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George Crable Found

George Crable has long been one of our most wanted missing players. It isn't because of his stellar two game career with the 1910 Brooklyn Dodgers. It is that so much research had been done on him that we knew the deaths of all his family, plus Crable had a fairly lengthy post-playing career in vaudeville.

Crable was the son of David Perry Crable and Rose Faddis of Kearney, Nebraska and is listed with them in the 1900 census. In 1910, Crable appears in the census in Galveston where he was pitching. His occupation was baseball player and he was listed with his wife Musette. She was born in Iowa and they were married in 1907. Despite much searching, a marriage record was never found in Iowa or Nebraska that indicated Musette's last name. By 1917, Crable is living in Baltimore according to his WWI draft registration card. His wife's name was listed as Madeline and she is listed as living in Valley Junction, Iowa, a suburb of Des Moines. His birth date was January 9, 1885.

By the 1920 census, he had moved again, this time cropping up in Oklahoma City. He was not listed with his wife, but as a boarder with members of a traveling vaudeville troupe. His occupation was listed as "ballplayer, vaudeville." In fact, he was a member of a vaudeville group called The Baseball Four. The Baseball Four performed skits and songs with Crable and various other former major and minor league ballplayers. The group appeared throughout the 1920s.

By 1931, vaudeville had begun to decline and Crable moved back to Nebraska, opening up a cigar store in Fremont. Six months later, the cigar store burned to the ground and Crable disappeared. When his mother died in 1938, her obituary mentioned that her son George's whereabouts were unknown to the family. George's brother Louis died in 1958 and his obituary didn't mention George. Neither George Crable nor his wife were found in the 1940 census and it was unknown what happened to him after his cigar store burned.

This was where we were stonewalled on George Crable. One day, I decided to take another crack at the 1940 census on the off chance that he might be there with a typo in his name. I did a search for a man named George, born in Nebraska with a wife named Madeline. Several names came up, but the only one close to the right age was a George E. Crandel, born about 1890 and living in Dania, Florida. His wife Madeline, born about 1892, was born in Iowa. Clearly, they were younger than our ballplayer and his wife would be, but this looked promising.

Fortunately, Florida has a state census and George Crandel appears in both the 1935 and 1945 state census. In 1935, he was listed as an entertainer. This was looking more promising all the time, and if this was our player, the 1940 census entry wasn't a typo. He had apparently changed his name. Florida also has a death index and it listed George Odis Crandel dying in 1965 and Madeline Crandel dying in 1948. This was enough for me to send to Florida for Crandel's death certificate. When it arrived, I saw that the death certificate had him born in Colorado on January 9, 1894, occupation vaudeville. Now I was about 90% sure I had our man. The birth date matched although the year was 9 years off. The occupation certainly matched, but there was still a sliver of doubt.

I sent away for the death certificate of Madeline Crandel. Madeline's birthdate was listed as February 4, 1890, born in Des Moines, Iowa, and her father's name was Frank Deford. A search of the census for Madeline Deford turned up nothing. So I tried searching for Mus* Deford and up popped

an 1895 Iowa state census listing for Musetta Deford, daughter of Frank, living in Des Moines. Only problem was that she was born in 1878, 12 years earlier than Madeline Crandel.

Now for some more creative searching. Since Deford sometimes might be written as De Ford, I tried searching for Musette Ford. That got me to a family tree entry for Musette De Ford and George Crable. The record was well-sourced and showed that Musette De Ford married Bertram Garstin on April 21, 1899 in St. Louis and referenced a story in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. She then later married George Crable November 26, 1907 in Los Animas, Colorado. This referenced a Colorado marriage index on family search. We were able to look up both these sources and verify them.

To summarize, George Crable was born January 9, 1885 and married Musette Garstin (nee Deford) in 1907 in Colorado. She later used the name Madeline, and in the mid-1930s, they changed their name to Crandel and moved to Florida. They also shaved quite a few years off their ages as George's death certificate shows him 9 years younger, and Madeline's shows her 12 years younger. George Crable died August 8, 1965 in Lake Worth, Florida. I am awarding myself the *Find of the Month*.

