

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

The Boston Public Library has placed many of the baseball photos from the Leslie Jones Collection on line for public viewing. The URL location is at http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/sets/72157626281013667/

The Library placed the baseball photo collection on its website in April in conjunction with the opening of the 2011 baseball season at Fenway Park. The *Boston Globe* newspaper published on April 8th a lengthy article about the collection and Mark Stang's role in leading a group of SABR researchers from our committee in making identifications of players and other personnel featured in the photos.

The approximately 2,800 photos relating to baseball in the Leslie Jones collection were reviewed by Mark and his team in a Round 1 effort. Through that effort, about 2,000 photos were wrapped up and about 800 were set aside for further review in Round 2. Those who worked with Mark on the Round 1 effort were Gary Livacari, Tom Shieber, Scott Brandon, Bob Richardson, Rich Bowering, and Tom Cline. Those who have been working or will be working on the Round 2 effort along with Mark are Glenn Biss, Scott Brandon, Bill Gubbins, Gary Livacari, Bill Loughman, Kathy Torres, and Bill Hickman.

Mark has been funneling the additionally identified Round 2 photos to the Boston Library staff as the individual batches of work have become completed.

PICTORIAL DATA AND NEW SABR ENCYCLOPEDIA

Some of you were aware that I had continued to maintain the pictorial data in the old SABR Encyclopedia up until the time that the new SABR website design came about. There is pictorial data in the new SABR Encyclopedia, but it is not up to date. I'm actually continuing to maintain pictorial data "off line" while software is being developed which will enable me to make changes to the pictorial data in the new SABR Encyclopedia. At some point, my "off line" version will be transferred over to the new SABR Encyclopedia and everything will be brought up to date there for your use. I hope this can all happen within a reasonably short time frame.

In case you haven't used the new SABR Encyclopedia, here's how you access it. Go to

the following URL: http://sabrpedia.org/wiki/Main_Page In the search box at the left, type in the last name of the player (or manager) whom you are seeking, then click on "Search." On the next page which appears, if there is more than one player (or manager) with the last name you're seeking, click on the name of the player you want. Now you should be at the page which gives you the option to get the pictorial data for your player (or manager). Look on the right side of the page under "More from SABR." There is a hyperlink called "Pictures." Click on "Pictures" and you'll see all the pictorial data which we have recorded for that player or manager. If he is a major leaguer player or manager, there is a 97% chance that we have something in there for him.

FORMERLY MISSING PLAYERS FOUND SINCE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Jesse F. "Broadway" Jones -- by Jimmy Keenan in the March 14, 1922 *Baltimore Evening Sun*. It's a nice head shot within a team composite of the Baltimore Orioles International League team. Jones wasn't with the team for the regular season, but he was with the Orioles during the spring and is clearly captioned in this photo.

Henry Wilson -- by Bill Hickman on the OOTP Baseball website. Wilson may be viewed in the 1900 Norwich team composite at <http://tinyurl.com/46oaq19> He's the Wilson in the bottom row, second from left. The Wilson in the middle row is "Highball" Wilson.

John H. "Harry" Deane -- by Richard Ulrich and John Thorn. Richard found Harry Deane as a player in a very fuzzy team photo of the 1870 Cincinnati Red Stockings. Scott Brandon solicited the 19th Century Committee for help in finding a crisper version of the team photo, and John Thorn came up with one. As a result, a nice image of Deane may now be seen on the OOTP website at <http://tinyurl.com/4ubkvso>

Martin Mullen -- by Paul Batesel. Mullen was a prominent billiards player. Paul Batesel found Mullen's photo on Google Books in a February 13, 1899 Amateur Billiard Championship of America Souvenir Document, on page 43. The photo may be viewed on the OOTP website at <http://tinyurl.com/4tdbelx>

Bob Reach -- by Paul Batesel. Paul found a photo of Reach in the May 20, 1922 *Springfield (MA) Journal*, shortly after the player's death. The image may be viewed on the OOTP website at <http://tinyurl.com/3e573gz>

George H. "Foghorn" Bradley -- by Mark Fimoff. Mark found Foghorn's image in a Grafton, Massachusetts, team photo circa 1875 held by the Grafton Historical Society. There will be more about the photo in Mark's column appended to the next Pictorial History Committee Newsletter.

