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GIBSON, CLAIR B.

R-58444

Dead

Violet Brass @404

20-21; 5-7; 140; dk

brn hair; blue eyes;  
med comp.

Gibson's woman

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Alice Lanning

Betty Markward

Betty Woods

Betty Taylor

28(37) 5-5; 130; dk brn slk  
hair; Back teeth not well  
kept; Cut scars on hands  
from broken glass

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1 to Carlson  
3 to Sommer



Violet Bruce



Alice Lanning @  
Betty Markward.

C406

2-12-1935-

Dear Mr. Huskinson

I am sending a  
couple snapshots of  
Cabin.

Sorry not to have  
one which shows the  
~~the~~ lake.

It's an stone throw  
from the front of Cabin  
to the lake.

So you will have  
2 ideas.

These pine trees are  
also on the lot.

Yours Truly  
C. R. Gibson



## Three Bandits in Cold Spring Bank Holdup Hunted

Three bandits, who at pistol points forced a road gang to pull their car out of a ditch, were sought today in the \$2,500 robbery of the Cold Spring (Minn.) State Bank.

The three men, who waited more than an hour for a time lock to open the bank vault yesterday afternoon, escaped with two employees and a customer of the bank as hostages to prevent their car being fired upon. The hostages, Nick J. Terhaar, cashier, and his daughter, Louise, and Norbert Gresser, customer, were released about a mile outside town.

Terhaar told Stearns county authorities the three bandits entered the bank about five minutes before closing time and demanded the bank's cash. Terhaar said he told them the time lock was on the vault and the robbers would have to wait.

After an hour and a half, one of the gang became impatient, Terhaar said, and threatened to start shooting unless the cashier opened the vault. Terhaar complied, the bandits looted the cash containers, grabbed the cashier, his daughter and Gresser and sped out of town with the three on the running boards.

After the three "passengers" had been released, the bandit car was ditched near St. Nicholas, south of Cold Spring. A road gang nearby then was forced at pistol point to pull the car out and the three continued southward, it was reported. The scattered tacks on the highway to halt pursuers.

Stearns county police, together with agents of the state bureau of criminal apprehension, were endeavoring today to pick up the trail.

Sheriff McIntee of St. Cloud, who directed the search for the robbers, said he believed they were from Minneapolis. He said the license plates on their car were stolen from the automobile of a Buffalo, Minn., car dealer while he was on a visit to this city.

## Bank E

### SCATTER TACKS ON ROAD AFTER SEIZING \$2,500

#### Highway Crew Forced to Aid Fugitives at Gun Point

#### 7 HELD PRISONERS

Three masked bandits, one of them a youngster and two older men, late Friday took possession of the Cold Springs, Minn., State bank for an hour while waiting for the vault's time lock to open, tossed \$2,500 in currency into a satchel, kidnaped three employees and fled in their automobile toward Minneapolis before the town was aware of what was happening.

Twenty minutes later, outside of Eden Valley, the trio drew their guns on a gravel crew to compel them to drag their car back onto the highway after they had gone into a ditch. In leaving Cold Springs the bandits threw handfuls of inch-long roofing nails on the highway to thwart pursuers.

#### Held as Hostages

Nick Terhaar, cashier of the bank, Mary Louise, his 18-year-old daughter, and Norbert Gresser, a customer in the bank when the bandits entered, were forced to kneel in the back seat of the bandits' sedan while they were taken a mile out of Cold Springs. As the car slowed down, they were pushed out of the car.

Four other customers who came into the bank during the hour-long

## Bank Raid---

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wait for the time lock to open were forced into a back room of the bank and were guarded by two of the robbers. They were threatened with death if they attempted to signal for help.

Customers who entered the bank while the bandits waited were Nick Backes, Ralph Olmscheid and W. O. Grodahl of Alexandria, salesman for a St. Paul firm.

The bandits were believed to come from Minneapolis, Sheriff Arthur McIntee of St. Cloud, who directed the pursuit, declared. The license plates were stolen from a Buffalo, Minn., automobile dealer, who had gone to Minneapolis.

The trio were described as a tall, dark youth about 20 years old, a short, light-haired man about 45 and a tall, dark man the same age. They came into the lobby of the bank at 3 p.m. and demanded that Cashier Terhaar, his daughter and Gresser put up their hands. When Terhaar told them that the time lock on the vault made it impossible to open the safe until 4 p.m., the leader, the short bandit, threatened him with "the cemetery" if he didn't unlock it immediately.

