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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
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Capital Punishment ?

The issue is between people who are certain that only the electric chair, the gas chamber, and the gallows protect us from an overwhelming horde of criminals, and others who consider these grim devices the stamp of a brutal and primitive society.

The number of executions in the United States has fallen from one hundred and ninety-nine (199) in 1935 to fifteen (15) in 1964. In many states which still retain capital punishment no one has been put to death for decades. As our civilization advances the use of the penalty will continue to decline.

Today, it is chiefly the indigent, the friendless, the Negro, and the mentally ill who are sentenced to death. Or the young. Only in 1964 Georgia raised the age limitation for execution to sixteen; it was formerly ten.

A total of 3,849 prisoners have been executed under civil authority in the United States from 1930 through 1964.

At the close of 1964, capital punishment was illegal in nine States of the Union. Oregon in 1964 became the latest State to abolish the death penalty, when a public referendum carried with sixty percent (60%) of the vote in the November election. Michigan abolished capital punishment in 1846 for all crimes except treason, and in 1963 also eliminated the death penalty for this offense. North Dakota abolished capital punishment in 1915, Minnesota in 1911, Maine in 1887, Wisconsin in 1853, and Rhode Island in 1852. Alaska and Hawaii eliminated the death penalty in 1957, shortly before achieving statehood.

However, two of these States retain the death penalty for certain exceptional crimes. North Dakota provides the death penalty for treason, as well as for first degree murder committed by a prisoner serving life sentence for first degree murder. Rhode Island has a mandatory death sentence for prisoners convicted of committing murder while serving a life sentence for any offense.

Eleven of the fifteen executions in 1964 were by electrocution, and the remaining four were carried out in the gas chamber. Among the jurisdictions which retain the death penalty, twenty-four (24) prescribe electrocution, eleven (11) lethal gas, seven (7) hanging, and one shooting or hanging. Executions ordered by the Federal Courts are carried out in accordance with the method used by the State in which the sentence is imposed. If the laws of the State prohibit capital punishment, the court designates another State in which the sentence is to be carried out.

Of the fifteen (15) men executed in 1964, nine were sentenced for murder and six for rape. Eight of those executed were white and seven were Negro; five whites and four Negroes were sentenced for murder, and three whites and three Negroes for rape.

Two thousand and sixty-four (2,064), or 53.6 percent, of the 3,849 prisoners executed in the United States from 1930 through 1964 were Negro, 1,743 or 45.3 percent were white, and 42 or 1.1 percent were of other races.

Executions for murder account for 3,325, or 86.4 percent, of the executions carried out under civil authority in the United States since 1930. These were divided almost evenly between whites and non-whites. There were 455 executions for rape during the 35 year period, and 407, or 89.5 percent of these were non-white.

Executions, State of Indiana

1897 - 1967

Although currently (May 1967) there are seven men "under sentence of death" at Indiana State Prison, there has not been an execution in Indiana since 1961.

During the sixty-four year period between 1897 and 1961 there have been a total of seventy-two (72) men executed for capital offenses in Indiana. Of these, thirteen were hanged during the period 1897-1907. Subsequent to passage by the Indiana General Assembly of an act specifying electrocution as the mode of execution, March 15, 1913, the remaining fifty-nine (59) were put to death in that manner.

The General Assembly passed the following Act: "An Act to amend sections 310 and 314 of an Act entitled, 'An Act Concerning Public Offenses', approved March 10, 1905."

(S13 Approved March 15, 1913)

DEATH PENALTY — ELECTROCUTION

Section 1: Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana that Section 310 of the above entitled Act to be amended to read as follows:

Death Penalty — How inflicted — Executioner. The punishment of death prescribed by law shall be inflicted in every case by causing to pass through the body of the convict a current of electricity of sufficient intensity to cause death, and the application and the continuance of such current through the body of such convict until such convict is dead. The death penalty shall be inflicted before the hour of sunrise upon such day, not less than one hundred (100) days after conviction, as the court may adjudge. The warden of the state prison, or, in case of his death, disability, or absence, his deputy, shall be the executioner.

(Acts 1905, ch. 169, § 310, p. 584; 1913, ch. 315, § 2, p. 844.)

Death Penalty—Execution inside Prison. The execution shall take place inside the walls of the Indiana State Prison, in a room arranged for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the warden and the board of trustees of such prison to provide the necessary room and appliances to carry out the electrocution as provided in this act.

(Acts 1905, ch. 169, 314, p. 584; 1913, ch. 315, 2, p. 844.)

Death Penalty—Who may be present. The following persons may be present at the execution, and none other: The warden and such persons as may be necessary to assist him in conducting the execution; the directors of the prison; two (2) physicians, including the prison physician; the spiritual adviser of the condemned; the friends of the condemned person, not exceeding ten (10) in number, that he may request shall be admitted.

(Acts 1905, ch. 169, 315, p. 584.)

