

JOHN PAYNE, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows ;

Question. State your name, age and residence ?

Answer. My name is John Payne ; I am 23 years old ; I reside at Towsontown.

Question. How long have you resided there ?

Answer. I was born there, and have resided there all my life.

Question. How long have you known Mr. Grason ?

Answer. Ever since he came to Towsontown, six (6) years.

Question. Do you recollect the raising of the flag by the ladies at Towsontown in April, 1861 ?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Could you state the day of the week ?

Answer. It was a week or two after the 19th of April. I could not state the day.

Question. At the time you speak of, was there some speaking ?

Answer. Yes. Mr. Ensor and Mr. Ware made some few remarks.

Question. Where were you at the time ?

Answer. I was sitting on Ady's porch.

Question. How long were you there ?

Answer. I was there before they came out of the hall with the flag, until after the flag was raised sometime.

Question. Did any difficulty occur at the time you were there ?

Answer. There was some disturbance between George Yellett and his nephew, Tip.

Question. What did that disturbance consist of ?

Answer. Some loud words, there was no blows struck, it was all quelled in a few minutes after it was commenced.

Question. Did you remain there until after the parties who raised the flag had left ?

Answer. Yes. They had left the pole, the excitement caused by this disturbance, caused several after the flag was raised to come down there.

Question. During the time that you were there was there any cheering by those at the hotel for Jeff Davis and the Southern Confederacy ?

Answer. I did not hear any. I was there all the time.

Question. Was there any groaning or hissing ?

Answer. No.

Question. Was there any disturbance except that caused by this quarrel ?

Answer. That is all I saw there.

Question. Were you on the porch ?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Was Mr. Grason there during that time ?

Answer. I did not see him, he could not have been