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Daniel McGarvey Found

Daniel McGarvey was one of the replacement players in the Ty Cobb strike game of May 18, 1912. At one time, we thought we had him identified, but after further review, that man seems like an unlikely candidate, so we deleted him. Justin McKinney has now found the right guy.

Justin found a note that D. J. McGarvey was managing the Baldwin A. A. club in 1910 and it gave his Philadelphia address. The Baldwin A. A. club was the baseball club for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Both McGarvey and James McGarr (another player in that same 1912 game) were both employed as machinists for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The address allowed us to pinpoint his family in the 1910 census. Justin was then able to find a family tree that listed his 1945 death in Virginia. Virginia death certificates are online, so we were able to confirm all the details. Great work and deserving of the Find of the Month.

Joseph Wilbur Dorsey

A man named Dorsey pitched one game for the Baltimore (UA) club on July 9, 1884. We had long listed this player as Michael Jeremiah Dorsey. Notes at the time said that Dorsey came to the Baltimore club from Trenton, where he had been playing. It seems that at the time Dorsey was playing for Trenton, Jerry Dorsey was playing for Terre Haute and in Portsmouth, Ohio. So Michael Jeremiah was not the major leaguer.

Justin McKinney began to research who the Baltimore player was and found that the Trenton player was from Baltimore. A note in the 1886 <u>Richmond Dispatch</u> mentioned that one of the new players signed for Richmond was J. W. Dorsey, late of the Trentons. A subsequent note in <u>Sporting Life</u> said that he was from Baltimore. This all fit together nicely, and we were able to find that this was Joseph Wilbur Dorsey and he later became an auctioneer. He committed suicide in New York City in 1913.

Willis Wyman

A player named Wyman played 30 games for Kansas City (UA) in 1884, later playing a couple of games for Chicago. This has long been listed as Frank Wyman, who had been playing for the Lynn, Massachusetts club. The Kansas City Unions got other players from Lynn, such as Dick Blaisdell and Jim Donnelly, so getting Wyman from Lynn would not have been unusual. There was one problem. Justin McKinney discovered that on June 14, Frank Wyman was playing for Lynn against Holyoke, while another Wyman was in the lineup for Kansas City against Chicago. So who played for Kansas City? This is what Justin writes about his research:

Willis C. Wyman was a Maine based traveling salesman, who spent a lot of time in Kansas and was particularly well-known in Atchison, KS.

He was playing for a local Atchison club in 1883 with William Burke, a well-known local second baseman. In May 1884, a player named A. Wyman (likely a typo on the initial) is listed on the roster of the Star baseball club with W. Burke (likely William). Peter suggest that Burke is likely 1886 major leaguer Turk Burke.

As per the May 17, 1884 Kansas City Star, the Star club was actually the old Plankinton & Armour (P&A) Nine of Kansas City, Kansas. A note in the June 11, 1884 Kansas City Star says that Wyman was a member of the P&A nine. On May 30, it was reported in the Atchison Daily Globe that Jim Butler, a local catcher had received an offer from the Kansas City league club.

Both Burke and Wyman also appeared for the Atchison Delmonicos in May and June 1884. Wyman makes his last appearance on June 8 playing right field. The KC Unions Wyman makes his first appearance on June 11.

This suggests that the newly formed K.C. club was scouting players in Atchison.

The Delmonicos folded and reformed as the Pomeroys under the guidance of Perry Werden during his break from the St. Louis Maroons in July.

The Unions Wyman was released by the KC at the end of July and played a couple more games in KC for the Chicago Unions on August 7 and 9.

Willis Wyman next appears for the Pomeroys on September 1.

Wyman played for a bunch of teams in Kansas throughout the rest of the decade.

So we have Willis C. "Billy/Will" Wyman, a well-known ball player in Kansas, playing for several local Kansas teams in spring 1884, disappearing from local boxscores from June 11 until August 31 (the entire career of the Unions Wyman) and then reappearing in the box scores of the local Pomeroys in September.

