

Colonial Court Records

Indentured Servitude

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| Petition of Elizabeth Leverton, Undated | https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8103/rec/1 |
| Petition of Mary Vallaway, Undated | https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8086/rec/1 |
| Petition of Edmund Jening, 1699 | https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8084/rec/1 |
| Complaint Against Josuah Spivee, 1721 | https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8097/rec/1 |
| Petition of Amy Demsy, c. 1744 | https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8159/rec/1 |

Reflect & Discuss

For laws governing the treatment of indentured servants, see [Chapter XLVI](#) in Acts of the N.C. General Assembly, Vol. 23.

Contrast the conditions for indentured servants that these documents reflect to what you know about slavery. How might circumstances be different for each of the servants in these records if enslaved?

Why might these documents show only mothers petitioning on behalf of their children and not any fathers?