

GRAND JURY PROBE WILL END TODAY

The End Of The Long Line Of Witnesses In The Lynching Investigation In Salisbury, Appeared In Sight Today And Definite Action Expected Before Nightfall.

Salisbury, Md., Mar. 18 (AP)—The end of the long line of witnesses from whom the Wicomico county grand jury has heard evidence in its four day investigation of the December 4 lynching of Matthew Williams, negro appeared in sight today and definite action was expected before nightfall.

But six witnesses remained to be called from a list of 122 as the investigation was resumed this morning in the courthouse room overlooking the scene of the lynching—the village green.

Both State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey and Attorney General William Preston Lane, Jr., predicted that all evidence would be in before noon and the jurors would make their decision in the early afternoon.

A three-sided study has been made—an investigation of the lynching, a probe of the negro's murder of Daniel J. Elliott his white employer and a query into reports of communistic activity on the shore before the killing of Elliott.

The long list of witnesses included peace officers of the State, county and city, doctors and nurses, businessmen fishermen and negroes living in the area. No inkling of their stories filtered from the tightly closed door of the inquisitorial body.

Two witnesses did not testify they were the only occupants in the negro ward of the Peninsula General Hospital the night members of the mob entered, snatched Williams from his bed and marched him to the green where he was hanged.

One was Jacob Thomas Conquest who has since died and the other Rufus Jerigan who has disappeared.

Two additional witnesses were summoned to the jury room yesterday, one a negro, Virgil Harmon of Salisbury, and other Marion Jayman of Princess Anne.

The remaining witnesses include Graydon L. Ware and Walter Martin, Baltimore detectives, who late in December investigated the lynching; Dr. Arthur D. Brown, Dr. Creston and Bill Davis.