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New Ballplayer Discovered

John Burke Glaiser had been credited with pitching 9 games for Detroit in 1920. He started the season with Detroit and pitched in 8 games between April 20 and May 31. On June 4, he was sold to Portland of the Pacific Coast League and pitched with them through September 10. Shortly thereafter he got married and according to reports "decided to lay off playing ball for the rest of the season" and was placed on Portland's voluntarily retired list. He was reinstated over the winter and his contract was assigned to Omaha.

Norman Matt Glaser was signed by Detroit in 1920 and was optioned to Rocky Mount of the Virginia League. At the end of the Virginia League season on September 11, he was recalled by the Tigers and on September 21 pitched 2 1/3 innings in relief against Washington. This game had been incorrectly credited to John Burke Glaiser. Norman was placed on Detroit's reserve list for 1921. Congratulations to Bob Hoie for discovering this and winning the *Find of the Month* award.

Harvey Watkins

Harvey Watkins managed the New York Giants for 35 games in 1895. After he left baseball, he became manager of the Barnum and Bailey circus. He even authored a book in 1901 called Four years in Europe: The Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth in the Old World. He appears in the 1930 census living in New York City and is listed in the city directories through 1934. After that he disappears.

Despite the lack of any death information, Peter Morris wrote a biography of Watkins for SABR's biography project and it appeared on the SABR web site. Amazingly, Peter's biography of Watkins was read by a woman in Wales who was also doing research on him for reasons totally unconnected to baseball. She sent Peter a copy of the death certificate for both Watkins and his wife. Watkins' wife was from England and he returned there right about the time he disappeared from the NYC directory. Watkins died in Harrow, England in 1949. This was another incredible find by Peter Morris.

William Houseman

This player was originally listed as Frank Houseman, but research showed that the player was William Houseman. He was listed as a ballplayer in the 1886 Baltimore city directory and was living with Joseph and Louisa Houseman. In 1890, the player was listed in the city directory at 113 Gittings, the same address as his father Joseph. Joseph died in 1891 and the obituary featured a poem by his wife Louisa. This is important because in November 1895, the Baltimore Sun featured a memoriam for William H. Houseman who had died on year earlier on November 2, 1894. The memoriam featured a poem by his mother. Obviously, this isn't a 100% certainty, since there was no obituary in 1894, but it appears we have found our missing ballplayer. A death certificate would be helpful.

Edwin Carfrey

Edwin Carfrey played one game at shortstop with Philadelphia in 1890. Richard Malatzky did lots of research on this player and found that he was married and from Philadelphia. His career dated back

to 1882. There were 2 Ed Carfreys in Philadelphia, but one was too young and wasn't married. So while we don't have a smoking gun saying that the guy Richard found was a ballplayer, circumstantial evidence points to Edwin Carfrey who died in 1921 in Philadelphia.

Sources

You'll notice that I added a new line to most of the entries indicating the source of the new information. This was at the suggestion of Sean Holtz and will enable us to look back and verify where we got the information. Many times I get asked about where information came from. Sometimes the change was made 10 years ago, and I don't have a record of the source. This will help us keep a nice paper trail of the changes we make. You all will have to help me though and let me know the source when you send me new information.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the committee: Larry Boes (BE), Rich Bowering (BW), Craig Lammers (L9), and Eric Ding (DG).

Dominicans

Many thanks to Dr. Jose Jimenez of the Dominican Republic for straightening out the remaining Dominicans for me. Edinson Volquez was born in La Segunda, a section of Santo Domingo, so I am listing the city as Santo Domingo. Eddy Garabito was born in Manreza, a section of Haina, so I am listing his birth city as Haina. Jose also pinned down the provinces for Rafael Soriano and Rafael Belliard.

Cannon Fodder

Harry Ely pitched one game for Baltimore in 1892, getting torched for 9 runs in 7 innings. He had come from the Camden, New Jersey club and, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, was known as Harry Cannon. He then went on to pitch from 1893 to 1896 with various teams in the Pennsylvania State League. Unfortunately, we can't find either a Harry Cannon or a Harry Ely in any census that we can definitively say is him. We need to identify this player and then find him. Ely is our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in March and April.

