



Aaron Van Cleave (1711 - 1795)

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Capt Aaron Van Cleave aka Van Cleef, Van Cleve

 Born **26 Jul 1711** in **Staten Island, New Utrecht, Province of New York**

 Son of [Isbrant Van Cleef](#) and [Jannetje Aertse Van Der Bilt](#)

ANCESTORS

 Brother of [Hilletje \(van Cleef\) Brouwer](#), [John Van Cleave](#), [Anne \(Van Cleave\) Wilson](#), [Cornelius Van Cleave](#), [Margaret Van Cleave](#), [Benjamin Isbrandtsz van Cleef](#), [Marretje \(Van Cleave\) Van Cleef](#), [Janneke \(van Cleve\) Mershon](#) and [Neeltje Van Cleave](#)

 Husband of [Rachel Janse \(Schenck\) Van Cleave](#) — married 24 Sep 1734 in Princeton, NJ

 Father of [Samuel Van Cleave](#), [Thisgen Van Cleave](#), [Cary Van Cleave](#), [John Van Cleave](#), [Charity \(Van Cleave\) VanCleave](#), [Cornelius Van Cleave](#), [Benjamin Samuel \(Van Cleave\) VanCleave Sr.](#), [William Van Cleave](#), [Aaron Van Cleave Jr.](#), [Ralph Van Cleave](#) and [Jane \(Van Cleave\) Boone](#)

 Died **1 Jun 1795** at age 83 in **Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina, United States**

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Biography



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Aaron Van Cleave was born in 1711 on Staten Island, NY. Aaron Van Cleave was a Sea Captain. He passed away in 1780. He is buried in Joppa cemetery. ^[1]



Capt Aaron Van Cleave performed Patriotic Service in North Carolina in the American Revolution.

Birth

26 Jul 1711 Long Island City, Queens, New York. ^[2]

Marriage

Husband of Rachel Janse Schenck — married September 24, 1734 in Princeton, Mercer, New Jersey.

Early Life & Origins

Aaron Van Cleave was born July 26, 1710 to [Isbrandt Van Cleef](#) and [Jannetje Van Der Bilt](#). He was named after his maternal grandfather Aert Van Der Bilt. Aaron was the first of the family to change the spelling of the family name from Van Cleef to Van Cleave (anglicized).

Having settled in New Brunswick, Middlesex co., New Jersey with his brother [Benjamin](#), Aaron was appointed Chimney Viewer for New Brunswick: this occupation entailed inspecting the chimneys to be sure they were free of soot, which caused fires.

In the fall of 1734, Aaron married [Rachel Janse Schenck](#), also of New Jersey.

The Brothers Go In to Business

In approximately 1740, Aaron and brother [Benjamin](#) entered into a shipping business together; [Benjamin](#) handled business affairs while Aaron captained their ship in this coast-wide trade venture. Many newspaper articles in the Boston Weekly Newsletter and NY Weekly Post-Boy mention Aaron skippering vessels along the northeast coast.

Aaron and [Benjamin](#) terminated their shipping business because of a security debt which Aaron had to pay. This caused the selling of their business and reduction of both their wealth.

Changes

Aaron moved his family to the Forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan Co., North Carolina, arriving May 1, 1750 where, he took up farming. On May 2, 1763, he purchased 766 acres of land located near the Jersey Baptist Church in Rowan County, NC (now Davie County) for 57L + 10S, from Henry McCulloh, who received the land in 1745 as a part of a 100k acre tract from King George II. Aaron mortgaged the same on Dec. 7, 1763.

Aaron's neighbor was Squire Boone, Sr., formerly from Schuylkiln, PA. On Dec 29, 1753, John - Earl of Granville - conveyed to Squire Boone, Sr. a 640 acre tract of land received in a patent granted by King George II. Squire sold this Granville Tract to his son Daniel on Oct 12, 1759. Daniel Boone and his wife Rebecca sold this 640 acres, located on the east side of Bear Creek in St. Luke Parish to Aaron van Cleave on February 21, 1764 for 80L. The deed was witnessed by Aaron's son [Benjamin](#) on April 11, 1764. Daniel Boone sold this tract of land, located at the Forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan Co., NC, so he could venture to the new lands of Kentucky. Three of Aaron's sons, John, William and [Benjamin](#), went to Kentucky with Boone.

