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Moving the Ball Forward...by Quite a Lot

Pardon the football metaphor, but it applies here. When **Bill Hickman** stepped down after 10 years as PHC chairman, we then enumerated his impressive list of accomplishments. In bestowing the 2015 [George Michael SABR Pictorial History Committee Award](#) upon Bill, we have to start by repeating ourselves. During Bill’s time as chairman, the following things happened

- The Player Image Index grew from 14,300 major leaguers to 17,399 major leaguers and the Player Image Index database grew from about 20,000 records to about 40,000 records. The Index now covers about 97% of the major league players.
- The Manager Image Index was launched and it grew to the point where it now covers 97% of the major league managers.
- The Ballpark Image Index was launched and now covers about half of the historical major league ballparks.
- Coach and Umpire Image Indexes were launched.
- Several thousand vintage baseball photos have been identified in SABR PHC sponsored group projects, including the Library of Congress Bain and Ewing & Harris collections, and the Boston Public Library Leslie Jones collection.
- Archiving and digitizing of the SABR photo negative collection was started.



Bill Hickman

It should also be pointed out that PHC membership more than tripled in size during Bill’s tenure.

Bill knew how to define an important research objective and create an inclusive plan to achieve it. Most importantly, he knew how to inspire people to participate.

In all of this, Bill established a great example for future PHC chairpersons to follow. 📷

Ernie Harwell Collection

The Detroit Public Library (DPL) recently made a significant portion of the now partially digitized Ernie Harwell collection available online. The collection includes a large amount of early baseball imagery extending well back into the 19th century. As of this writing there are 5,826 items that can be viewed. This link provides a good point of entry: <http://tinyurl.com/qghoxd6> From there you can browse or enter information into the search box.

Many of the baseball photos are identified, though not always correctly. Quite a few others are unidentified. We have made a small dent in these and we will show some interesting examples and list all the caption modifications to date at the end of the article. We hope to work with DPL coordinator of special collections, **Mark Bowden**, to get the corrections into the record (and give SABR credit). At this point this is a “free form” project. [If you want to go through photos and see what you can find, just do it and let us know of any caption change that you propose. We will maintain a spreadsheet of photo description corrections and publish updates in the newsletter.](#)

Closer scrutiny of the captions began after frequent contributor **Nigel Ayres** contacted us about some cabinet cards from the collection that were each labeled as “**portrait of a man in a suit.**” These all had a Baltimore studio mark. Noting that photos can be accessed by typing their respective “hr” number in the website’s search box, Nigel specifically proposed the following IDs:

- hr000294: Bart Cantz
- hr000295: Matt Kilroy
- hr200297: John Kerins
- hr200300: Tommy Tucker

These are in fact correct and are shown at right.

Knowing that these four were all members of the 1889 Baltimore AA club, we also identified the following additional “men in suits”:

- hr000290: Reddy Mack
- hr000293: Tom Quinn
- hr000296: Bert Cunningham
- hr000298: Will Holland
- hr000299: Irv Ray
- hr000301: Mike Griffin
- hr000302: Billy Shindle

The four awesome cabinet photos below are labeled only as “**baseball player in Toledo uniform.**” All are members of the 1894 Toledo WL team, and are now identified below. Note that hr002920 (not shown) is already correctly IDed as Frank Forman in a Toledo uniform. There are 3 more Toledos whom we cannot yet identify.

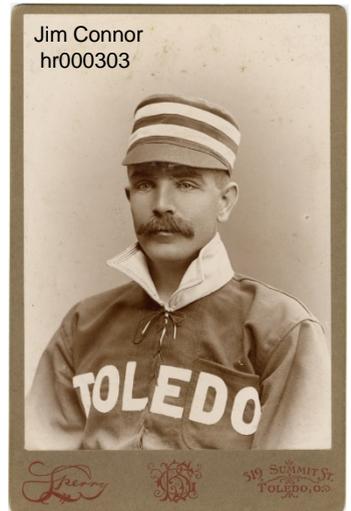
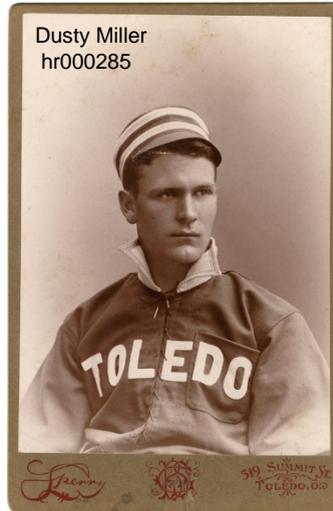
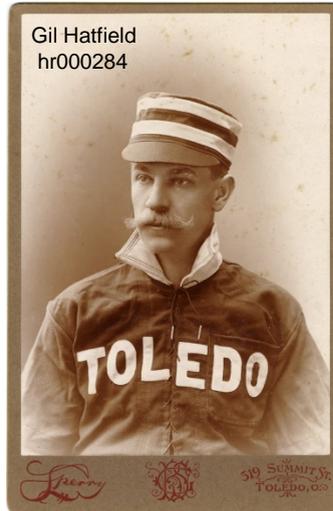
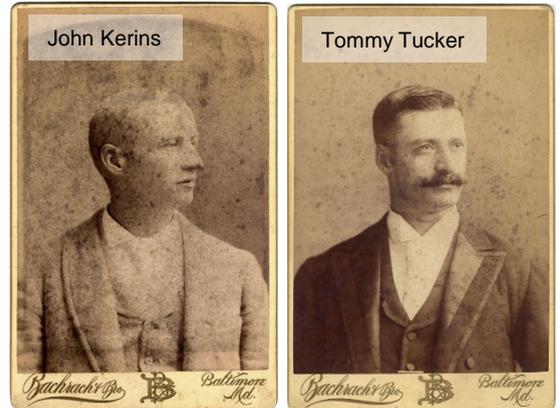
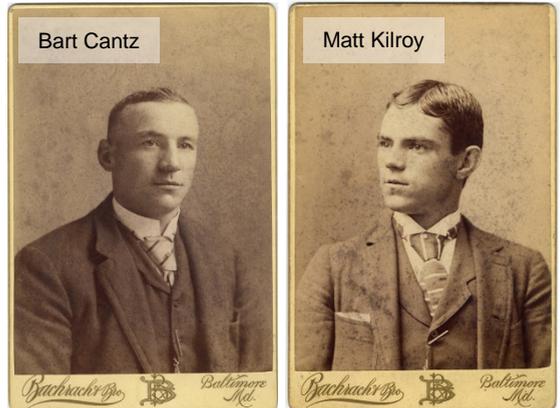


Photo hr003356, near right, is IDed as "Dickey Pierce [sic], old Boston P." That is obviously wrong. It took some effort to determine that he is actually a youthful Tully Sparks in 1898 (when Dickey Pearce was 62 years old).

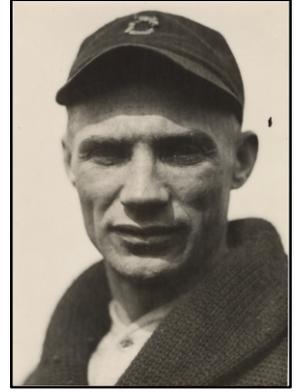
Photo hr000080 (center) is identified a "baseball player in uniform," and hr000081 (far right) is labeled "baseball player." It's not always this obvious, but clearly we have Joe Tinker and Stan Covaleski.



Tully Sparks hr003356



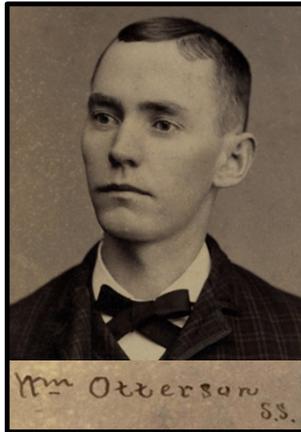
Joe Tinker hr000080



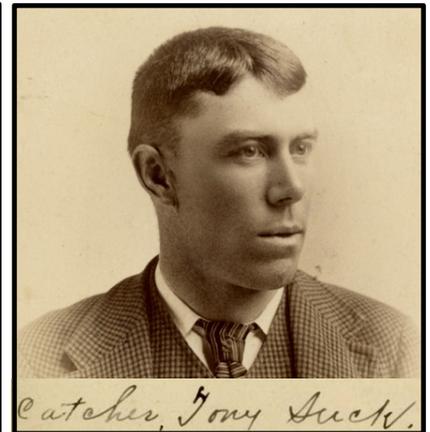
Stan Covaleski hr000081

We have been able to remove a few more players from the "missing" list and add them to the player image database. These include Billy Otterson, near right, and Tony Suck, far right.

