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Articles of Agreement made and concluded this 5th day of March, 1866, between John Conway of Wash, County of Washington ~~State of~~ dist of Columbia party of the first part, and JD Benjamin, of Bladensburg, County of Prince Geo, State of Maryland, party of the second part.

The said John Conway freed laborers, agree to enter the service of the said JD Benjamin as farmer, and, also, that they will faithfully and diligently apply themselves and perform the duties of farmer, on the premises of said JD Benjamin and answer all the reasonable requirements of the said JD Benjamin, for, and during the space of ten months, from the 5th day of March, 1866; and they further agree that their employer shall retain one-fourth their monthly wages until the expiration of their term of service.

And the said JD Benjamin hereby agrees to employ them (the said freed laborers) for the term of ten months, as aforesaid, and to pay for their services the sum set opposite their respective names, per month - (one fourth of which shall be retained each month,) and all stoppages and arrearages promptly paid at the expiration of their respective terms of service, to wit:

John Conway 10\$ ten dollars

in equal monthly payments; and the said JD Benjamin, further agrees to furnish said freed laborers above named, quarters, fuel, full substantial and healthy rations, and all necessary medical attendance and supplies in case of sickness, in addition to the compensation above named, and that he will assist and encourage efforts for the education of the children of his employees. And it is further agreed by the said JD Benjamin that in case he at any time fails to perform his part of this agreement, he will pay to the said laborers the full sum of one One Hundred dollars, as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages.

If it shall be mutually desirable to annul this contract before expiration of the term agreed upon, it shall be done only in the presence and with the concurrence of such officer of the Freedman's Bureau, (or other authority) as may have immediate jurisdiction in this matter in the district wherein such parties reside.

In testimony whereof, they have herewith set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

J.D. Benjamin [L.S.] John his mark X Conway [L.S.]

Age 30 [?]

[L.S.] [L.S.]

[L.S.] [L.S.]

[L.S.] [L.S.]

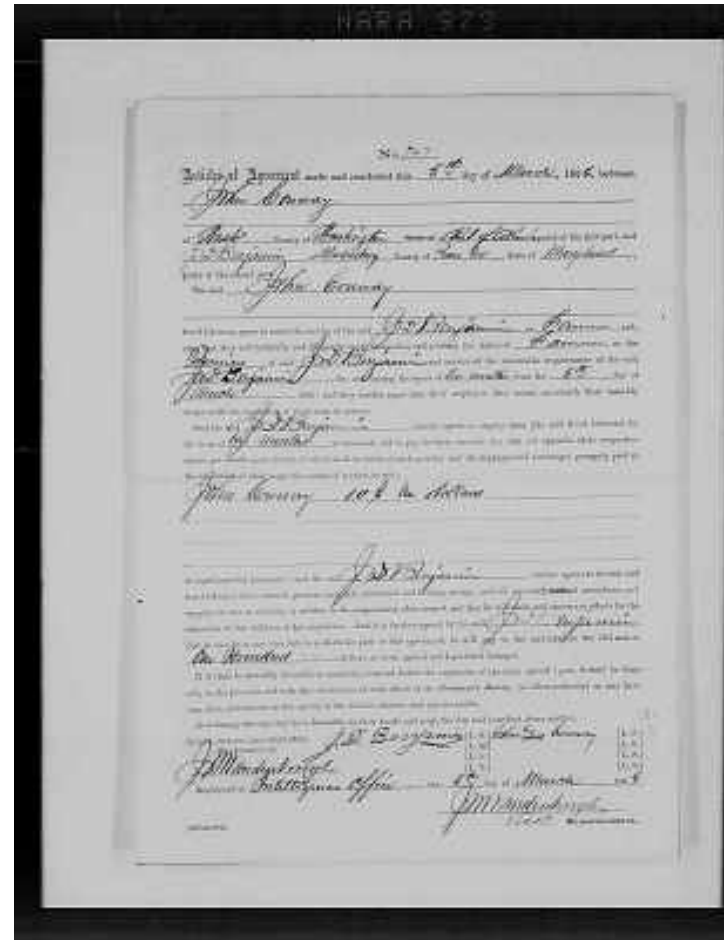
SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED, IN PRESENCE OF

J V W Vandenburg

Registered at Intelligence Office, the 5th day of March 1866.

J V W Vandenburg Asst Superintendent

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