

A Chat with Char #6

Delayed Birth Certificates

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An unknown vital statistics record called Delayed Birth Certificates might be the key to further your research.

Most States have some type of delayed birth records. For example, in West Virginia, the Archives and History Library in Charleston has Delayed Birth records from 1880s to 1916. In Morgan County, Illinois, Delayed Birth records are from 1858 – 1878.

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In the State of Virginia at their Archives (Library of Virginia), they have delayed birth indexes from June 14, 1912 to June 1950 on microfilm. The information that you would find in this index will be the name, father's name, mother's maiden name, place of birth, date of birth, and the volume and file number. Also a star (*) is used beside a person's name if he or she was colored.

Index list of Virginia Delayed Births:

McCann	Pauline	Joseph	Shumaker, Gertrude	Montg	Dec. 4, 1933
"	William David	Edgar E.	McCann, Carra B.	Tazew	Aug. 18, 1926
*McCargo	Beatrice	William Jr.	Saunders, Topsy	Charl	Jul. 8, 1934
* "	Charlie I.	Elain	McCargo, Sallie E.	Meckl	Apr. 22, 1930
* "	Etta Mildree	Elgin	McCargo, Sallie E.	Charl	Dec. 25, 1919
* "	Evergreen	William	Saunders, Topsy	Charl	Jul. 26, 1926
* "	Floria	-----	McCargo, Pattie	Charl	Jun. 30, 1924
* "	Iretha	-----	McCargo, Della	Charl	Sep. 24, 1934
* "	Jessie James	Anderson	Daniel, Louise	Charl	Jan. 1, 1916
* "	Mary	Richard	Chaffin, Agnes	Charl	Dec. 7, 1920

When social security was implemented in 1935, it was required that each person applying for a social security number will have a birth certificate. Many individuals whose births were not reported to Vital Statistics obtained a Delayed Birth certificate because of the Social Security Act.

On Wednesday April 9, 2008, at 9 p.m., we will discuss the Delayed Birth records and the importance of obtaining that record.