

Piscataway 12th Jan'y 1843

I here by certify, that I have known
the bearer of this - James Barton, from
his infancy; & that he was always reputed, &
considered, by every person, to be the son
of Charlotte Barton, A free Borne woman
of this village, who is still living, & recog-
nized as such - & although, I cannot
swear positively, that the said James,
is the son, of the said Charlotte - not
being present at his birth) yet I have
not the least doubt but he is - & I
am quite sure, no other person ac-
quainted with the particulars. I believe him
to be about 21-years old - John W. Ward

On this 12th Jan 1843. before me the
subscriber a Justice of the Peace of MD
for Prince Georges County personally appeared
John W. Ward and made oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that the above
statement is just & true, to the best of his knowledge
& belief. Sworn before H. D. Dyron