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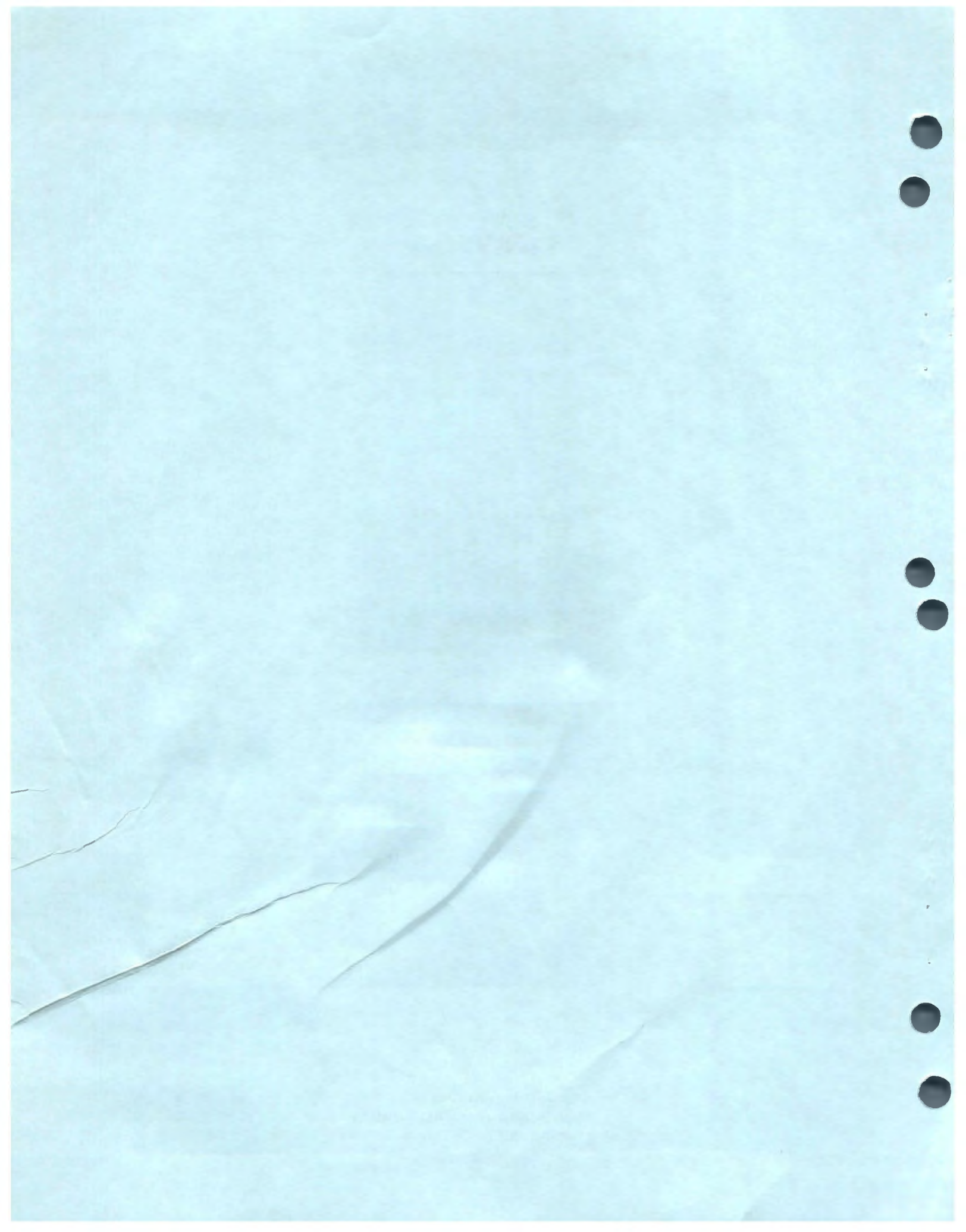
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G R A Y S O N

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The name "Grayson" has long been respected in Logan, Butler and Muhlenberg Counties. Starting in Barren County in the 1815-1817 era when John Jefferson Grayson came from Virginia to Kentucky, then later moved to Logan County, to the present time, the Grayson families have prospered and been respected by their peers as leaders in their communities, churches and civic endeavors.

