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SPECIAL PICTORIAL ISSUE



Well, here it is. The issue you've all been waiting for: the SABR Pictorial History Committee's Magical Mystery Picture Issue—alas, not featuring (Tommy) John, (Gabe) Paul, (Greek) George, or (Ivy) Wingo. In the past, PHC Newsletters have included one or two mystery pictures, but this time around the newsletter is jam-packed with confounding images. So, without further ado . . . **Tom Hill** sent in the mystery photo at left. All that is known about the image is that printed on the frame around the photo is the following information (most probably the name and address of the photographic studio):

J.G. Reiser 2744 Lagrange St. Toledo, OH

Any ideas?

Tom also sent along another picture (found on page 3), this one of a dapper young fellow with bat in hand in front of a studio background. Little can be

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PHC MEETING AT SABR 27

The third annual meeting of the Pictorial History Committee was held on Saturday, June 21st, at the SABR convention in Louisville. Topics of discussion included: a reminder for PHC members to turn in the form from the previous PHC Newsletter (March 1997); the status of the Player Image Index project and the superb minor league, semipro, and college ball research that Marc Okkonen has done to aid researchers working on the project; possible uses for the PII project in the distant future; the SABR photo collection from the Minneapolis Public Library. **Francis Kinlaw** spoke about the status of his Ballparks in the Movies project. His list of ballparks seen on the silver screen has grown considerably (see the "Articles and Research Available" column on p. 2 of this newsletter). **Greg Rhodes** had a wonderful idea for a project: we should attempt to collect notes on and locations of archives throughout the country which contain baseball-related photos. Many local historical societies, museums, and libraries have great photos hidden away. It would be very helpful to organize an annotated list of these collections. Is anyone interested in heading up the project? If so, contact the PHC chair.

PHC members who attended the meeting include: **Bill Anderson, Dick Beverage, Ray Billbrough, Al Dieckmann, Joe Dittmar, Larry Gerlach, Steve Gietschier, Jerry Gregory, David Jordan, Diana Jordan, Pat Kelly, Francis Kinlaw, Bob Littlejohn, Jim Moyes, Marc Okkonen, John Pardon, Al Parnis, Jr., Greg Rhodes, Mark Rucker, Rick Salamon, Jefferey Samoray, Tom Shieber, Lyle Spatz, Mark Stangl, A.D. Suehsdorf, and John Thorn.** Non-PHC members who attended include: **Alma Ivor-Campbell, Robert Cole, Leslie Heaphy, Dick Thompson, Bob Schaefer, Bill Presnell, Cliff Otto, Jerry Vickery, and John Lewis.** Many in this latter group expressed an interest in joining up. I'm sure we'll see their names on the PHC roster in the near future.

Thanks to everyone who made it to the meeting!

— Tom Shieber

THE BASEBALL PICTORIAL HISTORIAN'S LIBRARY ADDENDUM

A few more suggestions have come in for the bibliography of books most useful to the researcher of baseball's pictorial history. These additions are noted below.

A number of people have suggested the addition of Speed Johnson's *Who's Who in Baseball* series, as well as The Sporting News' *Baseball Registers*, various baseball guides, etc. Of course, all of these are great sources and are integral for the baseball pictorial historian's library. However, they were not included in the original list because I considered them to be readily available reference sources, a category I chose to exclude for purposes of brevity.

Tom Cline points out that Donald Honig authored a pictorial on the Boston Red Sox that predates the one previously noted. The earlier version is *The Boston Red Sox: An Illustrated Tribute* and was published in 1984 by St. Martin's Press.

Bill Loughman suggests the inclusion of David Phillips' *That Old Ball Game* (1975) as well as a series of book published by Jordan & Company from 1976-1981 about the Dodgers, Pirates, Reds, and Phillies.

Stephen Milman would like to add Bert Sugar's *Baseball Picture Quiz Book* (1980).

Bob Littlejohn notes two publications that are overloaded with player pictures: *Baseball Photo and Autograph Album* (published yearly from 1960-63) and *Old Timer's Baseball Photo Album* (published in 1961, '63, '66, and '71). Both series were published by JKW Sports Publications, Inc., Bronx, New York.

