

13 Stories III
Story Options 2022

Option #1: George Hamilton

In February of 1895, George Hamilton and another man robbed a sheepherder near Nampa. They were arrested the same day. A month later, they sawed their way out of their cell and knocked bricks out of the wall to escape. They were apprehended within the week. In April, they were convicted of robbery and sentenced to seven years of hard labor in the Idaho State Penitentiary. The warden put Hamilton in charge of designing and superintending the construction of the Dining Hall, completed in 1898. Hamilton was released in October of 1898 under the condition that he leave the state of Idaho. The warden purchased a train ticket to Oregon for him. Boarding the train, Hamilton told a guard "if he found the liquor habit still had control of him he would conquer it by taking morphine and ending his career." Hamilton stopped in Nampa and checked into a hotel, where he indulged in a bottle of whiskey and fulfilled his promise. His body was found the next day. It was revealed that "George Hamilton" was an alias to defend the honor of his wealthy family.

