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Walter Fisher Found

On June 15, 1889 a man we list as Charles Fisher played one game for Louisville in Baltimore. He, along with Mike Gaule and John Traffley, made his only major league appearance in that game. These three guys all came from the Baltimore reserves. A later note mentions that both Fisher and Gaule had played with the Cumberland team. Here is where things get confusing. There were notes indicating the Baltimore reserve player's name was Walter Fisher. However, a note in the Cumberland Daily Times in 1887 had Cumberland catcher Charles Fisher marrying Georgie White. This is likely how the player became identified as Charles Fisher. That article was apparently wrong as a marriage record was found showing that Georgie White married Walter William Fisher. There was another article in 1888 that identified the Cumberland player as Walter Fisher. After finally identifying the correct name of the player, he was easy to track down. We were able to find a death certificate showing that he died May 26, 1921 in Baltimore. Great work by Justin McKinney on this, our *Find of the Month*.

Billy Palmer

Billy Palmer pitched four games for the St. Louis Maroons in 1885, losing all four. We long had a candidate for this player as a William Palmer had married the sister of 1895-1896 player Tom Morrison. We just didn't have anything to verify that he was the player. Justin McKinney found the smoking gun when he found an article on Palmer's wedding that identified him as a "pitcher of the old Maroons" and gave his address. Thus we were able to confirm that Palmer died June 11, 1933 in St. Louis.

George Pierce

Pierce played two games with the Washington (UA) team and had long been erroneously identified as Maurice Pierce. The Washington (UA) team was seemingly put together to drive our committee crazy as it is full of mystery players. Pierce however, was identified as a Baltimorean and had previously played with Washington player Charles Levis on the Baltimore Unions reserve team. Soon after the Washington games, Pierce joined the York, Pennsylvania team. A subsequent article identified him as George Pierce. Pierce died February 5, 1926 in Galveston, Texas.

Want a Challenge?

The Brooklyn Atlantics in 1875 employed a second baseman named Smith, who played three games in September. We had this man previously identified as Thomas N. Smith, a Canadian player who generally played the outfield. A note in the New York Clipper said that Smith had played second base for the Brooklyn Nassaus before signing with the Atlantics. The records of the Nassaus show two players named Smith who played for the team that year. S. Smith played catcher and shortstop and played in games for the Nassaus on the same day Smith played for the Atlantics. D. Smith played second base for the Nassaus and doesn't appear to have that conflict. That means that the Brooklyn

Atlantics player has to be D. Smith. Now we just need to identify him and find him. This is our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in July and August.

July 4	Bobby Malkmus	92
July 8	Zach Monroe	92
July 8	Al Spangler	90
July 10	John Glenn	95
July 19	Billy Gardner	96
July 23	Johnny James	90
August 2	John Pregonzer	91
August 7	Ray Crone	92
August 8	Vicente Amor	91
August 9	Chuck Essegian	92
August 10	Rocky Colavito	90
August 20	Larry Miggins	98
August 22	Bob Speake	93
August 29	Eric MacKenzie	91

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	20565	38	99.816
Births	20133	470	97.719
Deaths	10082	148	99.282
Bats	19399	1071	94.768
Throws	19608	862	95.789
Heights	19831	639	96.878
Weights	19753	717	96.497
Debut Dates	20603	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9980	10623	48.440
Total			92.1149

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1961	Baldschun, Jack Edward	D: <u>Jun 6 2023 Green Bay, Wisconsin</u> Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Cemetery, Green Bay, Wisconsin</u> Source: <u>Funeral home</u>	(C1)
1963	Bloomfield, Clyde Stalcup	Cemetery: <u>Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma</u> Source: <u>Cemetery</u>	(W4)
1961	Bolin, Bobby Donald	D: <u>Jun 2 2023 Easley, South Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Lakeview Memory Gardens, York, South Carolina</u> Source: <u>Funeral home</u>	(C1)
1882	Brown, Edward P.	Add St. Paul Union Association record from James W. H. Brown Last date: <u>Oct 13 1884</u> Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>	(MC)
1884	Brown, James W. H.	Remove St. Paul Union Association record Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>	(MC)
1942	Burich, William Max	B: <u>May 29 1917 Ahmeek, Michigan</u> Source: <u>1920 census, death record</u>	(M4)
1947	Combs, Merrill Russell	Use name: <u>Merrill Combs</u> Source: <u>Correction of typo</u>	(N6)
1955	Craig, Roger Lee	D: <u>Jun 4 2023 San Diego, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Memorial Park, Durham, North Carolina</u> Source: <u>San Francisco Giants</u>	(C1)
1884	Daisy, George R.	D: <u>Apr 27 1931</u> Source: <u>Franklin Oil City News Herald</u>	(MC)
1928	Daney, Arthur Lee	Use name: <u>Lee Daney</u> Source: <u>New York Times</u>	(N6)
1960	de la Hoz, Miguel Angel (Piloto)	D: <u>May 28 2023 Miami, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Park North Cemetery, Miami, Florida</u> Source: <u>Family</u>	(H9)
1901	Ferguson, Charles Augustus	B: <u>Okemos, Michigan</u> D: <u>Whitefish Bay, Lake Superior, Michigan</u> Source: <u>Birth record, death certificate</u>	(M4)
1889	Fisher, Charles	Name: <u>Walter William Fisher</u> B: <u>Apr 17 1867 Baltimore, Maryland</u> D: <u>May 26 1921 Baltimore, Maryland</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery</u> Source: <u>Death certificate, research by Justin McKinney</u>	(MC)
1884	Foreman, Francis Isaiah	Cemetery: <u>St. Mary's Episcopal Cemetery</u> Source: <u>Cemetery</u>	(W4)

