



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**June 1995**

## New Ballplayer Discovered

Gee, I really hate that headline. What this means is that we have yet another ballplayer to track down. Bob Tiemann wins the *Find of the Month* award for discovering that it was Paddy Quinn, not Joe Quinn who played for Keokuk, Hartford, and Chicago (in that order) in 1875.

Several years ago I featured the Quinn confusion as a *Mystery of the Month*. This makes it even more confusing. At present, here is what we know (or don't know) about the Quinns:

**Quinn #1:** Joseph C. Quinn - Listed as born in August of 1849 in Chicago and dying January 2, 1909 in Chicago. Played with Fort Wayne in 1871 and Chicago in 1877.

**Quinn #2:** Paddy Quinn - Our new guy. Played with Keokuk, Hartford, and Chicago in 1875. Birth and death are unknown, but judging from Bob's notes, he quite likely was from Chicago.

**Quinn #3:** Patrick Quinn - Also had the nickname Paddy although he may be confused with Quinn #2. We list him as being born in Boston and dying in March of 1893 in some unknown place. His playing career is listed as Brooklyn in 1875 and Boston and Worcester in 1881. According to Bob, he came to the Brooklyn club from the New York Flyaways, a prominent New York amateur club. This Quinn is probably all messed up.

I'm sure that one of these Quinns was also the subject of the song "The Mighty Quinn" by Manfred Mann. Any new enlightenments on the Quinns would be greatly appreciated.

## In Memoriam

Seldom have I been as saddened to report a death as I am this month. Bill Haber, original SABR member and one of the driving forces behind the biographical committee, died suddenly on June 4.

Bill was unquestionably the most diligent and untiring researcher when it came to tracking biographical data. Bill probably had a hand in obtaining 75% of the birth and death dates listed in the encyclopedia. When Bill was tracking a player, he would stop at nothing to get the information. Bill would write hundreds of letters, make phone calls, inquiries, etc. I have a 6 inch folder of just Bill's letters to me. And Bill's letters weren't 2 or 3 lines; they were 2 or 3 pages.

In recent years Bill spent the bulk of his time tracking down 20th century players. If you called Bill and asked him about Lou Castro or Archie McCarthy, Bill would never have to stop and look it up. He always seemed to have the information at his fingertips. Bill also had a large network of people around the country who would inform him whenever a player passed away and each month he would send me a packet of all that information. I often joked with Bill that whenever a player died, the player would always call Bill first to let him know where he was. If I ever received information that a player was dead, I would never have to track the details. I would merely let Bill know and shortly I would receive the obituary and/or death certificate in my monthly letter.

Bill was also responsible for sending me data on each year's rookies. I would always compile a list each year. However, I would wait for Bill to send me his list. Invariably, there would be discrepancies and Bill's list would always prove to be correct.

I depended on Bill so much for this sort of leg work and now we all have to pick up the slack. Having known Bill for 16 years, it is a big personal loss for me and an immeasurable loss

for this committee. One can only hope that Bill was met at the pearly gates by Tolbert Percy Dalton and he's now trying to figure how to get the information down to me. Bill will be greatly missed by all who knew him and his code number H1 will be retired from this newsletter.

### New Members

We have several new members this month. Please welcome the following people to the committee:

Owen Ricker (R2)  
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### Pittsburgh

We had an outstanding turnout for our committee meeting in Pittsburgh especially considering it was at 7:30 Saturday morning. I think most people never went to bed just for fear that they would miss the meeting. Several topics were discussed. A suggestion was made to store with the debut date the last game the player played. This would be a heck of a lot of work to compile; it would be much more difficult than the debut date. Does anyone want to volunteer for this task?

It was also suggested that I feature clues on various players in each newsletter in hopes of

spurring interest in tracking them down. I will be glad to do that but again, I need the help of the committee in sending those to me.

Also, Harry Wright's papers were mentioned. It seems that these are stored at Temple University and may have clues on players. Anybody live near Temple and want to check them out?

Please send your research methods to Jon Dunkle for the biographical research handbook. National resources would be helpful.

### Not a Manager

I'm sure many of you have made that comment about the manager of your favorite team. However, William Henry Cammeyer, whom we listed as a non-playing manager of New York in 1876, was not a field manager. Often in those days, the club's business manager was referred to as a manager; the field manager was called a "captain." Cammeyer did not travel with the team.

### A Dangerous Ballplayer

Ty Cobb was always known as a fierce ballplayer. He would slide in with his spikes high and this often led to some big fights. I recently came across a picture of the 1924 Martinsville, Indiana club that made me wonder what might have happened had Cobb ever slid hard into second to break up a double play. Playing second base for Martinsville that year - John Dillinger.

