

This Indenture Made  
The 7 day of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand Eight hundred and fortytwo between  
Abraham Byrd Overseer of the poor for the first  
District of the said County of Rockingham of the  
one part and David Sipe of said County of the  
Other part Witnesseth that the said Abraham Byrd  
Overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an  
Order of the Court of the aforesaid County bearing  
date fifteenth of September 1842 have put place  
and bound and by these presents do put place and  
bind Mary Jane Johnston Girl of Colour aged of  
Seven years to be an apprentice with him the said  
David Sipe and as an apprentice with him the said  
David Sipe to dwell from the date of these presents  
Untill the said Mary Jane Johnston shall attain  
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  
Mary Jane Johnston shall the said David Sipe her  
said master well and faithfully serve in all  
Such Lawfull Buissness as the said Mary Jane John-  
-ston shall be put unto by her said Master accord-  
-ing to the power wit and ability of her the said Mary  
Jane Johnston and honestly and obediently in all  
things shall behave her self to wards her said Master  
and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the

Mary J. Johnston

Indenture

Made in 1842

Mary Jane Johnston



Said David Sipes, and the said David Sipe for his  
part for himself his Executors & administrators doth  
Hereby promise and Covenant to and with the said over-  
seers of the poor and Every of them their and Every of their  
Executors and administrators and their & Every of their  
Successors for the time being and to and with said Mary  
Jane Johnston, that he the said David Sipe shall  
instruct the said Mary Jane Johnston in the art  
of Spinning and housewifery and that the said  
David Sipe shall also find and allow unto the said  
Apprentice sufficient meat drink washing Lodging and  
all other things Needfull or meet for an apprentice  
During the term aforesaid and also that the said David  
Sipe shall pay to the said Overseers of the poor for  
the Benefit of Angelina Johnston Mother of said  
Girl Forty dollars and 82 cents to be paid as follows  
in ten anual payments of four dollars & 8 cents from  
the date of this presents and Moreover pay the said  
Mary Jane Johnston the sum of four dollars & 8 cents  
at the Expiration of the aforesaid term in witness  
Whereof the parties have interchangeably set their  
hands and seals to these presents the day and year first  
Above written

David Sipe Seal  
Abraham Byrd Seal