

Joseph Sturgis, Joseph Wilkinson, George Little.

February 14. 1785. Then came George Little one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of ^{late} Lovering Merrett, of Kent County deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he did see the Testator herein named sign & seal this Will, and that he heard him publish & pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament, that he was at the same time of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he this deponent together with Joseph Sturgis and Joseph Wilkinson the two other subscribing Witnesses were present at the same time, and signed their names as Witnesses to this Will with this deponent, in the presence of the Testator, and at his Request, and in the presence of each other.

Michaelson King

In the name of God Amen Thomas Johnson of Kent County Chester Town in the State of Maryland being very weak of Body but perfectly sound in mind and memory, and calling to mind that all men must die, I make and ordain ^{to be} this my last Will and Testament, First of all I deliver up my Soul into the hands of God who gave it, and allow that my Body shall be decently Interred at the discretion of my well beloved friend Thomas Lawrence who was born in Berk Shire in old England and is now a resident and dweller in Chester Town in Kent County in the Maryland State I now nominate and appoint the said Thomas Lawrence to be the whole and sole Executor and Administrator of this my last Will and Testament, and concerning what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I dispose of in the following manner, First of all I allow that all my just debts shall be discharged and justly paid, after the Costs of my funeral is first discharged and paid. And next I Will leave and bequeath unto Thomas Lawrence my said Executor and Administrator all the remainder of my Estate wholly and solely, to him and his Heirs for ever. And as there are but few that know that I am the Rightful Heir to an