

Did or did not the Judges of Election, in November, 1866, demand of you to take the oath prescribed in the Constitution, Article 1, section 4, before deciding upon your right to vote?

Answer. No, sir : they did not ; they would not listen to me.

JOHN RIDER.

*Deposition No. 23.*

GEORGE H. GAUER, having been by me duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit :

By Mr. Spates :

Question. What is your name, age, occupation and residence; and how long have you lived there?

Answer. My name is George H. Gauer, age 21 years; occupation, farmer ; and I live in election District No. 10, in Allegany county, Maryland, and I have lived there ever since I was born.

By Mr. Spates :

Question. Were you registered as a voter prior to the election held in Allegany county, November, 6th, 1866?

Answer I was, in September, 1866.

By Mr. Spates :

Question. Did you or not attend at the polls in said election District, in Allegany county, on the 6th day of November, 1866, if so, did you then and there offer a ticket to the Judges of election at said polls as your ballot, and was it received or rejected? state also the name of the person printed on said ticket, for State Senator, for whom you desired to vote, and what reason did the said Judges assign for rejecting your vote if they did so reject it?

Answer. I went to the polls on that day in my district, and offered my ticket to vote to the Judges of Election, and they refused to take it; the name printed on my ticket for State Senator which I desired to vote and offered, was Alfred Spates ; the Judges said if I would take the oath over again, I could vote, and if not, I could not vote ; I refused to take the oath then.

*Cross-examination by Dr. Ohr.*

By Dr. Ohr:

Question. Did you take any oath before the Judges of Election.

Answer. I did not ; I was born in August, and was just 21 when I was registered.

GEORGE H. GAUER.

*Deposition No. 24.*

DAVID A. GAUER, having been by me duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit :