

I hereby hire of Capt Jas Pilgman his negro  
man Jack for the year 1853, and I hereby bind  
myself to pay to the said Jas: Pilgman at  
the end of the said year fifty five dollars  
for the services of the said negro  
and I further bind myself to furnish the  
said negro with good and sufficient  
food and lodging and with summer and  
winter clothes including boots & stockings  
the said clothing to be in quantity and  
quality such as is furnished by the hu-  
man masters of the neighborhood to  
their slaves of like age and sex. Witness  
my hand this 1st day of January 1853.

Thomas Chambers