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## Where Are They Now... No, Really, Where Are They?

by Peter Morris

**Editor's Note:** For Many years Peter Morris has been an indefatigable hunter for biographical data on major league players. Many of the missing are from the 19th Century. Here is a partial list of those players from the 1800s that he has gathered data to aid the hunt but has not yet gotten final evidence of where they ended up. If you can help please contact Peter at: moxbib@comcast.net.

**James J. Adams:** Parents not yet identified but likely born around 1868 and grew up in the Springfield, Mo.,



Creed Napoleon "Frank" Bates

area (although 1900 census had him being born in Ohio in July 1872). Married Lena C. Keber on 9/21/98 in Christian Co, Ill., but mar-

riage broke up. Living in East St. Louis, Ill., in 1911. Note: name may be J. James Adams.

**Thomas Barlow:** Born around 1851 in Brooklyn to Michael and Elizabeth Barlow, no known marriages, morphine addiction and possibly insanity due to concussions, died between 1880 and 1888.

**Creed Napoleon "Frank" Bates:** Born September 28, 1876, Cleveland, Tennessee, to Levi Marcus and Louise  
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## CHAIRMAN'S

"Nineteenth Century Notes" summer issue will not be published until mid July so that we can report on our Committee's annual business meeting which will take place during SABR 47, so this spring issue is the last until then.

SABR 47 is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday – Sunday) at the New York Grand Hyatt

Hotel in midtown Manhattan and is certain to be an exciting convention. We look forward to seeing many of our Nineteenth Century Committee members there. The precise day and time of our committee's **Annual Business Meeting** has not been scheduled yet but all details including an agenda will be made available to all our members well in advance

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of the convention. If you have any item you would like placed on the agenda, please, let me know.

**2017 Overlooked 19<sup>th</sup> Century Baseball Legend** election results will be announced during our annual business meeting at SABR 47. The Overlooked Legend Project Chairman, **Adam Da-**  
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Catherine “Lulu” (Gaddis). Married Selma Bowe in Newport, Kentucky on April 25, 1900, but she filed for divorce in 1901. Last known alive when WW1 card was taken 9/12/1918; card gives location as Cincinnati, but registered in Steubenville.

### **Frank J. Beck (see Frank Joseph Hengstebeck)**

**George W. Blackburn:** Born September 21, 1869, Ozark, Missouri, to Josiah S. “Jake” Blackburn and Rebecca Jain Proctor/Bean. Married first wife, Ella Hunter, 12/17/91 Illinois; she died April 1897 Dallas. Married second wife, Lillian Page Jeter, in 1903; they had a son born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on June 26, 1904, but she and the son may have died. He umpired in the minors until 1930 and then lived in San Bernardino, California, until 1936, at which point he left for parts unknown.

**Michael T. “Spike” Brady:** Born December 1854 Chicago to Patrick and Anna. Married Mary Foley in Chicago on 11/17/93 and had seven surviving kids in the next fourteen years. Believed to have abandoned family around 1910.

**James Joseph Burns:** Reportedly born June 2, 1876 in England to Irish parents, Peter Burns and Catherine Condron, but grew up in Steubenville, Ohio. Mother was living in Houston, Pa., in 1918. James was living in a shack on North Eighth Street, Steubenville, and in poor health according to a 1945 newspaper article.

**John E. Burns:** Born February 1861 in New York to Irish-born

parents. Living at either 81 or 84 Steuben, Brooklyn, from early 1880s until around 1905 with wife Elizabeth and 3 or 4 children. Elizabeth is listed as a widow in 1910, but no death has been found.

**George Elmer Crable:** Born January 9, 1885, Shelton, Nebraska, to David Perry and Rosa L. (Faddis). George married Margreite Madeline Gordon, aka Musette (b. 12/22/1883 Keokuk, Iowa) in 1907. George was living in Fremont, Nebraska, in 1938.

**Thomas Creghan/Crehan/ Crane:** 1875 games currently erroneously credited to Fred Crane. Thomas was born 1845 Ireland and lives with mother Anny (b. 1809 Ire) and brother Patrick (b. 1839 Ire) at 605 W. 47th from early 1870s until mid-1880s, but gets too hard to trace after that.



Hugh “One-Arm” Dailey

**Hugh (Ignatius?) Dailey:** Born July 17, 1847, Ireland, to Thomas and Rose (Smith). Never married; last listed in Baltimore CD in 1922. Note: no evidence to support middle name of Ignatius and “real name” of Harry Criss is incorrect.

