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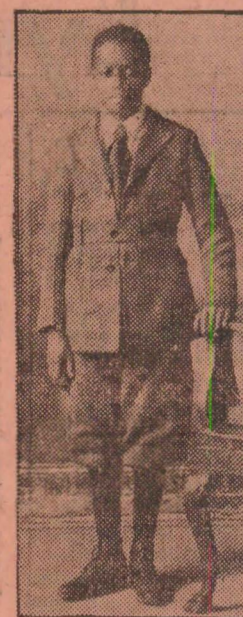
This photo shows the main street of Salisbury, Maryland's lynch-town, through which leading citizens dragged the body of 23-year-old Matthew Williams, after hanging him in front of the court house. Arrow and dotted line show route over which the body was dragged.



A sample of the oil-soaked rope used by the lynchers.



The vacant lot and tree where Matthew Williams was burned by fiends. In the background is the garage where they stole 45 gallons of gas to pour on the dead man's body. This is where the sheriff told the mob he thought they had done enough.



Matthew Williams, 19 years ago, when he first went to work for the lumber man.



The court house in Salisbury, Maryland's lynch town, located on the Main Street. Black arrow points to tree upon which Williams' body was hanged, suspended over sidewalk. White arrow points to exact limb on tree from which body was jerked up and down several times.

# JOB TOSSED WITH BODY 5 HRS.

**LYNCHERS IN SALISBURY HAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**MARYLAND'S SHAME EDITION**

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CLEAR THE WEATHER COLDER  
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**Town's Comic Opera Police Made No Effort to Halt Orgy that Attracted 2,000.**

**TOWN'S MILITARY UNIT NOT CALLED**

**Police Carted Body Out of Town, Buried it, then Brought it Back.**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—Sober minded people of the Eastern Shore are hard put in their efforts to fathom the action of Lynch Town's comic opera police who carried the charred and mutilated body of Matthew Williams out into the woods after the lynching orgy and covered it with leaves and burlap.

The actions of the police officials were pathetic throughout the whole barbarous demonstration.

When the mob first gathered at the hospital the authorities were on the scene, but their resistance was so feeble that the victim was dragged from his cot and carried to the scene of the hanging.

Police Went Home  
Whether they went home and went to sleep or not are matters of conjecture, but they did not reappear on the scene until about two hours later when the howling mob was burning the body.

Here they made another feeble effort to rescue the body from the flames, but their voices were drowned by the shouting of the mob. The brave guardians of the law again skidded and another hour elapsed. When finally the body had been dragged up and down the street and finally strung up on a lamp post, the ire of the police was finally aroused. With a half dozen of the mob leaders still whooping it up around the burned body the police rushed to the scene and a deputy sheriff is reported to have said: "You boys have been making fools of us long enough. We are going to take that body. You've had your fun now and you ought to be satisfied."

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### Mystery Death Believed to be Second Mob Victim

**Fellow Worker of Lynched Man Says He Was Quiet, Industrious**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—In an exclusive interview given an AFRO reporter, Holland Walters, Delaware Street, a fellow worker of Matthew Williams, told Sunday of the working conditions at the Elliott Box and Crate Factory.

**EYE WITNESS TO LYNCHING TELLS HOW MOB ACTED**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—A detailed account of the lynching of Matthew Williams here Friday night, by an eye witness, Howard A. Nelson, of South Philadelphia, as told to AFRO-AMERICAN reporters, Sunday. Mr. Nelson is fair of skin and may be colored or white as he pleases.

**Nigger Is Dead**  
"The nigger who murdered Mr. Elliott, a prominent citizen, has been reported as being dead."

**Philadelphian Woman Mourns Brother who was Lynched**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—In an exclusive interview given to AFRO reporters, Mrs. Addie Black, 503 Isabelle Avenue, aunt of Matthew Williams, told of her nephew's life.

**CHURCH AS USUAL FOR GODFEARING SHO' LYNCHERS**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—A Sabbath day in a mob-ridden town is not unlike a Sabbath day in any other locality. With the air still polluted with the stench of burning human flesh, the bells in the steeples of a score of churches peal out with mock solemnity, calling men to worship.

**Down the streets of this hell-torn little Eastern Shore town, like so many beetles, they pour and wend their way slowly to take their customary places in pews to listen to the raspings of spineless clergymen who chant idealistic nothings about the joys of the hereafter, and say nothing about the atrocious crime in their own front yard—one of the worst that has defamed the State of Maryland in many years.**

**Aunt Sobs, Declares "Buddie" Mob Lynched Was a Good Boy**



MRS. OLIVIA SIMMONS, only sister of Matthew Williams, Eastern Shore mob victim, who says yet that she does not believe her brother shot the lumber dealer.

