

This Indenture made the Twenty-fourth

Day of September one Thousand seven Hundred & Nine-  
ty 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, & to me directed, doth  
put & bind Frederick Francis, Orphan of ~~John~~ Lewis Francis  
deceased Apprentice to George Switzel of said County Tobaccoist  
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 sixth Day of this Instant. During  
all which Time the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall  
serve, his secrets keep, his lawful Commands every where obey  
he shall do no Damage to his said Master, nor wilfully 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 Matrimo-  
ny 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 Play-  
houses; 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, Wash-  
ing, Lodging and Apparel, during said Term; and Learn said  
Apprentice, or cause him to be taught the Art and Mystery of a To-  
baccoist, and learn, or cause him to learn to read the Bible well, to  
write a tolerable Hand, and Cypher through the Rule of Three, with  
in said Term, <sup>and at the expiration of said Term to pay or give him of the said Duty Customary for</sup>  
In Witness whereof the Parties to these Pre-  
sents have hereunto set their Hands, and affixed their Seals  
the Day and Year above written.

George Switzel

Sealed & Delivered in  
the Presence of  
Peter Kernhart  
William Johns

J<sup>n</sup> Lincoln



*Frederick Francis*  
*Indenture*