

Case study on dr. h. h. holmes

Business



He was arrested by Pinsetters for horse thieving in 1895. While he investigations for fraud and theft were ongoing police discovered his connection to his assistant Benjamin Pipette, and three of his children.

Holmes was put on trial for the murder confessing to 27 murders claiming to be the devil himself (Lane & Gregg, 1994). The Biological, Psychological, and Social Factors Dry. Henry Holmes was born Henry Midget In Collimation, New Hampshire 1860. Holmes was born to an affluent family and there is no sign of neglect in the family history. Henry's family claimed he had above level intelligence at an early age.

HIS father was noted as a stern man that never spared the rod in his punishment of Henry.

Henry's mother was devoutly religious and read the bible often to him as a child. There is no documented history of mental, physical, or sexual abuse in Henry's family or childhood (Basely, 2004). There is no biological history of abnormalities in his family history. The only negative psychological history in childhood is Henry's claims he was bullied classmates who dragged him to his doctor's office and forced him to touch a skeleton after discovering that Henry was scared of his doctor.

After the incident, Holmes developed a fascination and obsession with death.

This is purportedly the beginning of the killing and experimental surgeries on animals (Basely, 2004). Henry was suspected of the involvement in his best friend's death. Holmes graduated high school at the age of sixteen. In 1878 he married Clara Levering at age eighteen and produced a son in 1880.

Holmes developed an interest in medicine and enrolled in the university Of Michigan School Of Medicine.

While a medical student Holmes greed led to fraudulent crimes of theft stealing bodies from the school laboratory disfiguring the corpses claiming accidental death and collecting life insurance money on the bodies. Henry moved to Chicago to pursue a career in Pharmaceuticals, it is noted that he began other fraud scams during this time such as real estate scams and shady business deals under the name of H. H. Holmes. Henry met and married Marty Bellman in 1887 while still married to Clara making him a bigamist producing a daughter in 1889.

Holmes filed for divorce from Clara but never finalized the paperwork. Henry married another woman named Georgian Yoke In 1894 In Colorado making wife number three, providing evidence of his ability to maintain social relationships (Kennedy, 2006). In 1885 Holmes took interest in a drug store on the corner in downtown Englewood, Chicago. The owner Dr. E.

S. Hilton was suffering from cancer. Ana Nils was overwhelmed trying to care for her. Hilton's drug store, was easily manipulated by Holmes and convinced to allow him to manage the store. Later Holmes manipulated Mrs.

Hilton into selling him the store and insisted she remain residing in the upstairs apartment. Holmes made the payments by selling inventory in the store. Holmes fell behind in payments, Mrs. Hilton filed legal action and Mrs.

Hilton suddenly disappeared. In 1893 Holmes built the three-story structure named the " Castle" on the lot across the street. The evidence of narcissist

manipulation suggests Holmes possibly displayed personality disorders with lack of empathy or compassion to others (Hide & Kenney, 1995). Holmes designed the building which housed a windowless room hotel, drug store, commercial space, and his office.

The basement was fitted with a soundproof vault, operating table, and a cremation oven.

The entire hotel building had trap doors, secret passageways, and pipelines connected to a gas tank all controlled from one central control room in his room (Stretcher, 2012). During the construction of the “ Castle” Holmes hired a carpenter named Benjamin Apter as his assistant because Holmes deemed him to be unintelligent and easily manipulated due to alcoholism. The victims Holmes preyed on were generally young single woman with no social ties. Holmes used a variety of methods to kill the victims.

After killing the individuals; Holmes stripped the corpses of flesh and paid an individual to assemble the bones into skeleton models to sell to medical colleges for money (Wilson & Seaman, 2011).

When Holmes failed to pay his debtors he and his assistant went on the run. Holmes was arrested for fraud and bonded out, however while in his Jail cell he bragged to another inmate about the insurance fraud who would later reveal the crime and link to the serial killers crimes. The pair moved state to state committing frauds and petty crimes.

Holmes convinced Apter to fake his own death so the two could collect on a \$10, 000. 00 in another fraudulent life insurance scheme (Schmidt, 2006).

Holmes turned on his assistant killing not only him, but three of his young children as well. Pitfalls wife alerted authorities to her missing children and husband, she was informed the remains of her husband were discovered and the realization of what had occurred with her family was uncovered. Later the decomposed remains of her daughters and then her son were unveiled in two of Holmes' past residences (Sermon, 2002).

The Pinsetters arrested Holmes while on a manhunt for him on a horse thief warrant and the discovery of the murdered victim's corpses at past residences were later uncovered. In 1896 Holmes was hanged by slow death after fifteen minutes of strangling.

Holmes admitted to 27 murders only after a reward was paid to him by he newspaper for the confession, although over 200 corpse's remains were discovered on his properties (Seltzer, 1998). The victims were primarily woman (blonde) but men and children were included.

His only comments about the murders were calling himself the devil and requesting that no one be allowed to examine or explore his corpse after death as he had done to so many of his victims (Stretcher, 2012). He also directed the funeral home to fill the bottom of his casket with ten inches of cement before his body was laid inside it, then more cement poured on top of the body, and finally the coffin nailed shut. To ensure no one would dig his corpse up he further ordered his body be buried in a ten foot grave with two more feet of sand and cement poured over the top before covering with dirt (Myers, 2002).