

This indenture made the twenty fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety two Witnesseth, that I John Lincoln one of the overseers of the poor of Rockingham County, by virtue of an order of the court of the said county held in April last, and to me directed, doth put and bind Frederick Francis, orphant of Lewis Francis deceased apprentice to George Switzel of said county Tobacconist with him after the manner of an apprentice to serve from the said twenty-fourth day of September above said until he arrives at the age of twenty one years, he being seventeen years and five months old the fifth day of this instance. During all which time the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands and every where obey he shall do no damage to his said master, nor willfully suffer it to be done by others, without giving notice thereof to his said master, he shall not waste his said masters goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony within the said term' at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, he shall not play, whereby his said master may have damage with his own goods, or the goods of others, without leave of his said master he shall neither buy nor sell. HE shall not absent himself day nor night from his said masters service without his leave, nor haunt alehouses, taverns, or playhouses; but in all things behave himself as a good and faithful apprentice, or servant ought to do during said term.

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure for his said apprentice, sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel, during said term; and learn said apprentice or cause him to be learned the art and mystery of a Tobacconist, and learn or cause him to learn to read the Bible well, to write a tolerable hand and cypher through the rule of three, within said term and at the expiration of said term to pay or give him said freedom dues . In witness whereof the parties to these presents have here unto let their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above written

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Peter Bernhart William Johns