

Documents: “This Indenture ...Witnesseth”: Exploring Henrico County Apprenticeship Indentures

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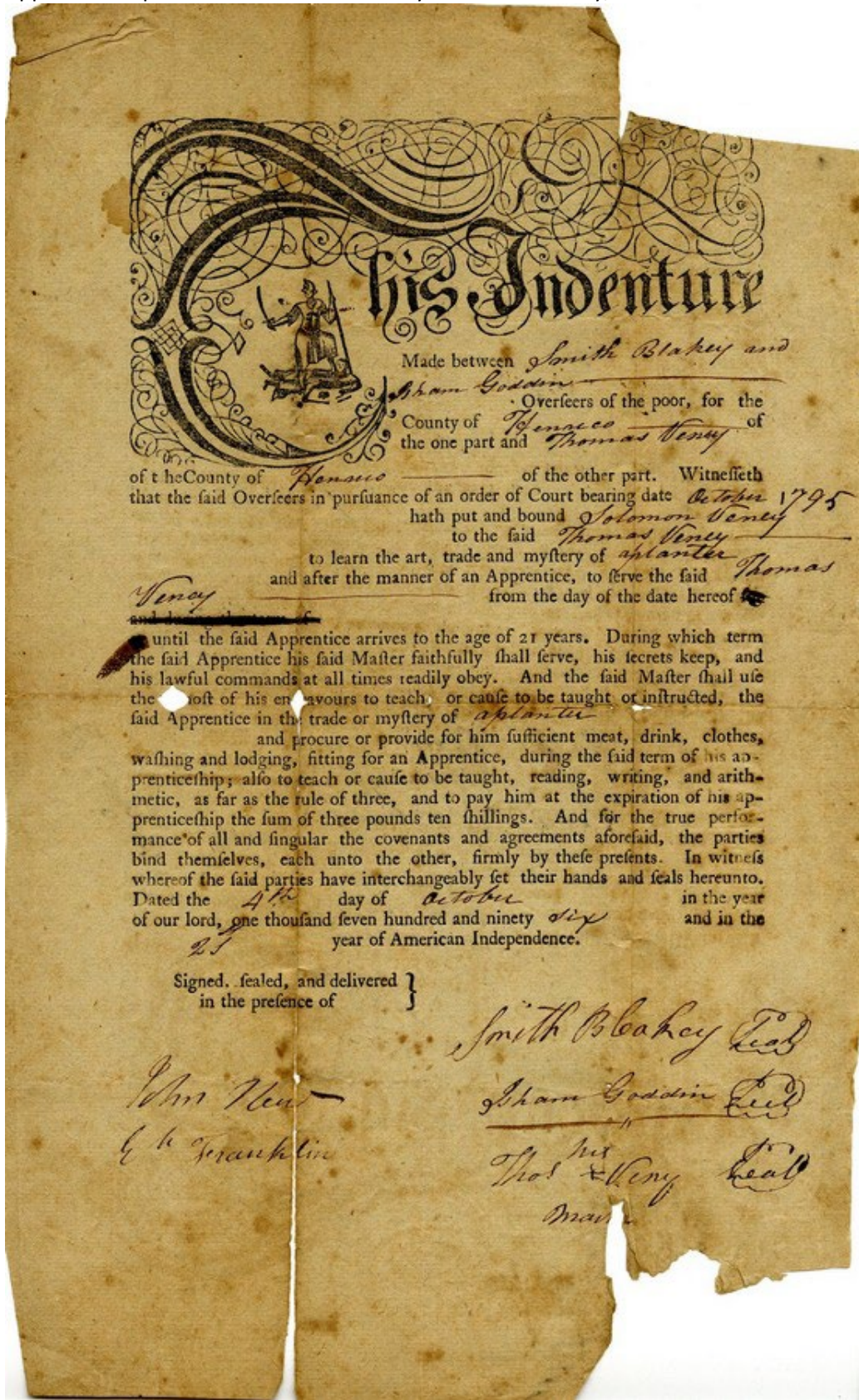
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Document 1

