

CODE KEY for PRIMARY CHARGES AGAINST PERSONS LYNCHED
in Mississippi

C-	Robbery, armed robbery
CB	Robbery, bank
CG	Robbery, grave
CL	Robbery, suspected
CP	Robbery and attempted murder
CS	Robbery and assault
CY	Robbery, highway
E-	Negro stealing
ES	Aiding escape
F-	Self-defense
G-	Burglary
GL	Burglary, suspected
KK	Race hatred/prejudice
KL	Implicated in riot
KM	Member of armed group trying to prevent a lynching
KQ	Inciting race trouble
KS	Abolitionist statements
KV	Race rioter
KY	Discussing recent lynching
KZ	Colonizing Negroes
L-	Murder and arson
M-	Murder
MA	Murder and resisting arrest
MB	Murder and robbery
MC	Murder, accessory/complicity
MD	Murder, alleged complicity
MF	Murder and kidnapping
MG	Slave revolt plot to kill, rape, free slaves
MH	Murder, threatened
MJ	Murder, threatened, and abused, cursed
MK	Killing horse

ML	Murder, alleged/suspected
MM	Murder, implicated in
MN	Murder and arson
MO	Murder, alleged attempted
MP	Murder, attempted
MQ	Murder, attempted, and arson
MR	Murder and rape
MS	Murder and assault
MT	Murder and cattle stealing
MV	Murder and robbery, alleged, acquitted
MW	Alleged plot to murder
MY	Murder of landlord
MZ	Murder of man demanding labor
N-	Arson/incendiarism
NH	Arson and other crimes
NL	Arson, suspected
NO	No cause
OP	Poisoning, attempted
OW	Well poisoning
PQ	Persuading hands to quit and re-hiring them
R-	Rape
RL	Rape, alleged/suspected
RP	Rape, attempted
S-	Assault/attacking/beating
SA	Slapping during altercation
SB	Shooting into auto wanting to pass buggy
SC	Biting off man's chin
SD	Shooting, or attempting to shoot, at pursuers
SE	Assault and escaping convict camp
SF	Cutting/wounding in a fight
SG	Beating in fight over debt
SH	Threatening to shoot whitecappers
SM	Assault, murderous/shooting at
SN	Assault, murderous, alleged
SO	Shooting officer; taking goods under false pretenses

SP	Assault, attempted
SR	Shooting at men who'd told him to leave community
SS	Shooting and wounding
SV	Severely wounding with ax
SW	With father, who shot at group
T-	Theft/stealing
TA	Larceny
TB	Exhuming body, cutting hand
TC	Stealing cattle
TH	Theft, horse
TL	Suspicion of stealing, alleged theft
TP	Theft, attempted
TT	Theft, suspected cattle
U-	Unknown
UR	Unknown – had “reputation of being impudent to white people”
UW	Unknown – had been warned to leave neighborhood
V1	Bad reputation
V2	Desperado
V3	Entering house and frightening
V4	Forced entry into vehicle
V5	Hogging the road
V6	Train wrecking
V7	Lawlessness
V8	Cutting levee
V9	Resisting officer of the law
VR	Voter registration, civil rights activities
X1	Writing insulting note
X2	Talking disrespectfully
X3	Under girl's bed
X4	Annoying or scaring white woman/women
X5	Insulting woman/women
X6	Keeping company with white woman
X7	Miscegenation
X8	Making improper/indecent proposal
X9	Insults
XB	Operating brothel including white women

XR In girl's bedroom
XV Improper conduct
Z1 "Father of boys long a terror"
Z2 Active in sharecroppers organization
Z3 Attempting to escape mob seeking brother
Z4 Bystander – in house attacked by mob
Z5 Conjuring
Z6 Debt
Z7 Refusing unfair wage deduction
Z8 Hiring lawyer to safeguard title to land with possible oil
Z9 Informing
ZA Jumping (labor) contract
ZB Crossed plantation after being forbidden to do so
ZC Conspiracy
ZD Jumping crop, not giving account of self
ZI Mistaken identity

= later determined not guilty

+ = also other charges

j = under 18 at time of charged offense or victimization

METHODS:

B Burning
C Cutting
D Dragged behind car, horse, etc.
H Hanging
K Skinning
P Head cut off, put on pole
S Shooting
T Beating
W Thrown into river, lake, canal

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