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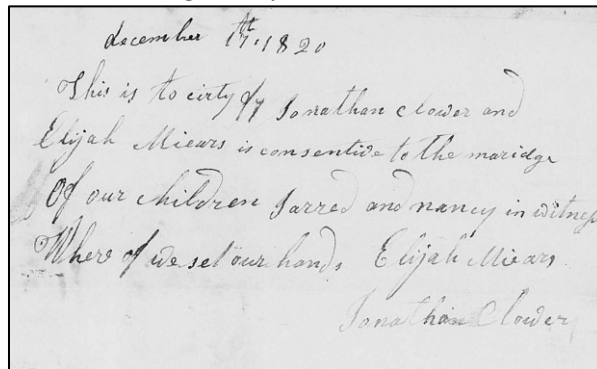
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Jonathan Clower is one of the 8 or so known Revolutionary War veterans who eventually moved to and lived in the area now known as Chilton County. The Jonathan Clower family came to this area between 1817 and 1820. They had about 12 children, 9 of them daughters, and settled in the area of Old Maplesville.

Daughter Nancy (b 3/7/1803) married Jared, son of Elijah Miears in Bibb County¹ (Old Maplesville) December 17th, 1820 and permission was given by both fathers for them to marry.



Bibb County Marriage records, Nancy Clower permission.

Daughter Rebecca (b 5/7/1801) married in 1821³, perhaps to Kilby/Kelly Bassett in Bibb Co, Feb 6, 1821.

Another Clower daughter, Elizabeth (b 7/16/1792), married Forrest Green in Georgia² before they moved to Alabama, in 1812. Their son Andrew S. Green owned property adjoining the Caviness land and there is an "Old Green" cemetery too (but practically all known burials are Glasscocks). After Forrest's apparent death, Elizabeth married James Huckabee in February 1825, widower of her sister Catherien.

Daughter Lurana (b 3/7/1803) married Andrew S. Caviness January 23, 1825.



Lurana Clower Caviness, from Ancestry trees.

Daughter Delila (b 4/26/1805) married in 1829³, perhaps to Allen David Wood, Bibb Co, Feb 6 1829.

¹ Bibb County Marriage records, 12/17/1820.

² Jasper County GA Marriage records, 1/16/1812.

³ A History of Mulberry Baptist Church

Revolutionary War Service

Jonathan Clower was living in Orange County, North Carolina when he enlisted on May 25, 1781 for one year of service (he said in his pension application that he was drafted). He served as a private in the North Carolina Continental Line and fought at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and the Battle of Dorchester. He served under Captain Donahoe, Colonel Dixon, and was transferred to Lee's Light Horse Company. Col. H. Lee discharged him May 20, 1782 in Charleston South Carolina. He applied for a pension on October 20, 1831 in Bibb County and it was paid until 1838. He said he was a "blacksmith by trade" and that he was born in Burk (Berks) County, PA, Dec 3, 1763 (per Bible record). After the war he returned to Pennsylvania until 1892, then moved to NC, then on to GA, and then to Bibb County, AL (and later to Shelby County – both areas are now part of Chilton County).

Mary applied for a widow's pension on November 8, 1844 at age 70. They were married October 25, 1791 and she says he died September 18, 1836 (note discrepancies with other death dates). Elizabeth (Clower/Green) Huckabee testified that she had known Mary for 50 years.

Property

The Clower family was originally in the old Maplesville area but bought land near current I65 in the 1830s. The Caviness family bought property in the same area (original sections: S5 T23 R14 – NW ¼ of NW ¼, 11/4/1834 where the cemetery is located and also SE ¼ of NE ¼ of S6.). Clower's land was ¼ mile away, the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of S31 T24 R14, bought 10/1/1834, which I65 crosses over today just north of the Jemison exit #219. The Green family and the Huckabee family had property very nearby as well.

The "Caviness Gardens" cemetery is on the original Caviness property. It is unknown how many other graves are there or who they might be... but several are apparent.

Most of the Clower and Caviness families, including Jonathan's widow, moved west in the 1850s. They are buried in Texas and Arkansas.

