

This Indenture made this day of November 1817 Between
William Fitzwaters one of the Overseers of the Poor in the
County of Rockingham of the one part and Richard Custer Jr
of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said
Overseer of the Poor in pursuance of an order of the County
Court of Rockingham Made at August Court 1817 do put
and bind Henry Mason poor Child of William Mason
of the said County who was Eleven years old on the day
of Last as an apprentice to the said Richard Custer
Jr with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell
and serve him untill he arrives at the age of ^{seventeen} ~~eighteen~~ years
In Consideration of which the said Richard Custer Jr binds
himself to the said William Fitzwaters or his successor
Overseers of the Poor to teach and instruct the said Henry Mason
or cause to be taught and instructed him the said Henry Mason in
the art and mystery of a Gun Smith during said Term and
more over to find the said Henry Mason in good and sufficient
Clothes Meat Drink Washing and Lodging fit and convenient
for such apprentice and also to teach or cause to be instructed
the said Henry Mason Reading Writing and arithmetic as
far as the rule of three and also at the end of his service
shall pay to the said Henry Mason for freedom Dues
Twenty Dollars In Witness whereof the said William
Fitzwaters to the Counter part of these presents hath set
his hand and affixed his seal and the said Richard Custer
Jr hath set his hand and affixed his seal on the day and
year first above written

Liquid Sealed & Delivered }
In presence of ———— }

Richard Custer (Seal)
William Cherryholmes (Seal)
Overseer of the poor

Henry Mason
was Born
January the 26
Day in the
year of 1806

London

Henry Mason

Witness Christopher
Governor of the year