



Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report
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George Joyce Found

On August 14, 1886, Washington was playing Philadelphia in a game at Philadelphia. Sadie Houck sprained his ankle, and a man named Joyce (that's his last name, not his first name) came to the rescue and played centerfield. Up until now, he had been unidentified. Joe Simenic found these notes on the game:

"Joyce, an old Washington player but out of practice, was the only available player to be substituted. Mr. Joyce was a well-known baseball player in the early days of the game, before it became a professional institution... He was a member of the old National team, and afterwards the Jeffersons."

In Marshall Wright's book, The National Association of Base Ball Players, 1857-70, the player is listed as George Joyce, who played as an outfielder for Jefferson (1866-67) and National (1869), both being Washington teams.

Sporting Life carried an obit in its November 16, 1895 issue stating that:

"George W. Joyce, an old resident of this city (Washington), died Saturday evening (November 9), at 2129 L Street Northwest, where he had been living with his nephew. Mr Joyce was a well-known baseball player in the early days of the game, before it became a professional institution. (Hmm. Where have we heard that before?) He was a member of the old National team, and afterwards the Jeffersons...."

Obviously, this guy is our missing player. Joe Simenic and Richard Topp did the work on this one and thus, get credit for the "kill." They also share the first 2002 *Find of the Month* award.

New Members

Please welcome Rod Nelson to the biographical committee. Rod's address is 1550 Platte Street #455, Denver, Colorado 80202 and his code number will be N5. Also welcome Tim Hayburn. Tim's address is 1809 Earlington Road, Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083. Tim's code number will be H0.

These Things Take Time

The Patrick Callahan listed as playing for Indianapolis in 1884 is not the Cleveland-born man who died in Louisville in 1940. This was originally discovered by Tom Hufford in 1972. Tom had spoken with a business associate of the Louisville guy. The friend stated that Callahan never played in the majors. A note from Sporting Life confirms this by stating, "Patrick Callaghan, late third baseman of Indianapolis is available. 130 W. 52nd Street, New York, New York." So it only took us 30 years to make this change.

You Think That Took A While?

We have had George Winkelman's birth date and place wrong all along. Winkelman himself wrote to Bob McConnell in 1959 giving him his correct birthdate. I didn't find out about it until now.

The Fountain of Youth

Ponce de Leon came to Florida looking for the Fountain of Youth. It appears he should have been looking in the Dominican Republic. In the past month, we have discovered that Juan Cruz, Neifi Perez, Timoniel Perez, Octavio Dotel, Mario Encarnacion, Luis Vizcaino, Enrique Wilson, and Rafael Furcal are 2 years older than has been reported, and Ramon Ortiz and Deivi Cruz are 3 years older. Juan Uribe, Felix Heredia, and Bartolo Colon are one year older than previously reported. Luis Pineda leads the

the way as he is now 4 years older. All were born in the Dominican Republic. With this new information, that means that the first major leaguer born in the 1980s is Albert Pujols, who debuted April 2, 2001. Pujols was also born in the Dominican.

The More Things Change...

John Schwartz sent along the note on Grayson Pierce. After Pierce's playing career was over he became an NL umpire. He was fired in 1887 for misusing a railroad pass. In 2001, umpire Al Clark was fired over allegedly misusing airline tickets. Perhaps 100 years from now, another umpire will be released over spaceship tickets.

Graveyard Committee

Stew Thornley asked me about our committee possibly forming a subcommittee called the "Graveyard Committee." Their function would be to locate burial sites of deceased ballplayers. What do you all think about that and would any of you be interested in such a project?

A Lindemann Problem?

We list John Frederick Mann "Bob" Lindemann as playing three games in the outfield for the Philadelphia A's in 1901. Ernest Lindemann pitched in one game for the 1907 Boston Braves. Marc Okkonen has been researching the minor league careers of these guys and saw that there is a 5 year gap in the records for the pitcher Lindemann and they fit right in with the minor league assignments for the outfielder Lindemann. Mark found the player listed as Robert Lindemann and he was a pitcher. Is it possible these 2 players are the same? Does anybody know about these Lindemanns and where the data on them came from?

