

but died on his way to Washington before election. There is a county in Texas named after him.

4-4 Elizabeth, m. Philip Quentin, who soon died and she m. James D. Breckenridge, son of Gen. John Breckenridge, who soon died leaving one daughter, Eliza Grayson Breckenridge, m. Shakespear Caldwell of Va., and left issue:

3-3 Mary, b. 1764, m. 1794, James R. Dermott, an Irish gentleman, and d. 1795 without issue.

3-4 William, b. 1766, m. 1st Octavia Edmonds, dau. of Col. Elias Edmonds II; and had issue.

(Note: There is more in this book.)

"EARLY FAMILIES OF EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS," by William C. Kozee. Strasburg, Va. 1961.

pp. 273-274. The Grayson family of Virginia and Kentucky is of English or Scottish extraction. Yorkshire, England, appears to be the true early home of the family. However, members of the family lived in Scotland. The poll tax lists of Yorkshire, England, as of the year 1379, bear the names of Thomas Grayson, Johannes Grayson, Thomas Grayson, Emma Grefeson, Mary Grayson and George Grayson resided at Salwicke, England, in 1639 and John Greason lived at Leonaster, England in 1637.

1. Benjamin Grayson was the first of the name who emigrated to the American colonies of which there is any known record. He was believed to have come from Scotland.\* He settled in Prince William County, Va., where he was a merchant and acquired great wealth. He m. first, Susan or Susanna Monroe, a daughter of Andrew Monroe and great aunt of President James Monroe, and m. secondly, Mrs. Linton, a widow. (\* Note by DFW. This tradition has been disproven.)

Children of Benjamin Grayson and his wife, Susan Monroe:

2. Benjamin Grayson, Jr.
3. Spence Grayson
- \*4. William Grayson
5. Susan Monroe Grayson.

4. William Grayson was b. Prince William County, Virginia, in 1726, was graduated from the College of Philadelphia in 1760 and is said to have studied law at the Temple in London. Entering the service of his country during the Revolutionary War, he was aid-de-camp to General Washington in 1776; was commissioned colonel on the Continental Line in 1777; and later, in 1779, was one of the Commissioners of the Board of War. He was elected as a member of the Continental Congress in 1784 and was president of that body in 1788. Upon the organization of the Federal Government, he was chosen by Virginia as one of the two first United States Senators - Richard Henry Lee being the other one.

Colonel Grayson m. Eleanor (Hebe) Smallwood, one of the five sisters of Captain Heaberd Smallwood of Charles County, Maryland. Captain Smallwood had service in the Revolutionary War on the Maryland State Line.

Children of Colonel William Grayson and his wife, Eleanor Smallwood:

6. William Grayson d. without issue.
- \*7. George W. Grayson
- \*8. Robert H. Grayson
9. Heaberd S. Grayson. Very little has been learned concerning him.
- \*10. Alfred Grayson
- \*11. Hebe Smallwood Grayson; m. Robert Wormerly Carter of Loudoun County, Virginia. (See Carter Family)

"BLACKWELL GENEALOGY," by Commander E.M. Blackwell, U.S. Navy, Retired. Richmond. 1948.

p. 81. GRAYSON. The paragraph giving the origin of Benjamin Grayson has several errors as indicated by a certified genealogist who has concentrated on early generations of the Grayson family.

p. 82-83. The issue of Benj. Grayson and Susana Monroe were three sons and one daughter as follows:

2-1 Benjamin, b. 1730 and m. Miss Osborne and had one son, Benjamin, who m. Miss Bronaugh of London and left a large family of children and fine estate. One daughter m. Bronaugh of London.

2-2 Rev. Spence Grayson, b. 1732 - of whom later.

2-3 Col. William Grayson, b. 1736, d. 1790, was the first Senator from Va. and was a most trusted Aid-de-Camp of Washington. He was Col. of one of the 16 Additional Continental Reg'ts. and at one time had the command of a Brigade. He organized a company of Cadets in 1774, anticipating war. He m. Miss Smallwood, sister of Gen. Smallwood and ex-Governor of Maryland. Issue.

3-1 Alfred William, who m. Miss Breckenridge and had one son, John Breckenridge, who was an officer in the U.S.A. and afterwards Gen. C.S.A. He m. Miss Searle and had one son, John Breckenridge of Demopolis, Ala.

3-2 Habs Grayson, Col. Grayson's only daughter, m. John Cartor of Loudon Co. and they went to Kentucky. Her eldest son, Alfred Wm. Grayson, lived in Tennessee.

2-4 Susan Monroe, Benjamin Grayson's only daughter, never married, and it is said that Benjamin, her brother, squandered her property and she was cared for by her brothers Spence and Wm.

2-2 Reverend Spence Grayson, b. 1732, d. 1798. He inherited Belle Air, a fine mansion, with 1,000 acres of land attached, on the Potomac River in Pr. Wm. Co., Va. from his father and m. 1759 Mary Elizabeth Wagoner. He and his brother, Col. Wm. Grayson, graduated at Oxford. He studied theology in England and was ordained by the Lord Bishop of London May 29, 1771. He returned to Va. and preached in Loudon Co. In 1784 he succeeded Rev. John Scott as Rector of Dettingen Parish, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. where he died and was succeeded by Rev. Thos. Harrison. He was Chaplain in his brother, Col. Wm. Grayson's Reg't. during the Revolution, and Justice in Pr. Wm. Co. in 1769. His issue were six sons and eight daughters, as follows:

3-1 Catherine, b. 1760, m. John Hedgeman of Stafford, Issue:

4-1 John Grayson; 2-George; 3-Mary; 4-Susan Monroe Grayson; 5-Catherine.

3-2 Benjamin, b. 1761, m. Miss Taylor, an English lady. He went to Kentucky and became Clerk of the Court at Bardstown Nelson Co. and had issue:

4-1 Frederick Wm. Spence, who was an eminent lawyer and judge. He m. Miss Ward and died without issue. 4-2 Alfred, m. Miss Coalter of Baltimore, Md. He was an officer in the Marine Corps and at Norfolk in the War of 1812. In 1824 he commanded the Marines in Porter's fleet against the pirates off the coast of Florida and in the West Indies and on his return, died of yellow fever a few hours after his landing. He left:

5-1 Frederick Wm. Spence; 2-John Contee; 3-Alfred.

4-3 Peter Wagoner m. Miss Taylor and went to Texas in 1830; took an active part in the struggle for independence and went twice to Washington as a commissioner. He was Nominated for President of Texas,