

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

Answer. I am 40 years old, a farmer, and reside in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland.

2d Interrog. State whether or not, you were Judge of election for your District at the election on the 6th of November last, and if so, state whether there were persons who failed to vote at said election, and if any so failed, state the reasons fully?

Answer. I was an Associate Judge at the election in November last, for District No. 10. There were persons who did not vote at said election. Some refused to take the oath in section 4, of Article 1 of the Constitution, of the State of Maryland, which the Judges required them to take, and therefore were not allowed to vote. Others had charges preferred against them before the Registers of 1865, by whom they were registered as disloyal, and therefore, they were not allowed to vote. These men were registered as qualified voters in 1866, by J. J. Thompson. I was one of the Registers in 1865. All who were registered, and had not charges preferred against them, were allowed to vote upon taking the Constitutional oath. There were some parties at the polls who did not offer to vote. Those having charges preferred against them, and not allowed to vote, were as follows: David S. Arnold, Charles Best, J. McClure Mason, John Phillips, Jacob Shafer, James F. Liller, Charles O. Nethkins, Benjamin F. Schaffer and John Whirrell. Charges were brought against these men in 1865, and they were registered as disloyal. Those who refused to take the oath on election day, are as follows: David E. Houser, John Gower, Sr., Peter Knepp, Francis Martin, George Mossey, John C. Nethkins, George L. Mossey and Henry Thompson. I don't recollect seeing Wm. Arnold, Ezra Houser, John Roth and George Roth, on election day. I don't know John A. Gower, John W. Gower, Isiah Houser and John Ritter, Jr.

3d Interrog. Was there or not, an armed force at the polls in District No. 10, on the day of the election, and if there were men with arms, what use did they make of them, and what was their general demeanor, and why did they come there with their arms?

Answer. I saw men there with guns and pistols, but they made no use of them further than to keep them in their possession, quietly, and to shoot a chicken hawk, with my permission, late in the evening. From all the information I have, to the present time, they came there with guns because it had been rumored there had been threats of raising a riot at the polls by the Conservative party and their friends from West Virginia. I saw James Liller and perhaps others near the window with their guns.