

APPRENTICES' INDENTURES

See also Churchwardens' & Poor Books where some indentures are written out.

1. 30 June 1607: Elizabeth Ewell Spinster, Housewifery for 7 years. one witness = James Badmore, Minister at B'ton 1606-13. Apprenticed to Thomas Angell & his wife of Chislet. (document in very bad condition)
2. 25 May 1616: Catherine Arthur - no trade mentioned - for 5 years, apprenticed to Robert Crump, Parish Clerk.
3. 21 Jan. 1621: Valentine Arthur to Husbandry until 24. Apprenticed to Thomas Coulner of Vill of Wood, Yeoman. Witnessed by Henry Crispe.
4. 12 May 1622: Ann Boys to Housewifery until 21. Apprenticed to James Nicholas of Birchington.
5. 22 Feb. 1623: Margaret Smith to Housewifery until 21. Apprenticed to Robert Tottenden, Labourer.
6. 23 April 1626: Elizabeth Huffington until 21 to Housewifery to Bartholomew Bing, Labourer. Witnessed by George Stancombe, Minister of Birchington 1618-47.
7. 23 April 1626: William Huffington to Husbandry until 24. Apprenticed to William Ambrose, - Yeoman.
8. 20 Sept. 1626: Silas Duke until 24. Apprenticed to Thomas Culmer to Husbandry. Witnessed by George Stancombe.
9. 29 Sept. 1626: Agnes Bing of Acol, to Housewifery for 7 years. Apprenticed to John Crump and his wife.
10. 1 April 1627: William Birche of Vill of Wood, Husbandry until 24, apprenticed to Hanon Finne of Vill of Wood. Witnessed by George Stancombe.
11. 17 June 1627: Mary Cousens Housewifery until 21, apprenticed to Gervase Wlatlow of Monkton, Husbandman.
12. 1 July 1627: George White, Husbandry until 24, Apprenticed to George Egender of St John the Baptist Thanet (Margate), Yeoman. Witnessed by George Stancombe.
13. 1 Nov. 1627: William Gosby Colins Shurley, Trade "in the same art as he now followeth ie. tailor". for 7 years. Apprenticed to Thomas King of St John the Baptist in Thanet. Witnessed George Stancombe.
14. 0 March 1630: Richard Allen of Vill of Wood, Husbandry until 24. Appr to John Laming of St John the Baptist, Thanet. Witnessed George Stancombe.

15. 20 Oct. 1630: Sarah Allen of Vill of Wood, Housewifery until 21. Appr. Richard Twiman, husbandman. Witnessed George Stancombe.
16. 20 Oct. 1630: Anne Allen of Vill of Wood, Housewifery until 21. Appr. to Thomas Grooms, Barber-Surgeon. Wit'd George Stancombe
17. 20 Oct. 1630: Joyce Allen of Vill of Wood, Housewifery until 21. Appr. to Robert Tottenden, Husbandman. Wit. George Stancombe.
18. 29 Dec. 1630: Nathaniel Wahell of Vill of Wood, Bricklayer until 24. Appr. to John Wahell of Godmersham, Bricklayer. Witnessed George Stancombe.
19. 1 Feb. 1634: Mary Armesby, Housewifery until 21. Apprenticed to Robert Cocke, Carpenter. Witnessed George Stancombe.
20. 5 July 1635: John Hart "to be taught some honest manuell trade by ye best means they can, thereby bee may the better sustayne life." Apprenticed to Thomas Crumpe, Stephen Crumpe and William Crumpe "naturall uncles by ye Mothers side unto the said John Hart until 24". Witnessed George Stancombe.
21. 25 Mar. 1638: Ann Derricke of Vill of Wood, Housewifery until 21. Apprenticed to William Culmer, Yeoman of Vill of Wood. Witnessed by George Stancomb
22. 25 April 1638: William Avery, Blacksmith until 24, apprenticed to John Parker of Sandwich Blacksmith. Wit. George Stancombe.
23. 26 April 1647: Richard Lyache, Husbandry until 24. Appr. To William Bing of St Lawrence, Husbandman. First part in Latin. Signed by E Fellow, Minister at Birchington 1647-62.
24. The indenture for Richard Lyache, apprenticed to William Bing of St Lawrence, for Husbandry until 24. signed by Edward Fellow.
25. 30 May 1647: Susan Hart of Vill of Wood, Housewifery until 21 Apprenticed to Nicholas Coleman of Vill of Wood, Husbandman. Signed Edward Kart. (?)
26. 26. Jan. 1648: Alban Friend, Bricklayer, apprenticed to William Dod, Bricklayer until 21. Signed Edward Fellow
27. 6 May 1649: Thomas Friend, apprenticed to Launcelot Browne, Taylour, Trade Taylour until 7 years. Signed Edward Fel1ow (see also 79.)
28. 23 Sep. 1650: Elizabeth Barnesdale to "all needful points of good housewifery." First is in an obligation in Latin.
29. 23 Sep. 1650: The indenture of Elizabeth Barnesdale. Apprenticed to Osman Manly until 21. signed by Edward Fellow.
30. 29 Sep. 1650; Steven Arnold "to all points of husbandry.' until 21. Appr. to George Hollaway, Labourer. Signed Edw. Fellow

