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1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
 Etaney Thaggard 200 acres of land whereon they
 now live and growing cotton, and privilege of fire
 wood and Rail timber, on fifty acres of land, joining
 the same, and one Horse, Saddle and Bridle, and one
 Cow and Calf, and one Feather bed and Furniture
 two Emv. and lambs, one sow and pigs, also the
 Household necessary Furniture belonging to her as
 long as her widowhood, and after her widowhood
 the above property is to belong to William C.
 Thaggard also one Dine of Blue to the above
 Etaney Thaggard.

2^d I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
 Son William C. Thaggard, one Hundred and
 fifty acres of land joining his Mothers and
 others, one Bed and Furniture one Cow and pigs.
 one Cow and Calf, thirty five dollars out of a lot
 of ten timber, now lying in the Woods when Arrive
 to Market.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza
 Jane Thaggard, one Cow and Calf and one Feather bed
 and Furniture and fifty dollars in cash.

4th Lucinda L. Thaggard. I give and bequeath unto
 my beloved daughter Lucinda L. Thaggard, one Feather
 bed and Furniture and fifty dollars in cash.

5th Sarah Ann Thaggard I give and bequeath unto
 my beloved daughter Sarah Ann, one Feather
 bed and Furniture, and one Cow and Calf and
 fifty dollars in cash.

6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter
 Melissa one Bed and Furniture and one Cow and
 Calf and thirty dollars in money.

7th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza
 Letitia J. Thaggard, one Bed and Furniture and
 one Cow and Calf and thirty dollars in money.
 And also and after my Executor collect and pay
 out to the above, mentioned heirs their part of
 said Estate. And the residue of said property is
 belong to William C. Thaggard.

And in case there should not be money and
 ready money note or accounts, I will and bequeath

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to their heirs, then the Executor to sell off the
 residue of the Estate not mentioned in the above Will
 so far as to pay off the heirs their part, and then the
 balance to remain unto the said William C. Thaggard.

And I hereby make and ordain my worthy Son
 William C. Thaggard Executor of this my last Will and Testa-
 ment.

In witness whereof, I the said Isaac Thaggard
 have to this my last Will and Testaments set my hand
 and Seal. The day and year above written.

Isaac Thaggard Seal

Liquid Sealed published and declared by the said
 Isaac Thaggard the Testator as his last Will and
 Testaments in the presence of us who were present
 at the time of signing and sealing thereof.

Witness
 Chas. Hall
 Stephen Harts

Proved May Term 1846

I, Alexander McDowell of the County of Bladen
 and State of North Carolina, now in good health
 and of sound mind and memory knowing
 that by and by, I will die and have no further
 use for the disposing effects of this transitory
 all that I own at the time of my death I do
 and bequeath as follows.

1st I wish all my just debts to be paid out of
 ready money note or accounts.
 2^d I will and bequeath

Wife Mary Jane McDonnell, during her natural life one third of my lands adjoining the Main House where I now live together with the Main Farm House and necessary Out Houses, to be disposed of at her death as hereafter mentioned.

3^d I also Will and bequeath to my dear Wife Mary Jane McDonnell, during her natural life one third of my negroes, and their increase to be disposed of at her death as hereafter mentioned.

4th And I also Will and bequeath to my dear beloved Wife Mary J. McDonnell, one third of all the other kinds of my personal property to her and her heirs forever.

5th I Will and bequeath to my Son Thomas David McDonnell all my lots with their improvements which I own in the town of Elizabeth.

6th I also Will and bequeath to my Son Thomas D. McDonnell, all that part or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Bladen on the South East Side of the main road, that leads directly to Downing Creek, Beginning at Ben Street, Elizabethtown running from thence on said road towards Downing Creek to the lot Josiah Henderson live where it crosses the main road, thence with Henderson live to Paul McKays live, formerly Haddens live, thence winding with McKays live, to McMillans live, thence with said McMillans live to the corner of a Ten acre tract in Elizabethtown, David Lurios, thence winding with Othe Carsons & Elizabethtown back live at Mrs Cummings thence with said back live to the beginning.

7th I Will and bequeath to my Son John, Absol. McDonnell, all the remainder of my lands with their improvements, that are not Wills.

8th I Will and bequeath unto my two Sons, Thomas D. McDonnell, and John A. McDonnell, all my negroes including those which I bought them from John A. McDonnell with their increase to be

alike. If they can agree I wish these negroes should to be retained by the holder or holders in part of their share at a fair valuation.

9th I bequeath all the other kinds of my personal property that were not Wills to my dear Wife, to my two Sons, Thomas D. McDonnell and John A. McDonnell, to be equally divided between them share and share alike.

10th It is my Will and desire and I Will and bequeath all the Real Estate, the lands with the improvements which I owned to my dear Wife Mary J. McDonnell, during her natural life at her death to my Son John A. McDonnell having advanced and made large advancements to my Son Thomas D. McDonnell when he commenced merchandizing.

11th It is my Will and desire and I Will and bequeath all the negroes with their increase which I owned to my dear Wife Mary Jane McDonnell during her natural life, at her death to be divided between my two Sons share and share alike.

12th I hereby constitute and appoint my two Sons, Thomas, David, McDonnell and John Alexander McDonnell Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all my other Wills.

In Testimony whereof I Alexander McDonnell have hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th day of June 1846

Alexr. McDonnell *Real*

Arch Carolina 3 Minutes August Term.
Bladen County 3 Courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

The foregoing paper meeting in the words and figures is exhibited in open Court by Thomas David McDonnell one of the Executors therein named, as the last Will and Testament of Absol. McDonnell deceased when the following witnesses viz: Thomas D. McKinley, William and James Roberson Jr. being sworn stated that the whole of said paper body and signature is in the hand and seal of the said Absol. McDonnell.

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one of the witnesses proved that the said paper writing was found among the valuable papers of the said deceased.

Whereupon it is adjudged and considered by the Court, that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Alexander McDonald and that the same is duly proved according to law. It is further ordered that the same be recorded in the Book of Wills and filed in office.

Thomas David McDonald then as Executor duly qualifies to execute said last will and testament.

J. Robinson, Clerk.

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In the name of God Amen.

I, Andrew M. Leland of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

That my Executor hereafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my friends and relations and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, burials and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Augustus M. M. Leland the sum of ten dollars

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to him of a colt which will be three years old last spring which colt I delivered to John Melvin Jr for that purpose the reason I left no more to my grand son the said Augustus M. M. Leland, I have given him his father a fair proportion of my estate and he being the only child to him his father's estate.

I give and devise unto my son Thomas M. Leland all my lands lying in Bladen County to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever.

I further give unto the said Thomas M. Leland the following negroes, viz William, Sam, Peter, Eliza, Chloe, Mary, Eliza, Stager, George and Hannah together with all their future increase to him and his heirs forever.

I further give and bequeath unto my son Thomas M. Leland the residue of my estate of every description to him and his heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint Colin Monroy Executor to this my last will and testament to all intents and purposes to execute the same. I hereby revoke and utterly make void, any other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Andrew M. Leland do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of June 1848.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Andrew M. Leland to be his last will and testament in presence of us.

Rowland Singleton
Andrew M. Leland Seal

State of North Carolina
Bladen County
Court of Peace &
Quartermasters
Chamber Term 1846.

In open Court Colin Monroy exhibited a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Andrew M. Leland deceased, and the