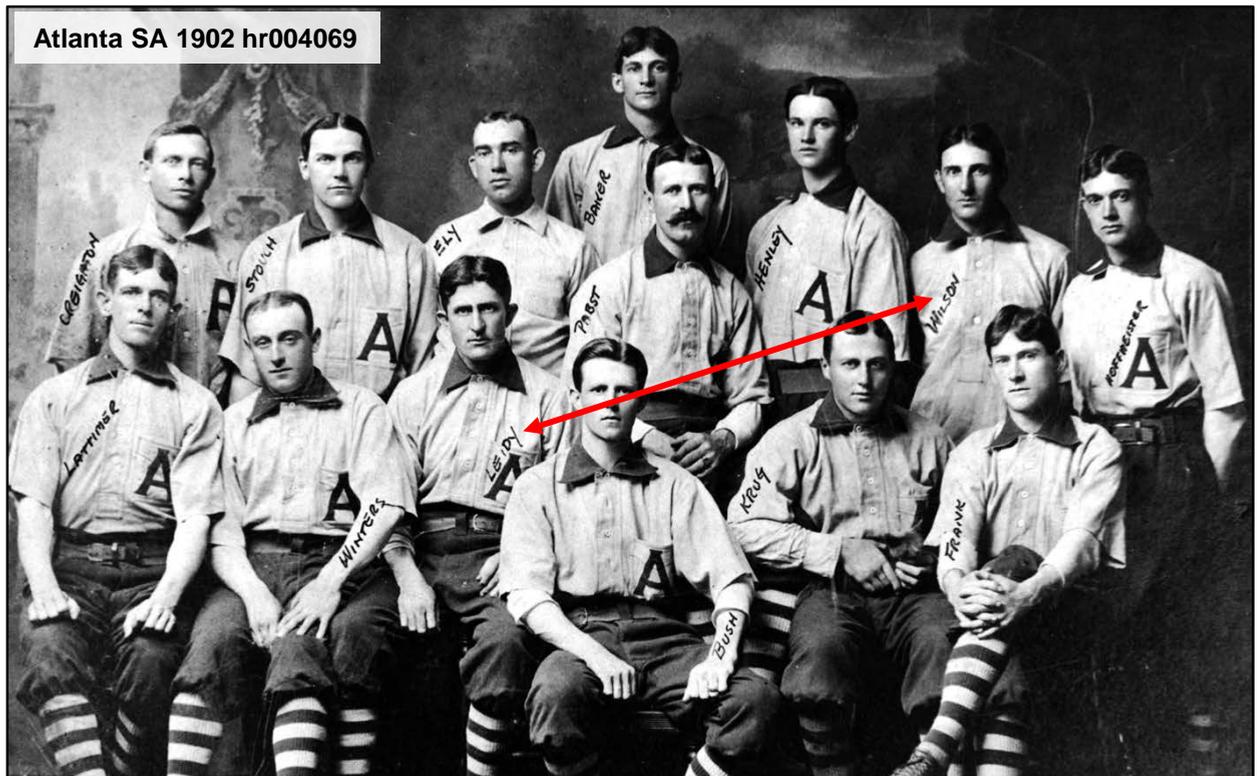
There are numerous nice team photos in the collection. We will highlight just a few. The 1902 Atlanta Southern Association team photo, hr004069, at the bottom of the page is familiar as it graced the cover of *The National Pastime* in 2010. In fact we wrote about it soon after*. The player IDs are clearly written on the photo, but the Zeke Wilson and George Leidy IDs are reversed.



Billy Otterson hr003519



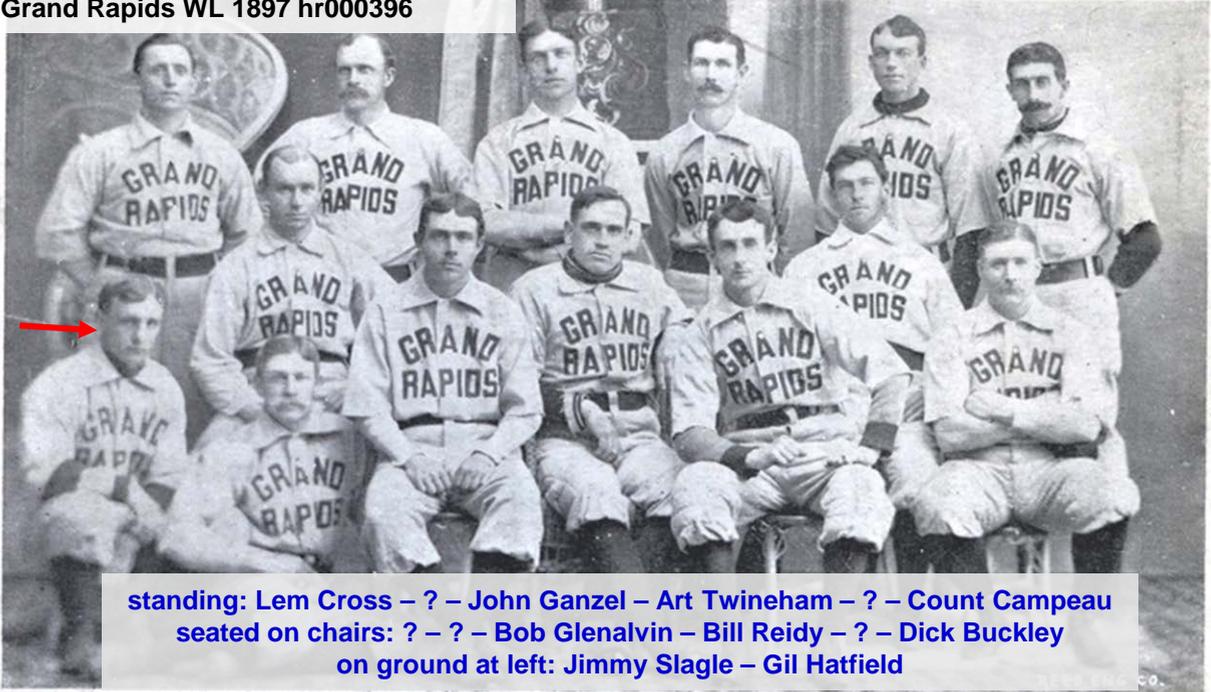
Tony Suck hr003849



* <http://sabr.box.com/shared/static/vv40c21g6t4ctbbzk34g.pdf>, page10

Photo hr000396 below is labeled as “unidentified Grand Rapids baseball team.” Recognizing that the player sitting far left is Jimmy Slagle (red arrow) dates the photo to 1897, Western League. That gives us a [baseball-reference](#) roster to work with. So far we have the IDs shown at the bottom of the photo.

Grand Rapids WL 1897 hr000396

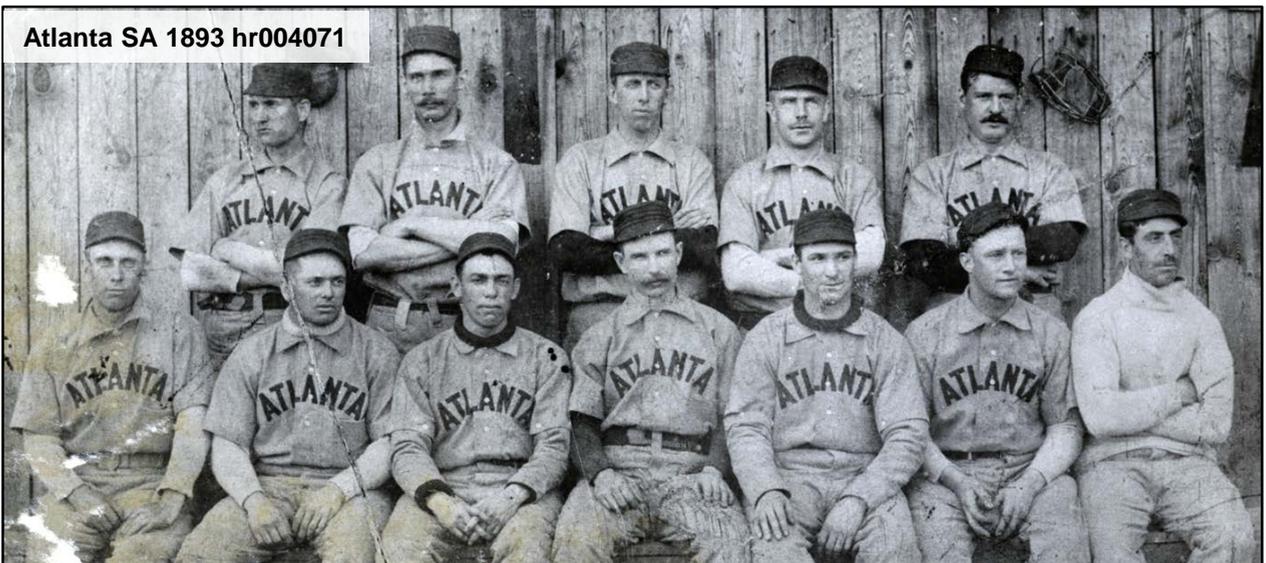


standing: Lem Cross – ? – John Ganzel – Art Twineham – ? – Count Campeau
 seated on chairs: ? – ? – Bob Glenalvin – Bill Reidy – ? – Dick Buckley
 on ground at left: Jimmy Slagle – Gil Hatfield

COMPLIMENTS OF B. J. REYNOLDS.

The given info (including amusing opinions on player performance) for hr004071 was transcribed from the back of the photo as follows, "Atlanta B.B. team. 1893. 1. [Combs?]-3B-was no good; 2. Mots-1B-simple [sic] rotten; 3. [Letcher?] - LF-just [?]; 4. [Lallany?] - RF-no good; 5. Chambers-2B-no good; 6. Ely-SS-[?]; 7. Dickson -C- good; 8. Keenan -P- good; 9. Murray -CF- no good; 10. [Rattger?] -P- no good; 11. [Dewall?] -P- good; 12. Murphy -C- no good." This is Atlanta SA 1893, and actually the IDs given are, well, "pretty good." Lallany was intended to be Dan Lally, but that guy really is Jim Connor (same guy identified at bottom of page 7). There is no record of a Coombs or a Chambers or similar, so we don't know about them. Corrected and cleaned up IDs are shown at the bottom of the photo.

