



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**February 1994**

## **Jerry Kane Found**

Jerry Kane, first baseman and catcher for St. Louis (AA) in 1890, has been found. I found him (with a slight time-delay) and hence, I win the *Find of the Month* award.

I began looking for Kane about 5 years ago when I found several notes in Sporting Life relating to him running for office in St. Clair County, Illinois. I checked the census and found him living in East St. Louis, Illinois with his occupation listed as city officer. In June of 1990, I wrote the St. Clair County Genealogical Society (located in Belleville) and asked for information on Kane. They replied that under no circumstances would they venture into East St. Louis. I thought that was the end of it.

About 3 weeks ago I received a letter from the genealogical society asking if I wanted Kane's obituary as well as a biography of him. I quickly responded (I decided not to wait three and a half years to reply) and received the obit and the biography which contained a picture of him in uniform. This proves that good things come to those who wait.

### **Errata**

In the January report, I listed the information:

1884 John B. Meister Height: 5-08 Weight: 175

Somehow I managed to combine George B. Meister and John F. Meister and it came out sideways. The entry should have read:

1886 John F. Meister Height: 5-08 Weight: 175

Sorry for any confusion it may have caused.

### **New Members**

Please welcome James Floto, P.O. Box 409, Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748 to the committee. James's code number will be F4.

### **Two All Beef Paddys**

I recently received a call from a woman who was the granddaughter of Paddy Fox questioning our information on him. Our Paddy Fox was George Fox who was from Pottstown, Pennsylvania and played with Louisville in 1891 and Pittsburgh in 1899. Her Paddy Fox was Patrick Fox who was from Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

I referred this to Joe Simenic, who determined that there were in fact, two Paddy Foxes. Both played for Pottsville in 1894 with Patrick even twirling a no-hitter. Interestingly, in seven games that year the Pottsville battery consisted of Paddy Fox pitching and Paddy Fox catching. That was probably the best sounding battery until the 1984 Detroit Tigers featured Abbott and Castillo.

### **New York, New York**

Bob Bailey had an interesting question about how we should list events that occurred in the various boroughs of New York City. As you know, the city is divided into 5 boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, and Staten Island. Bob says that these were all separate cities until the late 19th century, when they were all combined into New York City by the legislature.

It seems that for the most part, we list the borough unless it is Manhattan, in which case we list New York City. However, Bob has found several cases in which we list New York City, but the person died in Queens, Bronx, etc. Does anyone have any opinions on this?

## Last In, First Out

1900 - Jerome Chambers	08/30/1902
Mal Eason	04/16/1970
1901 - George Grossart	04/18/1902
Paddy Livingston	09/19/1977
1902 - Sam McMackin	02/11/1903
<i>Archie Galbraith</i>	12/25/1971
Andy Oyler	10/24/1970
1903 - William Hanlon	11/23/1905
Fred Carisch	04/19/1977
1904 - Joseph Cassidy	03/25/1906
Claude Berry	02/01/1974
1905 - William Hogg	12/08/1909
Edward Kinsella	01/17/1976
1906 - Forrest Crawford	03/29/1908
Red Morgan	03/25/1981
1907 - Francis Leary	10/04/1907
William Autry	01/16/1976
1908 - Pembroke Finlayson	03/06/1912
Joe Wood	07/27/1985
1909 - Heinie Heitmuller	10/08/1912
John Gilligan	11/19/1980

You will notice that I listed Archie Galbraith in italics because I am unconvinced that we should list Galbraith as a major league player. Galbraith's status as a major league player is based upon the following account from the Pittsburgh Times:

"Selee had another youngster from this city billed for third base, but when it was time for action the Chicago manager weakened on giving him a trial and sent Jack Taylor to third. This other young man's name was on the card as Galbraith."

Galbraith did not appear in the box score. I would like an opinion from each of you as to whether Galbraith was a major leaguer. Galbraith could be compared to Larry Yount who was scheduled to start a game for the Houston Astros in 1971, but hurt his arm warming up and had to be removed before he threw a pitch. The difference was that Larry appeared in the box score. Let me know what you think.

## Birthday List

It is another slim month for nonagenarian birthdays. The only one celebrating a birthday in March is Arthur Weis, who turns 93 on March 2. Be sure to send a card. In January, I sent a card to Pat Crawford and it arrived the day he died. I received a thank you note from his son so I think that these cards are appreciated.

With the dearth of birthdays in February and March, that got me to thinking about the distribution of birthdays of nonagenarian ballplayers among the 12 months. Perhaps any astrologers in the audience will be able to derive some significance out of these numbers.