**John J. Dailey:** Born October 26, 1853, Brooklyn, to James and Mary. Apprenticed as a printer but umpiring when last heard of in 1897. Married Elizabeth Clancy in late 1870s.

**Earle Harry Decker:** Born September 3, 1864, Lockport, Illinois, to Philip H. and Margaret (Vosburgh). A number of short-lived marriages. Known for use of aliases such as Alexander and Davenport. Released from prison in California in 1915 and vanished.

**John F. Dillon:** Born 1850 St. Louis to John S. and Alicia. Brother of fellow major leaguer Patrick Henry “Packey” Dillon. Last in St. Louis CD in 1875.

**John F. Doran:** Born August 1861, Athens, Pa., to Michael and Mary. John spent some time in jail in 1899 and seems to leave the area or die soon after 1900. Every other member of his family is buried in the Epiphany Roman Catholic Church in Athens, but not John.

**Edward J. Dugan:** Born 1864 Brooklyn to William Dugan. Mother’s name may be Mary Bridget or Mary could be the mother and Bridget the stepmother. Brother of fellow major leaguer William H. Dugan (see below). Last listed as ballplayer at longtime family home of 15 5th Street in 1893-94 CD. A strong candidate is Edward Joseph Dugan, who died March 24, 1895, at 93 2d Ave.

**William H. Dugan:** 1921 death date in encyclopedias is almost certainly wrong. Born 1861 Brooklyn to William Dugan.

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Mother's name may be Mary Bridget or Mary could be the mother and Bridget the stepmother. Brother of fellow major leaguer Edward J. Dugan (see above). Married a woman named Mary around 1888. A strong candidate died in Brooklyn on April 13, 1906.

**Robert Roy Evans:** Born March 19, 1874, Knoxville, Tennessee, to (Judge) Edward N. and Mary M. (Newsom). Attended Kansas State University in early 1890s. Long string of marriages and legal troubles. Released from Leavenworth on June 26, 1922, and whereabouts unknown after that. Father died in 1930 and Roy was pointedly not mentioned, suggesting he had been disowned.

**Samuel Scott Fletcher:** Born February 21, 1881, Bedford, Pa., to Benjamin Shannon and Sarah A. Harkleroad. Married Leona Julia Vandernic on June 11, 1909, in Harrison, W.V. Two children, Blanche (1912) and Roy (1914), grow up in Uniontown, but he soon leaves and is last heard from in Harrisburg in 1919.

**John J. Foley:** Born October 25, 1857, Brattleboro, Vermont, to Hugh and Catherine (Heffron). Long assumed dead until 1909 when he wrote to family that he was living in Peoria. There's a candidate there on the 1910 census with no info at all and no leads after that.

**James Foran:** The man listed in the encyclopedias who died in Los Angeles in 1928 matches almost nothing of what we know about the ballplayer, who apparently was born



Al Lukens  
(aka Prince Albert Hall)

in New York around 1846 but grew up in Paterson, N.J. An early marriage to Emma Cuthbert, the teammate of Eddie Cuthbert, ended with her death in 1870. A second marriage produced two children but was very troubled and after Foran left for San Francisco in 1879, his wife remarried. Eddie Cuthbert reported in 1904 that Foran was in jail in California for manslaughter, but that seems to be an exaggeration, as a James Foran was sentenced to three years for assault in 1893. In 1905, Foran visited relatives in Paterson but there is no indication of where he is living.

**George Burt (Bert?) Goetz:** Born 1865 Greencastle Pa., to Philip and Anna W. (Rhodarmer). No trace of him after playing career ends in 1894. Family tradition has him moving to California, but there is no evidence of that. It is looking increasingly likely that he was a U.S. serviceman who died in the Philippines on April 20, 1901, and – his body apparently unclaimed –

was buried in Philadelphia on November 21, 1903.

**Prince Albert Hall (aka Lukens):** Born as Prince Albert Hall on November 15, 1868, Wheeling, West Virginia, to Albert P. and Mary Catherine “Kate” (Blatner). Father died in 1873 and mother later remarried ex-ballplayer John Lukens, which is why Albert used both names. Married Mabel Ward Parson of Vineland in 1895, but the marriage did not last. Living with sister Julia in Philadelphia and working as a salesman on 1930 census.

**Frank Joseph Hengstebeck, Jr.:** Born November 1857 Poughkeepsie, NY, to Frank/Franz, Sr., and Mary. Uses Beck for baseball but both surnames in personal life. Married Anna Collins in Massachusetts in 1885. He was living in the Bronx in 1901 with his wife and two daughters: Katie (b. 1886) and Mary/May F. (b. 12/26/1891 Poughkeepsie). Near the end of the decade, they show up in Maine and he is reported dead.

