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

THIS INDENTURE made this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty six between W. H. Kimball for Mason Ann Brooks mother of Charles Brooks an infant under fourteen years of age & Edward Clayton.  
Witnesseth: That W. H. Kimball <sup>Asst. Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,</sup>  
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 <sup>boy and with the consent of the mother, Mason Ann Brooks</sup> minor orphan, freed boy aged 7 years Aug 1865 to Edward Clayton <sup>as an apprentice to Edward Clayton of Brunswick</sup> 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 Edward Clayton from the day of date, hereof, until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August one thousand eight hundred and 80, at which time, if the said Charles Brooks should be living, he will be 21 years of age, during which time or term the said Charles 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 Charles 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 Charles 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 Edward Clayton shall pay unto the said Charles Brooks the sum of twenty five dollars, for which sum of twenty five dollars aforesaid, said Edward 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.

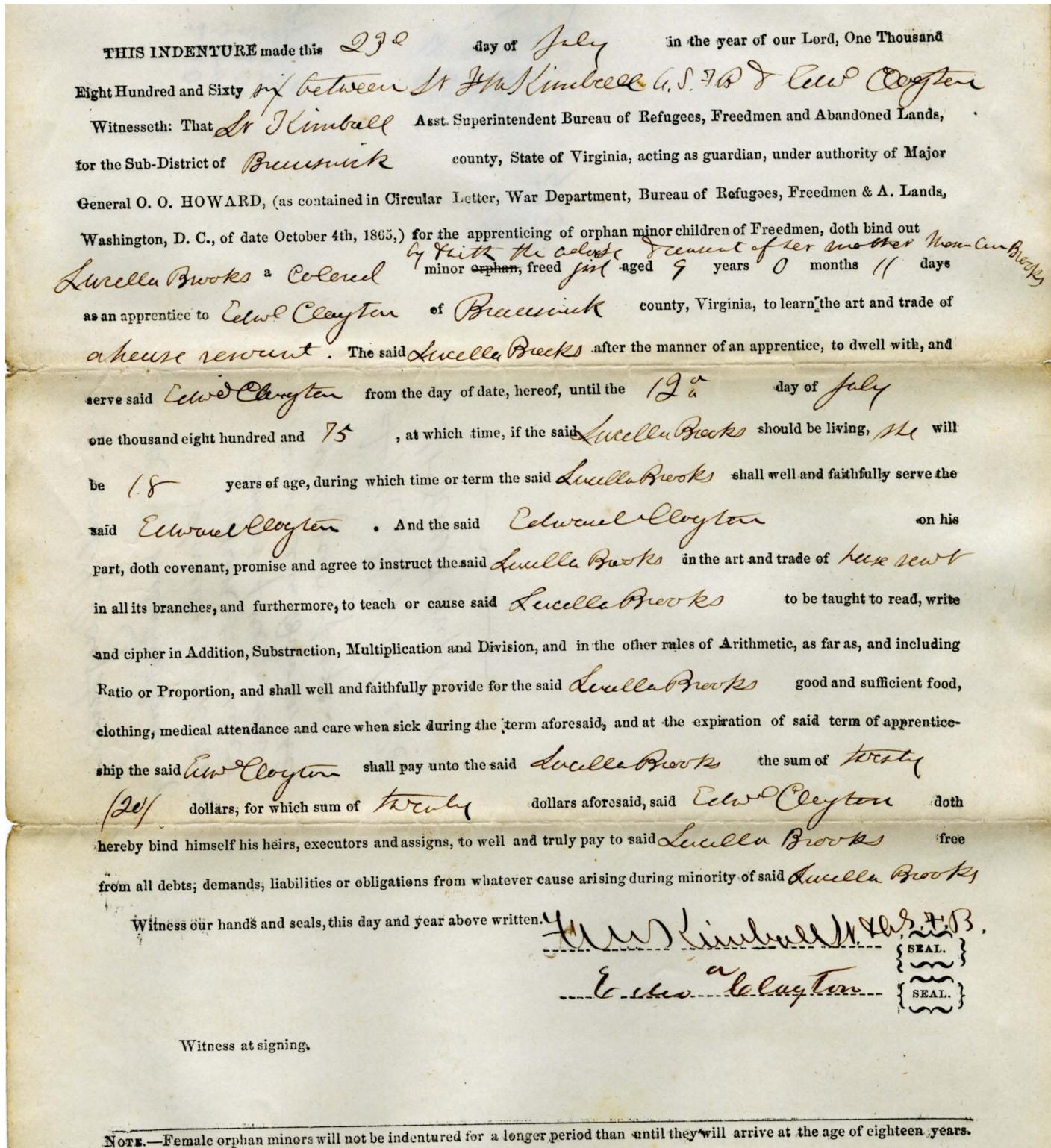
W. H. Kimball WAS 71. B.  
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Witness at signing.

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

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