

APPENDIX: KEY RECORDS OF EARLY NC/TN GRAYSONS

I. Benjamin Grayson Records in Wilkes Co. NC

1779	3/9/1779 Burke NC	Benjamin Grason	Land entry for 100 acres on Lower Creek. Next to Sam Allen, and according to annotation, later "to Issac Cox Den by William White"
1779	6/19/1779 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Land grant for 400 acres on King's Creek entered.
1782	4/5/1782 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Survey of 290 acres conducted- Edmond Tilley & two others signed.
1784	7/31/1784	Benjamin Grayson	Payment for NC militia service; Morgan District.
1784	11/9/1784 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Land grant for 290 acres issued.
1785	Wilkes NC	B. Grasson	Tax list- 1 poll, 300 acres.
1786	Wilkes NC	B. Grissom	Tax list- 1 poll, 300 acres; Capt. Isbel's district (Book # 11).
1787	Wilkes NC	B. Graysom	Tax list- 1 poll, 300 acres
1787	Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	1 st Census- 1 male 21-60, 5 males under 21, and 3 females. Capt. Isbel's district.
1788	Wilkes NC	B. Graysom	Tax list- 1 poll, 300 acres
1789	Wilkes NC	B. Grissom	Tax list- 300 acres- Capt. Witherspoons District (# 11).
1790	Wilkes NC	Ben Grayson	US Census- Living in 9 th Company of Morgan District. He has 3 males > 16, 2 under 16 & 2 Females. He is listed next to Sarah & Levi Laxton And John Grayson. Who is missing girl compared to 1787? - daughter who married, ex-wife of brother William, child died young, wife who died, etc.
1790	Wilkes NC	B. Grissom	190 acres; John is not listed.

1791	7/24/1791 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Witness to land purchase by John Grayson.
1791	7/25/1791 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Jury duty-County Court; also Edmond Tilley, Witherspoon,
1792	Wilkes NC		No BG on tax roll- however district 11 where he apparently lived is missing for this year.
1793	11/6/1793 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Jury duty-County Court
1793	11/7/1793 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Jury duty- case involving Andrew Baird, Lewis Carlton also on jury.
1793	11/8/1793 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Jury duty- County Court;
1793	Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Tax List, 1 poll, 190 acres (John now has 100- Did he give him 100?)
1794	11/8/1794 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grason	Road orders; also Carlton, Witherspoon, Edmond Tilley, John Greyson, etc.
1794	Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Tax list- 1 poll, 190 acres, Jonathan Spooks District.
1795	11/3/1795 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Property attached in suit from Andrew Baird Thomas Carlton was security. He still had 290 acres of land on 1800 tax list so apparently was not lost.
1795	Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grissom	Tax list; 1 poll, 190 acres
1796	2/2/1796 Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grason	Jury duty- County Court
1796	8/16/1796 - Listed in County Court minutes as 154 acres on 10/31/1796. Wilkes NC	Benjamin Grayson	Witness to purchase 155 acres on Kings Creek by Jesse Grayson from Nebruzrodon Coffey; Philip Davis, Annanias Allen & Witherspoon are neighbors.

II. Benjamin Grayson Records in Tennessee

1788	11/6/1788 Greene TN	Benjamin Grissom	Married Mary Privett; A Catherine Grissom married John Dotson the next day and Sarah Grissom married Robert Mansfield on 10/16/1788.
1792	11/21/1792 Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	Witness along with Robert Love for will of James McCarty
1793	Jan-March Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	On jury duty 5 times
1793	May Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	Witness with Robert Love to will of Lamos McCarter
1797	2/11/1797 Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	Court dispute with William Pruett - Settlement of \$16.00 awarded.
1801	Roane County, TN created		
1802	Roane TN	Benjamin Greyson	In Capt. John Walkers Co.
1802	Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	On tax roll; paid poll tax, living next to John Grayson.
1805	Roane TN	Benjamin Grisham	On Tax list; Also Fuller Pruit, 3 William Browns. And 3 Crouch families; No BG on 1808 tax list.
1805	6/1805 Roane TN	Benjamin Grayson	On first Roane Co. Jury- June 1805 session.
1805	10/28/1805	Stacy Grason	Married William Brown according to Emma Middleton Wells in "History of Roane Co. "-1927.
1806	Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	Paid poll tax; No land; living near John Grayson Capt. Hardin's Company.
1807	Knox TN	Benjamin Grayson	Did not pay poll tax; therefore probably born 1756/7; Living next John Grayson
1807	Roane TN	Benjamin Grayson	On witness docket for 9/1807, 12/1807 etc. to testify in case Daniel Mason vs Robert Taylor.