Comparative Legislation

Death Penalty by electrocution:

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| Ala. | Code 1940, tit. 15, 343 |
| Fla. | Stat. 922.10. |
| Ga. | Code 1933, 27-2512. |
| Ill. | Rev. Stat. 1953, ch. 38, 749. |
| Ky. | Rev. Stat. 431.220. |
| Mass. | Laws Ann., ch. 279, 46. |
| Nebr. | Rev. Stat. 1943, 29-2504. |
| N.Y. | McKinney's Consol. Laws, Crim. 505. |
| Ohio | Page's Rev. Code, 2949.22. |
| Pa. | Purdon's Stat., tit. 19, 1121. |
| Tenn. | Code Ann., 40-3117. |
| Tex. | Vernon's Stat. 1948, Crim., 798. |
| W. Va. | Code 1949, 6249. |

INDIANA STATE PRISON ELECTRIC CHAIR

The present electric chair at the Indiana State Prison was constructed out of parts taken from the defunct hangman's scaffold. The back and legs of the chair were formed from braces and uprights of the scaffold, while the seat and arms were made from the platform. Actual construction of the chair was performed by two prisoners, working under the supervision of the prison's construction foreman of four decades ago.

New York's famous Sing Sing Prison and the Ohio State Prison were both visited and sketches were made of the electric chairs used in those institutions. Indiana's electric chair is patterned after Ohio's, with one exception. Ohio's official executioner suggested that some other means than leather straps be found to secure the condemned man in the chair, since on several occasions in his experience the condemned man jerked loose from the straps when the electricity hit him. Indiana was the first state to adopt "iron rods" in place of leather straps to hold the condemned man in place in the electric chair during an execution.

Summary of Men Executed

The following study is a brief survey of the seventy two (72) executions carried out in the State of Indiana since 1897. The data contained in this study has been abstracted from the official records compiled and kept on all men committed to the Indiana State Prison.

Much of this source material, particularly that of a biographical nature, was provided by the inmates themselves and is often times unconfirmed, contradictory, and of questionable validity. In this study we have made no attempt to confirm the validity of the source material, or attempted to reconcile such contradictory material as we have come across.

SUMMARY OF MEN EXECUTED

State of Indiana

1897 — 1961

| Number | Name | Birth Place | Age | Race | Date of Sent. | Date Adm. ISP | Date of Execut. | How Execut. | County of Comm. | Prior Record | Type of Case | Education Level | Marital Status | Religion | Occupation |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|------|------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Unk. | JONES, Harry | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | 5- 7-97 | Hang. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. |
| 1959 | KEITH, Joseph | Ind. | 40 | W | 2- 9-01 | 2-24-01 | 11-15-01 | Hang. | Gibson | None | Unk. | 8th grade | Married | Methodist | Farmer |
| 2049 | RINKARD, John | Unk. | 63 | W | 5- 7-01 | 5- 8-01 | 1-17-02 | Hang. | Wabash | None | Uxoricide - family argum. | Unk. | Widower | Unk. | Self-Emp. |
| 2169 | WHEELER, Willis B. | Unk. | 45 | W | 10-22-01 | 10-22-01 | 6- 6-02 | Hang. | Warrick | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. |
| 2317 | RUSSELL, Lewis | Ind. | 48 | C | 5-10-02 | 5-24-02 | 9-26-02 | Hang. | Gibson | 3 arrests - drunk 90 days - A & B | Quarrel while drinking | Illiterate | Married | Claimed none | Laborer |
| 2455 | COPEHAYER, Ora | Ind. | 26 | W | 10-28-02 | 11-15-02 | 6-12-03 | Hang. | Marion | None | Uxoricide | 8th grade | Widower | Claimed none | Unk. |
| 2480 | ALEXANDER, Matthew | Unk. | 28 | C | 12-19-02 | 12-22-02 | 4-16-03 | Hang. | Vigo | Unk. | Unk. | Illiterate | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. |
| 2518 | JACKSON, William | Unk. | Unk. | C | 2-21-03 | Unk. | 6-12-03 | Hang. | Vander- burg | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. |

