

This indenture made the 15th day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventeen between Philip Brenner overseer of the poor for Rockingham County of the one part and Henry Kline of the said county of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance of an order of the court of the poor in pursuance of an order of the court of said county of Rockingham bearing date last January court to put and bind Jacob Coffman orphan of Jacob Coffman dec'd of the said county sixteen years of age the 17th as an apprentice to the said Henry Kline to dwell and serve until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years to learn the art and mystery of a blacksmith

In consideration of which the said Kline binds himself to the said Brenner or his successor of the poor to teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the said Coffman the art and mystery aforesaid during said term and more over to find the said Coffman in good and sufficient clothes meat drink washing and lodging fit and convenient for such apprentice and teach him to read write and common arithmetic including the rule of three and also at the end of his service twenty dollars for his freedom. In witness whereof the said overseer of the poor to the counter part of these presents set his hand and seal and the said Henry Kline hath set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of