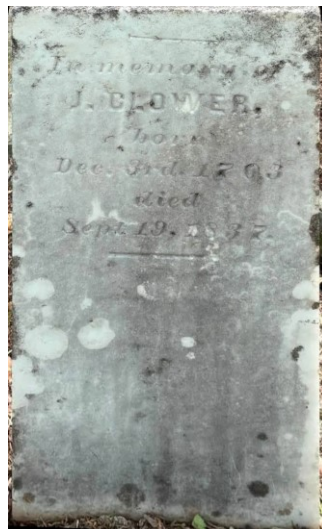
Huckabee Connection

Jonathan Clower's daughter Catherien Clower Speer married James Huckabee, sometime before 1822. James Huckabee owned property in the same vicinity as the Clowers and Greens, mostly a little to the west. They had a son **Jonathan** Huckabee in 1822, apparently named after his grandfather **Jonathan** Clower. Jonathan Huckabee was one of the victims of the vigilante/criminal Blackwell Crowd and was murdered by them in spring 1865. His gravesite is unknown, but it is somewhere on the west side of I65 today on or near his old homestead property. After Forrest Green's death (ca 1825) and Catherien Clower Huckabee's death (ca 1826), widow Elizabeth Clower Green married widower James Huckabee.

Jonathan Clower's Gravesite

Jonathan Clower is buried on his daughter and son-in-law Caviness' property, just ¼ from his property, in a cemetery called "**Caviness Gardens**." His is the only grave with a marker but there are several other very likely burials there including a few depressions, one very large rock pile, and 4 or 5 large stones likely being used as field stone markers.

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Grave of Jonathan Clower in Caviness Gardens Cemetery, July 2026, front and back sides of markers.

Jonathan Clower's gravesite was lost for many decades. It was found in 1919 by a descendant and DAR researcher from Texas – Louise Huckabee Millington (1886-1959). She had the old marker placed there at that time. She was a descendant in the ***Jonathan Huckabee*** line above.

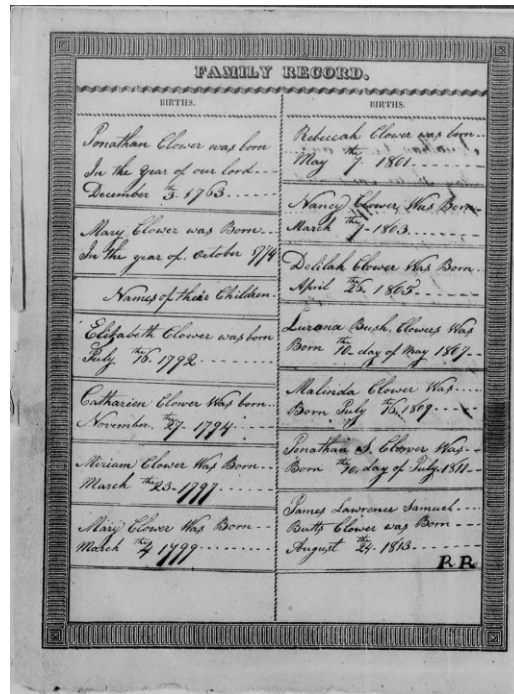
Fifty years later, by the mid-twentieth century, the gravesite was unknown again when Luther Kendrick asked for info in the local papers about the grave he'd found on his new property.

In 2009 descendants erected a modern VA marker on the back side of the old marker.

Most grave listings have Jonathan Clower's death date as Sept 18, 1837, however, after cleaning, it clearly says Sept 19, 1837. The pension records from the 1830s and 1840s all list September 18, 1837 so it is likely that the old marker from 1919 was wrong. The new VA marker lists the 18th.

Clower Family Listing, per the family Bible

Jonathan Clower	Dec 3, 1763	
Mary Shuler Clower	Oct 1774	wife, married Oct 25, 1791, in PA
Children		
Elizabeth	Jul 16, 1792	Married Forrest Green, GA, then James Huckabee, 1827
Catherien	Nov 27, 1794	Married William Speer, 1816, GA, James Huckabee, before 1822
Miriam	Mar 23, 1797	Married Littlejohn Rhymes, 1816, GA
Mary	Mar 4, 1799	Married Edward Henry, 1813
Rebecca	May 7, 1801	Married Kilby/Kelly Bassett, Feb 6, 1821 Bibb Co, AL
Nancy	Mar 7, 1803	Married Jared Miears, Dec 18 1820, Bibb Co, AL
Delilah	Apr 26, 1805	Married Allen David Wood, Feb 6, 1829, Bibb Co, AL
Lurana Bush	May 10, 1807	Married Andrew S. Caviness, Jan 19, 1825, Bibb Co, AL
Malinda	Jul 16, 1809	Died 1810 GA
Jonathan Shuler	Jul 10, 1811	Married Mahala Elliott, Nov 23, 1833, Shelby Co, AL
James Lawrence Samuel Butts	Aug 24, 1813	Married Fatha Ann Coker, Feb 9, 1835, Shelby Co, AL
Daniel Morgan	Jan 21, 1817	Married Amanda M Prentiss, May 4, 1837, Shelby Co, AL



Jonathan Clower family Bible page, from Ancestry trees.

Appendix I

Property Search of ...

Property Ownership of.

From	Ref	Owner(s)	Note