

Age 64 (1901)

Height 6 ft 3 1/4 in.

Wt. 150 lbs

"Stands in bent position"

Complexion - fair

Hair - iron-gray

Beard - full, closely cropped.

Eyes - blue.

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Impostor

ATTORNEYS.

John R. Gibbs ~~Attorney~~

alias Zack Decker

Residence
" B. F. Shackelford

" W. B. Le Moyne

Suspended _____

Restored _____

CHARGES.

Charged with impersonating a Scout Service Officer. Discharged.

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Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions

Washington, D. C., December 17, 1901.

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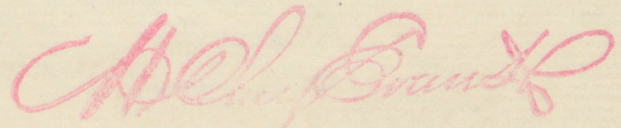
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Jan 14/02*

The United States Marshal,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

This Bureau has information tending to show that one John R. Gibbs, alias W. B. Le Moyne, alias Zack Decker, was arrested at or near Gray Summit, Mo., about January 15, 1901, charged with impersonation of a U. S. officer and taken to New Orleans for trial. It is not understood that he was charged with impersonating an officer of this Bureau, but in order that it may be determined whether he is identical with any man who has been so charged and is now a fugitive, your courtesy will be appreciated if you will state with the return of this letter the personal description of this man, any data in your possession relative to his family and former places of residence, together with specimens or tracing of his handwriting, if same can be spared.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

signed.

Together with specimens or tracing of his handwriting, it may be possible to trace relative to his family and former places of residence, for of this letter the personal description of this man, and data in your courtesy will be appreciated if you will state with the return identical with any man who has been so charged and is now a fugitive, this Bureau, but in order that it may be determined whether he is not understood that he was charged with impersonating an officer of a sonation of a U. S. office and taken to New Orleans for trial. It is or near Gray Summit, Mo., about January 15, 1901, charged with impersonating H. Gibbs, alias W. B. Le Moyne, alias Book Dealer, was arrested at

This Bureau has information pending to show that one John

Sir:

New Orleans, Louisiana.

The United States Marshal,

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Handwritten notes:
 Washington, D. C. December 12, 1901.
 Department of the Interior,
 Washington, D. C.

CHAS. FONTELIEU,
Marshal.

FÉLIX BIENVENU,
Chief Deputy.

Department of Justice.
Office of the United States Marshal,
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA,

New Orleans, Jan. 11th _____, 1902

The Commissioner of Pensions.
Washington, D.C.

Sir-:

Replying to your letter of the 17th of December last, which I return herewith I have the honor to state that I have none of the writing of John R. Gibbs, alias Zacharie Decker, alias B.F. Shackelford, alias W.B. LeMoyne, the person whom you seek information about, nor can I give you any thing like a minute description of him. I have been endeavoring to get a good description of this man but have failed; ^{are} my efforts in that direction ~~is~~ the cause of the delay in answering you sooner. I would suggest however that you consult with Chief J.E. Wilkie, of the Secret service department and get him to give you the address of Mr. Murphy, of his department. From Mr. Murphy I feel quite sure you can get a good description.

While this man was here he claimed that his right name was B.F. Shackelford, and that he had lived for a while in Texas, but I do not now remember where-a-bout in that state.

Very respectfully,

Chas Fontelieu
U.S. Marshal.

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above in that order.

Very respectfully,

John C. ...
U.S. Marshal

While this man was here he claimed that his right name was H. V. ...
I feel quite sure you can get a good description.
To give you the address of Mr. Murphy, of his department. From Mr. Murphy
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SECRET SERVICE
DIVISION.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, January 30 1902.

A handwritten signature in cursive, possibly reading 'J. R. Gibbs', written in brown ink.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

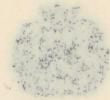
Referring to your communication of January 24, enclosing correspondence between the United States Commissioner of Pensions and the United States Marshal at New Orleans, relating to one J. R. Gibbs, alias Zack Decker, alias B. F. Shackelford, alias W. B. LeMoyne, I have the honor to advise you that J. R. Gibbs, alias Decker, was arrested at Gray Summit, Missouri, January 14, 1901, by Special Operative Schuhmann of this service, for falsely impersonating a secret service officer. It was understood at the time of the arrest of this person that he had previously represented himself as a deputy U. S. marshal.

When arrested he was living with one Lola Niccum who claimed to have been married to him at Danville, Illinois, April 20, 1900. She knew him as Gibbs. He was also believed to have been married to another woman somewhere in the east, under the name of LeMoyne. Under the name of Decker he was married to Mrs. Ellen Bryan, at Dexter, Arkansas, subsequently removing to New Orleans. A Mrs. Catherine Reeves, of New Orleans, also claims to have been

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Washington, January 30 1902.



SECRET SERVICE
DIVISION

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

My correspondence between the United States Commissioner of Penitents and the United States Marshal at New Orleans, relating to one J. W. Gibson, alias Jack Becker, alias B. F. Blackford, alias W. B. Johnson, I have the honor to advise you that J. W. Gibson, alias Becker, was arrested at Gray Summit, Missouri, January 14, 1901, by Special Agent Alvin Schumann of this service, for falsely representing a secret service officer. It was understood at the time of the arrest of this person that he had previously represented himself as a deputy U. S. Marshal.

It is noted in your report that this person was claimed to have been married to him at Danville, Illinois, April 30, 1900. She knew him as Gibson. He was also believed to have been married to another woman somewhere in the east, under the name of Johnson. Under the name of Becker he was married to Mrs. Ellen Ryan, at New Orleans, Louisiana, subsequently removing to New Orleans. A Mrs. Catherine Reeves, of New Orleans, also claims to have been

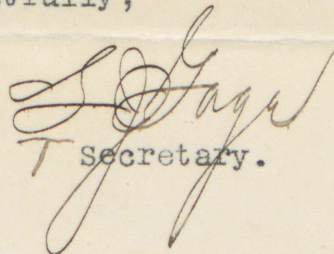
married to Gibbs, alias Decker. This service has in its possession three photographs of women (one taken at Peoria, Illinois; one at Hico, Texas; and one at St. Louis, Missouri) all of whom appear to have been married to Gibbs at various dates.

He was tried at New Orleans on a charge of falsely representing himself to be an officer of the United States, and was discharged. The following is his description:

Age, 64; height, 6 feet, 3 1/4 inches; weight, 180 pounds; iron gray hair; blue eyes; fair complexion, and full closely cropped gray beard. He habitually stands in rather a bent position, making him look stoop-shouldered, although he is not.

The copy of Commissioner Evans' letter to the United States Marshal at New Orleans, and the letter of the United States Marshal to the Commissioner of Pensions, are herewith returned.

Respectfully,


T Secretary.

Two enclosures.

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Jan. 30, 1902.

The Secretary
of the Treasury.

In re J. R. Gibbs ^{alias}
Z. Decker ^{alias B. T.}
Shackelford ^{alias W. B.}
Le Moyne, states that he
was arrested at Gray
Summit, Mo., Jan. 14th
1901, for falsely imperson-
ating a secret service
officer; gives descrip-
tion, etc.

Department of Interior,
February 1, 1902.

Respectfully referred to the
Commissioner of Pensions, the in-
formation furnished therein having
been requested in his letter of
the 21st ultimo.

H. L. Campbell

Assistant Secretary.

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