

Freedmen's Bureau Records, Rocky Mount, NC
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Labor Contracts- Dated January 1, 1866 (some are for 1867)

These are assorted labor contracts for people in Edgecombe and Nash Counties, NC, in the two years after the Civil War. Typically, labor contracts are between former slaveowners and their former slaves, so this is can be a good indication of that relationship. However, keep in mind that conclusion should be drawn from researching other records as well.

These are not all of the records; but this is a significant portion of what was there. I did not have the time or resources to copy everything, but I was hopeful that someone may be able to find something useful here. Please check the records if you suspect you may have an ancestor in this area. A question mark indicates I could not clearly make out the name. Many names were abbreviated, but in block parenthesis I have added who I think it *might* be based off the census records. These documents are written in all kinds of ways; some are very formal, clear and concise contracts, and measure out exactly what the duties of the workers are, what their rations are and what they will be paid. Others are little more than scribbling on a sheet of paper. In the documents that contain them, the stipulations are very interesting. Please note also that the names are not necessarily in the order in which they appear in the record; the original records, of course, are unpaginated and unindexed.

Edgecombe County

Contract For	Laborers Name	Age (If listed)
Joshua K. Bullock	Jolly Bennett	64
	Isom Bennett	23
	Clara Bennett	16
	George Bullock	24
	Henry Bullock	15
TH Griffin	Prince Daniel	
Carter Pope	Thomas Hilliot?	
	Redmond Taylor	
	Henry Lane	
Weeks B. Parker	Peter Parker	
	Henry Parker	
	Lillian Parker	
	Dave Parker	
	William Parker	
	James Parker	
	Lil George Parker	
	Jason Parker	
	George Mercer	
	Sophia Mercer	
	Peronlius? Parker	
	Hub? Parker	
Ida Parker		
Charlotte Parker		

	Lucy Parker	
	Isaac Parker	
	Lawrence Parker	
	Corsa Parker	
	Richmond Thorp	
Joseph W. Wimberly	Alfred Joyner	49
<i>* a note indicates</i>	Kinchen Joyner	18
<i>these 4 are Alfred's</i>	Nancy Joyner	14
<i>Children</i>	Jane Joyner	15
	Benjamin Joyner	12
	Della Coff	25
	James Devereaux	25
	Cheney Devereaux	25
	Medie Batts	34
	Sarah Powell	23
	Letitia Magee	29
	Pottie? Lewis	49
	George Long	30
	Martha Ann Dancey	33
	Virginia Dancey	18
John I Daniel	Casar Bullock	
	Casar Bullock	
	Easter Bullock	
	Sam Bullock	
	Richard Bullock	
	Drew Bullock	
	Jane Bullock	
	Nicey Bullock	
	Cynthia Bullock	
	Frank Bull	
	Lancaster Cherry	
	Venice? Cherry	
	Washington Pippen	
	Edith Lawrence	
	Sam Lawrence	
	Millie Daniel	
	Bethany Daniel	
	Jaohn Savage	
	Charles Bridges	
Richard Battle	Patience Sessums	
	Cesar Battle	
Michael Williams	Ben Lewellyn	
James Taylor	Jack Bellamy	
	Jordan Hunter	
	John Taylor	
W[illiam]H Powell	Jordan Staton	
	Wife Harriett	
	Daughter Aggy	

