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## New Ballplayer Discovered

John Burke Glaiser had been credited with pitching 9 games for Detroit in 1920. He started the season with Detroit and pitched in 8 games between April 20 and May 31. On June 4, he was sold to Portland of the Pacific Coast League and pitched with them through September 10. Shortly thereafter he got married and according to reports "decided to lay off playing ball for the rest of the season" and was placed on Portland's voluntarily retired list. He was reinstated over the winter and his contract was assigned to Omaha.

Norman Matt Glaser was signed by Detroit in 1920 and was optioned to Rocky Mount of the Virginia League. At the end of the Virginia League season on September 11, he was recalled by the Tigers and on September 21 pitched 2 1/3 innings in relief against Washington. This game had been incorrectly credited to John Burke Glaiser. Norman was placed on Detroit's reserve list for 1921. Congratulations to Bob Hoie for discovering this and winning the *Find of the Month* award.

### Harvey Watkins

Harvey Watkins managed the New York Giants for 35 games in 1895. After he left baseball, he became manager of the Barnum and Bailey circus. He even authored a book in 1901 called Four years in Europe: The Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth in the Old World. He appears in the 1930 census living in New York City and is listed in the city directories through 1934. After that he disappears.

Despite the lack of any death information, Peter Morris wrote a biography of Watkins for SABR's biography project and it appeared on the SABR web site. Amazingly, Peter's biography of Watkins was read by a woman in Wales who was also doing research on him for reasons totally unconnected to baseball. She sent Peter a copy of the death certificate for both Watkins and his wife. Watkins' wife was from England and he returned there right about the time he disappeared from the NYC directory. Watkins died in Harrow, England in 1949. This was another incredible find by Peter Morris.

### William Houseman

This player was originally listed as Frank Houseman, but research showed that the player was William Houseman. He was listed as a ballplayer in the 1886 Baltimore city directory and was living with Joseph and Louisa Houseman. In 1890, the player was listed in the city directory at 113 Gittings, the same address as his father Joseph. Joseph died in 1891 and the obituary featured a poem by his wife Louisa. This is important because in November 1895, the Baltimore Sun featured a memoriam for William H. Houseman who had died on year earlier on November 2, 1894. The memoriam featured a poem by his mother. Obviously, this isn't a 100% certainty, since there was no obituary in 1894, but it appears we have found our missing ballplayer. A death certificate would be helpful.

### Edwin Carfrey

Edwin Carfrey played one game at shortstop with Philadelphia in 1890. Richard Malatzky did lots of research on this player and found that he was married and from Philadelphia. His career dated back  
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to 1882. There were 2 Ed Carfreys in Philadelphia, but one was too young and wasn't married. So while we don't have a smoking gun saying that the guy Richard found was a ballplayer, circumstantial evidence points to Edwin Carfrey who died in 1921 in Philadelphia.

## Sources

You'll notice that I added a new line to most of the entries indicating the source of the new information. This was at the suggestion of Sean Holtz and will enable us to look back and verify where we got the information. Many times I get asked about where information came from. Sometimes the change was made 10 years ago, and I don't have a record of the source. This will help us keep a nice paper trail of the changes we make. You all will have to help me though and let me know the source when you send me new information.

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the committee: Larry Boes (BE), Rich Bowering (BW), Craig Lammers (L9), and Eric Ding (DG).

## Dominicans

Many thanks to Dr. Jose Jimenez of the Dominican Republic for straightening out the remaining Dominicans for me. Edinson Volquez was born in La Segunda, a section of Santo Domingo, so I am listing the city as Santo Domingo. Eddy Garabito was born in Manreza, a section of Haina, so I am listing his birth city as Haina. Jose also pinned down the provinces for Rafael Soriano and Rafael Belliard.

## Cannon Fodder

Harry Ely pitched one game for Baltimore in 1892, getting torched for 9 runs in 7 innings. He had come from the Camden, New Jersey club and, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, was known as Harry Cannon. He then went on to pitch from 1893 to 1896 with various teams in the Pennsylvania State League. Unfortunately, we can't find either a Harry Cannon or a Harry Ely in any census that we can definitively say is him. We need to identify this player and then find him. Ely is our *Mystery of the Month*.

