This Deed of Trust secured a pre-existing debt that William Cleaton of Mecklenburg Co, VA owed to a man in Warren Co, NC. By this Deed of Trust the debt was secured by land owned by William Cleaton, which was part of the tract of land on which Meredith Poythress was then living (while married to William Cleaton's daughter Edith). What is curious to me, is that the document does not say in what county or state the land is located; presumably in Mecklenburg Co, VA since that's where the Deed of Trust was recorded.

Transcribed by Bpn from FHL film 1,870,876 & 32,535 Mecklenburg Co, VA Deed Book 7, pp.482-483:
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Cleaton
to Nicholson
This Indenture made this 14th day of February in the year of Our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty Nine Between William Cleaton of the County of Mecklenburg and state of Virginia of the one part and George Nicholson of The County of Warren and State of North Carolina of The Other part, Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fourteen pounds Eighteen Shillings and ten pence Current Money of Virginia which I the Said William Cleaton are Justly Indebted to the Said George Nicholson and honestly desire to Secure and pay to the Said George Nicholson and for and in in [sic] the farther consideration of the Sum of five Shillings like money to the Said William Cleaton in hand paid by the Said George Nicholson at or before the Sealing and Delivering of this, the receipt whereof I hereby Acknowledge, and Thereof, and of every part thereof Exonerate and discharge the Said William Cleaton his heirs Executors and Administrators he the Said William Clleaton hath granted bargained Sold and Confirm'd to the Said George Nicholson his heirs and Assigns forever, One hundred and fifty Acres of Land, lying on the Waters of Parham's Creek Adjoining William Taylor, Isham Epps and from thence to Crawleys Line, it being part of a Tract of Land that Meredith Poythress now lives on. To have and to hold the Said Land and premises unto the Said George Nicholson his heirs and Assigns forever, to the only proper Use and Behoof of the Said George Nicholson his heirs and Assigns forever, and the Said William Cleaton doth hereby grant for him Self and his heirs. The Said William Cleaton and his heirs and every of them Shall and will Warrant and forever defend the Said Land and premises and every part and Article There of and Singular and every part and Article thereof, with all and Singular the rights and Appurtenances unto the Said Nicholson his heirs and Assigns forever, against the Said William Cleaton and his heirs and every of them, and against every other Person whatsoever upon
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upon Trust, Nevertheless that the Said George Nicholson his Heirs Executors,

Administrators or Assigns shall at any time after the first day of December next (ensuing this date) sell for the best price that can be gotten after giving Ten days Notice, and out of the money arising from such Sale discharge, Pay and Satisfy to the Said Nicholson the above mentioned Sum - with Lawful Interest from the date hereof 1789 until the Same shall be fully discharged and the Expence attending the Sale aforesaid, and The other necessary Expences that shall attend the Securing and obtaining the Above Money or performing any thing that is or shall be necessary relative to the intent of This Indenture and that the Said George Nicholson his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall pay or cause to be paid the overplus if any remain from Such Sale to the said William Cleaton his heirs Executors or to his Order - In witness whereof The said William Cleaton hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

William (his W mark) Cleaton (L.S.)

Sealed and Delivered
in presence of
Marriott Davis
Thomas Goodwyn Taylor
Coleman (his x mark) Young

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At a court held for Mecklenburg County the 13th day of April 1789

This Indenture of trust was proven by the Oath of Marriott Davis a witness Thereto, and at a Court held for the Same County the 12th day of October following The Said Indenture was further proven by the Oaths of Thomas Goodwyn Taylor and Coleman Young two witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste John Brown Ck Curt