



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
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## Frank Sellman Found

Frank Sellman played on various Baltimore teams in the late 1860s. One of his main clubs was the Pastimes. One of the directors of the Pastimes club was Arthur W. Sellman. An article from the Sporting News in 1898 mentioned that Sellman was still living in Baltimore. Richard Malatzky traced the only Sellman family through the Baltimore census from 1870 to 1900. This family featured brothers Frank and Arthur W. Sellman. So it's not 100% certain, but I think we can feel reasonably sure that this Frank Sellman is our ballplayer. Since Sellman was an 1871 player who often played under an assumed name, I believe that this find deserves this month's *Find of the Month* award.

### John Greenig

John Greenig pitched one game for the Washington Nationals in 1888. An 1885 Sporting Life note listed his address as 703 Belgrade Street in Philadelphia. There was a John Greenig living at 707 Belgrade in the 1880 census and this is who we had listed as the player. It always seemed suspicious since this guy would have been 12 years old in 1885 and 15 when he made his major league debut.

The 1880 census only had an index for families with children under 10. Hence the family at 707 Belgrade was listed and the family at 703 Belgrade was not. Richard Malatzky found this to be another John Greenig, who was 31. This was our ballplayer. He had been around for a while prior to making his debut at age 38 in 1888. He was even a veteran of the Civil War. Richard was able to locate his death in 1913.

### Patrick L. Murphy

Peter Morris and Richard Malatzky tracked down Patrick Murphy of the 1891 Washington team. The key to the search was a note in Sporting Life that Murphy's wife had died in the early part of 1889. Murphy was listed in the Indianapolis city directory as a ballplayer, then a fireman. Richard found Murphy buried in Crown Hill cemetery in Indianapolis with Mary Murphy, who died February 22, 1889. Obviously, this is the man we were seeking.

### Oscar Jones

This was a team effort by quite a few people, some of whom are not even on our committee. Our search for Jones was triggered by Carlos Bauer, who determined that the player had been misidentified. He put together his baseball career. Dick Beverage found Jones's card at the Old Time Baseball Player's Association and it provided his Los Angeles address and his Fort Worth address as well as his birthdate. Chris Folz sent Peter Morris a list of possible candidates from the Texas death index. Richard Malatzky tracked down the family in Missouri and Peter sent to Texas for the death certificate that confirmed we have the right man. Great work by everyone involved!

### Finding a Roach

Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris went Roach hunting and found John F. Roach in Peoria. A note from the Sporting News in 1897 was the key to the search. It gave his birthdate as November 19, 1867 and said that he learned the game in Renovo, Pennsylvania. Richard did some research in Renovo and found Roach's family. He had gone to Peoria to play in 1895 and apparently liked it. He was listed in the 1900 census in Renovo as a baseball pitcher and appeared in the 1920 Peoria census. Peter Morris found his death certificate in Illinois. The

birthdates matched except for the year. (That never happens today.) The family information also matched. Obviously, this is our Roach.

## Glad To Find Gladmon

Richard Malatzky found a guy on a genealogical web site, who was researching the Gladmon family. He had a death certificate for James Gladmon in which his occupation was listed as baseball player. Always nice to see that.

## New Members

Please welcome Sean Forman to the committee. Sean's address is 229 W. Upsal Street #113 and his code number will be F4. Also welcome Tom McCrosson, 59 Hampshire Road, Bronxville, New York 10708. His code number will be M8.

## The Fisher King

Peter Morris did some research into the 1884 Philadelphia (UA) and the 1885 Buffalo (NL) Fishers and determined that these guys are one and the same. Peter found an 1885 note that Fisher of the Molyneaux club of Philadelphia had played with the Philadelphia Unions. He found a later note that Buffalo gave Fisher of the Molyneaux club a trial. So it looks like we have one less Fisher in the sea.

## Convention News

As usual, it was nice to see everyone at the convention. I was glad to see such a good turnout for our committee meeting since it was held at 9:30 Sunday morning. It just showed that most of you wouldn't leave without attending our meeting.

The "last dates" project is about 85% complete. Most of the dates we are missing are from the 19th century. If you would like to help with this, please contact David Vincent.

Hopefully, in the next newsletter, I will publish a list of committee members with their code numbers. I need to update my list with several new committee chairmen and board members.

