

A. Seventy-two years: been a voter fifty-one years; resided in 1865, in District No. 14.

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A. Did apply—took the oath—no charge—no witness—the first question asked me was put by Mr. Dougherty, (a register,) whether I had voted for Daniel M. Henry—I replied, I did—why did I vote for him—I replied, I had been a voter a long time, and that some crises had arisen in our government during that time, and that our government had been a government of compromise, and that I believed if Daniel M. Henry was elected, that he would use all the means he could to bring about a compromise and stop the effusion of blood—Dougherty remarked, “That was your reason”—I said it was—he then asked me if I had not corresponded with the rebels—I said I had not, though I had a son who was at Richmond at the time of the war—that I never had written to him since April, 1861, and that I had not received but one letter from him during the whole war, which was wrote in July, 1861—I answered all the questions except one, which John J. Lawson (a register) asked me, viz: Did you or not, after the battle of Gettysburg, say that you wished the Devil in Hell had the Government and all their army?—I remarked to him, Sir, I shall not answer the question directly, but I will ask you a question: You have been acquainted with me ever since you could remember; now, I ask you if you believed when you heard it, from my standing in the church and in society, that I used such language?—he paused for some time, and I urged him to answer—finally he said he did not believe it—I made the same appeal to the other two gentlemen, and after some hesitation they both said they did not believe it—I answered the question in this way because it was so palpably false—I then remarked to them, it was very strange that, being acquainted with me as they were, and not believing it themselves, they should ask me such a question—I also remarked, your object is to disfranchise me, and keep me from voting—that they had no charge against me, and you know I have been as loyal, or more loyal, than either of you have been—I further remarked that I was so conscientious of not doing anything against the Government, that I refused my own son my cart and oxen to haul potatoes that came from Accomac county, Va., before it was subjugated, when you were receiving all you could get—I see by the book of Registration that I am entered disloyal by “own acknowledgment”—had I done so I should have fore-sworn myself—it is wholly untrue—I have narrated all that took place.