**William A. Hoffman:** Born 1853 Cleveland to Prussian immigrants Peter and Catherine. Married Jennie Ogburn in Cleveland on 11/13/1878 and lived in Minneapolis until 1893, working as a gas fitter. Then they lived in Chicago until the turn of the century, when they vanish. Several years ago, I found evidence that convinced me that Jennie remarried in the early 20th century, but I no longer can recall what that was.

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**Charles E. Hoover:** Born September 9, 1865, Mound City, Illinois, to Daniel and Eliza Hoover. Released from prison on May 3, 1902, and not heard from after that. His father died in 1911 and Charley was not mentioned in the obituary.

**Patrick J. Horan:** Born 1858 Chicago to John and Margaret. Still living in Chicago in 1907 and can't be traced after that.

**William Kelly:** The 1871 Fort Wayne Kekiongas player was from New York City and was first assumed to be a veteran player by that name. Additional research, however, established that he was a young player. His middle initial appeared to be either J or M and his name was spelled both Kelly and Kelley, so there was little to go on until Dixie Tourangeau discovered an article about the player in the *Fort Wayne Morning Journal-Gazette*, August 27, 1902, page 5. According to the article, Kelly was back in Fort Wayne for the first time since his baseball career ended and was now running a deli, apparently either in New York City or Brooklyn. It also stated that he had a sister named "Mrs. Con Shenk." Additional digging determined that Mrs. Shenk was Teresa Shenk, nee Kelly, who was born around 1838 and died near Chicago in 1921. She has an entry on findagrave and can be found on some censuses, but even with these new clues, we have yet to pinpoint the elusive pitcher.

**Edward Clarence Kent:** Born September 1859 New York State to James E. and Kate. Left a widower with a young child in 1889, he remarried Fredericka H. Dunham on 6/22/92 in Manhattan and started a

new family. Seems to be alive as late as 1931 and living in Rutherford, New Jersey.

**Frank H. Knauss:** Born 1868 Cleveland to William and Susan. Living in Cleveland until at least 1921.



Tom Letcher

**Frederick Thomas Letcher:** Born in Bryan, Ohio, in January of 1868 to Thomas and Mary Jane (Newcomb). After a short-lived early marriage to Ethelwyn "Winifred" Lawson, he married his second wife Lizzie in Marinette Co, Wis., on 11/23/1892. As his baseball career ended, the family moved to Saskatchewan around 1910 and Tom became a Canadian citizen. After raising two daughters, he and his second wife separated around 1920. Tom was living in Red Deer, Alberta, when the 1921 Canadian census was taken and seems to have still been there as late as 1927.

**Albert Lukens (see Prince Albert Hall)**

**William J. Magee:** Born July 6, 1875 in St. John's, New Brunswick, to Robert and Mary, but grew up in South Boston and often claimed to have been born there. Living in Buffalo until 1907, at which point he leaves his wife and family. There were mysterious rumors after that that he was doing secret government work. A New York City man with the right birthdate registered for the draft in 1918, but does not seem to be the ballplayer unless he fabricated a new identity but kept his name and birthdate.

**John (T.? J.?) Magner:** Born 1855 St. Louis to John and Mary. Listed in the St. Louis city directory in 1912. Reported to be dead by Al Spink in 1922.

**Archibald J. McCarthy:** Born January 21, 1881, Ypsilanti, Michigan, to John McCarthy (died 04/17/1897) and Mary Burke (died 08/28/1887). After his parents died, his education and athletic training were handled by his uncle Edward C. McCarthy, a teacher and the baseball coach at Western High School in Detroit. Edward McCarthy died on April 7, 1908, in Detroit. He married a young Pennsylvania woman named Etheline in 1908, but the marriage ended in divorce in 1916. Archie was living in Gallitzin, Pennsylvania, and working as a railroad man when his WWI draft registration card was filled out in 1918. That is the last trace we have of him. Note: There is also some doubt about each of his names. His first name appears on some documents as Archaval or something similar;

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his middle name as either Joseph or Jeremiah; his surname as either McCarty or McCarthy.