The Dugan Brothers

Back in 1884, a pair of brothers named Dugan appeared in the major leagues. William had been listed as found for many years while Edward was still missing. It turns out that both of the brothers were missing as the William we had was not the right guy. Peter Morris sorted all this out and found both brothers. His description of the search follows below:

I have some new information on the Dugans in the form of a baptism record for one of their brothers, along with the 1865 and 1875 census listings. Putting this new information together with what we already knew gives us, in my opinion, enough to establish when both of them died. There is no smoking gun, so it will take some time to lay it all out.

We have a lot of notes about the Dugans, but these are the key ones because they give addresses:
SN 9/10[sic]/89 W. E. [?] Dugan is available; 128 Wykoff Street, Brooklyn.
SN 1/11/90 Ed. J. Dugan is going home to the parental roof -- No. 15 Fifth Street, South Brooklyn.

City directory listings for Dugans or Duggans at 15 Fifth Street:

1883 Bridget wid William, Jeremiah waiter, John waiter, Patrick lighter
1884 Bridget wid William. Edward lab, William boilermaker, Jeremiah carver, John waiter, Patrick lab
1884/5 Jeremiah ck, John ck, William, Patrick lamplighter
1885/6 John Lab
1886/7 Bridget wid William, Edward ballplayer, Jeremiah lab, John lab, Patrick lab
1887/8 Edward, William, Jeremiah, John, Patrick
1888/9 Jeremiah, Edward, John, Patrick
1892/3 Edward J ballplayer, John J presser, Patrick F lab
1893/4 Edward J Duggan ck John lab Patrick lab
1894/5 not listed
1895/6 John Duggan dockman (at 17 5th)

William H is last identifiable in the Brooklyn CDs in 1888 at 128 Wyckoff, while the rest were at 15 5th. An article in the Brooklyn Eagle says that Mrs. Mary Dugan of 128 Wyckoff was attacked in church in 1889 and her husband is William H. Dugan.

Here is the family in the 1860 census:

Brooklyn, Ward 12
William Duggan 40 Ire laborer
Mary 40 Ire
Patt 6 NY
John 4 NY
Jeremiah 2 NY

And in 1870:

William Duggan 50 Ire lab
Bridget 45 Ire
Patrick 16 NY
John 14 NY
Jeremiah 11 NY
William 8 NY
Edward 6 NY

1880 census:

15 5th Street, Brooklyn
William Dugan 65 Ireland laborer
Bridget 50 Ireland
sons Patrick 26 NY laborer
John 23 NY waiter
Jeremiah 21 NY carver
William 19 NY machinist
Edward 15 NY at school

All sons listed as both parents born Ireland.

Death certificate for the father:

William Dugan, age 65, Ireland, died July 3, 1880 Brooklyn, NY at 15 5th St, Brooklyn, NY, buried Holy Cross Cemetery on July 5, 1880.

And for the mother (or stepmother?):

Bridget Dugan, 53, of 15 5th, Brooklyn, died Jan 10, 1895 Brooklyn, NY. Her death certificate states that she immigrated to the U.S. in 1875.

That raises the critical question of whether Bridget Dugan was the mother or stepmother of the ballplayers. Since all the Dugan children were born by 1865, if the 1875 immigration date were right, that would make her the stepmother. That would also seem to fit with the mother being listed as Mary on the 1860 census, and being older that Bridget. But Bridget was on the 1870 census, so that date could be off and she could be the Mary on the 1860 census with not much more than normal census-taking sloppiness.

Fortunately, those issues were resolved by the 1865 and 1875 state censuses, along with two baptismal records from St. Paul's Catholic Church in Brooklyn (on ancestry).

1865 census, Brooklyn, Ward 12

William Dugan, 56 Ire, 1st marriage
Bridget 33 Ire, 1st marriage
Patrick 11 Kings Co. (all kids)
John 9
Jeremiah 6
William 3 years, 2 mos. (taken June 15, so probably born April 1862)
Edward 4 mos. (so probably February 1865)

1875 census, Brooklyn, Ward 10

William Dugan, 55 Ire
Bridget 45 Ire
Patrick 22 Kings Co. (all kids)
John 21
Jeremiah 18
William 13
Edward 10

And the two baptismal records:

Patrick Dugan, b. April 4, 1854 to William and Bridget Murphy
Godparents: Pat Duffy and Johannah Devan
William Duggan, b. February 1, 1853, to William and Bridget Murphy
Godparents: Stephen Duggan and Brid Downey

This William must have died at a young age and they eventually reused the name. After Patrick's birth, they seem to have left that parish. The only other baptismal record that could be for the family is an Edward Dugan born in 1889 to Jere Dugan and Marg Bardon (and I am not at all sure of that one).