Atlanta SA 1893 hr004071



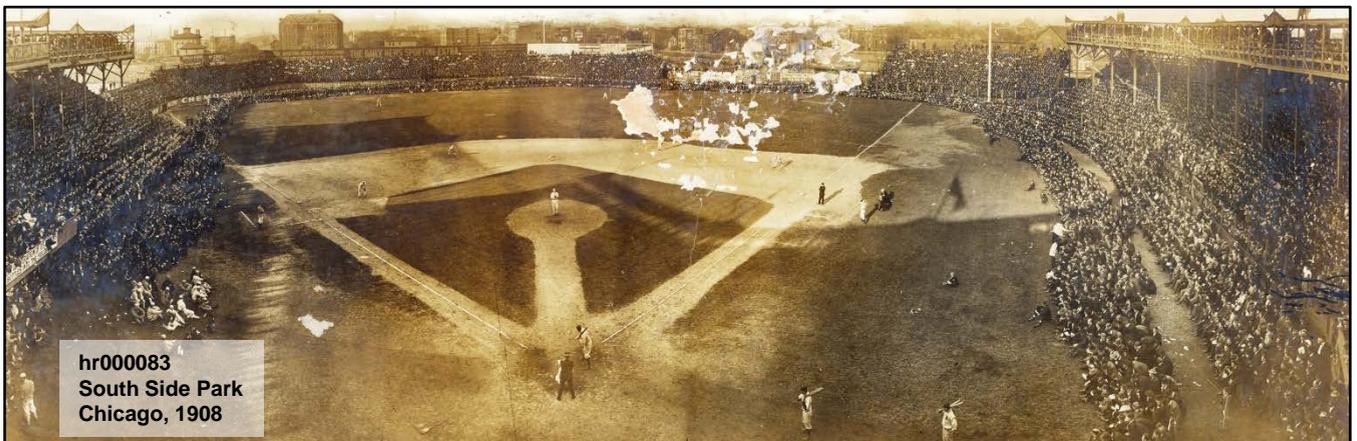
Coombs?, Frank Motz, Tom Letcher, Jim Connor, Chambers?
 Bones Ely, Eddie Dixon, Jack Keenan, Billy Murray, George Rettger, Charlie Dewald, Connie Murphy

Photo hr000089 below is labeled as “Buffalo baseball team.” Player last names are written on the bottom. They are hard to read and some don’t correctly align with the associated player. We have fixed all this at the bottom of the photo. Players with a major league record are shown in bold. These include some well-known names. Although “Champions Eastern League” is written on the lower left of the photo, the identified men date the photo to either 1903 or 1904, not championship years for Buffalo. In fact Buffalo never won an EL championship.



back row: ? – Lew Brockett - ? - Otis Clymer – Louis Leroy – Al Shaw – Ernie Courtney
middle row: Frank LaPorte - ? – Bill Magee – Jake Gettman – Geo Stallings – Moose Grimshaw – Alex Jones
front row: ? – Joe Delahanty – Rube Kissinger – Ed Shortell – Billy Natress – Sport McAllister – Fred Hartman

Photo hr000083 below is labeled as “Crowd watching a baseball game.” It clearly depicts a game at South Side Park in Chicago. **John Thorn** opined on facebook that this is a heavily attended October 1908 contest between the Tigers and White Sox. The billboards do look right for late 1908, and close inspection shows that the visiting team caps have the Detroit style stripes down from the top center button. John is very likely correct. Photos hr000082 and hr000097 are also likely from the same game, with hr000097 incorrectly labeled as a 1907 Cubs-Tigers World series game.



hr000083
 South Side Park
 Chicago, 1908

The following table in brief lists what we have so far. The "official" spread sheet includes additional information.

photo #	current description	corrected description
hr000080	baseball player in uniform	Joe Tinker
hr000081	baseball palyer	Stan Covalleski
hr000082	crowd watching a baseball game	White Sox game at South Side Park Chicago, 1908
hr000083	crowd watching a baseball game	White Sox game at South Side Park Chicago, 1908
hr000089	Buffalo Baseball team	Buffalo, Eastern League, 1903 or 1904; back row: ?, Lew Brockett, ?, Otis Clymer, Louis Leroy, Al Shaw, Ernie Courtney; mid row: Frank LaPorte, ?, Bill Magee, Jake Gettman, Geo Stallings, Moose Grimshaw, Alex Jones; mid row offset on right: George Gibson; front row: ?, Joe Delahanty, Rube Kissinger, Ed Shortell, Billy Natress, Sport McAllister, Fred Hartman;
hr000097	1907 (Cubs-Tigers) WS game	White Sox game at South Side Park Chicago, 1908
hr000283	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Jim Hughey, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000284	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Gill Hatfield, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000285	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Dusty Miller, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000286	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Unknown player, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000287	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Unknown player, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000288	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Unknown player, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000290	Portrait of man in suit	Reddy Mack
hr000293	Portrait of man in suit	Tom Quinn
hr000294	Portrait of man in suit	Bart Cantz
hr000295	Portrait of man in suit	Matt Kilroy
hr000296	Portrait of man in suit	Bert Cunningham
hr000297	Portrait of man in suit	John Kerins
hr000298	Portrait of man in suit	Will Holland
hr000299	Portrait of man in suit	Irv Ray
hr000300	Portrait of man in suit	Tommy Tucker
hr000301	Portrait of man in suit	Mike Griffin
hr000302	Portrait of man in suit	Billy Shindle
hr000303	Baseball player in Toledo uniform	Jim Connor, Toledo Western League, 1894
hr000396	unidentified Grand Rapids baseball team	Grand Rapids, Western League 1897; standing: Lem Cross, ?, John Ganzel, Art Twineham, ?, Count Campeau; seated on chairs: ?, ?, Bob Glenalvin, Bill Reidy, ?, Dick Buckley; on ground at left: Jimmy Slagle, Gil Hatfield;

photo #	current description	corrected description
hr002620	Jack Clements	Verne Clemons
hr003356	Dickie Pierce	Tully Sparks
hr003395	unidentified baseball team	Minneapolis WL, 1899 (IDs same as hr001964)
hr003701	Toots Schultz	Joe Schutz Sr.
hr003710	Jim Scott	not Jim Scott
hr003776	Syd Smith	Wib Smith
hr003816	Elmer Steele	not Elmer Steele
hr004069	Atlanta baseball team (IDs taken from names hand written on each player)	Atlanta Southern Association, 1902 (given IDs correct except Leidy and Wilson are reversed) back row: (unknown) Creighton, Tom Stouch, Jack Ely, Ernie Baker, Ed Pabst, Weldon Henley, George Leidy (misidentified on photo), Jesse Hoffmeister; front row: Tacks Latimer, George Winters, Zeke Wilson (misidentified on photo), Henry Busch, Henry Krug, Fred Frank;
hr004071	Atlanta baseball team, IDs transcribed from handwriting	Atlanta, Southern Association, 1893 IDs corrected and clarified: back row: Coombs?, Frank Motz, Tom Letcher, Jim Connor, Chambers?; front row: Bones Ely, Eddie Dixon, Jack Keenan, Billy Murray, George Rettger, Charlie Dewald, Connie Murphy;
hr004218	1897 Providence baseball team	Providence Grays, International League 1917
hr004273	Vicksburg, Miss. baseball team; IDs handwritten on photo	Vicksburg, Miss. State League 1893; back row: Patrick Meaney, Sport McAllister, Florence Dohler, Harry Dooms; mid row: Levi Dawkins, Frank Weikart, Charles Meyers; front row: Edward Cook, Johnny Klock, Joseph Bammert;
hr004058	Detroit Tigers baseball player...	Hugh High
hr005677	Lou Castro...Atlanta uniform	Lou Castro wearing an Atlanta uniform, c1907-1908
hr005720	Phill Collins 1929-1935	Phil Collins 1929-1932
hr005740	Johnny Cooney	Jimmy E. "Scoops" Cooney
hr005741	Johnny Cooney	Jimmy E. "Scoops" Cooney
hr005802	Frank Demaree 1939-1941	Al Demaree 1913-1915
hr005782	Dave Danforth 1911	Dave Danforth 1922-1924



Rotation

The two pretty T206 cards to the right are well-known to collectors. Image #1 is identified as Bud Sharpe in a Newark E.L uniform. Sharpe had a brief major league career during 1905 and 1910. In between he spent three years with Newark. Image #2 is identified as Harry Hinchman in a Toledo A.A. jersey. His MLB stint comprised only 15 games in 1907 in Cleveland, while he spent 1908 through mid-1912 with Toledo.

