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Daniel Baxter worked with Detroit city officials to have a historical marker detailing Sweet's story erected outside the home in 2004.

# Doctor's tale of courage

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**DETROIT** — Community interest has thrust the story of Dr. Ossian Sweet into the spotlight.

Students are reading up on Sweet, a black doctor who integrated a white neighborhood. He was charged with killing a white man who stood with a mob throwing rocks outside his home in 1925. The University of Detroit Mercy put on a play this month re-creating the trial. And nearly 80 years later, people still stop in front of his home to simply take in history.

Ruby Baxter purchased the Sweet home in 1958 with her late husband, William. She is accustomed to

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