Another great resource is a pamphlet researched and compiled by **John Spalding** entitled *Minor League Team Photos in Baseball Guides*. The pamphlet contains no photos, but is a complete index of which minor league teams are pictured in what guides. See the "Articles and Research Available" column below for information on how to order this pamphlet.

Finally, **David Icenogle's** picture indexes for two pictorial issues of SABR's *The National Pastime* are super resources. See page 6 of this newsletter for more information.

— **Tom Shieber**

ARTICLES AND RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Stephen Milman sent along an article from the May 1995 issue of The National Archives' *The Record* entitled "'Touching All the Bases'—Using Audiovisual Records for Baseball Research," by **John Vernon**. For a copy of the 3 page article send a 32¢ SASE to the PHC chair.

Cliff Otto has digitized a number of woodcuts of members of the 1888 Washington Nationals and graciously donated them (on computer disk) to the PHC. The images can be saved in practically any format (hard copy, .gif, .jpg, .psd, etc.). For images on disk, send a disk (please specify either Mac or PC formatting), and a 55¢ SASE to the PHC chair. For hard copies, send a 55¢ SASE to the PHC chair.

Tom Hill has written a short article entitled "Just How Old is that Baseball Photo?" The two page article offers various tips and techniques on how to date early baseball images. For a copy, send a 32¢ SASE to the PHC chair.

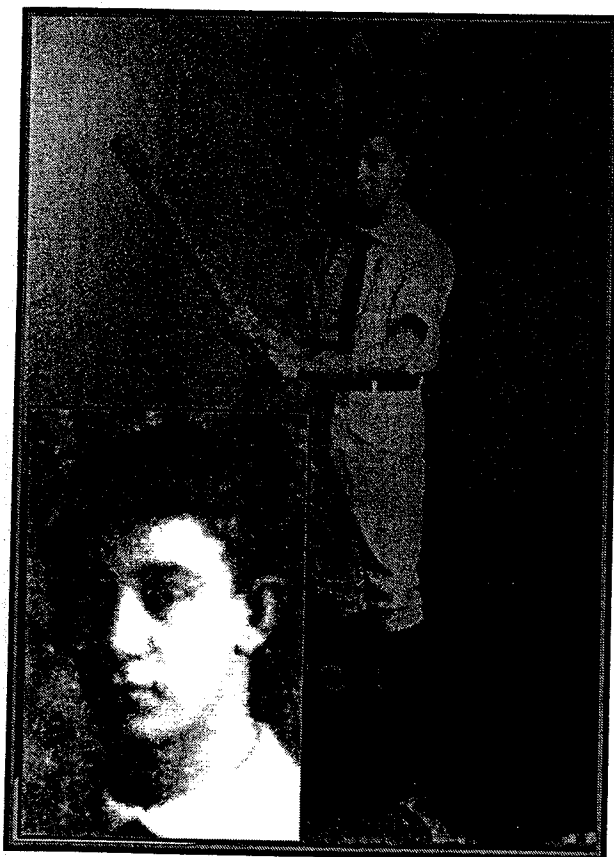
Francis Kinlaw continues to make great progress in the Ballparks in the Movies project. The latest compilation lists nearly 100 different movies and television episodes featuring major or minor league ballparks, and gives titles, production dates, ballpark info, etc. For a copy of this 13 page list send along a 78¢ SASE to the PHC chair. If you'd like to

help with the project (even if you just want to send along the name of a movie or TV show in which a ballpark was pictured), please contact Francis at:

Francis Kinlaw
603 Shawnee Road
Greensboro, NC 27403

As noted above, **John Spalding** has compiled a complete list of all minor league team photos that are found in baseball guides (TSN, Barnes, Commissioner's, Reach, Spalding, and Spalding Record Books). The index is absolutely invaluable for the baseball photo researcher. Note that the index does not include citations of major league team photos, player portraits, etc. Only minor league team photos are listed. (A great project would be to add major league team photos and/or other team photos. Anyone want to volunteer for this?) For a copy of the 16 page pamphlet, send \$1.00 to cover photocopying costs and a \$1.01 SASE to the PHC chair.

