

State of North Carolina

Warren County

Articles of Agreement between D. Poythress of the one Part and Ben Norwood - Frank Edwards - Nancy - Alfred Bullock - Sham Drake - Ann Tom Moss & his daughter Matilda - of the other Part - all Freed - = persons of color - of the other part: Witnesseth that they and each of them have agreed and do hereby agree to hire their time as laborers to the said Poythress - to work on the plantation rented by him of W. M. Edwards, or any where else he may direct - from the dates hereinafter specified to the 1st part. 1867. They and each of them also promise and agree as follows: That they will work diligently & faithfully - discharging all the duties and labor common & usual with hired hands in this section; that they will, at all times & in all respects, obey & execute the orders of said Poythress, whether given by himself or through another; abstain from all wrangling & strife, & conduct themselves at all times respectfully & with good manners to the said Poythress and all his family; and in all respects behave and act as dutiful and submissive servants: that they will keep no firearms or other deadly weapons - and keep orderly & quiet horses, and at no time allow the visits of stragglers or sellers, or large collections of white or black persons without leave from said Poythress. Each further agrees & promises - that for every days work lost by sickness - absence or any other cause, there shall be deducted a rateable proportion of wages - and it is expressly understood by all the Parties hereto that a month shall consist of twenty six working days.

Each further agrees that he will be responsible out of his wages for loss or injury to the stock or farming implements in his case, if occasioned by negligence - and that the usual attendance on mules, horses and other stock shall be given on Sundays & Holidays.

Furthermore each and all agree, that they will submit to such rules & work in such way and at such times, as was formerly customary in this section - and that the said ^{Poythress} may, in his discretion, dismiss any one or more of them, for insolence, disobedience or for violation of any of the foregoing agreements - and in case of such dismissal, only one half of his wages shall be rateably paid for the time served - And in

- consideration of the agreements aforesaid, the said Pythreps agrees to pay;
- To Ben Howwood - fifteen Barrels of Corn - service commenced 1st Jan^y 1866
 - " Frank Edwards - fifteen Barrels of Corn - service commenced 1st Jan^y 1866
 - " Tom Mofat Daughter - twelve Barrels of Corn - service commenced 1st Jan^y 1866
 - " Nancy - sixty five dollars - service commenced 1st Jan^y 1866
 - " Alfred Bullock - seven dollars p^r month - service commenced 5th Feb^y 1866
 - " Isham Drake - thirty dollars p^r year - service commenced 1st Jan^y 1866

The said Pythreps further agrees that he will furnish them houses to live in - with the privilege of fuel - but no timber or other live trees to be cut down for that purpose - and also to supply with wholesome food in just and proper allowance for their meals. It is expressly understood & agreed that they are to clothe themselves & to pay their own Doctors Bills.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals

this day of Feb. 25th 1866

Witness
 Robert A. White

Ben x Howwood (Seal)
 Frank x Edwards (Seal)
 Tom x Mofat (Seal)
 Isham x Drake (Seal)
 Nancy x Jones (Seal)
 Alfred x Bullock (Seal)
 David. Pythreps (Seal)