Indenture of Hiram Bottom
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This indenture, made this 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six between Jonathan Button of the township of Madison in the County of Geauga and state of Ohio and Hiram his son aged fourteen years five months and nine days of the one part and Silas N. Burroughs of Madison aforesaid, of the other part, witnesseth. That the said Hiram Button voluntarily and with the approbation of the said Jonathan Button his father hath put placed and bound himself and by these presents doth put, place and bind himself an apprentice unto the said Silas N. Burroughs to be instructed in the art, mystery, trade and occupation of Blacksmithing which the said Silas N. Burroughs now uses. And to live with and serve him as an apprentice from the day of the date hereof until the said Hiram Button shall arrive at and be of the age of twenty one years which will happen on the fourteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two if the said Hiram so long lives, during all of which term of six years six months and twenty one days the said Jonathan Button and Hiram Button do covenant and agree to with the said Silas N. Burroughs that the said Hiram as an apprentice shall well and faithfully serve the said Silas N. Burroughs in all such lawful business as the said Hiram shall be put unto by his master according to the best of his abilities and honestly and obediently behave himself toward the said Silas N. Burroughs, and honestly and orderly towards the family of said Silas N. Burroughs. And the said Silas N. Burroughs on his part doth covenant and agree with the father and son respectively and jointly to teach the said Hiram Button or other wise cause him to be well and sufficiently instructed in the art, mystery and trade of a Blacksmith after the best way and manner that he can. And the said Silas N. Burroughs will provide for and allow to the said Hiram meat, drink, washing, lodging, and apparel and all other necessaries proper and suitable for such an apprentice during the time of his apprenticeship and also to cause the said Hiram to be instructed in a common school three months in each and every year during his apprenticeship amounting to eighteen months, and further that the said Hiram shall be instructed to read and write so much arithmetic as will include the single rule of three, and at the expiration of said term to give the said Hiram a new Bible, two suits of common wearing apparel suitable for his rank, also a set of Blacksmith tools worth sixty dollars.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and	Jonathan Button	SS
delivered in presence of	his	
	Hiram x Button	SS
Charles Burr	mark	
	Silas Burroughs	SS
Emeline P. Burr		

ATTEST
Charles Burr
Township Clerk

Recorded on the 23rd day of March 1863 by Charles Burr, Township Clerk.

Copied by Catharine Burr Rose,
Great granddaughter of Charles Burr