



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
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New Ballplayer Discovered

Our *Find of the Month* award for January goes to Joe Simenic and it is the kind of thing that I hate to report because it opens up another mystery rather than closes one.

We had listed Charles F. Jones as playing in 1884 with Brooklyn and in 1885 with New York. The game with New York in 1885 took place on April 30. However, Charles F. Jones had signed with Newark after leaving Brooklyn and was playing second base for them in Newark on April 30, 1885. The man who played for New York was described this way by Sporting Life:

"A new man covered third base for the local team. He is an amateur and gave his name as 'Jones'. He played a very good game."

In the box score his name was listed as "Jones" with the apostrophes. That would seem to indicate that he was playing under an assumed name. Even if Jones was his real name, that doesn't exactly make him easy to find. But at least we now have straightened out the record.

The 1927 Yankees

Jim Kreuz is interested in learning what happened to members of the 1927 Yankees who were with the team in spring training yet never played in a game. There were 5 players who fit this category:

Shep Cannon - Born about 1905. Home was listed as Stamford, Texas.

Roy Chesterfield - Died in Seattle in May of

1972.

Hugh Ferrell - Born 06/09/1904 in Bedford, Massachusetts. Listed as living in Vardaman, Mississippi.

Don Flickinger - Born about 1907. Listed as living in Phoenix.

James Wiltse - Born about 1902. I believe he died in January of 1982 in Tannersville, N.Y.

If anyone has any information about these players, please contact Jim at 70 Bayberry Court, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566.

Lou Gehrig

Another player the Yankees had in 1927 who did get in a few games was Lou Gehrig. The spring training roster sent me by Bill Weiss lists Gehrig's age as 22. This would seem to be in error since we list Gehrig's birth as 1903. However, Gehrig's headstone lists his birth as 1905. This information was provided by his wife. Does anyone have documentation of Gehrig's correct date of birth?

Mack Attack

I have often written about Connie Mack being a real thorn in the side of our committee. Mack consistently threw fly-by-night players into a game, often under assumed names, making our work exceptionally difficult.

Jamie Selko did some research on one and two game pitchers in the majors from 1901-50. The A's used 53 such players. Not counting the A's, there were 376 players scattered among the other 15 teams. (Isn't it nice to remember baseball with 16 teams?) That averages out to 25 per team. So Mack used over twice as many as the average team. Those interested in the statistics on the hitters are urged to write Jamie and get him to research that as well.

I Think We Got a Boo Boo

We list James Korwan as dying in August of 1899 in Brooklyn, New York. I thought this would be an easy one to wrap up so I sent for the death certificate. I received a certificate for Johanna C. Korwan, who died August 5, 1899 in Brooklyn. Johanna was a 62-year-old woman who never played baseball. I suspected that the death date on the ballplayer was actually this woman. However, Joe Simenic told me that Sporting Life of September 2, 1899 reported Korwan's recent death. Korwan had played in Springfield, Massachusetts the preceding year so it is possible he died there. Of course, we could still have the wrong man. Does anyone have any ideas?

Last In, First Out

1890 - Augustine Williams	10/14/1890
Tom Corcoran	06/25/1960
1891 - Nick Reeder	09/26/1894
Frank Burrell	05/08/1962
1892 - John McMahon	12/30/1894
John Hollison	08/19/1969
1893 - Edgar McNabb	02/28/1894
Edward McFarland	11/28/1959
1894 - James Ritz	11/10/1896
Ernest Mohler	11/04/1961
1895 - John Gilroy	08/04/1897
James Gannon	04/12/1966
1896 - Martin Bergen	01/19/1900
Charles Emig	10/02/1975
1897 - Thomas O'Brien	02/04/1901
Joseph Stanley	09/13/1967
1898 - John Puhl	08/24/1900
Ralph Miller	05/08/1973
1899 - James Duncan	10/16/1901
Fred Parent	11/02/1972

Birthday List

Once again, there are no nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in February, but Bob "Crooked Arm" Cremins turns 88 on February 15 if you'd like to send your regards.

A Manager in an Asylum

Most managers probably feel like they are in an asylum but our first *Mystery of the Month* for 1994 did spend some time there. Horace B. Phillips had a fairly lengthy managerial career for him to still be missing. We list his birth as May 14, 1853 in Salem, Ohio, although other profiles have listed it as May 20, 1856. While a small child, his family moved to Philadelphia, where he began playing with local amateur teams in the early 1870s.

In 1873 he played for the Syracuse Stars, spending time there and in Philadelphia through 1878. In 1879, he managed Baltimore and Troy as well as San Francisco in the winter. 1880 found him managing Baltimore and Rochester, following that up with a stint back in Philly before taking over the reins of Columbus in 1882. In 1884 he managed Grand Rapids and in 1885 he became skipper of Pittsburgh where he stayed through 1889.

Poor health forced his replacement in 1889 as Pittsburgh manager and at this point his trail becomes clouded. He was admitted to a hospital in Merchantville, New Jersey with what was first described as paresis. Later he was diagnosed with "acute mania" brought on by the stress of trying to prepare for an offseason theatrical tour of California. Horace was released from the hospital and spent the winter at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. Henry G. Saunders. (Horace had married Anna Saunders in 1884.)

