

R. Mathew alias
Fifer
Inventor

This Indenture made the 24th March 1818. Between Richard P. Fletcher, one of the owners of the poor for the West District of the County of Nottingham of the one part and Peter Stenbarger of the County and state aforesaid of the other, ~~part~~ witnesses that the said owner of the poor in pursuance of an order of the Court of said County bearing date at March Court last doth put and bind, Richard Mathew alias Richard Fifer, poor child of — (being twelve years and nine months old the 14 day of January last) as an apprentice to him the said Peter Stenbarger, and with him, after the manner of an apprentice to dwell, and serve until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, to learn the art trade and mystery a Silver Smith, in the same manner as the said Stenbarger now follows that business, and also the art of cleaning, ^{repairing} watches, and ~~making~~ ^{repairing} clocks —

In consideration of which the said Peter Stenbarger binds himself to the said Richard P. Fletcher or to his Successor, to teach, or cause to be taught, or instruct the said Richard, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick through the single rule of three, and the art mystery and trade as aforesaid — during said term, and moreover to find the said Richard in good, sufficient cloathing, meat, drink, washing, and lodging fit and

Contract for such an apprentice, and also at the
end of the said term to pay to the said Richard
for freedom due twenty Dollars, In witness
whereof the said Overseer of the poor, and Peter
Stenebarger hath hereunto set their hands and
seals the day and year aforesaid
signed sealed and Deliv^d.

Richard Fletcher

in presence of

Test
John Henson

Peter Stenebarger

I Peter Stenebarger do hereby agree that I am
to pay to the within Richard, Jesse alias Mathews
the sum of ten Dollars over ~~and~~ what is mentioned in the
above indenture, and also to give him nine months
Shooting, which I promise to do, provided the said
Boy stays out his full term and behaves himself
in a proper manner, and a good suit of clothes—
as witness my hand this 24 March 1818

Peter Stenebarger