#### Forced to Floor

He forced Terhaar to the floor beside the vault and prodded him with his revolver. The girl and the customer were guarded in the back room by the other bandits.

The bandits had timed their hold-up, Terhaar said, because they apparently knew the shades were drawn every afternoon at 3 p.m.

Four other customers entered the bank during the wait for the time lock. They were forced to lie on the floor in the back room. Two of the bandits became impatient and wanted to leave. The leader compelled them to remain.

When the time lock opened, they scooped the money into a satchel and left the bank with the seven victims. Turning loose the four customers, they pushed Terhaar, his daughter and Gresser into their car and sped out of town.

The released men immediately called the St. Cloud sheriff's office and two cars went in pursuit. The bandits' trail was lost at Eden Prairie. The robbery was one of the first of its kind in Minnesota this year.

#### Bank Raid

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
December 23, 1936.

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91-49

Mr. Melvin H. Passolt, Superintendent,  
Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension,  
State Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Passolt:

ROBERT W. MARKWORD, with aliases  
CLAIR RALPH GIBSON, with aliases, etal.  
State Bank of Cold Spring,  
Cold Spring, Minnesota.  
BANK ROBBERY

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of  
CLAIR GIBSON, one of the Subjects in this case. I have  
been advised that this photograph was taken in 1929 but  
that it still is a very good likeness of Gibson.

We have not yet had the opportunity to  
exhibit this photograph to the officials of the Eyota  
Bank to learn whether he may have been Chauncey Kunz'  
partner on that occasion. When we do, I shall advise you  
of the results.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CWS:SEC  
Encl.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

February 25, 1937

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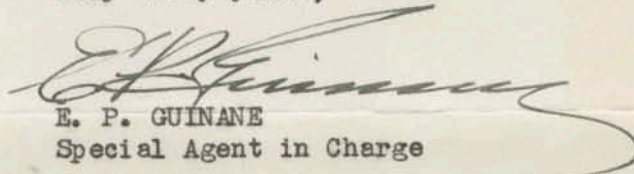
91-49

Mr. Melvin C. Passolt  
Superintendent  
State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephonic conversation with Special Agent S. W. Hardy, I am enclosing two photographs of CLAIR RALPH GIBSON to assist you in this case.

Very truly yours,

  
E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

SWH:IM  
Encls.



Hair Ralph Gibson

Age - 30-31 (looks

Height - 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Weight - 150

Bld. Med. broad shoulder

Eyes - Brown, sharp, mean  
piercing

Hair - Dark brn. or black, ve  
strands of gray, not very notice  
able.

Sparse at base

Complexion - Medium dark

Face- Pitted, small pits about  
face and chin and probably nose,  
none on forehead

Scars - 1" to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " horizontal scar  
left side of head along hairline  
opposite where ear joins head

Mouth - Noticeable vertical lines  
along side of mouth

False upper teeth

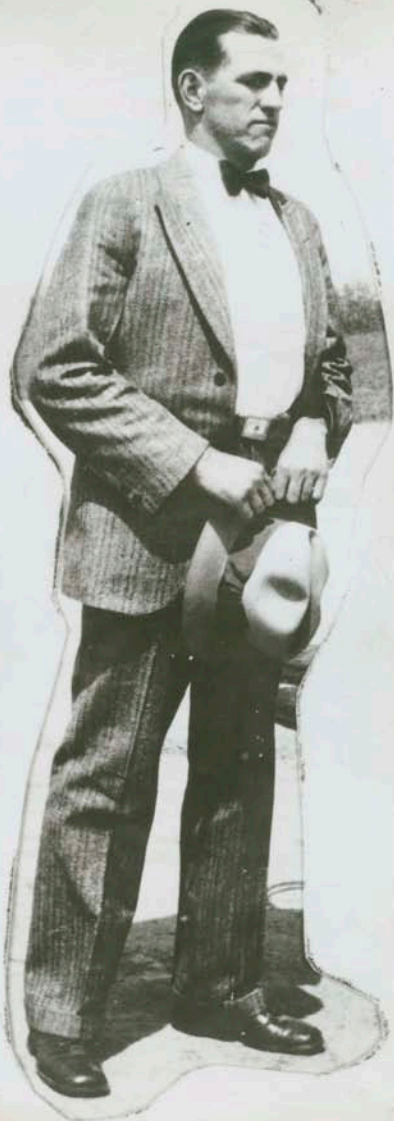
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words "we-uns" and "you-uns" such  
as "When are you-uns going downtown.

