

**George "Red" McGahan:** aka James Carleton, Thomas Bliss, Larry Kurz, Ed Williams, and Milton Brion: involved in perhaps half of the robberies committed by this gang and was able to avoid being captured and incarcerated until December of 1923.

Because of his notoriety the gang is often referred to as the "Red McGahan gang" as opposed to the "Cowboy Hill gang". Until September 14, 1920, Red McGahan was considered a member of the "Cowboy Hill gang".

Like most of these men, McGahan had a long criminal record, which began when he was a teenager. In 1906 he was sent to the Mansfield Reformatory, and in 1912 he was sent to the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus. He was released in 1917 and for the next six years managed to stay out of prison. Although he was arrested several times during this time period he managed to avoid any long period of incarceration. Because he slipped through the fingers of several law enforcement entities he was called "The Eel".

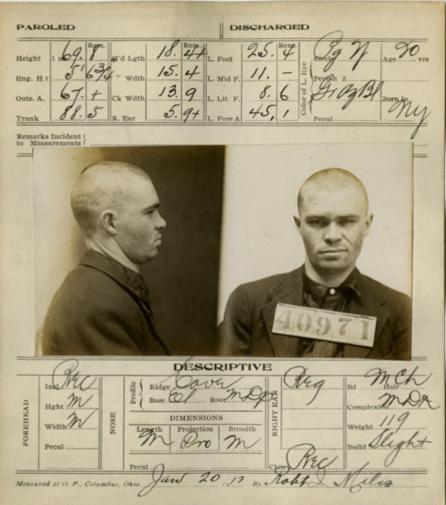


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