So now that we know Bridget to be the mother, not the stepmother and have a maiden name for her, we have a perfect match: William Dugan, b. 1861 Brooklyn NY, d. April 13 1906, Brooklyn, NY, father William Dugan, mother Bridget Murphy. He was a laborer and a widower and was buried in St John's Cemetery two days later. He is listed as a widower so maybe it's his wife's family plot.

But what about the William Dugan we currently list? According to Richard, Bill Haber started with the information that William and Edward were listed in the 1884 Reach Guide as being from Kingston, NY, and then found a William Dugan of appropriate age living in Kingston on the 1920 census. He then found a William Dugan who died in New York City in 1921 and sent for the death certificate, which said that William Dugan died July 24, 1921 New York, NY, age 55 Ireland, in city 50 years, father William, mother Rose Donnelly, 5 Thompson St, New York, NY, died at Bellevue Hospital, profession: Timer.

This wasn't at all a good match for the man in Kingston on the 1920 census, who was listed as follows on the 1880 census:

Gardiner, Ulster Co NY
John Dugan 73 Ireland
Mary Dugan 58 Ireland
Sarah 22 NY
Ann 25 NY
William 18 NY
George 16 NY

Wrong birthplace, wrong parents, but nonetheless, it made its way into the encyclopedias. Actually, the man who was in Kingston on the 1925 census died there on May 31, 1925, and there was a long front-page obit in the Kingston Standard with no mention of baseball and plenty of information that could not be reconciled with the ballplayer.

In fact, as often happened, while William and Edward were listed in the 1884 Reach Guide as being from Kingston, NY, that was their previous team, not their hometown. (Sporting News, April 7, 1889, sketch of Ed Dugan: has been playing semi-professionally since he was 16, beginning with Newark in 1882, Kingston in 1883, Richmond in 1884, Kansas City and Portland, Maine in 1885, Portland again in 1886, the Boston Blues in 1887, player-manager with Hutchinson in 1888 until they disbanded in July and then Memphis in 1889. He was now playing second base due to arm problems.)

What about the other brothers? Patrick died three days after his mother at the same address and is buried at Holy Cross. John is almost certainly the John Dugan who died at 671 2d Ave on December 15, 1897, age 40, born Brooklyn, lived entire life in Brooklyn, parents born Ireland, single, factory worker, buried Holy Cross. Jeremiah is less clear, though he could have died in 1892.

Finally, there is Edward Duggan who I believe died on March 24, 1895 in Brooklyn. There was no death notice in the Eagle, but his death certificate shows him to be a strong candidate: Edward Joseph Duggan, died March 24, 1895 Brooklyn NY at 93 2d Ave, 28 years, laborer, born Brooklyn, NY, parents born Ireland, lived in Brooklyn entire life, single, causes of death phthisis pulm. Asthma, buried Holy Cross Cemetery on March 27.

This is an excellent fit in all respects. The 93 2d Ave address is only a few blocks away from 15 5th and is on the same street where his brother John appears to have died two years later. But that didn't entirely satisfy me, so I took another look through the CDs and traced him as follows:

1889 Brooklyn Edward Dugan 15 5th
1891 Pawtucket RI Edward J Duggan Base Ball player bds 69 East

1892 Pawtucket RI Edward J Duggan Base Ball Player bds Hotel Aumann
1893 Brooklyn Edward J Dugan ball player 15 5th
1894 Brooklyn Edward J Duggan ck 15 5th

Last listing

There were only four men named Edward Dugan or Edward Duggan in the 1893 Brooklyn CD, so I thought I would check if any of the others disappeared. There were five such men in 1894, the new one being a physician, and then three in 1895, with both the physician and the man at 15 5th no longer there. I was able to find an entry for the physician in The Directory of Deceased American Physicians, and it showed that he was just transferred elsewhere and lived until 1928. So by process of elimination, it certainly looked as though the ballplayer was the one who had died.

