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Joel Wright Found

For years we have listed Joseph S. Wright as an outfielder with Louisville in 1895 and 1896 and with Pittsburgh, also in 1896. Peter Morris found a Joe Wright who lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and traced him. He had a lengthy minor league career dating from 1891 to 1900. At first glance it wasn't obvious that this was the man who played in Louisville and Pittsburgh, although an 1897 article in the Oshkosh newspaper mentioned that he had played in Pittsburgh. Several Oshkosh city directory listings listed him as a ballplayer. Wright died of a heart attack in Omaha, Nebraska on September, 20, 1909. Obituaries in the Oshkosh paper said his name was Joel Sherman Wright and said he was once a prominent baseball player. Peter then found the key article in a 1915 Oshkosh newspaper article. It contained an interview with George Hogriever in which Hogriever was reminiscing about Wright's career. The article detailed his career, mentioning that he played for Louisville in 1895 and Pittsburgh in 1896. Other later articles in Oshkosh also mention him playing for Pittsburgh. This is great work by Peter Morris, who wins the *Find of the Month* award.

Mullen It Over

It is almost impossible to locate unidentified players of the 19th century. One such player was simply named Mullen. Mr. Mullen played one game for Cleveland on August 17, 1872. Peter Morris found an article that said Mullen was a local amateur who came into the game when Rynie Wolters had to leave because he swallowed his chaw of tobacco. He seemed well known to the writer of article. Peter found that one of the top amateur clubs in Cleveland at the time featured a player named Martin Mullen. Martin Mullen died October 27, 1915 in Cleveland and his obituary mentioned that he was once a very good baseball player sought by professional scouts. Although it isn't 100%, I think we can be reasonably sure that Peter has found the right man.

The Walksum Mystery

In August of 2003, my *Mystery of the Month* concerned a possible player for the 1872 Brooklyn Eckfords named Walksum. This surfaced as a result of some scorebooks being discovered in the Hall of Fame basement. Research never turned up any human named Walksum much less a ballplayer. Paul Wendt obtained a copy of the score sheet from Bob Tiemann and sent it to me. I looked at it and couldn't really tell what it said, so I asked my wife Valerie to look at it. She said it looked like Wallison. Then I saw it. It wasn't Wallison or Walksum; it's W. Allison. Of course William Allison played for the Eckfords in 1872 and since the lineup also featured A. Allison, they needed the W. to distinguish the two. Case closed. Valerie now thinks she should win the *Find of the Month*.

The Amityville Error

Henry Austin played for the Elizabeth Resolutes in 1873. We had listed a death for him as September 3, 1895 in Amityville, New York. Peter Morris researched Austin and found that he played for the Unions of Morrisania from 1865 to 1870. Henry C. Austin, age 25, born in New York, appears in the 1870 census in Morrisania (That must be Peter's favorite town). His father is listed as a ball maker. He moved to Elizabeth and became a policeman. The 1890 census shows that he was a Civil War veteran with the 82nd Infantry. This Henry Austin died November 2, 1904 in Amityville and his widow filed for a Civil War veteran's pension, listing him as serving in the 82nd Infantry. Obviously, this is the correct ballplayer. We don't know where the 1895 death came from.

New Members

Please welcome Fred Worth to the biographical committee. Fred's address is Box 7783, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71999. His code number will be W4. Also welcome Scott Blanton, 380 S. Melody Street, Layton, Utah 84041. His code number will be B5. Rick Johnson is another new member. Rick's address is 4110 205th Place SW, Lynnwood, Washington 98036. His code number is J2. Tim Copeland is a new member as well. His address is 204 March Drive, Suffolk, Virginia 23434 and his code number is C5.

The Perils of Biographical Research

Last month I listed an update to the birth date of Rube Marquard. I changed it based on his WWI draft card that listed 1889 as well as his comments to Larry Ritter in [The Glory of Their Times](#) that he was 18 in 1908. However, Peter Morris pointed out that Larry Mansch wrote a biography of Marquard that had a picture of his birth certificate and he was born in 1886. We know that birth data gleaned from death certificates isn't reliable, but here is an example where the player himself listed his birth date wrong in both 1917 and 1966.

The Geiss Guys

I always thought it was suspicious that we had an Emil August Geiss and an Emil William Geis listed, both living in Chicago. I don't know where the information for Emil Michael Geis came from, but Peter Morris proved that the games originally credited to him were actually played by William J. Geiss, brother of Emil August Geiss.

How Can We Find Howe?

John Howe played with the New York Giants in 1890 and 1893. He also played with Tacoma in 1886, Kansas City in 1887, London in 1888, and the Metropolitans in 1889. We have no biographical information on this guy other than he was supposedly from New York City. The latest we have on him is from 1901. The Central League was being reorganized with teams along the Hudson River. Representing Newburgh was John Howe. Howe qualifies as our March/April *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June.

