

Jimmy Wood Found

James Leon "Jimmy" Wood has long been one of our most interesting missing players. He was very prominent in the National Association as both a player and manager. In 1874, he decided to do a little home surgery when he lanced an abscess on his leg with a pocket knife. An infection led doctors to amputate his right leg. Wood was written up as a mystery in Lee Allen's column in the Sporting News on April 20, 1963. Wood moved to Florida and did well investing in citrus groves. His daughter Carrie married William Chase Temple. Temple moved to Pittsburgh and became extremely wealthy and it was he who established the Temple Cup. Wood's granddaughter, Dorothy Temple, married major league pitcher Del Mason.

It sounds like it would be an easy task to find Jimmy Wood, but that was not the case. Allen's column suggested that he died in Brooklyn in 1926 or 1927. We could never find any proof of that in Brooklyn. It turns out that the date was about right; the location was just 3000 miles off. In our long and fruitless search for Wood we had tracked him to Quebec, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, and Pennsylvania without finding a death certificate. Peter Morris was able to find a death certificate in California showing that he died November 3, 1927 in San Francisco. The birth matches what he have and his body was sent to New Orleans for burial next to his son. This is a great find. Wood was on our Top 20 Most Wanted list so Peter wins the *Find of the Month* award.

John Brown

John Brown pitched one game for Brooklyn in 1897. I never thought we'd find this guy for two reasons. The most obvious reason is his name. You can't get much more common than John Brown. The second reason is that he was from Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania does everything in its power to make life difficult for researchers. However, Richard Malatzky was able to solve the mystery.

Notes from 1897 said that Brown was a stone cutter from Philadelphia. Richard found a John Brown, cutter, listed in Philadelphia with James and William Brown. At various times, John was listed as a ballplayer. Richard found James Brown in an early index of Philadelphia deaths and he was buried in Old Cathedral Cemetery. Buried with him was John Brown, who died July 18, 1908. His obituary confirmed that he was the ballplayer.

Billy Alvord

Billy Alvord was an infielder for five different teams from 1885 to 1893. We knew that he was born in August of 1863 in St. Louis. He appears in the 1900 census in Buffalo, New York with his wife Isabel and daughter Florence. The wife Isabel shows up in the 1909 Buffalo city directory as a widow, so we could assume he dies in Buffalo around 1908. Wrong!! He apparently left his family, remarried a woman named Sarah, and moved to Michigan. In the 1920 census, he is living in Saginaw, Michigan and is listed in the census index as Alvord. Peter Morris found a William C. Alvord dying in 1927 in St. Petersburg, Florida. I sent for the death certificate and his birth is listed as August 10, 1863 in St. Louis, Missouri. Obviously, this is our missing player.

Horace Helmbold

Thanks to the ever increasing resources that the Internet has to offer, we were able to find Horace Helmbold. Horace was born in Philadelphia, but started being somewhat nomadic. He was in Wisconsin in 1910 and Minnesota in 1920. His wife died in Minnesota, but Horace didn't. Peter Morris was able to find his death in a North Carolina death index. The death certificate matched exactly the information we had for the ballplayer. Another name crossed off the list.

Harry Koons

Richard Malatzky and Bob Bailey teamed up to track down 1884 Union Association third baseman Harry Koons. Yet another difficult Philadelphia player, he was listed in the city directories from 1883 to 1900 as a printer, except for 1890 when he was listed as a ballplayer. The only possibly disturbing thing is that 1890 listed him as Henry S. Koons when all other years listed him as either Henry or Harry M. Koons. Since he was at the same address in 1890 and 1891 as Henry S. and Harry M., it would appear to be just a typo. He can be found in the 1870 census as the son of Cadwalader and Emma Koons. The 1910 census shows him still in Philadelphia and by 1920, he has moved to Camden, New Jersey. Bob Bailey was able to find a death certificate in Camden. He was killed when he was hit by a bus on April 5, 1932 and his parents were Cadwalader and Emma Koons. Obviously, this is the player we have been seeking.

Boo Boos

There were a couple of errors in the last newsletter. I misread Peter Morris's notes regarding Clarence and George Stephens. The 1891 Cincinnati game was played by Clarence and not George. Hopefully, I have this correct now. Also, I read the wrong line in the database when changing the cemetery for John Peters. It was not John Paul Peters (1884), but John William Peters (1932) who is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas. Sorry about that.

The Jackson '05

With all those great finds, it seems only fair that we should add another missing player. On August 11 and August 14, 1905, a man named Jackson pitched for Detroit. For many years, we have carried this player as Charles Bernard Jackson. Peter Morris has shown that this was not Charles Jackson, but Herbert Jackson. A note from Sporting Life of 01/20/1906 said that Manager Armour had released Herby Jackson, who pitched for the Tigers last year. The Altoona Mirror of 08/14/1905 also identified this player as Herby Jackson. On 08/18/1905, the Altoona Mirror said that Herbert Jackson was released by Detroit and signed by Lancaster.

