

**Transcription**

To the Wor[shipfu]ll Court now [being?]

The Humble Petition of of Eliz

Leverton

Humbly praying the Court to bind her

son William Leverton to N. Chevin accord

=ing to Indenture between them made

as allso her Daughter Mary till she

Come of the age of 18 years or mariag[e]

to the aforesd Chevin, now 12 years of age

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 7 day March

also pray that her son Jno Leverton

may be bound to John Wheatly being

now 6 years of age the 8th of Aprill next

The petition[e]r being unable to come

to Court her self humbly prays the Court

to bind the afores[ai]d children in her [absence?]

and shall pray

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Jane [Farlo?]

A [mark]

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**Reflect & Discuss**

Notice the ages of the children being indentured. How might that feel for a child? For their parents?

Why might children this young be indentured?

Childhood ended very early in colonial society. To learn more about family life in the colony of North Carolina, visit [ANCHOR](#).

## Indentured Servitude: Petition of Elizabeth Leverton, Undated



Eliz Leverton

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The Humble Petition of Eliz Leverton

Humbly Showing that shee being very ill and not able  
to Come to Court prays your worships to bind these child  
ren viz. two to N: Chevin mary & Wm and Jn to  
J[ohn] Wheatly my two sons to be bound till they come of  
21 years of age and my daughter till 18 they being  
now aged as [tell?] Mary 12 years old 7 day march &  
Wm acording to indenture made J[ohn] being 6 years

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The petition states that Elizabeth is ill and unable to come to court. How might her physical or mental health affect the decision to commit her children to indentured servitude? Or vice versa?