

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH,

THAT *Matthias Laver* an Overseer of the poor of *Rockingham County*
by an Order of the said County Court to me directed

~~put himself~~, and by these Presents, I do bind out *Ann Taylor*

and she doth Voluntarily, and

of her own free Will and Accord, ~~put himself~~ ~~Apprentice to~~ ~~doth~~, also
put herself Apprentice to *George Spears* senior of said County

to learn ~~the~~ ~~Trade and~~ ~~Mystery~~; and after the Manner of an Ap-

prentice, to serve the said *George Spears* ~~by his Wife~~

from the Day of the Date hereof, for, and during, and unto the full End

and Term of *Eight Years* ~~until the same shall be fully expired~~

during all which Term the said Apprentice ~~her~~ said Master faithfully

shall serve, his Secrets keep, his lawful Commands at all Times readily

Obey: ~~she~~ shall do no Damage to ~~her~~ said Master, nor see it to be done

by others, without giving Notice thereof to ~~her~~ said Master: ~~she~~ shall

not waste ~~her~~ said Master's Goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any: ~~she~~

shall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the said

Term. At Cards, Dice, or any other unlawful Game, ~~she~~ shall not play,

whereby ~~her~~ said Master may have Damage. With ~~her~~ own Goods, nor

the Goods of others, without License from ~~her~~ Matter, ~~she~~ shall not buy

nor sell. ~~she~~ shall not absent ~~her~~ self Day or Night from ~~her~~ said Master's

Service, without his Leave, nor haunt Alehouses, Taverns, or Playhouses,

but in all Things behave ~~her~~ self as a faithful Apprentice ought to do,

during the said Term. And the said Master shall use the utmost of his

Endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Ap-

prentice, in the Trade or Mystery of *Sewing, knitting, spinning* &

to learn to read the Bible well and to give her a sufficient

suit of Freedom Clothes or Three pounds, ten shillings Currency

and procure or provide for ~~her~~ sufficient Meat, Drink, Clothes, Washing

and Lodging, fitting for an Apprentice, during the said Term of *Eight*

Years as aforesaid

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

fifteenth Day of *March* — in the Year of our Lord

One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Ninety one* — and in the

fifteenth Year of the Commonwealth.

Sealed and Delivered

in the Presence of

Benjamins

John Spears

David Spears

George Spears
his mark

Matthias Laver

*From Jasper
Dunkinnes
13th March 1791*