



VIRTUAL Genealogy Fair 2013

Wednesday, September 4, 10 A.M.–5 P.M. (EDT)

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10 A.M.	7	Genealogy and the Freedman's Bank: Records of the Freedman's Savings & Trust Company	Damani Davis National Archives at Washington, DC
11 A.M.	8	Military and Civilian Personnel Records: The National Archives at St. Louis	Ashley Mattingly & Theresa Fitzgerald National Archives at St. Louis, MO
NOON	9	Union Civil War Pensions	Claire Kluskens National Archives at Washington, DC
1 P.M.	10	Federal Penitentiary Records	Jake Ersland National Archives at Kansas City, MO
2 P.M.	11	Finding U.S. Colored Troops at the National Archives	Trevor Plante National Archives at Washington, DC
3 P.M.	12	Genealogy Through Navy Decklogs	Mark Mollan National Archives at Washington, DC
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FEDERAL PENITENTIARY RECORDS

Jake Ersland

The National Archives maintains a large number of federal penitentiary inmate case files. These files can be packed with information providing unsurpassed biographical details on the life of its subject. Those who use prison records in their genealogical research will be rewarded with knowledge absolutely unavailable anywhere else on earth. This session will instruct on what records are available, from Alcatraz, to Atlanta, inform on how to locate what inmate files are available, and explain what a researcher can find in these files.

FEDERAL PENITENTIARY RECORDS

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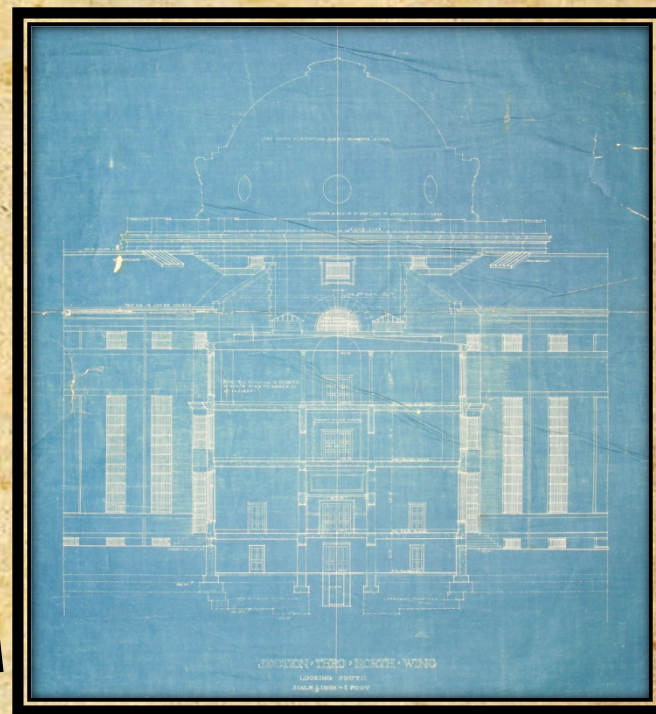
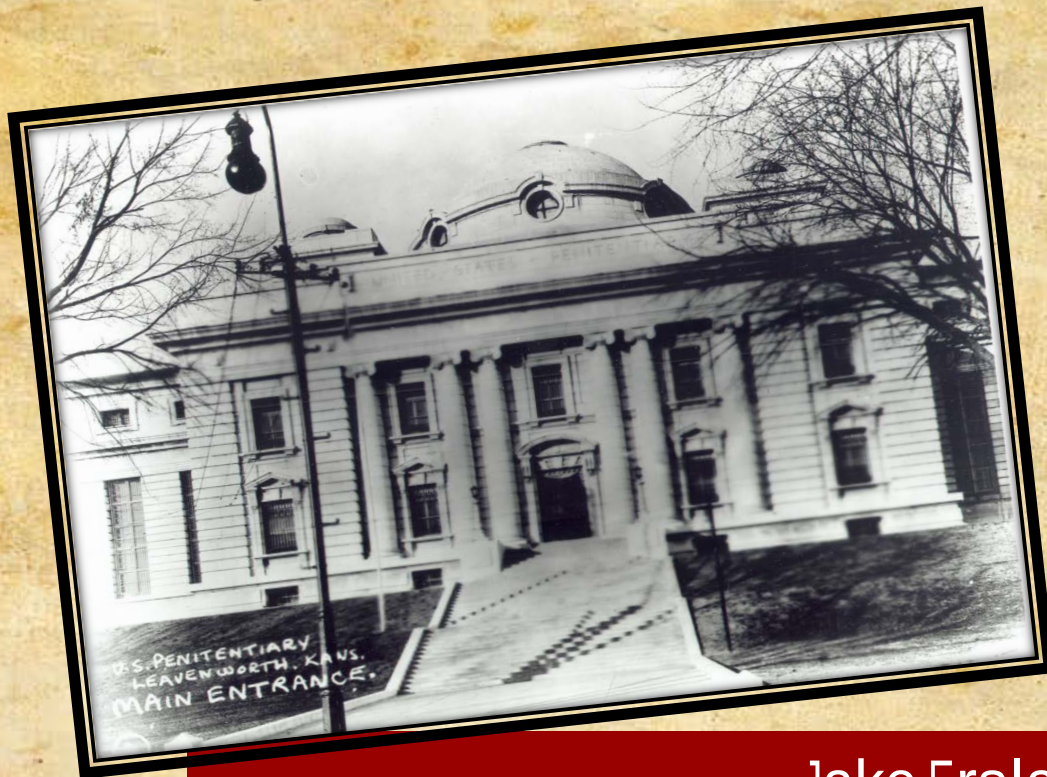


