

This Indenture Witnesseth, that John Simon of Tiverton in y<sup>e</sup> County  
of Newport in y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Rhode Island & providence plantations in Newengland  
(son of ~~Naomy Zekil~~) the son of an Indian boy & son to Naomy Zekil of  
Tiverton hath put himself & by these presents, both voluntarily and of his own  
free will & accord & with y<sup>e</sup> Consent of his father in Law Isaac Zekil of y<sup>e</sup> Town &  
County afores<sup>d</sup> seafaring man & his mother Naomy Zekil both put &  
bind him self apprentice to Giddian Gifford of Dartmouth in y<sup>e</sup> County of Bristol  
in y<sup>e</sup> province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay in Newengland house Carpenter & to his wife  
Elizabeth Gifford to the trade or mystery of a house Carpenter And with him  
after y<sup>e</sup> manner of an apprentice to serve from the Day of y<sup>e</sup> Date hereof for & during  
the term of fourteen years & five Days next ensuing to be compleat & ended: During  
all which y<sup>e</sup> Term y<sup>e</sup> apprentice his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistress faithfully shall serve  
their secrets keep their Lawfull Commands gladly obey He shall do no Damage to  
his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistress nor see it to be Done of others without Letting or giving  
Notice thereof to his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistress He shall not waste his y<sup>e</sup> master or  
mistresses goods nor lend them unlawfully to any: he shall not Commit fornication  
nor Contract matrimony within y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Term: He shall not play Cards Dice or any other unlawful  
Game He shall not play whereby his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistress may have Damage with  
his own goods or y<sup>e</sup> goods of others He shall not absent himself by day or by Night  
from his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistresses service without their Leave nor haunt ale houses  
Taverns or play houses, but in all things behave himself as a faithful apprentice  
ought to do towards his y<sup>e</sup> master or mistress & all theirs During y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Term, And  
the y<sup>e</sup> Giddian Gifford & Elizabeth Gifford his wife for them selves & their  
heirs both here by Covenant & promise to teach & instruct or Cause y<sup>e</sup> ap  
prentice to be taught & instructed in y<sup>e</sup> art Trade or calling of a house Carpenter  
by the best ways or means he or they Can within y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Term finding unto y<sup>e</sup> ap  
prentice good & sufficient meat Drink apparel washing & Lodging suitable for  
for such an apprentice both in sickness & in health During y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Term & also to  
teach or Cause y<sup>e</sup> apprentice to be taught to Read & write English with  
in the y<sup>e</sup> Term And at y<sup>e</sup> Expiration to give unto y<sup>e</sup> apprentice one good  
New suite of apparel for all parts of his body besides his Daily wearing Cloths  
And as many Carpenters tools of such sorts as he shall Choose as shall be worth  
three pounds old tenner &c. In Testimony whereof the parties to these presents have  
hereunto Interchangeably set their hands & seals the twenty second day of June  
In y<sup>e</sup> twenty fifth year of his majesties Reign George y<sup>e</sup> second, King of Great  
Brittain France & Ireland &c. Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Domini 1751

Signed Sealed And Delivered  
In the Presence of

Job Gifford  
James Gibbs

Gideon Gifford

Elizabeth Gifford



Newport Is, we the subscribers having viewed & considered  
the within written Indenture & holds y<sup>e</sup> same to be Reasonable  
therefore we do allow of & approbate y<sup>e</sup> same in Littlecompton this  
twenty second day of June A.D. 1751

Restcome Sanford  
Samuel Willbor

Justice of y<sup>e</sup> peace

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John Simons Indenture  
Reading running out 15  
Gideon Gifford & Daniel  
June 22. 1751