**Thomas F. “Red” Meagher or Maher:** His second marriage record indicates that he was born in New York City around 1877 and that his parents were James and Annie (Morrissey) Meagher. Unfortunately, no family exactly matching this description has been found, although several are close. On the 1900 census, he is listed in New York City as a ballplayer who was born in March of 1876 in New Jersey (father born New York, mother in New Jersey) and with wife Grace, 20. Grace moved with him to Wilmington, Delaware, but the marriage apparently broke up around 1904 and on June 23, 1906, he married a 19-year-old Wilmington girl named Amelia Magnall. By 1910, they had separated and in 1912 Tom enlisted in the Army, reporting that he had been born in New York City in November of 1880. Four months after a close brush with death as a member of the Fourth Coast Artillery, he received an honorable discharge on May 16, 1915. Marine Corps muster rolls have a Thomas F. Meagher who enlisted on July 30, 1918, spent large parts of three of the next twelve months playing for the baseball team, and then was released after completing his one-year term. It seems likely that it is our guy.

**Frank C. Monroe:** His family has not been definitively identified, but there are enough clues that we will likely be able to identify him if we happen on the right candidate. Our man was living in Fresno in the early 1880s and was said to have

“large interests in conjunction with his father in the California fruit exporting business.” He moved to San Francisco and a May 7, 1887, newspaper account said that his mother had just died in Cincinnati. Frank was still in San Francisco in 1896, working as a suit salesman.

**Jonathan W. Morrison:** b. February 11, 1858 Ingersoll, Ontario, to Ronald and Margaret (McDonald or something close to that), m. Carrie Herbert (likely an alias), lived in Port Huron in early 1890s, she died there and he can’t be traced after that. Note: had a



Mike Muldoon

brother named John, born 1856.

**Maurice or Morris “Molly” Moore:** The *New York Clipper* of March 26, 1881, stated that he died suddenly on February 24 in New York, but no corresponding death certificate exists. He and his father James were both very well known for their expertise in hand-

ball and American rackets, but they have not been identified on the censuses.

**Michael Muldoon:** Born April 9, 1858, Westmeath County, Ireland to Michael and Catherine, who had five other children. He’s in the Hartford city directories with his whole family from 1883-89 (as a baseballist) and then leaves. He played for Jersey City in 1887 and after he leaves the Hartford cds in 1889, there is a Michael Muldoon in the Jersey City cds as a laborer for the next few years. His father died in 1890; when his brother died in 1906, Michael was not listed as a survivor, so that’s the likely range for his death.

**William H. “Gentle Willie” Murphy:** Born March 23, 1864, Springfield, Mass., to William and Ellen (Coffer). He married Katie Mulloy on April 25, 1883, in Ludlow, Mass. According to a 1908 article, the marriage produced two children but he last saw them as infants in 1889. A sister died in 1919 and a brother died in 1921; each time Willie was listed as living in Newark, New Jersey. Another sister died in 1930 and Willie is not listed among the survivors so it looks as though he died between October 25, 1921, and October 3, 1930.

**Andrew Anthony Nelson:** Born November 30, 1884, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Ole and Ellen/Elna. Lived in Salt Lake City after his playing days. His father died in December 1924 and he seems to have returned to St. Paul for the funeral. In 1925 he’s listed in the

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St. Paul directory living with his brother Frank and working as a laborer. That is the last we have.

### **Michael “Fancy” O’Neil, Jr.:**

Born 1853 Ireland to Michael and Sarah. Well known in Hartford as both a boxer and ballplayer. Institutionalized in the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane at Middletown on October 29, 1895.

**William A. Purcell:** Born December 1855 New York or Pennsylvania to James and Mary, but grew up in Paterson, New Jersey. He became a bookmaker after his playing days ended. His wife Alice was listed as a widow in the 1902 Paterson CD, but that seems to have been a refusal to admit that she had been abandoned as there are several notes after that indicating that he was alive. Lee Allen tracked down his daughter, who said that she last saw him in Philadelphia around 1910.

**John Jay Remsen:** Born April 1850 Brooklyn to Abraham and Eliza. After being widowed, he married Emily Starke around 1887 and they had two children. Emily died in Manhattan in 1927 and is buried in Hartford with her son, who died in 1919. John appears to have still been alive in 1927. His daughter, Mabel Corine Remsen (b. 11/1889 NY) may lead us to him.

**Thomas Hart Reynolds:** Born June 29, 1855, Philadelphia to William and Catherine (Manderson). Parents both die in the late 1880s and soon after that Thomas and his brothers leave Philadelphia for parts unknown.

