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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, bursover 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 Angus 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 Angus M. M. Leland. I have given him further 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, Chloc, 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 Monroe Executor to this my last will and testament to see intent 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 1845.

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 } Court of Peace &
Bladen County } Quarter Sessions:
November Term 1846.

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