

# Memphis Hoodoo Timeline

- 1866      Mention of Hoodoo in Memphis in *Daily Union and American*
- 1867      First Account of Violence against Spiritual Worker in Memphis
- 1868      Memphis businesswoman Mary Grady shoots Isabella Walton in a Hoodoo related incident
- 1869      Media Warnings about the Threat of Voodooism  
Police Raids on Spiritual Workers in Memphis
- 1871      Hoodoo in Courtroom from Civil Case of Catherine Strong  
Arrest of Aunt Annie for selling Conjure Bags in Memphis
- 1872      Murder of Rufe Harrison in Neshoba from Fear of Conjure
- 1875      Hoodoo Blamed for Affecting Cattle and Crops in Memphis Court
- 1876      A. Schwab Opens its Doors
- 1878      Yellow Fever Causes Physicians to Recommend Herbal Remedies Used by Rootworkers to Memphians
- 1883      Judge James Greer, attorney for civil rights champion Ida B. Wells is involved in a Hoodoo related incident
- 1920      American Chemical Manufacturing opens selling spiritual supplies alongside beauty supplies.
- 1926      Memphis spiritual worker Doctor G.F. Murphy is taken to federal court after selling love workings through the postal system

- 1930      New Orleans Leafy Anderson's Eternal Life Christian Spiritualist Church opens a church in Memphis
- Herb doctor Lyncha Johnson moves to Beale Street and opens his herbal remedy business
- 1937      Local Police Campaign against Hoodoo
- 1938      Folklorist Harry Middleton Hyatt arrives in Memphis to research Hoodoo
- 1939      Spiritual Worker William Warren begins the War is Din Society and Bible League on Lauderdale
- 1947      Reports of Gold Miners on Beale Street hiring Hoodoo practitioners
- 1956      Murder of Minister George Webster at the Divine Temple of Healing in Memphis
- 1960      Spiritual Healer Washington "Doc" Harris begins to build the Saint Paul Spiritual Holy Temple (Accused of being 'Voodoo Village by outsiders)
- 1970      Sister Hope is the first spiritual reader in Memphis to get a business license