This is a bit of a circumstantial case, but it seems pretty clear that the Kansas City player was Willis Wyman and certainly not Frank. Willis Wyman died January 10, 1942 in Portland, Maine.

Richard Malatzky

Anyone who is a regular reader of this newsletter is certainly familiar with the name Richard Malatzky. Many of the writeups of our various finds contain phrases like, "Richard Malatzky has discovered...." or "Research by Richard Malatzky has shown....". Unfortunately, Richard suffered a fatal heart attack in January. This is a tremendous loss to our committee as well as a huge personal loss. Richard was indefatigable as a researcher, making trips to the library, archives, records centers, etc. to research missing ballplayers.

He liked to travel and visit museums and while on these trips, he would often make a trip to the local library, etc. to research a player from that location. He was very clever in his research, mapping out where players lived or researching various possible spellings of the player's name.

Richard usually came to our committee meeting at the national convention, sitting in the front row, and offering suggestions of research methods based on his experience. He was always willing to help other researchers, and I have volumes of notes that he had sent me over the years. He will be missed, both as a researcher and as a friend.

Where Are These Guys?

For our *Mystery of the Month* I decided to list players for whom we are missing a cemetery that I am surprised we don't know. Obviously, this isn't an exhaustive list of players missing a cemetery, but it is a list of players who are quite well-known, and we don't know where they are buried. Here is the list, in order by the state where they died:

Alabama: Oscar Gamble, Bubba Church

Arizona: Roy Smalley, Walker Cooper, Dave Hilton, Mitchell Page, Billy Loes, Ray Sadecki, Tony Phillips, Jerry Kindall

California: Del Rice, Steve Arlin, Hal Reniff, Doug Griffin, Al Rosen, Jim Landis, Stu Miller, Eddie Joost, Frank Pastore, Rob Picciolo, Ed Kirkpatrick, Moose Stubing, Joe DeMaestri, Andy Carey, Chris

Cannizzaro, Bob Welch, Larry Sherry, Dick Selma

Florida: Jose Martinez, Ruben Amaro, Bill Hands, Paul Casanova, Billy McCool, Bob Forsch, Ryne Duren, Sammy Ellis, Frank Torre, Les Moss, Norm Siebern, Tom Underwood, Mayo Smith, Bob Shaw

Georgia: Rick Camp

Illinois: Milt Pappas, Jim Brosnan, Minnie Minoso, Jimmy Piersall, Moose Skowron

Indiana: Jim Rivera Kansas: Daryl Spencer Louisiana: Ken Johnson

Massachusetts: Allen Ripley, Gene Conley

Mississippi: Boo Ferriss Missouri: Roy Sievers

Nevada: Russ Nixon, Bob Bailey

New York: Ralph Branca, George Gore

North Carolina: Billy Champion Ohio: Jim O'Toole, Lee May

Oklahoma: Tom Sturdivant, Jackie Brown Oregon: Johnny Frederick, Bobby Gene Smith Texas: Chris Brown, Wally Moon, Solly Hemus

Virginia: Charlie Metro Washington: Ken Brett

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in March and April.

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March 1	Tim Thompson	94
March 10	George Elder	97
March 20	Jim Willis	91
March 22	Paul Stuffel	91
March 22	Paul Schramka	90
March 30	Dick Koecher	92
April 3	Alex Grammas	92
April 4	Don Hasenmayer	91
April 8	Charlie Maxwell	91
April 23	Chuck Harmon	94
April 25	Art Schallock	94

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	19269	39	99.798
Births	18816	492	97.452
Deaths	9493	172	99.109
Bats	18104	1079	94.375
Throws	18313	870	95.465
Heights	18530	653	96.596
Weights	18449	734	96.174
Debut Dates	19308	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9979	9329	51.683
Total		•	92.2850