March 1	Nick Strincevich	92
March 5	Alex Monchak	90
March 15	Don Lang	92
March 29	Tommy Holmes	90
April 19	Art Kenney	91
April 26	Virgil Trucks	90

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	16698	53	99.684
Births	16136	615	96.329
Assumed Alive	8113		48.433
Deaths	8350	288	49.848
Bats	15493	1147	93.107
Throws	15712	928	94.423
Heights	15836	804	95.168
Weights	15795	845	94.922
Debut Dates	16751	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9984	6767	59.602
Total			92.3847

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1902	Adams, Joseph Edward	D: <u>Bachelor, Missouri</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(M4)
2000	Alvarez, Clemente Rafael	B: <u>Guanta, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1947	Ardizola, Rinaldo Joseph	Name: <u>Rinaldo Joseph Ardizoia</u> Source: <u>Official scoresheets and 1930 census</u>	(N5)
1960	Barber, Stephen David	D: <u>Feb 4 2007 Henderson, Nevada</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes scattered in southern Nevada desert</u> Source: <u>Family</u>	(C1)
1948	Bauer, Henry Albert	D: <u>Feb 9 2007 Lenexa, Kansas</u> Cemetery: <u>Resurrection Cemetery, Lenexa, Kansas</u> Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>	(C1)
1982	Belliard, Rafael Leonidas (Matias)	B: <u>Pueblo Nuevo, Valverde, Dominican Republic</u>	(J1)
1934	Berres, Raymond Frederick	D: <u>Feb 1 2007 Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>	(N5)
1960	Breeding, Marvin Eugene	D: <u>Dec 31 2006 Decatur, Alabama</u> Cemetery: <u>Roselawn Cemetery, Decatur, Alabama</u>	(C1)
1932	Brubaker, Wilber Lee	Name: <u>Wilbur Lee Brubaker</u> Source: <u>Player's son</u>	(F4)
1950	Burdette, Selva Lewis	D: <u>Feb 6 2007 Winter Garden, Florida</u>	(C1)
1888	Burns, James M.	Cemetery: <u>St. Peter Cemetery, Quincy, Illinois</u> Source: <u>Quincy Daily Herald</u>	(A3)
1993	Canate, William Emisael (Librada)	B: <u>Bobures, Zulia, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1890	Carfrey, Ed	Name: <u>Edwin M. Carfrey</u> B: <u>Jul 1863 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> D: <u>Oct 2 1921 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> Cemetery: <u>New Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> Source: <u>Research by Richard Malatzky</u>	(M3)
1995	Carrara, Giovanni (Jimenez)	B: <u>El Tigre, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
2005	Cedeno, Ronny Alexander	B: <u>Puerto Cabello, Carabobo, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1910	Cheek, Harry Gordon	D: <u>Redwood City, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(C1)
1944	Clarke, Richard Grey	D: <u>Nov 23 1993</u> Source: <u>NC death index and SSDI</u>	(C1)
1970	Concepcion, David Ismael (Benitez)	B: <u>Ocumare de la Costa, Aragua, Venezuela</u>	(C1)

2003	DeJesus, David Christopher	Debut: Sep 2 2003	(P1)
2003	De Paula, Jorge	B: <u>Sabana Grande</u> , Monte Plata, Dominican Republic	(L5)
1985	Duncan, Mariano (Nolasco)	Name: Mariano Duncan (<u>Nolasco</u>)	(L5)
1906	Edmonston, Samuel Sherwood	Debut: <u>Jun 24 1907</u> Eliminate 1906 Washington record Source: <u>Sporting Life</u>	(P1)
1908	Edmundson, Robert E.	Debut: <u>Sep 15 1906</u> Add 1906 Washington record previously assigned to Samuel Edmonston Source: <u>Sporting Life</u>	(P1)
1912	Ens, Anton	B: <u>Feb 2 1887</u> Source: <u>WWI card</u> , 1900 census, Death certificate	(C1)
1991	Escobar, Jose Elias (Sanchez)	B: <u>La Sabana</u> , Vargas, Venezuela	(C1)
1999	Estrada, Horacio (Jimenez)	B: San Joaquin, <u>Carabobo</u> , Venezuela	(C1)
1896	Flynn, George A.	Name: George Albert Flynn Source: <u>Sporting News</u>	(H2)
1954	Fowler, John Arthur	D: <u>Jan 29 2007 Spartanburg</u> , South Carolina Cemetery: <u>Greenlawn Memorial Gardens</u> , Spartanburg, South Carolina	(C1)
2005	Garabito, Eddy Jorge	B: <u>Haina</u> , Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic	(J1)
1920	Glaser, Norman Matt	New player B: <u>Aug 31 1894 Cleveland</u> , Ohio D: <u>May 27 1979 Parma</u> , Ohio Debut: <u>Sep 21 1920</u> <u>BRTR</u> Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>186</u> Source: <u>Research by Bob Hole</u>	(H7)
1890	Hamburg, Charles H.	<u>BR</u> Source: <u>Philadelphia Inquirer</u>	(M4)
1940	Hancken, Morris Medlock	D: <u>Feb 15 2007 Orange</u> , Texas Cemetery: <u>Body donated to Parker Chiropractic School</u> in Dallas, Texas Source: <u>Houston Chronicle</u>	(H9)
1990	Hernandez, Carlos Alberto (Almeida)	B: San Felix, <u>Bolivar</u> , Venezuela	(C1)
1982	Hernandez, Leonardo Jesus	B: Santa Lucia, <u>Miranda</u> , Venezuela	(C1)
1967	Herrera, Jose Concepcion (Ontiveros)	B: San Lorenzo, <u>Zulia</u> , Venezuela	(C1)
1964	Hertz, Stephen Allan	B: <u>Wright Patterson AFB</u> , Ohio Source: <u>County records</u>	(L5)
1914	Hilly, William Edward	B: <u>Feb 22 1887</u> Source: <u>WWI card and death certificate</u>	(M4)
1886	Houseman, Frank	Name: <u>William H.</u> Houseman B: <u>Oct 1859</u> D: <u>Nov 2 1894 Baltimore</u> , Maryland Source: <u>Research by Richard Malatzky</u>	(M3)
1923	Hudgens, James Price	D: <u>Aug 25 1955</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(M4)
1883	Ingraham, Charles W.	B: <u>Peru</u> , Ohio	(M3)
1912	Irwin, William Edward	Cemetery: <u>Northwood Cemetery</u> ,	(C1)

		Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Source: Philadelphia Inquirer	
1902	Jacobs, Morris Elmore	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>180</u> Source: Atlanta Constitution	(M4)
1960	Jones, Sherman Jarvis	D: <u>Feb 21 2007 Kansas City, Kansas</u> Cemetery: <u>Leavenworth National Cemetery,</u> <u>Leavenworth, Kansas</u> Source: KC Star	(C1)
1965	Joyce, Richard Edward	D: <u>Jan 23 2007 Raleigh, North Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Brooklawn Memorial Park,</u> <u>Portland, Maine</u> Source: Raleigh News & Observer	(C1)
1903	Kalahan, John Joseph	Name: John Joseph <u>Callahan</u>	(M3)
1882	Kienzle, William	B: <u>Mar 12 1862</u> Source: Dallas Morning News	(M4)
1888	Kilroy, Michael Joseph	B: <u>Nov 4 1869</u> Source: 1870 census	(C1)
1944	Klopp, Stanley Harold	Debut: <u>Apr 30 1944</u> Source: New York Times	(P1)
1938	Koy, Ernest Anyz	D: <u>Jan 1 2007 Bellville, Texas</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Mary Episcopal Church</u> <u>Cemetery, Bellville, Texas</u>	(C1)
1938	Lanier, Hubert Max	D: <u>Jan 30 2007 Lecanto, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Dunnellon Memorial Gardens</u> Source: Funeral Home	(C1)
1938	Lefebvre, Wilfred Henry	D: <u>Jan 19 2007 Largo, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, Ashes at Calvary</u> <u>Catholic Cemetery, Clearwater, Florida</u> Source: St. Petersburg Times	(N4)
1992	Leon, Danilo Enrique (Lineco)	B: <u>La Concepcion, Zulia, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
2004	Lopez, Jose Celestino	B: <u>Barcelona, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
2000	Lunar, Fernando Jose	B: <u>Cantaura, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1891	Mace, Harry F.	TR	(H2)
1922	MacPhee, Walter Scott	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: NC death index	(C1)
1936	Mailho, Emil Pierre	B: <u>Dec 16 1908</u> Source: birth certificate	(B2)
1943	Malloy, Robert Paul	D: <u>Feb 20 2007 Cincinnati, Ohio</u> Cemetery: <u>Gate of Heaven Cemetery,</u> <u>Cincinnati, Ohio</u> Source: Cincinnati Enquirer	(F4)
1981	Manrique, Fred Eloy (Reyes)	B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1891	Matthews, Robert	Name: <u>Charles Matthews</u>	(M3)
1883	McCormick, John	Name: <u>James J. McCormick</u> B: <u>Dec 1860</u> D: <u>Sep 11 1905</u> Cemetery: <u>Old Cathedral Cemetery,</u> <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	(M3)
1895	McCormick, William J.	BR Source: photo in Columbus State Journal	(L9)
1962	McGaha, Fred Melvin (MGR)	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes given to family</u> Source: Funeral home and widow	(W4)

