

Clarksville, told him that several men of influence insisted on my joining that company which they termed the Home Guard. He, Dr. Maclin, said he gave me credit for the course I had pursued, he said it was all wrong I believe from beginning to end. I have never heard Dr. Maclin use any disloyal language at any time. His advise has always been to young men in my presence to stay at home and not go South, and if they were drafted if they could not go into the service here to put in a substitute and not to think of such a thing as hiding or running away.

Page 4, Question 4. Ans. No, not to my knowledge.

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Ans. No, never.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. HOLTON.

Are you of kin and if so, what relation do you bear to Dr. Maclin?

Ans. He is by marriage my uncle, he is of no kin.

Ques. Where you present on the occasion of the raising of a Rebel Flag at Clarksville?

Ans. No.

Ques. Have you any knowledge of the parties by whom it was raised?

Ans. I have not.

Ques. What was declared to be the purpose of the meeting of which you spoke as explained to you by the influential men of whom you spoke and who were they?

Ans. The purpose of the meeting was as they said to raise a company for the protection of their homes and firesides; I told them that I would fight as hard for them if they got in what I considered a close place as well out of that club as in it, and told them that I had my own fireside to protect; didn't know of an enemy in our country which I had any disposition or a right to fight. The influential men of whom I spoke was Thaddeus Clark, John S. Watkins, and certainly numerous others. Mr. Welling was there, but did not take any prominent part. I think the two first named were the machine movers of the meeting. There was a military company in that section of the county at that time called the Howard Dragoons, commanded by Geo. R. Gaither, Jr. He and many of his company were there.

Ques. What has since become of that organization and its leader?