## Birthday List

It seems like a lot of 90 year olds have been dying lately, but there are still several celebrating

birthdays in July and August. After the list of birthdays is a list of the ten oldest former major leaguers, since I had several people ask me about that at the convention.

|           |                 |    |
|-----------|-----------------|----|
| July 16   | Milt Bocek      | 90 |
| July 19   | Henry Kinzy     | 92 |
| July 29   | Fran Healy, Sr. | 92 |
| August 20 | Al Lopez        | 94 |
| August 23 | Linus Frey      | 92 |
| August 25 | George Cisar    | 90 |
| August 27 | Ewald Pyle      | 92 |
| August 31 | Ray Berres      | 95 |

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|------------------|------------|
| Ralph Erickson   | 06/25/1902 |
| Ray Hayworth     | 01/29/1904 |
| Paul Hopkins     | 09/25/1904 |
| Billy Rogell     | 11/24/1904 |
| Ray Cunningham   | 01/17/1905 |
| Gus Suhr         | 01/03/1906 |
| Bob Cremins      | 02/15/1906 |
| Howard Groskloss | 04/09/1906 |
| Willis Hudlin    | 05/23/1906 |
| Rolland Stiles   | 11/17/1906 |

## Which Stanton Is Still Standin'?

On October 14, 1900, a man named Stanton debuted at catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, relieving Lou Criger in the 9th inning. We list this player as Harry Andrew Stanton. Joe Simenic found 2 notes about him.

In the 10/20/1900 issue of Sporting Life, it was stated, "St. Louis, in the closing week, tried a local catcher, Harry Stein, of the Alton Blues."

In the 10/20/1900 issue of Sporting News, it was stated, "Tom Staunton, who has had a minor league experience and caught for the Sporting News team several years ago, took Criger's place in the last inning and acquitted himself creditably."

I checked the St. Louis papers and there was nothing to identify this player. However, on October 14, Harry Stein was still playing for the Alton Blues and caught the whole game, so the major leaguer cannot be Harry Stein.

On April 19, 1904, a catcher named Stanton caught for the Cubs in a game at St. Louis. We identify this player as Thomas Patrick Stanton. Sporting Life referred to this player as "a local catcher." Ernie Lanigan's Baseball Cyclopedia lists this man as Andrew Stanton. George Moreland's Balldom lists this as Andy Stanton. Eddie Gold and Art Ahrens in Day By Day In Chicago Cubs History lists this as Harry Stanton.

I spoke with a descendent of Thomas Stanton

knows none of the details. I also have a note that the April 19 game was started by Paul McSweeney. Paul McSweeney, according to what we list for him, only played in 1891, some 13 years earlier.

So what can we conclude from all this? The most obvious conclusion is that this is our *Mystery of the Month*. However, where is there a direct reference to either Harry or Andrew Stanton for the 1900 player? The only direct reference we have for him lists him as Thomas. Is the 1904 player really Thomas or someone else? Did Paul McSweeney really start that game at catcher? Can someone check the Chicago papers and perhaps come up with a more definitive answer?

### The Scoreboard

|                       | IN    | OUT  | PCT     |
|-----------------------|-------|------|---------|
| Total Complete Names  | 15666 | 58   | 99.631  |
| Total Complete Births | 15030 | 694  | 95.586  |
| Total Complete Deaths | 7842  | 389  | 49.873  |
| Total Assumed Alive   | 7493  |      | 47.653  |
| Total Bats            | 14415 | 1200 | 92.315  |
| Total Throws          | 14654 | 961  | 93.846  |
| Total Heights         | 14728 | 887  | 94.320  |
| Total Weights         | 14683 | 932  | 94.031  |
| Total Debut Dates     | 15724 | 0    | 100.000 |
| Total Questionnaires  | 9983  | 5741 | 63.489  |
| Total Completion      |       |      | 92.3008 |

