

# THIS INDENTURE

MADE THE 26<sup>th</sup>. day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 Between William West

one of the Overseer of the Poor of the District in the County of Rockingham of the one part and Nathl Harrison of the other part witnesseth, that the said Overseers of the Poor by virtue of an Order of the Court of the County aforesaid bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1838. in the year 1838 has placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind Joseph Matters of the age of 10 years to be an Apprentice with him the said Nathaniel Harrison and as an Apprentice with him the said Nathaniel Harrison to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said Joseph Matters shall arrive, and come to the age of 21 years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided. For and during all which time and term the said Joseph Matters shall the said Joseph Matters well and faithfully serve in all such lawful Business as the said Joseph Matters shall be put unto by his said Father according to the Power, Wit and Ability of the said Joseph Matters and the said Father honestly and obediently in all things behave towards the said Nathaniel Harrison and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the Family of him the said Harrison And the said Harrison for himself his Executors and Administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseer of the Poor and his Successor in office for the time being that the said Apprentice shall in the Craft, Mystery and Occupation of a farmer which he the said Harrison now useth, 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 he the said Nathaniel Harrison shall also find and allow unto the said Apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet, for an Apprentice during the the term aforesaid: And also that the said ~~shall teach, or cause to be taught to the~~ ~~Reading, Writing and Common Arithmetic including the Rule of Three~~ and will moreover pay to the said Joseph Matters the Sum of Twenty Dollars at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term,

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in the Presence of }

Nathl Harrison

William West



I assign the within to Dorice Harrison  
according to an order of the County Court  
of Rockingham made at March term  
1839

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1839

Heuben N. Harrison  
Administrator  
of the estate of  
Nathl. Harrison dec'd.

Given a Negro  
in denture  
to N. Harrison

1838