Dress - Neat and well dressed. Clean  
shaven. However, has heavy beard.

Nose - Large sort of pinched at tip  
and wide near face.

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~~Chair~~ Ralph Gibson alias Carl Dugan

Age - 30-31 (looks 35)

Height - 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Weight - 150

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St. Paul File 91-49-1A-50

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March 19, 1937  
File I

National Police Officer,  
7734 Forsythe Blvd.,  
Clayton, Missouri.

Dear Sirs:

As per your recent request we are enclosing herewith the photograph and description of Clair Gibson who is wanted in this State for robbery. We do not have his fingerprints or fingerprint classification.

We are in receipt of information the H. E. Cassidy who is wanted throughout Minnesota as well as many other States on check charges has just been arrested at Wheatland, Wyoming. As yet we do not know what disposition will be made in his case.

We do not have the photograph or fingerprints of J. R. Jones who is wanted for removing mortgaged property at Denver, Colo.

Assuring you of our desire to be of assistance to you at all times, I am

Yours very truly,

Enc.  
/B

M. C. Passolt,  
Superintendent.





MBCR  
C-327

Clair Ralph Gibson alias Carl Dugan

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St. Paul File 91-49-1A-50

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1937

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MAR 29 1937

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Mr. M. C. Passolt,  
Superintendent,  
State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

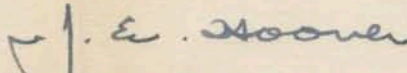
My dear Superintendent:

Information contained in your Bulletin of March 8, 1937, indicates that one Clair Gibson, with aliases: C. B. Drugan and Carl Dugan, is wanted by you for bank robbery.

There is attached hereto an abstract of the criminal record of Clair Gibson, #FBI-1227839, who is possibly identical with the individual wanted by you. If this is in fact the record of the subject wanted by you and you will advise the Bureau to that effect, a notation relative to his fugitive status will be published in an early issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

Assuring you of the Bureau's desire to be of assistance in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1066073





March 29, 1937  
File I

Chief of Police,  
Highland Park, Mich.

Dear Sir:

We will appreciate it if you would send us a copy of the photograph, fingerprints and description of Clair Gibson, your No. 508, who was arrested by your department on June 25, 1924, and released.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,  
Superintendent.

/B



# City of Highland Park Michigan



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DAN E. L. PATCH, CHIEF

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April 7th, 1937.

Minnesota State Bureau of  
Criminal Identification,  
St Paul, Minn.

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with your request of March 29th, I am enclosing herewith a photo-copy of the prints of Clair Gibson, our # 508, together with a copy of his photograph.

His description as of 1924 is as follows:-

Age 18 yrs, 5'7½", 145 lbs, Blue Eyes, Brown Hair, pimply comp.,  
Born Butler Co., Pa., occupation Laborer.

We trust that this is the information that you desired and that if there are any other occasions that we may be of service to you that you will call upon us. You will note a slight delay in mailing of the above which was due to the time necessary to make the photo copies for you.

Very truly,

*George R. Bird*  
George R. Bird,  
Ident. Officer.



# BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE OFFICE BLDG., ST. PAUL, MINN.

Circular No. 287

April 12, 1937

## Wanted on Warrant For Bank Robbery

Case No. 8447

Age—31 (looks older) Height—5 ft. 8 ½ in.

Weight—150 lbs.

Build—medium—broad shoulders

Eyes—blue—piercing

Hair—dark brown—a few strands of grey, not very noticeable.

Comp.—medium dark.

Face pitted about chin and nose. False upper teeth.

Clean shaven—however has heavy beard. Large

nose, sort of pinched at tip and wide near face.