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Jake joined the permanent staff at the National Archives at Kansas City as an archivist in 2008 after previously working there as a student hire, contractor and intern. He received both his Bachelor of Arts and Masters in History from Pittsburg State University. Jake oversees holdings maintenance projects, the accessioning of new records, handles reference requests, and writes descriptions of records, as well as performing other miscellaneous duties.

Federal Penitentiary Records



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The Paradox of the Inmate File



The existence of an ancestor's inmate file means they were convicted of a federal crime. But it also means there is a possible treasure trove of family history available.

What Records are Available?

- Inmate Case Files available from four Federal Penitentiaries:
 - Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary
 - Atlanta Federal Penitentiary
 - Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary
 - McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary



Alcatraz

- Comprehensive Case Files of Former Inmates Incarcerated at U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, ca. 03/1975 - ca. 1988:
 - National Archives Identifier 622809
 - Bulk of series covers 1934-1963
 - Alcatraz held 1,576 inmates
 - Arranged Alphabetically
 - Index Available Online – Ancestry.com and archives.gov
 - National Archives at San Francisco

Atlanta

- **Inmate Case Files, 1902 - 1921:**
 - National Archives Identifier 607937
 - Covers only the earliest period of the Penitentiary's existence
 - Arranged Numerically
 - Index Available Online – Ancestry.com and archives.gov
 - National Archives at Atlanta

Leavenworth

- **Inmate Case Files, 07/03/1895 - 06/06/1952:**
 - National Archives Identifier 571125
 - Covers roughly the first half of the Penitentiary's existence
 - Arranged Numerically
 - Index Available Online – Ancestry.com and archives.gov
 - National Archives at Kansas City

McNeil Island

- Prisoner Case Files, ca. 1875 - 1920:
 - National Archives Identifier 608858
 - Covers only the earliest part of the Penitentiary's existence
 - Arranged Numerically
 - Index Available Online – [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
 - National Archives at Seattle

Locating An Inmate

- There are two sources online to search for inmates, archives.gov and Ancestry.com:
 - Archives.gov has an alphabetical index for Alcatraz, Atlanta, and Leavenworth
 - The date span coverage and information provided varies between location

Alcatraz



The screenshot shows the National Archives website interface. At the top, there's a logo for the National Archives and a search bar. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs: "Research Our Records", "Veterans Service Records", "Teachers' Resources", "Our Locations", and "Shop Online". The main heading is "The National Archives at San Francisco". Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: "Home > The National Archives at San Francisco > Finding Aids > Former Alcatraz Inmates List".

On the left side, there's a sidebar with links for "National Archives at San Francisco", "Main page", "Newsletter", "All Issues", "Services For" (including Researchers, The Public, Genealogists, Students and Educators, Federal Agencies, Pacific Currents Newsletter, and Members of Congress), "Researcher Resources" (including Microfilm Catalog, Finding Aids, Online Research Tools, and Other Online Databases), and "Researcher Resources".

The main content area is titled "Alphabetical Index of Former Inmates of U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, 1934-63 from Records of the Bureau of Prisons (RG 129)". A note states: "Note: The National Archives at San Francisco holds comprehensive inmate case files, prisoner identification photographs, and warden's notebook pages for most listed inmates. More ... See also the Archival Holdings Guide for a description." Below the note is a link to "Numerical Index of Former Alcatraz Inmates".

Below the link is a table with two columns: "Former Inmate's Name" and "Register Number". The table lists several inmates, including Abbott, Charles Melvin, Abernathy, Forest, Accardo, Anthony Michael, Acton, Frank Harry, Adams, Jack Floyd, and Adams, Robert Thomas.

Former Inmate's Name	Register Number
ABBOTT, CHARLES MELVIN	872
ABERNATHY, FOREST	553
ACCARDO, ANTHONY MICHAEL	1498
ACTON, FRANK HARRY	635
ADAMS, JACK FLOYD	693
ADAMS, ROBERT THOMAS	1412

<http://www.archives.gov/san-francisco/finding-aids/alcatraz-alpha.html>

Atlanta

Southeast Region, Atlanta

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Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, Inmate Case Files, 1902 - 1921

Alphabetical by Surname, A-B

To order these records, please [contact us](#)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INMATE NUMBER	RACE	AGE	COURT	CRIME
Abbinett	Albert	11272	WH	19	Indianapolis, Indiana	Embezzlement
Abbott	Daniel	1959	BL	19	Washington, DC	Manslaughter
Abbott	Asa	62	WH	22	Atoka, Oklahoma Indian Territory	Assault to Rape
Abendschein	George	8450	WH	21	Camp McClellan, Alabama	Absent Without Official Leave and Desertion
Abernathy	Percy	10052	BL	35	Florence, Alabama	Violating Internal Revenue Act
Abernathy	Sid	1334	WH	40	Statesville, North Carolina	Illicit Distilling
Abner	Henry	11029	WH	31	Jackson, Tennessee	Violating Internal Revenue Act

<http://www.archives.gov/atlanta/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/index.html>

Leavenworth

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Name Index to Inmate Case Files, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, 1895 - 1931 (Record Group 129)

Alphabetical by Surname - A

Most files include a mugshot. Content can vary widely from file to file. When requesting information or a copy of a case file from the Regional Archives in [Kansas City](#), please include the full inmate name and corresponding inmate number. [Contact staff](#) regarding inmate files of persons who entered Leavenworth ca. 1932-1952.

