

This indenture witnesseth that I Jacob Custer overseer of the poor of the County of Rockingham by virtue of an order of court from Rockingham dated the December court 1797 hath and by these presents doth put and bind Norton Gum born the 15 day of August 1789 an apprentice to William Bryan of the said county of Rockingham to serve him in said county till he arrives to the aid of twenty one years during all the said term of time the said apprentice his master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawfull commands everywhere obey he shall do no damage to his said master neither suffer it to be done by others he shall neither buy nor sell commit fornication or contract matrimony or play at cards dice or any other unlawfull game with his own or his said masters goods or the goods of others whereby his said master may have damage Neither haunt alehouses taverns or play houses he shall not waste his masters goods or lend them unlawfully to any neither absent himself day nor night from his said masters service without his leave but in all things behave himself as a faithfull servant and apprentice ought to do

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure sufficient meat drink washing lodging and apparel fitting for such an apprentice during the said term and time and to teach the said apprentice or cause to be taught to read the bible well also to wright and cypher to the rule of three and to learn him the questions and answers of his faith Likewise to learn him the powdermaking trade with all its branches and at the expiration of said term of time to pay or cause to be paid to the said apprentice the freedom dues customary and according to law for such apprentice in witness whereof each of us hatch here unto set our hands and affixed our seals this twelfth day of April 1800.

Signed sealed and delivered

In the presents of us

Jason Beggs  
John Lockard