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| Jill Coit  *“The Louisiana Black Widow”* | | | “*She spent everyday of her life getting up and trying to con people*.”   -Brother of husband eight, Gerald Boggs  “*I sleep with them, I marry them, okay? I could just sleep with them*.”  -Jill Lonita Coit, Deposition, January 1993 |
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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. | |

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| 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 |
| XYY? | | | 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) |

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| 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 |

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| 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/Former 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-op 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 |

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| 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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