

# The First Woman in Georgia to Be Sentenced to the Electric Chair

Lena Baker was born in 1867 in Augusta, Georgia. She was the daughter of former slaves, and she grew up in poverty. As a young woman, she worked as a domestic servant. In 1889, she married Henry Baker, a farmer. The couple had two children.



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In 1902, Lena Baker was accused of murdering her husband. She was found guilty and sentenced to death by electrocution. She was the first woman in Georgia to be sentenced to the electric chair.

Baker's case drew national attention. There were many people who believed that she was innocent, and they protested her execution. However, Governor Joseph M. Terrell refused to grant her a pardon. On

March 31, 1903, Lena Baker was executed in the electric chair at the Georgia State Prison.

Baker's case is a reminder of the racism and sexism that existed in the United States in the early 20th century. She was a poor, black woman who was accused of murdering her husband. The jury that convicted her was all white, and the judge who sentenced her was also white. Baker did not receive a fair trial, and her execution was a miscarriage of justice.

Baker's story is a tragic one, but it is also a story of hope. She was a strong woman who fought for her life, even when the odds were stacked against her. Her story is a reminder that we must never give up hope, even in the darkest of times.

### **Lena Baker's Legacy**

Lena Baker's legacy is one of strength and courage. She was a woman who stood up for herself, even when it meant risking her life. Her story is a reminder that we must never give up hope, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Baker's story has been told in books, articles, and plays. She has also been the subject of a documentary film. Her story is a powerful reminder of the racism and sexism that existed in the United States in the early 20th century, and it is a reminder that we must never give up hope for a better future.

### **The Book**

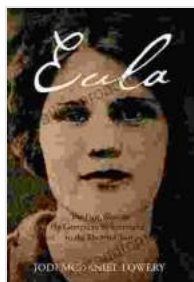
The book *The First Woman in Georgia to Be Sentenced to the Electric Chair* tells the story of Lena Baker's life and trial. The book is based on

extensive research, and it provides a detailed and nuanced account of Baker's case.

The book is a valuable contribution to the historiography of race and gender in the United States. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in American history, and it is a powerful reminder of the importance of fighting for justice.

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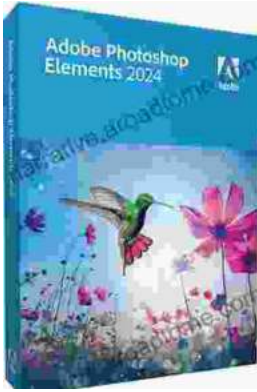


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