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| 2611 | HOOVER, Edward | Ind. | 26 | W | 6-18-03 | 7- 7-03 | 11-13-03 | Hang. | Marion | None | Unk. | None | Single | Unk. | Laborer |
| 2797 | SPRINGS, Benjamin | Ind. | 34 | C | 3-16-04 | 3-17-04 | 7- 1-04 | Hang. | Vigo | 2 1/2 yrs. - Burglary 10 yrs. - Burglary 5 yrs. - Burglary | Unk. | 4th grade | Married | Unk. | Laborer |
| 2798 | DUGINS, Jerry | Ky. | 28 | W | 3-23-04 | 3-24-04 | 7- 6-04 | Hang. | Vigo | 10 days - jumping train 10 days - provoking | Unk. | Illiterate | Single | Methodist | Butcher & steel worker |
| 3085 | SMITH, Berkley | Ky. | 30 | C | 2- 4-05 | 2-21-05 | 6-30-05 | Hang. | Marion | None | Uxoricide | 8th grade | Married | Baptist | Porter |
| 3553 | WILLIAMS, George | Unk. | 28 | C | 10-25-06 | 11-10-06 | 2- 8-07 | Hang. | Marion | None | Unk. | 4th grade | Single | Claimed none | Unk. |
| 5565 | CHIRKA, John | Aust- ria | 40 | W | 9-22-13 | 10- 2-13 | 2-20-14 | Elect. | Lake | None | Uxoricide | 8th grade | Widower | Greek Orthodox | Flour miller |
| 5571 | RASICO, Harry | Ind. | 35 | W | 9-20-13 | 10- 6-13 | 2-20-14 | Elect. | Vigo | 2 - Misdemeanors (1913) | Uxoricide | 8th grade | Widower | Roman Catholic | Laborer |
| 5806 | COLLIER, Robert | Ky. | 34 | C | 6-18-14 | 7- 6-14 | 10-16-14 | Elect. | Vander- burg | Plainfield - shooting 2-14 yrs. - A & B (twice) 60 - Misdemeanors | Unk. | 3rd grade | Married | Roman Catholic | Waiter |
| 6183 | ROBINSON, Kelly | Ky. | 28 | C | 5-22-15 | 6- 5-15 | 2- 1-16 | Elect. | Marion | 1 - Misdemeanor (drinking) | Argument over money | Illiterate | Married | Claimed none | Laborer |
| 8034 | RAY, William | Ind. | 18 | C | 4-27-20 | 4-28-20 | 8- 5-20 | Elect. | Marion | None | Robbery - assault. women | High School | Married | Baptist | Laborer |
| 8085 | THORNTON, Will | Miss. | 21 | C | 7-30-20 | 8-10-20 | 12-10-20 | Elect. | Lake | None | Killed during robbery | Illiterate | Married | Claimed none | Cement worker |
| 8959 | BROOKS, Ben | Ind. | 33 | W | 1-14-22 | 1-28-22 | 12- 1-22 | Elect. | Bartholo- mew | 2 - A & B 1 - Larceny | Argument | 4th grade | Married | Claimed none | Farm laborer |
| 8975 | DONOVAN, William | Ky. | 35 | W | 1-21-22 | 2- 8-22 | 6- 1-22 | Elect. | Mont- gomery | 2 - A & B | Uxoricide | 5th grade | Widower | Christian Church | Farmer |
| 9662 | DIAMOND, Harry | Ky. | 25 | W | 6- 7-23 | 6-21-23 | 11-14-24 | Elect. | Porter | Traffic arrests only | Uxoricide | 3 Months College | Widower | Hebrew | Owner - bottl- ing works |
| 10606 | VERGOLINI, Peter | Italy | 29 | W | 10-15-24 | 10-29-24 | 1-30-25 | Elect. | Lake | None | Raped and killed | Illiterate | Single | Roman Catholic | Laborer |
| 11007 | KOVAL, John | Russia | 32 | W | 7- 2-25 | 7-18-25 | 10-16-25 | Elect. | Lake | None | Argument over money - mistress | Illiterate | Single | Greek Orthodox | Laborer |

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| 11075 | STEWART, Edward | Tenn. | 25 | C | 10- 8-25 | 10- 9-25 | 1-16-26 | Elect. | Marion | 1 - Misdemeanor | Killed during robbery | 6th grade | Single | Claimed none | Truck driver |
| 11116 | JANKOWSKI, Peter | Lithuania | 26 | W | 10-13-25 | 10-30-25 | 1-22-26 | Elect. | Lake | 5 - Felonies including larceny, escape, forgery Several misdemeanors | Killed during robbery | 8th grade | Single | Roman Catholic | Laborer |
| 11196 | SMITH, Henry | Miss. | 26 | C | 12-10-25 | 12-19-25 | 3-26-26 | Elect. | Porter | Unk. - Awaiting trial on shooting sister-in-law when this crime occurred. | Killed in argument over wife; claimed flagrant delicto. | Illiterate | Married | Baptist | Machine operator |
| 11401 | HICKS, Roosevelt | Ga. | 23 | C | 3-27-26 | 3-28-26 | 7-29-27 | Elect. | Marion | None | Uxoricide | 4th grade | Widower | Baptist | Laborer |
| 11647 | ORZYB, John (Alias: Hall, John) | Mo. | 20 | W | 10- 3-26 | 10- 8-26 | 4-10-28 | Elect. | Elkhart | 27 months - Burglary | Robbery | 6th grade | Single | Roman Catholic | Unk. |
| 13486 | MACKNREZER, Ulysses (Alias: Mack, Ulysses) | Ala. | 29 | C | 11-18-29 | 11-23-29 | 7- 1-32 | Elect. | Porter | 2-14 yrs. - Grand Larceny | Robbery | 2nd grade | Married Common-law wife | Baptist | Furniture mover |
| 13553 | BRITT, James | Unk. | 42 | C | 12- 6-29 | 12-24-29 | 3-21-30 | Elect. | Lake | 1 - Misdemeanor | Unk. | 4th grade | Married | Baptist | Unk. |
| 14489 | SARAGOZA, Ignacio | Mexico | 26 | W | 2-23-31 | 3- 9-31 | 6-24-31 | Elect. | La Porte | None | Killed police- man after arrest | 1st grade | Single | Roman Catholic | Farm laborer |
| 14975 | JOHNSON, Herbert | Mich. | 33 | W | 10-12-31 | 10-30-31 | 2-12-32 | Elect. | La Grange | 1 yr. - Grand Larceny 2-14 yrs. - 2nd. Deg. Burg. 3-5 yrs. - Vehicle taking | Killed during robbery | High School | Single | Methodist | Machinist - mechanic |
| 15204 | WITT, Charles | Ind. | 26 | W | 1-28-32 | 2-12-32 | 11-24-23 | Elect. | Boone | Life - slaying of sheriff in Kansas; served 3 years before escape. | Killed during | High School | Married | Christian Church | Toolmaker |
| 15381 | PERKINS, Richard | Va. | 31 | C | 3-19-32 | 4-30-32 | 10- 1-34 | Elect. | Hancock | 1 - Misdemeanor | Killed detective while resisting arrest | Illiterate | Married | Baptist | Taxi-driver, chauffeur, mechanic, and cook |
| 15490 | SHUSTROM, Glen | Ill. | 23 | W | 6- 3-32 | 6-18-32 | 7-28-33 | Elect. | Lake | 5- Misdemeanors; all involving the possession of liquor or public intoxication. | Rape and murder | 3rd grade | Single | Unk. | Laborer |
| 15797 | MOORE, John | Ind. | 28 | W | 11-17-32 | 12- 3-32 | 3- 2-33 | Elect. | Blackford | 1 yr. - Forgery 1-5 yrs. - Mischivous misdemeanor | Family quarrel and robbery | 2 years High School | Single | Roman Catholic | Mechanist, locomotive fireman |
| 15826 | HAMILTON, Louis | Kans. | 27 | W | 12-26-32 | 12-26-32 | 9-28-34 | Elect. | Boone | 18 mos. - Assault with intent 5-15 yrs. - Vehicle taking | Killed during robbery | 3 years High School | Single | Inter- denial Bible Students Assoc. | Unk. |
| 16007 | EDWARDS, Harley | Ind. | 39 | W | 3-17-33 | 4- 3-33 | 3- 2-34 | Elect. | Jackson | None | Uxoricide- family argument | 4th grade | Widower | Claimed none | Farm laborer; carpenter |
| 16072 | COFFIN, Edward | Ind. | 22 | W | 6- 9-34 | 6-10-34 | 10- 9-34 | Elect. | Clark | 30 days - Petit larceny 1-10 yrs. - Grand larceny | Killed sheriff | 2 years High School | Single | Baptist | Mechanic |

