

<p>Jill Coit <i>“The Louisiana Black Widow”</i></p>	<p><i>“She spent everyday of her life getting up and trying to con people.”</i> -Brother of husband eight, Gerald Boggs</p> <p><i>“I sleep with them, I marry them, okay? I could just sleep with them.”</i> -Jill Lonita Coit, Deposition, January 1993</p>
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Date	Age	Life Event
June 11, 1943 or 1944	Birth	Born in Louisiana as Jill Lonita Billiot. Jill Coit often lied about her age and her date of birth. She has claimed to be born as late as the mid 1950s, however, her actual birth occurred in either 1943 or 1944.
1944-1960	0-17	Jill experienced a fairly normal childhood development with no major physical ailments or restructuring in the family.
Spring 1961	18	Jill drops out of high school in the eleventh grade to pursue a relationship with Larry Ihnen.
07/24/1961	19	Jill marries Larry Ihnen, an apprentice bricklayer, in Wabash, Indiana.
06/12/1962	20	Jill divorces Larry Ihnen and cleans out their joint bank account of \$280 dollars.
05/05/1964	21	Jill marries Steven Moore, a college student, in Mississippi.
03/28/1965	21	Jill gives birth to her first son, Steven Seth Moore.
01/29/1966	22	Jill marries William Clark Coit Jr, a Tenneco engineer, in Orange County, Texas (at this time she is still married to Steven Moore).
11/11/1966	23	Jill gives birth to her second son, William Andrew Coit.
03/23/1967	23	Jill gets divorced from Steven Moore in Louisiana.
03/01/1968	24	Jill gives birth to her third son, William Clark Coit III.
03/28/1972	28	Jill’s third husband, William Clark Coit (WM, 42), is murdered in Houston, Texas. She is suspected but never charged. Her lawyer helps her avoid questioning. She will eventually marry this lawyer and divorce him twice.
11/03/1973	30	Jill marries husband number four, Donald Charles Brodie, a US Marine Corps major, in Orange, California.
07/07/1975	32	Jill divorces Donald Brodie.
10/11/1976	33	Jill marries Louis A Dirosa, a lawyer and later a judge, in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.
03/27/1978	34	Jill marries Eldon Duane Metzger in Lima, Ohio (at this time she is still married to Louis A Dirost). The date of her divorce to Eldon Metzger is not known.
11/04/1978	35	Jill gets divorced from Louis A Dirost in Haiti, however, the divorce is not legal.
01/06/1983	39	Jill marries husband number seven, Carl V. Steeley a prep-school teacher in Culver, Indiana (at this time she is still legally married to Louis A. Dirost).
12/29/1983	40	Jill divorces Carl Steeley in Haiti, however, the divorce is not legal.

07/26/1985	42	Jill gets a legal divorce from Louis A. Dirost in New Orleans, Louisiana.
04/04/1991	47	Jill marries Gerald Boggs, a merchant, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
12/03/1991	48	Jill's marriage to Gerald Boggs is annulled because she is still legally married to husband number seven, Carl Steeley.
12/23/1991	48	Jill legally divorces husband number seven, Carl Steeley in Plymouth, Indiana.
December 1991	48	Jill meets Michael Backus, and telephone company maintenance and repairman with whom she has a short relationship and later will aid in the murder of Gerald Boggs. In late 1992 there were rumors they married although no evidence of the marriage can be found. Jill is known to have used his last name.
02/07/1992	48	Jill marries Roy Carroll, a retired US Navy chief petty officer and businessman in Las Vegas, Nevada. They never legally divorced.
10/22/1993	50	Gerald Boggs (WM, 52) found dead in his Steamboat Springs home from being beaten and shot with a .22 caliber pistol. Jill telephones her son and says "Hey baby, it's over and it's messy" referring to Boggs' death. Jill claims she was camping in Fort Collins with Michael Backus when Gerald Boggs was killed.
12/23/1993	50	Jill Coit was arrested for the murder of Gerald Boggs.
03/17/1995	51	Jill Coit and Michael Backus are convicted of first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder charges brought by the Hot Sulphur Springs district court.
05/24/1995	51	Jill Coit was sentenced in the murder of Gerald Boggs to a life sentence and a one million dollar fine.
11/29/1997	54	Jill Coit appeals her life sentence and loses.
05/22/1998	54	Jill posts on an internet site that she wants to find a husband. This site is shut down by the Colorado Women's Correctional Institute.
December 1998	55	Jill Coit advertises on the internet "Want U.S. citizenship? Marry an inmate!" on her own website Cyberspace-Inmates.com.
05/09/2002	58	Jill files a motion for post-conviction relief of her charges in Routt County District Court. Her motion was denied.
10/27/2002	59	Jill Coit files an appeal online to the people of Colorado to call for an investigation regarding abuse and human rights violations against her that have occurred in jail. Jill reports that she has been denied use of her therapeutic braces for her back and both hands for arthritis. She also alleges that she was sexually abused and had her finger broken by a guard. The details of the alert and call for action can be found at: http://www.jeffdicks.org/august.html .