**John A. Ryan:** Ryan was living in central Michigan in the early 1880s when his baseball career took off, but efforts to identify his family have failed and by 1886 he had left the state. An 1889 article in a Utica paper profiled a John A. Ryan who played there that season and said that he had previously played for the Baltimore Unions and several Northwestern League teams, so definitely the right guy. It said he lived in Altoona, which pointed us to a man who lived in Altoona or McVeytown until 1900, when he was listed as having “removed to Buffalo.” He had married a woman named Gertie Brown around 1894. I located an ancestor who told me that Gertie died in 1899 in Spencer, New York, and was survived by John and two kids. Unfortunately, the trail again goes cold at that point. A 1901 article stated “John A. Ryan, manager of the Nanticoke Stars baseball team, in answering to the challenge of the Axle Workers of Wilkes-Barre,” but it is unknown whether this is the same man.

**Albert Edward Smith:** Born October 15, 1860, North Haven, Connecticut, to Robert W. and Elizabeth H. (Brooks) and attended Yale. The 1900 census showed him living in Rahway, New Jersey, with his wife, Ella, and two sons, Donald and Henry. By 1920, he has left his wife and family and everything gets very murky after that. A Yale graduate of the same name who died in 1940 is not our man.

**Andrew J. Swan:** Born in August of 1867 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the son of Franklin W. and Julia C. Swan. Seems to have married a woman named Katie in 1887 and had a son named Frank three

years later. Worked as a telegraph operator and was living in Washington, D.C., in 1900 when his business partnership broke up and he left for parts unknown. Reported to be alive in 1904 and then to be dead in 1910.

### **John J. “Rooney” Sweeney, Jr.:**

Born November 1, 1858, to John and Mary. Only sibling Jeremiah, a policeman, died in 1893. His father and father died the following year. Several reports in the next few years have Rooney dead or dying, but in 1900 the *Police Gazette* said he was still alive.

### **Onésime Eugène**

**Vadeboncoeur:** Born September 5, 1859, Louiseville (then called Rivière au Loup), Quebec to Onesime and Angela (Arsenault). The family moved to Syracuse when he was 8 and he began to go as Eugene F. Vadeboncoeur. Last known to be alive in 1890, when he was reported to be living in Pascoag, Rhode Island. A 1912 article said that he died in Providence “about nine years ago,” but there is no corresponding death record. Family tradition has him dying at a YMCA in an unknown town while still an active player.

**William Hiram Wright:** Born 1864 Washington, DC, to Hiram and Emily C. Married first wife Laura Henry on June 27, 1901, in Alexandria, Va.; she died in September 1931. Married second wife Barbara by 1935. They are in the 1940 Washington CD. She was listed as a widow on the 1940 census and in the 1941 CD, but no death record for him has been found.

## Chairman’s Corner (cont.)

rowski has supplied us with the names of this year’s ten finalist selected from our slate of 25 candidates included in our committee-wide primary election. The ten finalists are: **Charlie Bennett, Bob Caruthers, Jim Creighton, Paul Hines, Dummy Hoy, Bobby Mathews, Dickey Pearce, Al Reach, Jimmy Ryan and Chris Von der Ahe.** Ballots and the bios of the ten finalists for the SABR-wide final election will be released on **May 22** when voting will commence and will be available until the last date to cast ballots scheduled for **June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

“**Baseball’s 19<sup>th</sup> Century ‘Winter Meetings’ Book Project** reached a milestone towards its completion and eventual publication with the finished manuscript for “Volume

I” (which will become now “Part I” of a single volume covering all 19<sup>th</sup>-century “winter meetings”). “Volume I” Editor-in-Chief, **Jeremy Hodges** and his team of writers, associate editors, fact checkers, proof readers and its’ copy editor covered all seasons from the first meeting of the NABBP in 1857 through the final meeting of the NAPBBP (NA) for its concluding 1875 season. Work continues on what will now be “Part 2” (1876-1900) under separate editorship. The decision to publish a single volume for the 19<sup>th</sup>-century meetings was driven by the economic realities that SABR’s Publications Committee must consider to accomplish its publication goals of giving SABR members and others worthy publications at affordable prices. I wish to thank all per-

sons working on this project for their completed and on-going efforts and, their patience.

**19cBB Grave Marker Project** is aiming toward two or more graveside dedications before the year is out. We are anticipating an update from Project Committee Chair, **Ralph Carhart** during our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19<sup>th</sup> Century Base Ball Conference** this April 21-22 at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and we’ll issue a separate update to all our members.

Enjoy our season, Peter Mancuso...because baseball history is not only baseball history.



1870 Rockford Forest City Team

Standing from left: Jacob Doyle-1B; Bob Addy-2B; Gat Stires-RF; Joe Simmons-CF; Fred Cone LF; Ross Barnes-SS; T.J. Foley-3B

Seated: Albert Spalding-P; H.H Waldo- Secretary; Scott Hastings-C.