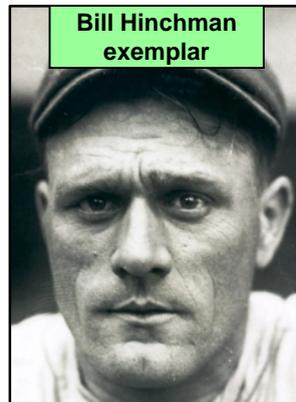
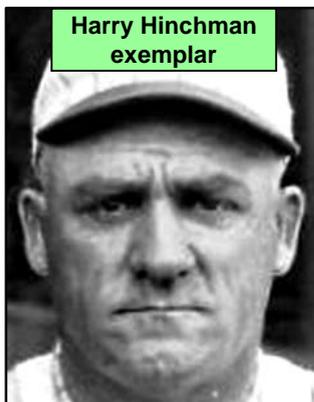
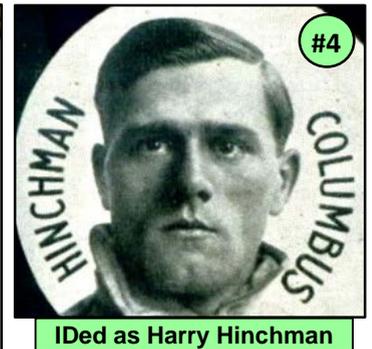
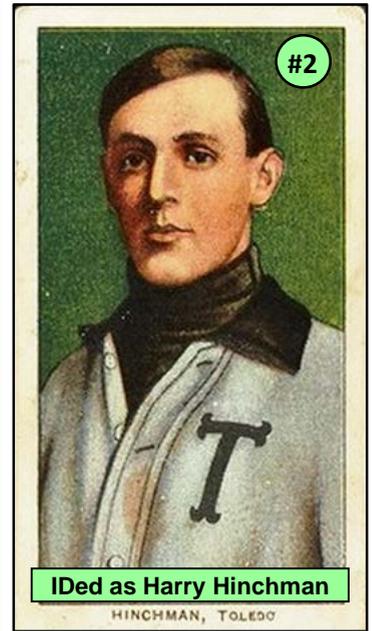
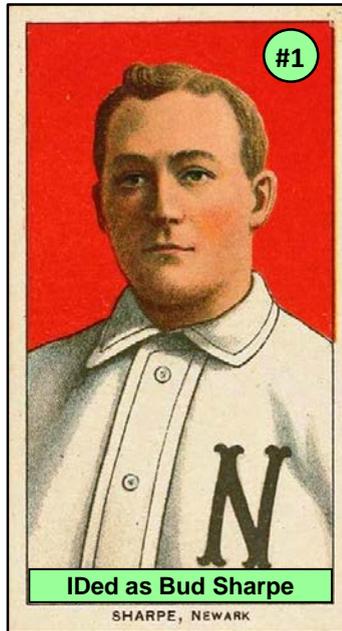
Now let's take a look at image #3, cropped from a 1909 Rose Company postcard which has been assumed to depict Harry's brother Bill Hinchman. Both appeared with Cleveland in 1907, but Bill's MLB career was substantially longer. He stayed with Cleveland through the 1909 season. Image #4 is cropped from a "Colgan's Chip," and has widely been assumed to depict Harry Hinchman (he does resemble the player in image #2).

So, now that we've got that all straight, let's explain why it's all wrong. Placing image #3 next to a *Harry Hinchman* exemplar, below left, indicates a possible match. Moreover, #3 is distinctly different from the Bill Hinchman exemplar, below 2nd from right. Ears, lips, philtrum, chin, etc. – nothing matches. In **fact #3 is Harry Hinchman**, not Bill.

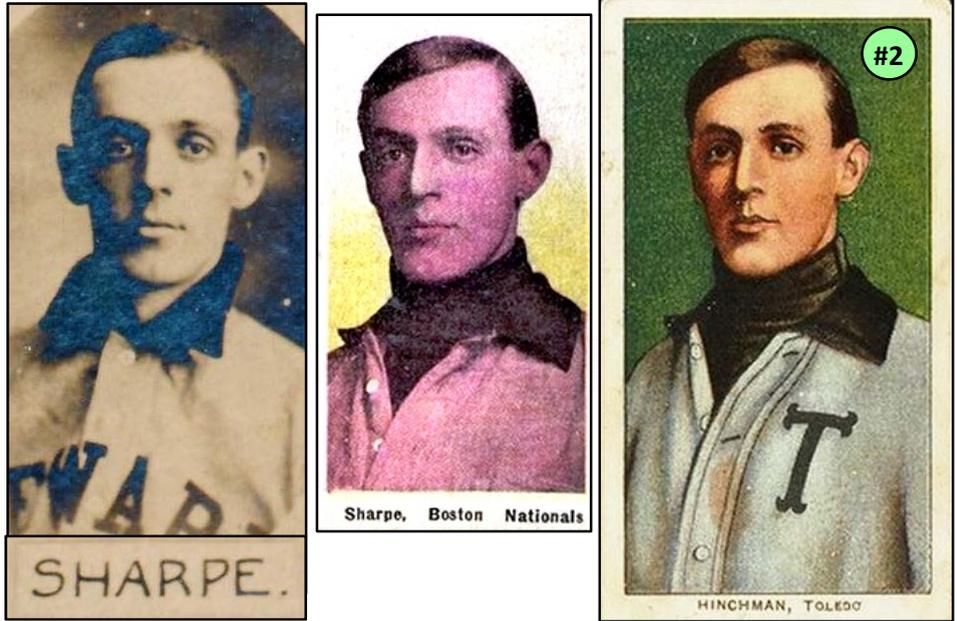
As for image #4, Harry never played for Columbus, but Bill certainly did. The side-by-side photos, below right, yield a perfect match for Bill Hinchman. So, **#4 is Bill Hinchman**. Thus the popular notion as to which brother is respectively presented in #3 and #4 is wrong.

Now, if you are observant, you will have noticed that the face in #1 is an exact match to that appearing in #3. The drawing in #1 was made from that photo. Thus **image #1 depicts Harry Hinchman**, not Bud Sharpe, though in reality Harry never wore a Newark jersey.

Futhermore, given that #1 is Harry Hinchman, #2 clearly is not. So we have another mislabeled T206 card. The guy shown in #2 does bear some resemblance to Bill Hinchman (see #4 just below him). Is it Bill?.....

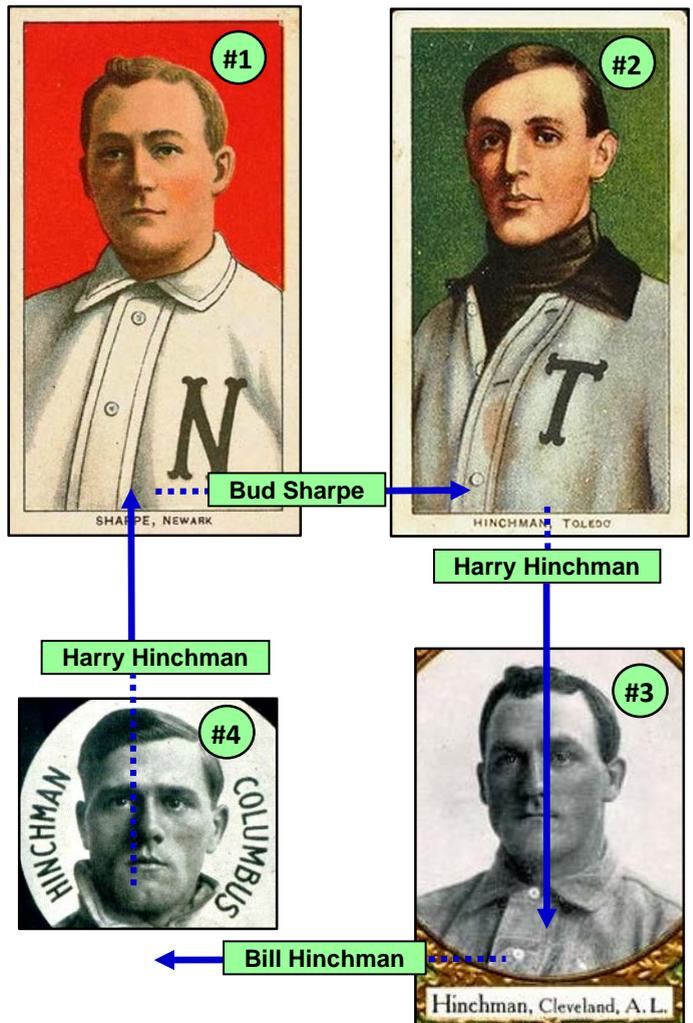


The re-identification effort can be completed by comparing #2 to exemplars of Bud Sharpe. The middle image (right) was actually used to create #2, and the photo near right depicts Sharpe in a Newark uniform. So, #2 is neither Bill nor Harry Hinchman, he is **Bud Sharpe**.



Summary

There are several ways to view this exchange of three names assigned to four faces. Here's one - geometrically speaking, the correct IDs are obtained by rotating the previously accepted identifications respectively clockwise from #1, to #2, to #3, to #4, and back to #1. 🔄



Upgrades

Don't worry, there is nothing wrong with your computer. As of a few weeks ago, these were the only images we knew of for, respectively, Tom Kearns, Charlie Osterhout, Charlie Reising, and Charlie Briggs. According to [baseball-reference](#), Kearns played 27 total games for two clubs in three different years, Buf NL in 1880, and Det NL in 1882 and 1884. Osterhout's MLB career spanned just 2 games in 1879 with Syracuse NL. Reising made it into only 2 games for Indy AA in 1884. Briggs appeared in 49 games for Chi/Pit in the 1884 UA while hitting .170. It's not surprising that good images (or any images) for these four men are hard to find.

We thought it would be useful to give an example of one of the ways one may find good photos of 19thC major leaguers who had short and relatively insignificant MLB careers. Whenever we come across an early minor league team photo that we haven't seen before, it provides a chance at upgrading or adding to our player image database.

We found the cabinet photo, right, being offered at auction by REA. Thanks to **Rob Lifson** and **Dean Faragi** at REA for providing the scan. It was correctly identified as Syracuse, NYSL 1885. It's hard to see here, and actually it's hard to see in hi-res or even with the photo in hand, but there are names scribbled along the bottom. With the roster, some contrast enhancement, and some exemplar face-shots we were able to figure out the IDs. They are shown below the photo with names in bold belonging to players who have a major league record.

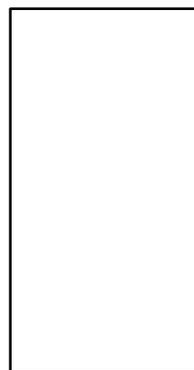
The names Kearns and Osterhout jumped out at us. Referring back to the top of the page, for those two men all we had was a line drawing and a very blurry photo. However that photo is just good enough to give us confidence that the Syracuse player claimed to be Osterhout, far right, really is. For Kearns, near right, there is no other photo for comparison, but given the accuracy of the other IDs, it is reasonable to accept that this is indeed Tom Kearns.