## Birthday List

Here are the nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in March and April.

|          |                  |    |
|----------|------------------|----|
| March 1  | Nick Strincevich | 92 |
| March 5  | Alex Monchak     | 90 |
| March 15 | Don Lang         | 92 |
| March 29 | Tommy Holmes     | 90 |
| April 19 | Art Kenney       | 91 |
| April 26 | Virgil Trucks    | 90 |

## Scoreboard

| CATEGORY       | IN    | OUT  | PCT     |
|----------------|-------|------|---------|
| Names          | 16698 | 53   | 99.684  |
| Births         | 16136 | 615  | 96.329  |
| Assumed Alive  | 8113  |      | 48.433  |
| Deaths         | 8350  | 288  | 49.848  |
| Bats           | 15493 | 1147 | 93.107  |
| Throws         | 15712 | 928  | 94.423  |
| Heights        | 15836 | 804  | 95.168  |
| Weights        | 15795 | 845  | 94.922  |
| Debut Dates    | 16751 | 0    | 100.000 |
| Questionnaires | 9984  | 6767 | 59.602  |
| Total          |       |      | 92.3847 |

## New Monthly Data

### Questionnaires Received:

None

### New Information Received:

| DEBUT YR | NAME                               | CHANGE OR ADD   | SOURCE |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|--------|
| 1902     | Adams, Joseph Edward               | D: <u>Bachelor</u> , Missouri<br>Source: <u>Death certificate</u>   | (M4)   |
| 2000     | Alvarez, Clemente Rafael           | B: <u>Guanta, Anzoategui</u> , Venezuela  | (C1)   |
| 1947     | Ardizola, Rinaldo Joseph           | Name: <u>Rinaldo Joseph Ardizoia</u><br>Source: <u>Official scoresheets and 1930 census</u>   | (N5)   |
| 1960     | Barber, Stephen David              | D: <u>Feb 4 2007 Henderson, Nevada</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes scattered in southern Nevada desert</u><br>Source: <u>Family</u>   | (C1)   |
| 1948     | Bauer, Henry Albert                | D: <u>Feb 9 2007 Lenexa, Kansas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Resurrection Cemetery, Lenexa, Kansas</u><br>Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>  | (C1)   |
| 1982     | Belliard, Rafael Leonidas (Matias) | B: <u>Pueblo Nuevo, Valverde</u> , Dominican Republic   | (J1)   |
| 1934     | Berres, Raymond Frederick          | D: <u>Feb 1 2007 Kenosha, Wisconsin</u>   | (N5)   |
| 1960     | Breeding, Marvin Eugene            | D: <u>Dec 31 2006 Decatur, Alabama</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Roselawn Cemetery, Decatur, Alabama</u>  | (C1)   |
| 1932     | Brubaker, Wilber Lee               | Name: <u>Wilbur Lee Brubaker</u><br>Source: <u>Player's son</u>   | (F4)   |
| 1950     | Burdette, Selva Lewis              | D: <u>Feb 6 2007 Winter Garden, Florida</u>   | (C1)   |
| 1888     | Burns, James M.                    | Cemetery: <u>St. Peter Cemetery, Quincy, Illinois</u><br>Source: <u>Quincy Daily Herald</u>   | (A3)   |
| 1993     | Canate, William Emisael (Librada)  | B: <u>Bobures, Zulia</u> , Venezuela  | (C1)   |
| 1890     | Carfrey, Ed                        | Name: <u>Edwin M. Carfrey</u><br>B: <u>Jul 1863 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u><br>D: <u>Oct 2 1921 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u><br>Cemetery: <u>New Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u><br>Source: <u>Research by Richard Malatzky</u> | (M3)   |
| 1995     | Carrara, Giovanni (Jimenez)        | B: <u>El Tigre, Anzoategui</u> , Venezuela  | (C1)   |
| 2005     | Cedeno, Ronny Alexander            | B: <u>Puerto Cabello, Carabobo</u> , Venezuela  | (C1)   |
| 1910     | Cheek, Harry Gordon                | D: <u>Redwood City, California</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u><br>Source: <u>Death certificate</u>   | (C1)   |
| 1944     | Clarke, Richard Grey               | D: <u>Nov 23 1993</u><br>Source: <u>NC death index and SSDI</u>   | (C1)   |
| 1970     | Concepcion, David Ismael (Benitez) | B: <u>Ocumare de la Costa, Aragua</u> , Venezuela   | (C1)   |

