

Lynching Jury Is Expected To Report Today

Wicomico State's Attorney Looks for Findings in Afternoon

21 MORE WITNESSES HAVE BEEN CALLED

Salisbury Police Chief Is Before Investigators Nearly Hour

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Salisbury, Md., March 16.—Expectation that the Wicomico County Grand Jury will complete its investigation of the lynching of Matthew Williams, negro, and make known its finding tomorrow afternoon, was voiced today by Levin C. Bailey, State's Attorney.

Seventy witnesses testified today and twenty-one more had been summoned to tell the jury what they know of events connected with the lynching of Williams, who shot to death Daniel J. Elliott, Salisbury lumber dealer, Dec. 4.

Mr. Bailey said the jury, which formally opened its investigation Tuesday, is willing to devote any amount of time to the inquest and to summon before it anyone whose name is presented in good faith as having knowledge which might bear on the subject.

Police Chief Quizzed

Among those who appeared before the jurors today was Police Chief N. H. Holland, of Salisbury, who was on guard at the main entrance of the Peninsula General Hospital when the lynchers entered by a side door and took Williams to the Courthouse Square, where the negro was hanged from a tree. Mr. Holland was questioned nearly an hour this morning.

Throughout the morning and afternoon sessions a double stream of witnesses flowed up and down the Courthouse steps. The naming of twenty-one more persons to appear swells the total list prepared by Mr. Bailey to 123. Yesterday the jury questioned twelve, including physicians and nurses at the hospital.

Additional Ones Named

Those named in addition to the original 102 are:

Fred A. Grier, Jr.	Loran Niblett
Graydon L. Ware	Thomas Webster
Harry Waller	Russell White
Marion Brown	Randolph Ralph
John Crosswell	Daniel J. Elzey
Dr. H. A. Barnes	Roger Jennings
Mary Massey, nurse	George Farlow
John Martin, Sr.	Edward Guthrie
John Martin, Jr.	Elmer Shockley,
L. Carroll Hopkins	negro
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Their Testimony Taken

Those who have testified before the Grand Jury are:

Miss Helen E. Fisher, of the Peninsula General Hospital.

Dr. S. H. Hurdle, health officer.

James Handy, hospital orderly.

John Easton, hospital orderly.

Leah Brewington, colored, cook.

Samuel C. Broughton and John M. Goslee, of the Salisbury police.

Alfred T. Truitt and Charles J. Truitt, Salisbury publishers.

E. Sheldon Jones, a newspaperman.

David J. Ward, state senator from Wicomico County.

William J. Ahtes	John W. Downing
Alexander Pollitt	W. Arthur Kennerly
William O. Dolan	Otho L. Byrd
Wallace H. White	W. C. Thurston
Ira D. Turner	Lee O. Harris
John G. Farlow	J. M. Schramm
N. James Gordy	Howard Campbell
P. E. Burroughs	William Perry
F. Urie Oliphant	Roger Bailey
William Calloway	Ralph Corbin
L. Thomas Parker	John Crockett
Fred Ruark	Sidney Church
Rufus Perry	Police Chief Robert
Bill Maddox	Allen of Ocean
Russell Dennis	City
Marion Smith	William Harrington
Pat Hitchens	Fred A. Grier
Milton Clark	Marion Brown
Louis A. Smith	Dr. H. A. Barnes
Elwood Waller	Miss Mary Massey
Conrad O. Long	John Martin, Sr.
Henry Yewell	John Martin, Jr.
Petta Johnson	L. Carroll Hopkins
Richard Elliott	

Negroes who testified today were:

Marion Talley	J. R. Waters
Leandon Morris	Daniel J. Elzey
Howard Leonard	Roger Jennings
Henry Purnell	Elmer Shockley
Maslin Pickett	

W. Preston Lane, Jr., Attorney General, and G. C. Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, were in the Grand Jury room with Mr. Bailey. The body adjourned at 5 p. m. to reconvene at 9 a. m. tomorrow.