Apprenticeship Indenture: Solomon Veney to Thomas Veney, 1796 Oct 4



Chis Indenture
Made between *Smith Blakey and
Abham Goddin*
Overseers of the poor, for the
County of *Henrico* of
the one part and *Thomas Veney*

of the County of *Henrico* of the other part. Witnesseth
that the said Overseers in pursuance of an order of Court bearing date *October 1795*
hath put and bound *Solomon Veney*
to the said *Thomas Veney*
to learn the art, trade and mystery of *aplantee*
and after the manner of an Apprentice, to serve the said *Thomas*
Veney from the day of the date hereof

until the said Apprentice arrives to the age of 21 years. During which term
the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, and
his lawful commands at all times readily obey. And the said Master shall use
the best of his endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the
said Apprentice in the trade or mystery of *aplantee*
and procure or provide for him sufficient meat, drink, clothes,
washing and lodging, fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of his ap-
prenticeship; also to teach or cause to be taught, reading, writing, and arith-
metic, as far as the rule of three, and to pay him at the expiration of his ap-
prenticeship the sum of three pounds ten shillings. And for the true perfor-
mance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties
bind themselves, each unto the other, firmly by these presents. In witness
whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto.
Dated the *4th* day of *October* in the year
of our lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and in the
year of American Independence.


Signed, sealed, and delivered }
in the presence of

John New
G. H. Franklin

Smith Blakey Seal
Abham Goddin Seal
Thos Veney Seal
Master

Document 2

Apprenticeship Indenture: Samuel Patterson to John W. Smith, 1817 Nov 13

his Indenture

Made between *E. C. Mayo and Wm. Botwell* Overseers of the poor, for the County of *Henrico* of the one part and *John W. Smith Taylor* of the County of *city Richmond* of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Overseers in pursuance of an order of Court bearing date *November 1817* hath put and bound *Samuel Patterson* a youth to the said *John W. Smith* of the said city to learn the art, trade and mystery of a *Taylor* and after the manner of an Apprentice, to serve the said *John W. Smith* from the day of the date hereof for and during the term of *three years and three months* or until the said Apprentice arrives at the age of *21* years. During which term, the said Apprentice *his said Master* shall faithfully serve, *his* secrets keep, and *his* lawful commands at all times readily obey. And the said *Master* shall use the utmost of *his* endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade or mystery of a *Taylor* and procure or provide for *him* sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing and lodging, fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of *his* Apprenticeship; also to teach or cause to be taught, reading, writing, and arithmetic, as far as the rule of three, and to pay *him* at the expiration of *his* Apprenticeship the sum of ~~three~~ *six* pounds ~~ten~~ *ten* shillings. And for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties bind themselves, each unto the other, firmly by these presents. In witness whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the *thirteenth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *seven* ~~teen~~ and in the *43^d* year of American Independence.

Signed, Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }
Wm. Ellis Jr }
E. C. Mayo }
Wm. Botwell }
John W. Smith }

Document 3 (side 1)

Apprenticeship Indenture: Nathan Lewis to Ephraim Speed, 1820 May 5

This Indenture made this fifth day of May in the year 1820
between Daniel Edwards & Robt Douthat, overseers of the poor
of the county of Henrico of the one part and Ephraim Speed
of the said county of the other part, (Witnesseth that the said
Edwards & Douthat, overseers of the poor as aforesaid
said) by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county
bearing date the 9 day of November 1819. have put placed and
bound and by these presents do put place and bind Nathan
Lewis a free boy of colour of the age of sixteen years to be
an apprentice with him the said Ephraim Speed, and as
an apprentice with him the said Ephraim Speed to dwell
from the date of these presents until the said Nathan
Lewis shall come to the age of twenty-one years, according
to the act of the General assembly in that case made &
provided, By and during all which time and term, the
said Nathan Lewis, shall the said Ephraim Speed, his said
master, well and faithfully serve in all such lawful busi-
ness, as the said Nathan Lewis shall be put to by his said
master, according to the power wit and ability of him the said
Nathan Lewis, And honestly and obediently in all things
shall behave himself towards his said master, and hon-
estly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said
Ephraim Speed, and the said Ephraim Speed for his
part, for himself, his executors and admors, doth hereby pro-
mise and covenant to and with the said overseers of
the poor, and every of them and every of their executors and ad-
mors and their and every of their successors, for the time be-
ing and to and with the said Nathan Lewis, that he

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Apprenticeship Indenture: Nathan Lewis to Ephraim Speed, 1820 May 5

the said Ephraim Speed, shall the said Nathan Lewis in the craft mystery, and occupation of a blacksmith, which he the said Ephraim Speed now uses, after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed and informed, as much as therunto belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth. And that the said Ephraim Speed shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet for an apprentice during the term aforesaid, and will moreover pay to the said Nathan Lewis the sum of twelve dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Ephraim Speed

Ro Doulhat

Deniel Edwards

Document 3 (Transcription)

