

This indenture witnesseth that I Jacob Rife, one of the overseers of the poor for the county of Rockingham and State of Virginia do put and bind Jacob Fisher (orphan) son of Jacob fisher, agreeable as an order of Court dated at April court ninety-seven to John Cratzier of the county and state of Aforesaid and after the manner of an apprentice to serve the said John Cratzier from the say of the date hereof for and during and to the full end and term of four years next [illegible], during all which term, the said apprentice, his said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep his lawfull commands everywhere readily obey , he shall do damage to his said masters goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any, he shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony during the said term, he shall not play cards, dice, or any other unlawfull game whereby his said master may have damage, with his own goods or the goods of others without license from his said master, he shall neither buy nor sell, he shall not absent himself, day nor night, from his said masters service without his leave; nor haunt ale houses, taverns, or playhouses, but in all things behave himself as a faithfull apprentice ought to do during the said term and this said master shall use the utmost of his endeavors to teach or cause to be taught or instruct the said apprentice in the trade or mistery of Tanning and Curryng and procure and provide for him sufficient meat, drink, apparel, lodging and washing fitting for any apprentice, during the said term of four years and within said term to give six months scooling and three day every harvest to himself with eight pounds in cash at the end of said term with customary free dues and for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid the said parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents.

In witness whereof the said parties interchangeably set their hands and sealed hereunto dated thus 25th day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Signed, sealed, and delivered.