



METROPOLITAN
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting

Agenda

Teleconference

October 19, 2020

12:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Clay Bailey, Chair

II. Establish that COVID-19 requires telephonic meeting as permitted under Executive Order No. 16

III. Approval of February, June, July and September Minutes

IV. Historical Markers

Jessica Reeves

- **Samuel Smith**

V. Adjourn

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Samuel Smith marker- approved by Marker Committee 10/13/20

Side 1- Racial Terror Lynchings in America

After Southern states overthrew Reconstruction and began undermining the gains newly freed African Americans achieved during the era, white supremacists used racial terror lynchings to intimidate African Americans and enforce segregation. Thousands of Black men, women and children were lynched in the United States between 1865 and 1950. White mobs often committed these lynchings close to the scenes of alleged crimes to intimidate and terrorize the local Black community.

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Side 2- Lynching of Samuel Smith

On Dec. 15, 1924, Samuel Smith, age 15, was lynched after being abducted from Nashville General Hospital. Smith and his uncle had car trouble and attempted to take parts from Ike Eastwood's garage. Shots were exchanged; Smith and Eastwood were wounded. Armed, masked, white men took Smith from the hospital and drove him to Eastwood's property. He was stripped, shot and lynched. People watched the lynching from their cars. The city offered an award; no one was ever arrested.

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Sources:

Nashville Banner 12/13/1924 ("Negro Accused of Shooting Caught")

Nashville Tennessean 12/16/1924 ("Mob Lynches Negro Boy Who Shot Grocer")

Nashville Banner 12/16/1924 ("Mob Lynches Young Negro")

Nashville Banner 12/17/1924 ("State Moves Against Mob")

Nashville Tennessean 12/17/1924 ("\$5,000 Reward For Arrest of Mob Offered")

Nashville Banner 12/18/1924 ("Ike Eastwood Dies of Wounds")

Nashville Banner 12/19/1924 ("Lawyers Employed to Prosecute Mob")

Nashville Banner 12/31/1924 ("Next Grand Jury to Prove Lynching")

The Knoxville Journal 03/26/1925 ("Negro Gets 18 Years")

<https://www.weremembarnashville.org/samuel-smith-story> (There are a few details that are incorrect in this story, but the broad strokes are all there and can give you a sense of the incident beyond what we can include on the marker.)



HOW DOES THE MEETING WORK? SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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During this meeting, there will be an opportunity to call in and give a comment. The number to call for live commenting is 629-255-1965 and the Chair will announce when the phone lines are open and ready to receive calls.

Event: Oct 2020 MHC Meeting

Date and Time: 10/19/20 @ 12:00 PM

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