

This indenture made this 16th day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen between Philip Braner overseer of the poor for the North district in the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Shaver 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 the said county of Rockingham bearing date last court do put and bind William Poole of the said county fourteen years of age the fifteen day of May next as apprentice to the said John Shaver with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve until he shall drive to the age of twenty one years to learn the art and mystery of shoemaking

In consideration of which the said John Shaver binds himself to the Philip Braner or his successor overseers of the poor to teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed the said William Pool the art and mystery aforesaid during said term and moreover to find the said Pool in goods and sufficient clothes meat drink washing and lodging fit and convenient or such apprentice and teach him to read write and common arithmetic including the rule of three and also at the end of his service shall pay and satisfy to the said pool all such freedom dues as he shall have a right to demand In witness whereof the said overseer of the poor to the counter part of these presents hath set his hand and affixed his seal and the said Shaver hath set his hand and affixed his seal the said and year above writton

Signed and sealed in presence of