By late 1890 he was back in the Merchantville hospital, being visited daily by his brother, and apparently dying. However, Joe Simenic found notes as late as 1894 that his wife was divorcing him. There apparently are no records in Merchantville of his death. Also, his father-in-law died in 1899 and Horace's wife is not mentioned as a survivor. Perhaps she was dead by then. If anyone could find the names of Horace's family it would be quite helpful, but at the moment we seem to be at a dead end. Thanks to Pete Morris for providing this information.

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14080	73	99.484
Total Complete Births	13377	776	94.517
Total Complete Deaths	6968	487	49.233
Total Assumed Alive	6698		47.326
Total Bats	12781	1268	90.974
Total Throws	13034	1015	92.775
Total Heights	13001	1048	92.540
Total Weights	12925	1124	91.999
Total Debut Dates	14153	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9965	4188	70.409
Total Completion			92.0285

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

1993 Batchelor, Richard Anthony	No New Information	(C1)
1993 Blosser, Gregory Brent	B: <u>Manatee, Florida</u>	(C1)

New Information Received:

1954 Alston, Thomas Edison	B: Jan 31 1926 D: <u>Dec 30 1993</u> <u>Winston-Salem, North Carolina</u>	(S1)
1884 Bahret, Frank J.	B: <u>Poughkeepsie, New York</u> Height: <u>6-01</u> Weight: <u>184</u>	(S1)
1890 Briggs, Grant	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(R1)
1938 Buxton, Ralph Stanley	D: <u>Jan 1988</u> <u>California</u>	(M4)
1926 Carter, John Howard	D: <u>Jul 24 1991</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	(H1)
1914 Coles, Cadwallader Jones	Name: <u>Cadwallader Coles</u> B: Jan 17 1886	(S7)
1929 Crawford, Clifford Rankin	D: <u>Jan 25 1994</u> <u>Kinston, North Carolina</u>	(C1)
1885 Derby, Eugene A.	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(R1)
1894 Egan, John Joseph	TR	(M4)
1946 Flanigan, Raymond Arthur	Is Deceased	(H1)
1896 Freund, Lawrence L.	B: Jul 5 1875 <u>Jeffersonville, Indiana</u>	(C2)
1934 Galan, August John	TR Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>180</u> D: <u>Dec 28 1993</u> <u>Fairfield, California</u>	(C1)
1952 Haddix, Harvey	D: <u>Jan 8 1994</u> <u>Springfield, Ohio</u>	(C1)
1935 Hayes, James Millard	D: Nov 27 1993 <u>Dacula, Georgia</u>	(H1)
1896 Johnson, Albert L.	B: <u>1862</u>	(M4)
1885 Jones,	New Player. NY(AA) 1885 Debut: <u>Apr 30 1885</u>	(S1)
1884 Jones, Charles F.	Delete NY(AA) 1885 record.	(S1)
1896 Keener, Joshua Harry	TR	(M4)
1980 Leal, Luis Enrique Albardo	Name : Luis Enrique <u>Leal (Alvarado)</u>	(T1)
1938 LeFebvre, Wilfred Henry	Name: Wilfred Henry <u>Lefebvre</u>	(D7)
1981 Manrique, Fred Eloy (Reyes)	B: Nov 5 1961	(T1)
1884 Meister, John B.	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(R1)
1871 Mills, Everett	B: Jan 20 1845	(D2)
1882 O'Brien, Thomas H.	Height: <u>6-01</u> Weight: <u>185</u>	(R1)
1909 Ohl, Joseph Earl	B: <u>Jobstown, New Jersey</u>	(H1)
1890 Phelan, Daniel T.	B: Jul 23 1864	(D2)
1932 Reder, John Anthony	D: <u>Apr 12 1990</u> <u>Fall River, Massachusetts</u>	(M4)
1884 Richardson, Arthur L.	B: <u>Mar 26 1862</u>	(S1)

1939 Rowell, Carvel William	Is Deceased	(H1)
1978 Sample, William Amos	B: Apr 2 1955	(T1)
1989 Sanders, Deion Luwynn	Debut: May 31 1989	(H1)
1939 Schelle, Gerard Anthony	D: May 4 1990	(M4)
1940 Schulte, Herman Joseph	B: St. Louis, Missouri	(H1)
1939 Scott, LeGrant Edward	D: Birmingham, Alabama	(H4)
1944 Shemo, Stephen Michael	D: Eden, North Carolina	(H1)
1936 Smith, Edgar	B: Mansfield, New Jersey	(H1)
	D: Jan 2 1994	
	<u>Willingboro, New Jersey</u>	
1875 Somerville, Edward	Name: Edward G. Somerville	(S1)
1930 Sprinz, Joseph Conrad	D: Jan 11 1994	(C1)
	<u>Fremont, California</u>	
1898 Sullivan, Suter G.	Height: 6-00 Weight: 170	(M4)
1931 Sullivan, William Joseph, Jr.	D: Jan 4 1994	(S1)
	<u>Sarasota, Florida</u>	
1952 Temple, John Ellis	B: Aug 8 1927	(H1)
	D: Jan 9 1994	
	<u>Anderson, South Carolina</u>	
1882 Tilley, John C.	BR	(M4)
1922 Turk, Lucas Newton	D: Jan 11 1994	(C1)
	<u>Homer, Georgia</u>	
1948 Vico, George Steve	D: Jan 13 1994	(C1)
	<u>Redondo Beach, California</u>	