

## Apprenticeship Contracts, Charles and Lucella Brooks, Brunswick County, 1866 Transcription (p. 1 of 2)

This Indenture made this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty six between Lt F W Kimball for Mason Ann Brooks mother of Charles Brooks an infant under fourteen years of age & Edward Clayton. Witnesseth: That Lt Kimball Asst. Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for the Sub-District of Brunswick county, State of Virginia, acting as guardian, under authority of Major General O. O. Howard, (as contained in Circular Letter, War Department, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A Lands, Washington, D. C., of date October 4th 1865,) for the apprenticing of orphan minor children of Freedmen, doth bind out Charles Brooks a colored minor freed boy aged 7 years Aug 15th 1866 by and with the advise & consent of the mother Mason Ann Brooks as an apprentice to Edwd Clayton of Brunswick county, Virginia, to learn the art and trade of a farmer. The said Charles Brooks after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell with, and serve said Edwd Clayton from the day of date, hereof, until the 15th day of August one thousand eight hundred and 80, at which time, if the said Chas Brooks should be living, he will be 21 years of age, during which time or term the said Chas Brooks shall well and faithfully serve the said Edward Clayton. And the said Edward Clayton on his part, doth covenant, promise and agree to instruct the said Chas Brooks in the art and trade of farmer in all its branches, and furthermore, to teach or cause said Charles Brooks to be taught to read, write, and cipher in Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, and in the other rules of Arithmetic, as far as, and including Ratio or Proportion, and shall well and faithfully provide for the said Chas Brooks good and sufficient food, clothing medical attendance and care when sick during the term aforesaid, and at the expiration of said term of apprenticeship the said Edwd Clayton shall pay unto the said Chas Brooks the sum of twenty five dollars, for which sum twenty five dollars aforesaid, said Edwd Clayton doth hereby bind himself his heirs, executors and assigns, to well and truly pay to said Charles Brooks free from all debts, demands, liabilities or obligations from whatever cause arising during minority of said Charles Brooks.

Witness our hands and seals, this day and year above written.

F W Kimball Lt & A S F B {Seal},

Edwd Clayton {Seal}

Witness at signing. [blank]

Note--- Female orphan minors will not be indentured for a longer period than until they will arrive at the age of eighteen years

*Citation: Charles Brooks, Freedmen's Contract, 1866, Brunswick County Freedmen's Contracts and Apprentice Indentures, Library of Virginia.*

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This indenture made this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty six between Lt F W Kimball A. S. F. B. & Edwd Clayton. Witnesseth: That Lt Kimball Asst. Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for the Sub-District of Brunswick county, State of Virginia, acting as guardian, under authority of Major General O. O. Howard, (as contained in Circular Letter, War Department, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. Lands, Washington, D. C., of date October 4th, 1865,) for the apprenticing of orphan minor children of Freedmen, doth bind out Lucella Brooks a colored minor freed girl aged 9 years 0 months 11 days by & with the advise & consent of her mother Mason Ann Brooks as an apprentice to Edwd Clayton of Brunswick county, Virginia, to learn the art and trade of a house servant. The said Lucella Brooks after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell with, and serve the said Edwd Clayton from the day of date, hereof, until the 12th day of July one thousand eight hundred and 75, at which time, if the said Lucella Brooks should be living, she will be 18 years of age, during which time or term the said Lucella Brooks shall well and faithfully serve the said Edward Clayton. And the said Edward Clayton on his part, doth covenant, promise and agree to instruct the said Lucille Brooks in the art and trade of house sevt in all its branches, and furthermore, to teach or cause said Lucella Brooks to be taught to read, write and cipher in Addition, Substraction, Multiplication and Division, and in the other rules of Arithmetic, as far as, and including Ratio or Proportion, and shall well and faithfully provide for the said Lucella Brooks good and sufficient food, clothing, medical attendance and care when sick during the term aforesaid, and at the expiration of said term of apprenticeship the said Edwd Clayton shall pay unto the said Lucella Brooks the sum of twenty (20) dollars, for which sum of twenty dollars aforesaid, said Edwd Clayton doth hereby bind himself his heirs, executors and assigns, to well and truly pay to said Lucella Brooks free from all debts, demands, liabilities or obligations from whatever cause arising during minority of said Lucella Brooks.

Witness our hands and seals, this day and year above written.

F W Kimball Lt & A.S.F.B. (SEAL),

Edwd Clayton (SEAL)

Witness at signing. [blank]

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