



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report**  
**November 1996**

# 1996 Rookies' Birthplaces Found

You know it's a slow month when the *Find of the Month* concerns finding the proper place of birth for all the 1996 rookies. However, Bill Weiss wins the award for giving me the city of birth of Eugene Kingsale and Brian Leshner. Bill had a questionnaire on Kingsale listing his place of birth. For Brian Leshner, Bill got it on good authority; he asked Leshner's mother.

## New Members

Please welcome Jim Riley, 955 Maemir Way, Rockledge, Florida 32955 to the committee. Jim's code number will be R3.

## Next Year

Every year at this time I ask you to let me know if you wish to remain on the committee for the coming year. Just drop me a line or an e-mail at Bbxpert@aol.com. Also every year someone who never wrote me to tell me they wish to remain on the committee and never contributed anything all year writes me to ask why he was dropped from the mailing list. I will drop you if you do not respond. By the way, I get very little information each month to put in the newsletter. I am considering going to bi-monthly newsletters in 1997. I will decide by the end of January. Believe me, I welcome your contributions.

## Sing a Song of Singapore

Richard Topp correctly pointed out to me that Singapore has not been a part of Malaysia since 1963. Singapore is both a city and a republic.

Accordingly, I have changed Robin Jennings' birthplace.

## Nonagenarians

Every month I list the nonagenarians having birthdays in the subsequent month. There are currently 37 nonagenarian ex-major leaguers. The top 10 agewise are:

Chet Hoff	105
Joe Hauser	97
Arthur Weis	95
Lou Polli	95
Robert Adams	95
Isaac Kahdot	95
Clyde Sukeforth	95
Ray Moss	95
Ray Bengue	94
Art Merewether	94

## Birthday List

This, of course, brings us to the birthday list. These players all celebrate December birthdays. Make sure you send a card.

December 1	Red Badgro	94
December 5	Ray Moss	95
December 11	Al Weston	91
December 17	Karl Swanson	93

## The Hand That Rocks The Crable

Our November *Mystery of the Month* comes from the files of Bill Haber.

George Crable pitched in two games for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1910. George was born in December of 1885 in Shelton, Nebraska, the son of David Perry Crable and Rosa L. (Faddis) Crable. He also had a brother, Louis. David Perry Crable died August 18, 1902 in Shelton. George married a lady named Musette (maiden name unknown) in 1907. Musette was born in Iowa.

In 1908, George Crable began his professional baseball career in the Texas League, playing with Austin, Waco, and Galveston. He continued with Galveston in 1909-10 until he was called up by the Dodgers. In 1911, he played with Atlanta and Savannah and in 1912, he was with Fort Worth and San Antonio. In 1913 he was apparently out of baseball. 1914-15 saw him in San Antonio before going to Shreveport the latter part of 1915. In 1916, he was with Hopewell in the Virginia League. In 1917 he was out of baseball again and then closed out his career in 1918 with Toronto of the International League.

After his baseball career ended, Crable became a vaudeville performer, appearing in a quartet called the "Baseball Four, Real Ballplayers in a Delightful Number." Other members of the act included former Detroit pitcher Frank Browning, Tom Dillon, a former player with Macon, and Billy Gleason, who had played with Galveston.

At this point, the trail of Crable vanishes in a puff of smoke. Crable's mother died in Council Bluffs, Iowa December 2, 1938. Her obituary states, "...Two sons were born to this union, L. R. Crable, who lives in Fremont, Nebraska, and George Crable whose present address is unknown to relatives." Louis Crable died in Fremont September 6, 1958. His obituary makes no mention of George.

It seems that there are a couple of leads we could pursue. One would be to locate Musette Crable in the 1920 census. George was in the census in Oklahoma City, where he was performing at the time. He was listed as "married" but Musette was not with him.

The other possibility would be to trace the careers of the other members of the "Baseball Four." Browning died in San Antonio May 19, 1948. I do not know what happened to Dillon and Gleason. I do know they did NOT go on to *Gunsmoke* and *The Honeymooners*. Anybody want to jump into this?

### The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	14646	70	99.524
Total Complete Births	13970	746	94.931
Total Complete Deaths	7261	467	49.341
Total Assumed Alive	6988		47.486
Total Bats	13363	1247	91.465
Total Throws	13611	999	93.162
Total Heights	13609	1001	93.149
Total Weights	13544	1066	92.704
Total Debut Dates	14716	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9980	4736	67.817
Total Completion			92.1739

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

1902 Armour, William R. (MGR)	Name: William <u>Clark</u> Armour	(T2)
1959 Baxes, Dimitrios Speros	D: <u>Nov 14 1996</u>	(C1)
	<u>Garden Grove, California</u>	
1889 Crooks, John Charles	B: <u>Nov 9 1865</u>	(T2)
	D: <u>Feb 2 1918</u>	
1884 Foster, Elmer Ellsworth	D: <u>Deephaven, Minnesota</u>	(T2)
1941 Harris, Chalmer Luman	D: <u>Nov 11 1996</u>	(C1)
	<u>Pell City, Alabama</u>	
1996 Jennings, Robin Christopher	B: <u>Singapore, Singapore</u>	(T1)
1901 Jones, Charles C.	D: <u>Two Harbors, Minnesota</u>	(T2)
1996 Kingsale, Eugene Humphrey	B: <u>Solito, Aruba</u>	(W1)
1934 Klumpp, Elmer Edward	D: <u>Oct 18 1996</u>	(W1)
	<u>Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin</u>	
1996 Leshner, Brian Herbert	B: <u>Wilrijk, Belgium</u>	(W1)
1932 Michaels, John Joseph	D: <u>Nov 18 1996</u>	(B3)
	<u>Sebring, Florida</u>	
1945 Modak, Michael	D: <u>Dec 12 1995</u>	(C1)
	<u>Lakeland, Florida</u>	
1956 Neal, Charles Lenard	D: <u>Nov 18 1996</u>	(C1)
	<u>Dallas, Texas</u>	
1938 Walsh, Joseph Patrick	D: <u>Oct 5 1996</u>	(W1)
	<u>Brighton, Massachusetts</u>	
1944 Zinser, William Francis	D: <u>Feb 16 1993</u>	(C1)
	<u>Englewood, Florida</u>	