

The Disturbing Crimes Of Ed Gein

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Throughout the modern era, many killers have surfaced, from Ted Bundy to H.H Holmes. However, none have been as horrific as Ed Gein, dubbed The Plainfield Butcher.

While some might not know Ed Gein's story you definitely know about the movies he inspired. Physco and Texas Chainsaw Masseur are just some of the movies inspired by his horrific acts.

Ed was born on August 27th, 1906 in Wisconsin. Him and his older brother Henry were raised by his strict mother under extreme religious beliefs. She often preached about the sins of lust and desire.

As a child he was troubled, his father wasn't around and he was an alcoholic. Some think this and the extreme religious teaching played a part in his dive into insanity later in life

Ed was 34 when his father passed away, he left the farm to him and his brother.

Four years after his father passed away, they started a small brush fire at the farm. However, the fire got out of hand and after the fire was put the body of Henry was found. It was believed at the time to be because of the fire, however, people questioned this conclusion after Ed's dark side came out.

Just after his brother passing it was just him and his mother. Growing up and into adulthood Ed never dated as he was too devoted to his mother.

After Ed's mother passed away, he was left with no family remaining. This is where people think the deranged thoughts started.

Ed dedicated his entire life to his mother, taking care of her was a big part of his life. He still honored her in death, he left her room completely untouched.

After his mother passing, along with caring for the farm, he would find odd jobs around the town. Reports say he was once even a babysitter.

No one suspected a thing around the town, sure they described Ed as a bit of stand-offish, however, he was mostly known as calm and kind. Everyone was shocked when news of his crimes surfaced.

After, Ed took an interest in anatomy books. His interest in the human body increased and this is when he started grave robbing.

Some believe Ed was responsible for a large number of killings, however this isn't true. Ed only killed two people, three if you include the mysterious death of his brother.

When Bernice Worden was reported missing from her hardware store on November 16th, 1957. police had suspicions of Ed because of his stand offish behavior.

When they searched his home what they found was horrifying. They were met with the sight of Worden's headless, gutted body hanging from the ceiling along with organs in jars, necklaces made out of tongues, and skulls used as soup bowls.

Ed later confessed to the murder of Worden and a woman named Mary Hogan. He plead not guilty due to insanity. Ultimately he was found guilty of both crimes.



A picture of Ed Gein via wikipedia