

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH REPORT
August 1990

QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED:

1896 Gettig, Charles Henry B: Dec 1870 (D2)

NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED:

1884 Ardner, Joseph A.	Weight: <u>160</u>	(W4)
1939 Bass, Richard William	D: <u>Feb 3 1989</u>	(HF)
	<u>Graceville, Florida</u>	
1989 Bates, William Derrick	BL	(O1)
1930 Brown, Robert Murray	D: <u>Aug 3 1990</u>	(R1)
	<u>Pembroke, Massachusetts</u>	
1884 Dugan, Edward John	D: <u>Sea Cliff, New York</u>	(D2)
1915 Forsythe,	Name: <u>Edward James Forsyth</u>	(H1)
	B: <u>Apr 30 1890</u>	
	<u>Kingston, New York</u>	
	D: <u>Jun 22 1956</u>	
	<u>Hoboken, New Jersey</u>	
1934 Garbark, Robert Michael	D: <u>Aug 15 1990</u>	(D2)
	<u>Meadville, Pennsylvania</u>	
1888 Hafner, Francis R.	TR	(C1)
1955 Jackson, Lawrence Curtis	D: <u>Aug 28 1990</u>	(C1)
	<u>Boise, Idaho</u>	
1896 Keener, Joshua Harry	B: <u>Sep 1869</u>	(D2)
1895 Kemmer, William E.	B: <u>Feb 1878</u>	(D2)
	<u>Texas</u>	
1924 Lasley, Willard Almond	D: <u>Aug 21 1990</u>	(W2)
	<u>Seattle, Washington</u>	
1934 Lavagetto, Harry Arthur	D: <u>Aug 10 1990</u>	(C1)
	<u>Orinda, California</u>	
1969 Martinez y Azcuiz, Jose	B: <u>Jul 26 1941</u>	(H1)
1882 O'Brien, John K.	D: <u>Nov 20 1910</u>	(S1)
1884 Porter, Matthew S.	Name: <u>Matthew Sheldon</u>	(C1)
	<u>Porter</u>	
1871 Radcliffe, John Y.	B: <u>Jun 1848</u>	(D2)
	<u>Pennsylvania</u>	
1893 Reitz, Henry P.	D: <u>Sacramento, California</u>	(S1)
1905 Rising, Percival Sumner	B: <u>Jan 2 1872</u>	(H1)
1988 Samuels, Roger Howard	B: <u>Jan 3 1961</u>	(H1)
1882 Scharf, Edward T.	B: <u>Jul 1858</u>	(D2)
1890 Schellhase, Albert Herman	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>148</u>	(W4)
1875 Somerville, Edward	B: <u>Mar 1 1853</u>	(B3)
	D: <u>Oct 1 1877</u>	(T1)
	<u>London, Ontario</u>	
1925 Staley, George Gaylord	D: <u>Walnut Creek, California</u>	(H1)
1927 Thomas, Fay Wesley	D: <u>Aug 16 1990</u>	(C1)
	<u>Chatsworth, California</u>	
1966 Watt, Edward Dean	B: <u>Apr 4 1941</u>	(C1)

NOTES:

We have been adding new committee members like mad lately. Our newest is Neil Lanctot of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Neil's code number will be L5.

Did all of you see the poll in the recent SABR Bulletin? Personally, I am somewhat skeptical of polls. If you phrase the question improperly, your results can be skewed. Then you have a fowl poll. (Ecccch!!) Anyway, I noticed that the members seem to want more biographies. That seems like a job for the Biographical Committee. If any of you have players, of whom you are particularly fond, write them up and send it to the Research Journal. In the 1989 Journal, Joe Overfield did a fine biography of George Davis, while Lou Jacobson wrote did an excellent job with his profile of Mose Solomon. It's nice to see our committee so well represented.

We all seem to get older with the passage of time. However, I try to only add one year to my age every year; some ballplayers seem to age much more rapidly. Consider the case of Juan Samuel. When Samuel came up to the Phillies, his birthdate was listed as 12/09/1961. He is now listed as 12/09/1960. But according to the results of his court date in Pittsburgh, he is 31 years old, moving his birthdate back to 1958. Does anyone have an explanation for this phenomenon?

Here is a note from the extensive files of Tom Shea. William Morton, who pitched for Philadelphia (NL) in 1884, came from the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania club. He was also a collegian. The only college I could find in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania is Wilson College. It was established in 1869, so he could be from there. The only problem is that Wilson is a women's school, so I doubt if that is his alma mater. Does anyone else have a Chambersburg connection?

SCOREBOARD:

	IN	OUT	PERCENTAGE
Total Complete Names	13340	74	99.448%
Total Complete Births	12565	849	93.671%
Total Complete Deaths	6594	529	49.158%
Total Assumed Alive	6291		46.899%
Total Bats	11987	1329	90.020%
Total Throws	12263	1053	92.092%
Total Heights	12124	1192	91.048%
Total Weights	12050	1266	90.493%
Total Debut Dates	13414	0	100.000%
Total Questionnaires	9893	3521	73.751%

TOTAL COMPLETION

91.8452%

Mystery of the Month

This month's mystery comes courtesy of Steve Bennett. Walter Kinlock played one game at third base for the St. Louis Cardinals August 1, 1895. We list him with a birth of 1878 in St. Joseph, Missouri. This is apparently wrong. Chris Von Der Ahe picked him up off the Denver sandlots and it seems he played for three different sandlot teams in Denver and one in Pueblo. He apparently played with sandlot teams in Pueblo in 1896. In 1897 he played with St. Joseph, then with Atchison in the Kansas State League in 1898 before returning to St. Joseph in August of 1898.

He played with Bloomington, Illinois from 1899-1902. In 1903, he began the season with Davenport, Iowa then went to Joliet, Illinois. In 1904 he was making a living as a cigar salesman (shades of Billy Alvord) but it is unknown where he was living or what happened to him after 1904. In 1900 there is a Josephine Kinlock living in Denver who is the proper age to be his mother. If anyone has any more information, please get in touch with Steve or me.

Find of the Month

Bill Haber takes the Find for finally nailing the mysterious Mr. Forsythe of the 1915 Baltimore Federals. We now are missing first names for only three 20th century players: R.E. Hildebrand (probably not his real name), Edwards of the 1915 A's, and the immortal Toots Coyne of the 1914 A's. Don't you wonder how bad his first name must have been if he went by Toots?