# Spring Training in Denver

by Jim Wohlenhaus

**O**n March 15, 1891, the Rocky Mountain News (Rocky or RMN hereafter) announced that Captain Anson of the Chicago Colts, the National League team who will eventually become known as the Cubs, was planning to bring his team to Denver for Spring Training. It is believed this was the first and only time a major league team had trained in Denver. We will find out why soon enough.

Anson had originally planned on having spring training in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but he was so impressed with the Colorado climate that Denver was selected instead. Manager Van Horn of the Denver nine tendered the Broadway Athletic Park, located at west 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bannock Street, for their practice games, many of which would be against the Denver team.

Broadway Athletic Park had been built in 1889 at a cost of many thousands of dollars and was the property of the Western Association. In 1891, the Denver Mountaineers would play in the non-classification Western Association along with the Kansas City Blues, Lincoln Rustlers, Milwaukee Brewers, Minneapolis Millers, Omaha Lambs, Sioux City Corn Huskers and the St. Paul Apostles which became the Duluth Whalebacks later in the season.

The Colts' team expected to arrive in Denver consisted of the following players.

Cap Anson – Captain, First Base  
 Fred Pfeffer – Second Base  
 Bill Dahlen – Second Base  
 Jimmy Cooney – Short Stop  
 Tom Burns – Third Base  
 Cliff Carroll – Outfield  
 Elmer Foster – Outfield

Walt Wilmot – Outfield  
 Jimmy Ryan – Outfield  
 Tom Nagle – Catcher  
 Louis Graff – Catcher  
 M. Kitteridge – Catcher  
 Pat Luby – Pitcher  
 Ad Gumbert – Pitcher  
 Bill Hutchinson – Pitcher  
 Ed Stein – Pitcher

The first game between the two nines was scheduled for March 21. Denver still did not have a complete contingent of players, although they did have nine men to play. Those who had been in town the longest included George Tebeau, Joe



George "White Wings" Tebeau  
 The Father of Colorado Baseball

Lohbeck, Charlie Reynolds, Toad Ramsey and Henry Fournier. On the day before, these five were joined by Brickyard Kennedy, Edgar McNabb, Billy O'Brien and Joe Werrick. They were expecting Payne, John Keefe, Chippy McGarr, John McGlone, Messitt, Bill McClellan and Bill White to arrive on that day. McGlone was not expected until April 1. There is

some indication Messitt never showed in 1891 and Payne started the season with Kansas City.

In a kind of state of the team announcement, Manager Van Horn said that the salary cost for the year would be \$24,000 and it would take \$42,000 at the gate to break even. There will be seventy regular championship games in Denver. It was proposed to play ten exhibition games with Chicago, if weather permitted.

The Rocky on March 22 reported that, "Chicago's pets and the prides of Denver mingled themselves with the base ball season yesterday afternoon at Broadway park before 900 or 1,000 people." The Rocky continued, "for a start it was a good game and no one had any reason to complain when Jimmy Ryan's wicked welt in the last half of the ninth, when two men were out, sent in two runs and settled the matter by the healthy score of 16 to 15."

Typical of spring training, Anson changed pitchers and catchers and the Rocky mentioned that the batteries got so tangled up that the score cards were fearful to look at. The synopsis of the game gave the details of Chicago's two grand slam home runs, in the second and the sixth innings.

The next game between Chicago and Denver was scheduled for March 23, which was postponed due to inclement weather. Weather permitting, the next game was scheduled for the following Saturday.

On March 28, the two teams played a five inning game as the skies opened up and hailed violently. The final score was Chicago 15, Denver 3.

On April 3, the Rocky reported

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that, “Cap Anson was in the front parlor of the Richelon (Hotel) the previous day looking at the inharmonious picture presented outside by a sea of unsightly mud and a flood of sunshine when a News reporter entered the room and greeted the noted baseballist.”

The conversation started out talking about the spring weather so far in Denver. Anson said, “Well, yes, I have been a little disappointed with the weather we have experienced in Denver, but barring the snow, it has been plenty good enough.”

The April 8 RMN started their summary of the previous day’s game by saying, “A good exhibition game of base ball was seen yesterday afternoon at Broadway Athletic park by the lovers of the sport who were not kept busy with election affairs.” Denver won the game 9-5 getting 14 hits, 3 of them home runs, and the Colts had eight hits with one home run. Denver scored 4 in the first and put the game away with 3 in the ninth.

