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Ancestor Taught for Just $6 a Year

Articles of agreement made and
Entered into Between Thomas Guymon of
County of Jackson and state of Tennessee
of the one part and the under subscribers
of the other part the s.d Guymon does bind
him self to teach a skool for three months
for Reading and Writing five days out of
every week at the rates of Six Dollars for
Year one half in Current money he to board at his own house
in Cotton wool or Cloth Delivered at the house
of the gentlemen or Lard or pork at the Market
price Delivered at the Mouth of Frater
Creek the hides to be paid on a month for Dressing
the skool house to be built at the
Drifting spring Between thos. guymon and
carson Martins the skool to commence on
the 2.d monday in august the s.d guymon is
to make up all lost time that may be
loose the s.d guymon is to keep good order in
his skool the subscribers with the teacher
is to Bild a good sufficient skool house the
house to be ready in good time

Here is documentary proof that school teaching has become somewhat more attractive financially in 120 years. Jackson county, Tennessee, guaranteed Thomas Guymon $6 yearly in 1821 (but he had to help build the schoolhouse). Lower left, Burton H. Adams, Utah county legislator, Mr. Guymon's great-grandson and owner of the manuscript.

Ancient Contract Makes Teachers' Pay Look Large

It is a well-known fact that few school teachers [illegible] awake nights trying to devise ways and means of [illegible] become fat on their worldly possessions. Most of the [illegible] in our public schools and state institutions are [illegible] enough left for decent Christmas bonus [illegible]