1997	Mendoza, Carlos Ramon	B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1989	Mercker, Kent Franklin	B: <u>Dublin, Ohio</u>	(H9)
1884	Meyers, Lewis Henry	Debut: <u>Apr 17 1884</u> Source: <u>Cincinnati Enquirer</u>	(19)
1953	Milliken, Robert Fogle	D: <u>Jan 3 2007 Clearwater, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: <u>St. Petersburg Times</u>	(B6)
1950	Mueller, Joseph Gordon	D: <u>Timonium, Maryland</u>	(V1)
1995	Myers, Michael Stanley	B: <u>Arlington Heights, Illinois</u>	(H9)
1891	O'Connell, John Joseph	B: <u>Lawrence, Massachusetts</u>	(H2)
1997	Ordonez, Magglio (Delgado)	B: <u>Caracas, Distrito Federal, Venezuela</u>	(H9)
2000	Penny, Bradley Wayne	B: <u>Blackwell, Oklahoma</u> Source: <u>LA Dodgers</u>	(H9)
1954	Penson, Paul Eugene	D: <u>May 3 2006 Merriam, Kansas</u> Cemetery: <u>Maple Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas</u> Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>	(S3)
1994	Perez, Robert Alexander (Jimenez)	B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1953	Pisoni, James Pete	Name: James <u>Peter</u> Pisoni D: <u>Feb 4 2007 Dallas, Texas</u> Cemetery: <u>Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u> Source: <u>St. Louis Post Dispatch</u>	(C1)
1998	Quintana, Carlos Narcis (Hernandez)	B: <u>Mamporal, Miranda, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
2003	Reyes, Rene	B: <u>Margarita, Nueva Esparta, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1941	Rizzuto, Philip Francis	Debut: <u>Apr 14 1941</u> Source: <u>NY Times</u>	(P1)
1924	Roberts, James Newsom	Debut: <u>Jul 15 1924</u>	(S0)
2005	Rodriguez, Luis Orlando	B: <u>San Carlos, Cojedes, Venezuela</u>	(C1)
1974	Ruhle, Vernon Gerald	D: <u>Jan 20 2007 Houston, Texas</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(R4)
1931	Rye, Eugene Rudolph	Cemetery: <u>St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, Illinois</u> Source: <u>Cemetery records</u>	(A3)
1913	Schang, Walter Henry	Debut: <u>May 2 1913</u> Source: <u>NY Times</u>	(P1)
1924	Shields, Benjamin Cowen	Name: Benjamin <u>Cowan</u> Shields	(L5)
1890	Snyder, Charles	Name: Charles <u>F.</u> Snyder	(M3)
2002	Soriano, Rafael	B: <u>San Jose, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic</u>	(J1)
1965	Spriggs, George Herman	B: <u>May 22 1937</u>	(C1)
1890	Stafford, James Joseph	B: <u>Jan 30 1868 Thompson, Connecticut</u> Source: <u>Birth certificate</u>	(H2)
1941	Sturm, John Peter Joseph	Debut: <u>Apr 14 1941</u> Source: <u>NY Times</u>	(P1)
1884	Sullivan, Patrick B.	Debut: <u>Aug 30 1884</u> Source: <u>Research by Harold Dellinger</u>	(D3)
2003	Valderrama, Carlos Alberto (Cordero)	B: <u>Bachaquero, Zulia, Venezuela</u>	(C1)

2005	Volquez, Edinson	B: <u>Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u>	(J1)
1895	Watkins, Harvey L. (MGR)	Name: Harvey <u>Lennox</u> Watkins B: <u>Jun 14 1869 Seneca Falls, New York</u> D: <u>Apr 29 1949 Harrow, England</u> Source: Death certificate	(M4)
1925	Webb, William Earl	B: <u>White County, Tennessee</u>	(H7)
1957	Wise, Kendall Cole	D: <u>Feb 20 2007 Naples, Florida</u> Source: Naples Daily News	(C1)
1944	Zachary, Albert Myron	Real name: <u>Myron Albert</u> Zarski B: <u>May 14 1914</u> D: <u>Jun 24 2006 Rome, New York</u> Cemetery: <u>Holy Trinity Cemetery, Utica, New York</u>	(C1)
2001	Zambrano, Carlos Alberto	B: <u>Puerto Cabello, Carabobo, Venezuela</u>	(C1)