Important Note: Some records are restricted; staff can advise you as to the status of a particular file.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Inmate Number	Last Name	First Name
16746	Aalaniz	Francisco
13614	Aaron	Francis N.
6689	Aaron	Pete
18483	Aaron	Robert
16745	Aarrayo	Antonio S,
25097	Aasen	Jalmar R.

<http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/finding-aids/leavenworth-penitentiary/>

Ancestry.com

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Alcatraz, California, U.S. Penitentiary, Prisoner Index, 1934-1963

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Related data collections

[McNeil Island, Washington, U.S. Penitentiary Photos and Records of Prisoners Received, 1875-1939](#)

This database contains records of prisoners received at McNeil Island Penitentiary between 1887 and 1939. Information recorded about prisoners includes: name, crime, when and where arrested, date and term of sentence, and physical description. To see most of this information, you will need to view the associated image and possibly the next image (to see the next page in the original record book).

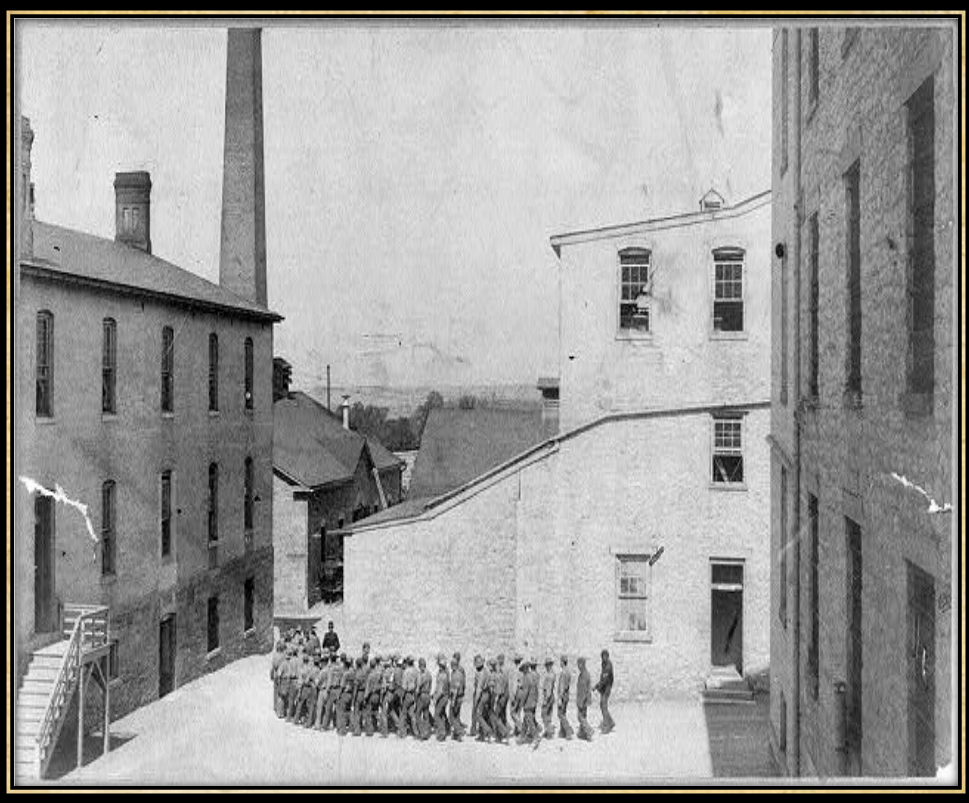
[Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S. Penitentiary, Name Index to Inmate Case Files, 1895-193](#)

This series consists of an index of 40,000 records from the Leavenworth, Kansas U.S. Penitentiary of individual inmate case files. While the contents of the files vary from

McNeil Island on Ancestry.com

RECORD OF PRISONERS RECEIVED AT U.S.				PENITENTIARY, ON MCNEIL'S ISLAND, W. T.	
NO.	NAMES	DATE OF ENTRY	DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS		DATE OF DISCHARGE
193	Albus Parker	Feb 18	New York		
194	Wm. Whalen		Canada		
195	Albus Parker		California	Smuggling	
196	Wm. Whalen		New York		
197	Albus Parker		New York	Liquor to Indians	
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Privacy Act Restrictions



- File created at least 75 years ago
- Inmate is deceased and researcher can prove it through Social Security Death Index, Death Certificate, or obituary
- Third party information may be redacted

The Size of Inmate Files

- Content of early files are fairly sparse
- Grew as the bureaucracy grew
- Social interviews conducted in later years at the Penitentiary



What is in the files?



UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.			
Name	<i>Jack Shelton</i>	No.	<i>6770</i>
Alias	<i>Jack London, Lawrence & Golden R.N.</i>	Color	<i>White</i>
Received	<i>Apr 19</i>	19 <i>07</i>	Age <i>27</i> Apparent Age
Military or Civil Prisoner	<i>Leaves</i>	Height	<i>5'6 3/4"</i> Weight <i>146</i>
From	<i>Prof. Art. Omaha</i>	Color of Hair	<i>Ches. dk</i> Beard <i>Ches. dark</i>
Crime	<i>Robbing U.S. Mail train</i>	Color of Eyes	<i>Ches. gr. az</i> Hair <i>Ches.</i>
Sentence	<i>Life</i> Years Months Days	Complexion	<i>fair</i> Chin <i>over</i>
Date of Sentence	<i>Apr 18</i>	Teeth	<i>good</i>
Sentence Begins	<i>Apr 19</i>	Build	<i>M</i>
Full Sentence Expires	<i>19</i>	BERTILLON MEASUREMENTS	
Good-Time Sentence Expires	<i>19</i>	Height	<i>70</i>
Trade	<i>Laborer</i>	Cuts A.	<i>41</i>
Education	<i>Common School</i>	Trunk	<i>41.5</i>
Religion	<i>Protestant</i>	Head Length	<i>16.4</i>
Where Born	<i>Pa.</i>	Head Width	<i>15.2</i>
Nationality	<i>Am.</i>	Check Width	<i>13.2</i>
Habits		R. Ear	<i>6.5</i>
Parents Living	<i>yes</i>	L. Foot	<i>26.45</i>
Left Home at what Age	<i>at home</i>	L. Mid. F.	<i>11.4</i>
Married	<i>no</i>	L. Lk. F.	<i>8.8</i>
Father Born Where	<i>England</i>	L. Fore A.	<i>42.7</i>
Mother Born Where	<i>Pa.</i>	Remarks concerning measurements	
Residence	<i>Spokane, Wash.</i>		
<i>Charles C. O. Golden</i>			
<i>Wash. State Pen. Inst., Everett, Wash.</i>			
MARKS, SCARS AND MOLES			
<i>III Small sc. at 1/2" below lower lip, at 1/2" to</i>			
<i>left of m. line</i>			
<i>Tip of nose slightly bends to right</i>			
Remarks			
Prisoner's signature witnessed, Finger Prints and Measurements taken by <i>A. J. R. R. R.</i>			
at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on <i>Nov 20 1907</i>			

Inmate Mugshot



Record Sheet

- Inmate name and number
- Crime and Sentence
- Violations

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, Leavenworth, Kansas.				
Record of <i>Frank McGuire</i>		No. <i>6768</i>		
Alias, <i>James Gordon, E. E. Hollingshead</i>		Color, <i>White</i>		
Crime, <i>Robbing U. S. Mail Train</i>				
Sentence: <i>Life</i> Years, _____ Months, _____ Days. Fine, \$ _____ : Cost, \$ _____		Execution Committed _____		
To date from <i>Nov 19, 1907</i>		Convicted, <i>Robbery</i>		
Maximum Term, _____		Minimum Term, _____		
Received at Penitentiary, <i>Nov 19, 1909</i>		Occupation, <i>Carpenter</i> Age, <i>23</i>		
<i>Escaped Apr 21, 1910. - apprehended in Canada - see letters 5-24-34, Director & 5-12-34 in re withdrawing request for extradition.</i>				
DATE	VIOLATIONS.		No. Days in Solitary.	Loss of Days
1910 Jan 11	<i>Troublesome. This man came on sick call this morning claiming diarrhoea. He was placed in quarters for observation with the result that I find he has no dysentery or diarrhoea; but has had only one ordinary passage of bowels since then (D. Joke) P. 203.</i>			
	<i>Solitary 2.30 P. M. Released Jan 6, 1910. 11. 9. m</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>21</i>

Personal Data Sheet

K
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Name Ralph H. Chaplin Reg. No. 43101 Color White

Alias _____

Crime Seditious consp. Consp to injure civ rights. Conspiracy. Obstr
the military service.

Received September 7, 1918 From M.D. Ill. Chicago.

Sentence 1-6yr, 1-10yr, 1-2yr, 1-20 yr concurrent sentences & 4-\$5000 fines
20 years Fine, costs, etc. \$20000.00 and costs

Date of sentence August 30, 1918 Sentence begins Sept 7, 1918

Maximum term expires Sept 6, 1938 Minimum term expires Nov. 9, 1933

Good time allowed 2400 days Eligible for parole May 6, 1925 Jan. 01, 1927

Civil or military Civil Occupation Artist Age 31

Released on bond July 30, 1919 Out of prison 635 Days

Returned from bond Apr. 26, 1921.

