

SABR
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Farrells Untangled

Our *Find of the Month* concerns a couple of guys named Farrell who played back in the 1870s and 1880s. I had listed John Farrell (known as Hartford Jack) playing in 1874 with Hartford. There was also a player listed as John Farrell (sometimes known as Bill) who played in the American Association with Philadelphia in 1882 and Baltimore in 1883. Justin McKinney did some research on these players and concluded that the 1882 Philadelphia AA record should belong to Hartford Jack.

Notes from 1879 and 1880 show that the Hartford man was playing shortstop and catcher for Sacramento and San Francisco. When Farrell signed with Philadelphia in 1882, a note in the Philadelphia City Item said that Philadelphia had signed John Farrell of San Francisco as change catcher. It seems reasonable to assume that this is the same man who had previously played in Hartford.

That leaves the Farrell who played for Baltimore in 1883. The Baltimore paper just identified him as Farrell of Philadelphia, the new man. There was nothing to really identify him. He could also be Hartford Jack, but there is nothing to really prove that. So we will list him as Farrell, first name unknown, until we can get further clarification as to his identity.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for committee member Justin McKinney, who won the **SABR Baseball Research Award** for his terrific book on the Union Association. I urge anyone with an interest in that league to get his book. It is a fascinating read. Congratulations Justin!

Bill Weiss Questionnaires

As many of you know, Bill Weiss obtained questionnaires from major and minor league players for many years. These questionnaires have been available and searchable on ancestry.com. Of course, Ancestry requires a paid subscription to access them. SABR is in the process of acquiring these questionnaires from Ancestry and they will be available on the SABR website. Unfortunately, there are a number of errors and misspellings that were created by the scanning procedure done by Ancestry. For example, Andre Dawson shows up as Ancke Dawson. SABR would like for our committee to clean up this database before it goes to our website. There looks to be a lot of work here. If you would be interested helping with this, please let me know.

This Little Piggy is Wrong?

We list Frank (Piggy) Ward as debuting June 12, 1883 for Philadelphia in the National League. Piggy Ward was 16 years old at the time, so it is pretty likely that wasn't him. Papers identified the 1883 ballplayer as a handball expert. That might be a clue in helping us identify him, our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June.

May 1	Felix Torres	91
May 2	Eddie Bressoud	91
May 5	Joe McClain	90
May 6	Willie Mays	92
May 6	Charlie Rabe	91
May 17	Ozzie Virgil	91
May 25	Jim Marshall	92
May 28	Frank Saucier	97
May 29	John Baumgartner	92
June 2	Bob Lillis	93
June 2	Lou Skizas	91
June 4	Billy Hunter	95
June 10	Hank Foiles	94
June 17	Bennie Daniels	91
June 18	Ron Necciai	91
June 18	Taylor Phillips	90
June 19	Don Ferrarese	94
June 20	Cuno Barragan	91
June 29	Bobby Morgan	97

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	20565	38	99.816
Births	20130	473	97.704
Deaths	10061	152	99.262
Bats	19398	1072	94.763
Throws	19607	863	95.784
Heights	19832	638	96.883
Weights	19754	716	96.502
Debut Dates	20603	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9980	10623	48.440
Total			92.1111

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1963	Alou, Jesus Maria Rojas	D: <u>Mar 10 2023 Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u> Cemetery: <u>Jardin Memorial, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u> Source: <u>El Nuevo Diario</u>	(C1)
1884	Bahret, Franklin F.	Name: Franklin <u>Fletcher</u> Bahret B: <u>Sep 12 1858</u> Source: <u>Family tree, headstone</u>	(C1)
1975	Baldwin, Robert Harvey	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(C1)
1956	Baxes, Michael	D: <u>Apr 13 2023 Stockton, California</u> Source: <u>San Francisco Chronicle</u>	(C1)
1929	Bigelow, Elliot Allardice	D: <u>Aug 10 1933</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(N6)
1969	Blue, Vida Rochelle	D: <u>May 6 2023 Tracy, California</u> Source: <u>Oakland Athletics</u>	(C1)
1960	Burwell, Richard Matthew	D: <u>May 1 2023 Phoenix, Arizona</u> Source: <u>Funeral home</u>	(C1)
1956	Caffie, Joseph Clifford	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: <u>Death certificate</u>	(C5)
1902	Castro, Luis Manuel	Name: <u>Luis Joaquin Bonifacio Castro (Vasquez)</u> Source: <u>Baptismal certificate</u>	(C1)
1931	Dreesen, William Richard	Cemetery: <u>Maple Grove Cemetery, Queens, New York</u> Source: <u>Daily Argus</u>	(C5)
1925	Edwards, Foster Hamilton	Cemetery: <u>Snow Cemetery, Truro, Massachusetts</u> Source: <u>Cemetery</u>	(W4)
1874	Farrell, John	Last date: <u>May 3 1882</u> Add 1882 Philadelphia record from John Farrell Source: <u>Hartford Courant</u>	(MC)
1882	Farrell, John	Debut: <u>May 19 1883</u> Remove 1882 Philadelphia record, first name, and birth information Source: <u>Baltimore Morning Herald</u>	(MC)
1963	Foster, Larry Lynn	D: <u>May 7 2023 Whitehall, Michigan</u> Cemetery: <u>Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, New Era, Michigan</u> Source: <u>Funeral home</u>	(C1)
1902	Fox, Jacob	<u>TR</u> Source: <u>Scranton Times Tribune</u>	(MC)

