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Story Options 2022

Option #11: Roy Williams

Prior to his incarceration at the Idaho State Penitentiary, Roy Williams worked as a machinist in Nebraska. He briefly moved to Idaho around 1901. His extensive and varied employment history included work at an electrical company, a meat shop and at shipyards in Nyssa, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. He moved constantly throughout the western United States and was arrested in Sacramento, California in 1911 for grand larceny, resulting in a six-month sentence in a county jail. Roy returned to Boise in August 1920 and was involved in a serious car accident, leaving him with a shattered spine and other injuries. He claimed his injuries made it impossible for him to work and difficult for him to move. Unable to find work in jobs requiring physical labor, he resorted to bootlegging. In 1923, during the prohibition period, authorities arrested Williams for transporting liquor in his vehicle. Following his release, he was arrested for disturbing the peace in Vallejo, CA in 1933, and again in Boise in 1935 for vagrancy.

