



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
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## Harrison Spence Birth Found

Bob Richardson wins the July *Find of the Month* award for locating the birth date of Harrison Spence, non-playing manager of Indianapolis in 1888. Birth dates from 1856 are hard to locate and Bob tracked it down. Good work!

### Playing in Secret

Jon Dunkle found the following note about 1884 rookie Charles Manlove:

"In September 1883, after the close of the season at Reading, Charles Manlove visited old friends at the Philadelphia National ballpark. Knowing all the players on that team he went immediately to the Phillies dressing room, where the manager was sweating over the loss of an outfielder due to illness. Manlove offered his services as an outfielder, donned the uniform, and played a six inning game stopped by rain. And no one ever knew there was a substitute in the game. He had one hit and one putout. The opposing team was Boston."

This game shouldn't be hard to find if it did occur. Can someone check this out and let me know? By the way, Charles Manlove is no relation to famous actor Dudley Manlove.

### Member Movement

Pete Palmer has a new address. Pete now lives at 396 Pine Cone Strand, Acton, Massachusetts 01718.

### Twin Teammates

Last month I put in a note about teammates who were born on the same day. Tom Hufford has done research on the subject and came up with Gary Sheffield and Darrell Whitmore of the Marlins, who were both born on November 18, 1968 and Jim Brillheart and Henry Grampp of the 1927 Cubs, both born on September 28, 1903. Of course, even more amazingly, last year's MVPs, Frank Thomas and Jeff Bagwell, were both born on May 27, 1968.

Two nonagenarians were born on the same day, Oscar Harstad and Joe Oeschger, May 24, 1892. And there were three nonagenarians born on consecutive days, Alex Boucher, Fred Carisch, and John Schulte, born on November 13, 14, and 15, 1881. Remember these facts and you can amaze your friends at your next cocktail party.

### A Book Recommendation

Jose Jimenez recently sent me a copy of a book, Dominican Chronology in the Big Leagues 1995 by Luichy Sanchez. It is a very good book about Dominicans in the big leagues, although it is written in Spanish. The cost is \$15.00, including mailing. If interested, write Luichy Sanchez, P.O. Box 61, Santiago, Dominican Republic.

### Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in August, including Edward Gill, who turns 100 on the 7th. Make sure you send a card.

August 5	Ray Pepper	90
August 6	Jim Turner	92
August 7	Edward Gill	100
August 10	Edward Wineapple	90

## The Fisher King

Bob McConnell should earn that title after attempting to make some sense out of the 7 Fishers that played in the majors between 1884 and 1889. The Fishers are every bit as confusing as the Quinns, last month's dysfunctional family. Here is what we have on the Fishers:

Fisher #1 - Played shortstop and third base with Kansas City (UA) 6/7 - 7/3, 1884.

Fisher #2 - Played third base for Chicago (UA) on July 7, 1884.

Fisher #3 - Pitched and played outfield for Philadelphia (UA) 7/17 - 8/7, 1884.

Fisher #4 - Caught and played second base for Cleveland (NL) 8/9 - 8/23, 1884.

Fisher #5 - Played shortstop and outfield for Wilmington (UA) 9/2 - 9/12, 1884.

Fisher #6 - Pitched for Buffalo August 6, 1886.

Fisher #7 - Played outfield for Louisville June 15, 1889.

Currently, we list Fisher #1 and #2 to be Charles Fisher, the Boxford, Massachusetts boy who died in Eagle, Alaska, Fisher #3 - #6 to be George C. Fisher from Wilmington, and Fisher #7 to be Charles Fisher from Baltimore.

We are definitely correct on Fisher #1 and #2. Bob Richardson and Harold Dellinger have proven that this was definitely Charles Fisher, who played for a while under the name Charles Fish. However, he is not Fisher #7. That Charles Fisher was a local Baltimore player, who was recruited to play when some of the Louisville players went on strike.

