



**Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
February 1991**

Edward Trumbull Found

Edward J. Trumbull, pitcher and outfielder with Washington of the American Association in 1884, has been located by Bob Richardson. Bob thus captures the *Find of the Month* for February. Bob located the cemetery Trumbull was buried in. The cemetery didn't have a place or date of death but Bob managed to find a date of burial in Trumbull's home town of Chicopee, Massachusetts. This led to locating the place of death in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

His obituary in the *Wilkes-Barre Record* does mention his baseball career which as many of you know, does not often happen. It of course fails to mention Trumbull's stellar statistics. He hit .116 and had a 1-9 record as a pitcher. Washington could not decide whether he should be a pitcher or an outfielder and wisely chose neither.

Committee Comings and Goings

Please add the following names to your committee roster:

Bill Schmidt, 345 Sycamore, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192 (S9)
Bob Boynton, 376 Bellaire Street, Del Mar, California (B4)
Irv Bergman, 1654 Meadow Lane, East Meadow, N.Y. 11554 (B5)
Lyle Spatz, 18817 Rolling Acres Way, Olney, Maryland 20832 (RC)
Sharon Roepke, P.O. Box 3675, Flint, Michigan 48502 (WB)
Mark Rucker, 137 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866 (CL)

Stephen Thompson, 1426 Whipporwill Street, Norman, Oklahoma 73071 (JP)
John Thorn, 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, New York 12477 (T5)
David Zink, 1400 Truman, Great Bend, Kansas 67530 (Z1)
Frank Whelan, 273 Terhune Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 (W3)
Bob Bailey, 12129 Briargate Lane, Goshen, Kentucky 40026 (B6)

Also, Cappy Gagnon has moved. Cappy's new address is Suite 187, 1023 S. Adams, Olympia, Washington 98501.

Members in the Media

I hope everyone caught Bill Madden's column in the 02/11 issue of *The Sporting News* which featured committee members Bill Haber and Jack Smalling. Bill and Jack listed their Top 10 missing list for recent players. Half the list I never knew were missing. About a year ago I received a letter from Phil Ortega's former next door neighbor who was wondering where he was. We still don't know. Hopefully this article will flush some of these players out of the weeds. (Is that a mixed metaphor?)

Parker's Nickname

Last month's *Find of the Month*, Roy Parker, has for years been listed with the nickname "Spots". Bill Haber spoke with Parker's sister and learned the origin of that nickname. As a player, Parker had a tendency to perspire. When he wasn't pitching he would be sitting on the bench perspiring. When he got up, there would be two wet spots left on the bench where he was sitting. Hence, the nickname "Spots".

Missing Player List Still Available

I still have copies of our missing player list available to anyone who may have not

received one at the convention last year. Or, if you have joined the committee since then you might want one so you will know who to track down. Drop me a line if you need one.

They Call The Man Uriah

"Bloody Jake" Evans was an outfielder with a variety of teams between 1879 and 1885. For years we had listed his real name as Jacob Evans, similar to the way we erroneously listed Garland "Jake" Stahl as Jacob. Jack Dougherty found proof via Baltimore city directories and Evans' obituary that his real name was Uriah L. P. Evans. One can only shudder to imagine what the L and P stand for. As far as I know this is the only major league player ever named Uriah. (Why couldn't it have been Danny Heep?)

Lost Your Brashear?

Bob McConnell recently wrote and informed me that Roy Brashear's entry with Louisville in 1899 was not Roy but his brother, Norman. Joe Simenic did further research into the Brashears and discovered that Norman's entry with St. Louis in 1902 was not Norman but his brother, Roy. (I wonder if they fooled their wives the same way.) Norman's debut date thus becomes June 25, 1899 and Roy's becomes April 25, 1902.

Birthday List

Beginning this month we have a new monthly feature which will be a birthday list of all former major league players over the age of 90 who will be celebrating birthdays in the upcoming month. And since we have already missed January and February, this month we will have three months worth. Feel free to send them a birthday card.