Manager Harvey Watkins -- This a second discovery of Watkins, rather than an initial find. Peter Morris first discovered Watkins to have been associated with James Bailey of Barnum & Bailey Circus. The first photo which Peter uncovered is held closely at the Princeton University Archives. They will make a copy for a hefty fee, but further

reproduction would violate their copyright. Now, thanks to Dave Stewart of Between The Cover Rare Books, we have a Harvey Watkins photo from the book BARNUM AND BAILEY TOUR OF 1897, by James Bailey, and that photo is displayed on the OOTP website at <http://tinyurl.com/42ghahw>

Charlie Young -- Found by Ren Petrie in the *Trenton (NJ) Evening Times* of September 13, 1916 and July 15, 1915, on page 8 in both cases. The images show Young as a pitcher with the Thermold Rubber Company Federals of the Mercer County Federal League. Ren was able to tie Young to the Quincy Gems of the Three-I League, where the 1915 major leaguer was known to have played. The image may be viewed on the OOTP website at <http://tinyurl.com/3rjwg8t>

Frank McCarton -- Found by Paul Batesel in Ancestry.com as part of the Callahan-Trainor-Ambrose-Evers families.

Alfred T. Metcalfe -- Found by Paul Batesel in Ancestry.com.

There are currently 548 players for whom we have not been able to locate an image. There have been 17,595 players who have appeared in the major leagues. So we've topped the 17,000 mark in players whose images we have located!!

PARTICIPANTS IN DEVELOPING PLAYER IMAGE INDEX

The following have contributed the finding of at least one image which has been catalogued into the Player Image Index, and their names have not been mentioned in previous newsletters: Paul Batesel, Kate McGee, J.G. Preston, Dave Stewart, and Frank Vaccaro. This now brings the total of people who have contributed to the building of the Player Image Index to 149. The Player Image Index is the foundation for the pictorial data which is in the SABR Encyclopedia.

PHOTO DISCOVERIES COLUMN

Mark Rucker once again is sharing with us a special photo he has found of interest and is providing his comments on it. As most of you know, Mark operates a sports photo service called The Rucker Archive and he is the most recent Bob Davids Award winner.

As a follow-up to the team photograph of Cuba BBC in the last edition of the newsletter, we get to examine another shot from the same Guines series, where the team of Negro League and Cuban stars are on the field for pre-game warmups. This was the winter season of 1927-28 when Cuba BBC participated in the professional Cuban league and also played exhibition games for money, as happened at Guines, a small town just south of la Habana. During this same period the Guines photographer Rafael Santiago produced a series of mounted 8"x6" photographs from the ballpark, most of which have survived. This mounted silver print exhibits the kind of damage that Caribbean weather will do to paper photos, and paper of all kinds. The photo has spots, foxing, some staining, fading around the perimeter, and areas of discoloration. But what we *can* see is

a marvel. We can see the four pitchers of the club lined up on the right, right in front of the fans in the stands, with two pitchers delivering at once, the other two at rest. It appears that (L-R) are Willie Foster throwing, Brujo Roselle at rest, Willie Powell throwing, and Cocaina Garcia displaying a ball on the far right. This means that probably off-camera to the lower right two catchers, Larry Brown and José Perez, were taking alternative throws from the foursome. It is not the manager, but outfielder Walter Davis, who appears to be hitting infield in the foreground of the photo. Directly behind and obscured by Davis' bat is Oscar Charleston, and to his right are two more players with their backs partially turned, one with a bat, who are likely hitting fungos into the distance. It is a lively scene and gives us a good sense of what it was like to have been there.



MYSTERY PHOTO COLUMN

Mark Fimoff has been busy with a major project recently, and he does not have a column ready to be appended to this issue of the newsletter. He will return with a column in the next newsletter.

Regards,

Bill Hickman