

EDWARD RIDER, JR., 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 Rider, Jr., I reside in Baltimore county, and am a farmer.

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

Answer. Yes: the Towson Guards.

Question. What rank did you hold ?

Answer. I was a private.

Question. Was your company on duty at any time ?

Answer. Yes: for about a week; I was not out every day; only about three (3) days probably.

Question. Was it performing picket duty ?

Answer. I believe it was, part of the time.

Question. Were you over at Ady's hotel during the time your company was on duty ?

Answer. Yes: I was there, and about there. I was there on Sunday and Monday evenings.

Question. Were you aware of any feelings of hostility existing between the two (2) military organizations ?

Answer. No; not as companies.

Question. Did you associate freely together during those times of troubles ?

Answer. A portion of them did, there was some feelings of hostility between the members of the two (2) companies, that existed even before we were organized.

Question. Had you any knowledge that the companies were acting in hostility to each other ?

Answer. No; I never heard of it until recently, since this trial commenced.

Question. Was your company under arms and awaiting orders ?

Answer. They were convened by the Captain on Saturday, the 20th. I received a message from the Captain; I called at the Union meeting on my way home, there was only four (4) there, there I heard the Captain was convening the members, I went to see what was to be done, and I understood that we were awaiting orders.

Question. Then you heard that the Captain had ordered the company out at the Union meeting of which you speak ?

Answer. Yes; I stopped there on the road and heard it.

Question. Who was present at this Union meeting ?

Answer. Governor Bradford, Dr. Ward, Joseph Alberts and myself.

Question. When was that ?

Answer. On Saturday at Govenstown.

Question. Were you frequently at Towsontown ?

Answer. Yes; I was there two (2) or three (3) times a week.