

Apprenticeship Contracts, Charles and Lucella Brooks, Brunswick County, 1866
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THIS INDENTURE made this *23^d* day of *July* in the year of our Lord, One Thousand
 Eight Hundred and Sixty *six* between *Wm Kimball for Mosen Ann Brooks mother of*
Charles Brooks an infant under fourteen years of age & Edward Clayton,
 Witnesseth: That *W. Kimball* Asst. Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
 for the Sub-District of *Brunswick* county, State of Virginia, acting as guardian, under authority of Major
 General O. O. HOWARD, (as contained in Circular Letter, War Department, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. Lands,
 Washington, D. C., of date October 4th, 1865,) for the apprenticing of orphan minor children of Freedmen, doth bind out
Charles Brooks a Colored minor orphan, freed boy aged *7* years *July 15th 1866* months *18* days
 as an apprentice to *Edward Clayton* of *Brunswick* county, Virginia, to learn the art and trade of
a farmer. The said *Charles Brooks* after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell with, and
 serve said *Edward Clayton* from the day of date, hereof, until the *15th* day of *August*
 one thousand eight hundred and *80*, at which time, if the said *Charles Brooks* should be living, he will
 be *21* years of age, during which time or term the said *Charles Brooks* shall well and faithfully serve the
 said *Edward Clayton*; And the said *Edward Clayton* on his
 part, doth covenant, promise and agree to instruct the said *Charles Brooks* in the art and trade of *farmer*
 in all its branches; and furthermore, to teach or cause said *Charles Brooks* to be taught to read, write,
 and cipher in Addition, Substraction, Multiplication and Division, and in the other rules of Arithmetic, as far as, and including
 Ratio or Proportion, and shall well and faithfully provide for the said *Charles Brooks* good and sufficient food,
 clothing, medical attendance and care when sick during the term aforesaid, and at the expiration of said term of apprentice-
 ship the said *Edward Clayton* shall pay unto the said *Charles Brooks* the sum of *twenty*
five dollars, for which sum of *twenty five* dollars aforesaid, said *Edward Clayton* doth
 hereby bind himself his heirs, executors and assigns, to well and truly pay to said *Charles Brooks* free
 from all debts, demands, liabilities or obligations from whatever cause arising during minority of said *Charles Brooks*.

Witness our hands and seals, this day and year above written.

Wm Kimball WAS 71 B,
 _____ SEAL.
Edward Clayton _____ SEAL.

Witness at signing.

NOTE.—Female orphan minors will not be indentured for a longer period than until they will arrive at the age of eighteen years.

Citation: Charles Brooks, Freedmen's Contract, 1866, Brunswick County Freedmen's Contracts and Apprentice Indentures, Library of Virginia.

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THIS INDENTURE made this *23rd* day of *July* in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty *ix* between *St J. M. Kimball U.S. F.B. & Col. Clayton*

Witnesseth: That *St J. Kimball* Asst. Superintendent Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, for the Sub-District of *Brunswick* county, State of Virginia, acting as guardian, under authority of Major General O. O. HOWARD, (as contained in Circular Letter, War Department, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A. Lands, Washington, D. C., of date October 4th, 1865,) for the apprenticing of orphan minor children of Freedmen, doth bind out *Lucella Brooks a Colored* minor orphan, freed *from* aged *9* years *0* months *11* days *by virtue the adoption of her mother Mon-Cun Brooks*

as an apprentice to *Col. Clayton* of *Brunswick* county, Virginia, to learn the art and trade of *a house servant*. The said *Lucella Brooks* after the manner of an apprentice, to dwell with, and serve said *Col. Clayton* from the day of date, hereof, until the *12th* day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and *75*, at which time, if the said *Lucella Brooks* should be living, *she* will be *18* years of age, during which time or term the said *Lucella Brooks* shall well and faithfully serve the said *Edward Clayton*. And the said *Edward Clayton* on his part, doth covenant, promise and agree to instruct the said *Lucella Brooks* in the art and trade of *house servant* in all its branches, and furthermore, to teach or cause said *Lucella Brooks* to be taught to read, write and cipher in Addition, Substraction, Multiplication and Division, and in the other rules of Arithmetic, as far as, and including Ratio or Proportion, and shall well and faithfully provide for the said *Lucella Brooks* good and sufficient food, clothing, medical attendance and care when sick during the term aforesaid, and at the expiration of said term of apprenticeship the said *Col. Clayton* shall pay unto the said *Lucella Brooks* the sum of *twenty* (*20*) dollars; for which sum of *twenty* dollars aforesaid, said *Col. Clayton* doth hereby bind himself his heirs, executors and assigns, to well and truly pay to said *Lucella Brooks* free from all debts; demands; liabilities or obligations from whatever cause arising during minority of said *Lucella Brooks*

Witness our hands and seals, this day and year above written.

J. M. Kimball U.S. F.B.

Edward Clayton

SEAL.
SEAL.

Witness at signing.

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