

**Indentured Free African American Children,
Shenandoah County, Virginia, Minute Books 1774-1831**

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Abigail: Jan. 10, 1825
Abraham: Apr. 10, 1810
Abraham: Sept. 8, 1823
Absalom: Jan. 14, 1817
Absolom: Aug. 7, 1826
Alfred: Mar. 9, 1829
Alfred: May 8, 1826
Alfred: Sept. 8, 1823
Allen, Aaron: Sept. 8, 1823
Allen, Archibald: Oct. 1816
Allen, Berkley: Sept. 8, 1823
Allen, Harriet: Nov. 8, 1825
Allen, Philip: Oct. 14, 1823
Allen, Polly: Nov. 8, 1825
Allen, Simon: Oct. 1816
Amelia: June 13, 1825
Anderson, Cynthia: Jan. 12, 1829
Anderson, Louisiana: Jan. 12, 1829
Andrew: Apr. 7, 1800
Anna: Aug. 12, 1824
Basel: Jan. 11, 1819
Basell: Mar. 9, 1815
Bill: Dec. 8, 1823
Blanham, Catherine: Sept. 8, 1823
Blanham, Dec. 12, 1808
Blanham, Jack: Mar. 12, 1821
Blanham, Jerry: Feb. 13, 1821
Blanham, Joseph: Apr. 1812
Blanham, Mary: Oct. 8, 1827
Blanham, Milly: Apr. 1812
Blanham, Nancy: Oct. 8, 1827
Blanham, Peter: July 9, 1827
Blanham, Samuel: Feb. 13, 1821
Blanham, Sarah: July 9, 1827
Blanham, Sarah: Mar. 12, 1821
Blanham, Solomon: Mar. 12, 1821
Blannum, Samuel: Apr. 13, 1807
Brown, Peter: Aug. 27, 1776
Caesar: Jan. 10, 1825
Calman, Polly: Feb. 1814
Charles: Aug. 12, 1824
Charlotte: Oct. 1815
Chertine: Aug. 8, 1815
Clem: Oct. 7, 1811
Cook, William: Jan. 10, 1831

Cyrus, Polly: Mar 7, 1831
Daniel: Aug. 12, 1824
Daniel: Feb. 8, 1819
Deb: Feb. 8, 1819
Ducretia: Oct. 14, 1823
Dugan, Susannah: Apr. 11, 1809
Dugan: May 8, 1825
Duggan, Daniel: Apr. 11, 1809
Duggan, Nancy: Apr. 11, 1809
Elick: Oct. 14, 1823
Eliza: Mar. 13, 1826
Eliza: Oct. 14, 1823
Eliza: Sept. 12, 1825
Elizabeth: July 12, 1830
Ephriam: May 11, 1819
Flagerty, Alfred: Sept. 12, 1825
Flaughtery: May 11, 1829
Forrer, Isaac: May 14, 1823
Forrer, Lucy: May 14, 1823
Frank, Mary: June 7, 1830
Frazier, David: Aug. 1814
Gabriella: Jan. 8, 1827
George: June 26, 1788
George: Apr. 1814
George: Mar. 14, 1797
Goff, Tom: Mar. 13, 1816
Harriett: Aug. 12, 1824
Hunter, Mary: Jan. 10, 1831
Hunter, William: Jan. 10, 1831
James: Jan. 11, 1819
Jane: Nov. 22, 1774
Jenny: June 13, 1825
Joanna: Jan. 9, 1826
Johnson, Harriett: Feb. 14, 1816
Johnson, Isaac: Nov. 14, 1815
Johnson, Joseph: Feb. 8, 1830
Johnston, John: Jan. 10, 1831
Lockwell, George: Mar. 8, 1825
Lockwell, Isaac: Feb. 27, 1825
Lockwell, Rebecca: Feb. 27, 1825
Lockwell, Rebecca: Mar. 8, 1825
Lockwell, Rebecca: Sept. 11, 1826
Lockwell, William: Feb. 27, 1825
Lockwell, William: Sept. 11, 1826
Lucas, James: Mar. 7, 1825
Lucretia: Sept. 12, 1825
Margaret Ann: Feb. 7, 1831
Mariah: Aug. 12, 1824
Mary: Nov. 12, 1821
Memory: Jan. 11, 1819
Menenda: Apr. 11, 1825
Menenda: Jan. 7, 1828

