

SABR
Biographical Research Committee
November/December 2003 Report

Ed Connor Found

This is the man that we had listed as Joseph P. (Ned) Connors, who played for the Troy Haymakers in 1871. Various notes indicated that Connor was from Philadelphia. Richard Malatzky found a man on the 1880 census that seemed to fit. He was 30 years old and a plasterer. (If he got drunk, he'd be a plastered plasterer.) Richard traced him up to his death in 1898. The obituary said that he was on the Republican Executive Committee of the 4th ward.

This didn't prove much of anything until the key clue was found in the November 18, 1882 New York Clipper:

"Ed Connor, formerly of the Philadelphia Keystone and the Troy Haymakers, was a candidate for the legislature and lost."

Bob Bailey checked out the election coverage and found that Edward Connor was the Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives in the 4th District. The party and district match our 1898 candidate. Great work by Richard Malatzky, Peter Morris, and Bob Bailey, who share the *Find of the Month* award.

Dick Butler

Some of you may think I'm going to write about Dick Butler, the former supervisor of umpires who recently died. No, this Dick Butler was a catcher for Louisville in 1897 and Washington in 1899 and was recently found by Richard Malatzky. Richard found many notes indicating that catcher Dick Butler was the son of Patrick H. Butler of Brooklyn. When Richard found Patrick Butler, he found Richard buried in the cemetery right next to him.

William Warren White

Amazingly enough, we nailed two 1871 debut players in one month. William Warren White was known to be living in Washington in the 1880s. His wife Susie was listed as a widow in the 1891 city directory, so we knew it was likely he died around 1890.

A company called ProQuest has the entire Washington Post available on the Internet and I thought I would try a search for William Warren White. Up popped his obituary in the June 15, 1890 issue:

"Mr. William Warren White, who was a clerk in the Treasury Department for 25 years and was afterwards made a pension agent for the Government, died of typhoid fever on Thursday at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he had gone on government business. Mr. White was widely known some years ago as a baseball player when he played on third base under the name of Warren."

It doesn't get any easier than that. He was probably born in Rochester, New York, but so far, we

haven't come up with a birth date. We have 16 remaining 1871 debut players left to find. If we can get 2 a month, we can be done with them in 8 months. Somehow, I don't think we'll be able to do that.

Harry Mace

Another one that we can thank Proquest for is Harry Mace. We knew that Mace had become an umpire and had worked in the Virginia League around 1910. When I did a search for him in the Washington Post, I got several hits on him including his picture, but no mention of his death. However, when I searched on Harry F. Mace, that led me to an article telling of his death in Norfolk, Virginia and stating that he was the former pitcher.

John Hayes

Richard Malatzky found a much more modern player when he found John Hayes. Hayes debuted with New York in 1876. Like Ed Connor, Hayes was involved in politics. He graduated from Seton Hall and Columbia College Law School. He was Assistant Corporate Council at the time of his death. His obituary said that, "In his younger days, he was one of the best professional baseball players in the country." He died in New York City on May 25, 1904.

Joe Moffett

We knew that Joseph Moffett was in Butte, Montana as late as 1910 working in a copper mine. He was listed with his wife, Margaret. He showed up in Tucson, Arizona in the 1920 census, then he seemed to vanish. Peter Morris located him in the California death index. He died in 1935 in San Bernardino.

That You, Ollie?

Ollie Smith played the outfield for Louisville in 1894. We had listed him as Oliver H. Smith and we knew he was from Mount Vernon, Ohio. We had never been able to find any record of any man named Oliver Smith from Mount Vernon. Various notes listed him as being in Denver in 1890 and later in Ottawa, Kansas. Richard Malatzky was able to find city directory listings showing that an Orlin H. Smith lived in Denver in 1890 at the address we had for the ballplayer. The 1900 census found Orlin H. Smith living in Ottawa, Kansas. He eventually wound up in California where a death record revealed that Orlin H. Smith hailed from Mount Vernon, Ohio. Obviously, we have found our man.

Database

The biographical database has been redesigned and converted to Microsoft Access. This makes it much more flexible and easy to use and I can pull off several different reports that I was unable to before. We also now list the cemetery for each player. Already, we are over 70% complete on the cemeteries. If you have any cemetery information, be sure to send it to me. Many thanks to Dave Vincent, who did an incredible amount of work setting this up.