1977	Frost, Carl David	D: Apr 17 2023 Long Beach, California Source: Anaheim Angels	(H9)
1952	Groat, Richard Morrow	D: Apr 27 2023 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Source: Pittsburgh Post Gazette	(C1)
1948	Hall, John Sylvester	D: Midwest City, Oklahoma Source: Oklahoma death index	(C1)
1904	Hall, Robert Prill	Cemetery: St. Paul's Cemetery, Yellow Creek, Pennsylvania Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1971	Hambright, Roger Dee	D: Apr 15 2023 Vancouver, Washington Source: Columbian	(C1)
1966	Henry, William Francis	D: Jan 29 2022 Windermere, Florida Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1962	Herrnstein, John Ellett	Cemetery: Cremated Source: Death certificate	(C1)
1951	Hinrichs, Paul Edwin	D: Apr 9 2023 Greenville, Kentucky Cemetery: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Chesterfield, Missouri Source: Funeral home	(H9)
1962	Jones, Grover William	D: May 7 2023 Sugar Land, Texas Source: Sugar Land Space Cowboys	(C1)
1966	Klages, Frederick Albert Antony	D: Mar 30 2023 Spring, Texas Source: Family	(C1)
1950	Landrith, Hobart Neal	Name: Hobert Neal Landrith D: Apr 6 2023 Sunnyvale, California Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1978	LaRose, Henry John	Cemetery: St. Joseph Cemetery, Cumberland, Rhode Island Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1961	Leppert, Donald George	D: Apr 13 2023 Delaware, Ohio Source: Funeral home	(C1)
2021	Lowe, Joshua Edward	Brother of David Nathaniel Lowe Source: milb	(C1)
1965	May, Lee Andrew	Cemetery: Cremated Source: Death certificate	(C1)
1905	McGovern, Arthur John	Cemetery: New Calvary Cemetery, Mattapan, Massachusetts Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1889	Meek, Frank James	Cemetery: Hillcrest Abbey, St. Louis, Missouri Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1925	Neubauer, Harold Charles	Cemetery: Cremated, ashes retained by family Source: Mausoleum	(W4)
1981	Owen, Lawrence Thomas	Cemetery: Cremated Source: Death certificate	(C1)
1962	Pepitone, Joseph Anthony	D: Mar 13 2023 Kansas City, Missouri Source: Family	(N5)
1964	Ribant, Dennis Joseph	D: Apr 24 2023 Newport Coast, California Cemetery: Pacific View Memorial Park, Corona del Mar, California Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1905	Rothgeb, Claude James	Cemetery: Mount Hope Cemetery and Mausoleum, Urbana, Illinois Source: Cemetery	(C5)
1964	Roznovsky, Victor Joseph	Cemetery: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, Shiner, Texas	(R4)

		Source: Cemetery	
1895	Samuels, Samuel Earle	Weight: <u>165</u> Source: Youngstown Vindicator	(MC)
1978	Sanderson, Scott Douglas	Cemetery: <u>Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron, Michigan</u> Source: Cemetery	(R4)
1962	Shannon, Thomas Michael	D: <u>Apr 29 2023 Marion, Illinois</u> Source: Funeral home	(C1)
1964	Shockley, John Costen	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: Funeral home	(R4)
1963	Siebler, Dwight Leroy	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: Funeral home	(R4)
2022	Smith, Rodney Chad	<u>Grandson of Norbert Henry Zauchin</u> Source: mlb	(C1)
1964	Spanswick, William Henry	Cemetery: <u>Thompsonville Cemetery, Enfield, Connecticut</u> Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1964	Staehle, Marvin Gustave	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u> Source: Funeral home	(R4)
1879	Sullivan, Dennis J.	Cemetery: <u>Mount Calvary Cemetery, Roslindale, Massachusetts</u> Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1914	Sweeney, Charles Francis	Cemetery: <u>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania</u> Source: Cemetery	(W4)
1912	Travers, Aloysius Joseph	Name: Aloysius <u>Stanislaus</u> Travers Source: WWI draft registration, Travers family tree	(C1)
1966	Watson, Robert Jose	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u> Source: Funeral home	(R4)