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Jack Dalton Found

I thought we'd never find him. Jack Dalton, outfielder for several teams back in the teens has finally been found. We knew a lot about Tolbert Percy "Jack" Dalton. He was born July 3, 1885 in Henderson, Tennessee to Tolbert Dalton and Martha Gooch. He married a woman named Ethel, and she is listed as his wife on his WWI draft registration. They were living in Essex, New Jersey at the time. By the 1930 census, he had married a woman named Thelma and he was living in Elkridge, Maryland. After that, things started to get a bit murky.

Years ago, Bill Haber tracked down the family. They had moved to Catonsville, Maryland and Tolbert had become some sort of preacher with the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church in Burtonsville, Maryland. On July 4, 1948, a Sunday morning, Dalton left to attend the service. He never arrived at the church and never returned home. Nothing was known of his whereabouts any time after that. He did not attend the funeral of his brother in 1957. He had been listed as a missing person by the state of Maryland. Rich Bozzone had gotten an article about Dalton published in the Catonsville newspaper in 2004. That didn't turn up any new leads.

As you know, the state of Pennsylvania recently made their death records available to the general public. Despite Dalton having no connection to Pennsylvania, Al Quimby checked the death index and found a Tolbert Dalton, who died in Pittsburgh in 1950. Al sent for the death certificate. The death certificate didn't show a whole lot of information, but it showed that he was a single white male, age 64. (The age matched our player.) It also showed a social security number. Al requested a Numident search from Social Security, and that showed that this man was born July 3, 1885 to Tolbert Dalton and Martha Gooch, confirming that this is our ballplayer. This is a terrific find and Al wins the *Find of the Month* award.

Joseph Wiley

The Washington Union Association team in 1884 is one of the most mysterious ever. They had 17 players on that team who only played one game, making them a nightmare for our committee. Many of these players are still missing. I am happy to report that one of these one game wonders, Joseph Wiley, has been found by Peter Morris.

A man named Wiley played third base for Washington June 23 in a game in Philadelphia. For many years, this player was completely unidentified. Eventually, we listed him as John Wiley because we found a note to that effect. Several other sources list him as Joseph Wiley. Since the game was played in Philadelphia, Wiley appeared to have been a local amateur. There was a man named Wiley who played third base for the Chester club in 1884 and left that club at the end of May. Notes identified this man as Joseph Wiley.

A note in the New York Mercury from January 4, 1879 mentioned that Joseph Wiley, shortstop for Philadelphia was married recently. That led to a 1900 census listing for Joseph Wiley, wife Margaret, married 1878. The big break came through his wife Margaret. Margaret was the sister of major leaguer Henry Easterday. The city directories showed that Easterday was Wiley's neighbor, and played for the opposing team in the one game Wiley played in the major leagues. In summary, we

have proof that Joseph Wiley was a ballplayer, played third base, had been recently released by his previous club, and his brother-in-law played for the other team in his one major league game. It isn't a slam dunk, but it does seem likely that he played in the game on the recommendation of his brother-in-law. Great job of research by Peter! Now if we can just find those other one game players….

John Scott

As you may recall, our May/June 2011 *Mystery of the Month* concerned James Walter Scott of the 1914 Pittsburgh Federal League team. This player was actually John William Scott. Peter Morris traced this player and found that he was from Cincinnati. He is listed in the 1910 census as a ballplayer, and aside from his brief appearance with the Pittfeds, he made several minor league stops and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1911. The Cardinals sold him to Erie in 1912. Peter found an obituary in the Canton Repository that showed he died in Phoenix in December of 1962. Rodney Johnson looked up the obituary in the Arizona Republic which said that he died December 2, 1962. The obituary further confirmed our identity by saying that he had played for the St. Louis Cardinals and that his body was being sent to Erie, Pennsylvania for burial.

Harry Morelock

Harry Morelock played a handful of games for Philadelphia in 1891-92. We had quite a bit of information about him. We had census listings from 1900 through 1930. He lived in Philadelphia with his wife Margaret. He had two children, Harry and Lillian. Since he was always in Philadelphia, we figured once the Pennsylvania records came online, we would be able to find him. That is not how it happened.

Richard Malatzky searched for his daughter, Lillian, and found that, incredibly enough, she lived until 2009 when she died at the age of 106. Richard was able to find a document showing his daughter was getting proceeds from Morlock's will. The document showed that he died in Atlantic City, New Jersey on April 21, 1949. Richard was then able to locate Morelock's great granddaughter, who confirmed that he was the ballplayer. She even had a picture of him in uniform. This is a great find of a tough player.

