



# Ed Gein

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**Warning!** Graphic and Disturbing images.

# Timeline

Born Aug.  
27th 1906

Mother died  
1945

1957 2nd  
murder  
conviction  
and trial

1959-First  
horror story  
written about  
Gein (psycho)

1906-1945 Psychological and  
mental  
abuse from mother

First murder in  
1954

1957-  
Convicted  
and  
determined  
insane

Died July  
26th 1984  
-Heart failure

# Early Life

Born on Aug. 27th 1906 in La Crosse county in Wisconsin as Edward Theodore Gein

Older brother- Henry Gein

Lived in isolation on a farm.

Son of an alcoholic father and a religiously obsessive mother that controlled every aspect of his life.

Became increasingly insane after his mother's death in 1945.

# Psychological profile

Because of the constant control that his mother had over him (especially of relationships), and his isolation, Gein became reclusive and solitary,

His mental stability decreased greatly after his mother's death (the being that controlled most of his life). He had hardly any social experience outside of his home, and with his mother dead, he couldn't function mentally or socially with other people, resulting in the crimes that he had committed.



# The Crime (Before Arrest)

Grave robbery, human taxidermy, and murder are all crimes that Gein had committed.

Cut off body parts and kept them as trophies.

Covered it up by preserving a seemingly normal life, keeping quiet and to himself.  
Hid everything within his own house.



# The Arrest

November 16th 1957, the local hardware store owner (Bernice Worden) had gone missing, and Gein was the last one in the store according to her son, authorities had soon suspected Gein. They then went and searched his house and found Bernice, decapitated and hung by her feet in a shed. In the house they also found a number of things including: Whole human bones and fragments, wastebasket made of human skin, Human skin covering several chair seats, Skulls on his bedposts, Female skulls, Bowls made from human skulls, a corset made from a female torso skinned from shoulders to waist, leggings made from human leg skin, masks made from the skin from female heads, Mary Hogan's face mask in a paper bag, Mary Hogan's skull in a box Bernice Worden's entire head in a burlap sack, Bernice Worden's heart in a plastic bag in front of Gein's potbellied stove. Nine vulvae in a shoebox. A young girl's dress and the vulvas of two females of about 15 yrs old. A belt made from female human nipples. Four noses. A pair of lips on a window shade drawstring. A lampshade made from the skin of a human face. Fingernails from female fingers

# Post-Arrest (Trial)

Gein was convicted of accounts of grave robbery and 2 accounts of murder. He admitted to robbing 9 graves but made accounts of at least 40 attempts while in a “daze-like” state of mind.

During the trial, the defence pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. It was obvious that Gein had committed the crimes, but the majority of the trials were determining whether or not Gein was considered legally insane.

On Nov. 14th Gein was determined to be legally insane, and was sentenced to life in a mental institution

# Legacy (Impact)

Ed Gein quickly became a world-famous killer, because of the cruelty and the strangeness of the crimes and the quiet town murderer that he portrayed. Several of the most well known horror stories were written based upon the findings and the story of Ed Gein, such as: Psycho, Leatherface, Texas Chainsaw Massacre. He was considered the first modern world horror story.





# Technology/Evidence



There isn't much that technology today could have done to make the evidence clearer or better interpreted.

The only thing that may have been improved on by today's standards is how people are able to find evidence and people, because Gein was able to keep himself innocent for a long time

# Opinion

There was no question that Ed Gein was guilty of his crimes, but the major question was if he was insane during the times he had committed them.

We think that, yes he was criminally and legally insane, because to be doing some of the things that Ed Gein had done to people, and the remainders of their bodies, along with his overbearing mother, and her death. Ed Gein would definitely be considered insane.

“Ew.” -Jason



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