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Henry Alshouse to James Bronson

This Indenture made this Tenth day of February in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine, witnesseth that Henry Alshouse son of Jacob Alhouse of Chardon, County of Geauga, State of Ohio, whose age will be fully twenty, thirteen years on the fifteenth of February instant by and with the consent of his said father hath of his own free and voluntary will placed and bound himself apprentice unto James Bronson of Chardon aforesaid Shoemaker to learn the art trade occupation and mistery of Shoemaking which he the said, James, now useth and with him as an apprentice to dwell, continue and serve from the date hereof until the said Henry shall attain to the full age of twenty one years, towit until the fifteenth of February AD 1837 during all which time the said apprentice his said master will and faithfully shall serve his lawful commands do and obey; his secrets keep; hurts to his said master he shall not do, nor willingly permit it to be done by any; but of the same to the utmost of his power shall forthwith give notice to his said master; the goods of his said master he shall not embezzle or waste, nor lend them, without his masters consent; at cards or other unlawful games he shall not play, taverns he shall not frequent; matrimony he shall not contract; from the service of his said master, he shall at no time depart, or absent himself without his said master's consent; but in all things as a good and faithful apprentice, shall and will demean himself towards his said master and all of his during the said term. And the said master in the said trade or occupation of Shoemaking with all things there unto belonging, will well and sufficiently instruct, or cause to be instructed the said apprentice in the best way and manner he can; and will and shall also provide and allow unto the said apprentice, meat, drink, washing and lodging, and also good substantial apparel during the term aforesaid; at the end thereof, shall furnish him a complete suit of good clothes; and shall also cause the said apprentice to be sufficiently instructed to read and write; so much in arithmetic as will include the single Rule of Three; - and for this purpose he shall cause the said apprentice to attend an English School for six (?) months at least, during said term, and at the expiration of said term the said master shall provide and allow to the said apprentice one new Bible, also a complete set or kit of shoemakers tools, and shall also allow the said Henry the privilege of working as long in the shop of said James, as he the said Henry shall please. And it is agreed by the said James that the said Jacob may be allowed at any time during the said apprenticeship to move the said Henry from his service by first paying all the expense of his tuition, clothing and sickness (?) In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

In presence of

The words "... the said thereof shall
furnish him a complete suit of good
clothes." Being first interlineated.

Alfred Phelps

D.D. Aiken

Jacob Alshouse

Henry Alhouse

James Bronson

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