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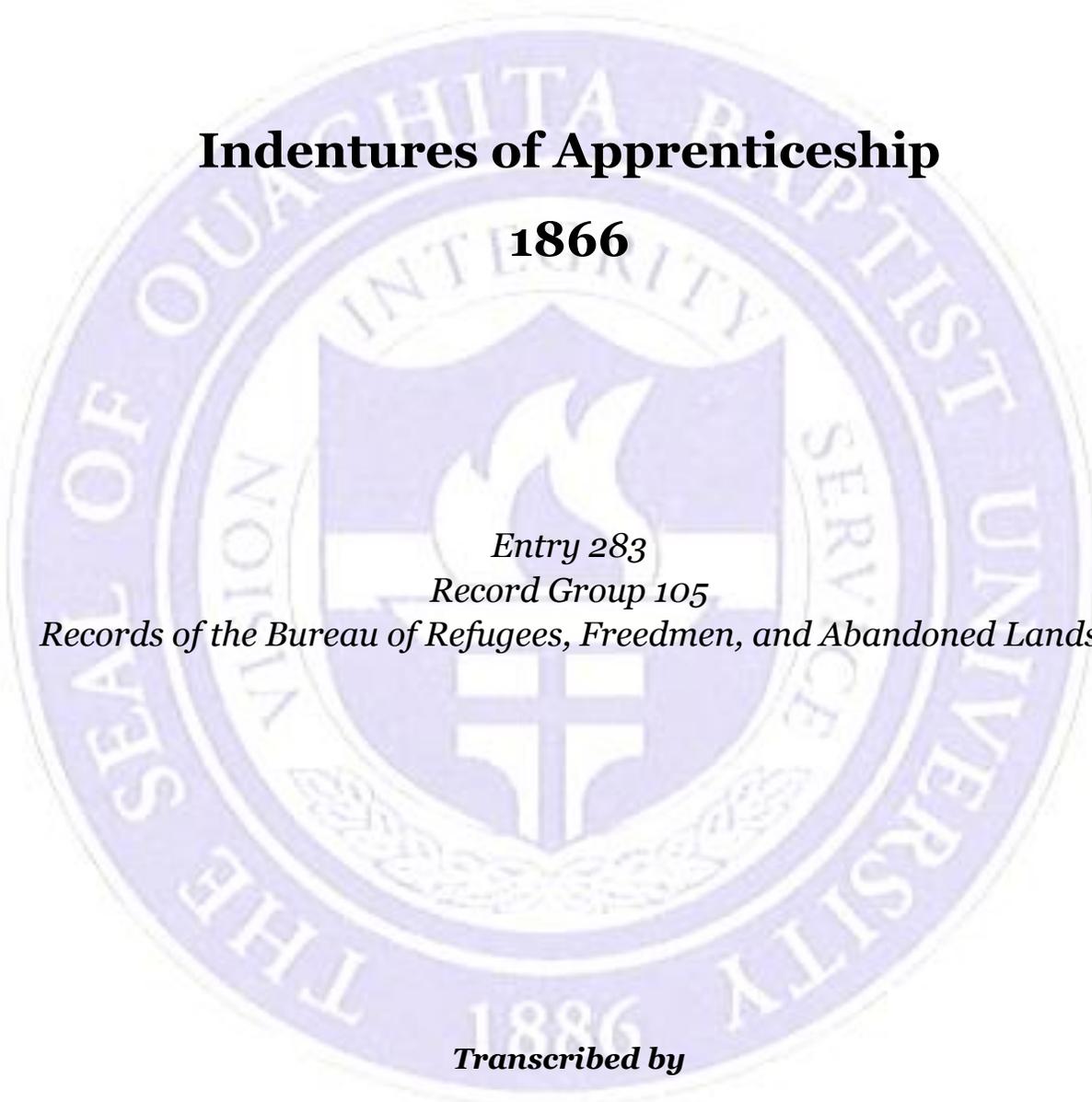
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Indentures of Apprenticeship

1866

Entry 283

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Office, Superintendent Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
District of Arkadelphia
Arkadelphia, Arkansas
January 29th 1866

Britton, William A.
Superintendent, Refugees & Freedmen

Indentures of apprenticeship between W. J. Browning and Cymantha May

Fees paid

This Indenture witnesses that W.A. Britton, Superintendent, Freedmen, District Arkadelphia, Arkansas, appointed Guardian of orphan minors, colored, by Commissioner, Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, hereby binds Cymantha May, aged six years, as an apprentice to W.J. Browning from this date until she is of lawful age as prescribed by the Statutes of Arkansas. Said Cymantha is to render good and faithful service, be obedient and respectful at all times. Said W.J. Browning is to furnish her with good and sufficient food, lodging, and clothing, and everything necessary in sickness and health, and send her to school 3 months in each year, or teach her to read, write, and cipher to Rule of Three, and at the end of her term of service give her \$50.00 for her own special use and benefit.

