



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report  
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## New Ballplayer Discovered

We had listed Michael Joseph McDermott's record as beginning with Louisville in 1889, then continuing with Louisville in 1895-96, and Cleveland and St. Louis in 1897. Bob Richardson was researching the Eastern New England League of 1885 and found a Michael McDermott on the team. This McDermott was definitely not from St. Louis and the 1895-96 definitely was.

Bob Bailey had found a reserve list of the 1889 Louisville team which indicates that the pitcher was Michael H. McDermott, same as the New England pitcher. So Bob Richardson tracked McDermott until he located his death in 1947. McDermott's obituary confirmed that he was the 1889 Louisville pitcher. Hence we have a new ballplayer and Michael Joseph McDermott becomes an 1895 debut player. Bob's outstanding research earns him the November *Find of the Month* award.

### Renewal Time

It's that time of year when you write to let me know if you would like to remain on the committee for 1995. If I don't hear from you, you will be dropped from the mailing list. It's really difficult to put out this newsletter without contributions from members of the committee, so I hope that you will all contribute as much as you can.

### A Suggestion

If you noticed in your SABR renewal notice, you can earmark contributions to SABR to go to

research committees. So if any of you have any extra money laying around after spending it on death certificate searches, you can donate it to the committee.

### Neola and Wadena

In the summer of 1883 within a few weeks of each other, there were two children born in Neola, Iowa who later played third base in the major leagues! Neola was a railroad town of a few hundred persons. What is the probability that such a small town could produce two such players? Coincidentally, both men were nicknamed "Red": Red Downs and Red Morgan.

Compared to Wadena, Indiana, Neola, Iowa was a veritable metropolis! In the fall of 1887, Wadena had 54 inhabitants. It is very difficult to locate Wadena, which consists of fewer than ten houses on one dead-end street. Within a few weeks of each other, this village produced two men who would later become major league stars. Doc Crandall was one of the first relief pitchers and an excellent hitter/fielder. His father owned the general store, the only commercial enterprise in town. Cy Williams would later win four home run titles. Doc also had two brothers who pitched in the high minors. If every city in the U.S. had put together a "town team" in 1915 or so, this town of 54 would have to have been one of the strongest entries.

Thanks to Cappy Gagnon for this article.

### Merry Christmas

Did you know that the 1965 New York Mets had 2 pitchers born on Christmas Day? Al Jackson (8-20) and Dennis Musgraves (0-0) were both Christmas babies. Jack Hamilton joined them the following year. Here is a complete list of Christmas babies, a list which includes some outstanding ballplayers:

Nathan Jewett	1842
Pud Galvin	1856
Joe Quinn	1864

Vincent Dailey	1864
George Mappes	1865
George Haddock	1866
Alex Jones	1869
Michael Hickey	1871
Ted Lewis	1872
William McCormick	1874
James Jones	1876
Richard Braggins	1879
Joseph McCarthy	1881
James Doyle	1881
Edward Henderson	1884
Morrie Rath	1886
Walter Holke	1892
Karl Kolseth	1892
Francis Ellerbe	1895
Herb Hunter	1896
Allen Elliott	1897
Eugene Robertson	1898
Thomas Gulley	1899
Earl Kunz	1899
Buster Chatham	1901
Emile Barnes	1903
Lloyd Brown	1904
Bill Akers	1904
Ben Chapman	1908
Joe Moore	1908
Al Cohen	1908
Charles George	1912
Quincy Trouppe	1912
Julius Watlington	1922
Ned Garver	1925
Richard Manville	1926
Nelson Fox	1927
Frank Baldwin	1928
Mike Blyzka	1928
Charles Beamon	1934
Al Jackson	1935
Jack Hamilton	1938
Everett Krug	1939
Dennis Musgraves	1943
Gene Lamont	1946
Manny Trillo	1950
Luis Quintana	1951
Julio Gonzalez	1952
Rick Anderson	1953
Don Little	1954
Charley Lea	1956
Rickey Henderson	1957
Gerald Davis	1958
Tom O'Malley	1960
Ty Gainey	1960
Rich Renteria	1961
Marty Pevey	1962
Bruce Walton	1962
Scott Bullet	1968

## Birthday List

There are no Christmas nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in December, but there are four celebrating birthdays in the month if you'd like to send a card.

