

The National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, Alabama

Symposium on a Visit to the Museum & Memorial, and their Connections to Weakley County



What we can do to memorialize the victims.



Opening Thoughts

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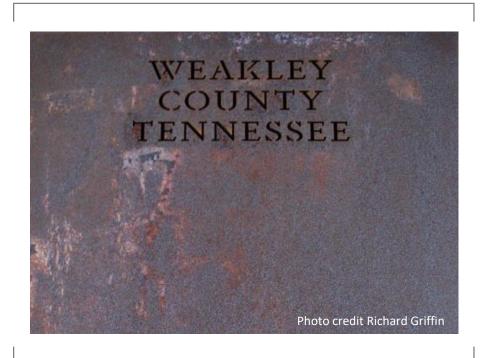


Brief Reflections

UTM Trip Attendees: David Moore and Tommy Moore

Group Member: Ryan Trump

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Bringing a Memorial to Weakley County

Robert Nunley

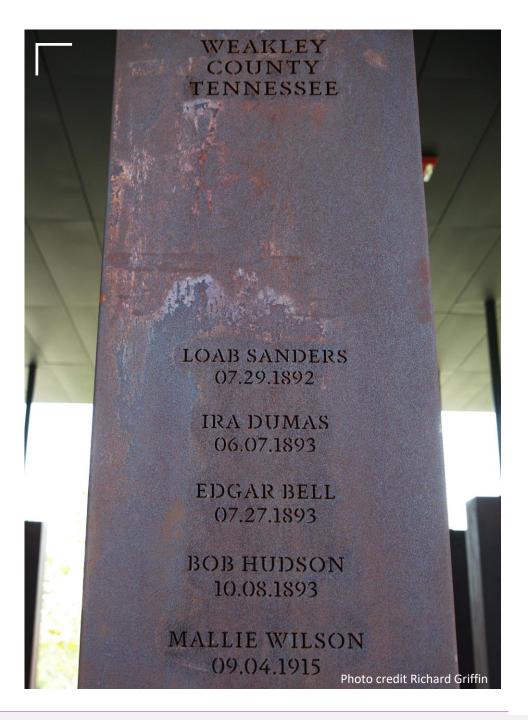




Video

By Robert Nunley





Documented Weakley County Lynchings

Memorialized in Montgomery

Aug 1, 1892 - Loeb Landers - Dresden, Weakley Co - Attempted Rape
June 8, 1893 - L.C. Dumas - Gleason, Weakley Co - Rape
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Other Documented Weakley County Lynchings

June 21 1893 - **James Harr** - Gleason, Weakley Co - By Mistake June 12, 1896 - **Samuel Clay** - Martin, Weakley Co - Attempted rape

Presented by Mike Hinds & Ryan Trump

REPORTED LYNOHING.

A Negro Said to Have Been Lynched in Weakley County.

DRESDENTENN., July 80 .- [Special.] well-authenticated report resoled Dresden this morning that a young negro named Loab Banders was lynched in the First District of 'this (Weakley) County, last night, for an attempted rape on the person of Martha Stephenson, the 10-year-old daughter Stephenson, a well-known and high spected farmer of that locality. was made Thursday night, and on discovery no bodily harm.

Aug 1, 1892 Loeb Landers Dresden, Weakley Co Attempted Rape

Articles located by Mike Rea



September 4, 1915 - Mallie Wilson Greenfield, Weakley Co - Rape

ENFIELD, TENN., FRIDAY, SEPT. 10. 1

Attempted Assault on Mrs. James P. White, Wife of Prominent Greenfield Druggist

CONFESSED TO CRIME AND LATER

Mrs. James White, wife of one Hatcher, who had hid the negro Mrs. James White, wife of one of our prominent druggists, who of our prominent druggists, who to Dresden to jail, Hatcher seehad just dropped off to sleep, but had left the light burning in to the Deputy Sheriffs from to the Deputy Sheriffs from someone trying to get in bed came and purposed to the crowd with her, and noticing that the light was turned off supposed it was her husband who had staid was her husband who had staid were told to bring him to the at the drug store a little late.