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|------|--------------------------------------|---|------|
| 2003 | DeJesus, David Christopher           | Debut: <u>Sep 2 2003</u>  | (P1) |
| 2003 | De Paula, Jorge                      | B: <u>Sabana Grande</u> , Monte Plata, Dominican Republic   | (L5) |
| 1985 | Duncan, Mariano (Nolasco)            | Name: Mariano Duncan ( <u>Nalasco</u> )   | (L5) |
| 1906 | Edmonston, Samuel Sherwood           | Debut: <u>Jun 24 1907</u><br>Eliminate 1906 Washington record<br>Source: <u>Sporting Life</u>   | (P1) |
| 1908 | Edmundson, Robert E.                 | Debut: <u>Sep 15 1906</u><br>Add 1906 Washington record previously assigned to Samuel Edmonston<br>Source: <u>Sporting Life</u>   | (P1) |
| 1912 | Ens, Anton                           | B: <u>Feb 2 1887</u><br>Source: <u>WWI card, 1900 census, Death certificate</u>   | (C1) |
| 1991 | Escobar, Jose Elias (Sanchez)        | B: <u>La Sabana, Vargas</u> , Venezuela   | (C1) |
| 1999 | Estrada, Horacio (Jimenez)           | B: San Joaquin, <u>Carabobo</u> , Venezuela   | (C1) |
| 1896 | Flynn, George A.                     | Name: George <u>Albert</u> Flynn<br>Source: <u>Sporting News</u>  | (H2) |
| 1954 | Fowler, John Arthur                  | D: <u>Jan 29 2007 Spartanburg, South Carolina</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Spartanburg, South Carolina</u>   | (C1) |
| 2005 | Garabito, Eddy Jorge                 | B: <u>Haina, Distrito Nacional</u> , Dominican Republic   | (J1) |
| 1920 | Glaser, Norman Matt                  | New player<br>B: <u>Aug 31 1894 Cleveland, Ohio</u><br>D: <u>May 27 1979 Parma, Ohio</u><br>Debut: <u>Sep 21 1920</u><br><u>BRTR</u><br>Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>186</u><br>Source: <u>Research by Bob Hoie</u> | (H7) |
| 1890 | Hamburg, Charles H.                  | <u>BR</u><br>Source: <u>Philadelphia Inquirer</u>   | (M4) |
| 1940 | Hancken, Morris Medlock              | D: <u>Feb 15 2007 Orange, Texas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Body donated to Parker Chiropractic School in Dallas, Texas</u><br>Source: <u>Houston Chronicle</u>   | (H9) |
| 1990 | Hernandez, Carlos Alberto (Almeida)  | B: San Felix, <u>Bolivar</u> , Venezuela  | (C1) |
| 1982 | Hernandez, Leonardo Jesus            | B: Santa Lucia, <u>Miranda</u> , Venezuela  | (C1) |
| 1967 | Herrera, Jose Concepcion (Ontiveros) | B: San Lorenzo, <u>Zulia</u> , Venezuela  | (C1) |
| 1964 | Hertz, Stephen Allan                 | B: <u>Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio</u><br>Source: <u>County records</u>   | (L5) |
| 1914 | Hilly, William Edward                | B: <u>Feb 22 1887</u><br>Source: <u>WWI card and death certificate</u>  | (M4) |
| 1886 | Houseman, Frank                      | Name: <u>William H.</u> Houseman<br>B: <u>Oct 1859</u><br>D: <u>Nov 2 1894 Baltimore, Maryland</u><br>Source: <u>Research by Richard Malatzky</u>   | (M3) |
| 1923 | Hudgens, James Price                 | D: <u>Aug 25 1955</u><br>Source: <u>Death certificate</u>   | (M4) |
| 1883 | Ingraham, Charles W.                 | B: <u>Peru, Ohio</u>  | (M3) |
| 1912 | Irwin, William Edward                | Cemetery: <u>Northwood Cemetery,</u>  | (C1) |

