



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
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James Hyndman Found

James Hyndman, who played one game for Philadelphia of the American Association in 1886, has been found by Richard Malatzky. For this find, Richard earns yet another *Find of the Month* award.

Hyndman was listed in the 1900 Pennsylvania census as living in Kingston. Richard found that Hyndman's ex-wife owned a funeral home there. Richard wrote to the funeral home and they sent him an obituary from Alamosa, Colorado. Hyndman became a judge, yet his obituary mentioned that he once played baseball for Philadelphia. Great work by Richard, who also found Alfred Benjamin Ellis, Howard Wall, and Gus McGinnis.

Howard Wall

This one is quite a find. Howard Wall played one game for the Washington Nationals in 1873. Richard Malatzky was able to locate his will in the National Archives. The will contained Wall's death date of March 15, 1909. Richard looked up his obituary and it mentioned what an outstanding baseball player he was. Finding a one game player from 1873 is next to impossible, but Richard did a great job.

Gus McGinnis

We had always listed this player as Albert McGinnis. In looking through old newspaper accounts from his playing days, Richard Malatzky discovered that he was always called Gus McGinnis. He looked up Gus McGinnis in the 1900 Ohio census and found him listed as a

ballplayer. He was living in Barnesville, Ohio rather than Painesville as we had listed. Richard was then able to locate his death date in a death index. He then found his obituary which mentioned that he had played in the major leagues with Chicago and Philadelphia. It's always nice to find that confirmation.

Perhaps a Bloomer Girl?

Richard Malatzky looked up the death record for Maurice Moore who died in New York in 1881. The death was for Mary Moore, a female. I think it is safe to assume that Mary is not the ballplayer we are looking for.

Maybe His Name Was Really Tyson

Debbi Dagavarian-Bonar sent along this article from the Newark Evening News of December 10, 1908.

"Tyus Raymond Cobb, the great Detroit outfielder, who is now playing with the Eddy club in this city (New Orleans), will referee the fight between Young Corbett and Brock on Saturday night at the Southern Athletic Club.

Matchmaker Herman Moss has concluded arrangements with Ty to referee this bout, and the selection of Cobb ought to be a most popular one. Ty is well versed in pugilism and will doubtless make a good official. Then too, he is a favorite with the New Orleans people."

Hall Was a Sophomore, Planned To Go To Swarthmore

Jamie Selko sent along a few interesting facts regarding some former major leaguers. Johnny James, who pitched briefly with the Yankees and Dodgers, went to high school with Carol Burnett and David (brother of Ricky) Nelson. Jim Proctor, who pitched for the 1959 Tigers, pitched a no-hitter in his first college game at Maryland State.

Jamie also mentions 3 players who lettered in 4 different sports in college: Jackie Robinson at UCLA, Jim Konstanty at Syracuse (actually lettered in boxing), and Donn Clendenon at Morehouse. Dick Hall holds the record however. Hall earned letters in 5 different sports at Swarthmore. Hall lettered in baseball, football, basketball, track, and soccer. Hall was 6'6"; it's hard to imagine him on the soccer field.

The Three Santiagos

Did you know that Kansas City has had 3 different pitchers named Jose Santiago? The first played for the A's in 1956. The second played for the A's from 1963-65. The third now pitches for the Royals. All were born in Puerto Rico. Two of them have the middle name of Rafael. None are related.

Biographical Research Web Page

Richard Malatzky is building a web site with information on our missing players. He's just beginning and I'm sure he could use all the help he can get. the URL is:

<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Gym/7204>

Go on out and take a look at it.

St. Louis Obits

Richard also found a web site that has St. Louis obituaries for various years. The URL is:

<http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/obit.htm>

Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June. Be sure to send a card.

May 21	Mace Brown	90
May 23	Willis Hudlin	93
June 4	Edward Marshall	93
June 9	Paul Gregory	91
June 20	Bill Werber	91
June 25	Ralph Erickson	97
June 28	Clarence Heise	92

Richardson Seeks Richardson

Our *Mystery of the Month* comes from Bob Richardson who is looking for the mysterious nameless Richardson, who played one game for the Chicago Unions in 1884.

The Boston Herald had this writeup about Mr. Richardson:

"Richardson, a local player, made his first appearance for the visitors at second base and did not particularly distinguish himself."

They were being nice to him. Richardson went 0 for 4, striking out every time up and made an error in 3 chances at second base.

The likely candidate to be the ballplayer is George Messenger Richardson, a prominent local amateur who frequently appeared in semipro and amateur box scores around Boston in the 1880s. However, George was probably too good to have disgraced himself in this game and he was primarily a catcher. George fanned only 8 times in 108 at bats in 1885 for the Beacons, a prominent amateur team of the time.

Bob believes that the player may have been Herbert Augustus Richardson, Harvard class of 1882. Herbert played shortstop and second base for Harvard and the Beacons in 1879 and 1880. He also wasn't very good, not playing for Harvard his last two years, and never playing regularly for any team afterward. Herbert was born March 1, 1880 in South Framingham, Massachusetts and died July 14, 1928 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Does anyone have any further information on this player?

