



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
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## Joe Connors Found

Joe Connors played for Altoona and Kansas City in the Union Association in 1884. Many references show this player to be from Paterson, New Jersey. Richard Malatzky happened to find a note in the 01/24/1891 edition of Sporting Life that Joe Connors of Paterson, New Jersey had died recently in Denver.

Richard forwarded that info to Jay Sanford, who found an obituary in the Denver paper. The obituary didn't elaborate too much on his playing career before he arrived in Denver, but it did mention that his real name was Joseph O'Connor. Armed with this information, Richard was able to find listings of Joe and his family in both the Paterson and Denver city directories. This is obviously our 1884 player and Richard and Jay share the *Find of the Month* award.

### New Members

Please welcome Rick Benner to the biographical committee. Rick's address is 3426 Highland Pine Way, Duluth, Georgia 30096 and his code number will be B7. Also welcome Gary Plunkit, 854 E. Boone Street, Frankfort, Indiana 46041. Gary's code number will be P4. Also add Marc Okkonen, 889 Woodside #1, Muskegon, Michigan 49441. Marc's code number will be O4.

### To Forgive is Devine (or maybe Diven)

Walter James Devine had been listed as playing for Baltimore in 1883 and New York in 1886. In 1883, both the New York Clipper, the Baltimore Sun, and Sporting Life referred to this player as Diven. Richard Malatzky found Frank R. Diven listed in the Brooklyn city directories as a ballplayer. Diven's obituary in the New

York Times said that he was a pitcher for Baltimore in the American Association.

Now what of the man who played outfield for New York in 1886? Walter Devine was always a pitcher as was Frank Diven. Sporting Life, the New York Times, and New York Herald listed this player as Devins and Sporting News showed him as Devens. We really don't know who this player is, although I still have his record listed with Frank Diven. Can someone delve into Devins and, given what we know about Diven, determine who he is?

### It Pays To Be Lucky

Richard Topp send along the following note from the Cardinals magazine. Former ballplayer Tito Landrum is now working as a physical therapist. His office was in the World Trade Center. However, on September 11, he had a medical appointment in midtown and missed the terrorist attacks.

### A Child Is Born

David Nemec discovered that the game between Columbus and New York on May 31, 1883 featured a player named Childs playing first base for Columbus. Joe Simenic researched this and discovered that Columbus was short a pitcher that day, so they brought in an outfielder to pitch. Their regular first baseman went to the outfield, and to play first, they put in a player named Childs, who was the regular first baseman for Yale. Unfortunately, that is all we know about him. Joe is writing Yale to learn more, so hopefully, we will have an update to this story in the next issue.

### More Studley News

I received the Civil War pension records on Seymour Studley the other day. In one document, Studley lists his marriages and children. He conveniently omits his second marriage and said

that his first wife, Ernestine, died in 1888 in Washington, D.C. His son, George B. Studley, was born September 1, 1876 in Washington. Of course, Seymour was long gone by that time.

Nowhere does it list either his date of birth or middle name, but in his wife's deposition, she says, "He told me he was born in Rochester." He had a medical examination that listed his height and weight, but it didn't tell how he batted or threw. He apparently suffered sun stroke during the war loading horses onto a car and was unconscious for 20 or 30 minutes. He couldn't go out in the sun and was listed as an invalid. However, his cause of death was "mental aberration due probably to the misuse of alcoholic beverages." His wife died soon after that from alcohol poisoning. It sounds like a very sad story.

### Better Late Than Never

Michael Reinbach got into 12 games with the Baltimore Orioles in 1974. It seems he has been dead for 12 years, but nobody picked it up. Apparently, Reinbach's widow married SABR member Mark Kanter's cousin. Mark ran into her at his brother's 50th birthday party in San Diego, struck up a conversation, and learned that Reinbach drove his car off a cliff in 1989. It makes you wonder when we would have ever found this had she not married into Mark's family.

### Joseph Staples

We had listed Joseph Staples as playing for Buffalo in 1885, but had never gotten any kind of lead on him. The key find was a note Richard Malatzky saw in Sporting Life that Staples lived at 601 West Avenue in Buffalo. Richard checked the city directory and could find no Staples family living at that address. However, in the online version of the 1890 Buffalo city directory, Richard did a search on the address and found Joseph F. Stabell and his brother George, who were meatcutters. Obviously, this was his real name.

Richard traced Stabell through the directories and found that he died July 10, 1923 in Buffalo. He also found a box score of the local amateur team, the Casinos, in the Buffalo Courier on August 4, 1890. The lineup showed J. Staples at 2b and G. Staples at ss. Most likely, these were the meatcutting Stabell brothers. I wonder if they butchered any ground balls. Great work to track this down!

