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Elizabeth Ann Merriman to Luther Humphrey

This Indenture Witnesseth that we Oliver Hotchkiss  
Isa Wilmoll and Stephen Ford of Burton in  
the County of Geauga and State of Ohio being  
Justices of said township and being authorized and  
required by the statute law of said state by and  
with the assent of a justice of the peace to bind  
out any orphan destitute child or the child  
of any poor person who shall not provide for  
such <sup>child</sup> as a servant or apprentice to any suit-  
able person who may be willing take such child  
do therefore by these presents by and with the advice  
and consent of John Cook a Justice of the peace  
for said township, put place bind out Elizabeth  
Ann Merriman a female and infant child of  
age of seven years on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of december last  
supposed daughter of Ezra Merriman  
of said township and who does not take care of  
provided for his said child unto Luther Hum-  
phrey of said township, with him to live and him  
faithfully to serve untill she shall arrive at the  
the age of eighteen years which will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
day of december in the year of our Lord 1835 all  
which time she the said Elizabeth her said master fai-  
thfully shall serve and shall obey all his lawful  
commands and the said Luther Humphrey  
covenant and agree with the trustees for the  
being and their successors in said office that  
they will provide for the said Elizabeth Ann  
sufficient meat drink, washing, lodging clothing  
and physic during said term and that he will  
teach or cause said Elizabeth Ann to be taught  
and instructed to read and write and so much  
arithmetic as to include the single rule of three

At the end and expiration of said term of service that  
 he will furnish said Elizabeth Ann with a new  
 bible two suits of common wearing apparel and a  
 cow. For the faithful performance whereof the said  
 parties have hereunto set their hands and  
 seals this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1825  
 Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of  
 Peter Hitchcock  
 Simon Rose

Oliver Hitchcock  
 Maria Willmot  
 Stephen Ford  
 Luther Humphrey

Trustees  
 of the  
 Township  
 of Burton

State of Ohio }  
 auga County } The foregoing indenture  
 made and entered into by my  
 assent advice and approbation

Burton 7 March A.D. 1825

John Cook Justice of the Peace

Recorded July 13-1825 Edward Paine Secy