



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**August 1994**

## Two Births Found

There haven't been many months since I have been committee chairman that we have not found any missing ballplayers, but this is one of those months. However, Jay Sanford did locate the birth dates of Edward Flynn and Alex Voss and hence, captures the *Find of the Month* award. Good work!

### Mr. Whitner

Tom Hufford writes that Ed Levy now uses the name Whitner and used to teach high school in LaGrange, Georgia. Whitner has retired and moved to Florida, town unknown. Can anyone check the PhoneDisc?

### Separated After Birth

It was often thought that the first set of twins to play major league baseball were John and Phil Reccius of Louisville. Bob Bailey recently located the death certificate of John Reccius, which showed his birthdate to be October 29, 1859 making him Phil's older brother. I believe that the first twins to play in the majors are now Bill and George Hunter. Does anyone know of any twins who played earlier?

### Another Relative

Bill Haber writes that Matt Williams is the grandson of Bart Griffith, who played for the 1922 Brooklyn Dodgers. Matt had more home runs in April than Bart had in his 3-year major league career.

## Keep Those Cards And Letters Coming

Normally, I receive quite a bit of mail from members of the committee. But the past month has been dead as you can see by the bareness of this report. I would think that the strike would give everyone more time to do research. Or maybe you all went on strike also. Anyway, send me your notes. I'm not clever enough to come up with the entire newsletter.

### First Out

1960 - Walt Bond	09/14/1967
1961 - Ken Hubbs	02/15/1964
1962 - Bob Baird	04/11/1974
1963 - Jay Dahl	06/20/1965
1964 - Chico Ruiz	02/09/1972
1965 - Dick Wantz	05/13/1965
1966 - Don Wilson	01/05/1975
1967 - Nestor Chavez	03/16/1969
1968 - Bob Christian	02/20/1974
1969 - Mickey Fuentes	01/29/1970

### Birthday List

We have our first new member of the nonagenarian club since Ray Hayworth joined in January. Make sure you send both men a card.

September 12	Len Dondero	91
September 25	Paul Hopkins	90

## Maybe Sherlock Holmes Can Help Us Find Moriarity

Our *Mystery of the Month* for August comes courtesy of Bob Richardson.

Eugene John Moriarity (or Moriarty) was born January 5, 1865 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to Eugene and Joanna (Landers) Moriarity. He first appears in the Holyoke city directory in 1884 and is listed as a ballplayer in 1885-86. He disappears from the Holyoke city directory after 1886.

He played for Holyoke and Springfield teams before beginning his major league tour of Boston (1884), Indianapolis (1884), and Detroit (1885). Eugene signed with Newark August 25, 1885. He was released by Newark and signed with Savannah February 26, 1886. He joined Binghamton September 13, 1886. That's the last word we have on Moriarity in New England.

On November 6, 1887, Eugene supposedly signed with the Chicago Maroons. Nothing else is heard of Eugene until he shows up with St. Louis in 1892, at least not in New England. A Boston Globe note September 4, 1892, indicates the St. Louis Moriarity never played for Boston (NL). Whether that's an error or there were two Eugene Moriaritys who were ballplayers is unknown. Another note indicated Moriarity would winter in Boston and there is a Eugene Moriarity in the 1894 Boston city directory, but he connects with no one and leads nowhere. Someone found a note that the St. Louis Moriarity was living in Monmouth, Illinois and there is a Eugene Moriarity, ballplayer, at 4005 West Avenue in Monmouth in the 1890 city directory, but again he connects to no one and leads nowhere.

Bob has scoured the 1900 census for all states and cannot find him. His mother was dead and he was not listed with his father. There is no death record for him in Massachusetts. When his father died June 19, 1903 in Holyoke, three sons are listed as surviving. Eugene was not mentioned so it is reasonable to assume that he was dead by then. There seems to be no record of the burial of his father, mother, or brother. His father's death certificate says that he was buried in Chicopee, but none of the cemeteries there has a record. Descendants of two of his three brothers, Patrick and James, had never heard of Eugene. The other brother, John, who was a pitcher of some note, was widowed young and apparently never had children. He was living in Baltimore when his brother Patrick died in

1932.

Bob believes that the place to check for Moriarity is Illinois. Rich Topp found a Cook County death in 1910 that is definitely not the ballplayer. There are enough clues here that hopefully someone can pin down our wandering boy.

## The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14079	74	99.477
Total Complete Births	13388	765	94.595
Total Complete Deaths	7033	476	49.693
Total Assumed Alive	6644		46.944
Total Bats	12789	1260	91.031
Total Throws	13040	1009	92.818
Total Heights	13013	1036	92.626
Total Weights	12945	1104	92.142
Total Debut Dates	14153	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9971	4182	70.452
Total Completion			92.0859

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1882 Arundel, Harry	TR	(M4)
1939 Bell, Fernando Jerome Lee	Real Name: <u>Fern Oran Bell</u>	(H1)
1960 Blemker, Ray	Name: <u>Raymond Blemker</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>Evansville, Indiana</u>	
1955 Brovia, Joseph John	D: <u>Aug 15 1994</u>	(W2)
	<u>Santa Cruz, California</u>	
1900 Dillard, Robert Lee	B: <u>Jun 12 1873</u>	(S5)
1895 Everett, William L.	Name: <u>William Lee Everitt</u>	(S5)
1887 Flynn, Edward J.	B: <u>Jun 25 1864</u>	(S5)
1987 Garcia, Miguel Angel (Sifontes)	B: <u>Apr 3 1967</u>	(T1)
1878 Goodman, Jacob	Height: <u>6-01.5</u>	(M4)
1888 Hoffman, Frank J.	TR	(S5)
1905 Hogg, William Johnston	Weight: <u>200</u>	(S5)
1952 Hoyle, Roland Edison	D: <u>Jul 4 1994</u>	(BB)
	<u>Carbondale, Pennsylvania</u>	
1929 James, Robert Eugene	Name: <u>Robert Byrne James</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>Aug 1 1994</u>	
	<u>San Antonio, Texas</u>	
1976 Keener, Joseph Donald	Is Alive	(H1)
1898 Maupin, Harry Carr	D: <u>Aug 25 1952</u>	(C1)
1909 McElveen, Pryor Mynatt	B: <u>Nov 5 1881</u>	(C1)
1882 Reccius, John	B: <u>Oct 29 1859</u>	(B6)
1992 Rivera, Bienvenido (Santana)	B: <u>Jan 11 1968</u>	(H1)
1941 Rizzuto, Philip Francis	Real Name: <u>Fiero Francis Rizzuto</u>	(D9)
1884 Roxburgh, James A.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(S5)
1934 Strange, Alan Cochrane	B: <u>Nov 7 1906</u>	(H1)
1894 Underwood, Frederick Theodore	Weight: <u>170</u>	(B3)
1935 Vandenberg, Harold Harris	D: <u>Jul 31 1994</u>	(T2)
	<u>Bloomington, Minnesota</u>	
	Height: <u>6-04</u> Weight: <u>220</u>	
1884 Voss, Alexander	B: <u>May 16 1858</u>	(S5)
	<u>Roswell, Georgia</u>	
1884 Whitehead, Milton P.	BS	(S5)
1953 Wilhelm, Charles Ernest	D: <u>Venice, Florida</u>	(H1)