

Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report August 1991

Joseph Peploski Found

Joseph Peploski (alias Joseph Pepper), our April Mystery of the Month and member of our Top 20 Most Wanted list has been found by Tom Hufford. For this feat, Tom is the winner of the August Find of the Month award. Tom made this find seem so easy. He read that in 1982 Peploski's niece said that she last heard from Joe about 20 years ago in New York City. So Tom sent to New York for a death certificate search since 1962. And as simply as that, the death certificate arrived in the mail. Peploski's family had searched for him for years and couldn't find him. Again the Bio Committee triumphs where others have failed. Great job by Tom Hufford!

Stone of the Gladiator

On a recent trip to Louisville, I was treated to a tour of famous Louisville baseball sites by Bob Bailey. Included was a trip to the cemetery to see the grave of Pete Browning. Browning died in 1905 but a new marker was put on the grave in 1986 to commemorate Louisville's most famous ballplayer. What happened to the old headstone? It is now sitting in Bob Bailey's garage. Bob rescued it just before the cemetery was going to destroy it. Bob's wife is hoping that the cemetery never decides to get rid of the bodies.

Answers From Previous Months

Samuel Lowry is alive and well and living in Philadelphia. Thanks to Kit Crissey for providing this info. A player needed for Minor League Stars III, Carl Dittmar, is also alive and living in Laguna Hills, California. Another MLS III player, Cack Henley, died in July of 1929 in Sacramento, California. Can anyone get an exact date? Bill Haber has discovered that Joe Sprinz is alive and living in Fremont, California, Lee Howard is alive and living in San Juan Capistrano, California, and Gerard Scala is alive and living in Lutherville, Maryland. Rich Bozzone discovered that Thomas Neili died in 1980 in Texas although we don't have an exact date or place. (No wonder Neill didn't answer the letter I wrote him in 1981.) Finally, Bill Weiss discovered that Bubba Phillips played football at Mississippi Southern while he was playing professional baseball.

New Top 20 Member

Replacing Peploski on our Top 20 list is Charles Wesley Jones, who was featured as our March 1991 Mystery of the Month. By the way, congratulations are also in order for Rich Bozzone, who used the Social Security Death Index to nail Edward Cameron McLane, our November 1990 Mystery.

Members in the Media

Jack Dougherty was recently the feature of an article in the Richmond News-Leader. The article contained details of Jack's search for Richmond players, particularly his search for Edward L. Ford, the 1884 Richmond shortstop. Hopefully, some long-lost descendant will leap to his phone and call Jack with all the info.

Hence, his birthdate is correct.

The Long And Short Of It

Jamie Selko sends along these tidbits of trivia that you can amaze your friends with. (Do you notice how I never end a sentence with a preposition?)

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Tallest Brothers: Claude and Dave Davenport Both 6'6"

Shortest Brothers: Pompeyo and Vic Davalillo 5'3" and 5'7"

Tallest Father/Son: Thornton and Don Lee 6'3" and 6'4"

Shortest Father/Son: Joe O'Rourke and Joe, Jr. Both 5'7"

Willie Stargell Emil Verban

Layne, Nixon, Hawley, Copeland, Doyle, Brookens, and McGamwell's brothers all played in the minors. Kittredge, Stargell, and Verban each had a twin sister and Verban's played in the All American Girl's Baseball League. If anyone has any more information on twins send them along and I'll include them in the next newsletter.

Oh, Brother

Tom Hufford was going through the files in Cooperstown recently and discovered two new sets of brothers:

Rexford Paul Dawson (1913) Ralph Fenton Dawson (1924)

Herbert Victor Juul (1911) Earl Herold Juul (1914)

Twin Killing

Dick Thompson is interested in twins who played in the major leagues. Dick lists 9 sets of twins who have both graced major league diamonds:

More of the Missing

Here are some more of the players of the 1940-60 era who seem to be misplaced. If any are in your area, please send along their address or their death date.

