

This indenture made the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and twenty seven between John F Effinger and Sam Cootes of the one part and Peter Irick of the Town of Harrisonburg of the other part Witnesseth That the said John F Effinger and Same Cootes overseers of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the county court of Rockingham bearing date March court 1827 have put placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind Robert May (Son of Betsey May) aged 12 years to be an apprentice with him the said Peter Irick to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Robert May shall fully arrive to the age of Twenty-one years, according to the act of General Assembly in that case made and provided. By and during all such time and term the said Robert May shall the said Peter Irick his master well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as the said Peter Irick shall put him to according to the wit power and ability of him the said Robert May and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said master and honestly and orderly towards the family of the said Peter Irick

And the said Peter Irick for his part for himself his executors administrators and assignees doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said overseers of the poor and every of there, and every of their executors and administrators and these and every of their successors for the time being, and to and with the said Robert May that he the said Peter Irick shall the said Robert May teach or cause to be taught the trade and mystery of a saddle tree maker and that the said Peter Irick shall also find and allow to the said apprentice sufficient meat drink apparel, lodging and washing and all other things necessary and meet for an apprentice during the aforesaid term and moreover pay to the said Robert May as freedom dues twenty dollars at the expiration of his aforesaid term In witness whereof the parties to these present have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written