

THIS INDENTURE

MADE THE

25th day of *December* in the year of our Lord 1837 Between *John*

Kratzer one of the Overseer of the Poor of the *Western* District in the County of Rockingham of the one part and *Jacob Neff* of the other part witnesseth, that the said Overseers of the Poor by virtue of an Order of the Court of the County aforesaid bearing date the *seventeenth* day of *December* in the year 1837 has placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind *Jehue Jones* of the age of *seven years* ~~the 23rd day of April 1838~~ to be an Apprentice with him the said *Jacob Neff* and as an Apprentice with him the said *Jacob Neff* to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said *Jehue Neff Jones* shall arrive, and come to the age of *Twentyone* years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided. For and during all which time and term the said *Jehue Jones* shall the said *Jacob Neff* well and faithfully serve in all such lawful Business as the said *Jehue Jones* shall be put unto by his said *Masters* according to the Power, Wit and Ability of the said *Jehue Jones* and the said *Jehue Jones* honestly and obediently in all things behave towards the said *Jacob Neff* and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the Family of him the said *Jacob Neff* And the said *Jacob Neff* for himself *his* Executors and Administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseer of the Poor and his Successor in office for the time being that the said Apprentice shall in the Craft, Mystery and Occupation of *Jacob Neff* which he the said *Jacob Neff* now useth, after the best manner that he can, or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed and informed, as much as thereunto belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth, and that he the said *Jacob Neff* shall also find and allow unto the said Apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet, for an Apprentice during the the term aforesaid: And also that the said *Jacob Neff* shall teach, or cause to be taught to the said *Jehue Jones* Reading, Writing and Common Arithmetic including the Rule of Three and will moreover pay to the said *Jehue Jones* the Sum of *Twenty* Dollars at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the Presence of

Joel Argenbright
Aschabell Hopkins

John Kratzer Seal
Jacob Neff Seal

J. Jones

to

Mr. Neff & Co. Incantus

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Faint, mostly illegible text of the indenture, including phrases like 'I, the said J. Jones', 'in witness whereof', and 'signed and sealed'.

1834

Large, faint handwritten signatures and names at the bottom of the page, including 'James Neff' and 'John Jones'.