John Hinds Davidson Clower was born in Hinds County, Mississippi on June 10, 1841. He was a son of William Pleasant Clower (1814-1865) and his wife, Susan A. Hayes (1812-1889). Census data suggest that John’s parents lived in Louisiana in the mid-and-late 1830’s, lived in Mississippi at the time John was born, moved back to Louisiana for a time in the mid-1840’s, and then came to Harrison County, Texas by about 1849. They are listed there in the 1850 census of Harrison County.

This family has not been located in any extant 1860 census. John’s brother, W. T. Clower, made an affidavit for John and said his neighbors at the time of his enlistment were G. W. Hope, Jack Foster, Jarrett Foster, and Andy Hallford; thus he almost certainly was living in Tarrant County (whose 1860 census is missing). John, he remembered, came home only twice during the war, once in 1862 and once in 1864, for a only a few days each time.

Clower was a Confederate soldier in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. The GSA says he enlisted January 15, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas under M. W. Deavenport for a term of one year. His name appears on a regimental muster roll for February 28 to June 30, 1863, on which it is noted that he was present and was due $11 for the use of his own arms up to December 11, 1862, and “….for mileage 110 miles.” His name appears on a muster roll for the regiment dated January and February, 1864.

When the census taker visited Jack County, Texas in 1870, he found John; his mother, Susan; his sister, Stacy; and his brother, Thomas; living in the household of Jesse and Martha Harding. They lived in Precinct 1.

John Clower was apparently never married. When the census was taken in Parker County in 1900, he is listed as a single man. He lived with his sister, E. S. Clower, a single woman who was born in Louisiana in January of 1844.

Clower applied for a pension in 1910 while living at RFD 1, Whitt, Parker County, Texas. He said he left the service at Hempstead, Texas in June 1865. He came to Texas about 1850, and moved to Whitt about 1873.
A mortuary warrant in his pension file says he died Jan. 18, 1922 at Whitt at the home of his brother, W. T. Clower. He was buried in the family cemetery there. He died of paralysis and pneumonia. His grave is unmarked, but his mother and brother, W. T. Clower, have readable headstones there.

Several descendants of this family have posted genealogical data at Ancestry.com.