

Appendix 3. David Stevenson's apprenticeship indenture 10 July 1834

It is contracted and agreed upon between the parties following vizt. Robert Stevenson Civil Engineer residing in Edinburgh on the one part and David Stevenson third son of the said Robert Stevenson with consent of Adam Warden Doctor of medicine as Cautioner and taking burden upon him for the said David Stevenson on the other part in manner following That is to say the said David Stevenson with consent foresaid hereby becomes bound Apprentice to the said Robert Stevenson for carrying the art and practice of a Civil Engineer as exercised by him and that for the space of five years from and since the term of Martinmas [11 November?] one thousand eight hundred and thirty notwithstanding the date hereof during which whole space the said David Stevenson and the said Adam Warden as Cautioner for him Bind and Oblige themselves and their heirs and successors conjunctly and severally, that the said David Stevenson shall faithfully diligently and Honestly attend his said masters service by night and by day, and shall not absent himself therefrom without leave asked and given, and that he shall not hear or see his masters skaith without hindering and preventing the same to the utmost of his power and timeously acquainting his master therewith, and that he shall not divulge any secret or secrets with which his master may intrust him And further the said David Stevenson and his Cautioner Bind and Oblige themselves and their foresaids conjunctly and severally to repeat and refund to the said Robert Stevenson any loss damage or expence which he may happen to incur or sustain through the omissions or default of the said David Stevenson at any time during his apprenticeship For which Causes and on the other part the said Robert Stevenson Binds and obliges himself to teach and instruct the said David Stevenson his

apprentice in the foresaid art and practice of a Civil Engineer in all its branches as practised by him the said Robert Stevenson during the foresaid space in so far as he knows and the said David Stevenson is capable to learn and the said David Stevenson Binds and obliges himself and his foresaids to warrant, free relieve harness and skaitbless keep his said Cautioners of all cost damage interest and expence which they or any of them may anyways sustain or be put to by being bound and obliged for him in manner foresaid And lastly both parties Bind and oblige themselves and their foresaids to implement and fulfill the premisses to each other hinc inde under the penalty of Fifty pounds sterling to be paid by the party failing to the party performing or willing to perform over and above performance and both parties Consent to the Registration hereof in the Books of Council and Session or others competent therein to remain for preservation and that letters of Horning on six days charge and all other necessary execution may pass upon a Decree to be interponed hereto in common form and thereto Constitute their Procurators.

In witness Whereof these presents written upon Stamped paper by James Gordon Apprentice to Charles Cunningham and Carlyle Bell Writers to the Signet Are Subscribed by the said parties at Edinburgh on the tenth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty four before these witnesses James Falconer Writer in Edinburgh, and Thomas Stevenson residing in Baxters Place Edinburgh. [signatures].

This document was signed after the apprenticeship had already run for nearly four years. On completion of the apprenticeship in 1835 Robert gave the following discharge:

I Robert Stevenson within designed in respect that the also within designed David Stevenson has served me as my apprentice in

terms of the within Indenture during the whole period therein stipulated properly and faithfully, Therefore I do hereby Exonerate and Discharge him and the within designed Adam Warden his Cautioner, of the said Indenture whole purport and effect thereof so far as the same were incumbent on them and I oblige myself to warrant this discharge to be good and sufficient at all hands. In witness whereof I have subscribed these presents written on the back of the said Indenture by James Falconer Clerk to Cunninghams & Bell Writers to the Signet at Edinburgh.