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Bickerson Found

The 1884 Washington American Association team featured two unidentified players, Jones and Wills. They were also the only team to feature an unidentified manager, a man known only as Bickerson, who managed the last game of the 1884 season, taking over for Holly Hollingshead. Since there was nobody named Bickerson living in Washington at the time, we had pretty much given up hope of ever identifying the mysterious Mr. Bickerson.

Of course, that underestimates the resourcefulness of Peter Morris. Peter knew that the president of the Washington club was a man named Lloyd V. Moxley. Peter looked at the Washington city directories and discovered that Moxley's business partner was John A. Bickerton. It would be a pretty odd coincidence that Moxley would have a partner named Bickerton and someone else named Bickerson would manage that game. John Bickerton has to be our missing manager. Peter found that Bickerton died February 9, 1916 in Washington. Peter wins our *Find of the Month*.

Eddie Green

Eddie Green, pitcher for Philadelphia (AA) in 1890 has been found by Richard Malatzky. Notes from Sporting Life and the Philadelphia Press indicate he was living in Philadelphia. There were notes from 1892 that "Eddie Green the crack pitcher is open for engagement on other days than Wednesday and Saturday 1251 Howard St." (I wonder what he did Wednesdays and Saturdays.) There was a similar note in the Philadelphia Press in 1893 listing the same address.

The Philadelphia city directories showed Edward M. Green, electrician, living at 1251 Howard with his wife Ida. He is also listed at that address in the 1900 census, born January 1869, New Jersey with both parents born in New Jersey. He is listed in the city directories up until 1912 when Ida is listed by herself at 1345 Earl Street. A search of the Philadelphia death certificates shows Edward M. Green, electrician, 1345 Earl Street, dying November 1, 1912 in Philadelphia. He died of cirrhosis of the liver, so that might explain what he did Wednesdays and Saturdays. Clearly, this is our missing player.

Rynie Wolters

Rynie Wolters was born in the Netherlands. We list his birthplace as Schantz; however, there are no cities with that name in the Netherlands. There are five different cities named Schans. Can anyone verify where he is from?

Missing Cemeteries

It's hard to believe, but we still have over 500 missing cemeteries. Here is the count by state of death. If you would like to try to find the missing cemeteries in your area, please let me know and I'll send you the players.

State	Country	Count
	Austria	1
	Bahamas	1
	Canal Zone	1
	Cuba	16
	France	1
	Panama	1
	Philippines	2
	Puerto Rico	3
Alabama	United States	8
Alberta	Canada	1
Aragua	Venezuela	1
Arizona	United States	12
Arkansas	United States	1
British Columbia	Canada	1
California	United States	58
Campeche	Mexico	1
Carabobo	Venezuela	1
Connecticut	United States	8
D.C.	United States	5
Delaware	United States	1
Distrito Federal	Venezuela	6
Distrito Nacional	Dominican Rep.	6
Florida	United States	52
Georgia	United States	2
Hawaii	United States	1
Illinois	United States	21
Indiana	United States	2
Iowa	United States	2
Kentucky	United States	1
Louisiana	United States	7
Maine	United States	1
Maryland	United States	7
Massachusetts	United States	4
Michigan	United States	19
Minnesota	United States	1
Mississippi	United States	3
Missouri	United States	7
Montana	United States	1
Monte Cristi	Dominican Rep.	1
Nevada	United States	7
New Hampshire	United States	1
New Jersey	United States	7
New York	United States	65
North Carolina	United States	11
Ohio	United States	17
Oklahoma	United States	1
Ontario	Canada	17
Oregon	United States	4
Pennsylvania	United States	42
Quebec	Canada	2

Rhode Island	United States	1
San Cristobal	Dominican Rep.	1
San Pedro de Macoris	Dominican Rep.	1
Santiago	Dominican Rep.	1
South Carolina	United States	5
Tamaulipas	Mexico	1
Tennessee	United States	2
Texas	United States	23
Utah	United States	1
Vargas	Venezuela	1
Veracruz	Mexico	1
Virginia	United States	10
Washington	United States	15
West Virginia	United States	1
Wisconsin	United States	4
Zulia	Venezuela	1

For those of you interested in a little cemetery trivia, the top 5 cemeteries for ballplayers are: Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis – 81 players, Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California – 51 players, Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California – 37 players and 1 non-playing manager, Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati – 34 players and 1 non-playing manager, and Calvary Cemetery in Woodside, New York – 31 players and 4 non-playing managers.

