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Date: Dec. 28, 1835
Description: Apprenticeship contract for William Jones of Houlton, Maine.

This indenture witnesseth, That
 We, Joshua Putnam, Elezar Packard & Timothy
 Frisbie, Overseers of the Poor of the
 Town of Houlton in the County of Washington, by
 (sic) virtue of the statute of this State of Maine, in such cases
 made and provided, have placed, and by these presents
 do place and bind out as an apprentice
 William Jones of Houlton afore said a poor Child, son
 of Joseph Jones late of said Houlton, Deceased, and
 and Eleanor Lambert the
 widow of said Joseph Jones and now the wife of Samuel
 Lambert being unable to support said William Jones
 he has become chargeable to the said town, unto Israel
 J. Oakes of said Houlton yeoman
 to learn the art, trade or mystery of farming and husbandry
 and with him the said Israel Oakes, after the manner of an Apprentice,
 to serve from the day of these Presents, until the twenty fifth
 day of September, which will in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and forty seven when the said Apprentice will arrive at the age of
 twenty-one years: During all which time, the said Apprentice his said
 Master well and faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands duly obey.
 He shall do no damage to his said Master, nor suffer it to be done by others, without
 giving seasonable notice thereof to his said Master. He shall not waste the goods of
 his said Master, nor lend them unlawfully to any. At cards, dice, or any other unlaw-
 ful game, he shall not play. He shall not absent himself, by day or by night, from the
 service of his said Master, without his leave; nor haunt or frequent ale-houses, tav-
 erns, or gaming places. He shall not contract matrimony within the said term; nor
 shall he commit any acts of vice or immorality which are forbidden by the Laws
 of the State; but in all things, and at all times, he shall carry and behave himself to-
 wards his said Master, and all others, as a good and faithful Apprentice ought to do,
 during all the term aforesaid.

AND the said Israel J. Oakes doth hereby covenant and prom-
 ise to teach and instruct, or cause the said Apprentice to be instructed, in the art, trade
 or calling of Husbandry and farming by the best way or means
 that he may or can (if said Apprentice be capable to learn;) and, during the said term,
 to find and provide unto the said Apprentices food, apparel, lodging,
 medicine & nursing, and other necessaries meet and
 convenient for such apprentice during the term afore
 said and also shall cause said apprentice to be well
 instructed to read, write and cypher through the
 Rules of Three, Interest, and Square Root, and
 at the expiration of said term shall give to said
 apprentice two suits of wearing apparel, one
 suitable for hollidays, and also one Hundred Dollars
 in Specie, or bank bills current in this State.

In Testimony whereof, the said Parties have to this, and one other Indenture, of
 same tenor and date, interchangeably set their hands and seals, the Twenty eighth
 day of December, in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred
 and

Israel J. Oakes (blood seal affixed)
 Joshua Putnam (blood seal affixed)
 Timothy Frisbee (blood seal affixed)

Signed, sealed, and delivered,
 in the presence of us,
 H. Paslin