William H. Dugan
Born April 1862 Brooklyn
Died April 13, 1906 Brooklyn
Buried St John's Cemetery

Edward Joseph Dugan
Born February 1865 Brooklyn
Died March 24, 1895 Brooklyn
Buried Holy Cross Cemetery

Where's Windy?

Recent autograph requests to John William (Windy) McCall have come back marked "deceased." Unfortunately, we have been unable to find an obituary to confirm his date and place of death. If anyone can find any information on Windy, it would be most welcome. Windy is our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in January and February.

January 1	Carl Scheib	90
January 21	Sam Mele	95
January 27	Bob Borkowski	91
February 2	Red Schoendienst	94
February 5	Hank Workman	91
February 7	Al Richter	90
February 10	Ransom Jackson	91
February 16	Howie Judson	91
February 17	Jack Crimian	91

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	19005	39	99.795
Births	18540	504	97.353
Deaths	9369	183	99.039
Bats	17838	1081	94.286
Throws	18047	872	95.391
Heights	18229	690	96.353
Weights	18161	758	95.993
Debut Dates	19044	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9979	9065	52.400
Total			92.2806

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1950	Addis, Robert Gordon	D: Nov 15 2016 Mentor, Ohio Cemetery: Greenlawn Cemetery, Akron, Ohio **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1963	Adlesh, David George	D: Feb 15 2016 Long Beach, California Cemetery: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress, California **Source: Funeral home**	(N5)
1993	Anderson, Brian James	BB **Source: Game accounts**	(C1)
1943	Baker, Floyd Wilson	Name: Floyd Wilton Baker **Source: Social Security Administration**	(N6)
1989	Barfield, John David	D: Dec 24 2016 Little Rock, Arkansas Cemetery: Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock, Arkansas **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1978	Beamon, Charles Alfonzo, Jr.	Name: Charles Alonzo Beamon, Jr. **Source: California birth index**	(N5)
1956	Beamon, Charles Alfonzo, Sr.	Name: Charles Alonzo Beamon, Sr. **Source: California birth index**	(N5)
1912	Bisland, Rivington Martin	Cemetery: Cremated, interred in Kommunalfriedhof, Salzburg, Austria **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1972	Blanco, Damaso (Caripe)	B: Dec 11 1941 **Source: Family**	(C1)
1896	Boyle, Edward J.	Name: Edward Joseph Boyle **Source: WWI draft registration**	(M3)
1901	Braggins, Richard Realf	B: Dec 25 1877 **Source: 1880 census, WWI draft registration**	(C5)
1944	Branca, Ralph Theodore Joseph	D: Nov 23 2016 Rye, New York **Source: NY Daily News**	(D6)
1970	Brown, Jackie Gene	D: Jan 8 2017 Holdenville, Oklahoma **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1943	Brown, Norman Ladelle	Cemetery: Sunset Memorial Park, Bennettsville, South Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1949	Burgess, Forrest Harrill	Cemetery: Sunset Memorial Park, Forest City, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1944	Caballero, Ralph Joseph	D: Dec 8 2016 New Orleans, Louisiana **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1960	Cannizzaro, Christopher John	D: Dec 29 2016 San Diego, California **Source: San Diego Union**	(C1)
1941	Carnett, Edwin Elliott	D: Nov 4 2016 Ringling, Oklahoma	(C1)

		Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Cemetery**	
1997	Clyburn, Danny	Cemetery: Highland Heights Cemetery, Kershaw, South Carolina **Source: Funeral home**	(W4)
1960	Coughtry, James Marion	Name: James Marlan Coughtry D: Nov 8 2016 Vancouver, Washington **Source: California birth index, The Columbian**	(C1)
1910	Crable, George Elmer	D: Aug 8 1965 Lake Worth, Florida Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Death certificate as George Crandel**	(C1)
1884	Dugan, Edward John	Name: Edward Joseph Dugan B: Feb 1865 Brooklyn, New York D: Mar 24 1895 Brooklyn, New York Cemetery: Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York **Source: Baptismal record, census record**	(M4)
1884	Dugan, William H.	B: Apr 1862 Brooklyn, New York D: Apr 13 1906 Brooklyn, New York Cemetery: St. John Cemetery, Middle Village, New York **Source: Baptismal record, census record**	(M4)
1929	Durham, Edward Fant	Cemetery: Blackstock Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Blackstock, South Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1946	Endicott, William Franklin	D: Nov 26 2016 Sacramento, California **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1969	Everitt, Edward Leon	D: Aug 27 2016 Marshall, Texas **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1945	Ferriss, David Meadow	D: Nov 24 2016 Cleveland, Mississippi **Source: Memphis Commercial Appeal**	(C1)
1963	Gagliano, Philip Joseph	D: Dec 20 2016 Hollister, Missouri Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1946	Garagiola, Joseph Henry	Cemetery: Cremated, interred at Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri **Source: Cemetery**	(V1)
1941	Gordon, Sidney	Cemetery: New Montefiore Cemetery, West Babylon, Gordon **Source: Cemetery**	(V1)
1936	Gutteridge, Donald Joseph	Cemetery: Cremated, interred in Garden of Memories, Pittsburg, Kansas **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1899	Hahn, Frank George	Cemetery: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Candler, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1987	Jelks, Gregory Dion	B: Centre, Alabama D: Jan 6 2017 Sydney, New South Wales, Australia **Source: Australian Baseball Association**	(C1)
1890	Kennedy, James C. (MGR)	D: Brooklyn, New York **Source: Geographical correction**	(RC)
1950	Kirrene, Joseph John	Cemetery: Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, California **Source: San Francisco Chronicle**	(C1)

1909	Kustus, Joseph Julius	Real name: Joseph Julius Kustusch **Source: 1900 census, Detroit city directory**	(M4)
1961	Lehew, James Anthony	D: Dec 23 2016 Grantsville, Maryland Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1955	Locklin, Stuart Carlton	D: Dec 4 2016 Albuquerque, New Mexico **Source: Appleton Post-Crescent**	(C1)
1984	Lowry, Dwight	Cemetery: Bear Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery, Pembroke, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1969	Marone, Louis Stephen	D: Nov 27 2015 Henderson, Nevada **Source: Cousin**	(N5)
1940	McCullough, Clyde Edward	Cemetery: Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1972	McGlothen, Lynn Everett	Cemetery: Cremated, interred in Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1894	Mohler, Ernest Follette	D: Los Angeles, California BR **Source: Questionnaire, photo, California death index**	(C1)
1957	Nixon, Russell Eugene	D: Nov 9 2016 Las Vegas, Nevada **Source: Las Vegas Review Journal**	(C1)
1961	Orsino, John Joseph	D: Nov 1 2016 Sunny Isles Beach, Florida Cemetery: Cremated, ashes given to family **Source: Funeral home**	(W4)
1937	Peacock, John Gaston	Cemetery: Elmwood Cemetery, Fremont, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1985	Polidor, Gustavo Adolfo (Gonzalez)	Cemetery: Cementerio del Este, Caracas, Distrito Federal, Venezuela **Source: Cronicas del Tanatos**	(C1)
1927	Powers, John Lloyd	D: Berkeley Springs, West Virginia **Source: West Virginia death index**	(C5)
1914	Rooney, Frank	BL Height: 5-11.5 Weight: 170 **Source: 1917 Fort Wayne roster**	(C1)
1952	Rutherford, John William	D: Dec 25 2016 Bloomfield Hills, Michigan **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1960	Sadowski, Robert Frank	D: Jan 6 2017 St. Louis, Missouri **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1964	Salmon, Ruthford Eduardo	Name: Rutherford Eduardo Salmon D: Almirante, Bocas del Toro, Panama Cemetery: Cementerio de Almirante, Almirante, Bocas del Toro, Panama **Source: Panama America**	(C1)
1941	Schmitz, John Albert	D: Weston, Wisconsin **Source: Hospice center**	(C1)
1887	Shreve, Leven Lawrence	Name: Leven Laurence Shreve B: Mar 12 1866 D: Nov 7 1942 Grosse Pointe, Michigan **Source: Family history, Michigan death records**	(C1)
1952	Spencer, Daryl Dean	D: Jan 2 2017 Wichita, Kansas **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1955	Spicer, Robert Oberton	Cemetery: Cross Creek Cemetery #4,	(W4)

		Fayetteville, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	
1928	Sullivan, Charles Edward	Cemetery: Steele Family Cemetery, Lenoir, North Carolina **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)
1948	Thompson, John Samuel	Cemetery: Cremated, ashes given to family **Source: Cemetery**	(W4)