Milly: Sept. 8, 1823
Morton: Oct. 12, 1830
Nancy: Jan. 8, 1821
Pattison, Darky: Feb. 12, 1811
Pattison, Minah: Feb. 12, 1811
Pattison, Polly: Feb. 12, 1811
Pattison, Sigh: Feb. 12, 1811
Peter: Apr. 7, 1800
Peter: Sept. 9, 1800
Polly: Apr. 1814
Rebecca: Sept. 12, 1825
Robertson, Lewis: June 8, 1818
Robertson, Oliver: June 8, 1818
Robinson, Elizabeth: Apr. 12, 1824
Robinson, William: Apr. 12, 1824
Rolls, alias Succours, Polly: July 13, 1829
Rolls, Nimrod: June 10, 1817
Rolls, Susan: Jan. 12, 1829
Sally: Apr. 13, 1830
Sarah: July 12, 1830
Selah: Jan. 8, 1815
Seller, Julia: Jan. 14, 1823
Seller, Lucy: Jan. 14, 1823
Sett, Caleb: Jan. 10, 1814
Sett, Daniel: Aug. 13, 1821
Sett, Daniel: Feb., 1814
Sett, Daniel: Nov. 21, 1821
Sett, McKinsey: Jan. 10, 1814
Sett, Neil: Jan. 10, 1814
Sett, Nelly: Feb. 1814
Sett, Statia: Jan. 10, 1814
Sett, Zachariah: Aug. 13, 1821
Sett, Zachariah: Jan. 10, 1814
Sett, Zachariah: Nov. 12, 1821
Silvenus: Oct. 11, 1824
Smith, Washington: Sept. 8, 1823
Susan: Oct. 11, 1824
Sylvanus: Dec. 8, 1828
Wallage, Peter: May 10, 1830
Weldon, Cordelia: Oct. 8, 1825
Weldon, Hannah: Oct. 8, 1825

1774-1780

1774, Nov. 22: The Churchwarden of the [Beckford] Parish is to bind a mulatto girl named **Jane**, now in possession of *Edwin Young*, to Jonathan Langdon, until she is 18 years of age.

1776, Aug. 27: The Churchwarden of the Parish is to bind **Peter Brown**, a mulatto boy, to *John Snapp*, until he is of lawful age.

1781-1785

1785-1788

1788, June 26: Overseer of Poor to bind **George**, a free negro, to *Darius Allen*. He is four years old Feb. 28 last.

1791-1796

1795-1798

1797, Mar. 14: Overseer of Poor to bind **George**, a free Negro, to *Samuel Hupp*. He is 13 years old Feb. 28 next.

1799-1800

1800, Apr. 7: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind mulatto **Peter** to *Adam Buck, Jr.* to learn the trade of blacksmith. Henry Bowers, to whom he was formerly bound, relinquishes his rights.

1800, Apr. 7: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Andrew**, a free boy of color, to *Martin Hup*.

1800, Sept. 9: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind mulatto **Peter** to *Henry Bowers* to learn farming.

1803-1805

1806-1810

1807, Apr. 13: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Samuel Blannum**, a free Negro, to *Isaac McKay* to learn farming.

1808, Dec. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind Negro girl **Sarah Blanham** to *George Fravele*. She is 4 years old last Spring.

1809, Apr. 11: Overseer of Poor, District #2, is to bind **Daniel Duggan**, a free mulatto, to *W. Maggert*. He is 13 years old last Spring.

1809, Apr. 11: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Susannah Dugan**, a free mulatto, to *Doc. John Whiting*. She is 11 years old Apr. 11.

1809, Apr. 11: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Nancy Duggan**, a free

mulatto, to *Nancy Coffman*, widow of *Martin Coffman*, she being 3 years old Feb. 28 last.

1810, Apr. 10: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Abraham**, a free mulatto boy, to *Henry Farrer*. He is 3 years old June last.

1810-1816

1811, Feb. 12: Overseer of Poor to bind **Polly**, a free Negro girl, daughter of **Darky Pattison**, to *Samuel Walton*. She is 13 years old Mar. 2, 1811.

1811, Feb. 12: Overseer of Poor is to bind **Sigh**, a free Negro boy, son of **Darky Pattison**, to *Samuel Walton*. He is 5 years old Oct. 13 next.

1811, Feb. 12: Overseer of Poor is to bind **Minah**, a free Negro girl, daughter of **Darky Pattison**, to **Samuel Hawkins**. She is 7 years old Aug. 10, 1811.

1811, Oct. 7: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Clem**, a free mulatto boy, to *Israel Allen* to learn farming. [No age given.]

1812, Apr. : **Joseph Blanham** and **Milly Blanham**, free Negroes, are bound to *Jesse Allen*.

1814, Jan. 10: **Neil**, a boy of color, son of **Zachariah Sett**, is bound to *Alexander Sanford* to learn farming. He is f5 years old.