In Logan County, the descendants of Willis Henry Grayson (1827-1920), son of John Jefferson still abound, as do some of the descendants of John Thomas Grayson, who re-settled there, after their forefathers established later homes in Butler and Muhlenberg County.

John Thomas Grayson was also the son of John Jefferson Grayson, and was the father of George and Henry Clay Grayson, who re-settled from Logan to the Mud River Mine area of Muhlenberg County in the 1870s, and later moved to Butler County.

George, who married Hannah Blaine, was the father of Mabel (Ward), Maude (Wester), Claude, Raymond, Alice (Jenkins), Carrie (Jenkins), Lillian (Shelton) and Annie (Wester), in addition to Clyde, who died young. George, after a short stay in Muhlenberg County, bought a farm in 1888, just across Mud River from Gus, land which remains in the Grayson family today. Herald, George's grandson, and his wife Betty (Wood) still reside on the family farm.

Clay, married Marietta Blaine, and fathered Walter, Roy, Oscar, Bertha (King), George William, Lois, Ruth (McPherson) and Stella (King), some of whom still have descendants in Muhlenberg County.

It is these Graysons, primarily residing in these three counties, who will be followed as the Grayson genealogy unfolds.

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THE EARLY GRAYSONS

The earliest known Grayson in America is documented by information provided by James Gurden Shepherd, a descendant of John Jefferson Grayson. Mr. Shepherd now lives in Sun City, Ariz. He lists John B. Grayson, born about 1668 in England, as the forefather of the present line of Graysons. He believes the grandfather of John B. Grayson was Benjamin Grayson, born in Scotland in about 1600, but offers no documentation for this.

John B. Grayson married Susannah White, who was born about 1663. Both died in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, he on March 31, 1736. They were the parents of Ambrose Grayson, who was born near 1700 in Scotland or England, indicating the Graysons came to Virginia sometime after this period. Ambrose married Alice James, the widow of John James in 1726, apparently in Spotsylvania County, Va. Alice Grayson was born about 1702. Both died in Spotsylvania County. Her date is not known, but his will was proven in 1743 indicating his death in that year.

Their son was Capt. William Grayson, who was born Nov. 25, 1732 in Spotsylvania County. The late Millard Wood, in researching his Wood, Studebaker and Blaine lines, noted that one Grayson was a

commander of a Continental Regiment (Revolutionary War) before the United States Army was organized. One of his Studebaker (Baker) ancestors served in that regiment. Apparently, this was Capt. William Grayson.

Grayson County, Ky. (Leitchfield) was named for US Senator William Grayson. There was also a Capt. William Grayson who was elected to the Senate, but died enroute to Washington and never served. It is not known if this is the same William Grayson, ancestor to the local Graysons. The probability is that Grayson County was named for Revolutionary Colonel William Grayson, who served in both the house and senate from South Carolina.

Capt. Grayson married Ann Smith, who was born about 1737. She was the daughter of Thomas (b. 1712) and Ann Smith. The captain died May 17, 1829 in Albemarle County, Va. His wife also died there.

They were the parents of John Grayson, born in 1767 in Albemarle County. He married Ida Sutherland. John and Ida Grayson were the parents of John Jefferson Grayson, who migrated to Kentucky.

One other Grayson of prominence whose connection to the local Graysons has not been established, was a naval officer from Texas in the Texas war for independence from Mexico. His picture now hangs in the Alamo.

