

Robert Scott was born at Ilford, in the parish of Ilton, Somerset in 1688, the second son of John Scott of Salisbury. At the age of 15 he was bound apprentice to a Mr Robert Everett, a linen weaver of Milborne Wick, Somerset.

This Indenture made the Ninteenth day of March 1703 ...

... Mistery or occupation of a Linning Weaver from the day of this date hereof for and during the full and whole Terme of Seaven Years from thence next ensuing fully to be complete and ended. During all which said Terme hee the said Robert Scott doth hereby Covenant and promise to and with the said Robert Everett That he will be to him Carefull diligent and attendant his Secrets Close keep his lawfull Comands and honest services everywhere shall gladly doe obey and performe Hurt unto him he shall not do consent or procure to be done but to his power the same shall let and hinder Taverns Alehouses or such like places he shall not haunt or frequent except about necessary business for his said Master. Cards or any other unlawfull Game or Games he shall not play The Goods of his said Master he shall not give lend Imbezle Wast or Consume but shall be accountable and Answerable for such part or Soe much thereof as shall be remitted or come to his Care Charge Trust or Custody He shall not Marry or contract himself to any Woman during the said Terms Nor depart or absent himselfe out of the service of his said Master without his Lycense or a reasonable Excuse but during all the said Terme as an honest true diligent and faithfull Apprentice unto him the said Robert Everett The receipt whereof the said Robert Everett doth herby acknowledge Doth Covenant and promise to and with the said Robert Scott That hee will Teach and Instruct or Cause him to be taught and instructed in the Trade Mistery or occupation of a Lining Weaver after the best manner he can or is able And alsoe shall and Will give find and provide for and allow unto the said Robert Scott Sufficient fit and Convenient Meat Drink Apparel Lodging Washing Houserom and all things needful for him as well in Sickness as in health during the said Terme And at the end of it shall give unto him Two decent and handsome Suites of Apparell fit and Convenient for his Wearing In Witness whereof the parties to these presents their hands and Seals Interchangably have Sett the day and Year first above written.

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Sealed and delivered in the presence of
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Robert spent the rest of his life in Milborne Port where he carried on the business of a linen weaver. He had a small mill, making tick and dowlas. According to his great, great, grand daughter Isabella Scott, in 1879 'his house had a pretty garden and stood just below the Wesleyan Chapel, between the chapel and the stream. The stream flows through what was his garden, the two parts of which are connected by a very small bridge. The part in which it stands was called Kingsbury.'

Tick is a cotton or linen fabric mix tightly woven with a stripe
Dowlas is a strong coarse linen cloth