

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH REPORT  
December 1990

QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED:

1901 Skopec, John S. No New Information (C1)

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1939 Adams, Elvin Clark	D: <u>Sep 1 1990</u>	(H1)
	<u>Rancho Mirage, California</u>	
1990 Alou, Moises Rojas	Real name: <u>Moises Rojas</u>	(H1)
1917 Anderson, Walter Carl	D: <u>Jan 6 1990</u>	(H1)
	<u>Grand Rapids, Michigan</u>	
1872 Anonymous	Delete unknown player	(T1)
1913 Brenton, Lynn Davis	Debut: <u>Aug 10 1913</u>	(S1)
1928 Campbell, Archibald Stewart	D: <u>Dec 22 1989</u>	(H1)
	<u>Sparks, Nevada</u>	
1990 Ceden0, Andujar	Name: <u>Andujar Ceden0</u>	(H1)
	<u>y Encarnacion</u>	
1872 Clinton, George Lawrence	Debut: <u>May 18 1872</u>	(T1)
1936 Cox, William Donald	D: <u>Feb 16 1988</u>	(H1)
	<u>Charleston, Illinois</u>	
1910 DeMott, Benyew Harrison	Debut: <u>Aug 12 1910</u>	(S1)
1944 Dreisewerd, Clement John	Name: <u>Clemens Johann</u>	(H1)
	<u>Dreisewerd</u>	
1943 Flick, Lewis Miller	D: <u>Dec 7 1990</u>	(C1)
	<u>Weber City, Virginia</u>	
1919 Griffin, Ivy Moore	B: <u>Nov 16 1896</u>	(G2)
1905 Halla, John Arthur	Debut: <u>Aug 18 1905</u>	(S1)
1938 Harris, Robert Arthur	B: <u>May 1 1917</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>Aug 8 1989</u>	
	<u>North Platte, Nebraska</u>	
1911 Hendryx, Timothy Green	Debut: <u>Sep 4 1911</u>	(S1)
1910 Hohnhorst, Edward Hicks	Debut: <u>Sep 10 1910</u>	(S1)
1947 Howell, Homer Elliott	B: <u>Apr 24 1920</u>	(H1)
	D: <u>Binghamton, New York</u>	
1961 Jones, Harold Marion	Debut: <u>Apr 25 1961</u>	(S1)
1919 Kimmick, Walter Lyons	D: <u>Boswell, Pennsylvania</u>	(H1)
1913 Kopf, William Lorenz	Debut: <u>Sep 2 1913</u>	(S1)
1926 Lacy, Osceola Guy	Debut: <u>May 7 1926</u>	(S1)
1948 Lynch, Matthew Daniel	B: <u>Feb 7 1926</u>	(G2)
1963 Monteagudo y Cintra, Aurelio Faustino	D: <u>Nov 10 1990</u>	(H4)
	<u>Saltillo, Mexico</u>	
1903 Moriarty, George Joseph	B: <u>Jun 7 1884</u>	(T1)
1912 Otis, Paul Franklin	D: <u>Dec 15 1990</u>	(T1)
	<u>Duluth, Minnesota</u>	
1908 Perring, George Wilson	Debut: <u>Apr 25 1908</u>	(S1)
1914 Pezold, Lorenz Johannes	Debut: <u>Jul 27 1914</u>	(S1)
1928 Reinholz, Arthur August	Debut: <u>Sep 27 1928</u>	(S1)
1990 Rohde, David Grant	<u>BS</u>	(P1)



1990 Rosario, Victor Manuel  
1926 Russell, Jack Erwin  
1920 Smith, Lawrence Patrick

1884 Taylor, George Edward

1952 Throneberry, Maynard Faye  
1912 Walker, James Roy  
1946 Walsh, James Gerald

1926 Williams, Leon Theo

Name: Victor Manuel (H1)  
Rosario y Paredes  
D: Clearwater, Florida (C1)  
D: Dec 2 1990 (H1)  
New Rochelle, New York  
Delete this player (S1)  
Record belongs to Edward  
S. Taylor  
B: Fisherville, Tennessee (H1)  
Debut: Sep 16 1912 (S1)  
D: Nov 12 1990 (C1)  
Olyphant, Pennsylvania  
D: Nov 20 1984 (H1)  
Atlanta, Georgia

#### NOTES:

You will notice that we were able to eliminate two players. The nameless player who caught for the Brooklyn Eckfords on May 18, 1872 was actually George Clinton. That was certainly good news.

The story of Edward S. Taylor is even more interesting. Originally we listed Oak Taylor as playing with Hartford in 1877 and George Edward Taylor as the 1884 Pittsburgh player. Then I was told that Oak Taylor was actually Edward S. (Live Oak) Taylor who died in San Francisco in 1888. Fine, only that was the same date and place listed for the death of George Edward Taylor which I didn't notice at the time. When I noticed it was screwed up, I wasn't sure what to do about it. Then Tom Hufford sent me an obituary for none other than Oakley R. Taylor, a former catcher with the Cincinnati Red Stockings in 1869. In fact the real Oak Taylor was one of three players honored by the Reds during the 1919 World Series. According to the obituary, the other two players were George Wright and "some player named 'Cal'." Joe Simenic checked in to this mess and determined that Edward S. (Live) Taylor played in 1877 with Hartford and 1884 with Pittsburgh and Oak Taylor never played in the major leagues. Another mystery bites the dust at the hands of the bio committee.

