Seymour Studley Found

We had listed Seymour Studley as dying in 1874 in Washington, D.C. The reason for this is apparently that Seymour's first wife, Ernestine, listed him as dead rather than divorced. Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris unearthed the true story and found one of our most mysterious missing players.

This is definitely a condensed version of the story, but Studley was born in May of 1841 in Bryan, New York. In 1860 or 1861, he moved to New York City, possibly to pursue a baseball career. He enlisted in the 54th New York Infantry and fought in the Civil War. In 1867, he moved to Washington, D.C. and married Ernestine. In about 1876, Studley moved back to Rochester, New York and lived with his father. He moved to Nebraska in 1883 and married a woman named Katie Clark. He lived in Lincoln and in 1890 applied for a Civil War pension as an invalid. In 1892 he was married for the third time to Mary Brennan and they were listed in the 1900 Nebraska census. On September 15, 1901, Mary applied for a Civil War pension as his widow, and this time, he really was dead. Peter got a burial card from the Nebraska State Historical Society showing that he died July 9, 1901 at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home in Grand Island, Nebraska, and is buried in their cemetery. This is a great find an earns Peter and Richard the Find of the Month award.

James Gilman

Richard Malatzky found a note in the June 29, 1895 Sporting News that Jimmy Gilman of the Dallas club had once played for Cleveland, but other than that was a Cleveland amateur. Another note from the July 27 issue of the same magazine stated that Jimmy Gilman of Dallas had decided to go home to Cleveland to become a letter carrier. Richard was able to trace the letter carrier through the Cleveland directories until the last listing in 1913. Peter Morris found his death certificate showing that he died December 21, 1912 in Cleveland.

Thomas Morrison

Thomas Morrison played with Louisville in 1895 and 1896. Richard Malatzky and Peter Morris found many different notes from 1888 through 1898 that Morrison was from St. Louis. This was definitely the Louisville player. Richard found him listed in the 1898 St. Louis city directory with an occupation of baseball. His last entry in the city directory is in 1902. Richard found an obit of Morrison stating that he died March 27, 1902 in St. Louis. Although the obit didn't mention baseball, the survivors listed matched up with the ballplayer's from the city directory. Good work.

Walter Kinlock

Although Walter Kinlock had been listed as being born in St. Joseph, Missouri, he was actually living in Denver, Colorado. Jay Sanford did quite a bit of research in the Denver area and was able to identify Kinlock's family. Kinlock was the son of Andrew and Josephine Kinlock and was actually born in Providence, Rhode Island. Kinlock disappeared from Denver in the early part of the century and then showed up in the 1920 census living in New York City. Richard Malatzky tracked down his death certificate, showing he died March 15, 1931 in New York City. The parents matched and we definitely have our ballplayer.

Arthur Sunday

Arthur Sunday of the 1890 Brooklyn Players League team has been missing for years. He was listed as being born in Springfield, Ohio with the
real name of August Wacher and efforts to find him in Ohio proved fruitless. Peter Morris found him in the 1910 and 1920 census living in Carson City, Nevada. The census showed his birthplace as Illinois.

He was employed as a forest ranger near Carson City and on September 28, 1926, he was fighting a fire that was threatening Carson City. He was severely burned and died of his injuries in a Reno hospital on October 2. Four other people died fighting the blaze and the governor of Nevada mentioned that he would urge that a memorial tablet be erected at the capital for them. I wonder if that was ever done and if it is still there.

Both the death certificate and obituary said he was born in Illinois, so we need to research the proper place of birth. The obituary referred to Sunday as a former major league baseball player. Great job of research by Peter on this one!

Pidgey Morgan

We had listed William Henry Morgan as playing for St. Louis in 1875, Milwaukee in 1878, Pittsburgh in 1882, and Richmond and Baltimore in 1884. Richard Malatzky found evidence that the 1875 and 1878 players were Danny "Pidgey" Morgan, a St. Louis born player.

Richard traced Morgan through the St. Louis city directories. He was listed as a ballplayer in 1877 and 1878 and then he tracked the family until Daniel’s disappearance in 1910. Richard found Daniel’s obituary showing he died January 30, 1910 in St. Louis. The family matched up, proving this is indeed the ballplayer.