David Pietrusza e-mailed an article by David Nielsen entitled "Kodak Takes a New and Old Look at Baseball." The article describes some of the ways Kodak is using the world of high-technology to enhance and sell baseball images to the public. For a copy, send a 32¢ SASE to the PHC chair.



gleaned from the rather bland uniform. Note that the batter uses a hands-apart grip on the bat. The less-than-ideal reproduction above is due to the poor quality of the original. The inset is an enhanced enlargement of the player's head.

The image at right, an enlarged portion of a wonderfully clear cabinet card, was sent in by Jon Speed. The original card is $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6''$, with the photo measuring $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$. The player pictured is unknown, though a clue may come from the photographer's stamp which reads:

Freeman Norfolk, Virginia

Since the player's jacket is decorated with an ornate "N," it is possible that the fellow played with a Norfolk club. According to Peter Filichia's book *Professional Baseball Franchises*, Norfolk fielded the following minor league clubs during the era of the photo:

Year(s)	Club name	League
1885	Norfolk	Eastern League
1885-86	Norfolk Clams	Va. League
1894	Norfolk Oystermen	Va. League
1897-98	Norfolk Jewels?	Atlantic League
1900	Norfolk Mary Janes	Va. League
1901	Norfolk Skippers	Va.-N.C. League

Of course, there's no guarantee this fellow was a member of a Norfolk club, or even a professional organization. One more clue: it appears as if the fellow's right shoe has a toe plate, suggesting that he may have been a pitcher.





