William Zies

William Zies, who caught 2 games for St. Louis in the American Association in 1891, has been found by Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris.

Richard located Zies in the Illinois census. In 1870 and 1880, the family was living in Rock Island. The 1891 Rock Island city directory showed William Zies listed as a ballplayer, always a nice thing to see. William married Mary Roach April 10, 1890 in Rock Island. The 1900 census showed them living in Beardstown, Illinois with their 6 children. (Obviously, he didn’t spend the entire 1890s playing ball.)

Obituaries of William’s brother and his son mentioned that the family left Beardstown in 1908 and moved back to Rock Island. The 1909 Rock Island city directory showed Mary Zies as the widow of William. Peter wrote to Cass county and received the death certificate showing that William died April 16, 1907, 3.5 miles below Beardstown in an accidental drowning. Good work by Richard and Peter, co-winners of the Find of the Month award!

Edward Reeder Found

Edward Reeder, outfielder for Cincinnati (AA) and Washington (UA) in 1884, has been found by Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris. They found a family in the 1880 census for Cincinnati that had John and Helen Reeder with children Julius Edward (22) and Gustave (20). The 1885 Cincinnati city directory listed J. Edward Reeder, baseball player, with John and Gustave. The 1896 city directory lists Edward’s occupation as advertising solicitor. An 1897 note in Sporting Life says that the ballplayer was an advertising solicitor. Obviously, this is our guy.

When Reeder’s father John died in 1902, Lena was listed as the widow. Peter found a death certificate for an Edward Reeder, who died of dementia paralytics in Longview Hospital January 15, 1913 at age 54. John and Lena were listed as his parents. More good work from Richard and Peter.

John Cullen Found

John Cullen, who played with Wilmington in the Union Association in 1884, has been found by Richard Malatzky, Peter Morris, Joe Simenic, and David Nemec. Richard traced Cullen from the time he played with San Francisco in 1876-77. John J. Cullen was listed as a compositor with a newspaper in San Francisco in 1878. The 1880 California census showed John Cullen, 26, born in Louisiana. Sporting Life in 1884 mentioned that John Cullen, who played with Reading and Wilmington, was from Marysville, California. A voter’s list from Maryville in 1884 showed John Cullen, 32, a printer who was born in Louisiana. The 1920 California census showed John Cullen, 68, a newspaper printer living in Ukiah, California. David Nemec tracked down his death certificate, which showed his full name to be John Joseph Cullen, born 07/09/1852 in New Orleans, Louisiana, died 02/11/1921 in Ukiah, California. His Ukiah obit says, "Long ago Jack Cullen was a famous member of the Cincinnati Red Stockings and talks of his diamond expertise until he was deep into middle age." Definitely, the right guy. Great work from all involved.

New Members

Please welcome Richard Ulrich to the committee. Richard’s address is 1220 Goucher Street, McMinnville, Oregon 97128 and his code number will be U1. Also welcome Wayne Townsend at 641 Plomosa Court, Fremont, California 94539. His code number will be T6.
Renewal Time

It is also time to let me know if you wish to remain on the committee for the coming year. If I don't hear from you, you will be dropped from the mailing list.

Richard Topp

Speaking of renewing, Richard Topp is leaving the committee and SABR. As you may know, Rich was my predecessor as committee chairman and I want to say how much I have appreciated his help over the years. Rich is an excellent researcher and he will be missed.

The Baseball Digest List

Here is the next group of 10 players that Baseball Digest published in their October/November 1962 issue:


Charles Loudenslager - Died 10/31/1933 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Frank Berkelbach - Still missing, although his name may be Bertleback.

Charles Dexter - Died 06/09/1934 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Edward Bruyette - Died 08/05/1940 in Peshastin, Washington

Michael Dalrymple - Alive in 1962, but that wasn't his name. Later discovered to be William Dalrymple, he died 07/14/1967 in San Diego, California.