We are missing quite a few prominent players, the ten most prominent probably being Lew Burdette, Ken Brett, Jack Sanford, Mayo Smith, Cesar Tovar, Walker Cooper, George Brunet, Gee Walker, Frank Schulte, and George Gore. Once again, if you'd like to help, please let me know.

Centennial Celebrity

It was always a SABR tradition to choose the centennial celebrity, the most prominent baseball person who would celebrate their 100th birthday this year. Usually, that person's picture would be on the cover of the Baseball Research Journal. SABR stopped doing this a couple of years ago, so I thought it would be fun if our committee chose a centennial celebrity. You can send your votes to me and I'll announce the winner in the next newsletter. The leading candidates are: Zeke Bonura, Ray Brown, Ben Chapman, Wes Ferrell, Lefty Gomez, Billy Jurges, Ernie Lombardi, Al Lopez, Jo-Jo Moore, Paul Richards, Red Rolfe, Willie Wells, and Bill Werber. Or you can vote for someone else, provided they were born in 1908. There doesn't look like a clear-cut favorite, so it will be interesting to see who wins.

Fred Thomas

Now that we have identified and located John Bickerton, we have three non-playing managers who are still missing. One of these is our *Mystery of the Month*, Fred Thomas, the manager of Indianapolis in 1887. Much of the research on Thomas has been done by Pete Cava and I am copying the write-up that was done by Peter Morris.

Pete Cava assumes that the man who died on his 78th birthday in 1933 in Los Angeles and was buried in Indianapolis is our manager. While this conclusion seems highly likely, the evidence is all circumstantial. Richard Malatzky found the only Frederick L. Thomas in the Indianapolis cd, traced him until he disappeared, and later we found him in Los Angeles. The problem is being sure that this man was the manager.

Pete has gone through the 1887 Indianapolis papers for notes on how Thomas became manager but that remains sketchy. Indianapolis purchased the St. Louis Maroons franchise in mid-March and our friend George W. Burnham became manager for having facilitated the deal. Frederick L. Thomas was listed as team secretary by May 2 and replaced Burnham when he was fired (twice). He was described as a "splendid business man" on several occasions, and his lack of baseball experience was also noted. But Pete did not find anything more helpful. He was never specifically described as a local.

Frederick L. Thomas was listed in the Indianapolis cds as a clerk for the Union Railway Company in 1885, then as a merchandise broker with partners J. M. Dexter and George H. Talbott in 1886 and 1887 respectively. He's missing from the cd in 1888 and then returns as a traveling man. We would like to find some connection with team president Lewis Newberger (a lawyer in the firm of Newberger Simon & Davis), or board members A. J. Treat, John T. Brush and Joseph Schwabacher to explain how he became team secretary, but so far no luck. Unless we get a lucky break, this will remain one where we very likely have our man but cannot positively prove it.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in September and October.

September 4	Bill Endicott	90
September 17	Bob Dillinger	90
September 19	Bob McNamara	92
October 5	Tony Malinosky	99
October 13	Ray Hathaway	92
October 17	Mike Sandlock	93
October 21	Edwin Carnett	92
October 22	Fred Caligiuri	90
October 25	Gene Corbett	95
October 28	Ed Levy	92
October 30	Bobby Bragan	91
October 30	Edward Borom	93

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	16913	53	99.688
Births	16371	595	96.493
Assumed Alive	8201		48.338
Deaths	8494	271	50.065
Bats	15713	1138	93.247
Throws	15935	916	94.564
Heights	16069	782	95.359
Weights	16026	825	95.104
Debut Dates	16966	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9984	6982	58.847
Total			92.4051