Apprenticeship Indenture: Nathan Lewis to Ephraim Speed, 1820 May 5

This Indenture made this fifth day of May in the year 1820 between Daniel Edwards & Ro [Robert] Douthat, overseers of the poor for the county of Henrico of the one part and Ephraim Speed of the said county of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Edwards & Douthat overseers of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county bearing date the [blank] day of November 1819, have put placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind Nathan Lewis a free boy of colour of the age of sixteen years to be an apprentice with him the said Ephraim Speed, and as an apprentice with him the said Ephraim Speed to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Nathan Lewis shall come to the age of twenty one years. according to the act of the General Assembly in that case made & provided, By and during all which time and term, the said Nathan Lewis, shall the said Ephraim Speed, his said master, well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business, as the said Nathan Lewis shall be put to by his said master, according to the power wit and ability of him the said Nathan Lewis, and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said Ephraim Speed and the said Ephraim Speed for his part, for himself, his exo'rs and adm'rs, doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said overseers of the poor, and every of them and every of their exo'rs and adm'rs and their and every of their suc[c]essors, for the time being and to and with the said Nathan Lewis, that he

the said Ephraim Speed shall the said Nathan Lewis in the craft mystery and occupation of a black smith, which he the said Ephraim Speed now uses after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed and informed, as much as thereunto belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth. And that the said Ephraim Speed shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing lodging, and all other things needful or meat for an apprentice during the term aforesaid, and will moreover pay to the said Nathan Lewis the sum of twelve Dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term. In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Ephraim Speed (seal)

Ro Douthat (seal)




Daniel Edwards (seal)

Document 4

Apprenticeship Indenture: Richard Wade to Jesse Franklin, 1828 Jan 12

This Indenture, made this 12th day of January
eighteen hundred and 28, between Malachi Tinsley and
Jesse Franklin Overseers of the Poor of Henrico County, of the one part,
and Jesse Franklin of the other part,
Witnesseth, that the said Malachi Tinsley and David Shepherd
Overseers of the Poor as aforesaid, by virtue of an order of the Court of Henrico County, bearing
date the 30th day of October eighteen hundred and 25
have put, placed, and bound, and by these presents do put, place, and bind Richard Wade
of the age of 18 years ^{17th Sept. 1827} years, to be an Apprentice with
him the said Jesse Franklin and as an Apprentice with him the said
Jesse Franklin to dwell from the date of these presents, until
the said Richard Wade shall come to the age of twenty one
years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, by
and during all which time and term, the said Richard Wade shall
the said Jesse Franklin his said Master, well and faith-
fully serve in all such lawful business as the said Richard Wade
shall be put unto by his said Master, according to the power, wit, and ability of him the said
Richard Wade and honestly and obediently in all things shall
behave himself towards his said Master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of
the said Jesse Franklin and that the said Jesse
Franklin for his part, for himself, his executors, and administrators, doth
hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseers of the Poor, and every of them, their and
every of their executors and administrators, and their and every of their successors, for the time being,
and to and with the said Richard Wade that he the said Jesse
Franklin shall the said Richard Wade in
the craft, mystery and occupation of a boot & shoe making
which he the said Jesse Franklin now
with after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform,
or cause to be taught, instructed, and informed, as much thereunto belongeth, or in any way wise ap-
pertaineth, and that the said Jesse Franklin shall also find and allow
unto the said Apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things
needful or meet for an Apprentice, during the term aforesaid; and also, that the said Jesse
Franklin shall teach, or cause to be taught to the said Richard
Wade reading, writing, and common arithmetic, including the rule of three,
and will moreover pay to the said Richard Wade the sum of twelve
dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term.

In Witness Whereof, the parties to these presents, have interchangeably set their hands
and seals the day and year first above written.

