

**THIS INDENTURE** MADE THE *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* in the year of our Lord 1827 Between *Michael A Harris* one of the Overseer of the Poor of the *District* in the County of Rockingham of the one part and *Martin Whitman* of the other part witnesseth, that the said Overseer of the Poor by virtue of an Order of the Court of the County aforesaid bearing date the *10* day of *December* in the year 1827 has placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind *Thomas Lavis* of the age of *12 years & 6 months* years to be an Apprentice with him the said *Martin Whitman* and as an Apprentice with him the said *Martin Whitman* to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said *Thos Lavis* shall arrive, and come to the age of *21* 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 *Thos Lavis* shall the said *Martin Whitman* well and faithfully serve in all such lawful Business as the said *Thos Lavis* shall be put unto by his said *Master* according to the Power, Wit and Ability of the said *Thos Lavis* and the said *Thos Lavis* honestly and obediently in all things behave towards the said *Martin Whitman* and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the Family of him the said *Martin Whitman* And the said *Martin Whitman* for himself 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 *Farming* which he the said *Martin Whitman* 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 *Martin Whitman* 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 term aforesaid: And also that the said *Martin Whitman* shall teach, or cause to be taught to the said *Thos Lavis* Reading, Writing, and Common Arithmetic including the Rule of Three, and will moreover pay to the said *Thos Lavis* the Sum of *20* Dollars at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered  
 in the Presence of }  
*James C. Chipman*

*Martin Whitman*  
*Michael A Harris*



Thomas Lanichs

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