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Robert W. MARKWORD
(Robert M. Wood, Robert Marquard)

assoc. Clair Ralph GIBSON

Bankrother in Iowa killed by unknown 6-20-36

DEAD



Age 24 (1920)
 Height 5 ft. 9½ in.
 Weight 142 lbs.
 Build med. slender
 Hair light brown
 Eyes blue
 Comp. medium
 Peoria Ill. PD, 2239
 Scar rt. cheek; scar 1st jt.
 index inner; scar 2nd jt. thumb;
 scar base thumb front.

*Tattoo cowgirl with hats handkerchief
 on left arm outer at shoulder.*

*Supposed to be a suspect in the Cold Springs Bank Robbery
 with Claire Gibson. James Kelly arr. by F.B.I. at Winona Nov. 1936
 Also involved with Gibson's Thos. Runyon murder at Britl Ia. Nov. 2, 1935.
 3/13/37 Identified as badly decomposed body found shot 6/20/36 2 miles
 east of Milbank S.D. - See S.D. Bulletin A-39 6/29/36*

(Boht. Markward)
MASTER

652550

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

DEAD

Name R. Markward R55666






Alias _____

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No. _____ Color W Sex M

Ref. 51 R III 15

RIGHT HAND

1. Thumb	2. Index Finger	3. Middle Finger	4. Ring Finger	5. Little Finger
				

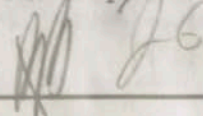
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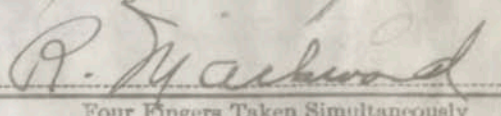
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Classified _____ Assembled _____
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Note Amputations

Prisoner's Signature





Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Four Fingers Taken Simultaneously

Left Hand

L. Thumb

R. Thumb

Right Hand

	
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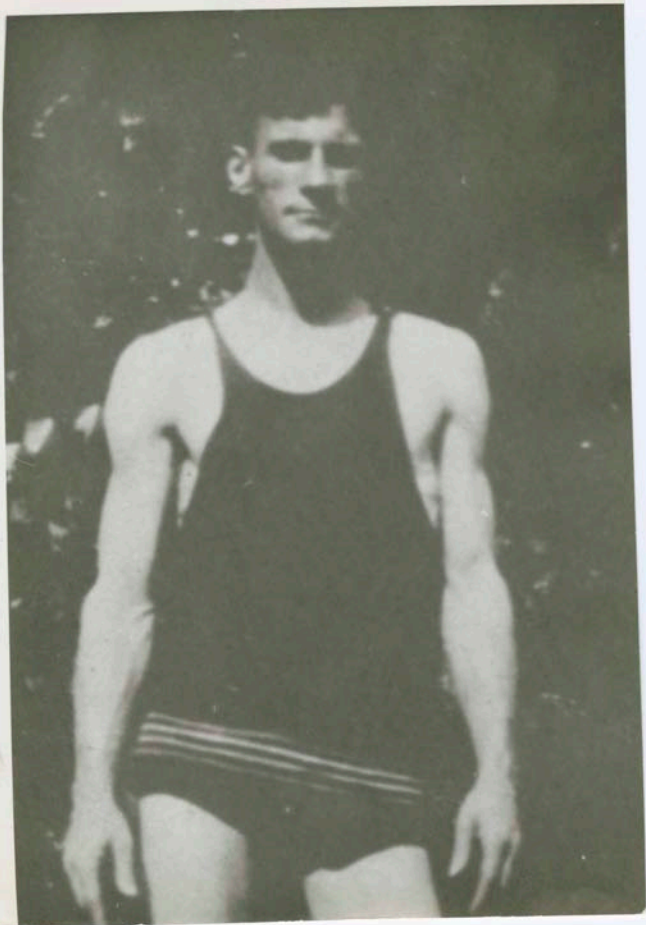


24/1920 / 5-9 $\frac{1}{2}$; 142; build
med. slender; Hair Lt Brn;
Eyes Blue; Comp. Med.