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| 17079 | STAUENGER, Charles | Texas | 35 | C | 10- 1-34 | 10-16-34 | 4-17-36 | Elect. | Vigo | 12 yrs.-Burglary 2-3 yrs.-Burglary 5-40 yrs.-Burglary (escaped) | Killed policeman during burglary | 3rd grade | Single | Methodist | Laborer |
| 17315 | CHAPMAN, Richard | Ind. | 20 | W | 2- 4-35 | 2-19-35 | 10-19-35 | Elect. | Lake | None | Killed during robbery | High School | Single | Christian Church | Farm laborer |
| 17364 | GRIGGS, Gilbert | Tenn. | 32 | C | 3- 7-35 | 3-14-35 | 6-14-35 | Elect. | Lake | 1-20 yrs.-Burglary & larceny 10-20 yrs.-Robbery | Killed during robbery | 7th grade | Single | Baptist | Laborer |
| 18263 | THOMAS, Clarence | Kans. | 31 | W | 7- 6-36 | 7-22-36 | 10-19-36 | Elect. | Whitley | 1 - Felony (details unk.) | Killed during robbery | 1 year High School | Married | Roman Catholic | Unk. |
| 18326 | SINGER, Harry | Ill. | 25 | W | 9-15-36 | 9-15-36 | 12-26-36 | Elect. | Webesh | 1-10 yrs.-Vehicle taking 1 yr.-Petit larceny (escaped) 1-10 yrs.-Vehicle taking | Unk. | 2 years High School | Single | Methodist | Farm laborer |
| 18396 | FOURMAN, Raymond | Ind. | 26 | W | 10- 8-36 | 10-26-36 | 9-17-37 | Elect. | Hunting-ton | 1-14 yrs.-Burglary 5-15 yrs.-Assault & entering | Killed during robbery | 2 years High School | Single | Baptist | Apprentice Tool & Die Maker |
| 18423 | PULLER, Willis | Ill. | 28 | W | 10-31-36 | 11-16-36 | 1-14-38 | Elect. | Vigo | 1-20 yrs.-Burglary & larceny 1-10 yrs.-Assault & Battery to commit rape | Killed sheriff while attempting to escape | 3rd grade | Divorced | Roman Catholic | Truck driver |
| 18455 | ARKUSZESKI, Chester | Ind. | 24 | W | 11-18-36 | 12- 1-36 | 3-12-37 | Elect. | La Porte | 27 mos.-Petit larceny 27 mos.-Petit larceny 1-10 yrs.-Vehicle taking 1-5 yrs.-Petit larceny | Killed during robbery | 7th grade | Single | Roman Catholic | Laborer |
| 18513 | HICKS, Robert | Penna. | 39 | W | 12-21-36 | 1- 5-37 | 5- 6-38 | Elect. | Franklin | Life imprisonment in Ky. for murder, escaped in 1929 | Killed Police Captain during robbery | High School | Married | Methodist | Salesman, chauffeur |
| 18621 | KUHMAN, William | Ohio | 28 | W | 2-18-37 | 3- 5-37 | 6-10-37 | Elect. | Franklin | 1-20 yrs.-Auto Theft 1-15 yrs.-Burglary | Killed Police Captain during robbery | 4th grade | Unk. | Claimed none | Salesman |
| 18635 | WILLIAMS, Frank | Ky. | 39 | W | 2-24-37 | 3-11-37 | 6-10-37 | Elect. | Franklin | 2 yrs.-Grand larceny 1 yr.-Sullivan Act 4 yrs.-Dyer Act 1-5 yrs.-Assault & battery | Killed Police Captain during robbery | 8th grade | Divorced | Christian Church | Salesman |
| 18636 | POHOLSKY, John | Penna. | 35 | W | 2-24-37 | 3-12-37 | 6-10-37 | Elect. | Franklin | 1 yr.-Breaking & Entering 2 yrs.-Burglary 1-15 yrs.-Burglary | Killed Police Captain during robbery | 4th grade | Widower | Roman Catholic | Construction, coal miner |
| 18718 | MARSHALL, Hugh | Mich. | 19 | W | 4- 5-37 | 4-20-37 | 7- 8-38 | Elect. | Shelby | Unk. | Killed during robbery | 4th grade school for feeble-minded | Single | Protestant; no preference | Unk. |
| 18719 | NEAL, Vurtis | Ky. | 22 | W | 4- 5-37 | 4-20-37 | 7- 8-38 | Elect. | Shelby | 16 days -destroying property Jail-Non-Support 6 mos.-Petit larceny | Killed during robbery | 6th grade | Married -Separated | Baptist | Farm laborer |
| 19106 | NORRIS, Henry | Ind. | 32 | W | 11-10-37 | 11-29-37 | 9-30-38 | Elect. | Vander-burgh | None | Unk. | 7th grade | Widower | Roman Catholic | Auto mechanic |
| 19176 | SMITH, James | Ky. | 18 | C | 12-15-37 | 12-29-37 | 6-23-39 | Elect. | Vander-burgh | Boy's School-Petit larceny | Killed during robbery | 2 years High School | Single | Baptist | Waiter |