Provided that existing statute laws of Arkansas applicable to minor orphans, white, shall be extended to the colored, in accordance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D.C., October 4th, 1865, signed, O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this January 29th 1866.

W. A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees and Freedmen
W. J. Browning

Witnesses
W. H. Crump
A. Mizell

[Written across document] Not in compliance to General Orders of Commissioners.
Void. A.E. Habicht. July 20th 1868.

Office, Superintendent Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
District of Arkadelphia
Arkadelphia, Arkansas
January 29th 1866

Britton, William A.
Superintendent, Refugees & Freedmen

Indenture of apprenticeship between James L. Witherspoon and Joseph Clayborn

Fees paid

Cancelled 1867

This Indenture witnesseth that W.A. Britton, Superintendent of Freedmen in the District of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and appointed Guardian of Orphan Minors, Colored, by Commissioner, Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, hereby bind Joseph Clayborn, aged sixteen (16) years, as an apprentice from this date until of lawful age as prescribed by the Statutes of the State of Arkansas. The said Joseph Clayborn is to serve as an apprentice for and under James L. Witherspoon, to render good and faithful service, obey all lawful commands, and at all times to behave respectfully. Said James L. Witherspoon on his part is responsible and shall provide for the said apprentice, good and sufficient food, clothing, and lodging, and every thing necessary in sickness and in health. Also send him to school one fourth of each year or secure him such education as is specified by the Statutes of Arkansas for apprentices, and at the expiration of his term of service, give the said apprentice one horse, bridle, and saddle.

Provided that existing statute laws of the State of Arkansas applicable to Minor Orphans, white, shall be extended to the same, colored. In accordance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D.C., October 4th, 1865, signed, O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this January 29th 1866.

W. A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees and Freedmen
James L. Witherspoon

Witness
W. H. Crump

[Written across document] Cancelled by mutual causes of both parties this 18th day of November 1867. A.E. Habicht, Agent, Clark County.

Clark County, Arkansas
March 15, 1866

Indenture

John Shackelford apprenticed to R. E. Reames

State of Arkansas
County of Clark

Know all men by these Presents,

That we, R.E. Reames as Principal, are held and firmly bound unto W.A. Britton as Guardian for John Shackelford (colored orphan) in the just and full sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, for the well and true payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents; signed, sealed and delivered, this 15th day of March, A.D. 1866:

The condition of the above obligation is such that, Whereas, the said R.E. Reames has this day entered into an Indenture with the said W.A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, as aforesaid, for the apprenticeship of certain colored boy named John Shackelford, and aged ten years: now if the said R.E. Reames, his heirs, Executors and Administrators, shall well and truly comply with and fulfill all and each of his covenants and undertakings, in said Indenture of apprenticeship, then this bond is to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

R. E. Reames
B. L. Watkins
T. B. Sloan

Revenue Stamp of \$2.50 acquired

Headquarters, Southwest District, Arkansas
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Washington, Arkansas, April 19, 1866

Respectfully forwarded to General Sprague, Assistant Commissioner. Approved
E. W. Gantt, General Superintendent Southwest District, Arkansas

State of Arkansas
County of Clark

This indenture, made this 15th day of March, A.D. 1866, by and between William A. Britton, Superintendent Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, and R.E. Reames of Clark County, State of Arkansas, Witnesseth, That the said W.A. Britton in consideration of the covenants and undertakings of the said R.E. Reames hereafter mentioned, doth hereby place, bind and indent one colored child, aged ten years, named John Shackelford, to and with the said R.E. Reames to dwell with and serve him as apprentice from the ensembling hereof, until the said apprentice shall have arrived at the age of 21 years. And the said W.A. Britton, as aforesaid, does hereby covenant that the said John Shackelford shall well and faithfully serve the said R.E. Reames and shall give and devote his whole time and labor; and that he shall conduct himself in a sober, temperate, honest and industrious manner:

And the said R.E. Reames for his heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth hereby covenant with W.A. Britton for the apprentice as aforesaid, that he will, during the time aforesaid, constantly supply the said apprentice with good and sufficient food, lodging and clothing, and all other things suitable in sickness and in health, and send him to school three months each year, that he will give him the sum of one hundred fifty dollars and a suit of clothes upon his arriving to the years of his majority or become of age; and that he will, as far as in him lies, train him up in habits of industry, temperance, and virtue.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year above written.

