Starkweather was a Fake

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I was reminded about this one when I saw that Steely Dan had worked with Jay and the Americans in the early years, Jay calling Becker and Fagan the Manson and Starkweather of Rock n' Roll as a joke. That would be Charles Starkweather, another famous serial killer. He and his girlfriend Caril Ann Fugate allegedly killed eleven people in one week in Nebraska in early 1958, Starkweather being executed 1.5 years later. He was 19 and she was 14. Although there was no indication she killed anyone, she was given life imprisonment, from which she was paroled 18 years later.

That's already impossible, but let's study this one just for fun. It was a big event in the lives of my parents, and they remembered it vividly. We know it must be fake because it was referenced by so many later spooks, including Bruce Springsteen in his song "Nebraska", Billy Joel in "We Didn't Start the Fire", and Terence Malick's first film *Badlands*. Don't believe me? Well, strap yourself in, because we are in for the next ride.

Before we get into it, I point out that wildly misspelled names like Caril are forever a sign of the spook writers, who always tip their hands in just this way. No one spelled Carol as Caril in the 1940s.

We start on Starkweather's Wiki page, where the first major clue is that he was not from a family of Nebraska hicks, though they try to lead with that, for instance dressing him as one in the lead photo (above). He was from one of the most prominent families in the region, with huge military ties. Wiki admits his 2g-grandfather George Anson Starkweather was in the US House from New York, but it is so much better than that. George was a colonel and married a Converse, their son George Converse

Starkweather becoming the Union General who led four major battles. He married a Hallett and his daughter married a Copeland. His other children had middle names Augustus, Morgan, and Bush, and one married a Gordon, so these people were not farmers or hicks. Those are all big peerage names. In case you weren't counting, we are already up to the time of Charles' grandparents, so this wasn't ancient history.

For instance, you may say those are just any Gordons: we have no indication they are THE Gordons I am talking about. Nope, you can go to Findagrave for this family's pages, where we find the Mary Gordon Waller who married a Starkweather of this family was the daughter of Melinda Gordon, who just happened to be the granddaughter of Eliphalet Ball, a close cousin of . . . George Washington. So that's who our Starkweather actor is.

Another son of George Anson Starkweather was Frederick Tiffany Starkweather, and he married a Pomeroy, whose mother was a Russell of Salem, NY. They were also Rensselaers. As we saw in my paper on John Reed, Warren Beatty is from these Pomeroys, rich bankers from New York.

FOSTER COPELAND
President, City National Bank

This is also THE Copelands, since the Copeland who married the Starkweather here was the brother of Foster Copeland, millionaire banker of Columbus, OH. That would be Charles Starkweather's great-uncle, who lived until 1935. So that again doesn't match the staged photo above, where we are supposed to believe these Starkweathers were working-class, with his dad allegedly an unemployed carpenter.

The next clue is the name of Charles' best friend in school, Robert von Busch. Probably a cousin, since Charles was closely related to the Bushes, and “von” signifies nobility, or a title.

But we still haven't come to the best part. At Findagrave we discover Charles' siblings, including his

brother David Alan, b. 1946, who died in 2023 in Manzanillo, Mexico. He married a Gressley in 2000. Hold onto that for later.

Hmmm. He looks somewhat familiar, doesn't he? Kind of a Spielberg face. Very Jewish nose. Do you want to guess what he did?

Theater was a love formed during David's time at Chadron where so many lifelong friendships were forged. He was involved in building the Post Playhouse at Fort Robinson in Crawford, Nebraska. His love of theater continued in Longbranch where plays were produced with David in the role of writer, director and actor. He collaborated with the Key Singers in 2000 and wrote a radio-style play called "America: The Last 100 Years."

Are we amused? He was an actor. Doesn't sound like the son of an unemployed carpenter to me. But let's read more from his obit:

David took on many passions. He loved nature — he was a true tree-hugger — and enjoyed working on his property and going for walks. He was a champion of environmental responsibility and advocated for the rights of all people. As a visual artist, he found joy in using found and recycled objects to express himself in his art. He used his artistic talents to run a successful decorative painting business called DAS Design while living in Tacoma. He retired from the position of maintenance supervisor at Rocky Bay Health Care in 2016.

