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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The Boston Public Library Project, led by Mark Stang, is off to a fast start. The approximately 2,800 photos relating to baseball in the Leslie Jones collection have already been reviewed by Mark and his team in a Round 1 effort. Through that effort, about 2,000 photos have been wrapped up and about 800 have been set aside for further review. Those who worked with Mark on the Round 1 effort were Gary Livacari, Tom Shieber, Scott Brandon, Bob Richardson, Rich Bowering, and Tom Cline.

These have not been easy photos to identify. Relatively few have contained images of just a single player. Bob Richardson has spent substantial time on-site at the library doing research to identify local amateur players who are pictured in some of the photos. My thanks go to Mark and the others who have worked so hard to bring us this far this quickly in this project.

We are expecting an additional group of participants to join in to help try to identify the unknown players in the remaining 800 photos.

NEW UMPIRE IMAGE INDEX PROJECT

Scott Brandon will be making a major contribution by posting his collection of major league umpire photos to the OOTP Development Baseball website. We will create an Umpire Image Index to link to those photos. Initially, that Index will reside as a spreadsheet on my computer. Once a software routine has been created to provide me with the tools to edit pictorial data in the new SABR Encyclopedia, the Umpire Image Index data will be transferred to the corresponding Encyclopedia records for the umpires whose photos will have appeared on the OOTP website. Scott will start with those umpires who did not have careers in the major leagues as players, managers, or coaches before they became umpires.

FORMERLY MISSING PLAYERS FOUND SINCE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

L. Edward Miller -- by Scott Brandon. Scott found him in the photo of the 1883 independent Muskegon team in the book *MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TOWNS OF MICHIGAN*, by Marc Okkonen, on page 132. The player is captioned only as Miller, but through some newspaper research, Scott was able to confirm that the same Miller was on the affiliated Muskegon minor league team the following year, and that would make him L. Edward. The photo may be viewed on the OOTP Baseball website at <http://tinyurl.com/5w27jkr>

Bill Yerrick (previously known as Bill Banks) -- by Bill Hickman on the OOTP Baseball website at <http://tinyurl.com/2ews5df> from an 1896 Boston NL team photo.

Bill Nelson -- by Bill Hickman on the OOTP Baseball website at <http://tinyurl.com/25zrznm> from an 1889 Terre Haute team photo.

There are currently 555 players for whom we have not been able to locate an image. There have been 17,494 players who have appeared in the major leagues.

MISSING MANAGER FOUND

Fred Hoey -- by Scott Brandon in the February 12, 1895 issue of the Warren, Pennsylvania, Ledger. The image is a woodcut which shows Hoey in a pose as a marksman. When Hoey was appointed manager of the New York Giants in 1899, the New York Times noted that he was a baseball novice and better known for his pigeon-shooting skills. He competed in an international tournament in early 1895 in Monte Carlo, representing the United States.

We are missing images of seventeen managers. Their names and the teams they managed are:

Allison, Andy - 1872 Eckford of Brooklyn (National Assn)
Bickerton, John A. (was listed as Bickerson) - 1884 Washington (Amer. Assn)
Curtis, Ed - 1884 Altoona (Union Assn)
Davidson, Mordecai - 1888 Louisville (Amer. Assn)
Deane, John Henry "Harry" - 1874 Ft. Wayne (National Assn)
Ellick, Joe - 1884 Chicago-Pittsburgh (Union Assn)
Frazer, George K. - 1890 Syracuse (Amer. Assn)
Graffen, Mason "Mase" - 1876 St. Louis NL
Henderson, Bill C. - 1884 Baltimore (Union Assn)
Hengel, Edward S. (b. 9/15/1855) (was listed as Hengle) - 1884 Chicago-Pittsburgh (Union Assn)
Kennedy, Jim C. - 1890 Brooklyn (Amer. Assn)
McManus, George - 1876 & 1877 St. Louis NL
Moses, Felix - 1884 Richmond (Amer. Assn)
Smith, Bill J. - 1873 Marylands of Baltimore (National Assn)
Sullivan, Pat - 1890 Columbus (Amer. Assn)
Thomas, Fred L. - 1887 Indianapolis NL
Wright, Alfred Hector (b. 3/31/1842, NY, NY) - 1876 Philadelphia NL

SIGNIFICANT PHOTO COLLECTION IN BOOK

Dick Beverage reported this book to me. SABR member John Outland compiled more than 400 photos taken by his father (George Outland) and put them into a book called *BASEBALL VISIONS OF THE ROARING TWENTIES*. The book was published in 2009 by McFarland. The large majority of player photos are from the Pacific Coast League, although there are some photos showing players in major league uniforms as well. There are many relatively obscure major league players depicted in this book who are not seen very often in other photos. Some Hall of Famers are included too.

2000 CUPS OF COFFEE

Because we have had a large number of new members join us in the past year, it is probably worthwhile giving a reminder that Marc Okkonen's fine book, *2000 CUPS OF COFFEE*, is available for free on the SABR website. This book provides an image of nearly every man who played in 10 or fewer major league games during the 1900-1949 period. To get to the place where

you may download the book, go to the following page on the members section of the SABR website:

<http://members.sabr.org/members.cfm?a=rtl&m=55>

Scroll down and look for “SABR Research Publications.” Under that category, you’ll find the link to 2000 Cups of Coffee.

SABR WEBSITE NOW PROVIDES LINKS

The SABR Internet Committee has started placing links to relevant websites onto the SABR website. These links include websites which display baseball photos and cards under the category of “Collectibles.” The page where you may find these links is on the members section of the SABR website and it is at: <http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=lnk&lnk=v&lid=10>

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

We welcome the following new members who have joined since the May newsletter was issued: Wayne Valentine, Jennifer Vokoun, Jason Aronoff, Mark Alvarez, John Focke, Bill Gubbins, Jeffrey Katz, Chris Opinsky, Eleanor McGrath, Ceil Tilney, Gabe Harmon, David Bauman, Al Delrossi, John Mazzeo, Kris Shepard, David Linardy, Bryan Williams, Jim Bennett, Charles Hausberg, Robert Wilkes, Kevin Graham, Braden Collison, Galen Johnson, Richard Keller-Coffey, Luis Machuca, Patrick Alyea, Daniel Carpenter, Robin Marchant, Casey Tibbitts, Wiley Channell, Peter Marcus, Rob Gonzales, John Wood, Mark Oliansky, Fred Form, Willis Platt, Gerald McNamara, John Schlenker, Mark Trexler, Rick De Reyes, Mike Bowen, Linda Corets, Stephen Sampson, Charles Leerhsen, Jason Sousa

New members may want to read about the work of the committee at

<http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,255,5,0>

Or if you have questions or want help with photo needs, feel free to write me at bdhickmn@aol.com

PHOTO DISCOVERIES COLUMN

We’re introducing a new column with this issue. With each issue of the newsletter, Mark Rucker will share with us a special photo he has found of interest and provide his comments on it. As most of you know, Mark operates a sports photo service called The Rucker Archive and he is the most recent Bob Davids Award winner. His column will be sent to you separately as a PDF file.

MYSTERY PHOTO COLUMN

Mark Fimoff continues with his regular column which provides a mystery photo for Pictorial History Committee members to analyze. Because Mark’s columns contain photos, I’m distributing them as PDF files and supplements to the regular Pictorial History Committee Newsletter. Those of you with email access will be receiving Mark’s column shortly after you receive this newsletter.