Last Dates

We still have several dates for last game played that we are missing. We need: 1876- 35, 1877- 22, 1878- 14, 1879 - 15, 1880- 10, and 1888- 1. If you would like to help, please contact Dave Vincent.

Other Changes

With the next newsletter, I hope to have, most of them sent out electronically. So if you haven't sent me your e-mail address, make sure you sent it to me at Bbxpert@aol.com. It will save me stuffing 130 envelopes every couple of months. I will also switch to Microsoft Word to format if, since most people can read that format. Hence, the newsletter may have a different look. Also, if you want to remain on the mailing list, let me know by January 31. Other wise, I will drop you.

Dernell Stenson

The tragic murder of Dernell Stenson only 84 days after his major league debut makes him third on the list of players who died the soonest after their debut. Only Dick Wantz and Al Thake died closer to their major league debut.

Birthday List

The following nonagenarians will be celebrating birthdays in January and February of 2004:

January 3	Gus Suhr	98
January 4	Herman Franks	90
January 17	Raymond Cunningham	99
January 20	Jimmy Outlaw	91
January 23	Merv Connors	90
February 6	Hal Weafer	90
February 13	Herb Hash	93
February 15	Bob Cremins	98
February 20	Tommy Henrich	94
February 22	Bill Baker	93

Tom Maher

Thomas Francis Maher pinch-hit in one game for the Phillies in 1902. We know very little about the ballplayer other than the fact that he married Amelia Magnell, a 19 year old girl from Wilmington, Delaware, on June 23, 1906 in Worcester, Massachusetts. According to the marriage certificate, Thomas was 28, born in New York, and the son of James Maher and the former Annie Morrissey.

Peter Morris found a likely candidate in the 1880 census living in Englewood, New Jersey. James and Annie Maher, both 25, James born in Ireland, Annie in England, had sons Thomas F., age 4, born in New York, James B., age 2, born in New Jersey, and Annie J., age 7 months, born in New Jersey. Efforts to locate them at any later date have turned up nothing.

Amelia Magnell was the daughter of Olrick and Louisa Magnell. According to the 1900 census, Amelia was born in April of 1887. It appears that Amelia pops up in the 1910 census living in Philadelphia. She is listed as Amelia Mehr, is 22 years old, born in Delaware, and has been married 2 years. But where is her wandering husband? It would seem that Amelia's family might be worth

tracing. Amelia's mother, Louisa Meade, is still living in Wilmington in 1930, age 70. Her sister, Ella Stahl, is listed in the 1920 census, also living in Wilmington. She also had siblings Margaret, Christopher, and Andrew.

Although we seem to have stalled out on Mr. Maher, there are enough clues there that we ought to be able to track him down. Maher is our final Mystery of the Month for 2003.

Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	16059	56	99.652
Births	16436	679	95.787
Assumed Alive	7748		48.079
Deaths	8019	348	49.761
Bats	14822	1181	92.620
Throws	15062	941	94.120
Heights	15150	853	94.670
Weights	15110	893	94.420
Debut Dates	16115	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9985	6130	61.961
Total			92.3361

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1955	Batthey, Earl Jesse	D: <u>Nov 15 2003</u> <u>Ocala, Florida</u>	(C1)
2003	Belisle, Matthew Thomas	B: <u>Austin, Texas</u>	
1872	Boyd, William J.	D: <u>Oct 1 1912</u>	
1967	Brett, Kenneth Alven	D: <u>Nov 18 2003</u> <u>Spokane, Washington</u>	(C1)
1944	Brewer, John Herndon	B: <u>Apr 21 1918</u> D: <u>Nov 30 1918</u> <u>Sun City, California</u>	(CL)
1897	Butler, Richard H.	B: <u>Dec 1869</u> D: <u>Jul 16 1917</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	
1984	Calderon, Ivan (Perez)	D: <u>Dec 27 2003</u> <u>Loiza, Puerto Rico</u>	(C1)
2003	Calero, Enrique Nomar	B: Santurce, <u>Puerto Rico</u>	(L5)
1871	Connors, Joseph P.	Name: <u>Edward Connor</u> D: <u>Jan 28 1898</u> <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	(M4)
1954	Darnell, Robert Jack	D: Jan <u>3</u> 1995	(C1)
2003	Dominguez, Juan A.	Name: Juan <u>Ramon</u> Dominguez	(V1)
1889	Ebright, Hiram C.	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(M4)
1914	Faber, Urban Charles	Name: Urban <u>Clarence</u> Faber	(C1)
1908	Farmer, Alexander Johnson	D: <u>Feb 5</u> 1920	(B6)
1882	Farrell, Joseph F.	D: Apr <u>17</u> 1893	(B6)
1886	Gilmore, Frank T.	Height: <u>5-11.5</u> Weight: <u>164</u>	(M4)
1913	Graff, Frederick Gottlieb	Name: Frederick Gottlieb <u>Graf</u>	(DS)
1880	Haley, Frederick	Name: <u>J.</u> Haley Eliminate birth information.	(M4)
1876	Hayes, John E.	B: <u>New York, New York</u> D: <u>May 25 1904</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	(M3)
1872	Hunt, Richard M.	D: <u>New York, New York</u>	(B6)
2003	Jones, Jason D.	Name Jason <u>Dewey</u> Jones	(V1)
1947	Jorgensen, John Donald	D: <u>Nov 6 2003</u> <u>Rancho Cucamonga, California</u>	(C1)
1944	Just, Joseph Erwin	D: <u>Nov 22 2003</u>	(H6)

