



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
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## **C. V. Matterson Found**

A player known only as C. V. Matterson pitched for St. Louis of the Union Association on June 13, 1884. Richard Malatzky managed to identify him and track him down earning him the *Find of the Month* award.

Richard looked through the 1883-85 issues of Sporting Life and found him referred to as Matteson as well as Matterson. He is also mentioned as being from Ohio. Richard then went to the 1880 Ohio census and found all the Mattesons in Ohio who fit the logical age range. There were four of them, three of whom were brothers. They were Charles F (23), Claude L (21), and Clifford (18) and they lived in Seville, Ohio.

When Richard then looked at the 1900 Ohio census, he found a Clifford V. Matteson, born November 1861, and living in Seville, Ohio with his wife Cora. Richard Topp has access to an Ohio death index and found a death for Cora Matteson in Medina County on November 30, 1923. He sent this information back to Richard Malatzky, who then wrote the Medina County District Library. They sent him the obituaries of both Cora and Clifford Virgil Matteson, mayor of Seville, Ohio. The mayor died of acute indigestion December 18, 1931 in Seville. Quoting from the obituary, "Matteson, whose early days were marked by his activity as a baseball player and who retained his interest in the national pastime to the end..." Obviously, this is our boy. Tremendous job of research!

### **A Mann's Resume**

Cappy Gagnon compiled a rather interesting

list of the jobs held by former ballplayer Leslie Mann.

- 1911-14 Attended Springfield (MA) College
- 1917-19 Physical Director, Army YMCA, Camp Logan, Houston, Texas
- 1919-21 Assistant Coach, Rice Institute
- 1922-24 Baseball Coach and Asst. Football and Basketball Coach, Indiana University
- 1924-25 Completed BS degree in PE at Springfield College
- 1925-26 Played with Boston Braves
- 1926-31 "Teaching by Motion Pictures"
- 1931-35 National Director, US Amateur Baseball Association
- 1934 Manager, Harrisburg Senators
- 1936 Executive VP & Sec., Amateur Baseball Congress
- 1936 Coach of Olympic Baseball Team in Munich
- 1936-37 Executive VP, US Baseball Congress
- 1938-39 Sec.-Treas., US Baseball Congress
- 1939-40 Graduate student, Springfield College
- 1940-41 Executive VP & Sec., USA Baseball Congress and Sec-Treas, Intl Assn of Baseball Federations
- 1941-43 Executive Secretary, YMCA (USO)
- 1943 Director, Mobile Service USO
- 1943-45 Mobile Service Director, USO Pacific Coast
- 1945-46 Athletic and Recreation Director, USO in Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1946-50 Exec. Sec., Intl Amateur Football and Baseball Federation, Founder, USA Baseball Federation, Founder, USA Football Federation, Boston Braves Baseball National Director
- 1950-62 Athletic Films, Inc.

Died January 14, 1962 in Pasadena, California and in 1972 was elected to the Springfield College Athletic Hall of Fame.

### **Expansion Forgottens**

Robert Schulz provided a list of players who

were selected in the expansion draft but never played in the major leagues.

1960	Don Ross	LA Angels
1961	Paul Roof	Houston Colts
1968	John Gloss	Montreal Expos
	Fred Katowczik	San Diego Padres
	Dan Haynes	Kansas City Royals
	John Miklos	Seattle Pilots
	Bob Richmond	Seattle Pilots
	Paul Click	Seattle Pilots
1976	Alan Griffin	Seattle Mariners
	Mike Weathers	Toronto Blue Jays
1992	Ramon Martinez	Florida Marlins
	Kip Yaughn	Florida Marlins

### Claud Elliott's Disease

I recently received a letter from a SABR member who had obtained the death certificate of former pitcher Claud Judson Elliott. Elliott died in 1923 and the cause of his death was listed as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. As far as I know, Elliott is the first player to die from it. I bet you could stump your friends with this one.

### Help Requested

Bob McConnell would like some help in tracking down a minor leaguer by the name of Frank B. "Pop" Weikart who played from 1888 through 1908. He was with Houston 1888-90 and 1896-97, Montgomery in 1892, Allentown in 1895, Austin from 1895-97, Mobile in 1899-99, Decatur in 1900, Shreveport from 1901-05, and Galveston in 1907-08. He tied for the home run lead in the Southern League in 1899, and led the league outright in 1902, 1904, and 1905. If any of you can help Bob, please let him know.

### Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June, including our oldest former player, Chester Hoff. Make sure you send a card.

