

This indenture made this sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six in 28<sup>th</sup> year of our independence of the United States of America between William Cravens and Samuel McWilliams overseers of the poor of the west district of parish of Rockingham in the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Owens of said county of the other part, witnesseth, that the said William Cravens and Samuel McWilliams overseers of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county, bearing date the 26 day of September 1796, have put, placed, and bound and by these presents do put, place, and bind Peer Kendle poor child whose parents are not able to maintain him of the age of fifteen years, last August to be apprentice with him the said John Owens Jr and as an apprentice with him the said John Owens to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Peter Kendle shall come to the years of twenty one, according to the act of Assembly in that case made and provided by and during all which time and term, the said Peter Kendle shall the said John Owens Jr his said master well and faithfully serve, in all such lawfull business as the said Peter Kendle shall be put by his said master, according to the power, wit, and ability of him the said Peter Kendle and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said master, and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the John Owens Jr. and the said John Owens Jr for his part for himself his Exers. And Admins. Doth hereby promise and covenant to I with the said overseers of the poor and every of them, their and way of their exrs. and adms. And their every of their successors in office for the time being, and to and with the said Peter Kendle that he that said John Owens Jr shall the said Peter Kendle in the craft, mistery and occupation of shoe and boot maker which he the said John Owens Jr now useth, after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught is instructed and informed as much as thereunto belongeth or in any [illegible]. And that the said John Owens Jr shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet for an apprentice during the term aforesaid.

And also that the said John Owens Jr shall teach, or cause to be taught into the said Peter Kendle, writing and common arithmetic including the rule of three; and will moreover pay unto the said Peter Kendle, the sum of twelve dollars at the expiration of his aforesaid term.

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeable set their hands and seals the day and year first above written