Sharecropping Contract (De Soto County, Mississippi), 1867

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The State of Mississippi
Leflore County
February 24th, 1869

A contract entered into this day by
W. J. Johnson on the first part and freedman
Daniel

To unincumber on the
second part. W. J. Johnson of the first part
agrees to furnish food and dress and take
such care as is usually used by cultivating connectors
and to furnish land for the term and need. Said
Daniel promises the second part agrees to
not sell any thing belonging to the land or make it
vicious and to cultivate the land. By said Johnson
instructions and do take good care of the term and
furnish food to him when the crops are made. And to gather the crop as raised in
best order and reasonable time and do all as said Johnson
orders in all things concerning the cultivation and gathering
of crops and to furnish there from cotton bag
Dorothy Bell and Jesse Johnson of the first
part agrees to advance nine dollars and bring
Cost & charge for them to be deducted out of
this part of the proceeds of crops and to give
said Johnson and one half of the crop they may
raise of the remaining to amount herein advance
to said W. J. Johnson between the right hand
case of sickness or laziness on the part of
said freedmen to agree to pay the crop
to the part out of their part of crop

W. J. Johnson

E. L. Johnson

W. R. King

Witness for the same matters of

D. E. Johnson
A Contract entered into 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 \textit{sic} Land and Team and Tools
such \textit{sic} as is usualy \textit{sic} used to cultivate corn & cotton
and to furnish feed for the Team and seed to plant.
Daniel & Frank of the second \textit{sic} part agrees to
doe \textit{sic} all nessesary \textit{sic} repairs to the fenc \textit{sic} to make it
secure and to cultivate the Land \textit{by said Johnsons \textit{sic}}
Instructions and to take good care of the Team and Tools
furnisht \textit{sic} them and to retun \textit{sic} 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 \textit{sic}
orders in all things concerning the cultivation & gathering
of crop and to finish \textit{sic} there \textit{sic} own Rations, pay
Doctors \textit{sic} Bills and Taxes. Johnson of the first
part agrees to advanc \textit{sic} there \textit{sic} Rations and charge
cost and carage \textit{sic} for them to be deducted out of
there \textit{sic} part of the proseeds \textit{sic} of crop and to give
said Freedmen one half of of the crop they may
rais \textit{sic} after deducting \textit{sic} the amount he may advanc \textit{sic}
to them. And said Johnson Reserves the Right in
case of sickness or lazyness \textit{sic} on the part of
said freedmen to hyre \textit{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 promis [sic]
to pay S M McGehee the
sum of Thirty four 55/100 Dollars
for a wagon This the 17th day of
April 1867