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| James Clayton Vaughn Jr. AKA Joseph Paul Franklin | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 04/13/1950 | 0 | Born in Mobile, Alabama as James Clayton Vaughn, Jr. | |
| 1957 | 7 | Head Injury - Bicycle Accident | |
| 1958 | 8 | Father abandons family. Would return on occasion. | |
| 1965 | 15 | Stole copy of *Mein Kampf* | |
| 1967 | 17 | Dropped out of Murphy High School at the end of his junior year. | |
| 02/1968 | 18 | Met Bobbie Louise Dorman (16) and marries her two weeks later. They divorce after only four months of marriage. | |
| 1968 | 18 | Joined Arlington American Nazi Party | |
| 1969 | 19 | Becomes obsessed with Charles Manson’s plan for a race war | |
| 1970 | 20 | Begins insulting mixed-raced couples | |
| 1972 | 22 | Conviction for carrying a concealed weapon in Fairfax, VA | |
| 1973 | 23 | Joins National States Rights Party | |
| 1973 | 23 | Begins selling racist newspaper, *The Thunderbolt* | |
| 1976 | 26 | Joined KKK in Atlanta, GA (quit after a few months due to Klan’s lack of violence) | |
| 9/6/1976 | 26 | Tailed a Black man with a white date, cornered them, and sprayed them with mace (Montgomery County, MD) | |
| 1976 | 26 | Sent threating letter to newly elected President Jimmy Carter | |
| 1976 | 26 | Changed name to Joseph Paul Franklin | |
| 1977 | 27 | Joined Alabama National Guard | |
| 1977 | 27 | Commits first major bank robbery in Atlanta, GA | |
| 07/25/1977 | 27 | Bombs home of Jewish leader, Morris Amitay | |
| 07/29/1977 | 27 | Bombs of synagogue in Chattanooga, TN | |
| 08/07/1977 | 27 | Goes to Madison, WI, robs a bank, plans to shoot Archie Simonson but instead shoots an interracial couple, Alphonse Manning (23) and Toni Schwenn (23). | |
| 1977 | 27 | Robs a bank in Little Rock, AR | |
| 1977 | 27 | Drives to Dallas, TX buys a Remington 30.06 | |
| 08/02/1977 | 27 | Robs a bank in Columbus, Ohio | |
| 10/08/1977 | 27 | Kills Gerald Gordon (42) and wounds William Ash (30) in St. Louis, MO (Remington 700) | |
| 02/1978 | 28 | Kills Johnny Brookshire (22) and wounds (paralyzed) his white girlfriend, Joy Williams (23), in Atlanta, GA | |
| 03/06/1978 | 28 | Wounds/paralyzes Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt in Lawrenceville, GA (.44) | |
| 03/06/1978 | 28 | Wounds Gene Reeves (latter recovers) (.44) | |

