Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it me and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent manner 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 hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. —

Imprimis It is my Will and I do Order that in the first place that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied — Item I give and Bequeath unto Rachel my Dearly beloved Wife a Red & White spied Heiffer three years old I give unto Rachel my Dearly beloved wife her Bed and all the furniture belonging to the said Bed and the third part of my whole Estate I give unto my Dearly beloved Wife the Plantation I now live on during her Life upon Condition upon Condition she doth not Marry and after her Death or in Case she should Marry the Plantation to be Sold and the one third of the price of the plantation to Equally Devided between my Daughter Sary & my Daughter Rachel and the remainder of the Price of the plantation to be equally Devided between my Son Robert and my Son Josiah and my Watch and all Moveables to be sold at publick Sale and the Money to be equally Devided between my son Robert and my Son Josiah and my Daughter Sary and my Daughter Rachel it my Will that my son Robert and my son Josiah at the Age of Sixteen years shall be put to Trades as they shall Choose and that their Masters shall be Obliged to give Learning Such as Reading and Writing & Arethmatick I do Constitute make and Ordain Robert Harper & Thomas Hawkins my only sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow and revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacys and Executors by me in any means whatsoever before this time named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming 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 above Written —

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the said Josiah Harper as his Last Will & Testament In the presence of Us the Subscribers — Josiah Harper (Seal)

John Nicholls
Frindrick Craft
John Spencely.

On the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written Viz.t On the twenty third day of June 1768 Came John Nicholls and Frederick Craft two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Josiah Harper Sign and Seal the said Will and heard him Publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a Sound and Disposing mind and Memory and that they also did see John Spencely the other Subscribing Witness to the said Will sign his name as a Witness thereto and that they Severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other.

6½ Sides — Examined sworn before — J Bowles Dy Cont.y

Maryland fs. In The Name of God Amen I John Hobbs Sen.r of Frederick County and provinle aforesaid planter being in perfect Health thanks be to God Do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz.t Item I gave and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Eliz.h Hobbs two feather Beds and furniture allso one Ba meair named Jenney one Sorrel Horse Two Cows and than Calves Two Sows One Negro Woman named Estor during my Wifes Life — Item I gave and Bequeth unto my Son Lenord Hobbs One hundred and fifty Acres of Land to be by him and his heairs and Asigns persest for ever to be laid out Sutable and Convenient to whare now the said Lenord dwels allso one Cow and Calf — Item I gave and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Hobbs fifty acres of Land called Heair I begin liging on Bush Creek to be by him his Heairs and Asigns persest for ever One Sorrel Meair and Sadell allso one Cow and Calf — Item I gave and bequeath unto my Son Greenbury Hobbs

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