

Amy Archer-Gilligan

“Sister”



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Date	Age	Life Event
1873	0	Born in Litchfield, CT to James Duggan and Mary Kennedy Duggan.
1890	17	Amy attended New Britain Normal School
1896	23	Marries James Archer
1898	25	Amy gives birth to a daughter named Mary Archer.
1901	28	Amy and James moved into the home of John D. Seymour in Newington, CT, to take care of him.
1904	31	John Seymour died. Seymour’s heirs turned the house into a home for the elderly which was run by Amy and James.
1907	34	Amy and James moved into Windsor, Connecticut, and purchased a redbrick house that they turned into the Archer Home for the Elderly and Infirm.
1910	37	-James Archer died suddenly from Bright’s disease. Amy had taken out an insurance policy weeks prior to his death. -The Archer home began experiencing financial problems after James’ death.
1911	38	81-year-old Hilton Griffin died of “general debility and old age”
1912	39	- Franklin Andrews entered the Archer home. - Amy had 10 residents and an additional 15 deaths.

1913	40	-Michael Gilligan moved into the Archer home during the summer, he was 57-years old and in perfect health. - November 25, Amy Archer became Mrs. Amy Archer-Gilligan after marrying Michael Gilligan.
1914	41	- January 6, Amy sat down by a dim light in her bedroom and wrote Franklin Andrews a letter. -Second week of February, W.H. Mason’s registry of poisons recorded a purchase by Amy of ten ounces of arsenic. - Michael Gilligan dies. -In March, Amy put in a claim at the court against the Gilligan estate for \$1500, alongside several other businesses looking to divide Michael Gilligan’s \$4500 worth of assets. - May 29, Franklin Andrews dies at the Archer Home. - June 11, Alice and Loren Gowdy signed a life contract with Amy Archer for \$1000. - December 3, Alice Gowdy died at the Archer Home.
1916	43	- Maud Lynch died at the age of 33 in the Archer Home. May 09 – Several articles appear in the <i>Hartford Courant</i> about the “murder factory” and the number of deaths at the home. The <i>Courant</i> had been tipped by Nellie Pierce, the sister of victim Franklin Andrews. - Amy is arrested on murder charges July 13 – Amy is charged with murder in the first degree
1917	44	June 18 - Trial begins. June 23 - Amy takes the stand for her own defense.
1918	45	Amy first spent time in the prison, then later was moved to a mental hospital where she spent the remainder of her life.
1919	46	Amy appeals conviction and is granted a new trial. This time she pled not guilty by reason of insanity. She is found guilty of second-degree murder for the death of Franklin Andrews and is sentenced to life in prison.
1924	51	In early July, Amy was declared insane.
04/23/1962	89	Amy Archer-Gilligan dies in her hospital bed of natural causes

General Information

Sex	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	5-48
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Connecticut
Cities where killing occurred	Windsor
Type of killer	Gain Killer: Lethal Caretaker
Height	5’3”

Childhood Information

Date of birth	October 1873
Location	Litchfield, Connecticut
Birth order	n/a

Number of siblings	4
XYY?	n/a
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	n/a
Parent's marital status	Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	n/a
Age of family event	n/a
Problems in school?	No
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	n/a
Age of first sexual experience	n/a
Age when first had intercourse	n/a
Mother's occupation	n/a
Father abused drugs/alcohol	n/a
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	n/a
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	n/a
Highest degree	n/a
Grades in school	n/a
IQ	n/a
Source of IQ information	n/a
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Worked as a caretaker of patients at her home
Employment status during series	Self-employed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Remarried
Number of children	1
Lives with his children	n/a

Living with	Spouse
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	No
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	5-48
Victim type	Strangers that lived in her home that she took care of
Killer age at start of series	35
Date of first kill in series	1908
Date of final kill in series	1916
Gender of victims	Male and female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Varied
Type of victim	Patients
Method of killing	Poison (arsenic)
Weapon	No
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Gain Killer- Lethal Caretaker
How close did killer live?	Lived at the home
Location of first contact	Archer Home
Location of killing	Archer Home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	

Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Yes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	1916
Date convicted	1919
Sentence	Life imprisonment
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, but she was sent to a mental facility after her conviction
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Did serial killer confess?	No
Name and state of prison	Wethersfield Prison, Connecticut
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	April 23, 1962 at age of 89
Cause of death	Natural causes

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