

The Two Benjamin Clouds of Claiborne County, Tennessee

Benjamin Cloud, the Elder

1. Lee Co. VA Jan. 28 1845 Will Bk. 2 p. 49
Names: "Wife Mary, son Benjamin Franklin,
 Grandsons: William Alexander Shackelford
 And Benjamin Franklin Shackelford, Daughters:
 Bartheny Smith and Louiseana Schultz, Son-in-law
 Jacob Schultz

2. From book owned by Katherine Dyer
 Benjamin Cloud of Wallens Ridge. Son of Joseph
 And Grandson of William came to Wallens Ridge
 From Virginia around 1795. He married Mary
 Chantwell (sic) who was the widow of Walter
 Middleton. His children:

B. Frank	married	Mahulda Shultz
Barthenia	"	Josiah Smith
Alexander	single	
Nancy	married	D.G. Shackelford
Louisiana	married	Jacob Shultz

3. 1830 Census – Claiborne Co. TN

Benjamin Cloud, Sr.			
2 males	20-30	2 females	15-20
1 male	60-70	1 female	40-50

Benjamin Cloud, the Younger

1. Claiborne Co. TN 1842 Will Bk. ____
Names: Wife Susannah

2. From book owned by Katherine Dyer:

"Benjamin Cloud came from Virginia at
 an early date. Died 1842. Children:
 Manilla married Andrew McClary Went west
 William "
 Leander "
 Franklin "

Mrs. Katherine Dyer's father kept a record of families in Clairborne Co. TN. Dee Anne Lamb viewed this book in 1980 on a trip to Claiborne County. Mrs. Dyer was quite elderly at the time.

3. 1830 Census - Claiborne Co. TN

Benjamin Cloud, Jr. (son William 20-30 next door)			
2 males	10-15	1 female	0-5
1 male	15-20	1 female	10-15
1 male	50-60	1 female	40-50

4. 1840 Census – Claiborne Co. TN

Benjamin Cloud Sr. is not on this census.
 He has moved to Virginia by this time. His son Benjamin Franklin Cloud (B.F. Cloud) is on the 1840 Census for Claiborne Co.

Alexander Moore Cloud (son of B.F. Cloud) wrote a column for the New Tazewell Observer called “Old Time Tazewell”. In one column (no date found) is the following about his family (for some reason, the beginning is not here):
 ...One of his sons named Jessie, married Mary Allen in 1769 and was the father of several children of whom I shall name one, my great-grandfather Joseph Cloud. Joseph Cloud settled in Stokes County, NC, but I do not know whom he married. He came over the mountain to Tennessee in the latter part of the nineteen century and entered a large tract of land that included what is now Bean Station.
 Joseph Cloud had several children. His son Benjamin, married Mary Chadwell about the year 1800 and moved to Hawkins County (TN) where he lived until about 1808. When he left Hawkins Co. he came to Claiborne County and settled on the farm that is better known as the Bob Fugate Farm in Mulberry Valley. [Claiborne County was formed from Grainger and Hawkins counties so he may not have moved} In 1816 he left his farm and moved to Tazewell. He lived on the corner just opposite the Baptist Church until 1826 (1836??) when he moved to Chadwell’s Station, Lee County, Virginia. He died about the year 1846.
NOTE: Some of this is inaccurate, but this was a prominent family and I expect Alexander knew his grandfather’s name. I suspect that this is the Joseph who married a Moore (Mary or Nancy) and hence had descendants named Alexander Moore who were named after their maternal grandfather/great grandfather Alexander Moore who was also a settler in Stokes Co. NC.

4. 1840 Census – Claiborne Co. TN

Benjamin Cloud

2 males 10-15	1 female 0-5
1 male 15-20	1 female 10-15
1 male 60-70	1 female 60-70(?)

5. 1850 Census – Claiborne County, TN

Susan Cloud	60 F	born in TN
Leander	27 M	“
Greenville	26 M	“
Nancy O.	20 F	“
Louiza Cloud	15 F	“
Louiza McClary	10 F	“
Orleury McClary	8 F	“
Elizabeth McClary	6 F	“
Green B. Bunkum	26 M	laborer born in Tn
Madison Mullens	8 M	

Probably the children of Andrew McClary & Manilla Cloud McClary, but where are there parents?.

Next door to Susan Cloud is the family of Henry Cloud Age 37 (another son?) and his wife Jane.

6. Deeds:

- Deed Bk C2 p. 358 Claiborne Co. TN – William R. Cloud of Cherokee Co., TX, grants power of attorney to Leander Cloud “to enter into and take possession of all my right, title and interest in the lands belonging to the estate of my deceased father, Benjamin cloud.”

- Deed Bk Z, p. 465, Claiborne Co. TN 1855
Franklin Cloud grants power of attorney to
Leander Cloud.
- Deed Bk. Y p. 9 Claiborne Co., TN - 1856
Susannah Cloud to John Pearson,...”the above
tracks of land was willed to her by Benjamin
Cloud, her husband.
- Claiborne Co. TN September Term 1842 (p.
276) will of Benjamin Cloud naming wife
Susannah.