Dec 1	Red Badgro	92
Dec 5	Ray Moss	93
Dec 13	Al Smith	91
Dec 17	Karl Swanson	91

## William Claude Coyle

Our November *Mystery of the Month* comes courtesy of Bob Richardson. William Claude Coyle, the July 7, 1893 Boston pitcher at Pittsburgh pitched in New England (Brockton, Hartford, Augusta) in 1896. He was listed as being from Bellevue, Pennsylvania but born in Louisiana. There is a William J. Coyle in the Pittsburgh city directory 1893-1905 living in Bellevue. He was manager of the PFW&C Railway. In 1899 W. C. and L. B. Coyle, salesmen, are also at the same address. The 1900 census shows only William J. (B: 01/1848 Kentucky), his wife Eugenia (B: 06/1853 Kentucky), and daughter Pearl (B: 08/1880 Pennsylvania). However in 1880 the family also includes William C. (8, B: Kentucky), Bertrand L. (5, B: Kentucky), and Edith (2, B: Kentucky). By 1910 Eugenia is widowed but her four children are still living. In 1920 she's gone but there's a Claude W. Coyle (48, B: Kentucky) living at 860 Water Street in Meadville, Pa. The Meadville public library said that Coyle was gone from the city directory after 1925.

Bob suggests checking Pittsburgh for the death of Coyle's father, probably around 1905 to obtain an obit. Then maybe his son would be buried in the same cemetery. Anybody want to work on the Coyle family?

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14194	74	99.481
Total Complete Births	13506	762	94.659
Total Complete Deaths	7052	477	49.425
Total Assumed Alive	6739		47.232
Total Bats	12911	1252	91.160
Total Throws	13156	1007	92.890
Total Heights	13131	1032	92.713
Total Weights	13064	1099	92.240
Total Debut Dates	14268	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9971	4297	69.884
Total Completion			92.1870

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1887 Beecher, Edward H.	Name: Edward <u>Harry</u> Beecher	(T1)
1940 Bonham, Ernest Edward	Debut: Aug 5 1940	(P1)
1969 Brooks, Robert	D: <u>Oct 11 1994</u>	(H1)
	<u>Harbor City, California</u>	
1950 Cuellar, Jesus Patracis	D: <u>Oct 11 1994</u>	(N1)
	<u>Tampa, Florida</u>	
1927 Dear, Paul Stanford	D: <u>Radford, Virginia</u>	(H1)
1930 Desautels, Eugene Abraham	D: <u>Nov 5 1994</u>	(H1)
	<u>Flint, Michigan</u>	
1941 Dusak, Ervin Frank	D: <u>Nov 6 1994</u>	(T1)
	<u>Glendale Heights, Illinois</u>	
1942 Ferens, Stanley	D: <u>Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania</u>	(H1)
1968 Hague, Joe Clarence	D: <u>Nov 5 1994</u>	(H1)
	<u>San Antonio, Texas</u>	
1902 LePine, Louis Joseph	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>142</u>	(R1)
1932 Madjeski, Edward William	B: <u>Jul 20 1908</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>Nov 11 1994</u>	
	<u>Montgomery, Ohio</u>	
1914 McAvoy, George H.	Name: George <u>Robert</u> McAvoy	(H1)
	B: <u>Mar 12 1884</u>	
	<u>East Liverpool, Ohio</u>	
1889 McDermott, Michael H.	New Player	(R1)
	B: <u>May 6 1864</u>	
	<u>Fall River, Massachusetts</u>	
	D: <u>May 7 1947</u>	
	<u>Fall River, Massachusetts</u>	
	TR	
	Debut: <u>Sep 2 1889</u>	
1889 McDermott, Michael Joseph	Delcic 1889 Louisville record	(R1)
	Debut: <u>Apr 20 1895</u>	
1989 McDonald, Larry Benard	B: <u>Nov 24 1967</u>	(W1)
1895 McGann, Ambrose	B: <u>1875</u>	(H4)
	Weight: <u>170</u>	
1922 McNamara, Timothy Augustine	D: <u>Nov 5 1994</u>	(T3)
	<u>North Smithfield, Rhode Island</u>	
1946 Moore, Anselm Winn	Name: Ansel Winn Moore	(H1)
	D: <u>Oct 29 1993</u>	
	<u>Pearl, Mississippi</u>	
1884 Mullin, Henry J.	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(R1)
1931 Murphy, Walter Joseph	D: <u>Mar 23 1976</u>	(H1)
1884 Scanlan, Michael B. (MGR)	B: <u>Nov 1843</u>	(H4)
1884 Seery, John Emmett	D: <u>Aug 7 1930</u>	(C1)
1898 Snyder, Frank C.	Height: <u>6-03</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(R1)
1930 Winsett, John Thomas	D: <u>Jul 20 1987</u>	(H1)