Black History Month: Who was Asheville's first African American council member?



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1882

Newton Shepard- ELECTED To Asheville Board of Aldermen. He served through 1883

1883

Twenty-three year old Locke Craig moves to Asheville, begins legal career, quickly becoming involved in local politics and a leader of the Buncombe County Democratic Party. Craig serves as Asheville City Attorney and Buncombe County Counsel.



HON. LOCKE CRAIG.

January 1888

The first Black school is opened. Isaac Dickson serves on the newly-created Asheville City School Board.



July 14, 1888

John Humphries- LYNCHED

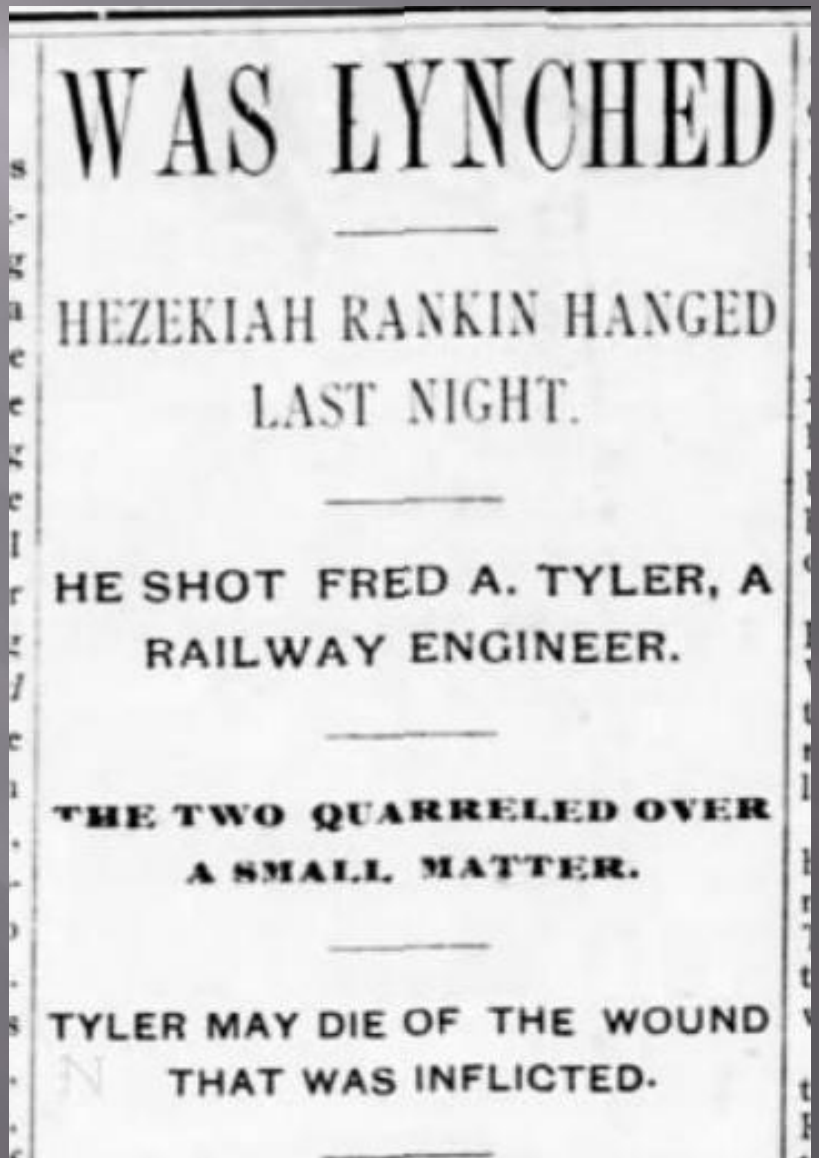
NO MERCY FROM THE MOB.