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

|   |  |      |
|---|--|------|
| 1963 Ackley, Florian Frederick          | D: <u>May 22 2002</u>                  | (C1) |
|   | <u>Duluth, Minnesota</u>               |      |
| 1970 Adair, Marion Danne (MGR)          | D: <u>Jun 17 2002</u>                  | (C1) |
|   | <u>Bay Minette, Alabama</u>            |      |
| 1933 Almada, Baldomero Melo (Quiros)    | D: <u>Caborca, Mexico</u>              | (F4) |
| 1968 Alvarado, Luis Cesar (Martinez)    | B: <u>Lajas, Puerto Rico</u>           | (S3) |
|   | D: <u>Mar 20 2001</u>                  |      |
|   | <u>Lajas, Puerto Rico</u>              |      |
| 1991 Ashby, Andrew Jason                | Height: <u>6-01</u>                    | (P1) |
| 2001 Benoit, Joaquin Antonio (Pena)     | B: <u>Jul 26 1977</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1952 Black, Joseph                      | D: <u>May 17 2002</u>                  | (F1) |
|   | <u>Scottsdale, Arizona</u>             |      |
| 1927 Boney, Henry Tate                  | D: <u>Jun 12 2002</u>                  | (D6) |
|   | <u>Lake Worth, Florida</u>             |      |
| 1908 Burg, Joseph Peter                 | Height: <u>5-02</u> Weight: <u>143</u> | (R1) |
| 1934 Cascarella, Joseph Thomas          | D: <u>May 22 2002</u>                  | (UN) |
|   | <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>             |      |
| 1910 Chouneau, William                  | B: <u>Sep 2 1888</u>                   | (T2) |
|   | D: <u>Sep 17 1946</u>                  |      |
| 2001 Colome, Jesus (De La Cruz)         | B: <u>Dec 23 1977</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1997 Colon, Bartolo                     | B: <u>May 24 1973</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1999 Cordero, Francisco Javier          | B: <u>May 11 1975</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1974 Cowens, Alfred Edward              | D: <u>Mar 11 2002</u>                  | (S8) |
| 2000 Cubillan, Darwin Harrikson (Salom) | B: <u>Nov 15 1972</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1951 Cusick, John Peter                 | D: <u>Englewood, New Jersey</u>        | (S9) |
| 1996 Delgado, Wilson (Duran)            | B: <u>Jul 15 1972</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1998 De Los Santos, Valerio Lorenzo     | B: <u>Oct 6 1972</u>                   | (P1) |
| 1928 Dorman, Charles Dwight             | B: <u>Oct 3 1900</u>                   | (N4) |
| 1995 Encarnacion, Angelo Benjamin       | B: <u>Apr 18 1969</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1941 Erickson, Paul Walford             | D: <u>Apr 5 2002</u>                   | (C1) |
|   | <u>Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin</u>          |      |
| 1908 Finlayson, Pembroke                | Height: <u>5-06</u> Weight: <u>140</u> | (R1) |
| 1884 Fisher,                            | Name: <u>L. Fisher</u>                 | (M4) |
|   | Add <u>1885 BUF NL record</u>          |      |
|   | B: <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>   |      |
| 1885 Fisher,                            | Eliminate player                       | (M4) |
| 1914 Fiske, Maximilian Patrick          | D: <u>May 25 1928</u>                  | (M3) |
| 2001 Fossum, Casey Paul                 | B: <u>Jan 6 1978</u>                   | (F4) |
| 1999 Garcia, Freddy Antonio             | B: <u>Jun 10 1976</u>                  | (P1) |
| 1901 Gertenrich, Louis Wilhelm          | D: <u>Oct 20 1933</u>                  | (M3) |
| 1954 Giel, Paul Robert                  | D: <u>May 22 2002</u>                  | (T2) |
|   | <u>Minneapolis, Minnesota</u>          |      |