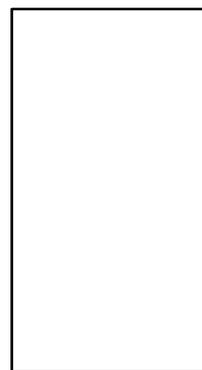
Tom Kearns



Charlie Osterhout



Charlie Reising

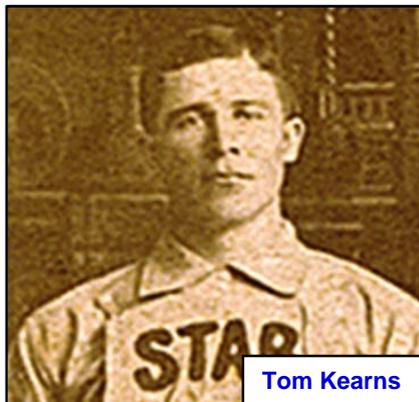


Charlie Briggs

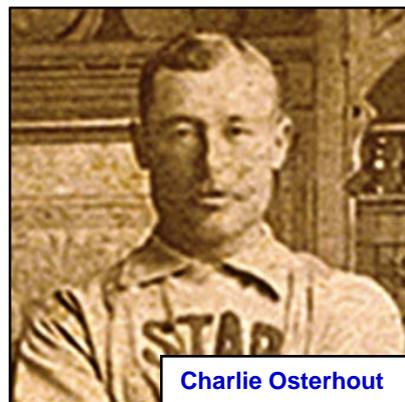


Courtesy REA Auctions

James Reardon – **Charlie Osterhout** – Doc Oberlander – Frank Spill
Tom Kearns - Hobart Van Allstyne – Henry Ormsbee – Bob Casey – Fay Faatz
Mac MacArthur – Dell Darling – Jim Devine – John Humphries



Tom Kearns



Charlie Osterhout

In the very same auction we found this Davenport 1888 team composite cabinet card that includes player IDs. In that year Davenport had a class A team in the Western League known as the Onion Weeders. This is not that team, but instead it is a club that was a member of the Central Interstate League. One might think that it would be less likely to have major leaguers on the roster, but that was not the case. According to [baseball-reference](#), this team included seven men who spent time in the majors. Five are depicted on the cabinet card.

Of particular interest to us were the photos of Charlie Briggs and Charlie Reising for whom we had no images at all. They are magnified and shown at the bottom of the page.

The IDs for this team are (major leaguers in bold):

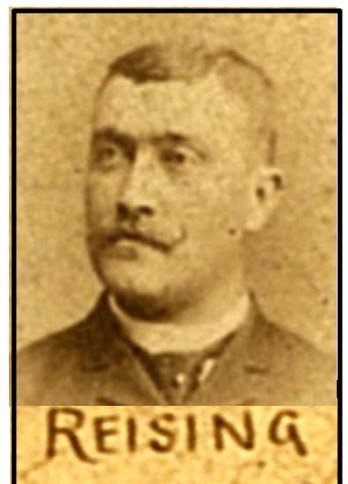
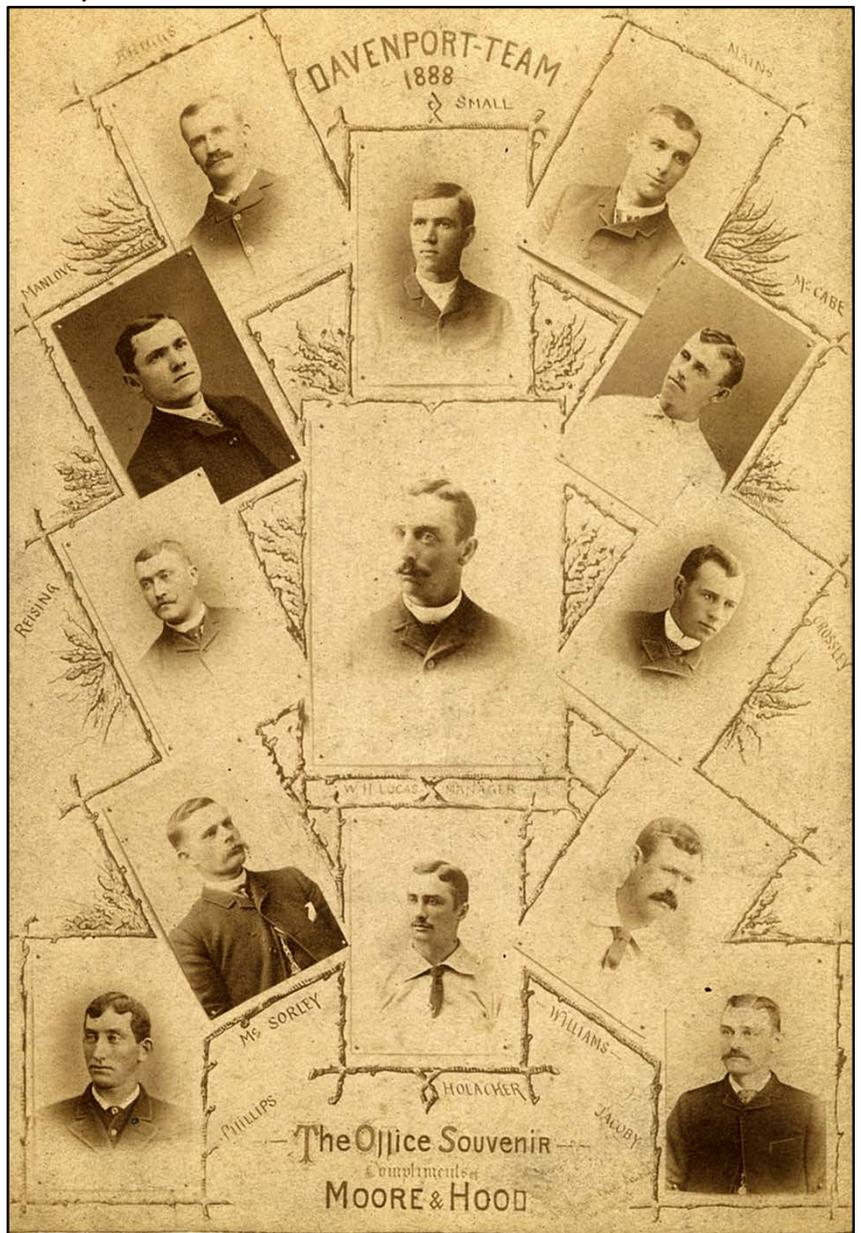
Charlie Briggs – Frank Small –
Willard Mains

Linc Manlove – John McCabe

Charlie Reising – William Lucas –
William Crossley

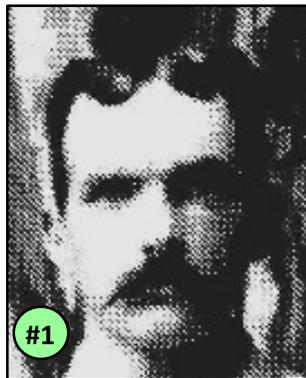
Trick McSorley – Charles Holacher –
Owen Williams

Ira Phillips- **Harry Jacoby** 📷



Finding Chappy Lane

You won't find Chappy Lane in your subdivision. There is no street with that name (as far as we know). There was a major league ballplayer, Charles M. "Chappy" Lane, who played for Pittsburg AA in 1882 and Toledo AA in 1884, positioned mostly at first base and occasionally behind the bat. If you want to find a photo of him, given that his short career was in the American Association, a logical place to look would be in the 2004 book *The Beer and Whiskey League* (BWL), **David Nemec's** well-regarded illustrated history of the AA. In fact there are two photos identified as Lane, on p. 27 in what was claimed to be an 1882 Pittsburg team photo, and on p. 70 in an 1884 Toledo team image. Both, #1 and #2, are shown at right.



IDed as Chappy Lane
Pit AA 1882, p. 27



IDed as Chappy Lane
Tol AA 1884, p. 70

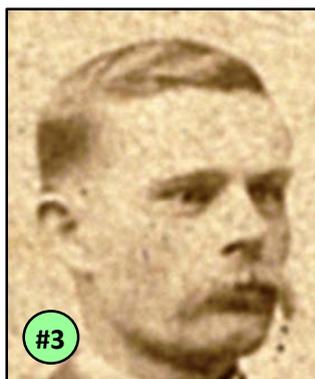
These images aren't very clear, but still enough can be seen so that one might think that they don't look much alike. In fact, they are two different persons, but which one is Lane? Well, neither.

It was shown in our Feb. 2009 issue that the team photo on p. 27 of BWL was not of the 1882 Pittsburg Alleghenys as claimed, but it actually depicts the 1886 Utica International League club¹. Lane was not on the roster for that team and certainly is not in the photo. The player from that team shown in image #1 is not Lane, he is **Sandy Griffin**.

The Toledo team photo on page 70 really does depict the 1884 Toledo club. However, player #2, above right, has also been identified as **Trick McSorely** in what appears to be a vintage cabinet card example of that photo.

Conveniently, we have a nice image of McSorely (#3 near right) appearing in the Davenport team cabinet discussed in the previous article

Comparing #3 to #2, the ear shapes seem to match, the noses are consistent, the chins and jaws look the same, there are no significant differences. There is no reason here to doubt the vintage ID for #2. He is McSorely. So, where can we find Lane?