Why did I bother to republish all that for you? Because it conflicts mightily with the mainstream story as told by his niece Debra Rhoades. In a 2016 piece for the *Lincoln Journal Star*, she wants us to believe the family stayed in Nebraska after this event, despite being harassed by locals as kin of a famous killer. Impossible, since if this had really happened they could not possibly have stayed in Lincoln or even Nebraska. They would have to move far far away. Unless the locals all knew it was a fake. David's bio confirms it was a fake and that this was widely known in Nebraska, since he went to college in Nebraska just a few years later, under his own name. He not only lived in Chadron and Crawford, he appeared on the stage, which is not a great way to stay undercover.

On his Findagrave page, they tell us he was the sixth child, but list only three siblings, so two are being

hidden. One we can figure out: they have scrubbed a sister, but they print his obituary where she is named as LaVeta Starkweather. Wonder why she is hidden? Otherwise, the internet has no results on her.

Later: found her in the 1959 yearbook of Lincoln High. As LaVeta Starkweather Grantski. Which would make her two years younger than Charles, probably born 1941. Does that name ring a bell? It should, since we saw it in the Laci Peterson case. Ron Grantski is Laci's stepfather, the one who was ONI, Naval Intelligence. The name is Jewish, originally being Granetski, related to Scheib and Soenke. Laveta is apparently still alive, age 85, in Arizona, and low and behold, she is related to a Ron Grantski. Not the same Ron Grantski, it appears, but maybe a relative. The Grantskis in our story are related to Gress, according to Radaris, which is an abbreviation of Gressley. So we have closed yet another cousin circle, since we just saw that LaVeta's brother David married a Gressley and she married a Grantski, closely related to a Gress.

Charles' other brother Rodney just died in 2025, and though his obituary has been scrubbed from the internet (for reasons we now understand), we find on a search that his daughter married a Rhoades. So add that name to your list.

The father was Guy Starkweather, who again doesn't look like a carpenter:

Nice Hitler mustache, though. All carpenters in Nebraska wore those in the 1950s, right? They also wore wild ties and carried three pens in their pockets. Guy died in 1979, but no obituary is available for him, either. Findagrave scrubs his wife, though it gives her name as Helen Lucille Arnold, and she later married a Chester Campbell. So we are hitting all those peerage names. Interestingly, there was a Helen Lucille Arnold who was a famous actress of the silent screen, though she would have been in her 60s by then. But Guy was 48 that year, so not a lot younger. It is possible. She would have had to give birth to Charles at about 45, but that too is possible. More likely is that she was his stepmother, his real mother being hidden.

There's another pic of Guy, not looking like a carpenter. He was close friends with Del Harding (Presidential name alert) there, reporter for the *Lincoln Star*. We are told that pic was taken right after Judge Harold Spencer refused a last-minute reprieve. Guy looks broken up, right, sort of like Robbie Parker after the Sandy Hook event. And what did Harding do after the trials? Oh, just quit the news business, went into publics relations and then got a job at NASA. As cub reporters in Nebraska so often do. From that page:

Starkweather killed 11 people 50 years ago - Robert Colvert, Marion Bartlett, Velda Bartlett, Betty Jean Bartlett (Fugate's 2-year-old half-sister), August Meyer, Robert Jensen, Carol King, C. Lauer Ward, Clara Ward, Lilyan Fencl and Merle Collison.

So it is convenient that everyone he killed was Jewish, including Carin Fugate's mother and stepfather. I remind you there were Jensens in the Zodiac fake. August Meyer speaks for itself, as does Carol King. Merle Collison was also identified as Merle Collusion in many newspapers, which is amusing in itself.

Findagrave lists him as Sgt. Merle Collison, 34, Airborne, so he was Intelligence. His wife was June Meyers and they were allegedly married by a Catholic priest named John Kohnke.

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GROOM
3. Name Merle D. Collison
4. Residence Great Falls, Mont.
5. Birth Date or Age 12-29-1923 (Mo. Day Yr.) 29
6. Color white
7. Birth Place Jamestown, N. Dak. (City or County, State or Foreign Country)
8. Single, Widowed or Divorced single — Number of Marriage
9. Father's Name Clifford A. Collison
10. Mother's Maiden Name Hazel Fern Crandall

BRIDE
11. Name June Meyers
12. Residence Inverness, Mont.
13. Birth Date or Age 7-1-1932 (Mo. Day Yr.) 20
14. Color white
15. Birth Place Havre, Mont. (City or County, State or Foreign Country)
16. Single, Widowed or Divorced angle — Number of Marriage
17. Father's Name Claude Meyers
18. Mother's Maiden Name Mabel Sheehan

19. Date of Issuance Marriage License June 11, 1953 (Month Day Year)
20. Name of Person Performing Ceremony Rev John Kohnke
21. Date of Marriage June 13, 1953 (Month Day Year)
22. Official Title Catholic Priest (Minister, Justice of Peace, or Other)
23. Date forwarded to State Board of Health July 1, 1953
24. Clerk of District Court Dan Naggith

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Do you see the joke there? Kohnke isn't a Gentile name, so their "Catholic priest" was Jewish. Kohnke=Kohn=Kohen. Meyers is also Jewish, as is Sheehan. She was also a Reich and a Swartz, related to Houston and Kennedy. And I remind you one of the other fake victims was Augustus Meyer, who they admit was a family friend. He was actually another cousin, since all these people were related.