time and when he did not answer she became frightened. den, was telephoned for. He jumped out of bed and screamed for help, and in the dim light District Judge with him Friday from the street and from the adjoining room she could see it Sheriff and Marshal entered the was a negro. She screamed for calaboose to get the prisoner and help some two or three times and ran out on the front porch before anyone came. As soon by someone on the outside. The as it could be determined where Sheriff then asked if he would the screams were coming from, let the prisoner stay would they me two or three young men let him out, then the door was anding in front of the depot unlocked but the prisoner recan over to the White residence. By that time the negro had made the officers came which was his escape out the back door by breaking a string with which the

The boys began a search at once and in a little while came upon Mallie Wilson, a young wires. negro about 22 years old sneakg by the side of a fence and

Thursday night, about ten party had located him at the 'clock, shortly after retiring, residence of Deputy Sheriff Ned her bed room, was awakened by Sharon to his assistance, and they at the drug store a little late. calaboose but to walk with him She called to him and he did not and not to put him in a car. she called the second The negro was put into the calaboose and Sheriff Lafon of Drescame and brought Judge Jones,

> mained inside. The car in which just in front of the calaboose. driven there to make a hurry-up get away would not move when they tried to start it. Someone had disconnected the battery

There was a large crowd in prefooted. He was prested town all day are ht Friday

September 4, 1915 - Mallie Wilson Dresden, Weakley Co - Rape

Articles located by Mike Rea, Richard Griffin



REAL SOUTHERN CHIVALRY

Tennessee Man Refused to Executioner to Negro Whom Mob Took Prom Jail.

Dresden, Tenn., Sept. 4,-A mob today overpowered Sheriff LaFon near here, slezed Mallie Wilson, a negro, and locked the sheriff in jail. The negro was charged with entering the room of Mrs. James White. A nocse was tied around the negro's neck, but when White's husband refused to be tho executioner, the mob returned the prisoner to fall and released the sheriff.

... Later the mob reassembled and socured the negro and hanged, hlm.

"THE WORLD MOVES."

DRESDEN, WEAKLEY COUNTY TESNESSER, SEPTEMBER 10, 1916

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that 350 people were in the circuit
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paid the trigger of the gun. It is to employ counsel to represent rated one floor south of the large aberiff found binned a prisoner visit. of that his electing nor the feet the organization in its opposition brick hotel, and when he heard with the negro. Through the bars! It's quite an honer to any to to the drainage in the north fork When the young man did not territory, and it was voted that story home on Thursday Mrs. the landowners be essented ton Glasgos: become shrened. A conte per sure for all the hand search was instituted for him, his they dam, the fund to be used in liblar body being loand not more defraying necessary expresses in Dan 500 yeards from Meade Glass apposing the organization of a past's residence, the gost lying drainings district embracing terri-naries his body. The body was in long in the north fack bottom. A a but state, then had gotten to bit resolution was also adopted re-spected month and not that each quieting Judge Mayo to post-

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MALLIE WILSON



Victim of Moo's Wrath

SENATOR LEA OPENS

Greenfield they learned he was be- here last Monday arranging

Whit made a nice little talk to his to have the senior United St. captors, which Judge Jones, talk, scenter open his campaign th ing from the outside, told 'em what and Dresden, fully appreciativ they might expect at the December the honor, will leave no stone term of court. The sheriff was soon turned that might aid in make liberated, and he and Judge Jones the day a messorable one. Sens held a conference with citizens, Les bes a number of enthosis who told the Dreaden officers that supporters in Dreaden, as well the negro was not going to be taken in this community, and they away from Greenflekt. Some and lay unds their duties and lat LaFon must have been protty well and beer him tomorrow,

courineed that they were not go- Cholera Serum Demonstration

Dresden, buth sore und disappoint- against announces another en over their failure to save the portant educational feature for black devil's life. Before night the state fair. September 20:25.

