

Crises:

February, 1919

LYNCHING RECORD FOR THE YEAR 1918

ACCORDING to THE CRISIS records there were 64 Negroes, 5 of whom were Negro women, and four white men, lynched in the United States during the year 1918, as compared with 224 persons lynched and killed by mob violence during 1917, 44 of whom were lynchings of Negroes. The record for 1918 follows:

January 17—Hazelhurst, Miss., Sam Edwards, burned to death; charged with murder of Bera Willes, seventeen year old white girl.

“ 26—Benton, La., Jim Hudson, hanged; living with a white woman.

February 7—Fayetteville, Ga., “Bud” Cosby, hanged; intent to rob and kidnapping.

“ 12—Estill Springs, Tenn., Jim McIlheron, burned; accused of shooting to death two white men. G. W. Lych, who hid McIlheron, was shot to death.

“ 23—Fairfax, S. C., Walter Best, hanged; accused of murder.

“ 26—Rayville, La., Jim Lewis, Jim Jones and Will Powell, two hanged and one shot to death; accused of stealing hogs. In the fray one white man and one Negro were killed in the exchange of shots.

“ 26—Willacoochee, Ga., Ed. Dancy, shot; he had killed two white officers and wounded three others.

March 16—Monroe, La., George McNeel and John Richards, hanged; alleged attack upon a white woman.

“ 22—Crawfordville, Ga., Spencer Evans, hanged; convicted of criminal assault upon a colored woman at the February term of court and sentenced to be hanged, but a mob took him from jail and lynched him.

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- March 26—Lewiston, N. C., Peter Bazemore; alleged attack upon a white woman.
- April 4—Collinsville, Ill., Robert P. Praeger, hanged (white); accused of making disloyal remarks.
- “ 20—Poplarville, Miss., Claud Singleton, hanged; accused of murdering a white man. He had been sentenced to life imprisonment.
- “ 22—Lexington, Ky., B e r r y Noyes, hanged; murder of Sheriff W. E. McBride.
- “ 22—Monroe, La., Clyde Williams, hanged; shooting C. L. Thomas, Missouri - Pacific station agent at Fawndale.
- May 17—Valdosta, Ga., Will Head, Will Thompson, Hayes Turner, Mary Turner, Sydney Johnson, Eugene Rice, Chime Riley, Simon Schuman and three unidentified Negroes, hanged; alleged complicity in the murder of Hampton Smith.
- “ 20—Erwin, Tenn., Thomas Devert, shot and burned; alleged murder of a white girl.
- “ 22—Red Level, Ala., John Womack, shot; alleged assault on a white woman.
- “ 22—Miami, Fla., Henry Jackson, hanged; throwing a white man underneath a train.
- “ 23—Cordele, Ga., James Cobb, hanged; alleged murder of Mrs. Roy Simmons.
- “ 25—Barnesville, Ga., John Calhoun, shot; alleged murder of John A. Willis.
- June 4—Huntsville, Tex., S a r a h Cabiness and her six children: George, Peter, Cute, Tenola, Thomas and Bessie, shot; alleged threat by George Cabiness to A. P. W. Allen.
- June 4—Beaumont, Tex., Kirby Goolsie, hanged; alleged attack on a white girl.

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“ 4—Sanderson, Tex., Edward Valentine (white); murder.

“ 18—Mangham, La., George Clayton, hanged; murder of his employer, Ben Brooks. In a battle with the posse he wounded six men, probably fatally.

“ 18—Earle, Ark., Allen Mitchell, hanged; wounding Mrs. W. M. Langston.

“ 29—Madill, Okla., L. McGill, hanged; alleged attack upon a white woman.

July 27—Ben Hur, Tex., Gene Brown, hanged; alleged assault on a white woman.

August 7—Bastrop, La., “Bubber” Hall, hanged; alleged attack on a white woman.

“ 11—Colquit, Ga., Ike Radney; reason unknown.

“ 15—Nachez, Miss., Bill Dukes, shot to death. “He was guilty of a crime too revolting for publication.”

“ 15—Quincy, Fla., unidentified Negro; reason unknown.

“ 15—Macon, Ga., John Gilham, hanged; alleged attack on two white women.

“ 28—Hot Springs, Ark., Frederick Wagner (white); disloyal utterances.

September 3—San Pedro, Cal., Warren Czerich (white); murder.

“ 18—Buff Lake, Tex., Obe O’Neal; shot and wounded white man.

“ 24—Waycross, Ga., Sandy Reeves, hanged; alleged assault on a white girl.

November 5—Rolesville, N. C., George Taylor, hanged; rape.

“ 11—Sheffield, Ala., William Bird, hanged; “for creating disturbance.”

“ 12—Sheffield, Ala., George Whiteside, hanged; charged with the murder of a policeman.

November 14—Fort Bend County, Tex., Charles Shipman; disagreement between landowner.

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- “ 24—Culpepper, Va., Allie Thompson; charged with assaulting a white woman.
- December 10—Green River, Wyo., Edward Woodson; charged with killing a railroad switchman.
- “ 16—Hickman, Ky., Charles Lewis, hanged; alleged to have beaten Deputy Sheriff Thomas.
- “ 18—Newport, Ark., Willis Robinson, hanged; murder of Patrolman Charles Williams.
- “ 21—Shubuta, Miss., Major and Andrew Clarke and Maggie and Alma House, hanged; accused of murder of Dr. E. L. Johnston.