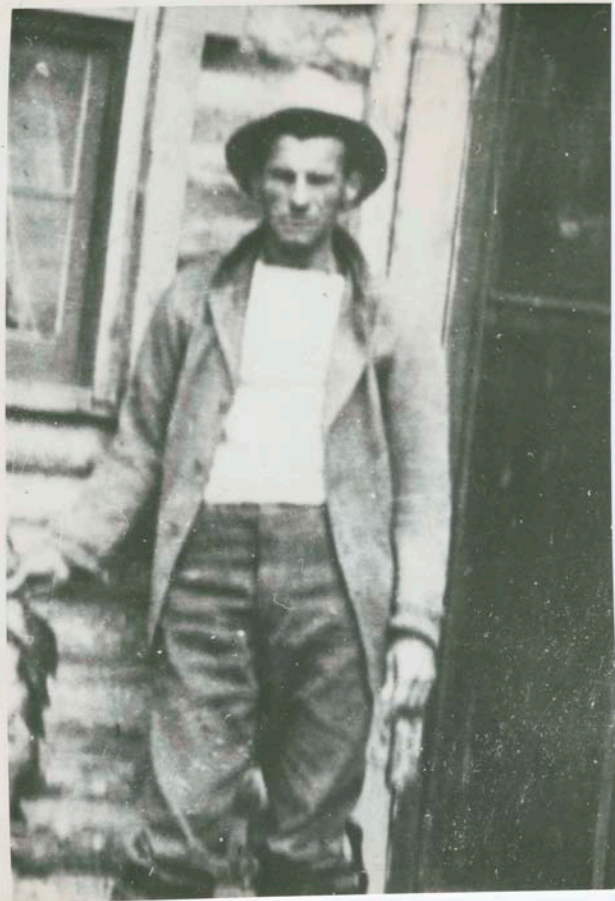
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[Robert W. Markwood]



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Markwood.



Alice Lanning

Betty Lanning

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Alice Lanning

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Betty Lanning

Betty Markward

Betty Woods.

Betty Taylor

28 - 5' 5"

130# ; Dh Hair, Brown
or Black, Teeth Black
not well kept.

Scars - cuts on hands
from broken glass

Companion, Rose Markward

October 28, 1936
File I

Chief of Police,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

We will appreciate it if you would send us a copy of the photograph, fingerprints and description of one Robert W. Markwood, alias Robert M. Wood, your No. 2239. His description, as we have it, is 35 to 40 years old, 5 ft. 9 or 10 in. tall, 165 to 170 lbs. Build slender. Complexion dark.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

/B

October 28, 1936
File I

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We will appreciate it if you would send us a copy of the photograph, fingerprints and description of one Robert W. Markwood, alias Robert M. Wood, FBI-No. 652550. He is supposed to have been arrested at one time by the Peoria, Ill. Police Department as No. 2239.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

/B

Department of Police
City of Peoria
Peoria, Illinois

October 29th, 1936.

Mr. Frank W. Sommer,
Chief Investigator,
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
St. Paul Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ROBERT W. MARKWOOD alias ROBERT M. WOOD.

Attached herewith you will find data card and fingerprint classification card of the above named subject as per your letter of request of October 28th, file I.

The reason the photograph of this subject is not being sent you is for the reason that it was taken in October 1920 when this subject was 24 yrs of age however if you so desire this old photograph which we believe would be useless for identification purposes we will be glad to furnish you a copy of same upon your request.

Assuring you of our cooperation at all times,
I am,

Very truly yours,

Fred W. Nussbaum
Superintendent of Police

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November 3, 1936
File I

Mr. Fred W. Nussbaum, Supt.,
Department of Police,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 29th, regarding Robt.
W. Markwood, alias Robert M. Wood.

The data card and fingerprint classification
which you mentioned were not enclosed in
your letter. We will appreciate it if you
would send us this information in the en-
closed, self addressed envelope.

Thanking you for your assistance in this mat-
ter, I am

Yours very truly,

Enc.
/B

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

*Sup in St. Stevens Bank Job
by Prof J.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 4, 1936.

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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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

Attention: Mr. Frank W. Sommer,
Chief Investigator.

My dear Superintendent:

In reply to your communication dated October 28, 1936, regarding ROBERT W. MARKWOOD, our file #FBI-652550, your file I, I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of this individual as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Please be advised that our files fail to reveal a photograph of this subject.

The following description of this person appears on a fingerprint record card received in this Bureau on April 12, 1933: Color, white; sex, male; age, 35 years; height, 5 feet, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; weight, 154 pounds; build, slim; complexion, fair; hair, brown; eyes, blue; residence, Ursa, Illinois; place of birth, Ursa, Illinois; nationality, American.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #1069376.

Department of Police
City of Peoria
Peoria, Illinois

November 6, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ROBERT W. MARKWOOD ALIAS
ROBERT M. WOOD.

