

Answer. They said they were just coming out on a spree, a frolic like. I know they were pretty well armed.

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*

EDWARD S. PEERCE, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Question. State your name, residence and business

Answer. My name is Edward S. Pearce, I reside in Baltimore county, I am a farmer.

Question. Were you a member of any military organization in 1861?

Answer. Yes; the Towson Guards. I was 2d Lieutenant.

Question. Was your company upon duty at any time?

Answer. Yes; it was on duty for about a week.

Question. Had you a brother a member of any military organization?

Answer. Yes; the Horse Guards. I belonged to the Towson Guards and my brother to the Horse Guards.

Question. What was the character of the duty that your company performed?

Answer. I suppose it was to keep the peace of the county.

Question. Did they perform picket duty?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did they make any arrests during the time they were on duty?

Answer. Yes; they made an arrest on Sunday night, I was not there at the time it was made, we took it by turns and relieved each other.

Question. During the time you were upon duty, were you in and out of Ady's Hotel.

Answer. Yes; frequently.

Question. At the Headquarters of the Horse Guards?

Answer. Yes; I was in the room several times, we took our meals at Mr. Ady's Hotel.

Question. Were you at any consultation of the officers of the Baltimore County Horse Guards?

Answer. I frequently conversed with them, I don't think we discussed political matter much.

Question. Was there any feeling of antagonism between the officers of the two (2) companies at that time?

Answer. Not that I am aware of. I never heard of any ill-feelings between the officers, I think there was some little between some of the members.

Question. Did you understand that you were acting in hostility to the Baltimore County Horse Guards?

Answer. No; not at all.

Question. Were the members of your company deputized by the Sheriff to act as Sheriffs posse?