The game of April 8<sup>th</sup> was tied in the bottom of the ninth, 8-8 with Chicago batting last. The Rocky was not too keen on what happened next. The paper explains that a foul fly was hit down the third base line. The umpire, Sandy McDermott, called “foul”, and then without any reason for a change stated the hit was fair. This resulted in Chicago scoring and winning the game.

The game of April 10, 1891 was won by Denver 14-13. The next day’s game will be the last before the Colts head east. The Rocky was predicting a huge crowd.

In the story of the last exhibition game between the Chicago Colts and the Mountaineers, the RMN stated the Colts “didn’t have an altogether pleasant or satisfactory

time here, because the weather was absolutely vicious, but upon the whole they are not in very bad trim.”

The final score was 12 to 4, “and everybody was glad the doughty gladiators from Wentworth Avenue didn’t pile the agony any higher.”

The Rocky Mountain News went on to say that, “Yesterday’s game didn’t have much snap to it” Further, it stated, “In the first place Chicago had Hutchinson in the box. That hardy looking gentleman is disgusting enough to opposing batsmen at any time, but yesterday he was in an agile ball twirling mood that was positively



Cap Anson at the Plate

nauseating.”

This game was certainly not an aberration for Hutchinson, for during the 1891 season, he led the league in games pitched (66), games started (58), complete games (56) innings pitched (561), hits allowed (508), homeruns given up (26), runs given up (283), earned runs (175), and wins (44). Chicago won 82 games total and Hutchinson won over 50 percent of those.

Others on that team of note

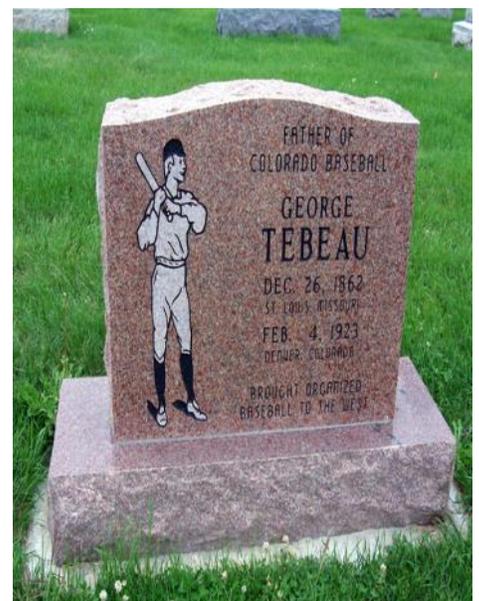
were, of course, Cap Anson who in 1891 lead the league in RBIs with 120. Disappointingly, Anson batted only .291, the first year he had batted less than .300 up to that point – this being his 21<sup>st</sup> season in the major leagues.

Walt Wilmot led the team with eleven homeruns and the highest batting average for those with at least 428 plate appearances was, again, Cap Anson.

Per the RMN Chicago, “last night gathered up their bat bags and their practice stiffened limbs and sailed away for Lincoln, where they will play with the local nine.”

During the Colts’ stay in Denver, the weather sounded like it was typical for March and April and they proved the mile high city is not conducive for spring training.

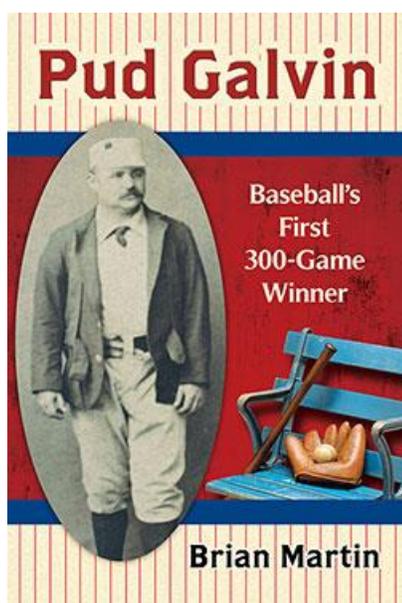
In case you doubt the Tebeau “Father of Colorado Baseball” claim, see his gravestone in Crown Hill Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Colorado



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-Committee member Chip Martin has recently had his book, *Pud Galvin: Baseball's First 300 Game Winner* published by McFarland. Galvin recorded 365 wins in an 18-year pitching career, fifth best of all time.

Galvin reached his milestone 300<sup>th</sup> win late in 1888, but nobody noticed because career statistics were not an integral part of sports reporting and pitchers were expected to pitch, every day and



sometimes twice a day.

Galvin easily adapted to various changes in the rules but never threw from 60-foot-six inches.

