



*Hindon*

## **Articles of Clerkship (UK 1756 – 1874)**

The Articles of Clerkship were contracts between an apprentice clerk, who wanted to become an attorney or solicitor, and an attorney who agreed to train the clerk. The contracts were often entered into by fathers (or other sponsors) on their sons' behalf with terms typically lasting 5 – 7 years.

<b>Clerk's Name</b>	<b>Clerk's Father</b>	<b>Attorney's Name</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
James Richardson	James Richardson	Charles Millett	22 Sept. 1825

In the King's Bench

John Hopkins Foster of North Curry in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, maketh Oath and saith that he was present and did see certain Articles of Agreement bearing Date the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of August now last past made between Charles Millett of Chicklade in the County of Wilts, Attorney at Law, of the one part and James Richardson of Hindon in the said County of Wilts, Yeoman and James Richardson, son of the said James Richardson, of the other part whereby the said James Richardson the son for the Considerations therein mentioned did put place and bind himself Clerk to the said Charles Millett to serve him in the Profession of an Attorney at Law & from the Day of the Date of the said Articles for the Term of five years from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended and which said Articles were in due form of Law executed on the Day the same bear Date by the said Charles Millett, James Richardson and James Richardson the son in the presence of this Deponent and that the name John H. Foster set and subscribed as Witness to the Execution thereof is the proper handwriting of this Deponent.

Sworn at Chicklade in the  
County of Wilts – the seventh  
Day of September in the  
Year of our Lord One Thousand  
Eight hundred and twenty five

*John H Foster*