Bob McConnell

These don't get any easier. Bob McConnell, one of the 16 original SABR members, the first winner of the Bob Davids Award, and a longtime member of our committee, died March 18. I have had the pleasure of knowing Bob ever since I went to my first SABR convention in 1979. I saw Bob every year as he attended every convention since the mid-1970s. At the Long Beach convention, he was the only attendee who had a ribbon that said "40 years." Bob always carried a package with all kinds of different notes. I think he was a member of every SABR committee and usually had some sort of note to give to each committee at the convention. Peter Morris said that although Bob was 87, he seemed to be in the prime of life. He was a vibrant, active man and it is hard to imagine the SABR organization without him. I urge everyone to read Peter Morris's biography of Bob that he wrote for the BioProject. It can be found here. http://sabr.org/bioproj/person/5e8e335e.

Bill Barrett

Bill Barrett had an interesting major league career. He played one game with the Fort Wayne Kekiongas in 1871, one game with the Washington Olympics in 1872, and one game with the Baltimore Marylands in 1873. He appears to be from Baltimore as Richard Malatzky found notes that

he was playing on some Baltimore amateur teams at the time. Richard found a candidate of the right age that was born July 21, 1850 in Baltimore and died February 18, 1909 in Chicago. Of course, we don't have any proof that this guy was our ballplayer. That is what makes Bill Barrett our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June.

May 5	Lennie Merullo	95
May 12	Johnny Hetki	90
May 13	Lonnie Goldstein	94
May 17	Ace Parker	100
May 18	Gil Coan	90
May 28	Steve Nagy	93
May 29	Al Brancato	93
June 19	George Burpo	90
June 26	Jean-Pierre Roy	92

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	17810	44	99.754
Births	17283	571	96.802
Deaths	8867	230	98.712
Bats	16617	1118	93.696
Throws	16837	898	94.936
Heights	17008	727	95.901
Weights	16951	784	95.579
Debut Dates	17854	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9982	7872	55.909
Total			92.3575

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1948	Adams, Herbert Loren	Cemetery: Calvary Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma **Source: Cemetery**	(R4)
1947	Andrews, Herbert Carl	Name: Hubert Carl Andrews D: Mar 11 2012 Dodge City, Kansas Cemetery: Cremated **Source: 1930 census, Dodge Globe**	(C1)
2008	Arredondo, Jose Juan	B: Mar 12 1984 **Source: mlb**	(P1)
1886	Bagley, Eugene T.	Cemetery: Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, New York **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1962	Bennett, Dennis John	D: Mar 23 2012 Klamath Falls, Oregon **Source: Klamath Falls Herald and News**	(N5)
2008	Blanco, Gregor Miguel (Pedraza)	B: Dec 24 1983 **Source: mlb**	(P1)
1914	Burr, Alexander Thomson	Use name: Tom Burr Cemetery: Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois **Source: Cemetery**	(C1)
2006	Carmona, Fausto C.	Real name: Roberto Hernandez (Heredia) B: Aug 30 1980 **Source: mlb**	(V1)
1974	Carter, Gary Edmund	Cemetery: Cremated **Source: NY Mets**	(C1)
2004	Casilla, Santiago	B: Jul 25 1980 San Cristobal, San Cristobal, Dominican Republic **Source: mlb**	(V1)
1973	Cheadle, David Baird	D: Feb 25 2012 St. Augustine, Florida **Source: Asheville Citizen-Times**	(C1)
1947	Clark, Alfred Aloysius	D: Apr 2 2012 Morgan, New Jersey Cemetery: Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy, New Jersey **Source: Newark Star Ledger**	(C1)
1888	Cross, Joseph A.	New player with Louisville (AA) in 1888 Debut: Sep 5 1888 Last game: Sep 5 1888 B: Jan 6 1858 Chicago, Illinois D: Apr 2 1933 Cleveland, Ohio Brother of Amos, Frank, and Lave Cross **Source: Death certificate, research by Jonathan Frankel**	(C1)
1910	Dalton, Tolbert Percy	D: Feb 17 1950 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Cemetery: Hollywood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(Q1)

