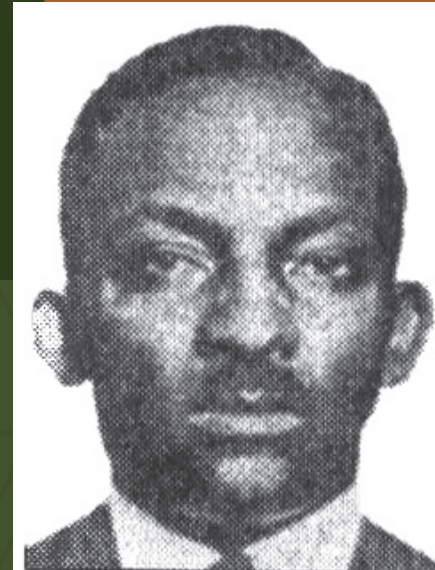


# THE ELEVEN DEFENDERS

Angry white mobs had surrounded and threatened Black homeowners in at least four other instances in Detroit in 1925. Knowing the risks of moving into a mostly white neighborhood, Dr. Ossian Sweet recruited family, friends, and acquaintances to help him and his wife, Gladys, defend their house.

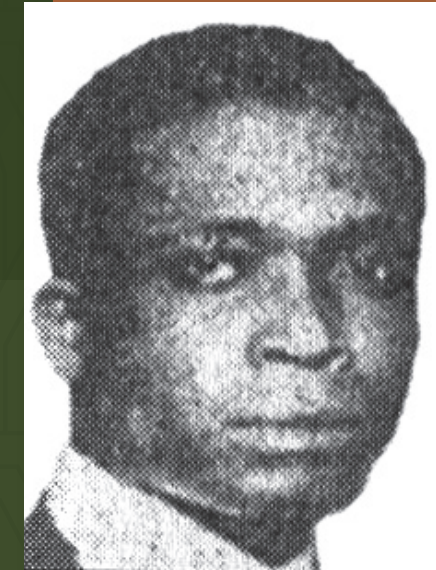
These are the people who were defending the Sweet home and were arrested on the night of September 9, 1925.



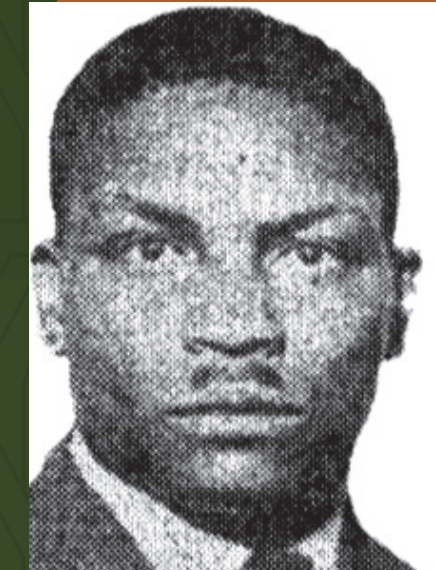
**Dr. Ossian Sweet**  
(1895-1960)  
Medical doctor, husband,  
father, homeowner



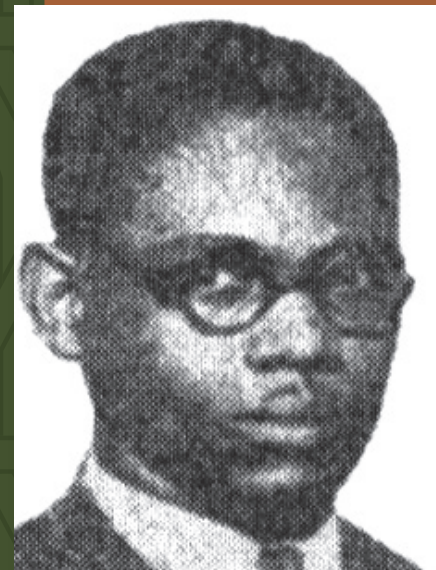
**Gladys Sweet**  
(1901-1928)  
Wife, mother,  
and homeowner



**Otis Sweet**  
(1900-1969)  
Dentist, Ossian and Henry's  
brother, starting a dental  
practice in Detroit



**Henry Sweet**  
(1907-1940)  
Wilberforce University  
student, Ossian and  
Otis's brother



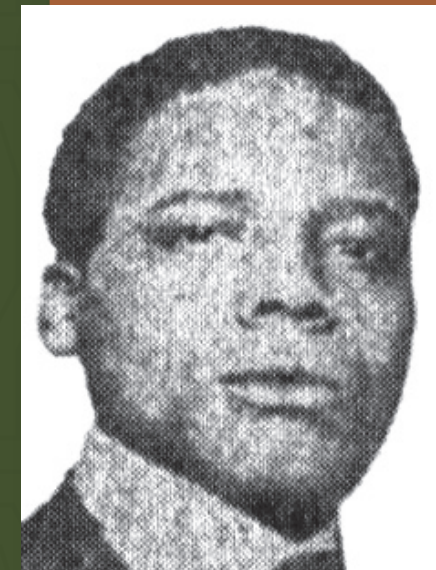
**John Latting**  
Wilberforce University  
student, Henry's roommate



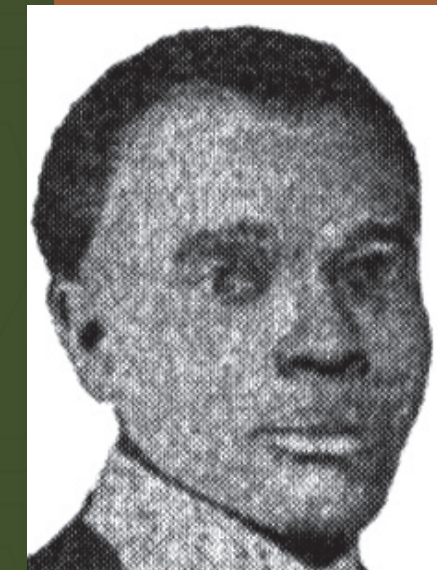
**Joe Mack**  
The Sweet's  
hired chauffeur



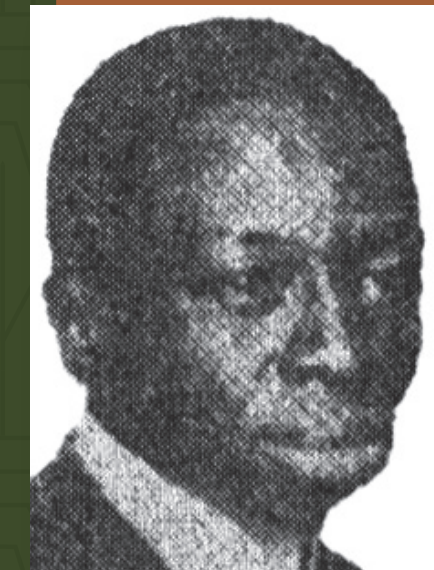
**William Davis**  
Howard University alum,  
WWI veteran, Federal  
narcotics officer



**Norris Murray**  
A hired handyman



**Hewitt Watson**  
Insurance agent,  
Ossian's business  
associate



**Charles Washington**  
Howard University alum,  
insurance agent,  
Ossian's patient



**Leonard Morse**  
Insurance agent