Where arrested Chicago, Ill When Sept 1917

How long in jail before trial bond Nativity Kansas

How long in U. S. _____ Citizen of U. S. _____

Father living Yes Mother living No

Name of father Edgar Louis Chaplin Name of mother _____

Present address of parents 724 W. 72nd St. Chicago, Ill

Nativity of father Vermont Nativity of mother _____

Married Yes Wife living yes Children 1 Boys 1 Girls _____

Wife's name and present address Mrs Edith Medin Chaplin
6459 University Ave, Chicago, Ill

Your residence Chicago, Ill

In case of sickness or death, who notify Father and wife

Education: Read yes Write yes Common school _____ High school yes College _____

Religion no Preference Methodist

Chew tobacco yes Smoke yes Drink no Use opium or morphine no

[OVER]

- Place of birth
- Names of parents
- Permanent address
- Religion
- Education
- Vices
- And More

Fingerprints

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.			
Name <u>Jack Shelton</u>	No. <u>6770</u>	Color <u>White</u>	
Alias <u>Jack Gordon, Lawrence & Golden R.N.</u>			
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From <u>Prof. Sch. Omaha</u>	Color of Hair <u>Ches. dk</u>	Beard <u>Ches. dark</u>	
Crime <u>Robbing U.S. Mail train</u>	Color of Eyes <u>Ches. gray w. bl.</u>		
Sentence <u>Life</u> Years Months Days	Complexion <u>Fair</u>	Chin <u>Free</u>	
Date of Sentence <u>April</u> 19 <u>07</u>	Teeth <u>Good</u>		
Sentence Begins <u>Nov 19</u> 19 <u>07</u>	Build <u>M</u>		
Full Sentence Expires 19	BENTILLON MEASUREMENTS		
Good-Time Sentence Expires 19	Height <u>70</u>	Index <u>2 1/2</u>	
Trade <u>Unknown</u>	Chest A. <u>41</u>	Height <u>M</u>	
Education <u>Common School</u>	Trunk <u>41 1/2</u>	Width <u>M</u>	
Religion <u>Protestant</u>	Head Length <u>16 1/2</u>	Bridge (Crown) <u>M</u>	
Where Born <u>Pa.</u>	Head Width <u>15 1/2</u>	Ear <u>hor</u>	
Nationality <u>Am.</u>	Chest Width <u>32 1/2</u>	Forearm <u>M</u>	
Habits	R. Ear <u>6 1/2</u>	Length <u>2 1/2</u>	
Parents Living <u>yes</u>	L. Foot <u>9 1/2</u>	Width <u>2 1/2</u>	
Left Home at what Age <u>at home</u>	L. Mid. F. <u>11 1/2</u>	Width <u>2 1/2</u>	
Married <u>no</u> Children	L. Lat. F. <u>1 1/2</u>	Foot <u>(Left binds to right)</u>	
Father Born Where <u>England</u>	L. Fore A. <u>22 1/2</u>		
Mother Born Where <u>Pa.</u>			
Residence <u>Spokane, Wash.</u>			
<u>Brother C. O. Golden</u>			
<u>Wesley Smith, Minn. Council, Wash.</u>			
Remarks concerning measurements			
MARKS, SCARS AND MOLES.			
<u>III. Small sc. at 1/2" below lower lip, at 1/2" to</u> <u>left of m. line</u> <u>Tip of nose slightly binds to right</u>			
Remarks			
Prisoner's signature witnessed, Finger Prints and Measurements taken by <u>A. J. Miller</u>			
at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on <u>Nov 20</u> 19 <u>07</u>			

THIS FORM IS NOT TO BE PINNED.

Name Jack Shelton MALE
 Aliases Jack Gordon
Lawrence & Golden

Classification No. 1 R 15
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Prison Register No. 6770 RIGHT HAND.

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6--L. Thumb.	7--L. Fore Finger.	8--L. Middle Finger.	9--L. Ring Finger.	10--L. Little Finger.
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Jack Shelton, a prisoner in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, do hereby authorize the Warden of said Penitentiary by himself or his authorized representative to open and examine all letters, papers and other mail matters and all express packages which may be directed to my address so long as I am a prisoner in said Penitentiary.

Dated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, this 20 day of Nov 1907.

Jack Shelton

Daily Work Record

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

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INDIVIDUAL DAILY LABOR RECORD, WITH KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS, FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917

Received *November 19-1909* Name *William Mathews* Sentence: *Life*

Name <i>William Mathews</i>																															Number of days at work	Number of days sick in Hosp.	Number of days sick in Cell	Number of days idle on working days	Number of days idle on Sundays and Holidays	Number of days in Solitary Confinement	Number of days in Isolation Ward		
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Totals for Year																															310			92					

