

Answer. In September, 1866, in District No. 2, as a qualified voter.

3d Question. Did you attend the election held in District No. 2, Allegany county, Md., Nov. 6th, 1866; did you offer to vote; was your vote received or rejected; and whose names were on your ticket as candidates for House of Delegates?

Answer. I attended said election; offered to vote, but the Judges refused to receive my vote, saying there was a charge against me. I asked what the charge was, but they would not tell me, neither would they produce the witness who brought the charge, they saying it was not their business. There were no charges entered against me by the Register who registered me; the names on my ticket as candidates for House of Delegates were Wm. A. Bryden, Wm. Devecmon, George W. McCulloh, John McElfish and Patrick Hammil.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Brown.*

1st Question. Why did you not register in 1865?

Answer. I did intend to register, but the Register in 1865 asked so many foolish questions; and I thought the Board too contemptible and mean for any white person to appear before; I had no other reason for not registering in 1865.

JEREMIAH GUARD.

*Deposition No. 50.*

PETER SPEELMAN, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Devecmon:

1st Question. What is your name, age, residence and occupation?

Answer. My name is Peter Speelman, age 75, reside in District No. 2, Allegany County, Maryland, and am a farmer by occupation.

2d Question. When did you register?

Answer. I registered as a qualified voter in District No. 2, in September, 1866.

3d Question. Did you attend the election held in District No. 2, Allegany county, Maryland, November 6, 1866; did you offer to vote, was your vote accepted or refused; and whose names were on your ticket as candidates for House of Delegates?

Answer. I attended said election, offered to vote, but the Judges refused my vote, not giving any reasons. The names on my ticket as candidates for House of Delegates were, Wm. Devecmon, Wm. A. Bryden, John McElfish, George W. McCulloh and Patrick Hammil.