negro made a full confession, rangements have been made a claiming that he entered the White White Serum company home for the purpose of robbery creet an exhibit tent on the int and that he was drank at the of the covered track in which to be given lectures on hog chul and actual demonstrations as At about 8 o'clock the negro wen in the new of severe on live pay taken from the calsisonse, his 10 s. or. and 2 p. m. each of bands tied behind him and a grass These becomes and themonetrat; rope placed about his neck. He will be by Dr. George R. White

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September 4, 1915 **Mallie Wilson** Greenfield, Weakley Co Rape

Articles located by Mike Rea and Richard Griffin

ENGEANCE AT GREEN

LYNCHED AT DRESDEN.

White Mob Takes Edgar Bell, Colored, From Jail.

e is Hanged in the Suburb of the Town Lie Had Killed Sim White, Colored.

Duesden, July 27.—[Special.]—Last Friday termoon a few miles south of Dresden a my brawl resulted in the killing of Simple, colored, by his wife's brother. Edgar it. The particulars as best we can learn can seem to be about as follows:

Sim White had occasion to chastise his wife om some cause and Edgar Bell, hearing of a matter, went to White's house and raised row with him about it. The two darkeys agaged in first light, when Bell ran into alte's name, procured White's own can and est the contents into the owner's breast, liing him almost instantly. The Coroner's my sat upon the case and as a result of their vestigation returned a verdict that White one to his death at the hands of Edgar Bell ad that the number was of the first degree.

We enter no further into the details here, seame the versions of the killing are very onlicting, one of which would seem to indiate that, Bell acted in self-defense, and anther that the murder was wholly unjustifiable. Is, however, the prevailing opinion that the try's verdict was excessive, as the circumnuces would not warrant the killing of a ligher grade than murder in the second decree.

August 27. 1893 - **Edgar Bell** Dresden, Weakley Co - Murder

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The most intense indignation was created the neighborhood by the killing. Sim Thite, the victim, was a darky of unusually ood character and reputation, and enjoyed the steem and good will of all his neighbors, he speak of him in the highest crass as an idustrious, reliable, himest .. a pencephie egro; in fact, one who had alway - nert all the sufrements of good citizensal, It is said rat he had raised his wife from a small girl. nd had always regarded and treated her more s a daughter than as a wife. Felgar Bell was arely 20 years old, and had also been shown tany kindnesses by the man he killed. Belt ld not enjoy a good ruputation among his eighbors, who say that he was shiftless and izy, wholly unreliable and fuclined to raise ms. At the time of the killing lich was ingling with Squire J. M. Winston, a farmer ving near White's.

Last Saturday moraing Bell, on the advice fa friend, came to Dresden and gave blusself p. He did this as a means of protection, for a had good reasons to believe that if he fell to the hands of the infuriated neighbors his to yould be in familiant peril. He was facted in fall, and the feeling was prevalent there he would await the due course of at their a great surprise was in store for the ublic, as the requel will show.

This morning about I o'clock, Sheriff afon and Demis Powell and a visiting friend, the were sleeping upstairs in the room oppo-Ite the cells, were awakened by the tramp of ect. The Sheriff at once thought the prisonrs (tourteen in number) had broken full and ero escaping, and he hastily sprang out of ed und ran into the ball. As quick as a ish he found himself in the midst of a mob d masked men, about twenty strong, and bree or four pleters were attack at his breast. he leaner tolo atto they had come for Edgar fell and that for must surrender the keys. 'he Buerill cloudy refused several times. then one man extense his pocket, but got un ers. They then searched the bed-room, but the im key will Land. Then the leader of he mob order estate men to go to work. A antherest a mercer was swing several times n the seventon bar, but it flemly toost our mous. Another demand or the keys, and a refusal were followed by nother margin to break into the cells." This me the men the swift and effective work. or lacks and was a cresnapped likedry twics. nd in three mantes' time the mobbers tepped but the corridors, struck a light and parches to the fell that contained Edgar Bell nd two others. They called for Bell, who rew a nullt over als . face, and a brother prisper poment sim out. It was only the work f a moment for the mob to reach him, and he

THEY WERE ACQUITTED.