May 4	Ox Miller	91
May 14	Red Hayworth	90
May 17	Ace Parker	94
May 20	Stan Benjamin	92
May 22	Otey Clark	91
June 5	Eddie Joost	90
June 8	Art Mahan	93
June 12	Peter Naktensis	92
June 19	Don Gutteridge	94
June 20	Bill Werber	98

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	16474	54	99.673
Births	15902	626	96.212
Assumed Alive	7972		48.233
Deaths	8248	308	49.903
Bats	15264	1153	92.977
Throws	15487	930	94.335
Heights	15603	814	95.042
Weights	15561	856	94.786
Debut Dates	16528	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9984	6544	60.407
Total			92.3908

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1941	Adams, Ace Townsend	B: Mar 2 <u>1910</u> D: <u>Feb 26 2006 Albany, Georgia</u> Cemetery: <u>Friendship Cemetery, Donalsonville, Georgia</u>	(D6)
1872	Allen, Frank Erwin	Height: <u>5-04</u>	(L6)
1893	Allen, Jesse Hall	Cemetery: <u>Media Cemetery, Media, Pennsylvania</u>	(B6)
1932	Allen, John Thomas	B: <u>Sep 30 1904</u>	(M4)
1871	Allison, Douglas L.	B: <u>Jul 12 1846</u>	(L6)
1873	Austin, Henry C.	B: <u>Oct 1844 New York</u> D: <u>Nov 2 1904</u>	(M4)
1940	Baker, William Presley	D: <u>Apr 13 2006 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Woodleaf, North Carolina</u>	(H9)
1925	Ballou, Noble Winfred	<u>TR</u>	(B2)
1939	Berardino, John	Real name: <u>Giovanni Berardino</u>	(M4)
1871	Berthrong, Harry W.	Name: <u>Henry Washburn Berthrong</u> B: <u>Jan 1 1844 Mumford, New York</u>	(L6)
1921	Bird, James Edward	Cemetery: <u>Oak Dale Cemetery, Stephenville, Texas</u>	(W4)
1955	Brovia, Joseph John	Real name: <u>Giuseppe Giovanni Brovia</u>	(M4)
1912	Burns, Edward James	B: <u>Oct 31 1887</u>	(M4)
1898	Chance, Frank Leroy	B: <u>Sep 9 1876</u>	(M4)
1888	Childs, Clarence Algernon	Name: Clarence <u>Lemuel</u> Childs	(K2)
1910	Chouinard, Felix George	Cemetery: <u>Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois</u>	(R4)
1937	Chozen, Harry	Cemetery: <u>Graceland Cemetery, Lake Charles, Louisiana</u>	(R4)
1914	Coles, Cadwallader	Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Park Cemetery North, Miami, Florida</u>	(R4)
1948	Conatser, Clinton Astor	Name: <u>Astor Clinton Conatser</u>	(M4)
1920	Cox, Plateau Rex	Name: Plateau <u>Preston</u> Rex Cox	(M4)
1909	Crompton, Edward	Cemetery: <u>Richland Cemetery, Johnstown, Pennsylvania</u>	(R4)
1930	Crouch, Jack Albert	B: <u>Cooleemee, North Carolina</u>	(M4)
1913	Cullop, Norman Andrew	Cemetery: <u>Sulphur Springs Cemetery, Chilhowie, Virginia</u>	(R4)
1921	Cunningham, William	B: <u>Jul 30 1894</u>	(M4)

