

This indenture made the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December one thousand eight hundred and four between Alexander Graham overseer of the poor for the south district in the county of Rockingham of the one part and George Berry 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 said county bearing date of September court last doe put place and bind William Black of said county a poor boy being eighteen years of age the twenty fourth day of January last past as an apprentice unto the said George Berry to dwell with and serve him until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years

In consideration whereof the said George Berry doth bind him self to the said Graham or his successor overseer of the poor to teach or instruct of cause to be taught the said William Black the art and mystery of a blacksmith within the term above mentioned and to furnish the said apprentice with cloath meat drink and lodging fit and convenient for such an apprentice and to teach or cause him to be taught to read and wright and common arithmatick including the rule of three and at the end of his apprenticeship shall give unto the said apprentice such freedom dues as the law directs in witness whereof each of us hath hereunto sett our hands and seals the day and year above written