

there to General Wool. I suggested whether that meant the women and children. He said no, he would use that discretion. He took everything in the male line from fourteen years and up. We went to the Station House and stayed there very uncomfortably until 10 o'clock the next morning when we were marched up to General Wool, I think Mr. John S. Gittings was there at the time, General Wool seemed to think that a very considerable outrage had been perpetrated upon very quiet and innocent people. He asked no questions that I heard. He remarked, "Gentlemen, I understand this thing is a mistake and you have been subject to some inconvenience," and he regretted that we were brought there at all and implied that Marshal Van Nostrand had discretionary power, but the Marshal corrected him. The General requested us to apologize to the ladies for the inconvenience they had sustained, and we were released.

Question. You say the children of those families of the neighborhood were there?

Answer. Yes, I was dancing with a young lady of eight (8) at the time.

Question. Had you any notice before you saw the police in the house?

Answer. Not the slightest, the police understood the thing thoroughly.

*The examination in chief of this witness was here concluded.*

*Cross-examination.*

Question. Were you acquainted with all the persons who were at the party?

Answer. Not all.

Question. State whether they were, to your knowledge, expecting a party of persons there from the south side of the Potomac, who were temporarily stopping in the neighborhood?

Answer. No.

Question. Were there any political badges or emblems of any kind worn by any part of that party?

Answer. No.

Question. Were there any toasts drank to any person in the course of that entertainment?

Answer. No.

Question. No toasts to Jeff Davis or the Southern Confederacy?

Answer. Nothing that had any political shape. If I remember right Mrs. General Stoneman was there.

Question. Have you any knowledge of her loyalty?