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| 19265 | WHITE, Monroe | Tenn. | 32 | C | 1-22-38 | 2- 7-38 | 5- 3-38 | Elect. | Newton | 1-Felony (no details) 1-Misdemeanor (no details) | Killed during robbery | None (could read and write) | Divorced | Baptist | Laborer |
| 19327 | SMITH, John | Mo. | 22 | W | 2-14-38 | 3-10-38 | 6- 1-38 | Elect. | Whitley | 1-15 yrs.-Breaking & entering | Killed during robbery | 8th grade | Single | Presbyterian | Waiter, artist |
| Federal | DALEOVER, James | Ind. | 32 | W | Unk. | 11-17-38 | 11-18-38 | Elect. | St. Joseph | Arrested 1936, slaying of police sergeant, escaped and killed state policeman during bank hold-up | Killed during bank hold-up | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. | Unk. |
| 19364 | SEAW, Robert | England | 29 | W | 3- 9-38 | 3-24-38 | 6-28-38 | Elect. | La Grange | 3 1/2 yrs.-Armed robbery | Killed while resisting arrest | 6th grade | Single | Church of England | Farm laborer |
| 19619 | EASTON, Orelle | N.D. | 25 | W | 8-31-38 | 9-10-38 | 6- 3-39 | Elect. | La Porte | None | Killed state policeman | 1 1/2 years College | Single | Lutheran | Carpenter, construction worker |
| 20041 | MILLER, Adrien | N.Y. | 31 | W | 5- 6-39 | 5-22-39 | 8-16-39 | Elect. | Allen | 7 mos.-Mann Act | Killed during rape | 1 year College | Divorced | Roman Catholic | Attending college when crime was committed |
| 21160 | HAWKINS, Milton | Ky. | 24 | W | 12-24-40 | 1-14-41 | 11-14-41 | Elect. | Floyd | 3 yrs.-Forgery | Killed during robbery | 1 year High School | Married twice | Baptist | Truck driver |
| 21622 | CARTER, Virginius | Ky. | 33 | W | 10-21-41 | 11- 5-41 | 2-10-42 | Elect. | Dearborn | 6 mos.-Vehicle taking 2 yrs.-Statutory rape 60 days-Adultery | Killed in-laws; family argument | None | Married | Claimed none | Laborer |
| 23023 | QUARLES, Frank | Ky. | 44 | C | 2-15-45 | 3- 5-45 | 4- 2-46 | Elect. | Vanderburgh | 2 1/2 yrs.-Stealing from common carrier 5 yrs.-Malicious shooting 180 days-Petit larceny | Killed during robbery | None | Married common-law wife | Claimed none | Laborer |
| 23158 | GREATHOUSE, Cleveland | Ala. | 63 | C | 6-23-45 | 11-26-45 | 11-26-45 | Elect. | Lake | None | Killed common-law wife | None | Married also had common-law wife | Baptist | Claimed to be ordained minister |
| 24276 | BROWN, Robert Oscar | Ind. | 37 | W | 12- 2-47 | 12-18-47 | 2-23-49 | Elect. | Jasper | 30 days-Petit larceny 1 yr.-Vehicle taking 10 yrs.-Robbery & Auto Bandit, 2 yrs.-Robbery | Killed policeman | 2 years High School | Single | Protestant, no preference | Painter, truck driver, laborer |
| 24277 | BADGLEY, Frank | Ind. | 49 | W | 12- 2-47 | 12-18-47 | 2-23-49 | Elect. | Jasper | Spent more than 27 years in prison including 2 Federal convictions. | Killed policeman | 8th grade | Divorced | Methodist | Painter, roofer, machinist |
| 24341 | KALLAS, Thomas | Greece | 58 | W | 1-14-48 | 2- 2-48 | 3-29-49 | Elect. | Lake | 180 days-Drunk driving 30 days-Intoxication | Killed attempting sodomy | Unk. | Divorced | Greek Orthodox | Metal inspector |
| 25324 | CLICK, Franklin | Ohio | 30 | W | 12- 1-49 | 12-16-49 | 12-30-50 | Elect. | Allen | 6 mos.-Vehicle taking | Killed three women after raping them | 7th grade | Married | Roman Catholic | Truck driver |
| 25511 | WATTS, Robert | Ind. | 27 | C | 3-31-50 | 4-15-50 | 1-16-51 | Elect. | Bartholomew | 1 day Jail-Stealing Gov't. property 30 days-Peeping Tom 30 days-Trespassing | Killed during attempted rape | 10th grade | Married | Claimed none | Baker |
| 30626 | KIEFER, Richard | Ind. | 37 | W | 6-19-59 | 6- 8-57 | 6-15-61 | Elect. | Allen | None | Uxoricide-family argument over money | 3 years | Widower | Protestant, no preference | Unk. |

