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Freedman contract with H.A. Middleton from Georgetown District, 1868. Middleton Family papers. Call # 12/162/8. South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, South Carolina.  
<http://teachingsushistory.org/documents/FreeCSing.htm>

### SUMMARY

**This is an agreement, or contract, between plantation owner H.A. Middleton from Georgetown District, South Carolina and the freedmen and women hired to work for him on the Weehaw Plantation. The freedmen were to start work at sunrise and work for eight hours. For every day of work that was lost due to sickness, absence, or not showing up for work, the freedmen were charged one peck of rice. In addition to a small garden plot, the freedmen was also given one acre of corn land and 1/3 of the rice crop raised during the year 1868. This agreement ended as soon as the rice crop was harvested.**