

Cases of

RALEIGH, N. C. August 1901

HANGED BY ENRAGED CITIZENS

Horrible Crime by a Negro Near McFarland Followed by Swift Vengeance.

YOUNG LADY ASSAULTED WHILE ASLEEP

Awaking She is Brutally Beaten and Stabbed.

THE NEGRO THEN LEAVES HER FOR DEAD

She Recovers Consciousness, the County is Aroused, the Negro Captured.

He is Hanged, Riddled With Bullets and His Body Burned.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 21.—Luke Hough, a negro, was lynched at McFarland, this county, this afternoon and thus paid the penalty for the commission of a crime without a parallel in the history of this section.

Miss Lena Keith, who resides with her brother near the South Carolina line, was perhaps mortally assaulted and outraged by Hough today about 1 o'clock. She is now scarcely alive and it is thought that she cannot live.

Miss Keith was asleep in her home by herself when her room was invaded by the negro. She awoke and found herself in his grasp.

The negro seized a chair and pounded her into insensibility and then accomplished his nameless purpose. After having done this he cut her throat, chest face and head and left her apparently dead.

survived an hour or more after

wards and made an effort to reach the house of a neighbor. She gained the door and fell upon the floor unconscious, and remained in this condition for some hours.

The cause of her condition was immediately conjectured. The alarm was given, messages sent to near by towns and soon scores were making haste to the scene of the tragedy.

A message was sent to Florence for blood hounds and they were soon brought on a special train.

Before their arrival a dog was obtained from Dr. Meisenheimer and placed upon the negro's trail. He was traced to a house a half mile distant.

The negro upon seeing his pursuers approach closed the doors and windows and refused to be arrested, but the doors were battered down and he was taken.

Blood was found on his clothing and some of the hair of the young lady on his coat.

He was carried to Miss Keith, who at this time had regained consciousness. She recognized him and gave a brief description of the assault. The negro then made a confession and gave the details of his dastardly deed.

By this time perhaps three hundred citizens from this county and from South Carolina were on the scene, and a large number of negroes were also present. The brute was carried to a limb a short distance from the place of his crime, lynched and his body perforated with bullets. The negroes present endorsed all that was done.

The negro was about twenty years of age and bore the reputation of being

extremely insolent.

The young lady is twenty-two years of age and possessed of a beautiful character. The wounds on her neck and head are thought to be fatal.

Later.—We learn that the body of the negro has been taken from the limb and burned.

SECOND REPORT.

Wadesboro, N. C., August 21.—Luke Hough was lynched by a mob tonight and his body riddled with bullets for outraging Miss Lena Keith this afternoon at her home near McFarland. The negro went to her house and struck her in the head with a chair while she was asleep, committed his crime and afterwards tried to cut her throat. Miss Keith has just regained consciousness, but is too weak to tell of the affair. Hough confessed his crime and the mob carried him about a half mile from the scene of the deed, near the South Carolina line, to hang him.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ACCOUNT.

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The Keiths are prominent people and as soon as the crime became known the entire community began a search. The negro was found within a few hours after the crime.

NEGRO IS HANGED BY A MOB.

Wadesboro, N. C., Citizens Avenge Attack on a Young Woman.

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Negro Lynched in North Carolina.

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Lynching in North Carolina.

LAGRANGE, N. C., June 19.—D. B. Jones, the negro preacher, who it is alleged attempted to commit an assault on Mrs. Noah Davis near Lagrange yesterday, was taken from the guardhouse here last night and lynched.

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LYNCHED NEAR WADESBORO

A North Carolina Negro Pays the Penalty of a Heinous Crime

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Columbia, S. C., August 21.—Miss Lena Keith, a prominent white lady, living ten miles above Cheraw, S. C., at McFarland, N. C., was the victim of a most horrible outrage this afternoon, and then murdered. Her assailant was a negro.

It is said that the brute has been caught, and was in the hands of a mob of 150 men, who are determined to burn him.

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LYNCHED IN NORTH CAROLINA

White Man Charged With Criminal Assault Hanged By A Mob.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.] RALEIGH, N. C., March 8.—James Martindale, a white man, aged 26 years, six weeks ago, near Carthage, criminally assaulted Mrs. Brown, a young married woman, while on her way to teach school. He was brought here to prevent lynching, and was in jail here 40 days. Two weeks ago he was taken to Carthage. At 3 o'clock this morning a mob stormed the jail, took him out and hanged him in the outskirts of the town. The fact had developed two years ago that Martindale had assaulted a young sister of his wife, and this added to the intensity of feeling against him.