

Apprenticeship Bond of Henry Hoggard, 1803

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA }
 Bertie COUNTY }

KNOW all men, by these presents, that we *Whitmell Swain*
William Swain and Simon Powell
are held and firmly bound unto *Timothy Hunter*, Chairman of the County
Court of Bertie, and his successors in office, into the sum of Two Hundred and
Fifty Pounds Currency, of the State; for which payment, well and truly to be
made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and
severally by these presents : Signed with our hands, and sealed with our seals,
this 8th day of *August* Anno Dom. 1803.

THE condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the County
Court of Bertie, hath this day bound *Henry Hoggard*
-- an orphan of color to *Whitmell*
Swain – to learn him the art and mistery of *a shoemaker*
 now if the said *Whitmell Swain* –
Master as aforesaid shall not remove, such orphan out of the County of Bertie,
and shall produce the said apprentice before this Court, whenever required, and
also produce (hime or her) at the expiration of the time (of his or her) time of
service, then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and
virtue.

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| <i>Sign'd Seal'd & del'd</i> | <i>Whitmell Swain [seal]</i> |
| <i>in presence of</i> } | <i>William Swain [seal]</i> |
| <i>Jos. Blount</i> | <i>Samuel Powell [seal]</i> |

Source: C.R.010.101.9 [North Carolina State Archives]
Bertie County. Apprentice Bonds and Records.
Apprentice Indentures 1800-1890. Apprentice Indentures 1803.