Teste,
Malachi Tinsley 
David Shepherd 
Jesse Franklin 




Document 5

Apprenticeship Indenture: Margaret Ford to Patsey Allen, 1828 Jul 3

This Indenture, made this ^{3rd} day of *July* eighteen hundred and *twenty eight*, between *Spotswood Bradley* and *John P. Buxton* Overseers of the Poor of Henrico County, of the one part, and *Patsy Allen* of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Overseers of the Poor as aforesaid, by virtue of an order of the Court of Henrico County, bearing date the _____ day of _____ eighteen hundred and *twenty eight* have put, placed, and bound, and by these presents do put, place, and bind *Margaret Ford* ~~her~~ ^{being} of the age of *twelve* years, to be an Apprentice with ~~him~~ the said *Patsy Allen* and as an Apprentice with ~~him~~ the said *Margaret Ford* to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said *Margaret Ford* shall come to the age of *eighteen* years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, by and during all which time and term, the said *Apprentice her mistress* shall the said *Patsy Allen* ~~his~~ said *Mistress*, well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business, as the said *Apprentice* shall be put unto by ~~his~~ said *Mistress*, according to the power, wit, and ability of ~~him~~ the said *Apprentice her mistress* and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave ~~himself~~ towards ~~his~~ said *Mistress*, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said *Mistress* and that the said *Mistress* ~~and the said~~ ^{her heirs, her} for ~~his~~ part, for ~~himself~~, ~~his~~ executors, and administrators, doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseers of the Poor, and every of them, their and every of their executors and administrators, and their and every of their successors, for the time being, and to and with the said *Margaret Ford* ^{that} ~~the~~ said *Patsy Allen* shall the said *Margaret Ford* her *Apprentice* ^{in the business or occupation of} *House Wifery* after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed, and informed, as much thereunto belongeth, or in any way wise appertaineth, and that the said *Patsy Allen* shall also find and allow unto the said *Apprentice*, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet for an *Apprentice*, during the term aforesaid; and ~~also that the said~~ ^{shall teach, or cause to be taught to the said} ~~reading, writing, and common arithmetic, including the rule of three,~~ and will moreover pay to the said *Margaret Ford* the sum of twelve dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term.

In Witness Whereof, the parties to these presents, have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.




Teste,

Patsy Allen 
Mark
Spotswood Bradley 
James Barker 

Document 6

Apprenticeship Indenture: Elizabeth Isaacks to William O. Tripp, 1828 Sep 4

This Indenture, made this ^{4th} ~~the 4th~~ day of ~~Sept~~ ^{Allen} ~~1828~~ ¹⁸²⁸
eighteen hundred and ~~twenty eight~~ ^{between Christian Allen and James}
~~13~~ ^{Barker} ~~and~~ ^{Overseers of the Poor of Henrico County, of the one part,}
~~Wm O. Tripp~~ ^{of the other part,}
Witnesseth, that the said
Overseers of the Poor as aforesaid, by virtue of an order of the Court of Henrico County, bearing
date the _____ day of _____ eighteen hundred and _____
have put, placed, and bound, and by these presents do put, place, and bind *Elizabeth Isaacks*
being of the age of *twelve* years, to be an Apprentice with
him the said *Wm O. Tripp* and as an Apprentice with him the said
Wm O. Tripp to dwell from the date of these presents, until
the said *Elizabeth Isaacks* shall come to the age of _____
eighteen years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, by
and during all which time and term, the said ~~Apprentice~~ ^{Apprentices} shall
the said *Wm O. Tripp* ~~the~~ said Master, well and faith-
fully serve in all such lawful business as the said ~~Apprentice~~ ^{his}
shall be put unto by ~~the~~ said Master, according to the power, wit, and ability of ~~the~~ said
~~Apprentice~~ ^{her} said ~~Master~~ and honestly and obediently in all things shall
behave himself towards his said Master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of
the said ~~Master~~
for his part, for himself, his executors, and administrators, doth
hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseers of the Poor, and every of them, their and
every of their executors and administrators, and their and every of their successors, for the time being,
and to and with the said *Elizabeth Isaacks* that he the said *Wm O. Tripp*
shall the said *Elizabeth Isaacks* ~~his~~
Apprentice in the business or occupation of House
Wifery after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform,
or cause to be taught, instructed, and informed, as much thereunto belongeth, or in any way wise ap-
pertaineth, and that the said *Wm O. Tripp* shall also find and allow
unto the said Apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things
needful or meet for an Apprentice, during the term aforesaid; ~~and also, that the said~~
~~shall teach, or cause to be taught to the said~~
~~reading, writing, and common arithmetic, including the rules of three,~~
and will moreover pay to the said *Elizabeth Isaacks* the sum of twelve
dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term.
In Witness Whereof, the parties to these presents, have interchangeably set their hands
and seals the day and year first above written.

Teste,
William O. Tripp 
Spotswood Bradley 
Christian Allen 

Document 7 (side 2)

Apprenticeship Indenture: Beverley to James O'Brine, 1832 Jun 14 (Order 1830 Jan 4)

Overseers of the
poor -
To
James O'Brine
Indenture
of
Apprenticeship

1830

In Amrico County Court Jan'y 4th 1830
Ordered that the Overseers of the poor of this
County bind out Beverley a free boy of Colour
to James O'Brine until he shall arrive at the
age of twenty one years according to law, the Court
adjudging the said Beverley to be five years of
age on april next.