Robert McCorkle & Thomas Reid also scheduled.

1807 Bledsoe Co., TN created- most of it came from Roane Co.

1809 2/26/1809

Bledsoe TN Benj. Grayson
Benj. Grayson Sr.

Both BG & a BG Sr. signed Indian lands petition.

1815 Bledsoe TN "Berry" Grayson

Entry on Bledsoe 1815 Tax list according to book on early TN tax lists. Richard Grayson claimed that it was Benjamin on original list.

III. Jesse Grayson Records

- 1796 8/16/1796
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Purchased 155 acres on Kings Creek from N. Coffey- Witnesses were Aranias Allen (father or brother of Jesse's wife!?) And Benjamin Grayson.
- 1796 Recording Date
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Purchased 145 acres on Kings Creek from N. Coffey
- 1797 Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson First appears on tax list with 145 acres- in Cariton District-1 poll- probably born 1775/6
- 1799 Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Tax list, 1 poll, 145 acres, Cariton District.
- 1800 8/25/1800
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Purchased items from Edmund Tilley estate.
- 1800 11/8/1800
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Witness to power of atty. Re: Barlows ; Thomas Carlton also a witness.
- 1800 Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Tax list- 1 poll, 140 acres, Cariton District.
- 1801 Estate sale-reported in 11/1801 but likely took place earlier -but after 10/25/1799.
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Made purchases from Ann Wisdom estate.
- 1804 10/25/1804
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Sold 150 acres of Kings Creek Land to Edward Long of Burke. Witness Edmond Tilley & Wm. Dyson. Proven 7/1810.
- 1805 11/4/1805
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Sold 55 acres on Kings Creek to Moses Stansbury. Witnessed by Benjamin Holt. Proven 1/1815.
- 1805 Recording Date
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Purchased 30 acres from L. Bradley
*Probably happened before 1804-
- 1805 11/4/1805
Wilkes NC Jesse Grayson Sold 50 acres Kings Creek land to Benjamin Holt Adjoins Lawrence Bradley. Moses Stansbury is witness. Proven 1/1815

1805	Wilkes NC	Jesse Grayson	Tax list- 80 acres & 1 poll. Purchases- 155 +145 30= 330 minus sales of 150 + 55 + 50= 255 Leaves him with 75 acres by 1805.
1806	Knox TN	Jesse Grason	Tax List- No land, 1 poll, Capt. Chiles Company.
1808	6/29/1808 Bledsoe TN	Jesse Grayson	State of Tennessee grants land to Burrall Lassetar On 8/14/1811 next to lands of Jesse and William Hixson. (Third District- on Sequatchie River). Date is date of survey.
1822	9/10/1822 Marion TN	Jessee Grayson	Witness to Joseph Grayson will.
1825	3/23/1825 Rhea, TN	Jessee Grayson	Scheduled to give evidence in case State vs- John Allen regarding counterfeit money charge. Rhea county is next to Bledsoe.
1828	1/10/1828 Bledsoe TN	Jesse Grayson	Land transaction involving "tract on which Jesse Grayson formerly lived ; also adjoining 100 acre Grason tract. Mentions Timothy Hixson Sr. & Joseph Hixson tract.
1830	9/7/1830 Marion TN	Jesse Grayson	Sold 200 acres to Amos Griffith. Proven 1/26/1831.
1830	Marion TN	Jessie Grayson	Census data; age 50-59; 2 boys 5-10; 1 boy 15-20; 2 men 20-30 and 1 man 50-60; 1 woman 50-59; 3 girls; 1 each 5-10, 10-15, and 15-20; and 10 slaves. Jessee was not on 1840 Marion census.
1835	2/11/1835 Marion TN	Jesse Grayson	Witness to sale of land from Benjamin F. Gryson To Henry Grayson.

