

Indenture  
to Felix Sheltman  
of the County of  
Rockingham

This Indenture made this 20 day of February in  
the year of our Lord 1812 and in the 37 year of the  
independence of the United States of America,  
between Joseph Cravens, overseer of the poor of  
district, in the County of Rockingham and  
State of Virginia of the one part, and Felix  
Sheltman of the same County and State of the  
other part, Witnesseth, that the said Joseph Cravens  
overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an  
order of the Court of the aforesaid County, bearing  
date the day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ have just  
placed and bound, and by these presents do just  
place and bind Robert Travis a poor boy of the  
age of fifteen years, the 2<sup>nd</sup> July last to be an apprentice  
with him the said Felix Sheltman, to dwell  
from the date of these presents, until the said  
Robert Travis, shall come to the age of 21 years,  
according to the act of the General Assembly in  
that case made and provided, By and during  
all which time and term, the said Robert  
Travis, shall the said Felix Sheltman, his said  
master well and faithfully serve, in all such  
lawfull business as the said Robert Travis, shall  
be put unto by his said master, according to  
the power wit and ability of him the said  
Robert Travis, 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 said Felix Sheltman  
and the said Felix Sheltman, for his part, for  
himself, his executor, administrators, doth hereby  
promise and covenant to and with the said  
overseer of the poor, his heirs executor and ad-  
ministrators and his successor for the time  
being, and to and with the said Robert Travis,  
that he the said Felix Sheltman, shall the  
said Robert Travis, in the art, mystery, and  
occupation of a Shoemaker, which the said  
Felix Sheltman, now useth, after the best  
manner that he can or may teach instruct  
and inform, or cause to be taught instructed  
and inform as much as thereunto

belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth, and  
that the said Felix Shettman shall also find  
and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient  
meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging and  
all other things needful, or meet for an app-  
rentice during the term aforesaid, and also  
that the said Felix Shettman, shall teach or  
cause to be taught to the said Robert Travis,  
reading, writing and common arithmetic including  
the rule of three, and will moreover pay to  
the said Robert Travis, the sum of Twelve  
Dollars, at the expiration of his aforesaid  
term, In witness whereof the parties to these  
presents have interchangeably set their hands  
and seals the day and year first above written,

Witness

Jos. Crowder

Felix Shettman