## **Equal Justice Initiative**

# <u>Community Remembrance Project</u> <u>Presentation to USD #469</u>



#### The Equal Justice Initiative Team of Leavenworth County consists of:

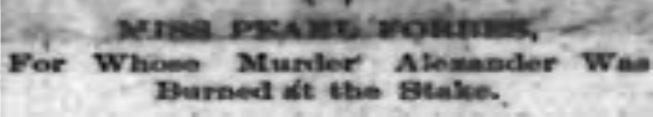
- Marti Crow Retired member of KS state legislature and school board member
- Bishop Tony Majors Pastor of Glimmer of Light Church
- Joana Scholtz Chair of Leavenworth NAACP
- Todd Thompson Leavenworth County Attorney of Leavenworth
- Edna Wagner Director of Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum
- William Wallace Richard Allen Cultural Center and Life Long Resident of Leavenworth
- Carla Wiegers Church Council Chair of First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth; member of Lansing USD 469 school board
- Rev. Dr. Dave York Pastor of First UMC of Leavenworth

The Community Remembrance Project consists of four main parts:

- 1. <u>Historical marker</u> displayed at Leavenworth County Courthouse telling story of lynching of Fred Alexander, Silas Wilson & Richard Wood and lynching in America.
- 2. <u>Soil Collection</u> Soil collected from spot of lynching will be consecrated and sent to EJI office in Montgomery, AL.
- 3. <u>Essay Contest</u> Eleventh and twelfth grade students in USD 453 and USD 469. At least \$5000 of scholarship money will be given.
- 4. <u>Courageous Conversations</u> ongoing discussions and events to continue the dialogue on racial, poverty, and justice.



FRED ALEXANDER, Burned at the Stake on the Exact Spot of His Alleged Crime.



### **ESSAY CONTEST**

- Begins Tuesday, January 18 ends Thursday, March 10.
- 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in USD 453 and 469.
- Winners will be announced and invited to read essays at Juneteenth celebration over weekend of June 18-19, 2022.
- The first place essay will be read part of the ceremony.
- At least \$5000 of scholarship money will be awarded.



## EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE WEBSITE

#### https://eji.org/projects/community-remembrance-project