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|---------------------------------------|---|------|
| 1883 Gladman, John H.                 | Name: <u>James Henry Gladmon</u><br>B: <u>Nov 1863</u><br>D: <u>Jan 13 1890</u><br><u>Washington, D.C.</u>    | (M3) |
| 1871 Goldsmith, Wallace               | Name: <u>Warren M. Goldsmith</u><br>B: <u>Oct 1848</u><br>D: <u>Sep 16 1915</u><br><u>Baltimore, Maryland</u> | (M4) |
| 1945 Gray, Peter J.                   | D: <u>Jun 30 2002</u><br><u>Nanticoke, Pennsylvania</u>   | (C1) |
| 1888 Greening, John A.                | Name: <u>John A. Greenig</u><br>B: <u>1848</u><br>D: <u>Jul 28 1913</u><br><u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>  | (M3) |
| 1948 Hacker, Warren Louis             | D: <u>May 22 2002</u><br><u>Lenzburg, Illinois</u>  | (D6) |
| 1903 Hanlon, William Joseph           | BR Weight: <u>175</u>   | (O4) |
| 1902 Hardy, David Alexander           | BR Height: <u>5-10.5</u> Weight: <u>175</u>   | (O4) |
| 1954 Heard, Jehosie                   | B: <u>Athens, Georgia</u>   | (S9) |
| 1911 Hogg, Carter Bradley             | B: <u>Mar 26 1889</u>   | (S9) |
| 1901 Jones, David Jefferson           | D: <u>Mar 30 1972</u>   | (V1) |
| 1903 Jones, Oscar L.                  | Name: <u>Oscar Lafayette Jones</u><br>B: <u>Oct 22 1879</u><br><u>Carter County, Missouri</u>                 | (M4) |
| 1991 Kile, Darryl Andrew              | D: <u>Mar 16 1953</u><br><u>Fort Worth, Texas</u><br>D: <u>Jun 22 2002</u>                                    | (C1) |
| 1952 Kline, Ronald Lee                | <u>Chicago, Illinois</u><br>D: <u>Jun 22 2002</u>   | (C1) |
| 1999 Macias, Jose Prado (Salazar)     | <u>Callery, Pennsylvania</u><br>B: <u>Jan 25 1972</u>   | (P1) |
| 1995 Martinez, Angel Sandy (Martinez) | B: <u>Oct 8 1970</u>  | (P1) |
| 1895 McDougal, John H.                | Name: <u>James H. McDougal</u><br>D: <u>Apr 28 1935</u>   | (M3) |
| 1907 McGill, William John             | Weight: <u>185</u>  | (O4) |
| 1907 McLane, Edward Cameron           | BR  | (R1) |
| 1901 Miller, James McCurdy            | Height: <u>5-04</u> Weight: <u>143</u>  | (R1) |
| 1891 Murphy, Lawrence Patrick         | Name: <u>Patrick Lawrence Murphy</u><br>B: <u>Mar 17 1857</u><br><u>Canada</u>                                | (M4) |
| 1934 Oana, Henry Kuahane              | D: <u>Oct 6 1911</u><br><u>Indianapolis, Indiana</u>  | (S9) |
| 1999 Ortiz, Ramon Diogenes (Ortiz)    | Name: <u>Henry Kawaihoa Oana</u><br>B: <u>Mar 23 1973</u>   | (P1) |
| 2000 Ozuna, Pablo Jose                | B: <u>Aug 25 1974</u>   | (P1) |
| 1939 Page, Samuel Walter              | D: <u>May 29 2002</u><br><u>Greenville, South Carolina</u>  | (D6) |
| 1913 Partenheimer, Harold Philip      | Debut: <u>Jun 28 1913</u>   | (O4) |
| 1996 Perez, Neifi Neftali (Diaz)      | B: <u>Jun 2 1973</u>  | (P1) |
| 2001 Pineda, Luis A.                  | B: <u>Oct 17 1974</u>   | (P1) |
| 1932 Poser, John Falk                 | D: <u>May 21 2002</u><br><u>Columbus, Wisconsin</u>   | (C1) |
| 1884 Powell, James Edwin              | Add PHL AA 1885 entry   | (M3) |
| 1881 Powell, Martin J.                | Remove PHL AA 1885 entry  | (M3) |

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| 1887 Roach, John F.           | B: Nov 19 <u>1867</u><br><u>Renovo, Pennsylvania</u>   | (M4) |
|                               | D: <u>Apr 2 1934</u><br><u>Peoria, Illinois</u>  |      |
| 1899 Roach, Michael Stephen   | Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>145</u>   | (M4) |
| 1996 Rodriguez, Nerio         | B: Mar <u>4</u> 1971   | (P1) |
| 1913 Rondeau, Henri Joseph    | <u>BL</u>  | (R1) |
| 1944 Roser, Emerson Corey     | D: <u>Feb 8 2002</u><br><u>Utica, New York</u>   | (D6) |
| 1871 Sellman, Frank C.        | Name: <u>Charles Francis</u> Sellman<br>B: <u>1852</u><br>D: <u>May 6 1907</u><br><u>Baltimore, Maryland</u> | (M3) |
| 1967 Stubing, Lawrence George | Debut: <u>Aug 14 1967</u>  | (V1) |
| 1908 Thomas, William Walter   | Weight: <u>156</u>   | (R1) |
| 1999 Vizcaino, Luis (Arias)   | B: Jun <u>1</u> 1975   | (P1) |
| 1890 Von Fricken, Anthony     | B: May 30 <u>1869</u>  | (F4) |
| 1907 Walsh, Cornelius R.      | <u>TR</u>  | (R1) |
| 1947 Westrum, Wesley Noreen   | D: <u>May 28 2002</u><br><u>Clearbrook, Minnesota</u>  | (D6) |
| 1996 Witasick, Gerald Alfonse | Name: Gerald <u>Alphonse</u> Witasick  | (S9) |