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JOHN JEFFERSON GRAYSON

John Jefferson Grayson was born Nov. 26, 1789 in Albemarle County, Va. He married Susanna Britt on July 16, 1812 in Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Va. Susanna, born Nov. 6, 1794 in Albemarle County, was the daughter of Obidiah Britt (b. March 15, 1763) and Sarah Wheeler Britt. (Watch for that name, Obediah, to reappear in a later generation.)

John Jefferson enlisted in the army on Sept. 1, 1814, fought in the War of 1812 (at its end in 1814) and was discharged Dec. 10, 1814. The widow, Susanna received a pension of eight dollars per month in 1878 for his services.

The Graysons also resided in Augusta County, Va. and Barren County, Ky. before settling near Adairville in Logan County.

John Jefferson Grayson was a farmer, a Presbyterian and was employed as an overseer of General Ewing's farm near Adairville. An avid Whig, he was a staunch supporter of William Henry Harrison in the presidential election of 1840. When Harrison was elected, John Jefferson hosted a large party of celebration. A new set of dishes, designed for the occasion was purchased. Today, one of the finger glasses is still in the hands of a Grayson descendant in a western state.

The exact time of the arrival of the Graysons in Kentucky is not known, but can be narrowed to between 1815 and 1817 by a popular family story. The second child, Elizabeth was small, and rode in her mother's lap, on horseback, from Virginia to Kentucky. Elizabeth was born in 1815. The next child, Julia Ann was born in 1817 in Kentucky.

John Jefferson and Susanna Britt Grayson were the parents of ten children, two born in Virginia, the rest in Kentucky. They were:

- (1) Sally, born 1813. Drowned at the age of less than two years

in Albemarle County, Va.

(2) Elizabeth, born 1815 in Albemarle County. Married William Noe on Aug. 19, 1835, and lived in Butler County. (They were censused in Logan County in 1850). There has been no death date discovered. Children listed included Susan, Jim, John "Dig", Julia and Ollie.

(3) Julia Ann, born Logan County, 1817, known later as Aunt Jud. Married Dec. 6, 1844 to John Shepherd. Death came around 1896. Children included Susan, called Babe, Dora and Bettie.

(4) William J., born about 1822-24. Married Lydia Vick on Aug. 28, 1847. No death date recorded. He reportedly moved to Illinois. Children in this family included William, Josey, Mandy, Sallie Ann, Martha, Tommie, Bill, Mary Susan, Sissie and Dora.

(5) John Thomas, father of George and Clay, born Aug. 14, 1823, and records lists his birth in Barren County. He married Caroline McElhaney on Dec. 29, 1851. He died Dec. 25, 1896. More on this line later.

(6) Eliza Jane Obediah, born Oct. 25, 1830 in Logan County. She married William R. Nathaniel Shepherd in Springfield, Tenn. on Sept. 25, 1851. This family also moved to Muhlenberg County, and have many descendants living there, the most of whom were documented in an earlier genealogy on the Shepherd family (Greenville Leader-News Dec. 6, 1989). Eliza Jane Obediah (named for her grandfather) Grayson Shepherd died in Muhlenberg County on July 17, 1895.

(7) Susan Caroline, called Cal, born June 12, 1833, married Samuel Eddy on Feb. 7, 1857. She died Nov. 11, 1916. Their children included Babe, Mollie, John and Jean.

(8) Margaret Amanda, born Nov. 3, 1837, married William Robert Vick, Aug. 19, 1853. She died Aug. 10, 1899 and is buried at Mt. Moriah in Muhlenberg County. She is the ancestor of many of the Vicks still living in Muhlenberg County. William Robert Vick was a brother to Lydia, who married William Grayson (4). Children in this family included Sallie, Effie (Whitney), John, Susie, Eddie, Mossie, Robert and Bertie (Penrod).

(9) Willis Henry, born Sept. 20, 1827, married Mary Jane (Mollie) Shepherd on Dec. 21, 1848. They are ancestor to most of the native Logan County Graysons. Their children included Melissa, Agnes, Bill, John, Rose, Julia, Henry, and Robert. He died May 4, 1920.

