

Clear Creek's First Inhabitants

The first known settlers of the area moved to the north shore area of Clear Creek near present-day Taylor's Bayou in 1826. Frontiersman and trader, Anson Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth Maley, had previously resided on the Trinity River near the Cooshatti Indian Village. The Taylors had six children, Sally, Edward, James, George, Robert and Nancy. Sally married native Italian Andrew Roach and they had one daughter, Eleanor.

Both Taylor and Roach have been linked to Lafitte, apparently providing the pirate and his crew with food and supplies. Roach was captain of the vessel *Texas* which was "overtaken" by the U. S. Navy in 1822. He was tried for piracy in New Orleans, however due to a lack of evidence, the charges were eventually dropped.