	Aloysius		
1913	Dashner, Lee Claire	Cemetery: <u>Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta, Kansas</u>	(R4)
1960	Davis, William Henry	Height: <u>6-02</u>	(V1)
1935	Dedeaux, Raoul Martial	Cemetery: <u>Forest Lawn – Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California</u>	(V1)
1901	Deegan, William Joseph	Cemetery: <u>St. Raymond Cemetery, Bronx, New York</u>	(R4)
1932	Demaree, Joseph Franklin	Delete real name of Joseph Franklin Dimaria	(M4)
1879	Dolan, Thomas J.	B: <u>Jan 10 1855</u>	(M4)
1889	Dunning, Andrew Jackson	Cemetery: <u>Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, New York</u>	(R4)
1913	Edmonson, Earl Edward	Cemetery: <u>Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida</u>	(R4)
1915	Edwards, Ralph Strunk	Cemetery: <u>Mount Hope Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York</u>	(B6)
1914	Enzenroth, Clarence Herman	Cemetery: <u>Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan</u>	(R4)
1914	Enzmann, John	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(R4)
1915	Eschen, James Godrich	Cemetery: <u>Airmont Cemetery, Airmont, New York</u>	(R4)
1916	Evans, William James	B: <u>Feb 10 1893</u>	(M4)
1934	Fehring, William Paul	D: <u>Apr 14 2006 Palo Alto, California</u>	(B6)
1901	Ferguson, Charles Augustus	Cemetery: <u>Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan</u>	(H6)
1913	Flanagan, Charles James	Name: <u>Charles Joseph Flannigan</u>	(M4)
1912	Fournier, John Frank	B: <u>Sep 28 1889</u>	(M4)
1966	Foy, Joseph Anthony	Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York</u>	(B6)
1875	Fulmer, Washington Fayette	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(L6)
1882	Fusselback, Edward L.	Cemetery: <u>Philadelphia Memorial Park, Frazer, Pennsylvania</u>	(R4)
1983	Gagne, Gregory Christopher	Name: <u>Gregory Carpenter Gagne</u>	(H9)
1944	Garbark, Nathaniel Michael	Delete real name of Nathaniel Michael Garbach	(H9)
1934	Garbark, Robert Michael	Delete real name of Robert Michael Garbach	(H9)
1882	Geis, Emil Michael	Eliminate player. Games belong to William J. Geiss.	(M4)
1884	Geiss, William J.	Debut: <u>Jul 19 1882</u>	(M4)
1911	Giannini, Joseph Francis	B: <u>Drytown, California</u>	(M4)
1906	Goodwin, Clyde Samuel	Cemetery: <u>St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne, Ohio</u>	(H6)
1946	Guintini, Benjamin John	Real name: <u>Beniamino John Guintini</u>	(M4)
1890	Harrington, Jeremiah Peter	B: <u>Aug 12 1868 Hamden, Ohio</u>	(M4)
1894	Hassamaer, William Louis	D: <u>May 25 1910</u> Cemetery: <u>Friedens Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u>	(C1)

1910	Hearne, Edmund	B: Sep 17 1887	(M4)
1902	Hildebrand, R. E.	Name: <u>Hillebrand</u>	(B1)
1942	Hitchcock, William Clyde	D: <u>Apr 9 2006 Opelika, Alabama</u> Cemetery: <u>Rosemere Cemetery, Opelika, Alabama</u>	(L6)
1939	Hodgin, Elmer Ralph	B: Feb 10 1915	(M4)
1939	Hoffman, William Joseph	D: <u>May 14 2004 Roxborough, Pennsylvania</u> Cemetery: <u>Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Wyncote, Pennsylvania</u>	(C1)
1921	Holling, Carl	Name: Carl <u>Theodore</u> Holling B: <u>Dixon, California</u>	(M4)
1980	Howe, Steven Roy	D: <u>Apr 28 2006 Coachella, California</u>	(V1)
1872	Jewett, Nathan W.	B: Dec 25 1844 Height: <u>5-09</u>	(L6)
1897	Johnson, John Godfred	Name: John <u>Gottfred</u> Johnson	(M4)
1942	Kearse, Edward Paul	Name: <u>Paul Edward</u> Kearse	(M4)
1882	Kienzle, William	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>166</u>	(M4)
1953	Kipper, Thornton John	D: <u>Mar 29 2006 Scottsdale, Arizona</u>	(H9)
1912	Kuhn, Walter Charles	Name: <u>Charles Walter</u> Kuhn B: Feb 2 1887	(M4)
1923	Kunz, Earl Dewey	B: Dec 25 1898	(M4)
1934	Lavagetto, Harry Arthur	Real name: <u>Attilio H Lavagetto</u>	(M4)
1920	Lee, Ernest Dudley	Name: Ernest <u>Holford</u> Lee	(M4)
1915	Lee, William Joseph	B: Jan 9 1894	(N5)
1911	Lindsay, William Gibbons	Cemetery: <u>New Garden Cemetery, Greensboro, North Carolina</u>	(L5)
1954	Lint, Royce James	D: <u>Apr 3 2006 Portland, Oregon</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(C1)
2002	Little, William Grady (MGR)	B: Mar 3 1950	(S0)
1922	Lovelace, Thomas Rivers	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u>	(W4)
1913	Mamaux, Albert Leon	Cemetery: <u>Forest Lawn – Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California</u>	(V1)
1908	Marquard, Richard William	B: Oct 9 1886	(M4)
1950	Marrero, Conrado Eugenio (Ramos)	B: <u>Aug 11</u> 1911	(N5)
1936	Martin, Stuart McGuire	B: Nov 19 1912	(M4)
1911	Mayes, Adair Bushyhead	D: May 28 1963 Cemetery: <u>Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Arkansas</u>	(W4)
1914	McCreery, Esley Porterfield	B: <u>Florence, Colorado</u>	(M4)
1906	McIlveen, Henry Cooke	Debut: Jul 4 1906	(S0)
1932	McKeithan, Emmett James	B: <u>Shelby, North Carolina</u>	(M4)
1884	McKnight, Henry Dennis (MGR)	Name: <u>Harmar Denny</u> McKnight B: <u>Apr 29 1848</u>	(M3)
1947	Mele, Sabath Anthony	B: Jan 21 1922	(C1)
1944	Metzig, William Andrew	D: <u>Mar 12 2006 Lubbock, Texas</u> Cemetery: <u>Lubbock City Cemetery, Lubbock, Texas</u>	(C1)

