

# George "Jiggs" Losteiner



**George "Jiggs" Losteiner:** Losteiner was another of the gang members who was primarily wanted in Cleveland. He had been involved in the murder of the police officer Patrick Gaffney in December of 1918 and had been at large since that time. In July of 1920, also in Cleveland, Losteiner was suspected of being involved in the killing of a New York Central Police detective by the name of David Barnes.

Losteiner, born in November of 1885, is one of the few members of the gang to appear on three census forms; 1900, 1910, and 1930. In both 1900 and 1910 he was living with his parents in Cleveland. In 1930 he was in prison in Columbus along with Cowboy Hill.

*It is not clear why he was not in prison in 1910, because in May of 1906 Losteiner was given a life sentence for burglary and larceny. Since he was not yet 21 when sentenced a quirk in the law caused him to be sent to the Reformatory at Mansfield, not the Penitentiary in Columbus, which must have enabled him to get a parole.*

*George does not appear to completely fit the pattern of the other gang members. It appears that for a few years between 1910 and 1918 he had a legitimate job as a carpenter. It also appears that he lived with his parents and siblings during this time period.*

*As a fugitive between December of 1918 and October of 1920 he participated in several robberies with the Cowboy Hill gang. On October 21, 1920, Losteiner and 6 other men attempted to rob a bank in Bedford, Ohio. An alarm was set off which alerted the people in the town. Several men took up arms and began a gunfight.*

*Four of the bandits escaped but Losteiner was wounded and captured. He was placed on trial and convicted of murder in the Gaffney case. He was sent to prison, again on a life sentence. This time he stayed, and died in prison on July 27, 1937, exactly 17 years after the death of David Barnes, the railroad detective Losteiner was suspected of killing.*

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BERTILLON.

Height, m	86.7	Hd Lgth	19.9	L. Foot	27.6	Eye-Class	4	Age	21
Eng. Ht.	6 ft 1 3/4 in.	Width	16.1	L. Mid. F	11.8	Circle	r. ch. m	Apparent Age	years
Outs. A.	94.0	Chk "	14.1	L. Lt. F	9.1	Periph Z	r. v. m	Born in	1887
Trunk.	96.0	Lgth R. Ear	6.3	L. Fore A	21.5	Pecul.	Gray	Nativity	Ohio

Remarks incident to measurements



DESCRIPTIVE.

FOREHEAD.	Incl.	recd	PROFILE.	Ridge	rect	RIGHT EAR.	Border	3x	Beard	ch bland		
	Hght	on low		Base	ele		Root	7	open	Hair	fair	
	Width	m		DIMENSIONS			Length	Projection	Breadth	Complexion	fair	
	Pecul			long	gt.		m	Lobe	fringed	Weight	180	
			Pecul			Chin	1st dimple	Build	lanky			

MEASURED AT MANSFIELD, O. DATE May 28 - 1906 BY R. Hastings

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F.P. 37  
285-474  
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OHIO STATE REFORMATORY.

NAME Geo Losteiner REG. NO. 2783

ALIAS \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR White

COUNTY Cuyahoga CRIME Burglary RECEIVED May 25, 06

OCCUPATION House Painter DESCENT German American

KNOWN OR ADMITTED FORMER IMPRISONMENT Clear N. H. - Lasceny - -

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MARKS, SCARS, ETC.

Numerical Order.	Description
I	Cic Ang lye scar inf 1 ft I ft eye. Vae 2p from cut of eye. Mole 1 over Vae left arm.
II	Cic <del>curved</del> curved scar inf 2 ft I ft ant. Cic curved scar inf 2 ft I ft ant. Cic curved scar inf 3 ft I ft ant.
III	Cic curved scar of left lower lip at mouth.

NOTE.—Please follow strictly Book of Instructions, not only as to measurements and general description, but also particularly as to Marks, Scars, etc. See pages 64 to 81. Use abbreviations as given in Instructions.

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