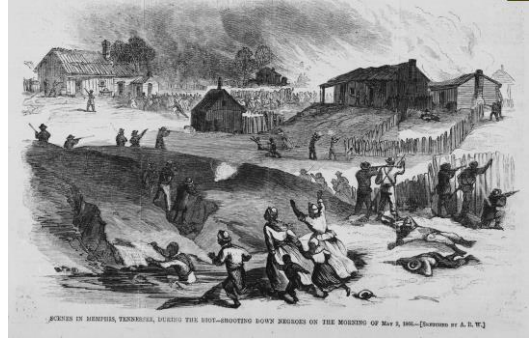


# Memories of a Massacre: Memphis in 1866

Upcoming Events: May 2016



**Ongoing exhibit:** University of Memphis, Ned McWherter Library, "[Black, White, and Read: Reporting the 1866 Memphis Massacre](#)," in the main lobbies on the 1st and 4th floors.

**Ongoing exhibit:** [Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library](#): "[Free at Last](#)," an exhibit made available by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. "Free at Last" explores black Tennesseans' efforts to give meaning to freedom in the aftermath of the Civil War. This exhibit is free and open to the public. In early May, it will be relocated to the Orange Mound Gallery at the Lamar-Airway Shopping Center, 2232 Lamar Ave., where it will also be free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mary Mitchell at 576-7266.

**May 1:** The Memphis Theological Seminary and Freedom's Chapel Christian Church: "[Voices from the Memphis Massacre](#)," a performance to commemorate the victims and survivors of the 1866 Memphis Massacre. Free and open to the public, this event will take place at 9:00 am, Freedom's Chapel Christian Church, 961 Getwell Rd. Contact [Evan Mann](#) for more information.

**May 1:** Memphis NAACP: The Memphis NAACP will dedicate the historical marker honoring the victims of the 1866 Memphis Massacre. The dedication service will be held at 3:30 pm at the [National Civil Rights Museum](#) and will be followed by a march to Army-Navy Park (2nd & G.E. Patterson) where the marker will be unveiled. This event is free and open to the public. Contact the [Memphis NAACP](#) at 521-1343 for more information.

**May 2:** Memphis Bar Foundation: The Memphis Bar Foundation is sponsoring a commemorative luncheon from 11:30-1:00 pm at the Peabody Hotel. The featured speaker will be Atty. Bryan Stevenson, director of the [Equal Justice Initiative](#). The ticket price for the luncheon is \$75, with proceeds going to help sponsor the Memphis Bar Association's summer law internship program for high school students. Contact Ann Fritz of the [Memphis Bar Foundation](#) at 527-3573 or [afritz@memphisbar.org](mailto:afritz@memphisbar.org) for more information.

**May 2:** Memphis NAACP and the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association are co-sponsoring a public forum/CLE examining the 1866 Memphis Massacre and its connection to the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Featured panelists are Atty. Bryan Stevenson, Dr. Stephen Ash, Dr. Beverly Bond, Dr. Susan O'Donovan, Atty. Aderson Francois and Atty. Jim Emison. Taking place from 1:45 pm to 5:15 pm at the [National Civil Rights Museum](#), this seminar is *free* for those who will not be applying for continuing legal education credit. However, a CLE fee will be charged for those seeking CLE credit. Because seating is limited, it is recommended that attendees not paying for CLE credit contact the [Memphis NAACP](#) at 521-1343 to reserve a seat.

**May 14:** Orange Mound Community Center: RaTonya Watson and Dr. Susan O'Donovan will lead a discussion showcasing student research on the 1866 Memphis Massacre. Free and open to the public, this event will begin at 11:00 am, [Orange Mound Community Center](#), 2590 Park Ave. For more information, contact Mary Mitchell at 576-7266.

**May 20-21:** The University of Memphis will host "Memories of a Massacre: Memphis in 1866: A Symposium Exploring Slavery, Emancipation, and Reconstruction." The culmination of a semester-long series of lectures, workshops, discussions, and book talks, this symposium will feature historians and scholars from across the country, including Robert K. Sutton, Chief Historian of the National Park Service. Together, their presentations and the ensuing discussions will pry open what has for 150 years been the carefully concealed history of Reconstruction, its legacies, and the significant role Memphis played in both. Please join us as we reflect together on a wave a terror that rocked a city and changed a nation.

Free and open to the public, "Memories of a Massacre" will take place at the University of Memphis, University Center Theater. Travel directions and parking information are available on the [University Center](#) website. A complete schedule of events as well as information about lodging can be found on the [Memphis Massacre](#) website.

Information can also be obtained by calling 901-678-3376 or emailing [memphismassacre@memphis.edu](mailto:memphismassacre@memphis.edu).