

and a young man by the name of Mason, from West Virginia; I was clerk on the day of election, and could not see the armed men.

*1st Cross-Interrogatory by A. Spates.*

Are you well acquainted in West Virginia, near Chisholm's Mill and West Union.

Answer. I am only partially acquainted, I suppose there was between twenty and thirty-five guns at the polls on the 6th of November, 1866, the Conservative party had left before I came out, and there was that many I saw, when I did come out; I have seen at previous elections, as many guns as at that one, at the first election of Lincoln, I saw as many guns in the year of 1860; I have no personal knowledge of the truth of the rumors, as testified to by me about a party coming from West Virginia, or a letter written by Wm. Kitzmiller, to Petersburg, about a Conservative party going to break up the polls and ballot box, among the party who came to Ryan's Glade, at the time of the protracted meeting, Wm. Hoyer was the only armed one that I know of, about mid-day when they came, and the service was over, I did not hear them make the threats about making it all right at the polls, nor do I know that they were in the Confederate Army, except by heresy.

Cross-Interrogatory 2d. Was there an organized, armed company at the polls November 6th, 1866, in District No. 10?

Answer. There was a sort of an organized company; it was organized at a meeting held at Ryan's Glades a week or two previous to the election, by the citizens of the district; Benj. F. Harvey was elected Captain, 1st Lieut. Jas. W. White, in organizing the company, we selected such men for officers as we thought would keep one party from interfering with the opposite political party, as well to resist an attack should we be attacked by a party from West Virginia, as we were threatened, it was a cautionary measure.

Interrogatory 3d. Was there or not, by a resolution passed at the meeting, a certain number of persons then named, to go to the polls on the day of election with arms, for the protection of the judges of election?

Answer. There was not.

Cross-Interrogatory 4th. Was or was not an armed force at the polls on the day of election?

Answer. There were men there with arms.

Cross-Interrogatory 5th. State the object of those men being there armed, and the name of each person so armed, as far as you can recollect; and had you, yourself arms there on that day?

Answer. It was in accordance with the general custom and to resist an attack, as it was rumored we were to be at,