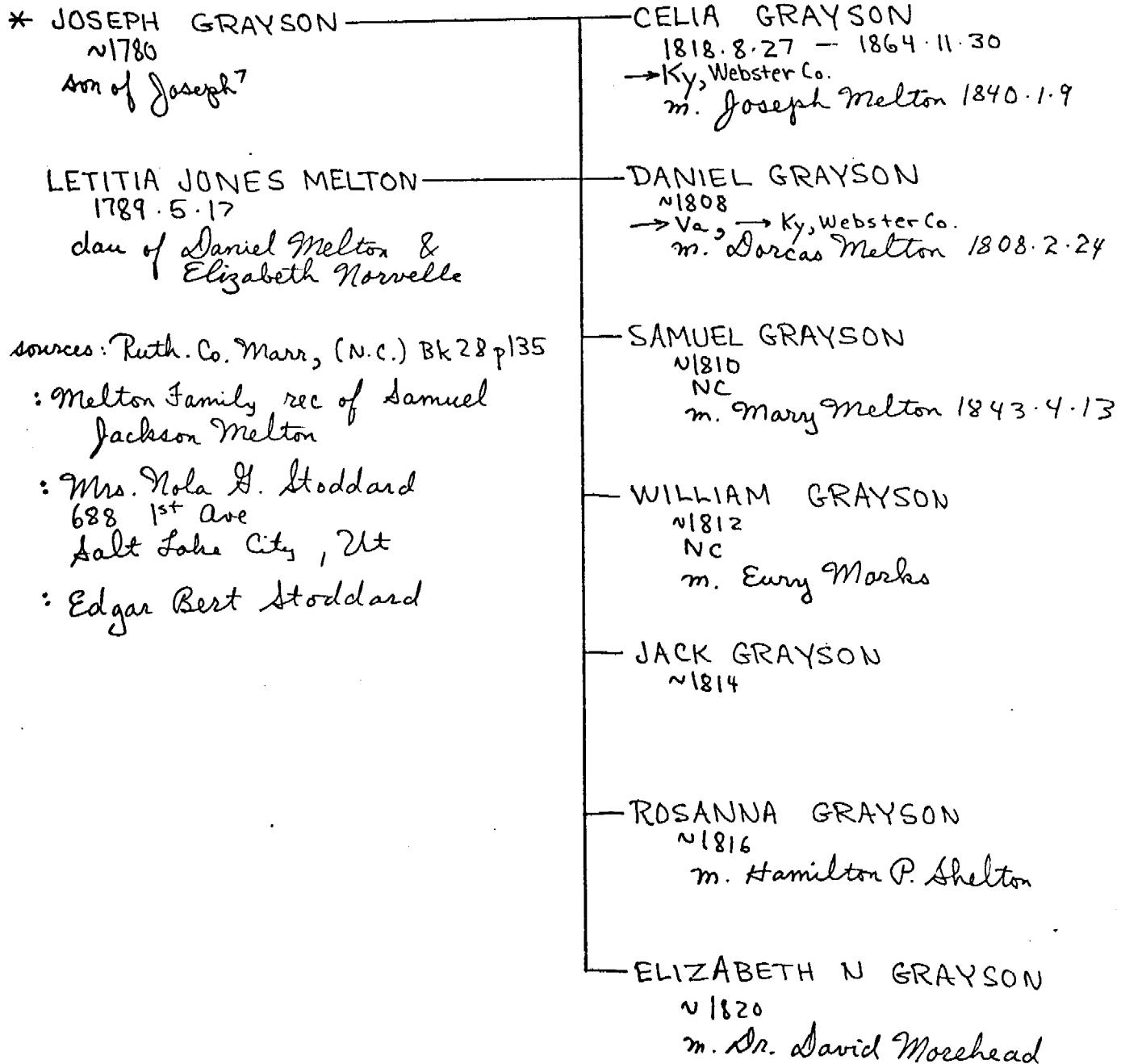
GRAYSON GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER NO. 12.

JACK GRAYSON of Ky.: The ancestor of William T. Grayson of Evansville, Ind. (No. 11, p. 11) and of Ernest Clay Grayson of Louisville, Ky. (No. 10, p. 1.)...my first guess was that this Jack Grayson might have been Joseph Grayson, jr. of Rutherford co., N.C. (No. 8 pp7,8), and then I suggested K.J. Mc. Grayson, son of William. Now there is a better candidate for Jack Grayson: There was a Jack Grayson b. ca. 1814 who was the son of Joseph Grayson, jr. of Rutherford co. See page 2 of this Letter for family group sheet of Joseph Grayson, jr. References are included. This family was not included in the article on the Rutherford co. N.C. Graysons by Philbeck in Letter no. 8.

The GRAYSONS OF KNOX CO., TENN.: John Grayson, b. ca. 1765, was the first Grayson in Knox co., bought 190 acres 1797, lived there till at least 1830 when he and wife were in 1830 census. John Grayson was probably son of Benjamin Grayson, sr., of Wilkes co., N.C. who first entered land there in 1779, and whose parents are not known. Benjamin sr. had at least 6 sons and 2 daughters. The sons were John, Jesse, b 1772 of Marion co., Tenn, William b 1768, Wren, b 1782, Joseph of Marion co. Tenn b 1778, and Benj. jr. The daughters names are not known. Candidates for children of John Grayson of Knox co. Tenn, son of Benjamin sr of Wilkes co N.C., include Benjamin Grayson b. 1793 who married Nancy Regney (see 11. p. 8.) and 3 daughters, Jane, Nancy, and Sarah. See pages 3,4,5 of this issue for family group sheets of these 3 kindly sent in by Mrs. Jean (Edmonson) Mitchell of Rt 2, Box 6, Clayton, Ind., 46118., whose gr gr grandfather was Francis Edmonson who married Jane Grayson in 1828. Nancy Grayson Edmonson and family went to Lawrence co., Ind., the same place that Benjamin Grayson and Nancy Regney went, suggesting they were brother and sister Benjamin's first son was named John Grayson suggesting that John was the father of Benjamin. Nancy had a son named John Grayson Edmonson, suggesting that John Grayson was her father. Jane Grayson Edmonson, however had a son named Benjamin Grayson Edmonson, suggesting she was the daughter of either Benjamin Grayson sr., or jr.

Others of Knox co., Tenn: Joseph Grayson who mar Patty Brazeale 1798 was the brother of John Grayson of Knox co. I have no information on these 2: Hannah Grayson mar Thomas Yarnell 3/4/1824; William Grayson mar Martha McMahan 3/11/1828. Nor of these 2 which might also be of Knox co.: William Grayson mar Susannah Tinder 9/8/1802; Thomas M. Grayson b ca 1839 mar Christenia Davis.

Thanks to Mrs. Mitchell for all her data above and a note to her: Mrs. Maryland M. Blank, 19124 Parson Ave, Castro Valley, Calif. is doing Edmonson research also. She wrote that the 11th ch of Nancy was Susanah, and has birth dates. Might be same as on my mailing list: Mrs. Ralph E. Blank, 17 Dogwood Drive, Summit, N.J. 17901.



HUSBAND JOHN EDMONDSON (EDMONDSON) (EDMUNDSON)
MARR. 8/13/1816 Place KNOX CO. TENN.
DIED 1867 Place CLAY CO. IND.
BUR. NEAR JASPERVILLE, IND.
HUSBAND'S MOTHER SUSANNAH KEMP

BORN CA 1795 Place TENN.
MARR. 8/13/1816 Place KNOX CO. TENN.
DIED 1867 Place CLAY CO. IND.
BUR. NEAR JASPERVILLE, IND.

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WIFE SARAH (SALLY) GRAYSON (SISTER TO JANE)
BORN CA 1796 Place TENN.

MARR. 4/7/1867 Place CLAY CO. IND.
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CAROLINE MOSS 3 8 1903
1853
GEORGE PICKETT
JOEL A. BUCKLEW

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OTHER MARRIAGES

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

CLAY CO. HISTORY (TRAVIS) VOL. II P 350
(SAME SOURCE FOLLOWS WESLEY'S FAMILY ON DOWN)

The Grayson who caught Tom DulaJAMES W. M. GRAYSON.....War record:

Lieut Col in 4 regt Tenn inf also Major in 13 regt Tenn Cav.