1 Warden's Office	9 Physician's Office	18 Officers' Barber Shop	27 Tailor Shop	37 Railroad Gang	46 Crusher Gang	A Annex
2 Deputy Warden's Office	10 Supt. of Construction Office	19 Laundry, Bath R'm and Barber Shop	28 Carpet Shop	38 Gateman	47 Extra Duty	P Punishment
3 Chief Clerk's Office	11 Printing Office	20 Orderlies	29 Harness Shop	39 Brick Yard	48	H Hospital
4 Record Clerk's Office and Photograph Gallery	12 Warden's Residence	21 Commissary Dept.	30 Broom Shop	40 Quarry	49	I Idle
5 Custodian's Dep't.	13 Warden's Stables	22 Electric Light Plant and Boiler House	31 Blacksmith Shop	41 General Work	50	C Sick in Cell
6 Storekeeper's Office	14 Deputy Warden's Residence	23 Machine Shop	32 Paint Shop and Plasterers	42 Construction Work, Outside	51	S Sunday
7 Chaplain's Office and Library	15 Employed at Hosp.	24 Plumbing and Pipe Shop	33 Carpenter Shop	43 Construction Work, Inside	52	V Holiday
8 Mail Department	16 Employed at Annex	25 Tin Shop	34 Stone Cutting Shop	44 Farm, Teamsters and Prison Stables	53	D Isolation Ward
	17 Telephone Exchn'e	26 Shoe Shop	35 Stone Saw Mill	45 Bureau of Identification	54	X Special Cell
			36 Brick Laying Gang		55	

Hospital Record

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Health Record Jas. H. Smith Prisoner No. 8119

Received July 22, 1912 From Washington, D. C. Age 26 Race White
and sentence begins. 30 - C - C

HOSPITAL

Initial Examination	Date of Admission	Prison Occupation	Diagnosis	Result	Disposition	Date
	1918					
123 lbs.	July 1 1919	Carp. shop	Infected jaw	Record	Duty	July 3
	Jan. 20	"	Syncope	"	"	Jan. 20
O.K.	Feb. 10	"	Shock	"	"	Feb. 12

SICK REPORT

Date	Medicine or Treatment	Disposition	Date	Medicine or Treatment	Disposition
SEP 2 1916	Colchi sal	Duty	9-9-1917	Dentist	Duty
Oct 23	Leg dressed	"	" 11	Dressing	"
" 27	Dentist	"	" 28	Salts	"
Nov 10	Salts	"	Sept 5	Dentist	"
Dec 15	"	"	" 7	"	"
" 27	"	"	" 14	"	"
JAN 12 1917	"	"	Oct 9	Salts	"
" 19	"	"	" 10	Dentist	"
" 26	"	"	Mar 11	Examed	"
Feb 9	"	"	Dec 5	Dentist	"
" 15	"	"	" 6	"	"
" 20	Reg Treated	"	" 11	Leavitt	"
Mar 14	"	"	" 11	"	"
" 20	"	"	1918	"	"
" 26	Salts	"	July 16	Dentist Leavitt	"
May 7	"	"	" 25	And Dr Yohe (Rx Washburne)	"
" 9	Bronchial Salts	"	Oct 6	Washburne	"
" 15	"	"	Nov 11	Washburne	"
" 17	"	"	Apr 5	Bronchial Salts	"
" 26	"	"	" 16	Dentist	"
June 9	Salts	"	May 7	"	"
" 16	"	"	" 14	Leavitt	"
" 20	"	"	Jun 18	"	"
" 23	"	"	Jul 1	Admitted to hospital	Hosp.

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Hospital Record Fred J. Jorgensen Prisoner No. 6771

Received 19 Nov '09 from Omaha Neb Age 36 Race W

Hospital No.	Date of Admission	Prison Occupation	Diagnosis	Results	Disposition	Date	Remarks
2-15-12		Lab.	Rheumatism	Imp	D.	2-17-12	
3-20-12		"	Lumbago	Imp	"	3-23-12	
7-15-12		"	Rheumatism	Imp	"	7-19-12	
8-19-12		"	Anemia	"	"	8-27-12	
9-11-12		"	Rb for 1/3	Mag.	"	10-25-12	

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SICK REPORT

REMARKS

Date	Medicine or Treatment	Disposition
Jan 27	C.C. pills - 4 tabs.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Feb 14	Salts. Head tabs.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Feb 24	A.B.S. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
July 1	Salts. Head tabs.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
July 6	Col. sal. C.C. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
July 24	Salts. Head tabs.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Oct 1	Chen. mv. A.B.S. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Oct 3	Lint.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Dec 2	Anti-cold tabs. C. mv. C.C. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Jan 15	C.C. pills. Lint.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Feb 2	Head tabs.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Feb 13	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Apr 7	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Apr 25	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
May 25	Col. sal. C.C. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Aug 9	Chen. mv.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Oct 30	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Oct 31	Chen. tabs	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Nov 14	C.C. pills	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Dec 2	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Jan 21	Col. sal. I.Q.S.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Feb 7	Col. sal.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Mar 19	"	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.
Apr 3	A.B.S. Tonic mv.	Reg. 7. C.C. pills. Col. sal.

Physician's Exam of Inmate

Send This Copy to Warden.

United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION OF CONVICT.