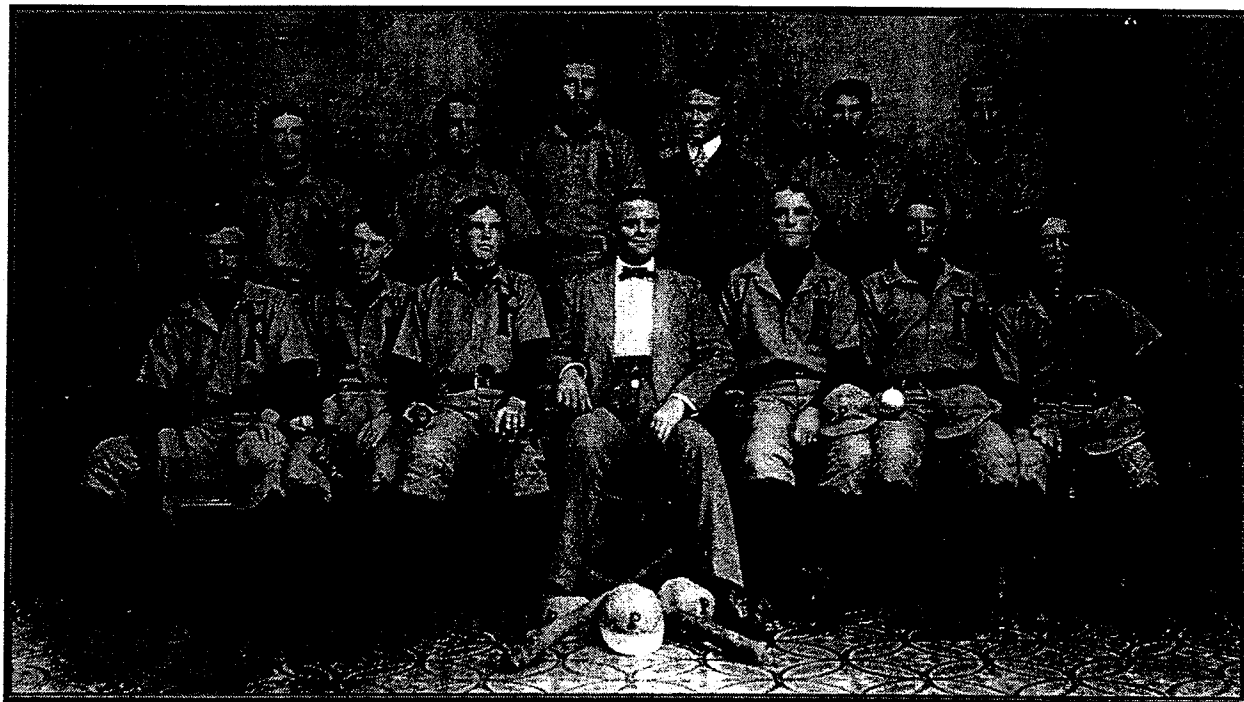
© 1990, Shawn M. Murray

Shawn Murray sent in the above picture of three White Sox players (left to right: Mule Haas, Jimmy Dykes, and Al Simmons) and an unidentified man dressed in street clothes. The photo was taken by Shawn's grandfather, photographer Bruce Murray, and was probably shot at Shibe Park. The trio of White Sox were purchased from the Athletics at the end of the '32 season for \$100,000 and had played together in Chicago from 1933-35. So who is the fellow second from left?

Finally, the team photo seen below may be found on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

<http://www.avalon.net/~shawn/baseball.html>

Shawn Coons, owner of the photo, notes that the "guy I bought it from [in Iowa City, Iowa] said that the guy with the mustache might be Cap Anson." Well, it certainly isn't Anson, but just who *are* these fellows? Please send any information or clues about the image to the PHC chair who will forward it to Shawn.



RESEARCH NEEDS

• **Jeffrey Obermeyer** is looking for any and all information on longtime Brooklyn Dodger photographer Barney Stein. Send correspondence to Jeffrey at:

Jeffrey Obermeyer
9912 NE 142nd Pl. B-302
Bothell, WA 98011
jobermeyer@msn.com

• **Cliff Otto** has sent in a number of World Wide Web sites that have baseball pictures or have information about baseball pictures. I am compiling a list of such sites and hope to make it available in the next PHC Newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to send in your web "finds" to the PHC chair.

• **Nick Tosches** is searching for a print of a photograph of Casey Stengel that was taken in Biloxi, Mississippi, in late March or early April of 1932. The photo was taken at an exhibition game between the Dodgers and Senators and pictures (among others) Al Schacht, Max Carey, Walter Johnson, Clark Griffith, two vaudeville entertainers, Mayor Kennedy of Biloxi, and other civic officials. The photo appeared on p. 26 of the April 16, 1932, issue of the music-trade publication *Billboard*. If you have any information on how Nick may get a copy of the photo, please send it to:

Nick Tosches
27 Commerce Street
New York, NY 10014

• **Ed Koller** is looking for pictures of the following Red Sox and Reds players. Can anyone help out?

- ◆ Jack Ryan — Bos AL '29 (2 g);
- ◆ Esty Chaney — Bos AL '13 (1 g); Bkn FL '14 (1 g)
- ◆ Bill Clowers — Bos AL '26 (2 g);
- ◆ Charlie Krause — Cin NL '01 (1 g);
- ◆ Chink Heileman — Cin NL '01 (5 g);
- ◆ Bill McCarthy — Bos NL '05 (1 g); Cin NL '07 (3 g);
- ◆ Mel Bosser — Cin NL '45 (7 g);
- ◆ Pat Griffin — Cin NL '14 (1 g);
- ◆ Harry McCluskey — Cin NL '15 (3 g);
- ◆ Jack Theis — Cin NL '20 (1 g).

Ed can be contacted at the following address:

Ed Koller
6336 Teesdale Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91606

• **Bill Anderson** is completing work for a new edition of his book entitled *The Detroit Tigers: A Pictorial Celebration of the Greatest Players and Moments in Tigers' History*. Bill is interested in hearing from members who have photographs of Detroit Tiger players and/or the ballpark and are willing to allow use in his new edition. Contact Bill at:

Bill Anderson
6348 W. Cambridge Dr.
Ludington, MI 49431

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The SABR Pictorial History Committee welcomes the following new members:

