



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".

1906: George McGahan

BERTILLON. 13 ~~22~~

Weight, m	63.3	Head Length	18.4	Foot	25.2	Eye-Class	3	Age	17	years
Aug. Ht.	5 ft 2 1/2	Forehead	10.3	Mid. F.	10.9	Circle	8-ov-m	Apparent Age		years
Arm	63.0	Ear	13.3	Ear	8.5	Periph. Z.	mid-cl	Born in	1889	
Hand	85.2	Ear	5.9	Ear	43.9	Pecul.	blue	Nativity	Ohio	

Remarks incident to measurements

DESCRIPTIVE.

FOREHEAD: Incl. <i>vert</i> Hght. <i>2 1/2</i> Width. <i>2 1/2</i> Pecul. <i>-</i>	NOSE: Profile Ridge <i>conv</i> Base <i>ele</i> Root <i>m</i>	DIMENSIONS:			RIGHT EAR: Border <i>m +</i> <i>mofy</i> Lobe <i>horiz</i> <i>bt-phy</i> Chin <i>bt-phy</i>	Beard <i>ecb</i> Hair <i>ecb</i> Complexion <i>m</i> Weight <i>145</i> <i>123</i> Build <i>m</i>
		Length <i>m</i>	Projection <i>m</i>	Breadth <i>broad</i>		

MEASURED AT *Mansfield, O.* DATE *Feb 27-6* BY *H. J. [Signature]*

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1906: George McGahan

OHIO STATE REFORMATORY.

F. P. 2/2/06

NAME *Geo. McGahan* REG. NO. *2676*
ALIAS _____ COLOR *white*
COUNTY *Franklin* - CHIEF *Burgth.* RECEIVED *Feb 26-06*
OCCUPATION *Teamster* DESCENT *Irish American*
KNOWN OR ADMITTED FORMER IMPRISONMENT *Leicester, 1 yr Burg.*

Numerical Order.

MARKS, SCARS, ETC.

- III Cic xct 6 ex at head left brow.*
- Cic rd small under right end of brow.*
- V Cic rd on front cor of shoulder blade.*

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 65 to 81. Use abbreviations as given in Instructions.

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1912: George McGahan

PAROLED

DISCHARGED

Height	69.8	Rem.	18.4	Rem.	25.4	Rem.	90
Eng. Ht	5'6 3/4	W'd Lgth	15.4	L. Foot	11. -	Color of L. Eye	Age yrs
Outs. A.	67. +	Width	13.9	L. Mid F.	8.6	Person Z.	
Trunk	88.5	Ck Wdth	5.9	L. Lit. F.	45.1	Color of R. Eye	40971
		R. Ear		L. Fore A		Pecul	any

Remarks Incident to Measurements



DESCRIPTIVE

FOREHEAD	Incl	Profile	Ridge	Base	Root	RIGHT EAR	Bd	Hair
	Hght						Complexion	
	Width	DIMENSIONS					Weight	
	Pecul	Length	Projection	Breadth			Build	

Measured at O. P., Columbus, Ohio Jan 20, 1912 By Robert Miles

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1912: George McGahan

OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY

NAME *Geo McGahan* Reg. No. *40971*

Alias

County *Franklin* Crime *Robbery* Sentence *8 years*
Occupation *Tailor* Known or Admitted Former Imprisonment

Quee Mansfield # 7676

MARKS, SCARS AND MOLES

Numerical
Order

- | | |
|------------|---|
| <i>III</i> | <i>Male 1/2 c front L tragus</i> |
| <i>"</i> | <i>" 2c at R ear</i> |
| <i>"</i> | <i>Indt sc on chin 5c to L of m.</i> |
| <i>IV</i> | <i>Male 12c to R of m - 4 1/2 c at nipple</i> |
| <i>"</i> | <i>" 5 1/2 c " " " 11 c bel "</i> |
| <i>VI</i> | <i>" 2nd tow L. foot.</i> |

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