Discharged at Cinnc. Ohio Oct 1, 1863

July 1863 disabled by Malaria and typhoid fever

Applied for pension Dec 27 1890

Married first to Julia Ann Grayson, divorced Mar 1885, Mountain City, Tenn., died about 1887 at Key Station, Tenn.

Married 2nd to Sarah Jane Jones May 20, 1885, Ashe co., N.C.

On Mar 13, 1901, Sarah Jane Grayson age 47 applied for widow's pension

James W. M. Grayson died Feb 18, 1901. Was listed as age 64 in

Declaration for a pension on 10 Oct. 1898. (b. 1834)

Postal address was Solitude, Ashe county, N.C.

Children: in application for pension Dec 1, 1898: "They are all past the age of 16 years." (Interpretation: he had at least three children but did not name them.)

Served in Union army ("in the service of the United States")

See Newsletter No. 6 for more details

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PLEASANT C. GRAYSON.....War records

Died Jan 10, 1921 (born Aug 3 1821)

"He had no physician that attended him; he himself a physician, took his own medication." Application by his daughter Tennessee King..

Died at above dau house in Bradley co., Tenn. Buried at King graveyard.

Her P.O. address RFD Rt 2 Charleston, Bradley co., Tenn.

Resident of Eureka, Bradley co., Tenn.

Married 4 times, all dead in 1921. Tennessee (Grayson) King's mother was Vastie, died 1863. Divorced from Martha Howard, who died 1916.

Nancy Shearley, Vastie Pickett, Elizabeth Caront (?), & Martha Howard were the 4 wives. Acc. to statement of Tenn. King. Caront is prob King.

Pleasant C. Grayson, 2nd sergeant, Co. I, 10" Regiment, Tenn. Inf.

Born Bedsoe co., Tenn.

1st wife was a Patsey Sneldy (?) acc to his own statement in 1915;

2nd wife Vartie Pickett; 3rd wife Elizabeth King; 4th wife Martha Howard. Vartie is spelled "Vashti" in 1898 application. Sneldy was probably Shearley or Shirley.

Name of dau was "Tennessee Jain Grayson" who married William King, born Oct 18, 1850.

Hannah Hickman wife of Willie Hickman was his grand daughter in 1920 who nursed him with Tenn. King. (Suggestive that Hannah was the dau of Tennessee Jane)

114 Hursey Street
Pass Christian, Ms. 39571

November 1, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,
Louisville

The ^ACourier-Journal & Times Magazine "cover picture" for Oct. 9, 1977 was the GRAYSON's Tavern at Danville, Ky. It is a beautiful two-story frame Colonial with shuttered, multi-paned windows. I would think if anybody is interested they can write the paper to get an old copy of the Magazine section.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the FAMILY REGISTER from the Bible of ROBERT GRAYSON (b. 1790, Ky.) Clark Co., Indiana. One of the descendants sent it to me. You were right; he had been married twice; but I do believe many of his in-law were living with him in 1830. OR perhaps he married into the LONG family and acquired the land. Later on, the land records and deed will solve this. JAMES GRAYSON b. 1830, Ind., (both parents b. in Ky.) who was listed in the 1880 census with the family of NANCY LONG GRAYSON -- is not listed on the Family Register. He might be a clue to a brother of ROBERT b. 1790.

Since I have only three of your NEWLETTERS (8,9,11) this suggestion that I will make, may have been discussed before. Many of your readers have completed their lineage; some, part of it; others are just starting. As a family group, I wonder why WE can't all work together, and REALLY get all the GRAYSON lines straighten out.

I noticed that we are all living in the wrong states -- Rhoda Sunderland, California, needs help in Mississippi; Donald S. Grayson, Kentucky, needs help in Virginia; Jean Mitchell, Indiana, needs help in Tennessee; Richard R. Grayson, Illinois, needs help in Indiana and Virginia; Florence Salyards, Mississippi, needs help in Kentucky and Virginia; etc., etc., ...

Shouldn't we start selecting ONE state and searching for all GRAYSONS living in that area prior to 1850, and sharing what we have found. Let me know what you think???

Sincerely,

Florence McBride Salyards

Commonwealth of Virginia -- and those counties that are now part of Kentucky. Bourbon, Fayette (1780), Jefferson, Kentucky (existed from 1777 until 1780), Lincoln, Mason, Mercer, Woodford, And some counties that are now part of West Virginia.

Taxpayers of Kentucky 1790 929.3 H Biloxi Library
1790-- Commonwealth of Kentucky was a part of Virginia, altho a movement was then under way looking to the formation of a separate state. This resulted in the creation of the Territory of Kentucky date 26 July 1790; admitted on 1 July 1792.

Ky. Land Grants, Vol I, Va. Grants 333.16 Gulfport Library
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GRAYSON, Benj 6, 212 book 13 pg. 118 3-15-1785 Fayette Co., Ky
Wm. 400 acres 10 69 3-15-1784 Jefferson Co. Beach Fork

Taxpayers of Ky. 1790 929.3 H Biloxi Library

GRAYSON, Benj Mercer Co. 1789
John Fayette 1789 1789
Wm Woodford 1790
Wm Fayette 1789

Taxpayers of Ky. 1800 by Clift

GRAYSON, Benj Nelson Co. 7/7/1800
George Mason 8/25/1800
Reubin Logan 8/26/1800
Robert Logan 8/26 8/26/1800
Robert Mason 8/25/1800
Thomas Christian 7/22/1800
Wm Christian 7/22/1800
Long Thomas Jefferson 9/3/1800

1810

GRAYSON, ? Greenup Co. pg 275
Alfred Fayette Co. 48
Benj Nelson 10
Frederick W Bullitt 177
Michael Montgomery 357
Thomas Montgomery
Wm Montgomery

Frederick Co., Va. Marriages 1771-1825 by Davis 929.3755 Gulfport
pg. 36

GRAYSON, Robert Osborne married Margaret Susannah Peyton 28 Feb 1811, by A.B.

Ky. Marriages 1797 - 1865 Clift 929.3 K 4

pg 6

GRAYSON, Alfred, Wash co. m. Letetia Breckinridge, Fayette Co. 26 Oct 1804
dau. of John Breckinridge

History of the Ohio Falls Counties New Albany Public Library, Ind. 977.2 H 62
pg 241 - 242 Rolls of Pioneers of Floyd Co. Ind.

Gabriel Poindexter, Robert Stewart, Robert Grayson, Hugh McCulloch, John Poindexter; the above were all settlers in this region prior to 1817, and majority of them were here as early as 1812.

FAMILY REGISTER from the Bible of ROBERT GRAYSON, Clark Co., Ind.

ROBERT GRAYSON died the 25th of April 1845: born 11th of January 1790
married: ELIZABETH BLAIR - 10th of July 1813. d. 29th of January 1815
JOHN GRAYSON their son b. 15th June 1815 d. 20 May 1829

married: NANCY LONG - October 1825 b. 31 December 1801
MICHAEL JANE GRAYSON their daughter 18th Sept 1825; married 6 August 1844
JULIUN INA GRAYSON Sept 23rd 1828; married 4 of November 1845
ROBERT GRAYSON May 20th 1831
LE RUE GRAYSON June 26th 1833 (LAURA)
GEORGE GRAYSON June 28th 1835
ELIZABETH GRAYSON 20th November 1837
ISAAC FRANKLIN GRAYSON 22nd January 1840
JANE LONG married THOMAS HAMMOND 11th April 1830

Jane Long d. 13th June 1838
Thomas Hammond d. 18th Jan 1835
son: John 15th Jan 1831
Sarah Ina b. 9 Dec 1832
Adeline b. 15 Mar 1836

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I ROBERT GRAYSON born: 11 Jan 1790
place: Kentucky
married: 1st : 2nd 26 Oct 1825, Jeff., Ind.
died: 25 April 1845
place: Jeffersonville Township, Clark County, Indiana
buried: Grayson Family Cemetery: between Ryan Lane &
Blackiston Mill Road

1st ELIZABERT BLAIR b:
d:
p: 1816

II JOHN GRAYSON b. 15 June 1815 d. 20 May 1829

2nd NANCY LONG born: 31 Dec 1801
place: Kentucky
married: 26 Oct 1835
died: 1887
place: Jeffersonville Township, Clark County, Indiana
buried: Grayson Family Cemetery

(part of the obituary from a newspaper clipping)

and of Life, Mrs. Nancy Gray widow of the late Robert Grayson, at the Grayson homestead in the Bride neighborhood after a long illness. The deceased was 85 years of age was an estimable old lady, who lived a pure Christian life and answered the last call willingly with a cheerful spirit. From 1809 she came to this county and heard the ring of the pioneer's ax in the early and primitive days. She has been a living witness of the great changes and advances of civilization and saw the once thickly-forested forests and dense marshes change to well-tilled fields where once the wild beast made his home, she has seen transformed into beautiful meadow and lawns.

