

## Alexandria Community Remembrance Project

# Joseph McCoy

Lynched in Alexandria April 23, 1897  
Corner of Cameron and N. Lee Streets

Join members of the Alexandria community to reflect on the lynching of 18-year-old native Alexandrian, Joseph McCoy. It is time for Alexandria to affirm responsibility for this act of racial terror as we attempt to reconcile our past with our present.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 3 p.m.  
Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria



For more information on the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project and to register for the monthly newsletter visit [Alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://Alexandriava.gov/Historic).

McCoy's death was one of two documented lynchings in Alexandria, out of 11 that occurred in Northern Virginia, and among the 100 documented lynchings that occurred in Virginia between 1882 and 1968.

The Alexandria Community Remembrance Project (ACRP) is a citywide initiative dedicated to helping Alexandrians understand its history of racial hate crimes. ACRP conducts research, education, programs,

and events that remember McCoy and explore the long-term impact on Alexandria's African American community. Working with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) Community Remembrance Project, ACRP will receive a steel pillar that memorializes McCoy and Benjamin Thomas, who was lynched in 1899. ACRP will use the pillar to create a permanent space for remembrance in the city.