IV. John Grayson Records

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| 1789 | Wilkes NC | John Grayson | In Capt. Witherspoon District (# 11).
Implies born ca. 1768. |
| 1790 | Wilkes NC | John Grayson | 1790 US Census; Listed in Morgan District, 9 th
Company next to Ben Grayson & John Parker. He
has 1 male over 16 and one female. |
| 1791 | 7/24/1791
Wilkes NC | John Grayson | Purchased 100 acres from Thomas Shepard et al.
Benjamin Grayson was a witness. |
| 1793 | Wilkes NC | John Grayson | Tax list - 1 poll, 100 acres. Note not on 1792 but-
district 11 is missing from 1792 list. |
| 1794 | 11/8/1794
Wilkes NC | John Greyson | Road orders; also B. Grason. |
| 1794 | 11/16/1794
Wilkes NC | (Listed in County Court minutes on 1/31/1797).
John Grayson | Sold 100 acres on middle fork of King's Creek to
Ann Wisdom. Proven 1/1797. Laurance Bradley,
John Walker and Wm. Durham were witnesses. |
| 1794 | Wilkes NC | John Grayson | Tax list, 1 poll, 100 acres, Jonathan Spooks district. |
| 1795 | Wilkes NC | John Grison | Tax list - no land but 1 poll; He has bought & sold
Land by now. Does not appear on tax list of 1796,
1797, 1799, 1800 or 1805. Inference is he left
Wilkes by 1795/6. |
| 1797 | 3/16/1797
Knox TN | John Grayson | Purchased land |
| 1800 | Knox TN | John Grayson | On jury duty |
| 1806 | Knox TN | John Grayson | On tax list, 200 acres, Capt. Hardin's Company
1 poll |
| 1807 | Knox TN | John Grayson | On tax list |
| 1810 | Wilkes NC | John Grayson | 1810 US census; 1 male 16-25; 1 female 16-25
1 female under 10. This probably is son of
William! |

1812	Knox TN	John Grayson	On tax list
1827	Knox TN	John Grayson	On tax list
1828	Knox TN	John Grayson	On tax list
1830	Knox TN	John Grayson	Listed as age 70-79; If born in 1768 would only be 62.-
1834	Knox TN	John Grayson	On jury duty- wouldn't he be too old- perhaps this is a different John.
1841	November Knox TN	John Grayson	Sold land

V. Joseph Grayson Records

1794	Wilkes NC	Joseph Grayson	Tax list, 1 poll, no land, Jonathan Spooks District. Possibly born ca 1773!
1795	8/1/1795 Knox TN	Joseph Grayson	Along with Drury Brazeale appointed patroller.
1798	Knox TN	Joseph Grayson	Married Elizabeth "Pattie" Brazeale
1800	7/11/1800 Knox TN	Joseph Grayson	Bought 400 acres from Henry Brazeale. (RR Grayson writeup says this occurred 7/20/1801)
1801	Anderson TN	Joseph Grayson	Appointed Anderson County Commissioner In Acts of Tennessee.
1801	4/24/1801 TN	Joseph Grayson	Purchased 400 acres from Stockley Donelson
1802	Anderson TN	Joseph Grayson	On Tax List- Capt. Davis's Company; In Wolf Valley; 300 acres, 1 poll
1805	Anderson TN	Joseph Grayson	1805 Tax list entry.
1809	2/26/1809 Bledsoe TN	Joseph Grayson	Petition relating to Indian boundary lines; his name appears twice. Second is next to Wren Grayson & in same handwriting.
1822	9/10/1822 Marion TN	Joseph Grayson	Made will; was probated May 1823. Jesse was a Witness.
1828	9/28/1825 Bledsoe TN	Joseph Grayson	Land transaction -Bledsoe Co. Within the bounds of lot 5, adjoining tract where Joseph Grayson formerly lived. Joseph Hixon also mentioned. Also note-similar Jesse G. entry