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1959	Arias, Rodolfo (Martinez)	D: <u>Jan 12 2018 Miami, Florida</u> Source: Family	(C1)
1962	Bailey, Robert Sherwood	D: <u>Jan 9 2018 Las Vegas, Nevada</u> Source: Long Beach Press Telegram	(C1)
1965	Barton, Robert Wilbur	D: <u>Jan 15 2018 Vista, California</u> Source: San Diego Union Tribune	(C1)
1871	Berkenstock, Nathan	B: <u>Sep 17 1832 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> Source: Cemetery	(C1)
1910	Blackburne, Russell Aubrey	D: Feb <u>28</u> 1968 Source: Death certificate	(C1)
1954	Brewer, Thomas Austin	D: Feb 15 2018 Cheraw, South Carolina Cemetery: Chatham Hill Memorial Gardens, Cheraw, South Carolina Source: Funeral home	(C1)
2005	Carvajal, Marcos Jose (Rendon)	D: Jan 24 2018 Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela Source: Maduradas	(C1)
1960	Choate, Donald Leon	D: Feb 4 2018 Fairview Heights, Illinois Cemetery: Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville, Illinois Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1884	Colgan, William H.	Use name: Billy Source: Research by Jeremy Watterson	(C1)
1883	Cramer, Edward	Weight: 160 Source: Hartford Courant	(MC)
1945	Crumling, Eugene Leon	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, interred in Highmount</u> <u>Cemetery, Highmount, Pennsylvania</u> <u>Source: Cemetery</u>	(W4)
1926	Cullop, Henry Nicholas	Real name: Henry Nicholas Kohlhepp Source: Father's death certificate, sister's marriage license, 1900 census	(C1)
1955	Dagres, Angelo George	D: <u>Dec 23 2017 Rowley, Massachusetts</u> Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1879	Decker, Frank	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, inurned in Valhalla</u> <u>Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u> Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1954	Dietzel, Leroy Louis	D: Feb 3 2018 Charlotte, North Carolina Cemetery: Forest Lawn West Cemetery, Charlotte, North Carolina Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1883	Diven, Frank Robert	Weight: <u>175</u> Source: Hartford Courant	(MC)
1884	Dorsey, Michael Jeremiah	Name: <u>Joseph Wilbur</u> Dorsey B: <u>1864 Baltimore, Maryland</u>	(MC)

