

Indenture of Samuel Le Mare (1703-1759)

This indenture witnesseth, That Samuoll Le Mare, Son of Peter Le Mare Spittle fields weaver doth put himself Apprentice to John Bennet, citizen and weaver of London and with him (after the manner of an Apprentice) to serve from the Day of the Date hereof, unto the full End and Term of Seven Years, from thence next following, to be fully compleat and ended. During which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve, his Secrets keep, his lawful commandments every where gladly do. He shall do no damage to his paid Master, nor fee it to be done of others, but that he to his power shall lett, or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same. He shall not waste the Goods of his said Master, nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the said Term. He shall not play at Cards, Dice, Tables, or any other unlawful Games, whereby his Master may have any loss. With his own Goods or others, during the said Term, without Licence of his said Master, he shall neither buy nor sell. He shall not haunt Taverns or Play-houses, or absent himself from his said Master's Service Day or Night unlawfully But in all things as a faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master, and all his, during the said Term. And the said Master

—his said Apprentice, in the same Art which he useth, by the best means that he can, shall teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, finding unto his said Apprentice Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging, and all other Necessaries, according to the Custom of the City of London, during the said Term. And for the true Performance of all and every said Covenants and Agreements, either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these Presents. In Witness whereof, the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the xviii Day of January Anno Dom. 1719 and in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, King of Great Britain, &c.

[three stamps of VI pence each]

The Mark of

Sam^{ll} Le Mare

On the reverse side:

p Jas Dandy Weaver
21 March 1731
Sam^{ll} Wright
Warden.

Note by PHL

21 March 1731 was presumably the date of Samuel's admission to the Weavers' Company. Until 1752 the year ended in March.

Having been apprenticed on 18 January 1719 he thus served twelve years apprenticeship, or there was a period after completion before being admitted to the Weavers' Company.

The Indenture is in the Corporation of London Record Office file CFI/526. Samuel's admission to the Weaver's Company also admitted him to the Freedom of the City of London (See Vivienne E. Aldous: *The Archives of the Freedom of the City of London 1681-1915* – Genealogists' Magazine **23** (4) 255-266, 1989). Descendants of Samuel who were Freemen were admitted by patrimony.