

Apprenticeship indenture: William Hazel, July 1810

This Indenture made the fourteenth of July in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third [...] in the Year of our Lord 1810 WITNESSETH that Benjamin Firman and William Browne Churchwardens of the parish of Wivenhoe in the County of Essex and Jonathan Summers and Daniel Miller Overseers of the Poor of the said parish by and with the consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County who Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place William Hazel aged fourteen years or thereabouts, a poor Child of the said parish of Wivenhoe – Apprentice to John Cridge the younger of Wivenhoe aforesaid Oyster Dredger and Fisherman with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of Twenty One. [.....]

Justices of the Peace:

John Round Jun.

John Bawtree

Signed John Cridge junior.

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Note: The indenture is filled out on a semi-completed form, so only parts which provide names, locations and occupations that were filled in at the time of the apprenticeship have been transcribed here. The rest of the form text refers to the apprentice's duty to his master, and vice versa.