

This indenture witnesseth that I John Lincoln, one of the overseers of the poor for the County of Rockingham in the state of Virginia by an order of the said county court held the fourth Monday in January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, hath and by these presents doth put and bind Rachal Safly, base born child of Barbara Safly to the aged of ten years the fifteenth day of October last past... Apprentice to Martin Shomaker, of the same place to serve him in the said county until she arrives at the age of eighteen years during all which term the said apprentice her said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands everywhere obey; she shall do no damage to her said master, no 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, a cards dice or any other unlawful game she shall not play, with her own goods, nor haunt alehouses, taverns, or plahouses; she shall not waste her said masters goods, nor lend them to any without his consent; she shall not absent herself by day nor night from her said masters service, without his leave, but in all things behave herself as a good and faithful servant, or apprentice aught to do.

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

In witness whereof each fo the parties bind themselves to the other. Sealed with their seals this twenty fourth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Signed, sealed, delivered in the presence of John Fitzwater Jacob Bowman