1814, Jan 10.: **Statia**, a girl of color, daughter of **Zachariah Sett**, is bound to *James Lee*. She is 9 years old.

1814, Jan. 10: **Caleb**, a boy of color, son of **Zachariah Sett**, is bound to *Elisha Russell*, to learn farming. He is about 12 years old.

1814, Jan. 10: **McKinsey**, son of **Zachariah Sett**, a boy of color, is bound to *Martin Hupp*.

1814, Feb. : **Daniel Sett**, a free boy of color, son of **Daniel Sett**, is bound to *Michael Effinger* to learn farming. He is 9 years old Jan. 1 last.

1814, Feb. : **Nelly Sett**, a child of **Daniel Sett**, a free man of color, is bound to *George Koontz*. She is 13 years old July 1 last.

1814, Feb. : **Polly Calman**, a girl of color and orphan of **James and Rachel**, is bound to *George Belleck*. [No age given.]

1814, Apr. : **George**, a free boy of color, is bound to *John Gibbons* to learn farming.

1814, Apr.: **Polly**, a free girl of color, is bound to *John Gibbons* to learn sewing, spinning, & weaving. She is 13 years old Jan. 11 last.

1814, Aug. : **David Frazier**, a free boy of color, is bound to *Elias March* to learn the trade of blacksmith. He is 17 years old.

1815, Mar. 9: **Basell**, a free boy of color, is bound to *Josiah Davidson* to learn farming. He is 11 years old.

1815, Aug. 8: **Chertine**, a boy of color, is bound by Overseer of Poor to *William Downey* to learn farming. He is 2 1/2 years old.

1815, Oct.: **Charlotte**, a child of color, is bound to *Susannah Stover*. She is 4 years old Dec. 9 last.

1815, Nov. 14: Overseer of Poor to bind **Isaac Johnson**, a free boy of color, to *Jonas Ruffner* to learn farming.

1816, Jan. 8: **Selah**, a free girl or color, is bound to *John Finley*. [No age given.]

1816, Feb. 14: **Harriett Johnson**, a girl of color, is bound by Overseer of Poor, District #1, to *Henry Aleshite*. She is 8 years old Dec. 2 last.

1816, Mar. 13: **Tom Goff**, a boy of color, is bound to *John Sanford* to learn farming. He is 5 years old Nov. 30 last.

1816, Oct.: **Archibald**, a boy of color, son of **Simon Allen**, is bound to *Samuel Richardson* to learn farming. He is 10 years old Apr. 1 last.

1816-1821

1817, Jan. 14: **Absalom**, a boy of color, is bound by Overseer of Poor to *John Walton* to learn farming. He is 8 years old Mar. 29 last.

1817, June 10: **Nimrod Rolls**, a free boy of color, is bound to *John Newman* to learn farming.

1818, June 8: **Lewis Robertson**, son of **Oliver**, a free boy of color, is bound by Overseer of Poor, to *Samuel Richardson* to learn farming. He is 14 years old Oct. last.

1819, Jan. 11: **Basel**, a free boy of color, is bound to *Jacob Ott*, tanner.

1819, Jan. 11: *George Cooper* is summoned to show cause why **Memory** and **James**, black children, shall not be taken from him, it being suggested that they are treated improperly and not furnished with sufficient clothing.

1819, Feb. 8: **Deb**, a girl of color, is bound to *Catherine Allen*. She is 3 years old Dec. 25.

1819, Feb. 8: **Daniel**, a boy of color, is bound to *Catherine Allen*. He is age 7 Feb. 8, 1818.

1819, May 11: **Ephriam**, a boy of color, is bound to *Jacob Reamer*.

1821, Jan. 8: Ordered that Overseer of Poor, District #1, bind **Nancy**, a girl of color, to *Catherine Funkhouser* (widow) to learn the art of sewing, spinning, and knitting. She is 6 years old Apr. 11 last.

1821, Feb. 13: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Samuel Blanham**, son of **Jerry Blanham**, a free woman of color, to *Jeremiah McKay*, to learn farming. He is 7 years old Nov. 20 last.

1821, Mar. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Solomon Blanham**, 8 years old Oct. 6 last, and **Jack Blanham**, 6 years old Jan. 12 last, children of **Sarah Blanham**, a free woman of color, to *Daniel Coffman* to learn farming.

1821, Aug. 13: On the motion of *Martin Hupp* and with the consent of Overseer of Poor, District #2, the indenture binding **Zachariah Sett**, a boy of color, son of **Daniel Sett**, to *Martin Hupp*, be rescinded and that the Overseer of Poor bind said **Zachariah Sett** to *William M. Bayley*. [See Jan. 1814.]