In a kindly Christian like position, she soon won a host of friends and has continued to hold them at her side by the silken chains of love, and now that life's fitful fever's o'er she has gone to meet her reward beyond the skies, where sorrow never comes and joy reigns eternally. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom survive her and have grown up to be good citizens under the careful training of a Christian mother. The remains will be laid to rest in the Grayson Cemetery on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and when the last clod shall have been thrown into the grave a zealous Christian worker and a kind and true friend will have gone from among us forever.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GRAYSON

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- II ROBERT GRAYSON (Jr.) b. 20 May 1831 d. 1908
 1st m. Amanda Leonard b. d. 1869
 m. on 28 Dec 1853
- III AMANDA GRAYSON b. 1867
- III JULIAN GRAYSON b. 1868
- III ROBERT GRAYSON (III) b. 1869 d. 1931
 m. Katherine Kopp b. 6 Mar 1872 d. 4 Nov 1936
- IV CLONA GRAYSON b. 4 Mar 1899
 m. Herbert Jackson
- V PAULINE JACKSON
 m. James Robison in 1919
- VI JAMES ROBISON
- VI MARTHA ROBISON
- IV ETHEL V GRAYSON b. 1903 d. 1941
 m. Harry O Hendricks b. d. 1971
- V ROBERT K HENDRICKS b. 3 June 1923
 1st m. Ina M Newton b. 28 June 1922 d. 6 Aug 1963
 m. on 18 June 1941
- VI SANDRA E HENDRICKS b. 16 Mar 1943 d. 7 May 1957
- 2nd m. Barbara L Wallner b. 20 May 1923
- 2nd m. Mary Welford b. 1847 d.
 m. on 29 Sept 1869
- III SAMUEL OWEN GRAYSON b. 1875 d. 1944
 m. Mary Kopp
- IV CHRISTIAN ISAAC GRAYSON b. 1909 4 Oct 18909 or 10 Apr 1909
 m.
- V CHRISTIAN EDWARD GRAYSON
- V JAMES RICHARD GRAYSON
- V HILTON ERNEST GRAYSON
- IV CLIFFORD RAYMOND GRAYSON b. 1913 12 Jan 1911 or 1 Dec 1911
- IV MARY LOUISE GRAYSON b. 19 Feb 1913

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- II LAURA GRAYSON b. 26 June 1833 d. 15 Jan 1905
 m. John Ross McBride b. 16 Nov 1825 d. 22 Jan 1905
 m. on 11 Mar 1854
- III JOHN WESLEY McBRIDE b. 1834 d.
 m. Ida May Taylor b. 9 Aug 1874 d.
- IV IRENE McBRIDE b. 24 Mar 1894
- IV ETHEL EDNA McBRIDE b. 20 Aug 1896
 m. Arthur Seddon b. d. Sept 1977
- V JOHN SEDDON
- V ARTHUR SEDDON, Jr.
- IV KENNETH McBRIDE b. 1 Mar 1904
 m. Ruth b. d.
- III DAVID WELLINGTON McBRIDE b. 15 July 1856 d. 17 July 1872
- III ISAAC NEWTON McBRIDE, Dr. b. 1858 d. 13 Nov 1926
 m. Emma Dora Hale b. 26 July 1861 d. 13 26 July 1937
 m. on 26 Mar 1882
- IV CLAUDE BURTON McBRIDE b. 19 Mar 1883 d. 15 Mar 1959
 m. Charlotte Louise Graham b. 21 Apr 1893 11 Mar 1961
 m. on 24 June 1913
- V FLORENCE VIRGINIA McBRIDE b. 22 Dec 1916
 m. Justin Mark Salyards b. 25 Oct 1915
- VI GREGORY MARK SALYARDS b. 1 Feb 1941
- VI TIMOTHY MARK SALYARDS b. 25 June 1956
- V MARGUERITE BLANCHE McBRIDE b. 26 Feb 1923 d. 1 Jan 1976
 m. Charles Weber Poindexter b. 12 Nov 1924
- VI CHARLES READ POINDEXTER b. 14 Jan 1948
- VI GRAHAM STEWART POINDEXTER b. 18 Dec 1948
 m. Sherry b.
- VII KRISTEN McBRIDE POINDEXTER b. 8 Apr 1969
- IV LAURA BLANCHE McBRIDE b. 9 Apr 1888 d. 6 Apr 1923
- IV MAURICE WESLEY McBRIDE b. 18 Aug 1890 d. 24 Apr 1949
 m. Edna Willa Dunn b. 25 Oct 1895
- VI ROBERT COHN McBRIDE b. 23 Dec 1914
 m. Virginia Burton b. 13 Aug 1917
- VI DONNA JOY McBRIDE b. 31 Aug 1938
 m. Jack Eastman b. 2 Oct
- VII ANN ELIZABETH EASTMAN b. 20 Sept 1959
- VII JULIE LEA EASTMAN b. 20 Jan 1963
- VII JOHN REID EASTMAN b. 5 Feb 1968

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GRAYSON

- VI ROBERT COHN McBRIDE, Jr. b.
m. Helen Elizabeth Rechar
- VII MICHAEL COHN McBRIDE b. 18 May 1973
- VII GREGGORY CARL McBRIDE b. 24 Mar 1975
- VI PHYLLIS ANN McBRIDE b. 27 May 1945
m. Kenneth Eugene Barnes
- VII KENNETH EUGENE BARNES, Jr. b. 24 May 1975
- V MAURICE WESLEY McBRIDE b. 15 Oct 1916
- V WILLIAM ISAAC McBRIDE b. 26 Sept 1922
m. Evelyn Kent b. 20 Nov 1924
- VI WILLIAM KENT McBRIDE
m. Alice
 - VII (son)
 - VII (son)
- VI REBECCA ELLEN McBRIDE
m. Charles John Raven
- III DOUGLASS/ McBRIDE b. 1862 d. about 1927
- III GEORGE McBRIDE b. 1864
- III SAMUEL McBRIDE b. 1866 d. 10 June 1891
- III CHARLES McBRIDE b. 1868
- III ROBERT McBRIDE b. 1870
- II GEORGE N GRAYSON b. 28 June 1835

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GRAYSON

II ELIZABETH NANCY GRAYSON b. 20 Nov 1837 d.
 m. Andrew Jackson Stewart b. 1 May 1832 d. 28 Sept 1887
 m. on 10 Nov 1856

IIII ELLIOTT I. STEWART b. 1858

III MIRIAM STEWART b. 1858

III CAROLINE STEWART b. 1859 d. 26 June 1936
 m. Michael J Ryan b. 1854 d. 1919
 m. on 15 Sept 1878

(RYAN FAMILY - will complete)

III ELIZABETH STEWART b. 1866 d.
 m. W. T. Collins b. 1871 d. 1936

IV RAYMOND COLLINS b. 1893 d. 1949
 m. Marie

III ANNA REBECCA STEWART b. 1868 d. 1934
 m. Henry Dierking b. 1867 d.