Earl Edwin Turner (1948) Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Aloysius Francis Naples (1949) Wyckoff, New Jersey

Frank William Quinn (1949) Miami, Florida

Phil and John Reccius Joe and Maurice Shannon Ray and Roy Grimes Bill and George Hunter Eddie and Johnny O'Brien Stan and Stu Cliburn Claude and Clarence Jonnard Marshall and Mike Edwards Jose and Ozzie Canseco

The following major leaguers were twins but their twin did not play in the major leagues:

Herman Layne Howie Krist

Herman Charles Reich (1949) Fallbrook, California

Richard Wesley Manville (1950) Altamonte Springs, Florida

Edward Allen Mickelson (1950) Creve Coeur, Missouri

Willard Lee Nixon (1950) Silver Creek, Georgia

James Joseph Suchecki (1950) Zimmerman, Minnesota

Andrew William Varga (1950) Belleville, Kansas

Russ Nixon Tom Murphy Pink Hawley Mays Copeland Brian Doyle Will McEnaney Al Pierotti Tom Brookens Eddie McGamwell Malachi Kittredge

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Harold Ray Daugherty (1951) Bedford, Ohio

Richard Ennis Young (1951) Seattle, Washington

Hector Antonio Rodriguez (1952) Mexico City, Mexico

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Emanuel Robert Senerchia (1952) Spring Lake Heights, New Jersey

Raymond Lee Walls (1952) Santa Ana, California

Glenn Roger Mickens (1953) Reseda, California

Robert Chandler Greenwood (1954) Fremont, California

Bunce For a Base Hit

Yes, you can score a base hit if you can solve the mystery of Joshua Bunce, our August Mystery of the Month. On August 27, 1877 a player named Bunce played the outfield for Hartford. He also frequently appeared as an umpire. Some years ago Lee Allen spotted a line in the New York Clipper at the end of a box score that listed Joshua Bunce - Umpire. Lee assumed that he was the player in question and has been listed as such for over 30 years. We even have complete birth and death information for him. But Joshua is not the only Bunce. There were two twin brothers who were very active in baseball in Connecticut during the 1870's. Frederick Lee Bunce and Henry Lee Bunce were born May 4, 1847 in Hartford. Both became bank presidents. Frederick, president of the Phoenix Bank of Hartford, died Nov. 2, 1915 and Henry, president of the United States Bank of Hartford, died June 28, 1918. A box score in the Hartford Courant of a game between the Mansfields and Troy in 1872 lists as the umpire F. L. Bunce. So the mystery is - Who is the right Bunce? Thanks to Dick Thompson and Tom Shea for providing this month's mystery.

Brooks Ulysses Lawrence (1954) Cincinnati, Ohio

Richard Lee Murphy (1954) Cincinnati, Ohio

Jinxed Another One

Last month I mentioned Jimmy Cooney's 97th birthday and before he turned 97, he passed away. Hopefully, this month's birthday boy will have better luck. Make sure you wish Karl Schnell a very happy 92nd birthday on September 20.

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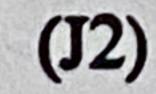
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New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

1951 Richter, Allen Gordon

Height: 5-11 Weight: 165



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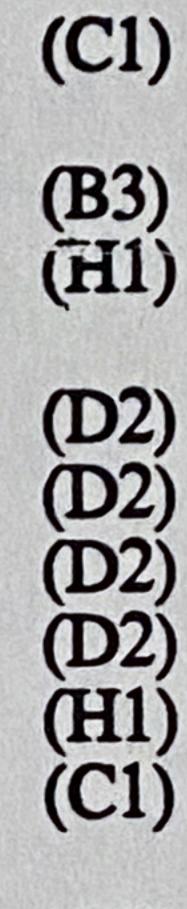
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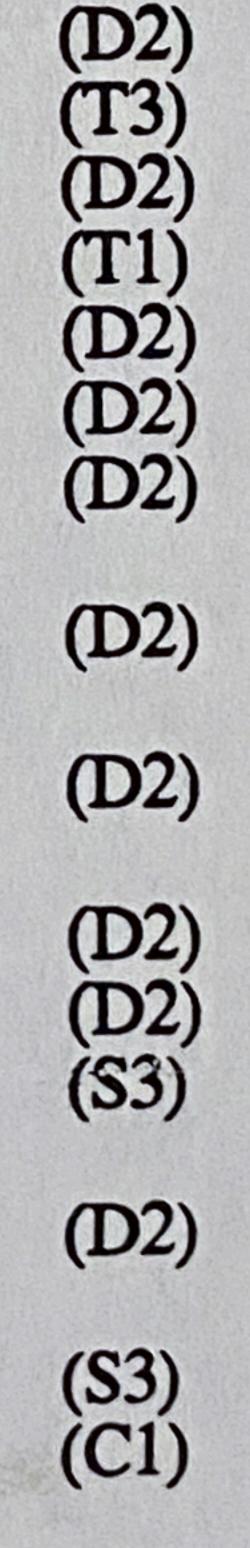
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1872 Burdock, John Joseph
1873 Campbell, Hugh F.
1892 Cargo, Robert J.
1872 Clare, Dennis J.
1958 Conley, Robert Burns
1917 Cooney, James Edward

