

Reconstruction Era: Times are changing

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Local Sharecrop- ping updates

by Christie Clayton and
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News flash news-
flash, the cost of sharecrop-
ping is higher than the in-
come allowed. Also instead of
growing just food, the land-
owner wants money making
crops like tobacco and cotton.
The sharecroppers are sur-
viving with their

rent of the crop that they
grow. Sharecropping has a
relatively rich owner of the
plantation and a poorer per-
son, (worker or farmer); even
though the flip-flop relation-
ship, in which a poor person
leases out from a rich tenant.

Abraham Lincoln Has Been Assassinated!!!!

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Abraham Lin-
coln was killed by John
Wilkes Booth on Friday
Night at 10: 00. A young
doctor examined Lin-
coln and said, "There is
no way for him to re-
cover." The next day on
April 15, our president
died. He was shot near
his left ear. Cities paid
their respects when the
funeral train passed by.

Half of Lincoln's Presi-
dency before his assas-
sination President Abra-
ham got elected in a
close election. Cont on next
column

○ Those that could pay
rent with crops were called
tenant farmers.

○ Those who could not
pay rent with were called
Sharecroppers.

In Southern states half of
the population is share-
croppers.

Sharecropping agreements
however can be fair, a form

Later after he got
elected, he led the sol-
diers through the war to
victory. Then, he wrote
The Emancipation Pro-
clamation. Proclamation
means "statement", and
Emancipate means "to
set free". This Proclama-
tion freed all the states
in the rebellion (slave
states). It did not free the
slaves in the Border
States though.

Lincoln first was inter-
ested in law. He first be-
came a lawyer in Illinois.
He educated himself
with law books. He read
books to learn how to
lead war effort. He made
a speech on his deep
belief in the future of the
United States that read
he had read about since
his childhood.

Ku Klux Klan

By Jacob McCulley & De-
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The first branch
of the Ku Klux Klan was
established in Pulaski,
Tennessee, in May, 1866.
A year later a general
organization of local
clans was established in
Nashville, Tennessee in
1867. Most leaders were
former members of the
Confederate Army. The
first Grand Wizard was
Nathan Forrest, an out-
standing general during
the Civil War. The Ku
Klux Klan was a group
that terrorized blacks



of tenant farming and share
farming that has a change-
able rental payment, paid
in back payment. The ad-
vantages of sharecropping
enabled access for women
because only men can own
land

The end of slavery
caused the plantation
owner's predicament. They
didn't want to farm their

land themselves.



Illustration of a plantation house

ANDREW JOHNSON'S IMPEACHMENT

December 29, 1868 by Taryn Welsh, Melissa Zankman, & Uday Sidhu

When Andrew was young he was un-educated, and he learned to read when he was working as a tailor, he also learned to write when he was married. Johnson is a demarcate, and still is. He was also a slave owner. The impeachment of Andrew Johnson sounded thrilling to the public. In 1868 the united-states suffered another blow when the house of representative tried to impeach President Johnson.

VERY IMPORTANT, our very own president, Andrew Johnson, was saved from impeachment by one vote in May 1868. Thousands of people

were watching his impeachment. Even Wilson Henry the vice president-wanted to impeach President Johnson. After his impeachment his ability to lead the united-states was weekend.

Then Johnson vetoed the Free-dom's Bureau Act and the Civil Rights Act. Johnson was being spied on. The man who was spying on him was Edwin M. Stanton. So Johnson couldn't fire Stanton, the congress passed the Tenure of Office Act. But Johnson tried to veto the Tenure of Office Act. In spite of the Tenure of Office Act he fired Stanton.



Blanche K. Bruce: First African-American Member of Senate

By Clark Scholamiero, Brette Carey, & Austin French

Blanche K. Bruce has been elected into the U.S senate.

Now we have the first African American in the senate! He entered the House of Representatives on March 5, 1875 also he is a Republican. During Reconstruction, Bruce became very wealthy. Recently, Bruce was appointed by President Garfield to be head of treasury in 1881. Before Bruce entered the senate he was born in slavery on March 1, 1841 in Farmville Virginia to a white plantation owner. Bruce was tutored by the master's son and worked in the field. He is a good U.S senator!!!



Hiram R. Revels



Blanche K. Bruce

Hiram R. Revels

By Marae Ashmore and Lizzie Gray

A new African American was just elected for Senate! Just last week on February 25, Hiram Rhoades Revels was elected for Senate! He is the first African American in Congress! Hiram has attended Quaker school, a school in Ohio, and Knox College! Hiram is very active! He is a teacher, a minister, and as well as a Senator! He is also a high school principal.

He has a lot respect from blacks and whites! Hiram was born as a free African American! His home town is Fayetteville, North Carolina. Hiram was elected from Mississippi, though. He was a veteran in the Civil War! Hiram has a wife and five daughters. He has founded schools and he for black children. Hiram has elected alderman in Natchez. He also served on the Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on the District of Columbia. We decided to put him in the news paper today because of his oratorical abilities

Miracle for Negroes by Ryan Bertling, Jamal Smith, & Raghav Kappagantula

Today, March 4, 1865 the national government has created a federal agency, The Freedmen's Bureau, to help the four million freed slaves in freedom. The bureau is sending food and clothing to help the former slaves. The bureau is building hospitals for freed slaves too. The Freedmen's Bureau's most success is in educating the newly freed slaves though.

It is not just a health agency though. The government is helping former slaves find jobs. White South-

erners are hostile to the activities of the bureau. The only place with Civil Rights for former slaves is the Freedmen's Bureau.

Negroes are settling in public lands now. The bureau's hope is to redistribute the south. Without land Negroes have no choice but to use the sharecropping system. The bureau is building Negro's homes and giving Negroes land. The Negro lives are being made much easier.



Black Codes

by Elliot Jones and Maria Garland

has allowed Southern states to pass Black codes.

The Black Codes denied African American male the right to vote.

Any colored person found without a job will be arrested for vagrancy. President Johnson really did not help the colored people. Their lives are much like they were before slavery. He did not help colored people because he was from Tennessee, where he once owned slaves. The restrictions the colored people are faced with are they are not allowed to

go to the same school, drink from the same water fountain, hold certain jobs, or own land. That is the update for the Black Codes.



Jim Crow Laws Unfair to Negroes



By Brittney Storer, Taylor Stone, and Matthew Burn

Jim Crow Laws enforce segregation of Blacks and whites. Negroes are forced to use certain trains, hotels, train cars, and certain cemeteries. Negroes also have to use different water fountains and public bathrooms. Most of the Negroes facilities are worse the white facilities. By far, Jim Crow laws are unfair to all Negroes.

New Amendments give African Americans Citizenship and more!

By: Anna Nail, Caroline Jeter, and Sarah Emily Boyt

Extra, Extra read all about it African Americans freed. In the past three months the Government has made three new amendments. They are the 13, 14, and 15 amendments. They have given all African Americans the rights to be free, guaranteed equal protection, and for male men to vote,

but some people like Sojourner Truth oppose that woman should have the same rights as men. The right of citizens of the U.S to vote shall not be denied /on account of race, color or previous condition (slavery). If anybody treats the former slaves as servants they will be convicted. All slaves have nowhere to go now that they are free. They are now the streets

and have nothing to do. All the sales people have hired their prices! Now the former slaves have gone back to their plantations and are treated as slaves again. Now African American children study at new schools in the south. These new amendments have helped African Americans during this time of reconstruction