

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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