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IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, the twenty fifth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, I William Cleghorn of Tryon County, North Carolina, freeholder, being very sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed to all men once for to die, do make, and ordain this my last will and testament; That is to say principally, imprimis, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend unto the Earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian form, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, viz:

In the first place, I allow all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid. I give and bequeath unto Lettice Cleghorn, my dearly beloved wife, the plantation, tools and house furniture; item, the plantation I now live on her lifetime if she sees cause to live on it; item, three negroes during her lifetime if unmarried, and if married, after that, the said three negroes I gave and bequeath to my three sons, William, James & John Cleghorn, to be equally divided among them when come to age. Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughters Rebeckah and Jane Cleghorn four hundred acres of land lying on the Warriers Creek, South Carolina, to be divided equally between them. Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mary Cleghorn Two hundred acres of land lying on Lawson's Fork, South Carolina. Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Lettice Cleghorn three hundred and fifty acres of land lying on fishing creek, part in the Indian line. Item: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved sons William, James & John the land I now live on being the lower part of the plantation to be theirs after the death of their mother or her departure from it with all my other lands not before mentioned, totally to be divided among them when come to age, excepting two hundred and fifty acres of land

lying on South Cacolet to be sold at the expiration of three years after my decease, the one half to be divided equally among my well beloved sons William, James and John Cleghorn when come to age and the other half I give and bequeath to my well beloved friend John Scott. Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sarah Huddleston five shillings sterling. All bills, notes and debts I allow to be collected to pay of debts and charges and my other Negro not mentioned before to be sold and likewise all the horses and cows to be sold and payment to be made and the remainder to be dealt with as the law directs. Likewise, I constitute make and ordain my well beloved friend James Hemphill Executor and my dearly beloved wife, Lettice Cleghorn, Executrix of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby empower and appoint them to make a right sufficient to John Huddleston and to John Scott to the lands they have bonds for I do utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests, and Executors by me in anywise before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

William Cleghorn (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared in the presence of us,

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North Carolina

Lincoln County

I, Thos. E. Rhodes, Clerk of Superior Court of Lincoln County, N.C. do certify the foregoing to be a copy of the Last Will and Testament of William Cleghorn, 1775, as same is taken from and compared with record in this office.

Date, this 19th day of July, 1939.

Clerk Superior Court