



Educate. Memorialize. Advance.

What is the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project?

The Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project (PGC LMP) is an inclusive volunteer organization created to educate the public on the truths of our nation's continuing legacy of slavery, to memorialize the victims of racial terror lynchings in our county, and to advance the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration. The PGC LMP is a partner with the *Maryland Lynching Memorial Project* and is guided by the work of the *Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission* and the *Equal Justice Initiative*.

Organizations for seeking justice for victims of racial terrorism:

"We cannot heal the deep wounds inflicted during the era of racial terrorism until we tell the truth about it." Bryan Stevenson, Founder and Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative

The lynching of African Americans by white mobs was racial terrorism, a widely supported movement to enforce racial subordination and segregation in America. The *Equal Justice Initiative* (EJI), a nonprofit legal and civil rights group, has documented nearly 6,500 racial terror lynchings in America between 1865 and 1950. Thousands more were lynched whose deaths may never be discovered. EJI leads a national effort to speak the truth and memorialize the legacy of lynching. EJI is also committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the U.S. (forms of modern lynching), challenging racial and economic injustice, and protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Maryland is the site of 42 known lynchings. In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly created the *Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission* to investigate the truth about lynchings. The Commission is authorized to research and document these truths, collect oral histories, conduct public hearings, and make recommendations for addressing the legacy of lynching.

The *Maryland Lynching Memorial Project* (MD LMP) is an inclusive organization that works to advance the cause of reconciliation in our state by documenting the history of racial terror lynchings, advocating for public acknowledgement of these murders, and working to honor and dignify the lives of the victims.

At least five racial terror lynchings happened in Prince George's County. The *Prince George's County Memorial Lynching Project* (PGC LMP) is committed to promoting awareness of these lynchings, honoring the five victims, and advancing justice. We hold regular meetings with our four committees: history, education, outreach, and soil collection.



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Actions: How can you support justice for racial terrorism victims?

- Learn about the truths of our nation's continuing legacy of slavery. Watch this five-minute video about the Equal Justice Initiative: <https://eji.org/videos/>
- Share this information to advance the cause of truth and reconciliation
- Learn about the history of lynchings in Prince George's County
- Ask your legislators to continue to support the Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission work in researching, documenting, and acknowledging the truths of racial lynchings
- Join the PGC LMP to educate, memorialize, and advance the cause of racial justice and reconciliation and to honor victims of lynchings in Prince George's County

Further Reading:

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Information Websites:

Equal Justice Initiative: <https://eji.org>

Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/lynching-truth-reconciliation/index.html>

The Maryland Lynching Memorial Project:

<https://www.mdlynchingmemorial.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MDLynchingMemorial/>

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