

Answer. I heard one of them, George O'Brien, say he had given aid and comfort to the enemy—Hiram Tasker and West.

17th Interrogatory. Do you know that Tasker and West were in the Southern army; and how do you know they were enemies?

Answer. I do not know they were in the army. I know them to be enemies by report and by expressing to me sentiments favorable to the South.

18th Interrogatory. Do you believe any expression of opinion is treason?

Answer. I don't know.

19th Interrogatory. Do you know of your certain knowledge why the eight aforesaid persons are not as loyal as you or I?

Answer. They all refused to take the constitutional oath, and some of them have had, in my opinion, creditable testimony against them, and some have uttered unbecoming language against their country and their country's interest.

20th Interrogatory. What do you give as a definition to loyalty?

Answer. A firm adherence to the Constitution of the United States.

21st Interrogatory. Do you know of any overt act of treason committed by any of the eight persons mentioned above?

Answer. I do not.

22d. Interrogatory. Is not what constitutes loyalty a mere matter of opinion?

Answer. It's a hard question to answer.

23d Interrogatory. Did you or not ever give any aid or comfort to the so-called Southern Confederacy, by feeding deserted soldiers, or by sending supplies, writing letters or giving information to the enemies of the United States, of any kind or description whatever.

Answer. If I did, I don't know it.

SAMUEL W. FRIEND.

There being no further testimony to be taken, under this commission, by either side, the undersigned closed the same finally, and hereto sets his hand and seal, this 7th day of January 1867.

J. M. STRONG,
A Justice of the Peace in and for
Allegany county.