Agreement made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan 1867, between D C E Brady, of the first part & Ephraim Thomas freedman, of the second part, witnesseth that the said Ephraim, hereby agrees faithfully and diligently to perform the duties of carpenter & any other work required, for the said Brady, at his place or such place as he may direct for the period of twelve months. In consideration of which services, the said Brady agrees to pay the said Ephraim the sum of ten dollars per month & furnish him with rations for himself & a house free of Rent.

And the said parties further agree, that if it should be mutually desirable, to annul this contract, before the expiration of the period agreed upon, it shall be done only in the presence of & with the consent of, such officer of the Freedmans Bureau, as may have immediate jurisdiction in this matter, in the district in which said parties reside. Given at Buffalo Forge Rockbridge Co Va, the day and date above.

Witnesses

Dan C E Brady (seal)

We certify that we heard
the contract read to

Ephraim Thomson & he agreed thereto

W.M. Rex

L.F.C. Reynolds

Dan C E Brady (seal)

his

Eph X Thomas (seal)