



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**May/June 1999**

## Peggy Moore Found

Frank (Peggy) Moore of the 1905 Pittsburgh Pirates and out May/June 1998 *Mystery of the Month* has been found by Jim Holl. Jim identified the player through newspaper accounts and tracked down Moore's family. He discovered that Moore was born September 12, 1877 in Dover, Ohio and died May 20, 1964 in Portsmouth, Ohio. For this, Jim wins this month's *Find of the Month* award.

### New Members

Please welcome Jim Holl to the biographical committee. Jim's address is 509 Pershing SE, North Canton, Ohio 44720 and Jim's code number will be H5.

### A Request For Help

Fred Lenger, who has done a marvelous job of identifying places of birth and death of major league players, would like some help locating communities with multiple names within the state. The player, city, and counties are listed below:

George Glenn Bell, Greenwood, NY (Kings, Steuben)  
William Haron Bruton, Panola AL (Crenshaw, Sumter)  
Luscious Luke Easter, Jonestown, MS (Coahoma, Yazoo)  
Earl Calvin Smith, Sunnyside WA (Snohomish, Yakima)  
Arthur Lee Wilson, Springfield, AL (Clarke, Elmore, Lauderdale, Randolph)

Fred would also like someone to help him identify the provinces that certain towns in the

Dominican Republic are located. Fred's address is 2952 Green Meadow Drive #8, Jenison, Michigan 49428 and his e-mail is flenger@usxchange.net.

### Convention Report

Our committee meeting in Phoenix was not as well-attended as some of our past meetings but we had some interesting discussion. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a no-hitter.

The main item is that I need somebody to be my vice-chair. I would like it to be someone with a computer so you can store a backup copy of the database. I would also like to redesign the database and convert it to Microsoft Access, if you would like to help with that. And if I decide in 50 years or so to step down as committee chairman, you can take over as chairman. I'll be awaiting the flood of volunteers.

### A Ball From a Missing Player

Richard Malatzky found the following passage in a book about Baltimore baseball:

"By now, authentic baseball artifacts from 1870 or earlier are of extreme rarity. Then, when a single baseball sufficed for all 9 innings, it was customary to present it to the game winners, who if in funds would have it shellacked and lettered with team names, date, and score. Such a baseball, sewn from a single piece of leather, descended in the family of Wally Goldsmith of the Marylands. It was then presented to the Babe Ruth Museum by Lloyd Kirkley. The ball commemorates a victory over the New York Mutuals, on a date no longer legible."

### Selko Notes

Jamie Selko sent along a couple of interesting tidbits of information. Jim Golden once struck out 34 batters in a 14 inning game when he was a senior in high school. In the state championship

game that year (1954), he struck out 20 in 7 innings; the other out was a ground ball back to the mound. Ron Kline pitched 5 consecutive no-hitters his senior year in high school, two of which were perfect games. Jim Greengrass lettered in 5 sports in high school, football, baseball, track, soccer, and tennis.

## Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in July and August. Make sure you send a card.

July 9	Lou Polli	98
July 12	Allen Benson	91
July 25	Joe Zapustas	92
August 7	Clarence Heise	92
August 8	Tot Pressnell	93
August 11	Forrest Jensen	92
August 20	Al Lopez	91
August 21	Wallace Hebert	92
August 22	Robert Keely	90
August 31	Joe Cascarella	92

## A Gray Area

A player we list as James D. Gray played second base for Pittsburgh in the Players League June 17-18, 1890. Joe Simenic found three different notes on Gray in the June 21, 1890 issue of *Sporting Life*.

On page 3, it says, "Owing to Robinson's injury, Pittsburgh put an amateur named Gray at second, and while he is credited with three errors, he also made several brilliant plays and batted hard."

On page 5, it says, "Jimmy Gray, who is playing second for Pittsburgh in place of Robinson, disabled, will be one of the best second basemen in the profession if he continues. He has done great work, now that he has got over nervousness in the first game."

Then on page 12, it says, "All of the Allegheny city officials are talking of the brilliant debut with Hanlon's team made by the well-known former professional, Jim Gray. Gray has not played professionally since he was with Syracuse in 1887, and has been employed in the city engineer's office."

So is the guy the same as James W. Gray who played with Pittsburgh in 1884 or someone else entirely? Would someone like to research this? This is our *Mystery of the Month*.

