

This indenture witnesseth that I Reuben Moore one of the overseers of the poor of Rockingham County by an order of court to me directed and by these presents I bind out Elijah Lang apprentice to Solomon Matthews to learn the art and trade of a blacksmith and after the manner of an appritence to serve the said Solomon Matthews from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto the full end and term of twenty one years during all which term the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawfull commands at all times readily obey he shall do no damage to his said master nor see it to be done by others without giving notice there of 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 matrimony within the said term at cards dice or any other unlawfull game he shall no play where by his said master may have damage with his own goods nor the goods of others without license from his master he shall not buy nor sell he shall not absent himself day or night from his said masters service without his leave nor haunt alehouses taverns nor playhouses but in all things behave himself as a faithfull apprentice ought to do during the said term and the said master shall use the utmost of his endeavours to teach or cause to be taught or instructed the said apprentice in the trade or mistery of a blacksmith and to give him the said apprentice sufficient freedom dues and procure for him sufficient meat drink cloathes washing and lodging fitting for an apprentice during the said term of

And give him schooling to read write and cypher as far as the rule of three and for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid the parties ding themselves each to the other firmly by these presants in witness whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1789