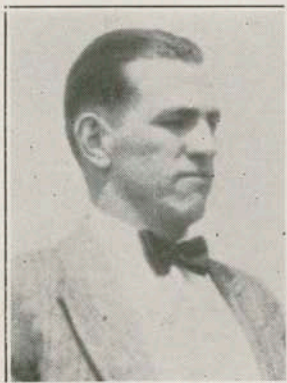
Noticeable vertical lines along side of mouth. Scar

1 to 1½ in. long running horizontally along left side

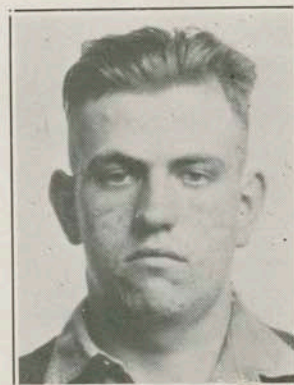
of head near hairline opposite where ear joins head.

Speaks with an Eastern accent. Neat and well

dressed.



Taken in 1931



Taken in 1924

Fingerprint Classification:

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## CLAIR RALPH GIBSON

alias

C. B. DRUGAN

CARL DUGAN

CLAIR MOORE

On November 16, 1936, Clair Gibson and Thomas J. Runyon, who has since been apprehended and is now serving a life sentence in Iowa for murder, held up the Farmers State Bank at Eyota, Minn. taking cash and bonds amounting to over \$5,000.00.

Gibson may be accompanied by a woman posing as his wife by the name of Violet Bruss, age 20-21 years old, height 5 ft. 7 in., weight 140 lbs. hennaed hair, blue eyes, medium complexion and is rather good looking, her home is at Winona, Minn. He was last known to be driving a 1933 Pontiac Touring Sedan with 1936 Minnesota license B48-590, Motor No. 916239, Serial No 798921. He is a painter and decorator and may seek that kind of employment. **He is very dangerous and care should be used in apprehending.**

If located, arrest, hold and notify:

**GEORGE R. GELATT, Sheriff**  
**Olmsted County,**  
**Rochester, Minn.**

**M. C. PASSOLT, Superintendent**  
**Bureau of Criminal Apprehension**  
**State Office Building, St. Paul, Minn.**



STATE OF OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
Division

MAY 14, 1937

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION  
H. G. Robinson, Ass't. Sup't., In Charge, London, Ohio.

THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL RECORD FOR YOUR FILES

Clair Ralph Gibson

7-1442

G.C. 17

Name

Disregard this No.

O.S.B. No.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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Ref.

Arrested or Rec'd	Name	Number	Contributor of Fingerprints	Charge	Disposition
4-12-37	Clair Ralph Gibson	227	B of A St Paul, Minn.	Bank Robb.	WANTED.
5-4-37	Clair Ralph Gibson	1442	D of J Wash, D.C.	Bank Robb	WANTED.



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7-13-37



[Clair Ralph Gibson]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 7, 1937.

FINGERPRINT  
CLASSIFICATION:

16 M 1 U II 20 Ref: 1 Ut  
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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1442-476

Re: CLAIR RALPH GIBSON, with aliases:  
Clair Gibson, C. R. Gibson, Clair  
Moore, C. B. Drugan, Carl Vernor  
Drugan, Carl Dugan; BANK ROBBERY.

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1442 on the above named subject  
is hereby canceled, inasmuch as he was located at Loon Lake, Oregon,  
July 30, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

**This cancels Identification Order No. 1442.**

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,

Located at: Building Tel. No.

