

This indenture made the 7 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one between Abram Byrd one of the overseers of the poor for the first district of the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Bowman of the said county of the other part witnesseth that the said Abram Byrd overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county bearing date the August county 1841 have put placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind Sophina Cushman of the age of eight years to be an apprentice with him the said John Bowman and as an apprentice with him the said John Bowman to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Sophina Cushman shall attain the age of eighteen years, According to the act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, By and during all which time the said Sophina Cushman shall the said John Bowman her said master well and faithfully serve in all such lawfull business as the said Sophina Cushman shall be out unto by her said master according to the power wit and ability of her the said Sophina Cushman and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave herself towards her said master and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said John Bowman. And the said John Bowman for his part for himself his executors and administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said overseer of the poor and his successors in office for the time being and to and with the said Sophina Cushman that he the said John Bowman shall instruct the said Sophina Cushman in the craft mystery and occupation of a house keeper which he the said John Bowman now uses after the best manner that he can or may teach instruct and inform or cause to be taught instructed or informed as much as thereunto belongeth or in any wise ascertaineth And that the said John Bowman shall also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat drink apparell washing lodging and all other things needful or nect for an apprentice during the term aforesaid And also that the said John Bowman shall teach or cause to be taught to the said Sophina Cushman reading writing and common arithmetic including the Rule of three and will moreover pay the said Sophina Cushman twenty dollars at the expiration of the aforesaid term in witness whereof the parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals this to these presents this day and year first above written