

Article of agreement, made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan 1867 between D.C. E. Brady of the first part & Henry Mathews freedman of the second part, Witnesseth that, that said Henry hereby agrees, faithfully & diligently to perform the duties of forgerman, for said Brady at his place or where he may direct, for the period of twelve months. In consideration of which services, said Brady hereby agrees to pay said Henry, three & one half dollars per ton for each ton of bar iron made by him.

Said Henry also agrees to perform any other work required by said Brady, for where the said Brady agrees to pay him, sixty two & a half cents per day.

Said Brady to furnish said Henry a house & lot, but said Henry to ration himself.

And the said parties herby further agree, that if it shall 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 officers of the Freedmans Bureau, who may have immediate jurisdiction of this matter in the district, wherein the said parties reside. Given at Buffalo Forge, Rockbridge Co Va on the day & date above.

Witnesses

DanCE Brady (seal)

We certify that we heard  
the above contract tread to  
Henry & he agrees therewith

his (seal)  
Henry X Mathews

W.M. Rex

L.F.C. Reynolds