It was sad to note the passing of Paul Otis, who was our oldest living ballplayer. Otis would have been 101 on Christmas Eve. He didn't quite attain the age of John Francis Daley, who is the alltime oldest. Our oldest living ballplayer is now Chester Hoff, who will turn 100 on May 8. Also turning 100 in 1991 will be Robert Cassius Wright, who reaches the century mark on December 13. As 1991 begins, there are currently 20 living ex-ballplayers who were born in the 19th century. That assumes that Charlie Hoover still isn't alive at 125.

We have more on the Valo game of September 30, 1939. Bill Deane checked the official scoresheets for the game and determined that Joe Haynes was charged with three walks, to Brancato, Dean, and Johnson. Dean pinch-hit for Lynn Nelson in the 4th inning and then took over on the mound. If Valo did play in the game he would have had to pinch-hit in the 4th inning. For the record, Dean hit .351 that year and was used as a pinch-hitter 35 other times. Can someone perhaps find more information from a Philadelphia paper?



I have a few more specifics on last month's mystery, Edward Cameron McLane. The family stated that McLane worked for Gulf Coast Securities Company, a land development firm buying up land in the Rio Grande Valley. There was another report that had him working for Stewart (Stuart) Land Irrigating Company, which was based in Omaha, Nebraska or Chattanooga, Tennessee. The last the family heard from Eddie was a picture taken by E. Moore photographers which was dated August 14, 1924. The photographers may have been in business in Nebraska, North Dakota, or the Rio Grande Valley. Since the family lost contact with him, he may have died shortly after the picture was taken. Various people have stated that they think Eddie may have died in either Omaha, New Orleans, or Nashville. My opinion is that the Gulf Coast Securities Company sounds like the name of a company that would be in New Orleans (I kind of doubt it's North Dakota). Of course, if they were buying up land in the Rio Grande Valley, they may have been based in Brownsville, McAllen, or Harlingen, Texas. If we can locate these various companies, we would probably locate McLane.

From the international branch of the Bio Committee comes a couple of notes from Jamie (Why did I re-enlist?) Selko. Jamie reports that Otto Hess was actually born in the canton of Berne rather than the city. So apparently we still need a city of birth in Switzerland. Also there is no record of birth in Scotland for George Chalmers anywhere from 1886-90. Does anybody know anything about Chalmers?

Trivia Question: What 3 players played for both the Kansas City A's and the Kansas City Royals?

Hint: One of the names appears somewhere in this newsletter. Answer below.

#### SCOREBOARD:

	IN	OUT	PERCENTAGE
Total Complete Names	13512	75	99.448%
Total Complete Births	12742	845	93.781%
Total Complete Deaths	6640	527	48.870%
Total Assumed Alive	6420		47.251%
Total Bats	12159	1328	90.153%
Total Throws	12436	1051	92.207%
Total Heights	12301	1186	91.206%
Total Weights	12226	1261	90.650%
Total Debut Dates	13589	0	100.000%
Total Questionnaires	9898	3689	72.849%

TOTAL COMPLETION

91.8266%

Answer to trivia question: Aurelio Monteagudo, Moe Drabowsky, and Dave Wickersham



### Mystery of the Month

Buckle your seat belts. Our December mystery is a doozy. In 1979, Harold Dellinger wrote an article for the Baseball Research Journal on Matthew Sheldon Porter. And for the past 12 years, he and I have attempted to track him down. He is still missing.

Porter was born in 1859 in New York state, the son of Nathaniel and Cecilia Porter. In the 1870's, the family, including Matthew's brother, Horace, moved to Kansas City. It was in 1884 that Porter walked into my life when he had the audacity to appear in 3 major league games for the Kansas City Union Association team. In 1887, Porter married Rose Susan Shannon, granddaughter of Joseph Jarboe, one of Kansas City's earliest settlers. Porter was a druggist and owned various drugstores in Kansas City for a number of years. However in the early 1890's he got into the mining business near Joplin, Missouri and owned one of the richest calamine zinc mines in the state. The mine was grossing \$1000 a day.

But while Porter's fortunes were soaring, he also experienced personal tragedy. In 1887, his 7-month old child died. In 1893, his brother Horace drowned in the Delaware River near Philadelphia. Soon after, Porter moved to Wisconsin for a year or two before moving back to Kansas City where two more children died of meningitis. Porter lived in Kansas City and operated his drugstore until 1899 when he mysteriously disappears.

Porter's wife and three daughters, Mable (B. 12/90), Marguerite (B. 08/93), and Justine (B. 07/96) are listed in the 1900 census and Rose is listed as married. Matthew is not listed in any state. In 1905, the city directory lists Rose as a widow. When Porter's mother Cecilia died in 1903, Rose handled all of the arrangements and the estate reimbursed her for a telegram, among other things. I have wondered if she had actually wired Matthew of his mother's death. Rose lived in Kansas City until 1913 when she apparently moved away. Where did she go?

Rose had a brother, Leo Stewart, a local Kansas City undertaker, and a sister, Carrie Koogle. Stewart died in 1915 and Carrie Koogle died in Florida sometime in the forties. I spoke with Carrie Koogle's granddaughter who knew nothing of Matthew or Rose Porter. However, she did tell me that Carrie's husband abandoned the family. The last time he was listed in the city directory was 1899. My theory is that Porter and Koogle went off together, perhaps to locate another mine.

It's not like I have exhausted all possibilities on Porter but does anyone have any ideas on what I might try? I really don't want to spend another 12 years searching for this guy so all suggestions are appreciated.

### Find of the Month

The Find of the Month goes to Joe Simenic and Tom Hufford for finally working out the story of Oak Taylor, Live Taylor, George Taylor, and Edward Taylor. Like the song from the Maurice Chevalier movie, "Love Me Tonight" says, "The son of a gun is nothing but a Taylor."