**Colored Strangers Said to Have Been Warned From Salisbury**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—Shortly after the outside communities and cities had been informed of the lynching of Matthew Williams, 23-year-old youth who was hanged in front of the court house, ofay curiosity seekers began visiting the various spots of interest and gathering souvenirs of the crime.

**DOCTOR DESERTS HOME AFTER SEEING MOB**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—From militant hero of the Eastern Shore, Dr. A. B. Brown, leading physician of that section of Maryland, became overnight its greatest enigma.

**SALISBURY MAYOR ROUNDS UP THE TOWN'S LEADERS**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—With true Southern diplomacy, Mayor Wade H. Insey hit upon the old Dixie custom of getting the colored leaders of the city "in line" immediately following the lynching of Matthew Williams by a mob, Friday.

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**SHORE LYNCHERS MAY HAVE HAD SECOND VICTIM**

**Man Found with Skull Broken After Demonstration.**

**WAS MARKETING**

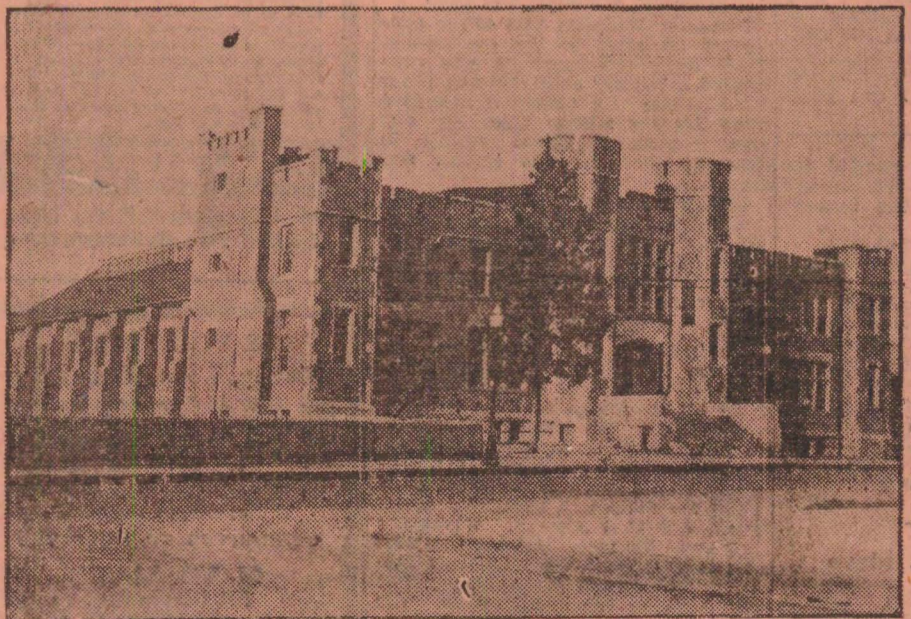
**Out on Night Colored were Told to Stay In.**

SALISBURY, (Lynch-town) Md.—With the lust for blood still running high in this mob-ridden community, the dead body of an unidentified man was found badly mutilated and slashed, early Sunday morning.

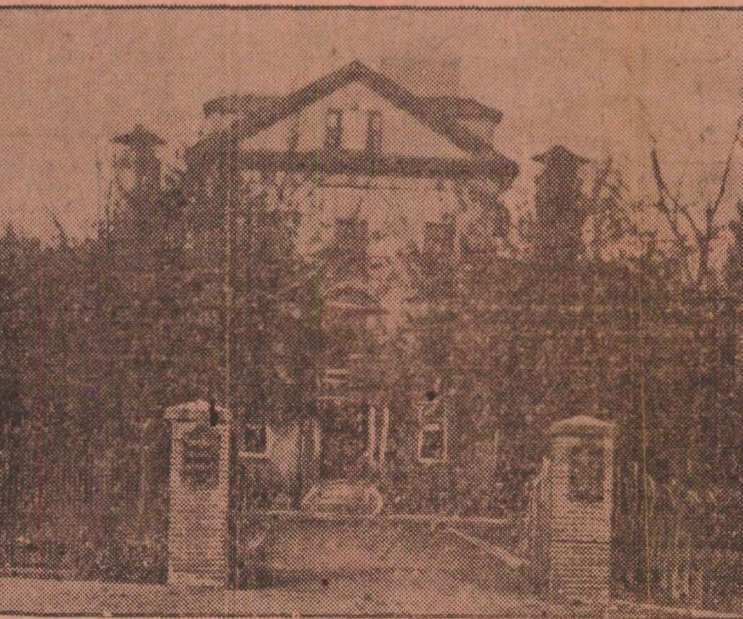
There are many mysterious elements surrounding the man's death. The identity and finding of the man's body at College Avenue and Railroad Streets has caused beliefs and rumors that the man was attacked and fatally injured by a group of the blood-thirsty whites who were out to get any unprotected colored person seen on the streets Saturday night.

