

This indenture made this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen between Aaron Solomon one of the overseers of the poor for the west district in the county of Rockingham of the one part, and Valentine Miller of the county aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance to an order of the court of the county aforesaid being on the above date doth put and bind Nicholas a free boy of colour (supposed to be seventeen years of age at this time) as an apprentice to the said Valentine Miller, 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 of a Blacksmith.

In consideration of which the said Miller binds himself to the said Solomon or his successors overseer of the poor to teach or instruct or cause to be taught or instructed the said Nicholas the art and mystery of a blacksmith during said term. And moreover to find the said Nicholas in good and sufficient cloathing meat drink washing, and lodging fit and convenient for such an apprentice.

And also at the end of his service shall pay and satisfy to the said Nicholas twenty dollars, that being the freedom dues allowed by the court.

In witness whereof the overseer of the poor aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal and the said Miller hath set his hand and seal the date above written.

Signed in the presence pf