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Later Life

On Jan 16, 1768/9, Aaron was appointed Constable of the lower end of the Forks of Yadkin River, Rowan Co., NC. On February 15, 1769 he was fined, as Constable, for non-appearance in court and on February 17, 1769 his appointment as Constable was rescinded.

Aaron served on a jury at the court in Salisbury on November 5, 1771. He is mentioned in the Moravian records as "Old South-German man named Von Cleft." In other records, he is mentioned as "Van Cleft - a Dutchman of 60 years is leader of a group that gathered at Dutchman's Creek Meeting House," 1772-1773. This meeting house was the Heidelberg Evangelical Lutheran Church, located a few miles east of Mocksville. Cleft is the spelling of the name found in many of the records. The meetings at the Dutchman's Creek Meeting House led to the attendance and participation in the Mecklenburg Convention of NC, which resulted in the Appointment of a "Committee of Patriots" (Delegates to the Continental Congress) who drafted the famous "Mecklenburg Resolves" on May 20, 1775. Some historians consider this document to be the first Declaration of Independence.

On Feb 19, 1778 Aaron sold to his son [Benjamin](#) 200 acres of the land of the Granville Tract, located on the west side of Bear Creek for 520L. This sale was witnessed by Aaron's son John.

Death

He died in 1780 Forks of the Yadkin, Rowan, North Carolina, United States^[3]

Death & Burial

Around the same time of the Bear Creek land sale, Aaron's wife and mother to his children, [Rachel](#), passed away. One year later, Aaron died at his home in 1780. The exact circumstances of both his death and Rachel's are unknown.

He and his wife [Rachel](#) are buried in the Burying Ground Ridge Cemetery (now the Old Joppa Presbyterian Church Graveyard Cemetery) located at the Forks of the Yadkin River, near Mocksville; the same burial ground where the parents of Daniel and Squire Boone are buried.

Research Notes

The following is from Adriana Venegas' website that was last updated 30 Mar 2005:

"Aaron Sr. lived in New Jersey [& NC], where he raised his family. When the War of the Revolution began Aaron's seven sons all went into the army. They were stout, tall and hardy. We do not know how long the sons remained in the army, some probably until it closed. It is said by [Uncle] Jonathan Van Cleave that all the sons of old Aaron were in the Army except Billy. His wife was a Tory, and would not let him go. It seems that all the sons married in New Jersey [NC]. It is thought that Aaron Sr. died in Monmouth [Co], New Jersey [Rowan Co, NC], but at what time is not known [1780]. His sons went west. One went to Ohio, where his history is lost. Samuel went to Virginia to live and but little is known of him. It is thought that his descendents were heard from later. It came about this way. Elders Jonathan and Matthias Van Cleave had attended a Baptist Association and took an active part. Thier names were published in the minutes of the association in the 'Baptist Herald' a paper published by a man named Beahy. This paper was seen by a Van Cleave in Virginia who wrote to [Elder] Matthius Van Cleave of Crawfordsville, Indiana, but Elder Matthius was not able to learn anything of his history, so Uncle Matthius came to see Uncle Jonathan and Aunt Betsy, and between them they made out a historical report of the early history of the Van Cleavees in America, beginning with Aaron Sr., the progenitor. They felt confident that the man in Virginia was a descendent



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of Samuel and related to them. They never heard from the man again, lost the letter and address

Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was born circa 1704 at Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was born circa 1710 at Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was born on July 26, 1711 at New Utrecht, Kings County, New York. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was the son of Isbrand Van Cleve and Janetje Aerse Vanderbilt. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave married Rachel Schenck, daughter of Jan Roelofse Schenck and Sara Willemse Van Kouwenhoven, in September, 1734 at New York City, New York County, New York. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave married Rachel Schenck, daughter of Jan Roelofse Schenck and Sara Willemse Van Kouwenhoven, on September 24, 1734 at Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave died circa 1780 at Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was buried after 1780 at Burning Ridge Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was buried at Joppa Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was also known as Capt. Aaron. Van Cleef. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave was also known as Capt. Aaron Van Cleve. Capt. Aaron Van Cleave resided at at Rowan County, North Carolina, circa 1751. The Van Cleef Family by Wilson V. Ledley (Library of Congress #75-7491)

