

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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BALLPARK PHOTO INDEX AVAILABLE ON SABR WEBSITE

Thanks to the efforts of Paul Healey, the Project Director for the Ballpark Photo Index, and Rod Nelson, SABR's Research Services Manager, a downloadable version of the Index is now available on the SABR website. To get to it, visit the following URL:

<http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,2339,5,0>

When you have completed the download, you should have two Excel spreadsheets. The Ballpark Photo Index includes the cataloguing of images for 133 major league ballparks. In many cases, more than one image of the ballpark has been catalogued.

The second Excel spreadsheet, accessed via a tab from the Ballpark Photo Index, is a Ballpark Completion List. It lists every major league ballpark, including the 238 ballparks for which we have not yet catalogued an image. It also provides a checkmark indicator for the kinds of views we've assembled for those ballparks for which we have found images.

If you review the Ballpark Completion List and find that you have images for ballparks where we are missing images, please contact Paul Healey at paulhealey@yahoo.com.

The Ballparks Photo Index is a project conducted jointly with SABR's Ballparks Committee. The work has been underway for several years, and we're pleased that it is now at the stage where it can be shared. Our plans continue to include incorporating it into the SABR Encyclopedia.

MINOR LEAGUE TEAM PHOTOS IN SPALDING AND REACH GUIDES

A few years ago, Pictorial History Committee member John Spalding researched the Spalding and Reach Guides. He made a list of all the minor league team photos which appeared in those guides. The list provided the year and name of each guide, the name of the team, and the name of the league. It did not indicate the page number on which the photo was found within the guide.

I have taken John's data and entered it into an Excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet provides easier transmission and it introduces sorting capability. The spreadsheet contains over 4,200 records

covering most of the seasons from 1894 through 1942. The photos were shot in the season preceding each year in which the guide was published.

If you would like a copy of the spreadsheet, just send an email to bdhickmn@aol. In return, I'll send you an email with the Excel spreadsheet attached to it.

BALLPARKS IN THE MOVIES

Another previously completed project which has come to my attention is a list of movies which showed baseball parks. The list was compiled by Francis Kinlaw. It is only available in hard copy at present, but I plan to insert the data into an Excel spreadsheet to ease transmission. If you want the Excel spreadsheet, let me know and I'll send it to you when the data has been digitized.

SABR member Rob Edelman is an expert in baseball films. He has authored GREAT BASEBALL FILMS and BASEBALL ON THE WEB, as well as many articles on baseball films. Rob has indicated that he would be happy to hear from anyone on the committee who has questions about baseball films. Rob's email address is akupferb@nycap.rr.com.

PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE HISTORY AND MISSION

The Committee was founded in 1994 by Tom Shieber, who was its first Committee Chair. Tom remains active in the Committee's work, and is currently on the staff of the Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown.

The mission of the Committee, as stated when it was chartered by the SABR Board, is to promote research into baseball's rich history as reflected through drawings, illustrations, photographs, artwork, motion pictures, video, and in general, any form of visual representation.

Our work on indexes (players, managers, and ballparks) has brought us into the worlds of photography, drawings, illustrations, and artwork. We should do more in the field of motion pictures and video, which is why those topics have been included in this newsletter.

TRANSCENDENTAL GRAPHICS IS MOVING

Mark Rucker, another former Chair of this Committee, heads a major photographic agency which specializes in old baseball photos. His firm, Transcendental Graphics, will be shutting down on August 15th and re-opening early in 2008 at a Canadian address. The new address will be 5010 Elliott Avenue, Peachland, British Columbia V0H 1X0, CANADA. Mark maintains a website called The Rucker Archives, which can be found at:
<http://www.theruckerarchive.com/about.html>

RECENT MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUTERS ADDED TO SABR ENCYCLOPEDIA

Those players who made their major league debuts in 2005 and 2006 now have entries in the SABR Encyclopedia. We have added citations for their player images to their records in the Encyclopedia.

PLAYERS FOUND SINCE MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

This section of the newsletter reports those players whom we previously listed as missing players, but for whom an image has now been reported.

