

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1885

# Garrard's Trust

— Shrewsbury —

Charles Denton  
(with the consent of his  
Father Mr. Joseph Denton)

— with —  
Mess<sup>r</sup>: H. Briggs & Sons

Indenture of  
Apprenticeship from the  
Twenty second day of June  
1885 to the Twenty second  
day of June 1890

A. W. Boddle  
Solicitor  
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This Indenture made the Twenty  
Second day of June One thousand eight  
hundred and eighty five Between Charles  
Denton son of Joseph Denton of Shivenham  
in the County of Berks Grocer and Gardener of  
the first part and Henry Higgs

George Higgs and  
James Higgs all of Reading in  
the County of Berks.

Trading as and hereinafter called "He Higgs  
and Sons" of Watlington Street Reading in the  
County of Berks Carpenters and Joiners of the  
second part and George William Murray  
Clerk in Holy Orders and Robert Whitfield  
Hedges Farmer both of Shivenham aforesaid  
Trustees of a certain Charity for appren-  
ticing youths of the parish of Shivenham com-  
monly called Garrards Charity of the third  
part Witnesseth that the said Charles  
Denton with the consent of the said Joseph  
Denton doth hereby put and bind himself  
Apprentice to and with the said "He Higgs  
and Sons" to learn the art profession calling  
business or practice of a Carpenter and Joiner  
now exercised or carried on by the said "He Higgs  
and Sons" after the manner of an Apprentice  
to serve from the date hereof for and during  
and unto the full end and term of Five  
years to be fully complete and ended And  
the said Joseph Denton doth hereby for him  
self his heirs executors and administrators  
co-tenant with the said "He Higgs Sons" their  
executors administrators and assigns in

manner following that is to say That the said  
Charles Denton shall and will from the date of  
these presents well faithfully diligently and tru-  
ly serve the said "He Higgs and Sons" as their  
Apprentice in the art profession business calling  
or practice of a Carpenter and Joiner now exer-  
cised or carried on by the said "He Higgs & Sons"  
for and during the said term of five years And  
that the said Charles Denton shall not at any  
time wilfully conceal obliterate spoil destroy em-  
bezzle spend or make away with any of the instru-  
ments books papers or other property of the said  
"He Higgs and Sons" or of any other person or  
persons which shall be deposited in his hands or  
entrusted to his custody or possession or to the care  
custody or possession of him the said Charles  
Denton And also that the said Charles  
Denton shall and will from time to time and  
at all times during the said term of five  
years keep the secrets of the said "He Higgs and  
Sons" and readily and cheerfully obey and execute  
their lawful and reasonable commands and shall  
not depart nor absent himself from the service or  
employment of the said "He Higgs and Sons" at  
any time during the said term without their  
consent first obtained but shall from time to  
time and at all times during the said term con-  
duct and demean himself with all due diligence  
honesty and temperance And that he shall  
not frequent gaming houses or engage in any  
games or sports of a gambling nature And  
also that he the said Joseph Denton his  
executors and administrators shall and will

from time to time and at all times during  
the said term of five years at his proper costs  
and charges find and provide the said  
Charles Denton with all and all manner of  
necessary and becoming board lodging apparel  
and washing and also surgical and medical  
attendance and medicine in case of illness or  
accident In consideration thereof and of the  
sum of Twenty five pounds being part of  
the said Charity money paid by the said George  
William Murray and Robert Whitfield Hedges  
at the times and manner following to the said  
"H. Higgs and Sons" that is to say the sum of  
Twelve pounds and ten shillings at or immediately  
before the execution of these Presents and the remain-  
ing half thereof at the expiration of two and a  
half years the receipt whereof the said "H. Higgs  
and Sons" do hereby acknowledge They the said  
"H. Higgs and Sons" for themselves their heirs  
executors and administrators do hereby con-  
tract promise and agree to and with the said  
George William Murray and Robert Whitfield  
Hedges and their successors trustees for the time  
being of the said Charity their executors and  
administrators and also with the said Joseph  
Denton by these presents in manner following  
that is to say That they the said "H. Higgs  
and Sons" shall and will accept and take the  
said Charles Denton as their apprentice -  
and will by the best way and means they  
may or can and to the utmost of their skill  
and knowledge teach and instruct or cause  
to be taught and instructed the said Charles

Denton in the said art profession calling business  
or practice of a Carpenter and former now exercised or  
carried on by the said "He Higgs and Sons" and will pay  
to the said Charles Denton as wages or pocket money the  
following sums During the first year of such term  
of apprenticeship Five shillings per week during the  
Second year Seven shillings per week during the third  
year Nine shillings per week during the fourth year  
Eleven shillings per week and for the fifth and terminal  
year Thirteen shillings per week and will during  
the said term of apprenticeship find the said Charles  
Denton in all kinds of necessary tools during his said  
apprenticeship and will on the completion of the  
term hand over these presents to the said George William  
Murray and Robert Whitfield Hedges or the trustees  
of the said Charity with a Certificate of such service  
endorsed thereon In Witness whereof the said parties  
have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and  
year first above written

Henry Higgs George Higgs

James. Higgs Joseph Denton

Charles Denton

Geo. W. Murray  
Robt. W. Hedges

Signed sealed and delivered  
by the said Charles Denton in  
the presence of Thomas Pembroke

Received the day and year first  
above written of the above named  
George William Murray and Robert  
Whitfield Hedges the sum of Twelve  
pounds and ten shillings being  
half the consideration money above  
expressed to be paid by them to us  
Witness *Sigis Dm*