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	15041	67	99.557
Total Complete Births	14371	737	95.122
Total Complete Deaths	7510	444	49.709
Total Assumed Alive	7154		47.352
Total Bats	13754	1248	91.681
Total Throws	14012	990	93.401
Total Heights	14017	985	93.434
Total Weights	13954	1048	93.014
Total Debut Dates	15108	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9982	5126	66.071
Total Completion			92.1467

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1911 Almeida, Rafael D.	B: <u>Jun 30 1887</u>	(C1)
	D: <u>May 18 1969</u>	
1886 Bishop, William Robinson	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>187</u>	(M3)
1876 Bradley, George H.	D: <u>Mar 31 1900</u>	(M3)
1935 Bryant, Claiborne Henry	D: <u>Apr 9 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Boca Raton, Florida</u>	
1913 Cabrera, Alfredo A.	B: <u>May 11 1881</u>	(C1)
	D: <u>1964</u>	
	<u>Batabano, Cuba</u>	
1891 Cahill, Thomas H.	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>150</u>	(M3)
1909 Camnitz, Henry Richardson	Debut: <u>Sep 29 1909</u>	(P1)
1898 Conn, Albert Thomas	Height: <u>6-00</u> Weight: <u>178</u>	(R1)
1892 Connor, James Matthew	Height: <u>5-10.5</u> Weight: <u>179</u>	(R1)
1950 Consuegra, Sandalio Simeon (Castello)	B: <u>Potrorrillos, Cuba</u>	(C1)
1887 Cunningham, Ellsworth Elmer	Height: <u>5-06</u>	(R1)
1899 Curley, Walter James	D: <u>Worcester, Massachusetts</u>	(R1)
1891 Darragh, James S.	Height: <u>6-02.5</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(M3)
1936 DiMaggio, Joseph Paul	D: <u>Mar 8 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Hollywood, Florida</u>	
1994 Dreifort, Darren James	B: <u>May 3 1972</u>	(LD)
1896 Ellis, Benjamin Franklin	Name: <u>Alfred Benjamin Ellis</u>	(M3)
	D: <u>Jul 26 1931</u>	
	<u>Schenectady, New York</u>	
1886 Faatz, Jayson S.	Weight: <u>196</u>	(M3)
1871 Foran, James H.	D: <u>Jan 30 1928</u>	(C1)
	<u>Los Angeles, California</u>	
1874 Geer, William Henry Harrison	B: <u>Aug 13 1859</u>	(M3)
	D: <u>Jan 3 1922</u>	
1940 Gorsica, John Joseph Perry	D: <u>Charlottesville, Virginia</u>	(L5)
1935 Huckleberry, Earl Eugene	D: <u>Feb 25 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Seminole, Oklahoma</u>	
1886 Hyndman, James William	Name: <u>James Harvey Hyndman</u>	(M3)
	B: <u>Jul 9 1866</u>	
	<u>Hamilton, Ontario</u>	
	D: <u>Jan 16 1934</u>	
	<u>Alamosa, Colorado</u>	
1901 Jones, Charles Claude	Weight: <u>165</u>	(R1)
1922 Kahdot, Isaac Leonard	D: <u>Mar 31 1999</u>	(C1)
	<u>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</u>	
1883 Kuehne, William J.	Height: <u>5-08</u>	(M3)
1897 Leahy, Thomas Joseph	Height: <u>5-07.5</u>	(R1)

1893 McGinnis, Albert	Name: <u>Gus McGinnis</u> B: <u>Aug 1870</u> D: <u>Apr 20 1904</u> <u>Barnesville, Ohio</u>	(M3)
1879 McManus, Patrick	B: <u>1858</u>	(M3)
1875 Moore, Maurice	Delete death data. Wrong person.	(M3)
1985 Moore, Robert Devell	B: <u>Jena, Louisiana</u>	(L5)
1901 Murphy, Francis Patrick	<u>TR</u>	(R1)
1922 Murray, James Francis	D: <u>Queens, New York</u>	(B6)
1917 Ring, James Joseph	D: <u>Queens, New York</u>	(B6)
1985 Ripken, Calvin Edwin, Sr. (MGR)	D: <u>Mar 25 1999</u> <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	(C1)
1995 Robinson, Kenneth Neal	D: <u>Feb 28 1999</u> <u>Tucson, Arizona</u>	(F1)
1890 Rogers, Emmett	Name: Emmett <u>E. Rogers</u> B: <u>Nov 8 1861</u> <u>Ostelic, New York</u>	(M3)
1954 Ross, Clifford Davis	D: <u>Apr 13 1999</u> <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	(N4)
1952 Rossi, Joseph Anthony	B: <u>Mar 13 1921</u> D: <u>Feb 20 1999</u> <u>Oakland, California</u>	(C1)
1935 Snyder, Bernard Austin	D: <u>Apr 15 1999</u> <u>Havertown, Pennsylvania</u>	(B6)
1881 Sullivan, Thomas Jefferson	B: <u>1850</u> <u>Ireland</u>	(M3)
1936 Tebbetts, George Robert	D: <u>Mar 24 1999</u> <u>Manatee, Florida</u>	(C1)
1962 Toth, Paul Louis	D: <u>Mar 20 1999</u> <u>Anaheim, California</u>	(C1)
1875 Trenwith, George	Name: George <u>W. Trenwith</u>	(M3)
1873 Wall, Howard	Name: Howard <u>C. Wall</u> B: <u>1855</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u>	(M3)
1899 Wilson, Howard Paul	D: <u>Mar 15 1909</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u>	
1939 Wynn, Early	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>164</u> D: <u>Apr 4 1999</u> <u>Venice, Florida</u>	(R1) (S1)