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Articles of Agreement made and concluded this 5th day of March, 1866, between 2 Freedmen of Wash, County of Wash DC - party of the first part, and John H. Burroughs, of Newburg, County of Charles, State of Md, party of the second part.

The said (2) Freedmen freed laborers, agree to enter the service of the said J. H. Burroughs as Farmers, and, also that they will faithfully and diligently apply themselves and perform the duties of farmers, on the premises of said John H. Burroughs and answer all the reasonable requirements of the said John H. Burroughs, for, and during the space of Nine 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 John A. Burroughs, hereby agrees to employ them (the said free laborers) for the term of 9 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:

Robt Johnson 6, \$ Six dollars

Harry Robinson 7, \$ Seven dollars

in equal monthly payments; and the said John H. Burroughs, 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 John H. Burroughs that in case he at any time fails to perform his part of the agreement, he will pay to each the said laborers Respectively the full sum of sixty & seventy dollars, as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages. If it shall be mutually desirable to annul this contract before the 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 seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED, John A. Burroughs [L. S.] Robt.

his X mark Johnson [L. S.] Age 24

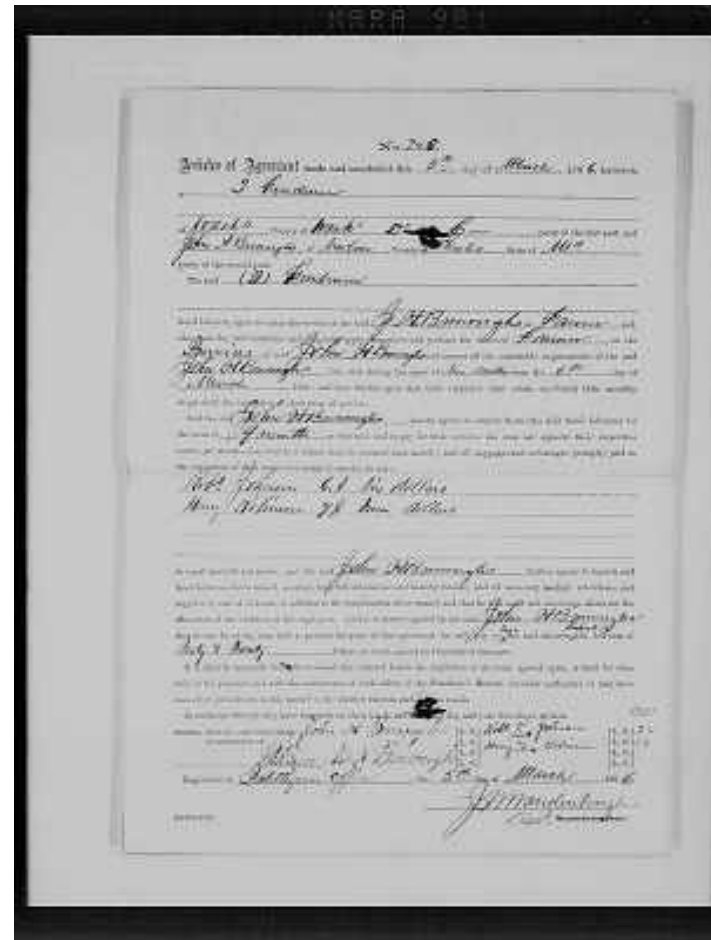
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in the presence of William McK Burroughs [L. S.]

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

J Mandenburgh Asst, Superintendent.

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