1946	Minner, Paul Edison	D: <u>Mar 28 2006 Lemoyne, Pennsylvania</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes given to family</u>	(C1)
1949	Minoso, Saturnino Orestes Armas (Arrieta)	B: <u>Nov 29 1925</u>	(P1)
1872	Mullen,	Name: <u>Martin Mullen</u> B: <u>Aug 22 1852 Cleveland, Ohio</u> D: <u>Oct 27 1915 Cleveland, Ohio</u> Cemetery: <u>St. Joseph's Cemetery,</u> <u>Cleveland, Ohio</u>	(M4)
1910	Myers, Ralph Edward	B: <u>Apr 8 1887</u>	(M4)
1935	Ock, Harold David	Cemetery: <u>Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn,</u> <u>New York</u>	(B6)
1925	Osborn, John Bode	D: <u>Paris, Arkansas</u>	(V1)
1937	Outlaw, James Paulus	D: <u>Apr 9 2006 Jackson, Alabama</u> Cemetery: <u>Trinity Memorial Gardens,</u> <u>Jackson, Alabama</u>	(H9)
1899	Owens, Thomas Llewellyn	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M4)
1957	Pappas, Milton Stephen	Real Name: <u>Miltiades Stergios</u> <u>Pappastedioidis</u>	(C4)
1921	Patterson, William Jennings Bryan	B: <u>Jan 29 1897</u>	(L7)
1871	Pinkham, Edwin B.	Cemetery: <u>Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn,</u> <u>New York</u>	(B6)
1941	Poole, Raymond Herman	D: <u>Mar 1 2006 Burlington, North Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Providence United Methodist</u> <u>Church Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina</u>	(H9)
1884	Powell, Charles Abner	Name: <u>Abner Charles Powell</u>	(L5)
1932	Powers, Ellis Foree	Name: <u>Foree Ellis Powers</u>	(L5)
1878	Powers, Philip J.	Cemetery: <u>St. Raymond Cemetery, Bronx,</u> <u>New York</u>	(B6)
1984	Puckett, Kirby	B: <u>Mar 14 1960</u> D: <u>Mar 6 2006 Phoenix, Arizona</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(C1)
1882	Reccius, John	Weight: <u>168</u>	(M4)
1891	Ricks, John	B: <u>Sep 26 1867</u>	(M3)
1944	Ripple, Charles Dawson	B: <u>Dec 1 1920</u>	(M4)
1872	Robinson, Alfred Valentine	D: <u>Aug 2 1898</u>	(V1)
1952	Rossi, Joseph Anthony	Real name: <u>Giuseppe Rossi</u>	(M4)
1914	Schmutz, Charles Otto	B: <u>Jan 1 1891</u>	(M4)
1926	Scott, Floyd John	B: <u>Dec 21 1897</u>	(M4)
1927	Shea, Mervyn David John	Name: <u>Mervyn John Shea</u>	(M4)
1924	Shirley, Ernest Raeford	B: <u>May 24 1901</u>	(M4)
1939	Sisti, Sebastian Daniel	D: <u>Apr 24 2006 Amherst, New York</u> Cemetery: <u>Mount Calvary Cemetery,</u> <u>Cheektowaga, New York</u>	(D6)
1924	Steengrafe, Milton Henry	B: <u>May 26 1898</u>	(M4)
1885	Stellberger, William F.	Height: <u>5-07</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(T2)
1884	Strauss, Joseph	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(T2)
1921	Stuart, Luther Lane	Cemetery: <u>New Garden Cemetery,</u>	(L5)

		<u>Greensboro, North Carolina</u>	
1931	Vergez, John Louis	Name: <u>Jean Louis Vergez</u>	(M4)
2005	Volquez, Edison	Name: <u>Edinson Volquez</u>	(H9)
1948	Wade, Benjamin Styron	B: Nov <u>25</u> 1922	(M4)
1914	Williams, Rinaldo Lewis	Name: Rinaldo <u>Louis</u> Williams	(M4)
1921	Wirts, Elwood Vernon	B: Oct <u>30</u> 1897	(M4)
1895	Wright, Joseph S.	Name: <u>Joel Sherman Wright</u> B: <u>1869 Oshkosh, Wisconsin</u> D: <u>Sep 20 1909 Omaha, Nebraska</u> Cemetery: <u>Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh, Wisconsin</u>	(M4)