

State North Carolina
Orange County

This Indenture made the

Twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four between Alexander Melane esq. chairman of the County Court of the County of Orange and State aforesaid on behalf of the Justices of the said court and their successors of the one part and John McVinch of the other part witnesseth that the said Alexander Melane esq. in pursuance of an order of the said County Court made this day of and according to the directions of the act of assembly in that case made and provided doth put place and bind unto the said John McVinch John Riley Esq. of the age of two years with the said John McVinch to live after the manner of an apprentice and servant until the said apprentice shall attain to the age of twenty one years during all which time the said apprentice his master shall faithfully serve his lawfull Commands every where gladly obey he shall not at any time be absent himself from his said masters service without leave but in all things as a good and faithful servant shall behave towards his said master and the said John McVinch covenant promise and agree to and with the said Alex^r Melane that he will teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the said John Riley to learn the trade of a planter or farmer and that he will constantly feed and provide for the said apprentice during the term of said sufficient diet washing bedding and apparel fitting for an apprentice and also all other things necessary both in sickness and in health in witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Sealed and Delivered
in presence of

Attest

Alexander Melane

John McVinch

Articles of Agreement made and executed the 11th day of June 1788 by and between Jesse Benton and William Sheppard of Shilford in Orange County and State of North Carolina to Wit

That the said Benton gives and grants unto the said William Sheppard the privilege of thirty feet of land in width from the great Road near the corner of S Bentons mill house to extend across the mill race to said Sheppards Land opposite to S Sheppards dwelling house for the use and purpose of a Road and Bridge across the said Mill Race according to the bounds hereafter mentioned Beginning in the old Publick Road near the corner of S Bentons mill house running the north side of S Bentsons privilege at six feet distance from said Bentons store Stable and Barch house to the south of S Bentons and to continue in a direct course to S Sheppards Land to be thenceforth in width from the beginning to the end thereof And the said Sheppard expressly agrees that no other use shall be hereafter made of the said Privilege above mentioned over a Road and Bridge which may hereafter be made in consequence of the above privilege shall not in any manner wise injure the Race nor the property of said Benton and the said Benton and said Sheppard bind themselves to these presents their heirs and assigns each other their heirs and assigns in the sum of One thousand Pounds for the faithful performance of the above Articles according to the true intent and meaning of the same In Witness whereof the S Benton and S Sheppard both hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and Year above written

As the said Benton agrees that said Sheppard shall have and enjoy the above granted privilege from this time forever hereafter to him and his heirs

Witness James Russell
James Gorch

Jesse Benton
William Sheppard