	N? Parker	
	Wife Penny	
	Sons John and Frank	
	John Cherry	
	Wife Charity & sons	
E[lijah]L Moore	William Suggs	
	Daniel Suggs	
	Nick Suggs	
	David Thigpen and Daughter Lavina	
	Green Werville?	
	Winnie Exum and two children	
	Peter Carney & wife	
	John Moore	
	Ben Moore & wife	
William Thigpen	Nero Bradley	
	Allen Cobb	
	William Moore & son George	
	Gray Thigpen	
	Mose Thigpen & his mother?	
WC Taylor	Washington Taylor and 1 child	30
	Bigton? Taylor and 3 children	50
	Little Tom Taylor	
	Abram Earl and wife	
SE Nesby	John Anderson	
	Peter Battle	
	Gedeon Battle	
	Ben Jones	
	Martha Nesby?	
	Charlotte Nesby	
	Ted Daniel	
	Charity Thorn & family	
	Fanny Battle	
	Berry Ann? Thorn	
	Leah Nesby?	
R[obert]D Wimberly	Charles Bullock	54
	Pompey Wimberly	27
	Henry Nicholson	40
	Grandison Wimberly	34
	Ralph Wimberly	30
	Sampson Shirley	25
	Ben Powell	25
	Laura Wimberly	13
	Henry Wimberly	11
	Sandy Wimberly	11
	Sarah Killebrew	30
	Isabella Killebrew	14
	Alice Killebrew	12

	Spencer Killebrew	9
	Pattie Hart	18
	James Sessoms and sons Daniel and Isaac	
MI and GC Battle	Isaac Battle	
	Carzon? Battle	
	Ephraim Battle	
Thomas L. Manor	Lewis Manor	
	Wife Sarah and child	
Walter Rice	Milly Battle	
	Harriett Battle	
	Stephen Battle and children Sarah, Camelia, Lee & Arthur	
	Minerva Battle	
Jesse H Powell	George Washington	
	Stephen Sessums	
	Annety Sessums	
	Benjamin Sessums	
	Sarah Powell	
	Lucinda Powell	
	Cyntha? Powell	
	Guilford Powell	
	John Bradley	
<i>**Jason and the next three names are Marked together; may be a family</i>	Jacob Powell	
	Charlotte Powell	
	Essick Powell	
	Milly Powell	
	Charles Hill	
<i>**Benjamin and Absalom are Marked together; may be a family</i>	Benjamin Powell	
	Absalom Powell	
	Allen Bradley	
<i>**Elijah and the next four names are Marked together; may be a family</i>	Elijah Powell	
	Dick Powell	
	Zilpha Powell	
	Luke Powell	
	Elick Powell	
	George Harrison	
	Jane Powell	
	Randolph Powell	
	Louis Richmond	
	Dempsey Powell	
	M? Powell	
<i>**Ned and the next two names are Marked together; may be a family</i>	Ned Harrison	
	Norfleet Harrison	
	Melvina? Powell	
	John Sessums	
	Nancy Powell	
	Mariah Parker	

Joseph L Ward	Jacob Whitley	
Lucy Watkins	Amos Hunt	
William G Bullock	Nathan Williams	
Joseph Jenkins	Reden Davis	
	Jacob Bullock	
	Blount Bullock	
	Ach Worn?	
	Debra Moore	
Kemp P. Battle (1866)	Joe Battle	
	Henderson Dorsey	
	Jason Spicer	
	Jim Lawrence	
	York Lawrence	
	Jim McNear	
	Allan Wimberly	
	Alfred Wimberly	
	Joe Wimberly	
	Haywood Battle	
	Lewis Battle	
	Redding Battle	
	Norfolk Battle	
	Isabella Battle	
	Hardy Battle	
	Orph Battle	
	Jason Battle	
	Sarah Battle	
	Jerry Battle	
	Norfleet Dancy	
	Illiad Dancey	
Kemp B. Battle (1867)	Haywood Portice	
	Joiner Portice	
	Orphee Battle	
	Hardy Battle	
	Robert Pender	
	Jason Battle	
	Jerry Battle	
	Ned Battle	
	Jason Spicer	
	Samuel Taborn	
	Walker Cameron	
	Patsy Mordecai	
	Sarah Battle	
R[ichard]H Gorham	Jerry Bellamy	
	Benam? Bellamy	
	Jim Sparrow	
	Arren Gorham	
	Jack Bellamy	
	Orfy? Bellamy	