(1) Mary America, known as "Aunt Meck", was born Sept. 3, 1842 in Logan County, married John Wiseman Pope there on Feb. 23, 1865, and died Jan. 9, 1918. Children were Eddie, Fannie, Annie and Bob.

John Jefferson Grayson died April 14, 1862, and is buried in Red River Cemetery near Adairville. His widow, Susanna, died Nov. 26, 1881, and is buried at Red River also.

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JOHN THOMAS GRAYSON

John Thomas Grayson was born Aug. 14, 1823. Family records show the birth in Barren County, apparently before the Graysons moved on to Logan County. He married Caroline McElhaney on Jan. 8, 1852 in Logan County. Caroline McElhaney was born April 19, 1824 in Overton County, (Livingston), Tenn. Her father was born in Ireland. Caroline, at the time of her marriage to John T.

Grayson, was making her home with a Townsend family, living near Schochoh in Logan County.

During the Civil War, John Thomas Grayson and his brother-in-law, William Robert Vick, traveled to Marion, Ill. Whether their's was a business trip, social venture or in search of a new home, is not known. But when the federal troops learned they were from Logan County, Ky., the heart of the confederacy in Kentucky, and were actually southern sympathizers, they were detained. They were not allowed to cross the Ohio River to return home for some time. Upon his return to Kentucky, John Thomas Grayson soon moved his family to Muhlenberg County. The date is unknown, though it was prior to 1880, when he was listed in the Muhlenberg County census. His first settlement in Muhlenberg County was at Twin Tunnel, at what was later the Elias Mallory home, at the intersection of present US431 and the Union Ridge Road.

Later, John Thomas and Caroline moved to the Mud River Mine area of Muhlenberg County. Their home was in what is known now as the "Grayson Fields", an open area north of the Penrod to Gus road, between the Jim Alex Simmons (later Bewley Porter) home, and Mud River Mine. They, and their three children, the two boys already married, were censused there in 1880. It is said that traces of their proposed new home remain visible in the area today, left unfinished when they moved to Butler County.

The children include:

(1) Henry Clay, born Nov. 5, 1852 in Logan County. He married Marietta Blaine, daughter of Thomas and Mary Josephine (Phene) Whitaker Blaine, and granddaughter of Martin and Mary Ann Rife Blaine on March 20, 1879 in Muhlenberg County.

(2) Eddie Lenore, known for years as Aunt Sis, was born Jan. 9, 1856, and married Johnnie Fleming on Sept. 11, 1887.

(3) George W. was born in Logan County on Dec. 2, 1858, married Hannah E. Blaine, cousin of Marietta, and daughter of John A. and Jane Elizabeth Nanney Blaine on Feb. 8, 1880 in Muhlenberg County. She likewise was the granddaughter of Martin and Mary Ann Rife Blaine.

Before 1890, John Thomas and Caroline moved to Butler County, across the river from Mud River Mine, as did their children. John Thomas died Dec. 25, 1896, and Caroline on Jan. 10, 1912. They are buried in the Blaine cemetery, between Gus and Huntsville.

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HENRY CLAY GRAYSON

Clay Grayson, who came with his family from Logan to Muhlenberg County, also moved briefly to Butler County. He and Marietta Blaine Grayson were the parents of eight children. They were:

(1) Walter W., born in Jan. 15, 1880, and died at the age of 13 on April 20, 1893. He is buried in the Blaine cemetery.

(2) Stella, married Will King, a millwright, in 1903. They lived in Dunmor, Nashville, and in Texas. Their last years were in Nashville. They had no children, however an adopted daughter, Avaneil married while they lived in Texas and has remained there since her marriage. Marcia Grayson Wells believes she is still living in Texas. Will and Stella are buried in Woodlawn Memorial Garden on Thompson Lane in Nashville.

