



**Smithsonian Institution**

*Freedmen's Bureau*

## **Mississippi Assistant Commissioner, Labor Contracts of Freedmen, Oct.–Dec. 1865, Part 2**

Extracted on Apr-19-2024 06:42:21

**The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.**

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website ([transcription.si.edu](https://transcription.si.edu)), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Freedmen's Bureau as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Freedmen's Bureau website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Freedmen's Bureau or [transcribe@si.edu](mailto:transcribe@si.edu)

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Freedmen's Bureau. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

Know all men by these present that we Henry Brown Cornelus Dillyhov Virginia Freeman Fanny Sealis Rachel Ell and Elizabeth Brown Free persons of color do hereby obligate and bind ourselves to live with & Labor for Benjamin Whitehead on his plantation In Franklin county Miss During the year 1865 to submit ourselves to his order and that of his appointed agent or mangger to work and Labor faithfully for his Benefit to conduct ourselves in proper and worthy manner not to leave the premises without his permission or that of his agent and in all things to render such obedience and act as duty requires. And in consideration of the above obligation we are to receive wages at Rate of Four Dollars per month from the first Day of January 1865 to be Furnished wholesome Rations Comfortable clothing Quarters and Medical attention B. Whitehead his X Mark

In Testimony where of we have here set our hands and affixed our seal this 16th day of August 1865

Age 15 year Henry his X mark Brown {seal}  
 Age 16 year Cornelus his X mark Dillihov {seal}  
 Age 18 year Virginia his X Mark Freeman {seal}  
 Age 50 Fanny his X mark Seal {seal}  
 Age 15r Rachel his X mark Ell {seal}  
 Age 50 Elizabeth his X mark Brown {seal}

Attest  
 Wilm.. Wharton  
 Jas A Whitehead

Know all men by these presents that we Henry Brown Cornelus Dillyhov Virginia Freeman Fanny Sealis Rachel Ell and Elizabeth Brown Free persons of color do hereby obligate and bind ourselves to live with & Labor for Benjamin Whitehead on his plantation In Franklin county Miss During the year 1865 to submit ourselves to his order and that of his appointed agent or mangger to work and Labor faithfully for his Benefit to conduct ourselves in proper and worthy manner not to leave the premises without his permission or that of his agent and in all things to render such obedience and act as duty requires. And in consideration of the above obligation we are to receive wages at Rate of Four Dollars per month from the first Day of January 1865 to be Furnished wholesome Rations Comfortable clothing Quarters and Medical attention B. Whitehead his X Mark

In Testimony where of we have here set our hands and affixed our seal this 16th day of August 1865

Age 15 Henry Brown {seal}  
 Age 16 Cornelus Dillihov {seal}  
 Age 18 Virginia Freeman {seal}  
 Age 50 Fanny Seal {seal}  
 Age 15 Rachel Ell {seal}  
 Age 50 Elizabeth Brown {seal}

Mississippi Assistant Commissioner, Labor Contracts of Freedmen, Oct.-Dec. 1865, Part 2  
 Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers  
 Extracted Apr-19-2024 06:42:21



## Smithsonian Institution

*Freedmen's Bureau*

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)