

Allen, Louis, Liberty, Mississippi (January 31, 1964) (Martyr's List) He witnessed the murder of civil rights worker **Herbert Lee**, endured years of threats, jailings and harassments. He was making final arrangements to move North on the day he was killed.

Brown, Benjamin, Jackson, Mississippi (May 12, 1967) (Martyr's List) a former civil rights organizer, was watching a student protest from the sidelines when he was hit by stray gunshots from police who fired into the crowd.

Brown, Charles - Yazoo City, Miss., 1957

A white man shot Brown, who was visiting the white man's sister. The Justice Department handed the case over to the state.

Brown, Jessie - Winona, Miss., 1965

The 1965 NAACP annual report claimed white farmer R.M. Gibson killed Brown.

Brumfield, Eli - McComb, Miss., 1961

Police officer B.F. Elmore alleged self-defense after shooting Brumfield. Police claimed Brumfield jumped from his car with a pocket knife after police pulled him over for speeding.

(Brumfield, Carrie - Franklinton, La., 1967

Brumfield was found shot to death in his car on a rural road. He was shot once in the chest with a .22-caliber revolver.)(RELATED CASE?)

Caston, Silas (Ernest) - Jackson, Miss., 1964

Caston was shot by a local police officer. CORE and NAACP filed a civil suit against Deputy Sheriff Herbert Sullivan. The result of that suit is unknown.

Chaney, James Earl, Philadelphia, Mississippi (Nashoba County) (June 21, 1964)(Martyr's List). He was a young civil rights worker, arrested by a deputy sheriff and then released along with two other workers **Andrew Goodman and Michael Henry Schwerner**, into the hands of Klansmen who had plotted their murders. They were shot, and their bodies were buried in an earthen dam.

Dahmer, Vernon Ferdinand, Hattiesburg, Mississippi (January 10, 1966)(Martyr's List) A wealthy businessman, offered to pay poll taxes for those who couldn't afford the fee required to vote. The night after a radio station broadcasted Dahmer's offer, his home was firebombed. Dahmer died later from severe burns.

Dee, Henry Hezekiah, Meadville, Mississippi (May 2, 1964) (Martyr's List) killed by Klansmen (including James Ford Seale (convicted in June 2007 of federal kidnapping and conspiracy and sentenced to three life sentences) who believed the two were part of a plot to arm blacks in the area. (There was no such plot.) Their bodies (**Charles Eddie Moore**) were found during a massive search for the missing civil rights workers Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner. (

Ducksworth, Cpl. Roman, Taylorsville, Mississippi (April 9, 1962)(Martyr's List) a military police officer stationed in Maryland, was on leave to visit his sick wife when he was ordered off a bus by a police officer and shot dead. The police officer may have mistaken Ducksworth for a "freedom rider" who was testing bus desegregation laws.

Evers, Medgar, Jackson, Mississippi (June 12, 1963) (Martyr's List), He directed NAACP operations in Mississippi, and was leading a campaign for integration in Jackson when he was shot and killed by a sniper at his home.

Ferguson, Elizabeth, age 49 (Black or White?) 632 Maple Street, Natchez, shot at 7:41 pm by a single shot rifle, 22, December 11, 1964 (Natchez Democrat) (Same time as Morris and John Reed deaths?)(suspicious)

Forbes, Roosevelt, 33 year old black man killed by single blast at home of General Butler, another black man age 67, 24 Catherine Street, Natchez, February 24, 1964 (suspicious?)(Natchez Democrat)

Goodman, Andrew, Philadelphia, Mississippi (Nashoba County) (June 21, 1964) (Martyr's List). He was a young civil rights worker, arrested by a deputy sheriff and then released along with two other workers **James Chaney and Michael Henry Schwerner**, into the hands of Klansmen who had plotted their murders. They were shot, and their bodies were buried in an earthen dam.

Greenwood, Jasper - Vicksburg, Miss., 1964

Greenwood was found shot to death near his car on a rural road. Police said the slaying was not racially motivated.

Griffin, Jimmie Lee - Sturgis, Miss., 1965

Griffin was killed in a hit-and-run accident. A coroner's report revealed Griffin was run over at least twice.

Guihard, Paul, Oxford Mississippi, (September 30, 1962) (Martyr's List) He was a reporter for a French news service, and was killed by gunfire from a white mob during protests over the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi.

Jackson, Luther - Philadelphia, Miss., 1959

Jackson was killed by police after he and his girlfriend were found talking in their car, which was stalled in a ditch. Police claim Jackson attacked them.

Jackson, Wharlest, Natchez, Mississippi (February 27, 1967) (Martyr's List) He was the treasurer of his local NAACP chapter, and one of the many blacks who received threatening Klan notices at his job. After Jackson was promoted to a position previously reserved for whites, a bomb was planted in his car. It exploded minutes after he left work one day, killing him instantly.

Jells, Ernest - Clarksdale, Miss., 1964

Jells was accused of stealing a banana from a grocery and pointing a rifle at pursuing police officers. The officers were exonerated.

Lee, Rev'd. George: Belzoni, Mississippi (May 7, 1955) (Martyrs List) one of the first black people registered to vote in Humphreys County, used his pulpit and his printing press to urge others to vote. White officials offered Lee protection on the condition he end his voter registration efforts, but Lee refused and was murdered.

Lee, Herbert, Liberty, Mississippi (September 25, 1961) (Martyr's List) He worked with civil rights leader Bob Moses to help register black voters, was killed by a state legislator who claimed self defense and was never arrested. Louis Allen, a black man who witnessed the murder, was later also killed.