Prisoners Executed, Indiana State Prison 1897—1961

Birth Place

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| 21 were native (Indiana) born | 29 % |
| 7 were foreign born | 9.8% |
| 12 were Kentucky born | 16.6% |
| 3 each were born in Tenn., Ill. | |
| 2 each were born in Ala., Kans., Mich., Miss., Mo., Ohio, Penna. | |
| 1 each was born in Ga., N.D., N.Y., Texas and Virginia. | |

Age

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| 3 were in their teens | 4.1% |
| 32 were in their twenties | 44.4% |
| 24 were in their thirties | 33.5% |
| 7 were in their forties | 9.7% |
| 1 was in his fifties | 1.4% |
| 2 were in their sixties | 2.8% |
| 3 age unknown | 4.1% |

Race

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 47 were white | 65.2% |
| 24 were colored | 33.5% |
| 1 unknown | 1.3% |

Use of Alcohol and/or Drugs

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|---|-------|
| 15 were alcoholics | 20.8% |
| 2 were both alcoholics and drug addicts | 2.8% |

Stays of Execution

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 41 received stays of executions | 56.9% |
| 26 were executed as sentenced | 36.1% |
| 5 unknown | 7 % |

A total of 104 stays were granted; 87 by the Indiana Supreme Court; 15 by the Governor; 1 by the Circuit Trial Court; 1 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

County of Commitment

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| 11 were committed from Lake County | 15.6% |
| 8 were committed from Marion County | 11.5% |
| 6 were committed from Vigo County | 8.6% |
| 5 were committed from Vanderburgh County | 6.9% |
| 4 were committed from Franklin County | 5.5% |
| 3 were committed from Allen County | 4.2% |
| LaPorte County | 4.2% |
| Porter County | 4.2% |
| 2 were committed from Bartholomew County | 2.8% |
| Boone County | 2.8% |
| Gibson County | 2.8% |
| Jasper County | 2.8% |
| LaGrange County | 2.8% |
| Shelby County | 2.8% |
| Wabash County | 2.8% |
| Whitley County | 2.8% |
| 1 was committed from Blackford County | 1.3% |
| Clark County | 1.3% |
| Dearborn Conuty | 1.3% |
| Elkhart County | 1.3% |
| Floyd County | 1.3% |
| Hancock County | 1.3% |
| Jackson County | 1.3% |
| Montgomery County | 1.3% |
| Newton County | 1.3% |
| Saint Joseph County | 1.3% |
| Warrick County | 1.3% |
| Unknown | 2.6% |

Prior Record

| | |
|---|-------|
| 32 had previous felony convictions | 44.4% |
| 12 had previous misdemeanor convictions | 16.6% |
| 4 unknown | 5.5% |
| 24 no criminal record | 33.5% |

Type of Case

| | |
|--|-------|
| 11 convictions for uxoricides | 15.2% |
| 2 convictions for killings committed in drunken arguments | 2.8% |
| 3 convictions for killings committed in arguments (details unknown) | 4.2% |
| 1 conviction for killing committed in argument over money | 1.4% |
| 7 convictions for killings committed in connection with sex | 9.7% |
| 31 convictions for killings committed in perpetration of robbery or burglary, including policemen killed at such times | 43.1% |
| 1 conviction for killing committed in jealousy | 1.4% |
| 3 convictions for killings committed in resisting arrest other than at scene of robbery or burglary | 4.2% |
| 2 convictions for killings committed in family quarrels (other than uxoricides) | 2.8% |
| 11 convictions for killings committed in unknown circumstances | 15.2% |