W. A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

R. E. Reames

Signed and Sealed in the presence of
J. H. Wiggins, clerk

The Assistant Commissioner's approval required

This Indenture witnesses that W.A. Britton, Superintendent of Freedmen, District of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Guardian of minor orphans, colored, appointed by Commissioner of Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, hereby binds Jane Lee, a colored orphan 15 years of age, as an apprentice to J.R. Lee from this date until she is of lawful age as prescribed by the Statutes of the State of Arkansas. Said Jane Lee is to render to said J.R. Lee good and faithful service, obey and respect him at all times. Said J.R. Lee is to furnish her with good and sufficient food, lodging, and clothing, and everything necessary in sickness and in health, and send her to school at least one fourth of her time in each year, and train her up in habits of industry, temperance, and virtue, and at the end of her term of service, give her \$50.00 for her own special use and benefit.

Provided, that existing statute laws of the State of Arkansas, applicable to minor orphans, white, shall be extended to the colored, in accordance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D.C., October 4th, 1865, signed, O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this January 11th 1866.

W. A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees and Freedmen

J. R. Lee

Witness

W. H. Crump

[Written across document] Jane Lee left the premises of J.R. Lee and this obligation to be null and void from and after date, April 26th 1867.

A.E. Habict, Agent, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Office, Superintendent Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
District of Arkadelphia
Arkadelphia, Arkansas
January 15th 1866

Britton, William A.
Superintendent, Refugees & Freedmen

Indentures of apprenticeship between C. P. Draper and Ann Jones and Willis Jones

Fees paid

Cancelled May 1867
A. E. Habicht, Agent

This Indenture witnesses that W.A. Britton, Superintendent Freedmen, District Arkadelphia, Guardian of minor orphans, colored, appointed by Commissioner Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, does hereby bind Ann Jones, 12 years of age, and Willis Jones, 4 years of age (with the consent of their mother Betsy Malone Jones, a crippled pauper, colored) to C.P. Draper, from this date until they are of lawful age as prescribed by the Statutes of the State of Arkansas. Said apprentices are to render good and faithful service to said C.P. Draper, and be obedient and respectful to him. Said C.P. Draper is to furnish them with good and sufficient food, lodging, and clothing, and everything necessary in sickness and in health, and send them to school at least one fourth of their time in each year, and train them up in habits of industry, temperance, and virtue, and at the end of their term of service, give said Ann \$50.00 and to said Willis, one horse, saddle, and bridle, for their own special use and benefit.

Provided, that existing statute laws of the State of Arkansas, applicable to white children, orphans, shall be extended to the colored, in accordance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D.C., October 4th, 1865, signed, O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this January 15th 1866.

W. A. Britton, Superintendent, Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands

C. P. Draper

Witnesses
W. H. Crump
John Martin

Office, Superintendent Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
District of Arkadelphia
Arkadelphia, Arkansas
January 16th 1866

Britton, William A.
Superintendent, Refugees & Freedmen

Indentures of Apprenticeship between Daniel E. Jones and Essec, Nancy, and Richard Jones

Fees paid

Cancelled January 2, 1868
A. E. Habicht
Agent, Clark County

This Indenture witnesses that W.A. Britton, Superintendent Freedmen, District Arkadelphia, Guardian, minor orphans, colored, and appointed as such by Commissioner Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, hereby binds Essec Jones, 14 years old; Nancy Jones, 12 years old; Richard Jones, 9 years old, as apprentices to Daniel Jones, to him render good and faithful service from this date until they are of lawful age as prescribed by the Statutes of the State of Arkansas, and be obedient and respectful to him. Said Daniel Jones is to furnish them with good and sufficient food, lodging, and clothing, and everything necessary in sickness and in health, and send them to school at least one fourth of their time in each year or teach them to read, write, and cipher, and train them up in habits of industry, temperance, and virtue, and at the end of their term of service, give said Nancy \$50.00 and Essec and Richard each, one horse, saddle, and bridle, for their own special use and benefit. All of which is done with the free will and consent of their mother, Caroline Jones, who acknowledges herself not to be capable of providing for them. Provided that existing statute laws of the State of Arkansas, applicable to white orphans, shall be extended to the colored, in accordance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D.C., October 4th, 1865, signed, O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

In witness whereof said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this January 15th 1866.

W. A. Britton
Superintendent, Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Daniel E. Jones

Witnesses
W. H. Crump
R. R. Jones