### Renewal Time

Now is the time to let me hear from you if you would like to remain on the committee in 2002. If I don't hear from you, you will be dropped from the mailing list and I'll have one less envelope to stuff. Please e-mail me at Bbxpert@aol.com or write to Bill Carle, 8220 E. 135th Street, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

### Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in the first 2 months of 2002. Make sure you send a card.

January 1	Charles Devens	92
January 3	Gus Suhr	96
January 17	Ray Cunningham	97
January 29	Ray Hayworth	98
February 13	Ernest Rudolph	93
	Herbert Hash	91
February 15	Bob Cremins	96
February 22	Bill Baker	91
February 28	Roman Bertrand	93

### The Name Was Changed To Protect The Missing

Jacob Drauby played 10 games with Washington in 1892 and he was still playing in the minors as late as 1902, when he signed on with Newark. Jacob was born in January, 1864 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and his family shows up in the 1880 Pennsylvania census. That census showed Fred Drauby, 50, his wife Josephine, 42, and children Herman, 20, Mike, 17, Jacob, 15, John, 12, Fred, 9, and Lillie, 4.

Sometime in the next decade, the family changed its name to Taubert. In the 1890 Harrisburg city directory, we find the Taubert family, Frederick, Herman, Michael, Jacob, John, Frederick, Jr., and George living at 1142 S. Cameron. Jacob's occupation is listed as a ballplayer.

Jacob married a woman named Clara in 1898, but her whereabouts are unknown. In 1910, the Pennsylvania census shows Jacob living with George, their mother "Sophia", George's sister-in-law Jane, and their 7 year old niece Helen. The family disappears from the Harrisburg city directories after 1910 and where they went is anybody's guess. Jacob Drauby/Taubert is our final 2001 *Mystery of the Month*.

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	15666	59	99.625
Total Complete Births	15019	706	95.510
Total Complete Deaths	7777	404	49.456
Total Assumed Alive	7544		47.975
Total Bats	14411	1205	92.284
Total Throws	14647	969	93.795
Total Heights	14711	905	94.205
Total Weights	14654	962	93.840
Total Debut Dates	15725	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9984	5741	65.491
Total Completion			92.2382

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

1903 Pinnance, Elijah Edward	No New Information	(C1)
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### New Information Received:

1962 Belinsky, Robert	D: <u>Nov 23 2001</u>	(C1)
	<u>Las Vegas, Nevada</u>	
2001 Bigbie, Larry R.	Name: <u>Larry Robert Bigbie</u>	(C2)
1933 Bocek, Milton Frank	Name: <u>Milton Francis Bocek</u>	(H9)
1884 Boyle, Henry J.	BR	(M4)
1883 Broughton, Cecil Calvert	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(M4)
1892 Camp, Winfield Scott	BS	(M4)
1895 Carey, George C.	Height: <u>5-11</u>	(M3)
1898 Carrick, William Martin	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>150</u>	(H2)
1910 Carson, Albert James	BR    Height: <u>5-10.5</u> Weight: <u>162</u>	(M4)
1883 Childs,	New Player. Debut: <u>May 31 1883</u>	(N2)
1887 Collins, Hugh	Delete player. Record belongs to William J. Collins.	(S1)
1889 Collins, William J.	Debut: <u>Aug 1 1887</u>	(S1)
	D: <u>Brooklyn, New York</u>	
1884 Connors, Joseph P.	Name: <u>Joseph C. Connors</u>	(M3)
	Real Name: <u>Joseph C. O'Connor</u>	
	B: <u>1862</u>	
	D: <u>Jan 13 1891</u>	
	<u>Denver, Colorado</u>	
1897 Cooke, Frederick B.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>164</u>	(M3)
1890 Delaney, William L.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(H2)
1946 Deutsch, Melvin Elliott	D: <u>Nov 18 2001</u>	(C1)
	<u>Austin, Texas</u>	
1883 Devine, Walter James	Name: <u>Frank Robert Diven</u>	(M3)
	B: <u>1860</u>	
	D: <u>May 30 1914</u>	
	<u>Nutley, New Jersey</u>	
1919 Fishburn, Samuel E.	Debut: <u>May 30 1919</u>	(V1)
1898 Gannon, Joseph S.	Name: <u>Michael Joseph Gannon</u>	(M4)
1944 Gillespie, Robert William	B: <u>Oct 8 1919</u>	(C1)
	D: <u>Nov 4 2001</u>	
	<u>Winston-Salem, North Carolina</u>	
1937 Gonzales, Joe Madrid	Debut: <u>Aug 25 1937</u>	(V1)
1884 Gorman, Thomas	BL	(M4)
1886 Graves, Frank Norris	BR	(M4)
1940 Guise, Witt Orison	Debut: <u>Sep 3 1940</u>	(V1)
1886 Hellman, Anthony Joseph	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M4)
1894 Hodson, George S.	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>150</u>	(M3)
1888 Hoover, Charles E.	Weight: <u>170</u>	(M3)
1958 Johnson, Richard Allan	Debut: <u>Jun 15 1958</u>	(P1)
1909 Killefer, William Iavie	Weight: <u>170</u>	(M4)
1893 Kinsler,	Name: <u>William H. Kinsler</u>	(M3)

