

This indenture witnesseth that I John Lincoln, one of the overseers of the poor, for the parish and county of Rockingham, in the state of Virginia, by an order of the said county court to me directed, held the fourth Monday of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, hath, and by these presents doth put and bind Henry Berry, base born child of Sarah Berry of the age of twelve years the twentieth day of June last past, apprentice to George Berry of the same place, to serve him in the said state until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, during which term, the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands everywhere obey, he shall do no damage to his said master, nor willfully suffer it to be done by others; he shall neither buy nor sell without his masters leave, fornication he shall not commit, matrimony he shall not contract, at cards, dice or any other unlawful game he shall not play, with his own goods, or the goods of others whereby his said master may have damage, nor haunt alehouses, playhouse, or taverns; he shall not waste his said masters goods nor lend them to any without his consent, but in all things behave himself as a good and faithful servant or apprentice ought to do.

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure, sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging and apparel fitting for such apprentice, during the said term and teach the said apprentice to read the Bible well, to write and cypher through the rule of three and learn him or cause him to be learned the art mistery and trade of a blacksmith, and at the expiration of said term, pay or cause to be paid to said apprentice, the freedom dues customary for such apprentices.

In witness whereof each partie bind themselves to the other firm by by these presents. Sealed with their seals this twenty second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

Benjamin Berry  
David Berry