

This indenture witnesseth that I John Lincoln one of the overseers of the poor, for the parish and County of Rockingham in the state of Virginia, by an order of said county court to me directed, held the fourth Monday of one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, hath and by these presents doth put and bind Jonas Painter, orphan of Elias Painter of the age of fifteen years the first day of May last past apprentice to Ferdinand Lair of the same place to serve him in the said county or parish until he arrives at the age of twenty one years, during which term, the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep, his lawful commands every where obey; he shall do no damage to his said master, nor willfully suffer it to be done by others; he shall neither buy nor sell without his said masters leave; fornication he shall not commit, matrimony he shall not contract, at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, he shall play, with his own goods or the goods of others, whereby his said master may have damage, nor haunt alehouses, playhouses, or taverns; he shall not waste his said masters goods, nor lend them to any without his consent but in all things behave himself a good and faithful servant or apprentice ought to do.

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel fitting for such apprentice, during the said term, and teach the said apprentice to read the Bible well, to write and cypher through the rule of three, and learn him or cause to be paid to said apprentice the freedom dues customary for such apprentice.

In witness whereof each partie bind themselves to the other. Sealed with their seals, this thirtieth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of Richard Custer John Briggs