31. 29 Sep. 1650; Anne Arnold "in all points of Housewifery" until 21. Appr. to John Penny, Thatcher. Signed Edward Fellow
32. 29 Sep. 1650: Bond of Obligation - in Latin & English. Apprentice Steven Arnold. Signed & sealed Edward Fellow.
33. 29 Sep. 1650: Bond of Obligation - in Latin & English. Apprentice Anne Arnold. Apprenticed to John Penny.
34. 19 Nov. 1650: Bond of Obligation in Latin and English. Apprentice Margaret West "in all points of good housewifery" until 21, apprenticed to William Seamer, Butcher. Signed by Edward Fellow the Younger and sealed.
35. 19 Nov. 1650: Indenture for the above Margaret West. Signed by Edward Fellow the Younger.
36. 23 Jan. 1651: Anne Friend "in all points of good Housewifery" until 21, apprenticed to Thomas Coulner, shepherd. Signed by Edward Fellow the Younger and sealed.
37. 9 June 1652: Mary Friend, Housewifery until 21, apprenticed to Edward Staines, Husbandman. Signed & sealed by Edward Fellow.
38. 14 May 1653: A Bond of Obligation, entirely in English. Apprentice Richard Barnesdale, apprenticed to Thomas Cooke, Weaver until 24. Signed Edward Fellow.
39. 20 Mar. 1653: Bond of Obligation Anne Ayers, apprenticed to Richard Ayers of St Peters, Cooper, until 21. Signed Edward Fellow, Junior
40. 30 Jan. 1655: Bond of Obligation. John Norton, apprenticed to Valentine Ewell of Westbere, Yeoman. Entirely in English
41. 1 Feb. 1655: Indenture for Aphra Norton "good houswifery" until 21, apprenticed to Chrisstopher Hartie, Gentleman. Signed Edward Fellow.
42. 1 Feb. 1655: Indenture for Thomas Norton to Blacksmith. Apprenticed to Robert Twyman, Blacksmith until 21. Signed Edward Fellow. (see also 80.)
43. 1 Feb. 1655: Indenture Francis Norton to be a Bricklayer. Apprenticed to William Dodd, Bricklayer until 21. Signed and sealed by Edward Fellow. (see also 81.)

The above three youngsters were orphans.

44. 18 Mar. 1686: John Franke to be Brickmaker until 24. Apprenticed to George Hadler, Brickmaker of Monkton. This indenture is longer than those previous. (see also 82.)
45. 7 July 1686: Bond of Obligation Master Jonathan Lamkin of Sandwich, Cordwainer.

46. 13 Mar. 1706: An Agreement attached. Thomas Cleaveland, apprenticed to Henry Hills £10 being paid to Henry Hills. By the Agreement, Robert Lotatree, Brewer, late of Vill of Wood, agreed to "bring up, provide for and keep Thomas Cleaveland, John Cleaveland and Elizabeth Cleaveland, three poor orphans and he agreed to pay £6/10s to the Overseers and Churchwardens and he authorised them to collect £8/10s from Henry Hills aforesaid and 40s. from John Gisby. Memo on the Indenture by which the master agreed to give six months schooling and provide meat and drink during that time.
47. 14 Oct. 1710: Indenture. Anne Brown, apprenticed until 21 to Jane Smith of Birchington. This bears the consent of the Mayor and Justice of the Peace of the town and port of Dover.
48. 3 Feb. 1723/24: Indenture. Apprentice Isaac Young of Vill of Wood, age "tenn years or thereabouts" To be bound for nine years. Apprenticed to Richard Goulder, Taylor.
49. 2 May 1759: Printed Indenture: William Bachell, apprenticed as a Seaman to William Butler of Rochester, Mariner, until 24. Signed by the Mayor and Justices of the Peace, Dover.
50. 2 Feb. 1759: Printed Indenture. Mary Packer, apprenticed until 21, to Edward Coleman of St John, shepherd. To be taught the art of Mantua Maker. (A Mantua was "a loose gown of the 17th & 18th C. worn open in front to show the underskirt." or a type of mantle, probably made of wool.)
51. **22 Dec. 1764: Indenture. Philip Griggs, apprenticed till 24 to Isaac Anchor of St Mary Northgate, Canterbury, Silk-weaver. Signed by the Mayor and Justices of Dover.** (We have some of the story of this apprentice)
52. 22 Mar. 1775: Printed indenture. Jane Jones, apprenticed to Jane Wootton of St John's, Mantua maker, until 23. Signed & sealed.
53. 16 May 1776: Printed Indenture. John Maxted, apprenticed to William Croft, Taylor, for 8 years.
54. 29 July 1782: Printed Indenture. Thomas Gaskin, apprenticed to Ann Wagon of Hackington, St Stephens next Canterbury, Perruke maker and Hair-dresser, until 21. Signed by Mayor & Justices of Dover. (Peruke = type of wig for men, fashionable in 17th & 18th C. also called a "periwig")
55. 5 Jan. 1789: James Pettet, apprenticed to Isaac Eastland, Mop maker. Memo attached that the agreement was terminated 1 Jan. 1890.
56. 2 Nov. 1805: Printed Indenture on parchment. Mary Hawkes to Thomas Sidders of Staple, Mantua maker, for one year. Signed & sealed.
57. 28 May 1822: Printed Indenture. Stephen Bicker, apprenticed to Thomas Thorp, Carpenter, for 7 years.