IV BELMONT DIERKING b. 30 Sept 1890 d. 19 Mar 1950
 m. Edna Binder b. 23 July 1895

V VIRGINIA MAY DIERKING b. 27 Feb 1917
 m. Benjamin I Hageman

IV LAURA DIERKING b. 1895 d. 1975
 m. Homer Brumbach b. d.

V KEITH BRUMBACH b. 24 Oct 1916

III FLORA STEWART b. 1870

III CORA MAY STEWART b. 1875 d. 3 Oct 1953
 m. Jasper Andrew Emery b. 1872 d. 1934

IV HAZEL MARY EMERY b. 13 Jan 1903 d. 9 June 1941
 m. Frank Arcilesi b. 31 July 1899 d. 6 Dec 1966

V LEONARD JOSEPH ARCILESI b. 12 July 1928

V. VITA MAE ARCILESI b. 7 July 1930
 m. Louis Schall

VI DEBORAH ANN SCHALL b. 8 Jan 1954
 m. Thomas W. Herdren III

VII THOMAS WILLIAM HERDREN IV b. 14 Sept 1972

VII EDITH MARIE HERDREN b. 11 Nov 1974

VI JOAN MARIE SCHALL b. 13 July 1955
 m. Donald Diehl

VII KAREN MARIE DIEHL b. 20 Mar 1976

VII DONALD LEE DIEHL b. 3 Feb 1977

VI FRANCIS JOSEPH SCHALL b. 8 July 1956

VI FREDRICK LOUIS SCHALL b. 8 July 1956

VI LISA MARIE SCHALL b. 28 Nov 1963

THE DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GRAYSON

- IV LOUIS EMERY b. 17 May d. 27 June 1975
m. Nellie Meyer b. 1906 d. 1967
- IV STUART EMERY b. 14 Dec 1909
m. Ellen Francis Kockert b. 1912
- V BETTY EMERY b. 1932
m. Jack Pinkstaff b. 1930
- VI JACK PINKSTAFF, Jr. b. 1964
- V STUART EMERY, Jr. b. 1943
m. Patricia Schoonover b. 1943
- VI JANUS EMERY b. 1968
- VI CHRISTOPHER EMERY b. 1971
- V THOMAS EMERY b. 1952
m. Brenda Haley b. 1954
- IV MARGARET LOUESE EMERY b. 30 May 1913
m. Knoefel N. Smith b. 1910
- V PAUL SMITH b. 1947
m. Kathryn Bernhard b. 1950
- V PHYLLIS SMITH b. 1950
m. Gary Bloomer b. 1950
- IV MAURICE RUFUS EMERY b. 6 Nov 1918 d. Sept 12, 1919

II ISAAC FRANKLIN GRAYSON b. 22 Jan 1840 d.

A photo-copy of

ROBERT GRAYSON's Bible Family Register

list:

Jane Long d. 18 Jan 1833
m. Thomas Hammond, m. on 11 April 1830 d. 13 June 1838

Children:

John Hammond b. 15 Jan 1831
Sarah Ina Hammond b. 9 Dec 1832
Adeline Hammond b. 15 Mar 1836

George W. Grayson
Oct 20, 1803 - Fall of 1887
Grason Co, Ky

& Mary E. Rowe
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Mar 3, 1864

Hester Grayson
June 2, 1873 - Sept 21, 1969

& Joseph L. Brown
Apr 3, 1860 - Oct 10, 1939

Feb 18, 1891

George W. Brown
June 6, 1892 -

& Mayme E. Allen
1/16/1877 - 9/16/1971

Apr 12, 1914

Harland A. Brown

&

W. H. H. H.
Billy

Susan Louise Brown, Dec. 4
Died Dec. 5
Ft. Scott, Kansas

+ Bonnie Lou Tanelis

8/7/1969

Mary Jane Brown
Mar. 2, 1894 -

& Fred Rice

Dec 6, 1910

* Katherine Rice
June 25, 1912 - Sept 21, 1957
Waskaloosa, KS - Anchorage, Ala

& W. Fred James

In the obituary column it mentions her
parents as Mr. & Mrs. E. S. Partridge &
brother & 3 sisters. Does this
mean that Mary Jane Brown Rice
remarried? It is possible
(I think this not likely) Katherine
Rice is ~~not~~ the daughter of
Mary & Fred Rice? Only daughter.

Remarried

George W. Grayson
Oct 20, 1803 - Fall of 1887
Grason Co, Ky

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& Mary E. (Rowe) Gordon
July 22, 1835 - Sept. 11, 1927

Mar. 3, 1864

* Daniel Lowell Grayson - eldest son - see first page

David Grayson
Apr 20, 1869 - Mar 23, 1960
Oskaloosa
Buried: Pleasant View Cemetery

Nelle Grayson & _____ Nesbitt *Lived in Miami, Oklahoma*
Joy Grayson & _____ Morton
Roy D. Grayson *M.D. - Kansas City (Home)*

Dollie Grayson & _____ Wilkerson

Hester Grayson & Joseph L. Brown Feb 18, 1891
June 2, 1873 - Sept 21, 1969 Apr 3, 1860 - Oct 10, 1939
Oskaloosa, Iowa *Oskaloosa, Iowa*

George W. Brown, June 6, 1892 & Mayme E. Allen Apr 12, 1914
Harland

Mary Jane Brown, Mar 2, 1894 & Fred Rice Dec 6, 1910
Katherine Rice, June 25, 1912 - Sept 21, 1957

Elizabeth & _____ Gordon

Mary Katherine
Died in infancy

Contributed by Mrs. Reeves. From Goodspeed, Southwest Ark; History of Arkansas.: pages 668-9.

Henry L. Grayson comes of a family well and favorably known throughout Ouachita County, for his father settled here in 1859, and here Henry has since made his home. He was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., January 21, 1839, and is a son of John and Sarah (Frix) Grayson, the former having been born in Tennessee in 1807. He was a farmer by occupation, and for a number of years was deputy sheriff in Tennessee. In 1859 he emigrated from there to Ouachita County, Ark., and purchased 500 acres of land, to which he afterward, by industry and good management, added some 400 acres more. He was a Mason, and his wife was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their deaths occurred in 1881 and 1875, respectively. To them a family of five sons and four daughters were born, six of whom are now living: Mary A. (wife of William Donaldson, a farmer of Washington), Martha J. (wife of James M. Douglas, a farmer of Ouachita County), Henry L., George W. (a farmer of Clark County, Ark.), Thomas J. (a farmer of Ouachita County), and Zachariah T., who is the present postmaster of Prescott, Nevada County, Ark. Henry L. Grayson, the subject of this sketch, came to Arkansas with his parents and was married here to Miss Elizabeth Webb in 1866, his wife being a native of Tennessee, born in 1843, a daughter of

Anderson and Martha Webb, also of that State. A family of four sons and four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grayson: Albert S., Edward C., Virginia O., Lewis N., Endora, Hesterly, Essie P. and Jessie E. In 1861 Mr. Grayson enlisted in Company H, Arkansas Infantry, and was in the battles of Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and numerous skirmishes, and in the first-named battle was shot through the left breast and had one finger shot off. He continued to serve until 1864, then returned home and engaged in farming and ginning cotton, which occupations have received his attention ever since. He has been more than ordinarily successful, and is now the owner of 1,500 acres of fine farming land and has 250 acres in a good state of cultivation, his principal crops being cotton and corn. He has an excellent steam cotton and grist mill combined, which has proved quite remunerative, and every enterprise which

has received his attention has been attended with good results. He is now engaged in conducting a grocery store at the cross roads where he lives, and is pushing quite a thriving trade. In 1868 he was appointed tax assessor of his county and discharged the duties of this position for one year. He is a member of the R. A., and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Daily Banner News; Magnolia, Ark. Oct 29-30, 1941:

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary October 28

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Grayson of this city celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, Oct. 28, with an open house to their friends from 3 to 5 o'clock. More than 100 guests called during the appointed hours.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. W. L. Jameson, jr., and then received by Mr. and Mrs. Grayson who were seated in the living room. Visitors were then invited into the dining room where golden wedding cake and orange punch were served by Mrs. R. S. Warnock, jr., and Mrs. T. H. Reeves.

