

# Apprenticeship bond of David Spellman

Craven County, NC - April 7, 1762

Although no last name is given in this apprenticeship paper, research in the county court records for Craven County show that this is David Spellman, son of Sarah Spellman, as he was the only "David" to be apprenticed to Anna Bryan during the months of March-April of 1762. His siblings Aaron, Asa, and Lydia were bound out the same day.

Note about font changes in the text:

- the *f* character signifies the "f" used in colonial text, usually in cases of a double "s" where the first "s" looks like an "f" (ex: "witnefseth" instead of "witnesseth"), but in some cases, all "s" looks like an "f" (ex: "witneffeth"), in which case there will be double "ff"
- This form was type-set with blanks for writing in names and dates. I have tried to duplicate that, but of course, without scanning I cannot duplicate the handwriting. I have changed the font to *16 point Monotype Corsiva* for all instances where something is written by hand, including the signatures.
- In many cases, apprentices were given to men, not usually women, so the form had male gendered words (he, him, master, etc.) in reference to the apprenticeship master. The person who filled out this form crossed out most of those male gendered words and replaced them by hand with female gendered. It looks a bit messy, I'm sorry, I just wanted to keep the text as close to the original as possible.

This Indenture, made the *Seventh* Day of *april* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred *Sixty Two* Witneffeth, That *Jacob Blount Thomas Pollock and Christopher Dawson* Esqrs. Justices of *Craven* County Court have put and placed *David a free Negroe Boy* an orphan of ~~\_\_\_\_\_ deceased~~, aged *seven Years* an Apprentice to *Mrs. Anna Bryan* of the *faid* County, with him to dwell, reside, and serve until *he* the *fsaid* Apprentice shall arrive at the Age of *Twentyone* Years, according to the Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided ; during all which Time the *faid* Apprentice his *faid* Master *Mrs* shall faithfully serve in all lawful Businesses, and orderly and obediently in all things behave himself towards his *faid* Master [replaced with *Mrs.*], for and during the *faid* Term, as an Apprentice ought to do. And the *faid* *Anna Bryan* doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the *faid* Justices, and their Successors, that (s)he the *faid* *Anna Bryan* will provide and allow him *her* *faid* Apprentice convenient and sufficient Meat, Drink, Lodging, and Apparel, and use his best Endeavours to instruct him in the Art and Calling of *Plantation Business* and also teach him to read and write before the Expiration of his ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Apprenticeship. IN WITNESS whereof, the *faid* Justices by the Clerk of their County Court, and the *faid* **Anna Bryan** hereunto Interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered,  
in the Prefence of

*Jacob Blount*

*Lom Lane* [hard to read, fancy script that is illegible, surname could be "Land"]

*Thom<sup>s</sup>. Pollock*

*Stephen York*

*Chris<sup>t</sup>. Dawson*

*Anna Bryan*

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