		Source: Death certificate	
1909	Gaspar, Harry Lambert	B: Quorn, Iowa D: Santa Ana, California **Source: Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, Hawarden Independent**	(C1)
1875	Goldsmith, Frederick Ernest	B: May 15 1856 **Source: Birth certificate, 1860 census**	(C1)
1949	Hittle, Lloyd Eldon	B: Acampo, California D: Mar 3 2012 Lodi, California Cemetery: Lodi Memorial Cemetery, Lodi, California **Source: Family, funeral home**	(R4)
1960	Johnson, Stanley Lucius	D: Apr 17 2012 San Francisco, California Cemetery: Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, California **Source: San Francisco Chronicle**	(N5)
1951	Jones, Samuel	Real name: Daniel Pore Franklin **Source: Birth record**	(C1)
1954	Lynch, Gerald Thomas	D: Apr 1 2012 Austell, Georgia Cemetery: Cremated, ashes scattered on Champion Lakes Golf Course in Ligonier, PA **Source: Pittsburgh Pirates**	(PP)
1888	Mains, Willard Eben	BL **Source: Photo**	(C1)
1920	McCann, Robert Emmett	Name: Robert Emmet McCann **Source: Son**	(H9)
1928	Milligan, John Alexander	Cemetery: Riverview Memorial Park, Fort Pierce, Florida **Source: Cemetery**	(H4)
1960	Mincher, Donald Ray	D: Mar 4 2012 Huntsville, Alabama Cemetery: Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama **Source: Huntsville Sun**	(C1)
1891	Morelock, A. Harry	D: Apr 21 1949 Atlantic City, New Jersey **Source: Great granddaughter**	(M3)
1969	Munson, Thurman Lee	D: Green Township, Summit County, Ohio **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)
1954	Narleski, Raymond Edmond	D: Mar 29 2012 Clementon, New Jersey Cemetery: Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, New Jersey **Source: Funeral home**	(N5)
1978	Obradovich, James Thomas	D: Mar 3 2012 Lancaster, Kentucky Cemetery: Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, Kentucky **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1946	O'Neil, John Francis	D: Apr 18 2012 Jamestown, New York Cemetery: Lake View Cemetery, Jamestown, New York **Source: Jamestown Post Journal**	(N5)
1901	O'Neill, Michael Joyce	TL **Source: Sporting Life, Plattsburg Daily Press**	(H2)
1947	Parnell, Melvin Lloyd	D: Mar 20 2012 New Orleans, Louisiana Cemetery: Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans, Louisiana **Source: New Orleans Times Picayune**	(C1)
1930	Phelps, Raymond Clifford	Cemetery: Riverview Memorial Park, Fort	(H4)

		Pierce, Florida **Source: Cemetery**	
1941	Philley, David Earl	D: Mar 15 2012 Paris, Texas Cemetery: Evergreen Cemetery, Paris, Texas **Source: Funeral home**	(C1)
1881	Piercy, Andrew Josiah	Height: 5-06.5 **Source: California voter registration**	(H7)
1978	Replogle, Andrew David	D: Apr 10 2012 Fort Myers, Florida **Source: Fort Myers News Press**	(N5)
2010	Sanabia, Alejandro	Use name: Alex Sanabia **Source: mlb**	(V1)
1906	Schumann, Charles J.	Debut: Sep 12 1906 **Source: Philadelphia Record**	(V1)
1914	Scott, James Walter	Name: John William Scott B: Sep 3 1887 Cincinnati, Ohio D: Dec 2 1962 Phoenix, Arizona **Source: WWI draft registration, Arizona Republic**	(M4)
1954	Skowron, William Joseph	D: Apr 27 2012 Arlington Heights, Illinois Source: Chicago Sun Times	(N5)
1890	Stecher, William Theodore	TR **Source: Philadelphia Record**	(M3)
2007	Vanden Hurk, Henricus Nicolas	Name: Henricus Nicolas van den Hurk **Source: Toronto Blue Jays**	(V1)
1939	Veigel, Allen Francis	D: Apr 8 2012 Dover, Ohio Cemetery: Cremated, inurned at Dover Burial Park Mausoleum, Dover, Ohio **Source: Dover Times Reporter**	(N5)
1883	Ward, Frank Gray	D: Oct 23 1912 **Source: Death record**	(R4)
1963	Ward, John Francis	D: Feb 24 2012 Kalispell, Montana Cemetery: Cremated **Source: Daughter**	(H9)
1884	Wiley, John	Name: Joseph Wiley B: Mar 1857 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania D: Jan 8 1924 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Cemetery: Fernwood Cemetery, Fernwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania **Source: Philadelphia Public Ledger, research by Peter Morris**	(M4)
1873	Wordsworth, Favel Parry	Cemetery: Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York **Source: Death certificate**	(R4)