William Swarback Found

Our Find of the Month goes to Richard Malatzky for tracking down the man we had listed as William Swabach, pitcher for the 1887 New York Giants. Richard tracked several papers and found his last name listed as Sworbach, Sworback, Swarback, Swabach, and Sworbacker with notes that he was from New York City. Richard found an 1891 listing in the Stamford, Connecticut city directory for William Swarback - ballplayer. Swarback is shown at that address through 1899 when his name changes to Schwappach. It is shown as Schwappach up until his death in 1949. I decided to list his playing name as Swarback since that matched the directory listing at the time and his real name as Schwappach. Great work!

George McMillan

Richard Malatzky also managed to find George McMillan, outfielder for the 1890 New York Giants. Richard was able to find McMillan in the 1900 and 1920 Ohio census and locate his death date in Cleveland. He was able to link this man with what we know about the ballplayer to establish that this was indeed our missing player.

Joe Zapustas

Joe Zapustas, who died this past month, had an interesting career. He graduated from Fordham in 1932, having played football for Frank Cavanaugh, the "Iron Major". Cavanaugh is in the College Football Hall of Fame. After graduating from college, he played in the major leagues for the 1933 Philadelphia Athletics, managed by Connie Mack, a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. That fall he played in the National Football League for the New York Giants, managed by Steve Owen, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. So in the span of two years, he played for members of three different Halls of Fame. He later became a boxing referee, refereeing several title fights. And the city of Randolph, Massachusetts recently named their ice skating rink after him. That's quite a career.

Great Month

We have a lot of information this month. In fact, this is the first time I have ever gone to 3 pages worth of data. I already know of two major finds that will be probably be in next month's newsletter provided we tie up some loose ends. Keep up the good work and stay tuned.

Beware

Rootsweb has the Social Security death index updated through December. However, it seems that almost everyone who died In December 2000 is listed as dying on December 1. Make sure you double check any death dates from that month.

New Web Site

Richard Malatzky has created a web site devoted to our missing ballplayers. He is trying to put together data on all our missing boys and have them on his site. If you'd like to check it out, the URL is:

hoxley.tripod.com/FirstPage.index.html.

The Baseball Digest List

Continuing with our list of the 100 missing players published by Baseball Digest, here are the 10 from December of 1963:
Malatzyk and Peter Morris are convinced that the Haverhill guy is not the ballplayer. Here is why.

An 1890 note from the Sporting News mentions that "Eugene Vadeboncoeur, a Syracuse boy who has been playing in New England for a number of seasons, visited his parents last month. He is now in Denver." The 1870 Syracuse census shows the family: Onesime (44) and Angela (40), both born in Canada, with children Danna (16), Ferdinand (14), Eugene (10), Edward (8), Philip (3), and Delia (1). All the children were born in Canada except Delia, who was born in New York. So it would appear that the family moved to Syracuse between 1867 and 1869. Eugene was listed with the family in the Syracuse directories through 1879.

The Eugene in Haverhill was listed in the 1900 Massachusetts as being married in 1882 in Canada, 2 daughters born in 1882 and 1884 in Canada, and a son born in 1892 in Massachusetts. He immigrated to the United States in 1887. He had a brother born in 1871 in Canada who came to the States in 1885. His parents where named Joseph and Marie rather than Onesime and Angela.

Of course, it's possible that the 1900 census is wrong. We have seen that before. It's also possible Onesime's name was really Joseph Onesime, Angela died, and he remarried. (Who wants to be called Onesime anyway?) But there is enough confusion here to make this our Mystery of the Month.

Birthday List

Here is the list of nonagenarians celebrating birthdays in March and April. Make sure you send a card.

March 11 James Bucher 90
March 16 John Poser 91
March 29 William Strickland 93
April 9 Howard Groskloss 95
Claude Passeau 92
April 15 Eddie Mayo 91
April 17 Bob Stevens 94
April 24 Sam Harshaney 91
April 27 Bernard Uhalt 91

A Bad Vade?

We list Eugene Vadeboncoeur, catcher for Philadelphia in 1884, as dying in Haverhill, Massachusetts on October 16, 1935. Richard...
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New Monthly Data

Questionnaires Received:

None

New Information Received:

1995 Acevedo, Juan Carlos
1914 Adams, Daniel Leslie
1962 Agee, Tommie Lee
1943 Alderson, Dale Leonard
1934 Babich, John Charles
1906 Bates, John William
1965 Blefary, Curtis Leroy
1883 Blogg, Wesley Collins
1913 Boardman, Charles Louis
1913 Bohen, Leo Ignatius
1907 Boultes, Jacob John
1956 Bradford, William D

1953 Buhl, Robert Ray
1904 Cassady, Harry Delbert
1947 Combs, Merrill Russell
1919 Courtney, Henry Seymour
1925 Cox, Elmer Joseph
1942 Culp, Benjamin Baldy
1936 Dean, Alfred Lovell
1922 Doran, William James
1928 Dorman, Charles Dwight
1901 Dupee, Frank Oliver
1906 Essick, William Earl
1903 Falkenberg, Frederick Peter
1942 Felderman, Marvin Wilfred
1885 Foley, John J.
1932 Freitas, Antonio
1903 Gessler, Harry Homer
1940 Gillenwater, Carden Edison
1909 Gilligan, John Patrick

Name: Juan Carlos Acevedo (Lara)  (C1)
B: Jun 19 1887  (M4)
D: Jan 22 2001  (C1)
New York, New York

B: Mar 9 1918  (M4)
D: Jan 19 2001  (C1)
Richmond, California

TR  (R1)
D: Jan 28 2001  (C1)
Pompano Beach, Florida

Height: 5-08  Weight: 155  (R1)
B: Mar 27 1893  (M4)
B: Sep 30 1890  (M4)
BR  (R1)
D: Aug 22 2000  (S3)
Fairfield Bay, Arkansas

