

Lynching a Notorious Robber.

George Briscoe, a notorious robber, is reported to have been lynched on Wednesday night by a party of masked men at New Bridge, in the Third district of this county. Briscoe had been arrested in Baltimore on a warrant issued by Justice Jacobs of the Third district, charging him with burgling the residence of George Bohannon, on the 18th of November, and was being conveyed to the Annapolis jail when the constable was met by a party of masked men, near New Bridge and the prisoner taken from him by force and lynched on the spot. The cause assigned for the lynching was the frequent robberies that have occurred in the neighborhood of Steeple Creek recently and the belief that Briscoe was the robber. The account which led to the tragedy forms a chapter of interesting reading. Last spring Dr. Lynch's house was entered and robbed of \$700. Suspicion pointed to Briscoe, but nothing came of it. There were other petty robberies in the neighborhood last summer. They grew so frequent that ladies were afraid to remain in their homes after nightfall without the men of their families staying home.

A general feeling of insecurity ensued. This was heightened by the robbery of J. C. Armiger's dwelling about four weeks ago. The thief secured by the operation \$150 in money. Shortly afterwards Addison Johnson's store was broken open and robbed of money. The dwelling of Theo. Jacobs was also entered and robbed of money. Richard Phelps's house was entered one night, but the burglar was seen by Mrs. Phelps, who gave the alarm, and he made good his escape. After this a vigilance committee visited the dwelling of Briscoe to warn him to leave the county. Other robberies not mentioned above were constantly taking place in the neighborhood; and the people became so incensed against Briscoe, that they determined to resort to the summary mode of disposing of so dangerous a character, by hanging.

Confirmation of the report of the lynching of George Briscoe, reached here to-day through the finding of the coroner's jury in the case. Justice Theo. S. Jacobs and Theo. Boone were the inquest and sent the report to the sheriff. The finding of the jury is that Briscoe came to his death by strangulation from the hands of a party or parties to the crime, whose names are not known.