(3) Roy, who married Myrtle Gaston, was born in 1884 and died

in 1944. Myrtle, the daughter of John B. and Celie J. Westray Gaston was born in 1887 and died in 1969. They are buried in Rose Hill cemetery at Central City. They had two children, Marcia Thelma, who married Marvin Wells and lives at Belton and J. C., who married Martine Moore of Beech Creek and lives in Nashville. Marcia and Marvin have three son, Marvin Wayne, Jr., Joseph Grayson, principal at Lake Malone and Samuel Glenn. J. C. and Martine have two children, Barbara Clay (Shelor) of Spartansburg, S. C. and John Michael, who lives in Charleston, S. C. Roy and his brothers, Oscar and George operated a mill and merchandise store in Dunmor. When the store burned, the brothers went separate ways. George went to Hopkinsville. Roy bought a store in Penrod. Later Oscar joined him there. Then Oscar and his brother-in-law, Will King went to Texas. Roy then became a partner with Sumner Brothers at Penrod before selling to them in 1931 and and building his own store at Belton which he operated for many years. His daughter, Marcia and her husband also operated that store, taking over in 1940 and continued its operation until 1979. Marvin was postmaster from 1956 when Ethel Forsythe retired that position, until 1984, when he retired. Marcia retired from teaching in 1974 after 32 years at Leigh's Chapel, Drakesboro and Hughes-Kirk. After leaving the store at Belton in 1940, Roy Grayson went to Pontiac, Mich. and worked in a factory until his health failed.

(4) George William married Rachel Curtis. After being in business in Muhlenberg County, he moved to Hopkinsville, where he operated a store with a Mr. Helstley. Later George and Rachel moved to Nashville, Tenn. (Woodbine area) where he operated a business for the most of the rest of his life. He and Rachel died in Nashville and are buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park on Thompson Lane in Nashville. Their children included Henry Clay, Robert Calvin and Joan.

(5) Oscar married Annie Ethel McPherson, daughter of Bob and Mary Holland McPherson of Butler County. Among their children was Marietta Grayson, who married Silas Sumner, son of Eben and Elsie Newman Sumner of Penrod. Oscar's granddaughter, Anita Sumner Parks, today lives at Penrod, next door to the post office. Other children were Pauline, James, Betty and Ezell. Two young children of Oscar and Annie Grayson are buried at Dunmor. Oscar, after operating businesses with his brothers, went to Texas with his brother-in-law, Will King. A few years later he returned to Kentucky, and lived at Penrod for a while, before moving to Michigan. He lived in Pontiac until he death. Annie, in her 90s, still lives in Michigan and is said to be mentally alert, but legally blind. Of the children, Marietta, Pauline, Betty and Ezell still live in Michigan. After his first wife died, James remarried and moved south.

(6) Ruth married William Bee McPherson of Jason Ridge. They had three children, Lizzie Mae, James William and Geraldine. For a while they lived in Akron, Ohio, but returned to Kentucky during the depression of the late 1920s. Their last moved was to Nashville. They are buried in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Nashville. The son, James William also is deceased. The two daughters still reside in Nashville.

(7) Lois was never married

(8) Bertha married George King and had two children.

Clay died Dec. 24, 1919, is buried in the Blaine cemetery. Marietta, who was born Nov. 18, 1860, died Sept. 22, 1901, and is

buried in the Blaine cemetery, also.

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EDDIE LENORE GRAYSON
(Aunt Sis)

Born Jan. 9, 1856, Eddie Lenore was not named until she was "a half-grown girl", and then, she reportedly named herself. She was called "Sis" by the family for many years, and growing up, was given the privilege of selecting her own name, according to present-day family members. She did not marry until she was 31 years old. Johnnie Fleming had married Lydia Nanney, and when Lydia died, "Sis" and Johnny were married on Sept. 11, 1887.