D: Feb 16 2001  (C1)
Titusville, Florida

D: Apr 12 1969  (M4)
D: Jul 7 1981  (M4)
D: Lyme, Connecticut  (M4)
B: Sep 30 1895  (M4)
D: Oct 23 2000  (C1)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

B: Aug 24 1915  (M4)
D: Riverside, New Jersey
B: Jun 14 1898  (M4)
D: Dec 7 1974  (M4)
TR  (C1)
B: Dec 18 1880  (M4)
B: Dec 17 1879  (M4)
D: Apr 15 1961  (M4)
D: Aug 6 2000  (C1)
Riverside, California

B: 1858  (M4)
Guilford, Vermont

D: Mar 14 1994  (M4)
D: Dec 24 1924  (B3)
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

B: May 13 1917  (S3)
D: May 10 2000  (S3)
Largo, Florida

B: Mar 18 1884  (M4)
1906 Glaze, Daniel Ralph
1906 Good, Eugene J.
1909 Gray, William Denton
1928 Jacobs, Raymond Frederick
1941 Jones, James Murrell

1940 Judnich, Walter Franklin

1907 Keeffe, Robert Francis
1964 Kelley, Richard Anthony
1888 Knell, Philip H.

1907 Knotts, Joseph Steven
1935 Kress, Ralph
1884 Lauer, John Charles
1907 Leary, Francis Patrick
1899 Leith, William
1956 LiPetri, Michael Angelo
1941 Marshall, Charles Anthony
1952 Mathews, Edwin Lee

1898 McKenna, James William
1907 McLean, Edward Cameron
1890 McMillan, George A.

1934 McQuaig, Gerald Joseph

1894 Mohler, Ernest Follette
1906 Morgan, James Edward
1904 Murch, Simeon Augustus
1945 Nelson, Tom Cousineau
1933 Nonnenkamp, Leo William

1871 Norton, Peter J.

1943 Partee, Roy Robert

1898 Pickett, David T.
1950 Poholsky, Thomas George

1934 Pool, Harlin Welty
1938 Pressnell, Forest Charles

1921 Rapp, Joseph Aloisius
1946 Rigney, William Joseph

1936 Sabo, Alexander

1935 Scarsella, Leslie George
1982 Senteney, Stephen Leonard
1905 Sharpe, Bayard Heston
1910 Slagle, Walter Jennings
1925 Smith, Marvin Harold
1915 Smyth, James Daniel

B: Mar 13 1881 (M4)
TR (R1)
D: Apr 3 1956 (M4)
D: Apr 5 1952 (M4)
D: Dec 13 2000 (C1)

Delhi, Louisiana
B: Jan 24 1916 (M4)
D: Jul 10 1971 (M4)
D: Dec 6 1964 (M4)
D: Dec 11 1991 (M4)
Name: Philip Louis Knell (M4)
B: Mar 12 1865 (R1)
Height: 5-09 Weight: 170 (R1)
B: Jan 2 1905 (M4)
B: Apr 5 1865 (Q1)
Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 (R1)
TR (R1)
B: Jul 6 1929 (C1)
Real Name: Charles Anthony Marchlewicz (M4)
D: Feb 18 2001 (C1)

La Jolla, California
Height: 5-09 Weight: 180 (R1)
TR (R1)
B: Sep 1864 (M3)
Canada
D: Apr 18 1920 (H4)

Cleveland, Ohio
D: Feb 5 2001 (H4)

Bufford, Georgia
B: Dec 13 1870 (M4)
BR (R1)
Height: 6-02 (R1)
Name: Thomas Cousineau Nelson (M4)
D: Dec 3 2000 (C1)

Little Rock, Arkansas
Name: Frank Prescott Norton (M3)
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D: Dec 26 2000 (F2)

Eureka, California
TR (R1)
D: Jan 6 2001 (S3)
Kirkwood, Missouri
B: Mar 13 1908 (M4)
D: Jan 6 2001 (H3)
Findlay, Ohio
B: Feb 6 1894 (M4)
D: Feb 20 2001 (C1)

Walnut Creek, California
D: Jan 3 2001 (C1)

Tuckerton, New Jersey
D: Dec 16 1958 (M4)
D: Jun 18 1899 (M4)
BR Height: 6-01 Weight: 170 (R1)
D: Jun 14 1974 (M4)
B: Jul 17 1899 (M4)
B: Jan 30 1891 (M4)
1887 Swabach, William
Name: William Swarback
Real Name: William Schwappach
B: Oct 1867
New York, New York
D: May 17 1949
Stamford, Connecticut

1939 Thuman, Louis Charles Frank
D: Dec 19 2000
Baltimore, Maryland

1942 Tost, Louis Eugene
D: Feb 21 1967
Maryland

1934 Tremark, Nicholas Joseph
D: Sep 7 2000
Tomball, Texas

1925 Vache, Ernest Lewis
B: Nov 17 1889
Orange, New Jersey

1948 Vico, George Steve
D: Jan 14 1994
Orange, New Jersey

1902 Vorhees, Henry Bert
D: Jan 30 1885
Tomball, Texas

1913 Watson, Charles John
D: May 24 1963
Tomball, Texas

1905 West, James Hiram
Name: George Louis Wheeler
Real Name: George Louis Heroux
B: Jul 30 1869
D: Mar 21 1946

1907 Wolter, Harry Meigs
D: Jul 6 1970

1943 Woods, George Rowland
D: Oct 29 1982

1927 Wright, James
D: Apr 11 1963

1905 Yale, William M.
BR

1933 Zapustas, Joseph John
D: Jan 14 2001
Randolph, Massachusetts