General Information

Sex	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	1, but likely a second
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Colorado and Texas
Type of killer	Black Widow
Height	5'5"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	6/11/43 or 6/11/44. She often lied about her age.
Location	Louisiana
Birth order	1 of 2
Number of siblings	1
XYX?	No
Raised by	Both parents until age 15, then grandparents
Birth category	Oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Birth of brother Marc- always resented his existence and never got along with him.
Age of family event	Early elementary school (5-7)

Problems in school?	Trouble with reading, writing, and math. Didn't graduate high school on time.
Teased while in school?	No, actually very popular
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	Unknown- claimed she was abused by her first husband Larry.
Psychologically abused?	Unknown
Sexually abused?	Unknown
Father's occupation	Owned his own business as a towboat captain
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	16 or younger
Mother's occupation	Housewife
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	11, took a multitude of college classes here and there but never received an Associates or Bachelors degree
Highest degree	GED
Grades in school	Average
IQ	Unknown
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	N/A
Type of discharge	N/A
Saw combat duty	N/A
Killed enemy during service?	N/A
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	N/A
Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Heckman Bindery, formed and operated her own advertising company Tower Advertising Co., owned a farm in Indiana, owned a Noodle making factory, Worked with State Farm Insurance, Started Coit International, which owned a Taxi Cab service and a Bed & Breakfast.
Employment status during series	Owned and operated a Bed & Breakfast
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married 11 times, divorced 8 times
Number of children	3
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Spouse during marriage, or alone, usually at the Bed & Breakfast that she owned
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No- she was very health conscious
Abused alcohol?	No- she never even tried alcohol
Been to a psychologist?	Yes

Time in forensic hospital?	Yes- following the death of William Coit, Jr.
Diagnosis	She was treated for acute hysteria and emotional distress
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Bigamy (see timeline for details)
Spend time in jail?	No
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	2 (William Coit Jr. in 1972 and Gerald W. Boggs in 1993)
Victim type	Husband/Formal Husband
Killer age at start of series	29
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	Caucasian
Age of victims	William Coit was 42 and Gerald Boggs was 52
Method of killing	Gunshot wound with both victims and last victim was also bludgeoned with a shovel.
Type of serial killer	Organized, Black Widow, Hedonist, Gain Killer
How close did killer live?	Driving distance with both victims of about 4 hours
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes with both victims
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Brought .22 caliber pistol with her and found the shovel at the scene
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No- she had easy access to both victims
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes with both victims
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes (first victim)
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	December 23 1993
Date convicted	March 18, 1995- First degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder
Sentence	May 24, 1995- Life imprisonment and fined 1 million dollars

Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Name and state of prison	Colorado Women's Facility in Canon City, Colorado
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	Not dead yet
Date of death	

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