1871 Craver, William H.
1929 Dunlap, William James
1889 Fee, John
1989 Felix y Sanchez, Junior Francisco
1872 Fields, George W.
1893 Gillen, Samuel
1890 Gillespie, James Wheatfield

B: Nov 1881 Bloomer, Michigan TR Weight: 185 D: May 30 1987 Wichita Falls, Texas B: Apr 1852 B: 1846 B: Oct 1868 B: Jan 1853 D: Apr 1985 D: Aug 7 1991 Warwick, Rhode Island B: Jun 1844 B: Palmer, Massachusetts B: Dec 23 1867 B: Laguna Salada, Dominican Republic





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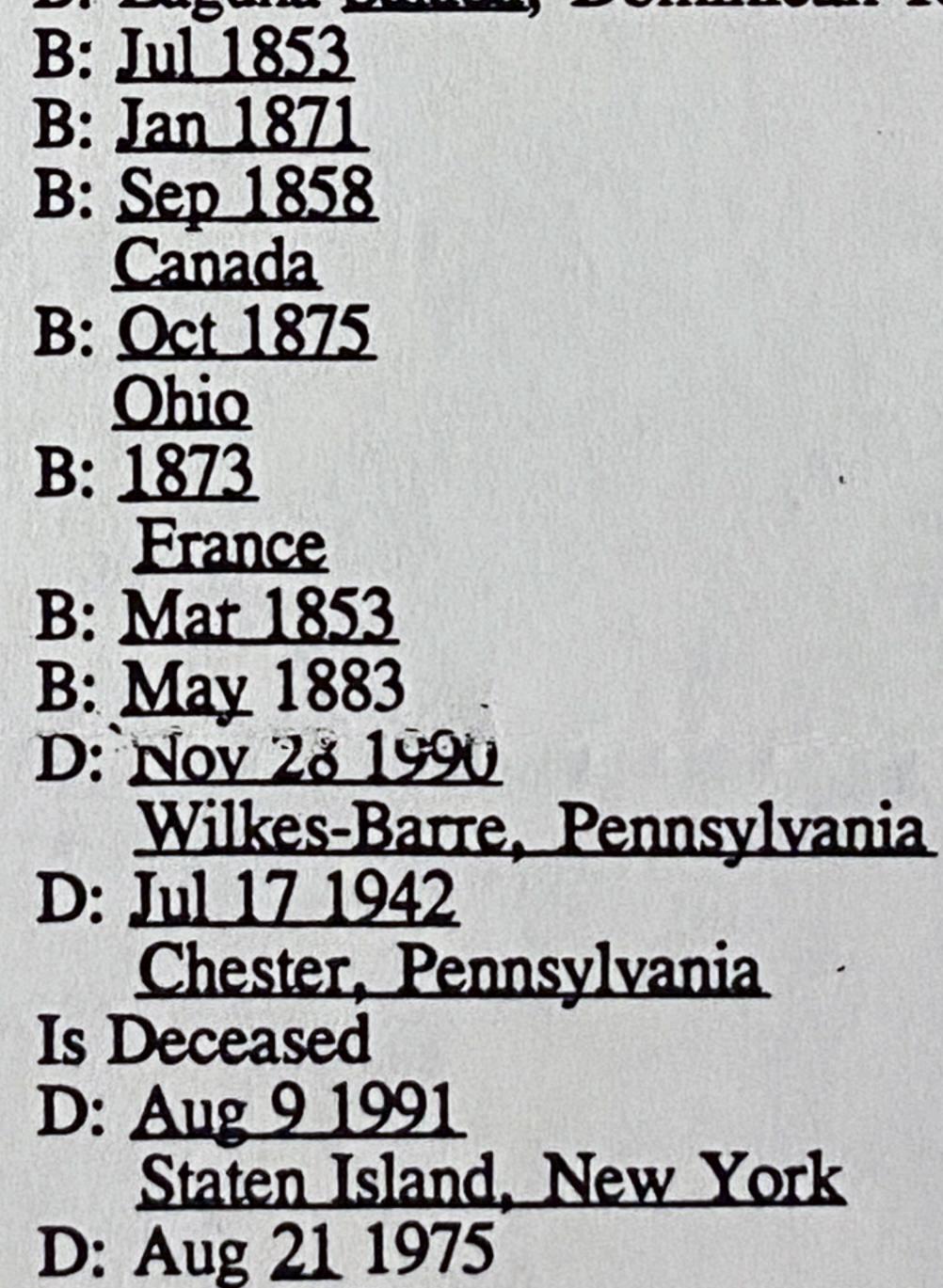
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1871 Ham, Ralph A.1909 Heitmuller, William Frederick1941 Hughes, Thomas Owen

