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## **North Carolina Assistant Commissioner, Freedmen's Labor Contracts, Jan. 1865–Oct. 1868, Part 1**

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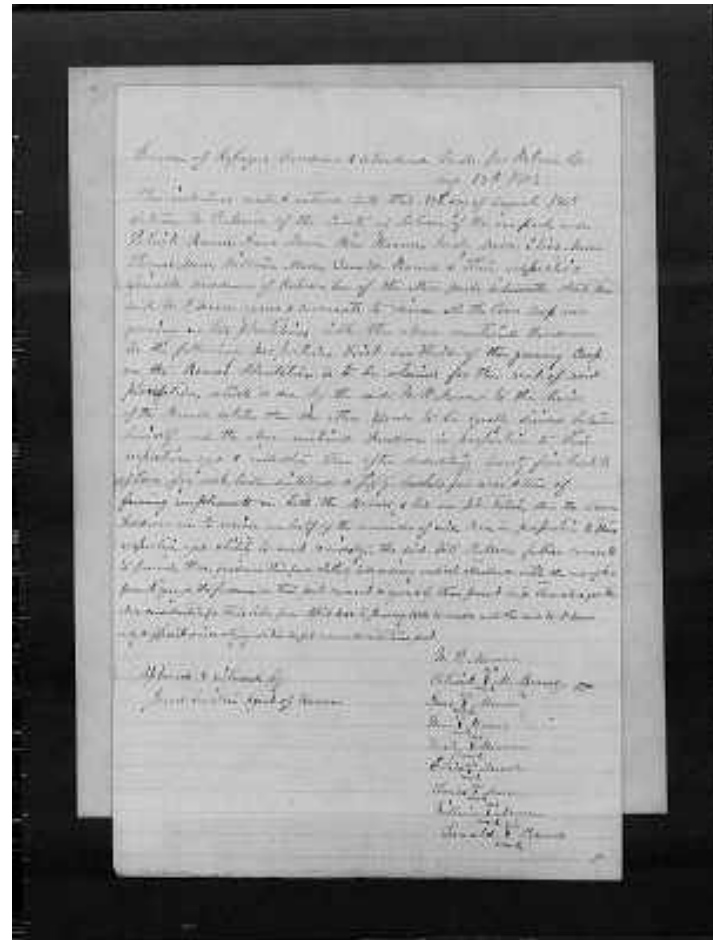
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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for Robeson Co.  
[Aug 19th 1865:]

This indenture made & entered into this 19th day of August 1865 between W. P. Moore of the County of Robeson of the one part, and Patrick Barnes Isaac Moore, Ben Barnes, Wesly Moore, Elias Moore, Thomas Moore, William Moore, Donald Barnes & their respective familie's Freedmen of Robeson Co. of the other part, witnesseth that the said W. P. Moore agrees & covenants to divide all the Corn Crop now growing on his plantation with the above mentioned Freedmen in the following proportion, first one third of the growing Crop on the Barnes plantation is to be retained for the rent of said plantation, which is due by the said W. P. Moore to the heirs of the Barnes estate, then the other rds to be equally divided between himself and the above mentioned Freedmen in proportion to their respective ages & industry. Then after deducting seventy five bushels of Corn for each team employed & fifty bushels for wear & tear of farming implements on both the Barnes & his own plantation, then the above Freedmen are to receive one half of the remainder of said corn in proportion to their respective ages ability to work & industry. The said Will P. Moore further covenants to furnish these Freedmen their food clothing with ordinary medical attendance until the end of the present year, & the Freedmen on their part covenant & agree & by these present bind themselves for the above consideration for this labor from April 1865 to January 1866 to render unto the said W. P. Moore ready + efficient service obeying all his lawful commands as in times past

Approved & witnessed by James Sinclair Agent of Bureau

W. P. Moore  
Patrick X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] M. Barnes  
[[Isaac]] X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Moore  
Ben X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Barnes  
Wesly X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Moore  
Elias X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Moore  
Thomas X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Moore  
William X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Moore  
Donald X<sup>^</sup>[[his mark]] Barnes



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