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EXCEPTIONAL QUIRKS, PART 2

TIP 1: *Be on the lookout for documents in unusual places.*

QUIRK no. 1: Delayed birth registrations are great—if you can find them. Funny thing is, a registration may not have occurred in the state in which a person was born. Rather, an adult may have filed at a courthouse in the county where that person later resided. While Washington State delayed birth registrations were filed in the counties of birth, other states didn't have the same policies or procedures. Here are two examples, showing the top parts of the registrations:

Birth Petition No. 136

State of Indiana, Madison County, ss:
IN RE. VERIFIED APPLICATION OF

JOHNNIE DAVIS (Formerly Butler)
FOR AN ORDER OF RECORD OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF BIRTH.

The Court further finds the following facts should be entered of record in connection with said birth, to-wit:

Full name Johnnie Davis Date of birth Feb. 25th 1905
First Middle Last Month Day Year

Place of birth Bosco, La. Color Colored

Father's name John Butler Mother's maiden name Alice Davis

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
For the County of MULTNOMAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE
REGISTRATION OF THE BIRTH
of
FRANK FRED PAYCER
Petitioner

DECREE FOR
REGISTRATION OF BIRTH
No. 9180
28948

The petitioner, Frank Fred Paycer, whose race or color is White, being a resident of the State of Oregon, living at 537 S. E. Spokane St., City of Portland and having filed a petition for the registration of His birth, and having served a copy thereof upon the district attorney of this county, and more than five days having elapsed since the service and filing of said petition;

And the court having held a hearing upon said petition and being satisfied that the facts stated therein are supported by substantial evidence, hereby finds that petitioner was born at Little Falls, in the County of Morrison, State of Minnesota, on the 5th day of August, in the year 1892;

TIP 2: Watch for census transcripts that may match "strays" or in-laws on Supplemental Schedules with the wrong families or households.

QUIRK no. 2: "Strays" are people who live in a household headed by someone not related to them or who have different last names. Sometimes census enumeration sheets list them on Supplemental Schedules, rather than on the same sheet where the head of household is shown, either because the census enumerator inadvertently omitted them or because the enumerator returned to the house or neighborhood to gather additional information.

The example here, from Ancestry.com, shows how one guy was indexed as if he lived in the household of the people listed before him, but he actually resided in a different household, listed on an earlier census page. His age had also been interpreted as 88, but look closely at the image below: it was written as 80. (He died five days after this census was taken.)

the 1910 United States Federal Census	
Name:	Sheldon Gilbert
Age in 1910:	88
Birth Year:	abt 1822 [abt 1830]
Birthplace:	New York
Home in 1910:	Hoquiam Ward 2, Chehalis, Washington
Street:	5
House Number:	609
Household Members:	
	Name Age
	Charles W Haywood 35
	Orra W Haywood 31
	Sheldon Gilbert 88

If you find a stray on a Supplemental Schedule, pay close attention to the first four columns of the census sheet. These columns have the street address, house number, dwelling number, and family number or visitation order number. Make a note of them, and then look for the same numbers recorded for a household on an earlier census page of the same enumeration district.

95		Vortice James	Lodges	M	W	33	W		California	New York	Massachusetts
96	522	191	200	Haywood Charles W	Head	M	W	35	W	5	
97				Orra W	wife	W	F	31	W	5	0 0
98	569	150	171	Gilbert Sheldon	father-in-law	M	W	80	W	2	
99	512	142	201	Charles W	son	M	W	14	W	2	

This is the household in which he actually resided:

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39	609	150	171	M Lauplin Eugene G	Head	M	W	30	M	8	
40				Kella M	wife	W	F	29	M	8	3 3
41				Kelen	daughter	F	W	6	S		
42				John	son	M	W	3	S		
43				Donald	son	M	W	1	S		
44				Kelen, Corrine	servant	F	W	24	S		

ANNOUNCEMENT: This is the last Quirky Genealogy Tip Sheet I will be producing.

I hope they have been helpful to you. Happy New Year! — Evelyn