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1899	Atherton, Charles Morgan Herbert	B: Nov 19 1873 **Source: Family**	(H7)
1884	Bahret, Frank F.	Cemetery: Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, New York **Source: Cemetery**	(P3)
1907	Bailey, William F.	Cemetery: Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, Houston, Texas **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1953	Baldwin, Frank DeWitt	Cemetery: Oak Hill Cemetery, Springdale, Ohio **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1965	Beck, Richard Henry	B: Jan 21 1940 **Source: Richard Beck**	(C1)
1964	Bennett, David Hans	Father of Erik Hans Bennett **Source: California birth index**	(H9)
1995	Bennett, Erik Hans	Son of David Hans Bennett **Source: California birth index**	(H9)
1884	Bickerson, (MGR)	Name: John A. Bickerton B: 1848, Washington, D.C. D: Feb 9 1916, Washington, D.C. **Source: Washington Post, 1860, 1910 census**	(M4)
1914	Bluejacket, James	Cemetery: St. Joseph Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois **Source: Cemetery**	(H6)
1884	Brennan, Jack	D: Koch, Missouri Cemetery: Body donated to medical science **Source: Death certificate**	(C1)
1887	Burke, William R.	Cemetery: Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Atchison, Kansas **Source: Atchison cemetery index**	(W3)
1892	Camp, Robert Plantaganet Llewellan	Debut: Aug 25 1892 **Source: ICI sheets**	(P1)
1940	Campbell, Clarence	Cemetery: Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Sparta, Virginia **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1935	Chapman, Calvin Louis	Cemetery: Charleston City Cemetery, Charleston, Mississippi **Source: Death certificate and funeral home**	(R4)
1910	Corriden, John Michael, Sr.	Cemetery: St. Vincent Cemetery, Logansport, Indiana **Source: Cemetery**	(H6)
1945	Crowson, Thomas Woodrow	D: Greensboro, North Carolina **Source: Death certificate**	(H4)
1963	Dahl, Jay Steven	D: Jun 21 1965	(H4)

		Source: Death certificate	
1951	Dempsey, Cornelius Francis	Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1959	Eaddy, Donald Johnson	D: Jul 9 2008 Laconia, New Hampshire Cemetery: Cremated, ashes scattered over Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire **Source: Brother**	(C1)
1911	Elliott, Eugene Birminghouse	Name: Eugene Burninghaus Elliott **Source: Grandson**	(F4)
2006	Fahey, Brandon Wade	Name: Brandon Michael Fahey **Source: Mother**	(F4)
1952	Garbowski, Alexander	B: Jun 25 1922 D: Jun 27 2008 Putnam Valley, New York Cemetery: St. Mary Cemetery, Yonkers, New York **Source: Funeral home and 1930 census**	(P3)
1967	Gibson, John Russell	D: Jul 27 2008 Swansea, Massachusetts Cemetery: Mount Hope Cemetery, Swansea, Massachusetts **Source: Boston Globe**	(C1)
1937	Gick, George Edward	D: Aug 12 2008 Lafayette, Indiana Cemetery: Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette, Indiana **Source: Lafayette Journal Courier**	(C1)
1948	Goodwin, James Patrick	D: Apr 12 2008 St. Louis, Missouri Cemetery: Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri **Source: St. Louis Post Dispatch**	(C1)
1960	Gotay, Julio Enrique (Sanchez)	D: Jul 4 2008 Ponce, Puerto Rico Cemetery: Nuevo Municipal de Florencio, Fajardo, Puerto Rico **Source: Puerto Rican newspaper**	(N5)
1890	Green, Edward M.	B: Jan 1860 Millville, New Jersey D: Nov 1 1912 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Cemetery: Palmer Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **Source: Death certificate, 1860, 1900 census**	(M3)
1914	Hale, George Wagner	Cemetery: Dexter Cemetery, Dexter, Kansas **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1915	Harper, John Wesley	Cemetery: Blackwell Cemetery, Blackwell, Oklahoma **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1944	Henry, Earl Clifford	Cemetery: Roseville Cemetery, Roseville, Ohio **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1909	Higgins, Thomas Edward	Cemetery: Calvary Cemetery, Rockford, Illinois **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1920	Hollahan, William James	Cemetery: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, New York **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1906	Huston, Harry Emanuel Kress	Cemetery: Blackwell Cemetery, Blackwell, Oklahoma **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1954	Jackson, Ronald Harris	D: Jul 6 2008 Kalamazoo, Michigan	(C1)

		Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Kalamazoo Gazette**	
1926	Johns, Augustus Francis	Cemetery: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas **Source: Death certificate**	(C1)
1941	Johnson, Adam Rankin, Jr.	D: Feb 11 2005 Cemetery: Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Pennsylvania **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1902	Kennedy, Sherman Montgomery	Cemetery: Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, Houston, Texas **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1919	Kerr, Richard Henry	Use name: Dickey **Source: Tombstone**	(N5)
1976	Kuehl, Karl Otto (MGR)	D: Aug 6 2008 Scottsdale, Arizona Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Associated Press**	(C1)
1920	Lamb, Laymon Raymond	Name: Lyman Raymond Lamb Cemetery: Ozark Memorial Park, Joplin, Missouri **Source: Funeral home**	(R4)
1875	Latham, George Warren	Cemetery: Forest Hill Cemetery, Utica, New York **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1960	Lindbeck, Emerit Desmond	B: Aug 27 1934 D: Aug 27 2008 Kewanee, Illinois Cemetery: Wethersfield Cemetery, Kewanee, Illinois **Source: Peoria Journal Star**	(C1)
1916	Lotz, Joseph Peter	Cemetery: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, California **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1902	McMackin, Samuel	Real name: Samuel McMachan B: Nov 24 1872 Cemetery: Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio **Source: Family**	(M9)
1970	Mingori, Stephen Bernard	D: Jul 10 2008 Kansas City, Missouri Cemetery: Highland Park Cemetery, Pittsburg, Kansas **Source: Pittsburg Morning Sun**	(C1)
1965	Murcer, Bobby Ray	D: Jul 12 2008 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Cemetery: Cremated **Source: mlb**	(C1)
1922	O'Neill, Joseph Henry	Cemetery: Greenwood Cemetery, Ridgetown, Ontario **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1875	Oran, Thomas	D: Sep 22 1886 **Source: Death certificate**	(M4)
1885	Ramsey, Thomas H.	Weight: 180 **Source: Philadelphia Inquirer**	(M4)
1963	Ricketts, David William	D: Jul 13 2008 St. Louis, Missouri Cemetery: St. Charles Memorial Gardens, St. Charles, Missouri **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)

1905	Rising, Percival Sumner	Cemetery: Oak Grove Cemetery, Industry, Beaver County, Pennsylvania **Source: Funeral home and cemetery records**	(R4)
1952	Schaeffer, Harry Edward	D: Jul 12 2008 Shillington, Pennsylvania Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery, Shillington, Pennsylvania **Source: Reading Eagle**	(C1)
1905	Shea, Gerald Joseph	B: Omaha, Nebraska **Source: Great-nephew**	(F4)
1946	Shore, Raymond Everett	Cemetery: Curlew Hills Memory Gardens, Palm Harbor, Florida **Source: Cemetery**	(B6)
1950	Sima, Albert	Cemetery: Cemetery of the Ascension, Monsey, New York **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1911	Smith, Sherrod Malone	Cemetery: Carmel Church Cemetery, Mansfield, Georgia **Source: City of Mansfield, Georgia**	(C1)
1965	Sorrell, William	Name: Billy Lee Sorrell Use name: Billy D: Jul 22 2008 Rancho Bernardo, California Cemetery: Cremated, ashes retained by family **Source: Church records and Kentucky birth index**	(L6)
1941	Stevens, Charles Augustus	B: Jul 10 1918 **Source: Chuck Stevens**	(CL)
1947	Stobbs, Charles Klein	D: Jul 11 2008 Sarasota, Florida Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune**	(C1)
1938	Stoviak, Raymond Thomas	Cemetery: Municipal Cemetery, Nicoya, Costa Rica **Source: Daughter**	(C1)
2003	Teixeira, Mark Charles	B: Apr 11 1980 **Source: mlb**	(S0)
1916	Thrasher, Frank Edward	D: Cleveland, Tennessee Cemetery: Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Tennessee **Source: Research by Lee Allen and findagrave.com**	(C1)
1884	Trumbull, Edward J.	Cemetery: St. Patrick Cemetery, Chicopee, Massachusetts, buried under the name Tremblay **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
1918	Tuero, Oscar Monzon	Cemetery: Pythian Cemetery, Bunkie, Louisiana, buried under the name Oscar Tuero Monzon **Source: Death certificate and findagrave.com**	(C1)
1940	Vaughan, Cecil Porter	D: Jul 30 2008 Richmond, Virginia Cemetery: Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia **Source: Richmond Times-Dispatch**	(C1)
1928	West, Walter Maxwell	Cemetery: Earthman Resthaven Cemetery, Houston, Texas **Source: Death certificate**	(C1)
1954	Wheat, Leroy William	D: Jul 29 2008 Fort Lauderdale, Florida Cemetery: Cremated	(C1)

		Source: South Florida Sun-Sentinel	
1997	Winston, Darrin Alexander	D: Aug 15 2008 Freehold, New Jersey Cemetery: Old Tennent Cemetery, Manalapan, New Jersey **Source: Newark Star Ledger**	(C1)
1944	Wise, Roy Ogden	B: Nov 18 1923 D: Feb 25 2008 Irvine, California Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Widow, 1930 census**	(S3)