		D: Jan 31 1913 New York, New York	
		Cemetery: <u>Evergreen Cemetery</u> , <u>Brooklyn</u> ,	
		New York	
		Source: New York City Death Records, Brooklyn Eagle	
1922	Duff, Cecil Elba	Use name: <u>Cecil</u> Source: Research by Jeremy Watterson	(C1)
1874	Farrell, John	Weight: 180	(MC)
		Source: Hartford Courant	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
1956	Francona, John Patsy	D: Feb 13 2018 New Brighton, Pennsylvania	(C1)
	,	Cemetery: St. Joseph Cemetery, New	
		Brighton, Pennsylvania	
		Source: Funeral home	
1923	Gallagher, John Laurence	Cemetery: <u>St. Francis Cemetery</u> , <u>Pawtucket</u> ,	(C1)
		Rhode Island	` ,
		Source: Cemetery	
1969	Gamble, Oscar Charles	D: Jan 31 2018 Birmingham, Alabama	(C1)
		Source: mlb.com	
1919	Gerner, Edwin Frederick	Cemetery: <u>Oakland Cemetery</u> , <u>Philadelphia</u> ,	(C1)
		<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
		Source: Cemetery	
1962	Hamilton, Jack Edwin	D: <u>Feb 22 2018 Branson, Missouri</u>	(C1)
		Source: ESPN	
1878	Healey, Thomas F.	Height: <u>5-05.5</u> Weight: <u>155</u>	(MC)
1070	Halaka a Halaka a	Source: Wilkes-Barre News	() (0)
1872	Holdsworth, James	Height: 6-00 Weight: 195	(MC)
1983	Johnson, William Charles	Source: Lockport Daily Journal	(C1)
1703	Johnson, William Chanes	D: <u>Jan 20 2018 Wilmington, Delaware</u> Source: Wilmington News Journal	(C1)
1902	Joss, Adrian	Last game: Jul 25 1910	(SO)
1702	3033, 7 (411411	Source: Box score	(00)
1956	Kravitz, Daniel	Cemetery: <u>St. Vladimir Cemetery, Lopez,</u>	(C1)
	·	Pennsylvania	` ′
		Source: Canton Independent Sentinel	
1957	Lumenti, Raphael Anthony	D: Feb 7 2018 Milford, Massachusetts	(C1)
	·	Cemetery: <u>Sacred Heart of Jesus Church</u>	
		Cemetery, Milford, Massachusetts	
		Source: Funeral home	
1889	McCoy, Arthur Gray	Height: <u>5-09.5</u>	(MC)
	· ·	Source: Wilkes-Barre News	1
1912	McGarvey, Daniel Francis	Name: Daniel <u>John</u> McGarvey	(MC)
		B: <u>Dec 2 1887 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	
		D: <u>Aug 18 1945 Kecoughtan, Virginia</u>	
		Height: <u>5-08.5</u>	
		Cemetery: Greenlawn Cemetery, Newport	
		News, Virginia	
		Source: Death certificate, marriage certificate, military record	
2015	Mondesi, Raul Adalberto	Use name: <u>Adalberto</u> Mondesi	(C1)
		Source: Adalberto Mondesi	
1954	Moon, Wallace Wade	D: Feb 9 2018 Bryan, Texas	(C1)
100 (A	Source: Texas A&M	(D)()
1894	Murphy, William Henry	Cemetery: St. John Cemetery, <u>Worcester</u> ,	(DX)
		Massachusetts	
10/0	Nigorgan I. di = 157 - 1 - 15	Source: Cemetery	10.7
1962	Navarro, Julio (Ventura)	B: Jan 9 <u>1934</u>	(C6)
		D: <u>Jan 24 2018 Orlando, Florida</u>	1

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		Cemetery: Cementerio Los Cipreses,	
		Bayamon, Puerto Rico Source: Noticel, 1940 census	
1954	Pepper, Hugh McLaurin	D: Feb 4 2018 Ocean Springs, Mississippi	(C1)
1754	r epper, nogri McLadiin	, ,	(01)
		Cemetery: <u>Crestlawn Memorial Park, Ocean</u>	
		Springs, Mississippi Source: Mississippi Press	
1954	Regalado, Rudolph	D: Feb 12 2018 San Diego, California	(C1)
., .	Valentino	Source: San Diego Union Tribune	(0.7
1884	Ryan, John A.	Height: <u>6-00</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(MC)
	,	Source: Lockport Daily Journal	, ,
2006	Slaten, Douglas	D: Oct 4 2016 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida	(C1)
		Source: Venice Argonaut	
1978	Stewart, Samuel Lee	D: Mar 2 2018 Hendersonville, North Carolina	(C1)
		Source: WLOS	
1967	Stubing, Lawrence George	D: <u>Jan 20 2018 Santa Ana, California</u>	(C1)
		Source: Funeral home	(0.1)
1989	Veres, Randolph Ruhland	D: Nov 7 2016 Peoria, Arizona	(C1)
1004	NA/s was aver. Expende C	Source: Friend	(), (C)
1884	Wyman, Frank C.	Name: Willis C. Wyman	(MC)
		B: Dec 19 1859 Cumberland, Maine	
		D: <u>Jan 10 1942 Portland, Maine</u>	
		Cemetery: <u>Evergreen Cemetery</u> , <u>Portland</u> ,	
		<u>Maine</u>	
		Source: Passport application, cemetery	
1951	Young, Richard Ennis	D: <u>Jan 7 2018 Silverdale</u> , <u>Washington</u>	(C1)
		Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	
		Source: 1930 census, funeral home	
1886	Zeiher, Henry	Height: <u>5-10.5</u>	(MC)
		Source: Wilkes-Barre News	