

This indenture witnesseth that I William Shipman of the county and parish of Rockingham and state of Virginia being at the age of twenty one years do of my own free will and accord bind my self apprentice to Frederick Spangler of said county parish and state for and during the term of two years and a half to commence from the first day of December last past and to continue until the aforesaid term in fully and completely [illegible] during which term the said apprentice his said master shall faithfully serve his secrets keep his lawful commands everywhere gladly obey he shall do no damage to his masters nor willful suffer it to be done by others he shall neither buy nor sell fornication he shall not commit matrimony he shall not contract at cards dice or any other unlawful games he shall not play with his own goods nor the goods of others whereby his said master may have damage nor haunt alehouses taverbs or playhouses he shall not waste his said masters goods nor lend them to any without his leave but in all things behave himself as a good and faithfull apprentice aught to do

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure sufficient meat drink washing and lodging fitting for an apprentice during the said term and teach the said apprentice the art trade mistery or occupation of a blacksmith as far as in his power lies during the said term and at the expiration of the said term to give the said apprentice one good new suit of cloaths as by law directed for such apprentices. By indenture in witness whereof each party bind themselves to the other and enter chargably have here unto set their hands and affixed their seals this twenty fifth day of January 1791

Signed sealed and Delivered in presents of

John Erwin