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|      |                               | <u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u><br>Source: <u>Philadelphia Inquirer</u>   |      |
| 1902 | Jacobs, Morris Elmore         | Height: <u>5-11</u> Weight: <u>180</u><br>Source: <u>Atlanta Constitution</u>   | (M4) |
| 1960 | Jones, Sherman Jarvis         | D: <u>Feb 21 2007 Kansas City, Kansas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas</u><br>Source: <u>KC Star</u>                        | (C1) |
| 1965 | Joyce, Richard Edward         | D: <u>Jan 23 2007 Raleigh, North Carolina</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Brooklawn Memorial Park, Portland, Maine</u><br>Source: <u>Raleigh News &amp; Observer</u>          | (C1) |
| 1903 | Kalahan, John Joseph          | Name: <u>John Joseph Callahan</u>   | (M3) |
| 1882 | Kienzle, William              | B: <u>Mar 12 1862</u><br>Source: <u>Dallas Morning News</u>   | (M4) |
| 1888 | Kilroy, Michael Joseph        | B: <u>Nov 4 1869</u><br>Source: <u>1870 census</u>  | (C1) |
| 1944 | Klopp, Stanley Harold         | Debut: <u>Apr 30 1944</u><br>Source: <u>New York Times</u>  | (P1) |
| 1938 | Koy, Ernest Anyz              | D: <u>Jan 1 2007 Bellville, Texas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>St. Mary Episcopal Church Cemetery, Bellville, Texas</u>  | (C1) |
| 1938 | Lanier, Hubert Max            | D: <u>Jan 30 2007 Lecanto, Florida</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Dunnellon Memorial Gardens</u><br>Source: <u>Funeral Home</u>  | (C1) |
| 1938 | Lefebvre, Wilfred Henry       | D: <u>Jan 19 2007 Largo, Florida</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Cremated, Ashes at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Clearwater, Florida</u><br>Source: <u>St. Petersburg Times</u> | (N4) |
| 1992 | Leon, Danilo Enrique (Lineco) | B: <u>La Concepcion, Zulia, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 2004 | Lopez, Jose Celestino         | B: <u>Barcelona, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>  | (C1) |
| 2000 | Lunar, Fernando Jose          | B: <u>Cantaura, Anzoategui, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 1891 | Mace, Harry F.                | <u>TR</u>   | (H2) |
| 1922 | MacPhee, Walter Scott         | Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u><br>Source: <u>NC death index</u>  | (C1) |
| 1936 | Mailho, Emil Pierre           | B: <u>Dec 16 1908</u><br>Source: <u>birth certificate</u>   | (B2) |
| 1943 | Malloy, Robert Paul           | D: <u>Feb 20 2007 Cincinnati, Ohio</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio</u><br>Source: <u>Cincinnati Enquirer</u>                        | (F4) |
| 1981 | Manrique, Fred Eloy (Reyes)   | B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>  | (C1) |
| 1891 | Matthews, Robert              | Name: <u>Charles Matthews</u>   | (M3) |
| 1883 | McCormick, John               | Name: <u>James J. McCormick</u><br>B: <u>Dec 1860</u><br>D: <u>Sep 11 1905</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Old Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>             | (M3) |
| 1895 | McCormick, William J.         | <u>BR</u><br>Source: <u>photo in Columbus State Journal</u>   | (L9) |
| 1962 | McGaha, Fred Melvin (MGR)     | Cemetery: <u>Cremated, ashes given to family</u><br>Source: <u>Funeral home and widow</u>   | (W4) |