Johnnie had no children by his first wife, nor by "Sis". However, Harold Nanney, a young orphan relative of Lydia's lived with Johnnie during both marriages. He is buried at Hazel Creek. Aunt Sis developed such an affection for Harold, she thought of him as her own son. When Johnnie died, he was buried by his first wife, Lydia. Aunt Sis then declared that she wanted to be buried beside Harold. When she died on Dec. 17, 1939, she was laid to rest beside Harold Nanney in the Hazel Creek cemetery in Muhlenberg County. Aunt Sis is still fondly remembered by many for "her very different ways, and her pronounced manner of speech".

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GEORGE W. GRAYSON

When George W. and Hannah E. Blaine Grayson moved to Butler County in 1888, they bought a Mud River farm from George and Minnie Mefford, just across the river from Gus, on the Gus to Huntsville Road.

The farm is owned now by a third generation Grayson, Herald, after it was owned by George's son, and Herald's father, the late Raymond Grayson. It has been a continuous home to the Grayson family for 102 years. Also the house, occupied by George and Hannah Grayson in their lifetime, though now abandoned, still stands near the Herald (Raymond) Grayson home, overlooking Mud River's rich bottom land. It was originally occupied by John Thomas and Caroline. At that home, Alice Grayson (Mrs. Lem Jenkins), daughter of George and Hannah, as a young girl, planted two trees, a sugar maple and a cedar. Those two trees still stand near the house today.

George and Hannah were parents to nine children, only one of which did not live to adulthood. These included Mabel (Ward), Maude (Wester), Claude, Raymond, Alice (Jenkins), Carrie (Jenkins), Clyde, Lillian (Shelton) and Annie (Wester).

George, who was born in Logan County Dec. 2, 1858, died Jan. 5, 1902. His widow, Hannah, born June 30, 1862, died March 19, 1945. They are buried in the family plot in the Blaine (Halmenton) cemetery.

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THEIR CHILDREN

MABEL, born Jan. 9, 1881 in Muhlenberg County, married Clifford Ward on Feb. 7, 1900. She died April 5, 1960, following his death in 1955. They are buried at Ebenezer. Her children include Clara (Addison) born in 1902; Nellie (Mrs. Clarence Hunt of Belton) born 1904; Ruth (McDonald), born 1913; Ruby, 1910-1916; Ivan Neil, Jan. 14, 1923; Marvin, 1917-1925; Earl Glen, 1927; Carrie, 1920-1930 and Gladys (Austin), 1908-1935. Ivan Neil Ward married Nora Lee Gregory, daughter of Tim and Mina Gregory on Dec. 6, 1941. He served overseas in Guam in World War II with the US Army Air Force and after the war, worked for Pond Creek Coal Co. He also farmed near Depoy. He and Nora had seven children: (1) Rosa Lee in 1942, who married Charles Dennis of White Plains and had four children; (2) Diania Kaye, 1945, who married Eddie Jernigan of Nebo. She has two children by a previous marriage to Jerald Haley; (3) Mary Dean, 1947, married Bill Tate of Jasper, Tenn. and has two children; (4) Barbara Neil, 1948, married James Wright of Midland. She has three children from a previous marriage to Gary Walker; (5) Ivan Wayne, 1953, married Georgia Wood of Bremen and has one son; (6) Teresa Lynn, 1961, married Kim Brand of Central City,, with two children; (7) Alisa Faye, 1962, married Fletch Chamber of Atlanta, Ga. and has one child, in addition to a child by a previous marriage to Mike Beadnell. Ivan Ward died Oct. 16, 1963 and is buried at Ebenezer.

MAUDE, born Oct. 2, 1883 in Muhlenberg County, married E. E. (Erdman) Wester Dec. 20, 1900. They had four children, Archie, who married Florence Leslie, Elder, who married Lydia Williams, Cecil, who after a marriage to Christine Gregory, married Martha Sumner, daughter of Marion Sumner of Gus; and Beatrice, a daughter, who died young. Erdman died on Feb. 25, 1908 and Maude on the same day, Feb. 25 in 1964. They are buried in the Blaine cemetery.