William R Cox (1867)	Granville	
<i>* most of these have no last names given for the laborers</i>	Celey	
	Starling	
	Tom	
	Peter	
	Dora	
	George Cox	
	Sella	
	Willis Grey	
	Riley?	
	Joe Battle	
	Anthony	
	Jerry?	
	Thomas Smith	
	Julian Battle	
	Sam Cox	
	Caroline Cox	
	Catherine	
	Aaron Daniels	
	Powell Battle	
	Drew Battle	
	Burrell Battle	
	Betty Battle	
	Eveline Battle	
	Bryant Battle	
	Martha Battle	
	Corinna?	
Thomas Manor	Daniel Hunter & daughters Lizzy, Isy and Polly	
BB Baron	Julia Pitt and her 3 children	
CC Bonner	Thomas Fox	
Theodore Thomas	Hasty Winsted & son	
HL Spicer	Caroline Baker	
AJ Williford	Everett Jenkins and 2 children	
Isaac Pope	Jacob Hilliard and 3 children	
John H Price	Philip Clark	
NJ Drake	Southey Bowner?	
Joseph B. Griffin	Anthony Williams and wife Antoinette	
	Samuel Bullock and wife Bintha Ann	
	John Henry Warren and wife Ann	
	Alexander Spencer	
	John Williams	
	Peter Williams	
	Richard Lewis	
Martha Oates	Adam Oates	

	Thomas Hall	30
	Ned Newton	21
	Henry Newton	21
Manuel Edmundson	Kendell Savage and wife Mary	
Joseph H Cutchins	Henry Cooper	
<i>**these five are marked as children</i>	Annie Cooper	
	Henrietta Cooper	
	Lucy Cooper	
	Joseph Cooper	
	William Roberson	
	Rhody Roberson	
	Joseph Dickens	
	Louvenia Dickens	
	Hilliard Pope	
	Elizabeth Taylor	
<i>**Israel and next two marked as children</i>	Israel (cannot read last name)	
	John Pitt	
	Dellah Pitt	
	Anthony Roseer	
	Daniel Mann	
	Allen and Taylor	
	John and Wright	
	Thomas and Sears	
JJ Battle	Jane Harper	
William F Mercer	Harry Bullock	45
	Daughter Mary	16
	Dick Bullock	37
	Daughter Vicy	13
	John Hines	40
	Son Ben	19
	Daughter Alice	15
	Daughter Harriet	12
	Peter Bullock	70
	Daughter Harriett	16
	Daughter Celi	14
	Daughter Lear	12
	Cherry Parker	33
	Daughter Clarissa	15
	Son Drew	11
	Caroline Bullock	22
Jesse Bullock	Handy Battle	
Richard Battle	Luke Dougherty	
EH Flowers	Ned Sharpe	
Jesse H Powell	James Thompson	
	Ned Love?	
DA Ricks	Stanley Parker	
RS Petway	Sam Manor of Nash County	
Daniel J. Robinson	Westry? Clarke	

Other Edgecombe County individuals with contracts whose laborer's names I did not get to copy, but who have labor contracts are:		
Pippen Proctor	23 names	
William Battle	Lots of names, no last names	
Jesse H Powell	Long list of names	
RH Lewis		
Manuel Edmundson		
Elizabeth Anderson		
JJ Battle		
AL Braswell		
J[oseph]H Cutchins	5 names	
SH Hargrove	1 name	
Polly Calhoun		

Nash County

** Most of these are just the names of the Contractor; I did not have time to copy the laborers' names.*

Contract To	Laborer Name or Numbers Of
Thomas P. Braswell	5 slaves (last name Arrington)
JP Jenkins	Burrel Harrison
Daniel E. Summers	2 slaves
Allen Taylor	
JW & HD Barrett	1 slave each
BE Joiner	2 slaves
Matilda Mann	
WR Cox	
EW Wilcox	15 slaves
RH Hilliard	2 slaves
BB Lawrence	3 slaves
Kinchen Taylor	5 slaves
John Ward	2 families
TB Watson	11 slaves
Samuel Hilliard	4 slaves
JH Harris	1 slave
Wm H. Hilliard	1 slave
BD Rice	3 slaves

These were listed also in Wake County:

William R. Cox

Kemp B. Battle