

**Record of indentures of individuals bound out as  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Volume(s)
<b>Extent</b>	1 volume.
<b>Location</b>	LH-MV-E-11
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Container</b>	1
<b>Abstract</b>	This volume contains the names of the indentured and to whom bound, the length of time, and the occupation to be learned or performed. There is an index in the back of this volume.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Provenance

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### Custodial History

Deposited in Philadelphia City Archives, 02/23/1971; returned, 04/--/1987.

### Acquisition Information

Presented by Thomas P. Roberts and accessioned, 1835 (1835 2761). Deposited in Phila. City Archives; 23 Feb. 1971. Returned to APS, April 1987.

### Alternative Form Available

This item is also available on microfilm (Film 1477).

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Business Records and Accounts
- Legal Records
- Official Government Documents and Records

### Subject(s)

- African American
- Apprentices -- Pennsylvania.
- Business and Skilled Trades
- Germans -- United States.
- Government Affairs

- Indentured servants -- Pennsylvania.
- Philadelphia History
- Social Life and Custom
- Women's History

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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This item was printed in the Pennsylvania-German Society "Proceedings" 16/4(1907).

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This large volume contains the records of those entering contracts of indentured servitude in Philadelphia from 1771-1773. The records not only list the name of the person, but contain details on their profession and on the terms of the indenture. Although the volume is described as the records of German immigrants, there are other indentures included, such as that of John Slour, "a free negro," records of those arriving from Ireland, and of young Philadelphians choosing to enter indentured contracts. The volume had been on loan to the City Archives until 1987. During that time, approximately twenty pages went missing. Otherwise, the volume appears to be complete and contains over 800 pages of records with each page contain information for about four to six individuals.