Dick Beverage	1244 Brian St. Placentia, CA 92670	John Pardon	Box 728 Crugers, NY 10521
Diana Jordan	410 Rodman Ave. Jenkintown, PA 19046	Al Parnis, Jr.	P.O. Box 2680 Crestline, CA 92325-2680
Tony Kissel	825 NYS Route 222 Cortland, NY 13045	Mark Stangl	226 E. Glendale Road St. Louis, MO 63119
Dave McNeal	822 Poppy Drive Wapakoneta, OH 45895	Joe Wayman	5946 Southern Ave. South Gate, CA 90280
Jim Moyes	2586 Memorial Drive Muskegon, MI 49445	Max Weder	2953 Ontario Street Vancouver, BC V5T2Y5
Jeff Obermeyer	9912 NE 142nd Place B-302 Bothell, WA 98011		

Please note the following address and membership changes:

Steve Gietschier	The Sporting News 10176 Corporate Square Dr. Suite 200 St. Louis, MO 63132	Larry Lester	P.O. Box 37046 Kansas City, MO 64138
		Ed Ryan	No longer a SABR member.
		Tony Szabelski	43 May St. 2C Addison, IL 60101

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Thanks to **John Pardon** for his generous monetary donation to the PHC coffers. Donations of cash and/or stamps help defray PHC costs and lessen the financial burden on SABR in general.

Over the past few years, the PHC has received donations of many pictures: some are photocopies while others are glossies. Thanks to the many folks who have sent in these gems. Keep 'em coming!

Further thanks to everyone who sent in their form from the March 1997 issue of the PHC

Newsletter. Many responses were filled with kind words and quality suggestions. A number of PHC members did not return the forms, so they have been dropped from the PHC roster. Sorry to see them go, but the "streamlining" process will help the PHC run more efficiently.

Do you have an e-mail address? If so, please send it along (via e-mail or US mail) to the committee chair. A complete list of e-mail addresses will be included in the next PHC Newsletter.

THE SABR-OTTOSON PHOTO ARCHIVE

Last year the Minneapolis Public Library donated a large collection of photos and newspaper clippings to SABR. The collection contains baseball-related material from various defunct Minneapolis newspapers. There are approximately six to seven thousand photos and perhaps four to five times as many clippings in the collection. Photos date from the early 1900s to the early '50s, though most of the photos are from the '20s through '40s. The photos are currently being cataloged by the PHC chair.

At the June 23rd SABR Executive Board meeting in Louisville, it was unanimously decided that the collection officially be named the SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive and the SABR-Ottoson Clipping Archive. These names were chosen to honor the late **Ken Ottoson**, a longtime SABR member from Minneapolis who, along with **Ted Hathaway**, was instrumental in SABR's acquisition of the collection.

If you have questions or comments about the archive, or you'd like to purchase photos from the

archive, please contact the PHC chair. Address SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive correspondence to:

SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive
c/o Tom Shieber
P.O. Box 203
Mt. Wilson Observatory
Mt. Wilson, CA 91023

Prices of copies of the photos are as follows:

- A single 8×10 costs \$20 and additional 8×10s of the same photo cost \$13.
- A single 5×7 costs \$17 and additional 5×7s of the same photo cost \$10.
- Costs do not include postage and handling.
- There is a charge of \$3 per photo for non-SABR members.

INDEXES TO THE NATIONAL PASTIME PICTORIALS

David Icenogle has completed first versions of two indexes: one for SABR's *The National Pastime—Special Pictorial Issue: The Dead Ball Era* (Spring 1986) and one for SABR's *The National Pastime—Special Pictorial Issue: The Big-Bang Era* (1989). David's work is stellar and the indexes are great resources for the baseball pictorial history researcher.

Both indexes are of pictured individuals only. People mentioned in the text but not pictured are not indexed. Since the indexes are not fully completed,

David urges PHC members to send documented additions, corrections, leads, etc., to him at the following address:

David Icenogle
11144 Jerry Place
Cerritos, CA 90703-6453

For a copy of either index, send a 55¢ SASE to the PHC chair (be sure to specify which index you are requesting). For copies of both indexes, send a \$1.01 SASE to the PHC chair.

A NOTE ON THE TYPE

The following conventions are used in the PHC newsletter: names in **bold type** are SABR members; names in *italic bold type* are PHC members.