58. 24 Aug. 1822: Printed Indenture. George Chapman, apprenticed to David Oliphant, Butcher, for 7 years. £25 consideration.
59. 13 Jan. 1823: Printed Indenture. William Wellman, apprenticed to his father, John Wellman, for 7 years Cordwainer. (shoemaker)
60. 22 Mar. 1823z Printed Indenture in special folder. John Haddaway, apprenticed to William Rowe of Margate, until 21, Shoemaker. The apprentice complained that his master ill-treated him and his complaint was upheld and his Indenture was cancelled.
61. 31 May 1823: Printed Indenture. William Darby, apprenticed to Edward Freeman Forwood of St Lawrence, Carpenter, for 7 years.
62. 24 July 1823: Printed Indenture. Henry Strevens, apprenticed to John Strevens, the Younger of Walworth, Surrey until 21, Shoemaker.
63. 7 Feb. 1824: Printed Indenture. James Andrews, apprenticed to John Pett of Moorfield, Middlesex, Carpenter and Joiner, for 7 years. Sealed 5 times in wax.
64. 11 Feb. 1826: Printed Indenture. Francis Burdett, apprenticed to Henry Jones of Canterbury, Stonemason, for 7 years. Master agrees to payments during apprenticeship.
65. 8 May 1826: Printed Indenture. Henry Darby, apprenticed to Leonard Adams of Deal, Tailor, until 21.
66. 1 Jan. 1830: Indenture. Charles Wilson, apprenticed to John Denne Clunn of Grays Inn Lane, Grocer, for 7 years.
67. 1 Dec. 1830: Printed Indenture. William Bing, apprenticed to Thomas Laurence of Canterbury, Shoemaker until 21.
68. 1 Feb. 1831: Printed Indenture. James Stevens, apprenticed to William Stevens of Marylebone, Ladies' Shoemaker, for 7 years.
69. 21 Sep. 1831: Printed Indenture. John Robert Thorp, apprenticed to Richard Wootton of Birchington, Tailor, for 7 Years.
70. 19 Feb. 1833: Printed Indenture. Richard Stevens, apprenticed to William Stevens of Rigists Park, Middlesex, for 7 years, Boot and Shoe maker.
71. 3 Dec. 1834: Printed Indenture. Daniel Clark Emptage, apprenticed to William Mortimore of Ramsgate, Fisherman, for 7 years.
72. 30 Mar. 1835: Printed Indenture with 7 seals in wax. Thomas Wilkinson, apprenticed to Henry Thorp of Herne Bay, Miller and Baker, for 7 years.
73. 17 Dec. 1836: Printed Indenture with 7 seals in wax. Thomas Bristow Bradley , apprenticed to Edith Bristow of Margate. Baker

- 74. 24 Mar. 1838: Printed Indenture. Robert Wilkinson, apprenticed to John Philpott of Ramsgate and Benjamin Norris, Tailors, for 5 years.
- 75. 19 Oct. 1839: Printed Indenture. James Chittenden the younger, apprenticed to Ephraim Smith of Holy Cross Westgate, (Canterbury?) Blacksmith, for 7 years.
- 76. 3 June 1840: Printed Indenture. Henry Sidders, apprenticed to Thomas Furnstone of Sturry, Butcher, for 4 years.
- 77. 21 Aug. 1840: Printed on parchment. William Horton, aged 16, apprenticed to Robert Stride of Margate, Mariner or Seaman, for 5 years. Master agrees to pay wages.

ADDENDA

- 78 . 1633:Bingham apprenticed to Robert Tottenden, Husbandman.(very old and worn and difficult to decipher.)
- 79. 1 May 1649: Bond of Obligation. Thomas Friend, apprenticed to Launcelot Brown. (See also 27.)
- 80. 1 Feb. 1655: Bond of Obligation. Thomas Norton apprenticed to William Dodd, Blacksmith. (See also 47.)
- 81. 1 Feb. 1655: Bond of Obligation. Francis Norton apprenticed to Robert Twyman. (See also 43.)
- 82. 18 Mar. 1686: An Agreement varying the term of the apprenticeship until the apprentice attained the age of 21 instead of 24. John Franks apprenticed to George Hadler, Brickmaker. (See also 44.)