1821, Nov. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Mary**, a girl of color, daughter of **Cily**, to *Abner Long*. She is about 7 years old.

1821, Nov. 12: Overseer of Poor to bind **Zachariah Sett**, son of **Daniel**, to *John Utz* to learn farming.

1822-1825

1823, Jan. 14: Overseer of Poor to bind **Julia Seller**, daughter of a free woman of color named **Lucy**, to *Jacob Roemer*. She is about 10 years old.

1823, May 14: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Isaac**, a boy of color, son of **Lucy Forrer** to *John Ruffner* to learn farming. He is 7 years old last June.

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Aaron Allen**, a boy of color, son of **Berkley Allen**, to *Samuel Richardson* to learn farming. [No age given.]

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Milly**, a free girl of color, to *Catherine Allen* to learn sewing, cooking, etc. She is 4 years old July 14 last.

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Alfred**, a boy of color, to *Mark Allen*. He is 1 year old Oct. 1 next.

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Catherine Blanham**, a girl of color, to *Mary Pence*. She is 8 years old Oct. 1 next. [See April 1812.]

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor, District # 2, to bind **Washington Smith**, a boy of color, to *Benjamin Coffman* to learn farming. He is 5 years old Apr. 17 last.

1823, Sept. 8: Overseer of Poor to bind **Abraham**, a boy of color, to *Henry Forrer* to learn farming. He is 15 years old June 27 last.

1823, Oct. 14: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Eliza**, a free girl of color, to *Samuel Walton* and same bind **Elick**, a free boy of color, to same. Both are children of **Ducretia**, a free woman of color.

1823, Oct. 14: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Philip Allen**, a free boy of color, son of **Rebecca Allen**, to *Aaron Moore* to learn the business of farming. He is 12 years old Apr. 2 last.

1823, Dec. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Bill**, a boy of color, to *Henry Gochenour* to learn the business of farming. 14 years old May 15, 1824.

1824, Apr. 12: **William**, a boy of color, son of **Elizabeth Robinson**, is bound by Overseer of Poor, District #1, to *Joseph Sonnenstein* to learn farming. 12 years old Oct. 12 last.

1824, Aug. 12: *Joseph Spengler*, adm. of *Philip Spengler*, dec., is ordered to sell Negro **Harriett** and her children: **Mariah, Anna, Daniel & Charles**.

1824, Oct. 11: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Silvenus**, a free boy of color, son of **Susan**, to *James Moore* to learn the art of miller. He is 12 years old Mar. 20 last.

1825, Jan. 10: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Caesar**, a boy of color, son of **Abigail**, to *Robert Turner*.

1825, Feb. 27: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **William**, son of **Rebecca Lockwell**, a free woman of color, to *George Sommers* to learn the craft of chair maker, wheelwright and painter. He is 10 years old June last.

1825, Feb. 27: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Isaac**, son of **Rebecca Lockwell**, a free woman of color, to *Benjamin Bogum*. He is 8 years old June last.

1825, Mar. 7: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **James Lucas**, a boy of color, to *Morgan Moore* to learn farming. He is 9 years old.

1825, Mar. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **George**, a boy of color, son of **Rebecca Lockwell**, a free woman of color, to *John Lock* to learn the trade of stone mason. He is 8 years old.

1825, Apr. 11: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Menenda**, a free girl of color, to *Robert Turner* to learn spinning and sewing. [No age given.]

1825, June 13: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Amelia**, a girl of color, daughter of **Jenny**, a woman of color, to *John Walter*.

1825, Sept. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Rebecca**, a free girl of color, to *Peter Doll*, to learn knitting, spinning, and cooking. [No age given.]

1825, Sept. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Eliza**, a daughter of **Lucretia**, a woman of color, to *Reuben Walton*.

1825, Sept. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Alfred Flagerty**, a boy of color, to *John Kiblinger* to learn farming. He is 5 years old Sept. 12 next.

1825, Oct. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Hannah**, a free girl of color, daughter of **Cordelia Weldon**, to *Samuel Richardson*. She is 12 years old Oct. 14 next.

1825, Nov. 8: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Harriet Allen**, a free mulatto, daughter of **Polly Allen**, to *Isaac Longacre* to learn spinning, etc.

1826-1831

1826, Jan. 9: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Joanna**, a free girl of color, to *Christian Miller*. [No age given.]

1826, Mar. 13: Overseer of the Poor, District #1, to bind **Eliza**, a girl of color, to *Samuel Few*, to learn spinning, cooking, etc. [No age given.]