A Copy Teste
Chas. Willis D.C.

Document 7 (Transcription)

Apprenticeship Indenture: Beverley to James O'Brine, 1832 Jun 14 (Order 1830 Jan 4)

THIS INDENTURE, made between Thos. S [Dirken? Dickenson?] and John L Bowles Overseers of the Poor for the County of Henrico of the one part, and James OBrine of the County of Henrico of the other part: Witnesseth, that the said Overseers, in pursuance of an order of court, bearing date the 4th January 1830 hath put and bound Beverly, a free boy of Colour to the said James OBrine to learn the art, trade and mystery of farming and after the manner of an Apprentice to serve the said James OBrine from the date of this Indenture or until the said Apprentice arrives at the age of twenty one years during the whole of which term, the said Apprentice shall the said James OBrine faithfully serve his secrets keep, and all his lawful commands at all times readily obey. And the said James OBrine shall use the utmost of his endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade of mystery of farming. And procure or provide for Beverly sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing and lodging fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of his Apprenticeship; And to pay Beverly at the expiration of his Apprenticeship, the sum of three pounds ten shillings. and for the due performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the 14th day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two and in the 56th year of American Independence.

Thos T [Dirken? Dicken?] (SEAL)

Jno L Bowles (SEAL)

James OBrine (SEAL)

(SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of }

In Henrico County Court Jany 4th 1830 Ordered that the Overseers of the Poor of this County bind out Beverley a free boy of Colour to James OBrine until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years according to law, the Court adjudging the said Beverley to be five years of age in April next.

A copy

Teste

Chas Wills D. C.

Document 8

Apprenticeship Indenture: William Isaac to Charles Purcell, 1834 Apr 25

THIS INDENTURE, made between *William M. Sutton and Edmund Redd* — Overseers of the Poor for the County of *Henrico* — of the one part, and *Charles Purcell* of said County — of the other part : Witnesseth, that the said Overseers, in pursuance of an order of court, bearing date *April 9th 1834* — hath put and bound *William Isaac* aged *thirteen years* — to the said *Charles Purcell* — to learn the art, trade and mystery of *house painting* — and after the manner of an Apprentice to serve the said *Charles Purcell* — from the date of *this Indenture* — until the said Apprentice arrives at the age of *Twenty one years* — during the whole of which term, the said Apprentice shall *from the said Charles Purcell* — faithfully serve *his* secrets keep, and all *his* lawful commands at all times readily obey. And the said *Charles Purcell* — shall use the utmost of *his* endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade or mystery of *house painting* —

And procure or provide for *him* sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing and lodging fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of *his* Apprenticeship; also, to teach, or cause to be taught *him* reading, writing and arithmetic, as far as the Rule of Three. And to pay *him* at the expiration of *his* Apprenticeship, the sum of three pounds ten shillings. And for the due performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the *25th* day of *April* — in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and *thirty four* and in the *55th* year of American Independence.

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

William M. Sutton (SEAL.)
Edmund Redd (SEAL.)
Charles Purcell (SEAL.)
(SEAL.)

thirty four

Document 9

Apprenticeship Indenture: Jesse Clarke to Frederick A. Mayo, 1834 Mar 19

THIS INDENTURE, made between *William J. Gunn, and Robert Pickett* " " Overseers of the Poor for the County of *Henrico* " " of the one part, and *Frederick A. Mayo*, of the County of *Henrico* " " of the other part : Witnesseth, that the said Overseers, in pursuance of an order of court, bearing date *March the 5th 1835* hath put and bound *Jesse Clarke an Orphan Boy nine years old* " " to the said *Frederick A. Mayo* " " " " to learn the art, trade and mystery of *Book binding* " " " " and after the manner of an Apprentice to serve the said *Frederick A. Mayo* " " " " from the *19th of March 1835* " " " " or until the said Apprentice arrives at the age of *twenty one years* " " " " during the whole of which term, the said Apprentice shall ~~him~~ the said *Frederick A. Mayo*, faithfully serve his ~~secrets~~ keep, and all ~~his~~ lawful commands at all times readily obey. And the said *Frederick A. Mayo* " " " " shall use the utmost of ~~his~~ endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade or mystery of *Book binding* " " " "

And procure or provide for ~~him~~ sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing and lodging fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of ~~his~~ Apprenticeship; also, to teach, or cause to be taught ~~him~~ reading, writing and arithmetic, as far as the Rule of Three. And to pay ~~him~~ at the expiration of ~~his~~ Apprenticeship, the sum of three pounds ten shillings. And for the due performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the *19* day of *March* in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty *1835* and in the *5th* year of *James Monroe*

Signer: seated and departed }
in the presence of }

Wm J Gunn (SEAL.)
Ro. Pickett (SEAL.)
F. A. Mayo (SEAL.)

