

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH REPORT
July 1990

QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED:

1914 Piez, Charles William
1948 Schmandt, Raymond Henry

No New Information (S5)
No New Information (H1)

NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED:

1988 August, Donald Glenn
1937 Barrett, Charles Henry

BR (V1)
D: Jul 28 1990 (C1)

1871 Barrows, Frank Lewis

Wilson, North Carolina
Name: Franklin L. Barrows (R1)
B: Oct 22 1846
Hudson, Ohio
D: Feb 6 1922
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

1989 Bates, William Derrick
1955 Bessent, Fred Donald

BR (V1)
D: Jul 7 1990 (C1)

1943 Burgo, William Ross

Jacksonville, Florida
D: Oct 19 1988 (H1)
Morgan City, Louisiana

1898 Casey, James Patrick
1905 Clarke, Jay Justin
1968 Cox, Robert Joe
1890 Earl, Howard J.
1974 Easterly, James Morris
1940 Flowers, Charles Wesley

BS (V1)
BL (V1)
Name: Robert Joseph Cox (H1)
Height: 6-02 Weight: 180 (R1)
BL (V1)
D: Dec 31 1988 (H1)
Wynne, Arkansas

1876 Fouser, William C.
1946 Garriott, Virgil Cecil

B: October 1855 (D2)
D: Feb 20 1990 (H1)
Lake Elsinore, California

1909 Griggs, Art Carle
1989 Guthrie, Mark Alan
1965 Hedlund, Michael David
1986 Mathews, Gregory Inman
1889 McCaffrey, Charles P.
1975 McClure, Robert Craig
1912 Meaney, Patrick J.

Name: Arthur Carle Griggs (M1)
BS (V1)
BR (V1)
BR (V1)
B: 1868 (D2)
BR (V1)
B: 1870 (D2)
TL

1989 Mercker, Kent Franklin
1962 Norman, Freddie Hubert
1978 Norman, Nelson Augusto
1915 Palmero, Emilio Antonio
1941 Perry, Boyd Glenn

B: Indianapolis, Indiana (H1)
BS (V1)
BS (V1)
BL (V1)
D: Jun 29 1990 (H1)
Burlington, N. C.

1987 Polonia y Almonte, Luis Andrew
1890 Snyder, Charles
1893 Somers, William
1925 Staley, George Gaylord
1929 Stiely, Fred Warren

BL (V1)
D: Mar 3 1901 (D2)
Name: William Summers (L3)
D: Apr 19 1989 (H1)
BL (V1)

1884 Strauss, Josef

Name: Joseph Strauss
Real name: Joseph Strasser
B: Nov 1858
Ohio

(C1)

1927 Sweetland, Leo

BR

(V1)

1912 Weaver, George Daniel

BR

(V1)

NOTES:

For those of you who missed the Cleveland convention, you missed a great time! The Cleveland organizing committee did a super job and put on a very enjoyable convention. We had about 20 people attend our committee meeting and signed up 6 new members to the bio team. The new members are:

Debbi Dagavarian-Bonar (D4) of Hamilton, New Jersey
Larry Epke (E2) of Richton Park, Illinois
Howard Ehrhart (E3) of Chicago, Illinois
Bob Bailey (B4) of Goshen, Kentucky
Ed Maher (M3) of Attleboro, Massachusetts
Jerry Wright (W5) of Tyrone, Pennsylvania

In addition we added another new bio member this month. Mike Welsh of St. Joseph, Missouri has joined the committee. Mike's code number will be W4.

At our committee meeting, we discussed the questionnaire project. In recent years this project has sort of fallen by the wayside. When Cliff Kachline was chairman of this committee, he was very diligent at sending questionnaires to each new player as he entered the major leagues. I'm sorry to say that I have dropped the ball on this one. The best bet seems to be to obtain a cover letter from the Hall of Fame and send the questionnaires to the head of public relations for each team. It would also help to design a new questionnaire with a required section and an optional section. The optional section would contain the marriage information, education, etc. We certainly don't want the players to think we're nosy (even if we are).

The suggestion was also made that we write local sports columnists and send them a list of our missing players in that city in hopes that listing them in a column may flush out a relative. Anyone want to write a few letters?

It was also suggested that committee members send me a list of their most wanted missing players. This would serve as a communication tool so that if any other bio committee members know anything about the players in question, the additional data may help track them down.

I also passed out two lists of missing players. One was a list of all players who are missing deaths; the other was a list of players with complete deaths but missing births. If anyone would like a copy of the list, please let me know and I will send you one.

Pete Palmer gave me a list of umpires with no first name. If any ambitious researcher would like to track down some of these guys and also help the Umpires Committee, please contact me and I will send you a copy of the list.

SCOREBOARD:

	IN	OUT	PERCENTAGE
Total Complete Names	13339	75	99.441%
Total Complete Births	12562	852	93.648%
Total Complete Deaths	6585	531	49.091%
Total Assumed Alive	6298		46.951%
Total Bats	11987	1329	90.020%
Total Throws	12262	1054	92.085%
Total Heights	12123	1193	91.041%
Total Weights	12048	1268	90.478%
Total Debut Dates	13414	0	100.000%
Total Questionnaires	9892	3522	73.744%

TOTAL COMPLETION

91.8361%

Mystery of the Month

It last happened on October 2, 1920. And in 1990, it happens again. A tripleheader!

#1 - Charles Thomas Reilly (Princeton Charlie) debuted with Columbus in 1889. He lasted in the majors until 1897, when he closed out his major league career with Washington. Bob Davids has researched his minor league career which began in 1885 and ended in 1905. There is nothing especially unusual here except that we list his birthdate as June 24, 1855. That makes him quite old to begin his career and ancient when he ended his career. His death notice in 1937 in Los Angeles listed his last name as O'Reilly. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Do we have the wrong man? Also, does anyone know if he went to Princeton University?

#2 - A note in Sporting Life on July 7, 1906 which concerned old Cub players mentioned that Hanlon, the first baseman who came to Chicago from California, was already dead. Years ago, we had listed this man as N. J. Hanlon. We now list him as William Henry Hanlon, who was born March 16, 1865 and died March 18, 1951. He was born and died in Sacramento. Obviously, this makes him a 38-year-old rookie. Does anyone know anything about this guy?

#3 - Does anyone know the whereabouts of Chester Hoff? Hoff should be the second-oldest living player. But I have written to him at three different addresses and my letter keeps getting returned. My last attempt was at the La Breeze Motel in Daytona Beach, Florida. My letter came back with a note telling me that the motel had been torn down. Where do you suppose a 99-year-old man would go?

Find of the Month

Another one of our Top 20 has been found! Bob Richardson has finally solved the mystery of Frank Barrows. If you remember, he was the man who had supposedly died in 1901, but played in an old-timers game in 1908. Bob determined that the Frank Barrows who died in Fitchburg, Massachusetts was the ballplayer. Good job! Barrows will be replaced on the Most Wanted List by Hugh (One Arm) Daily, featured in the January 1990 Mystery of the Month.