bequeath unto my Youngest Son Abraham Hicks all that Tract of Land known by the name of Hails Forest lying and being in the aforesaid County and province Containing and laid out for one hundred Acres of Land more or Less to have and to Hold to him and his Heirs to the proper use and behoof of him the said Abraham Hicks and his heirs and Assigns for ever. Also I give & devise unto my said Son Abraham Hicks Ten Acres of Meadow Land out of a Tract of Land lying on the Western fork of the great falls of Gunpowder called Hicks's Forrest joining the aforesaid Land in the said County and Province. the said Ten Acres to be laid out from the three bounded beech Oaks of Hails Forrest. Also I give and devise unto my said Son Abraham Hicks a Waggon and the Geers & Harness thereunto belonging, a Sorrel Mair named Sorrel a Sorrel Horse named Prince two white Servant Men named John Mayes and Thomas Lacey, Also the Smyths Tools, which said Lards Waggon Horses &c. To have and to hold unto him the said Abraham Hicks and his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Also I give & Devise unto my Son Jacob Hicks all that Tract or parcel of Land called Hickses Forrest lying in the said County and Province before mentioned Containing and laid out for One hundred and fifteen Acres more or Less (Ten Acres excepted of the Meadow Land which have reserved for my Son Abraham as afore mentioned.) which said Tract or parcel of Land to be Sold and the Amount of what it is Sold for to be for my said Son Jacob Hicks to the own proper use and behoof of him the said Jacob Hicks his Heirs or assigns for ever. Also I give and Devise unto my Dear and Loving Wife (over and above her thirds) Phillizanah Hicks during her Life a Negro Man named Dulap for and during her life Time In Case she does Marry then the said Negro to be Sold and equally divided amongst all my Children and in Case of none Marriage at her Decease then said Negro to be sold and equally divided as above mentioned. Also I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Mary Hicks (over and above a Childs part) to be paid out of my Personal Estate the full and just Sum of Five pounds Current money. also all the remainder of my personal Estate after paying all my Just and Lawful Debts and a decent interment of my Body and the above Legacies I give and bequeath into my twelve Children (Viz.)

Viz. Mary, William, Isaac, Rebeccah, Elizabeth, Nehemiah, Phillizanah, John, Jacob, Margret, Sarah & Abraham, to be justly & Equally Divided amongst them. And I do hereby nominate & appoint my Youngest Son Abraham Hicks Executor of this my last Will & Testament. And I hereby revoke all former Will & Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Seventh Day of September 1769

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the above named Nehemiah Hicks as and for his last Will & Testament in the presence of Us who have hereunto sett our Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of Said Testator & in presence of each other

Nehemiah his ✕ mark Hicks (Seal)

Henry ✕ his mark Cross
Charles ○ his mark Philips
Joshua Atherton

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

October 2d. 1769 came Henry Cross Charles Philips and Joshua Atherton three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator Nehemiah Hicks sign seal publish pronounce and Declare the same as and for his Last Will & Testament by making his mark or Scrawl that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of Sound and Disposing mind & Memory that they Subscribed their respective names Henry Cross & Chs. Phillips by making their marks as Witnesses to the said Will all in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Examined 8 Sides — Sworn to before W. Young D. Comy. Balt County

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In the Name of God Amen I make this my last Will and Testament Viz.

Imprimis I give unto my Dearly beloved Wife Sarah & her Heirs for ever all my Estate both Real and Personal. And do appoint the Revd. Patrick Allison & Doctor John Boyd to be my Executors

Executed in the presence of Us the Subscribers this 9. Day of September 1769

Benjamin Nicholson
Barnet Eichelberger
John Boyd.

Henry his ✕ mark Pearson

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.