

## **DEFENSE OF DAVID E. HEROLD.**

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### **CAPTAIN ELI D. EDMONDS, U. S. N.—May 27.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I know David E. Herold, one of the prisoners; I saw him at his home in Washington on the 20th and 21st of February. I am positive in my recollection of it.

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### **FRANCIS S. WALSH.—May 30.**

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I reside in Washington, on Eighth Street, east. I have known the prisoner, David E. Herold, since he was a boy; I have known him intimately since October, 1863. I am a druggist, and employed Herold as a clerk eleven months. During this time, he lived in my house, and I knew of nothing objectionable in his character. He was light and trifling in a great many things, more like a boy than a man, but I never saw any thing to find fault with in his moral character. He was temperate in his habits, and regular in his hours. He was easily persuaded and led, more than is usually the case with young men of his age; I considered him boyish in every respect. I should suppose him to be about twenty-two years of age.

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### **JAMES NOKES.—May 30.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I have lived in Washington since 1827; reside in that part called the Navy Yard. I have known the prisoner, Herold, from his birth—about twenty-three years, I believe. With his family I have been intimate for eighteen or nineteen years; there are seven children living, I believe, and he is the only boy. I have always looked upon him as light and trifling boy; that very little reliability was to be placed in him; and I consider him more easily influenced by those around him than the generality of young men of his age. I have never heard him enter into any argument on any subject in the world, like other young men; all his conversation was light and trifling.

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### **WILLIAM H. KEILOTZ.—May 30.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I have lived next door to Mr. Herold for thirteen years, and know the prisoner, David E. Herold, well. During last February, I was home, my wife being sick, and I saw the prisoner a good deal then; I may have seen every day, except, perhaps four or five. I

consider his character very boyish. I see him often with boys; he is very fond of their company, and never associates with men. He is fond of sport, gunning, dogs, etc.

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**EMMA HEROLD.—May 30.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I am sister of David E. Herold. I know that my brother was home on the 15th of February last; I remember it from my having sent him a valentine, which he received on the 15th; and my sisters talked with him about it. I also knew that he was home on the 19th of February; it was the Sunday after Valentine's day. I remember taking a pitcher of water up stairs, and my brother met me in the passage and wanted it; but I would not give it to him; he then tried to take it from me, and we both got wet from the water being spilled. He was also at home between those days.

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**MRS. MARY JENKINS.—May 30.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I know the prisoner, David E. Herold. He was at my house on the 18th of February last, and received my rent. I have his receipt of that date to show it.

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**MRS. ELIZABETH POTTS.—May 30.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I know the accused, David E. Herold. I can not say whether he was in Washington on the 20th of last February, but I know he was there on the 19th, for he came to my house for his money. As I was not prepared, I told him I would send it to him the next day, which I did, and I have his receipt for the money, dated the 20th.

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**DR. CHARLES W. DAVIS.—May 31.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I reside in Washington City, near the Navy Yard. I was formerly in the Quartermaster's Department on General Wool's staff. I have known the prisoner, Herold, from early boyhood, having lived a great part of the time next door. At present I live four or five squares off, but I see him frequently. I do not know that I can describe his character in better terms than to say that he is a boy; he is trifling, and always has been. There is very little of the man about him. From what I know of him, I should say he is very easily persuaded and led; I should think that nature had not endowed him with as much intellect

as the generality of people possess. I should think his age is about twenty-two or twenty-three, but I consider him far more of a boy than a man.

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**DR. SAMUEL A. H. MCKIM.—May 31.**

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*By Mr. STONE.*

I reside in Washington City, the eastern part. I am acquainted with the prisoner, Herold; can scarcely say when I did not know him; I have known him very well for the last six years. I consider him a very light, trivial, unreliable boy; so much so that I would never let him put up a prescription of mine if I could prevent it, feeling confident he would tamper with it if he thought he could play a joke on anybody. In mind, I consider him about eleven years of age.