

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Bill Hickman, Chair
bdhickmn@aol.com

Cary Smith, Vice Chair
zinnbeck@aol.com

March 2008
Copyright © 2008 Society for American Baseball Research

NUMBER OF MISSING PLAYERS DIPS BELOW 650

With help from a number of committee members, we have continued to trim the number of players whose images are unknown. We are now down to 658 missing players. This means that we have identified images for 96.2% of all major leaguers. Descriptions of these images are catalogued in the "Pictures" section of each player's entry in the on-line SABR Encyclopedia.

PLAYERS FOUND SINCE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Ceylon "Cy" Wright -- found by Ren Petrie in the Waterloo Times-Tribune of 7/12/1916, on page 6.

Dawson "Tiny" Graham -- found by Richard Ulrich in the 1915 Spalding Guide, on page 132. Graham's image is contained in a 1914 Cincinnati Reds team photo. This photo can be seen on the Spalding Guide section of the Library of Congress website as Image 140 in the 1915 Spalding Guide.

Grier Friday -- found by Bill Nowlin in a Cherryville, NC, High School team photo, which was published in the 1999 Gaston County (NC) Historical Society Annual Calendar. A copy of the calendar may be purchased for \$3 from the Historical Society c/o William N. Craig, Publications Chairman, 315 Union New Hope Road, Gaston, NC 28056.

George Seward -- found by Bill Hickman in an ad supplement to the Sports Collectors Digest of 11/10/1995. The ad was placed by Mastro Auctions under the title The Mark Rucker Collection. The Seward photo was Lot 99 on page 913 of the ad supplement.

Tom Lipp -- found by Jimmy Keenan in the Baltimore Morning Herald of 4/9/1895. The image is a head shot woodcut.

Ed Wilkinson -- found by Bill Nowlin. Bill learned that the Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library sells a photo of Wilkinson in an Oakland uniform for \$23, including user fee and postage. The fee would be higher if the photo were to be published in a book or on a website. The library's address is 106 N. Central Avenue, Medford, OR 97501. Their email address is library@sohs.org.

Harry Buker -- found by Peter Morris in the Chicago Tribune of 6/24/1888, on page 2. The image is a head shot drawing.

Charles Cody -- found by Peter Morris in the same Chicago Tribune article.

Henry Yaik -- found by Peter Morris in the Wheeling Register of 4/15/1888.

Michael Campbell -- found by Peter Morris in the book THE JERSEY GAME, on page 48. The book was authored by James DiClerico and Barry Pavelec, and was published in 1991. Paperback versions are available on some of the out-of-print book dealers' websites.

Franklin Woodruff (called Peter Woodruff in older encyclopedias) -- Peter Morris found that Woodruff became an actor following his playing career. He was in the movie "The Long Trail" in 1917. Peter Morris found a crude drawing of Woodruff in an 1895 Dallas baseball uniform in the Dallas Morning News of 4/5/1895. We'll keep Woodruff on the Missing Players List in hopes that his acting career will reveal an actual photo of him.

Frank Abercrombie (called Dave in older encyclopedias) -- found by Terence Wilson in an 1895 book called HISTORY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, on page 114. You may find this book and page on-line by using Google Books and searching on:
Pennsylvania railroad Abercrombie

Ben Guiney -- Peter Morris provided a lead by informing me that Guiney was a long-time member of the Detroit Athletic Club. An email to the Club engendered a quick response and a nice photo of Guiney in a Detroit Athletic Club baseball uniform.

Hugh Reid (surname spelled Reed in older encyclopedias) -- found by Peter Morris in a photo of the 1869 Aetna team as published in the 12/19/1915 Chicago Tribune, on page B4.

Johnny Meador -- found by Ron Petrie in a photo of an Oil City, PA semi-pro team as published in The Oil City Derrick of 6/30/1921.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX PROJECT

Since the August Newsletter was issued, we have had thirteen new people contribute images to the Player Image Index. These thirteen, who have not been recognized in previous newsletters, are David Ball, Scott Brandon, Bruce Brown, Scott Fiethummel, Manos Kypar, Dave Lambert, Mark Manuel, Bill McCurdie, Ren Petrie, Jay Roberts, Charlie Weatherby, Terence Wilson, and Fred Worth. Some of these should have been mentioned in the December newsletter, but I neglected to include this section in that document. Contributions of newly found images by our members have been the key to making this project successful, and we hope you will continue to participate. All told, there have been 128 people who have contributed to this project.

For our newer members of the committee, you should know that we maintain an Excel spreadsheet list of the missing players, and I would be happy to send the list to you upon request. Just write to me at bdhickmn@aol.com (no letter "a" in bdhickmn).

Also for the newer members, if your interests tend towards pictures of managers or ballparks, we have two projects underway in those arenas. For managers, contact Dave Davis at dfastpitch5@yahoo.com. For ballparks, contact Paul Healey at paulhealey@yahoo.com.

BASEBALL PHOTO-RELATED WEBSITES

John Zajc reported a photo memory type website at http://www.floridamemory.com/PhotographicCollection/Photo_exhibits/baseball.

A website celebrates the history of Sulphur Dell Park in Nashville, TN. Its photo collection includes individual minor league players and teams. It is located at: <http://www.sulphurdell.com/photographs/html>

The New York Times now has a baseball photo store. It is located at: <http://www.nytimes.com/ProdInterCode.aspx?prodcode=791&intercode=567&minorcode=439>

It was reported on SABR-L that photos from Red Faber's 1913-14 World Tour appear on-line. The web address is: <http://home.twmi.rr.com/baty/>

Cary Smith reported the Minnesota Digital Library as being on-line. It contains many photos which have nothing to do with baseball, but it also has a few baseball gems worth perusing. The website address is: <http://www.mndigital.org>

CORRECTING IDENTIFICATIONS ON BASEBALL CARDS

Matt Fulling and Mark Fimoff have discovered that the 1910 E104 Nadja Caramel card labelled Cy Morgan is really Benny Bowcock rather than Morgan. The same discovery holds for the 1911 Sporting Life card long thought to be of Morgan.

OTHER RECENT REPORTS

We have previously announced the availability of a spreadsheet listing the minor league teams which are pictured in Spalding and Reach Guides. A team from the Minor League Research Committee, led by Rod Nelson, is taking this data one step further and integrating it with SABR's minor league database. Rock Bauer, from the Pictorial History Committee, is assisting on this effort by adding the specific page numbers on which the various photos appear.

Jim Troisi has mentioned that the Lajoie Guides contain team pictures, and make a nice supplement to the Reach and Spalding Guides. The Lajoie Guides were published for three years. They included team photos for the International League teams and team photos for the various league champions. The guides are available in the New York Public Library.

MYSTERY PLAYER COLUMN

Mark Fimoff has agreed to create a regular column providing a mystery photo for Pictorial History Committee members to analyze. In his initial column, Mark provides some hints regarding effective ways to go about photo identifications. Because Mark's columns contain photos, I'll be distributing them as PDF files and supplements to the regular Pictorial History Committee Newsletter. Those of you with email access will be receiving the first column shortly after you receive this newsletter.

Bill Hickman