

LYNCHING WILL BE PROBED BY A GRAND JURY

Wicomico County Grand Jury Convenes To Probe Mathew Williams Lynching

SALISBURY, Md., March 14 (AP). —The Wicomico county grand jury which convened here today, will undertake an investigation of the lynching of Matthew Williams, negro, here last Dec. 4.

Approximately 100 witnesses have been summoned to appear before the jury to testify according to State's Attorney Levin Claude Bailey. He declined to name those who have been called but stated that the complete list would be filed with the court. The list, he added, includes the names of many prominent persons who witnessed the hanging and the names of several negro witnesses.

The lynching occurred after Williams had confessed that he had shot and killed Daniel J. Elliott, prominent Salisbury manufacturer and then turned the gun on himself. Williams, who had two pistol wounds was taken from a hospital by six members of a mob that had been stopped at the main entrance to the hospital, to the court house square where he was hanged from a tree. The six men gained admittance to the hospital through a side door.

A coroner's jury, impaneled by Magistrate S. King White to investigate the lynching has not submitted a report. The inquest group has not been assembled for the taking of testimony.