

This indenture witnesseth, that I Jacob Riffe one of the overseers of the poor for parish and county of Rockingham in the State of Virginia by virtue of an order of court, made the July court one thousand seven hundred and ninety six do put and bind Agnes Gum, orphan of Norton Gum aged twelve years the eleventh day of this instant June, apprentice to John Vance of the same county, to serve him in said county until she arrives at the age of eighteen years during which term the said apprentice her said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands every obey, she shall do no damage to her said master nor willfully suffer it to be done by others, she shall neither buy nor sell without her said masters leave, fornication she shall not commit, matrimony she shall not contract, at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game she shall not play, nor haunt alehouses, taverns, or playhouses; she shall not waste her said masters goods, nor lend them to any without his consent but in allthings behave hereof as good and faithful servant or apprentice out to do.

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure for said apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel fitting for such apprentice, during the said term and teach the said apprentice to read and write a tolerable hand, to knit, sew and spin and at the expiration of said term, pay, or cause to be paid to said apprentice the freedom dues customary for such apprentice.

In witness whereof each partie bind themselves to the other firmly by these presents. Sealed with their seals, this twenty fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of ----