

# This Indenture

MADE THE

*21<sup>st</sup> of September 1844*  
*Reading*

in the year of our Lord 18*44* Between *Peter Stenton*

one of the Overseer's of the Poor of the \_\_\_\_\_ District in the County of Rockingham of the one part, and

*Silas Stenton* of the other part witnesseth, that the said Overseers of the Poor by virtue of an Order of the County aforesaid bearing date *the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August* ~~the 14<sup>th</sup> day of~~ <sup>Court</sup> in the year 18*44* has

placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind *John St. Sturdy* a free boy of <sup>Colours</sup> of the age of *Eleven* ~~years~~ <sup>at the date of said Order</sup> years to be an Apprentice with him the said *Silas Stenton* and as an Apprentice

with him the said *Silas Stenton* to dwell from the date of ~~these presents~~ <sup>said Order</sup> until the said *John St. Sturdy* shall arrive, and come to the age of *Twenty one* years, according

to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided. For and during all which time and term the said *John St. Sturdy* shall the said *Silas Stenton*

well and faithfully serve in all such lawful Business as the said *John St. Sturdy* shall be put unto

by his said *Master* according to the Power, Wit and Ability of the said *John St. Sturdy* and

the said *John St. Sturdy* honestly and obediently in all things behave towards the said *Silas Stenton*

and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the Family of him the said *Silas Stenton*

And the said *Silas Stenton* for himself his Executors and Administrators doth hereby

promise and covenant to and with the said Overseer of the Poor and his Successor in office for the time being, that the said

Apprentice shall in the Craft, Mystery and Occupation of *the farming business* which he the said

*Silas Stenton* now useth, after the best manner that he can, or may teach, instruct, and inform,

or cause to be taught, instructed and informed, as much as thereunto belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth, and that the said

*Silas Stenton* 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

*Silas Stenton* shall teach, or cause to be taught to the

~~Reading, Writing and Common Arithmetic including the Rule of Three, and will moreover pay to the said~~ *the sum of*

~~one hundred dollars as aforesaid upon by the said Silas Stenton and the Court, that it is to~~ *say to the said*

~~IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the Day and year~~

~~above written.~~ *the age of 14 years, \$7.50 when he arrives to an age of fifteen \$10. when*

*16 years, \$12.50 when 17 years, \$15. when 18 years, \$15 when 19 years, and then*

*Signed, Sealed and Delivered* } to the said *John St. Sturdy* *Twenty dollars when he*

*shall arrive to the age of 21 years as aforesaid, all which is set forth in the*

*Order of the said Court, and in consideration of the Court directing*

*the said boy to be bound to said Stenton, as set forth in said Order. In*

*Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands*

*and Seals the day and year aforesaid*

*Peter Stenton*

*Silas Stenton*

*Signed, sealed and delivered*  
*in the presence of*

*St. J. Gambell*

**This Indenture**

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*Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of July 1844*  
*J. to S. Fraink*  
*Stewart*  
*by*

*[Faint, illegible handwriting throughout the lower half of the page]*