1884 Johnson, William F.

1967 Loughlin, Larry John 1939 Majeski, Henry

1907 McLane, Edward Cameron 1944 Miller, Kenneth Albert



1951 Mossor, Earl Dalton

1884 Mullin, Henry

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D: Apr 3 1991 St. Louis, Missouri D: Dec 29 1988 Batavia, Ohio Name: Henry Mullen B: Nov 6 1862 D: Sep 1980 Texas

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1949 Novotney, Ralph Joseph

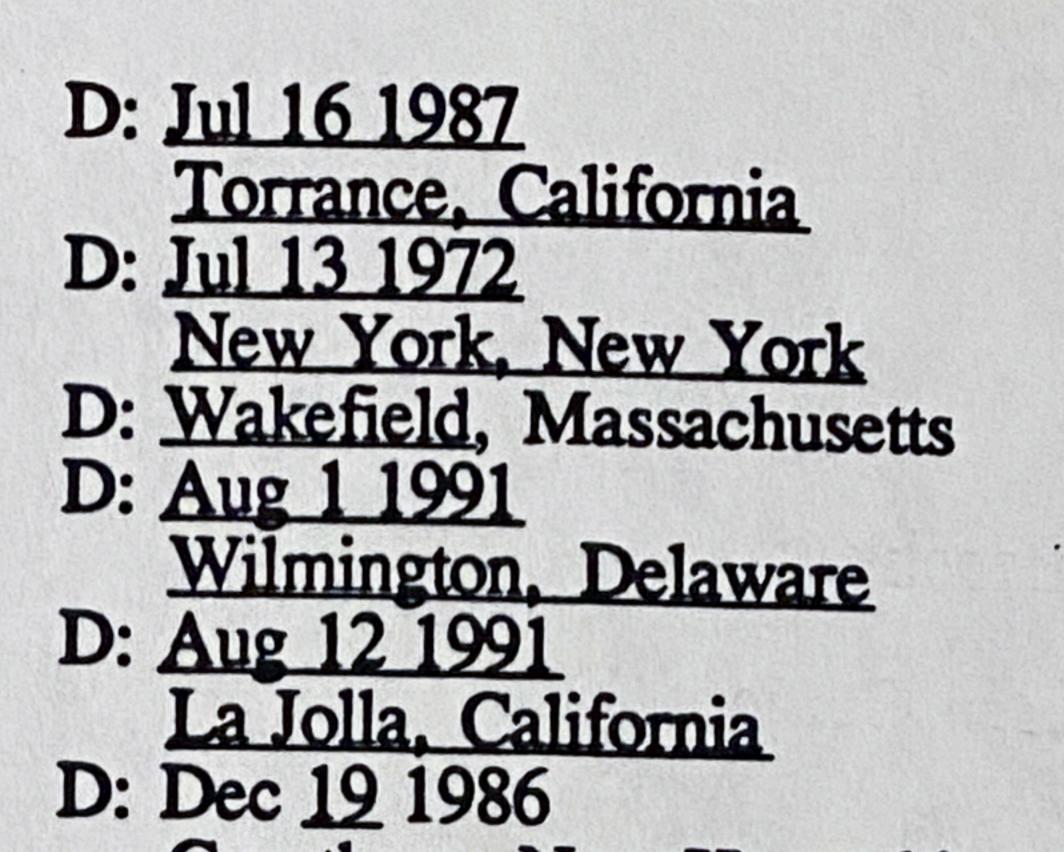
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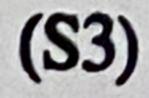
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1925 Stokes, Albert John