1881	Fox, John Joseph	<u>BRTR</u> Source: Photo	(C1)
1978	Frazier, George Allen	D: <u>Jun 19 2023 Tulsa, Oklahoma</u> Source: Denver Post	(C1)
1962	Garibaldi, Robert Roy	D: <u>May 13 2023 Stockton, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Cherokee Memorial Park, Lodi, California</u> Source: Stockton Record	(C1)
1888	Gleason, William J.	B: <u>Oct 26 1865</u> Source: Birth record	(C1)
1909	Gray, William Denton	B: <u>Dec 3 1878 Atlantic Mine, Michigan</u> Source: Birth record	(M4)
1973	Guerrero, Mario Miguel (Abud)	D: <u>Jul 2 2023 Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u> Cemetery: <u>Jardin Memorial, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u> Source: El Nuevo Diario	(C1)
1952	Hall, Richard Wallace	D: <u>Jun 18 2023 Timonium, Maryland</u> Source: Baltimore Orioles	(C1)
1943	Haughey, Christopher Francis	D: <u>Apr 24 2022 Salinas, California</u> Source: Family	(N6)
1894	Hawley, Marvin Hiram	B: <u>Jun 2 1875</u> Source: Family	(C1)
1965	Holtgrave, Lavern George	D: <u>May 8 2023 O'Fallon, Illinois</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Dominic Cemetery, Breese, Illinois</u> Source: Hillsboro Journal News	(C1)
1973	Hood, Donald Harris	D: <u>Jun 10 2023 Florence, South Carolina</u> Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1893	McNabb, Edgar J.	Name: <u>Edward Jacob McNabb</u> Use name: <u>Peter</u> B: <u>Bedford, Ohio</u> Weight: <u>185</u> Source: 1870 census, death record	(C1)
1921	Michaelson, John August	B: <u>Taivalkoski, Finland</u> Source: Spelling correction	(M4)
1966	Miller, John Allen	D: <u>Apr 23 2023 Laguna Beach, California</u> Source: Family	(C1)
2018	Mullins, Boyce Cedric	<u>BL</u> Source: mlb	(H9)
1967	Nash, Charles Francis	D: <u>May 23 2023 Lexington, Kentucky</u> Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, Lexington, Kentucky</u> Source: Lexington Herald Leader	(C1)
1959	O'Rourke, James Patrick	D: <u>Nov 1 2021 Spokane, Washington</u> Source: Walla Walla Union Bulletin	(C1)
1885	Palmer, Billy	Name: <u>William F. Palmer</u> B: <u>Sep 5 1864 London, England</u> D: <u>Jun 11 1933 St. Louis, Missouri</u> Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u> Source: Death certificate, St. Louis Globe-Democrat	(MC)
2022	Perez, Carlos Jesus	Name: <u>Carlos Jesus (Alvarez) Perez</u> <u>Brother of Carlos Eduardo (Alvarez) Perez</u> Source: mlb	(C1)

1995	Person, Robert Alan	B: <u>St. Louis, Missouri</u> Source: Player	(C1)
1884	Pierce,	Name: <u>George F. Pierce</u> B: <u>Jul 1858 Baltimore, Maryland</u> D: <u>Feb 5 1926 Galveston, Texas</u> Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, Galveston, Texas</u> Source: Research by Justin McKinney	(MC)
1914	Rooney, Frank	B: <u>Oct 4 1890</u> D: <u>Ironwood, Michigan</u> Source: Ironwood Globe	(M4)
1895	Samuels, Samuel Earle	Use name: <u>Sammy Samuels</u> Source: Newspapers	(MC)
1906	Shipke, William Martin	Real name: William Martin <u>Schipke</u> B: Nov 18 1880 Source: WWI draft registration, passport application	(C1)
1875	Smith, Thomas N.	Name: <u>D. Smith</u> <u>Remove birth, death, height, and weight</u> Source: New York Clipper	(MC)
1987	Steels, James Earl	Use name: <u>James Steels</u> Source: Player	(C1)
1884	Sullivan, Florence P.	Height: <u>6-00</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Henry Cemetery, East St. Louis, Illinois, present whereabouts of remains uncertain</u> Source: St. Louis Post Dispatch	(C1)
1963	Sullivan, John Peter	D: <u>Jun 1 2023 Wayland, New York</u> Cemetery: <u>Holy Cross Cemetery, Dansville, New York</u> Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1898	Sullivan, Suter Grant	Cemetery: St. Mary's <u>Episcopal Cemetery</u> Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1927	Sweetland, Lester Leo	B: <u>Carp Lake Township, Emmet County, Michigan</u> Source: Birth record	(M4)
1963	Willis, Dale Jerome	D: <u>Aug 26 2021 Brandon, Florida</u> Source: Funeral home	(H9)
1872	Yeatman, William Suter	Name: <u>Samuel M. Yeatman</u> B: <u>Apr 13 1848 Washington, DC</u> D: <u>Dec 13 1905 Washington, DC</u> Cemetery: <u>Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, DC</u> Source: New York Clipper, Washington Evening Star	(MC)
2000	Young, Daniel Bracy	D: <u>Jun 11 2023 Dowelltown, Tennessee</u> Cemetery: <u>Hillview Cemetery, Alexandria, Tennessee</u> Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1982	Young, Michael Darren	D: <u>May 28 2023 Atilio Vivacqua, Espirito Santo, Brazil</u> Source: Baltimore Orioles	(C1)
1974	Zamora, Oscar Jose (Sosa)	D: <u>Jul 2 2021 San Juan, Puerto Rico</u> Source: Nephew	(C1)