

1st Convict Leasing Contract 1868

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Details

Convict leasing was a system where people who were sentenced in prison were leased out to plantation owners or corporation owners. This was used to mainly target African American people they would be leased out to these people. The owners were responsible for their housing and or for their food they would stay at the home for a long period of time. These inmates would work for no money they would just work during their time in prison.



<https://eji.org/news/history-racial-injustice-convict-leasing/>

How it started

It started in Louisiana and shortly after the emancipation of slaves. After Louisiana started this other southern state continued this, they would benefit from this in terms of the income it brought in. Convict leasing became majority African American people working for these people this system would also cause a lot of deaths due to some of the conditions of the work and hot temperatures at the plantations.

Outcome

Eventually this practice went away even though we see work in prison, but this was a racist type of work due to African Americans being the ones targeted to work on these plantations and mainly



<https://www.scencyclopedia.org/sce/entries/convict-leasing/>

being done by southern states which were the ones that already owned slaves.