Far in front of the rest of the pack is November with 38 nonagenarian birthdays. Trailing by a good margin is February with only 10. (I guess those three extra days make a difference.) Interestingly, the four months between October and January account for 47% of nonagenarian birthdays, encouraging words to your committee chairman. The complete list:

January	33
February	10
March	20
April	18
May	24
June	15
July	23
August	15
September	14
October	26
November	38
December	26

## Find Hogan and You'll Be a Hero

Robert Hogan was an outfielder with Milwaukee (UA) in 1884, New York (AA) in 1887, and Cleveland (AA) in 1888. He pitched one game in his major league career, in his debut for St. Louis (AA) on July 5, 1882. Ralph Horton found an article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that the pitcher for St. Louis that day was Williams, a local semi-pro. The Missouri Republican also lists him as Williams and refers to him as a "leading amateur." However, the New York Clipper lists the pitcher as Hogan. So was Hogan going under the name of Williams or do we have two different players?

Robert E. Hogan, who is believed to be the ballplayer, was a tobacco salesman in St. Louis as late as 1916. His wife's name was Nora and

he had three daughters, twins Nora and Maud,  
and Gertrude. Perhaps if we find him it will  
solve this, the February *Mystery of the Month*.

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14080	73	99.484
Total Complete Births	13378	775	94.524
Total Complete Deaths	6978	487	49.304
Total Assumed Alive	6688		47.255
Total Bats	12781	1268	90.974
Total Throws	13035	1014	92.782
Total Heights	13004	1045	92.562
Total Weights	12933	1116	92.056
Total Debut Dates	14153	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9966	4187	70.416
Total Completion			92.0395

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

1993 Karsay, Stefan Andrew	Weight: 210	(C1)
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### New Information Received:

1884 Barkley, Samuel E.	Weight: 180	(M4)
1950 Brittin, John Albert	Is Deceased	(H1)
1882 Brown, Edward P.	Weight: 178	(M4)
1938 Buxton, Ralph Stanley	D: Jan 6 1988	(H1)
	<u>San Leandro, California</u>	
1932 Chamberlain, William Vincent	D: Feb 6 1994	(T3)
	<u>Brockton, Massachusetts</u>	
1929 Crawford, Clifford Rankin	D: Morehead City, North Carolina	(H1)
1952 Crowe, George Daniel	B: Mar 22 1921	(C2)
1946 Flanigan, Raymond Arthur	D: Mar 28 1993	(H1)
	<u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	
1884 Gilman, Pitkin Clark	Weight: 170	(M4)
1951 Grimsley, Ross Albert	D: Feb 6 1994	(X2)
	<u>Memphis, Tennessee</u>	
1920 Grubbs, Thomas Dillard	D: Lexington, Kentucky	(B6)
1954 Harmon, Charles Byron	B: Apr 23 1924	(C2)
1891 Hart, Thomas Henry	Height: 5-07    Weight: 160	(R1)
1884 Hunter, William Robert	B: 1855	(M4)
1896 Johnson, Albert J.	B: 1872	(M4)
1934 Kampouris, Alexis William	Is Deceased	(H1)
1890 Kane, William Jeremiah	B: Apr 1869	(C1)
	<u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	
	D: Jun 16 1942	
	<u>East St. Louis, Illinois</u>	
1941 Lamanno, Raymond Simond	D: Feb 9 1994	(W1)
	<u>Berkeley, California</u>	
1882 Lane, George M.	Weight: 165	(M4)
1891 Letcher, Thomas F.	Name: Frederick Thomas Letcher	(M4)
	B: Jan 1868	
	<u>Ohio</u>	
1893 Lucid, Cornelius Cecil	Height: 5-07    Weight: 170	(R1)
1882 Mansell, John	Height: 5-10    Weight: 168	(M4)
1931 Mattingly, Laurence Earl	D: Brookville, Maryland	(H1)
1929 Miller, Rudel Charles	D: Jan 22 1994	(H1)
	<u>Kalamazoo, Michigan</u>	
1936 Milnar, Albert Joseph	Real name: Albert Joseph Mlinar	(S1)
1884 Moffett, Joseph W.	Weight: 179	(M4)
1933 Mowry, Joseph Aloysius	D: Feb 9 1994	(H5)
	<u>St. Louis, Missouri</u>	

1970 Parrilla, Samuel	Name: Samuel Parrilla (Monge)	(H1)
	D: <u>Feb 9 1994</u>	
	<u>Brooklyn, New York</u>	
1871 Pratt, Thomas J.	B: <u>Jan 26 1844</u>	(R1)
1939 Rowell, Carvel William	D: <u>Aug 16 1993</u>	(H1)
	<u>Citronelle, Alabama</u>	
1884 Ryan, John A.	TR	(M4)
1907 Steele, Elmer Rae	D: <u>Poughkeepsie, New York</u>	(D9)
1938 Thomas, Raymond Joseph	Is Deceased	(H1)
1882 Tilley, John C.	Delete birth date of 1856.	(M4)
1944 Wells, John Frederick	Is Deceased	(H1)
1895 Wright, Joseph	Name: Joseph S. Wright	(S1)