



THREE PART DOCUSERIES

# **FORGOTTEN:**

AMERICA'S WORST SCHOOL MASSACRE

After eighty years of silence, the survivors speak.

# OVERVIEW:

**GENRE:** DOCUMENTARY

**RUNNING TIME:** EP1: 41MIN, EP2: 52MIN, EP3: 71MIN

**LANGUAGES:** ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN & JAPANESE  
(WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

**FOREIGN VERSIONS:** SUBTITLES FOR THE FILM ARE AVAILABLE IN  
SPANISH, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN

**FORMAT:** HD

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# SYNOPSIS:

The Bath School Disaster stands as the worst school massacre in American history. From the dramatic rise and fall of the killer to heart-wrenching survivor interviews, this suspenseful thriller illuminates an epic tragedy nearly lost in time.

May 18, 1927: Parents and teachers desperately claw through the rubble of an exploded school to save screaming children buried alive. Meanwhile, the school board treasurer drives his model T onto the school yard. He summons the superintendent, a key rescuer. As the superintendent approaches, the treasurer detonates his Model T in the world's first suicide car bombing. Loaded with dynamite and shrapnel, it decimates surrounding children and rescuers.

Simultaneously, a mile away, massive plumes of smoke blot out the sun as a slew of buildings burn. Having wired his horses legs together, the killer's animals flail torturously as flames consume them. Neighbors, concerned for the killer's wife, brave the raging fire of the mansion and to save her, only to find hidden dynamite waiting for them.

The killer's motive in this series of meticulously planned attacks: destroy the entire town. He very nearly succeeded.

As decades passed most people of this town, still mourning, would not speak of that day: Not to the media, not to friends, not even to their own children. Unexpectedly being confronted with the death of their children in such a gruesome manner proved more a wound than time could heal.

Eighty years later, having created bonds in this community over months and years, some of the last remaining survivors sat down with us to tell their story.

These survivors, in their 90s and 100s, speak with authority. They have seen much, including the worst of humanity, and yet in recalling their youth, gleam the smile of a child. (One of our interviewees lived to be 114: two pandemics and a school bombing—talk about a survivor!)

Reading a summary of these events serves no more a spoiler than to say the Titanic was a big ship that sank, or 9/11 was some planes that crashed into buildings. The Bath School Massacre reveals an epic tale of hubris and hatred. Each episode portrays the respective waves of attack with striking cinematography and never-before-seen footage, taking the audience on a gripping journey to hell and back.

## REVIEWS:

**“Riveting. Soaring cinematography. The Great writer William Faulkner once wrote ‘History isn’t dead. It isn’t even past.’ That’s why the new docudrama ‘Forgotten: America’s Worst School Massacre’ chronicling the Bath School bombing in 1927 is a cautionary tale of one man’s madness and the worst mass murder of children in American history.”**

Bill Castanier

President, Historical Society of Greater Lansing

**“They know how to cut film! I like the mosaic approach to the story, letting it develop through multiple threads and points of view. And a nice mix of witnesses, descendants, and talking head experts.”**

Arnie Bernstein

Author, *Bath Massacre: America’s First School Bombing*

**“A gripping and thorough docuseries that not only informs the viewer of this collectively forgotten tragedy, but also honors its victims – both victims from May of 1927 and those in the decades to come, as profound trauma such as this reverberates through generations.”**

Amie Jones

Author, *The Forgotten Children of Bath*

# EPISODES:

## Episode 1 - The Burning

A rich, eccentric farmer is a curiosity to the locals in this sleepy farm village—no one conceiving he's already wired multiple buildings as groundwork to massacre their children, lay their entire town to ruin, and even murder his own wife. In addition to dynamiting small children, he schemes the relentless murder of neighbors, first responders, and animals in a series of meticulously-planned attacks. Simultaneously, he hatches violent revenge on his wife's entire family. As the day arrives, the murderous plotter frantically makes last-second adjustments to ensure his massacre will slay hundreds. Having tied his horses legs together, with the flick of a switch a series of buildings ignite and explode, spewing plumes of smoke to blot out the sun—all a distraction from the carnage he's wrought at the school.

## Episode 2 - The Bombing

Celebrating their last day of class, children fill the school on this beautiful spring day, unaware the building is wired with explosives. First-hand survivor accounts build tension as his clock timer ticks down second by second, reaching an agonizing pitch. The school explodes. Overwhelming tragedy and chaos reigns as panic-stricken parents arrive: the air filled with the desperate screams of their children, the ground strewn with body parts. The rescuers frantically try to save the innocents buried in the rubble—not knowing they themselves have now become targets. The killer, having transformed his entire vehicle into a massive Improvised Explosive Device, packed with explosives and shrapnel, begins hunting "enemies" with his rifle.

## Episode 3 - The Onslaught

Armed with a custom rifle, truckload of ammunition, and explosives, the killer continues stalking survivors as they scramble to save dying children. Upon finding his "arch nemesis," he unleashes an attack never before seen on Earth. People flood into Bath on the news of sensationalized killings—all while his wife's family desperately struggles to find her. Frightening shipments and hidden explosives wreak havoc for years to come; the sinister past of the killer is unearthed, but the survivors dig deep to reveal a higher truth.

# COVER ARTWORK:



# BEHIND THE SCENES:



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