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| 1978 | 28 | Robs a bank in Louisville, KY |
| 1978 | 28 | Robs a bank in Atlanta, GA |
| 07/29/1978 | 28 | Shoots an interracial couple at Pizza Hut – kills Bryant Tatum, and wounds his girlfriend, Nancy Diane Hilton(18) |
| 1978 | 28 | Robs a bank in Montgomery, AL |
| 1978 | 28 | Returns to Alabama and meets Anita Carden (16) in an ice cream shop, they begin dating |
| 1979 | 29 | Franklin and Anita get married in DeKalb County Courthouse (Atlanta, GA) |
| 07/12/1979 | 29 | Shoots and kills Harold McIver (29) at Taco Bell in Doraville, GA (30.30) |
| 08/18/1979 | 29 | Kills Raymond Taylor at Burger King in Falls Church, VA (30.30) |
| 08/25/1979 | 29 | First offspring – Montgomery, AL |
| 10/21/1979 | 29 | Shoots and kills a mixed-race couple Jesse Taylor (42) and Marian Vera Bressette (31) in Oklahoma City, OK |
| 12/05/1979 | 29 | Cheats on his wife and kills prostitute Mercedes Masters (15) after admission of interracial relations |
| 01/08/1980 | 30 | Kills Black man, Lawrence Reese (22), at fried chicken fast food restaurant |
| 01/14/1980 | 30 | Kills Leo Thomas Watkins (19) through plate glass of convenience store in Indianapolis shopping mall (30.30) |
| April 1980 | 30 | Franklin and his wife Anita separate. |
| 05/02/1980 | 30 | Kills hitchhiking student Rebecca Bergstorm in Mill Bluff State Park, WI |
| 05/29/1980 | 30 | Shoots civil rights leader. Vernon Jordan. in Fort Wayne, IN |
| 06/08/1980 | 30 | Kills cousins Darrell Layne (14) and Dante Evans Brown (13) in Cincinnati, OH |
| 06/15/1980 | 30 | Kills Arthur Smothers (22) and Kathleen Mikula (16) in Johnstown, PA |
| 06/24/1980 | 30 | Robs a bank in Burlington, NC |
| 06/25/1980 | 30 | Kills hitchhikers Nancy Santomero (19) and Vicki Durian (26) in Pocahontas, WV (.44 Ruger) |
| 08/20/1980 | 30 | Kills Ted Fields (20) and David Martin (18) in Salt Lake City, UT (Marlin lever action) |
| 09/24/1980 | 30 | Franklin is arrested in Florence, Kentucky and then escapes from the police department/ |
| 10/28/1980 | 30 | Franklin is recaptured in Lakeland, FL |
| 11/07/1980 | 30 | Extradited to Salt Lake City, UT and arraigned for the murders of Ted Fields and David Martin. |
| 03/04/1981 | 31 | Federal Trial – convicted of violating the civil rights of Fields and Martin and sentenced to two consecutive life sentences |
| 06/02/1981 | 31 | State Trial – convicted of killing Fields and Martin, sentenced to two more life sentence due to hung jury regarding death penalty (attempted escape but recaptured) sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield MI |
| 01/31/1982 | 32 | Transferred to United States Penitentiary in Marion, IL to begin serving life sentences |
| 02/03/1982 | 32 | Stabbed 15 times in the neck and abdomen by a group of African Americans |
| 08/17/1982 | 32 | Federal Trial – found not guilty for violating the civil rights of Vernon Jordan |
| 1983 | 33 | Partially confesses to the Larry Flynt shooting |
| 1983 | 33 | Confesses to shooting of Larry Flynt and bombing Morris Amitay’s house in Washington DC |
| 03/01/1984 | 34 | Confesses to the murder of Rebecca Bergstrom; the murders of Santomero and Durian; Chattanooga synagogue bombing (tried in July and sentenced to 15-20yrs for bombing & 6-10yrs for possession of explosives), Rainbow murders, shooting Alphonse Manning (23) and Toni Schwenn (23) |
| 02/14/1986 | 36 | Convicted in Wisconsin of killing Manning and Schwenn. Sentenced to two consecutive life sentences |
| 08/19/1990 | 40 | Admits to Killing Ted Fields and David Martin in Salt Lake City, UT |
| 06/04/1993 | 43 | Jacob Beard is found guilty of two counts of 1st-Degree murder for the Rainbow murders of Satomero and Durian although Franklin confessed to the murders |
| 1994 | 44 | Franklin confesses to killing Gerald Gordon |
| 1995 | 45 | Admits to shooting Vernon Jordan |
| 11/18/1996 | 46 | Tells Deborah Dixon, WKRC Cincinnati reporter, that he killed Santomero and Durian because “They dated black people” |

