

ELLIS GLENN CASE

FINALLY ENDED

Noted Impersonator Goes Free After Several Years.

Was Arrested in Paducah After Passing For Several Weeks as a Man and Taken to Illinois.

IT WAS A CELEBRATED CASE.

Parkersburg, W. Va., June 5. —The case of Ellis Glenn, the famous male impersonator, was dropped from the court records here today at the request of the prosecuting attorney, who was formerly her counsel. The latter announced that he did not think there could ever be a conviction, and the court abided by his opinion. Ellis Glenn passed as a man for a long while before being discovered.

The above is the final chapter in one of the greatest mysteries of its kind the country has ever known, and it had its inception right here in Paducah.

Four or five years ago Ellis Glenn worked at the Rehkopf collar shop on Kentucky avenue between Third and Fourth streets. She dressed in masculine garb, passed herself off for a man and was thought to be a man. She boarded across the street at Mrs. Byrd's, and had very little to say to anyone, and never associated with anyone.

After she had been here two or three months the police authorities received a communication from Williamson county, Ill., stating that El-Glenn was in the city and was wanted for forging the name of a wealthy former to a \$5,000 check.

The police for several days watched the postoffice, where it was learned Glenn received mail, and finally Lockup Keeper Bob Meniffee was successful in nabbing her at the postoffice window. She had been boarding next door to the city hall all the time, and some of the officers knew her by sight, but none knew she was Glenn, as she had been going by a different name.

Illinois officers came here for her, and she was taken to Illinois, tried and convicted. It developed that she had been working as a farm hand, and had made love to her employer's daughter, and they were engaged to be married. Then she forged his name, and skipped out after vainly trying to pass the check.

When she was taken to the Chester penitentiary to don stripes, it was discovered that she was not a man, and the warden refused to take her. The commitment papers were for a male, and he declined to run the risk.

The case then dragged along in the courts for several months, everybody talking and wondering except Glenn, who maintained a silence that no one could break.

It was finally ascertained that she was also wanted in West Virginia for forgery, and Illinois was glad to get rid of her, and she was taken there. She claimed that she was never arrested in Paducah, and that the person arrested here, and who committed the forgeries, was her brother, with whom she changed clothes somewhere between here and the Illinois penitentiary, in order to shield him. No one believed this improbable story, and the masquerader was readily identified as the person arrested here, but a conviction could never be secured in the West Virginia courts. So as seen from the above, she has been finally liberated and her case is stricken from the docket.