

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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PLAYER IMAGE INDEX

Our Missing Player List now stands at 729 players. As of September 6, the number of players who have appeared in the major leagues is approximately 16,600. This means that we have catalogued at least one image for about 95.6% of all major leaguers. Although the rate at which we're trimming the Missing Players List has slowed considerably, we're still making progress on the Index by cataloguing some better images of players who were already represented.

We've previously reported that a number of records have been "in the pipeline" on their way to the SABR Encyclopedia for quite some time. I'm currently working on entering each record, field-by-field, into the Encyclopedia via its edit function. It's a slow process, but when this task is complete, another 2,500 Player Image Index records will appear in the SABR Encyclopedia.

One hundred four individuals have contributed the finding of at least one image for the Player Image Index project. The three newest contributors who have not been mentioned in previous newsletters are Chip Greene, Robert Loveland, and Bill Loughman. Thank you all for your help in assisting this project.

Some major league players whose images were most recently found include Bill Loughman's submission of George Clark, Tom Kane, Martin Walker, and Oran H. O'Neal, and Marc Okkonen's re-draft of his unpublished 2000 CUPS OF COFFEE which included players Tom A. Sullivan, Ernie Lindeman, and Ed D. Glenn.

If any Committee members would like to receive the Missing Players List or have questions about players whose images are not currently appearing in the SABR Encyclopedia, they should contact me.

BALLPARK PHOTO INDEX

Paul Healey has done a fine job in bringing the Ballpark Photo Index up to the point where it is ready to be displayed in the SABR Encyclopedia. A copy of this Index has been provided to F.X. Flinn, who is in charge of SABR's Internet activities. I'm hoping that the Ballpark Photo Index will be up on the SABR website prior to next year's convention.

MANAGER IMAGE INDEX

Committee vice chair Cary Smith has catalogued numerous manager images and is now working with project manager Dave Davis with the goal of bringing that Index up to the point where it can become part of the SABR Encyclopedia.

REVIEW OF BAIN COLLECTION PHOTOS

We are continuing to work on the project to improve the accuracy and completeness of the captions displayed on the Library of Congress website in conjunction with the baseball photos from the George Grantham Bain Collection. There are 2,300+ baseball-related photos in the portion of the collection which is on the LOC website. We have completed reviews and re-reviews of about 75% of these photos. I'm hoping that we'll be able to complete this project next month (October).

ANCESTRY.COM

Rich Adler reports that the ancestry.com website features about 15,000 photos of players over the years 1876-2004. The photos came from the Smithsonian Institute. There is a 7-day free trial period available, but the subscription price thereafter is \$155.40 annually or \$12.95 per month. Committee members might want to inquire at their local libraries to see if they subscribe to this service. The website address is: <http://content.ancestrylibrary.com/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=1003&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0>

VIDEO OF JACKIE MITCHELL STRIKING OUT BABE RUTH

This committee has not become involved with video tape images, but I happened to see some rare footage of the April 2, 1931 exhibition game in which Jackie Mitchell, a female pitcher with the Chattanooga Lookouts, struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The video can be obtained from the Chattanooga Regional History Museum. The museum's website is: <http://www.chattanoogaofun.com/historicinterests/>

MATTY MCINTYRE WITH THE 1901 ATHLETICS

John Thorn found an interesting action photo of outfielder Matty McIntyre in the only season Matty was with the A's. See the following URL: http://www.geh.org/taschen/htmlsrc15/m197400560660_ful.html

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS STARTING NATIONAL PHOTO COMPANY COLLECTION PROJECT

The Library of Congress will be placing some more baseball photos on its website in the near future. The new photos will be part of the National Photo Company Collection. The address for

this part of the Library of Congress' website is:
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/npcquery.html>

LELANDS AUCTION HOUSE PURCHASES ALMOST ONE MILLION PHOTOS

The August 25, 2006 issue of Sports Collectors Digest reported that the Lelands.com auction house of Seaford, NY purchased nearly 1 million photos from the archives of the San Francisco Examiner. Lelands paid over one million dollars for this cache. Some of the photos are baseball related. Many are not. This kind of action presents some additional challenges for pictorial history researchers, as collections like the Examiner's are broken up and distributed widely into private hands via the auction process.

ENGEL STADIUM BASE BALL SOCIETY PHOTOS FOR SALE

Committee member David Jenkins is involved with the sale of old Chattanooga Lookouts photos to benefit the non-profit Engel Stadium Base Ball Society, which is dedicated to the restoration of Joe Engel Stadium. David's photos include some relatively obscure major leaguers of the 1940's and 1950's who are pictured in their Chattanooga minor league uniforms. If you are interested in purchasing a photo, contact David at carty43@netzero.net

ATHLETICS ALBUM

Committee member Mark Stang, who has collaborated on several very nice baseball photo books, has a new book called ATHLETICS ALBUM: A Photo History of the Philadelphia Athletics. The book contains more than 225 photos which span six decades of A's history. Mark reports that the book is now available at a discounted price of \$29.95 directly from his publisher by phoning 1-800-852-9332. I checked amazon.com and they are offering it at a lower price, but Amazon is only taking orders at this point and not promising quick delivery.