

E. F. CHURCH, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows :

Question. State your name, age, residence and business ?

Answer. My name is E. F. Church, I am 45 years old, I reside at Towsontown, I am a printer, and have published a paper there for fifteen (15) years.

Question. Do you hold any official position in the county ?

Answer. I am Revenue Inspector of the United States for the second and fifth districts.

Question. How long have you resided at Towsontown ?

Answer. About twelve (12) years.

Question. How long have you known Mr. Grason ?

Answer. Ever since he removed there.

Question. Were you present at either of the flag-raising which took place at Towsontown in the spring and summer of 1861 ?

Answer. I was present at the flag-raising of the 29th April.

Question. You are able to fix the day of that flag-raising as the 29th ?

Answer. Yes.

Question. State all the circumstances attending the flag-raising of the 29th of April.

Answer. I heard the ladies were going to put the flag up, and went to the hall where the flag was. There was a meeting there: Mr. Suter made a speech; then the flag was carried out by the ladies, and I followed them to the pole; it was put on the rope and hauled up. Mr. Ensor and Mr. Ware made a speech at the pole.

Question. Where were you standing ?

Answer. Pretty near the pole.

Question. Were you nearer to the pole than to Ady's hotel ?

Answer. Between the flag and the hotel.

Question. Were you in full view of Ady's porch ?

Answer. Yes: it was right behind me when I was looking towards the pole.

Question. Was Mr. Grason present ?

Answer. I think not: I have no recollection of having seen him.

Question. State whether upon that occasion you heard any cheering for Jeff Davis and the Southern Confederacy, or any groans or hisses at or about Ady's hotel ?

Answer. I certainly did not hear any; I remember there was some men on the porch.

Question. Did you hear a disturbance of any kind ?

Answer. No.

Question. Did you see any persons waving their hats ?

Answer. No; there was some around the pole who did.

Question. How far is your office from the hotel ?

Answer. It is directly opposite Ady's.