



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**September 1996**

## Patrick Hannivan's Birth Found

For the second month in a row, we had no missing ballplayers found. However, Bob McConnell tracked down the birth record of Patrick Hannivan in Nova Scotia. Thus, Bob becomes the proud winner of the September *Find of the Month* award.

### Wanted (But Not By Us)

It appears that the James Adams who was charged with murder in 1923 was not our 1890 ballplayer. Rich Bozzone found an article describing his arrest. He was supposedly a "star fielder for the Oakland baseball team in 1905 and 1908." Nither Rich nor I could find any evidence of this.

This Adams was an interesting figure. We was a prominent member of several San Francisco gangs and was known as "Jimmie the Rat." Great nickname!

### Calling Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.

I received an e-mail from a gentleman who informed me that the FBI has files on many deceased ballplayers which are available for release to the public. Among the available players he listed are Jackie Robinson, Lou Gehrig, Dizzy Dean, Ty Cobb, and Babe Ruth. These are available by writing to :

FBI Freedom of Information Act Unit  
Records Resources Division  
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20535

You would need to include the full name of the person, birth and death date, place of birth, any nicknames (Sultan of Swat?), and a photocopy of a biographical article about the person. Also enclose a statement that you agree to pay up to \$25 for the record. I have no idea what these files contain or what use they might be to our committee. If someone would like to send for one of these, I'd be interested in seeing the result.

### Death Places

Noticing that Al Zarilla died in Hawaii made me wonder what states had the most players die there and which states had the fewest. Zarilla became only the third player to die in Hawaii joining Hal Elliott and Sammy White. All died in Honolulu. Only one player died in Alaska, Charles Fisher, who died in Eagle. North Dakota has had only two, Wilbur Smith and Ed Hanyzewski, both of whom died in Fargo.

California, with 800, has had the most by far, followed by Pennsylvania with 657 and New York with 561. The leading foreign country is Canada with 51, then Cuba with 19, and Mexico with 12.

### Viz a Viz

While I was at the ballgame the other day watching the final game of the season, it dawned on me that the Cleveland Indians feature the only two players in major league history whose names begin with Viz, Jose Vizcaino and Omar Vizquel. Then I began thinking about the name Omar. (The Royals haven't been the most exciting team this year.) There have been five players whose first names were Omar. Three are active today, Omar Vizquel, Omar Olivares, and Omar Daal. Omar Moreno, lovingly referred to as Omar the Outmaker, retired a few years ago. You could probably stump a few people in trying to figure out the other Omar, Omar "Turk" Lown.

## Birthday List

There are four nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in October. Make sure you send a card.

October 3	John Riddle	91
October 10	Homer Peel	94
October 22	Isaac Kahdot	95
October 28	Henry Boney	93

## Where is John Jay Remsen?

Our *Mystery of the Month* for September is John Jay Remsen. Remsen had a lengthy major league career to just completely vanish. He broke in with the Brooklyn Atlantics in 1872 and played with a variety of teams through 1884. He managed Hartford and Meriden in Connecticut in 1886. Rumor has it that he was a conductor on a Hartford trolley line in 1897.

The 1900 New York census shows a John J. Remsen, born in April of 1850, living in Brooklyn with his wife Emma (B: 01/1852) and two children, Harry (B: 11/1887) and Corine (B: 11/1889). It would seem that Remsen shouldn't be that difficult to find. Does anyone have access to any Brooklyn records?

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14450	71	99.511
Total Complete Births	13775	746	94.863
Total Complete Deaths	7241	467	49.866
Total Assumed Alive	6813		46.918
Total Bats	13167	1249	91.336
Total Throws	13416	1000	93.063
Total Heights	13414	1002	93.049
Total Weights	13350	1066	92.605
Total Debut Dates	14521	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9980	4541	68.728
Total Completion			92.2146

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1927 Bennett, Francis Allen	D: <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u>	(B6)
1887 Cunningham, Elmer Ellsworth	D: <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u>	(B6)
1935 Dahlgren, Ellsworth Tenney	D: <u>Sep 4 1996</u> <u>Arcadia, California</u>	(C1)
1931 English, Gilbert Raymond	D: <u>Aug 31 1996</u> <u>Trinity, North Carolina</u>	(C1)
1942 Fernandez, Froilan	D: <u>Sep 19 1996</u> <u>Lomita, California</u>	(AP)
1958 Fodge, Eugene Arlan	Name: <u>Gene Arlan Fodge</u>	(C2)
1897 Hannivan, Patrick James	Name: <u>Patrick James Hannifan</u> B: <u>Apr 20 1866</u> <u>Halifax, Nova Scotia</u>	(M1)
1894 Hodson, George S.	TR	(C1)
1939 Livengood, Wesley Amos	D: <u>Sep 2 1996</u> <u>Winston-Salem, North Carolina</u>	(C1)
1939 McCosky, William Barney	D: <u>Sep 6 1996</u> <u>Venice, Florida</u>	(NL)
1890 Pabst, Edward D. A.	TR	(C1)
1936 Pilney, Antone James	D: <u>Sep 15 1996</u> <u>Kenner, Louisiana</u>	(S6)
1949 Pramesa, John Steven	D: <u>Sep 9 1996</u> <u>Los Angeles, California</u>	(P3)
1894 Massey, William Henry	TR	(C1)
1889 McMahon, John Joseph	D: <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u>	(B6)
1912 Meaney, Patrick J.	TR	(C1)
1951 Miranda, Guillermo (Perez)	D: <u>Sep 7 1996</u> <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	(C1)
1905 Myers, Joseph William	D: <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u>	(B6)
1947 Robinson, John Roosevelt	Name: <u>Jack Roosevelt Robinson</u>	(H4)
1926 Smith, Alfred Kendricks	D: <u>Aug 11 1995</u> <u>San Diego, California</u>	(C1)
1948 Webb, Samuel Henry	D: <u>Feb 7 1996</u> <u>Hyattsville, Maryland</u>	(C1)
1907 Wolter, Harry Meigs	TR	(C1)
1943 Zarilla, Allen Lee	D: <u>Sep 4 1996</u> <u>Honolulu, Hawaii</u>	(C1)