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SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP HITS 400!

Congratulations, Steve Cardullo. You have become the 400th member of the Pictorial History Committee. We also extend our welcome wishes to Joseph Melillo, Alex Riedel, Matthew Casertano, Mark Lecurie, Rick Canale, Debra Spencer, and Sheryl Blackstone, who have all joined the committee in recent months.

WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE ALL ABOUT?

Because of the surge in membership, it is probably a good time to recap our activities and some ways in which members can become involved in the efforts of the committee.

A major focus of the committee for about the past ten years has been the development of the Player Image Index. Its goal has been to find and catalogue an image for every major league player. We're almost up to the 97% mark now, but that still leaves 576 players "unfound." So one way to become involved is to write me at bdhickmn@aol.com and request a copy of the Missing Players List and begin searching for some of the missing players.

The images which have been found are catalogued in the SABR Encyclopedia. Simply log onto the members portion of the SABR website. Go to Research Tools, click onto the SABR Encyclopedia., enter the last name of the player who interests you. When you arrive at the biographical data for the player in question, look for the word "Pictures" and the camera icon next to it. Click on the camera and you'll see the descriptions of the photo or other information we've catalogued for the player. In some cases, you'll find direct web links to images.

Another project is a Manager Image Index, for major league managers. This project is headed by Dave Davis. Dave's email address is dfatpitch5@yahoo.com Again, we're at the 97% completion mark. We're only missing 17 managers. What we've catalogued for managers can also be found the same way in the SABR Encyclopedia.

A third project is a Ballpark Photo Index. Here we're missing about half the ballparks. The project manager is Paul Healy. Paul's email address is palely@yahoo.com We don't have this index on-line yet, but Paul can share an Excel spreadsheet with you.

We have been working with the Library of Congress to improve the accuracy of the captions in their baseball-related photos which appear on-line. We completed a project related to their George Bain Collection and now we have another project related to their Harris and Ewing Collection. Committee member Mark Fimoff is heading the current project. Mark's email address is bmarlowe@comcast.net

We have an E-List where you can pose questions, make comments, share thoughts with other committee members, etc. To join the E-List, go to the following webpage:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Sabrpictorial/>

The committee has a broad mission, but in practical term it can accomplish only as much as its members are willing to step up and take the lead in handling some project management roles. Areas which we have not yet tapped are illustrations, cartoons, movies, history of photographic collections, and probably a number of other areas which simply aren't coming to mind at the moment.

EARLY BASEBALL AND ITS PICTORIAL ASPECTS

Following in the same vein about taking on new challenges, Larry McCray, who chairs the Origins Committee, recently cited the following photo from 1862:

<http://www.nps.gov/fopu/historyculture/stories.htm> Click on "Baseball."

The National Park Service claims that there is a baseball game being played in the background behind the troop formation at Fort Pulaski. I couldn't discern whether there is or isn't a baseball game occurring here. If our committee had a few people who were willing to start gaining expertise in the visual aspects of early baseball, we could be helpful when these kinds of image aspects arise. Anyone interested in starting to combine the visual with the study of early baseball? Please let me know if you are interested.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OFFICIAL ADDRESSED PHC MEETING IN JULY

The Pictorial History Committee was honored by the presence of Phil Michel, Digital Conversion Coordinator at the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress at our annual meeting at the National Convention in Washington. Phil made a top-notch presentation, showing a number of interesting photos from the Library of Congress collection. About a hundred people were in attendance. From the comments I received, it was clear that they were glad they got a chance to hear Phil's presentation.

