and that they and each of them subscribed their respective names as witnesses to the said will at the
same time they make oath that they saw the testator Nath Nicols sign his name as a
witness to the said will at the time of his decease & that the Witnesses subscribed
to the said bond & deed make oath that they saw the Testator Frances Middleton sign the
same that she was at the time to the best of all their apprehensions of sound and disposing
mind and memory that they also inspected their names as witnesses to the said will & bond
in the presence of the said Testator and at her request & in sight before
Ed. Ho. Lee. — Wm Goring Thomas Baltimore County

In the Name of God Amen I Jane Hardesty of Baltimore County in
Maryland being sick and weak of Body yet of sound and disposing mind and memory do make
and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following viz. First I recommend my soul into the hands
of almighty God who gave it me and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor
hereafter named and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I do dispose of the same
and desire that they be disposed of in manner and form following viz.

Imprimis I will that shall be first and paid out of the hands of my beloved son Tobias Hardesty
Twelve a considerable sum amounting to more than Forty pounds current money and also
my said son was indebted unto me the residue of Ten thousand pounds of Tobacco for the
hire of my Negroes which lived together I do hereby to be a proportionable part of my Estate
and as much as I was intended having my said son Tobias if he had survived me
now I give and bequeath to my said son Tobias his children all and singular the
Overall sum and sums of money that my said son had of mine in his hands at the time of
his decease as also the said sum of Ten thousand lbs of Tobacco that he owed me for hire of my
negroes to be equally divided amongst them my said son Tobias's children as their full and perfect
part of my Estate and to receive nor claim any other matter or thing now belonging to me —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Priscilla Worthington Daughter of Mr. Jonathan
Hope Nathl Worthington one negro boy named Jerry to her my said Grand Daughter
Priscilla and her Heirs for ever —

Item my will and Desire is that whatsoever goods and chattels belong to me now in the
hands of my son in law Mr. Bond as inventoried by the said Mr. Bond and for which he has
given me a Receipt Reference thereto being had may more fully appear I say all the Goods and
Chattels there mentioned except the negroes which are by me bequeathed and a feather Bed
and furniture valued at Eight pounds which I have taken away I desire may be equally
divided between my well beloved Grand Children Luke Bond Tobias Bond & Cassandra Bond
to them and their heirs forever. —

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Grand Daughter Ruth Nicols Wife of
Nathan Nicols the Large Bible and part of the use of a negro man named Ben in manner
following that the said negro Ben be either hired out or kept by my said Grand Daughter
at her discretion so as there be raised from the said negroes service the sum of Eight pounds
lawful money of Md which sum of Eight pounds so as aforesaid to be raised by the service of the said
Negro Ben as aforesaid I will and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Elizth Bond
and to be continued to be paid unto my said Daughter yearly and every year during

her natural life if the said Ben should so long live and in case of the death of my said
Grand Daughter Ruth Nicols without issue then I will and bequeath the said Ben unto my Grand son Luke Bond to him my said Grand son Luke Bond & his Heirs
he the said Luke Bond complying with the payment as above mentioned to the made unto his
mother as before expressed.

Item I give and bequeath unto my will beloved Grand Daughter Sophia Hall Daughter
of John Hall of Cranberry one negro girl named Jamaica my said Grand Daughter Sophia
Hall and her heirs forever — Item I give and bequeath unto my will beloved
Grand Daughter Martha Hall Daughter of John Hall of Cranberry one negro girl named
Dinah and all her Issue if any be living she now hath called Abigail which
I have heretofore devised unto my Grand Daughter Elizth Hall which said Dinah called
Dinah and all her future Issue I give unto my said Grand Daughter Martha
Hall & her heirs forever

Jane her mark Hardesty (Seal)

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Grand son Edward Hall son of John Hall of
Cranberry one negro girl called Kate with her Issue to my said Grand son Edward Hall &
his Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Beale Hall
son of John Hall of Cranberry one negro girl named Lucy and her Issue unto him
my said Grandson John Beale Hall and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Isaac Hall son of John Hall of Cranberry one
negro boy called Cupid to him my said Grandson Isaac Hall and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Eliza Hall Daughter of John Hall
of Cranberry one negro girl named Abigail the Daughter of my negro woman called
Dinah above bequeathed unto my Grand Daughter Martha Hall which said negro
girl called Abigail I give unto my said Grand Daughter Eliza Hall and to her heirs and assigns
and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Bethia Hall wife of John
Hall of Cranberry one negro woman named Sarah and all her Issue if any be living the girls
called Lucy the Boy called Cupid and the girls called Kate which I have devised and
given unto my three Grand Sons Edwd Hall John Beale Hall and Isaac Hall as
before expressed which negro woman called Sarah and her Issue she may hereafter
have I give unto my said Daughter Bethia Hall and to her heirs forever

Lastly all the remainder of my Estate in what kind so ever it may consist I give &
bequeath unto my well beloved Son in law John Hall of Cranberry to him and his
heirs forever and I do hereby appoint my said Son in law John Hall of Cranberry my Exr
of this my will revoking & making void all and every other wills by me heretofore made
acknowledging this to be my last & only will

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1759
signed sealed published & declared by
the Testatrix as her last will & testament
& at whose request we subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto

Jane her mark Hardesty (Seal)

May 9th 1759 came Luke Gingham Peter
Dahoney and Amos Garrett three of the
witnesses subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will