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This is a portion of a document that was used to track the amount of money owed by Jessy (also spelled Jessa) Butler to Charles R. Miller. Jessy Butler was a tenant farmer on the land of Miller. Along with this accounting of debt is a chattel mortgage, where Butler promises to Miller that he will pay off his debt, and if he does not, then Miller may sell his horse to pay the debt.

The system of sharecropping ensured that the sharecropper -- in this case, Jessy Butler -- remained poor and in debt to the owner of the land, and therefore would never be able to farm indepedently and earn a profit for themselves.

These documents are from the W. R. Miller Papers, North Carolina State Archives.

Principal	88.20
Interest from march the 3 1883 to feb 26 1884 (11 mo 23 da)	6.92
Paid on hand	95.12
Ant for a new principal	30.41
Interest on \$4.41 from feb 26 1884 to oct 29 1890 (6 yrs 8 mo)	64.41
Ant due on hand	94.51
Witness fee at Greensboro.	99.22
Ant. Due C. R. Miller	2.00
	106.22
Set Between C. R. Miller and Jessy Butler. (Balored)	

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Principal	88.20
Interest from march the 3 1883 to feb. 26 1884	6.92

(11 mos 23 da)	95.12
Paid on bond	30.41
Amt for new principal	64.71
Interest on \$64.71 from feb. 26 1884 to Oct. 26 1890 (6 yrs 8 mo)	34.51
Amt due on bond.	\$99.22
Witness fee at Greensboro	7.00
Amt. Due C. R. Miller	\$106.22
[Surplus money credited to Mr. Butler after he paid back a different debt]	0.18
	\$106.04

Acct Between C. R. Miller
and
Jessy Butler. (Colored)

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