

Roberts - Corr. Query - Grayson
2G7 (F20)

Monday 9.29.
Doctor Frances Roberts
603 Randolph Ave St.
Huntsville Ala.

In a conversation with Mr Goldsmith & today
he told me he had sold nice lot in
Green Valley Sub. this at old Grayson res to
a gentleman who was going to build a
\$40,000⁰⁰ res. He mentioned tearing down
the old house. I did not want to say
much for I did not know what it
would suit committee or not.
I did say the Historical Society would
like to have it they would make it
be an asset - instead of a detriment.
Hope some one will mention to him soon.
That will be something of interest its not
fine. it was fine those days.
I have a lap board made of Cupelium or
Buckeye from that house I would like to contribute.
its been in our home over 84 yrs. was from
the family of John Grayson the surveyor 1805 to 1817.
Also a photo of J.H. Grayson house when it had large
columns before the wind blew top off + pushed.

Names:

Goldsmith,
Grayson,

Grayson, J. W.
Grayson, John

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

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Types:

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2.
Mr Wilfred Van Valkenburg may have
some flooring out of the old
Bill Holding residence he wrecked
& put in storage. It would
be nice to put in the Hall of Cedar Home
at Round Top. It was an immense house
Wilfred owned & finished ornate but the
driver, labor, transport, ^{about \$} cost, 13000⁰⁰ to
wreck the Bill Holden res. Some one may
ask him.
Hope I am not worrying you, with
all this writing. But I am interested in
getting the Historical Society take over, the
Grayson homestead. So valuable & will only cost
Courage to ask, is my opinion.
Sincerely yours
A. T. Grayson M.D.
429 Locust Street
Huntsville, Ala.

Names:

Grayson,
Grayson, A. T., M.D.

Holding, Bill

Van Valkenburg,
Wilfred

Places:

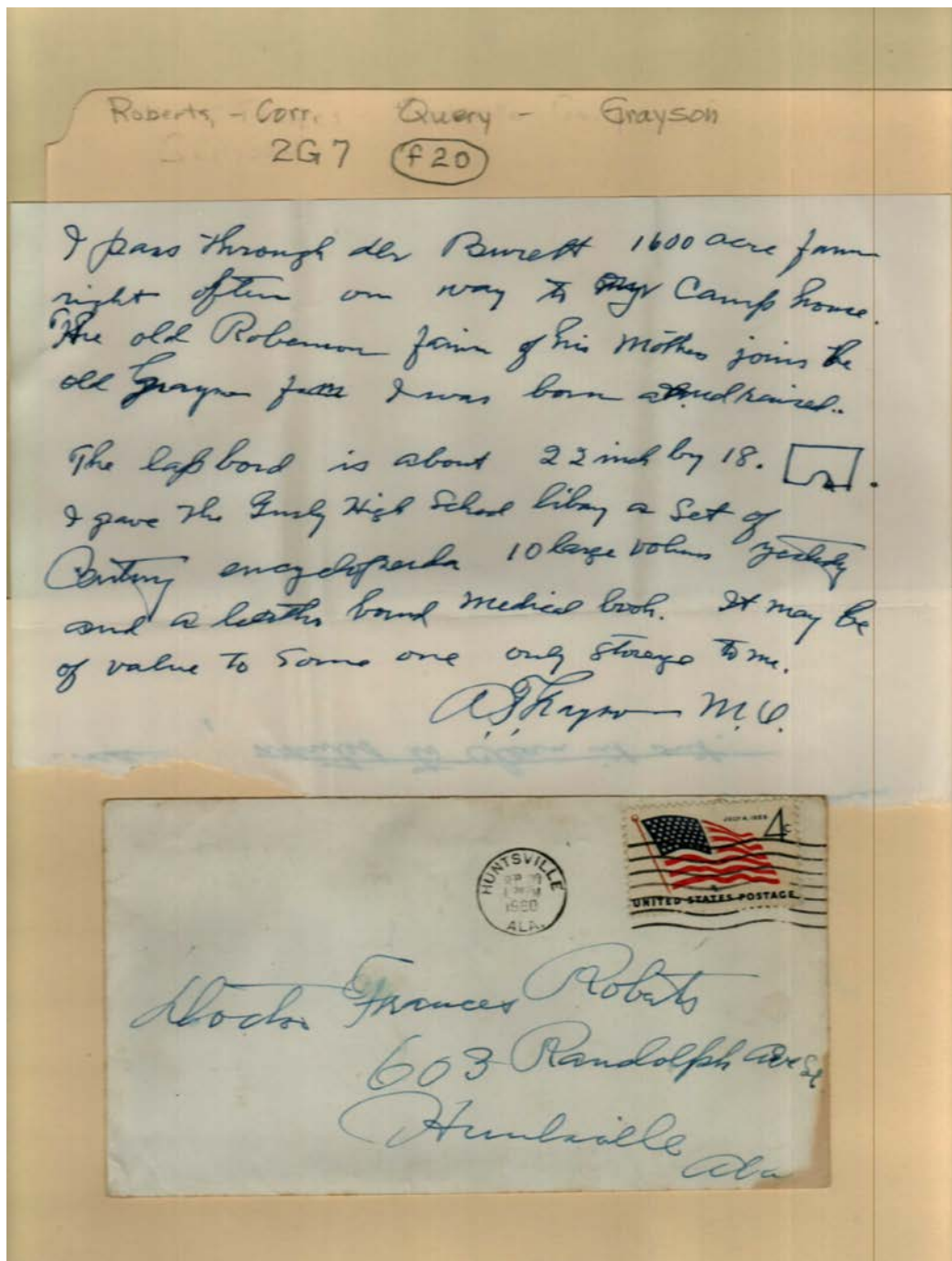
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Names:

Burritt, Dr.
Grayson,

Grayson, A. T., M.D.
Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Robinson,

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

envelope

letter

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Sept 30, 1960

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429 Locust Ave S.E. Huntsville Ala
Sept. 18, 1960

Doctor Frances Roberts
603 Randolphs Ave. Huntsville Ala.