A Perfect Strick

Charles Strick played for Louisville in 1882. We knew little about him other than the fact that he was from Erie, Pennsylvania. Richard Malatzky found a relative of Strick's through the "Find A Grave" website. This man had Strick's birth date and death date and was also nice enough to go to the library and find an obituary. The obituary referred to Strick as a former major league player and that he had played for Louisville. The obituary also mentioned that Strick's prowess as a ballplayer was so great that

he had a cigar named after him called "Strick's Home Run." Obviously, it was the Reggie Bar of its day.

Beadlemania

We listed David Beadle as playing one game for Detroit in 1884. Reed Howard's minor league research showed a David Beadle and his brother Edward with various teams during the late 1880s and early 1890s. Richard Malatzky was able to find the family in the 1880 census under the name Beetle. He traced them through the city directories under the names Beetle, Beadle, and Beadle. David Beadle was a policeman and disappeared from the city directories in 1925. Richard was then able to find his death in the New York City death records. Good work!

Frank Berkelbach

This was an interesting find. Richard Malatzky found a Berkelbach website, where a man listed as one of his ancestors, Frank P. Berkelbach, who had played for the Cincinnati Reds. Richard contacted the man and they exchanged e-mails. Richard was told that Berkelbach died June 10, 1932 in Merchantville, New Jersey. Bob Bailey checked the death certificate and got the birthdate and Berkelbach's full name. I wish everyone had a website like that.

In Memoriam

I'm sure that we are all saddened by the death of SABR's founder, Bob Davids. I joined SABR in 1977 and began receiving the newsletter with a return address stamped on from an L. Robert Davids. This was back when the newsletter was stamped and mailed from Bob's kitchen.

I attended my first SABR convention in 1979 and that is when I first met Bob Davids. I had expected a garrulous, gung ho, organizer type of guy, but the man I met was a modest, unassuming man with a marvelous sense of humor. Bob used to emcee the trivia contest as well as the presentations at the convention. Back then, they limited the presentations to 10 minutes and there was one member, who frequently ran over his allotted time. The amusing part was watching Bob unsuccessfully try to get him off the stage.

Bob is responsible for all of us getting together and teaming up to do this wonderful research and for the many great friendships we

have formed as part of this organization. We will all greatly miss him.

Birthday List

These nonagenarians are celebrating birthdays in March and April. Make sure you send a card.

March 2	Ace Adams	90
March 11	James Bucher	91
March 12	Robert Barr	94
March 16	John Poser	92
April 1	Jake Wade	90
April 9	Howie Groskloss	96
	Claude Passeur	93
April 15	Eddie Mayo	92
April 17	Bob Stevens	95
April 22	Marvin Center	90
April 27	Bernard Uhalt	92

Acting Like A Ballplayer

This month's *Mystery of the Month* comes from Peter Morris and actually involves a player who is already "found."

Harry Corson Clarke played one game for Washington on August 28, 1889. He was a prominent actor who somehow got into a major league game. There was an obituary of actor Harry Corson Clarke in the New York Times in 1923 that stated he had died in Long Beach,

California after a fall in a Cincinnati theatre. However, there is no death record in California for him on that date. The Cincinnati papers didn't mention him either. It would seem anyone that would merit a mention of his passing in the New York Times would be a little easier to track. Was Clarke a stage name? How did he manage to play in that game in the first place?

Clarke also has a connection to an even more mysterious individual. Clarke was forming an acting troupe to perform in Hawaii and the Orient and gave a job to an itinerant actor named William Desmond Taylor. Books could be written on Taylor's exploits; however, Taylor later became famous as a director of silent films. On February 1, 1922, Taylor was shot to death in a case that remains unsolved to this day and is one of Hollywood's most enduring mysteries. Due to Taylor's rather unique and bizarre relationships, there is no shortage of suspects in Taylor's murder. To me, this makes Harry Corson Clarke's story even more fascinating. Who was this guy and how did his one-game major league career come about?

