



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
June 1991

1879 One Gamer Found

Stephen Augustus Libby, who played one game for Buffalo in 1879, has been found by Rich Bozzone. For this fine bit of research, Rich cops this month's *Find of the Month* award. Rich was able to track Libby by first locating the death of Libby's son, who died in 1913 in New Haven, Connecticut. This put Rich on to a New Haven connection. A check of the city directories revealed that Stephen Libby lived in New Haven until 1935, when he was called out by the Great Umpire on March 31. (I've always wanted to say that.) Good work!

More Confusion

Last month I gave out some new minor league statistics on Alvah "Rowdy" Elliott. Rich Bozzone has informed me that those statistics belong to Albert W. "Bucky" Elliott, another minor league player of the time who was put on this earth just to confuse the issue on Robert Allen. (Wouldn't you like to see a movie made on these guys? Clint Eastwood could play Rowdy and Burt Reynolds could play Bucky.)

Clues

Here are a couple of clues from Bob Richardson. Michael Flynn (1891) was born in February of 1871 in Massachusetts. He lived in Fall River through 1925 when he moved to Los Angeles. He died sometime between 1925 and 1943 and may have been in the bowling business in California. If anyone has access to the California death index, this would be a good guy to look up.

James Leon Wood (1871) bought an orange plantation 30 miles from Jacksonville, Florida in December of 1882.

New Missing Players

I realize that many of you feel that 500+ missing players are really not enough to keep you busy. Therefore, I am listing here players from the 20's, 30's, and 40's whom we list as "Assumed Alive" but whose whereabouts have been unknown for over 20 years. The city listed is the last place they were known to have lived. Thanks to Bill Haber (rhymes with SABR) for creating the list.

Ignatius Andrew Muich (1924)
St. Louis, Missouri

Albert John Stokes (1925)
Wilton, Connecticut

George Franklin Blackerby (1928)
Yuma, Arizona

Joseph Conrad Sprinz (1930)
San Francisco, California

William Joseph Sullivan, Jr. (1931)
Sarasota, Florida

Edward William Cole (1938)
Dallas, Texas

Fern Lee Bell (1939)
Los Angeles, California

Joseph Emmett Gallagher (1939)
Houston, Texas

Gerard Anthony Schelle (1939)
Baltimore, Maryland

Stanley Goletz (1941)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Samuel Joseph Lowry (1942)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Frank McElyea (1942)
Evansville, Indiana

Christopher Francis Haughey (1943)
Fremont, California

James William McDonnell (1943)
Detroit, Michigan

Roland Edouard Gladu (1944)
Montreal, Quebec

Ben Garth Mann (1944)
Italy, Texas

Michael Joseph Aloysius Modak (1945)
Nalcrest, Florida

Benjamin John Guintini (1946)
Roseville, California

Lee Vincent Howard (1946)
Altadena, California

James Clark (1948)
Los Angeles, California

Alexander James Konikowski (1948)
Seymour, Connecticut

Gerard Daniel Scala (1948)
Perry Hall, Maryland

George Rezin Elder (1949)
Cherry Valley, California

Convention News

I trust that everyone who attended the SABR convention had a good time. I enjoyed seeing everyone again and of course it's always fun to talk biographical research. We discussed the proper pronunciation of certain popular players' names such as Emil Yde (Ee-dee), etc. If anyone has concrete pronunciations, please send them along. We also picked up several new members in New York. They are listed below:

Larry Bump
19 Harlem Street
Rochester, NY 14607 (B9)

Mark Cohen
2600 Netherland Ave. #908
Riverdale, NY 10463 (C2)

Clem Comly
308 Colonial Drive
Wallingford, PA 19086 (C3)

William Dunstone
4211 MacEachen Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34233 (D7)

Abbey Garber
18820 Fortson Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75252 (G1)

Reed Howard
619 Mt. Lebanon Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803 (H2)

Bill James
PO Drawer P
Winchester, KS 66097 (J4)

Ed Masek
6248 Emeraldwood Place
Dallas, Texas 75240 (M3)

Rick Zucker
7150 East Grand #905
Dallas, Texas 75223 (Z2)

Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in July. Happy birthday to one and all!