George Fisher is definitely Fisher #4 and Fisher #5. Notes in the Wilmington paper refer to this man as a local Wilmington boy and state that he played for Cleveland and Minneapolis earlier in 1884. Research done by Harold Dellinger reveal that George played for Minneapolis from 5/2 - 7/17, 1884 AND with Grand Rapids 7/28 - 8/7. If the George Fisher who played for Minneapolis and Grand Rapids are one and the same, then George Fisher can not be Fisher #3. We need someone to check Grand Rapids papers and Philadelphia papers to prove this.

Fisher #6 was described by Sporting Life as a

player from the local Molyneaux club (the game was played at Philadelphia) and that it was his first effort against a league team. If that is the case, then this is yet another player. Someone needs to check the Buffalo papers to check this out. Even though it seems apparent that the record of George Fisher actually belongs to 3 different players, I'm not changing the data until I receive further proof from some of you diligent researchers.

## Yet Another One

Just when you've stopped to catch your breath after the Fisher story, you now get to read about William John Irvin Adams, who might also be two different people and is our July *Mystery of the Month*. Dick Thompson had found this in Tom Shea's notes. Adams pitched for St. Louis (AL) in 1912-13, Pittsburgh (FL) in 1914, and Philadelphia (AL) in 1918-19. Tom believed that the 1918-19 player is a different player than the 1912-14 player.

The Sporting News Q&A column of 6/13/1918 said that Adams pitched for Richmond in 1917 and prior to that had no previous experience. The TSN obit of 7/1/1937 said that he went to Albright College. Sporting Life stated that the St. Louis player was an Albright graduate. Can someone sort this out?

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14199	72	99.496
Total Complete Births	13512	759	94.682
Total Complete Deaths	7122	478	49.905
Total Assumed Alive	6671		46.745
Total Bats	12916	1251	91.170
Total Throws	13162	1005	92.906
Total Heights	13149	1018	92.814
Total Weights	13084	1083	92.356
Total Debut Dates	14271	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9973	4298	69.883
Total Completion			92.2170

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1939 Andrews, Stanley Joseph	D: <u>Jun 10 1995</u>	(S3)
	<u>Bradenton, Florida</u>	
1948 Ashburn, Rich	Name: <u>Don Richard Ashburn</u>	(M1)
1912 Bell, Ralph Albert	B: <u>Kahoka, Missouri</u>	(C1)
1943 Brown, Norman	Name: <u>Norman Ladelle Brown</u>	(C1)
	D: <u>May 31 1995</u>	
	<u>Bennettsville, South Carolina</u>	
1933 Campbell, John Millard	D: <u>Apr 24 1995</u>	(S3)
	<u>Daytona Beach, Florida</u>	
1883 Cushman, Edgar Leander	Height: <u>6-00</u>	(R1)
1888 Farmer, William	Weight: <u>187</u>	(R1)
1929 Ferrell, Richard Benjamin	D: <u>Jul 27 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Bloomfield Hills, Michigan</u>	
1884 Fisher, Charles G.	BL	(W3)
1966 Hippauf, Herbert August	B: <u>May 9 1939</u>	(W1)
	D: <u>Jul 17 1995</u>	
	<u>Santa Clara, California</u>	
1930 Holshouser, Herman Alexander	D: <u>Jul 26 1995</u>	(S3)
	<u>Concord, North Carolina</u>	
1884 Krehmeyer, Charles L.	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>179</u>	(N1)
1924 Lane, James Hunter	D: <u>Sep 1994</u>	(H4)
	<u>Memphis, Tennessee</u>	
1934 Millies, Walter Louis	D: <u>Feb 28 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Oak Lawn, Illinois</u>	
1963 Reynolds, Tommie D.	Name: <u>Tommie D Reynolds</u>	(C1)
1888 Spence, Harrison L. (MGR)	B: <u>Feb 22 1856</u>	(R1)
	<u>New York, New York</u>	
1939 Stromme, Floyd Marvin	D: <u>Feb 7 1993</u>	(S3)
	<u>Wenatchee, Washington</u>	
1943 Tyack, James Frederick	D: <u>Jan 3 1995</u>	(W1)
1942 Unser, Albert Bernard	D: <u>Jul 7 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Decatur, Illinois</u>	
1944 Wurm, Frank James	Is Deceased	(C1)