ABERDEEN, S.Dak., 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel	4652
ALASKA, Juneau, 507 Federal	75
ATLANTA, Georgia, 501 Healey	Walnut 3698
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, 320 Federal	7-1755
BOSTON, Massachusetts, 10 Post Office Square, Room 950	Liberty 8470
BUFFALO, N. Y., 400 U.S. Ct. House	Cleveland 2030
BUTTE, Montana, 302 Federal	2-4734
CHARLOTTE, N. C., 914 Johnston	3-4127
CHICAGO, Ill., 1900 Bankers'	Randolph 6226
CINCINNATI, Ohio, 1130 Enquirer	Cherry 7127
CLEVELAND, Ohio, 1448 Standard	Prospect 2456
DALLAS, Texas, 1206 Tower Petroleum	2-9086
DENVER, Colo., 722 Midland Savings	Main 6241
DES MOINES, Iowa, 739 Insurance Exchange	3-8998
DETROIT, Mich., 911 Federal	Cadillac 2835
EL PASO, Texas, 202 U.S. Court House	Main 501
HARTFORD, Conn., 907 American Industrial	7-9222
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., 700 West Virginia	8928
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 506 Fletcher Trust	Riley 5416
KANSAS CITY, Mo., 1616 Federal Res. Bk.	Victor 3113
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., 407 Hamilton Nat. Bk.	3-7928
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 500 Rector	6734
LOS ANGELES, Calif., 903 Pacific Commerce	Mutual 2201
LOUISVILLE, Ky., 775 Starks	Jackson 5139
MEMPHIS, Tenn., 2401 Sterick	8-1850
MIAMI, Fla., 1300 Biscayne	3-5558
MILWAUKEE, Wis., 1021 Bankers'	Daly 3431
NEWARK, N. J., 936 Raymond-Commerce	Market 2-5511
NEW ORLEANS, La., 1308 Masonic Temple	Raymond 1965
NEW YORK, N. Y., 607 U.S. Court House, Foley Square	Rector 2-3520
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., 224 Federal	2-8186
OMAHA, Nebr., 629 First Nat'l Bank	Atlantic 8644
PEORIA, Illinois, 300 Commercial Merchants Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.	4-5800
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 1300 Liberty Trust	Locust 0880
PHOENIX, Ariz., 316 Security	3-4870
PITTSBURGH, Pa., 620 New Federal	Grant 0800
PORTLAND, Ore., 411 U.S. Ct. House	Atwater 6171
PUERTO RICO, San Juan, 204 Federal	1311
RICHMOND, Va., 601 Richmond Trust	2-6464
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, 301 Continental Bank	Wasatch 1797
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, 1216 Smith-Young Tower	Fannin 8052
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Suite 1105, Mills Tower	Exbrook 2679
SEATTLE, Washington, 800 Joseph Vance	Main 0460
ST. LOUIS, Missouri, 423 U.S. Court House & Custom House	Garfield 0360*
ST. PAUL, Minnesota, 404 New York	Garfield 7509
WASHINGTON, D. C., 2266 Justice	National 5303

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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

## United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 9, 1937

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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AUG 11 1937

FBI-1227839

J. E. Hoover

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Highland Park, Mich.	Clair Gibson, #508	6-25-24	susp. R.A.	rel.
PD, Little Rock, Ark.	C.R. Gibson, #4036	9-16-27	inv.	disch.
USM, Portland, Oreg. <u>AIR MAIL</u>	Ralph Clair, Gibson, #1705	7-31-37	bank robbery	
* WANTED: As Clair Gibson, (poss. ident. name and record) (charge not given). Notify St. Bu. of Inv., Des Moines, Iowa per inf. rec. therefrom 3-1-37. Notified 8-9-37.				
* WANTED: As Clair Gibson, alias C.B. Drugan, (prob. ident.) for bank robbery. Notify St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. their bull. of 3-8-37. Notified 8-9-37.				
* WANTED: As Clair Ralph Gibson, for bank robbery, 11-16-36, at Eyota, Minn. Notify SO, Rochester, Minn. and St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. from letter 4-16-37. Notified 8-9-37.				
* WANTED BY BUREAU: As Clair Ralph Gibson,; on 2-19-37, a Fed. G.J., at St. Paul, Minn., ret'd. an indictment charging Gibson and others, with robbery of the State Bank of Cold Spring, Minn.; on 6-5-36, in vio. of the Natl. Bank Robbery Act, and another indictment charging Gibson and another with robb. of the Farmers State Bank of Eyota, Minn.; on 11-16-36, in vio. of the Natl. Bank Robb. Act. Notify Director - per inf. rec. 10 #1442.				
* WANTED: As C.R. Gibson, for murder, 11-2-36. Notify SO, Garner, Iowa, per inf. rec. therefrom 6-24-37. Notified 8-9-37.				
(CC-St. Bu. of Inv., Des Moines, Iowa) (CC-SO, Garner, Iowa) (CC-St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn.) (CC-SO, Rochester, Minn.)				

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.



Superintendent Passolt interviewed CLAIR GIBSON at the Ramsey County Jail on August 12th, 1937, in the presence of Sam Hardy of the FBI.