		<u>Franklin, Wisconsin</u>	
1914	Kavanagh, Martin Joseph	D: <u>Taylor, Michigan</u>	(F4)
1893	LaChance, George Joseph	B: Feb <u>14</u> 2003	(B3)
1891	Mace, Harry F.	D: <u>Apr 26</u> 1930	(C1)
		<u>Norfolk, Virginia</u>	
1874	McGee, Patrick	D: Jun <u>20</u> 1889	(B6)
1886	McGlone, John I.	D: Nov <u>22</u> 1927	(B6)
1948	McGowan, Tullis Earl	D: <u>Mar 8</u> 2003	(H4)
		<u>Waycross, Georgia</u>	
1884	Miller, George Frederick	D: <u>Ridgewood, New York</u>	(B6)
1871	Mills, Charles F.	D: Apr <u>9</u> 1874	(B6)
1884	Moffett, Joseph W.	Name: Joseph <u>William</u> Moffett	(M4)
		D: <u>Feb 24</u> 1935	
		<u>San Bernardino, California</u>	
2003	Morban, Jose	<u>BS</u>	(V1)
1883	Morgan, William	D: Sep <u>7</u> 1908	(B6)
1972	Owens, Paul Francis (MGR)	D: <u>Dec 26</u> 2003	(C1)
		<u>Woodbury New Jersey</u>	
1882	Pierce, Grayson S.	D: Aug <u>28</u> 1894	(B6)
1957	Raines, Lawrence Glenn Hope	B: St. Albans, <u>West Virginia</u>	(M5)
1949	Raney, Frank Robert Donald	D: <u>Jul 7</u> 2003	(D6)
		<u>Warren, Michigan</u>	
2002	Rodriguez, Ricardo Antonio	<u>BL</u>	(V1)
1952	Senerchia, Emanuel Robert	D: <u>Nov 1</u> 2003	(N4)
		<u>Freehold, New Jersey</u>	
1936	Sheehan, James Thomas	D: <u>Dec 2</u> 2003	(B3)
		<u>New Haven, Connecticut</u>	
1894	Smith, Oliver H.	Name: <u>Orlin Hudson</u> Smith	(M3)
		B: <u>Oct 19</u> 1865	
		D: <u>Feb 4</u> 1954	
		<u>Los Angeles, California</u>	
1942	Spahn, Warren Edward	D: <u>Nov 24</u> 2003	(C1)
		<u>Broken Arrow, Oklahoma</u>	
2003	Stenson, Dernel Renauld	D: <u>Nov 5</u> 2003	(C1)
		<u>Chandler, Arizona</u>	
1890	Sweeney, Peter J.	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(M4)
1952	Taylor, Vernon Charles	D: <u>Nov 17</u> 2003	(D6)
		<u>Annapolis, Maryland</u>	
1933	Trosky, Harold Arthur, Sr.	Real Name: Harold Arthur <u>Trojovsky</u> , Sr.	(C1)
1958	Trosky, Harold Arthur, Jr.	Delete real name	(C1)
1949	Wheeler, Donald Wesley	D: <u>Dec 10</u> 2003	(T2)
		<u>Bloomington, Minnesota</u>	

1871 White, William Warren

D:Jun 12 1890
Little Rock, Arkansas

(C1)