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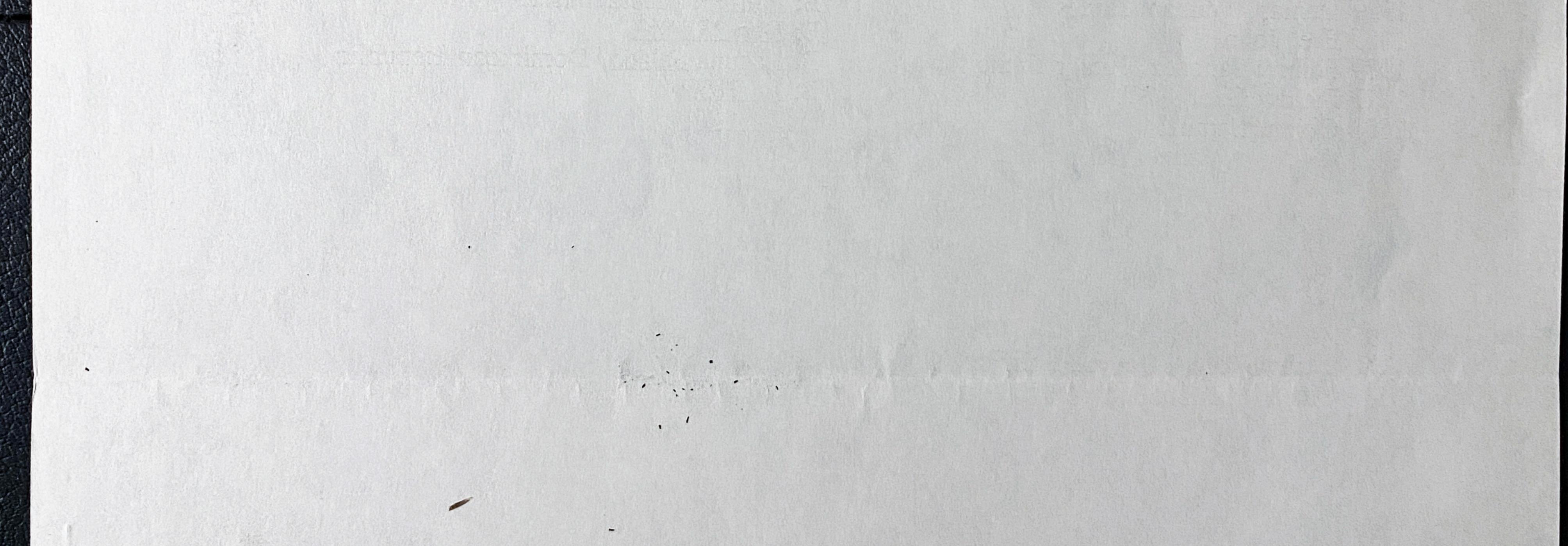
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1911 Thomas, Blaine M. 1884 Voss, Alexander 1931 Waddey, Frank Orum

1945 Wheeler, Edward Raymond 1951 White, Samuel Charles

1940 Williams, Robert Fulton

Grantham, New Hampshire B: Aug 1888 B: May 1855 D: Oct 21 1990 Knoxville, Tennessee D: Aug 4 1983 Centralia, Washington D: Aug 5 1991 Princeville, Hawaii Is Alive



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