1945 Leon, Isidoro (Becerra)	Is Deceased	(C1)
1938 Lucadello, John	D: <u>Oct 30 2001</u> <u>San Antonio, Texas</u>	(C1)
1891 Lyston, John M.	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>185</u>	(M3)
1940 Mallory, James Baugh	D: <u>Aug 6 2001</u> <u>Greenville, North Carolina</u>	(S3)
1943 McBride, Thomas Raymond	D: <u>Dec 26 2001</u> <u>Wichita Falls, Texas</u>	(C1)
1914 McMullin, Frederick William	Name: <u>Fred Drury McMullin</u> D: <u>Nov 20 1952</u>	(M4)
1891 McQuaid, Mortimer Martin	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(M4)
1912 Meaney, Patrick J.	Height: <u>6-00</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M4)
1950 Murray, Joseph Ambrose	D: <u>Oct 19 2001</u> <u>San Clemente, California</u>	(C1)
1894 Murray, Thomas W.	B: <u>Paterson, New Jersey</u>	(M3)
1888 Oberlander, Hartman Louis	Height: <u>5-10.5</u>	(M3)
1887 O'Brien, Jeremiah	Delete first name of Jeremiah. Debut: <u>Aug 2 1887</u>	(S1)
1897 O'Brien, Thomas J.	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(H2)
1941 Olsen, Bernard Charles	Debut: <u>Aug 23 1941</u>	(V1)
1884 Pattison, George	Name: <u>George Patterson</u>	(M3)
1943 Peterson, Sidney Herbert	D: <u>Aug 29 2001</u> <u>Wichita Falls, Texas</u>	(C1)
1969 Popowski, Edward Joseph (MGR)	D: <u>Dec 4 2001</u> <u>Sayreville, New Jersey</u>	(C1)
1949 Reeder, William Edgar	D: <u>Mar 12 2001</u> <u>Sulphur Springs, Texas</u>	(S3)
1974 Reinbach, Michael Wayne	D: <u>May 21 1989</u> <u>San Diego, California</u>	(C1)
1929 Sankey, Benjamin Turner	D: <u>Oct 14 2001</u> <u>Washington, Georgia</u>	(C1)
1924 Shirley, Ernest Raeford	B: <u>May 21 1901</u>	(S7)
1943 Schmulbach, Henry Alrives	D: <u>May 3 2001</u> <u>Belleville, Illinois</u>	(S3)
1885 Staples, Joseph F.	Name: <u>Joseph F. Stabell</u> D: <u>Jul 10 1923</u> <u>Buffalo, New York</u>	(M3)
1945 Steiner, James Harry	D: <u>Nov 16 2001</u> <u>Gardena, California</u>	(C1)
1892 Stephens, George Benjamin	TR	(H2)
1937 Strickland, William Goss	Debut: <u>Jul 16 1937</u>	(V1)
1872 Studley, Seymour L.	Height: <u>5-07.5</u> Weight: <u>180</u> B: <u>Byron, New York</u>	(C1)
1958 Taylor, Samuel Douglas	Debut: <u>Apr 20 1958</u>	(P1)
1958 Thacker, Morris Benton	Debut: <u>Aug 3 1958</u>	(P1)
1938 Thomas, Raymond Joseph	Debut: <u>Jul 22 1938</u>	(V1)
1889 Thornton, John	BL	(M4)
1914 Tyler, Frederick Franklin	Debut: <u>Oct 3 1914</u>	(P1)
1945 Ventura, Vincent	D: <u>Sep 11 2001</u> <u>Lake Worth, Florida</u>	(C1)
1909 Waller, John Francis	BR	(P1)
2001 Wilkerson, Stephen Bradley	B: <u>Owensboro, Kentucky</u>	(L5)
1890 Youngman, Henry	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M3)