Collison allegedly had an infant son named Dennis, but for some reason his name is not given as Collison. He is listed as Dennis Dean Keenan, the surname of his stepfather. Even if adopted, he should not have changed his name from Collison, unless he hated his father for being part of this fraud. Wikipedia continues the fraud, telling you Collison was a traveling salesman. Guess they prefer you not know he was Airborne.

Chester Lauer Ward was a wealthy industrialist living in the richest neighborhood of Lincoln. It was never explained why Starkweather and Fugate drove back into Lincoln after fleeing to Bennet, or why those chose Ward's mansion. But now we know: he was another relative. His wife Clara was an Olson, a Palm, and a Lindberg. Yep, you read that right. Her sister married Roland Anderson, who was a Townsend, his mother being the daughter of Lysander Alonzo Townsend of New York. The Olsons ran Olson Construction, a huge company that built buildings all over the country, including halls at Berkeley and Stanford, the Bank of America building in San Diego, and the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco. They had lots of connections nationwide, political and otherwise.

Although these Wards are scrubbed at Findagrave, FamilySearch admits Ward's great-grandmother was a Beatty, linking us to the Pomeroys we already saw.

The mother of Caril Fugate, Velda Bartlett (above), was nee Street, but her mother was a Hitchcock. Her aunt was a Booth, though she has been scrubbed from Findagrave. How do you like that "photo" of her? Here's another:

She had quite a range, eh? She allegedly married a guy 22 years older, this Marion Sylvester Bartlett. Bartlett being another name of the wealthy, see my papers on Bo Bartlett.

Why would a pretty girl marry this old man? We must assume because he was rich. His father was Ezra Twombly Bartlett, think of the awful famous artist Cy Twombly, Jewish of course. Findagrave scrubs this family after that, but Wikitree takes them up here, and we know it is the same people because they are related to Bennets. The Bennets being related to the King, remember. And Bennet being the suburb of Lincoln owned by these people, which is why Starkweather went there to pretend to kill Augustus Meyer. These Bartletts come from Sylvester P. Bartlett of Quincy, Illinois.

He was the editor and founder of the town paper, the *Quincy Whig*. He once accused the Mormon

Joseph Smith of murdering the governor of Missouri Lilburn Boggs, Smith writing in to demand retraction. All the usual vaudeville. These Bartletts go back to Salem, where they were involved in those fakes, then the family produced Gen. Thomas Bartlett who took part in the Revolutionary War. They later married the Parkhursts, Coffins, Chases, and Fords. The Rev. Thomas Bartlett moved to Kansas in about 1850, where he had three sons, including Maj. Gen. George True Bartlett, who seeded the Bartletts of San Antonio. The Bartletts in the current story come from Kansas.

Anyway, Marion Bartlett, supposedly killed in this event, had a brother Harry L. Bartlett who died in Los Angeles in 1967 and was buried at . . . do you want to guess? . . . Forest Lawn, fake graveyard of the stars. Buried with him is his wife Lucille McCluskey, whose maternal grandfather was Casimir Berenger Kustel, b. Romania. That's another very noble name, since Casimir comes from the kings of Poland, Berenger is French nobility related to the Drummonds, Earls of Melfort, and Kustel should probably be Kuster/Custer. Lucille's aunt married Alfred Whitney, who comes from the Whitneys of Duchess County, NY, linking us to the Tiffanys, Stewarts, and Bartletts again. Oho! So they were cousins, as usual! And that name Tiffany not only links us back to the Bartletts in a tight circle, it also links us back to . . . scan above . . . the Starkweathers! Wow. When Starkweather faux-killed his girlfriend's stepfather, he was actually faux-killing a close cousin. Who would have guessed?