### **The Scoreboard**

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	15041	67	99.557
Total Complete Births	14373	735	95.135
Total Complete Deaths	7523	438	49.795
Total Assumed Alive	7147		47.306
Total Bats	13755	1247	91.688
Total Throws	14013	989	93.408
Total Heights	14017	985	93.434
Total Weights	13954	1048	93.014
Total Debut Dates	15108	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9982	5126	66.071
Total Completion			92.1541

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1950 Adcock, Joseph Wilbur	D: <u>May 3 1999</u>	(O2)
	<u>Coushatta, Louisiana</u>	
1914 Alcock, John Forbes	D: <u>Jan 30 1973</u>	(T1)
1914 Baichley, Grover Cleveland	D: <u>Jun 28 1956</u>	(D7)
	Height: <u>5-08</u>	
1926 Barnes, John Francis	B: <u>Jan 31 1900</u>	(D7)
1909 Cantwell, Thomas Aloysius	BR	(D7)
1950 Consuegra, Sandalio Simeon (Castello)	B: <u>Potrerrillos, Cuba</u>	(J1)
1913 Covington, Clarence Otto	Name: <u>Clarence Calvert Covington</u>	(D7)
	B: <u>Nov 18 1894</u>	
	<u>Denison, Texas</u>	
1929 Dondero, Leonard Peter	D: <u>Jan 1 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Fremont, California</u>	
1928 Dorman, Dwight Dexter	Name: <u>Charles Dwight Dorman</u>	(S1)
1872 Fletcher, George Horace Elliott	D: <u>Jun 18 1879</u>	(M3)
	<u>Brooklyn, New York</u>	
1956 Garber, Robert Mitchell	D: <u>Jun 7 1999</u>	(PP)
	<u>Redwood, California</u>	
1953 Giordano, Thomas Arthur	Real Name: <u>Carmine Arthur Giordano</u>	(D7)
1893 Graff, John F.	Name: <u>John L. Graff</u>	(M3)
	B: <u>Nov 1866</u>	
	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>	
	D: <u>Apr 2 1932</u>	
	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>	
1990 Layana, Timothy Joseph	D: <u>Jun 26 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Bakersfield, California</u>	
1905 Lewis, Phillip	B: <u>Oct 8 1884</u>	(D7)
1907 Merkle, Ferderick Charles	Name: <u>Carl Frederick Rudolf Merkle</u>	(X7)
1899 Messitt, Thomas John	B: <u>Frankford, Pennsylvania</u>	(L5)
1905 Moore, Frank	Name: <u>Frank L. Moore</u>	(H5)
	B: <u>Sep 12 1877</u>	
	<u>Dover, Ohio</u>	
	D: <u>May 20 1964</u>	
	<u>Portsmouth, Ohio</u>	
	BRTR	
1883 Morgan, William	B: <u>1856</u>	(M3)
	<u>Brooklyn, New York</u>	
	D: <u>Sep 9 1908</u>	
	<u>New York, New York</u>	
1908 Nelson, Andrew A.	B: <u>Nov 30 1884</u>	(T2)
1901 O'Neill, Michael Joyce	B: <u>Maam, Ireland</u>	(D7)
1895 Preston, Walter B.	D: <u>Dec 23 1937</u>	(M3)
	<u>New Orleans, Louisiana</u>	

1890 Rogers, Emmett E.	B: <u>Otselic, New York</u>	(L5)
1875 Seward, George E.	Name: <u>George T. Seward</u>	(M3)
	D: <u>Mar 28 1904</u>	
	<u>St. Louis, Missouri</u>	
1943 Stanky, Edward Raymond	D: <u>Jun 6 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Fairhope, Alabama</u>	
1928 Sumner, Carl Ringdahl	D: <u>Feb 8 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Chatham, Massachusetts</u>	
1921 Twombly, Edwin Parker	<u>BRTR</u>	(D7)
1995 Valdez, Carlos Luis (Lorenzo)	B: <u>Nazio, Dominican Republic</u>	(D7)
1920 Wilson, William Clarence	D: <u>Leesburg, Florida</u>	(L5)
1938 Wittig, John Carl	D: <u>Feb 24 1999</u>	(D6)
	<u>Nassawadox, Virginia</u>	