CLAUDE, born Jan. 21, 1886, in Muhlenberg County, was twice married and lived the most of his adult life near Ebenezer in Muhlenberg County. He married Needie Mefford (8-11-1886) on Feb. 19, 1905. Their children include Ray O, 1906; Lofton, 1908; Alma (Mrs. Holbert Rhea) 1910; Bernard F., Nov. 7, 1915; G. W., who operated a radio shop and the first television shop in Drakesboro, born 1918; Virginia, born and died in 1921; and Wendell, born 1925. Needie died March 17, 1945. Claude remarried Gertrude (McKinney) Latham, widow of Will Latham Jan. 12, 1948. Claude died Oct. 24, 1964, and he and Needie are buried at Ebenezer. Gertrude, his second wife died in recent years in California.

RAYMOND was the first child of George and Hannah born in Butler County, and the first at their newly acquired home. He was born March 12, 1889. On May 6, 1910, in the presence of Lem Jenkins, Johnnie Blaine, Dave Sumner, Jesse Arnold, Carrie Grayson and others, he married Maude Gaston, the daughter of John B. and Celie J. Westray Gaston, who was also a sister to his cousin's wife, Myrtle (Mrs. Roy) Gaston Grayson. The wedding took place while the bride and groom sat in their buggy, along the Gus to Penrod Road, near to where Audrey Williams now lives. Jim Barbee, minister, officiated at this wedding. To this union were born: (1) Gordon Grayson, who died recently in Lewisburg. He was married to the former Sarah Margaret Sumner, daughter of Marion Sumner, and was the father of Janice, Nancy and Roger Grayson.

(2) Leland was born in 1912. He died Jan. 20, 1991 in Auburn and is buried in Russellville. Leland married Evalee McPherson, daughter of Elisha and Delia Whitescarver McPherson of Gus. She resides in Russellville. Their children include Mary Hannah, who married Gary Woodlee, son of Freddie and Hazel Staples Woodlee and Jean Ellen, who married Joe Qualls of Madisonville. (3) John Bowden, born in 1914, who died young; (4) Nina Pearl, born in 1915, married Reuben Shrull of Dunmor, son of Charlie and Mamie Pogue Shrull. Their children are Lindell, married to Rita Marklen, Geraldine, married to Berman Addison, son of Claud and Clara Addison, Gary, married to Linda Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hope of Drakesboro and Myrna, wife of Jerry Mallory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mallory of Penrod. (5) Neal Gaston, who lives in Russellville, was born in 1918. He married Thelma Tinsley, daughter of John and Ostie Cooper Tinsley. Their children are Alice, Anna, who married Terry Smith and Larry who married Cathy Woodford. (6 & 7) Luther and Lucian, born July 23, 1920. Lucian died in October of the same year. Luther married Nona Graham, daughter of Albert and Novella Harper Graham of Beech Creek, and following her death, remarried Wilmoth Goodwin and now lives near Springfield, Tennessee. Children of Luther and Nona are Lucian, who married Dianne Penrod, daughter of Melvin Penrod, and Randy, who married Sue Boggess. Maude Gaston Grayson died Nov. 19, 1921 and is buried in Blaine cemetery. On Dec. 24, 1924, Raymond re-married. His new wife was the widow of Mermon Porter, Nina Pearl Ewing Porter, born Feb. 19, 1898. She was the daughter of Judge B. and Mary Vaughn Ewing. They were married at the residence of the minister, J. C. Forgy at Quality in Butler County, in the presence of his sister, Lillian Shelton, and his brother-in-law, Lem Jenkins. Born to Raymond Grayson and Nina Pearl were: (1) Modie Maxine, who was born and died in 1925. (2) Phyllis, born and died in 1926. (3) Herald, born in 1928. He married Betty Wood, daughter of Ellis and Elsie Beadnell Wood and lives on the Grayson family farm on Mud River. (4) Maurice, born in 1931, lives in Russellville. Maurice married Zettie Brown, daughter of Carl and Lula Bond Brown. He is principal of the trade school in Russellville. They have no children. (5) Kermit Wayne in 1934, is married to Imogene Peveler, daughter of Oscar and Bonnie Varble Peveler. They have two children, Steve and Jim. Steve lives near Hontsville. Wayne is manager of the airways facilities sector for the FAA in Memphis, Tenn. (6) Bobby Dale, who was born and died in 1938. Raymond Grayson died July 4, 1979 and his wife, Nina Pearl on Dec. 21, 1954. They are buried at Lewisburg. Of all the Grayson descendants, only Herald Grayson, Steve Grayson and Georgia Nell Shelton Harrison live near the family homestead in Butler County.

