

Thomas Benson, Indenture of Sarah, October 1, 1853, Iron County, Utah,

John Beal, Indenture of Samuel, February 1, 1859, Sanpete County, Utah, in *Inventory of the County Archives of Utah: No. 20 Sanpete County* (Salt Lake City: Utah Historical Records Survey, Works Project Administration, 1941), 14. Misspellings left as in original.

#### **4. Two Native American children are indentured to Latter-day Saint families, 1853 and 1859.**

##### **Documents**

##### **a. Thomas Benson, Indenture of Sarah, October 1, 1853, Iron County, Utah.<sup>1</sup>**

Indenture

Richard Benson	}	
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	}	Filed October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1853
	}	
Indian girl, Sarah	}	

This Indenture made this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three, between Sarah Benson aged three (3) years born in Utah Territory, of the Pah Ed tribe of Indians of the first part, and Richard Benson of Parowan, Iron County, Utah Territory of the second part witnesseth: That the said Sarah hath voluntarily bound herself to live with and serve the said Richard Benson, until she shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) years, which will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1868. She also agrees and binds herself to obey all the lawful commands and counsel of the said Richard Benson, and to conduct herself at all times and in all respects as should become a child to its parent or lawful guardian.

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Benson, Indenture of Sarah, October 1, 1853, Iron County, Utah,

And it shall be the duty of the said Richard Benson, and he hereby binds himself to teach or cause the said Sarah to be taught some useful trade or avocation, and to correct and teach her to observe the principles of good order and industry, and also to send her to a good school for the term of twenty-seven (27) months, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, and to clothe her in a comfortable and becoming manner according to the said Richard Benson's condition in life. He also agrees and binds himself to act in all respects and at all times towards the said Sarah, as a parent or guardian should to his child or ward, except in relation to inheritance, and except as is otherwise provided by law: And also to give her at the expiration of her time of service, one good suit clothes for holidays, and one good suit for working.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26<sup>th</sup>, day of September  
A. D. 1853.

In the presence of

Samuel West

Charles Hall

Richard Benson

**b. John Beal, Indenture of Samuel, February 1, 1859, Sanpete County, Utah.<sup>2</sup>**

Indenture

This Indenture made this first day of February the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, between H. J. Christensen, G. G. Edwards and T. S. Allred, Selectmen of the County of Sanpete, Utah Territory of the first part and John Beal of the second part; Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part have placed and bound out by virtue of an "Act of this Territory

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entitled “An Act for the releif of Indian Slaves and Prisoners” do hereby with the consent of Gardner Snow Judge of the Court of Probate of said County, place and bind out Samuel, an Indian boy aged nine or ten years, born in the Territory of Utah, son of (not Known) of the Piede Tribe of Indians, obtained from Arapeen as an apprentice to the parties of the second part, to be taught the trade of farming to live with and serve him for the term of ten years as an apprentice from the date thereof that is to say until the said apprentice shall be of the age of twenty years which the said parties of the first part are informed and believe will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, and the said parties of the first part do by these presents give unto the second part all authority, power and right to and over the said Samuel and his service during said term which by the laws of this territory a Master hath to and over a lawful indentured apprentice; and the said party of the second part in consideration thereof doth promise, covenant and agree to and with the said parties of the first part and each of them their and each of their successors for the time being and with the said Samuel each by themselves respectively to teach and instruct the said Samuel as an apprentice or otherwise cause him to be well and sufficiently instructed and taught the trade of farming after the best way and manner that he can; and instruct said apprintice by sending him to school three months of the year in each year while the said apprentice is between the age of seven and sixteen; and also to train him to the habits of obedience, industry and morality and allow him meat, drink, washing, lodging and apparel for winter and summer and all other necessaries proper for such an apprentice during the term aforesaid and at the expiration of said term; will give unto the said apprentice a New Bible, Book of Mormon and two new suits of clothing, suitable to his condition— In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their names and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

C. G. Edwards (S L)

George Peacock

James T. S. Allred (S.L.)

Herman J. Christensen (S.L.)

James Wareham

John Beal