Trick McSorely
Davenport 1888



IDed as McSorely in
Tol AA 1884 cabinet

Lane was on the roster of Toledo's 1883 entry in the Northwestern League. We did find a photo of the 1883 Toledo NWL club. It came our way from **John Husman** via **Craig Brown**. You can see it on Craig's Threads of Our Game site: <http://www.threadsofourgame.com/1883-toledo/>

It had appeared with player IDs in the 1943 book, *The Toledo Baseball Guide of the Mud Hens, 1883-1943*, by **Ralph Elliott Lin Weber**. That team included quite a few players who have major league records. The asserted IDs appear to be correct. The face, just right, was identified as belonging to Chappy Lane. Given the correctness of all the other IDs that we were able to check, there is no reason to not accept this photo as, at present, our only depiction of Chappy Lane. 🍷



Chappy Lane Tol NWL 1883

[1] <http://sabr.box.com/shared/static/cpktlqa5oppzcmhptadf.pdf>

Hopkins Bros. Champion Lady BB Club

Back in May of 2009 we wrote about the image cropped from a real-photo-postcard (RPPC), right, then claimed to depict J. L. Wilkinson as a member of the integrated 1910s All-Nations team. Wilkinson's place in the Hall of Fame was bestowed for his accomplishments as longtime owner of the Kansas City Monarchs. An RPPC with a young J.L. in uniform would indeed have been a valuable item. At auction the card had sold for over \$4000. It was easily shown, in spite of the SGC¹ authentication, that this face could not possibly belong to Wilkinson. Later research by John Donaldson/All-Nations expert **Pete Gorton** showed that this player is actually George "Chief" Walla. The original source of the misidentification is unknown.

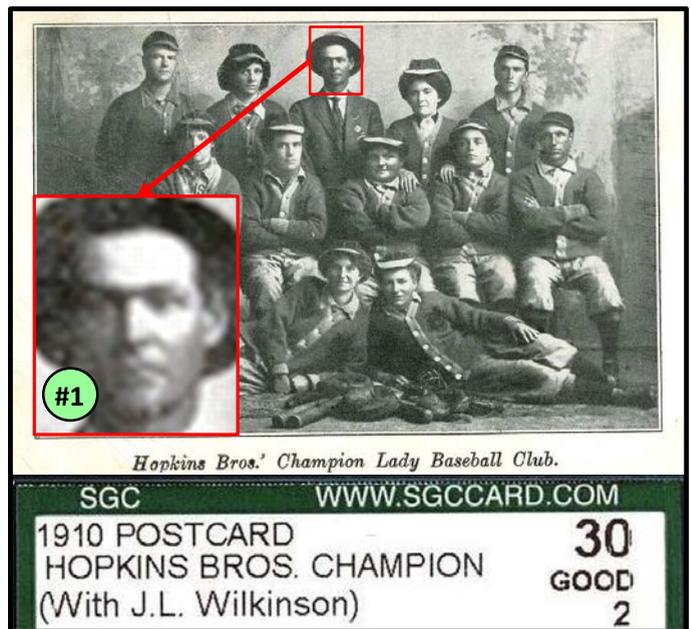
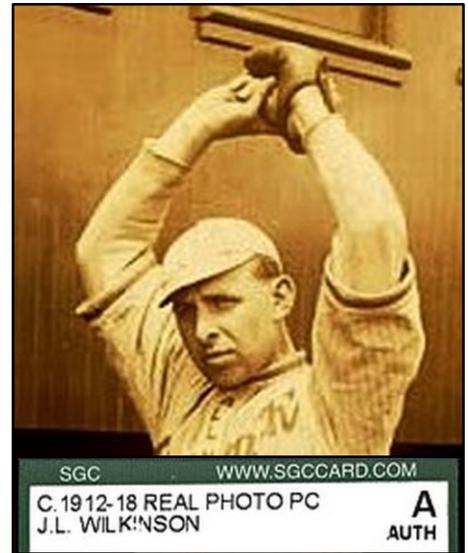
The postcard shown just below right is captioned as "Hopkins Bros. Champion Lady Baseball Club." This image has also been claimed to include Wilkinson (back row center, magnified in inset labeled #1), and like the aforementioned item, it was authenticated by SGC. Though this postcard is not rare, the presence of Wilkinson would inflate both its value and historical significance. In this case we do know where the claim originated.

On December 9, 2007 a respected experienced collector who possessed an example of this postcard posted some comments about it on the net54 pre-war baseball collectors forum. After doing some good research he found that Wilkinson had apparently managed a ladies baseball team (that also included a few men) sponsored by Hopkins Brothers Furniture. The time that this occurred and the approximate dating of the postcard were consistent. (Subsequent digging indicated that the number of women and the number of men pictured seemed to match the team story.) Moreover, there is only one person in the photo in civvies. Though there are other possible explanations, he may be the manager. It was reasonable to speculate he could be Wilkinson. So far, so good.

A face comparison was needed. The collector stated that he did such a comparison and called it "a match" to J. L. Wilkinson. Translating, this meant that his honest impression was that this guy looked enough like Wilkinson that he was sure about the ID. The face in question, #1 bottom far right, is shown next to a contemporary Wilkinson exemplar (#2), near right.

Though we are mainly interested in historical significance or lack thereof, it is worth pointing out that subsequent to this "discovery," auction prices for the postcard increased substantially. It went from an item with nominal value (less than \$100) to reported eBay auction prices of over \$400 in 2008. In a 2012 Goodwin auction, an example of the postcard received 12 bids and went for a final price of \$764.85.

Let's skip arguing as to whether or not #1 and #2 share an overall subjective resemblance and instead see if #1 is clear enough for a less subjective morphological (isolated feature) comparison..



Courtesy of Ed Catron (Wilkinson family)



J. L. Wilkinson c1910



claimed to be Wilkinson

Referring to the frontal 1924 Wilkinson exemplar, image #3 near right, note that his ears don't stick out very far, and they are angled distinctly inward from top to bottom (see red lines). While the similarly frontal photo in question, #1 far right, is not very clear, the visible ear can be sufficiently discerned to see that, as viewed from the front, it has a very different shape and angle with respect to the head when compared to that seen in the Wilkinson exemplar. This is not a good sign, though one could argue that the brim of the tilted back hat is pushing the ear outward. Let's go further.

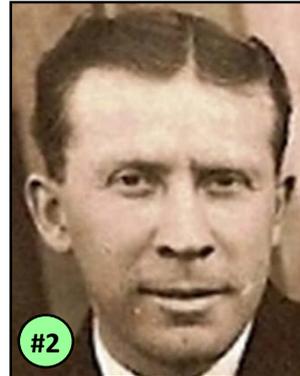


J. L. Wilkinson 1924

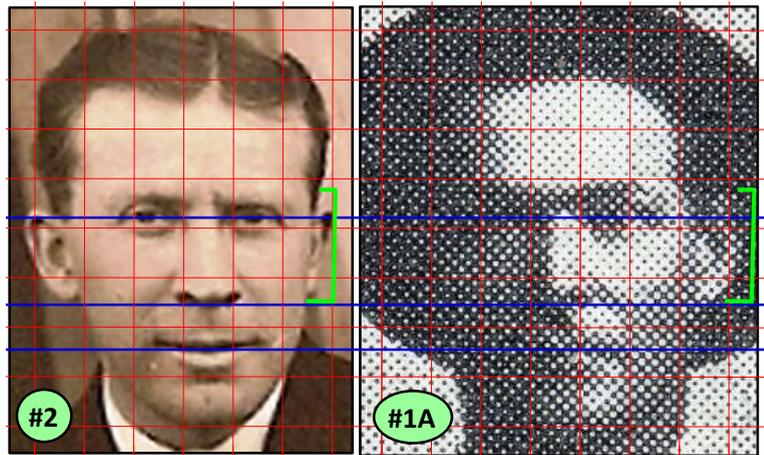


claimed to be Wilkinson

The man claimed to be Wilkinson can be seen to have a deep philtrum with a wide and distinct cupid's bow at the bottom where it protrudes deeply into the upper lip. This is evident in spite of the blurriness of the photo. The red overlaid lines in photo #1, far right, indicate the point. The real Wilkinson, #2 near right, has a starkly different lip/philtrum structure – a shallow philtrum and a cupid's bow that barely protrudes into the upper lip. This alone makes the Wilkinson claim highly unlikely.

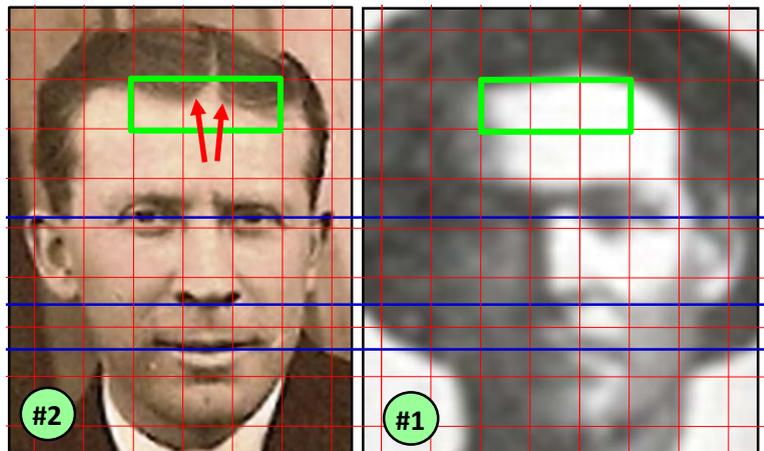


Just below, near right we have the exemplar again, #2 at left, and the same face in question (#1A), far right, this time reproduced from a dot printed version of the postcard. It will be useful in that it more clearly shows ear size. Both images are aligned (using dark blue horizontal lines) and overlaid with a grid.