The following is copied from a manuscript loaned by R.S. Harvey: Aaron Van Cleef was born, presumably about 1711, on Staten Island, the son of Isabrant and Janneke Van der Bilt Van Cleef. He removed to New Jersey and on September 24, 1734 he married at Middletown to Rachel Schenck, who was born about 1709. So far as known Aaron was the first member of the family to spell the name Van Cleave with an "A". On October 17, 1737, Reuben Ruynon and Aaron Van Cleave were appointed "chimney viewers" for the town of New Brunswick, and at the time Mayor James Jude took office, that town was credited with ninety-one freeholders, among them being Aaron and Benjamin Van Cleave. Therefore, Aaron must have moved to New Brunswick shortly after his marriage. It is said that Aaron and his brother Benjamin, were partners in some sort of business, but what kind is not known. They became involved in debt, which caused Aaron to move to North Carolina. It seems that Aaron Van Cleave at one time was engaged in the coast-wise trade as the Captain of a trading vessel. In the volume of newspaper clippings, published as part of the Archives of New Jersey, are found various references, to wits... Van Cleave entered the Port of Boston, from Perth Amboy (Boston New Letter, 22 Sep 1743) Boston out, for Perth Amboy, 10 Oct 1748, Van Clief (New York Postboy, 17 Oct 1743) Boston out, 19 Oct Van Cleave for Perth Amboy (News Letter 20 Oct 1743) Custom House, Rhode Island, 16 Mar, Van Cleave from Perth Amboy. (Postboy, 16 Apr 1744) Newport, Rhode Island, 29 Jun, entered Aaron Van Cleave from Perth Amboy. Custom House, Boston, cleared Aaron Van Cleave, for Amboy. (Boston New Letter 11 Oct 1744) The will of Joseph Williams, of Squam, Monmouth County, N.J. 25 Jan 1763, proved 11 Oct 1766, states that the sum of One Hundred Pounds was to be collected from Captain Van Cleef, brother of Benjamin Van Cleef of Monmouth. Aaron Van Cleef was a witness to the will of Alexander Henry, of New Brunswick, Somerset County, N.J., 18 Mar 1744. In the spring of 1751 Aaron emigrated from New Brunswick, with his family, and on 1 May 1751 he arrived at the forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan County, North Carolina, where he settled and spent the remainder of his life. At that time the family is said to have consisted of the father, mother, seven sons and one daughter. In the Courthouse at Salisbury, North Carolina is the original record of deed by which Daniel Boone transferred 640 acres of land to Aaron Van Cleave for the sum of 80 pounds "Proclamation money of the State of North Carolina". This deed is dated 21 Feb 1764 and was proved of record in the April 1764 term of Court. It was signed by Daniel Boone and Rachel Boone, who made her mark and witnessed by Thomas H. Holman, Samuel Bailey, who made his mark, and Benjamin Van Cleave. The County Clerk was John Hiscock. The deed describes the land, which was the first home of the Boones at the forks of the Yadkin River, and shows the transfer of the tract on 29 Dec 1753, from the original grant by the "Right Honorable John" Earl of Granville, to Squire Boone. On 12 Dec 1759, Daniel Boone, Planter bought this tract from his father for fifty pounds. Aaron Van Cleave at one time served as Constable in an for the "Lower end of the Forks" of the Yadkin. He was one of the leaders of the group that met at the "Dutchman's Creek Meeting House". He is said to have attended and participated in the meetings in N.C. which resulted in the appointment of the Committee of Patriots that drafted the famous Hecklenburg "Declaration of Independence" 20 May 1775. Aaron Van Cleave died in 1780 and is

buried in the Burning Ridge Cemetery at the forks of the Yadkin. His wife, Rachel, is said to be buried there also, but whether she died before or after Aaron is not known. A tract of land was granted in Kentucky in 5 Mar 1782 to Rachel Van Cleave. (Note: this is probably Rachel Ryker-Van Cleave, the second wife of John Van Cleave, son of Aaron). The will of William Van Cleave, in Mercer County, KY, 2 Sep 1786 was witnessed by Rachel Van Cleave. Whether either of these was the widow of Aaron is not known. Of the seven sons of Aaron, one, Samuel, is said to have gone to Virginia, and one, Thisgen, to Ohio. Of these two nothing more is known, except that a descendant of Samuel once visited Rev. Johnathan Van Cleave at Crawfordsville, Indiana. The other five sons, with their sister Jane, went to Kentucky with the Boones. John about 1775, William and Benjamin in 1776, Jane in 1777, and Ralph and Aaron Jr. in 1785. An undated petition in North Carolina, shortly prior to 1775, was signed by Aaron, Benjamin, Ralph and William Van Cleave. The families of William, Benjamin, and Jane settled first at Lynn's Station and the Little Beargrass, a few miles from the Falls of the Ohio.

