This indenture made the 16th day of February in the year of your lord 1826 between Jacob Hernsberger one of the overseers of the poor for Rockingham County of the one part and Jacob Paul of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor aforesaid by virtue of an order of court bearing date February court 1826 has placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind George Flecher of the age of ten years the first of last January to be an apprentice with him the said Jacob Paul to dwell from the date of these presents until the said George Flecher shall arrive and come to the age of twenty one years according to the act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided by and during all which time and term the said George Flecher shall the said Jacob Paul his said master well and faithfully serve in all such lawfull business as the said George Flecher shall put unto by said Jacob Paul according to power wit and ability of him the said George Flecher and honestly and obediently in all things behave towards the rest of the family and the said Jacob Paul and the said Jacob Pual for himself executors and administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said overseer foo the poor and his successors for the time being that the said apprentice shall in the craft mystery and occupation of a blacksmith which he the said Jacob Paul now useth after the best manner that he can or may teach instruct and inform or cause to be taught instructed or informed as much as there unto belongeth or in any wise assertaineth and that he the said Jacob Paul shall also find and all unto the said apprentice sufficient meat drink apperal washing lodging and all other things needful or nect for an apprentice during the term aforesaid And also that the said Jacob Paul shall teach or cause to be taught to said George Flecher reading writing and common Arithmetic including the single rule of three and will moreover pay to the said George Flecher the sum of twenty dollar at the expiration of the aforesaid term In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably set there hands and seals the day and year above written