We find the same thing with Marion Bartlett's other brother Wilbur, who is also buried in Forest Lawn and married a cousin. He married Ida Young, but her mother was Mary Bartlett. So she may have married a *first* cousin. Her aunt married a Cline, and of course Cline=Klein, being Jewish.

So we only have Carin Ann Fugate to unwind. Being just 14, there is no way she would be sentenced to life without killing anyone. That would be considered cruel and unusual punishment. She was convicted on the testimony of Starkweather, which is also impossible. No jury would or could convict her based on his testimony, which would have been worthless in that regard. This also makes no sense:

Fugate, going by her married name of Caril Ann Clair, was denied a pardon by the Nebraska Board of Pardons in February 2020. Relatives of the murder victims supported her pardon application.

Why would relatives of the victims support a pardon, when they had not supported leniency in 1958? And exactly what relatives were still around 62 years later, ones not too young at the time to have known what was going on?

Like the Manson girls, it turns out she was not a hick either, being both smart and popular. My guess is she came out of the drama club, like them. We may be sure she was never in jail and therefore didn't require a pardon.

And what about the little girl Betty Jean allegedly killed with Velda and Marion Bartlett? What happened to her? That one is easy, since we discover at Findagrave that she had a half-sister named Barbara Fugate, who died in 2018. All the newspaper reports forgot to mention Barbara, and she isn't mentioned in obituaries either, though she should have been living at that house when the murders happened. Why did Charles miss her and let her live? She was 17 at the time, according to the bios now, so she shouldn't have been away at college yet. Maybe she was away at Choate, like Ward's son, guffaw. So my guess is we have the sister switch here, with Betty Jean never existing. Those are pictures of Barbara from about a decade earlier.

And we close another circle with Barbara, because we find she married a Robert Lee von Busch. I suppose you remember that name from above? Friend of Starkweather. I said he was probably a relative, and as you see I was right. Which means Caril Fugate wasn't his little girlfriend, she was his cousin in this vaudeville. Everyone here was related, as usual.

Findagrave tells us Busch was Moose Lodge 175, the Moose just being Masons by another name. You should also key on that name Lee, since it is not just a given name. It is a surname, and links him to Robert E. Lee. Don't believe me? Busch's first wife before Barbara Fugate was Sharon Schmal, but her mother was Mary Custis. And who was Robert E. Lee's wife? *Mary Custis*. Not the same one, of course, but same family. Sharon Schmal descended directly from Thomas Custis, Northampton Country, Virginia. So Busch and Schmal were cousins as well. They are related to the Knollenbergs and Meyers of Lincoln. The von Busches came over from Oldenburg, Lower Saxony, after the Civil War. Note we just hit that name Meyers a third time.

Barbara Fugate later married a Kouma, formerly Kouba, of Bohemia. These were also Jews, related to Sobotka, Kirschner, and Swoboda. Noble Jews.

So that's another one down. Hard to believe no one before me blew the cover of this fake in 68 years, given how obvious it is even at this distance, and how much more obvious it must have been on the ground in Lincoln, where the locals had to know all these people were rich and related. But this was before serial killers and mass murderers, and they called this a "spree killing" instead. It was kind of a new thing for Intelligence, since before that they had faked murders and created chaos mainly via mob events run by the FBI and that sort of thing. But after the war and all the success they had in Germany controlling that population with manufactured fear, they wanted to bring the game to the US, baking the citizenry here with the same tactics. Mob events were too far out of the experience of most people, so they needed to create these "boy next door" events, where some young guy snaps for no reason and with no warning. That hit much closer to home for the masses, most of whom never questioned it. This event was so successful it led to a huge expansion of the project, think the University of Texas tower shooting a few years later, and after that an avalanche of ever more macrabre and frankly ridiculous events, which people continued to gulp down nonetheless. After the Manson/Tate events, the CIA would see that people would believe absolutely anything, so the gloves came off and the sky was the limit. They now budget hundreds of these events every year, with many departments taking part, including CIA, FBI, DHS, Air Force, ONI, the Pentagon, and many others. Everyone became addicted to them, both the creators and the audience, and now people would feel a great loss if you took away their serial killers and decapitations and children shot in the face.

My new readers may say, "But why?" Why fake most of the events in the news? Because this Operation Chaos is what sells, through mass destabilization, the humongous military budgets, police budgets, and other security budgets. It also drives the Men-are-Pigs project and the related split-the-sexes project, both of which then drive many huge markets in compensatory products, as men and women try to make up for the loss of love, sex, and family. Like this Starkweather event, it isn't hard to figure out, once you open your eyes and turn your brain back on.