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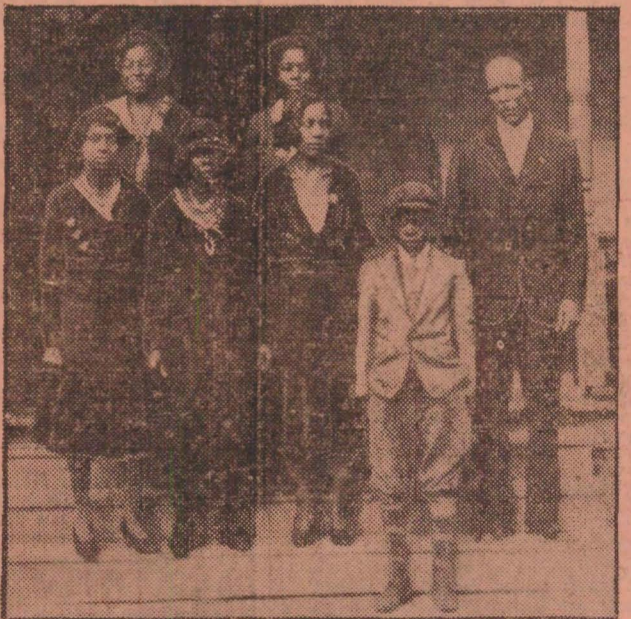
### Grief-Stricken Family Mourns Death of Mob Victim who was Tossed from First Story Hospital Window



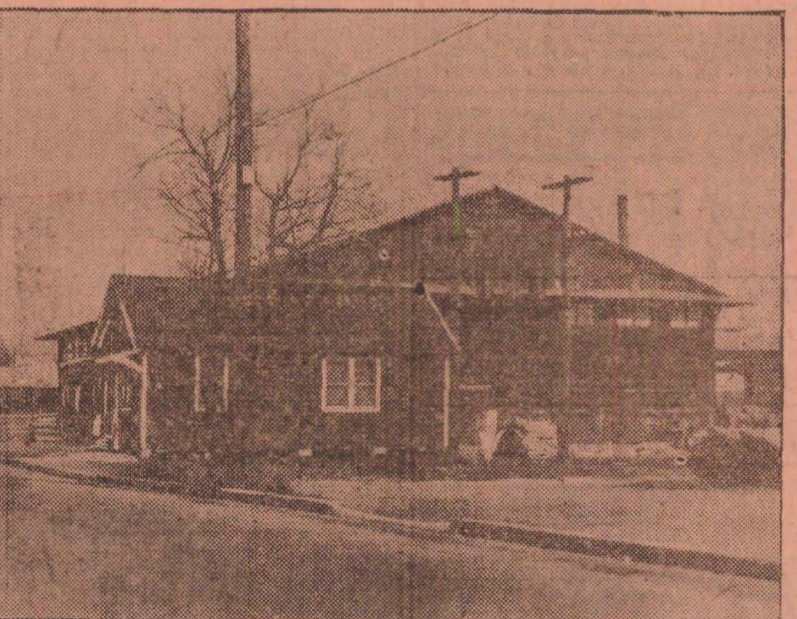
The white high school building in Salisbury, Maryland's lynch town, which indicates there is an effort to create intelligence on the Eastern Shore. The general level of intelligence among whites is extremely low.



The hospital from the first story of which Williams was thrown to the mob, seriously wounded and clad only in night shirt. His head was swathed in bandages and he was unconscious.



Relatives of Williams: Left to right, front row—Mrs. Olivia Simmons, sister; Mrs. Thomas Black, aunt; Miss Viola Black, Thomas Black, Jr., and Thomas Black, uncle; back row—Meses Netia Tatten and Ger aldine Fur, cousins.



Office where Williams was reported to have shot lumber merchant, and himself. According to reports, he staggered outside, where he was shot a second time by the son of the lumber merchant.



