

Hannah Merriman to Rufus Hoagley

This Indenture ~~made~~ Witnesseth that we Oliver
Holchless (sa Willmott and Stephen Ford of Bur-
ton in the County of Geauga and State of Ohio
Trustees of said township being authorised and re-
quired ^{by the} Statute law of said State by and with
the assent of a Justice of the peace to bind
any orphan destitute child or the child of a
poor person who shall not provide for the said
child as a servant or apprentice to any such
person who shall be willing to take such child
therefore by these presents by and with the advice
and consent of John Cook a justice of the peace
for the said township put place and bind out
Hannah Merriman a female and

infant child of the age of sixteen years on the seventh day of June last past as is supposed daughter of Ezra Meniman of said township a poor person who does not take care of nor provide for his said child unto Rufus Hoadley of said township with him to live and him faithfully to serve until she shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years which will be on the 17th day of June in the year of our lord 1825 all which time ~~she~~ shall she the said Hannah her said master faithfully shall serve and shall obey all his lawful commands and the said Rufus Hoadley doth covenant with the said trustees for the time being and their successors in said office that he will provide for the said Hannah sufficient meat drink washing lodging clothing and physic during said term and that he will teach or cause said Hannah to be taught to read and write and so much arithmetic as will include the single rule of three and at the end and expiration of said term of service that he will furnish the said Hannah with a new bible and at least two ~~new~~ suits of common wearing apparel and in addition thereto will pay to the said Hannah such an amount as including the value of said two suits of wearing apparel and new bible shall constitute the sum of thirty five dollars for the faithful performance of whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the 4th day of April Anno Domini 1825

Signed Sealed & delivered
 Oliver Hochkiss } Trustees
 Asa Willmot } Burlington
 Stephen Ford } Township
 Rufus Hoadley }