Attached herewith you will find photograph
and fingerprint classification of the above named
subject as per your request of November 3, 1936.

Assuring you of our cooperation at all
times, and sorry for the delay, I am,

Very truly yours,

Fred W. Nussbaum
Superintendent of Police

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
December 3, 1936

RECEIVED
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Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

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

Dear Mr. Passolt:

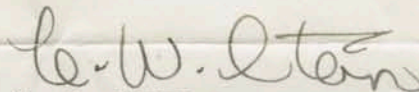
Enclosed, herewith, is a photograph of
GEORGE HENRY KING, who was recently arrested in connection
with this case as well as a collection of four photographs
of ROBERT W. MARKWORD. The description of MARKWORD set out
below is better than the one pasted on the reverse side of
this photograph.

Age	40 - 41 years
Height	5' 10 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	165 lbs.
Build	Medium; medium slender lower part of body - fairly muscular arms and shoulders.
Hair	Dark brown, looks black, some- what bushy, and some gray hairs and also somewhat wavy.
Eyes	Dark eyes (brown or dark blue) somewhat bloodshot
Complexion	Medium dark complexioned - suntanned
Scars	Scar over left eye 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diagonal; scar left chin like an X or cross, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch each bar, noticeable Scar lower chest, center, where ribs meet and also in the back. Claims he got this scar in Calif. walking thru a vacant lot - unknown man shot him.
Chin	Dimple in chin
Face	Vertical lines sides of mouth prominent
Teeth	Good looking teeth - quite sure has false teeth upper.

Ears	Quite large, noticeable, with lobes standing out from head.
Nose	Thin, quite long
Speech	Slow talker, sort of Southern toned voice
Dress	Usually wears sweater.
Tattoo	Has tattoo mark somewhere on arms or legs, possibly a mermaid or an eagle.

- - -

Very truly yours,



C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

CWS:IM
Encls.

INCLOSURE

Nº 1069376

FROM

Department of Justice

7-849



ROBERT W. MARKWORD, with aliases

Age, 35 to 38

Height, 5' 9"

Weight, 165 lbs.

Complexion, Dark

Hair, Dark brown with a few gray hairs

Tattoo, Cow-girl with hat and handkerchief
on left arm outer at shoulder

Scars, Old scar on chin, which showed
overlapping of skin;

New cuts on chin, forehead, right knee;
deep gash inner thigh right leg

Peculiarities, Appeared to be very nervous;
prominent chin.

Residence, Rural Route #2, Steelville, Mo.

Race, White

Dress, Blue shirt or green figured shirt;
blue tie, now blood stained; gray suit with
red or orange stripes; black shoes; good
clothes, but not neat dresser.

Brother, Albert Markword.

FBI #652550.

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55666
March 8, 1937
File I

Mr. Ed Jensen,
State Investigator,
Albert Lea,, Minn.

Dear Jensen:

We are enclosing herewith copies of the
photographs and descriptions of Robert W.
Markword and Clair Ralph Gibson who are
wanted in this State for bank robbery.

Yours very truly,

Enc.
/B

M. C. Passolt,
Superintendent.

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Several Suspects Held in Roundup Of Robber Gang

Several suspects are being held secretly in connection with roundup of a gang of bank robbers and killers operating in Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. W. W. Akers, chief of the Iowa bureau of investigation, disclosed at Des Moines today.

Akers also revealed he believed Robert Marquard, alias Markwood, member of the gang and wanted in several Minnesota bank raids and an Iowa murder, was so seriously injured in an automobile accident fleeing an Iowa robbery that he was shot and killed by companions.

Two Iowa agents were on their way to Milbank, S. D., to exhume the body of a man found shot to death near there June 20, 1936, and who may have been Marquard.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1937

Cowgirl Tattoo May Identify Dead Man as Iowa Gangster

Milbank, S. D.—(U.P.)—Iowa state agents today petitioned Grant county officials for authority to exhume the body of a man, believed to be Robert Markwood, sought as a member of the gang which brutally killed James Zrostlik, Britt, Iowa, farmer.

They believe a cowgirl, tattooed on the arm of the man buried here, will prove the body that of Markwood, said to have been one of three members of the Thomas J. Runyon midwest bank robbery gang which allegedly shot down Zrostlik.

The Iowa crime bureau chief also disclosed that Claire Gibson, sought as a third member of the gang, was involved in a kidnap attempt against Morrel Foster, Sioux Falls, S. D., packer.