

Del. to James Hooker Oct. 11th 1852.

Dail & Algernon Thomas, Justices of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County who have testified their assent by Witnessing this Indenture, that I will take as apprentices Negroes Anna Maria Styles & William Styles, who is now before the said Justices, and the said Anna Maria being of the age of eleven years, and William being of the age of eight years, the said Anna Maria to serve me as an apprentice untill she attains the age of sixteen years, and the said William being of the age of eight years to serve me as an apprentice untill he attains the age of twenty one years, and I agree to furnish & provide for said apprentices good & sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing, lodging and other requisite necessaries fitting for an apprentice and to teach the said Anna Maria Styles the business of House Wifery, and the said William Styles the business of a Farmer, and when the said Anna Maria is free to give her freedom dues ten dollars, and when the said William is free to give him the sum of fifteen dollars, current money, as freedom dues. As witness my hand & seal this 23rd September 1850.

Witness Thomas Burwood }
John W. Dail } Justices of the
Algernon Thomas } Orphans Court.

James Hooker (Seal)

Thomas Willis }
Ex. from } 50. }
John Styles }
Be it remembered & it is hereby certified that the following Indenture was recorded on the 23rd day of September in the year 1850, To Wit:

This Indenture Witnesseth that in virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed December Session Eighteen hundred & thirty nine, Chapter 35 entitled "An Act to provide for the better regulation of free Negroes & Mulatto Children within this State", J. Thomas Willis have agreed in presence of Thomas Burwood, John W. Dail and Algernon Thomas, Justices of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County, who have testified their assent by Witnessing this Indenture, that I will take as apprentice Negro Boy John Styles aged six years to serve me as an apprentice untill he attains the age of twenty one years, and I agree to furnish & provide for said apprentice good and sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing, lodging and other requisite necessaries fitting for an apprentice, and to teach the said John the business of a Farmer, and when the said John arrives at the age of twenty one years to give him the sum of Ten dollars as freedom dues. As witness my hand and seal this 23rd September 1850.

Del. to Tho Willis May 26th 1851.

Justices of the Orphans Court
Thomas Burwood
John W. Dail - Algernon Thomas.

Thomas Willis (Seal)