May 8	Chester Hoff	107
May 23	Willis Hudlin	92
June 4	Edward Marshall	92
June 9	Paul Gregory	90
June 20	Bill Werber	90
June 25	Lief Erickson	96
June 28	Joe Cascarella	91

### The David Drew Mysteries

Our *Mystery of the Month* for March/April comes from Richard Malatzky. We list David Drew as the player who played with Philadelphia and Washington in the Union Association in 1884. Richard found a note from early 1884 stating that David Drew, of last year's Maple Leafs of Milwaukee, has been signed by the Chicago Unions.

A little later in the winter, he found a note in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania notes that Drew, who lives in Johnstown, will probably play in Johnstown this year. Later in the winter, that Drew signed with Oil City in the Iron and Oil League.

On May 14-15, Drew played with the Philadelphia Keystones. Both games were played in Altoona. On May 20, Drew played for the Washington Nationals, also in Altoona, and then continued with them.

The Drew from Johnstown and David Drew were apparently two different players, so it would seem apparent that the Johnstown Drew would be the major league player. Johnstown is only 30 miles from Altoona. Does anyone want to look into this in Johnstown or Altoona?

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14831	66	99.557
Total Complete Births	14154	743	95.012
Total Complete Deaths	7410	457	49.742
Total Assumed Alive	7030		47.191
Total Bats	13546	1245	91.583
Total Throws	13800	991	93.300
Total Heights	13797	994	93.280
Total Weights	13734	1057	92.854
Total Debut Dates	14897	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9982	4915	67.007
Total Completion			92.1675

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1979 Ainge, Daniel Rae	Name: Daniel <u>Ray</u> Ainge	(MC)
1884 Bahret, Frank J.	Name Frank E. Bahret	(M3)
	B: <u>1858</u>	
	D: <u>Mar 30 1888</u>	
	<u>Poughkeepsie, New York</u>	
1907 Baxter, John Morris	BL Height: <u>6-02</u> Weight: <u>200</u>	(R2)
1938 Bongiovanni, Anthony Thomas	B: <u>New Orleans, Louisiana</u>	(T1)
1871 Burroughs, Henry S.	B: <u>New Jersey</u>	(M4)
	D: <u>Mar 31 1878</u>	
1943 Candini, Milo Cain	D: <u>Mar 17 1998</u>	(CL)
	<u>Manteca, California</u>	
1934 Castleman, Clydell	D: <u>Mar 2 1998</u>	(Q1)
	<u>Nashville, Tennessee</u>	
1948 Clark, James	B: <u>Baggaley, Pennsylvania</u>	(T1)
1941 Cook, Earl Davis	D: <u>Nov 21 1996</u>	(M4)
	<u>Markham, Ontario</u>	
1973 Driessen, Daniel	B: <u>Hilton Head Island, South Carolina</u>	(T1)
1904 Elliott, Claude Judson	Name: <u>Claud</u> Judson Elliott	(C1)
	B: <u>Nov 17 1876</u>	
1911 Fisher, August Harris	B: <u>Pottsboro, Texas</u>	(T1)
1939 Gallagher, Joseph Emmett	D: <u>Feb 25 1998</u>	(D6)
	<u>Houston, Texas</u>	
1957 Kennedy, John Irvin	D: <u>Apr 27 1998</u>	(NL)
	<u>Jacksonville, Florida</u>	
1914 LaClaire, George Lewis	Name: George Lewis <u>LeClair</u>	(C1)
1884 Matterson, C. V.	Name: <u>Clifford Virgil</u> Matteson	(M3)
	B: <u>Nov 1861</u>	
	D: <u>Dec 18 1931</u>	
	<u>Seville, Ohio</u>	
1909 Powell, William Burris	B: <u>Taylor County, West Virginia</u>	(T1)
1903 Raub, Thomas Jefferson	D: <u>Feb 15 1949</u>	(D2)
1923 Stone, Edwin Arnold	Debut: <u>Jul 30 1923</u>	(S0)
1940 Strincevich, Nicholas	Delete real name	(C2)
1945 Walczak, Edwin Joseph	D: <u>Mar 10 1998</u>	(C1)
	<u>Norwich, Connecticut</u>	
1929 Weston, Alfred John	D: <u>Nov 13 1997</u>	(C1)
	<u>San Diego, California</u>	
1884 Wiley,	Name: John Wiley	(M3)
1969 Wilson, William Harlan	D: <u>Broken Arrow, Oklahoma</u>	(C1)
1961 Wyatt, John Thomas	D: <u>Apr 6 1998</u>	(C1)
	<u>Omaha, Nebraska</u>	