

The Benjamin Vancleave Family

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Benjamin Vancleave, son of Aaron Vancleave and Rachel Schencks, was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, on November 15, 1741, and died in Shelby County, Kentucky, July 27, 1819.¹ He was married in Rowan County, North Carolina, on July 14, 1765, to Ruth Monson, who was born on July 10, 1746, and died of cancer in Shelby County, Kentucky, on December 5, 1823. The Children of Benjamin and Ruth (Monson) Vancleave were:

Mary Vancleave—b. May 22, 1766; m. in Lincoln Co., Ky., June 9, 1784, to Col. Johnathan Ryker, son of Gerardus Ryker and Rachel Demaree.

Aaron Vancleave—b. Dec. 15, 1768; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Mar. 4, 1794, to Elizabeth Vancleave, daughter of John Vancleave, Sr., and Mary Sheppard.

Samuel Vancleave—b. Feb. 25, 1770; d. in Montgomery Co., Ind., Aug. 25, 1843; m. (1) about 1791, to Elizabeth Wood and (2) in Shelby Co., Ky., Dec. 31, 1823, to Sarah Garner, who was born in 1784, and died at Blakesburg, Iowa, Apr. 6, 1859.

Rachel Vancleave—b. May 7, 1772; d. Apr. 3, 1819. She is buried in the Old Union Cemetery, Montgomery Co., Ind.; m. (1) Aug. 3, 1788, in Jefferson Co., Ky., to Hugh Conoway and (2) in Shelby Co., Ky., Dec. 20, 1810, to Henry Smith.

John Vancleave—b. Apr. 15, 1774; d. July 23, 1833; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Nov. 18, 1794, to Margery Kerns, daughter of Peter Kerns and Anna Jordan. Peter Kerns and his wife Anna came from Ireland when Margery was seven months old. Margery's mother dipped her in the sea, as she had been taught that this was a cure for sea sickness.

Jane Vancleave—b. Jan. 29, 1778; d. Jan. 15, 1833; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Dec. 17, 1795, to Adam Wible.

Eunice Vancleave—b. at Ft. Boonesborough, Ky., Nov. 15, 1779; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Sept. 23, 1794, to John Vancleave, Jr., son of John Vancleave and Mary Sheppard.

Sarah Vancleave—b. Dec. 15, 1781; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Aug. 11, 1802, to John Benjamin Vancleave, son of Aaron Vancleave, Jr., and Rachel Brent.

Ralph Vancleave—b. Mar. 18, 1784; d. Feb. 2, 1855; m. in Shelby Co., Ky., Feb. 27, 1805, to Elizabeth Stubbins, who was born Feb. 12, 1783 and died Nov. 23, 1848.

Benjamin Vancleave—b. Feb. 9, 1787; d. Oct. 27, 1855; m. in Henry Co., Ky., Dec. 18, 1809, to Mary Stephenson Mount, daughter of Matthias

¹The names and birth dates of Benjamin Vancleave's family, except Thomas, were written on a piece of brown paper, found among the effects of his son Samuel Vancleave ("Preacher Sammy") of Crawfordsville, Ind., who was killed by a fall from his horse on August 25, 1843. This paper was preserved by Lucy Vancleave, a sister of the Rev. Johnathan Vancleave, and is now in the possession of Mrs. America Saylor of Crawfordsville.

Mount. Mary was born Dec. 15, 1791, and died Apr. 29, 1875. After the death of his first wife, Benjamin Vancleave was again married.

William Vancleave—b. May 3, 1789; d. Feb. 26, 1815. He was a Drum Major at the Battle of New Orleans. He died in New Orleans of the Yellow Fever. He was married in Shelby Co., Ky., Sept. 24, 1811, to Mary Mount.

Hope (or Hopey) Vancleave—m. Johnathan Wood. No other data.

Thomas Vancleave—b. about 1799.