Obviously, the Detroit pitcher is Herbert Jackson rather than Charles Jackson. The only problem is that we know nothing about Herbert Jackson. He apparently pitched for Providence, Akron, New Castle, Steubenville, Wilmington, and Reading. He may have been from Ithaca, New York, but we don't know that for sure. We now have a new missing player to replace some of the ones we have found. Jackson is our *Mystery of the Month*.

Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in September and October.

September 17	Ernie Koy	97
September 19	Bob McNamara	90
October 5	Tony Malinosky	97
October 13	Ray Hathaway	90
October 17	Mike Sandlock	91
October 18	George Gick	91
October 19	Ralph McLeod	90
October 21	Edwin Carnett	90
October 25	Gene Corbett	93
October 29	Ed Levy	90
October 30	Edward Borom	91

Scoreboard

CATEGORY	IN	OUT	PCT
Names	16475	53	99.679
Births	15908	620	96.249
Assumed Alive	7948		48.088
Deaths	8277	303	50.079
Bats	15268	1149	93.001
Throws	15488	929	94.341
Heights	15610	807	95.084
Weights	15568	849	94.829
Debut Dates	16528	0	100.000
Questionnaires	9984	6544	60.407
Total			92.4117

New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

DEBUT YR	NAME	CHANGE OR ADD	SOURCE
1923	Archdeacon, Maurice John	B: Dec 14 <u>1897</u>	(D7)
1882	Arundel, John Thomas	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M4)
1913	Allison, Milo Henry	Eliminate cemetery	(H9)
1885	Alvord, William Charles	Name: William <u>Crawford</u> Alvord B: Aug <u>10</u> 1863 D: <u>Apr 7 1927 St. Petersburg, Florida</u>	(C1)
1902	Atz, John Jacob	Name: <u>Jacob Henry</u> Atz Delete real name of Zimmerman	(D7)
1903	Aubrey, Harry Herbert	B: Jul 5 <u>1881</u>	(M3)
1933	Auker, Elden LeRoy	D: <u>Aug 4 2006 Vero Beach, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u>	(H9)
1906	Bates, John William	<u>TL</u>	(D7)
1914	Beck, Ernest George B.	Name: Ernest George <u>Bernard</u> Beck	(M4)
1872	Bentley, Clytus G.	Name: Clytus <u>George</u> Bentley Cemetery: <u>Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, Connecticut</u>	(B3)
1903	Betts, Harold Matthew	Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes retained by family</u>	(R4)
1955	Birrer, Werner Joseph	B: Jul 4 <u>1929</u>	(D7)
1897	Brown, John J.	B: <u>Aug 24 1876 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> D: <u>Jul 18 1908 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u> Cemetery: <u>Old Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	(M3)
1995	Caceres, Edgar F.	Name: Edgar <u>Fidel</u> Caceres	(V1)
1890	Caffery,	Name: <u>Ed</u> Carfrey	(M3)
1942	Clary, Ellis	Cemetery: <u>Sunset Hill Cemetery, Valdosta, Georgia</u>	(H4)
1923	Collins, Philip Eugene	Cemetery: <u>Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, Illinois</u>	(N5)
1884	Crothers, Douglass	Height: <u>5-09</u> Weight: <u>140</u>	(M4)
1997	Cruz, Jose Javier	Name: Jose <u>Luis</u> Cruz	(F4)
1910	Daniels, Bertram Elmer	Name: <u>Bernard</u> Elmer Daniels	(D7)
1890	Daniels, Peter J.	Weight: <u>5-08.5</u> Weight: <u>160</u>	(M4)
1951	Dempsey, Cornelius Francis	B: Sep 16 <u>1922</u> D: <u>Aug 5 2006 Redwood City, California</u>	(F4)
1956	Drabowsky, Myron Walter	Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(V1)
1948	Fleitas, Angel Felix (Husta)	D: <u>Jul 10 2006 Miami, Florida</u>	(C1)

