

RECORDS

OF THE

TOWNS OF

North and South Hempstead,

Long Island, N. Y.

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Same this fifteenth Day of June And In ye Year of our
Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Ten

Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of us

JONAS WOOD (S)

JEREMIAH HOBART

JOHN KATCHAM

ABIEL TITUS

Memorandum that on ye 12th Day of March Annoy
Domini 1710-11 Abiell Titus and Jeremiah Hobard Two of
The Witnesses to the within written Deed of Release par-
sonally Appeared before me John Wicks one of her majes-
ties Justices of The peace for Suffolk County Assigned and
Declared that they Saw the within named Jonas Wood
Signe and actially Seal the within Written Deed of Release

Left' JOHN WICKES

A True Copy of the original Taken and Compaired this
13th Day of November Annoy Domini 1738 by me

MICAH SMITH

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Queens County YSs Whereas Caleb Cornall Joseph
Thorne Thomas Cornall Hennery Allyn four of his Majes-
tys Justices of ye Peace Whereof one is of ye Quorum for
ye County afore Said having heard and Examined ye
Matter in Differance between Joseph Dodge an Apprintice
to Jeremiah Dodge and itt Appearing to us upon Oath that
ye said Jeremiah Dodge hath not allow'd his sd Apprintice
Sufficient Meat We Do therefore for ye Cause afore said
Discharge ye Said Joseph Dodge from his said Apprintice
ship and Do hereby Under our Respective hands and Seals
pronounce and Declare that ye Said Joseph Dodge is Dis-
charged from his being any Longer an Apprintice to his

Said Master As Wittness our hands and Seals this 2th
Day of November 1738

CALEB CORNALL (S)
JOSEPH THORNE (S)
THOMAS CORNALL (S)
HENERY ALLYN (S)

November ye 2th Day 1738 then Recorded by

MICAH SMITH

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Wharas Trustum Dodge of Cow Neck in ye Township of Hempstead did on ye twenty first Day of May in ye year of Christ Seventeen Hundread and thirty Seven put his son Joseph Dodge An Apprintice to Jerimiah Dodge Ju of ye Same Place and with him to Live As an Apprintice untill ye third Day of June Seventeen Hundread and forty two As by ye Said Indentures may More att Large Appear Relation being thereunto had and ye sd Jeremias Dodge During ye sd time were to Learn ye sd Joseph Dodge ye trade & Mistery of A Black Smith and also During ye sd time to find him Sufficient Meat and Appearel but ye sd Apprintice did some time In ye Latter Part of October or in ye fore part of November Seventeen hundread and thirty Eight Comeplain that his sd Master had not allowed him Sufficient Meat upon which ye sd Jerimias Dodge and Trustum Dodge did Refer ye same Unto Caleb Cornall Joseph Thorne Tho: Cornall & Henry Allyn and they being of Opinion that ye sd Apprintice Ought to be Discharged, did accordingly order ye sd Apprintice to be Discharged but ye Sd Jerimias not being Satisfied therewith ye sd Jerimias and ye sd Trustum to prevent troublesome & vexatious Suits Conserving sd Aprintice did Joyntly Agree On ye Second Day of Jeneuary Last to Refer ye sd difERENCE Concerning ye said Apprintice Unto Thomas Pearsall Joseph Wood and Richard Mott, as by ye Bonds of Arbitration may More att Large Appear, Relation being thereunto had, We therefore whose Names are hereunto

Subscribed and Seals Affixed Arbitrators Named and Chosen as afore sd having heard ye Allygations as Well as ye sd Trustum as of ye Said Jerimiah and by what Evidence Appeared to Us itt did not Appear to Us that he was Soe poorly provided for as has been Reported; but was kept as well as many Other Apprintices who served Out their time but sd Master being a young beginner We think he did not provide soe plenty of Varietys as ye Apprintice was Used to have Att his fathers table but itt appears to Us that their is soe much Annomositys and Strife Between said Master

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& Apprintice that we Judge itt not Convenient or best for them to Live together and that Love and Amity may Increase between them We do there fore in persuance of ye sd Bonds of Arbitration & Power Given Us Order Award Arbitrate & Determine that ye sd Apprintice be and shall remain Fully Discharged from his sd Master and in Leine of ye time ye sd Apprintice had to serve his sd Master or had to serve his sd Master from ye time of his first Departure from him ye sd trustum Dodge Do pay or Cause to be paid unto ye sd Master Jerimiah Dodge the Sum of thirteen pounds ten shillings new york Money and that on or before ye first day of may Next Ensuing ye Date hereof and on payment there of ye sd Master shall deliver up to sd trustum ye Indenture he Hath for sd Apprintice And we further Order that ye sd Master keep what Cloaths ye sd Apprintice Left att his house att ye time of his departure from him In Wittness wherof We have here Unto Set our hands and fixed our Seals this twenty sixth Day of february In ye Year of Christ Seventeen Hundread and thirty Eight, nine.

Signed & Sealed by Us

THOMAS PEARSALL (S)

JOSEPH WOOD (S)

RICH'D MOTT (S)

A true Copy taken out of ye Original and Comepared ye
28th of May 1739 by me

MICAH SMITH Clark

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This document is about Jeremiah Dodge of Cow Neck, a Blacksmith, when had taken on Joseph Dodge - son of Tristram and Mary Sutton Dodge - as an apprentice in 1737. In October/November 1738, Joseph left his apprenticeship because he felt Jeremiah was not abiding by his agreement regarding the terms of the indenture.

I am studying this document right now and will write up what I learn and what the document implies.

For example:

1. The document says Joseph was to be an apprentice until June 3, 1742. Young men were usually apprenticed until their 21st birthday which implies that Joseph would turn 21 on June 3, 1742.

2. Also, if Jeremiah was an apprentice until he was 21, he would then have become a journeyman.

How long was he a journeyman until he became a master craftsman? I've e-mailed two blacksmiths/historians in the hope of getting insight as to what would have been normal in the early 1700s in the colonies.

The justices, in the document, refer to Jeremiah as "sd master being a young beginner."

Finding out how many years it would have taken a journeyman to become a master, on average, will help me approximate Jeremiah's birth year.

Further comments to follow.