The Scoreboard

	IN	OUT	PCT
Total Complete Names	15667	58	99.631
Total Complete Births	15022	703	95.529
Total Complete Deaths	7793	402	49.558
Total Assumed Alive	7530		47.886
Total Bats	14412	1204	92.290
Total Throws	14648	968	93.801
Total Heights	14712	904	94.211
Total Weights	14655	961	93.846
Total Debut Dates	15725	0	100.000
Total Questionnaires	9984	5741	63.491
Total Completion			92.2453

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1884 Beatle, David	Name: <u>David A. Beadle</u> B: <u>Jan 1864</u> D: <u>Sep 22 1925</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	(M3)
1884 Bertleback, Frank P.	Name: <u>Frank Pierce Berkelbach</u> B: <u>Jul 27 1853</u> D: <u>Jun 10 1932</u> <u>Merchantville, New Jersey</u>	(M3)
1882 Birchall, Adoniram Judson	B: <u>Sep 12 1855</u>	(M3)
1927 Boney, Henry Tate	BL	(P1)
1884 Callahan, Patrick Henry	Name: <u>Patrick L. Callaghan</u> B: <u>New York, New York</u> Delete birth date and death information	(M4)
1910 Castle, John Francis	Debut: <u>Apr 25 1910</u>	(V1)
1910 Cheek, Harry G.	Debut: <u>Apr 30 1910</u>	(V1)
1950 Chiti, Harry	D: <u>Jan 31 2002</u> <u>Haines City, Florida</u>	(C1)
1997 Colon, Bartolo	B: <u>May 24 1974</u>	(D6)
1913 Connolly, Joseph Aloysius	Name: <u>Joseph Francis Connolly</u> B: <u>Feb 1 1884</u>	(C1)
1908 Cravath, Clifford Carlton	B: <u>Poway, California</u>	(M4)
1932 Crosetti, Frank Peter Joseph	D: <u>Feb 11 2002</u> <u>Stockton, California</u>	(C1)
1997 Cruz, Deivi (Garcia)	B: <u>Nov 16 1972</u>	(D6)
2001 Cruz, Juan Carlos	B: <u>Oct 15 1978</u>	(P1)
1882 Daily, Hugh Ignatius	B: <u>1848</u> <u>Ireland</u>	(M3)
1999 Darr, Michael Curtis	D: <u>Feb 15 2002</u> <u>Phoenix, Arizona</u>	(C1)
1958 Davis, Robert Edward	D: <u>Dec 22 2001</u> <u>New York, New York</u>	(B3)
1883 Diven, Frank Robert	B: <u>Aug 29 1859</u>	(B6)
1999 Dotel, Octavio Eduardo (Diaz)	B: <u>Nov 25 1973</u>	(P1)
1890 Doty, Elmer L.	B: <u>Lyons, New York</u>	(M3)
1955 Easton, John David	D: <u>Jul 28 2001</u> <u>Princeton, New Jersey</u>	(B6)
2001 Encarnacion, Mario (Gonzalez)	B: <u>Sep 24 1975</u>	(P1)
1962 Faul, William Alvan	D: <u>Feb 21 2002</u> <u>Cincinnati, Ohio</u>	(Q1)
1940 File, Lawrence Samuel	Name: <u>Samuel Lawrence File</u>	(D7)
1898 Flick, Elmer Harrison	Debut: <u>Apr 26 1898</u>	(P1)
1891 Fuller, Henry W.	Debut: <u>Sep 19 1891</u>	(P1)
2000 Furcal, Rafael	B: <u>Aug 24 1978</u>	(C1)

