

**Obligation of Joseph Brownell to become the legal guardian of Martha Brownell,  
orphaned child of late George Brownell.  
2/8/1768 PHS # 211.503**

Know all men by those present that Joseph Brownell, Esq., Thomas Brownell & Joseph Thomas, yeomen, all of Portsmouth in the County of Newport and Colony of Rhode Island, are held and firmly bound unto Jonathan Freeborn, Earl William Hall and Samuel Peace all of Portsmouth in the County of Newport aforesaid & the Present Members of the Town Council of Said Portsmouth and their successors in said office in the full and just sum of five hundred pounds lawful money of this colony to be paid unto the said members of the Town Council aforesaid or their successors in said Office for the time being to which payment well & truly to be made. We bind our selves, our heirs, executors and administrators and every of us jointly and severally and firmly by these present seal with our seals, dated the Eighth Day of February in the Eighth Year of his Majesties Reign George the third King of Great Britain, Annoque Domini, 1768.

Whereas the Town Council above said by Record bearing even date herewith have appointed Joseph Brownell of said Portsmouth, Esq., above mentioned guardian for Martha Brownell, an orphan daughter of George Brownell, late of said Portsmouth, deceased yeoman. Now the Condition of this above obligation is such that if the said Joseph Brownell shall and do well and truly act as guardian for the said Martha, orphan, in all things by law and equity required of him for the true and faithful discharging of the trust disposed in him as aforesaid & to render a true account thereof, when lawfully hereunto required, then this present obligation to be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed & Delivered in Presence of us.

[Signed by]:  
Baulston Coggeshall  
Robert Dennis  
Joseph Brownell  
Thomas Brownell  
Joseph Thomas