

*Deposition No. 30.*

JACOB GAUER, of A., 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 Jacob Gauer, of A., age 46 years, occupation farmer, and live in Election District No. 10, in Allegany county, Maryland, and have lived in said county 25 years, and in the District at least 16 years.

By Mr. Spates:

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

Answer. I was, in September, 1866, at the Red House, in District No. 10.

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 attended at said polls on said day above named, and I there offered to the Judges of Election my ballot, and they refused to receive it. The name on the ticket I so offered, was Alfred Spates, for State Senator, for whom I intended to vote. At first they did not say why they rejected it, afterwards they said I must come in and take the oath before I could have my vote, I told them I would not do it, I swore once and registered. They would not then take my ticket. They had an armed guard around the door—and there were many men there armed. These armed men belonged to the Radical party, I knew their faces, but not their names, some of them were the Harveys, and one of the Irons, one Beckwick Schrou, also who were armed. There was one man there, a Conservative, who had a gun, but he did not take it up to the polls. I suppose I could have got in if I wished to go, but I did not wish to do so. The voting was done at the window, the voter standing outside.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Ohr.*

By Dr. Ohr:

Question. Do you or do you not know that your name was entered on the book of registration as disloyal, in 1865?

Answer. I do not know that it was.