ALICE was born Feb. 22, 1891 in Butler County. She married Lemuel Jenkins (March 22, 1890) on Dec. 23, 1909 in Butler County. They lived the most of their adult life on the Greenville to Ebenezer Road in Muhlenberg County. Their children included Edwin, 1910; Lloyd, 1913; Wilma, 1916; Melba, 1922; Nelda, 1924; Avanel, 1928; Lenora, 1930 and Peggy Jane, 1933. A son, Grayson, died as a child and is buried at Wyatt's Chapel. Lem Jenkins died July 12, 1965, and Alice on Sept. 26, 1974. They are buried at Ebenezer.

CARRIE was born Jan. 29, 1893 in Butler County and married Ellis Jenkins in Butler County Aug. 4, 1912. She also lived near

Ebenezer for many years. Children were: Edna Mae, 1913, married Richard McKinney; Vernon, 1915, who married Ruby Harding and Claude, 1924. Claude married Twila Simons. Carrie Grayson Jenkins died Feb. 10, 1963 and Ellis on June 16, 1975. They are buried at Ebenezer.

CLYDE was born Nov. 2, 1895 and died Dec. 29, 1897. He is buried in Blaine cemetery.

LILLIAN was born March 29, 1898 and married Floyd Shelton in Butler County on Dec. 18, 1914. For many years they lived on the Hackett Anderson farm at Gus. Their children were: Raymond (deceased) who married Bivie White; Guy, who now lives in Maine; James, married (1) Annie Whitaker and (2) Mary Lou Goodman, lives near New Hebron and Mt. Moriah churches in Muhlenberg County; Virginia Lee, (deceased) married Clyde Shrull; Winona, married first to Bewley Porter, and after his death, to Clyde Shrull, husband of her deceased sister, Virginia. They live near Russellville; Georgia Nell, married Harold John (Fuzzy) Harrison of Huntsville, and still lives there; Margie, died young and is buried in the Blaine cemetery and Reggie, lives in Owensboro. Floyd Shelton died in 1948 and Lillian on April 4, 1983. After Floyd's death, Lillian was married to Charlie Shrull. Floyd and Lillian are buried in the Blaine cemetery.

ANNIE was born Oct. 27, 1901 in Butler County and married Elmer Wester on Nov. 21, 1920. He still resides at Drakesboro. Annie is deceased. Their children are: Mildred Arlene, born 1921, is married to Byron Revelett of Muhlenberg County; Paul Edward, born 1927, married to Helen Vaughn, and living at Drakesboro; Billie Nell, 1930, deceased, is buried at Ebenezer. Another child, Elmer Ray, was born in 1924 and died in 1925. He is buried in the Blaine cemetery.

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Information on the Grayson family, in addition to official records, was given by Herald Grayson, Maurice Grayson, Martine Moore (Mrs. J. C.) Grayson, Marcia Grayson Wells and James G. Shepherd. Correspondence may be addressed to the writer, 7965 Ridgewood Road, Goodlettsville, Tn. 37072.

