

FIRST LYNCHING IN 20 YEARS

The lynching of Matthew Williams, negro murderer, in Salisbury last night made a total of 15 in Maryland since 1885 and was the first in the State in 20 years.

On Christmas Eve, 1911, a mob broke into the jail in Brooklyn, then a part of Anne Arundel county, seized King Johnson, negro, and shot him to death a few blocks from the station. The day before he had killed Frederick A. Schwab in a Fairfield poolroom.

WHITE VICTIM

Only one white man has been lynched in Maryland. Marshall E. Price was hanged by a Denton mob in 1895 after he had confessed attacking and cutting the throat of Sally Dean, fourteen.

Other Maryland lynchings have been:

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 KAMP, 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.

JACK HENSON, negro, was taken from the Ellicott City Jail on March 18, 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.

WILLIAM BURNS, negro, who murdered a policeman, lynched in Cumberland, October 6, 1907.

JAMES REED, negro, who murdered a policeman, lynched in Crisfield, July 28, 1907.