

**Indenture between Rachel Hodgson and Elizabeth Rawlings; Rawlings is to be indentured to Hodgson for ten years and nine months.  
5/19/1696 - PHS # 111.16**

This indenture, made and dated this nineteenth day of this third month called May in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety six, Between this Town Concill of this Town of Portsmouth on Rhode Island in this Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England on the one part, and Rachel Hodgson of this Town of Portsmouth aforesaid, and on the other part witnesseth that the said Town Councill, by those present, hath put out a girl named Elizabeth Rawlings, daughter unto one Henry Rawlings, an apprentice for the full term and time of Ten years and nine months, beginning on the day of the date abovesaid, during all which said time the said apprentice is faithfully and truly to serve her said Mistress, Rachel Hodgson, her Executors, Administrators or Assigns, all their lawful commands, to obey all their lawfull secrets, faithfully to keep. She shall not by night nor by day absent her self from her said Mistresses services, her Executors, Administrators or Assigns without her leave or the leave of one of them during said term, and in all things she is to carry and [illegible "demean"?] her self as an Apprentice ought to do and the said Rachel, her Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall faithfully and truly provide for her said Apprentice, Elizabeth Rawlings, sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging both in sickness and in health, suitable for such as Apprentice during the said term and shall maintain the said Apprentice with sufficient Apparel, both linen and woolen, suitable for such an Apprentice during the said term, as also with suit other apparel suitable for such an Apprentice. And at the end of the said Term and Time of ten years and nine months, the said Rachel Hodgson, her Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall provide and deliver unto her said Apprentice one good sufficient new suit of apparel besides her every day wearing apparel, suitable for such an Apprentice. In witness thereof, the said Town Councill, Rachel Hodgson and Elizabeth Rawlings hath hereunto interchangeably set to their hands and seals to two of this [illegible] and date the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of  
[Signed by:]  
John Anthony  
John Coggeshall

Rachel Hodgson