Educational Level

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|--|-------|
| 14 received no formal education | 19.5% |
| 14 attended grade school (quit school before 5th grade) .. | 19.5% |
| 5 attended grade school (quit school before 7th grade) .. | 6.9% |
| 13 attended grade school (quit school before 9th grade) .. | 18.1% |
| 16 attended high school | 22.2% |
| 4 graduated from high school | 5.5% |
| 4 attended college (none over 1½ years) | 5.5% |
| 6 unknown | 8.3% |

Marital Status

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 were single | 33.3% |
| 21 were married | 29.2% |
| 6 were divorced | 8.3% |
| 3 were separated | 4.2% |
| 13 were widowers | 18.1% |
| 5 unknown | 6.9% |

Religion

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 36 were Protestants | 50.0% |
| 14 were Catholics | 19.8% |
| 11 Claimed no preference | 15.1% |
| 3 Greek Orthodox | 4.1% |
| 1 was Hebrew | 1.3% |
| 7 unknown | 9.7% |

Occupation

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|--|-------|
| 24 were laborers | 33.5% |
| 3 were farmers | 4.1% |
| 2 were self-employed | 2.8% |
| 1 was a minister | 1.3% |
| 1 was an artist | 1.3% |
| 24 were miscellaneous semi-skilled workers | 33.5% |
| 17 unknown | 23.5% |

STATE OF INDIANA

SUMMARY OF MEN ORIGINALLY SENTENCED TO DEATH WITH SENTENCE COMMUTED OR CHANGED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OR NEW TRIAL DECEMBER, 1966

| Number | Name | Date Of Sentence | Action Of Court | Action by Governor | Present Status |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| 6089 | DORAK, Tom | 3-22-15 | New trial granted, 10-16-15; Acquitted. | | |
| 7833 | BATCHELOR, Albert | 7-3-19 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-14-20; granted new trial by Supreme Court 1-30-20; sentenced to Life 10-1-20 and re-entered as ISP No. 8110. | | Paroled 10-1-40 Discharged from parole 1-22-44. |
| 7834 | BATCHELOR, Thomas | 7-3-19 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-14-20; granted new trial by Supreme Court 1-30-20; sentenced to Life 10-1-20 and re-entered as ISP No. 8108. | | Paroled 10-1-35 Discharged from parole 11-24-44. |

| Number | Name | Date Of Sentence | Action Of Court | Action by Governor | Present Status |
|--------|------------------|------------------|---|---|--|
| 7835 | TRKULJA, Dan | 7-3-19 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-14-20; granted new trial by Supreme Court 1-30-20; sentenced to Life 10-1-20 and re-entered as ISP No. 8109. | | Paroled 10-1-40 Discharged from parole 11-17-43. |
| 7836 | PARKER, James H. | 7-3-19 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-14-20; granted new trial by Supreme Court 1-30-20; sentenced to Life 10-1-20 and re-entered as ISP No. 8107. | | Died while on parole 6-17-29. |
| 8032 | BAKER, Walter C. | 2-28-20 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 2-18-21; to 4-8-21; to 5-6-21. | Sentence commuted to Life 5-31-21 by Gov. McCray. | Paroled 2-28-45 Discharged from parole 8-7-59. |
| 8086 | DUNDOVICH, Nick | 7-30-20 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 5-13-21; to 10-14-21. | Sentence commuted to Life 8-16-21 by Gov. McCray. | Paroled 8-7-40 Discharged from parole 11-21-47. |

| Number | Name | Date Of Sentence | Action Of Court | Action by Governor | Present Status |
|--------|----------------|------------------|--|--|------------------|
| 10202 | SHAW, John T. | 12-29-23 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 11-21-24; to 2-20-25; to 6-19-25. Remanded to new trial by Supreme Court 3-21-25. Acquitted. | | |
| 10405 | BARBER, Edward | 5-15-24 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-16-25; to 5-29-25; to 12-18-25. Granted new trial by Supreme Court 12-19-25. Sentenced to 25 years. | | Paroled 5-15-36. |
| 10414 | PARKER, Joseph | 5-31-24 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-16-25; to 5-29-25; to 12-18-25. Granted new trial by Supreme Court 10-17-25. Sentenced to 25 years. | | Paroled 5-21-34. |
| 10431 | CASTRO, Jose | 5-26-24 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 1-16-25; to 4-3-25; to 6-12-25. | Sentence commuted to Life 5-26-25 by Gov. Jackson. | Died 7-8-29. |

