

This indenture made this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord 1812 and in the 37th year of the independence of the United States of America, between Joseph Cravens overseer of the poor of district, in the county of Rockingham and state of Virginia of the one part and Felix Sheltman of the same county and state of the other part, witnesseth that the said Joseph Cravens overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county, bearing date the day of in the year have put placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind Robert Travis a poor boy of the age of fifteen years the 2nd July last to be an apprentice with him the said Felix Sheltman, to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Robert Travis shall come to the age of 21 years according to the act of the general assembly in that case made and provided. By and during all which time and term, the said Robert Travis shall the said Felix Sheltman, his said master well and faithfully serve, in all such lawfull business as the said Robert Travis shall be out unto by his said master, according to the power with and ability of him the said Robert Travis and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said master and honestly and orderly toward the rest of the family of the said Felix Sheltman and the said Felix Sheltman for his part for himself, his executors, administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said overseer of the poor, his heirs executors and administrators and his successors for the time being, and to and with the said Robert Travis, that he the said Felix Sheltman, shall the said Robert Travis in the art, mystery, and occupation of a shoemaker which the said Felix Sheltman, 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 ascertaineth, and that the said Felix Sheltman shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful, or necessary for an apprentice during the term aforesaid, and also that the said Felix Sheltman shall teach or cause to be taught to the said Robert Travis reading, writing, and common arithmetic including the rule of three and will moreover pay to the said Robert Travis the sum of twelve dollars, at the expiration of his aforesaid term, In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written