The dining table, covered with a hand made, cut work cloth over yellow, made by Mrs. Jameson, was centered with a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, topped with golden flowers.

The house was beautifully decorated with yellow, bronze and white chrysanthemums, and other arrangements of cut flowers.

Mrs. Grayson's corsage was an orchid, and her daughters wore carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were married in Prescott, Oct. 28, 1891. She was Miss Mary Elizabeth Hayes of Columbus, Ind., before coming to

Prescott to make her home with her sister, the late Mrs. J. R. Harrell.

They have lived in Magnolia for the last 32 years, and Mr. Grayson has been actively engaged in business during that time. At present he is president of Farmers Bank and Trust company, Grayson Motor company, Magnolia Cotton Mill, Columbia Cotton Oil Mill, besides extensive saw mill and oil interests. He owns a great amount of real estate and has an interest in many other enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were the parents of six children. Two sons died in infancy. Four children are living, and eight grandchildren. The children are Claud H. Grayson of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. W. L. Jameson, jr., Mrs. R. S. Warnock, jr., and Mrs. T. H. Reeves of Magnolia. The grand children are Louise, James and Margaret Ann Grayson of Birmingham,

Sam and Paul Jameson, Mary Warnock, and Kitty and Ann Reeves of Magnolia. Three grand children are attending college, Louise Grayson, a student in the University of Alabama, Sam Jameson, Arkansas Medical school, and Mary Warnock, University of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson received many congratulatory flowers, telephone calls, telegrams, letters and cards during the day.

Out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. J. C. Steger, Mrs. Mildred Dawson, Mrs. Rodney Hamilton and Mrs. Frances Durham of Prescott; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Caldwell and C. W. Grayson of Stephens; H. R. Hogg of Camden; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wood, Miss Faye Fulmer and Miss Marie Ford of Homer, La., and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Foster of Oneida.

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Good News! Mrs. Katheryn Reeves Jean of Magnolia, Ark. has volunteered to make an index of the Newsletters. She has indexed the history of Columbia County. We really need an index....I am beginning to publish repeat items inadvertently. I suggest that whenever the index is finished we will call it the first annual index and send copies to everybody who wants one. Don't forget, people who fail to write from time to time are assumed not to want the Newsletter. If you want it you must support it somehow.

Capt. John W. Grayson: Resume....

The family bible of J.W. Grayson proves that the 12th child of John Grayson 1770-1826 and Sarah Carter Grayson 1776-1838 was James Gordon Grayson b. Mar 17, 1817 d. 1864 married Feb 9, 1837 to Nancy Paralee Wright, who were the parents of John W. Grayson

The brother of John W. Grayson was Ambrose Grayson 1810-1860 who married Sally Vann. Ambrose Grayson was the great grandfather of Mrs. Dewey Underwood.

War Records: John W. Grayson enlisted in the Confederate Army, Oct. 8, 1861 at age 23 as 1st Lt., in G 37 Tenn. at Paint Rock, Ala. He was wounded in the battle of Missionary Ridge and sent to hospital Nov. 25, 1863. He surrendered May 4, 1865 at Macon, Ga. Was born in Madison co., Ala. Was promoted to Capt. about 1863.

1850 census of Jackson co., Ala.:

John W. Grayson, age 12, in the family of James G. Grayson age 33 b. Ala., and Paralee (Paralee) Grayson age 29 b. Ala., p. 45
John William Grayson: p. 110. born 1838 in Madison co., Ala son of John Gordon and Paralee (Wright) Grayson, grandson of John and Sally (Carter) Grayson
Madison co. Ala Vol. 235 Cemeteries:
Old Bethel Cemetery:
John W. Grayson born 23 May 1838 died 17 April 1917
Sarah S. Grayson, wife of John W. Grayson and dau of David Allison born 26 Feb. 1843 died 7 Sept 1883
Charity C. Grayson 2nd wife of John W. Grayson and dau of Rev. Alexander Penland b 22 Mar 1855, d 13 Jan 1890

p. 19:

22 Jan 1890 died 13 Jan Mrs. C.C. Grayson nee Penland the youngest dau of Rev Alex Penland of Triana, wife of Capt. J. W. Grayson

taken from an article appearing in the William and Mary Quarterly - Second Series, Vol. 13, pgs. 231-241.

I was interested in Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson because (1) she was a Monroe by birth, and (2) she married a Grayson. My Grandmother Grayson's maiden name was Monroe and I came across the above mentioned article while doing research on her family.

I'm sorry to say but I don't know a thing about Graysons in Indiana. If by any chance I come across any I'll send the information to you.

Keep up the good work. If anyone were to ask me what it takes to be a genealogist I would say perseverance and patience. I persevered for 15 years before I found a missing generation in my Grayson line. I have also learned that helpful information comes to you sometime from the most unlikely sources.

Sincerely,

Ella May Underwood
(Mrs. Underwood)

NOTE: On the next 2 pages is a letter from Mr. King, a genealogist to M.K. Gordon in 1954 kindly sent to me by Mrs. Davidson of Idaho which contains an excellent chart of the Monroe-Grayson connection so interestingly explained by Mrs. Underwood in her letter above.

...RRG

November 15, 1977

Dear Dr. Grayson,

Newsletter #11 has been duely appreciated, especially the article on pg. 5 which deals with my uncle, Bernice Ambrose Grayson "Bully". He was 90 on October 31. He does still own part of the land my great-grandmother, Sarah Buchanan (Vann) Grayson bought in 1854. I wonder if anyone reading this could do what this brave woman did. In 1853 she lost in death: a 20 yr old son, a 10 yr old daughter, and her husband. In early 1854 she bore her last child, a daughter. Her oldest son was working away from home at this time, and her oldest daughter was married and also away from her old home. That left Sarah with 5 children, including the baby born in early 1854. My grandfather, Henry Ambrose, was the only boy ~~xxx~~ at home and was only 7 when his father died in Nov. 1853. Sarah Grayson borrowed money against her expected inheritance which was to come in time from her father's estate (Thomas Vann of Madison Co., Ala.). She raised her children, worked and kept her land, and died 2 days short of her 72nd birthday. She was a true pioneer.

Much has been written about the descendants of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson. I would like to straighten out something concerning this lady. SHE WAS NOT THE SISTER OF PRES. JAMES MONROE'S FATHER. She did have a brother named Spence Monroe, but he was not the father of Pres. Monroe. There is a connection, however. Susannah and Spence Monroe were the children of Andrew Monroe (b. 1661). Susannah Monroe married (1) Charles Tyler and her brother Spence Monroe married Christian Tyler who was a sister of Charles Tyler. Spence Monroe died and his widow, Christian (Tyler) Monroe, married (2) Andrew Monroe (son of William Monroe, b. 1666) who was a 1st cousin of her 1st husband. Andrew and Christian (Tyler) Monroe were the parents of 6 children, including one named Spence. This Spence Monroe married Elizabeth Jones and became the parents of the future president, James Monroe. This material was

#2- Mr. Gordon

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acquainted with Monroe family in Westmoreland County, Va. when he first came there from Scotland, recorded in his "Register", page 338.

"Nov. 1752; Mrs. Grayson, Col. Monroe's sister, died."

Mrs. Grayson was the daughter as I said of Colonel Andrew Monroe (d. 1714) and sister of Colonel Andrew Monroe of Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Mrs. Grayson, the mother of Col. Wm. Grayson, was a first cousin of Andrew Monroe (Sheriff of Westmoreland Co.), the grandfather of President Monroe. However, thru the Tyler family the genealogical situation was very much more complicated: Andrew Monroe, Sheriff, grandfather of the President, married Christian Tyler Monroe, widow of Spence Monroe, brother of Mrs. Grayson, and sister of Charles Tyler, Mrs. Grayson's first husband.

She therefore became a cousin and great aunt by marriage of the President, and was referred to in the Monroe family as "Aunt Grayson" - a usage which disappeared after the War Between the States.