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| 02/27/1997 | 47 | Found guilty of killing Gerald Gordon and sentenced to death | |
| 03/10/1997 | 47 | Admits to killing Raymond Taylor | |
| 04/13/1997 |  | Admits to murdering Arthur Smothers and Kathleen Mikula. Later confesses to murdering Darrell Lane and Dante Evans Brown | |
| 10/22/1997 | 47 | Found guilty of murdering Darrell Lane and Dante Evans Brown, sentenced to 40 years to life in prison. | |
| 1998 | 48 | Admits to killing William Tatum, pleads and receives two concurrent life sentences (one for murder and one for robbery) | |
| 03/1998 | 48 | Confesses to killing prostitute Mercedes Masters and Harold McIver | |
| 11/01/1999 | 49 | Confesses to killing Johnny Brookshire in 1978 | |
| 2000 | 50 | Jacob Beard is retried for the Rainbow murders and found not guilty | |
| 2004 | 54 | US District Court requires Missouri to release or retry Franklin for the Gerald Gordon murder | |
| 2006 | 56 | Federal Judge puts the death penalty in Missouri on hold over concerns involving lethal injection. | |
| July 2007 | 57 | Federal Appellate Court overturns U.S. District Court decision | |
| 2008 | 58 | U.S. Supreme Court decides that the current method of execution (lethal injection) is constitutionally permissible | |
| 2010 | 60 | US Supreme court refuses to hear Missouri lethal injection case *Clemons v. Crawford*, lethal injection stands as permissible and Missouri attorney general states executions will begin again. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 7-20+ |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma |
| Cities where killing occurred | | |  |
| Type of killer | | | Organized Visionary |
| Height | | | 5’11” |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | April 13, 1950 |
| Location | | | Mobile, Alabama |
| Birth order | | | 2nd of 4 |
| Number of siblings | | | 4 |
| XYY? | | | No |
| Raised by | | | Mom |
| Birth category | | | Middle |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Divorced |
| Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage? | | | No |
| Did serial killer spend time in a foster home? | | | No |
| Was serial killer ever raised by a relative? | | | No |
| Did serial killer ever live with adopted family? | | | No |
| Did serial killer live with a step-parent? | | | No |
| Family event | | | Parents divorce in 1950s |
| Age of family event | | | Younger than 10 years old |
| Problems in school? | | | No |
| Teased while in school? | | | No |
| Physically attractive? | | | No |
| Physical defect? | | | Yes |
| Speech defect? | | | No |
| Head injury? | | | Bike accident, age 7 |

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| Physically abused? | Yes, by both parents |
| Psychologically abused? | Yes |
| Sexually abused? | No |
| Father’s occupation |  |
| Age when first had intercourse |  |
| Mother’s occupation |  |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Yes; alcohol |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol |  |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 10th |
| Highest degree | None |
| Grades in school | Average |
| IQ | Above average |
| Source of IQ information | Ayton (2011, pg. 272) |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Alabama National Guard |
| Type of discharge | Unknown |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | No |
| Types of jobs worked | Unknown |
| Employment status during series | Unknown |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married |
| Number of children | 1 |
| Lives with his children | No |
| Living with | Mother |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | No |
| Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)? | No |
| Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)? | None |
| Diagnosis | n/a |
| **Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Bank robbery, Fire-bombed home of Morris Amitay, fire-bombed synagogue, and Threw mace at mixed-race couple |
| Spent time in jail? | No |
| Spent time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No; n/a |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims (suspected of) | 21 murders |
| Number of victims (confessed to) | 17 murders |

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| Number of victims (convicted of) | 8 murders |
| Victim type | Mixed-race couples, and anyone who ever mixed race |
| Killer age at start of series | 27yrs |
| Killer age at end of series | 30yrs |
| Date of first kill in series | August 7, 1977 |
| Date of final kill in series | August 20, 1980 |
| Gender of victims | Male (14) and Female (7) |
| Race of victims | White (8) and African American (13) |
| Age of victims | 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19(2), 20, 22(3), 23(2), 26, 29, 31, 42(2) |
| Type of victim | Mixed-race couples |
| Method of killing | Shooting |
| Weapon | Guns |
| Was gun used? | Yes |
| Type | Rifles, Shotguns, and Handguns |
| Did killer have a partner? | No |
| Name of partner | n/a |
| Sex of partner | n/a |
| Relationship of partner | n/a |
| Type of serial killer | Organized missionary |
| How close did killer live? | Drifter |
| Location of first contact | Unknown |
| Location of killing | Madison, Wisconsin |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Killed at contact, if contact was made |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | Sometimes |
| 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 |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, hidden | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Burned body | No |
| Dumped body in lake, river, etc. | No |
| Moved, took home | No |

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| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | September 24, 1980 |
| Date convicted | About 1981 |
| Sentence | Death sentence and multiple life sentences |
| Killer executed? | Not yet |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Did serial killer confess? | Yes |
| Name and state of prison | Potosi Correctional Center near Mineral Point, Missouri |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | Still alive as of 11/14/2011 |
| Cause of death |  |
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