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| 1997 | Mendoza, Carlos Ramon                   | B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 1989 | Mercker, Kent Franklin                  | B: <u>Dublin, Ohio</u>   | (H9) |
| 1884 | Meyers, Lewis Henry                     | Debut: <u>Apr 17 1884</u><br>Source: <u>Cincinnati Enquirer</u>  | (19) |
| 1953 | Milliken, Robert Fogle                  | D: <u>Jan 3 2007 Clearwater, Florida</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u><br>Source: <u>St. Petersburg Times</u>   | (B6) |
| 1950 | Mueller, Joseph Gordon                  | D: <u>Timonium, Maryland</u>   | (V1) |
| 1995 | Myers, Michael Stanley                  | B: <u>Arlington Heights, Illinois</u>  | (H9) |
| 1891 | O'Connell, John Joseph                  | B: <u>Lawrence, Massachusetts</u>  | (H2) |
| 1997 | Ordonez, Magglio<br>(Delgado)           | B: <u>Caracas, Distrito Federal, Venezuela</u>   | (H9) |
| 2000 | Penny, Bradley Wayne                    | B: <u>Blackwell, Oklahoma</u><br>Source: <u>LA Dodgers</u>   | (H9) |
| 1954 | Penson, Paul Eugene                     | D: <u>May 3 2006 Merriam, Kansas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Maple Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas</u><br>Source: <u>Kansas City Star</u>   | (S3) |
| 1994 | Perez, Robert Alexander<br>(Jimenez)    | B: <u>Ciudad Bolivar, Bolivar, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 1953 | Pisoni, James Pete                      | Name: James <u>Peter</u> Pisoni<br>D: <u>Feb 4 2007 Dallas, Texas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Resurrection Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri</u><br>Source: <u>St. Louis Post Dispatch</u> | (C1) |
| 1998 | Quintana, Carlos Narcis<br>(Hernandez)  | B: <u>Mamporal, Miranda, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 2003 | Reyes, Rene                             | B: <u>Margarita, Nueva Esparta, Venezuela</u>  | (C1) |
| 1941 | Rizzuto, Philip Francis                 | Debut: <u>Apr 14 1941</u><br>Source: <u>NY Times</u>   | (P1) |
| 1924 | Roberts, James Newsom                   | Debut: <u>Jul 15 1924</u>  | (S0) |
| 2005 | Rodriguez, Luis Orlando                 | B: <u>San Carlos, Cojedes, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |
| 1974 | Ruhle, Vernon Gerald                    | D: <u>Jan 20 2007 Houston, Texas</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Cremated</u>  | (R4) |
| 1931 | Rye, Eugene Rudolph                     | Cemetery: <u>St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, Illinois</u><br>Source: <u>Cemetery records</u>   | (A3) |
| 1913 | Schang, Walter Henry                    | Debut: <u>May 9 1913</u><br>Source: <u>NY Times</u>  | (P1) |
| 1924 | Shields, Benjamin Cowen                 | Name: Benjamin <u>Cowan</u> Shields  | (L5) |
| 1890 | Snyder, Charles                         | Name: Charles <u>F.</u> Snyder   | (M3) |
| 2002 | Soriano, Rafael                         | B: <u>San Jose, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic</u>   | (J1) |
| 1965 | Spriggs, George Herman                  | B: <u>May 22 1937</u>  | (C1) |
| 1890 | Stafford, James Joseph                  | B: <u>Jan 30 1868 Thompson, Connecticut</u><br>Source: <u>Birth certificate</u>  | (H2) |
| 1941 | Sturm, John Peter Joseph                | Debut: <u>Apr 14 1941</u><br>Source: <u>NY Times</u>   | (P1) |
| 1884 | Sullivan, Patrick B.                    | Debut: <u>Aug 30 1884</u><br>Source: <u>Research by Harold Dellinger</u>   | (D3) |
| 2003 | Valderrama, Carlos Alberto<br>(Cordero) | B: <u>Bachaquero, Zulia, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |

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|------|--------------------------|---|------|
| 2005 | Volquez, Edinson         | B: <u>Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic</u>  | (J1) |
| 1895 | Watkins, Harvey L. (MGR) | Name: Harvey <u>Lennox</u> Watkins<br>B: <u>Jun 14 1869 Seneca Falls, New York</u><br>D: <u>Apr 29 1949 Harrow, England</u><br>Source: <u>Death certificate</u>   | (M4) |
| 1925 | Webb, William Earl       | B: <u>White County, Tennessee</u>   | (H7) |
| 1957 | Wise, Kendall Cole       | D: <u>Feb 20 2007 Naples, Florida</u><br>Source: <u>Naples Daily News</u>   | (C1) |
| 1944 | Zachary, Albert Myron    | Real name: <u>Myron Albert</u> Zarski<br>B: <u>May 14 1914</u><br>D: <u>Jun 24 2006 Rome, New York</u><br>Cemetery: <u>Holy Trinity Cemetery, Utica, New York</u> | (C1) |
| 2001 | Zambrano, Carlos Alberto | B: <u>Puerto Cabello, Carabobo, Venezuela</u>   | (C1) |