THE STORY OF POWELL GREEN

DOB: ~1894

OCCUPATION: FORMER SOLDIER IN WW1

DOD: DECEMBER 27TH 1919

THE STORY:
POWELL GREEN WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE MURDERED A WHITE BUSINESS OWNER. A MOB TIED MR. GREEN TO A CAR AND DRAGGED HIM FOR HALF A MILE BEFORE SHOOTING HIM WITH DOZENS OF BULLETS. AFTER HIS MUTILATED BODY HUNG FROM A TREE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

BODY OF NEGRO KILLED BY MOB IS DISCOVERED
Franklin, Dec. 28.—The body of Powell Green, who was lynched last

INTERVIEW WITH POWELL’S DECENDENTS

What does it mean to be honorable?
Being honorable doesn’t always mean being right or knowing what to do. It means being transparent enough to say that you don’t know. When you’re honorable you do what you committed to and you do not make excuses. Being honorable means extending grace to others you never knew what others are going through.

What does the white gaze feel like to you?
It feels more like a “what are you doing here?” gaze. Sometimes it is like an indifference as if you don’t exist.

What advice would you tell young black children growing up?
1. Don’t get caught up in the norms of society that steer you away from education and independent thinking
2. Do critical thinking for yourself
3. Children should read more

When did you realize you were black?
Dana never felt like she was black. She was always aware of the fact that her skin was darker so this meant a different life. When traveling she feared for her safety so her family always stayed with family.

How can the Black community re-cultivate the community?
Today our kids are missing a sense of lifelong friendships like I had. People are afraid of COVID and the police. Back in the day, we had community policing like the boys and girls club. These things are not around anymore. Hopefully, we get back to cookouts and gathering. Technology has also intervened terribly with kids getting out to play.

INTERVIEWEE: DANA KEARNEY JONES-QUARTEY
GREAT GREAT NEICE OF POWELL GREEN