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MAJOR ANDREW MONROE

Immigrant from Scotland; Westmoreland County, Virginia, where he died intestate, 1668. He left issue two sons only who left: issue, viz/

2		2	
Col. Andrew Monroe		William Monroe, Gentleman	
(1664-1714)		(1666-1737)	
m-Eleanor Spence		m-Margaret Bowcock	
:		and had issue	
:			
3	3	3	:
Col. Andrew	Susanna Monroe	Spence Monroe-m-Christian Tyler-m2 Andrew	
	m1-Chas. Tyler d. 1726	m3-Richard Fry: Monroe, Gent	
	m2-Wm. Linton	: d. 1735	
	m3-Benj. Grayson	:	
:	:	:	
	4	4	
	Colonel William Grayson	Spence Monroe, Gent. died 1774	
	(1736-1790)	m: Elizabeth Jones	
		:	
		5	
		President James Monroe	
		(1758-1831)	

Christiana (Tyler) Monroe-Monroe-Fry, grandmother of the President, was the sister of Chas. Tyler, first husband of Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton Grayson. Spence & Christian had no male child; Christian and her second Monroe husband, Andrew had two sons, the first Andrew named of course for his father, and the second they called Spence, after her first husband.

The ancient seat of the Grayson family, a little below this town on the Rappahannock River, is located by Lord Fairfax's surveyors in their detailed map of his Northern Neck of Virginia (1737). I have some notes on the Graysons, and should be glad to know from which branch you are descended.

Cordially yours,

/s/ George H. L. King

Fellow, American Society of Genealogists

COPY: L. G. Hoes, Esq.

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 ORDER OF
 FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA
 1607-1620

Mr. George Harrison Sanford King, Registrar
 1301 Prince Edward Street
 Fredericksburg, Virginia

7-23-54

Mr. Maurice K. Gordon,
 Gordon & Gordon & Mills,
 The Kentucky Bank & Trust Bldg.
 Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Gordon:

My cousin, Mr. Laurence Gouverneur Hoes of Washington, D. C. requested me to answer your letter of 13 July 1954.

Fairfax Harrison in his monumental work: Landmarks of old Prince William County (Va) makes but few errors, but one of these is to be found on page #151 when he says Benjamin Grayson "was one of the earliest Scots merchants to be established at Quantico, where Dumfries was to arise, for there, in 1736, was born his well known son "William".

Benjamin Grayson, Gentleman, referred to variously in the records as Captain, Major and Colonel, was not one of the numerous Scotchmen who settled at Dumfries. Mr. Lund Washington (1767-1853) in his family manuscript circa 1845 says his first wife Susanna Monroe Grayson was the granddaughter of Colonel Benjamin Grayson of Prince William County, Virginia. Mr. Washington interested himself with the family history and genealogy and undoubtedly made notes over a long period of years preparatory to putting his manuscript in final form. He says: "Colonel Benjamin Grayson died about the year 1757. The Rev. Mr. Scott preached his funeral sermon. He said of him: "That he had come into the county from the lower parts of Virginia, his broad axe on his shoulder, that his industry and good management, his being executor of some good estates and his marrying a rich widow, had enabled him to acquire a large estate."

An examination of the Spotsylvania County Va. records shows the presence of Benj. Grayson in this county and indicates the family were earlier resident of Lancaster County, Va. He was a brother of Ambrose Grayson who died testate in Spotsylvania Co. 1743, and as Cousin Lund Washington says, of Ann Grayson who married first in Spotsylvania Co. 3 Oct. 1722, John Quarles (died Stafford Co. 1729/30); married secondly circa 1731 Thomas Harrison, Gent. of Fauquier County who died testate in that county, 1774.

Col. Benjamin Grayson married Mrs. Susanna (Monroe) Tyler Linton, twice a widow, the daughter of Colonel Andrew Monroe (died testate 1714 Westmoreland Co., Va.) and widow successively of Charles Tyler (died Stafford Co. Va 1725) and of William Linton (died Prince William County, Va. c. 1732/3). Parson Douglas who had been

PREPARED BY:

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THOMAS M. GRAYSON

Grandfather

Born NOV. 8 1830 VA.
Died JAN. 14 1898 KY.
Married JAN. 23 1857
Where Married:
RECORDED TAZEWELL TENN.
Residence: BELL CO. KY.
LATER GARRARD CO. KY.

ISAAC CREED GRAYSON

Father

Born SEPT. 8 1858 TENN.
Died AUG. 7 1940 TENN.
Married DEC. 25 1879
Where Married:
RECORDED TAZEWELL TENN.
Residence:
CLAIRFIELD, TENN.

OSCAR GRAYSON

Name

Born DEC. 26 1882
Died DEC. 13 1937
Married NOV. 10 1912
Where Married:

Residence: CLAIRFIELD, TENN.
LATER MARION CO. KY.

MARRIED

BERTHA MILLER
BORN OCT. 12 1893
DIED JULY 6 1973

LUCINDA TEAGUE

Mother

Born SEPT. 24 1861
Died AUG. 15 1936
Residence:

CHRISTENIA DAVIS

Grandmother

Born APR. 29 1831 TENN.
Died NOV. 24 1915 KY.
Residence:

CALVIN TEAGUE

Grandfather

Born JUNE 9 1836
Died
Married JULY 21 1858
Where Married:
Residence:

VIRGINIA BUCHANAN

Grandmother

Born NOV. 30 1837
Died
Residence:

Great-Grandfather

Born
Died
Married
Where Married:
Residence:

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

HARMON DAVIS

Great-Grandfather

Born 1783 VA.
Died BEFORE NOV. 1868
Married
Where Married:
Residence: NEAR SPEEDWELL, TENN.
ELIZABETH DERRABERRY
Great-Grandmother
Born 1786 S. CAR.
Died AFTER 1860

JAMES TEAGUE

Great-Grandfather

Born JUNE 9 1811 KY.
Died
Married APR. 16 1831
Where Married:
Residence:

ABIGAIL HAMBLIN

Great-Grandmother

Born 1821 KY.
Died

REN BUCHANAN

Great-Grandfather

Born
Died
Married
Where Married:
Residence:

ANNIE PARROT

Great-Grandmother

Great-Grandfather

Born
Married
Residence:

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

Great-Grandfather

Born
Married
Residence:

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

AARON DAVIS

Great-Grandfather

Born SCOTLAND Died
Married
Residence: CAME TO TENN. FROM VA.
AFTER 1783

RACHAEL

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

JACOB DERRYBERRY

Great-Grandfather

Born HOLLAND Died BEFORE 1820
Married
Residence: DIED IN WARREN CO., TENN.

CHRISTENIA

Great-Grandmother

Born HOLLAND Died BEFORE FEB. 1840

Great-Grandfather

Born
Died
Married
Residence:

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

GEO. WASHINGTON HAMBLIN

Great-Grandfather

Born 1788 VA. Died

Married

Residence:

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN

Great-Grandmother

Born 1797 VA. Died

JOHN BUCHANAN

Great-Grandfather

Born
Died

Married

Residence:

SALLY LAVARCE

Great-Grandmother

Born
Died

Great-Grandfather

Born
Died

Married

Residence:

DISCOVERY OF A NEW GRAYSON GENEALOGY BOOK:

Informant: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Grayson of 1904 Rozella Road, Augusta, Ga., 30904, who wrote in response to a Soden Post card. I phoned them for more information and they also plan to send xerox copies of the 1st 3 generations.

The book: OUR GRAYSON FAMILY by Miss Austin Bennett Grayson, now deceased. Year 1952. 127 pages, hard bound. Publ: Walter Evans and Coswell, Charleston, S.C. Apparently this book is not to be found in any library.

Some of the contents: "There was John and Isbella (Skilling) Grayson. John married Isbella on ship by the captain and they settled in Beaufort, S.C. in 1775. Also there were three brothers to John and they were related to Lord and Lady Grayson and to Lord Othold. The children of John and Isbella were William, b. 1777; Elizabeth, 1783; and Edward, 1785."

Note: the above information does not tally with the records of the Beaufort Graysons as recorded in Newsletters 3 and 4. I hope to have a more complete report next time.