John G. Otten -- Found by Peter Morris in St. Louis Post-Dispatch of July 13, 1895. The image is a drawing. The image was not submitted, so those interested in this image will have to do their own searching in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

John F. Kelly -- Found by Richard Ulrich. The image is a head shot woodcut.

William W. Cramer -- Found by Marc Okkonen in the Cincinnati Enquirer of June 15, 1912.

John J. "Jack" Leary -- Contained in Lefty Blasco's collection. The image was an enlargement from a team photo.

Paul "Ray" Brown -- Found by Richard Ulrich in the 1912 Reach Guide, page 480. The image was from a team composite of the Moose Jaw team of the Western Canada League.

Larry Douglas -- Found by Richard Ulrich in the 1916 Spalding Guide, page 291. Douglas appeared in a Martinsburg team photo.

Charles C. Bell -- Contained in Richard Ulrich's collection, from Sporting Life or the New York Clipper.

William Calihan -- Contained in Richard Ulrich's collection, from Sporting Life or the New York Clipper.

Pierce Coleman -- Contained in Richard Ulrich's collection, from Sporting Life or the New York Clipper.

Edward Coughlin -- Contained in Richard Ulrich's collection, from Sporting Life or the New York Clipper.

Peter Curren -- Contained in Richard Ulrich's collection, from Sporting Life or the New York Clipper.

Ona Dodd -- Found by Richard Ulrich in the 1912 Reach Guide in the Waco team photo.

Patrick Greene (AKA Patrick Foley) -- Found by Chris Gibler, a non-SABR member from Mason, Ohio.

John J. Morrissey -- Found by Lefty Blasco in an 1881 composite of all eight National League teams.

Anyone who wants to work on missing players, please contact me at bdhickmn@aol.com. I'll send you an Excel spreadsheet containing the list of our missing players. At present, we're missing 672, 88% of whom played in the majors only in the 19th Century.

MANAGERS FOUND SINCE MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

Fred Hoey -- Found by Randy Kula on the website of Hake's Americana. Hoey appeared as a radio announcer on a 1931 souvenir button which Hake's was selling.

Charlie Hackett -- Found by Randy Kula on page xix of SOL WHITE'S HISTORY OF COLORED BASE BALL WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS ON THE EARLY BLACK GAME. Hackett can be seen in the 1888 Syracuse team photo as shown online at Google/Books. Hackett was also found by Bob Richardson on the Robert Edward Auctions website.

The managers whom we're still missing are:

Andy Allison; Bickerson (unknown first name); Ed Curtis; Mordecai Davidson; Harry Deane; Joe Ellick; George Frazier; Mase Graffen; Bill C. Henderson; Ed Hengle; Jim C. Kennedy; George McManus; Felix Moses; Bill J. Smith; Pat Sullivan; George Taylor; Fred L. Thomas; Mike J. Walsh; John Waltz; Al Wright

If you know of any images of these managers, please contact Dave Davis, the project manager, at dfastpitch5@yahoo.com.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS SINCE MAY, 2007 NEWSLETTER

Those who have contributed at least one image to the Player Image Index, but have not been recognized in previous newsletters, are: Chris Gibler, Steve Hatcher, Richard Malatzky, and Janet Miller. This brings the total number of participants in the project to 115 contributors.

ROBERT EDWARD AUCTIONS WEBSITE

Speaking of this website, John Thorn reported that all the photos which have been presented for auction on this website over the past few years will be archived and displayed on the website in one full collection. The website address is: <http://www.robertedwardauctions.com/> Stayed tuned.

PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE MEETING AT SABR 37

Approximately 30 people attended the committee meeting. We reviewed the progress of our projects to date, and mentioned the possibility of some new projects. In particular, I would like to start a project which documents some of the more noted baseball photo collections. George Hines volunteered to provide some help, and I hope to start that project before long.

The session also provided the opportunities for those present to get introduced to each other. We have a substantial amount of baseball photo knowledge on this committee, and the National

Convention is an excellent opportunity to start networking with people who have this experience. For those of you who have not attended a National, I urge you to start thinking about seeing us in Cleveland next year.

Submitted by:

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