

Ans. I have heard him say he had one son there.

Were you present at the conversation testified to by Wm. Hollifield, Eben Shipley, David Grimes, David McKenzie, Sylvanus Sykes or Samuel H. Essey?

Ans. I was not present at the conversation you mention.

JAMES D. COOK.

One of the witnesses mentioned, was present but not examined.

No other witnesses being produced by either parties, the examination is closed.

Given under my hand and seal this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SAMUEL MAINSTER, [Seal]

Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MARYLAND, HOWARD COUNTY, &c:

I hereby certify, that Samuel Mainster, Justice, before whom the annexed affidavit was made, and who has thereto subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Howard county, duly commissioned and sworn.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Howard county, this 8th day of February, A. D., 1865.

W. W. WATKINS, Clerk.