Ending of an Exciting Criminal Trial at

· DRESDES, Nov. B .- [Special.] -The trial of the seven prisoners-two Parrich loys, the three Stows, John Davenport and Jim Glasgon-which began last Saturday, ended yesterday in a verdet of not guilty. The noquittal has been generally predicted and created no surprise. No trial ever held in the county created more general interest. From beginning to end the court-room was densaly provided by spectators and those in aympathy with the defendants, all of whom were men of falr standing and belonging to families of great respectability and inducace. The most damaging testimony against the prisoners was that given in by Joe Harris, Peeples and the wife of Bob Hudson, the colored man murdered. The attorneys for the defense, Messrs. Joseph E. Jones, G. W. Winstend and Frank Hall, bandled their case with great tact and skill, and brought out some good evidence in rebuttal. Their speeches were very strong, and called out the full powers of Attorney General Lewis, who made the effort of his life. Throughout the long trial Mr. Lewis won golden epinions as an able, fearless and importial prosecutor. While doubtless full of sympathy for the young men in trouble, he did not awerre from his duty in trying to maintain the majesty of the law. The verdict was received with intense satisfaction by the large number of friends of the defendants, who had left their homes in the north part of the county to watch with the keenest interest the progress of the trial. Yesterday afternoon a happy lot of freed men, accompanied by their relatives and friends, departed for their respective homes.

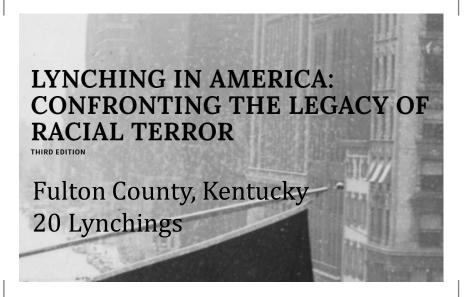
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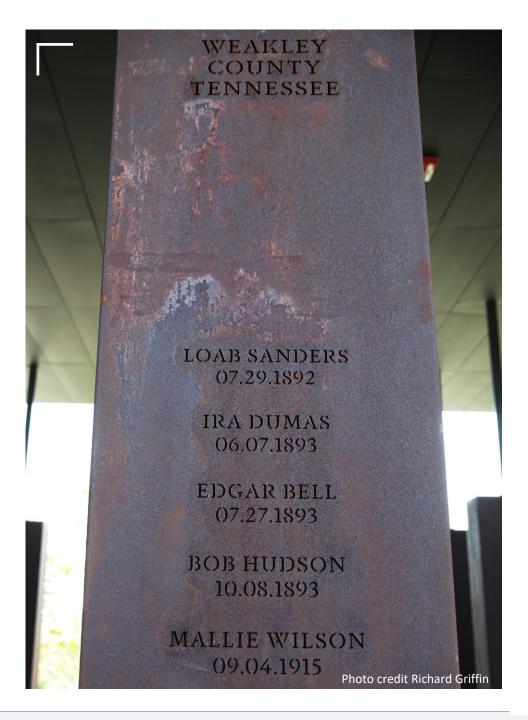
ProQuest Historic Newspapers: The Nashville Tennessean (1812-1922)



Fulton County Memorial Update

Tim Hacker





Imperative to Memorialize the Victims

Ways to move forward...

- Bring Peace & Justice Memorial Marker to Weakley County
- Lynching Site Markers
- Gallon Jars

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