

This Indenture made the 7 day of Septem, in the year of our
 Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty one between Abram
 Byrd one of the overseers of the Poor for the first district of the
 County of Rockingham of the one part and John Bowman of the
 said County of the other part, witnesseth, that the said Abram Byrd
 overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the Court
 of the aforesaid County bearing date the August Court 1841 have
 put, placed and bound, and by these presents do put, place and
 bind Sophina Cushman of the age of eight years to be an apprentice
 with him the said John Bowman & as an apprentice with him the
 said John Bowman to dwell from the date of these presents until the said
 Sophina Cushman shall attain the age of Eighteen years, according to
 the act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, By
 and during all which time the said Sophina Cushman shall the said
 John Bowman his said Master well and faithfully serve in all such
 lawfull business as the said Sophina Cushman shall be put unto
 by his said Master according to the power wit and ability of his
 the said Sophina Cushman & honestly & obediently in all things shall behave his
 self towards his s^d Master & honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family
 of the said Jⁿ. Bowman. And the s^d Jⁿ. Bowman for his part for himself his
 Executors & Administrators, doth hereby promise & covenant to and with the s^d Overseer
 of the poor & his Successors in office, for the time being & to & with the s^d Sophina
 Cushman that he the said Jⁿ. Bowman shall instruct the s^d Sophina Cushman in
 the craft, mystery & occupations of a house keeper, which he the s^d Jⁿ. Bowman now
 uses after the best manner that he can or may teach, instruct and inform or cause
 to be taught, instructed and informed as much as thereunto belongeth or in any
 wise appertaineth, And that the said John Bowman shall also give & allow
 unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging & all
 other things needfull or meet for an apprentice during the term aforesaid
 And also that the s^d Jⁿ. Bowman shall teach or cause to be taught to the s^d Sophina
 Cushman, reading, writing and Common Arithmetick, including the Rule of Three
 and will moreover pay the s^d Sophina Cushman Twenty Dollars at the expiration of
 the aforesaid term in witness where of the parties have interchangeably set
 their hands and seals this 7th day of September 1841
 the day and year first above written

Witness David W. Thompson
 John Bowman
 Abram Byrd
 Marguerite Cushman

Ms. B. 1. 1. 1.

Sophia Chushman
To Indenture
John Bowman

1821

Indenture
of
Sophia Chushman