---RRG

QUERY: Elaine Soden wishes to know the descendants of the Benjamin Grayson who was one of the 9 children of Benjamin Grayson and Ann Bronaugh. The latter Benjamin Grayson was the son of the 1st Benjamin Grayson (d. 1757) who was the son of John Grayson (d. 1736). Elaine: I, too, have wondered who this Benjamin Grayson was and whether he was our Wilkes county Benjamin. No one so far has his family history.

Below is a biography on Col. Wm. Grayson I had not seen before (there are many others), from the National Cy clopedia, sent by Elaine Soden:

GRAYSON, William, soldier and senator, was born in Prince William county, Va., in 1736, son of Benjamin and Susannah (Monroe) Grayson. His father emigrated from Dumfries, Scotland, to Dumfries, Prince William co., Va., and his mother was an aunt of Pres. James Monroe. He was graduated at the University of Oxford, England; studied law at the Temple, London; and began his practice in Virginia. On Nov. 11, 1774, a company was formed in Prince William county, called the Independent Company of Cadets. They chose William Grayson for their captain, and adopted as their motto "Aut liber aut nullus." On Aug. 24, 1776, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington; and on Jan. 1, 1777, became colonel of the regiment known as Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment, organized by him. His brother, the Rev. Spence Grayson, officiated as chaplain of this regiment. Col. Grayson distinguished himself at the battle of Monmouth, when he commanded his regiment in the

advance corps, displaying great valor. During 1780-81 he served as a commissioner on the board of war; and while the army was stationed at Valley Forge he was appointed a commissioner to treat with Sir William Howe, respecting prisoners. At the close of the war he returned to his native state, where he was elected a member of the continental congress in 1784, serving three years. In 1788 he was sent to the Virginia convention called for the purpose of considering the Constitution of the United States; and with Patrick Henry opposed the instrument. With Richard Henry Lee, he was chosen a senator from Virginia to the first congress, which met on Mar. 4, 1789. He took his seat on May 21st, and on Aug. 7th was granted leave of absence, in order to recuperate his health; but he died at Dumfries, Va., Mar. 12, 1790.

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J. Wendell Grayson of 121 Old Hickory Lane, Versailles, Ky., 40383 writes requesting data on the line of his gr gr g randfather Thomas M. Grayson who married Christenia Davis. See next page for the chart sent by J. Wendell., who also advises that he has information on all the 8 children of Thomas M. Note to J. Wendell: please send the family sheet of Thomas for the next Newsletter. Family sheets on each of his children will be welcome also. I have searched my files and find only 1 reference: Newsletter #3, page 8.: Clyde Grayson of 313 S. Murrow St., Wayanoc, Okla., wrote that he is the son of James Marshal Grayson who was the son of Thomas M. Grayson and Christenia Davis. I hope that one of our readers can tell us the parents of Thomas M. Grayson. Help, Please ...

OBITUARY—McCASLIN

W. McCaslin was born at
Pittsburg, Pa., June 16, 1876, and
at Oklahoma City, Nov. 13,
1923. He spent his boyhood in
Pennsylvania, then moved to Okla-
homa at the age of twenty, where
he entered the oil business which
he followed for thirty-two years.
He was an expert driller in the
whole central-west oil fields.

For the past fifteen weeks he was
ill, and despite all that medical aid
he passed away on the
16th date. He was of a happy
disposition, and thus his
friends and family did not realize
the seriousness of his case.

As a young man he united with
the Presbyterian church, and has
been a regular attendant upon its
services. On the Sunday before his
death he expressed a wish to go to
church.

He is survived by his mother
and a sister who live at Tidouit,
a brother and sister residing at
Bloomington, Texas, his wife, of
Oklahoma City, and three daughters,
of Oskaloosa, Kansas.

Funeral services were held from
the Presbyterian church in Oskaloosa,
at 10 o'clock on Saturday, Nov.
16, conducted by the Rev. C. Cray
of the Methodist Episcopal
church. Interment was made in the
Oskaloosa cemetery.

MARY GRAYSON DIES

Mary E. Grayson, 92, died at the
home of her son, David Grayson,
last Monday night at 10 o'clock. She
had been in a state of coma for days
and the end was not unexpected.
Mrs. Grayson was Mary E. Rowe
before her marriage in 1864 to Geo.
Grayson. Her parents came to this
country from Europe, her mother
being Gorman, her father Dutch.
They settled in Pennsylvania, and
later in Indiana before coming to
Kansas in 1863.

Mrs. Grayson has lived for years
at the home of her son at Oskaloosa.

OBITUARY

San Louise Brown, infant daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Harland A.
Brown, Ft. Scott, Kansas was born,
Dec. 4, and passed away at the
Burke Street hospital, Dec. 5.

Besides the parents, the infant is
survived by a brother, Billy, and the
grandparents. Mrs. Lora Snyder,
Ft. Scott, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs.
George W. Brown, Oskaloosa.

Double Wedding.

A very pleasant and happy com-
pany of relatives and friends assem-
bled on Wednesday afternoon, Feb.
18, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.
Wm. Brown, 2 1/2 miles north of Os-
kaloosa, the occasion being the mar-
riage of their son, Jos. L. Brown, to
Miss Hester Grayson, and their
daughter, Sarah C. Brown, to Mr.
Francis D. Silvis, of Westola, Mor-
ton Co., Kansas. Promptly at the
appointed hour the guests were in
their places, and the two couples,
led by Mr. Brown, entered the par-
lor. The same ceremony was used
for both couples at the same time,
so that they were married at, not
only the same hour, but the same
moment. After congratulations
were extended by the numerous
friends, supper was announced. And
such a supper!—enough to satisfy
the most fastidious epicurean.

Many handsome and useful pres-
ents were given by friends. Both
of the brides wore pure white cash-
mere robes, tastefully draped, and
decorated with laces and ribbons.

Mr. Silvis and his bride will start
for their new home in Morton Co.,
on Monday, Feb. 23, and will carry
with them the good wishes of a large
circle of friends, for their happiness
and prosperity.

Mr. Brown and his bride will soon
move into their pleasant new house
near Oskaloosa, and will also have
the good wishes of all their friends
for a happy and prosperous life.

L. K. BILLINGSLEY,
Officiating Minister.

DAVID GRAYSON

David Grayson, 90, a life-time
resident of the Oskaloosa com-
munity, died last Wednesday at
the Sebrott nursing home in Os-
kaloosa.

He was born April 20, 1869 on
a farm north of Oskaloosa.

He was a member of the Pres-
byterian Church; the Masonic
Lodge; Order of the Eastern
Star; Royal Arch Chapter and
the Knights Templar.

He is survived by two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Nelle Nesbitt of Mi-
ami, Okla., and Mrs. Joy Morton
of Sanford, Fla.; a son, Dr. Roy
D. Grayson of Overland Park;
two sisters, Mrs. Hester Brown
of Oskaloosa and Mrs. Eliza-
beth Gordon of Holly, Colo.

Burial was made in Pleasant
View cemetery, Thursday, morn-
ing, March 24, with graveside

MRS. KATHERINE JAMES

Services are pending for Mrs.
Katherine James, 45, former city
resident who died Saturday in An-
chorage, Alaska. Death was caused
by cancer.

Mrs. James had lived in Alaska
for three years. Her husband, W.
Fred James, is in the construc-
tion business there. She was man-
ager of the Anchorage Pepsi-Cola
plant. Born in Oskaloosa, Kan.,
June 25, 1912, she moved to Okla-
homa City in 1930 and lived here
about a year. The family then
went to Long Beach, Calif., where
they lived until 1954.

