Indenture of Samuel Turner Henry Colbert, Overseer of the Poor to Brenton Binding on Apprentice

This Indenture made this 4th day of June 1874 between Henry Colbert overseer of the poor of the County of Prince William and Hampton Brenton farmer of the other part Witnesseth: that the said Henry Colbert overseer of the poor as aforesaid acting with the allowance and approbation of the County Court of Prince William County and in pursuance of an order of the said Court to the effect made and entered into on the 4th day of June 1873, have put and bound and do by these presents put and bind Samuel Turner an orphan child of Amanda Turner to learn the trade art and business of a farmer. Said Samuel Turner being a boy child of 2 years old (and would have to be assisted by the Overseer of the Poor if he were not bound out as such apprentice) is by this indenture bound as an apprentice to the said Hampton Brenton to learn the art and business of a farmer and with him to live and remain and serve until he the said Samuel Turner shall attain his full age of twenty one years during all of which time he the said Samuel Turner, his master shall faithfully serve and obey, his secrets keep and his lawful commands willingly obey and perform and shall not absent himself from the services of his said master day or night without his leave, but shall in all things, as a faithful apprentice behave himself to his master and all his family during the said term. And the said Hampton Brenton in consideration of the faithful service to be performed by the said Samuel Turner, doth hereby covenant and promise and agree with the said Overseer of the poor and his successors in office that he the said Hampton Brenton, his said apprentice in the art and mystery of a farmer, shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed in the best manner that he can, and shall and will provide and allow unto the said apprentice during all the said term competent and sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, apparel, and other things necessary for the said apprentice. And the said Hampton Brenton doth covenant and agree with the said Overseer of the Poor and his successors in office during the said term, that he the said Hampton Brenton shall and will teach or cause the said apprentice to be taught reading, writing, and common arithmetic as far as the rule of three.

In witness whereof the said Overseer of the Poor and the said Hampton Brenton have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and affixed their seals this 4th day of June 1874.

Henry Colbert Overseer of the Poor (seal)