July 1	Louis Brower	91
July 9	Louis Polli	90
July 12	Rudel Miller	91
July 20	James Lane	91
July 23	Charles Rowland	92
July 24	Robert Adams	90
July 29	James Hamby	94

Three Little Fishers in the Deep Blue Sea

Our *Mystery of the Month* concerns three players who were messed up but have been straightened out somewhat this month. We formerly listed Fisher (no first name) with Philadelphia and Wilmington in 1884 and Buffalo in 1885. Bob McConnell has identified this man as George C. Fisher, who also played with Cleveland in 1884. George Fisher is a native of Wilmington, although Harold Dellinger found a note indicating he was from California.

We listed Charles Fisher as the player with Louisville in 1889. This is not Charles Fisher.

This Fisher was a Baltimore semi-pro who was replacing a striking Louisville player on June 15. We need a first name for him.

We listed Harry C. Fisher playing with Kansas City, Chicago, and Cleveland in 1884. The Cleveland entry belongs to George Fisher; the Kansas City and Chicago entries belong to Charles J. Fisher. Harold Dellinger found a note that Charles Fisher was ill with malaria in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1886 so he may be from there. Harry Fisher was a minor league player from 1883-87.

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	13512	75	99.448
Total Complete Births	12758	829	93.899
Total Complete Deaths	6695	515	49.275
Total Assumed Alive	6377		46.935
Total Bats	12167	1320	90.213
Total Throws	12446	1041	92.282
Total Heights	12313	1174	91.295
Total Weights	12236	1251	90.724
Total Debut Dates	13587	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9899	3688	72.856
Total Completion			91.8907

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1884 Collins, Charles	Name: <u>Charles Augustine Collins</u> B: <u>Oct 12 1857</u>	(T1)
1894 Connaughton, Frank H.	Name: <u>Frank Henry Connaughton</u> B: <u>Oct 18 1913</u>	(H1) (S9)
1938 Cullenbine, Roy Joseph	B: <u>Sep 18 1911</u>	(H1)
1944 De La Cruz y Rivero, Tomas	B: <u>Jul 21 1881</u>	(T1)
1902 Evers, John Joseph	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>135</u>	(T1)
1882 Evers, Thomas Francis	Debut: <u>Jun 12 1979</u>	(V1)
1979 Finch, Joel D.	B: <u>Mar 12 1965</u>	(H1)
1989 Finley, Steven Allen	Name: <u>George C. Fisher</u>	(M1)
1884 Fisher,	B: <u>Wilmington, Delaware</u> Add Cleveland (NL) 1884 to record.	
1889 Fisher, Charles	Delete first name of Charles	(D3)
1884 Fisher, Harry C.	Name: <u>Charles J. Fisher</u> Delete Cleveland (NL) 1884 record.	(D3)
1891 Flynn, Michael E.	Name: <u>Michael L. Flynn</u> B: <u>Feb 1871</u> <u>Massachusetts</u>	(R1)
1923 Haines, Henry Luther	Debut: <u>Apr 20 1923</u>	(P1)
1923 Hendrick, Harvey	Debut: <u>Apr 20 1923</u>	(P1)
1935 Holbrook, James Marbury	D: <u>Apr 10 1991</u> <u>Jackson, Mississippi</u>	(H1)
1912 Ketter, Philip	B: <u>Apr 13 1884</u> <u>St. Louis, Missouri</u>	(C1)
1879 Libby, Stephen Augustus	D: <u>Mar 31 1935</u> <u>Milford, Connecticut</u>	(B3)
1970 Magnuson, James Robert	D: <u>May 30 1991</u> <u>Green Bay, Wisconsin</u>	(N1)
1931 Mallon, Leslie Clyde	D: <u>Granbury, Texas</u>	(H1)
1943 Odom, David Everett	D: <u>Nov 19 1987</u> <u>Myrtle Beach, South Carolina</u>	(H1)
1931 Owen, Marvin James	D: <u>Jun 22 1991</u> <u>Mountain View, California</u>	(C1)
1930 Reese, James Herman	B: <u>Oct 1 1904</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	(H1)
1956 Scantlebury, Patricio Athelstan	B: <u>Nov 11 1917</u> D: <u>May 24 1991</u> <u>Glen Ridge, New Jersey</u>	(H1) (NL)