Capt. Aaron VAN_CLEAVE was born about 1704 in Staten Island, , New York. He died in 1780 in Salisbury, , North Carolina. He was buried in Joppa Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina. As an adult he settled in New Brunswick where he and his brother Benjamin were listed as freeholders in 1748 and 1750 and where they were in business together. Aaron is said to have gone on a bond for a friend for which he had to pay, and, because of this loss, he moved to Rowan County, North Carolina in May 1750. He had been reported in the "Boston Weekly News Letters" as sailing between Boston and Perth Amboy 1743-44. He bought a farm from Daniel Boone and Rebecca, his wife, 21 February 1764, when the latter went to Kentucky for the first time. His descendants all used the spelling "Van Cleave" some times written as one word. He was married to Rachel SCHENCK on 24 Sep 1734 in Princeton, Mercer Co. New Jersey.

Moved to North Carolina about 1750. He participated in the Mecklenburg Convention and its declaration of 20 May 1775.

Aaron and Rachel are buried in the Burying Ground Ridge Cemetery (Now the Old Joppa Ridge Presbyterian Church Graveyard Cemetery), located at the forks of the Yadkin River near the present day town of Mocksville, 21 miles north of Salisbury, in Rowan (now Davie County, North Carolina. Note: Aaron Van Cleave purchased the farm of Daniel Boone in 1764 in Rowan Co., North Carolina. The 5 Van Cleave brothers came to Kentucky in the fall of 1775 with their brother-in-law Squire Boone who had married their sister Jane in 1765 in North Carolina. Their land claims in Kentucky were upheld in Virginia Land Company by Squire Boone, who represented them. Samuel was captured by the Indians when the families were at Boones Station (not Fort Boonesborough) north of the Kentucky river in what is now Shelby county, Kentucky. This station was involved in a series of Indian attacks that culminated in the infamous Long Run Creek battle on September 15, 1781. At that time Squire Boone was still suffering the effects of two gun shot wounds. One to his chest and the other which shattered his arm from an earlier battle in May. Several of the Van Cleave women and children were killed by the Indians in this time period. The letter which Dwayne Meyer has a copy, is from Samuel Graham who describes his arrival in Kentucky in 1790 and his neighbors, the Van Cleaves and is written to the Kentucky minister John D. Shane, who gave his letter collection to Lyman C. Draper, another minister who also collected these letters. He was baptized July 26, 1711 on Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York. He was the first of the family to spell the name with an A...VanCleave instead of VanCleve. On October 16, 1737, Aaron was appointed Chimney Viewer for New Brunswick. This occupation entailed inspecting the chimneys to be sure they were free of soot, which caused fires. Aaron and his brother Benjamin entered into a shipping business partnership together. Benjamin handled the business affairs while Aaron captained their ship, in this coast-widetradeventure. They continued in this business until both had large families. Many newspaper articles in the Boston Weekly Newsletter and the New York Weekly Post, mention Aaronskippering vessels along the Northeast coast: "Van Cleave entered the Port of Boston from Perth Amboy" (September 22, 1743; Boston Weekly Newsletter), "Boston out for Perth Amboy" (October 10, 1743, Van Clief (October 17, 1743; New York Weekly Post-Boy), "Boston, October 19, out, Van Cleave for Perth Amboy" (October 20, 1743: Boston Weekly Newsletter), "Custom House, Rhode Island, March 16, Van Cleave from Perth Amboy" (March 19, 1744; New York Weekly Post-Boy), "Newport, Rhode Island, June 29, entered