Starting with an ear size comparison, the green bracket in the rightmost image #1A denotes the vertical length of the ear. A duplicate of that bracket is placed at the same position in the Wilkinson exemplar #2. It is clear that his ear appears to be very much smaller – it's not even close.

Comparing the hairlines (this is different than comparing hair styles) is also a useful technique. Now referring to images #1 and #2 at the bottom of the page, again overlaid with a grid, an easy place to see the forward extent of a hairline is at the part, which for #2 is in the middle. This is indicated by the red arrows, and there is a green box placed around them to denote their location in the grid. A green box is placed at the same location in image #1. It can be seen that the hairline is at least well back of that point.



One might argue that the hairline for image #1 is farther back simply because that face is tilted back to some degree compared to the head in #2. When a head is tilted back the ears appear lower when viewed from the front. However, as we have already seen, the top of the ear in #1A is seen to be substantially higher than that seen in #2. Therefore a head tilt argument does not explain the hairline position difference.

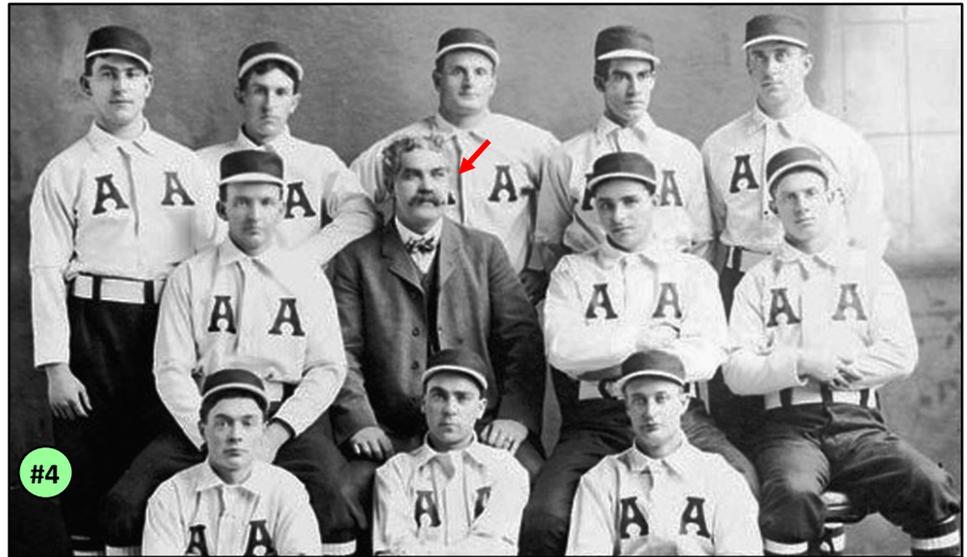
It is worth noting that grid also makes it fairly easy to see that the real Wilkinson in #2 has a wider nose than the subject in #1. The evidence is so overwhelming, that in spite of the fact that J. L. is known to have managed this team, the only rational conclusion is that #1 is not Wilkinson.

This is reminiscent of the 1901-1902 All-Americans barnstorming team photo (#4). They were managed by Joe Cantillon and their winter west coast swing was

Some, though not all of the arguments presented here have been aired on the net54 forum over the past couple of years. It seems to be having an effect. Though some wishful thinking persists, auction yields appear to have declined. An example of the Hopkins Bros. postcard was recently auctioned by **Hakes Americana and Collectibles** with the claim that Wilkinson was present. It received just two bids and sold on March 15 for only \$127.50. Other examples have also sold recently on eBay for even less. 🏠

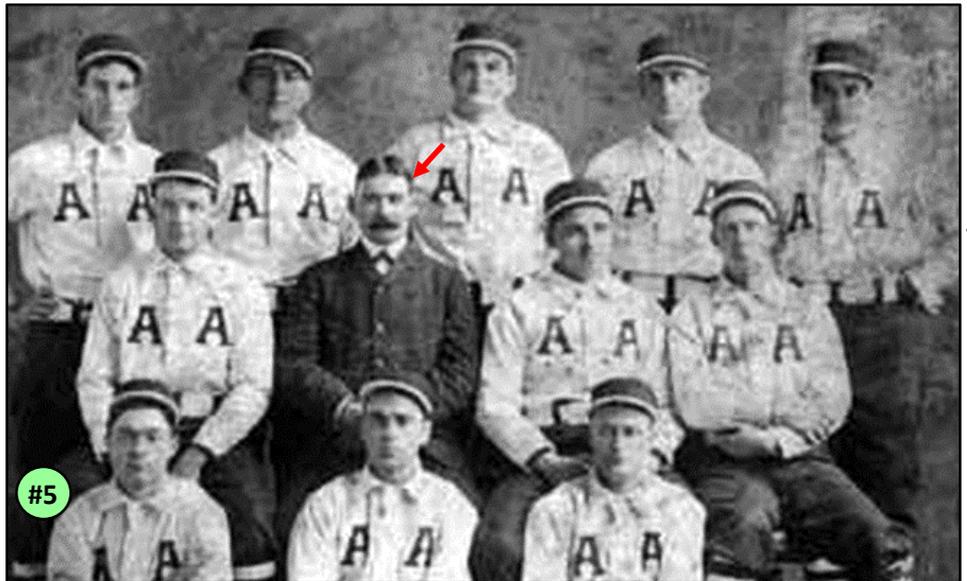
well-covered in the press. The IDs are given below the photo (thanks to **Matt Fulling**). Note that the man in civvies is unidentified. Doesn't he have to be Cantillon?

Well, he's not, and in this case we have another photo (#5) taken at the same session. A few players have switched positions, and manager Cantillon is present for this one. If #5 did not exist, some might argue that the man in the suit in #4 has to be Joe Cantillon. They would be wrong.



Chicago History Museum

Nap Lajoie – Bill Bradley - Rube Wadell - Win Mercer - Bill Bernhard
 Billy Sullivan - ? - Chick Fraser - Ollie Pickering
 Harry Davis - Jimmy Barret - Charlie Irwin



Cleveland Public Library

Bill Bradley - Nap Lajoie - Rube Wadell - Bill Bernhard - Win Mercer
 Billy Sullivan - **Joe Cantillon** - Chick Fraser - Ollie Pickering
 Harry Davis - Jimmy Barret - Charlie Irwin

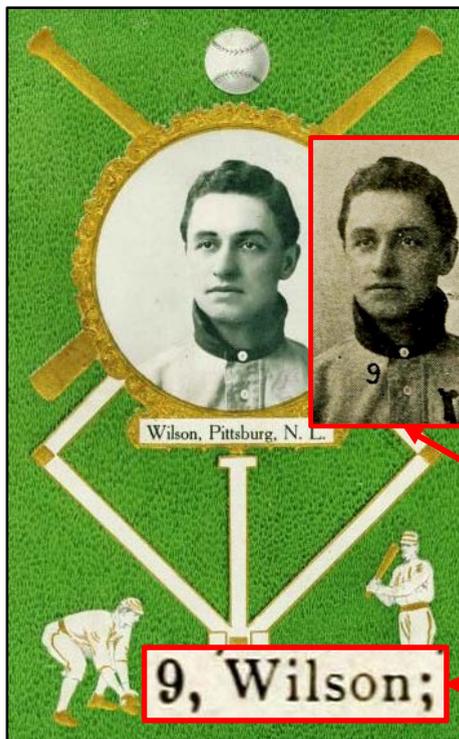
[1] It should be noted that in recent years **SGC** has become much more cautious with respect to player IDs.

An Easier Way

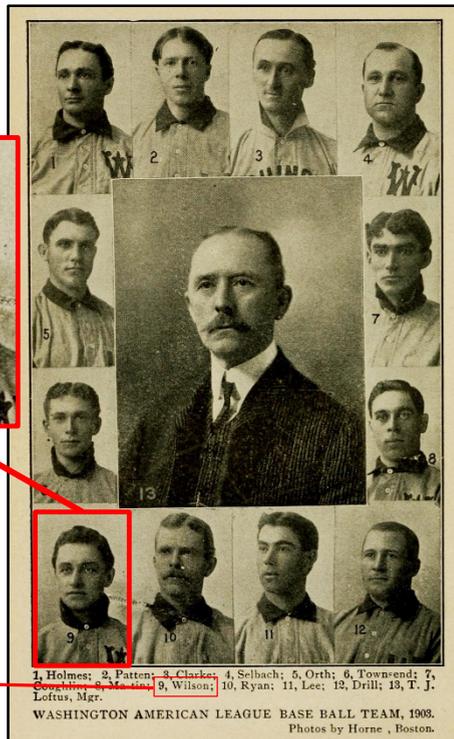
In the previous issue we went through some effort to show that the person depicted on the Rose Co. postcard, near right, was Highball Wilson of Was AL, not Chief Wilson of Pit NL.

There was an easier way, and it was called to our attention by **Ken Samoil**. Ken pointed out that the exact image used on the card can be found in the 1904 *Spalding Guide* team composite for the 1903 Washington AL club. It is therein correctly identified as "Wilson," and the only Wilson on that team was Highball Wilson.