| Number | Name | Date Of Sentence | Action Of Court | Action by Governor | Present Status |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|---|--|--|
| 11207 | SANCHEZ, Vito | 12-9-25 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 10-8-26; to 3-11-27; 7-1-27. Granted new trial by Supreme Court 6-8-27. Sentenced to 2 to 21 years at Indiana Reformatory for Manslaughter | | Unknown |
| 11456 | McCUTCHEON, Wallace | 4-26-26 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 12-17-26; to 8-19-27; to 7-29-27. | Granted 60-day reprieve by Gov. Jackson, 7-19-27. Sentence commuted to Life 9-29-27 by Gov. Jackson. | Paroled 2-22-50. |
| 11437 | RHODES, Dryfus | 4-7-26 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 11-19-26; to 3-25-27; to 6-17-27. Granted new trial by Supreme Court 4-29-27. Escaped jail at Vincennes, Indiana, while awaiting trial; apprehended in Colorado. Sentenced to death as ISP No. 12660, 11-22-28. Granted new trial. Sentenced to 2-21 years. 1-12-31 and re-entered as ISP No. 14383. | | Paroled to wanting authorities 3-12-45. Discharged by Waiver of Jurisdiction 10-19-45. |

| Number | Name | Date Of Sentence | Action Of Court | Action by Governor | Present Status |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|--|---|--|
| 13954 | ANDERSON, James | 6-7-30 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 2-6-31; to 11-6-31; to 5-13-32; to 12-16-32; to 5-19-33; to 8-8-33; to 10-27-33. | Sentence commuted to Life 12-7-33 by Gov. McNutt. | Paroled 9-18-45 Discharged from parole 1-11-60. |
| 14488 | CARLIN, Walter | 2-20-31 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 5-27-32; to 12-16-32. | Sentence commuted to Life 4-14-33 by Gov. McNutt. | Paroled 12-28-49. |
| 14767 | JOHNSON, Lawrence | 4-18-31 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 6-17-32; to 12-16-32; to 6-22-33. | Sentence commuted to Life 12-30-32 by Gov. Leslie. | Paroled 3-19-45 Discharged from parole 1-28-60. |
| 17090 | SKORA, John | 10-4-34 | | Sentence commuted to Life 1-23-35 by Gov. McNutt. | Died in Prison Hospital 6-26-51. |
| 22365 | LOFTUS, Robert J. | 5-24-43 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 8-10-43; remanded to new trial 1-21-44. Sentenced to Life 3-16-45 for 2nd Degree Murder. Re-entered as ISP No. 23037. | | Incarcerated ISP Paroled 3-16-63; parole violator with new commitment (Robbery) 11-9-64. |
| 22514 | FINCH, Charles | 11-15-43 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 10-13-44; to 11-7-44. | Sentence commuted to Life 12-20-44 by Gov. Schricker. | Incarcerated ISP with trusty status. |

| Number | Name | Date of Sentence | Action By court | Action By Governor | Present Status |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|--|---|---|
| 23420 | PATTERSON, Thomas | 2-7-46 | Stay of 120 days granted by Governor 5-21-46. | Sentence commuted to Life 10-13-46 by Gov. Gates. | Died in Prison Hospital 8-2-51. |
| 23949 | PULIDO, Jesse | 4-15-47 | Stay of 60 days granted by Governor 8-6-47. | Sentence commuted to Life 10-1-47 by Gov. Gates. | Incarcerated ISP with trusty status. |
| 24221 | LOBAUGH, Ralph N. | 10-27-47 | | Sentence commuted to Life 5-7-51 by Gov. Schricker. | Released to Norman Beatty Hospital 2-23-66. |
| 26204 | HANKERSON, Philmore | 11-26-51 | Granted stay by Supreme Court 6-26-52. Granted new trial 5-15-52. Sentenced to Life and re-entered as ISP No. 26671. | | Incarcerated ISP with trusty status. |
| 27431 | MORGAN, Arthur T. | 1-28-54 | Granted new trial 4-7-54. Sentenced to Life 5-26-54 and re-entered as ISP No. 27616. | | Released to Norman Beatty Hospital 10-3-61. |
| 28268 | FLOWERS, Elmer | 6-30-55 | Granted stay by Supreme Court 6-7-56; to 2-15-57. Granted new trial 1-7-57. Sentenced to Life and re-entered as ISP No. 29245. | | Incarcerated ISP with trusty status. |

| Number | Name | Date of Sentence | Action By court | Action By Governor | Present Status |
|--------|-----------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 28603 | IRVIN, Leslie | 1-9-56 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 12-1-56; to 3-29-57; indefinite stay. Granted new trial 7-27-61. Sentenced to Life and re-entered as ISP No. 33953. | | Incarcerated ISP |
| 29073 | COLLINS, Opal Janita | 10-26-56 | Transferred to Women's Prison 11-13-56. | Sentence commuted to Life 12-10-56. | Unknown |
| 29678 | JOHNSON, Thomas Harry | 11-1-57 | Granted stay by Supreme Court to 10-16-58; to 2-16-59. Granted new trial 1-20-59. Sentenced to Life 10-19-59 and re-entered as ISP No. 30758. | | Died in Prison Hospital 11-9-61. |
| 29833 | GROOVER, Clifford C. | 1-29-58 | Granted new trial. Sentenced to Life 5-22-59 and re-entered as ISP No. 30572. | | Incarcerated ISP with trusty status. |
| 30108 | WHITAKER, Thomas | 6-17-58 | Granted new trial. Sentenced to Life 12-6-60 and re-entered as ISP No. 31374. | | Incarcerated ISP |

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