Van Cleave from Perth Amboy," "Custom House, Boston,cleared Aaron Van Cleave for Amboy" (October 11, 1744; BostonWeekly Newsletter). Aaron and Benjamin terminated their shipping business because of skepticism in one of their shipping ventures involving a security debt, to which Aaron had to pay. This caused the selling of their business and the reduction of both their wealth's. Aaron is listed as living in Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in 1748 and 1750. Aaron moved his family to the Forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan County, North Carolina; arriving May 1, 1750. Here he took up farming. On May 2, 1763 Aaron purchased 766 acres of land located near the Jersey Baptist Church in Rowan County (now Davidson County), North Carolina, for 57L 10s, from Henry McCulloh, who received the land in 1745 as part of a 100,000 acre tract from King George II. It was officially deeded October 14, 1763. He mortgaged this same 766 acres of land on December 7, 1763, for 73L. It was official on January 12, 1764. Aaron's neighbor was Squire Boone. Sr. formerly from Schuylkill, Pennsylvania. On December 29, 1753 John, the Earl of Granville, conveyed to Squire Boone, Sr., a 640 acre tract of land received in a patent granted him by King George II. Squire Boone sold this Granville Tract to his son Daniel on October 12, 1759. Daniel Boone and his wife Rebecca sold these 640 acres, located on the east side of Bear Creek in St. Luke Parish, to Aaron Van Cleave. In the Court house in Salisbury, NC is the original record of the deed by which Daniel Boone transferred 640 acres of land to Aaron Van Cleave for the sum of 80 pounds proclamation money of the State of North Carolina. This deed is dated 21 Feb 1764 and was proved of record in the April 1764 term of the court. It was signed by Daniel Boone and Rachel Boone, who made her mark and witnessed by Thomas Holman, Samuel Bailey, who made his mark, and Benjamin Van Cleave. Daniel Boone sold this tract of land, located at the Forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan County, North Carolina, so he could venture west to the new lands of Kentucky. On January 16, 1768/69, Aaron Van Cleave was appointed Constable of the lower end of the Forks of the Yadkin River, Rowan County, North Carolina. On February 15, 1769 he was fined, as Constable, for non-appearance in court. On February 17, 1769 his appointment as Constable was rescinded. Compilation done by Alan Ray Wenzel. c 1989 titled The Pioneers The Van Cleave Family Volume II. Again I have added my research in Chronology.

(See other branch of tree) Aaron and Rachel are buried in the Burying Ground Ridge Cemetery (Now the Old Joppa Ridge Presbyterian Church Graveyard Cemetery), located at the forks of the Yadkin River near the present day town of Mocksville, 21 miles north of Salisbury, in Rowan (now Davie County, North Carolina. Note: Aaron Van Cleave purchased the farm of Daniel Boone in 1764 in Rowan Co., North Carolina. The 5 Van Cleave brothers came to Kentucky in the fall of 1775 with their brother-in-law Squire Boone who had married their sister Jane in 1765 in North Carolina. Their land claims in Kentucky were upheld in Virginia Land Company by Squire Boone, who represented them. Samuel was captured by the Indians when the families were at Boones Station (not Fort Boonesborough) north of the Kentucky river in what is now Shelby county, Kentucky. This station was involved in a series of Indian attacks that culminated in the infamous Long Run Creek battle on September 15, 1781. At that time Squire Boone was still suffering the effects of two gun shot wounds. One to his chest and the other which shattered his arm from an earlier battle in May. Several of the Van Cleave women and children were killed by the Indians in this time period. The letter which Dwayne Meyer has a copy, is from Samuel Graham who describes his arrival in Kentucky in 1790 and his neighbors, the Van Cleave's and is written to the Kentucky minister John D. Shane, who gave his letter collection to Lyman C. Draper, another minister who also collected these letters. He was baptized July 26, 1711 on Staten Island, Richmond Co., New York. He was the first of the family to spell the name with an A...VanCleave instead of VanCleve. On October 16, 1737, Aaron was appointed Chimney Viewer for New Brunswick. This occupation entailed inspecting the chimneys to be sure they were free of soot, which caused fires. Aaron and his brother Benjamin entered into a shipping business partnership together. Benjamin handled the business affairs while Aaron captained their ship, in this coast-wide trade venture. They continued in this business until both had large families. Many newspaper articles in the Boston Weekly Newsletter and the New York Weekly Post, mention Aaron skipping vessels along the Northeast coast: "Van Cleave entered the Port of Boston from Perth Amboy" (September 22, 1743; Boston Weekly Newsletter), "Boston out for Perth Amboy" October 10, 1743, Van Clief (October 17, 1743; New York Weekly Post-Boy), "Boston, October 19, out, Van Cleave for Perth Amboy" (October 20, 1743: Boston Weekly Newsletter), "Custom House, Rhode

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