

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 1865

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Thomas Rogers Wickenden -  
(with the consent of his Mother)

- to -

Mr. Richard Gibson -

Indenture of -  
Apprenticeship. -

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Received on the day and year within  
written of and from the Trustees of North  
borough the sum of eight pounds being  
the consideration money within mentioned  
to be paid by them to me

L. S. ---

Witness,  
A. S. [Signature]

Richard Gilson

# This Indenture witnesseth That

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And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself  
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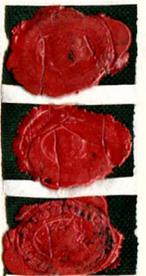
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Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of }

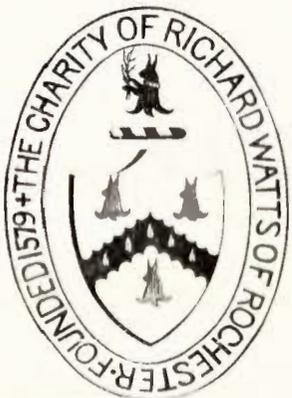
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