Reg. No. 6722 Rec'd Nov. 25 1909
From Hydrom S. A.
Name, Robert Leland
Age, 30
Race, Indian
Nationality, American
Height, 5 ft 10 1/2 in
Occupation, Laborer
Weight, 170 #
Heart—Action, Normal
Sound, "
Rhythm, "
Pulse—Sitting, "
Standing, "
Respiration—Sitting, "
Standing, "
Chest—Quiet, 26 in
Inspiration, 38 "
Expiration, 34 "
Range, 4 "
Inguinal Canal—Right, Normal
Left, "
Uses Tobacco, Yes Liquors, Yes
Alimentary Canal, Normal
When Last Vaccinated, Nov. 19, 09

(OVER)

Correspondence Log

Grade _____		Other names _____		No's of same name _____		Special Permits _____		UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS												Register No. <u>6769</u> Date Received <u>11-17 1909</u> From <u>Omaha nebr</u> Crime <u>Robbery & Mail</u> Sentence <u>Life</u> Color <u>White</u>
CORRESPONDENT		Relative	POSTOFFICE	STATE	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.				
Rec'd	J. F. Shorery	B	Seattle	Wash																
Sent																				
Rec'd	H. N. Stokes	DE	Wash	DC		13														
Sent			1207 2 St NW	DC																
Rec'd	American Sales Co	B	Reedsville	WVa		5														
Sent																				
Rec'd	Lincoln Stephens	B	New York	Ny																
Sent			115 10-46th St	Ny																
Rec'd	E. Lucien	DE	Phila	Pa	1425	5-11-25	6-10-25	11-11-25	5-12-25	7-12-25	9-12-25	11-21	12-30							
Sent			7th N 63rd St	Pa	1925	18	1825	6-32-25	10-25	11-21	26									
Rec'd	Horace B Livingston	B	New York	Ny																
Sent			105-W-40th St	Ny																
Rec'd	Harriet Magazine	B	New York	Ny																
Sent																				
Rec'd	Capt Adkins	US	Funston	Ks.																
Sent																				
Rec'd	J M Cook	Cons	June City	Ore																
Sent			Box 1164	Ore																
Rec'd	Pearsons Mag		New York	Ny																
Sent																				
Rec'd	Kansas City Journal	Bus	Kansas City	Mo																
Sent																				
Rec'd	Stanley Bowman	Bus	New York City	Ny.																
Sent			122 E 37th St	Ny.																
Rec'd	M. R. Browne	N	Mayonning	Ny.																
Sent																				

Personal Correspondence

Lewmooch, Kau.
Mar. 31st 1913.

Mr. Hardee,
U. S. Penitentiary
Lewmooch, Kau.

Sir:

I respectfully submit this statement in regard to prisoner Donald Woods No. 6772. He interfered in two fights that took place in the kitchen and dining hall and prevented, what might have been serious cutting affairs.

On May 7th 1910, prisoners No. 6373 and "6910, engaged in fight in kitchen. No. 6373, a desperate negro, jerked out a sharp pointed knife he had concealed on his person and struck at 6910, barely missing his throat but before he could use the knife again prisoner Woods interfered, having to use force to secure the knife. By his prompt action he prevented a serious affair. I was across the room when the trouble started and could not possibly have reached them in time to prevent the cutting.

In June 1910, I was detailed to take place of Head Cook, who was on vacation, and Guard Ogli was on duty in dining hall. My attention was attracted to the dining hall and upon entering same, I found that prisoner 6373, while marching from late breakfast had jumped out of line and attacked prisoner 6910 with a sharp knife cutting through his coat and underclothing and probably would have been successful in cutting him seriously had it not been for the prompt interference of No. 6772.

Trusty Prisoner's Agreement

TRUSTY PRISONER'S AGREEMENT

Name William Mathews Number 6769 Color White
Crime Robbing U. S. Mail Train
Sentence Life years, -- months, -- days
Date of Sentence..... Sent from D. of Nebraska, Omaha
Full term expires..... Short term expires.....
Received at Penitentiary Nov. 19, 1909 Occupation Farmer Age 43
Reasons for being made a Trusty prisoner Chicken Farm

Is the above-stated name your right name? Yes
If not, what is your right name?.....
Give a full history of the crime for which you were sent here. It is alleged that I robbed a
[State fully the nature of the crime. Persons injured physically, financially or otherwise. State when and where the crime was committed. Names of
U. S. Mail Train. I pleaded Not Guilty.
persons with you when the crime was committed and what was done with him or them. State the reason why the crime was committed and whether or not you plead guilty at the
trial.]

With whom do you correspond? Cousin, J. M. Cook, Junction City, Oregon.
C. A. Wilson, 2317 Cadwaldo Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Where and by whom were you arrested? Buhl, Idaho, Deputy Sherriff