Surviving are her husband, a
son, Freddie Lee, of the home; her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Part-
ridge, 417 SW 33; two brothers,
Charles Partridge, Cuyahoga Falls,
Ohio; and Joseph Partridge, In-
dianapolis, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs.
Eli Bowen, Washington, Kan.,
Mrs. Evelyn Wickware, 1218 NW
14, and Mrs. Wesley Mabbitt, To-
peka, Kan., Capitol Hill funeral
home is handling arrangements for
services. Sept 21 at 95

—Agency State T
School Books in
needed for school—

OBITUARY—GR

Mary Elizabeth Ro
July 22, 1835, near Pi
At the age of 6 moved
rents to Waynesboro,
she lived to young womanhood
was married with John Gonsen
later gave his life for his count
the Union army. Their two ch
ron preceded her in death. In 18
she removed to Kansas, in March,
1864 was united in marriage with
Geo. W. Grayson. Their six chil-
ren are: Daniel, of Chanute, Kas.;
David, of Oskaloosa, Kas.; Dollie
Wilkerson, New Mexico; Hester
Brown, Oskaloosa; Elizabeth Gordon,
Holly, Colo.; Margaret Katherine,
who died in infancy. Five children
she leaves, together with 29 grand-
children and 28 great-grandchildren.
Her husband, Geo. W. Grayson, de-
parted this life in 1887.

She was a member since girlhood
of the Cumberland Presbyterian
church. She was a woman of a re-
tiring disposition, living much with-
in the sunshine of her own home,
but to her friends and neighbors,
the sick and needy, she was a won-
derful woman as all who know her
will bear testimony.

Funeral services were conducted
by Dr. C. E. Kircher, pastor of the
Presbyterian church Tuesday after-
noon. Interment at Pleasant View
cemetery.

Mrs. Marjorie (Grayson) Cardon of 6454 N. Maplewood Drive, Chicago, writes of her ancestor (her grandfather) George Washington Grayson, jr. (1803-1887). See p. 17 for the 1st family group sheet I have on hand for him.

Mrs. Cardon writes that George Washington Grayson jr. had a second set of children by his 3rd wife, Mary E. Rowe. These were:

1. Daniel Lowell Grayson 1864-1945
2. David Grayson 1869-1960
3. Hester Grayson 1873-1969

See pages 18, 19, 20, 21 for those families as submitted by Mrs. Cardon. See page 30 for news clippings.

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Miscellaney kindly sent by Mrs. Kathryn Reeves Jean of Magnolia, Ark:

GRAYSON, John of Beaufort, S.C., merchant, to Benjamin SMITH, Charles PINCKNEY and Miles BREWTON of Charleston, S.C., and John GRAHAM of Savannah and Josiah SMITH of Charleston, merchants, as Trustees for the creditors of said GRAYSON. Deed dated Dec. 19, 1769, conveying 3000 acres lying in two tracts on the Little Satilla River in Georgia, bounded East by William HAZZARD, West by Probart HAWORTH, and John JOYNER; said lands having been granted to said GRAYSON, also conveys 35 head of slaves, all of grantor's tools, nails, iron work, household goods, notes and accounts owing to grantor; also his stock of merchandise, and property conveyed to said Trustees for the benefit of grantor's creditors, Witnesses: Joseph WOOD, Jr., and Grey ELLIOTT, J.P. Recorded with the deed is a long list of notes and accounts due GRAYSON, and being due by people in and around Beaufort, S.C.

--above taken from DEED BOOK "U" page 591 found in Department of Archives & History of Georgia under "Colonial Records of Georgia.

GRAYSON, formerly of S.C., but now of Savannah. Deed dated October, 5, 1791- for mulatto slave wench Hager and her son, Frank, a mulatto, deeded in trust for Mrs. Charlotte Kishley and her children.

Wit: Josiah Gotier

--above taken from DEED BOOK "I" page 105
Chatham County, Georgia

Death Notices from Old Georgia Newspapers: "Southern Recorder"
Issue of 13/June/1829 Milledgeville, Ga. (weekly)

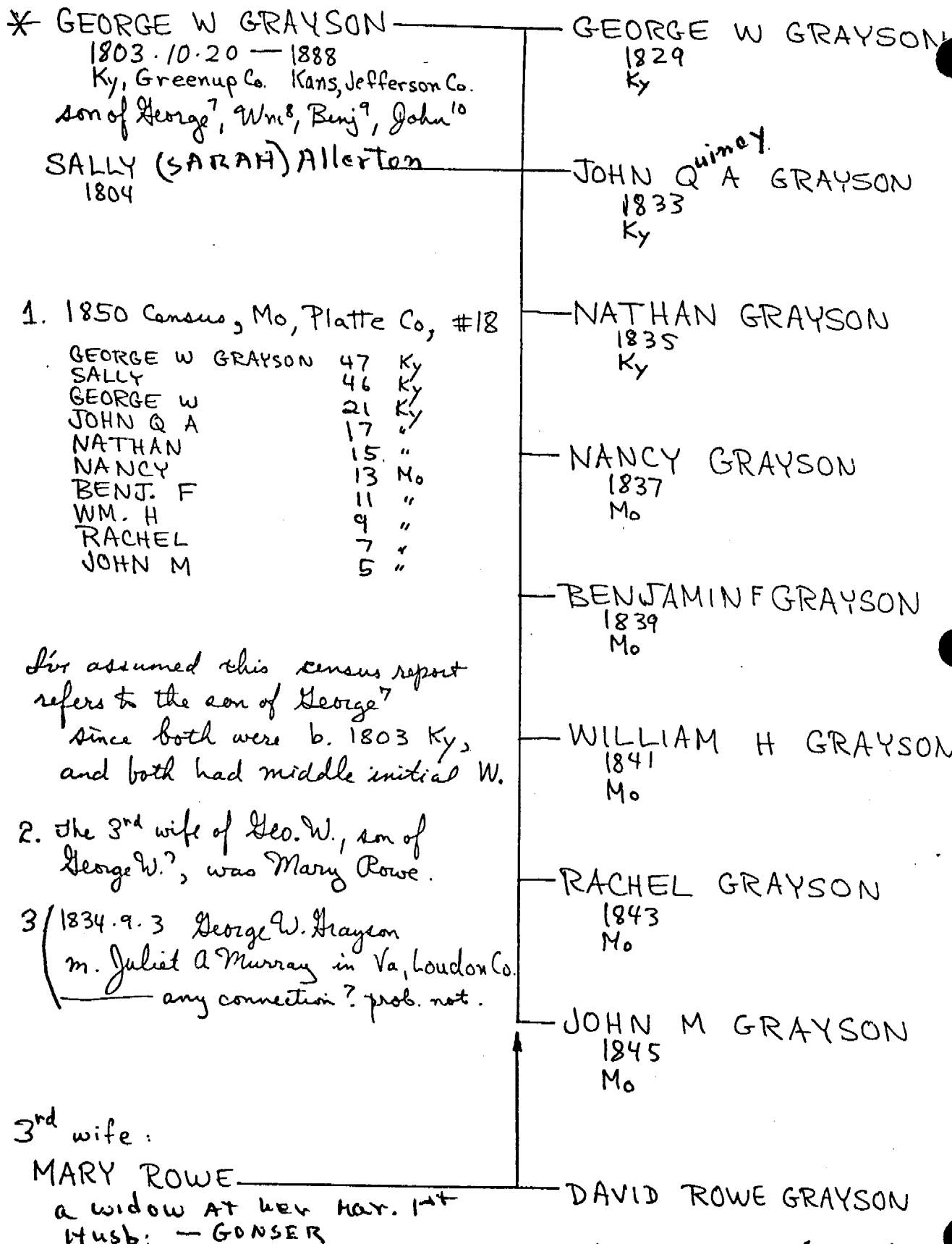
GRAYSON, Capt. William, on the 17th ult., at his residence in Albemarle Co., Va. in his 97th year. He was born November 25, 1732, in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. He was a soldier in early life, being in Fort Pitt (now Pittsburg) to expel the French and Indians. Also, actively engaged in most of the Revolutionary War.

Att Book A

Ninety-Six District

South Carolina

NAME	TYPE	ACRES	ADJOINING	WATERS	RECORDED
GRAYSON, John	Citizen	440	William Brown	Hencoop Creek	9/Aug/1784
			Monsier Armidus		
			Chiffelle		



OBIT. of G. W. Grayson Lists ch. for 1st mar: Mary, Geo. W., Sarah, Nathan, Nancy, Raphael, Wm H., John. states by the 2nd mar "5 children living + one dead." OBIT states Geo W. b. Grayson of Greenup Co. Ky, Ref: Mrs. Cardon

For News Clippings → See Page 30