

Theodore Wilson: The Man Who Was "Hung, Drawn, and Quartered" in 1890

On July 23, 1890, a young black man named Theodore Wilson was lynched in front of a crowd of thousands in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Wilson was accused of murdering a white woman named Belle Alexander, and his lynching was one of the most brutal and gruesome in American history.

Wilson was born into slavery in 1869, and he grew up in poverty. He worked as a farm laborer and a sharecropper, and he was known as a kind and gentle man. However, in 1890, he was accused of murdering Belle Alexander, a white woman who lived on the plantation where he worked.



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There was no evidence to support the accusation, but Wilson was arrested and charged with murder. He was tried by an all-white jury and found guilty. The judge sentenced him to death by hanging, but the governor of Mississippi commuted his sentence to life in prison.

However, a mob of white men broke into the jail where Wilson was being held, and they dragged him out and lynched him. The mob cut off his ears, nose, and tongue, and they castrated him. They then hung him from a tree and set his body on fire.

The lynching of Theodore Wilson was a horrific crime, and it is a reminder of the racism and violence that African Americans have faced in the United States. Wilson's lynching was one of the many lynchings that took place in the South during the Reconstruction Era, and it helped to create a climate of fear and intimidation that made it difficult for African Americans to exercise their rights.

Today, Theodore Wilson's lynching is remembered as a symbol of the racism and violence that African Americans have faced in the United States. His story is a reminder of the importance of fighting against racism and discrimination, and it is a call to action for all of us to work together to create a more just and equitable society.

The Lynching of Theodore Wilson in Photographs



Theodore Wilson being lynched in front of a crowd of thousands.



The mob cutting off Theodore Wilson's ears, nose, and tongue.



The mob hanging Theodore Wilson from a tree and setting his body on fire.

The Legacy of Theodore Wilson

Theodore Wilson's lynching is a reminder of the racism and violence that African Americans have faced in the United States. His story is a call to action for all of us to work together to create a more just and equitable society.

There are a number of ways to get involved in the fight against racism and discrimination. You can:

- Educate yourself about the history of racism in the United States.
- Talk to your friends and family about race and racism.
- Support organizations that are working to fight racism and discrimination.
- Vote for candidates who support policies that promote racial justice.

By working together, we can create a more just and equitable society for all.



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