James Hyndman Found

James Hyndman, who played one game for Philadelphia of the American Association in 1886, has been found by Richard Malatzky. For this find, Richard earns yet another Find of the Month award.

Hyndman was listed in the 1900 Pennsylvania census as living in Kingston. Richard found that Hyndman's ex-wife owned a funeral home there. Richard wrote to the funeral home and they sent him an obituary from Alamosa, Colorado. Hyndman became a judge, yet his obituary mentioned that he once played baseball for Philadelphia. Great work by Richard, who also found Alfred Benjamin Ellis, Howard Wall, and Gus McGinnis.

Howard Wall

This one is quite a find. Howard Wall played one game for the Washington Nationals in 1873. Richard Malatzky was able to locate his will in the National Archives. The will contained Wall's death date of March 15, 1909. Richard looked up his obituary and it mentioned what an outstanding baseball player he was. Finding a one game player from 1873 is next to impossible, but Richard did a great job.

Gus McGinnis

We had always listed this player as Albert McGinnis. In looking through old newspaper accounts from his playing days, Richard Malatzky discovered that he was always called Gus McGinnis. He looked up Gus McGinnis in the 1900 Ohio census and found him listed as a ballplayer. He was living in Barnesville, Ohio rather than Painesville as we had listed. Richard was then able to locate his death date in a death index. He then found his obituary which mentioned that he had played in the major leagues with Chicago and Philadelphia. It's always nice to find that confirmation.

Perhaps a Bloomer Girl?

Richard Malatzky looked up the death record for Maurice Moore who died in New York in 1881. The death was for Mary Moore, a female. I think it is safe to assume that Mary is not the ballplayer we are looking for.

Maybe His Name Was Really Tyson

Debby Dagavarian-Bonar sent along this article from the Newark Evening News of December 10, 1908.

"Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the great Detroit outfielder, who is now playing with the Eddy club in this city (New Orleans), will referee the fight between Young Corbett and Brock on Saturday night at the Southern Athletic Club.

Matchmaker Herman Moss has concluded arrangements with Ty to referee this bout, and the selection of Cobb ought to be a most popular one. Ty is well versed in pugilism and will doubtless make a good official. Then too, he is a favorite with the New Orleans people."

Hall Was a Sophomore, Planned To Go To Swarthmore

Jamie Selko sent along a few interesting facts regarding some former major leaguers. Johnny James, who pitched briefly with the Yankees and Dodgers, went to high school with Carol Burnett and David (brother of Ricky) Nelson. Jim Proctor, who pitched for the 1959 Tigers, pitched a no hitter in his first college game at Maryland State.
Richardson Seeks Richardson

Our Mystery of the Month comes from Bob Richardson who is looking for the mysterious nameless Richardson, who played one game for the Chicago Unions in 1884.

The Boston Herald had this writeup about Mr. Richardson:

"Richardson, a local player, made his first appearance for the visitors at second base and did not particularly distinguish himself."

They were being nice to him. Richardson went 0 for 4, striking out every time up and made an error in 3 chances at second base.

The likely candidate to be the ballplayer is George Messenger Richardson, a prominent local amateur who frequently appeared in semipro and amateur box scores around Boston in the 1880s. However, George was probably too good to have disgraced himself in this game and he was primarily a catcher. George fanned only 8 times in 108 at bats in 1885 for the Beacons, a prominent amateur team of the time.

Bob believes that the player may have been Herbert Augustus Richardson, Harvard class of 1882. Herbert played shortstop and second base for Harvard and the Beacons in 1879 and 1880. He also wasn't very good, not playing for Harvard his last two years, and never playing regularly for any team afterward. Herbert was born March 1, 1880 in South Framingham, Massachusetts and died July 14, 1928 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Does anyone have any further information on this player?

Biographical Research Web Page

Richard Malatzky is building a web site with information on our missing players. He's just beginning and I'm sure he could use all the help he can get. The URL is:

http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Gym/7204

Go on out and take a look at it.

St. Louis Obits

Richard also found a web site that has St. Louis obituaries for various years. The URL is:

http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/obit.htm

Birthday List

There are several nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in May and June. Be sure to send a card.

May 21 Mace Brown 90
May 23 Willis Hudlin 93
June 4 Edward Marshall 93
June 9 Paul Gregory 91
June 20 Bill Werber 91
June 25 Ralph Erickson 97
June 28 Clarence Heise 92

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1886 Bishop, William Robinson  
   Height: 5'08  
   Weight: 187  
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1876 Bradley, George H.  
   D: Mar 31 1900  
   (M3)

1935 Bryant, Claiborne Henry  
   D: Apr 9 1999  
   Boca Raton, Florida  
   (C1)

1913 Cabrera, Alfredo A.  
   B: May 11 1881  
   D: 1964  
   (C1)

1891 Cahill, Thomas H.  
   Height: 5'07  
   Weight: 150  
   (M3)

1909 Camnitz, Henry Richardson  
   Debut: Sep 29 1909  
   (P1)

1898 Conn, Albert Thomas  
   Height: 6'00  
   Weight: 178  
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1892 Connor, James Matthew  
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1950 Consuegra, Sandalio Simeon (Castello)  
   B: Petrarillos, Cuba  
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1887 Cunningham, Ellsworth Elmer  
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1899 Curley, Walter James  
   D: Worcester, Massachusetts  
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1891 Darragh, James S.  
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1936 DiMaggio, Joseph Paul  
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1994 Dreifort, Darren James  
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1896 Ellis, Benjamin Franklin  
   Name: Alfred Benjamin Ellis  
   D: Jul 26 1931  
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1886 Faatz, Jayson S.  
   Weight: 196  
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1871 Foran, James H.  
   D: Jan 30 1928  
   Los Angeles, California  
   (C1)

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1935 Huckleberry, Earl Eugene  
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1886 Hyndman, James William  
   Name: James Harvey Hyndman  
   B: Jul 9 1866  
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1901 Jones, Charles Claude  
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1883 Kuehne, William J.  
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1897 Leahy, Thomas Joseph  
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Name: Gus McGinnis
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1879 McManus, Patrick
B: 1858

1875 Moore, Maurice
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1985 Moore, Robert Devell
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1901 Murphy, Francis Patrick
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1922 Murray, James Francis
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1917 Ring, James Joseph
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1985 Ripken, Calvin Edwin, Sr. (MGR)
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1995 Robinson, Kenneth Neal
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1890 Rogers, Emmett
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1935 Snyder, Bernard Austin
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1881 Sullivan, Thomas Jefferson
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1936 Tebbetts, George Robert
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1962 Toth, Paul Louis
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1875 Trenwith, George
Name: George W. Trenwith

1873 Wall, Howard
Name: Howard C. Wall
B: 1855
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1899 Wilson, Howard Paul
Height: 5'09 Weight: 164

1939 Wynn, Early
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