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Noyes Williams to Eri Conant Jr: Overseers of the Poor

This Indenture, made this 11th day of February 1826. Witnesseth that John Fox and Nathaniel Weston, overseers of the poor of the township of Welshfield in the County of Geauga and State of Ohio, by and with the consent of John Nash a Justice of the Peace of the said County and township having put and placed and by these presents do put and place Noyes Williams a poor boy of the said township aged ten years old the twenty fifth of June last, an apprentice to Eri Conant of Welshfield, with him to dwell and serve from the day of the Date of these presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish the full age of twenty one years, according to the statute in that case made and provided, during all of which term the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve on all lawful businesses according to his power, wit and abilities and shall honestly, orderly, and obediently, in all things demean and behave himself towards his said master and all his during the said term. And the said Eri Conant for himself, his executors and administrators doth covenant and agree to and with the said overseers of the poor and each of them, theirs and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, and their and each of their successors for the time being by these presents, that the said Eri Conant, the said apprentice in the trade of tanning and currying, which he now useth, shall and will instruct or cause to be taught and instructed and during all the term aforesaid find provide and allow unto the said apprentice competent and sufficient meat, drink and apparel, washing, lodging, mending, and all other things necessary and fit for an apprentice and shall cause such apprentice to be taught or instructed to read and write, and so much of Arithmatic (*sic*) as will include the single rule of three and also shall and will so provide for the said apprentice that he be not any way a charge to the township of Welshfield or inhabitants thereof, but of and from all charge shall save the said township harmless and indemnified during the said term and at the end of the said term shall and will make allow, provide and deliver unto the said apprentice one good new suit of holiday clothes and a suit of every day clothes for summer and winter, and one new bible, and one set of shoe maker's tools and a currying knife, together with the trade of shoemaking.
In Witnesseth whereof, I John Nash, a Justice of the Peace, of the township aforesaid do hereby declare my assent to the putting forth of the aforesaid Noyes Williams apprentice to the said Eri Conant according to the true intent and meaning of the above written Indenture. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year in the above Indenture first written.

John Fox
Nathaniel Weston
John Nash, Justice
Eri Conant

Overseers of the Poor

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Edward Paine Jun Recorder