

Local Lynchings – Annotated Timeline – J. B. Hogan

1840 – Caroline, an enslaved woman – Mrs. Crawford death

“...was examined and blood was found upon her clothes...the men of the community held a court [Sheriff absent], appointed a judge and jury [she made a full confession] and condemned the slave woman to hang.” *Flashback*, Feb. 1982, p. 15 and *Goodspeed*, 1889, pp. 159-160.

1849 – Alph, an enslaved man [Benton County] – James Anderson death

“...reportedly killed James Anderson...whites of Fayetteville were determined to exact revenge immediately...A posse...shot him twice...finally captured...admitted to murder [not clear if offered freely or coerced and implicated a white man in the crowd who “instigated him”]...was hanged without trial on October 20 [1849]. *Bullets and Fire*, pp. 27-28.

1853 – Aldred, an enslaved man – his mother’s death

[reported in *New York Times*, March 15, 1854] “...convicted for the killing of his mother. He was promptly hanged.” *Flashback*, Feb. 1982, p. 16.

1856 – Anthony, Aaron, and Randall, enslaved men – James Monroe Boone death

Anthony and Aaron accused of Boone’s death, released of charges and freed by circuit court, June 30-July 7, 1856. Hung by mob, July 7, 1856. Randall received guilty verdict but denied appeal and hung by the State, August 1, 1856. *Flashback*, Feb. 1982, p. 16.

1859 – Bob and two unnamed enslaved men – runaway gun battle

Bob was formerly “property of Dr. Deane,” shootout on road to Mt. Comfort, Bob killed by “arresting crowd,” one other man shot in eye, the third shot in the back (neither wound mortal). *Flashback*, Feb. 1975, p. 39.

1860 – Unnamed enslaved man – Jacob Mullis death

“admitted to killing Mullis insisting it was self-defense...went willingly to the Fayetteville jail without a struggle...an angry crowd [from Mountain Township, Hogeeye area, southeast of Prairie Grove]...took matters into their own hands...took him from the jail and hung him to a limb.” *Bullets and Fire*, p. 22

Of note:

1849 – John Smith (free man) – accused of murder (unknown victim) – acquitted – Wash. Co. Murders, p. 1

1860 – Horace (enslaved man) – accused of murder (unknown victim) – implied death penalty – *Judge and Jury*, p. 17

No known lynchings in Fayetteville after 1860

Sources:

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Local newspaper search, 1870-1930

The Judge and the Jury, Lloyd McConnell, WCHS publication, 1986.

Index to Washington County Murders, 1829-1991, compiled by Tony Wappel

Some Prominent Local Slaveholders 1860 – compiled by J. B. Hogan

Slaves were valued from \$700 to \$1500 or higher

NAME	Number of Enslaved Persons Owned
Joseph Dickson	12
Lafayette Gregg	2
Thomas Gunter	3
Matthew Leeper	5
William McGarrah	5
William McIlroy	6
James Pettigrew	8
Zebulon Pettigrew	5
Thomas Pollard	4
Wade Pollard	2
William Quesenbury	7
Herman Ridge	7
Americus Rieff	7
John Rieff	2
Joseph Rieff	10
William Skelton	9
James Stirman	5
Stephen Stone	7
Isabel Sutton	4
Isaac Taylor	35
David Walker	32
William Wallace	17
Josiah Washburn	14
Alfred Wilson	19

Sources:

“Early Tax Records of Washington County, W. J. Lemke, *Flashback*, September 1962, pp. 3-7
<http://www.fayettevillehistory.com/listing/2010/07/slave-owners-in-1860.html> - compiled by Charles Alison

Some Prominent Local Slaveholders 1836 – compiled by J. B. Hogan

“Slaves were assessed at from \$200 to \$500, sometimes higher”

NAME	Number of Enslaved Persons Owned (Total not known)
Richard Bean	15
Mark Bean	14
L. and Willis Wallace	13
Dr. James Boone	11
Lodovic Brodie	10
H. Funkhouser	10
George Freyschlag	10
William T. Larremore	9
James Leeper	8
Andrew Buchanan	8
Solomon Tuttle	8
James Byrnside	7
James Buchanan	4
Thomas Wagnon	4
David Walker	4
Archibald Yell	2

*1846 – 586 slaves (not delineated)

Some Prominent Local Slaveholders 1856 – compiled by J. B. Hogan

NAME	Number of Enslaved Persons Owned (793 total – Washington Co.)
David Walker	20
Mark Bean	20
Dr. James Boone	14
Mrs. John Ridge and son	13
Richard Bean	13
Seneca Sutton	10
A M. Wilson	9
Presley R. Smith	9
T. B. Ballard	8
Margaret Byrnside	6
Joseph L. Dickson	6
Robert W. Mecklin	5
William McGarrah	5
Zebulon Pettigrew	5
Stephen K. Stone	5