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*Cliftonia*

*Cyrillaceae*

*Cliftonia* can commemorate one or more of several people, including Dr Francis Clifton and William Clifton. The most likely candidate appears to be uncertain.

First the English physician, Dr Francis Clifton, who died in 1736. He may have been a Court Physician in the household of the Prince Frederick, Prince of Wales (1707-1751). Then the English lawyer, William Clifton, who emigrated and arrived in Savannah (Georgia) in 1754. He was appointed by King George II in England as the first Attorney-General in Georgia and served from 1754-1764. His plan for the court system for the colony of Georgia was to establish the basis of the State's present judicial system.