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Articles of agreement between  
Thos. G. Gleason of the one part, & the undersigned freed-men  
& women of the other part, to wit: Said Freed-men & women agree  
to hire their time as laborers on the Fort Hill plantation from  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 1868 to 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1869. To conduct themselves faithfully  
honestly, civilly, & diligently; to perform all labor on said plantation  
or such as may be connected therewith that may be required by said  
Thos. G. Gleason or his agent; & to keep no fire arms or deadly weapons,  
no ardent spirits nor introduce or invite visitors, nor leave the premises  
during working hours without the written consent of the proprietor  
or his agent.

II. The said freed men, & women agree to perform the daily tasks  
hitherto usually allotted on said plantation.

III. For every day's labor lost by absence, refusal or neglect to perform  
the daily task, or labor said servants shall forfeit fifty cents.

If absent voluntarily, or without authority, or without leave two  
dollars a day; if absent more than one day without leave to be subject  
to dismissal from the plantation & forfeiture of share in crops.

The dependants or families of such laborers or laborers shall  
immediately vacate their houses within the space of three days  
& quit the plantation. All such fines, & forfeitures shall inure to  
the benefit of the employer & employees in proportion to their relative  
shares.

IV Said Freed-men & women agree to take good care of all utensils  
tools, & implements committed to their charge, & to pay for same if  
injured or destroyed, also to feed, & curry, & give attention to all stock  
put under their charge, to be kind, & gentle to all work animals under their  
charge, & to pay for any injury which they may sustain while in  
their hands through their carelessness or neglect, & forfeitures here in  
specified will be subject to the decision of the authorities having proper  
jurisdiction of the same.

V They stipulate to keep their houses, lots & persons in neat condition,  
subject to the inspection of their employer, or agent at any time.

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VII. The said employer agrees to treat his employees with justice, & kindness; to furnish each family with quarters on the plantation & the privilege of getting fire wood from some portion of the premises to be indicated by the employer or his agent, & to divide the crop with them in the following manner & proportions to wit: to the employees one third of the fodder, cotton, potatoes, peas, & oats, they paying back their proportion of seed gathered & prepared for market or its market-value at the end of the year. And the said T. G. Gleason agrees to furnish the usual bread rations to be accounted for at the market price out of their share of the crop.

VIII. Said proprietor - to furnish feed for the animals.

IX. All violations of the terms of this contract or the rules & regulations of the employer may be punished by fines dismissal from the plantation with forfeiture of his or her wages or share of the crop as the case may be.

X. The employer - or his agent shall keep a book in which shall be entered all advances made by him, & fines & forfeitures for lost time, or any cause, which book shall be received as evidence in same manner as merchants are now received in courts of justice, & shall have a right to deduct from the share of each laborer all his or her fines & forfeitures, also all advances made to them subject to the decisions of the authorities having jurisdiction of the same.

XI. The laborers shall not sell any agricultural production to any person whatsoever without the written consent of the employer or his agent until after the division of the crop.

XII. The laborers shall commence work at sun rise & work till dark, & be allowed one or more hours for their meals according to the season of the year.

XIII. That there may be no misunderstanding, the laborers on Fort Hill Farm agree, to properly plant all fall small grain that may be required of them, but in no manner will they have claim on said grain for said services, or pay.

The undersigned laborers obligate themselves if required by said Thos G. Clemson or his agent to cut, secure, clean & handle, all small grain of the present season planted in 1867, and as a compensation for said services faithfully rendered, they may receive after the grain is secured, & thrashed five bushels out of every hundred or its equivalent in currency at the time of its gathering at the option of said Thos G. Clemson.

The cotton seed will not be considered in the division of crop, & under no consideration to be removed.

Any person, persons or dependent on persons, on Mt-Hill Farm being guilty of theft, speculation, or misdemeanor will be liable to dismissal, & forfeiture of crop. This will be understood to extend to any one harboring visitors so offending & render them liable to be considered as parties in the offence. If stolen property be found in possession, or dwelling of any one on said farm it will be considered as sufficient proof of their guilt, & render them liable. No stock belonging to any Freed-men or women will be allowed to run at large, any so found at large will be considered a violation of this contract, making the owner liable to a fine not exceeding the value of hog, or other animal for every offence. The time for going to work, & recall will be made known by sound of horn, & so punctually observed.

Witnesses present) Pinkney <sup>his</sup> Cunningham } Osborn <sup>his</sup> Preston + 2 boys <sup>1/2</sup> hds  
J. G. Clemson } T. L. <sup>his</sup> Collins, + 2 boys } Washington <sup>marks</sup> Williams  
Thos. C. Abbott } Jessie <sup>marks</sup> Mickleburg } Ben <sup>his</sup> Williams  
Cato <sup>marks</sup> Sherman } Alfred Young + 2 boys <sup>1/2</sup> hds  
Set in March 9<sup>th</sup> 1868 } Frank <sup>his</sup> Vance  
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Bob <sup>his</sup> Pedigrew  
Dannial <sup>marks</sup> Loxam  
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John <sup>marks</sup> LaGree  
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	John X Lagree	Henry Aken X
Jessie X Mickleburg	Isaak X Davis	Alford X Young & Rays

Stepney Green