He was paid handsomely, but died in 1902 a pauper at age 45, leaving behind a wife and six children.

Galvin was forgotten until a baseball researcher championed his cause and he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1965. He was forgotten again until it was learned he used testosterone in 1889.

This is the story of Pud Galvin, baseball's forgotten man of the 19th

century.

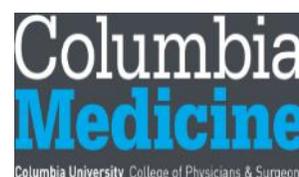
-Chuck Hildebrandt of the Baseball & the Media Committee is looking for some data. If you can help send a note to [chuck.SABR@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.SABR@gmail.com).

"I am looking for a list of, or some resource(s) listing, the top baseball clubs playing throughout the US in the very early days of the game, say, 1870-1899. The teams could be professional, semi-professional, industrial or amateur, as long as they're considered top clubs in their region in their day. (Not college or other school-based teams, though. I'm looking for adult teams, not teams of kids.) I know the history of professional teams in the eastern part of the country is fairly well known and researched, but I am also looking for top clubs that would have played in other parts of the country: southern states, Texas, west coast, Midwest, all over. I know established leagues took hold in the east, but I am more interested in the individual clubs, whether in a league or not, than I am in the leagues themselves. Does that make sense? If you have such a list, would you be willing to share it? If you don't, can you suggest some resources I can consult to cobble together my own list? I appreciate any help you'd be willing to provide. Thank you, and Happy Holidays to you."

-Bill Nowlin (e-mail address [knowlin@rounder.com](mailto:knowlin@rounder.com)) is looking for authors of game stories for an upcoming SABR book on the Boston Beaneaters. A sample of games to be written about include April 22, 1891 the first game at

the new Polo Grounds; June 11, 1891- Bobby Lowe goes 6-6; August 19, 1892- Kid Nichols wins 14-11 contributing a grand slam and a three run triple; April 24, 1894- Baltimore scores 14 runs in the 9th to win 15-3; there are about three dozen games for which stories are needed.

-Committee member Tom Gilbert has published an article in the Columbia Medicine Magazine titled:



"Medical Fellows and the New York Game". Here is an online link:

<http://www.columbiamedicinemagazine.org/features/fall-2016/medical-fellows-and-new-york-game>

--Two committee members have



Larry McCray

been selected to receive the Henry Chadwick Award in 2017. Larry McCray was selected for his

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development of the Proball Project that has opened awareness of early baseball games prior to the professional period. These listings, the results of contributions of 100+ researchers is online at proto-ball.org.

Also named a Chadwick Award recipient is committee member Lyle Spatz. Lyle is being recognized for his work and contributions to baseball research as long-time Chairman of the SABR Records Committee (1991-2015). In addition to his Committee leader-

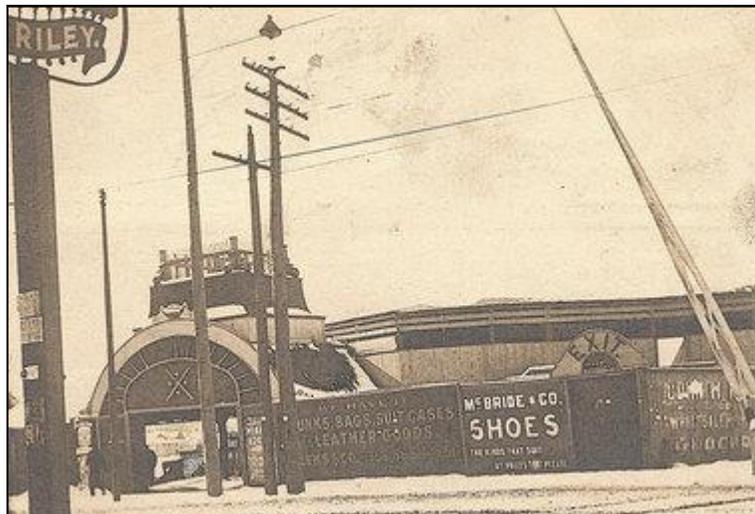
ship he has published numerous articles and books from his own research. In 2011 he and co-author Steve Steinberg received the Seymour Medal for their book *1921: The Yankees, the Giants, and the Battle for Baseball Supremacy in New York* (University of Nebraska Press).



Lyle Spatz



Entrance to Detroit's Recreation Park, circa 1879. Located at Brush and Brady Streets, Detroit.



Star Park, Taylor and Salina Streets, Syracuse, NY in 1885



The St. Louis Brown Stockings Clean Up in the Base Ball World in 1886