

**Sharecropping Contract (De Soto County, Mississippi), 1867**

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The State of Mississippi  
Leflore County

February 4th 1867

A Contract entered in to this day by  
W. J. Johnson on the first part and Freedmen  
Samuel & Frank Attance on the  
second part W. J. Johnson of the first part  
agrees to furnish Land and Team and Tools  
such as is usually used to cultivate cotton  
and to furnish feed for the Team and seed to plant  
Samuel & Frank of the second part agrees to  
do all necessary tending to the fence to make it  
secure and to cultivate the Land by said Johnsons  
Instructions and to take good care of the Team and Tools  
furnish them and to return them in good order when  
the crop is done and to gather the crop so raised in  
good order and reasonable time and to obey said Johnsons  
orders in all things concerning the cultivation & gathering  
of crop and to furnish their own Rations pay  
Doctors Bills and Taxes Johnson of the first  
part agrees to advance their Rations and charge  
Cost & Carriage for them to be deducted out of  
their part of the proceeds of crop and to give  
said Freedmen one half of of the crop they may  
raise after deducting the amount he may advance  
to them and said Johnson reserves the Right in  
case of sickness or Lazziness on the part of  
said Freedmen to hire hands to save the crop  
to be paid out of their part of crop

A. F. McJhee Witness  
W. R. King

W. J. Johnson

as Samuel

Frank <sup>as</sup> Attance

Frank has his name marked off  
by his consent

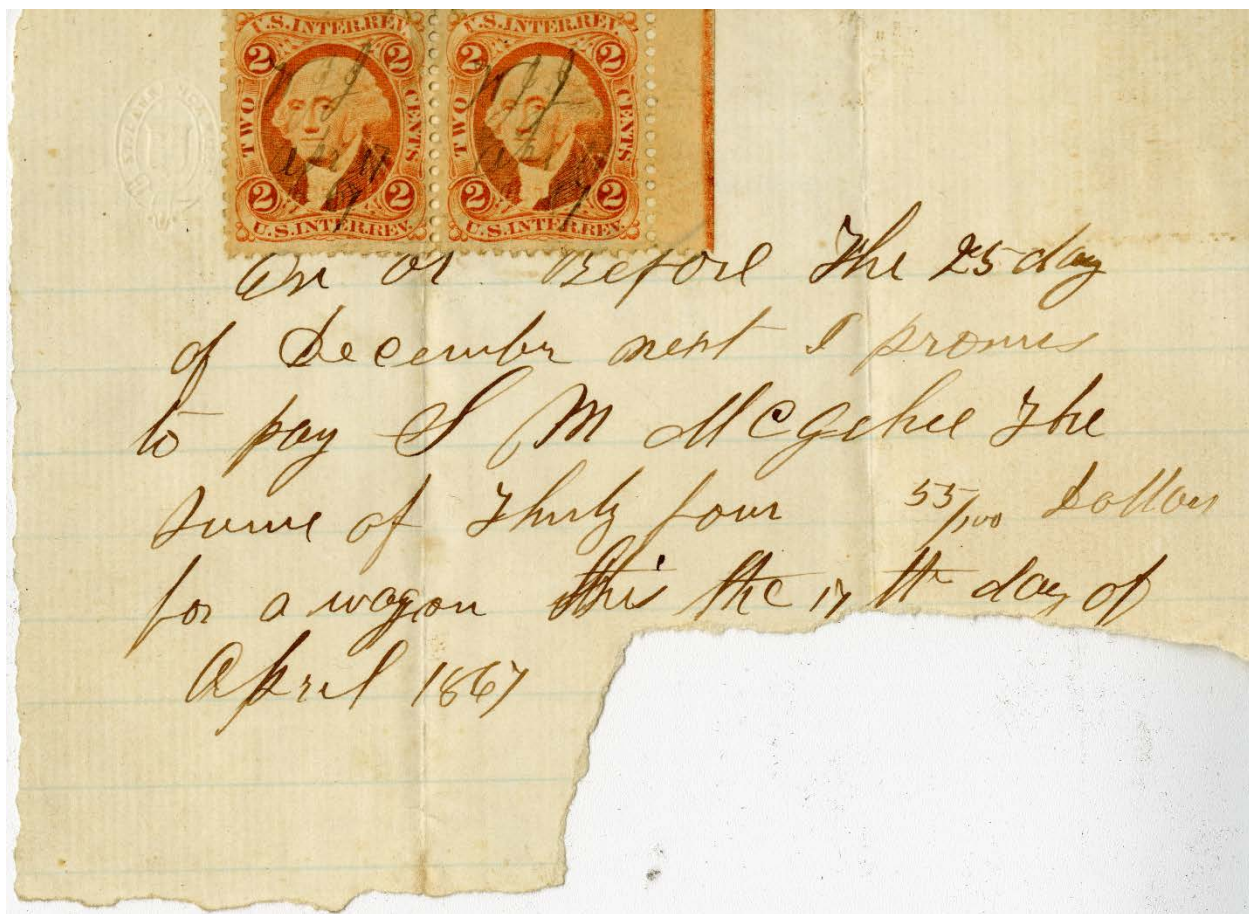
The State of Mississippi  
Desoto County  
February the 4th 1867

A Contract entered in to this day by  
W J Johnson on the first part and Freedman  
Daniel & ~~Frank~~ Manice on the  
second part. W J Johnson of the first part  
agrees to furnish [sic] Land and Team and Tools  
sutch [sic] as is usually [sic] used to cultivate corn & cotton  
and to furnish feed for the Team and seed to plant.  
~~Daniel & Frank~~ of the second [sic] part agrees to  
doe [sic] all nessesary [sic] repairs to the fenc [sic] to make it  
secure and to cultivate the Land by said Johnsons [sic]  
Instructions and to take good care of the Team and Tools  
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the crop is done and to gather the crop so raised in  
good order and reasonable time and to obey said Johnsons [sic]  
orders in all things concerning the cultivation & gathering  
of crop and to furnish [sic] there [sic] own Rations, pay  
Doctors [sic] Bills and Taxes. Johnson of the first  
part agrees to advanc [sic] there [sic] Rations and charge  
cost and carage [sic] for them to be deducted out of  
there [sic] part of the proseedes [sic] of crop and to give  
said Freedmen one half of of the crop they may  
rais [sic] after deducting [sic] the amount he may advanc [sic]  
to them. And said Johnson Reserves the Right in  
case of sickness or lazyness [sic] on the part of  
said freedmen to hyre [sic] hands to save the crop  
to be paid out of their part of crop.

A. F. McGehee, witness  
W. R. King

W. J. Johnson  
& [Elias?] his X mark Daniel  
~~Frank his X mark Manice~~  
Frank has his name marked of  
By his consent





On or before the 25 day  
of December next I promise [sic]  
to pay S M McGehee the  
sum of Thirty four 55/100 Dollars  
for a wagon This the 17th day of  
April 1867