

Records of the Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama, 1866

List of Murders in the Dist. of Alabama 1866

1. Freedman killed in Sumter County, January.
2. Freedman killed in Russell County, February.
3. Freedman killed near West Point, March.
4. Freedman killed with an axe in Butler County. Three freedmen killed by two brothers in Shelby County, April.
5. Freedman killed in Montgomery County, April. Freedman & freedwoman killed, thrown into a well in Jefferson Co., April.
6. Freedman killed for refusing to sign a contract, Sumter Co., May. Freedman killed in Butler Co., clubbed, April.
7. Freedman found hung by a grapevine in woods near Tuscaloosa, May.
8. Freed girl beaten to death by two white men near Tuscaloosa, July.
9. Freedman murdered between Danville & Somerville.
10. Freedman shot dead while at his usual work, near Tuscaloosa, Sept.
11. Freedman killed in Pike County, Sept.
12. Negro murdered near Claiborne, Alabama, June.
13. Freedman brought to hospital in Montgomery, shot through the head by unknown parties - died in few hours, Dec.
14. Freedman murdered in Montgomery City, Jan. '67.

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Jan. 4 - Bob Foreman cut at Union Springs.

Jan. 2 - Alfred killed in Sumter County.

Febry. 14 - Richard killed in Russell County near Columbus, Ga.

March - Freedman killed near West Point.

March - Bradley killed freedwoman with an axe. Montgy.

March - Guard fired on & driven off when attempting to arrest the murderer, Butler Co.

April 3 - Woman taken by three men out of her house in middle of night to swamp & badly whipped - beaten on head with pistol &c.

April - Freedman killed near Saw Mill near Montgomery.

April 27 - Freedman shot by Confed. Soldier wantonly near Livingston, Sumter Co.

May 7 - Moore taken to woods & hung till nearly dead to make him tell who robbed a store, at Tuscaloosa.

May 29 - Colored man killed by Lucian Jones for refusing to sign contract, in upper part of Sumter Co.

May 30 - Mulatto hung by grapevine near roadside between Tuscaloosa & Greensboro.

May 29 - Richard Dick's wife beaten with club by her employer. Richard remonstrated - in the night was taken from his house and whipped nearly to death with a buggy trace by son of the employer & two others.

June 16 - Mr. Alexander, colored preacher, brutally beaten & forced to leave his house at Auburn, Ala.

July - Band armed men came to house of Eliz. Adams, threatened to kill her & her sister if they did not leave the county, abused & beat them. (illegible) Franklin & (illegible) started to report outrage, not heard from afterward.

July 16 - Black girl beaten to death by Washington and Greene McKinney, 18 miles west of Tuscaloosa.

July 23 - White man named Cook murdered a Negro between Danville & Somerville.

Sept. 14 - Black man picking fodder in a field shot dead -- & another who had difficulty with a white man abducted & supposed to have been murdered near Tuscaloosa.

Sept. 3 - Murderous assault upon returned black Union soldier in Blount Co.

Sept. 12 - Assault & firing upon a freedman in Greenville.

Dec. 18 - R. S. Lee of Butler Co. brutally assaulted a freedwoman of Sumner.

Dec. 18 - Same man assaulted with intent to kill Peter Golston, freedman.

Dec. 18 - Wm. Lee, son of above shot Morris Golston on 10th December.

Dec. 17 - Enoch Hicks & party burned school house in Greenville in Sumner - assaulted Union soldier &c. Judge Bragg & son mercilessly beat wife & daughter of James, freedman & drew pistol on James. Kell Forrest beat wife of colored man George.

14 more entries are listed for this year.

Source: The Freedmen's Bureau Online at <http://freedmensbureau.com/alabama/alaoutrages.htm>