Jan 1 Al Stokes 91
Jan 12 Joe Hauser 92
Jan 16 George Fisher 92
Jan 25 Jimmy Zinn 96
Jan 27 Milt Gaston 95
Feb 4 Andy Woehr 95
Mar 29 Alex McColl 97

By the way, Jimmy Zinn is quite ill in Memphis and probably does not have long to live. He might appreciate a card.

Mystery of the Month

John J. O'Neill caught two games for the New York Giants both in 1899 and 1902. He should not be confused with John Joseph O'Neill, a catcher at the same time who was a member of the O'Neill family who had four ballplaying brothers. Our mystery man was apparently born in New York City and worked for the New York City water department. I made a feeble attempt to locate him in the 1900 New York census but gave up when I discovered how many John O'Neills there were in New York. And that doesn't count the possible variations of the spelling of his last name.

For most of the first decade of this century, O'Neill was catcher for a professional team in Hoboken, New Jersey. Interestingly enough, the pitcher on that team was none other than William "Dummy" Deegan. I would suspect that something could be found on him by perusing Hoboken newspapers of the 1902-1910 era.

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1990 Alou, Moises Rojas	Real name: Moises Rojas <u>y Beltre</u>	(J1)
1917 Anderson, Walter Carl	D: <u>Jan 6 1990</u> <u>Battle Creek, Michigan</u>	(H1)
1902 Brashear, Norman C.	Debut: <u>Jun 25 1899</u>	(M1)
1899 Brashear, Roy Parks	Debut: <u>Apr 25 1902</u>	(S1)
1884 Dealy, Patrick J.	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>145</u>	(R1)
1892 Decker, George A.	D: <u>Jun 7 1909</u> <u>Patton, California</u>	(S7)
1896 Emig, Charles H.	TL	(S1)
1879 Evans, Jacob	Name: <u>Uriah L. P. Evans</u>	(D2)
	D: <u>Jan 17 1907</u>	
1882 Evers, Thomas Francis	TL	(C1)
1895 Friend, Daniel Sebastian	B: <u>Apr 18 1873</u>	(S7)
1924 Gibson, Charles Griffin	D: <u>Dec 18 1990</u> <u>LaGrange, Georgia</u>	(H1)
1885 Hiland, John William	B: <u>Sep 1860</u> <u>Rhode Island</u>	(D2)
1944 Jarvis, Leroy Gilbert	D: <u>Jan 13 1990</u>	(H1)
1887 Kappel, Henry	B: <u>Sep 1863</u>	(D2)
1885 Knouff, Edward	B: <u>Jun 1868</u>	(D2)
1926 Langford, Elton J.	Delete middle initial "J"	(H1)
1907 Leary, Francis Patrick	TR	(C1)
1921 Morgan, Cyril Arlon	B: <u>Nov 11 1895</u>	(T3)
1978 O'Bradovich, James Thomas	Name: James Thomas <u>Obradovich</u>	(T1)
1880 Poorman, Thomas Iverson	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>135</u>	(R1)
1884 Skinner, Charles Louis	Name: <u>Alexander Skinner</u>	(M1)
1885 Tate, Edward Christopher	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>178</u>	(R1)
1907 Tift, Raymond Frank	TL	(C1)
1884 Trumbull, Edward J.	D: <u>Jan 14 1937</u> <u>Kingston, Pennsylvania</u>	(R1)
	Delete real name of Trembly	
1935 Veach, Alvis Lindell	Name: Alvis <u>Lindel</u> Veach	(H1)
	D: <u>Sep 6 1990</u> <u>Charlotte, North Carolina</u>	
1936 Weatherly, Cyril Roy	D: <u>Jan 19 1991</u> <u>Woodville, Texas</u>	(S1)



The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	13512	75	99.448
Total Complete Births	12744	843	93.796
Total Complete Deaths	6651	526	48.951
Total Assumed Alive	6410		47.177
Total Bats	12160	1327	90.161
Total Throws	12440	1047	92.237
Total Heights	12306	1181	91.243
Total Weights	12231	1256	90.687
Total Debut Dates	13587	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9899	3688	72.856
Total Completion		91.8497	