A NEGRO QUICKLY HANGED FOR HIS CRIME.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 15.—Yesterday about 1 o'clock a rumor reached here that an assault had been committed on Sallie Kato Parker, a white girl, 13 years of age, by a negro, in the northern suburbs of the city. The police were informed, and the country and town were searched closely for the guilty man. About 9 o'clock last night John Humphreys was arrested under strong suspicion. The girl had stated that the negro had on a striped shirt and was barefooted. When arrested Humphreys had on a white shirt and shoes; but it was ascertained that he had taken off a striped shirt and put on a white one and had put on shoes. He was made to put on a striped shirt and take off the shoes, and was taken at once into the presence of the girl, who identified him immediately. The negro was then locked up in the city calaboose. In order to avoid lynching, at 1 o'clock this morning the negro was put in the steel cage of the county jail.

September 24, 1891

Hezekiah Rankin- LYNCHED



WAS LYNCHED

HEZEKIAH RANKIN HANGED LAST NIGHT.

HE SHOT FRED A. TYLER, A RAILWAY ENGINEER.

THE TWO QUARRELED OVER A SMALL MATTER.

TYLER MAY DIE OF THE WOUND THAT WAS INFLICTED.

1893

Young Men's Institute opens.



April 14, 1894
Zebulon Vance dies



August 11, 1897

Bob Brachett- LYNCHED



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LYNCHED

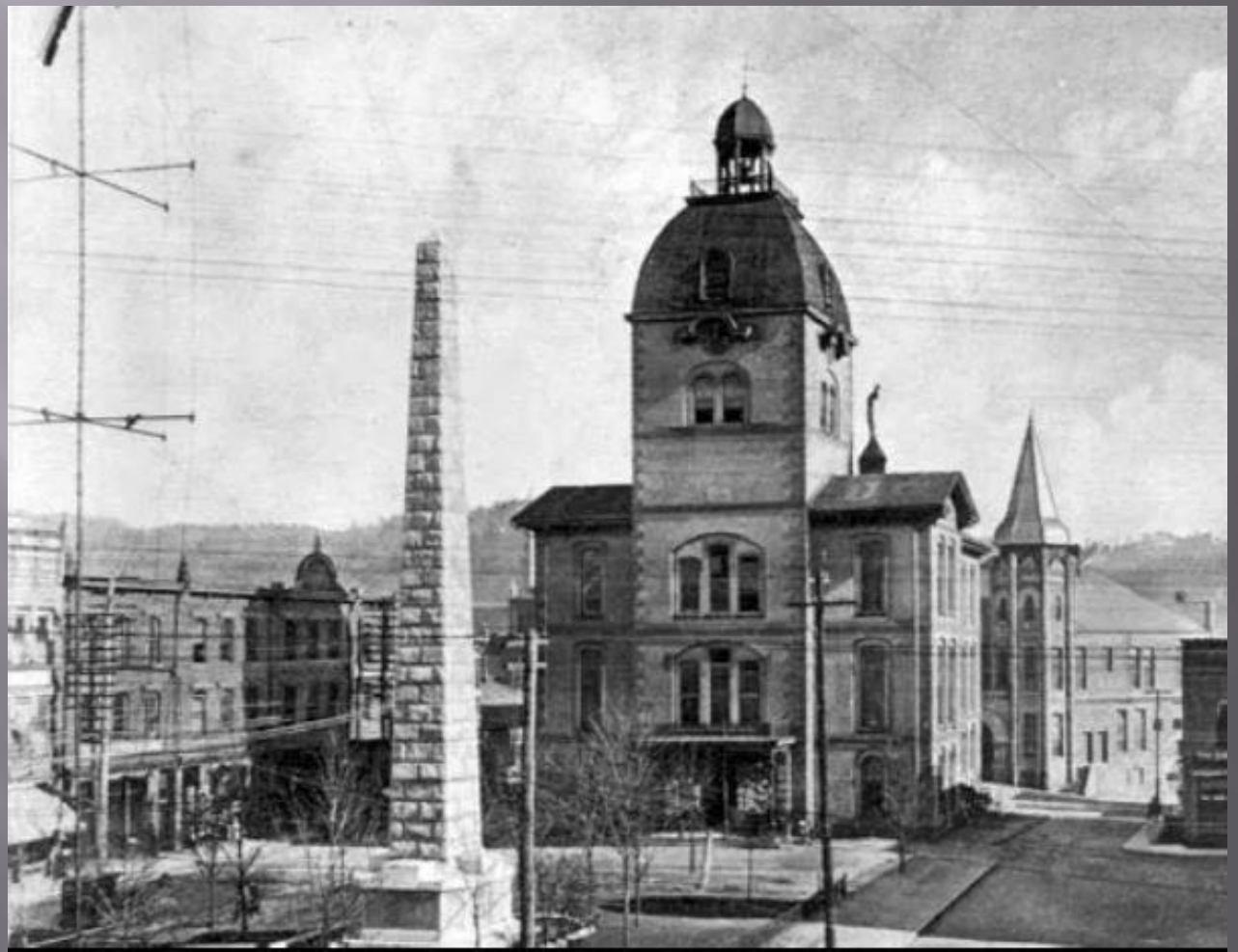
Brachett, the Negro Rapist Pays the Penalty.