Document 10

Apprenticeship Indenture: Thomas Spurlock to Nathaniel Crow, 1842 Dec 12

This Indenture, made this 12th day of December eighteen hundred and ~~Forty two~~ ^{Forty two}, between ~~Nicholas Ware and P. Muscu~~ ^{Nicholas Ware and P. Muscu} Overseers of the poor of Henrico County, of the one part, and ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} of the other part, **Witnesseth**, that the said ~~Nicholas Ware & P. Muscu~~ ^{Nicholas Ware & P. Muscu} Overseers of the Poor as aforesaid, by virtue of an order of the Court of Henrico County, bearing date the 5th day of December eighteen hundred and ~~Forty two~~ ^{Forty two} have put, placed, and bound, and by these presents do put, place, and bind ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} a free boy of the age of ~~eighteen~~ ^{eighteen} years, to be an Apprentice with him the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} and as an Apprentice with him the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} shall come to the age of ~~twenty one~~ ^{twenty one} years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, by and during all which time and term, the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} shall the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} his said Master, well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} shall be put unto by his said Master, according to the power, wit, and ability of him the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said Master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} and that the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} for his part, for himself, his executors, and administrators, doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseers of the Poor, and every of them, their and every of their executors and administrators, and their and every of their successors, for the time being, and to and with the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} - that he the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} shall the said ~~Thomas Spurlock~~ ^{Thomas Spurlock} learn the trade of a Carpenter after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed, and informed, as much thereunto belongeth, or in any way wise appertaineth, and that the said ~~Nathaniel D. Crow~~ ^{Nathaniel D. Crow} shall also find and allow unto the said Apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet for an Apprentice during the term aforesaid; and also, ~~that he shall pay the sum of twenty five dollars for the~~ ^{shall teach and cause to be taught to the said} ~~reading, writing, and common arithmetic, including the rule of three, and will moreover pay to the said~~ ^{apprentice} ~~services of said boy according to the~~ ^{and shall pay to the said} ~~dollars at the expiration of the term said term.~~ ^{to him in such cases made & provided}

In Witness Whereof, the parties to these presents, have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Teste,

Nicholas Ware
P. Muscu
Nathaniel D. Crow

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Apprenticeship Indenture: Thomas Spurlock to Nathaniel Crow, 1842 Dec 12

This Indenture, made this 12th day of December eighteen hundred and Forty two, between Nicholas Ware and J B Keesee Overseers of the poor of Henrico County, of the one part, and Nathaniel Q. Crow of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Nicholas Ware & JB Keesee Overseers of the Poor as aforesaid, by virtue of an order of the Court of Henrico County, bearing date the 5th day of December eighteen hundred and Forty two have put, placed, and bound, and by these presents do put, place, and bind Thomas Spurlock a free boy of colour of the age of eighteen years, to be an Apprentice with him the said Nathaniel Q. Crow and as an Apprentice with him the said Nathaniel Q. Crow to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said Thomas Spurlock shall come to the age of twenty one years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, by and during all which time and term, the said Thomas Spurlock shall the said Nathaniel Q. Crow his said Master, well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as the said Thomas Spurlock shall be put unto by his said Master, according to the power, wit, and ability of him the said Thomas Spurlock and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said Master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said Nathaniel Q. Crow and that the said Nathaniel Q. Crow for his part, for himself, his executors, and administrators, doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseers of the Poor, and every of them, their and every of their executors and administrators, and their and every of their successors, for the time being, and to and with the said Thomas Spurlock that he the said Nathaniel Q. Crow shall the said Thomas Spurlock, Learn the trade of a Carpenter after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed, and informed, as much thereunto belongeth, or in any way wise appertaineth, and that the said Nathaniel Q. Crow shall also find and allow unto the said Apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet for an Apprentice during the term aforesaid; and also, to pay the sum of twenty five dollars per annum for the services of said boy according to Law in such cases made & provided.

In Witness Whereof, the parties to these presents, have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. Nicholas [Ware? Ward?] (SEAL)

JB Keesee (SEAL)

Nath'l Q. Crow (SEAL)

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