Spence Ballard Bound Boy To A.A. Billingsley	The State of Alabama, Shelby County. A. Servitude- This Indenture made and entered into this the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty three

Witnesseth, that Spencer Ballard aged about eleven years by and with the consent and advice of his father Jesse Ballard for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar paid to the said father by Asa A. Billingslea of the County and State aforesaid as also for other good causes hath bound and put himself and by these presents doth bind and put himself servant to the said Asa A. Billingslea to serve him ~~his~~ executors, administrators or assigns from the day of the date hereof for and during the full term of Ten years thence next ensuing, during all which term the said servant, his said master, his executors, administrators or assigns faithfully shall serve and that honestly and obediently in all things as a good and dutiful servant ought to do and the said Asa A. Billingslea his executors, administrators or assigns during the said Term shall find and provide for the said Spence Ballard sufficient meat drink apparel lodging and washing and at or before the expiration of the term shall give to the said bound Spence Ballard one years schooling one good suit of Clothes, one Horse, saddle and bridle - Whereunto we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals In witness the day and date above written -

Jesse his × mark Ballard (Seal)
A. A. Billingslea (Seal)

The State of Alabama, Shelby County.
Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County Jesse Ballard and Asa A. Billingslea who severally acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the within Indenture for the purpose therein mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned - Given under my hand and seal May the 13th A.D. 1843.

Jordan Jones J. Peace (L.S.)

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Noel Mason Clk.