

This indenture made this 18th day of April eighteen hundred and four between Alexander Graham overseer of the poor for the south district in the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Landis 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 of Rockingham made this day do put and bind Joseph Fry (a poor child of John Fry aged twelve years old in may next) with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years to learn the art trade and mistery of a blacksmith

In consideration of which the said Landis binds himself to the said Graham or his successor overseer of the poor to teach instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the said Joseph Fry the art and mistery aforesaid during said term and moreover to find him in good and sufficient meat drink washing and lodging and apparel fit and convenient for such apprentice and teach or cause him to be taught reading writing and common arithmetic including the rule of three and also at the end of his service shall pay and satisfy to the said Joseph all such freedom dues as he shall have a right to demand in Witnesseth whereof the said overseer of the poor and the said Landis hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day first above written