

On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1844. personally  
appeared John W. Thomas. before me the subscriber  
one of the State of Maryland's justices of the peace  
in and for said County. and makes oath on  
the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God. that he  
knows John Curtis. who is the son of one  
Matilda Curtis. to be a free born person  
and has known him for some time past.

Sworn before.

Geo. W. Wilson  
J. S.