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INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP.

This Indenture, made the 10th day of March Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Six, between William Steel, of the age of 9 years on the 5th day of Dickson State of Tennessee, of the one part, and Margret Steel of the other part, County of Dickson State of Tennessee of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said William Steel by and with the consent of the said A P Nicks Supt of Dickson County signified by his signature affixed to this indenture, and by free will and consent of the said Million Steel hath placed and bound him self apprentice to the said Margret Steel to learn the trade or business of farming and with the said Margret Steel to dwell, continue and serve from the date hereof until the said William Steel shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, which will be on the 5th January 1878 day of Eighteen Hundred and; during all of which time the said apprentice shall well and faithfully serve his said master, keep his secrets, and obey his lawful commands. He shall do no damage to his master, nor willfully suffer it to be done by others; and if any to his knowledge is intended, he shall give his master immediate notice thereof. He shall not play at cards, dice, or any unlawful game. He shall not contract matrimony during said term, nor absent himself from the service of his said master, no haunt or frequent taverns, tippling houses, nor gaming houses; but in all things, and at all times, demean and conduct himself as a good and faithful apprentice towards his said master during the whole time aforesaid.

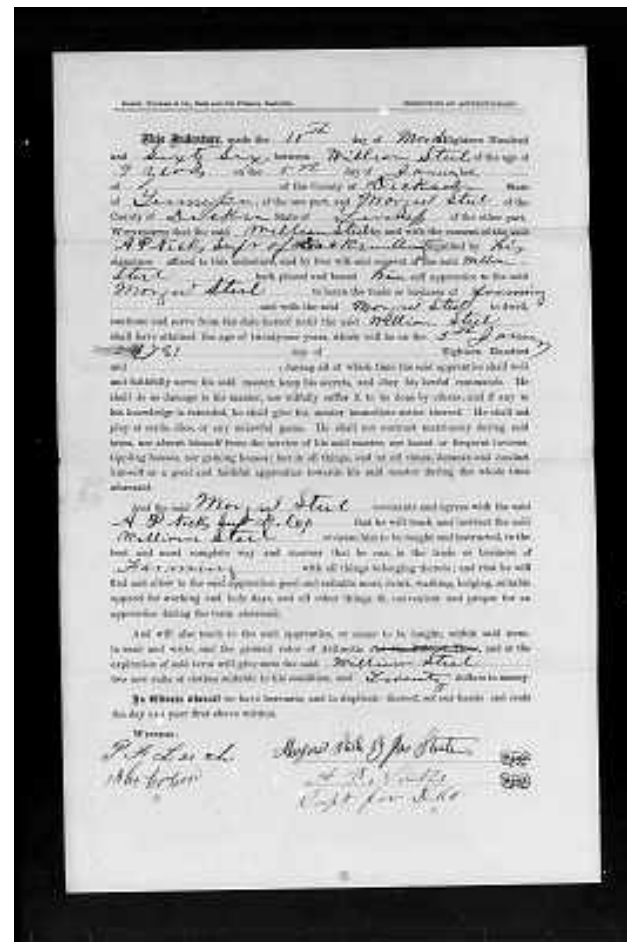
And the said Margret Steel covenants and agrees with the said A P Nicks Supt D. Co. that he will teach and instruct the said William Steel or cause him to be taught and instructed, in the best and most complete way and manner that he can, in the trade or business of farming with all things belonging thereto; and that he will find and allow to the said apprentice good and suitable meat, drink, washing, lodging, suitable apparel for working and holy days, and all other things fit, convenient and proper for an apprentice during the term aforesaid.

And will also teach to the said apprentice, or cause to be taught, within said term, to read and write, and the ground rules of Arithmetic, ~~and the Rule of three~~ and at the expiration of said term will give unto the said William Steel two new suits of clothes suitable to his condition, and twenty dollars in money.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto, and to duplicate thereof, set our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:
P F Leech
Alex Corbin

Margaret Steele by Jas Steele (Seal)
A. P. Nicks Supt for D. Co (Seal)



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