

LYNCHING BREAKS

20-YEAR RECORD

Last Previous Instance Of
Mob Vengeance Occurred
In 1911

ONE WHITE MAN VICTIM

Salisbury Killing Raises Number
To Fifteen Over 45-
Year Period

Maryland's last lynching previous to that at Salisbury last night occurred on Christmas night, 1911, at Brooklyn, then a part of Anne Arundel county, when a mob of white men stormed the jail, which was without police protection, dragged King Johnson, colored, out and shot him to death a few blocks distant. The previous day he had shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab in a poolroom at Fairfield.

Several months afterward four men were arrested and charged with the killing of Johnson. More than a year after the lynching, however, the Anne Arundel grand jury, after an investigation exonerated them.

One White Man Lynched

The only white man ever to be lynched in the State was Marshall E. Price, of Caroline county, charged with attacking and then cutting the throat of Sally Dean, 14, on March 26, 1895. He confessed, was brought to trial at Denton and convicted.

A report that his attorneys would ask a new trial resulted in a mob storming the jail. Price was taken out and hanged to a tree.

Other Maryland Lynchings

Other lynchings in Maryland during the last forty-five years were:

HOWARD COOPER, Negro, lynched June 12, 1885, at Towson, Baltimore county. Cooper was charged with attacking Miss Katie Gray, a white woman.

TOWNSEND COOK, Negro, was taken from the Westminster Jail, Carroll county, by a mob on June 2, 1885, and hanged from a tree. Cook had attacked a white woman.

BENJAMIN HANCE, Negro, was lynched on June 17, 1887, by a mob at Leonardtown, St. Mary's county. He was charged with an attack.

HOE VERMILLION, Negro, was taken from the Upper Marlboro jail on December 3, 1889, by a mob and hanged. He was charged with burning several barns in Prince George's county.

JAMES TAYLOR, Negro, was taken from the Chestertown jail in May, 1892, and hanged by a mob. He was believed to have been implicated in the murder of Dr. James H. Hill, near Millington.

ISAAC KEMP, Negro, was taken from the Somerset county jail on June 8, 1894, and killed by a mob. He was arrested in connection with the murder of Edward Carver, a county resident.

JACOB HENSON, Negro, was taken

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from the Ellicott City Jail on March 28, 1895, by a mob and hanged. He had been convicted of the murder of Daniel F. Shea in Howard county.

JAMES BOWENS, Negro, was lynched at Frederick, Md., on November 16, 1895.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, Negro, convicted and sentenced to hang, was taken from the Somerset County Jail on June 9, 1897 and lynched. He had confessed attacking Mrs. Benjamin T. Kelly in Somerset county.

HENRY DAVIS, Negro, was taken from the Annapolis Jail on December 20, 1906, and hanged to a tree in the rear of St. John's College. He had confessed to an attack on a white woman of Annapolis.

Two Mob Violence Cases In 1907
Two lynchings occurred in 1907.

William Burns, a Negro, who murdered a policeman in Cumberland, was taken from jail there and hanged on October 6. James Reed, another Negro, who murdered a policeman at Crisfield, was lynched on July 28.