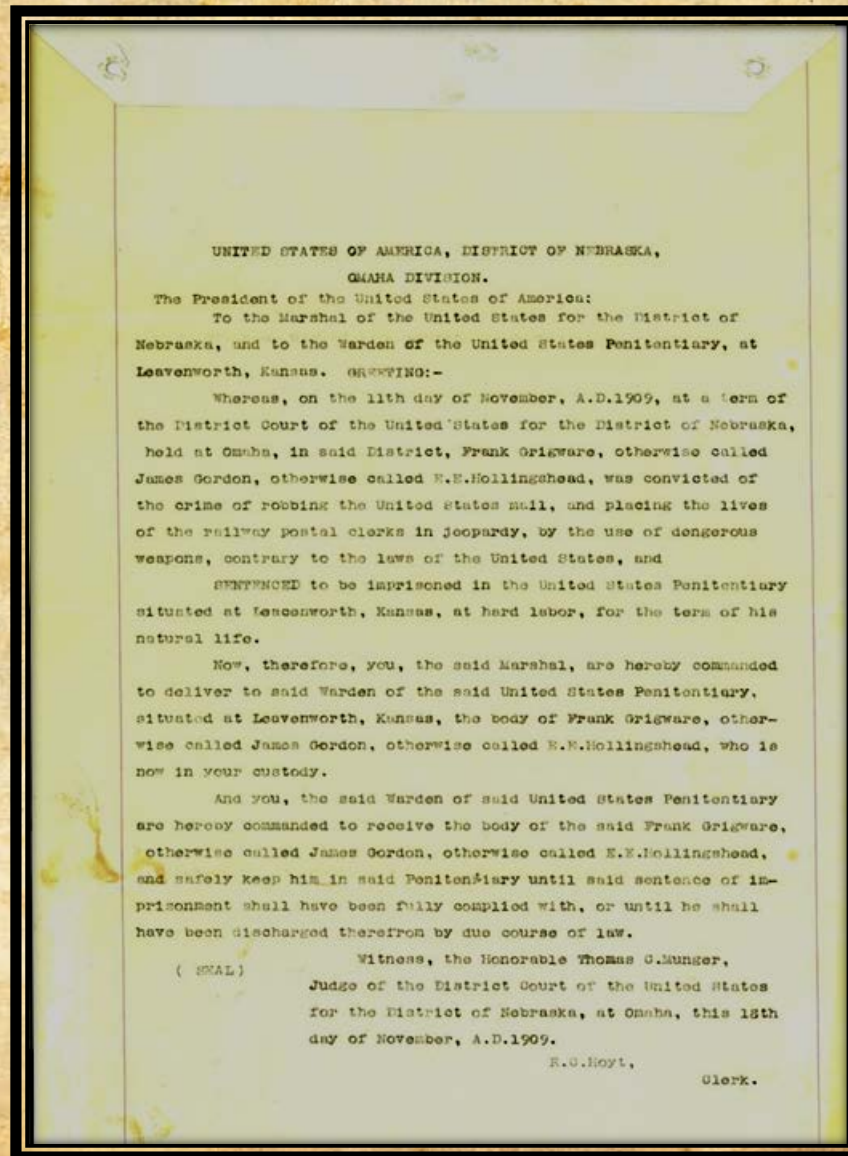
Are you married? No Number of children? None
Name and P. O. address of parents Both Dead
Name and address of wife None

Have you ever served sentence in Penitentiary, Reformatory, Work House or Jail before? Four Years in Penitent-
[State under what name, when and where.]
tiary at Walla Walla, Wash. 1893-1896, under same name, for assault to
commit murder.
Do you own any real estate? No
[State where located and the value of it.]

In consideration of being made a Trusty prisoner, I, William Mathews
a prisoner in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, do hereby pledge my word that I will not attempt to escape from said Penitentiary
or Penitentiary Reservation, and will serve faithfully the unexpired part of my sentence.

Signature William Mathews g. No 6769
References: Frank Jonas, Waitsburg, Wash.
John Patterson, Enterprise, Oregon.

Sentence of Court



Family Stories



Gravette
1-19-30

M. E. TRAPP
MUNICIPAL BONDS
409 MEDICAL ARTS BLDG.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

February 1,
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Hon. W. R. Timmons,
Parole Officer,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Timmons:

In re: #33262, O. D. Groom.

This will advise that I have known Mr. O. D. Groom for many years prior to the failure of the First National Bank, of Bristow, Oklahoma, with which he was connected, during which time he was admired by his many friends for his activities in the civic development of his community. My personal acquaintance with him convinces me that under no circumstances can he be classed among those who would wilfully violate the law. Mr. Groom was highly respected as one of the most useful citizens, whose demeanor and conduct was an inspiration to those who came in contact with him.

At the time I became Governor of Oklahoma, there was turned over to my administration the assets, liabilities and attendant complications of far more than a hundred State banks that had failed preceding my incumbency, and the epidemic had not yet been completely suppressed. During the same period of time, almost an equal number of banks of the National group had likewise failed. It may be said to the credit of Mr. Groom that during this period of time he put forth every possible effort and exhausted every resource at his command, including even his legal exemptions, as well as that of his family, in a desperate effort to stem the tide of financial depression, all of which was done to protect the depositors and stockholders of his bank. I am informed that the deposits depreciated from \$1,800,000 to something in the neighborhood of \$500,000. Incident to the general business depression, slow and frozen paper accumulated to an unusual extent, bringing about the failure of the bank. It must be observed, however, that not until every penny of resources had been exhausted did Mr. Groom permit the bank to fail.

I am advised that his family is in almost destitute circumstances, and if he were to be released from prison he would have difficulty in finding employment to the end that his family would be well provided for. Knowing the circumstances, as I feel I do, I am of the opinion that justice has been done and society will be benefited if favorable consideration shall be given his application and clemency extended in accordance therewith. I most heartily recommend favorable consideration of his application.

MEF:RB

Very sincerely,
M. E. Trapp

Common Mistakes

- State Penitentiaries
- US Disciplinary Barracks
- Soldiers' Home
- Related Camps



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