WORD FROM WEAVERVILLE

The Military Did Not Reach the Scene.

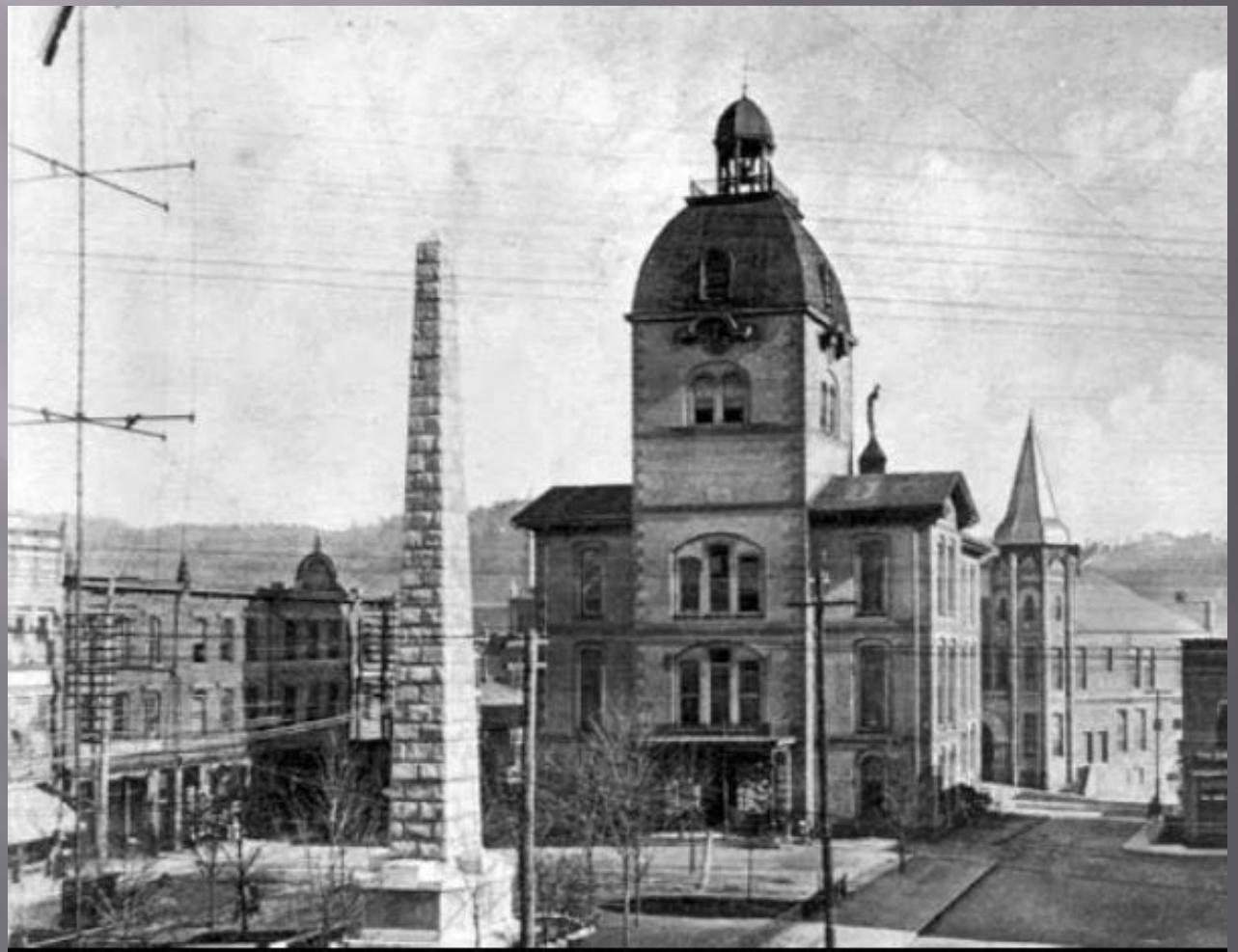
December 22, 1897

Cornerstone of Vance Monument is placed.



May 10, 1898

Vance Monument is completed with official dedication.



May 12, 1898

Laurinburg, NC. Locke Craig and Charles Aycock announce their intentions to restore North Carolina with White Supremacy at a grand…

GRAND DEMO-CRATIC RALLY

Aycock and Craig Open the Ball Gloriously.

WHITE MAN AND METAL

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A GREAT DAY FOR THE DEMOCRACY OF RICHMOND COUNTY

WHITE MEN OF ALL POLITICAL FAITHS

Join in the Commencement of a Campaign that is to Enthrone the White Man and the White Metal.

Laurinburg, N. C., May 12.—(Special.)

November 8, 1898
ELECTION DAY

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NORTH CAROLINA IS REDEEMED

Both Branches of the Legislature Safely Democratic.

The Judicial Ticket Swept in by 25,000 Majority—A Grand Day for Democracy.

PEARSON LOSES. RETURNS MEAGRE

THE CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT STILL IN DOUBT.

The Chances Now Seem to Favor Crawford, But Pearson's Majority of 1200 Two Years Ago Hard to Overcome.

BRYSON CITY, N. C., Nov. 9.—[Special.]—Bryson City gives Crawford 85 majority, Whittier 20 majority, Whiteoak 23 majority, Bushnel 4 majority.

Galbreath's Creek gives Pearson 14 majority. There are precincts to hear from. The Democratic majority in the county is reduced.

Leatherwood is elected by a small majority. Cannon's majority will not exceed 150.

The indications are that the Democrats have lost ground in this county owing to local troubles.

DEMOCRAT.

ROOSEVELT WINS IN NEW YORK STATE

QUAY REMAINS THE BOSS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pingree Probably Elected in Michigan—Republicans Carry New York State by Anywhere From 18,000 to 20,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 8.—n the First congressional district Shattuc, Republican, and in the Second district Bromwell, Republican, are elected.

ROOSEVELT'S MAJORITY 18,000 TO 20,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Midnight Associated Press bulletin.—Theodore Roosevelt has been elected governor of this State by a plurality anywhere from 18,000 to 20,000.

IN PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 8.—The Philadelphia Press ays Stone will have

DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHANT. WHITE MEN WILL RULE

Asheville and Buncombe County in Line.

The Returns From the County Not Full, But the Democrats Have Won by From 300 to 500.

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Chairman J. D. Murphy and President D. M. Luther of the Zeb Vance Democratic club were the recipients of many congratulations for the splendid success attending their management of the campaign.

President Luther said to The Citiezn: "I never felt so good over any thing in my life. The entire Democratic organization in Asheville has been under the direction of the Zeb Vance Democratic club and the zealous work of its membership has brought about this magnificent result."

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