There is still some question as to whether all the other entries are actually William Henry Morgan. There was also a William Morgan who played with Pittsburgh in 1883 and Washington in 1884. We could have these guys all confused.

Joe Gannon

Joe Gannon, one game pitcher for St. Louis in 1898 has also been found through the work of Richard Malatzky, Peter Morris, and Jay Sanford. Gannon had been pitching for a St. Louis amateur team called the Empires prior to his major league appearance. Through research of the St. Louis city directories and newspaper accounts of the day, they were able to figure out Gannon’s family. Peter Morris was able to locate Gannon’s nephew who confirmed that his uncle was a ballplayer. Great work by all involved!

New Members

Please welcome Reed Howard to the biographical committee. Reed’s address is 619 Mt. Lebanon Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803 and his code number will be H2.

Missing Player List

I have created a new missing player list and I passed it out at the convention. If you would like me to send you one, please write and let me know.

The Baseball Digest List

The final installment of the Baseball Digest list of 100 missing players appeared in the April 1963 issue. These were the final 10 players featured:


Con Lucid - Died 06/25/1931 in Houston, Texas.

Donald Lasseter - Still alive and living in Newnan, Georgia.


George LeClaire - George LeClair died 10/10/1918 in Farnham, Quebec.

Wesley Blogg - Died 03/10/1897 in Baltimore, Maryland. In those pre-Bill Lee days, Baseball Digest mentioned that Blogg may have been the last player to appear on the field wearing a full beard.

Of the 100 players listed by Baseball Digest, 31 had been found by the time the last 10 were published and one, Franklin Lloyd Milliken had
been shown to have been a phantom. Due mainly to the great work of our committee, only 8 of the 100 are still missing today. Those 8 are: (no first name) McGuire, Michael Hayes, Charles Petty, John Remsen, Albert Edgar Smith, Frank Berkelbach, Michael McGarvey, and George Bechtel.

Birthday List

These former major leaguers will be celebrating birthdays in September and October. Make sure you send a card.

September 2  Ben Sankey  94
September 6  Harry Danning  90
September 7  Maryland Potter  91
September 17  Ernie Koy  92
September 19  Frank Reiber  92
September 25  Paul Hopkins  97
October 4  Frank Crosetti  91
October 5  Anthony Malinovsky  92
October 15  Mel Harder  92
October 28  Henry Boney  98

A Butte of a Mystery

Joseph Moffett played in 56 games for Toledo in the American Association in 1884. He hit a thriving .201, which is 30 points better than his brother Samuel, who played 3 seasons. We list Joe Moffett as being born in June of 1859 in Wheeling, West Virginia. When looking up the family in the census, I received a history lesson. I found the family in the 1860 Virginia census, because West Virginia was a part of Virginia until 1863. Hence, we should probably list the Moffets as being born in Wheeling, Virginia. Samuel and Mary Moffett had the following children listed in 1860: James (19), Thomas (17), Elizabeth (14), Isabell (12), Margaret (10), Mary (8), Sarah (6), Samuel (4), and Joseph (1). In 1870, an additional sibling, Abraham (8) was listed.

Joseph (06/1859) and Abraham (02/1863) show up in the 1900 Montana census living in Jefferson Township, Madison County, Montana working as copper miners. Abraham and Samuel died within days of each other in Butte. Abraham died 04/28/1907 and Samuel died 05/05/1907. A 1902 Butte city directory lists Joe Moffatt living at 109 Ruby with S. R. Moffatt (probably Samuel) and Mary Moffatt (wid Hugh). He worked for the East Grey Rock Mine. In 1910, the city directory listed Joseph at 117 Ruby; however, he was not living at that address in the 1910 census. He was not in the 1920 Montana census. Since we have no idea where he might have gone, Joseph Moffett is our Mystery of the Month.

The Scoreboard

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1948 Burris, Paul Robert
1895 Butler, Frank Dean
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1895 Coleman, John
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Missouri

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1933 Jackson, John Lewis

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1953 Keegan, Robert Charles

Height: 5-06

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1937 Kimball, Newell W.

1895 Kinlock, Walter

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