May I thank you for the invitation
to stay + listen the intensity program.
It was very instructive + I really enjoyed
it. May I tell you I am very
much interested in the Historical Society
taking the Engineer Major John W Grayson
some stead and leave it there.
1804 The Warrior Territory organized inspired
of Williamsburg Va. Engineer school for a man.
They recommended John Grayson who at
that time was surveying in east Tenn.
1800 John Grayson surveyed lands east of Green Mt.
+ Monticello Mt. He was offered inducement
to bring family so he selected N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 2, T. 5, R. 12.
As being the richest + most beautiful set.
1806 early in spring he with a train of covered
wagons landed at that point. They had
additional survey help. Bridge builders wife + child.
governors one female slave 1 male slave man + wife.
The bridge builders selected the logs + hauled

Names:

Grayson, John W.

Roberts, Frances, Dr.

Places:

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③ It would give me pleasure to drive you + two or three in my car on a trip. Go the big Cove road. Show where old toll gate was. The old road Eugene began surveyed. where Miss Stella Sibly has an old painting of the 10th James Wright of ^{A.R.S.} grand mother of many the child of Robert Wright. She prices the painting highly. where Hadson Post office was. the old Camp ground. Mr. Wash Anions old home steel land. about where my father taught school. The William Wright (6 child of Robert Wright) + Jerusha Connally Wright built 1818. my father born at his grand mothers May 23, 1835 my grand mother born, married, + gave birth to first child. This home belonged Mr. W.E. Drake now his son Reverend Burns Shobe Columbia Tenn. then 1 1/2 miles S. Pioneer Grayson County Tenn. 1806. Major John Inge 1826. Sallie Carter Grayson James Gordon Grayson 1864 Nancy paralee Wright Mrs. James Alveridson. grand father of Mr. Charles McGaha Nichols Tex. Then the old Grayson home steel now Green View Mr. Gold Smith Sub-division. Eugene Shobe home + fine land formerly Grayson estate. Goldsmith Mounta View Harpal James. Dr. W. Grayson
over.

Names:

Davidson, James, Dr.	Grayson, James	Jenkins, Jane Wright	Wright, Jerusha
Drake, Burns, Rev.	Gordon	McGaha, Charlie	Connally
Drake, Eugene	Grayson, John, Major	Pinon, Wash	Wright, Nancy
Drake, W. E.	Grayson, Sallie	Pioneer Grayson	Paralee
Goldsmith,	Carter	Cemetery	Wright, Robert
Grayson, A. T., Dr.	Green View	Sibly, Stella	Wright, William
Grayson, Eugene	Subdivision		

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(4) if you can + wish to go.
invite whom you wish. + Phone 53-4-1146.
Any afternoon 1-30 P.M. Phone day before
I ride all over County nearly every day early,
Browns, new market, off. just looking for
little things having an easy good time.
Pardon such long letter whole lot of it
to show it was Pioneer home.
The Sills in the house are immense. Never
been underpinned so need no truss treat.
Just take weather board off wash logs with
solution water + arsenic (no coloring) keeps bed bugs
away take plastering off wash top water + arsenic +
leave as is may climb few places but as was with
Craw fish mud + lime. is my idea of repair.
have Oak shingles or board treat with arsenic ^{water}
cover home with 20 or 22 inch boards. use the
up stair floor in the dog trot of the Cedar house +
Round Top. Storm blew off top Story + tall columns
of front porch. This house is not expected to
look good but was a fine one 154 yrs ago.

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⑤ Mr. Burritt's lands + my father joined for 2 or 3 miles. I used to ^{enjoy Mr Burritt} driving the family carriage about they spent some time with his sister Mrs Albert Mathews! the swisses are gone but some cleared spots. I would be hoeing or plowing or looking after some cattle + see her driving. I can go east from Goldsmith Mountain View show you where Catharine Allison Cobb Congressman W. R. W. Cobb Pally Grayson Cobb + Bryant Cobb are buried Cobbs Ford Cobbs Bridge Cobbs Springs then turn W. on same road 1 mile + go by Burritt on by Beech Grove Church show you where Robert Wright set holly trees 1808 before he bought land 1809. Its up to date from Mr John Acuff has a day barn on it. Called Greasy Cove. Jenkins hollow + Potts hollow. The mountains were full of Beech mass which father's swogs with out much corn they profaned on selling meat. 1809 to about 1820. So our history of our family. If after seeing Green Valley Mountain View Hereford farms + barn you wish to go can go + not get out in 3/4 hours.

Names:

Acuff, John
Burritt, Dr.
Cobb, Bryant

Cobb, Catharine
Allison
Cobb, W. R. W.

Mathews, Albert,
Mrs.
Wright, Robert

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