1826, May 8: Overseer of the Poor, District #2, to bind **Dugan**, a free boy of color, to *Henry Halterman*, to learn the trade of blacksmith. About 7 years old.

1826, May 8: Overseer of the Poor, District #1 to bind **Alfred**, a free boy of color, to *Jacob Roerner*, to learn to be house servant. 5 years old.

1826, Aug. 7: Overseer of the Poor, District #1, to bind **Absolom**, a free boy of color, to *Abraham Harrman*, to learn farming. 18 years old Sept. next.

1826, Sept. 11: Overseer of the Poor, District #1, to bind **William**, a son of **Rebecca Lockwell**, a woman of color, to *Matthias Sommers*, to learn the trade of potter. 12 years old June 1826. [See Feb. 27, 1825]

1827, Jan 8: Overseer of the Poor, District #1, to bind **Gabriella**, a free girl of color, to *Hannah Bird*, to learn spinning, etc. 10 years old Sept. last. See 1850.

1827, July 9: District # 2, Overseer of the Poor to bind **Peter Blanham**, a free black child, son of **Sarah Blanham**, to *Gabriel Jordan*, to learn farming. About 9 years old.

1827, Oct. 8: Overseer of the Poor , District #2, to bind **Mary Blanham**, daughter of **Nancy**, a free woman of color, to *Jessee Allen* to learn cooking, spinning, etc. [No age given.]

1828, Jan. 7: Overseer of the Poor to rescind order of April 1825 binding the free girl **Menenda** to *Robert Turner* and is to bind said **Menenda** to Michael Effinger to learn the business of house servant. 7 years old Apr. 15 last.

1828, Dec. 8: Overseer of the Poor to bind a colored boy named **Sylvanus** to *Joseph Spengler* to learn farming. 15 years old Mar. 20 last.

1829, Jan. 12: Overseer of the Poor, District #2, to bind **Susan Rolls**, a free girl of color, to *Daniel Spitler* to learn spinning. About 13 years.

1829, Jan. 12: Overseer of the Poor, District #2, to bind **Louisiana Anderson**, daughter of **Cynthia Anderson**, to Joseph Lionberger to learn spinning, etc. About 12 years old.

1829, Mar. 9: Overseer of the Poor, District #1, to bind **Alfred**, a free boy of color, to *Mrs. Hannah Bird* to same until he is 17 years to learn the business of farming. 10 years old Sept. last.

1829, May 11: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Eveline Flaughtery**, a free girl of color, age 4 years Sept. 7 last, to *Daniel Werner* to learn spinning, etc.

1829, July 13: Ordered Overseer of Poor to find places for the children of **Polly Rolls, alias Succours**, and bind them according to law.

1830, Feb. 8: **Joseph Johnson**, a free boy of color, about 16 years of age, to *William Miller* to learn farming.

1830, Apr. 13: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Sally**, a free girl of color, to *Jacob Yager* to learn sewing, spinning. [No age given.]

1830, May 10: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Peter Wallage**, a free boy of color, 11 years old May 10, 1830, to *Tobias Behm*, to learn farming and second to learn sewing, etc.

1830, June 7: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Mary Frank**, a free girl of color, to *Wesley McAlister* to learn spinning, knitting, etc. She is 16 years Apr. 1 last.

1830, July 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Sarah**, a free girl of color, to *Jacob Yager* to learn spinning, cooking, etc. She is 11 years Dec. 1 last.

1830, July 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Elizabeth**, a free girl of color, to *Matthias Summers*. She is 9 years old Dec. last.

1830, Oct. 12: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **Morton**, a free boy of color, to *Benjamin Hawkins* to learn farming. He is 10 years old.

1831, Jan. 10: Overseer of Poor, District #1, to bind **William Hunter**, a free colored boy, son of **Mary Hunter**, to *William D. Eyster* to learn the trade of tanner. He is 12 years old June 12 last.

1831, Jan. 10: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **William Cook**, a free boy of color, to *John Williams* to learn farming. He is 9 years old Dec. 15, 1830.

1831, Jan. 10: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **John Johnston**, a free boy of color, to *Charles Dovel* to learn farming. He is 15 years old.

1831, Feb. 7: Overseer of Poor, District #2, to bind **Margaret Ann**, a free girl of color, to *Jacob Shryock* to learn sewing, spinning, etc. She is 7 years old July 15 last.

1831, Mar. 7: Overseer of Poor to bind **Polly Cyrus**, a free girl of color, to *James Lawrey* to learn spinning etc. She is 6 years old Mar. 8, 1831.