Michael McGearry - Still missing

Elvin Adams - Alive in 1962. Died 09/01/1990 in Rancho Mirage, California

George Bechtel - Still missing. Bechtel, McGearry, and Berkelbach were all from Philadelphia.

Angel Aragon - Died 01/24/1952 in New York City

Hampton Sweigert

Peter Morris has found a likely candidate for the 1890 player listed as Hampton Sweigert. The man he found was named Hampton Swygert, who was a prominent amateur baseball player in Columbia, South Carolina. This man's granddaughter has provided a lot of information about his life, but so far there is no clear link to the one major league game that 'Sweigert' played. In particular, Peter wants to know how the first name Hampton was assigned to this player, since all notes about the game give only his surname. If anyone has information about this player, please contact Peter at 6461 Green Road, Haslett MI 48840 (517) 339-7128 or via e-mail at moxbib@voyager.net.

Birthday List

Following is the list of nonagenarians celebrating birthdays the first 2 months of 2001. And if anyone can tell me where Isidoro Leon is, please let me know.

January 1  Charles Devens 91
January 3  Gus Suhr 95
January 4  Isidoro Leon 90
January 17  Ray Cunningham 96
January 29  Ray Hayworth 97
February 13  Herbert Hash 90
February 14  Alexander Sabo 91
February 15  Robert Cremins 95
February 22  William Baker 90
February 28  Roman Bertrand 92

Cubans

Speaking of Isidoro Leon, there are 9 other former players known to be living in Cuba. Most of these guys we really don't know whether they are living or dead. If any of you has any contacts in Cuba, you might want to track these guys down. Connie Marrero is definitely alive, but the other guys are Ramon Garcia, Juan Delis, Lazaro Naranjo, Rene Valdez, Fernando Rodriguez, Dagoberto Cueto, Manuel Montejo, and Rodolfo Martinez. Cuba is not an easy place to get information from, so hopefully we can confirm the whereabouts of these players.

Is Your Name Really Maurice?

There have been quite a few players over the years with the first name of Maurice. The three
most recent to share that first name were all pretty good ballplayers - Maury Wills, Wes Parker, and Mo Vaughn. The first 2 players with the name of Maurice are both missing - Maurice Moore of the 1875 Brooklyn Atlantics and Maurice Pierce of the 1884 Washington Unions. Little is known about Maurice Moore, but we have a few leads on Maurice Pierce, our final 2000 Mystery of the Month.

The 1891 Washington, D.C. city directory listed a Maurice P. Pierce living with Peter J. Pierce, Clement O. Pierce, and John R. Pierce. The family appears in the 1880 D.C. census showing Peter J. Pierce, 50, with his wife Miranda, 47, and children Preston M., 21, Peter J., 18, Robert, 16, Mary M., 13, and Clement, 9. It would appear that Preston Pierce is the Maurice Pierce that we seek. The 1900 D.C. census shows Peter J. Pierce (09/1829), Miranda (10/1834), Peter J. (03/1862), and John R. (04/1865) living at 730 Steuben. There were 8 living children of Peter and Miranda. Clement (06/1869) appears with his wife Sally B. (10/1874), and children Frances A. (06/1889), Lilly B. (06/1895), and Ruth S. (01/1899). Neither the name Maurice nor Preston appears in Washington, D.C. This is the last we know of the family. We need a lead.

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1958 Anderson, John Charles
   Name: Albert Bauer
   D: Oct 28 2000
      Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

1914 Baichley, Grover Cleveland
   B: Dec 10 1889
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   D: Dec 20 1998
      Houston, Texas

1884 Bauer, William Tolan
   Name: John Joseph Cullen
   B: Jul 9 1852
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   D: Nov 2 2000
      Ukiah, California

1900 Cubillan, Darwin Harrikson (Salom)
   Height: ~ \( \text{Weight: 168} \)
   D: May 16 1935
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   Debut: Aug 14 1901
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1901 Lawson, Robert Baker

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1951 Mahoney, Robert Paul
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1942 Marshall, Willard Warren
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