

This indenture made this day of November 1817 between William Fitzwaters one of the overseers of the poor in the county of Rockingham of the one part and Richard Custer Jr. of the said county of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance of an order of the county court of Rockingham made at August court 1817 do put and bind Hnery Mason poor child of William Mason of the said county who was eleven years old on the day of last as an apprentice to the said Richard Custer Jr. with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve him until he arrives at the age of twenty one years In consideration of which the said Richard Custer Jr, binds himself to the said William Fitzwaters or his successors overseers of the poor to teach and instruct the said Henry Mason or cause to be taught and instructed him the said Henry Mason in the art and mystery of a gunsmith during said term and moreover to find the said Henry Mason in good and sufficient clothes meat drink washing and lodging fit and convenient for such apprentice and also to teach or cause to be instructed the said Henry Mason reading writing and arithmetic as far as the rule of three and also at the end of his service shall pay to the said Henry Mason for freedom dues twenty dollars In witness whereof the said William Fitzwaters to the counter part of these presents hath set his hand and affixed his seal and the said Richard Custer Jr. hath set his hand and affixed his seal on the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of