VI. William Grayson Records

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| 1780 | Wilkes NC | William Grayson | From Laxton Family History published as a Lenoir News Topic on 1/9/1914 (and found in Caldwell Co. Library) one learns that a Levi Laxton; (who was next to Ben Grayson on 1790 Wilkes Census) reportedly found one of his uncles, a William Grayson, among wounded at Kings Mtn. Battlefield & attempted to return him home but he died on the way was buried near where town of Hickory is located. |
| 1794 | 5/ 1/ 1794
Burke NC | William Grayson | Received 100 acres from John Bailey |
| 1794 | Burke NC | Grayson | Capt. Simerel's District, 100 acres near Coffey & Baird. Could be Benjamin; 1 poll. |
| 1799 | Recording Date
Wilkes NC | William Grayson | purchased 200 acres from Wm. Johnson. |
| 1799 | 10/2/1799
Burke Co. | William Grayson | Sold (or purchased?) 100 acres to Solomon Smith. Proved in court April, 1800 by Henry Smith. |
| 1800 | Recording Date
Wilkes NC | William Grayson | Received State land grant for 50 acres. |
| 1800 | Wilkes NC | William Grayson | Not on Tax list- if he was born in 1767 he should be. |
| 1800 | Wilkes NC | William Grayson | On US census; 3 boys 0-10; 1 male 26-45; 2 girls 0-10; 1 female 16-26. William was \born 1755-1774 |
| 1801 | Recording Date
Wilkes NC | William Grayson | Purchased 50 acres from H. Rousseau |
| 1801 | Estate sale - reported in 11/1801 but
Wilkes NC | William Grayson | likely took place earlier -but after 10/25/1799. Made purchases from Ann Wisdom estate. (Also Benjamin & Benjamin Jr.). |
| 1802 | 9/15/1802 | William Grayson | According to RR Grayson attested to handwriting of Jesse Grayson in a deed recorded in Wilkes Co. In |

the May term of 1806.

- 1804 Estate sale - reported in Oct 1804 but occurred earlier.
Wilkes NC William Grayson made purchase from estate of Matthew Cox.
- 1805 Recorded at October Session
Knox TN William Grayson Purchased saddle from estate of Jacob Neff.
Eight Pruitt's listed including Fuller
- 1805 Wilkes NC William Grayson Tax List; 1 poll, 350 acres; Total of his previously
recorded purchases was 300 acres; in A. Parks
district.
- 1806 Estate sale- reported May 1806 but occurred earlier.
Wilkes NC William Grayson made purchase from John Magee estate.
- 1806 Estate sale- reported May 1806 but occurred earlier.
Wilkes NC William Grayson made purchase from Lucy Sanders estate.
- 1807 Recording Date
Wilkes NC William Grayson Purchased 10 acres from Sharach Laws.
- 1810 Estate sale- reported October 1810 but occurred earlier.
Wilkes NC William Grayson Made purchase from Samuel Allen estate.
- 1810 Wilkes NC William Grayson On US census from Wilkes.
- 1814 August
Wilkes William Grayson Received State grant for 50 acres on Moravian
Creek. Issued 12/5/1815.
- 1819 January
Burke William Grason Presented will of John Bailey for probate .
- 1820 Wilkes NC William Grason On US census; was over 45
- 1821 12/25/1821
Wilkes NC William Grayson Sold 100 acres on Moravian Creek to Elijah
Hampton. Witnesses were B. Grayson & T.
Welborn.
- 1830 Monroe TN William Grayson On US census.

VII. Wren Grayson Records

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| 1805 | 4/27/1805
Scott KY | Wren Grayson | On tax list- 1 white male over 21; females are not listed. Not on tax list in prior years or after 1805. |
| 1805 | 11/2/1805
Scott KY | Wren Grayson | Later records establish John Wren Grayson was Born on this date in KY. - i.e. his autobiography in 2/1/1882 issue of Madison (Indiana) Courier. |
| 1807 | Bledsoe TN | Wren Grayson | Family moved to Bledsoe when John Wren Grayson was 2 (i.e. late 1807) according to Madison Courier Autobiography. |
| 1809 | 2/26/1809
Bledsoe Co. | Wren Grayson | Signed petition relating to Indian boundary lines. |
| 1814 | 9/13/1814
Knox TN | Wren Grayson | Enlisted in 3 rd Regiment of E. TN Militia. Traveled 100 miles to Knoxville to do it-age 32. |
| 1815 | Bledsoe TN | Ren Grayson | Signed petition "to delay enactment of the Land Law during the war between Great Britian and the United States". |
| 1815 | Bledsoe TN | Ren Grayson | 1815 Bledsoe Co. Tax list entry. |
| 1824 | Bledsoe TN | Wren Grayson | John Wren autobiography states that he lived in Bledsoe until nearly manhood (i.e. abt 1826). In 1824 Wren's last son Sandford was born in TN. John Wren's first son was born in Scott Co. KY in 1829. |
| 1830 | Scott KY | Wrign Grayson | On 1830 census of Scott Co., KY. He subsequently moved to Decatur Co., IN.and lived in Westport where he died on 6/3/1865. |