Lee, John - Goshen Springs, Miss., 1965

Lee's body was found beaten on a country road.

Lee, Willie Henry - Rankin County, Miss., 1965

Lee, who was known to have attended civil rights meetings, was found beaten on a country road. An autopsy revealed he died by strangulation from gas.

Love, George - Indianola, Miss., 1958

Love was killed in a gun battle with police who believed he was responsible for a murder and arson. He was later cleared of any connection to the murder.

Maxwell, Sylvester - Canton, Miss., 1963

Maxwell's castrated and mutilated body was found by his brother-in-law less than 500 yards from the home of a white family.

McNair, Robert - Pelahatchie, Miss., 1965

McNair was killed by a town constable.

Melton, Clinton - Sumner, Miss., 1956

Elmer Otis Kimbell was cleared in Melton's death. Kimbell claimed Melton fired at him three times before he returned fire with a shotgun. No gun was found in Melton's car or on his body.

Mixon, Booker T - Clarksdale, Miss., 1959

Mixon's body was found lying on the side of the road, completely nude. Police claimed it was a hit-and-run, though family members cited his naked body and the extensive amount of flesh torn from his body as evidence of murder.

Montgomery, Nehemiah - Merigold, Miss., 1964

Montgomery, 60, was shot by police after allegedly refusing to pay for gas. Police were acquitted, and the shooting was called justifiable homicide.

Moore, Charles Eddie: Meadville, Mississippi (May 2, 1964) (Martyr's List) killed by Klansmen (including James Ford Seale (convicted in June 2007 of federal kidnapping and conspiracy and sentenced to three life sentences) who believed the two were part of a plot to arm blacks in the area. (There was no such plot.) Their bodies (**Henry Hezekiah Dee**) were found during a massive search for the missing civil rights workers **Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner**.

O'Quinn, Sam - Centreville, Miss., 1959

O'Quinn, derided by some local whites for being "uppity," was shot after joining the NAACP. See story in Colorline Magazine or at hungryblues.net

Orsby, Hubert - Pickens, Miss., September 9 1964

Orsby's body was found in the Black River. It was reported that he was wearing a t-shirt with "CORE," written on it, representing the Congress of Racial Equality.

Parker, Mack Charles, Poplarville, Mississippi (April 25, 1959) (Martyr's List) He was 23, and was accused of raping a white woman. Three days before his case was set for trial, a masked mob took him from the jail cell, beat him, shot him, and threw him in the Pearl River.

Prather, William Roy - Corinth, Miss., 1959

Prather, 15, was killed in an anti-black Halloween prank. One of eight youths involved was indicted on manslaughter charges.

Queen, Johnny - Fayette, Miss., 1965

A white off-duty constable was named in the pistol slaying of Johnny Queen. The shooting was not connected to any arrest.

Raspberry, Donald - Okolona, Miss., 1965

Raspberry was shot to death by his plantation boss.

Reed, John, 78 year old black man burned to death at 3 Hicks Alley, Natchez, December 11, 1964 (same time as Frank Morris in Ferriday) at 6:00 am fire alarm, roof already falling in found in kitchen face down, lived alone (suspicious?)

Schwerner, Michael Henry, Philadelphia, Mississippi (Nashoba County) (June 21, 1964) (Martyr's List). He was a young civil rights worker, arrested by a deputy sheriff and then released along with two other workers **James Chaney and Andrew Goodman**, into the hands of Klansmen who had plotted their murders. They were shot, and their bodies were buried in an earthen dam.

Shelby, Jessie James - Yazoo City, Miss., 1956
Shelby, 23, was fatally wounded by a police officer who claimed he shot Shelby because he resisted arrest.

Smith, Ed - State Line, Miss., 1958
A grand jury refused to indict L.D. Clark in the death of Smith, who was shot in his yard in front of his wife. Clark later reportedly bragged about the killing.

Smith, Lamar, Brookhaven, Mississippi (August 13, 1955) (Martyrs List) was shot dead on the courthouse lawn by a white man in broad daylight while dozens of people watched. The killer was never indicted because no one would admit they saw a white man shoot a black man. Smith had organized blacks to vote in a recent election.

Stewart, Eddie James - Crystal Springs, Miss., 1966
Stewart was reportedly beaten and shot while in police custody. Police claimed he was shot while trying to escape.

Taylor, Isaiah - Ruleville, Miss., 1964

Thomas, Freddie Lee - LeFlore County, Miss., 1965
Federal investigators looked into the death of Thomas, 16. Thomas' brother believed he was murdered as a warning against black voter registration. The result of the investigation is unknown.

Till, Emmett, Money Mississippi (August 28, 1955) (Martyr's List) a fourteen year old boy on vacation from Chicago, reportedly flirted with a white woman in a store. Three nights later, two men took Till from his bed, beat him, shot him, and dumped his body in the Tallahatchie River. An all-white jury found the men innocent of murder. A recent grand jury refused to indict others, including Caroline xxx of complicity in his death.

Triggs, Saleam - Hattiesburg, Miss., 1965
The body of Mrs. Triggs was found mysteriously burned to death.

Walker, Clifton - Adams County, Miss., 1964
Walker was killed by a shotgun blast at close range. The result of a federal investigation is unknown.

White, Ben Chester, Natchez, Mississippi (July 10, 1966) (Martyr's List) He had worked most of his life as a caretaker on a plantation, had no involvement in civil rights work. He was murdered by Klansmen who thought they could divert attention from a civil rights march by killing a black person.