

## 1. Early Life

- a. Name
  - i. Michael Bruce Ross
  - ii. Serial killer nickname: Roadside Strangler
- b. Date of birth
  - . July 26, 1959
- c. Place of birth
  - . Brooklyn, CT
- d. Parents
  - . Names
    1. Daniel
    2. Pat
    3. Pat became pregnant in high school
      - a. Married Feb 1959
      - b. Later divorced during Michael's senior year of college
      - c. Dan remarried
      - d. Not sure about Pat because she disowned Michael and changed her name
  - i. Occupations
    1. Chicken/Egg farmers
- e. Siblings
  - . 3 siblings
    1. Michael was the oldest
    2. Two sisters
    3. One brother
- f. Home Life
  - . Mother was mentally ill
    1. She beat the children
      - . Also liked to humiliate them whenever possible
        - a. Examples of this behavior will come up in notes below
    2. Took anger out on Michael
      - . Said he was the reason she was unhappy since she got pregnant with him in high school and had to marry his father and give up all her dreams
    3. Pat did not like working on the farm
    4. Had an affair with a previous boyfriend
    5. Ran away with boyfriend after having all the kids, but was brought back by her father
    6. She was so terrible to the kids that Dan took the kids away and had her admitted to a state psych hospital in Oct of 1964
      - . The hospital found that she had a personality trait disturbance
        - a. Released her after a month and told her to get marriage counseling since she hated her husband so much
    7. Ran off again in Oct 1967 with boyfriend
    8. Brought back again, this time by Dan
    9. Readmitted to psych hospital in Nov 1967
      - . Released after a month with same rec: marriage counseling
  - i. Possibly molested by an uncle
    1. Uncle Ned was 8 years older
    2. Committed suicide at 16 - in note said it was because he was gay
    3. One psych thought the uncle started molesting him at age 4
- g. Farm Life
  - . Had to kill the sick chickens at a young age (started at 8)
    1. Broke necks with his hands, squeezed until their lungs burst, or beat heads against poles
      - . All of these methods were taught by his uncle
        - a. Michael preferred neck breaking because "it seemed more humane"
    2. He struggled killing the chickens because he raised them from birth
    3. Had to learn to separate his personal feelings from the killing
  - i. Got up before school to take care of the chickens
    1. Worked from the moment he got home from school until dark
    2. During the summer would sometimes work 70 hours a week
- h. Personality
  - . It is believed that he was showing antisocial behavior by high school age