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[Transcripts]

Contract #1: Contract Between Mrs. S. J. Rayson & Charles Pane, Grantison Scott, et. al.

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Agreement entered into between Mrs. S. J. Rayson and the freedmen upon her plantation for the year 1867.

This agreement entered into this between Mrs. S. J. Rayson of Jefferson County, State of Florida, of the one part. Charles Pierce, Grantison Scott, Adam Scott, Rob Scott, Turner Scott, Joshua Utesy, and of the other part witnesseth:

That the said laborers are to receive, on the 25th day of December one thousand eight-hundred and sixty-seven, one third part of all the crops made on the place after they have gathered it and made it ready for market, including one third park of the pork made on the place. In consideration of which they are to work kindly and faithfully the usual number of hours each of the six days of the week. And to obey all orders given them by the said Mrs. S. J. Rayson and in no case make use of the mules or other movable property on the place without her direct permission. If any of the laborers shall quit the crops before they have been completed, they shall forfeit all their interest in it. All lost time shall be charged at fifty cents per day and the laborers are to receive one half of it.

Charles Pierce [his X mark]

Grantison Scott [his X mark]

Adam Scott [his X mark]

Rob Scott [his X mark]

Turner Scott [his X mark]

Joshua Utesy [his X mark]

R. D. Johnson witness

Agreement entered into between Mrs S.D. Rayson and
and the persons upon her plantation for the year
1867.
This agreement entered into this between Mrs S.D. Rayson
of Jefferson County State of Florida of the one part
Charles Paine Grantison Scott Adams Scott
Bob Scott Turner Scott Joshua Utley,
and of the other part witnesses:
That the said laborers are to receive on the 15th day
of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty
seven one third part of all the crops made on the place
after they have gathered it and made it ready for market
including one third part of the pork made on the
place. In consideration of which they are to work kindly
and faithfully the usual number of hours each of the
six days of the week. And to obey all orders given them
by the said Mrs S.D. Rayson and in no case make use
of the mules or other movable property on the place
without her direct permission. If any of the laborers
shall quit the crops before they have been completed
they shall forfeit all their interest in it. All lost
time shall be charged at fifty cents per day and
the laborers are to receive one half of it.
Charles Paine his mark X. Turner Scott his X mark
Grantison Scott his mark. X Joshua Utley his X mark.
Adams Scott his mark. X R.D. Johnson witnesses
Bob Scott his mark X

Contract #1

Contract #2: Contract Between Carrie P. Bird & Sarah McMillan

[See the original document [here](#).]

State of Florida

County of Jefferson

This agreement made and entered into this the Twenty-Second day of March A.D. 1867 between Mrs. Carrie P. Bird, party of the first part, and Sarah McMillan, party of the second part.

Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the services of the party of the second part, as servant, in the family of the party of the first part, till Christmas. The party of the first part doth hereby agree to give to the party of the second part her necessary clothing, food and the sum of Three [Dollars] in money per month.

In witness of which, both parties have set their hands & seals, on the day above mentioned.

C. P. Bird
Sarah McMillan [her X mark]

Witnesses

The words "till Christmas" inserted before signing.
D. L. Oakley
John A. Cuthbert

State of Florida }
 County of Jefferson } This agreement made and entered
 into this the Twenty Second day of March A.D. 1867
 between Mrs Carrie P Bird party of the first part
 and Sarah McMillan party of the second part
 Witnesseth: That for, and in consideration of the services
 of the party of the second part, as servant, in the
 family, of the party of the first part, ^{full charges} the party of
 the first part doth hereby agree to give to the party
 of the second part, her necessary clothing, food and
 the sum of Three Dollars in money for month.
 In witness of which, both parties have set their hands
 & seals, on the day & year above mentioned.
 Witnesses
 The words full charges
 inserted before signing
 D L Oakley
 John A. Carthart
 C P Bird {S}
 her
 Sarah X McMillan {S}
 Mark

Contract #2

Contract #3: Contract Between Charles Augin & Ann Williams, Betty Williams, et. al.

[See the original document [here](#).]

