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Julie's notes: Thomas Cleaton Senior married Lucy Malone, 3 Mar 1808, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Bond: Thomas Nance; minister James Meacham.

Also note: Deed book 31, pg 605 Mecklenburg County, Virginia on 11 Sep 1845, about 27 years after this Thomas Cleaton will below.

Lewis Poythress gives his two sons Lewis and Thomas Poythress one tract of land, 140 acres bounded: by the lands of Charles D. Cleaton, John Giles, David Poythress, & Williamson Rainey Sr.

The Will of Thomas Cleaton

Mecklenburg County, Virginia Will Book 8, pgs 416-418

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Cleaton of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia being in my perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit, Imprimis, first of all I give and recommend my soul to the hands of Almighty God the author and giver thereof Trusting for happiness through the merits of Jesus Christ, the common Savior of all mankind my body to be decently buried &

And after all my Just debts to be paid it is my Will and desire that my is Estate be disposed of as follows, –

Item 1st I lend to my beloved wife Lucy Cleaton during her Natural life the tract of land whereon I now live Containing four hudred acres be at the Same more or less and bounded by the land of Henry Wartman, Drury Harper and Edward Giles to a maple on the long branch, thence a Straight line to some Small ash trees on the Creek including part of the land which I purchased of William Cleaton, thence up the Creek to Charles D Cleatons Spring branch, thence up the branch to the old line along the old line to Henry Wartman's line, provided that if my son Drury M Cleaton shall come of age before the death of my wife he shall take and poss [abbreviation for possess?] one hundred and fifty acres of this land at the upper end of the tract, I also lend to my wife Lucy during her natural life the following negroes Isaac, Ned, Jude, Luckey , and Charlotte, also Two horses, three Cows and Calves, eight head of Sheep, 10 head of hogs, two Sows and pigs, Two feather beds and furniture, Two tables, nine Chairs, one large Cubbard, one brass Skillette, Two brass Candle Sticks, one pott and one Dutch Oven, one butter pot and two Trunks.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Charles D Cleaton the tract of land whereon he now lives containing Two..... twenty five acres east the.... said branch to Lewis Poythress's along his line to Rainey's line allong the Same to Lewis(Lucas) Williams line along his line to a Scrub oak in the Same thence a Straight line to the said Cleatons Spring branch down the branch to the Creek, thence to the beginning on the long

branch, also Two Negroes Drury and Evelina with all their future increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Cleaton the sum of Seven hundred dollars to assist him in paying for the land he now lives on which land was purchased by me but deeded to him, also Two negroes Ruffin and Mariah with all their future increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son William B Cleaton a tract of land on the west side of the Creek Containing two hundred acres be it the same more or less, beginning at Charles D Cleatons Spring branch with the old line along the Same to Wartman's line along his line to Wood Cleatons line, along his line to Tanners line along his line to the post oak Joining Charles Cleaton thence along his line to the Spring branch, also two Negroes Dick and Jacob and my sorrel filly and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item I lend to my Daughter Catherine Rainey during her natural life three negroes Anneky, Minervy, and Stephen and after her death I direct that the said negroes with all their future increase be equally divided amongst all her children to them and their heirs forever.

Item 6th I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Tanner three Negroes Chainey, Partheny, and Griffin during her natural life and after her death I direct that the said Negroes with all their future increase be Equally divided amongst all her children to them and their heirs forever.

Item 7th I lend it to my daughter Edney Cleaton three Negroes Mary, Nancy and Culey during her natural life and after her death, I direct that the said Negroes with all their future increase be equally divided amongst all her children also one feather bed and furniture to them and their heirs forever.

Item 8th I lend to my daughter Parazade Cleaton during her natural life three Negroes Phillis, Quintena, and Abraham (?) At her death I direct that the said Negroes with all their future increase be equally divided amongst all her children, I also Give and bequeath to my daughter Parazade the sum of fifty dollars and one feather bed and furniture.

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my son Drury M Cleaton the tract of land lent to my wife in the first clause at her decease also three negroes Ned Charlotte and Richmound and one feather bed and furniture with all the increase of the said Negroes to him and his heirs forever.

Item 10th my Will and desire is that all and every part of my estate not disposed of in this my will be sold and out of the money arising from such Sale all my Just debts be paid and the balance to be equally divided Amongst all my children taking into Consideration the advances made to some in Stock, & as my desire is that all may be

as near equal as possibly Can be, My Will and desire further is that the Estate lent my wife in the first Clause and not herein further dispose of at her death be sold and equally divided amongst all of my children, and Lastly I do hereby Nominate, Constitute and appoint and confirm my sons Charles D Cleaton and Thomas Cleaton and my friend James Harwell Executors of this my last Will and Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand this 25th day of February one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen.

Signed & acknowledged
in the presence of
Edward Giles
Edward Giles Jr, his mark
Henry Wartman, his mark

Thomas Cleaton, his mark

At a court held for Mecklenburg County the 16th day of March 1818
This last Will and Testament of Thomas Cleaton deceased was presented into Court and proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Charles D Cleaton, Thomas Cleaton his[executors or sons? illegible] Williamson Rainey, John Cook Senior, Henry Wartman, and Edward Giles their Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars Conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted them for Obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form, Liberly being reserved to the oath's executive there in named to join in the probat when he shall think fit.

Teste Edward L Tabb, Clerk