Ed Gein

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Key Terms

**Necrophilia:**
- sexual intercourse with or attraction toward corpses

**Trophies:**
- trophy collecting involves the acquisition of human remains.

**Hedonistic:**
- type of serial killer seeks thrills and derives pleasure from killing, seeing people as expendable means to this goal. Forensic psychologists have identified three subtypes of the hedonistic killer: "lust", "thrill" and "comfort".
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**Taxidermy:**

- the preserving of an animal's body via stuffing or mounting for the purpose of display or study
Questions

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❖ Why would a killer feel the need to collect trophies?

❖ How does Ed Gein's Mental Illness play a role in his crimes?
“Old man Eddie”

Edward Theodore Gein

- **BIRTH DATE**: August 27, 1906
- **DEATH DATE**: July 26, 1984
- **PLACE OF BIRTH**: La Crosse, Wisconsin
- **PLACE OF DEATH**: Madison, Wisconsin
- **NICKNAMES**: “The Butcher of Plainfield”, "The Plainfield Ghoul"
“Old man Eddie”

❖ Notorious killer and grave robber

❖ Obsessively devoted to his mother & a religious fanatic

❖ Gein began robbing graves—keeping body parts as trophies

❖ Practiced Necrophilia

❖ Experiments with human taxidermy
Motive And Murders
Mary Hogan, 54 (tavern owner) & Bernice C. Worden, 58 (store owner)
When I see a pretty girl walking down the street, I think two things. One part wants to be real nice and sweet, and the other part wonders what her head would look like on a stick.

— Ed Gein —
Gein Behind Close Doors
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Thank You for Listening!