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The History of Jasper
County, Missouri,
published in 1883 by
Mills & Company
includes the following
account of an gruesome,
early day execution
**An Execution by
Burning at the Stake**

BURNING OF
TWO NEGROES. In
the month of August,
1854, a terrible tragedy
was enacted in the
southern portion of the
city of Carthage, in the
hollow, near Mr. Ezra
Huntley's residence, in
which two negroes were
burned to death at the
stake, by the populace,
for committing the
threefold crime of
murder, rape, and
arson. The particulars
of the fearful crime of
which they were guilty,
and the terrible
retribution which they
suffered, are as follows:

Dr. Fisk, a man highly
respected by all who
knew him, had some
dealings with John B.
Dale, a few days before,
in which he received a
large sum of money. A
negro belonging to Mr.
Dale, named Colley,
knew of the transaction,
and conceived the idea
of murdering the doctor
for the money. He took
into his confidence a
colored man belonging
to John J. Scott. Their
plan was to entice the
doctor away from his
house, kill him, and
then return to the
house, kill the inmates,
plunder the house, and