So, we can feel no-so-smart for overlooking this very direct path to the answer, or take it as incontrovertible validation for the conclusion that was presented. The latter is preferable. 🧐



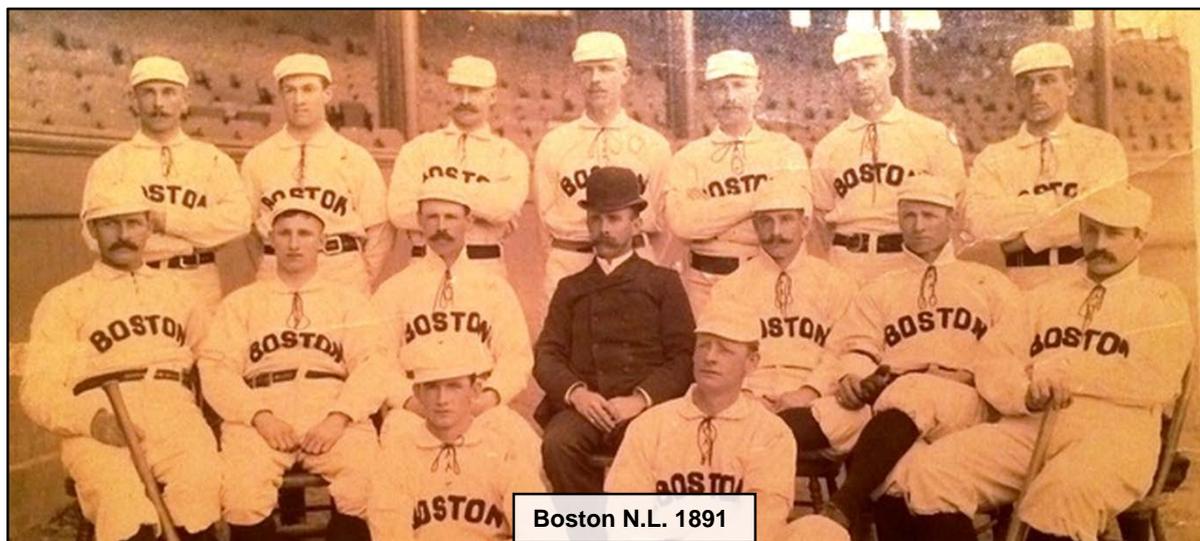
Rose Company Postcard



Was AL 1903 (Spalding Guide)

Newly Found 19thC Boston NL Team Image

Photos of the **1890** and **1892** Boston NL teams respectively in uniform are well-known. They can be found, for example, in the Boston Public Library McGreevey collection. Both were taken at the South End Grounds in Boston at a similar position. The photo below is neither of these. It was recently acquired by collector **Trey Cumby**, and it was taken at the same location as were the 1890 and 1892 images. The photographer was G. Waldon Smith, the same man who took the 1890 photo. However this one has a copyright date of **1891** inscribed upon it, and also player names that have been verified as correct. The players do match the 1891 roster, and as far as we know, until now this image has not been published.



Courtesy Trey Cumby

Bobby Lowe - Kid Nichols - Tommy Tucker - John Ganzel - Charlie Getzein - Marty Sullivan - Steve Brodie
 Charlie Bennett - Herman Long - John Clarkson - Frank Selee - Billy Nash - Joe Quinn - Harry Stovey
 Jim Sullivan - Fred lake

Mystery Photo

This photo of a 1940s Cleveland player was submitted by **Dick Rosen**. We thought it might depict Mickey Rocco, but this guy is batting right-handed while Rocco swung from the left side. That and some difference in the nose makes the Rocco ID unlikely.

If you know who it is, please let us know. 🧐

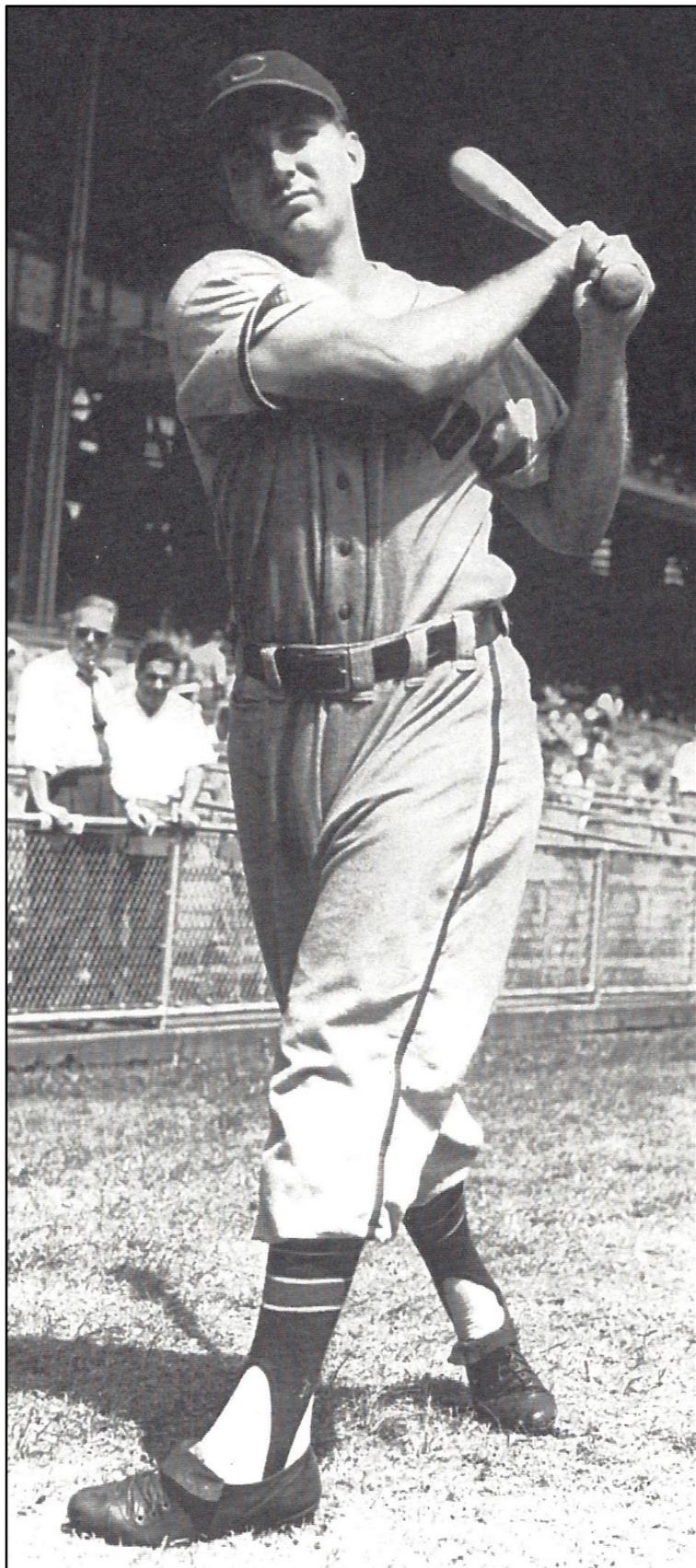


Image Index Updates

By T. Scott Brandon

Last, but definitely not least, as this is our core function, we have the following changes to report.

Formerly Missing Players Found Since the October Newsletter (8)

King Bailey – by Rich Bowering on Ancestry.com. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here:

<http://bit.ly/1IEg96K>

Charlie Briggs – by Mark Fimoff in an 1888 Davenport (IA) team composite. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1dvnKXH>

Harry Dooms – by T. Scott Brandon in an 1893 Vicksburg (MS) team photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1FQkgNq>

Art Gardiner – by Adam Penale in the 06-May-1924 Utica Observer Dispatch. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1KUmAix>

Billy Otterson – by T. Scott Brandon, pictured ca. 1880s from a Pittsburgh photo studio. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1f1PofQ>

Charlie Reising – by Mark Fimoff in an 1888 Davenport (IA) team composite. Note that Reising was also a missing umpire. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1B1drWn>

Tony Suck – by T. Scott Brandon in a ca. 1886 photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1KUmGaN>

Dick Wheeler – by Don Stokes in the 1920 Amherst College yearbook. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1BXUnD9>

The missing player list can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1vpOjpd>

Formerly Missing Managers Found Since the November Newsletter (1)

Ed Curtis – by Adam Penale in the 08-Aug-1914 Buffalo Evening News. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1IEgne8>

The missing manager list can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1CZYBy0>

Formerly Missing Umpires Found Since the November Newsletter (11)

Mark Arata – by Adam Penale in a venuestoday.com article. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1F7nkwB>

Bill Furlong – by T. Scott Brandon in an 1876 Milwaukee West End Club team photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1GcCl40>

Jerry Loeber – by anonymous OOTP user in a 1979 wire photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1F7mZtD>

Phil Lospitalier – by anonymous OOTP user in a 1979 wire photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1IEkua7>

Billy McMahon – by T. Scott Brandon in an 1864 New York Mutuals team photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1BXVGCi>

Charles Mears – by Adam Penale in a photo recognizing Mears for his career in advertising. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1B5a8xb>

Charlie Reising – by Mark Fimoff in an 1888 Davenport (IA) team composite. Note that Reising was also a missing player. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1B1drWn>

Cy Ryberg – by umpire Vance Harris in a photo from Harris's personal collection. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1MHeBrg>

John Schleyer – by Adam Penale in a ca. 2007 photo as an NFL official. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1S3g1zc>

Benjamin Tuthill – by T. Scott Brandon in an 1884 Minneapolis Millers team photo. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1JE91aM>

Mark Widowski – by Adam Penale on the askifg.com website. The image can be seen on the OOTP website here: <http://bit.ly/1QKx1b5>

The missing umpire list can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1FLvUXy>

Image Summary

As of June 9, 2015 we have record of confirmed images for:

18,013 of 18,408 major league players (97.3%)

682 of 693 major league managers (98.4%)

1,512 of 1,512 major league coaches (100%)

1,133 of 1,539 major league umpires (73.6%)

Throughout the 2015 season, photos for new player, manager coach and umpire debuts will be posted in a dedicated thread on the OOTP website. You can view the images for all 2015 Major League debuts here:

<http://bit.ly/1EAPrIq> 

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