Case 4962 - On October 24, 1935, Clair Gibson stated that he robbed the bank at Roscoe, Stearns County - got \$474.45. In this robbery were CLAIR GIBSON, WILLIAM HOMER GIBSON, a cousin of his, and WILLIAM ROY RIEGEL. (Sheriff McIntee and his two Deputies also present at the time Clair Gibson made the above statement.)

Case 6492 - He also states that on June 5th, 1936, held up the State Bank at Cold Springs in Stearns County. CLAIR GIBSON, GEORGE HENRY KING, WILLIAM H. GIBSON and ROBERT MARKWOOD - got \$2,610.72. (He also made this statement in the presence of Sheriff McIntee and his two deputies.)

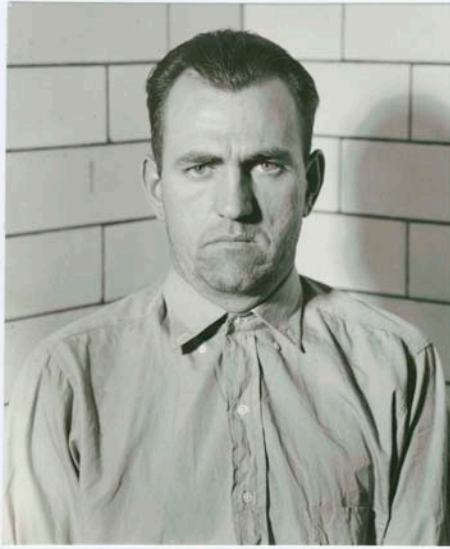
Case 1700 - He also states that on June 9th, 1933, he held up the State Bank at Ihlen, Minnesota (Pipestone County). In this were CLAIR GIBSON, IRA GIBSON, ROBERT MARKWOOD and LEONARD L. BASH. Got \$1500.00. He claims that while he was scuffling with the cashier that the gun was accidentally discharged and shot the cashier Theodore Arp in the leg.

Case 3373 - He also claims that on August 8th, 1934, he robbed the Bank at Taunton, Minnesota - got \$2,405.00. Job was pulled by CLAIR GIBSON and IRA GIBSON.

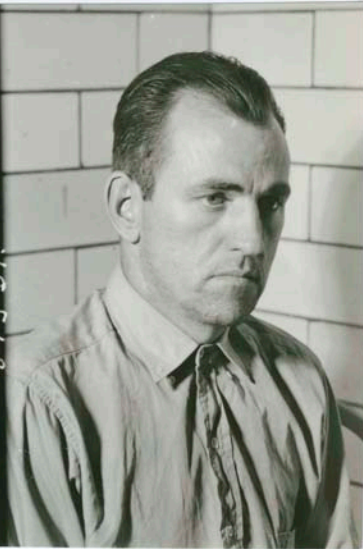
Case 3771 - He also stated that on Dec. 28th, 1934, he robbed the bank at Taunton, Lyon County (Farmers State Bank-2nd time) got \$423.00 in currency and \$70.00 in silver. He claims to have used a 1934 Plymouth Sedan or Coach, which was stolen in St. Cloud and left some place in Iowa. He stated that he told the lady cashier at this bank that she identified and sent up the wrong two men for the job at Taunton (same bank) on Aug. 8th. CLAIR GIBSON, WILLIAM ROY RIEGEL and ROBERT MARKWOOD.

Case 8447 - On November 16th, 1936, he held up the Bank at Eyota, Olmsted County. Got \$3,004.33 in cash, \$2700.00 in bonds. This was the Farmers State Bank - he and TOM RUNYON. Tom Runyon used the priest's garb.

Case 2462 - On September 30, 1933, he robbed the bank at Pipestone - the Pipestone National Bank - got \$1,785.93. Used a 1931 or 1932 Packard Sedan, which they stole in Nebraska. There were six men in on that job. IRA GIBSON, CLAIR GIBSON, LEONARD L. BASH, WILLIAM ROY RIEGEL, TOM RUNYON and ROBERT MARKWOOD. Runyon was the man who stuck up the copper with a sawed-off shotgun. (Across the street from the bank.)