1872 Galvin, John S.	Name: <u>John A. Galvin</u> B: <u>1842</u>	(M3)
1899 Harris, Charles Jenkins	Debut: <u>May 26 1899</u>	(V1)
1996 Heredia, Felix (Perez)	B: <u>Jun 18 1975</u>	(P1)
1964 Hoffman, John Edward	D: <u>Dec 27 2001</u> <u>Seattle, Washington</u>	(F3)
1901 Jackson, James Benner	Height: <u>5-06.5</u> Weight: <u>165</u>	(M4)
1886 Joyce,	Name: <u>George W. Joyce</u> D: <u>Nov 9 1895</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u>	(S1)
1997 Leroy, John Michael	Name: <u>John Michael LeRoy</u>	(H9)
1871 Malone, Ferguson G.	Name: <u>Fergus G. Malone</u>	(M3)
1962 McGaha, Fred Melvin (MGR)	D: <u>Feb 3 2002</u> <u>Tulsa, Oklahoma</u>	(C1)
1879 McManus, Patrick	Delete death information. Wrong man.	(M3)
1999 Ortiz, Ramon Diogenes (Ortiz)	B: <u>May 23 1973</u>	(V1)
1996 Perez, Neifi Neftali (Diaz)	B: <u>Feb 2 1973</u>	(D6)
2000 Perez, Timoniel	B: <u>Apr 8 1975</u>	(C1)
2001 Pineda, Luis A.	B: <u>Jun 10 1974</u>	(P1)
1939 Pyle, Herbert Ewald	Name: <u>Ewald Pyle</u>	(N4)
1886 Shindle, William	B: <u>Dec 5 1860</u>	(M4)
1953 Smith, Alphonse Eugene	D: <u>Jan 3 2002</u> <u>Hammond, Indiana</u>	(C1)
1884 Sneed, Jonathan L.	Name: <u>John Law Sneed</u> B: <u>1861</u> <u>Shelby County, Tennessee</u>	(M3)
1907 Speaker, Tristram E.	Debut: <u>Sep 12 1907</u>	(S1)
1912 Spencer, Fred Calvin	Height: <u>5-07</u>	(T2)
1968 Spencer, James Lloyd	D: <u>Feb 10 2002</u> <u>Fort Lauderdale, Florida</u>	(T1)
1882 Strick, Charles	Name: <u>Charles E. Strick</u> Real Name: <u>Charles E. Streck</u> B: <u>Sep 15 1858</u> D: <u>Nov 18 1933</u> <u>Erie, Pennsylvania</u>	(M3)
1937 Strickland, William Goss	B: <u>Ray City, Georgia</u> D: <u>Jan 26 2000</u> <u>Lakeland, Florida</u>	(C1)
1909 Sullivan, Harry Andrew	B: <u>Apr 22 1888</u>	(S7)
1950 Taylor, Frederick Rankin	D: <u>Jan 6 2002</u> <u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	(C3)
2001 Uribe, Juan C. (Tena)	B: <u>Jul 22 1979</u>	(D6)
1912 Veach, Robert Hayes	Debut: <u>Sep 6 1912</u>	(O4)
1904 Vinson, Ernest Augustus	<u>BLTR</u>	(M4)
1999 Vizcaino, Luis (Arias)	B: <u>Jun 10 1975</u>	(D6)
1871 White, William Warren	B: <u>1844</u>	(M3)
1916 Whittaker, Walter Elton	D: <u>Aug 7 1965</u>	(P1)
1997 Wilson, Enrique (Martes)	B: <u>Jul 27 1973</u>	(P1)
1883 Winkelman, George Edward	B: <u>Feb 18 1865</u> <u>Washington, D.C.</u>	(M1)
1948 Yochim, Raymond Austin Aloysius	D: <u>Jan 26 2002</u> <u>New Orleans, Louisiana</u>	(N4)
1945 Zabala, Adrian (Rodriguez)	D: <u>Jan 4 2002</u> <u>Jacksonville, Florida</u>	(H9)