FORMERLY MISSING PLAYERS FOUND SINCE MAY NEWSLETTER

Michael Gaule - by Tom McElroy in a 1907 photo montage of the Baltimore Police Department on a website. Officer Gaule can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/o6v1q> and the individual photo can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/qz8yq5>

Bob Becher - by Mark Fimoff in a current collect.com auction. Can be viewed on the OOTP Developments website at <http://tinyurl:nxt653>

Unknown first name Sterling - Richard Ulrich reported that John A. Sterling was on an Old Judge card. The book, THE PHOTOGRAPHIC BASEBALL CARDS OF GOODWIN AND COMPANY pictures a series of 5 Old Judge cards of Sterling on page 234. The cards themselves do not give a first name. The book verifies that he played with Philadelphia for the one game on October 12, 1890.

Walter Tappan - by Richard Ulrich in a Falls City team photo on page 280 of the 1911 Spalding Guide.

John F. Kelly - by Richard Ulrich in the 1885 Lawrence, MA, team photo in the Lawrence Telegram of Sept. 6, 1912.

John Weihe - by Richard Ulrich from his collection and that of Tony Szabelski.

Joe C. Connors - by Richard Ulrich and Tony Szabelski in an 1885 Olympics of Erie team photo.

Jeremiah Reardon - by Richard Ulrich and Tony Szabelski in an 1885 Olympics of Erie team photo.

Charles E. Reynolds - by Richard Ulrich and Tony Szabelski in an 1885 Olympics of Erie team photo.

Charles Hewitt - by Richard Ulrich and Marvin Scott from a Gloucester team composite.

William H. "Frank" Houseman - by Richard Ulrich from an 1885 Richmond, VA, team photo published in the April 14, 1907 edition of the Richmond Post Dispatch.

Michael Walsh (manager, not player) - by Lefty Blasco. A woodcut in the September 8, 1883 issue of the New York Clipper.

Alva Burriss - by Bill Hickman in the Salisbury, MD, Times of March 25, 1938. It is a head shot photo shown soon after his death. Burriss was a physician in Salisbury.

Alexander Donoghue - by Peter Morris. This is the player with the 1891 Philadelphia NL team who was known as Joe Donohue in earlier encyclopedias. Peter found a photo of him and an article about his death on page 17 of the July 13, 1931 Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

Edward J. Flynn - by Peter Morris. This was a line drawing in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of March 27, 1887 on page 8. Those who subscribe to genealogy.com may view it there.

Orrin "Bob" Casey - by Andy Fusco in the November 29, 1936 issue of the Syracuse Journal. Case had been a school superintendent in Syracuse.

Morris Critchley - by Andy Fusco in an 1877 Auburn, NY team uniform from a department store display montage of that team's starting lineup.

George H. Fletcher - by Peter Nash and John Thorn in a Brooklyn Excelsiors and Washington Nationals team photo of the 1860's in the Henry Chadwick scrapbooks in the New York Public Library.

Amos Booth - by Bob Richardson in the 1878 Lowell, MA team photo published in the June 25, 1908 Lowell Courier (Eddie Booth returns to the Missing Players List).

George Taylor (manager, not player) - by Lefty Blasco in the December 1, 1883 issue of the New York Clipper. It's a head and shoulders woodcut.

HELP WITH BALLPARK PHOTO INDEX

Kudos to Ira Drucker for his submission of photos of Estadio Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico and the TokyoDome in Tokyo, Japan. The Monterrey ballpark was the home field for the San Diego Padres in 1996 and 1999. The TokyoDome has been the home field for the Cubs, Mets, Devil Rays, and A's.

DEADBALL ERA TOBACCO CARD WEBSITE

Fred Worth reports that the University of Georgia's holdings of Senator Richard Russell's collection of tobacco baseball cards are now on-line. The website address is

<http://baseballcards.galib.uga.edu/>

MYSTERY PHOTO COLUMN

Mark Fimoff continues with his regular column which provides a mystery photo for Pictorial History Committee members to analyze. Because Mark's columns contain photos, I'm distributing them as PDF files and supplements to the regular Pictorial History Committee Newsletter. Those of you with email access will be receiving Mark's column shortly after you receive this newsletter.

Regards,
Bill Hickman

This mail is being CC'd to you as a staff member.