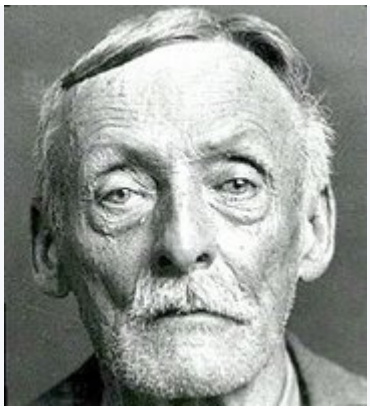
Albert Hamilton Fish

"Gray Man, Werewolf of Wysteria, and possibly Brooklyn Vampire"



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Date	Age	Life Event
05/19/1870	0	Born in Washington, DC as Hamilton Fish
1870	<1	Father, Randall Fish, died of heart attack
1875	5	Mother put him in orphanage, where he was beat and learned he enjoyed physical pain, (got erection and was teased). Nickname Ham and eggs. Wished to be called Albert after dead sibling.
1879	9	Mother got government job was able to take him home
1882	12	1st homosexual relationship
1882	12	Introduced to drinking urine, coprophagia, and voyeurism
1890	20	Became male prostitute, visited male brothels
		Began raping young boys
1898	28	Had marriage arranged by mother

	28	Had six children
1898	28	Became a house painter
1903	33	Arrested for embezzlement and grand larceny, incarcerated in Sing Sing
		Had sex with men in prison
1910	40	Mutilated and tortured to death a mentally retarded boy in New York
1910	40	Attack of child, Thomas Bedden (BM), in Wilmington, Delaware.
1917	47	Wife left him for another man, began to hear voices, asked children to participate in sadomasochistic games
1919	49	Stabbed mentally-challenged boy in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC
02/26/1924	53	Married Estella Wilcox. Marriage was not legal and ended a week later.
07/11/1924	54	Tried to abduct Beatrice Kiel (WF, 8) in Staten Island, NY
07/15/1924	54	Killed Francis X. McDonnell (WM, 8) in Long Island, NY
10/05/1926	56	May have killed Emma Richardson (WF, 5) – sources are unclear on this murder
02/11/1927	56	Billy Gaffney (WM, 4) kidnapped and then killed
1927	57	Suspected of killing Yetta Abramowitz (WF, 12)
06/03/1928	58	Kidnapped and strangled to death Grace Budd (WF, 10)
07/13/1930	60	Suspected of killing Emil Aalling (WM, 4)
1930	60	Arrested for sending obscene letters to a Black woman, admitted into Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital
1931	61	Sent back for observation following arrests
05/02/1931	61	Suspected of killing Robin Jane Liu (AF, 6)
02/15/1932	62	Killed Mary Ellen O'Connor (WF, 16)
12/15/1932	63	Suspected of killing Benjamin Collings (WM, 17)
11/11/1934	64	Wrote anonymous graphic, letter to Grace's parents
12/13/1934	64	Arrested for the murder of Grace Budd.
03/11/1935	64	Trial for murder of Grace Budd, pleaded insanity, claimed he heard voices from God telling him to torment and castrate little boys, found sane and guilty.
		Confessed to strangling Francis McDonnell to death on Long Island in 1934 and

		later confessed to Billy Gaffney's mother that he killed Billy.
01/16/1936	65	Put to death, Electric chair, Sing Sing Correction Facility. Oldest inmate to be executed

General Information	
Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	Convicted of 1, suspected of 6-9, confessed to 3
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	New York
Cities where killing occurred	New York City
Type of killer	Serial Killer
Height	5'5"
Childhood Information	
Date of birth	May 19, 1870
Location	Washington, DC
Birth order	Youngest
Number of siblings	3
XYY?	NA
Raised by	Mother, orphanage
Birth category	Youngest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Death of parent, father
Age of family event	1875, put in St. John's orphanage in Washington till age 9
Problems in school?	N/A
Teased while in school?	N/A
Physically attractive?	Small, gentle looking man who appeared kind and trusting

Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	NA
Head injury?	NA
Physically abused?	Describe beat repeatedly in orphanage
Psychologically abused?	Teased
Sexually abused?	N/A
Father's occupation	Boat captain, fertilizer manufacturer
Age of first sexual experience	While in orphanage
Age when first had intercourse	12
Mother's occupation	Government job
Father abused drugs/alcohol	NA
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	NA
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	Very little formal schooling
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
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No

Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Handyman, painter- His defense lawyer later argued that all his years as a painter caused Fish to develop lead colic
Employment status during series	Handyman, painter
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Bi-sexual
Marital status	Married, divorced, remarried
Number of children	6
Lives with his children	When they were young, then lived w/ son till kicked out
Living with	Himself
Triad	
Animal torture	N/A
Fire setting	N/A
Bed wetting	N/A
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	NA
Abused alcohol?	NA
Been to a psychologist?	yes
Time in forensic hospital?	yes
Diagnosis	Disturbed but sane
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, embezzlement, grand larceny, violating parole
Spend time in jail?	yes
Spend time in prison?	yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	NA

Serial Killing	
Number of victims	5-15
Victim type	Children
Killer age at start of series	40
Date of first kill in series	1910 a man in Wilmington, Delaware
Date of final kill in series	1934
Gender of victims	Four males, five females
Race of victims	White, African American
Age of victims	4, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17
Type of victim	Children
Method of killing	Choked, cut up, beat
Weapon	Meat cleaver, saw, and butcher knife
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Type of serial killer	Sadomasochist, Sexual Predator, Cannibal, lust killer
How close did killer live?	Different each case
Location of first contact	At there home, outside playing
Location of killing	New York , Washington DC, Delaware
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No, would be killed in a abandoned building
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes

Tortured victims?	Yes, beat to tenderize meat
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	The boys he tied up in the closet
After Death Behavior	Cook and eat parts of the body
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Yes
Ate part of the body?	Yes
Drank victim's blood?	Yes
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	Yes, to eat
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes, would take pieces of their body home to eat
Left at scene, hidden	Yes
Left at scene, buried	Yes
Moved, no attempt to hide	Hid the bodies until he was done with them
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	Death by electric chair
Date killer arrested	December 14, 1934
Date convicted	March 21, 1935

Sentence	Death
Killer executed?	Yes electric chair
Did killer plead NGRI?	yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	no
Name and state of prison	Sing Sing Correctional Facility
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	January 16, 1936

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