2001	Fossum, Casey Paul	B: <u>Jan 6 1978</u>	(F4)
1939	Gedeon, Elmer Joseph	Cemetery: <u>Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia</u>	(C1)
1888	Greenig, John A.	<u>IR</u>	(M4)
1930	Groskloss, Howard Hoffman	D: <u>Jul 15 2006 Vero Beach, Florida</u> Cemetery: <u>Woodlawn Cemetery, Miami, Florida</u>	(R4)
1937	Heintzelman, Kenneth Alphonse	Cemetery: <u>All Saints Cemetery, St. Peters, Missouri</u>	(C1)
1890	Helmbold, Horace Willing	D: <u>Nov 18 1939 Lake Lure, North Carolina</u>	(M4)
1911	Herrell, Walter William	Height: <u>5-10.5</u>	(M4)
1890	Hill, Belden L.	Height: <u>5-10</u> Weight: <u>170</u>	(M4)
1901	Hinton, John Robert	D: <u>Jul 19 1920 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</u> Cemetery: <u>Unknown Cemetery, Braddock, Pennsylvania</u>	(R4)
1905	Jackson, Charles Bernard	Name: <u>Herbert</u> Jackson Delete birth and death information.	(M4)
1984	Javier, Stanley Julian Antonio (DeJavier)	Name: Stanley Julian Antonio Javier (<u>Negrin</u>)	(F4)
1897	Johnson, John Gottfred	B: <u>Jul 22 1873</u>	(C1)
1916	Jones, Carroll Elmer	Cemetery: <u>LeRoy Cemetery, Oskaloosa, Missouri</u>	(W4)
1976	Kerrigan, Joseph Thomas	B: <u>Jan 30 1954</u>	(F4)
1902	Kisinger, Charles Samuel	<u>BLTL</u>	(D7)
1884	Koons, Harry M.	B: <u>Aug 18 1862</u> D: <u>Apr 5 1932 Camden, New Jersey</u> Cemetery: <u>Fernwood Cemetery, Fernwood, Pennsylvania</u>	(M3)
1896	Leahy, Daniel C.	D: <u>Dec 30 1903</u>	(V1)
1913	Love, Edward Haughton	Cemetery: <u>Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown, Memphis, Tennessee</u>	(W4)
1943	Mains, James Royal	D: <u>Portland, Maine</u>	(H4)
1885	Mappes, George Richard	Height: <u>5-08</u> Weight: <u>200</u>	(M4)
1896	Mertes, Samuel Blair	D: <u>Mar 12 1945 Villa Grande, California</u>	(D7)
1906	Morgan, James Edward	Height: <u>5-10.5</u> Weight: <u>180</u>	(M4)
1881	Morrissey, John J.	Remove Detroit 1882 record. Record belongs to Tom Morrissey.	(M4)
1884	Morrissey, Thomas J.	Add Detroit 1882 record from John Morrissey. Debut: <u>Jul 12 1882</u>	(M4)
1901	Murphy, Francis Patrick	B: <u>Apr 6 1876</u>	(D7)
1910	Newnam, Patrick Henry	Name: <u>Robert Albert</u> Newnam	(H9)
1930	Perkins, Charles Sullivan	Debut: <u>Jun 27 1930</u>	(P1)
1950	Pierro, William Leonard	D: <u>Apr 1 2006 Brooklyn, New York</u>	(C1)
1943	Poland, Hugh Reid	D: <u>Mar 29 1984</u>	(W4)
1992	Ramsey, Fernando David (Ramsey)	B: <u>Rainbow City, Panama</u>	(C1)
1949	Restelli, Dino Paul	Name: Dino <u>Paolo</u> Restelli D: <u>Aug 8 2006 San Carlos, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Golden Gate National Cemetery,</u>	(H9)

		<u>San Bruno, California</u>	
1915	Russell, Allen E.	Name: <u>Allen Russell</u>	(M4)
1913	Russell, Ewell Albert	B: <u>Mar 12 1889</u>	(P1)
1994	Saenz, Olmedo (Sanchez)	B: <u>Chitre, Panama</u>	(C1)
1999	Scheffer, Aaron Alvin Marcus	B: <u>Aug 15 1975</u>	(H9)
1886	Schomberg, Otto H.	Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>175</u>	(M4)
1886	Stephens, Clarence Wright	Add record of 09/23/1891 game credited to George Stephens Last date: <u>Sep 23 1891</u>	(M4)
1891	Stephens, George Benjamin	Debut: <u>Aug 5 1892</u> Eliminate 1891 Cincinnati record. This belongs to Clarence Stephens	(M4)
1872	Swandell, John Martin	<u>BL</u>	(M4)
1939	Thompson, Eugene Earl	D: <u>Aug 24 2006 Scottsdale, Arizona</u> Cemetery: <u>Green Acres Memorial Gardens, Scottsdale, Arizona</u>	(L6)
1889	Thornton, John	B: <u>May 22 1869</u>	(M3)
1983	Ullger, Scott Matthew	B: <u>Jun 10 1955</u>	(F4)
1942	Wells, Leo Donald	D: <u>Jun 23 2006 St. Paul, Minnesota</u> Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>	(T2)
1883	Winkleman, George	Name: George <u>W.</u> Winkleman	(M3)
1901	Winter, George Lovington	<u>BR</u>	(M5)
1871	Wood, James Leon	B: Dec 1 <u>1842 Brooklyn, New York</u> D: <u>Nov 3 1927 San Francisco, California</u> Cemetery: <u>Greenwood Cemetery, New Orleans, Louisiana</u>	(M4)
1947	Wooten, Earl Hazwell	D: <u>Aug 12 2006 Williamston, South Carolina</u> Cemetery: <u>Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Anderson, South Carolina</u>	(L6)