

This indenture made this first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and in the twentieth year of the independence of the United States of America between Samuel McWilliams overseers of the poor in the county Rockingham on the one part and Mark Newland of the said county of the other part witnesseth that the said Samuel McWilliams overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of court of the aforesaid county bearing date the 27th day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six have put placed and bond by these presents do put place and bind Mary Downey a poor child whose parents William Downey and Mary Downey are not able to maintain her of age of ten years the thirteenth day of March last to be an apprentice with him the said Mark Newland as an apprentice with him the said Mark Newland to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Mary Downey shall come to the age of eighteen years according to the act of general assembly in that case made and provided during all which time and term the said Mary Downey shall the said Mark Newland her said master well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as the said Mary Downey shall be put unto by her said master according to the wit power and ability of her the said Mary Downey. Honestly and obediently in all things shall behave herself towards her said master. Honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said Mark Newland. And the said Mark Newland for his part for himself his executors and administrators doth hereby promise and covenant with the said overseer of the poor and ever of them their every cessors for the time being said and with the said Mary Downey in the business of sewing, spinning, and knitting shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the best way and manner that he can and that the said Mark Newland shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat drink apparel washing lodging and all other things needful or necessary for an apprentice during the term aforesaid and also the said Mark Newland shall teach or cause to be taught to the said Mary Downey reading, writing, and common arithmatick including the rule of three and will moreover pay to the said Mary Downey the sum of twelve dollars at the expiration of the said term. In witness whereof the parties to these presents indentures have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day of year above written.