Articles of agreement between Charles Augin Freedman of the first part and Big Ann in the other part and her four children. Charles agrees to fund Big Ann and her children for the [balance] of the year 1867 and to furnish them with two suits of cotton clothes

each and for [and] in consideration of the above supplies, Big Ann and 3 children is to work for the said Charles as he may direct them the [balance] of the year 1867, they obeying all reasonable and lawful orders of him, the said Charles Augin. And at the end of the year, Charles is to pay Big Ann twenty five dollars in cash or in additional supplies not above mentioned.

Signed Seated in [presence] of
This Jany 27th 1867

Charles Augin (his X mark)
Big Ann (her X mark)

D McIntosh
T A McIntosh

It is understood that after this date, May 11th 1867, the said Charles Augin is to issue to Ann, the above named woman, 3/12 lbs of meat per week, pork or bacon, and one peck of meal, and to Betty, 3/12 lbs of meat and a peck of meal per week, and to the remaining three children, Susan, Jane, and Seely, 4 ½ lbs of meat to the three and a half of bushel of meal per week for the week - making in all (12) twelve lbs of meat, and one bushel of meal per week for the whole of. And the said Ann and her children are to do faithful work, the usual time per day and week, and the said Augin is to treat the said Ann and children properly and reasonably.

Witness
A.B. Grumwell

Charles Augin [his X mark]
Ann Williams [her X mark]

Articles of agreement Between Charles Augie
 Headman of the first part & Big Ann of the
 other part & her four children Charles agrees
 to feed Big Ann & her four children for
 the Ballance of the year 1867 and to furnish them
 with two Suits of Cotton clothes each & for
 and in consideration of the above Supplis
 Big Ann & 3 Children is to work for the
 Said Charles as he may direct them the Ballance
 of the year 1867 they obeying all Reasonable
 and Lawful orders of him the Said Charles Augie
 & at the End of the year Charles is to pay Big
 Ann twenty five dollars in cash or in
 Additional Supplis not above mentioned
 Signed Sealed in presence of
 this 27th 1867

Charles Augie
 Big Ann
 [Signatures]

Ben Smith
 [Signature]

It is understood that after this date
 May 1st 1867, the Said Charles Augie - is to send to
 Anne - the above named Woman - $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Meat per
 week (Pork or Bacon) and one peck of Meal - and to
 Betty - $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Meat & a peck of Meal per week -
 and to the remaining three Children Susan, Jane
 & Seley - $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Meat to the three - & a half bushel of Meal
 per week for the three - Making in all (12) bushels
 of meat - and one bushel of Meal per week for
 the whole - and the said Anne & her children are
 to do faithful work - the usual time per day - &
 week - and the said Augie is to treat the said Anne &
 children properly - and reasonably - for
 [Signatures]

Contract #3

Contract #4: Contract Between Robert R. Kitchen & Louiza Ellis

[See the original document [here](#).]

State of Florida
 Jefferson County

This agreement made and entered into between Robert R. Kincheon [sic] party of the first part, and Louiza Ellis, party of the second part, all of the state and county aforesaid, witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of six dollars per month and rations, the said party of the second party [sic] hath hired herself to the party of the first part as a laborer, to perform all and any such work as may be required, and to the best of her knowledge, skill and ability, comply with all orders given by the part of the first party, his wife or agent.

The part of the first part agrees to furnish comfortable quarters and sufficient rations for herself and children.

Louiza Ellis [her X mark]

Robert R. Kinchen

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of no this July 10th A.D. 1867

Attest:

J. Lary Brooks

Mary A. Grantham

State Of Florida } This agreement made and
Jefferson County } Entered into between Robert R
Kincheon party of the first part- and Louiza Ellis
party of the second part all of the State and County
aforesaid. Witnesses.

That for and in Consideration
of the sum of Six dollars per month and Rations, the
said party of the second party hath hired herself to the
party of the first part as a Laborer to perform all and
any such work as may be required. And to the
best of her Knowledge Skill and ability, comply with
all orders given by the party of the first part, his wife
or agent.

The party of the ~~first~~ part agrees to
furnish Comfortable quarters and sufficient Rations
for herself and Children. Louiza ⁱⁿ Ellis ~~marks~~ S.S.
Signed Sealed and
Delivered in presence of Robt. R. Kincheon S.S.
of us This July 10. 1867.

Attest
Mary Brooks
Mary A. Grantham