

Know all Men, That we, John M. Godown and  
John H. Bass

are bound unto the State of Indiana in the penal sum of ~~three~~ Thousand dollars,  
for the payment of which we, jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and  
administrators. Sealed and dated the 10 day of September 1868.

The Condition of the above Obligation is, That if the above bound  
~~John M. Godown~~ shall faithfully discharge the duties of his trust  
as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ~~George~~  
~~Messersmith~~ deceased, according to law, then the above obligation is to be  
void; else to remain in full force.

John M. Godown   
J. H. Bass   


Approved by me, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1868.

William Fleming  
C. C. C. P. Allen County.

STATE OF INDIANA,  
Allen County, } ss.

I, John M. Godown, swear that I will faithfully discharge the  
duties of my trust as administrator of the estate of George Messersmith deceased,  
according to law, so help me God.

John M. Godown

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the 10 day of Sept. 1868.

William Fleming  
C. C. C. P. Allen County.

I, William Fleming, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the  
county of Allen, in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify that adminis-  
tration with the will annexed of the estate of George Messersmith  
late of Allen county, deceased, who died intestate, is granted to John  
M. Godown and the said John M. Godown having qualified and  
given bond as such administrator, is duly authorized to take upon himself the administration of  
such estate according to law.



Witness my Hand, And the seal of said Court, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

Sept. 1868.

Wm. Fleming

C. C. C. P.

Allen County.