

[A corner of this indenture is missing including the year of the indenture and one of the overseers' names. We believe that Jane was born in 1773 and have assumed that the apprenticeship began sometime in the 1780s.]

Apprenticeship Indenture Jane Southcombe 178x

This Indenture, made the Tenth Day of April in the [...] Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Geo[rge] the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; and in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and *[unspecified]* Witnesseth that Thomas Pengelly[?] Church-Warden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon And William [...] and John Corry Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place Jane Southcombe a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to William Martin for a Tenement called South Breshill with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish her full Age of Twenty One Years or be married according to the Statute in that Case made and provided. During all which Term the said Apprentice her said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Business, according to her Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all Things demean and behave herself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said William Martin for himself, his Executors and Administrators doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers , and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, that the said William Martin the said Apprentice in housewifery shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught & instructed And shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any way a Charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term. In Witness whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the day and year above-written. [signed]
William Martin

Sealed and delivered in the presence of [signed] W[illia]m Baker Juner John Baker

We whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, (one whereof is of the Quorum) do consent to the putting forth of the abovesaid Jane Southcombe Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of the above Indenture. [signed] Geo[rge] Bickford Tho[ma]s Pearce Hockin

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino

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