

This indenture made this 16th day of May one thousand eight hundred and five between Alex Graham overseer of the poor of the south district in the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Burkholder of said county of the other part Witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance of an order of the court of said county bearing date of April court last doe put place and bind John Shitler a poor boy seven years old the seventeenth day of December last past as an apprentice unto the said John Burkholder to dwell with and serve him until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years

In consideration whereof the said Burkholder on his part doth bind himself to the said Graham or his successor overseer of the poor to teach and instruct or cause to be taught the said apprentice the art and mystery of a cooper within the time above mentioned and to find the said apprentice in cloaths meat drink and lodging fit and convenient for such apprentice and to teach or cause him to be taught to read and wright and common arithmatick including the rule of three and at the end of his apprenticeship shall give unto said apprentice all such freedom dues as the law directs in witness whereof each of us hath here unto set our hands and seals the day and year above written