

This indenture made the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1818 between Richard P Fletcher one of the overseer of the poor for the west district of the county of Rockingham of the one part and Peter Henbarger of the county and state aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance of an order of the court of said county bearing date at March court last doth put and bind, Richard Mathers alias Richard Fifer, poor child of – (being twelve years and nine months old the 14 day of January last) as an apprentice to him the said Peter Henbarger and with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve until he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years to learn the art trade and mystery a silversmith in the same manner as the said Henbarger now follows that business and also the art of cleaning and repairing watches

In consideration of which the said Peter Henbarger binds himself to the said Richard P Fletcher or to his successors to teach or cause to be taught or instructed the said Richard, reading writing and arithmetic through the single rule of three, and the are mystery and trade as aforesaid-during said term and moreover to find the same Richard in good sufficient cloathing, meat, drink, washing, and lodging fit and convenient for such an apprentice and also at the end of the said term to pay to the said Richard for freedom dues twenty dollars. In every business whereof the said overseer of the poor and Peter Henbarger hath hereunto set their hands and seals the sau and year aforesaid

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

I Peter Henebarger do hereby agree that I am to pay to the Richard Fifer alias Mathers the sum of ten dollars over what is mentions in the above indenture and also to give him nine months schooling which I promise to do provided the said boy stays out the full term and behaves himself in a proper manner and a good suit of clothes as witness my hand the 24 March 1818