M.B.C.A-58444  
8-13-37



[clair Ralph Gibson]



# STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from

*M & B*

(Address)

*St Paul*

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail

Received from

County

Date received

*8/13/37*

Charge

*Rob. Robbers*

Sentence

*40 years to life*

Place of birth

*Bethesda*

Nationality

*Am.*

Age

*31 - Feb 29, 1906*

Height

*5-8*

Weight

*150*

Hair

*Black*

Build

*med.*

Eyes

*Gray Blue*

Complexion

*Medium*

Marks and Scars

*Acne pits on face*

PLEASE PASTE PHOTO HERE

Paroled

Discharged

CRIMINAL HISTORY

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Name Clair Ralph Gibson

Alias .....

Classification .....

Ref. ....

No. .... Color .... Sex .....

1.—Right Thumb



2.—R. Index Finger



3.—R. Middle Finger



4.—R. Ring Finger



5.—R. Little Finger



6.—Left Thumb



7.—L. Index Finger



8.—L. Middle Finger



9.—L. Ring Finger



10.—L. Little Finger



Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left hand



Amputations .....

Left Thumb Right Thumb



Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right hand



Classified by .....

Verified by .....

Searched by .....

Prisoner's signature

*Clair Ralph Gibson*



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October 15, 1937  
File I

Mr. A. E. Rude,  
Constable,  
Moose Lake, Minn.

Dear Sir:

For your information we are enclosing herewith a copy of the criminal record from the National Bureau on George Pulaski whom you recently arrested in Moose Lake.

Assuring you of our desire to be of assistance to you at all times, I am

Yours very truly,

Enc.  
/B

M. C. Passolt,  
Superintendent.

## United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

AUGUST 18, 1937

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Highland Park, Mich.	Clair Gibson #508	6-25-24	susp. P. A.	rel.
PD, Little Rock, Ark.	C. R. Gibson #4036	9-16-27	inv.	disch.
USM, Portland, Oreg.	Ralph Clair Gibson, #1705	7-31-37	bank robbery	
SO, Portland Oreg.	Ralph Clair Gibson, #9393	8-1-37	bank robbery	
USM, St. Paul, Minn. AIR MAIL	Clair Ralph Gibson #3299	7-30-37	Natl. Bank robbery	1st case 20 yrs. 2nd case 20 yrs. to run cons. Institution to be designated by Atty. Gen'l.
St. Du., St. Paul, Minn. AIR MAIL	Clair Ralph Gibson, #	8-13-37	bank robbery	40 yrs.

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in F. B. I. files.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.



CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	WANTED: As Clair Gibson, (poss. ident.) (charge not given). Notify St. Du. of Inv., Des Moines, Iowa, per inf. rec. therefrom 3-1-37. Notified 8-9-37.			
*	WANTED: As Clair Gibson, alias C.B. Dragan, (prob. Ident.) for bank robbery. Notify St. Du., St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. their bull. of 3-8-37. Notified 7-9-37.			
*	WANTED: As Clair Ralph Gibson, for bank robbery, 11-16-36, at Eyota, Minn.. Notify SO, Rochester, Minn. and St. Du., St. Paul, Minn. per inf. rec. from latter 4-16-37. Notified 8-9-37. WANTED BY FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: As Clair Ralph Gibson, for bank robbery. I.O. #1442, May 4, 1937. Notified 8-18-37.			
*	WANTED: As C.R. Gibson, for murder, 11-2-35. Notify SO, Carner. Ia. (per inf. rec. therefrom 6-24-37. Notified 8-9-37.			

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HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

October 19, 1937

Mr. Melvin Passolt  
U. S. Department of Justice  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Passolt:

At the time newspapers were carrying stories of Clair Gibson's record of arrest and suicide, articles stated that he had confessed to something like 22 bank robberies, some of which were in South Dakota.

Would you kindly give us the names of the banks which he confessed robbing in South Dakota? Self-addressed envelope enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Fae E. Miller*

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Enc.  
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Fae E. Miller, Office Clerk

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October 20, 1937  
File I

Miss Fae E. Miller,  
S. D. Bankers Assn.,  
280 Dakota Ave. S.,  
Huron, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Referring of your letter of Oct. 19th request-  
ing information regarding Clair Gibson.

This case was handled by the Department of  
Justice and we suggest that you contact Mr. E.  
P. Guinane, Special Agent in Charge, U. S.  
Dept. of Justice, 404 New York Bldg., St. Paul,  
Minn. for information regarding bank robberies  
in which Gibson was involved.

Assuring you of our desire to be of assistance  
to you at all times, I am

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,  
Superintendent.

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