### E-Mail

Sometimes it might be quicker to communicate with each other through e-mail. If you have an e-mail id, please send it to me. Mine is Bbxpert@aol.com.

### Twin Terrors

Pete Morris noted that teammates Dave Justice and Greg Maddux were born on the same day, April 14, 1966. He wondered if there were other teammates born on the same day of that quality. Has anyone done any research into this? (And would anyone admit it?)

### Did He Also Star In Paper Chase?

There is a John Franklin Houseman who played for Chicago in 1894 and St. Louis in

1897. (I pass his grave on my way to the library.) Is there any chance that this could be the Frank Houseman who pitched for Baltimore in 1886?

### Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in July. Be sure to send a card.

July 1	Art Merewether	93
July 9	Lou Polli	94
July 20	Hunter Lane	95
July 24	Bob Adams	94

### "Hulk" Coleman

Our *Mystery of the Month* for June comes courtesy of Rich Bozzone. On June 23, 1890, John Coleman made his major league debut as a pitcher for Philadelphia. It was his only major league game. He was a "phenom" from Bristol, Pennsylvania although he lasted only an inning and two thirds, producing a nifty 21.50 ERA.

He was living in Philadelphia as late as March of 1892. In 1893, he signed with the Harrisburg club. A January 1895 article in *Sporting Life* said that he was thinking of taking up wrestling or weightlifting and that ne now weighed 220 pounds. If any of you are professional wrestling researchers, perhaps you can track him

down.

This is apparently not the same pitcher as the 1895 St. Louis one-game pitcher. (Obviously, the St. Louis John Coleman was a much better pitcher. He pitched a complete game and held the opposition to 12 runs, making his lifetime ERA a microscopic 13.50)

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14199	72	99.496
Total Complete Births	13511	760	94.675
Total Complete Deaths	7112	480	49.835
Total Assumed Alive	6679		46.798
Total Bats	12915	1252	91.163
Total Throws	13162	1005	92.906
Total Heights	13147	1020	92.800
Total Weights	13082	1085	92.341
Total Debut Dates	14271	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9973	4298	69.883
Total Completion			92.2108

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1933 Almada, Baldomero Melo	Name: Baldomero Melo Almada ( <u>Quiros</u> )	(P1)
	B: <u>Huatabampo, Mexico</u>	
1939 Andrews, Stanley Joseph	Is Deceased.	(S3)
1976 Burke, Glenn Lawrence	D: <u>May 30 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>San Leandro, California</u>	
1876 Cammeyer, William Henry (MGR)	Delete all information. Not a manager.	(T4)
1944 Clarke, Richard Grey	D: <u>Nov 25 1993</u>	(C1)
	<u>Kannapolis, North Carolina</u>	
1936 Davis, Ray Thomas	Name: <u>Roy Thomas Davis</u>	(C1)
	D: <u>Apr 28 1995</u>	(S3)
	<u>Duncan, Oklahoma</u>	
1889 Fisher,	Name: <u>Charles Fisher</u>	(P1)
1945 Gerkin, Stephen Paul	B: <u>Nov 19 1912</u>	(F1)
1950 Jethroe, Samuel	B: <u>Jan 20 1918</u>	(SE)
1972 Jutze, Alfred Henry	B: <u>Bayside, New York</u>	(D7)
1939 Lake, Edward Erving	D: <u>Jun 7 1995</u>	(W1)
	<u>Castro Valley, California</u>	
1939 Letchas, Charlie	D: <u>Mar 14 1995</u>	(H4)
	<u>Tampa, Florida</u>	
1936 Martin, William Joseph	Debut: <u>Apr 21 1936</u>	(P1)
1936 Mayo, Edward Joseph	Debut: <u>May 22 1936</u>	(P1)
1871 Quinn, Joseph C.	Remove all 1875 playing entries.	(T4)
1875 Quinn, Paddy	New player. Debut: <u>May 4 1875</u>	(T4)
1878 Traffley, William F.	Name: <u>William Franklin Traffley</u>	(S5)
	D: <u>Jun 23 1908</u>	
	<u>Des Moines, Iowa</u>	
1943 Tyack, James Frederick	D: <u>Jan 1995</u>	(S3)
	<u>Bakersfield, California</u>	
1944 Verdel, Albert Alfred	D: <u>Sarasota, Florida</u>	(D4)
1959 Versailles, Zoilo Casanova (Rodriguez)	D: <u>Jun 9 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Bloomington, Minnesota</u>	